

C. H. Larrabee.

Fairhaven, Wash. Jan. 13, 1893.

Mr. W. A. Stephens,

Room 57 Great Northern Ry. Building, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter will explain itself. I would suggest the advisability of having a photograph made of Allen by the best photographer that you have so that the photograph will be as near correct and natural as possible, for it will be the means of placing him before the public and handing the same down to posterity in the very best work that has ever been published on the Morgan horse. Mr. Joseph Battell is a wealthy man and has spent several years and a great many thousand dollars in thoroughly looking up the history of the Morgan horse and it is a labor of love out of which he cannot possibly get the money that he has spent and will spend before his book can be given to the public. He has a full history of Allen and verified his pedigree, and also has all of his colts that I have raised registered and they will all appear in this work. Without doubt, as I have written you previously, Allen is the best Morgan stallion living, is intensely inbred to the very best families and he is certainly the handsomest and highest formed Morgan horse that I ever saw.

Yours truly,

C. H. Larrabee

James J. Hill Papers
Minnesota Historical Society

Middlebury Vermont.

Jan'y 3 1893.

C.X.Larrabee Esq.

Fairhaven,
Wash.

Dear Sir,

Can we trouble you to send

us the photograph of Allen, your Morgan stallion. We desire to use the picture in the illustrations of the forth coming Morgan Register.

This book is now in the printers hands. Therefore our pictures must very soon be in the artists hand. A prompt reply will greatly oblige us and be of material assistance.

Very Truly,

Joseph Battell
per R.B.S.

Will you kindly forward to present owner J. Allen, if you have, us photograph.