

October 26, 1943

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charles:

My son-in-law, McNalley, has been looking after a number of things for us in regard to Etoile's estate. He will soon make a trip to Macedonia to see about the disposition of that property.

He has ascertained that the common stock of the American Power and Light Company has a present value of \$2.75 a share. It is my impression that Etoile had one hundred shares. This can easily be verified by McNalley in corresponding directly with the American Power and Light Company. I think, however, that this stock will be found in Etoile's possessions. If so, will you please send it to me or to L. A. McNalley, Minneapolis, Kansas.

The second half of the taxes on the Macedonia property is now due--in fact, a little past due, but I shall not pay same until Mc has made a report of what he finds at Macedonia.

I know that you are exceedingly busy and I profoundly wish that you could secure someone at home competent to relieve you from some of the responsibility in looking after Julia. A man can stand only so much and is liable to crack if he doesn't take care of himself. Your duties are remarkably heavy and much depends upon your good judgment in handling the fuel supply for the American railroads.

In a letter not long ago, I submitted the words which I thought would be a proper inscription on a marker at Etoile's grave. Grayce has told me that this is satisfactory to her, and you can either ask Julia about it or not--just as you think best. These things do not matter a great deal, and I would not want to worry her. The wording suggested is as follows:

"In Loving Remembrance"

Etoile Bessie Simons
Born April 27, 1869
Died March 2, 1943

Please give Julia my love.

Your brother,