

01 May 2026

This page records some details on the Frank Sparhawk history received from Dave Vickery on 28 February 2026, along with the 1994 addendum which follows this page. This history will be placed in the Park County (Wyoming) Archives.

On 30 April 2026 I went to the Fremont County Library in Lander, Wyoming to compare the copy they have there to the copy I received.

The issue that prompted that visit was that the copy I received is shown as having 128 pages while the copy at Lander is shown as having 182 pages. It is suspected the front cover was included in the page count because the addendum begins on page 128 and the last page is numbered 181.

I went through the two copies page-by-page and report as follows:

1. When reading the Park County Archives copy, note that two pages are out of order in the section “My Life as I Lived It”. After the page that ends with the partial sentence “I brought a rope to . . .”, skip several pages and turn to the next-to-last page before the section “Letter to Mary Frost”; that page begins with the partial sentence “. . . school and we hauled poles. . .”. Read that page and the next one, then turn back to the page beginning with the sentence “Well, I finished the patch very readily.”

The rest of these notes refer to the additional pages that follow –

2. The first page showing the Lander copy was given to Fremont County Library by John A. Grieve is printed on the back of the front-cover page in the Lander copy.
3. The second page (numbered 01 on the bottom) is the 1994 preface / table of contents / copyright page.
4. The remainder of the pages constitute the 1994 addendum and are arranged per the page-number marks in the Lander copy. Those marks appear to be made with some sort of rubber-stamp device.

I have not confirmed that the pages are actually in order other than the page-number marks. Please advise if your reading reveals anything out of order in the writings.

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*Presented to
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Lander, Wyoming*

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MEMORIES AND HISTORY

of the life of

**FRANK O. SPARHAWK
1876 - 1955**

Introduction

These pages, remarks, and pictures were prepared and assembled in 1993 by Howard E. Sparhawk, 1123 North 25th Street, Billings, Montana 59101.

The manuscripts were re-typed from handwritten or carbon copies of typewritten manuscripts by Frank O. Sparhawk, 1230 Brittain Road, Box 25 RFD #8 - Akron, Ohio.

Included in the book are seven distinct sections of Frank O. Sparhawk's writings and drawings, and they are labeled as:

- Drawings of My Life
- My Life as I Lived It.
- Letter to Mary Frost
- Ranch Life
- My Father's Will
- The World's Formation
- Handwritten Letters to Woodchuck Bill
- Letters to Harry Miller

The book, in its entirety, contains a total **182** pages.

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Addendum

**LETTERS FROM FRANK O. SPARHAWK
TO
HARRY E. MILLER**

The following 13 letters - 33 pages - were written by Frank O. Sparhawk to his friend Harry E. Miller over a period of years. Both Frank and Harry were Forest Service Rangers in the early 1900's.

When Harry received a letter from Frank, Harry would forward the letter on to the Shoshone National Forest Headquarters in Cody, Wyoming where they were placed in the archives. Jeff McManus of Cody discovered the letters when he was searching for history about Frank O. Sparhawk in 1991.

Plans were to have these letters typed to provide for better reading, but it was thought this would destroy the originality of the writer.

Howard E. Sparhawk
March 1994

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Address ... day's return to
John Sharhaugh
1230 Britain Road, RD 3
AKRON, OHIO.

AKRON
MAY 26
6^{PM}
1943
OHIO

BUY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WAR STAMPS
BONDS AND
CENTS

Mr Harry E Miller
Winter HAVEN
Florida

BOX
963



Her account for expenses
She was at Jackson W. Emps
and was buying around the
Slavica denmark me
of the town.
I will write more
next time.

Yours and
Frank S. Shaw
1230
1230
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SUITE 17-218 OHIO BLDG.

AKRON, OHIO

May 22nd 1943



Dear Harry,

I received the crate of Oranges and Grape Fruit. Blossoms and grass. And they are very fine and we are enjoying them to the limit. The women folks think they are far better than we get in town. I know they are much sweeter than any we have had this winter. Thanks very much.

When I get to the P.O. next week I am sending you a package containing one Pistol, Seaboard made by this Utah Prisoner. He wants 7.25 for it. And if you see anybody who wants it for 5.00 I will send that to him and I think he will be thankful for that much. A Cop here wanted it but that 7.50 too much. He had sent to Herman Higer of Denver Colo. for a black one which cost him near 4.00.

And I am sending you a lanyard he made of horse hair. he wanted 2.00 each for these and a hat band each 2.00. I am giving you the Hat band. But the lanyard I will sell for \$1.50 which I sold 4 at that price and Hat bands at \$1.00 each. I sent him the money and he seemed very pleased at that. I told him his sights were too high. If you can sell the lanyards and Lanyard for \$6.50 all right but no sale. send them back and I will try here again. I will soon have 2 go 2 work and cant write much more at this time.

George Bittner came over the other day and stayed all day

And look me 2 work. He wanted your address but we were having a big Pow Wow and forgot it when he left. But if you want to write 2 him and send the letter 2 me I will take it over 2 him and then he can answer it.

Otherwise I will give him your address the next time I see him. He is talking of going 2 Wyo. again.

He is after woman most of his spare time. And lives with his sister Laura. Zimmerman. at the falls.

He talked a heap about the Graham Ranch and Sweetwater and Lauder. Mrs Graham lives at the Ranch yet, and Ted lives close in another house. They built about 1/2 mile down the river from the Old place. Not near so good a location.

But Jim put in an electric outfit, (Noink) and Hot and cold water and bath. And since Jim died Mrs lives there with some old lady and puts on lots of dog, sort of ritzy. And wants you 2 know it by all the latest style she knows about. She had 3 girls and 1 boy Ted. The youngest girl is Ruth, lives in Chicago or Wisconsin. Billy the little girl lives back there in Wis or some place.

Donna the oldest lives at McKinney place and they have Cattle. I forgot his name. I met him a number of times and has a sort of elevated ideas. far up the yard stick and really is far B low the 6 inch line. Mc Grew the Ranger was sent 2 the uncompage Forest in Colo where all men eligible for Ranger service is sent who no body can get along with. He is on retired list now and lives in Thermopolis Wyo. He married Mrs Elliberry a 6 footer from Sunlight. The Elliberrye lives close 2 Billy Campbell's place out near the road from the house. one boy married a Gould girl or some such name as that. A R.R. Magnates daughter, and she is a drinking fool lays around drunk, and he divorced her and she married a Thomas boy and got a divorce at once, and her folks in N.Y. don't want

April 9, 43

Dear Harry, I received your letter of 12-31-42 with great glee, and your interesting letter was much enjoyed by me. I am working at the National Standard mill at Home Ave & Tallowedge met Alan on guard duty, its 3:30 AM and I just left in the firestone truck & got a load of fire.

My old cow died lately we R all well.

Howard my son 27 is in Trinidad & Arambura he is a flyer.

Richard 24 is in Camp Helmer N.J. he was home 2 weeks a few more days, both are home after Christmas for a week.

I ft snow then, its been a cold winter since middle of Nov. its been cold all the time maybe 8 or 10 days got warm and snowed right after. Froze the block off a truck here 9 days ago.

Louis my oldest girl works at Tallowedge Pharmacy restaurant in Tallowedge. Ruth the youngest 20 is in college at Kent University and Teacher some too.

My wife keeps the Old Log house warm for us, and tries to furnish the eats but you have to have points & get gas. I was in town 2 days and they had lots of meat but I could had a point of my knife. So could get no meat.

I called on Carl Jindl. he is doing a big business in selling screw drivers, Tin Snaps, gauges, pliers, drills and gauges, punches, measuring devices and a lot of general tools for air craft workers.

He is reaping a harvest now.

I think Germany will fall by June. She is whipped now but wont admit it. But a lot of bombs are straighten them out so they will be glad to stop it then after the Japs. They will last June.

GATEMAN'S DAILY REPORT

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DATE _____ 194__

NO. OF OCCUPANTS	NAME OF VEHICLE OR PERSON	TIME ENTERED	TIME DEPARTED	REMARKS
				<p>For the Japs just that they were something But the thing I do is to stop all this selling them stuff 2 Build up our face and stop all these countries from building up that stuff. Our father thinks we will go into war with England and Russia and Russia will dominate the world. Well that will be better than the Japs doing it. I hope they put the muggers back in Africa. And the British and Frenchies all back in Europe. We should keep all the West Indies Ceylon, Madagascar and Bongo Congo. And possibly some of Africa to put our colored people into possibly Australia and Canada would come under our wing. Make Europe the United States of Europe after Russia takes what she wants. give Japan all to China. War is over then. You sure have lots of fruit, do you eat lots of Oranges and grape fruit. And do they keep you feeling good. If I eat too many Oranges and grape fruit they make me have pains across the back. But I eat a lot at times, For supper we had Orange, grape fruit and pineapple salad and we all like it. You tell me why some grape fruit have so many seeds I have got between 30 and 40 seeds out of a grape fruit I am glad you hold onto all your guns yet. And have you got that shell sizing tool for a 38-40. You know you got one at Spring Creek. I have a 6 shooter of that Calibre and am looking for a shell sizer for a 38-40 and a 44-40. I have the loading tools, and primers.</p>

SIGNED

1ST TURN

3RD TURN

GATEMAN'S DAILY REPORT

DATE _____ 194__

NO. OF OCCUPANTS	NAME OF VEHICLE OR PERSON	TIME ENTERED	TIME DEPARTED	REMARKS
				<p>Does your 33 shoot good yet. I have wondered if you still have the old muzzle loader that was found in the Canyon near Sun Light Falls, I was laying with a bag by bears bones and a man's bones, possibly some old Hudson Bay Trappers outfit. have you got your 38-40 New Service 6' shorter you had at Spring Creek. I sold you a 44 big shooter that I shot 2 Cods with once a short gun I have 3 colts frontiers 45; 7½ in barrel, My old 44-40 6' shorter I always had. And a 43 barrel, 38-46 call in short in shape. I have a US horse pistol about 5-5 calibre. A 32 calibre 5 shot and an old 44 Smith and Wesson I found on the head of Crook Creek 2 years ago. And am about 2 got it in shoot in shop I have a 45-70 Carabian of Old Paddy Mc Carr on the Sweetwater River. a 250.3000 Savage. a 44-46 Winchester 1873 and a US Muzzle loading Musket, a muzzle loading double shot gun and 3 muzzle loading Rifles. A lever action 6 shot 12 ga Winchester. 2 fabricated Wheeling W. Va. 12 ga and a 32-40 rifle barrel between and underneath the shot gun barrels. these last 2 guns R Har. 2 feet. I have a 38 colts long cartridge 5' hot. 2 in barrel ivory handle. crooked birds head handle. Slip into your pocket easy. 4-22 Rifle one is good 1890 Model Winchester. So you see I have a small army supply store of my own. I been wondering if you will be able 2 need this</p>

SIGNED _____
1ST TURN
2ND TURN
3RD TURN

Your right about Jack Robinson he came as you said and
lots in the book about what I told him of some of my first
yrs on the place. lots of it is Hoovey. His tale of Best Sampson
was tock. Jack stood on guard while Best was setting the
slot gun in Doche's tent cabin.
I was working on N. Fork above Wapiti when Jack came
and he worked 1906-4 months or less tending camp for Mr
Wortherly while Wortherly was estimating timber up N.F.
striking water above Jones Creek. Thurston got the job for him
because Jack helped Thurston & capture Josephine Goodman.
That's how Jack got back next year at Sunlight.
I was told by Harry. Jack was a good boy for me & instructed
him out all the by ways on Beartooth Mt and Pat O'Hara
Shay Range. Then old man Pat O'Hara (Creek name) I met
him at Beartooth Lake, about 1911 and he never was on that
Pat O'Hara Creek but one night in the 60's or 70's and the injins
stole his horses. Next year after I met him he stayed at Jones
Ranch for more than a year. He was way over 80 then.
That was quite a joke about the Prince of Monaco and Jack.
I don't think you noticed Jack about at that time did you.
Will the book's action Jack took riding from Cody & Meeteetee, Big Horn
River and Mts from Buffalo & Casper and into Cheyenne. Jack went
all that country by team and car. But on horse or riding range then
by Jack. I was then that Chug Water Laramie Plains and Casper
Country 10 years B.Y. Jack came at Cody. I could put some
interesting articles in Jack's (Pony Trails Book) about the area
that would be far more interesting to Cody people.
Tell you about it some time. when the you
About the road bridge on Beartooth Mt.

FRANK O. SPARHAWK

Akron Ohio Jan 26 th 1947

Dear Harry, I got out my nail key and goose quilt and it's a wild
 Goose that shed it, and it is not a bit accurate about its actions,
 just like a wild goose splatters by Moon Light, by guess.
 Now if the Lords willin and the flap jacks don't burn, I'll make it.
 I was just reading your letter about Jack Robinson's book and
 His description of the Prince of Monaco. It was you and the Prince
 and, not Jack. And you and I were in the Forest Service a year
 before Jack was. Also he told ~~me~~ about me being sent out to assist
 Jack administer the Forest. Any way the book was very interesting
 to me as I had lived and had been doing what he claimed to do.
 But it was all in a life time. And we will all reunite along
 side by side in skull Land.

That orange Grove of yours must be in its prime now and 10000 Bxs
 of oranges would be a nice crop.
 Jack Robinson quit the Forest Service quick, He was out in it long.
 We got that Slep Hicox in with him that same summer as a Guard and Jack
 had the Sunlight mail. But got old Sam Thompson & do that monthly. If Sam
 could get the mail sack the night before he would be in, Cody for breakfast.
 And the 405 Winchester you got from the Prince of Monaco. Did it shoot
 good. ~~Used~~ did you hunt with it much. I know they do the work for I
 used one. That 303 savage was the fuckiest gun I ever had. It just shot
 most anything I shot at. I know those 33 Winchester are hard to beat.
 I had one that Ned Post had and it was all wrong in the barrel, might beat.
 But shot near a 12 to 18 inch circle. no 2 shots alike so I did not use it
 to hunt with. I had a 401 auto load Winchester and a hundred yards was about
 its limit. much farther I had 2 shot at the moon & get the bullet 2
 the target. A man left Akron for California and left his 2
 guns at the Buckeye Cycle in Akron. (do you know what) a sporting good
 Shop Car Mill & High. one is an extra long barrel shot gun, stock & muzzle
 an English Flat lock. And the nicest Sporting Spencer. Octagon barrel
 about 24 inch and 2 or 3 boxes cartridges 56 caliber rim fire good condition.

This man wants \$50.00 for the 2 guns, I want 2 them for a trade but no soap. The Spencer is in the best condition I ever saw a Spencer. That Spencer, Rifle, Sharps, Whitney, Henry, and 2 or 3 others were purchased by the Winchester Arms Co when it first started up.

I guess I told you I saw Carl Crouch in Cody in '42 or '41. I heard Will Richards got married again. But have not seen him since '42. Maybe you get the Cody Paper.

Old Paddy Raough died and told a lot about his age near 90 last Spring about the Pony express I think was over B. He was born

Pony Express 1860 over with 1861. So he couldn't been over 102 yrs old. His scalp would hardly been big enough to cut off. 2 fellows just left they had 50-22 boys and 50 automatics 45-70's. they had no cartridges when they left shot about 6 shots and hit the target 6 times. more or less. Then you know Walter Briston had a wagon tourist outfit and run it's Red Star Livery Stable. He died a few months past '86 or '88.

Frank Black still lives. Frank Ingraham died in Cody a month or so ago. He was Briston's law to A. C. Newton. he was with Carl Newton up on Rattle Snake Creek. Sure shining now cloudy and rain all night.

Herry I intend to go to Wyo about July 1st Camp outfit. Camp along the Snake. Finley Goodman live in Cody yet and Herry Thurston. Herry the Photo man is there yet, & Geo Chuman. And if you in Cody

this Summer we will hunt up a few. I am figuring on trading one of my places here for a farm down on the Ohio River 160 acres at Long Bottom P.O. I like it down there.

I want 2 get away from Akron. They made me get rid of my boys and they one making me get a man colored & wife live in a part Dayton out of P.O. too. Not fit & live in a nuisance 5 miles W of Britton Road along side of E.R.I.R.P. I have 5 colored outfits down there and a dump I get \$40.00 per month out of them and made one quit hauling garbage from Tallmadge school.

School had 2 pay 12 to 15 dollar per month to get it hauled and have to pay 17.50 a month 2 burn part of it and a lot of extra work. And had boys at the City incinerator feeding garbage and stopped that. one of City employees had the boys for 5 or 6 yrs. Had have to have the City. Peaton has boys in City yet. Jail in City bldg. has lice and rats at Police Station.

FRANK O. SPARHAWK

They have a beautiful high way from Billings to Red Lodge a fine Zoo there, the pavement up Rock Creek over Bear Tooth Lake down Clay Butte up Blakes Fork to Cooke City, and all thru the Park and 2 Cody, & Jacksons Hole. You should go thru those roads and down 2 Salt Lake. Lander has an improved road to Dubois and Jacksons Hole, and thru Big Horn Canyon 2 Thermopolis down Big Horn and to Cody. Also Thermopolis to Meeteetse & Cody pavement, and Casper 2 Lander & Rawlins to Lander thru Muddy Gap, 2 East end of Green Mt. Spring Creek & Lost Soldier was you left it. My place at Spring Creek still stands with the 4 pennies under the cabin. I got a letter from Buck Cumpston, he quit his wife last fall and is married again and lives in Los Angeles.

George Retner is living with Pares at Silver Lake. I suppose you have one of those books or pamphlets put out by Billings Gazette, called Wonderful Wyo. Some nice Photographs in that paper about Bear Tooth Mt. Park and Jacksons Hole. N Fork a lot of which you are familiar with. One time I sent you a letter from A. Shields that was Feeley. She is married to a man named Martin. They live 1 mile from my ranch in the mouth of the Blakes Fork Canyon.

I have 2 parties who want to buy my place in the mouth of the Blakes Fork Canyon but they want it for \$2000.00 But it want 5 So no sale. You know there will be a road 2 the Park up thru this Canyon some day it is between 30 & 40 miles to Crandall Creek and it would be a wonderful trip up this Canyon on a pavement there would be a lot of tunnels and bridges up thru this Canyon. Was you ever down the trail leaving the Vail Dyke ford and go down deep into the Canyon before you get to the Lewis Ranch out 7 miles from the bottom then a trail up on the bench near 12 or 15 miles to the Canyon and drop down near 3 miles to the foot of the Sunlight trail - over

Then 7 miles to the mouth of the canyon.
 a survey was made to put this road thru at the same time.
 The survey was made over Beartooth Mt from Red Lodge.
 Congress signed up to go up thru the Canyon.

And when the papers were all ready for Congress to sign, these
 Red Lodge men had 2 sets of papers fixed one for the Canyon and one
 for the Red Lodge Route. And so behold they presented the Red
 Lodge papers and the signers. put on their John Henry for it to go
 and never noticed what the paper was for. That put the Red Lodge
 thru. And it's a grand road. Now for the Canyon Road and I
 am sure it will go if it gets 2 a W.P.A. times. Which are 2
 come soon. Those War mongers are trying 2 stir a war up
 with Russia and Russia wants 2 be left alone.

But the Pope was behind Kaiser Bill. Also Hitler. And put up 30,000,000.00
 for Hitler 2 go into Russia but thank God he lost.

As long as these Catholics give allegiance to the pope of Rome.
 They are against our flag and should be treated as foreigners
 and not allowed to vote or hold office in America.

For that church has cost many peoples lives in the past 100 yrs.
 I suppose you know Carl Buckenham is dead. I think wrote you
 God knew Ed Van Dyke. He was in California. Preaching on the street
 in California. When we were in Sunlight. a few years '84. maybe
 2 or 3 years he had a young fellow Billy Johnson from Iowa. Shakes
 fork. A half wit 6 ft 2 in tall. He was making hay for Van Dyke.

And they had some words and Billy drew a long bladed knife on Van and
 Van told me he picked up a snaffle stick and broke one bone in Billy's
 knife hand and he walked away toward the Beartooth Creek where it runs
 into Clarke's Fk. Van got his saddle horse and followed him and
 kills him and drags him 2 A tree 1/2 mile below the Van Dyke ford. This
 tree leaned out over the river. Thusly
 Drags Bill up the tree into the thick Spruce
 limbs. hides him in the thick foliage. out of
 sight of all travelers & fisherman, 20 ft
 up the tree. His head fell off the next year
 after I got 2 Crehdall's Ch.



F. O. SPARHAWK
BELFRY, MONT.



I fell into the river and was found at the mouth of Little Sand
Creek. His Mother recognized Billy's Skull.

Each time anything dropped off it fell into the river and floated
down the river, and about 1924 - before then or after that the tree near 30 or more
inches across the stump died and the needles all fell off. A fisherman from
N.Y. Miller's here. was casting across the river noticed the bones tied
up on the limb, and he went back up to Henry Serrines Dunt Ranch about 2 miles
above Van Dyke's place. He told Henry about the human bones, and Henry was
anxious to see them as Billy Johnson was his Cousin. And he found the
bones with a number of wires holding them to the limb the one fore arm
with the broken bone. And Henry measured the long leg bone along side of his
and it measured exactly as Billy was same height as Henry.
Van Dyke had shot a scout in the Park over in the Miller's Co. Country.

And now turned out 2 B.A. Preacher
Then I know about Tony Rhodochef shooting Jim Smith at the Gilbert Ranch
and a Red Hart of Cooke selling his claim to Mc Laren, a Miller's here who made
his money off of the Patent of ice cream cone. He bought the claims of Bud Martin at Cooke
and has been hauling the dirt loaded by gas shod into trucks and hauling
near 200 tons daily into Cooke to a grinder and processing it and hauling about
6 truck or more to a smelter in Mont and hear say says he cleans up near
\$18,000.00 per day. His tailings run into Soda Belter Co and dogs eat game and
fish became extinct thru Cooke City. And authorities complained and he bought
Bud's claim below his mill for \$5,000.00. Paid Bud \$3,000.00
and wanted Bud 2 more. But Bud says pay me and don't
Mc Laren hired 2 thugs to take Bud for a ride. They were in a night and
had been drinking with Bud for a number of weeks. But Bud never got
very bad off on drinking. So one night they walked into Bud's room
about 2 AM. Says get up Bud we are going to take you and one had a
gun and shot. Killed Bud he had an automatic 35 cal. and shot at him
this big bully fell at Bud's bed. But stand 6 ft 4 and the other thing came
running in with an axe.

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Bud took the axe away from him by grabbing the handle as it was on its way to Bude's thick box. And Bud buried the axe to the helve in the top of No 2 Thugs head. They took Bud to Livingston and he layed in gaol for months waiting for trial, And Cooks people the talking bunch says Bud would hang.

But Ho & Behold Bud got 2 Lawyers in Livingston. Pether & Son. Pether was U.S. Senator or Congress man. And brought out all details. Jury was instructed and Bud came out not guilty. and the Judge told M.E. Laren to pay up. I think for Bude time in jail and all Courts costs and to Lay the money on the Judges desk. And the \$2000 he owed Bud with interest and read the riot act 2 M.E. Laren.

Bud came back 2 Cooke moved down to Willow Park just off the road. ~~W~~ Wil or so above the Jim Smith Ranch and lives there now. 1941 I went to Cooke and camped on the Creek and

the fellow with me got a bucket of this water out of Soda Bottle ck. I had camped on this Creek for 32 years and I got some of this Crystic acid. and very near got me. Bud I got O.K. after a few months. Was at Hospital at Chico Hot Springs 2 weeks.

Say Harry this is getting 2 P.A. Book and I will quit B.Y. I was out this free running Pan. Range is completely gone. also Bunt Ranch and Fishers ranch burned down. Myself &

go to Montague built N. side of river and some cattle. Whitehorn R all dead. left the baby who's near 30 more work in Court house. Jim Lyman dropped lead a number of gas eggs. the wife is at the ranch in new house 2 visit B. know the old place. Teddy says the place lives under the hill. One 2 his Mother all 3 of the girls R married. Dances lines at the M's Finney ranch. 5 Past was about as always. And Peter - Blind man runs the store there. And town is all ruffed up to Atlantic City with Steam shore. Governor is a short time. Misses Delight is just a water R. Place.

Also married Edith Sigars you see the part R in the grave yard. Jim Glaha was married and had children & had fits and down a Cox and near Rogers on a new road had a fit and down over a hill about 100 ft and was in the marsh dead. 3 fatalities by get hit by Lightning & killed 2 men. the other boy died by River or some sad means. Right died the last of us men. 20th 1900 I found and could hardly cut work. had head twiffle or words of mind 2 100.

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Akron - 10 - Ohio. 3-E 141



Mr Harry E. Miller
Winter Haven
Florida.

Box 963
~~LETTER~~

2 Son Arizona. 12-22-47.
Hello Harry, with a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year & U folks
I have been Camped on Cactus Island
on Pete Martine's Creek on his place for
1 month. He is a Calf Roper and the best
artist. Cow Boy of. & date
Here it is dry & said dry with Cactus
by the Million acre patches with water
and Gila Monstros lots of ants and
water the rest it 2 U in W. Ariz.
I didn't meet U at Cooke or Cady last
Summer. Carl Couch told me U was in
the Park then. I am going 2 Rich
Lumpston at 914 E 82 St. I am leaving for the
Los Angeles in 3 or 4 days.

California. From My Cow Camp comes

The Season's Greetings

Happy New Year

I have you big black blue Porcelain Cup over
a pint here & you had it at Sunlight.
Maybe you would be pleased to get
Possession of it again. 3/4 of you

2 San Antonio, 12-22-47

Hello Harry, with a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year. I hope
you have had a good one. I was
on Pete Martinech's camp on his ranch
for a month. He is a Calypso and a
artist. Saw you of a date.

Here it is deep, raised dry with
by the miller, some patches with
sand. He's Martin's land out on
water. He's at 2 1/2 in ft. Orin.

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San Antonio. Carl Couch told me
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Maybe you would be pleased to get
Pacemaker at 1st St. San Antonio.

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My address will be at
 M.M. Compton
 914 E. 82nd Street,
 Los Angeles, Cal.

Very truly yours, F.S.
 Frank Starhawk, Consulting
 Geologist, California & Oregon, back E
 Idaho. then & looks by by grass
 grass.

Blank Space  ^{may} decorate
my blotches.

NOW B.Y. KLOZE UP I FOUND BUCKS letter.
SO SEND 2 U. SEW U. KEN Right if U LIKE.
Where is Paul now I heard Zindle Tell me he is in
Warren.
Mrs Karl Zindle is coming 2 Florida soon
and Carl sed she was going 2 be close 2 where
U LIVE. She's on a vacation.
Carl has Coined money th last 5 yrs.

So eye will Clothes for now
Be sure 2 write when I get time

FS of old Spring Creek.

U.S.V.O. I never heard from
Hoover since he drove by
my place on way to Gauder after he took the load
of Army rifles 2 Rawlins. He wanted me 2 send
an order for grub for his staying with us that winter.
He brought out \$13.00 worth. I was afraid he might get
a stroke for over doing himself. I would not 2 kept his dog
let that much.

dec 23/46

Los Angeles Calif

Dear Friend Frank.

Hello Frank long time no
Hear you long time no see you
How are you these days I am
fine working every day at the
carpenter's trade. I am married
again. She was a nurse up in
you neck of the woods. She sure
is a good woman. Well Frank
we wish you a happy new year
hoping that find you well.

From Dick

Mr + Mrs M. M. Cumpston

914 E. 82nd St

Los Angeles?

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After 10 days return to
Frank Sparhawk
1230 Brittain Road
A.D.#8 AKRON, OHIO.

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Mr Harry E. Miller
Winter Haven.
P.O. Box 963. 1943
Ans. May 7 Florida.

Did you get the ^V TH Bittsburg Gazette about
the pictures of that New road. Well it
showed the trail bridge below the Cement
Bridge at Mouth of the lake. I built that
bridge in 3 days. Beaver tooth. Frank Atkins
and De Allemane helped. and it was
usable till last year the fishermen took the
logging off for fire wood.
I had a cow cabin above a couple
of other ones, at Leesburgh Connell. its
still there. it was my head quarters for
running cattle on that
range from 1916 to 1929.
I have a cabin on Green Mt I would like
for you 2 visit. You take the road up to
Green Mt from Split Rock good road and
drive up the CCC Road 2 near the old Water Ranch
that is above the 46 ranch 2 miles and take the
Right Hand Road up as far as you can get then
walk 2 miles above the Saw Mill and its a
glorious spot. good for Falling Hair.. Sore eyes
and saddle boils.
Buck Competers address is on the
other side and he would B glad 2
hear from U.

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111 111. Cerritos
1026 W. 98th St

J. H. California

Harvey I am awfully sleepy so will have 2 guests
Why don't you make water out of stone fruit & apples
Well water unless you can and if you get near this hole
Plug it up and make me out, I will B. glad. & C. U.
ad ever B. H. FS.

1230 Brittain Road, R.F.D. #8
Alhambra Calif.

I was on
N. Howard St at
Buenos Ayres about 2 days
I saw my Aunt.

B. B

George Bittersers wife died 2 years ago.
He got another one she stayed until he was
cleaned, she kicked him out.
He had one he kept her and her sister and
2 smaller girls and a mother about 6 months
and was 2 marry her, and she run out on him
and Geo paid up all their rent and grocery
bills in the mean time.

He stays with his youngest sister

Laura Zimmerman.

Pares lives at Silver Lake nice home
is School janitor. His wife died 2 yrs ago.

Bills got married a year ago and she
lived with him till she got the skum off
his bowels and she kicked him out.

Walter lives in Kenmore large family.
Mason is Busse driver get lives up on
N. Howard. his wife has money and
they are well to do. no children.

Lawrence lives in Los Angeles. has a
grown daughter. His wife is dead.

Lillian married Charley Pike lives on a
golf course in Bunkerfield.

Charley & Homer Koflin lives up on Crosby
I am going over and see them one of these days

S.D

going trapping for a few and get
a good bounty for them and
get something for their hide
I bet their hide would make
a good leather coat or jacket.

I never know you had been here
that was before I met you.

Will hope you boys get back
O.K. if they should have to go
across with I hope they don't

Well Frank I can't think of
much to write about this winter

Best Wishing you a Happy
New Year. Your Resp. Old Pal,
Buck.

If you see Geo Bittner tell
him Happy New Year.

Will try and write often
Would be very glad to see you
any time you come my way

to door is always open to you.

5.8

I found his in one of your old letters and that I would send it back and write some on it.
 Billy Johnson in Salt Lake Pen was the ransome of my horse that was his 3 & more he shot and he got into Arizona Pen after he got out of Salt Lake. I heard he broke out with other and broke out of Arizona Pen and was shot with his pal crossing the Rio Grande with some body else horse.
 You know it was always hard for him and his 2 brothers Lee and Henry. To distinguish other Peoples horses from their own. Dave Jones died. these R answers I am giving in reading over your old letters.

I am awful glad you kept the old Hudson Bay gun I got from me. I have a nice New P 38 a Garman gun. a Remmids rifle. first cartridge rifle ever made. U.S. army ordered 65,000 in the Civil war 54 Caliber has a level. put in shell and Explosive powder and Explosive. Looks like this lower opens up rear and Explosive. Its some relic.

you put on a Musket Cap
 you 74 deringer. Must of been a Hammond Bull dog.
 your 52 heavy Winchester must of been a 22.

I have a Wheeling 3 barrel Combination. Royal Exp Co Wheeling W.VA.
 12 ga and 32-96 Rifle underneath. a 1/25 oz gun its a dandy. fine shooter 7 1/2 lbs.
 also a 10ga lower Winchester. I got 6 shells in Magazine. 7 shot But I bought it for 6 shot.
 I have a deringer Remington 32 rim fire 4 barrel. LONG or its a dandy. very short.

5. F

Lancaster, Wyo.

Mr Harry E. Miller.
P.O. Box 963
Winter Haven.
Florida.



Lamont, Wyo. Sept 27th 1948.

Dear Harry I was slow answering this letter and the new pen you sent
Blow out both barrels yesterday I should of wrote U. first.
Can I put in some typewriter or fountain pen ink, by letting it seep in the
little holes on side of the inner barrel, and give it a new start.

Looking over your first letter telling of your trip 2 Salida, Canyon, City,
Pueblo. Yes ^{Relatives} Jack is dead. He watched while Bert Lambert set the shot gun
for Doc Ash. He put up a bronze Plate telling of the Old Timmer in Sunlight
Basin, his name and Painter worked it. But Dad Hughes and Old Man Hough
were both left out and were 2 of the first ones in Sunlight Basin.
Jack did go into the Forest service until 1907.

Yes Jack put himself down as big man for Currier of Monaca.
I always ^{and} Jack did not have a full set of Coze and everyone in a while
they jumped gears. The Ash case. And his wife he slipped over on
and his wife at Idaho and caught him in bed in Spokane with this other Jane
and cost Jack \$30,000.00 dollars or his Mother paid as Jack was dry.
Merrill Snyder you spoke of, Come 2 my Camp with Simon Old C. Newton
in Pinal Arizona last winter & OK for Billy Howell.

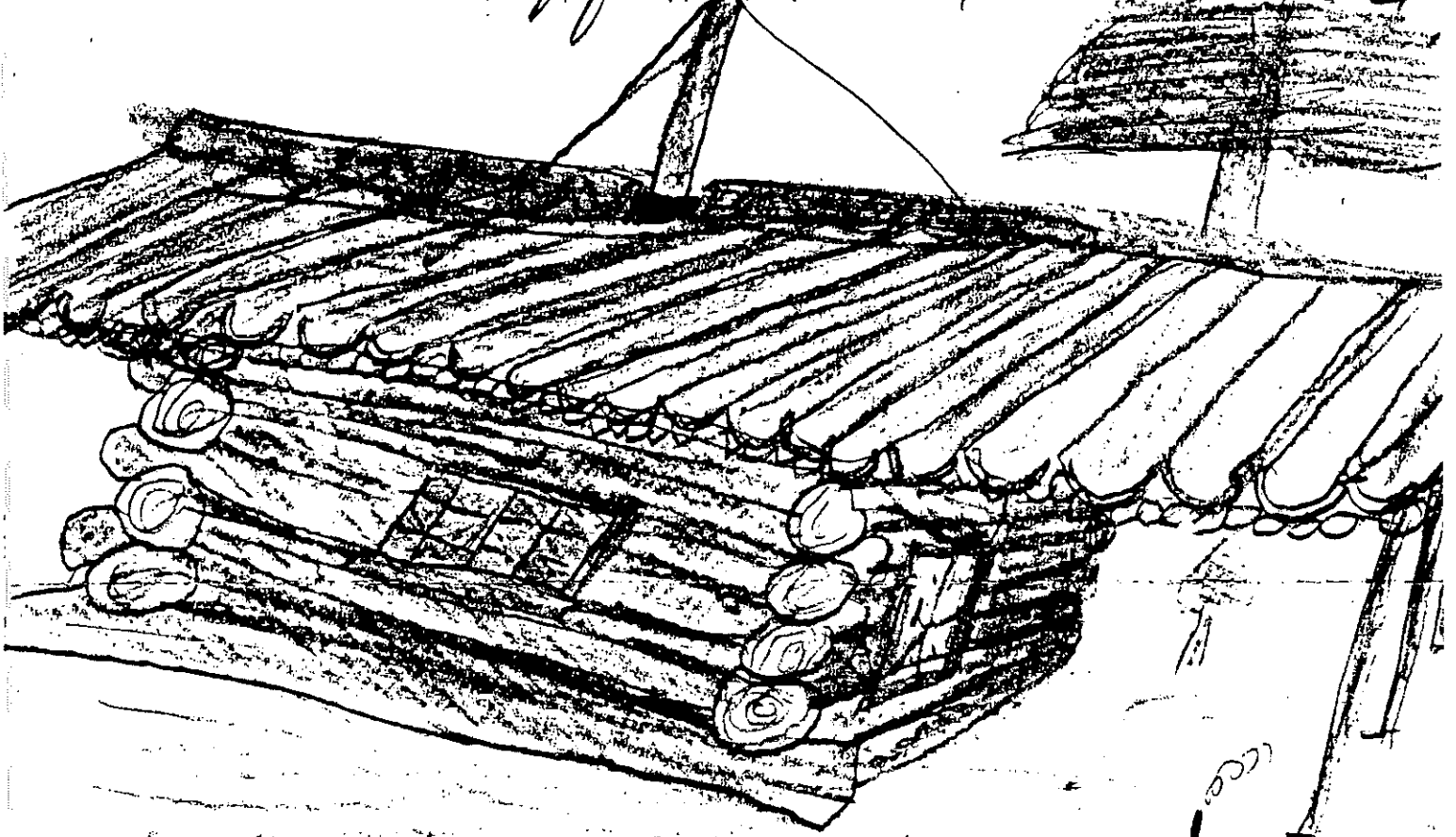
The old cabin we had at the Chute is about all in it seen 2 many hard winters
and some of the logs we put in it were not the best.

My cabin over near a mile or more in E. of chute, is where the Meteor fell.
And Richard & myself put up a cabin out of 16 inch diameter logs and upper
logs some less must be over 12 x 15 - 3 ridge logs and pole roof and
scoops on top only one layer should be 2 Thursly www

These lay close and most water runs 1 scoop. 12 scoops
down the troughs the scoops R. 2 inches or better thick

I was up 2 this cabin last week only one man Water draining
Cody Ranger. Sent 2 examine my Meteor claim and off
it took him a heap of time 2 find it lets out unweaved but
close 2 the Survey that quit 10 mile from this claim. He took out the
window-rack bbke, pane of glass. Spung the lock took out my long
Handle shovel and left window open and shovel under shed.
Mats had piled a bushel of chips around the stove pipe on roof and it took
fire while I was inside and got a good start, I got ladder and got on roof and it took
right then and put out fire. No water Creek & Spung dry. It did not rain
since last June

Here I left my camp on N. Side of Mt and down timber for over 3 miles
 and got back to camp at 1:30 ^{next day} and not a drink of water for over 24 hrs.
 of course I could've went down Cotton wood for 3/4 mile & got some but
 2 much down timber is terrible, as I come up thru last yr in a rain storm
 storm & was simply played out, and blacker than a regular pocket &
 where I stood it was 4ft from the woods & I could not see it



44 ft top ridge pole we fell it on top of house
 and it balanced across cabin when it fell
 it was near 65 ft long I found knotty pine
 limbs that I made my name and made
 in front of cabin; under the shed.



4 ft over end
 4 ft over photo eye.

Stands in
 timber.

T. O. SPARKS

little more rough and warty but I can read it
 do use shed and save 2 bed down in a storm.
 Plenty of signs of deer

L. B.

Bill McClellan bought my old place on Spring Creek for
\$8500.00 from Edd Harris

The old Fort Soldier Station must be 6 or 8 miles due W but had S,
you saw a cabin with a corral out in front that's where Kites
lived when you drove stage. The road from Spring Creek
to Fort Soldier are the same. The old Stage road went to Bull
Springs and Bell Springs then Reno.

No Sweet water roads & ranches were far better than now.
Came from Lamont to the Eagle's Nest 35 miles S of my old place
is ~~so~~ cut up with roads I can hardly get thru it.

Left Oregon on Coast route 101 went N to Coquille then E to Rose-
burg, South Island & Calaland where bank was held up for \$3500.00
3 unmasked men. I think it was done by the bank & same means they
then on to Salem stayed a few days visiting my nephew's brother then
went to Portland and up the Columbia River camped under a fall house
like the Yaquina and on 2 Hood River crossed on the Bridge and up the River
on Washington side 2 Yakima and on them 2 Ellensburg Washington
100 miles E of Seattle, stayed 2 weeks and came back 2 Yakima
2 Keef from going 2 Spokane but drove E on the Columbia river 2 A free
Bridge then went down the river until I got a road 2 Pendleton Ore.
then on down the Columbia until I struck Route 30 I don't remember only
I was crawling Blue Mt S. of Pendleton and rugged till I got 2
top and snow banks were 12 ft above the road. Roads dry. And the U.P.
R.R. was right there & busses for Seattle & Portland on Route 30.
I dropped down a long ways can't remember but at last came
to 10 miles N of Caldwell Idaho, camped with a new Soldier. Some
married and building a new house on Gov Soldier's Homestead and he
come out and ask me in for breakfast Bacon Eggs Hot cakes & Spuds
I left for Caldwell stopped 2 hrs in town and left 2 Boise Ida. These
2 town are just shell and nice Country I like it very much
would like 2 live there.

camped, winter in Ocho Canyon after passing over Ogden
Utah and a lot of other Mormon towns. Next day on 530 on
2 Ft Bridges and it was cold and snowed and the Old Museum
Watchman Thomas left me camp in the Military Camp Ground
I put up tent and had a cold and Doctor'd it a week. And left for
Haumsutter camped on 6 miles E, and on 2 Rawlins got some
grub and came 2 Lamont, went 2 the Desert and drove 150 miles
Took the mule at 6 P.M. went 40 miles 2 Haumsutter and down
to Dad. Wyo. roads bad went 2 bed pulled out for Meeker Colo.
going thru Craig got 2 Meeker 2 eat with Bill Johnson &
we then drove up White River 25 miles 2 C. A friend and
came back 2 Bills and I came to Eagles Nest next day and
on thru Crooked Gap after examining the Spring Creek ranch
and down 2 the road at 71 and 2 E fork of Cotton Wood 2
look for the iron mines stayed 4 days and on 2 started in got
some grub and back 2 Lamont, a few days back 2 Cottonwood
35 miles or more. When thru I went 2 Derby stayed 2 days with
Earl Mc Kinney and on 2 Lander Riverton Thermopolis and
camped on 20 E of Meeker, on 2 Cody stayed 4 days and on
2 Billings, then 2 a fishin trip 20 miles W of Red Lodge Mont.
back 2 Billings, and up 2 Red Tooth Lake. And on to Cooke
Back 2 Billings, we went fishin 10 miles above Red Lodge. And 2 Billings
some days later I went 2 Cooke and Randall on to Canyon Sunlight.
back 2 Billings up 2 Cooke, back 2 Billings, and 2 Bridges Mt and
2 Belfry Mt, 2 days W of Blakes Ft to old ranch, then up 2 the Canyon
ranch saw Kelly at her place, then I went 2 Cody stayed a few
days and on 2 Meeker, Shoshoni Riverton Lander, 2 Derby and on to
Mrs Abraham's place, there is a jade bed near my old Long Creek
Ranch, I came on 2 Rawlins and back 2 Lamont and on 2 Cotton
Wood for 2 weeks now back 2 Lamont in camp.

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at Graham's Ranch. Well Jim moved down about a mile and built then
was not near so nice a location as the Old One was in Elmer B. Marshall
one all dead.

So you were disappointed with your cabin in Jackson Hole. The last time I
was there my old friend B. D. Leek had left and I don't expect to meet
him again. Fishing was pretty fair at Bearfoot Lake

Considering the vast amount of fishermen at it
That's a beautiful country leaving Red Lodge going over B. T.
Lake & to Crandall & Cooke on down 2 Power falls and 2 The Snake River
station. But none is good in Winter time

Like this place where I am at now the desolation Galore. But
look and see what great wealth coming out in oil.

The best thing is Coal unions and Coal strikes are about over with a
not so much ~~all~~ for coal now since they have new
ways to get along without coal. Now if they could get
along with less labor so they would have nothing 2 fight about
at present time it looks good for Dewey But would like 2 of
got Harold Stassen elected. He has the stuff 2 get in but
these Politicians R. Hard 2 dissemble.

Do you get many fish say 10 to 30 lbs. in Florida.

Bull Heads do they go into the ocean in Florida.
and do you like the fish in that section

I have not got any Bull heads or Cat fish I hardly
know what they taste like.

But if you would been up on Green Mt I would of showed
you what some big fat Mule - tasted like I saw a
wonder head near my Cabin. Another one not so big
but would weighed 275 lbs and a beaut.

Antelope Hunters have raised the devil with these poor antelope.
They been blasting for days

6-E

Well I cant think of much more to write about
So will close hoping you got thousands of crates of
Citrus Fruit to keep this fall.

Last Jan Feb in L Angeles it frosted many a night.
And some of the pots by the Millers were used.
Do you use the 10 pots in Florida.

Will stop in and see me next time you come up.
Wyo and we will talk in the sights of Green Mountain.
I will close once more.

Very sincerely yours

Frank Spahr

Laramie Wyoming.

May B, U can make this letter out
I saw a lot of flaws in it.

Mr Harry E. Miller,

Winter Haven Florida,

Akron Ohio, 1830. Brittain, Road, Rd 6,

Box 868.

November 11th, 1948.

Its raining and snowing to day, And 3 flocks of geese just flew over and it looks like we might have some cold weather after a while, We have been having a wonderful fall nice warm days, 2 days ago it was 78 For warmth, Had a few rains since I got back, I have been cutting & husking the corn will have about 3 bundles of fodder, Turnips are all pulled and spudatoes all dug, Now will have to get out fire wood,

There has been a number of deer around in the woods, But so far I have not seen any, have quite a few fox squirrels, They taste very good, I left Wyoming near the first of November, And got to Lock out Station on the Union Pacific R.R. West of Laramie about 80 miles, Next day I drove to Cheyenne Wyo and stayed all day till noon next day, And drove East to Lodge Pole Nebraska, I had a flat tire and was in a sand bar patch and it had been cut off by the High way Department, And those thorns got all over me as I had to get under the car to get the Jack under to the axle, And I was sure Messed all up, And never got all the thorns out until I got home, I camped at Kearney Nebraska in a rain storm, It rained 2 days & 2 nights, I went thru a corner of Iowa and turned South, Into Missouri, Slipped off road in some yellow clay some one had shed off of there wheels and I sure got into a ditch I stayed till next day as it was raining all the time, A farmer came the next day with a farm all and got me out, That was near the Town of Savanna Mo, I wheeled until night and camped side of a steak yard Had a post said Ohio, I went to St Joe and Kansas City next to Spring Field And on to Arkansas, A little store and a wide place in the road, Aman and his 2 daughters visited with me till 10 P.M., I went on all day with a few stops and camped at Omaha Arkansas, Nails filling station, I went on to Conway Ark, And on to the farm near Vilonia where the old lady I asked her for a drink of water in spring of 1897, She told me to go to the Well and draw some water, And I could drink out of the gourd, I took a look over with her hair full of snuff sticks and that I would drink out of the gourd close to the handle, And she said Young Faller You are the first faller I ever saw who drinks out of that gourd like I do, Next morning I went on to the Farm or Plantation of Mr Copelands, Who looked after my cut fit I lost in the Bay The St Francis Bay, He was dead for quite a few years, But they sure showed a good time while I stopped with them, They wanted me to stay 2 months, They have near 800 acres, They have 40 head of cattle, 50 hogs some horses And 200 turkeys And acres of cotton and corn, And was harvesting Pears had over 2000 bushels and trucks come every day and haul the pears at \$3, & \$4. A bushel, We went fishing and got 2 buffalo about 20 lbs each and were good I was on a rice Plantation, where they had thousands of bushels of rice, That country has very few deer and wild turkeys as the timber is cut and the crop that land now I looked for old friends and found them all in the same I went to Marked Tree & back into Mo, Crossed the Mississippi on a ferry, into Tennessee And crossed the KY Dam, and North to Mays Ville Ky, That MO, Ark, & Ky were sure beautiful countries, The Quar mts in Mo Ark were very nice I went up thru Ohio frontports North to Oak Hill Jackson stayed at Logan next Day I got to Akron, And saw Mrs. Louise and her 2 boys Lyn & David, You should take that trip as I did thru the Ozarks, Not much farming but to Wake lots of Baskets and Pottery, The timber was hard woods Cedar some pine And was all red and yellow leaves and sure pretty,

Yours truly, Frank Sparhawk,

F.O. Sparhawk, Rd # 8.
1250. Brittain, Road,
Akron, 10- Ohio,

Mr, Marry, E, Miller,

Winter, Haven

Florida,

Box 983.



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Akron, Ohio, Dec, 12 th 1948.
Mr Harry Miller, Florida.
Dear Harry.

I wish you & family a Merry Christmas, And a Huppy New Year 1949, We are all well But I got a bad cold Which is better To Day. Its so foggy you cant find your Hip pocketts with both hands.

I just got an invite to go to Tampa Florida to my Nephews Who is building a new house down there, It would be a short trip to Florida, As he wants My Wife And Daughter Ruth, Who Teaches in Sealings Grove Pa-. We couldnt be down there for only a few vacation days. But would like to visit you for one day. Just to talk over old times. We have to hear from Ruth first. And later make up the plans, We could net bring much of A camp outfit, You know how these women want to travel So I just think its a lot of wind on their part.

Time will tell, But if we do come I will call on you if Its fer only a few minutes.

But would like to see Florida once. I was to Somerset Pa, A week ago for only One day. As Ruth wanted me to go along as it was a great fog and We went to Pittsburgh In the worst of fogs. And she was afraid of Hold Ups, We saw none I was back in Akron At 1 P.M. So did not see Much of Pa. The fog rose B-4, we got out of Pittsburg 6 Miles, As that Burg is near 40 miles thru.

I have not a foot of stock only a dog, So have no Chores to do, and intend to do a lot of writing this winter.

I just sent a Holiday card to EDna, VanDyke Straight, O f Black Diamond Washington, She is old Edds Daughter, They were in Cooke City the past Summer. And She is a Grand mother Now. and is very spry, and dresses very Nifty, I saw them all in Cooke 1947.

If I can get my wishes thru next summer I want to put Up a Museum in Cody & a camp grounds.

Where you enter Cody from the Grey Bull Road Just Before You drive in the City. Thats only a dream so far.

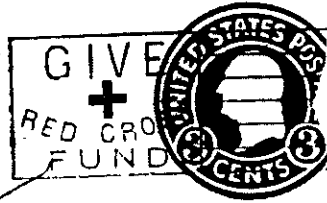
So you will have a place to stop in when you come out to Wyoming the next time.

Very truly yours.

Frank Sparhawk.
1230 Brittain Road, -1d- # 8.
Akron-10- Ohio.

8. A

Frank Sparhawk.
1230 Brittain Road, Rt. # 8.
Akron-10- Ohio.



Mr Harry E. Miller.
Winter Haven.

Box 963.

Florida.

Akron Ohio First day after St Patrick day

Ever since known as Snake & Frog day, as all S. P. Reptiles.
Why didnt he come 2 Florida.

Dear Harry & Family.

Received your wholesome letter of Birthington Wash day & read with Glee. As I am sold out with Florida & like it all. And did not adopt it like I used to adopt Calves & they just nater naturally follow me off.



UN RECORDED DISTURBANCE of the Peace.

We been having winter summer 1 day or 1/2 then rain sleet 10 above 0 then ice storm 3 days and then sleet, skewed, slid, slipped & sliided. And used up 2 bottles of sloans liniment, Bandages an Hoodoo Mixture Kura and settin in on a Raker was about the best medicine. And Pow-How at Home. Yester morn 9 above 0 snowed all day Pat's day and thawed 8, 4, 9 P.M. and 2 inches snow an trying 2 thaw 2 day. I am kept busy furnishing wood for stoves. And eat 2 times a day & keep fat I just summed up the Calv & decided she looks like a cross B tween AN abey & YAK. I have been wondering if you got those oranges picked yet. And how many fish you caught since I been down there. And it murred of raine a heap since I was there, for it has rained at least 3 weeks here counting 1/2 hrs a day so as not 2 Cheat any body. I think I have the nice place I saw when I was in Florida.

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I got a letter this week from Otta Peley she bought a ranch out of the Clarke Fork Canyon about 2 miles back of my ranch she lived there five yrs and bought a place near Clark so she could pack in her grub home back. So she says she was settin pretty when they closed up the store now she has 2 go 2 Belfry near 30 miles further. Now Cody is going 2 build a pavement from Cody 2 the Chapman Ranch down 2 Clarke Fork at Pat O. Hara, Creek keep on E ast side of the river and hit across the river 2 miles S of Belfry. That's makes that Valley where Clark's P.O. and store strictly no man land. deserted, sandy. saddle rack. Cactus Jack A - Rabbits and goats & wood ticks. Peley is queen been married 3 times since she divorced Tommy Leach. And last fall she run off her last man Lane Martin. He was like the rest of them he invested every thing in Whiskey & beer and few people got my money 2 run those stills out of Hope & Mead. But sometimes they have 2 make them work nights: Peley had a birthday a short while ago and is 80 and rides horseback for mail and groceries. Mrs John Chapman of Red Lodge Mont. The Bankers wife died last week. John Chapman married a Chapman girl this one in Oregon. Stole 800 horses from his Uncle Riddle drove them thru Idaho & Montana 2 Pat O. Hara ranch. His 2 Brother in Laws Andy & Hank, John Weaver, & Hank of Red Lodge and 3 or more helped trail these Horses. And Riddle come after them with some men and go them 2 Buffalo Fork in Jackson's Hole and they had a gun fight. Old Man Serrin was with Chapman & shot 1 of 2 men. Chapman gathered a big roll of long dry grass, set a match 2 it in his saddle Rope drag it around the ranch full of scattered pines & Quakers. all was dry time and burnt all the ranch buildings shot at every body they saw. & but horses 2 Pat O. Hara. And Wister came along come along and with the Virginian those 2 that were hung. was shot by the Chapman Gang. Well I will tell the rest of this sometime. I got a lot of this when I worked for the O. outfit near Dubois Wyo in 1904 when I worked for Torrey. And the rest when I met Chapman in Sunlight 1906. Frank Starhawk

Frank Sparhawk.
1230 Brittain Road. R# 8.
Akron-10-Ohio.



Mr Barry E. Miller & Family
Winter Haven.

BOX
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Florida.

Akron Ohio April ^{or think its 4 days} after April Fool's Day. 1950.

Dear Folks, We R. Well. Xcept Bess cut a finger with a 12 inch Butcher

Knife and next day she had blood Poison. Saw Dr. He was not home

The in turn fixt it up and I think she will live.

Ruth was here a few days on easter Vakation. Was fine when she came
But April 2nd she had a birthday. And was 27. Well she is not proud of that
Number but had 2 take it. So Low then we had a Meet. & Meat Loaf
And Richard, Flo, Little Dick & smaller Jon. all came & a big time celebrating
the 27. That over & yesterday. A left over part of the 2 big Meat loaf gave
Ruth Toe mane Poison. And she got up & down stairs 5 times runnin

both ways. Am had a head ache. But breakfast over, she went 2 Akron.
3 times I counted, Cher & Bess R. off on another Go. I will batch while they
lasts. Henry Bierer of Tallmadge R now in Florida, E. coast, near St egg STEAN.

Byde Rebmans. Blanch R. Van Holm. Molly Rebmans. and Ora D. Lewis
Whom U. No. when we were at your Orange Orchard on Lake Bess
But Byde blind & 84 or more yrs old. And Ora D. Lewis and Deaf. were not with us at
Winter Haven. Well any ways 2 days ago. & at supper, smoked 2 pipes of tobacco.

And started 2 go in the house after dark. And the kitchen door just 6 foot away.
This took place after the 2nd pipe. And started off like a groggy pig, and he could C.
Some light thru his Cattar racks, and it was an allumination from an out door
theater 1 mile away and crossed 2 graded streets & cross lots thru palmettos and got thru
in a wire fence. And Hollered Commanche, and 3 men in a house that it was a drunk

Sat night or Tuesday, they enquired with flashlights. Who he was he told his name
Where he lived. I dont know. 4 new houses where he lived. And these men did not no Ora Lewis
What street damli No. and at last he told them he couldent see much and they loaded him in a car
all he seemed 2 know these was rest of the swarm 2 Buzzin and opened the head lights on ca

And all hollering like Illinois Farmers calling hawgs. en they druve up. Byde settin in front seat
with the driver. And they all got out and spent 1 1/2 hrs talkin things over. 2 marrow they start for
Illinois. B.4. he gets into the everglades. He likes Florida, and is getting easy to loose.

Well I saw Carl's wife manday, and he is down 2 C.V. & she says she hopes Kartaya a month as he needed it.
I was telling Carl not 2 comise going down 2 Winter Haven, as Harry Miller had the nicest
place I saw in Florida. And if I could get an acre in that cypress jungle to the
west of his boat Landing, I should like 2 Winter there every winter until 1999.

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west of his boat Landing, I should like 2 Winter there every winter until 1999.

We have been having winter all the time lately rained all night and all day, snowed last week. The Court House adopted me as a Jury Man. So I will have to keep track of my. Why it looks like we can plant corn by June 10th maybe that will be soon enough. I have an invitation to go to Cody and Billings this summer. and I am anxious to go. I been here long nuff for once. I have no news to tell anybody.

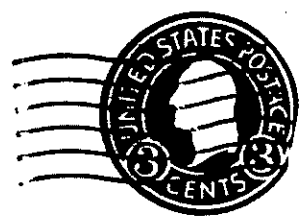


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WELL my my

STOP AT MY CAMP when I come to Reservation 10-B FS

F.D. Spachauk
30 Brittain Road R# 8
Levon - 10 - Ohio.



Mr. Harry E. Miller
Winter Haven.

Box
963.

Ans 9/8/50

Florida.

Akron Ohio August 31st 1950

To My Old Pal Harry, of Winter Haven.

Well I have been making arrangements to write U 43 days. I've been feeling disunflopomized, I can't do any thing right. Tried all day to make this map or drawing of this tree pickin Ladder to pick citrus fruits. And that it could be Manufactured in Winter Haven Florida which would be a great help to you & your town. I was not able to decompose any sort of plans that would work. I have been over worked up in the timber above the House. I had a big Oak tree over 2 ft diameter. It's a bee tree growed thusly } of Bee: west in & a fellow cut it down got over a tub of Honey. I sawed it in lengths 8 & 10 feet and split it thusly. 8 pieces. And knots make you pound a heap more & it's tuff. and thermometer was 2 do its damndest 85 to 90 then May 25 the hottest day this Summer. And I sure transpired so that my clothes were damp like I went swimming with my deede on. I got 7 truck loads down to the saw and want a lot more in 84. I will put in 6 tons of Coal. now \$11.50 for Piney Fork. And then I have some Florida weather inside the Old log cabin. I had some logs along L. Bass. could be cut and pulled into the Lake with bateau. And then you would have your log cabin. U. No. how easy for it to put up a Cabin in one day at the Log chute* out of a lot of rotten logs. that was 1902 in 1938 I was still there but the roof was 2 in or some of our roof poles was rotten. And some times the snow am 6 ft deep when I stand on the roof and in that nook it took. Hot sun in May 2 start the snow down hill. I killed a deer there in 40 with my old 44-6 shooter a very large buck with a heap o Horns on his head like some of those Green Mt Bucks find. It's raining. rained all day yesterday. and 2 or 3 mist showers in past week, and I do not think all told, ground in garden is moist over 2 inches. Its been the driest year I ever saw in Ohio. And my garden looks like a feering year Egypt. and I look down the road for camels coming loaded with Turkes & Abyssinians. & I look and its goats. And rub my eyes and sure nuff its Camels. but in shirt pockets. & unscrupulous people puffin at them & so dry might. Set my Wild Crab apple Orchard a fire. Still way off of my subject. over

Did you get your water you needed last January. And last night we heard over the news jamme a big Tornado coming out of the Gulf of Mexico up into Florida Evening of August 30th 1950. How deep 2 water on your land there. Where we was in Tampa, Ballast Point road, water was 4 ft. underneath the road. That would be ideal for Alfalfa. And if it was in a good stand would pay off with 4 Crops a year of hay. And would be as profitable as Oranges. You no I am figgering and is only a probably a mile (kib) better speech or record as reliable as the Agriculture Report on soy beans, Corn borers, chestnut leaf blight, and canned Salmon eggs, and Hen eggs in Kansas.

Times R. changing here in Ohio. Its Foggy. And was in Chosen. Cosa. I dont care much for Truman's judgment in starting this war without any cause. If he was insulted and got slapped on one cheek. He should of turned his other cheek and got it slapped. Then turned his hip pocket 2 stallin and got himself a BO-KAY. & then come home and stop buzzing round.

Still off of subject? I must stop Harleymoiting and put on a JAX BOX GREASE & GO. Well a 1/2 Circle rack Ladder or steps on rubber tired Castor wheels 7 of them. So it can be pushed around by 2 men thru the orchard.

This is supposed to push these steps under the tree and start picking the lower ones. And push ladder under tree a little farther. Pick as far as useful, then push it under for a couple of more steps. So it would be possible 2 stand up near Center of tree with your head sticking out Split timber 1st 1950

And is raining yet from Pensacola. So you must have rain by now. And will give you lots of time 2 get your Irrigating outfit ready.

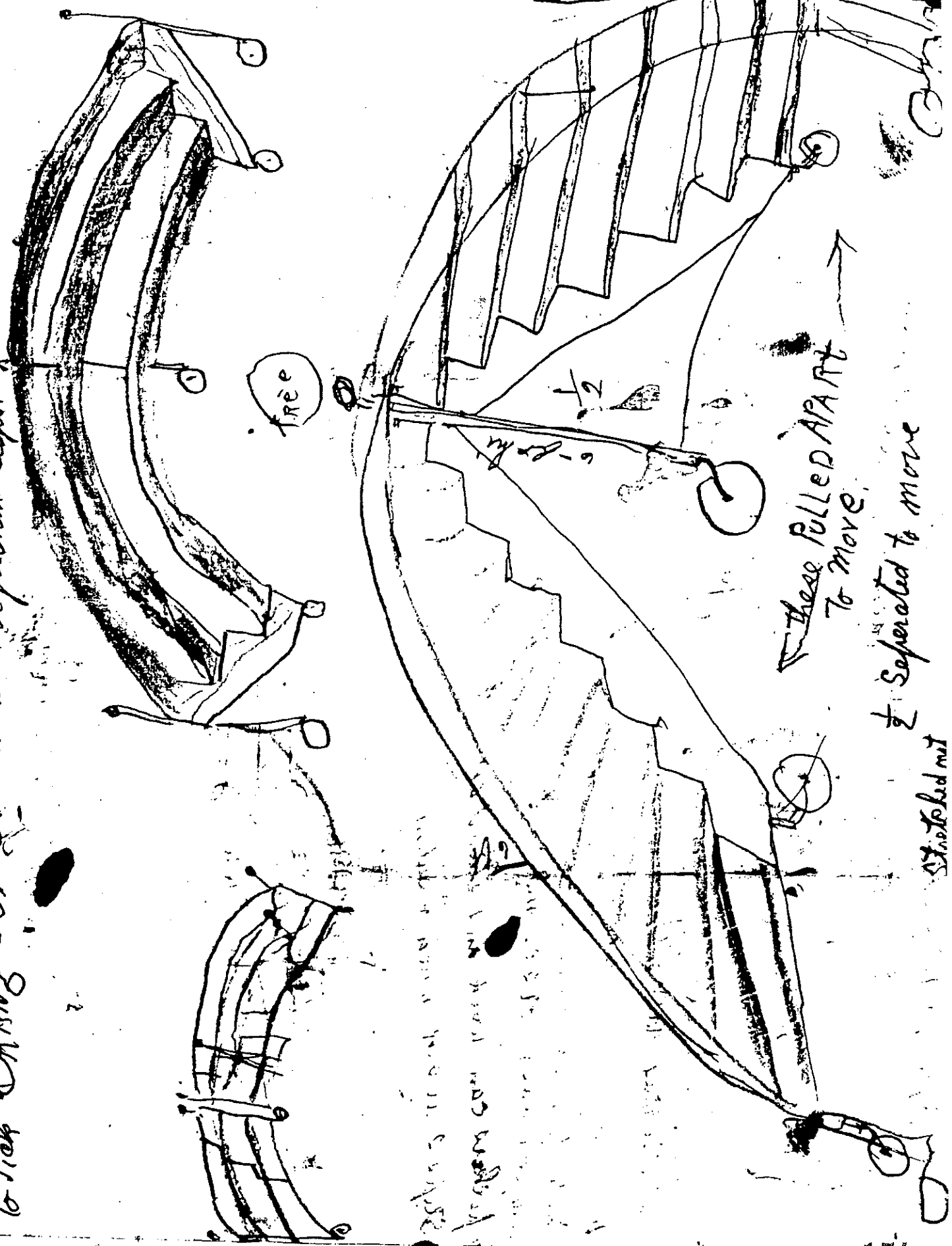
I sure have a time in this letter trying 2 draw a 1/2 Circular stairs that 2 men can work together and pick many Oranges. I know you can draw the ladder. But I cant construct write it. But think you can make it out what I mean. And can see how it would save climbing as pickers can walk around the platform steps and not carry baskets around. Well I am unmodified by Pounding wedges yesterday. And am unfit for this kind of work this morning. Saffelios from me and

Come-la-raw, 2 you from Frank Sparhawk. 1230 Brittain Road. R# 8.

Best of luck & good wishes Akron - 10 Ohio 2 U folks. Write when I feel like it

AHAWI GULL CAN BE STEP LADDER ON CASTOR WHEELS. TO FISH UNDER TREE
 TO PICK DRIFTS. 2 MAN LADDER OR PICKUP STOPS.

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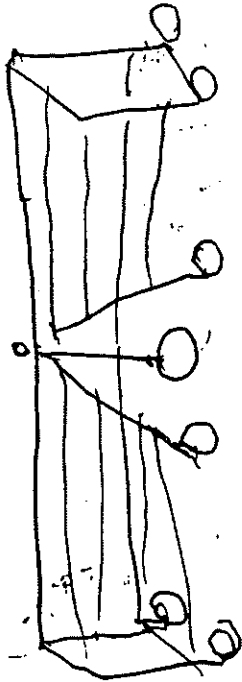


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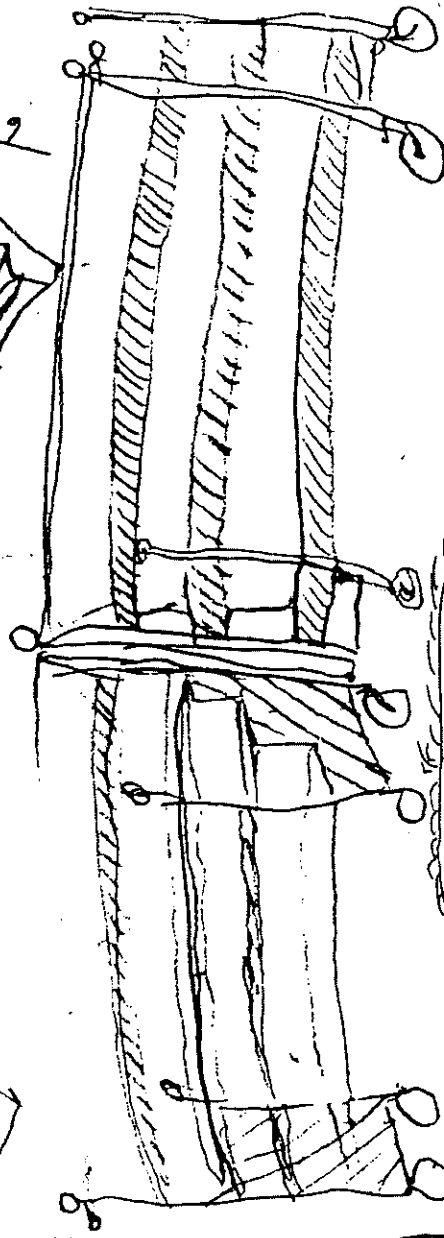
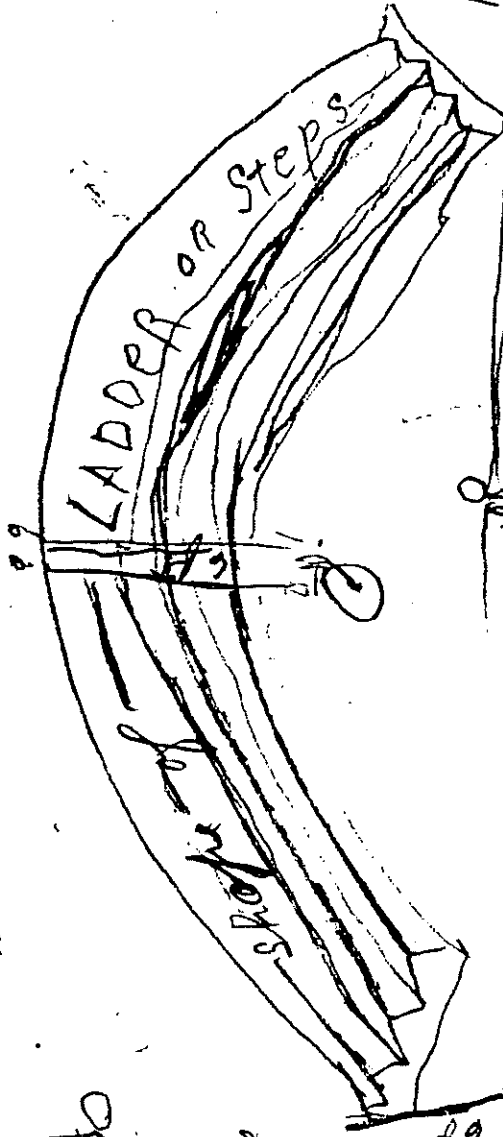
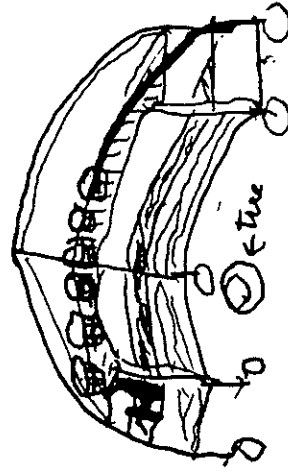
double out 2 travel
" back in 1/2 circle 2 push.

made of angle iron and wood



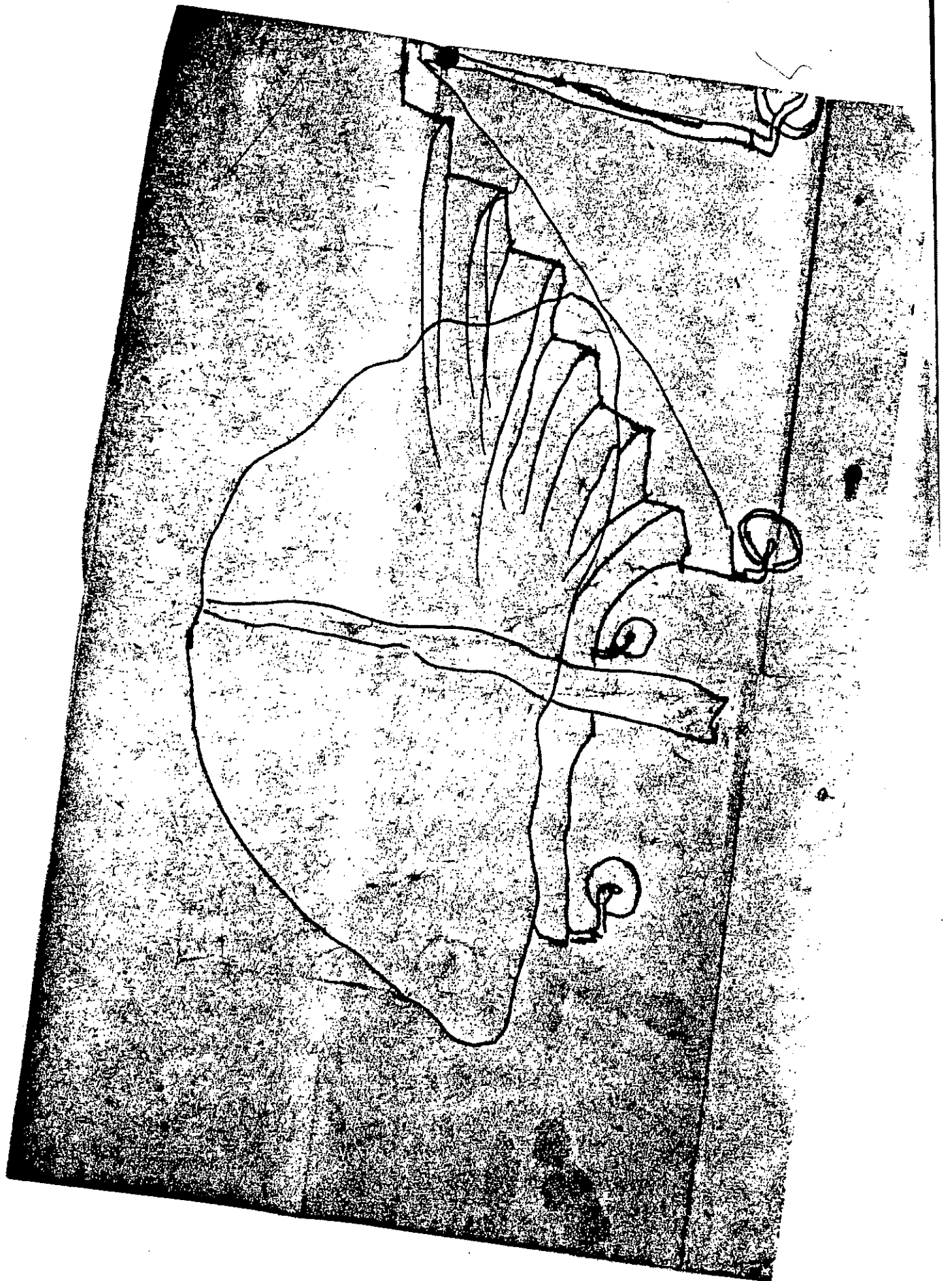
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But collapses toward tree so that shored under tree makes it easy for 2 or more people can walk and stand on steps 2 work. much freedom

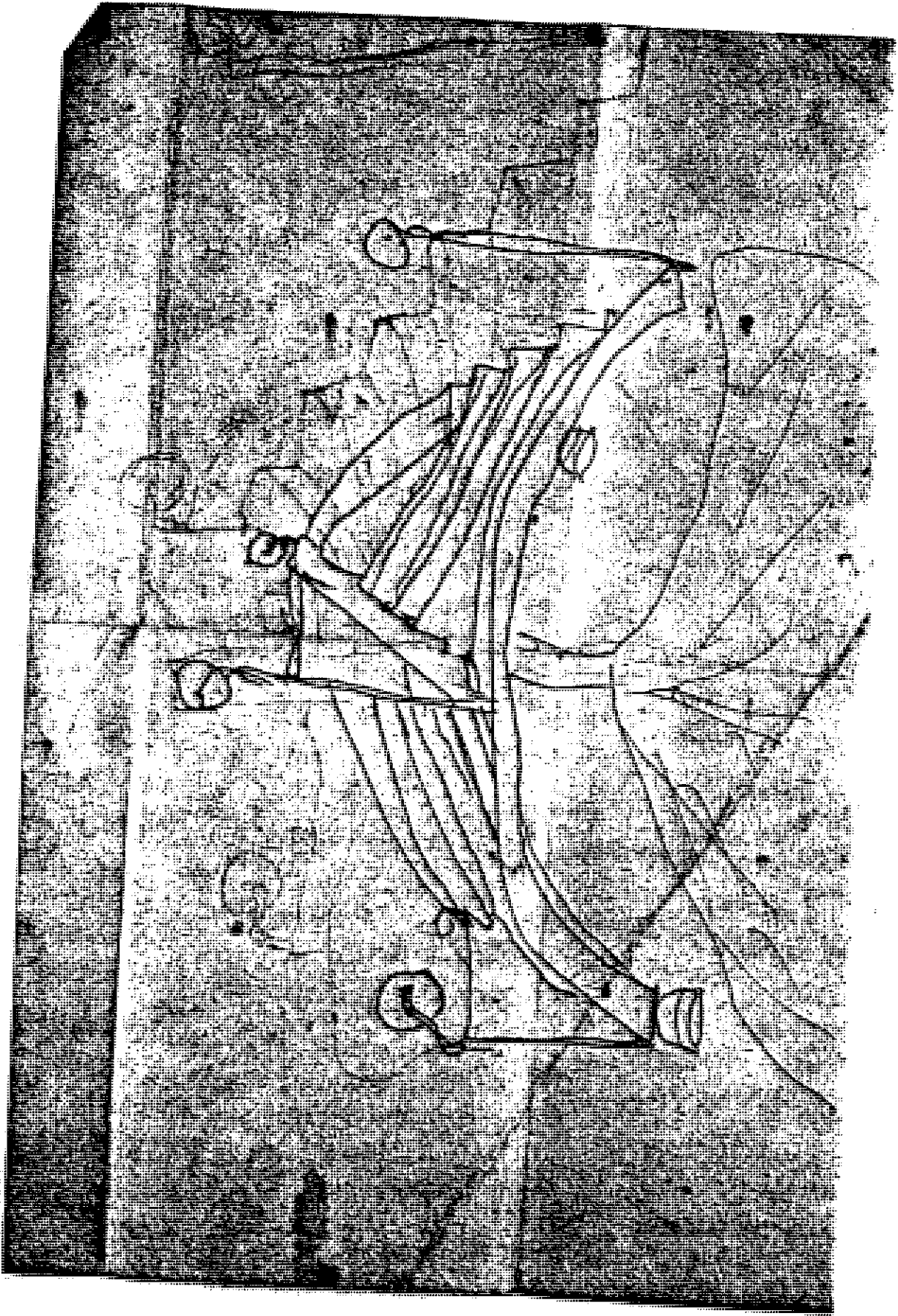


Like entrance? 4 Power Show

6 steps going up steps wide enough for baskets BUT. High enough to pick up 1.0 1.0 1.0



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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Frank Sparhawk
1230 Brittain Road. RT 8

AKRON ZONE 10, OHIO



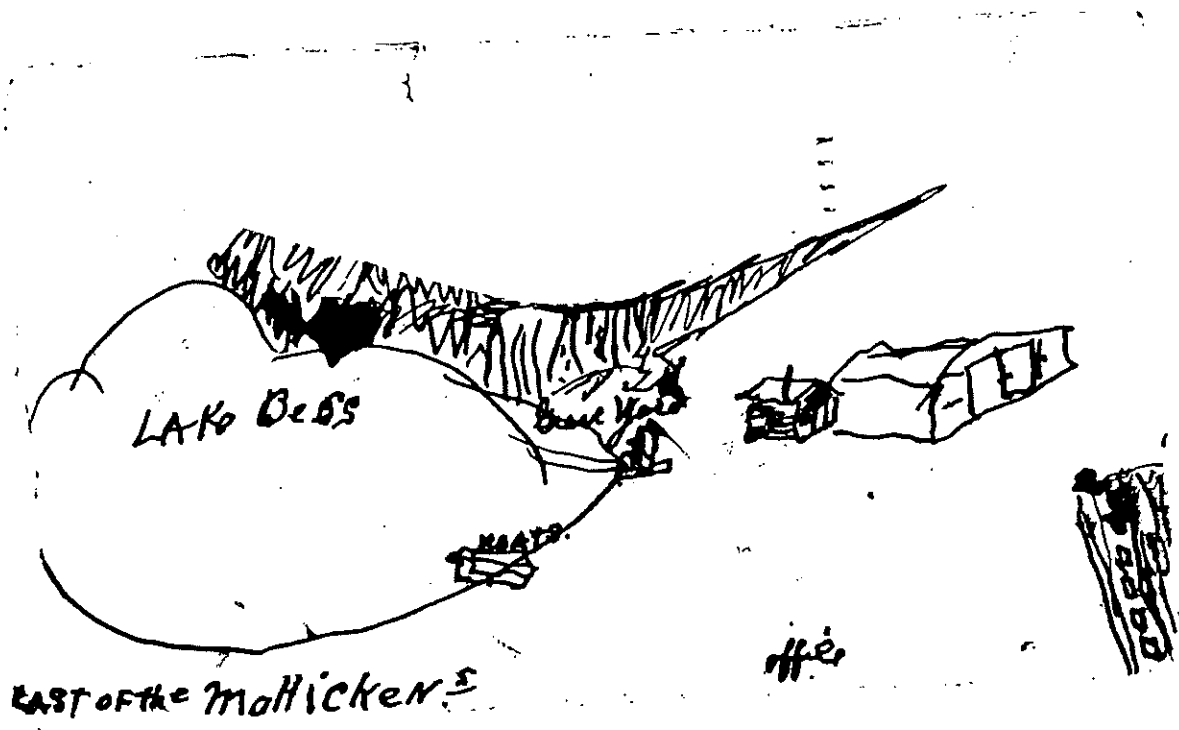
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Mr Harry E. Miller.
Winter Haven.

Box
963

Ans. Dec 4-50

Florida.



Akron Ohio Day B 4 lecture I am going 2 write
Republican straight. tired of our real
administration want a change even
if i go broke. want have for 2 go.

Mr Harry E. Miller & family:
Winter Haven Florida.

Dear Friends,
I got out my mail Key and Wild Goose Dil & your Washington
Birthday Letter 1950 & starting 2 and start 2 correspond 2 at 2 the
best of my ability if the Di'll dont brake down.
We had heaps of some of late. at present Nov 48 & matters full of flowers.
They R not fooling me they will get ripe yet.
My wife left of Illinois. Her sister is on the left, & wanted her 2 B with her
when she starts for the infernal regions. Her Nephew has now started for
his regions on Ballast Point steers or are at Tampa. His Uncle Byde Rebman
and Cousin Blanch Rebman R. stayin in Ill where they R. ust 2 the Col
My wife's sister did not think she could stand the trip 2 the Fla Regions.
B is xpecting 2 go by shorter route. i xpect 2 go that route one of these days
within next 15 or 20 yrs. I feel right part at present. But none of us
got a good hold on life. Say on that lot of gins on the shores of Lake Bass, than
2 Lake from your Office Cabin. Where I could go bithing with the Alligators
and hoot at the owles. And sing with the Martingales. Maybe have a
short dance with some other Seminoles. That's where I would want 2 B
Planted in the light of the Silvery Moon. If i can get your permission.
And my shroud wood B.A. Wool Sack. Not 2 expensive U.C.
And how in your irrigation outfit coming. Expect a good pump.
Would drag right smart W. water out of Lake Bass.
These rail man R dam poor profits. I dont pay any attention 2 them. I am a garden
-me weather profit always correct 100%. But dont take this too serious.
The Government & States all Predict B 4. & i just after. Savvy now
well I should liked 2 of had some of that Billy Howell Cth. Stalk.
I loaded up 2 old muzzel loader rifles in preparation for some of these
deer I see some occasionally. And have not shot a deer with a
muzzle loader since I been in Arkansas.

U NO I took a long barreled muzzle loader I called the Screw Loose 44
Calibre. I shot in it Cap & Ball pistol. Round balls and about a dozen
BB's And some times in Arkansas I could get some Buckshot
that were larger than B.B.'s (3) 3 to 12 on Powder and one (44) out
in front of Buck shot and they were good for Turkey or deer in
I near 200 yards. And they were very Collapsible & they
turkeys & deer. And they would go down and hit the dust.
What do you think of a Remington slide action 30-30
32 or 35 Calibre. I used 35 automatic Remington but am
not fond of them. As when it goes off. It stuns up my sense
of direction, And sort of disfluminates my next shot.
Might work well hunting koreans or rattle Snakes.

Did I tell you I have an ideal reloading outfit for 40-82
Your letter of Sept 8th above and was very interesting. And picture of
Niggers picking oranges. My idea might work if it had inch pipe
and steer them around the trees but would keep the fishers
busy laying tracks. But if you would hire me I shoot the
Oranges down with a 22 short or double Barreled Muzzle loading
shot gun. But I quit. I am going to buy me a Winchester No 62 Rifle
22 Calibre. with a hammer and slide action Price \$49.65
What do you know about a favorite you would buy
I had heard of them. I wanted to ask you about Orange Cider
Lawson Mill Co here sells Orange Juice 50 cts a gallon very sweet
I made 60 gallons of Apple Cider its fair.
I have to get supper I nite. Boiled Spudatoes with the hides on.
Mash them on your plate. put on butter & salt then Carnation Cream
And a glass pitcher of Cider. I will clothe fur this met.
With best wishes and good luck to you all. Write when U can

Frank Sparhawk

1230 Brittain Road

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