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Stuart Gentling
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Dear Stuart,

It was great to see you at the Texas Book Festival. I am pleased that you and Scott have had continued success with your projects. We have followed your exploits through the press and with your books. Your *Birds of Texas* book is likely to be the finest and most ambitious book to ever be produced in Texas.

I am very sorry you and Scott were disturbed by my father's comments in his book regarding Scott's and my father's early business dealings. I was unaware he had done so as I have not actually read any of his books except for the first early memoir he wrote about his initial discoveries with charcoal and color that eventually led him down the artistic path so to speak. I do know that there had been an ongoing personality clash between them when he represented Scott. I also know that my father, to this day, believes that Scott has always been an exceptionally talented painter. I have heard him say so on many occasions. I have also heard him recommend Scott for portrait work on many occasions to clients and also to people he did not know, who were asking his advice in that direction. I am not sure why but I also remember him asking these people not mention where the reference came from.

Thank you for your interest and support of Aunt Clara. She was an amazing lady and I am most pleased to send on the two copies of the book I promised at the book festival. Please do not give both away as we may not be able to replace them. We only have about ten left and with the upcoming exhibition of work from her estate, I think they will disappear quickly.

I hope you will have an opportunity to see our January show, if not in person, then on the web where we now post all of our shows. I hope to visit with you again soon.

Sincerely,