

May 16, 1944

Mrs. L. A. McAlley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

You will note in tonight's paper a story about Ella Norton. Her sister, Mary Shanahan, was the one who loved you so much when you were about two years old and used to enjoy being with you. You were trying to get into their yard at the time you slipped and drove the sharp hinge into your forehead. Mary looks well, but naturally thirty-nine years have made rather marked changes. Her hair which used to be rather of a bright red is now quite dark, but seems natural, in its color. They had rather of a nice looking daughter with them who might have been in her late teens.

It was mighty sweet of you to send the corsage for Mother's Day. Gertie had floral greetings from three of the children, and I think something else from Dorothea. And those things are really appreciated--the thoughtfulness, the love and the beauty of the gift.

In paying the account to Stevenson's, I asked if he were the Stevenson who used to be in the E. W. Ober store when I was there about fifty-five years ago. I find that he was, that he started in business about 1896, that he remembers me and would be glad to have a visit some day when I am there. I told him that I hoped this would not be the last opportunity I would have for sending him a check.

We have made no definite plans yet for the summer. I wish you could be here and see how nice the house looks. It has been painted white with a green roof and looks nice both inside and out although there are places where there is always something to do. We cut back the shrubs last year to such an extent that I wondered whether we would have anything left, and while the bushes are much smaller than usual, so far they are simply a mass of blossoms. If we had a competent yard man, it would take a lot of responsibility from your mamma. As soft spoken as she is, I think that when she looks at the incompetency of her yard man, she is willing to join with General Sherman in declaring that war is hell.

We are expecting to leave tomorrow for a few days in Tulsa, and it is a part of our plans to follow that up with a visit to you, but that will be after you have seen Dr. Curran. We would have lots of things to talk about were we together. I love you very much and also your fine family.

Affectionately,

WCS:df

Your Dad

April 24, 1944

Mr. Dolph Simons
Waldorf Astoria
New York City, New York

Dear Dolph:

While I was at lunch, long distance notified us that somebody named Harrison, spelling out the name, wanted to talk to us collect from New York. The girls, sensing that it might be from you, said that our Dolph Simons was at the Waldorf Astoria, and for them to try to get connections again as the first connections had been broken. Later we received your wire. I called Ottawa, and the young lady on the line said that they were going to press but that they might be a little late. I asked her about the situation at Hutchinson, and she said they had heard no bad news from there. I understand that the water yesterday was in the street in front of the Herald building.

Abe Holcom said that he had never seen the Wakarusa higher than it was yesterday. It was up to one corner of his house. Pretty nearly everything between the Wakarusa and the hill south of our house was under water. A herd of cattle, some thirty in number, was marooned on a dike yesterday morning, and Haskell, by means of a flat boat, herded them back to land although they had to swim part of the way. It is now 2:20 and the Wakarusa has gone down four feet.

The Kaw River kept rising until about 11 o'clock last night when it registered 23.3. It broke thru at Lakeview which may have hindered a further rise, but by 5 o'clock this morning, it had gone down about one-tenth of a foot. At 2 o'clock today it had receded six inches. As usual the Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, police, Home Guard, Salvation Army, and the military and naval units at the University cooperated both in maintaining the dike at the north end of the bridge and in feeding the workers. I understand some 500 persons were engaged in sustaining the dike.

The Wakarusa will recede slowly because it empties into the flooded Kaw and there is no other place for it to go.

Everything is moving along nicely. Mrs. Cecil found the work a little too hard for her age, and the girls in the office very

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graciously gave her a nice corsage when she left. Mabel is back on the job today.

The boys are fine and we are enjoying them. Dolph took lunch with me today.

Pat and Blanche are marooned for the present. Union Pacific, Rock Island, Santa Fe, and Missouri Pacific trains used the Union Pacific track yesterday until a section went out near Lenape. There have been no trains either in or out of Lawrence today.

The newsroom tells me that they think the road is open as far as Topeka on the south side and that No. 10 is open to Kansas City on the south side. I hardly see how this can be true with the Wakarusa flooded, but the roadbed is high and perhaps that is one of the reasons why the bottoms are so easily flooded this year. No mail arrived in Lawrence today.

Your cards to the boys came this morning.

Everything is running along fine and we want you to have a good time.

Lots of love to you and Marie,

Dad

WCS:df

May 16, 1944

Mrs. Harry Johnson
Dewson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

I read all of your letters with interest, but let your mamma do most of the writing. We think and talk of each member of your family from your big bulldozing husband to your little bulldozing three year old, and I still feel that last Christmas we let Lance get the worst of it when Charles socked him, and we did not permit Lance to sock him back.

I am sincerely in hopes that the way things have shaped up that Harry will not be called for military service. I really feel that he is doing a mighty responsible job in arranging for the lumber supply for the several communities under the direction of himself and Dee.

I am glad that Dorothy is back and hope that everything is well with Carl.

Give best regards to Bud and his wife. We were very much pleased with her.

As you know, we hope to leave tomorrow to spend a few days with Blanche and family.

I hope it will not be long until you can come down and bring the boys. I need them to help in the garden.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:df

May 16, 1944

Mrs. Walter Gregg
1901 Parkdale Pl.
Montrose, California

Dear Calla:

When you signed off in your last letter of some weeks ago, I thought there was rather a note of dejection. If so, I hope that it has since been effaced, and you are as happy and ebullient as ever. If you think that is too strong a word for it, I hope that you are okay in every way.

Everything looks rather pretty out at our home. We have repainted the house white, with a green roof, and have a world of flowers, but it is a big job to look after things especially so now when competent help is so difficult to secure.

I simply wanted you to know you still have a cousin who cares for you and wishes you well.

Affectionately,

Your Cousin

WCS:df

May 16, 1944

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 3--Tree Tops
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

Apparently spring just passed out this year and our long continued winter finally surrendered to summer. It has been dry long enough now so that we could find a shower useful although I suspect that the farmers would rather have it hold off a while longer as the fields have been too wet to work in many instances.

We think and talk a lot about Gull Lake, and I am quite sure some of us will be up there, but just who and how long, I am unable to state.

I found from McKeown that according to his books I didn't have any holdings up there at all. He had your holdings correct, but had all the rest in the name of Dolph. A letter received yesterday in answer to one from me was still incorrect in the way that it was written, but the little penciled sketch that accompanied it was correct, so I returned both the letter and sketch to see that the records are as they should be. It was fortunate that this came up while your humble servant ~~was~~ still here, as it might have been a little annoying for someone else to correct.

Julia's grave and the lot where John Louis lies are beautiful--a mass of fine sod with plants in blossom and peonies that will be in bloom shortly. I think probably the peonies will have blossomed and will be gone before Memorial Day arrives which is two weeks from today. At the lot where ^{as mama said} papa are, we have three peonies ready to blossom and some other plants. 1

You would hardly know Dolph Jr. on account of the great development he has made in the past year and you would doubtless find quite a difference also in John.

Certie is entertaining her club of eight ladies this afternoon and for the first time is having the table set entirely with her Dewdrop and Button pattern. She now has eight plates, at least eight goblets and compotes, sauce dishes, etc.

Mrs. Don A. Freeman

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We were glad to get the old castor and was fortunate in finding another bottle or container for the one odd container that was with the castor.

Gertie and I leave tomorrow to spend about a week with Blanche and family in Tulsa.

Bus came mighty near being drawn for service a while back when they were yanking the fathers in by wholesale, but they did not get to his number until the loosening up order came, so I think the chances are very good that he will not have to serve. He and his brother-in-law, the latter not being eligible for military service, have the responsibility of keeping six lumber yards in operation, and these lumber yards in turn are meeting the every day requirements of the six neighborhoods.

So far as we know all of the grandchildren are well and happy.

I don't know of anything else that would be of particular interest to you.

I had a nice little visit with Grant Utley of Cass Lake. He is very loyal to Don. He told us that Don was a candidate for the legislature. I know he would be glad to be elected, but on the other hand maybe it would be better for him if he could ease up. That seems to be the hardest thing for him to do.

We love you a lot and will be with you all the time that we can.

Lovingly,

Your Brother

WCS:df

May 16, 1944

Miss Lillian Cowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

Looking over the temperatures reported from day to day, I find that Minneapolis is enjoying bright, growing days the same as we are here, and I am sure the white house on the corner looks as pretty and hospitable as ever.

If you were here I could imagine you sitting out on the lawn digging dandelions, but I don't believe they are as big a pest in Minneapolis as they are here.

We are hoping to spend some time, perhaps July and August, in Minneapolis, but have made no definite plans as yet. If we do come, we shall certainly try to see you, even if I have to make a special trip to the twin cities to do it.

Everything is looking beautiful here; aside from the fact the wet weather delayed a great deal of early planting, the prospects are good for the farmer and gardner.

Now if the hands are tender, just address the envelope and enclose a cross mark. If it is a single cross mark, I will know you are okay. If you put two crosses on it, then I will worry about you.

Lovingly,

Your Brother Cousin

*I recently read a letter from
Uncle Louis, written about
29 years ago. It was a good
letter and I saved it.*

WCS:df

May 16, 1944

Mrs. Kathryne Drought
1417 North Blackstone
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryne:

I presume the^y spring or summer has arrived in Michigan as it has here. Trees are in full foliage, grass is luxuriant, and the flowers never were prettier.

I hope that your health will revive as do the flowers and that the painful days of the winter will give way to the cheerful and robust, healthful activity of the season.

I hope that everything is moving along well with you, Eugene, and Willard and family.

I think I told you about having a letter from Loren Cowdy and about giving him some information about his Cowdy relatives.

With best wishes, I remain

Your Loving Cousin

WCS:df

June 7, 1944

Mr. Chas. D. Stough
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois

Dear Mary Jule:

Find enclosed your note of August 10th, 1940, marked paid in full and also a check from The World Company for \$5.00. When your first payment was made in November, '41, I told Mr. Moody to credit everything that was paid on the note as principal because we did not want to accept interest on this accommodation. I thought that it might give you more enjoyment to know of our purpose when the note was paid in full than to have us tell you about it earlier.

We shall be very glad to see you when you come, and I think that things have already turned somewhat for the better with your family. I haven't seen Margaret, but your Aunt Gertrude tells me that she is here and is looking well. It has been rather of a hard drag upon the C. D. Stough Sr. family to have the mother away and the grandmother sick.

I think C. H. Hoinville is coming along manfully. Anyone can give up and break down, but it takes a man to go ahead and carry on as Charlie has done.

I have lately had my house painted by Dave Pugh, 1128 Pa. He has given us conscientious work at a moderate price. I don't know that he has a spray outfit, but perhaps he is in a position to get one or to have someone do the work for you. Now that I have told you about him, you may write him direct or I will contact him for you if you wish me to do so.

It looks now as if there would be very few members of our family in Chicago. Dolph and Marie will be there, but it will be necessary for them to have hotel accommodations with the Kansas delegation in order to keep in touch with what is going on. I think possibly McNalley, who was a delegate to the convention four years ago, may be there. I am sure Dolph, Marie and Me will all want to be in touch with you while they are there.

Dorothea and her boys are with us this week. The boys are certainly bright, healthy, and full of ginger.

Give my regards to Charles and kiss Vera for me.

Lovingly,

WCS:df

Your Uncle

Order of Memorial Exercises

in the

House of Representatives

Wednesday, May 31, 1944

at 11:45 a. m.

Memorial Service Program

May 31, 1944

Prelude—Sacred Selections (11:30–12:00)—

United States Marine Band Orchestra

Presiding Officer—

The Speaker of the House of Representatives

Invocation—The Chaplain, Dr. James Shera Montgomery

There Is No Death (Geoffrey O'Hara)—

Corporal Glenn Darwin

Scripture Reading and Prayer The Chaplain

Roll of Deceased Members—

The Clerk of the House of Representatives

DEVOTIONAL SILENCE

Address Honorable Jerry Voorhis
Representative from the State of California

Hymn Corporal Glenn Darwin

Address Honorable Karl E. Mundt
Representative from the State of South Dakota

Taps Musician Edward Masters

Benediction The Chaplain

In Memoriam

SENATE

Honorable W. Warren Barbour, a Senator from the State of New Jersey.
Died November 22, 1943.

Honorable Frederick Van Nuys, a Senator from the State of Indiana.
Died January 25, 1944.

Honorable Charles L. McNary, a Senator from the State of Oregon.
Died February 25, 1944.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Honorable Ulysses Samuel Guyer, 2d Congressional District of Kansas.
Died June 5, 1943.

Honorable Francis D. Culkin, 32d Congressional District of New York.
Died August 4, 1943.

Honorable Edward Wester Creal, 4th Congressional District of Kentucky.
Died October 13, 1943.

Honorable J. William Ditter, 17th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.
Died November 21, 1943.

Honorable Henry Bascom Steagall, 3d Congressional District of Alabama.
Died November 22, 1943.

Honorable Lawrence Lewis, 1st Congressional District of Colorado.
Died December 9, 1943.

Honorable William Howard Wheat, 19th Congressional District of Illinois.
Died January 16, 1944.

Honorable Leonard W. Schuetz, 7th Congressional District of Illinois.
Died February 13, 1944.

Honorable Thomas H. Cullen, 4th Congressional District of New York.
Died March 1, 1944.

Honorable James A. O'Leary, 11th Congressional District of New York.
Died March 16, 1944.

House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

John R. Murdock, *Chairman*

Mary T. Norton

James V. Heidinger

Corporal Glenn Darwin (Baritone) - Army Air Forces Band
(Sergeant Virgil Fox, Accompanist)

United States Marine Band Orchestra,
Captain William F. Santelmann, Conducting

June 5, 1944

Mrs. U. S. Guyer
George Washington Inn
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Guyer:

I appreciate your kindness in sending me the Order of Memorial Exercises in which a fitting tribute was paid to your good husband.

I recall that many times he was called upon to deliver orations upon the death of other members of the House. He had long and honorable service in the Second District and everyone speaks well of him. He served thru a very difficult period in which the opposition was so limited that it could do but little, and yet it was necessary to maintain opposition.

Mrs. Simons and the other members of my family join with me in remembering him and you in a most kindly manner.

We enclose a notice which appeared in our paper on June 1st.

With very best wishes, I remain

Cordially,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.

691 The Alameda,
Berkeley, 7, Calif.
February 7, 1944

Dear Mr. Simons,

I thought you might be interested in knowing that on January 21 dad caught a 207 pound Marlin from Zane Gray's boat off the coast of New Zealand. He said that it took him thirty-five minutes to land the big boy and that his hands were a mass of blisters and he had acquired a terrific sun burn. There were six men in the party including the skipper of the boat who has taken many famous people out to deep-sea fish. Dad was the only one to land anything and he was disappointed that it was such a small fish since they do go up to 800 pounds or better; however, he did admit that this little fellow gave him about all the fight that he wanted.

Dad is back in Melbourne now or at least we presume he is. He made several Rotary speeches while in New Zealand. Speaking of New Zealand he said it is a beautiful place and has told mother to start saving for a vacation trip out there after the war. He said it is a land without slums or poverty and the country is some of the prettiest in the world.

We enjoyed the photographs of Mrs. Simons very much. Mother will write soon and thank her.

Yours sincerely,

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John Baldwin

Montrose, May 24, 44.

Collie, dear:

Your precious letter received-the most heart warming thing I've experienced in a long time. For while I can say with all due modesty that I have a few very dear people who think very highly of me, I have never, in my life, had a finer tribute than your, my childhood playmate, as well as my dear cousin. And it was so unlooked for! But I see you are like me in ~~an~~ one respect. I always try to give people "their flowers now", not on their caskets.

Walter and Norma who are both very warm hearted persons, were so pleased with what you said, too. But Walter wondered if you thought HE was to blame for the "dejection" you noticed. However, I can assure you that if a better man lives, I have never met him.

I did not know that my letter sounded dejected, but since you have said it, I will tell you what my REAL sorrow is, that my talented daughter, who has been acclaimed a real genius not only by great audiences but by artists of the stage and screen, as well as producers... A famous Hungarian ~~man~~ musician and composer, said, when he met Norma in N. Y., where she was writing songs for a revue, "Miss Gregg, you are the finest potential woman composer I have ever met. Your music has the virile touch of a man's. Why don't you sign your compositions, N. Gregg, so they will think a man wrote them?" She replied that she wanted the world to know WOMEN could do things, too. The head of the largest booking agency in N. Y. told Norma, after seeing the show, that SHE had the only tunes in the show. And she was the only woman ~~w~~ writer.

But she cannot get to first base, as far as real money is concerned, now, because she is not a Jew. There have been TWO articles in the Post, recently, written by JEWS, mind you, that have stated that unless you are in this inner clique (of course, they do not say "of Jews", but every informed person knows that is the case) no matter how much merit your songs have, you do not have a Chinaman's chance to get them before the radio public, or in the theatres, any more. The Jews have even bought up the music publishing houses, all of the big ones, at least, and they hire their own singers on a salary basis (and most of them are Jews) and if YOU send in a song, they return it unopened. You have to have a ~~singer~~ singer with a big name to sing it, and they are undercontract to these people.

We have a Jewish friend of 24 years standing who is a millionaire, and president of an oil company. He is a great admirer of Norma's ability and when she told him of this condition, he said, "Well, I'll show you what I will do". You see, he was a close friend of one of the Warner Bros. and had given them a lot of money to help get a lot of Jew refugees into this country. So he wrote a letter to Jack Warner, and sent him a copy of Norma's "Fellow Americans, Stand Pat" which has been a knockout wherever it has been and the Head of the Marine Band at San Diego, thought so well of it that, ~~an~~ UNSOLICITED, he had a band arrangement made of it, and played it seven times in one afternoon, with Norma as the guest of honor. But this Jewish friend of ours, NEVER EVEN GOT A REPLY from his letter. And WAS HE FURIOUS! He said they would never get any money from HIM. But that shows you what Norma is up against. She should be a millionaire, with her diversity of talents. For she writes the music, the lyrics, to her songs, dialogue for artists of the stage; she even writes her own harmonies, and Gertrude, who, I understand, is a musician, will know that writing harmony is a business in itself.

One time, when she was just a little school girl, we had a theatre in Milwaukee, and in our orchestra, was a wonderful piano player, who used to come in after the matinee, and practice. Norma, loving music, used to sit beside him and listen. Everytime he came back for the night show, Norma would be PLAYING what he had practiced, entirely by ear. So one time he was playing Rachmininoff Prelude, which is SOME HING for even a musician. And he said, "Well, kid, you won't be playing THAT when I come back tonight." But when he came back, I was in the box office, and he heard the "prelude being played.. He said, "Who is playing that?" I told him Norma was. He pounded

his hand down on the ticket window and said, "I'd give ten thousand dollars for that kid's idea of harmony." At another time, she had written a song for publication, by Will Rossiter, a well known publisher at that time, and she thought when he bought the tune, and the words, that was all he wanted. And she started off with a girl friend, but Mr. Rossiter said, "Here, come back! I want you to give me your 'Victor Herbert' to that number. And again Gertrude will know that was, indeed, praise. And a young man here who had studied harmony for ten years, corrected her for playing a car ain harmony. She would not give in that she was wrong. So he went to his authority, and, sure enough, she was right. He said, 'I dont know how you do it. I have studied harmony for ten years, and you never studied it at all, and yet you KNOW it.'"

She wrote an East Indian fantasy, that was produced here at the Ambassador Theatre. They sent for her from Seattle to do it. And when Lady Kidman heard it she said, "Have you ever been to India, Norma?" Nor said she hadnt. And Lady Kidman said, Well, I dont know how you do it, but in your music, you have caught the very spirit of India."

She has written a lot of beautiful songs, high class ones, exquisite melodies, and haunting words. She has written a Chinese operetta that was produced in Indianapolis, at the finest theatre there at that time; with a cast of 35 people ~~xxx~~ a great orchestra and she sang the leading part, she has written songs for artists. When she was married, she was averaging \$2,000 a month writing songs for artists who wanted special numbers, not what everybody was singing. That was when vaudeville was tops. She got \$500 a song, and wrote about one a week. You see, we lived in a hotel next door to the Keith Theatre, and we knew most of the actors who came there, anyway. She wrote one song for a little eccentric dancer that the girl's mother said was worth \$1,000, but she couldnt afford to pay that. Norma gave her the ~~xx~~ song for \$350, and the girl got into the finest big time theatres because of that song. Norma hadnt asked for \$1,000, but this woman of her own accord had said the song was worth that. The girl made the grade and Norma was glad.

I could tell you of many other ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ outstanding successes she has had. One studio said to a friend of hers, Miss Gregg is a clever and prolific writer, and if I had a chance to do it, I would put her in here if only as a piano player as a start, but he couldnt "crash the barrier".

It seems a cruel shame that an American girl whose ancestors made this so good a place to come to that ~~xxxx~~ the aliens will resort to any trick ~~xx~~ and lie and cheat to get into this country, while she is shut out of her rightful heritage by these same aliens.

She married the wrong man, too. Of the two army officers who wanted her, she picked one who was everything but a good husband, when the one she turned down was a charming young man we all loved. Her husband was a Rhodes scholar, an Oxford graduate, and could bend from the waist with the most graceful gesture, but she was engaged to him before he went to war, while the other boy had not quite finished his training. She loved him the best, & found it out after the other had gone away. She wrote Allan & asked him to release her from her promise. He refused. I told her to marry the other boy anyway but she said everybody would say, "When the man goes away his girl marries the one who was on the spot. So she let him go, and has been sorry ever since. He went away & never came back, & though she has had many chances to marry, she cant seem to make up her mind to try again. And we are sorry.

Julia met her husband when they were honeymooning in Chicago. He said something about his preference for the Southern cause (still fighting the Civil war. He was from Kentucky) and Julia sat upon him very nicely with the "retort courteous", and that was that. I could go into detail about her unhappy married life, but you have been bored enough, I think. But the fact she went from \$2,000 a month to a husband making \$40. a week as a Prof. of English, shows she wasnt looking for money, doesnt it?

Now, will you please send me a few copies of your paper? I'd like to know what kind of paper you publish. God bless and keep you, now and always.

Calla

May 25, 1944

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Charlie:

Have your letter of May 23rd, and we shall be very happy to have you with us for as long a time as you can spare on Decoration Day or at any other time.

As we have previously told you, Julia's grave is being well cared for and is covered with blossoming plants.

We are interested in Mary Jule and Vera. I think Vera is a beautiful child and very promising. I haven't heard very much regarding Charlie Stough for some little time. Mary Jule is a mighty fine little woman, and I think it is fine that she can not only be with you, but has been able to put in part of her time teaching which helps keep away loneliness.

We appreciate very much your kindness to John. I think it is making all the difference in the world to him, and that probably the change in location and the outings you have given him have meant more than any medical attention, he could have received. He is a splendid fellow at heart, thoroughly honest, self-reliant and appreciative.

Gertie and I returned yesterday after having spent a full week with Blanche and Pat in Tulsa. If you are ever in that neighborhood, be sure to see them as they would be delighted to have you in their home.

Love to all,

Your Brother

WCS:df

May 17, 1944

Dr. J. Russel Wickey
Belleville, Illinois

Dear Rusty:

How are you and yours? I haven't anything special to say, but you are a very important relative, as you know, in more ways than one.

I wish that you and the family could drop in on us some time this summer, letting us know in advance when you are going to be here because the place looks beautiful.

Certie and I are leaving tonight to spend a few days with Blanche in Tulsa.

Children and grandchildren are all well.

One thing the New Deal has accomplished and that is to make the people less fearful of hell. We have so much irritation and interference under this administration that it might be esteemed a pleasure by many to stoke coal in hades for a while as a matter of rest and recreation.

Pass my love on to Mimi, the girls and the third generation.

Lovingly,

Your Cousin

WCS:df

Stevenson's

Salina—Manhattan

5-15-44

W. C. Simmons
Lawrence Ki

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th before me
and I am the one you refer to
as I was working for Aber at this time.
I remember you very well especially
when you were attending the Washington
I started in business Mar 1st 1896
and have been pushing the place
ever since. Hope we will have
the pleasure of meeting some time.

Yours truly

W. B. (Mac) Thomson

May 2, 1944

Dr. W. A. Elliott
The First Baptist Church
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Dr. Elliott:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy
of your church bulletin for April 30th.

I congratulate you and the church for the
many years of splendid service that you have
had together. I consider you the Dean of the
Baptist ministry in Kansas. You have been
kindly, level headed, and forward looking.

I know that you are held in very high
esteem by the Baptist ministers of Kansas, and
I have enjoyed my personal friendship with you
and with Mrs. Elliott.

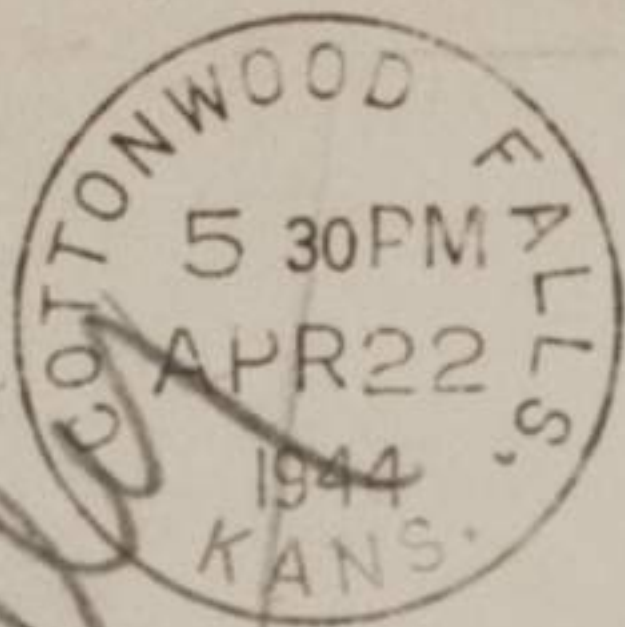
Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

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Box 24
Cottonwood Falls, Kans

New mother




Wathrop

Return for reply

World Company
Lawrence
Kansas

Lieutenant and Mrs. Paul B. Dobbs
announce the birth of a son,
Paul Bennett Dobbs, Junior
on Friday, the fourteenth of April
Nineteen hundred forty-four
Embora, Kansas

April 27, 1944



Lt. and Mrs. Paul B. Dobbs
Box 24
Cottonwood Falls, Kansas

Dear Folks:

All of us are delighted to know
that you now have a little son who
will carry on the name of his daddy.

If he is a fair cross between
his handsome mamma and his manly dad,
he will be okay from the start.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

April 26, 1944.

Mr. C. A. Carlson,
Sunset Home,
Concordia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We received the abstract on the Miller property
and gave it to our abstractor to be brought up to date.
It was returned to us last night and I gave it to the
Lawrence Realty Co. this morning. *\$5.25*

We are enclosing statement for the work done by
the abstractor. If you care to send the check in payment
back to us we shall see that it is paid.

Very truly yours,

THE WORLD COMPANY,

Business Office.

702 Vermont Street, Lawrence, Kansas
May 16, 1944

~~DEAR XMR~~

Mr. Simons:-

I have never gotten over the shock I received when I learned YOU had gone so strongly UNITARIAN. Those of us Baptists who are aware of the present situation in our denomination know how those with Unitarian beliefs have been "boring from within", but to think that you of all men could be caught is almost too much to believe.

I am enclosing a copy of the "Watchman-Examiner", April 27th. It will give the expression of the Bible-Believing Baptists expressed far better than I could do. I pray it will be of some benefit to you. I would like it returned by Saturday.

You will receive the magazine by mail for 20 weeks beginning in the near future. It was paid for from our tithe money and we pray it is well spent (Matthew 13: 3-8).

Yours for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom in Lawrence,

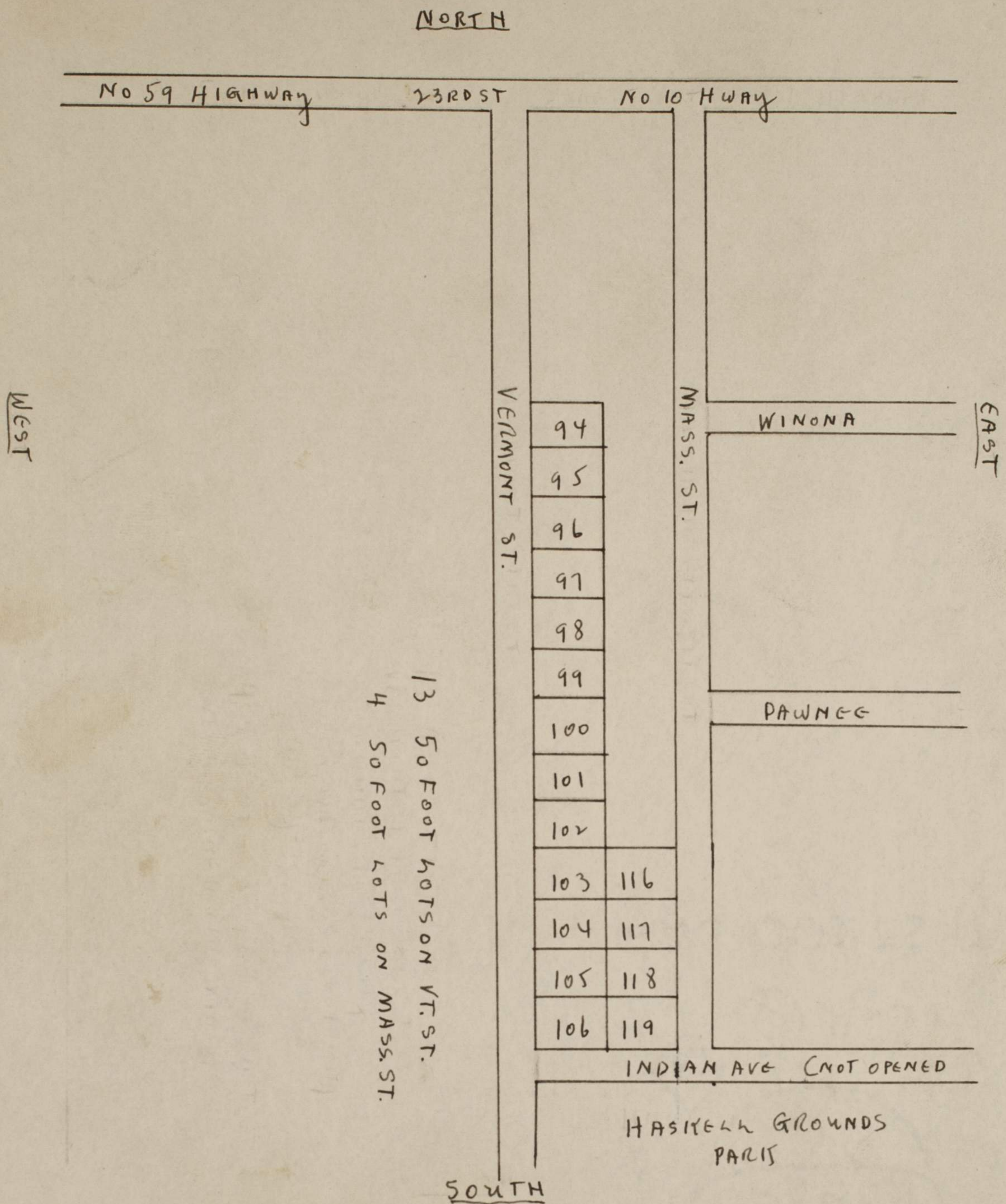
Floyd H. Wray

Answer:

You are wrong as usual. I am still a Baptist who is interested in and works for the church. Who are you to question me? Again I say, the teachings of Christ are so beautiful and helpful, why should we not all support them instead of wrangling. I thank you for sending the paper, but return it herewith as it might become displaced.

Signed: W. C. Simons

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Main St. facing east
well drained, fine view

Leavenworth St

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Wmoria St

East

Pawnee St

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Indian Ave (unopened)

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Park

THE SUNSET HOME

"BAPTIST HOME OF REST FOR THE AGED"



CONCORDIA, KANSAS

April 21, 1944

Mr. W. C. Simons
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

Permit me first of all to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your interest in the Home by the way you are handling the deal in selling the Miller property.

I am enclosing herewith the abstract, and of course if there be any unpaid taxes the home will pay them.

The Warranty Deed is also made out and I mail that today to Dr. Elliott for his signature. I will ask him to mail the Deed to you after he has signed his name.

*4/21/44
abstract given
to Frank Banks
to bring up to date*

Sincerely yours

C. A. Carlson

C. A. Carlson.

April 25, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons
Waldorf Astoria
New York City, New York

Dear Dolph and Marie:

I told Jack this morning that I could hardly understand how business keeps up under present conditions. We have not had a train into Lawrence since Monday morning at 3 o'clock when the Union Pacific went out near Lenape. I think the trucks are coming thru because so far there has been no shortage of meats and groceries.

Jack tells me that in spite of _____ and high water and the fact that we have only twenty-five days of publication in April, five of which are on Saturdays, nevertheless we are going to show an increase for the month.

Grace told me today that the Rev. Mr. Smith was getting a little behind on some of his collections and thought perhaps she should get someone to help, and I approved of her purpose to talk it over with Mr. Smith. As a result she is going to ask McPheeters to try to collect on one route and Smith will try to handle about four others that have not yet been collected.

We had a long wire from M & O this morning stating that they were going to manufacture a thirty pound newsprint at an increased price of \$4.00 per ton. We figured it out that the increased price and the lessening of the weight would just about balance one another and that we would be slightly ahead on the lessened weight of our mailings. I wired the company that we would try it out in order to cooperate and if satisfactory, we would continue the light weight for duration.

As I told you by wire yesterday, I called the Ottawa Herald and offered any assistance that they might need. I was glad to be informed that they were going to be able to handle the situation themselves.

The weather department in Kansas today promises rather heavy rainfall for the eastern part of the state. If the rain really

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comes, it is going to be too bad although I think the gap in the dike in North Lawrence has been fortified.

I am writing this letter with the consciousness that it may not reach New York while you are there. The noon mail today consisted of two copies of the Kansan and an envelope from the University.

The Rotary Ann party last night was enjoyable. Laudon's pictures were fine and gave us an idea of the almost impossible problem of laying a pipe line to the oil fields of Northern Canada that will be able to stand the terrific changes in temperature to which that region is subject.

Pat and Blanche, Eileen and friend they brought with them, Miss Harriet _____, left at about noon today. They expected to go south to 50 and west to 75. I doubt if they will get thru and they certainly won't if it continues to rain.

Burlington is being subjected to the highest water it has had in sixty years.

Everybody is happy at the office and the work is moving smoothly. We are enjoying the boys.

Love,

Your Father

WCS:df

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April 24, 1944

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HERE.

W.C. SIMONS

Loren J. Gowdy

April 12 1944
227 El Dorado Street
El Cerrito California

Dear Cousins

Just found your letter and see it has been ~~more than~~ almost two months since you wrote. I intended to write but the time just gets goes by so quickly I don't see where it goes. I expect if some one were here and watched they would see I was putting in lots of time playing and fooling with the baby.

Kathryn's Aunt Fennie is Loren's mother she lives at San Ysidro Calif. Is W.C. Gowdy Loren's father's, father? yes

No It just ~~don't~~ seem possible Leland can be grown and in the service. He talked like he was having some pictures taken if he does will send you one, also one of the baby before long.

Loren hadn't seen Charlotte for nineteen years until last year and I had never met her. She has a girl not quite a year younger than Leland they sure thought alot of each other. She is the only girl cousin Leland has that's any ways near his age. He only has one other and

she is only about seven years old.

The time we stopped at your office we were living in Olathe Kansas I believe - We met your son Dolph and family and enjoyed our visit with them very much.

Loren is working in a warehouse out here it is all inside work too. It is steady work and very much easier and cleaner than he had then. He is being transferred over to Richman Calif. this next week he will be foreman there.

It surely has been swell weather out here this winter it froze ice at night for about a week, but the days were beautiful.

It is almost time for Loren to come home for supper so will close for this time. Hoping this finds you folks all well.

With Love

Your Cousins
Loren & Clara

April 18, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Loren F. Cowdy
227 El Dorado Street
El Cerrito, California

Dear Cousins:

I have received your letter of April 12th, and I take pleasure in giving you a brief outline of Loren's ancestors. He was the son of Ed Cowdy whose father was William Collins Cowdy, son of Collins Cowdy, my grandfather.

There were four generations of James Cowdys preceding Collins Cowdy and the first Cowdy in America was Simon Cowdy who originally came to Boston from the north of Ireland shortly after the year 1700. The Cowdy family was located in Scotland in Ayrshire for some 400 years and the record of the family under various forms of the name Cowdy runs back to about the year 850--nearly 1,100 years ago.

A genealogy of the Cowdy family was issued about twenty years ago in two volumes.

My grandfather, Collins Cowdy, was named for his grandmother Ann Collins, and she in turn was a descendant of William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth Colony.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins Cowdy were the parents of twelve children, six of whom died in infancy or early youth. Those growing to maturity were: Harrison Cowdy who left no children; Louis Cowdy who had three daughters of whom one--Lillian--is now living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; William Collins Cowdy came next whose only children to leave families were Mrs. Calla Cowdy Potts, now deceased, and Ed Cowdy. Next came mamma, Jennie Bessie Cowdy who married Adolphus E. Simons, and who had five children, only two of whom survive--myself and my sister, Mrs. Grayce Freeman. My brother, Louis Simons, was survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gordon Blackhurst of Ogden, Utah. My oldest sister, now deceased, had one child, also deceased, but is survived by a granddaughter, Mrs. Chas. D. Stough, now of Chicago. My sister, Etoile Bessie, was unmarried, and Mrs. Freeman has no children. Myself and wife had five children--four of whom survive, each being married and having children.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren F. Gowdy Page Two

April 18, 1944

Dr. A. S. Cowdy left no children, and Joseph Cook Cowdy is survived, I think, by three daughters. You might be interested in knowing that the wife of Joseph Cook Cowdy was named Clara.

If you will preserve this letter, it will give you some idea of your ancestors.

I never saw Charlotte but once when she was perhaps five or six years old. She was a very beautiful brown-eyed little girl with blond hair.

Thank you for your very good letter.

With love,

Your Cousin

WCS:df

April 14, 1944

Mr. J. B. Eakin
Box 306
Santa Rosa, New Mexico

Dear Jess:

I think you are a better letter writer than I am in that you give more news. I was glad to read your letter of March 13th.

Mamma, Grandfather Cowdy, Julia, Etoile, and Louis are all buried in Oak Hill Cemetery here at Lawrence. Pappa who had died in Minneapolis was moved here many years ago, and Julia's daughter Vera and Vera's daughter Sally are also buried here, so that Lawrence is really the place for their homecoming.

It was 52 years ago the 14th of last December since we arrived in Lawrence.

In speaking of others who are buried here, I might also mention that a good many years ago the remains of Grandmother Cowdy, which had been buried near their home in Hodgeman were brought here and placed near her husband.

The spring has been late, with many snows in March and continued rainfall. For a time we had a deficiency in moisture and now we have quite a surplus above the average for the year so far. Wheat which had a bad start is coming out better than expected. Pastures will be lush. The oats crop will be short because of late planting. The low price of chickens and eggs may cause a decrease in production this year and the same may be true in beef cattle. Last year many tried to raise some beef and the market broke in the fall so that they not only failed to make a profit, but lost on their cash investment.

I don't care how wise the people in Washington are, I think it is impossible for chaps 2,000 miles away to successfully tell a Kansas farmer what he must sow on his south 40 or how many pigs he can raise, etc., etc. The farmer right on the ground who has made a study of these things for years often finds it hard to know what to do, but these wise guys in Washington would give God a vacation and attempt to run the universe if they had the opportunity.

I do not believe that I shall ever make another visit to Hodgeman after having been away for about 56 years because I would return as a stranger. Write me again when the spirit moves you. With very best wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely

WCS:df

W. C. Simons

April 14, 1944

Miss Lillian Cowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis 8, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

I was very glad to get your letter and to know that you still have your chin up. I think it is a whole lot better to face the music than to try to dodge it. I trust that you will have the best summer that you have had for some time.

There is not very much for me to tell you this time. Dolph has been selected as one of the two delegates from the Second District in Kansas to the Republican National Convention which meets in Chicago. He will attend the convention and I am sure will do everything that he can to enhance the prospects of victory and of the return of good government thru Republican success at the polls this fall.

Dolph and Marie are going to attend the annual meeting of the Associated Press and of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in New York the week beginning April 23rd, and will leave here Friday, the 21st.

We were expecting Blanche and Pat for the weekend, but their visit has been postponed because of high water due to extremely heavy rainfall.

Dorothea and boys were with us for a few days about ten days ago and then in return we visited them a few days at Dawson.

Janet writes that she is as busy as ever, that Mary Beth planned for another summer in camp, but that Michael believes that he would rather stay at home.

You would hardly recognize Dolph's boys. Dolph Jr. is now 5 ft. 8 in. tall and weighs about 150 pounds or a

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little over without surplus flesh. John is more slender but is also growing.

We think of you a lot, admire your courage and wish for you every good thing.

Lovingly,

Your Brother Cousin

WCS:ds

Dear Mrs Baldwin:-

In your tree, blossoming
with brilliant flowers of good
works, may this expression of my
regard be at least a little bird -

Our acquaintance with you and
Colonel Karl is one of ^{the} pleasant
experiences that makes life worth
living -

With your courage, pure life
and naturally vigorous body, I am
sure that your recovery will
be certain and not long delayed.

May the good Lord bless you
and keep you, awaiting the
return of your Prince Charming -
Colonel Baldwin

Cordially yours

W B Simon

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CORPORATIONS, MERCHANTS AND OTHERS.

April 14, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 3--Tree Tops
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don:

I see that Charles is arranging for tickets for you to the Republican National Convention when it meets in Chicago and I hope you can be there. I am quite sure that Gertie and I will not try to attend as it is best to be on the job here while Dolph is away.

As the weather opens up and we see pictures in the paper of flycasters and lures, it makes us yearn for the old summer stamping ground and our neighbors with the good fat garden.

Hope that Don is getting better and think that he should turn down every proposition in chairmanship that comes to him until the condition of his stomach becomes stabilized.

We hope you will succeed in getting a satisfactory man and wife to take Jack's place. Please give them my regards.

Gertie and I had a nice visit last week with Dorothea in Dawson, returning Sunday evening.

Harry does not know yet whether he will be called for military service or not.

You will remember that April 12th was the 108th anniversary of the birth of our little mamma.

Lots of love

Your Brother

April 14, 1944

A/c O. W. Maloney 17058157
Room 229
335 University Drive
Coral Gables 34, Florida

Dear Pat:

You would probably feel like a stranger upon the "Hill" right now, but there is one place out in Wakarusa Township where you are not a stranger, but a much loved member of the family. We are glad to hear from you and glad to know how well you are getting along.

I trust that it will be your good fortune to render good service for your country and then return safely to your home. Some way none of us have particularly on our minds the danger of death by automobiles, and yet the harvest taken on the roads every year is probably larger than the fatalities we shall suffer in any one year during the war.

Things look pretty out home, but the spring has been late on account of continued rains, preceded by frequent snows.

I don't run in the same class with your old girls or else I would give you the lowdown on them. Tell me in whom you are interested, and I shall have them scouted.

Lots of love,

From Grandad

WCS:df

P.S. I think you might be interested in knowing that April the 12th was the 108th anniversary of the birth of your Great Grandmother Simons--my little mamma.

W.C.S.

April 14, 1944

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I had a nice letter from you this morning which your mamma has not yet seen.

You will recall that some time back I asked you to buy something for Michael and to have it billed to me. I noticed that you have just purchased something for him at Salina, and I hope you will pass the bill on to me so that I can pay it because I think just a lot of my grandsons. If you really like me, you will send me the bill.

Bishop Schulte of the Diocese of Leavenworth will be with the church here on Sunday, April 16th. He will celebrate mass at 8 o'clock and will administer the sacrament of confirmation immediately afterwards. The Catholic men will have a communion breakfast in honor of Bishop Schulte, and if he would like to come down and take in the festivities, we should be very happy to have him come down and bring you with him. If not, we shall await a longer visit a little later.

We had a bad fire last night which consumed the County Home and took the lives of 8 inmates. Dolph was on the job all day and hopes to have pictures for tonight's paper.

Lots of love to all of you,

Your Father

WCS:df

P.S. I am sure you will be interested in knowing that April the 12th was the 108th anniversary of the birth of your Grandmother Simons--my little mamma.

W.C.S.

April 14, 1944

Mrs. Harry Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea and Family:

Gertie and I certainly enjoyed every minute of our visit with you, and we appreciated Harry's carrying our bags on to the train for us. We were somewhat packed in the car, but had seats all the way to Leavenworth. At Leavenworth we could see that there were many persons standing in the other coaches.

Tell Lance and Charles hello for their grandad and tell them that if they will come down and visit me some more, I will buy them all the squaw bread they can eat. However Charles will have to sing "Mairsey Doats" for me and Lance will have to draw me a picture.

I hope that the recent consideration concerning men under and over 26 will be beneficial to Harry.

Lots of love,

From Dad

WCS:df

P.S. I am sure you will be interested in knowing that April the 12th was the 108th anniversary of the birth of your Grandmother Simons--my little mamma.

W.C.S.

April 13, 1944

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Charles:

I have yours of the 12th, which was written on mamma's birthday. She was born 108 years ago.

Gertie and I spent a few days with Dorothea and family in Dawson, Nebraska, returning Sunday evening.

We have been out to the cemetery since and find everything looking good; two boxes of blossoming plants on Julia's grave will be put into the ground in a day or two.

I thank you for your kindly invitation to Dolph and Marie, and I have no doubt that they will see you when they are there, but reservations may have been made for the Kansas delegation. I am quite sure that Gertie and I will not be able to get away at that time as it is usually best for me to be here when Dolph is gone.

Thanking you for your continued kindness in looking after John, I am

With love,

Your brother

WCS:df