

July 21, 1936

Dear Mr. Rouse:

I hope you will pardon my long delay in replying to your letter of April 27th. It reached me when I was very busy and not very well. I have had to neglect many things in the last three months. I am trying now however to catch up with neglected correspondence.

You ask what I know of Henry Rouse your father's cousin who was burned to death at Rouseville - only what family tradition and the more or less contradictory reports of the tragedy which were afterwards printed tell me. My father knew Henry Rouse well. I think it was he who gave him one of his first orders for the tanks which he began building at Rouseville soon after the discovery of oil in that neighborhood. I know nothing of your father who you say was born in Wattsburg. My mother was a McCullough and the McCulloughs you speak of who worked for Henry Rouse were her cousins. As a little girl I have heard them talk of the fire many times, but nothing definite that would be useful to you remains in my mind. You will find an account of Henry Rouse in early books on the oil regions - there are several.

If you would care for the names of these I will give them to you when I am next in the country where my books on the oil history are packed away.

It is pleasant to be told that you are a lover and an admirer of Abraham Lincoln. I know of no better man to love and admire. I hope your two fine daughters will fulfill all the promise that they are giving now.

With renewed apologies for my long neglect of your letter, believe me

Very sincerely yours

Mr. J. A. Rouse
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