

Groesbeck, Texas
March 20, 1958

Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Always in fitting actual sites to history there comes a hiatus.

Wilbarger says, as per your letter, that the stone wall Tehuacana village was "where the residence of Messers. Lloyd and Moore now stand."

Old Peter Lloyd preempted a part of the Peadro Varela Survey down to the Comanche Crossing on the Navasota River. That is the most northern rock bottom crossing on that stream. For an era the most main highway from East Texas to Austin crossed there. There is an abundance of limestone there. For an era that crossing was a noted Texas camp ground. At present the Negroes of this section have their June-Teenth buildings there and hold big June 19th celebrations there every year.

In 1831 the Mexican surveyors called that place the Old Tehuacana Village, as per the field notes of the original Peadro Varela Survey of record here.

If Wilbarger is right about it being at the Peter Lloyd home place, that was the village that the Cherokees destroyed in 1830. There is a large spring there.

So, the hiatus.

Sincerely yours,


Frank Bryan

P.S. Cabeza de Vaca took off from there on his long trip west across Texas. Have I sent you a reprint of my plotting of his route of travel across Texas?

F.B.