

2334 N. 29th St.,  
Phoenix, Arizona.  
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Mr. Amon Carter,  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter,

Would you be in position to help me get information about the late Will Rogers? I know that you knew and loved him. I want to get all the information I can about him that has not been published, in regard to time that he spent on the plains in Oklahoma and Texas, especially Texas. I want to compile a book, "Will Rogers on the Range" and donate every dime above the cost of publishing to charities. I know that he loved the range life and range people. I expect to mention very, very briefly how he rode the political and entertainment range also.

I am contacting all that I can by letter, as it is impossible for me to go personally to see them. My husband and I were at our home on Boys' Ranch Farm, near Dimmitt, Texas for part of the summer, but it seemed best to return here early for the winter because of health conditions. I do want to work on this material during the coming months. Pioneers who knew Will Rogers in person are passing so quickly that I am afraid to wait longer to do this. Bill Rogers, Jr. has given his permission for me to quote his mother and father if I give due credit. I expect to do this for every person who can tell me some interesting incident or event concerning him.

Since our home is only a few miles from the Ma shed <sup>where Will worked</sup> Ranch, I have had a greater desire to record for coming generations some of the facts about this great American. I have some good pictures to use in this book, but I might have some cuts that you have used in your paper that would be most interesting! I am thinking especially of one good picture while he was raising so much money for relief of flood victims and those who suffered so terribly from the drouth. Then is when Will Rogers roped every heart in this great land of ours.

It seemed to me that you were doing for all who loved him, when you wired Mrs. Rogers for permission to meet the plane bringing his body back to California.

Would it be asking too much of you to write "An Appreciation" of Will Rogers to be used in this book? I would be most grateful if you would do this for him.

Gratefully yours,

*Mrs. Dwight G. Artell*  
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