

Comments on correspondence between Roy Bandy and James Thigpenn by Glenn Borkenhagen

Part of this correspondence was included as part of the *Breakfast on the Big Horns* story that appeared in the March 2018 issue of *The Florida Surveyor*. It was the first evidence seen that Bandy was sending out cassette tapes for professional transcription / typing.

Other parts of this correspondence were received from Mr. Dominic Levings, who at the time was Communications Director at the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society, on 24 August 2018.

This writer's review of the materials received from Bandy's grandson as well as materials received from the Montana Historical Society (MHS) confirms that portions were professionally typed.

Thigpenn's letter to Bandy dated 06 April 1972 explained that the typists at St. Regis Paper Company were having trouble with correctly spelling names and places they encountered on the Bandy tapes.

The first page of the [Bandy manuscript](#) I received during May 2022 is a list of names and places prepared by Bandy dated 14 April 1972, evidence that Bandy recognized the need for such information to aid those doing the transcription.

Bandy's letter to Thigpenn dated 20 July 1971 complains of the slow pace of getting things transcribed by someone in Bozeman, Montana.

The second page of the aforementioned [Bandy manuscript](#) is a Bandy letter addressed to "Mr. Drew" and dated 07 April 1972. The letter mentions cassette tapes sent to Mr. Drew. There Bandy expresses "Glad you are working with the Publisher." Could Mr. Drew have been in Bozeman? The answer to that question may be found in the Bandy file at MHS, but due to construction the research center there is closed until early 2025.

So far this writer has not seen or heard anything about surviving Bandy cassette tapes.