

301 Quinter Hotel,  
San Antonio, Texas  
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Mr. C. R. Michaels,  
Secretary, Nogales.

My dear Mr. Michaels:

Your letter, the photos, and the history pamph. duly received. Many thanks for your nice attention.

The photos have no relation to the old missions so I am returning them; you can use them elsewhere and thus save their cost.

A large travel movement can be brought down to this Old Spanish Trail if the old historical works can be properly portrayed. These old works are quite numerous and very interesting all across from Saint Augustine to San Diego.....and Nogales should be included in this tourist trek for you also have this historical interest as well as the very interesting Mexican interest. We get many letters of inquiry and it is the old history the people are lured by. Authors and editors also, and students and libraries, write for this, so that not only travelers can be drawn this way but magazine articles and books will help build up interest if we can get the story out in the open and accessible.

At present only meagre historical information can be sent and this results in most letters not receiving any satisfactory answer. I am therefore seeking a collection of the historical views, of buildings as a whole, of old maps, and of notable construction details like nice windows, doors or other architectural, artistic or engineering details. There surely are photographers or individuals there that have taken pride in getting such photos. There are such persons in the other historical centers and from them we are obtaining very interesting photos. It may cost a bit of effort to find these persons but the effort is worthwhile. You probably have not had occasion to find such persons. Your Nogales Engineering Co., some years ago, traced an old map and they may be able to give good leads.

Financing and publishing a book of historical scenes will be something of a job but I believe it can and should be done. My present album of historical photos is proving very helpful in interesting people in this work; the more complete I can make this album of photos the more assurance of cooperation we can have in building up and financing the publication. Finally a trip across the continent will whip together the history story and aid us in filling in needed chapters. This Old Spanish Trail will be the most interesting trek in the land and the most interesting to them.