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My dear Jess:

I am addressing you at Santa Rosa, altho I feel you may have been forced to leave ere this. Your letter reached me while I was in Minnesota and I don't believe I have answered it.

I appreciate the article you sent me about Mrs. W. S. Kenyon. She was unmarried when mamma and Julia first knew her. I am inclined to think that her name was Sweet.

I note in your letter of July 11th that you spoke of John Bowman near Riverside and Mrs. Jimmie Cunningham of near Gray Station having passed away. A letter received yesterday told me of the death of Charlie Ruff, which occurred September 4th. It is a long while since our families settled in Western Kansas, more than sixty-two years ago and I presume the number I used to know who are still living are very small. Now that Charlie has gone you are the only one from that county with whom I have any correspondence. Lauren Gowdy the last I knew was living in Sabetha, Kansas.

You may be a Democrat but I hope you will vote for Willkie this year as I am fearful for the future should Roosevelt be successful in securing a third term. I am confident that if Willkie is elected in November that improvements will be under way within ninety days that will furnish employment to several million men.

Every man who has a dollar in his pocket is a capitalist to that extent and you cannot blame people with little, or a great deal of money, for hesitating in investing it when our federal government is in the hands of men who are rapidly destroying our nation, whether they intend in so doing or not. I sincerely trust that New Mexico will come into the Republican fold this year.