

W.E.WRATHER

6044 BRYAN PARKWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS

Dallas, Texas, May 6, 1925

Capt. R.G. Carter,
Army & Navy Club,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Capt. Carter,

I have just returned to Dallas and recall with great pleasure the visit we had Sunday afternoon at the Cosmos Club. While I was in New York I succeeded in getting a copy of the Battey book and Mr. Tatum says he can send me a copy of his father's book. I am indebted to you for information of the existence of these books.

I find I can secure a copy of McConnell's book "Five Years a Cavalryman" published at Jacksboro in 1889. I am sure you will find this in the Library of Congress. Please take a look at it there, and if you find it is worth while, write me and I will be glad to send you a copy. Let me call your attention to several other books you may find interesting. John R. Cook published a book at Topeka, Kansas, in 1907 entitled "The Border and the Buffalo". He ranged all over the Southwestern plains from the close of the Civil War to the disappearance of the buffalo and he had numerous tilts with the Que-ha-da band of Comanches. I am sure you will find in his book many names and places which are familiar.

T.A. Babb of Amarillo, Texas, also published a little book in 1912 "In the Bosom of the Comanches", which contains a detailed account of the Que-ha-das, and much intimate information about Quanah Parker. This also will be in the Library of Congress.

I bought in New York a very interesting book, "Sport and Adventure among the North American Indians", by an Englishman, C.A. Messittier, published in London in 1890. He hunted buffalo all through West Texas and stopped at several of the old forts at which you were stationed, - Concho, Mc Kavett, and Belknap. He has written a most interesting narrative. I wonder if you ever ran across him.

I have looked up "The Journal of Army Life" by R. Glisan, and find it relates to life around Fort Arbuckle from 1851 to 1854. It will therefore not be of so much interest to you, as it antedates your own experiences there.

-2-R.G.Carter

While in New York, I called on the Hudson Book Company and from them secured a copy of your pamphlet, "The Pursuit of Kicking Bird". Much to my regret they had disposed of all the others. I am particularly anxious to add to my library the three other pamphlets relating to the MacKenzie campaigns. Undoubtedly you sent out copies to parties who will prize them far less than I would. Can you think of any such to whom I might apply to get copies? I will of course be glad to pay you for them, if you can succeed in getting them for me.

Hill writes me he has your manuscript and I will be most interested in following up your experiences with the publishers. I have no doubt you have a story which will sell when once it is reduced to book form. If I can be of service to you in this connection, please call on me.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R.G. Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent. It is written over a faint, large, stylized watermark that resembles a letter 'H' or a similar geometric design.

(COPY)

W. E. Wrather
6044 Bryan Parkway
Dallas, Texas

Dallas, Texas, June 1, 1925.

Capt. R. G. Carter
Army and Navy Club
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Carter:

Thanks kindly for your letter of May 17, which has not been answered sooner because of the press of business affairs. I received the envelope containing the reprint of the McKenzie Raid into Mexico in the Uvalde paper and also the copy of On the Trail of Deserters. I am deeply indebted to you for these.

I have secured a copy of McConnell's book for you and am sending it with my compliments under separate cover. It is a pleasure to be able to contribute somewhat to your memories of the years spent in the vicinity of Ft. Richardson.

If you are ever successful in locating copies of the other papers dealing with your army experiences, I shall be delighted to have them. You can rest assured that they could fall into no hands where they would be more appreciated.

Let me know what success you have with the publishers, and if I can ever be of any assistance to you, please be sure to call on me.

With cordial best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

(Signed) W. E. Wrather

(COPY)

W. E. Wrather
6044 Bryan Parkway
Dallas, Texas

Dallas, Texas, June 1, 1925.

Capt. R. G. Carter
Army and Navy Club
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Carter:

Thanks kindly for your letter of May 17, which has not been answered sooner because of the press of business affairs. I received the envelope containing the reprint of the "McKenzie Raid into Mexico" in the Uvalde paper and also the copy of "On the Trail of Deserters." I am deeply indebted to you for these.

I have secured a copy of McConnell's book for you and am sending it with my compliments under separate cover. It is a pleasure to be able to contribute somewhat to your memories of the years spent in the vicinity of Ft. Richardson.

If you are ever successful in locating copies of the other papers dealing with your army experiences, I shall be delighted to have them. You can rest assured that they could fall into no hands where they would be more appreciated.

Let me know what success you have with the publishers, and if I can ever be of any assistance to you, please be sure to call on me.

With cordial best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

W. E. Wrather

W.E.WRATHER

6044 BRYAN PARKWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS

Dallas, Texas, June 1, 1925

Capt. R.G. Carter,
Army and Navy Club,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Carter,

Thanks kindly for your letter of May 17, which has not been answered sooner because of the press of business affairs. I received the envelope containing the reprint of the McKenzie Raid into Mexico in the Uvalde paper and also the copy of On the Trail of Deserters. I am deeply indebted to you for these.

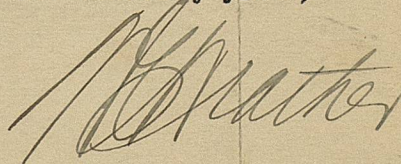
I have secured a copy of McConnell's book for you and am sending it with my compliments under separate cover. It is a pleasure to be able to contribute somewhat to your memories of the years spent in the vicinity of Ft. Richardson.

If you are ever successful in locating copies of the other papers dealing with your army experiences, I shall be delighted to have them. You can rest assured that they could fall into no hands where they would be more appreciated.

Let me know what success you have with the publishers, and if I can ever be of any assistance to you, please be sure to call on me.

With cordial best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,



W.E.WRATHER

6044 BRYAN PARKWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS

August 15, 1925

Capt. R.G. Carter,
Army and Navy Club,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Capt. Carter,

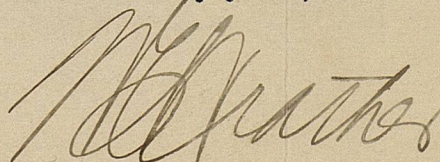
I have just re-read your letter of June 11, in which you give some interesting sidelights on McConnell's Book. I am reminded that I heard a few days ago that Capt. J.G. Bourke who wrote extensively of Crook's campaign against the Apaches, had also written a book on the McKenzie campaign. Do you know of such a book? I have never seen it but should like very much to have a copy. You perhaps knew Bourke and you may know whether he is still living.

I have lately discovered several books written by women which give interesting sidelights on army life around the outlying posts during the period of your active service, but unfortunately none deal with the Texas frontier forts. One is by Frances M.A. Roe, "Army Letters from an Officers Wife," Appleton, 1909. These letters are contemporary and deal with posts in Indian Territory, Colorado and Montana. You might find them interesting reading.

When you get to the point of submitting your manuscript for publication, let me know whether there are any hitches. I think it might be a good idea to let me talk this matter over with Isaiah Bowman, of the American Geographical Society. It is hardly the type of material he might want for an official publication, but I am sure he would be a valuable man to enlist and could render efficient aid in finding a satisfactory publisher. I can see him when in New York, but it would of course be desirable to have the mss with me. I only mention this as a matter for you to accept or reject as you see fit.

With kindest regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,



W.E.WRATHER

6044 BRYAN PARKWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS

Dallas, Texas, January 14, 1927

Capt. Robert G. Carter,
Army & Navy Club,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Carter,

I was in Washington not long since and called to see you. I believe you had just left for a week end and I was disappointed not to have another visit.

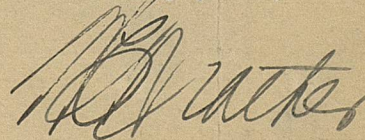
What is the present status of your book? When I last saw you Doubleday, Page had the manuscript. Did they ever make you any sort of a proposition? I will be interested to know what comment they made.

I wish merely to suggest that in the event you are not successful in finding a publisher in the East, that you let me know. I live in the region where your story will be of greatest popularity, and I feel quite sure I can enlist support to find a publisher. If you care to do so, I would be glad to have you send me the text you have prepared. I know several publishers and would be glad to get their opinion. My only interest of course is to get an interesting pioneer narrative published and I am offering my services gratuitously if you care to consider the matter.

I have just had a letter from Dr. Robert T. Hill who is now teaching geology at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He has not been well for some time but appears to be on the road to recovery.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,



W.E.WRATHER

6044 BRYAN PARKWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS

Dallas, Texas, February 23, 1927

Capt. Robert G. Carter,
Army and Navy Club,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Carter,

I have just returned from a trip to New York. I hoped to get down to Washington, but could not do so on this trip. My present plans are to be in Washington the last week in April at which time I will try to find time for a visit with you.

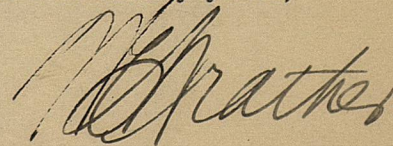
I return herewith the several enclosures, but am taking the liberty of retaining for a few days the chapter headings and general outline of the book. I would like to show them to a friend who is interested in such subjects. Within a week or ten days, I will forward them to you, and hope that you will not be inconvenienced thereby.

It is too bad that you have been put to so much trouble and disappointment by these several publishers. It seems to me that with the present interest in pioneer phases of history, such a book ought to be made to pay for itself; and there is no doubt about the desirability of getting the story in print from the standpoint of recorded history. If you should decide to send me the material, I will see what can be done with the publishers I know.

I had a very pleasant visit with Mr. Jones while in New York. We are old friends dating from the time when he was personally supervising the Swenson properties in Texas, - the position now held by his son Clifford. I have not seen the story of Canon Blanco in the Fort Worth Star Telegram, but will keep watch for it.

With kind personal regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,



W.E. WRATHER

6044 BRYAN PARKWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS

Dallas, Tex. Feb. 5, 1927

Dear Capt Carter -

Your several letters received some time ago but I have been very busy and have been unable to reply more promptly. I note that you are awaiting the outcome of several proposals, now outstanding, to publish your book. My only interest in offering possible assistance is to see your narrative brought out. The present seems to be a propitious time because of the public interest in western literature. I am sorry Doubleday Page did not see fit to publish it as this would have insured a good printing job as well as wide distribution. The correspondence you asked to have returned will be sent to you soon. I have been holding it in the hope of being able to show it to Mr. Winkler of the Texas Historical Society at Austin. I had planned to go to that place several weeks ago but was obliged to postpone my trip on account of an attack of "flu".

I am glad you have made the acquaintance of C.A. Jones of New York. He is one of my very good friends and there is not a more honorable or capable man anywhere (over)

9 March, 1927.

My dear Mr. Wrather:

Yours of the 5th received late last night. Many thanks for your continued interest in the story and your unremitting kindness and courtesy.

I am sending the manuscript by express today. Bear in mind, if you please, that this book has been a sort of autobiography from the start, and necessarily so. It is an autobiographical sketch now as first requested by the World Book Publishing Company of Yonkers, N. Y., when they wanted to publish it two years ago, and it was in their hands, on the basis of a 50-50 proposition, with one Prof. Driggs, professor of Literature at Columbia University, editor, reviser and chief slasher of books.

I was to cut it down from about 400 pages to 250 pages, doing all the work myself and furnish all the material, he to furnish the criticism and brains, but no work in revising, editing, etc. but to polish it up, and see that it was made up. I refused their offer.

It is not a history of the Fourth Cavalry, nor a complete history of all of Mackenzie's Campaigns. It is not to be found at the War Department and a recent search at headquarters of the regiment at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, fails to reveal these reports, itineraries, etc., there. I think they are boxed up among the Department of Texas records sent here from San Antonio in 1916 and never unboxed. I have been asked to assist in writing a history of the regiment, but cannot do so, for in 60 years moving about the Colonel tells me the records are in great confusion and very meager.

This story is a narrative sketch of the life of a cavalry officer with his family, who served with Mackenzie on the border during that period—1870-1875, when his regiment was endeavoring to free West Texas from the numerous murderous incursions of bands of Comanches, Kiowas, Cheyennes and Arapohoe Indians.

- 2 -

Of course in going over the manuscript carefully one might criticise some of the chapters as relating to garrison life only and not pertaining strictly to Mackenzie's operations in the field, and that it could be well cut out, but I feel that there would be lost something of the continuity and value of the story, and approach more nearly an outline sketch of the Fourth Cavalry. (Prof. Driggs wanted it arranged for children's historical instruction on border life for schools). Therefore, unless such chapters are objected to by a publisher on that or any other ground, I would prefer that they should not be cut out, but that the material be published as a whole and as pertinent to the subject matter of the story, - "On the Border with Mackenzie". You will observe that I have indicated several subtitled and have chosen "The Path Blazers of Texas" - subject to change however, should the publisher think any of the others are better.

Again thanking you for your kind letter, I am

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

R. G. Carter
Captain, U. S. Army, Retired.

W.E.WRATHER

6044 BRYAN PARKWAY

DALLAS, TEXAS

Dallas, Texas. 3/5/27

Dear Capt Carter-

I have your card and will be glad to have you send your manuscript to me at the above address.

I have interested a Texas publisher in the book. If it looks good to him he is in a position both to publish and distribute the book and on terms which will leave you free from any possibility of a deficit out of your personal funds.

Since my return home I have been so busy I could not give my mail prompt attention - hence the delay.

With best wishes -

Sincerely yours
W.E. Wrather -

Albany, N.Y. 3/17/27

Dear Capt Carter-

Your manuscript arrived
safely. but unfortunately, Mr. Turner,
to whom I expected to submit it,
is in New York for a few days. He
will be back in about a week, and
I will deliver it to him when he
arrives. Personally I have been
too busy to look it over but hope
to have time before Mr. Turner
returns-

Most sincerely yours
W.E. Warther-

THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB
WASHINGTON

Mar 9-1927

My dear Mr. Brather: Yours of the
5th received late last night.
Many thanks for your continued
interest in the story and your
unflinching kindness and cam-
tesy.

I am sending the MS by
express to-day.

Bear in mind,
if you please, that ^{this} book has been
a sort of autobiography from the
start, and necessarily so. It is
an autobiographical sketch now
as first requested by the World
Book publishing Co. of Yonkers
N.Y. when they wanted to pub-
lish it two years ago - and it
was in their hands - on the basis
of a 50-50 with one prof.
Duggo. prof of Literature at
Columbia University, Editor, U.

viser and chief slasher of books
I was to cut it
down from about 400 pages to 250
pages - doing the work myself and
furnish all of the material, he to
furnish the criticism and brains,
but no work in revising, editing, etc.
but to polish it up - and see that
it was made up. I refused their
offer.

It is not a history of the 4th
Cavalry, nor a complete history of
all of Maxwells Campaigns - It
is not to be found at the War
Dept. and a recent search at
headquarters of the regiment at
Fort DA, Russell, Tex. fails to
reveal these reports, itineraries, etc.
there. I think they are boxed up
among the Dept. of Texas records
sent here from San Antonio in 1916
and never unboxed. I have been
asked to assist in writing a
history of the regiment - but can
not do so - for in 60 years mov-
ing about the Colonel tells
me the records are in great con-
fusion and very meager.

This story

THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB
WASHINGTON

is a narrative sketch of the life of a Cavalry Officer with his family, who served with MacKenzie on the border during the period 1870-1875 when his regiment was endeavoring to free West Texas from the numerous murders and incursions of bands of Comanches, Kiowas, Cheyennes and Arapahoe Indians.

Of course, in going over the MS carefully one might criticize some of the chapters as relating to Garrison's life only and not pertaining strictly to MacKenzie's operations in the field - and that it comes well be cut out, but I feel that there their union has lost something of the continuity and value of the story - and approach more nearly an outline sketch of the 4th Cavalry - (Prof Driggs wanted it arranged for children's historical instruction in border life for schools) Therefore, unless such chapters are objected to by a publisher

on that or any other ground.
I would prefer that they should
not be cut out, but that the
material be published as a
whole and as pertinent to the
subject-matter of the story -
"On the Border with Madeline".
You will observe I have indica-
cated several sub-titles - and
have chosen - "The Path Blazers
of Texas" - subject to change
however - should the publisher
think any of the others are better -
Again thanking you for
your kind letter -

With best wishes
Sincerely, Yrs
R. H. Carter

Mr. Walter,
Dallas, Texas,
On my story - "On
the Border with
Madeline" - and
to handling by
Gunn & Co - Dallas -
Texas - Book Publishers