

January 25, 1943

Miss Doris Linville  
114 South Broadway  
St. John, Kansas

Dear Miss Linville:

I have before me your letter of January 23rd and I shall indeed be pleased to have my mother included in your effort. She was a graduate of Hillsdale College and held the first first-grade certificate ever issued in Hodgemann County.

Mrs. Kenyon evidently was in error or perhaps you have confused her references. I have no relative named Mrs. Mary J. Moody nor Mrs. Phoebe Smith. She may have intended to refer you to my sister, Mrs. Chas. H. Hoinville, 7539 Colfax Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with whom she is well acquainted.

We do have a diary that mamma kept in those early years, but it is of such an intimate nature in telling of the extremely hard times she experienced that I would hesitate to give it publication although I have always been proud of what she did.

Mrs. Hoinville began teaching when she was 13 years old and taught each year thereafter with possible exception of one or two years when she was in school. My sister is not in good health at this time, but I am sending her your letter in the hope that she will be able to give you the information you desire. I have listed eight schools which mamma taught and I am inclined to believe the list to be complete. I am sending this list to my sister for such correction or additions as may be necessary.

I hope she will be able to follow this up.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons.

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