

Dear Arter & etc. (1) Easter morn
Happy Easter, 1985

I will not be able to be with you
this coming Saturday - Sunday - or Monday
April 13-14-15 - 1985 -

Some of my kids have suddenly de-
cided to have a tribal Round up in
honor of what Sunday April 14, 1985 -
of the occasion of my 78th birthday -

I will be free 16-17-18 - April and
would like very much to see you and be
with you - your Mother and whatever
is going -

Arter, do not be too upset or concern-
ed about the Serreros family story -
I have heard at least 4 versions of
the adventures of these fellows -

Both Sheppard & Mr. Ray of Sexa
each had a story of the travels and
adventures of their Cousins - The soldier
a very wealthy fellow - with special grants
from the King of Spain - wanted to be a
Soldier, Conqueror, Colonizer, and to be
awarded a great land grant in Texas in
the land of the Lipan Apaches - Padres
were always close to the heart of any
Spanish Monarch - The average Padre
would attach himself to a military leader
and try to convert the natives to Catho-
licism - This pleased the King - because
it kept him in favor of the Church at
home - And his people as well as the
business leaders - Gold, Gems, Furs,
Skins - etc. The Padres - wrote and
wrote each and every day - some very
true and correct - most purely for

Success, loyalty and devotion to King
and Country - Some times highly im-
bellished -

Frequently the military leader
could also keep records which he
also send to the King and other
leaders of Church and State - They too
were often quite different to the
stories & accounts of the Poets -

Dr. J. Lloyd Read - a professor
at Decatur Baptist College and
later S. W. S. S. T. C. at San Marcos.

Studied and traveled Mexico for
some 40 years - was fairly familiar
with the Tlaxcala stories some
4-5 Tlaxcala - He assessed all and
evaluated them -

Each summer Mr. Read took a
class of some 40 Spanish students
and Spanish teachers to Mexico
for 5 weeks - - Each summer - they
studied - local records, and all
available written records -

J. O. Garret - Spanish teacher at
Robt. Bartlett College, together with
M. O. Hill - Read and
translated - much of the written stor-
ies of Central Tlaxcala.

George Coon, Director of Southern
University at Meridian - a history
teacher spent - months - and gave
researching Tlaxcala & Mexcala

③ J. Frank Dabie, my personal friend and his brother Dabie Dabie - my very good friend and sometime associate - was Librarian at Sue Ross College, S.W.J.P.C. also was a book dealer - Good, bad, well known, obscure etc. If it was a book or how many - he was interested and would read it - and evaluate it - comment - discuss it - I took hundreds of notes from his notes on the Baylor U. Campus - each day I spent 2-3 hours in the Spanish Dept. - the Baptist Church, Baptist Y.M.C.A. - Prochers, rural leaders - rural churches - The Muldoo story was well covered -

From 1752 - 1852 - I believe I can very truthfully say - that no family traveled from all over south & east America to Texas and over more different trails than the Cox family - - old Nick Ironsides the old trader out of Natchez and Chickasaw Bluffs - said "there must be more Cox than on the roads into or out of Texas than any other family" of course, I am sure you know of the famous meeting between Sam Houston and Solomon Cox at Washington, Arkansas

on the Red River in 1920 - At the
summit I saw - Isaac Straits
son and I saw - A Confrontation
with "Shook the Rooster" According
to the local folk in 1927.

Please, see what you can find
on Father Diego Salazar of Lampazos
Mexico - He recorded much of the Teheron
travels, and accomplishments - quite
different in many respects from Severon
Jensen -

Diego Salazar sent expeditions to the
Luz Creek area and Lampazos Springs
in 1680 or thereabouts, 30 or more years before
the Severon visit in 1752 - The
Salazar mission "Salazar" encouraged
the capture of horses which were traded.
I worked and lived in Northern Mexico to
win money for his church - in the

1720 era.

Keep reading and listening - there are
thousands of stories - we have recorded
- that you have not heard from us - yet -

Travels

Have been working in the old cemetery
since December - About to get all 7
the trees, brush, briars etc cleared
away