

Sept. 12, 1956.

Miss Willa Percival,
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New York 28, N.Y.

Dear Miss Percival:-

My very sincere apology to you for being so long in answering your nice letter. My companion has been ill and we had to go down to Albuquerque to doctors etc. and I have been very much behind with many things.

Somewhere in the depths of my storeroom is a scrap book containing several articles of by gone days. As soon as I can I shall get into these and see if there is anything you would want. In the meantime I am now approaching my deadline to get my prints in to the American Museum of N.H. My show opens there Nov. 1st and will be up through Jan. 4th. I believe that I am correct in saying that in 1932 when I had a show there, it was the first show of Photography as photography that they had had. The next year the P.P.A. began its annual show in the Museum.

Briefly, I graduated from the Clarence H. White (Senior) School in 1917 and have been at work ever since. Some in New York mostly in the west. Colorado is my native state. During the war I took a job as chief public relations photographer at the Boeing Airplane Co. in Wichita Kan. Was there two years. That was a real workout. After the war I got the contract to do my Rio Grande Book, (Duell, Sloan & Pearce) and made Santa Fe my headquarters. Have stayed on. Three books to my credit (I hope) and a fourth underway. I used to be very active in exhibitions but since the war have pretty much dropped out. I have never been a career seeker, I earn my living at photography, and am interested principally in PHOTOGRAPHY. If all goes well I hope to come on to New York right after Christmas to get there before the snow comes down. It then goes to George Eastman House for the Month of Feb. Yes I can furnish you a working photograph. Have one ready for this new book. I guess I am such an old timer that some people think I am dead and buried! I can send you a list of prints in Museums, exhibitions ect., but until I get my show off to New York I am really pretty swamped.

Thanking you very much for your letter and for the thought of including me in your book. With best wishes
Very truly yours,