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HEBARD COLLECTION

*Cowboy belt*

April 21, 1934

Mr. E. A. Logan  
2610 Pioneer Avenue  
Cheyenne, Wyoming

My dear Mr. Logan:

In writing my book in the Pony Express, I received a suggestion somewhere that the Pony Express riders wore some kind of a belt ortight jacket to hold themselves together so they wouldn't be jolted to death, and a hint was made to the effect that the Pony Express riders wore some kind of an armour or wide leather belt. I don't think they were elastic in those days but they may have been. Have you any information on this point?

I should be very grateful to you for such information, especially if the Cowboy also wore such a garment, and what it was like.

I hope that these beautiful spring days are giving you wonderful health, and all is going well with your family. With kindest regards to each one, I am

Very truly yours,

Grace Raymond Hebard  
318 South Tenth Street  
Laramie, Wyoming

April 27, 1934

Mr. E. A. Logan  
2610 Pioneer Avenue  
Cheyenne, Wyoming

My dear Mr. Logan:

I have your splendid letter containing exactly the information I wished about belts that cowboys wore and doubtless which the Pony Express men wore. The name, No. 9, Broncho Buster Kidney Belt, is just exactly what I wanted and your description of how the cowboy wore them on the outside until they had silk shirts was your prize sentence which I will put in my book. All the other material is very satisfying and I am very grateful to you.

I would like to have you give me the Moores' address. Whether Jim Moore was an Express rider or not I do not know. I do not know where Mrs. John Kuykendall lives or where Granville Moore lives. I would be very appreciative if you could tell me.

I think I should make the statement to you about sending you an addressed envelope which should not need any apology from me to you because I do that frequently when I am bothering people for information that I will more likely get an immediate answer. I have most of those books in the library which I will look up for you. When I come to Cheyenne I will look you up. I generally go to Cheyenne on the morning train and take the 11:30 train home again, spending about two hours in Cheyenne when I go to the Stock Growers National Bank where I have a box.

I am very grateful to you for everything you told me and I am taking this opportunity of thanking you. Trusting your arm is well again, I am,

Cordially yours,

Grace Raymond Hebard  
318 So. Tenth Street  
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P. S. Word comes to me from old time cowboys who knew much and said little when I have written them about Pony Express riders that Buffalo Bill was never a Pony Express rider, that he was all bluff, that he did not take the ride from Red Buttes to Three Crossings, that he did not scalp Yellow Hair. Is there anything you could give me about that and while not letting Buffalo Bill down too hard, yet if he has merits he deserves recognition? I notice in a recent book by Harlow called "Old Waybills" he questions the statement as to whether Buffalo Bill was as big as Buffalo Bill thought he was. I would be glad for information.