

October 31, 1940

Mr. D. Brewer Eddy, President
The Eddy Family Association, Inc.
17 Hillcrest Road
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Eddy:

While this is the thirty-first of October, I have had your letter of October 21 on my desk but did not find time to reply to it until today. I inclose a check for \$1.50, which, I trust, will be accepted for the copy of the SUPPLEMENT OF 1940.

My connection with the Eddy family is through my great grandmother, Sally Eddy, who married Adolphus Simons. As they were married in Plymouth, Chenango County, New York where Olney Eddy resided for a time, I assume that she was the daughter of Olney Eddy, although, in my father's records, he gave her birthplace as Providence. Another and, perhaps, stronger reason for believing that Olney Eddy was my ancestor, is that my grandfather, Sally Eddy's son, was named Alfred Smith Simons. No one ever named a child Smith except to honor their ancestors, and the wife of Olney Eddy, or his mother, (I am writing from memory) had the surname Smith.

Either there were a lot of preachers in the early days or else my lineage is unusual, because I certainly run into a bunch of them to wit: Collins, Gowdy, Eddy, and Luther being among those that come to my mind, although there are others that I can't recall at the moment. The father of Martin Luther was one of my distant grandfathers.

I regret that I was not able to be present at your Anniversary Luncheon on October 29 and hope to have that pleasure on some other occasion.

Respectfully yours

WCS:T

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Dear Cousins:

This letter goes to 900 members of the Eddy Family Association, and it touches two important topics, hoping for definite and prompt answer from you:

1. The SUPPLEMENT OF 1940 to THE EDDY FAMILY IN AMERICA will be distributed at our Anniversary luncheon on October 29th. The last material went to the printer today.

You ought to possess this SUPPLEMENT OF 1940. If you already own the book, then this belongs by its side. If you own no book, this gives you a picture of the widely scattered Eddys throughout the country, tracing each item and branch back to the original William of Cranbrook. It is a wealth of new material gleaned by our genealogist, Mrs. Ruth Story (Devereux) Eddy. The pre-publication price is \$1.50. After October 30th, it advances to \$2. We urge you to buy a copy. The cost of preparation has been large. We count upon its wide distribution to meet the cost.

2. PLEASE JOIN US AT THE 310th ANNIVERSARY. We meet at the Twentieth Century Club, 3 Joy Street, Boston, one block below the State House going out Beacon Street, from 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Luncheon \$1. The program will include annual reports, a full story from our genealogist of how she ran down these lines of additional research, and where our Eddys are scattered through the land. There will also be a report from the Secretary, and from the Chairmen of our Standing Committees on the progress of the Association. There will be a symposium by four or more prominent Eddys in various fields under the central theme: "The Spirit of our Forefathers Faces the Present Crisis". Many interesting features will enliven the day. Be sure to be present. Write for your luncheon reservation to the Secretary, or 'phone them to the President at the telephone given below.

You will profit by this occasion, and we need your presence.

October 21, 1940

Colonel Robert C. Eddy, Sec'y
17 Hillcrest Road, Belmont, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

D. Brewer Eddy

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* Letters addressed to above Thomas Eddy

Lawrence
Kansas Territory
Dec 3 1854

Mr Thomas Eddy Dear Sir Your note
in answer to mine was received also
a journal — I should have answered
it before but have been some what
unsettled — as to whether I shall be
settled in Lawrence or Topeka —
However I have determined to settle
here — I have taken a store & intend
going into business here — general trade
at present — but probably in the end
establishing myself in the Book Business
The field I think to be a good one
& eventually will tell well
We are living in troubled times
wars & rumors of wars — You will
probably see the account in the news
papers — We have been manaced
several days by Missourians & the
Minions of Governor Shannon who order
out 3000 men to enforce the laws & they
concentrated their whole ire on this place
— men have been gathering from Mis-
-souri & some in the Territory who had similar
-views at a point about 3 or 4 Miles distant

The greatest number I have heard stated by their friends — was 400 & there they have been spending their time — waiting for as they say for the other troops

and the Free State Men are also gathering here from all this part of the Territory & we went out to drill this afternoon — & meet again to-morrow morning at sunrise and at 9 o'clock.

However the general impression is that there will be no official attack — but what they most fear is an attack by the Mob & most probably if they do it will be at night — no doubt will be to-night or to-morrow night

There has been a constant guard for several nights with patrols — to night the guards are trebled — The free state men will give a good account of themselves I will warrant you — with the Missourians it may well be said "it is the mangen's last kick"

On a political point of view it will do more for the admission of Kansas as a State than all that ever has been

done. It seems that every thing the Missourians have done from the beginning has been calculated to injure them & to favor the constant advance of Freedom.

I wrote to William while at St Louis — but have received no answer — what is the matter has he not received it? — if so why don't he write — all are well except George who has had a short run of the Billous fever — but he is now getting better — I have no musquitos in coming out here — it is all I had anticipated & if I live and have my health — with the family — all will be realized — do not let these troubles which I have related affect you — whoever suffers whether as to property health or even death will do so in a good cause — Kansas must be free
Yours truly C. Wilmarth

Direct to
Lawrence
Kansas Territory

see 5th they are fortifying the town
it is generally thought there will be a fight

see } Yesterday we were called out - Capt^s
Lieutenants & men were address^d - separately ~~by~~ by
the superior officer - telling them their duties
& Responsibilities & what would depend upon them
in this Conflict - Should there be one
also they were address^d collectively by other
Citizens - Last ^{night} ~~the~~ One of the guards had
~~the~~ ^{his} horse shot from under him - he had
my saddle & Bridle - & these are gone of course
- One of our men was shot in broad
day light yesterday afternoon - he was
brought into town this afternoon -
The Governor has been here to-day & there
is some hope that this affair may yet be settled
without a collision - he is in a most un-
enviable position - I was at work last
night & this afternoon on the entrenchments
They men will be at work all night to-
night - It is thought there will be no official
attack - but it is feared that a mob will do
so before morning. On by day light - we un-
derstand the U.S. Troops will be here to stand be-
tween the parties & keep peace - but this is un-
certain - General Pomeroy is under arrest at
the Camp below - Governor Shannon says the laws
meaning the laws of stringfellow Legislators must
be obeyed & that he shall enforce them & ask to have
all "Sharp's Rifles" given up. which if ^{he} really
does ask - you may depend he will have to be con-
tent with the contents - nothing else will be given
I can assure - The city is under martial
Law

Yours in haste O.W.

more soon



To Thomas Eddy, Prov. R. O.
From George W. Winter with — Kansas.

Lawrence Dec. 8, 1855

Mr Eddy, Dear Sir.

We are having a great time out here with the old Missourians. I suppose you have heard about it. There is a gang of Missourians encamped about 7 or 8 miles from Lawrence and they have been there for most 2 weeks and doing nothing but drinking their whisky and riding up into town bragging and boasting and telling what they are a going to do but yet they do not dare to do any thing. And they say that they are a going to take the city but I guess they will find it a hard one for there are companies here from all parts of the Territory and they are all armed with sharps rifles and other small arms and we had a cannon arrive here day before yesterday and they have fortified the city and so we are ready for them. I wish I was big enough I would go out and fight quick enough for I do hate them old Missourians and I have a good reason for it too for they have done every thing almost that they ~~they~~ could to make us commence the fight but we have have kept still and done nothing but to defend our selves. And they have got up all sorts of stories about us down in Missouri and they are all lies every one of them and they said we have 3 hundred houses here and have ^{turned} the women and children out of doors and we have done no such thing for you know our people would not do that

but I guess the old Missourians will get their pay for it and then they stop the teams coming up from Kansas City and open the boxes that they have and look their things all over to see that there is no arms of any kind and take away all they can find. And they got cheated first rate for they brought those shap's rifles up into the Territory thinking that they were crockery and hard ware. And two of our men went down to Kansas City after our cannon and they brought it up on the other side of the river and I believe they got stuck in the river in some way and the Missourians helped draw it out and they thought it was hard ware and I guess they will find it is ~~hard~~ ware if they dont let us alone there is a company from Iowa on their way here and we expect some of them here to night and then they have sent for the United States troops to stand between the parties.

Some think it will pass off now without any battle but we cant tell yet. I must stop now Mr. Eddy and I will write you more in my next letter you please to write to me as soon as you can. Give my love to Mrs. Eddy and take some your self. so good bye. yours Truly. George. Dear William.

I want to put in a few words to you if I can. Oh how I wish you were out here now for they are having lively times out here. And it is the prettiest place you ever saw. the land is so rich and level. There is not much timber out here but it can be easily raised. I have not room to put in any more only you please write as soon as you can so good bye. love to you and all the rest I will write you more in my next letter. Yours Truly George.

Lawrence K. T. Aug 16/56



Mr Thomas Eady or Friend. it has been a good while since I have written to you — you will no doubt wonder why I should be so silent — all I can say is that there is nothing of any great importance taking place immediately around us that would be remarkably interesting to you — for you have seen so much in the papers about Kansas — that the very sound must be tiresome to your ears. — If I write & tell you — it is or would be only a recapitulation of outrage. Stealing robbing & murder have become so common here since last April when the Southern (Buford's) Company came that what once would have startled me, now creates little or no effect on me. — the oppression of the powers that be. — backed by Congress or rather Pierce & the Soldery — that it seemed to be useless, in our feeble state, to make any attempt at resistance — The loud talk in the North & East & so little done that our men became discouraged & hundreds on hundreds have left the Territory & others becoming careless & despairing. feeling all lost Congress talking & wrangling & doing nothing while we are suffering & the Country on the verge of civil war & time approaching when they are to adjourn & question after question thrown

into to obstruct the efforts of those that would
do — if they could — the people — ~~they~~
have become desperate. The course
pursued by the Missourians & Georgians — by
sending in small squads say from 50 to 250
Men & locating themselves at different points
— building fortifications — Concentrating provisions
Arms & Ammunition — has aroused the people
& now they have taken the business into their own
hands — this week a lot of 70 or 80 Men
with some others in the neighborhood attacked a place
& after severe fighting drove them out — got 1 Cannon
80 or 100 stands of arms & two waggon loads of provisions
also 3 Kegs Powder. — A day or two ago they planned
an attack on another place which was extremely well
fortified & we all expected there would be hard
fighting — Our leaders sent to to Col. Sedgwick (of the
Army) to remove the Missourians out of the Territory on
they, the Citizens of Kansas would — the answer
I did not hear — but our Men (about 4 or 500)
moved immediately to the attack & just as we were in
sight they took to their heels & run — leaving all
behind — we have ^{found} taken (to day) as we pressed on
& entered their works — 4 two horse waggon loads of
provisions any quantity of arms — Rifles mostly,
pistols & Bowie Knives. why they should leave
situated as they were I cannot conceive!
A Company of 60 Men could keep at bay

500 Men. — all we can say the wicked
flee when no man pursueth. — and Our God fights our
battles for us. Our Men have Commenced & they are
determined to Make Clean work of
it. There are several other parties
& many of them have Curron &
No doubt there will be some hard fighting
before it is done with — but it will be
done & Yet I hope this land will be cleaned from
the foul stain that our enemies & the real enemies
of Freedom & true welfare of man would put
upon it — But Satan never will give
up his Kingdom without a struggle

Truth & Liberty have even had to fight the
powers of darkness in all ages — and perhaps
we ought not to think we can be clean of the
same trial & struggle — that we should enjoy all ^{time} & sport
On beds of ease — when others in all ages have
suffered so much — I think when these trials
and difficulties come to account it as some
strange thing — & St. Peter encourages us 1st 4 & 12
v. 6 — which we in the Territory have had to in spirit
Make use of.

Business has been at a complete stand all
Summer — few Emigrants — the inhabitants of the
Territory worried out — Money all spent
mechanics — ^{mechanics} — ~~the~~ detained from work — thro' the agitation
of our Enemies — No Capital coming into the

Territory — has cause a state of things — that
has resulted in great — great deprivations
& a vast deal of suffering — should I
tell you you could not believe it or if
so could not realize it — It would
take pages to tell how these things work & how
suffering is produced — but we here feel
it. — there may be something done at
the east — but of the thousands contributed
there — pennies have not reached here.
— Our church — is almost broken up — on
the account of the agitations — but still
there is a small band meets at my house
for prayer twice a week & perhaps we can
preserve a little leaven whereby she can
be saved. — The Building where we are

to worship is in process of erection — when done
it will be an ornament to the place. — The Unita-
rians are building a church also. — George
Sarah and George are well — George
grows like a weed — it has been ex-
cessively dry & the crops are going to be
light — this winter will be one of
trial & suffering to Kansas — in various ways

Yours in haste O. W. March for which
The Books from your Society are rec^d for which
I thank you & when times gets a little settled
others who will use them will thank &
bless you too

Love to all your Family & Enquiring

friends

Lawrence K. T. 11/26 ¹⁶

Mr Thomas Edely my friend

Your letter was received this evening
One also to Sarah from William
— I was much surprised to
hear from William — I last
heard from him just as he was
going to start for S. Paul & Con-
sequently wrote to him — there

I had no idea of his coming
to the West — if I had I
should have suggested something
— but I did not open my mouth
as it might have made him
uneasy & possibly have raised
expectations that would not be
realized. Had he let me

known fully that he wanted to
come — I could have planned
it that he could have spent
the winter here & made money
& if our good neighbors the
Missourians would have let
us alone probably he might
think best to settle here —
— for it is a country take it
all in all — I think equal to any

on the face of the globe.

However it is well that he took a trip & see how things are — it will tend to correct his views of western pioneer life & should he come here — he will be better prepared to meet what, otherwise he might call difficulties.

— He speaks of Customs-habits & people — the he found different than at home — but here in this place & the Territory generally he would recognize — N. E. Customs habits &c. — he would be quite at home — In fact altho' so harassed as we have been — we keep up our institutions — Meetings — Singing schools — we have now a fine glee Club. — I shall have a school of Instrumental Music I think — violins — flutes — Guitars &c. this winter. — We are all on a common level — hale fellows well met. — We have 2 very fine large Meeting houses in process of erection — one will be dedicated probably early in the spring — we have a fine

Choir — equal to any almost you hear to the East — We shall not have an organ immediately — but shall before long — We shall have — violins flutes — a Bass horn & Sax horn to accompany the voices — the other Meeting house will not be ready so soon — they have a very fine toned bell which is here & they ring it every Sunday — And Oh believe me I could hardly keep the tears out of my eyes & my heart leaped for joy when I heard it ring ~~at~~ it was bro't into the place — It was the first Bell whose tones even broke the silence of the Prairie, in Kansas — If one Bell should produce such a feeling — what will it be when hundreds of such will reverberate over the vast plains, their joyful tones — Calling their thousands of intelligent worshippers a Sabbath morning? — Oh my heart leaps at the thought! — and if it is a free state and it must — and will be, ten years will produce a change — more than equal the stones of

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Fairy Lands — William
could he come here — mingle
with us — would catch the
inspiration — would feel he
was called to a high and
holy mission — and day,
weeks, months & years would
roll by — busy in great thoughts
and high purposes — his eye
fixed on the glorious future
— would feel he was living
to some ~~purpose~~ great end
that the East never could
present — Only think of it, — being
situated in the Centre — heart of a
vast Continent — in a land unequalled
for beauty or productiveness — peopled
by men drawn together to establish
a question that the whole earth with
its teeming millions are interested
in — Men of the most energetic
and enterprising character & for in
telligence — whether natural or acqui-
red — superior to any I ever associ-
ated with — why any young man
of the least aspiration for the welfare
of his race would feel himself en-
nobled by uniting with such companions!
The great question that rocks this
Country — the weal or woe of its millions
of inhabitants — Yea as I said before the
whole world — are hanging on the
result of the settlement of this ques-

The spring

tion — and is it not a honor⁵
— a privilege to be One to mingle
in the affairs & be One to give weight
in its settlement? — why, any Young
Man of the least patriotism &
more of Christian hope, — and
a sense of his responsibility to
the age in which he lives & more
to Christ — would count it, as
I said, a privilege & honor to be
One in such a Mighty Phalanx.
— And I have no doubt but William
heart beats to take part in this
Mighty Conflict — But we have
trials to meet — difficulties to over-
come — deprivations to suffer — that
those who stay to the East never
can appreciate — But those who
come for the love of the Cause
— count them but "light afflictions"
in comparison with prize to be
won. — Altho' I have had my trials
& suffered — but I have never
for a moment been sorry I came —
— I have made up my mind to stay
and see Kansas Free — or if I have
to flee — I shall flee west
Julia came with me — and be-
came interested in this great question
more and more as long as she lived
and can I turn my back to the cause?
— her resting place is on the majestic

roll — having an almost 'limitable'
view of the Prairies in every direc-
tion — for Miles & Miles around
— Commanding a view from 10
to 30 Miles in every ^{part of the Com-} ~~direction~~
pass — Can I ever think of
leaving? No! I have said "where
thou diest, will I die and there
will I be buried" — and so I
trust it will be.

Mr Eddy you spoke about Wm
might probably come here — I do not
wish to bias — or advise — for it is better for
every one to make up their minds for
themselves — but if he come he could not
but do well. — Industry Enterprise &
Economy will succeed any where and
in the West — a new Country — they
must prosper. — you spoke about
Capital —

Owing to Course pursued by the people
of Kansas City & Leavenworth — they have
alienated the feelings of the people of the
Territory to such a degree that they are
determined to have a part of entry of their
own. Consequently several men of cap-
ital have purchased a site for a town on
the Missouri River — just above where the
Kansas enters it — they say it is a beautiful
site for a town — and having the sympathy
of the Territory — it is bound to go ahead & it
will cut the other two places to the quick.
— It is to be divided into shares of \$120 Ea-
— Each one holds 10 Lots & it looks to me
to be an excellent chance to invest money
& if you should think favorable I
will make arrangements & secure it —
— it cannot but do well — Lots here
in Lawrence will be a good investment
in short one can hardly move amiss. Yours
O. Wilmart

I saw mention that you had
not heard from me lately
— I would say I wrote one
letter & sent by mail and one
I sent by George — which I
you will get

I wrote to William & directed
it to St Paul — I will write
to the Post Master there to have
it forwarded to William
Sarah is well

— The 20th Gov Geary appointed
to be a day of Thanks giving —

— The Ladies of Lawrence got
up a dinner & about 130 or 150
attended & we had a most
pleasant time

And now I would say
I have attended Legislative Meetings
& Literary festivals — where it
would be likely to see development
of talent — but here was a
promiscuous assembly — and it was
a subject of congratulation &
admiration to see (judging phre-
nologically) such an exhibition of
Intellect and Character
— I will venture to say no where
in the States could there be such
a body of men collected together
— And the Ladies were not

a whit behind — but however
of this I could not so well
judge — but for nobility
of Mind & purpose — the
people of Kansas must
take the Mead of praise

Circumstances altogether
call out such spirits & then
sift out the weak hearted
— and stern men of firm
purpose is left — So you see
Kansas will necessarily
be people by the right sort
— Is it not a privilege to be
one of the number? Could
any man — especially a young
man desire to mingle with
better men in society? I
think not... No State or Territory
offers the inducements that
Kansas does.

The goods & Charities from
the East are arriving & being
distributed — Making glad the
hearts of many a suffering fam-
ily — there is some complaint
in the distribution of them —
however, if the angels of Heaven
should officiate many would find
fault

Yours O.W.

Kansas, 1858

Lawrence Aug 6⁵⁸

Mr Tho's Eddy & Family
or Friends

a long time since I have ^{it is} heard
directly from any of you.

Should any one have told me
when I left that our Correspondence
would have been cut off & such
a lengthy silence ^{ensued} I should not
thought it possible.

Now it is with you I can
not say — but we have so
many exciting topics & so many
things going on — our minds
so occupied with passing events
that we become so absorbed that
— ~~that~~ the world — with all
its valuables — except so far as
is immediately under our eye
is lost to view for the time
being — we have had our
trials here in the Territory & you
who are so far off do not realize
"what we have passed thro' — nevertheless

to us — Yes and to the whole
United States — Yes and the
World — We have been waging
a war — fighting a battle
— & settling a principle — that
the welfare of all are to
be benefitted thereby — Our
Children are to reap the
reward of our sacrifice

I have in common with
my Kansian associates — suf-
fered — but could I see the
End as I see it now & had
to go thro the same — with all
its doubts & fears & Exposures
I would do the same —
— for I feel to glory that I
was Chosen to be a participator
— an actor in this great
Struggle for Freedom — Yes
and Freedom of Mankind —
— Here the Slave Power — has
received its death wound

from this time — the power
will be on the wane — Altho'
we may hear mighty thundering
— awful threatenings — & great
boastings — but "Mene, Mene,
teket Upharsen" is written on
the Institution.

Now we have a great
work before us — to build
up our social fabrics — & our
Religious & Scholastic Institutions
— and all the Etcetera of the
Comforts of Civilization — will
call forth the Efforts of the
Greatest Minds — — but God
who has been with us & protected
thus far — will not forsake
us now — Men for the
Emergency will be raised
up — Never fear — the
Cause of Liberty & Freedom have
got to prosper.

The result of this Election
the returns of which are in

The paper I enclose you to
day — will cause your hearts
to rejoice & will wake up the
Old Dynasty at Washington
& all of the Supporters & hangers
on throughout the Country
to a sense of the wrongs
they have endeavored to force
on us here & the Men who
have been instrumental in
deceiving them will be hurled
into oblivion — with an odour
about their names — that will
be a warning to all politicians
— pursuing a like course

— The prospects of Kansas
from this time will be cheering
— the people of the East with
their Capital will have con-
fidence to come — & be sure
— there is room enough for all
work, enough for all — & wealth
in a few years enough for all
that has a mind to come &
work — No place for idlers
or indolence — Activity is the "talisman
word" — Yours as ever O. Wilmant

Topeka July 15 1867

Mr Thomas Eddy or Friend

It is a long while since I have
heard from you: — Our corres-
pondence thro' some cause has
ceased — Who wrote last I cant
say — but that makes no difference.

— But do not think because
I have not written all this time
that I have not thought of you
— No do I regret your silence
to that cause: — For an acquain-
tance commenced as ours was con-
tinued for so many years — make
traces on the memory — Yes on the
heart that is never obliterated.
— Since I wrote — things have
moved on in the usual way
with me — the path of life since
I came to Kansas has been varied
& many trying scenes have I been
called to pass through — She that
was the delight of my eyes — My Julia

I shall be here till George gets well & then go to Lawrence

I have been called to literally
close her eyes in death & follow
her dear remains — to the grave
the destiny of all the living

On the lonely prairie of the
West — On the Plains of Kansas
her remains were deposited &
the prairie wind moans out
the requiem over her grave.

I have had a substantial fence
made to enclose the spot — it is
about two miles from Lawrence, on
a high roll of land — commanding
a view for miles & miles over the
country & a beautiful view of the
River of Kansas both up & down the
river — it is a hallowed spot
to me — I often go there — I
expect that to be my resting place,
— after a few years more of labor
and toil — But to my
duties — which now are to the
living. Sarah has married &
seems happy in her connection —
— Edward is & has been with me

in the stone ever since they made you
a visit — My business has
been fair since I have been here
— But you are aware we have
had all that a community could
cope with — Years was trouble
with our neighbors the Missourians
— the Government was against
us — we struggled on — the
East sympathized with us & assisted
& encouraged us — then the
drought came on — it seemed
that man — government — heaven
& earth were against us — again
the East came to our support
& we worried through the summer
& winter & now it seems we
are about to experience a blessing
of a beautiful crop — the wheat
is coming in well — Corn & every
thing that has been put into the ground
seems to warrant high hopes of
a rich crop — which will place