

Livemore Colorado.  
April 14 '50.

My dear Miss Gilpin -

Your book gave us so much interesting material. We learned a lot about the Rio Grande. In fact our friends, also, enjoy the volume to the extent that we've not seen it for months. Especially interested are those who have been in the valley.

Recently we spent several weeks on a family visit-trip thru <sup>S.E.</sup> Colorado and parts of Okla. & Kansas. Between us we had nine family homes to enjoy. We drove our own car and had two days of dust but no car troubles what ever. To cover 2600 miles in three weeks kept us going.

What I'm especially interested in telling you, is of an old paper we found among Genie's mother's effects at her daughter's home in Manhattan Kans.



II Emma supposed it was just any old paper. She gave it to me for our Gammon collection not realizing its value. So many names of the old or rather early stock men. The paper is yellow and breaking. Do you know whether or not photostatic copies could be made of its sixteen pages? If so what might be the cost of such per paper of 8 sheets? Or do you know of a business firm doing such work?

Our own family could use 15 to 20 copies, I'm sure. The date is Apr 4 '84. One news note concerning your family caught my eye. The enclosed copy may interest you.

There are columns of ranch beef animals with brands on their sides and names of firms, mostly Wyo., but as in our case, also Colorado outfits. Ours reads Gammon, Bates & McRea and has five brands, ear croppings & dublups.

Are you receiving sufficient moisture at Santa Fe? We are sadly in need of such.



Gene has begun to assemble material for his Big Sandy history. We so long to sell out and get back to the Springs.

Gene still hopes to go with you some time to see the old ranches.

We spent three days at the old <sup>Sterens</sup> <sup>+ Dyer</sup> ranch on our trip. It is becoming very modern.

I'm also enclosing a paper clipping published Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Kindly return it as we have no more.

We trust this finds you well and happy over your wonderful contribution to America's Rivers Series.

Sincerely

Gertrude D Gammon



Taken from The Northwestern Livestock Journal, Eugene  
Ore., Apr 4 '1884. Pg 4 - col 3.

" James F Ellison of San Marcos, Tex., sold  
today to B Gilpin Jr., of Colo Spgs,  
500 head of two year old heifers  
and 500 cows, middle Texas cattle.  
Prices not given. They are to be delivered  
on Horse creek by July 10<sup>th</sup>. "







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Gertrude Durrning Gammon.  
D. A. R. member.







Dr. Hager, state historian  
speaking Apr 17 '50 at  
Old Stone Fort Marker dedi-  
cation, Monument Colo.







Remains of old  
stone fort.

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May Johnson Lewis and  
Eugene Gammon at marker  
for old stone fort.



COLORADO SPRINGS

SPRINGS GAZETTE TELEGRAPH —SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1950



**MCSHANE DAUGHTER AT CEREMONY** — Mrs. Lucy M. Carson, a daughter of William McShane who was born in a stone house a few feet from the old stone fort for which a historical marker was dedicated near Monument Friday, examines an old Army cartridge belt displayed by Eugene Gammon of near Fort Collins. Gammon, who formerly lived at Ramah and who said he was the first white child born in northeastern El Paso county, reported the belt was worn by his father, who served in the army before the Civil war. His father, Gammon said, trained at Denver and at Bijou basin, north of Peyton. Troops at that time chiefly were detailed to keep control of Indians, he said.