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## Dear Walter:

Am glad 'the Indian Pony notes set with you, you can arrange them in sequence according to periods and dates, then later if I can correct the manuscript we will make of it an Indian pony of horse epoch instead of an abortion on literature. Am enclosing a sample of Temple Houston's humanity and feeling, I know where all the rest of it is. Walter do you know of any way I can make a 100.00, we barely have a living here by being careful and for the first time in my life I must have some medical help pretty quick. I have no bank credit, my wife and family are great hell raisers and mean as is possible, no help. By the first of the year I will have a sulphur payment from an old discovered property (?) and I have kept my deal a secret for none one will ever know I have this large interest. I can repay anything as I owe nothing, I have no friends in Dallas.

Some more items we need to complete the Indian pony, mustang, Spanish horse epoch follow.

From the records of the United States, War Dept. we find John Rogers, Will Roger's grandfather, was selling "Cherokee Horses" in New York City in 1825 from the Osage Plains of the Indian country which would be the flat buffalo plains around Vinita, Oklahoma, at present.

They are described as magnificent animals, stallions and mares, nearly all red bay with black mane and tail, black stripe down the back, some are solid black and white but Maxx Mr. Rogers himself rode a magnificent, well proportioned red bay spotted or calico stallion. Mr. Rogers said all the horses were sired by a quarter horse of thoroughbred extraction from Kentucky furnished by the Government, in other words the faithful to be plains Indian pinto pony had arrived in New York City.

From the old Spanish records here in Texas that Bienville and de Ibervilles French trader La Harpe established the fur depot on Red River in now Montague county, and later known as Spanish Forst in 1718, to sell arms to the Caddo Indians who then occupied all of the Red River as far as now El Dorado in Jackson county, and buy furs and skins, buffalo hides and bull boat them to New Orleans, the first white settlement in Texas and forgotten. We will get that Geiger counter up there on the Oklahoma side and see how big a forthey really had.

Then comes the first cavalry battle fought on north American soil by the Spaniards and our old original Oklahomans and Texans; the Comanche Indians appeared fully mounted on fine ponies, many of them spotted, in the fall of 1756 and made fun of and heckled the Spaniards, then in 1758 they appeared in full force armed with many French blunderbusses using a flintlock and with unnumbered bows and arrows they swooped on the San Saba mission wiping it out and burning the church, Governor Alarcon the Royal Spanish Governor was sent again the Comanches which defeated and routed the Spaniards on their