

March 30, 1944

Mr. Norman Endacott
810 East 13th Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Norman:

Will you please select a marker like the one at the grave of our little boy, and I think we should have it placed at the foot rather than at the head of the grave of my sister, Mrs. Hoinville, because the head would be under the tree and any graves to the north of her grave would have to have the markers at the foot because of the large monument.

The only inscription will be:

JULIA SIMONS HOINVILLE

Died Oct. 27, 1943

Mizpah

You will note that we intentionally omitted the date of birth. We shall be glad to have the stone in readiness for Memorial Day.

In setting it, please remember to have a little slant toward the west for drainage around the inscription.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

- 3024
- 1 Sampson Mason ^{was in} #6 Dorchester Mass, in 1649, ^{Sept 15-} D. 1676
or Samson Married about 1650 to Mary Butterworth
 - 2 Joseph Mason born July 15, 1667 at Rehoboth Mass. D. Jan 25, 1741
Married Hannah _____ about 1693
 - 3 Oliver Mason, born Aug 20, 1706, died Dec 11, 1787
Married Martha Cole, ~~Dec~~ Dec 19, 1728, Martha Cole born 3/1/1709.
 - 4 Simeon Mason B. Apr 18, 1735, in Swansea Mass. Died 1791 - Was a soldier in the Revolutionary war
Married Hannah Thomas, B. 3/17/1754, who was born Dec 14, 1734.
 - 5 Jeremiah Mason, B. Feb 3, 1757 at Swansea Mass. D. Apr 9, 1848 at Ellisburg N. Y. - Married Phoebe Luther in 1782, who was born Aug 3, 1762 died Aug 17, 1831. Jeremiah was a soldier in the Revolutionary war
They went to Ellisburg N. Y. in 1801 =
 - 6 Ezra Mason, B. Sept 19, 1784 in Swansea Mass. Died 1860.
Married 1811, at Ellisburg N. Y. to Esther Boomer, Born Mar 31, 1791 died 1859.
 - 7 Wealthy Ann Mason, B. March 6, 1812 in Ellisburg N. Y.
Died Mar 29, 1860, Buried at Grays Lake, Ill.
Married ~~Adolphus~~ Alfred Smith Simons, Apr 13, 1834
Two Children:
 - 8 Adolphus Ezra Simons, B. Feb 7, 1835 at Egs Ogden Monroe Co N. Y.
now a part of the city of Rochester, N. Y. (5 children)
Married July 3, 1866 to Jennie B. Gowdy at Waukegan Ill
died Oct 29, 1877, in Faribault, Minn
Now buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Lawrence Kansas
 - Juliette Simons Wickey
 - 8 Mary Juliette ~~Simons~~, Born Feb 7, 1838, in Ogden, Monroe Co. N. Y.
Married _____ Wickey
Died Apr 14, 1877 aged 39 years, 2 mos. 7 days.
5 children Mary
Jennie
Theodore
J. Russel
Charles. died when little more than a baby
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WAKEFIELD MANTEL AND TILE CO.

1811 BALTIMORE AVE.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO

Char H. H.
will wire us on
22nd regarding
train.

If envelopes has
been been addressed
for our Christmas
cards, you may
send them to
office for inserting
address & mailing

Should there
be any greeting
other than ours
(Not Mr. W. C. Simon)



That is all
that has been
printed - no date
nor ~~the~~ greeting



Tile 3 x 6 in.

6 ft. 5 in. long

2 1/2 in. wide

3 on each end

12 1/2 on front

March 27, 1944

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

Dear Owen:

I think it is splendid that you are making such excellent grades. It isn't a matter of accident, but it is simply that they are bringing out what I have always thought was in you--the ability to do anything you wished to, well.

Dolph and Mario spent the weekend with your folks in Tulsa.

I presume that Eileen sent you a copy of her latest photograph, and if so, I suspect that every boy who sees it is jealous of you and would like to have one himself. It is a beautiful picture and yet a true portrait.

Everything here is moving along just about the same old way. We drove in at Drake's the other day--your former home--but there was no one there. In the front yard were three ewes with their lambs and there were more sheep in the pasture. I think they are using your henhouse for a sheep cote. I think they are very happy in the home, but are so busy that they have given little time to looking after flowers and shrubs the way your dad always did.

We have had a cold and unpleasant March--lots of rainfall and so few sunny days that practically no oats have been planted and very few potatoes or gardens.

Looking out the dining room window this morning, we saw two pairs of blue birds--the first that have been around the house for several years. We are glad to have them back. We have painted our house white and the roof green, and I think it is going to look very attractive. The painter has been working on it for nearly a month whenever the days were right and dry enough for him to work.

Dolph and John spent the weekend with us. If you don't hurry back pretty soon, Dolph will match you in size. He is growing rapidly and weighs 150 pounds.

A/c O. W. Maloney

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March 27, 1944

We love you a lot, are proud of you, and hope that the war will be won at not too distant a date, so you and the rest of the boys can come home and resume normal life.

We are always glad to hear from you.

Lovingly,

Your Grandad

WCS:df

March 30, 1944

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

Dear Grayce:

I am jotting down some of the
stories grandfather told us.

Can you remember the third
episode or any other stories?

Love,

Collie

WCS:df
Encs.

Chicago March 29th 1944

Dear Collie:

Am glad you had no chance to speak of the check. Memories in the church rather broke me up for a while, but I came back. I phoned Pat Sunday evening, but evidently the other folk were out, as he did not mention them, so I had no opportunity to speak ~~to~~ Dolph or Marie.

Get 29-43
Regard the marker. The name, Julia Simons Hoinville, with date of passing, and the word Mizpah, I believe will be all needed, and I think it would please her better. Please arrange for it, and let me know, or have the bill sent to me, and I will take care of it. She and I would rather have it that way.

Had a very successful pleasant trip. In fact, I obtained 105,000 more barrels that in March, which indicates that conditions are improving. I expect additional to come out during the month, and know I will get my share from the P I C. Have already started to store against next winters demands, and told the other roads to do likewise as I am not looking for a bed of roses during this year or next.

Mary Jule and the baby were at breakfast and Nick met me at the train this morning. Everything going nicely here.

Your brother Chas.

I asked Garich to mail a prescription to Mary Hule. Will you try and hurry them?

The prescription was so small that Garich mailed her a copy of the prescription 3/28, and she should be able to get it filled in

Chicago

March 30, 1944

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

Dear Charlie:

I enclose a copy of a letter I have just mailed to Norman Endacott, the monument man.

I had one of our young ladies call the Garich Drug Store and he said, "The prescription was so small that a copy of the prescription was mailed on March 28th to Mrs. Stough, and she should be able to get it filled in Chicago."

I know that Pat was glad to have your telephone call.

The weather has continued cold with some snow, but the sun is shining today.

Give my love to the children.

With love,

Your Brother

WCS:df
Enc.

J. B. Eaker
Santa Rosa
Boy. 306 New Mexico



Mr. H. E. Simmons
Laurence

(Journal World)

Kansas

MEMORANDUM

NEW MEXICO CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

DATE

FROM

AT

TO

AT

SUBJECTS

COPIES TO

Box 306 Santa Rosa New Mexico

March 13th 1944
 Mr. W. C. Simmons
 Lawrence Kansas

Dear Collier:- The letter you wrote containing the nice tribute to Julia's memory received. And was appreciated very much. We are as well as usual. Having a fairly pleasant march so far except wind which I guess is usual for this time of year. Made a trip to Monterey Park California the latter part of February. Met Willie at Albuquerque and made the trip with him. He drives an Albuquerque Pacific express hauls about fifteen tons each way. Never had been in either Arizona or California so it was all new to me. Got to go to Long Beach Pasadena and Hollywood. He has a boy who will be two next month. I was only there about five days Velda and her husband was here to stay with Mrs. Eakin or I could not have gotten away. Bert Morrison was wounded in the fight at Guadalupe and has been hospitalized they gave him a month and a half leave here. He went to San Diego four or five days ago. He has a nerve injured in his hip is much better and hope he will soon be

able to be out again. He hopes for shore duty. He is a veteran of world war one and was also wounded then but passed for service in world war two. The real proposition in the trucking business is getting serious so many called into the Service that truckers are single making a seventy two hour run and its ~~still~~ weary work for them. They have to go regardless of weather and pouring this way the roads around Flagstaff were nearly impassible. Took forty three hours. Among the ranchers here they only have about one half enough men to handle their stock. One man I know is running one man besides himself handling fifteen hundred head of cattle where in prewar days he run five men. Another rancher is paying one man eighty dollars per month to handle a band of sheep where usually it takes two men. And so it goes I could cite a good many instances of the same kind. I do not know what we will do with an unwieldy army if so many ^{men} are called that agriculture and industry cannot carry on its duties in the way of production and manufacture. Well we all hope for the best and are all doing what we can to further the

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Cause of winning the war. Stock
have wintered good considering the
severity of the early part of the
winter. Grass is starting soon. We
still like New Mexico very much
but I do not know as we will
spend all of our lives here. They are
selling a little now and then but
believe the demand for the equipment
here has about subsided. There is not much
here that is useable in war times
so do not look for much more to be
sold unless some one would buy
it all for another mine there is no coal
building being done anywhere and
we hear nearly all air bases are completed
so this will be idle until peace times
we think. We hear western Kansas soil
is saturated to quite a depth so hope
another good crop there is in the
making. Willis tells ^{me} there is a strong
Dewey sentiment among the voters of
Los Angeles so many think a change
might be for the best. Hope Mrs. Simmons
health is good. Brother Gus ~~is~~ lives at Oakland.

California he I think ^{was} 73. Bert seen him when
he visited him at the Naval Hospital there.
he says By is a very well preserved man
considering his age. I did not try to go see
him as it was five hundred miles and I
did not care to be away from here ^{for}
very much of a length of time ^{especially} in the winter.
Weather very unusual a few days while I
was there rained hailed and snowed not
much hail or snow but $7\frac{17}{100}$ inches ^{of new} in that
length of time. Hope to hear from you
again. Write soon

As ever your Friend
Jess.

March 28, 1944

Mrs. Chas. D. Stough, Jr.
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois

Dear Mary Jule:

As I wrote you, I thought the price for roofing your house was high, but I find that it is apparently okay. J. D. Seiler, who has looked after our roofs for a good many years, tells me that the north side of the roof of the house and of the sleeping porch are in good shape and doubtless would last for four or five years.

He will put new shingles on the south side for a charge of \$82.00 or will replace the shingles of the entire house and porch roof for \$164.00. He assures me that at this price, he will use his best grade of shingles. There does not seem to be any particular difference in price, but there might be a good deal of difference in the quality of the shingles. I do not think it would be wise to save a few dollars by having either party put on any but the best grade of composition shingles.

Dolph and Marie returned from Tulsa yesterday and say that Eileen is very much of a young lady although she will not be fifteen until the third of April. They had a very pleasant visit and we enjoyed having the boys with us.

We were very sorry that Charles could not have been with us longer.

Love to you and yours,

From Your Uncle

WCS:df

March 27, 1944

Miss Eileen Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma

Dear Eileen:

Setting up on the table at the east end of our living room is a darling portrait of yourself. The artist hasn't flattered you a bit, but he has been fortunate in catching an expression that you often have. I am very proud of my granddaughters and some day would like to have a picture of Marilyn, yourself, and Mary Beth taken together.

Mary Beth has never had a picture that did her justice. Perhaps when she is here some time, Dolph can catch her with his camera.

I know you had a good time over the weekend with Uncle Dolph and Aunt Marie, and I hope you also saw Uncle Charles Hoinville.

Thank you very much for the picture, and lots of love from your Grandad.

March 27, 1944

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

Dear Charlie:

You either gave me a check or stuck it into my vest pocket yesterday, and I didn't see it until this morning. It was \$142.00, the balance that I had paid on Julia's funeral. I would have been glad to have had this part in paying her funeral expenses, but I thank you very much for the check, and I am sorry that I did not immediately notice it so that I could have spoken to you about it yesterday.

It seems like we were very busy and had little time to talk. I hope you had a pleasant trip to Tulsa and that everything is satisfactory.

You did not say whether you wished me to go ahead with having a marker made for Julia or not. The only occasion for haste would be to try to have the grave marked by Decoration Day which is the last of May.

I hope that you saw either Dolph or the Maloneys or both of them at Tulsa. We are always glad to see you, and I am sorry that we could not have had dinner at home yesterday rather than at the hotel, but as Gertie told you, our maid has every other Sunday off. She is a mighty good girl and we are glad to have her.

Best wishes for you, Mary Jule, and little Vera.

With love,

Your Brother

WCS:df

March 14, 1944

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

Dear Owen:

If I wrote you every time I thought about you, your bunk would be cluttered up with mail. Your grandma and I love you, are proud of you, and have a lot of confidence in your ability and character. There is very little that we can do at this time to express our love for you, but feel sure that anything that we can do, will be gladly done.

I shall enclose a letter I have just written to your mamma which will give you more of the news.

We have 17 boys from the office now in military service and others will doubtless be called. We feel that such inconveniences as we may have ~~are~~ trifling compared to that which you and your brothers at arms experience.

I received today the book "Spherographical Navigation" by Dirk Brouwer, F.W. Keator, and D.A. McMillen, which may be like Greek to me, but I have recently purchased a book on astronomy, and I am trying to familiarize myself with the names of well known stars, especially those used in navigation. I find that the initials of the stars Mizar, Alioth, and Dubhe, spell "mad", so I have those three stars nailed down where I won't forget them. I understand the last named is one of the stars used in navigation. I also know Polaris and think I could spot Vega if the sky is ever clear enough for me to do so. If you think you would like to have the book "Spherographical Navigation", I shall be glad to send it to you.

Write us as often as you can even though the letters are short.

Much love from your grandmother and me,

WCS:df
Enc.

Grandad

March 14, 1944

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

Dear Charles:

I am glad to get your letters and appreciate your willingness not to participate in the proceeds from the Macedonia property. You will hear from me later in regard to this, as I hope the matter can be settled soon.

I have just written Mary Jule, asking her to show you the letter which expresses my regret at not being able to meet you in Tulsa. You are doing an excellent work and I congratulate you upon it.

With love,

Your Brother

WCS:df

March 14, 1944

Mrs. C. D. Stough
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois

Dear Mary Jule:

We are glad to hear from you and also from Charles, *W.*
I think that your presence there has been very beneficial
to him, and I think that he appreciates it.

I am not at all surprised that Vera is doing well in
school. She takes after her mamma and grandmother, and
her daddy is no "slouch".

Charlie has been very good about dropping me short
notes, and I shall be glad if you will let him read this
letter. He has invited me to sit in at a meeting of his
committee which we get in a letter from Norman is to be
held on the 26th of March. That was your grandmother's
birthday. As much as I would like to sit in and see how
he handles his committee, it is virtually impractical for
us to be down there at that time.

Dolph and Marie are figuring on going down as soon as
they can which may be the weekend of the 25th and 26th.

There isn't much of anything to write. Of course, we
are interested in hearing of the new daughter born to
Margaret and her husband. We are glad that the little one
is here and that the mamma is getting along well.

Cold wind came up this afternoon and the temperature
dropped 21 degrees in an hour and a half. It will prob-
ably be of short duration and spring will soon be here.

Much love to you and yours,

Your Uncle

WCS:df

March 14, 1944

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

I am sending you herewith carbon copies of letters I have just written to Grayce and Blanche. That is the lazy man's method of disseminating news.

I would like to see those little black-eyed sons of yours as well as their black-eyed parents.

We have wondered often just what Bus's situation was in regard to military service. I hope he will not be taken, but if he is, I presume that you and Dibble will try to carry on the work. This will be very difficult, both on account of the difficulty in getting good help at home and at the yards. It will be further complicated by the extreme difficulty in securing lumber supplies. Ordinarily, substitutes would be on the market, but at this time there is little that can be offered.

We announced today a further cut in "A" coupons which probably is necessary. The matter does not seem to have been handled well in regard to leaks thru black markets, etc., so Ickes takes it out on the law-abiding men and women who have been trying to get by, and, who have been getting by with "A" cards.

Painting at our house is moving fairly well; three sides have been pretty well covered, but the roof, the north side, and the front porch are still to be painted with a second coat on the south side.

We love you a lot and shall be very glad to have you come see us.

Lots of love,

Dad

WCS:df
Encs.

You are a sweet girl

March 14, 1944

Mrs. O. W. Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma

Dear Blanche:

I have an invitation from Charles to sit in on a meeting which I think they are going to have in Tulsa on the 26th. If I were to come to Tulsa, I would rather spend the time with you than attend the meeting of a committee about which I know so little. As it is, we are not counting on being down soon, but we certainly will come when we can.

We talked over the telephone last night with Marilyn who wanted a frock, if we had one, which she could wear in laboratory work, and we were able to supply her. We don't see much of her, but we realize how busy she is, and whenever anyone speaks of her, it is always in a complimentary manner. She is a fine girl.

I presume Dolph and Marie have written you that they cannot come. Without any suggestion on Dolph's part, he is mentioned as a delegate from the Second District to the Republican National Convention. Naturally, he would be pleased to go, but has made and is making no effort whatever to secure delegates. However, the district convention meets on March 20th, and as chairman of the Douglas County *delegation*, he cannot afford not to be present. I know both Dolph and Marie are anxious to visit you as soon as they possibly can.

I enclose carbon copy of a letter to Grayce which gives you a little chit chat.

I have seen so many girls recently with their hair done up high, that I am rather anxious to see just how Eileen would look in such a coiffure. I imagine she would look good in anything that she wore.

I hope everything is moving along satisfactorily with Pat.

Lots of love,

WCS:df
Enc.

Dad

March 14, 1944

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

We love you a lot and think and talk about you often. I still wish that you would try your hand at literature. I believe you would make good. We read your letters with a lot of interest and pleasure.

We have a letter today from Dorothea which I have mentioned in the carbon copy enclosed, but I did not mention the fact that in her letter she said that Bus had deferment until the 31st of this month, and she did not know what would occur after that. That is the only mention that I recall she has ever made in regard to Bus and military service. I don't know just what would happen to the business should he be called away, but I think perhaps that she and Dibble might try to continue to operate the yard. It is going to be a very difficult matter this year on account of the increased scarcity of lumber.

Apparently Mc is looking after the matter of Etoile's estate. We have had no communications at any time from Julia Blackhurst. I wonder if I, at any time, gave Julia's name as Kathryne Blackhurst. I am not aware that I have.

Break away whenever you can and come down and see us for as long as possible.

We love you and yours.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:df
Enc.

March 14th,
1944

Mrs. Kathryne Drought
1417 North Blackstone
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryne:

There isn't very much that I can tell you in the way of news.

Spring seems to be just around the corner, but very hesitant to stay long at a time. Last night the thermometer did not go below 57, and it was considerably warmer this morning, and Dolph just tells me the thermometer has dropped 21 degrees in an hour and a half.

After securing Loren Gowdy's address, I wrote him a letter, but I have not heard from him. I was rather surprised in looking over the Gowdy Genealogy to find that there had been other Loren Gowdy's. To my knowledge there has never been one in our branch of the family.

I hear from Lillian quite frequently, and she has the same splendid spirit that she has had thru the years, but I fear is not as strong as she was. She tells me that she does not stay out of bed long at a time. She is a dear, good girl and makes the best of everything, being appreciative of such blessings as she has.

I hope that you and yours are well.

Lovingly,

Your Cousin

WCS:df

March 14, 1944

Miss Lillian Gowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

Another good letter received from you, and I always appreciate the effort it takes for you to use the typewriter. Take good care of yourself, and it will not be long before spring will be here.

March weather has been strange and irregular. Last night the thermometer did not go below 57 and this morning was still warmer, but a cold wind is coming up now, and we have promise of some more cold weather.

Your marine must have been a fine looking chap. Marines have certainly made a splendid record thru the years. They are real men. I am sorry to see the 17-year old boys going into the army, and I do not believe they will be put into active combat service before they are 18. If you had children or grandchildren, you would be just as patriotic as anyone else, and while it would tear your heart strings to see them go into the service, you would not try to hold them back.

I am sending you a copy of a letter I have just written Grayce which gives you a little family chatter.

I wish you lived near us so that you could spend some time at our home.

With love and very best wishes, I am

As ever,

Your Brother Cousin

WCS:df
Enc.

March 14, 1944

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

Dear Gracie:

We see so little of the members of our family nowadays, that we do not have much to write you of interest.

Janet is working very hard and her children are making splendid grades. Janet has doubled on occasion for the principal of the high school.

I had a nice letter from Dorothea today in which she speaks of Lance's enthusiasm for his kindergarten and says that having his tonsils out seems to have greatly benefited him. He has more appetite and is taking on weight.

Dolph and Marie have been trying to go to Tulsa to see Blanche and I understand Blanche intended to have a party for them this weekend, but some things have come up that make it important for Dolph to be here. He has been mentioned as a candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention from the Second District, and he does not want to be away at such a time. He has made no effort whatever to secure delegations, but the Douglas County delegation was instructed for him. Dolph is having a great deal of pleasure in our photographic outfit which takes pictures under any and all conditions. He has done some excellent work and enjoys developing the pictures in a dark room constructed in his basement.

We are having our house painted as the weather permits. The north side, the roof, and the front porch still have to be done.

Gertrude's health is good and she gets around well, but probably will never entirely get over her limp.

We shall not build our hopes for this summer, but will do the best we can when the time comes.

Am glad that Don is better.

Lots of love to both of you,

WGS:df

Your Brother

Mr. Bullene
331 N. Alta Ave
Whittier, Calif.



The Journal World

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1804 MISSISSIPPI

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

331 N. Alta Ave
Whittier, Calif.

Aug 26 - 44.

Mr "Collie" Simons

Lawrence Journal World.

Dear Sir.

For the past two years I have enjoyed the Journal World and news of Lawrence both locally and politically - In your paper of 22nd you published an account of Sale of School House at Pomona - one of several such auctions with part of crowd in attendance. If you will refer to a copy of the Saturday Eve. Post of Aug 6th there is a cover design of "farm Sale" by John Satter, and viewed by many millions -

In this same paper of Aug 22. you publish the ad of "public Sale" on 29th. at fine farm of Dr Craig west of town. a good sized picture of the crowd that this Sale will attract, with Auctioneer as central feature ~~will~~ attract, while nation looks, some thousands. If you see fit. you may still have time - if you so wish, to send a photographer - and secure a negative for later publication - Sincerely and

Respectfully and with regards

Herbert B. Bullene

March 23rd,
1944

Col. Karl F. Baldwin, Military Attache
375 Collins Street
Melbourne, Australia

Dear Colonel:

Your letter of February 17th arrived on a Monday morning, and I had a chance to read it before going to Rotary, so I took it along and had President Phog Allen read the paragraph in regard to New Zealand. It made a nice connection between you and our club. It is rather remarkable how our club has kept up. There have been many changes--perhaps twenty-five percent of our members are new, but interest is maintained and we have had some very good programs. An excellent program two weeks ago was given by Lt. Carman, the son of Professor Neale Carman of the University faculty. He had been in active service and had many missions to his credit.

This week we have had the pleasure of having Ed Stout who is the nephew of Grace Farris, the head of our circulation department, and Earl Farris, who looks after job printing and is superintendent of our shop. The boy has had eighty-three missions. He has had time to recuperate a bit on the trip home, but was still quite tired when he first got here, but I was astounded to see him looking so youthful and so well. He piloted a plane which sank three big Junkers trying to evacuate troops from Cape Bon.

Seventeen of our men are now in active service, and we do not count a score of boys who were with us as carriers or mailers at one time and are now in the service. The seventeen were men directly taken from our employ. We have others among youngsters who will soon be called, but in our regular group of employees, the average is quite a little higher than normal.

As I think I have written you, Gertrude and I had a real good visit with Philena and enjoyed the hospitality of Ted and Jean Aszman. They have a nice home and are charming hosts.

Speaking of the building, I think nothing would please Lawrence better than to have you back here after the war to head the R.O.T.C. I think that never again will there be the opposition to military training in schools that was evinced fifteen or twenty years ago. We all regret very much that you could not have secured the military advancement that would naturally have followed your long and excellent service, but perhaps on the whole, there was greater accomplishment for you in securing that much needed military building at K. U. and in having your opportunity for service "Down Under" than would be the addition of some stars on your uniform.

In reference to the South Pole, it still retains its purity, the North Pole having been smirched a bit by the claims of our infamous Dr. Cook.

Your fishing in the Bay of Isles sounds interesting, but it was a darn shame that you couldn't have landed more than a two hundred seven pound fish. I'll bet you had a pretty fight with him, and I

know how happy you must have been when the fish was landed. I think that old pump of yours must have been in pretty good shape to stand that thirty-five minute struggle.

While I have never made a great study of Australian history, I realize that it must be quite a country and quite a people. It may not have had quite as lily white a beginning as the pilgrim colony, but I think that every American is proud of Australia and proud of the splendid soliders she advanced both for World War I and World War II. If Gertie and I can just stave off that seventh stage of man so cruelly pictured by the Great Bard, we stand a good show of visiting Australia after the war.

I remember with reasonable clearness the Thirty Years' War, and the One Hundred Years' War which virtually ended with exhausted countries. I also recall the almost utter exhaustion of Paraguay, the tiny country in south-central South America that fought to conquer all its neighbors. I think that Japan has been imbued with the same sort of desire and will reap a like result.

I really think that we and you have reason to be rather proud of Lawrence and of Kansas as a whole in its support of war work. It has not been a question with us of simply going over the top, but rather of seeing how far over the top we could go.

I am delighted with the constant advance of the American offensive line in the Pacific. When these outposts have been cared for, we will be prepared to strike some telling blows upon the mainland of Japan as well as to sever her connections with her Asiatic conquests. I should like to see the Japs blasted out of the Philippines, and then if the Philippines are ready and still want their freedom, that they may have it.

I think our relations with the Chinese will do more towards an understanding between the white and yellow races than could be accomplished by a thousand years of well intentioned missionary work. I wish I could recall more of Kipling's famous poems in regard to the Colonel's Lady and someone else being alike under the skin. I think I may have told you in a previous letter that for years I had felt that China would never be a great country until something came about to unify it. The political divisions of Europe are ancient in being largely divided by rivers and mountains although present day intercourse easily surmounts such obstacles. The many millions of Chinese were so divided, and thru the lack of roads, railroads, and other communications, they were almost distinct communities, and in each one some war lord rode herd on his group and wrung from them the last dollar that could be obtained. I am hoping that after the war, China will come into its own.

In regard to the sale of your house in Lawrence, I think a good time to sell is when you have a buyer, and if you want to come back to Lawrence, you will find someone else who wants to sell and some other home that would be very suitable for you. Likewise, you will find someone in Berkeley who would like to have the beautiful place that you now own.

Well, we didn't win either a football or basketball tournament this year, but we did play the game manfully and with credit.

I always let Dolph read your letters as he is glad to hear from you. I think that you will be glad to know at the District Convention held Monday of this week in Ottawa, Dolph was named as a delegate to the Republican National Convention to be held in Chicago. I hope there will be many men like Dolph at that convention and if so, we shall present a candidate worthy of the honor and competent and willing to serve the nation and to preserve our form of government.

I am always very happy to hear from you, and once more if there is anything that we can do at anytime for you, we shall be glad to have you let us know.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

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March 17, 1944.

Dr. C. B. Johnson,

Eudora, Kansas.

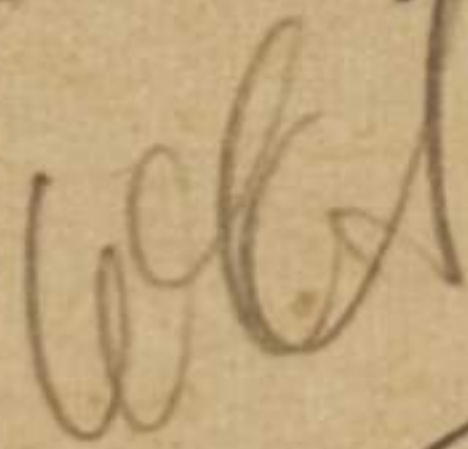
Dear Dr. Johnson:-

A friend of mine, a physician, noticing the somewhat yellowish patches above my cheek bones, suggested that I undergo a blood test, fearing that they might indicate a tendency to anemia.

I have been aware of the patches for several years, but have attached no significance to them. Take a look at me someday and if you think best test my blood for red and white corpuscles. Perhaps you have done so in your several recent examinations and have decided that all I am troubled with are beauty spots.

For a man of my age I believe I am in pretty good shape, but seem to tire a little more easily than I would wish. It's up to you Mr Einstein to say what is what, and why.

Cordially Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely "Albert Einstein", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends across the lower right portion of the page.

Minneapolis, Minn. March 7, 1944.

My dear Brother-Cousin;-

Thank you for your little letter of Feb'y.

17th, inquiring after my health, sending kind wishes.

I really have not been well since before Christmas, but it has not been "Flu" or even a severe cold. I simply felt weak, and not inclined to sit up only a short time every day. We have had some cold and blustering weather, and the Arthritis has been rather severe, especially in my hands.

I had a letter from Kathryn this morning, just as brave as ever. She certainly sets a fine example for all of us.

We have had some stir around here the past month. Mr. Cook's young grandson, who has been two years with the Marines, spent his month's furlough here. He is six feet two inches tall, weighs 190 and carries himself proudly. He looks fine in his full Marine regalia. He went from here to an Officers' Training school in So. Carolina. Next time we see him he will probably be an officer of the Marines. We also have Mrs. Olson's youngest grandson with us until he joins the Marines next month, when he will be seventeen. This makes the war seem more real to us. Mrs. Olson's eldest grandson is now ^mso^mewhere on the high seas, and we are anxiously awaiting a letter from him. I am glad I have no grandsons in the service, but I have a number of second cousins. One lost his life on Attu few months ago.

I hope you can enjoy your cottage home at Gull Lake next summer. Grayce missed you very much last summer.

I hope to be able to walk out a little, when the weather gets warmer. I have not been anywhere since the first of Nov.

I am very grateful for all the comforts I enjoy, and for the many kind friends who seem to enjoy doing things for me. I am cheered every day by their thoughtfulness.

God bless you and keep you in health. Lillian.