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Dear Mr Carter:

The writer of this letter an old Fort Worth boy, sends to you and Fort Worth friends, greetings over the First Air Mail Ship, from our City to yours. I came to Fort Worth in 1881, and at that time where your building now is was a vacant lot, with small wooden stores facing on Houston, Polks Stock Yards on the next block South, the Germania Opera House (where Blind Tom, and later John L. Sullivan, Jake Kilrain and others were among the attractions) was on the corner of Throckmorton and 7th. There was only one line of street cars, on Main Street, no paving, and Turner Brothers had a red livery barn on the corner of 7th and Houston facing East and North and from which a line of buses "Herdies" they were called, made spasmodic 5 cent fare trips. Gillespie had a lumber yard where First National now stands, a creek ran thro across Main street, where the Worth Hotel was later built, and Pope and Son had a small grocery store on Main and 7th, erected on railroad ties, to keep it out of the water. The creek on Main was boarded over for passage way. Browns Livery Stable, of blue frame, was on Main between 7th and 8th. Many changes since then, a wonderful city of wonderful people, and your paper has indeed had a great part in the development that has ensued.

I look for this Air Mail Service to be extended to San Antonio at an early date, then to Old Mexico. I was with First National Fort Worth for many years, left there in March 1901.

Thomas P. Martin.

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