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Dear Mr. Saunders:

Recently I came across this interesting picture of early-day Fort Worth. It had an especial appeal for me and I thought some of our friends might be interested in it, too. We had a few copies made and I take pleasure in sending you one.

This picture, taken in front of the old T & P Station, shows all the automobiles in Tarrant County in 1904. There were 15. Today there are more than 75,000.

The first car on the right is a one-cylinder, chain drive Rambler. Later, it was the first car registered in Tarrant County. The owner equipped it with a buggy top and kerosene lamps and an up-to-date "warning signal"--none of which was standard equipment. Serious consideration was given at that time to the suggestion that such "warning signals" might in time become necessary for all autos, in order to get pedestraains, horses and other livestock out of the way.

In the lineup there's a Ford, a Winton and a Franklin, in which many Fort Worth people took their first ride, around Everman Loop, at \$2 each with linen dusters and goggles furnished; there are six curved dash tiller-drive Oldsmobiles. The steering wheel was not yet in general use. You'll find a Brush, a Stoddard-Dayton, an E-M-F, and a one-cylinder chain drive Cadillac, with a crank at the side, and a back door at which you entered. In the background are several autos with "new canopy tops", and farther back, the really reliable transportation of the day--horse drawn hacks and carriages.

Looking at the picture again, I realize that I have mentioned only a few of the many interesting things to be discerned in it, but I'll leave the thrill of further discovery to you.

Sincerely,  
FRANK KENT MOTOR CO.

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