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LAWRENCE, KANSAS

August 21, 1945

Mr. W. C. Simons
Route 3--Gull Lake
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Father:

When I got home, I found this material from Uncle Charlie. You will find herewith a copy of my reply and his answer received today. Apparently this is something he wants completed without much delay.

I have not paid any attention to the deal, but you know of my feeling that it would not be advisable to make a single move which would not stand up in any court or estate matter. This probably is a legitimate transaction, but I feel that all these propositions need to be studied carefully.

I will write you a personal letter in a separate envelope.

With love,

Dolph
Dolph Simons

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Encs.



August 31, 1945

Mr. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mc:

I enclose carbon copy of a long letter to C. H. Hoinville, In the sale of our 40 shares for the nominal price of \$500.00, you are not particularly interested, but you are interested in the disposition of stock owned by my sister, Etoile.

At 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ on the dollar, which is probably less than the real value of the stock, we can take a loss, as a corporation, of \$3,500, and it is probably better to take that loss this year than at any later date. At this rate per share, you will note that I say the value of Etoile's stock would be \$1,112.50. Doubtless, he would give that amount for the stock, but I want you to notice particularly the clause I have included in the letter in regard to the legality of the transaction.

In his letter to me he had intimated that I, "as head of the Simons family", would make the distribution rather than himself, and I do not wish to do anything irregular.

To probate the stock might prove embarrassing to Hoinville and perhaps not.

If you have any suggestions to offer, I shall be glad to have them.

We visited Dorothea at Christ's Hospital in Topeka yesterday and were very happy and almost astounded to see how well she looks. The baby is a darling and has been named John Dolph Johnson after Dorothea's two brothers, and I think it is their intention to call him Dolph as Dolph Johnson will be far more distinctive than John Johnson

He is a fine looking little infant with red hair and well shaped body. I don't know that anyone has had a chance to see his eyes as he sleeps practically all the time.

Give my love to Janet and the children.

With love,

Your Father

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Enc.

THE LAWRENCE, KANSAS, JOURNAL-WORLD

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August 30, 1945

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Mrs. Walter Gregg
1901 Parkdale Place
Montrose, California

Dear Cousin Calla:

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I just returned this morning from spending two weeks at Gull Lake, Minnesota. In coming thru Minneapolis yesterday afternoon, Gertrude and I and our grandson, Mike McNalley, the son of our second daughter, Janet, spent a very pleasant hour or longer with Lillian. She looks well and her hands, which are very tender and are used with difficulty because of arthritis, are not particularly swollen or distorted as so frequently is the case in arthritics. She has a good housekeeper, and we enjoyed visiting together. I asked her if she had heard from you, and she said yes, and that she would like to answer your letters more fully in regard to political matters, but she could not use her hands to write a longer letter.

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I am enclosing herewith carbon copies of letters I sent to Kathryn Drought and to Loren Gowdy, who was a son of Ed Gowdy and a grandson of W. C. Gowdy. I have the two-volume set of Gowdy Genealogy and also had the pleasure of spending one night in the family homestead of Mahlon H. Gowdy and his father at Somers, Conn., not far from Enfield. I, too, paid \$10.00 for the Gowdy books and also paid \$20.00, as I recall, to have them include pictures of mamma and of Etoile. I think if you would address Willard Gowdy or Louis A. Gowdy at Somers, Conn., they could give you more information. There are many interesting features in the Gowdy Genealogy about which you doubtless are fully informed.

I shall write you more fully later, but have many other letters to write at this time.

With love,

Your Cousin

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August 23, 45.
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Dear Collie:

This will be short and to the point, as I want Walter to mail it for me when he goes to work.

I correspond with our cousin Kathryn Drought, and have been doing so for a long time, and I got a letter from her yesterday saying you had sent her the list of our ancestors from Gov. Bradford down, and I have always wanted to get that list ever since Tolie told me about it years ago, but have never thought to ask you for a copy, if, indeed, I knew you had it, but I will appreciate your sending me what you sent to her if you will be so kind, and if there be any expense attached to it, will be glad to pay it.

Of course, I have had the two books of our genealogy since they were published, and had a very pleasant correspondence with the Rev. Ridlon, and still have his letters. But I don't know where Kathryn can get ~~xxxxxx~~ the genealogy books. She asked me what they cost (mine were \$10.00). I haven't answered her letter yet, having received it only yesterday.

I got mine direct from Mahlon Gowdy, but I don't know whether he has any more nor, indeed, whether he is still alive, and don't remember his address (is it in the books?) but I will look it up if it IS there.

I am proud of my origin on BOTH sides, and, as Esli used to say "if you want to raise good dogs you have to raise them from good stock." Did I tell you he died very suddenly some time ago? I forget whether I told you. I have been so busy doing good deeds in the last years that I haven't had time to keep up with my correspondence except fitfully, intermittently, as it were.

My niece, Janice Burrows, came home last week, her husband reaching here only one day ahead of her. They had their house rented, and their furniture stored, and it has been so much trouble getting things straightened out, that they now wish they had never rented it.

He is with Warner Brothers Studios, so the unemployment problem has never touched them.

They have turned away thousands from Lockheed, where Walter works, but his job as a material analyst hasn't been terminated.

I am going to send you some clippings in a few days, but can't do it now, for I haven't time.

Walter says I have just 10 minutes, so I must stop now, and say
MIZPAH. With love,

Calla

August 30, 1945

Mrs. Walter Gregg
1901 Parkdale Place
Montrose, California

Dear Cousin Calla:

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I shall write you more fully later, but have many other letters to write at this time.

With love,

Your Cousin

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April 24, 1944

Mrs. Kathryne Drought
1417 North Blackstone
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Cousin:

I have your letter of the 22nd. Thank you for sending me the address of Loren Cowdy. I recently had a nice letter from his wife. She apparently knew very little about his relatives, and I gave her some information.

The weather here has been beastly wet. I think so far this year we have had nine inches or more excess rainfall, and everything is as soggy as a soaked sponge. Naturally, it is a serious threat to farmers. Very little oats were sown and the potato acreage is small and perhaps the seed that is in the ground may be rotted. Lawrence is virtually marooned by water today.

Aunt Sally Seymour was the oldest sister of Collins Cowdy. She lived for seventy-five years on a farm which I think is now submerged by the *Delta* reservoir at Rome. Grandfather had a brother, William, who died when he was about twenty years of age, a brother, James, who lived to be about ninety-five, and another brother, Louis Levi Cowdy, at Walden, New York. I think he had four sisters--Sally Seymour, Ann, who married Sereno Clark and was the mother of James Cowdy Clark, the composer; I have the names of others at home but can't recall them this moment.

I don't happen to know about the Cowdys at Charlotte, Michigan, but I can check up on them from the Cowdy Genealogy that I have at home.

I write Lillian about every two weeks, and I know she has been in poor health. She is a wonderful soldier and complains little.

You will made a note about Cousin Julia. I presume that you refer to my sister, Julia Hoinville, who died October 27th, 1943, and was buried in Lawrence. She was the oldest of our family. My sister, Etoile, who knew you when you were a baby, passed away the 2nd of March, 1943, and I had presumed that you had been informed in regard to their deaths.

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My brother, Louis, had a daughter, Julia, who married Gordon Blackhurst, and they live in Ogden, Utah. I practically never hear from her.

I hope Willard will continue to have good health and will come home safe and sound from his overseas service.

I have a grandson who will get his wings about the first of July and who will be with the Army ^{air} Transport Command as a navigator.

With the best of wishes to you and yours, I am

With love

Your Cousin

WCS:df

August 8, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons
Route 3--Gull Lake
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Dolph and Marie:

We are near the end of another working day, and the paper will probably be a few minutes late. Hurley is on vacation and the big news of Russia's declaration of war upon Japan reached us at two o'clock. Believe it or not we are carrying a 4-column headline at least an inch deep and Joe did it all on his own. We have 10 pages today.

We are going to have a mess of green corn tonight from your garden--some of the ears which were not developed sufficiently to put up.

I had a telephone call from Hoinville last night in regard to the distribution of the Luella stock. I told him what to do with the stock from Etoile's estate and then told him that the \$4,000 worth of stock which had never been issued to me but which is now available, I would sell to him for \$500.00. Inasmuch as I had paid \$4,000.00 in cash, that would enable me to claim a legitimate loss on my income tax reports. I told him that the \$2,000 worth of stock that we also had in the name of The World Company I would let him have on the same basis. (We evidently have a mixup, which we shall try to adjust.)

Owen came in shortly after noon today, and I gave him the Ford car and told him to go out and see the folks, and they would come down and get me at the proper time. He looks well. He said that Eileen had bounced back and wanted to be up and around again, but Blanche is trying to hold her back. The particular scare apparently came from the fact that a girl with whom Eileen had been associated had been stricken with sleeping sickness, and so when Eileen complained of a headache, it was perhaps that fact which caused her mamma to be particularly careful. However, that proved to be a false alarm.

I hope you are having a fine time and will come back full of vim, vigor and vitality.

We had a bill today from Stollenwerck for a balance of \$100.00 due on contracted amount and \$12.19 incidental for which I sent him a check.

Lots of love,

From Dad

August 7, 1945

Mr. Dolph Simons
Route 3--Gull Lake
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Dolph:

I was afraid from what I said in my letter a few minutes ago that you might think we were going to spill the beans in regard to starting something on the KEP.

We are not. They have been our good friends and we hope to hold them as long as we can, and will bear down on any news that breaks instead of playing it up.

We were short-handed in the ^{adv. makeup}newsroom today and 15 or 20 minutes late because Anderson went to Chanute to attend the funeral of his infant grandson. Bob has handled the thing splendidly because we are short also in the job room on account of Trivett being on vacation.

I hope we shall be able to secure enough help to permit Bob to have at least a week off while his son is here.

I just heard this afternoon that Thompson had sold his cafe, and I also understand that the building across the street owned by the Lawrence National Bank has been sold, but I am not sure about this.

Watch the Journal-World for further developments.

Love,

Dad

August 1, 1945

Bankers Trust Company
Des Moines, Iowa

Gentlemen:

Under date of May 24th, 1930, you sent me by registered mail, a certificate for 41 shares of Class "B" common capital stock in the Meritol Company, Des Moines, Iowa.

Will you please advise me whether this company is still in existence, and if so, where.

I happen to be going thru some papers in my lock box today and thought it worthwhile to investigate this organization.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

L. A. McNALLEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

July twenty, 1945

Mr. W. C. Simons,
722 Massachusetts St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear W. C.:

In order to obtain the share of Louella Corporation from the World Company so as to show a loss, it would be necessary for you to establish some actual market value. It would be necessary that you know the exact value of all assets of the corporation and also a statement of its total liabilities. When I was in Chicago, I learned there were debts in the sum of approximately \$50,000.00 owing by this corporation. It may even be greater. It would seem as though the officers should have made some financial statements recently and this might be used as such a basis. Do not use the par value as it would not reflect actual value of the stock.

I have been greatly puzzled about this matter and I had hoped to be able to talk to you personally about it but will wait until I see what Scolnik and Hoinville decide.

We are all well but have had a very hectic harvest with rain harassing us most every day. With love, I remain

Yours very truly,

L. A. McNalley

L. A. McNalley,
Attorney at Law.

LAMc:gs

Chicago July 14th 1945

Dear Collie:

I have Mac's letter to Avern of the 11th, and shall take action towards issuing the stock as soon as release is given. Meantime, I am enclosing a list of the stock so you can give me the distribution and I will then be able to mail the new stock certificates to you. So far as the administration of estates is concerned, Illinois would undoubtedly comply, but what I thought was the intent of our conference, was the possibility of taxes, and my plan was based entirely on that. However, as the tax matter appears minor, possibly it will be overlooked by all, though the corporation is chartered in Illinois and is responsible to the laws of that state in any transfer.

I hope to hear from Avern shortly. Have your plans ready and will take action promptly.

Bro. Chas.

Copy LAMcN
ABS

E B Simons

No. 2	100	shares	
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21	10		Total 169

W C Simons

No. 23	3	shares	
37	40	"	Dated Jan. 7th 1943 but not in my hands Do you have it? If not it is in Avern's records and he will get it out soon as Army releases him for a few days.

CHH



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
SIXTH SERVICE COMMAND
DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

ABS/lf

TELEPHONE:
CHERRY 9330
NIGHTS, SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS
CHERRY 9340

July 13, 1945
HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT No. 1
472 FEDERAL BUILDING

L. A. McNalley, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

Dear Mac:

I have your letter of 11 July 1945 regarding the subject matter of our conversation when we met in Chicago.

I expect to be in Chicago the week of 6 August at which time I expect to devote whatever time is necessary to straighten this whole matter out. I hope this delay won't inconvenience anybody and that the results of my efforts at that time will meet with everyone's approval.

Hoping this finds you and yours well, and with kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

AVERN B. SCOLNIK,
Major, JAGD.

cc: ~~Mr. W. C. Simons,~~
722 Massachusetts St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Mr. Charles H. Hoinville,
7539 Colfax Ave.,
Chicago 49, Illinois.

July 19, 1945.

L. A. Mc Halley,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

Dear Ho.

I have just received from Scolnik a carbon of his letter to you. Previously I had received from Hoinville showing that there would be 169 shares for Htoille's estate, and asking me to whom I should like to have them issued.

According to my way of thinking there are four heirs to Htoille's stock:-

Julia Simons Hoinville, deceased, whose heirs may be both her husband and her granddaughter Mary Jule (Mrs Charles H. Stough), or perhaps under the law of Illinois her husband is sole heir.

W. C. Simons

L. A. Simons, deceased, whose sole heir is his daughter, Mrs Julia Blackhurst.

Mrs Grace Simons Freeman.

You have handled this account from the beginning and it seems to me that it would be perfectly proper to deduct from the 169 shares a certain amount for your legal fees, and then the remainder could be divided equally between the four heirs, or their heirs.

In my case I shall have the shares coming to me issued directly to my four children.

I now have 20 shares in my name, and we have 20 shares in the name of The World Company. How can I obtain the shares of The World Co. at a nominal price so the corporation could take credit for the loss. It must be legal and open, or neither you, nor I, would agree to it. In any event I think that I shall also give at this time the 20 shares above mentioned. This would mean at par value \$1,556.25 to each of my four children, less any amount deducted for legal fees as above mentioned.

With love to all. Your father,
W. C. Simons

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Major AVERN B SCOLNIK
HQ 1st Dist 6th Sv Cd
472 Federal Building
Lansing 26, Michigan

Write Chester



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Mr. W. C. Simons,
722 Massachusetts St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

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Lawrence
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L.A.S. — Julia Blackburn
Grace

Julia H. Mary Jule Stough

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July 28, 1945

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

Dear Charlie:

Thank you a lot for sending me the letter from Mr. Wray and also the copy of your report.

If the gangsters of Chicago look anything like the portrait which adorned your report, I shall think much better of them in the future than I have in the past. I think the photograph is excellent--a little older, a little more mature, a little more character in your face. The years of responsibility have stamped a degree of firmness and decision in your face which cannot be easily acquired or simulated.

I should like very much to have a copy of your photograph. I think we may have snapshots of earlier pictures, but I do not believe we have a real photograph.

Dolph Jr. who is now at St. John's Military Camp, Delafield, Wisconsin, wrote his dad that he would like to spend a few days in Chicago on his return. If he does, I certainly want him to see you.

We are all well and fortunately are having some delightful weather at this moment.

With love,

Your Brother

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July 26, 1945

Mr. W. C. Simons
Journal World
Laurence, Kansas

Dear Charlie:

I thought you might be interested
in the attached picture, makes me look like a
Chicago gangster, but then I never was proud of
my face. Would like to have you return it after
you have checked it over.

With regards,

Sam Mitchell

July 24, 1945

Mr. A. D. Weaver
Rutgers Lodge Wilson's Bay
Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear A. D.:

I was very glad to get your card the other day because the writing indicated that you were again yourself. We were all worried when we heard that you were sick and we were mighty glad to know that you were better.

We miss the lake a lot this summer, but I doubt very much if we shall be able to go up. We certainly will rejoice when the time comes that we can pack the car and drive up to suit ourselves. I have many times driven the entire distance from our home in Lawrence to our cottage on Gull Lake in one day, and I do not believe it tires me as much as it does to go by train and to have to make the several changes of trains and from train to bus. I presume that I could get an allowance for gas to make the trip if I asked for it, but the tires are now about five years old, and although they have not had a great deal of mileage, I would be afraid to make a long trip on them.

I understand that the only difficulty at the store is to find something to sell, to know what they can put in the window and what they can advertise. On the whole I think your store has made a fine record during the war period. It has taken an active part in everything that has gone on, has maintained as complete a stock as any store could possibly do, and has handled your customers with the same kindness and courtesy that prevails at other times.

I should like mighty well to join you in another fishing trip, but maybe we will have to put it off until next summer. Give my regard to any Lawrence folk that you happen to see.

Everything at the hospital is running along nicely.

I realize that you have a birthday in the offing, and I will jump the gun a little bit by wishing you a happy birthday at this time.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

L. A. MCNALLEY

ATTORNEY AT LAW
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

July eleven, 1945

Major Avern B. Scolnik,
472 Federal Building,
Detroit, 26, Michigan.

Re: Louella Apartment Stock
Etoile B. Simons

Dear Major:

Since our conversation with Uncle Charlie, I have reviewed the above matter thoroughly. Under the petition filed in Iowa, it was alleged that Etoile B. Simons died a resident of the State of Iowa. This matter was heard and the Court granted the petition based upon residence in Iowa. Shortly before her death, Etoile B. Simons had moved a large portion of her personal belongings to Lawrence, Kansas. If she was not a resident of Iowa, she would in any event be a resident of Kansas. Since the Courts in Iowa have adjudged her a resident of that state I do not believe any other state could question this judgment. If such question were raised and sustained, her legal residence would in any event be in Kansas.

Due process was had in all matters concerning the estate in Iowa and all claims that were filed against her estate were satisfied in full. The time for filing any claims against her estate in Iowa or in Kansas has now passed. No claim, regardless of its nature, can now be established in either of these two states. Since no creditors are able to establish a claim against her estate, her undistributed property passes directly to her heirs. If claims had been filed against the estate of Etoile B. Simons, and these claims remained unpaid, then such creditors would be able to follow any undisclosed assets; but the rule is otherwise where they have failed to establish their claim.

Under these circumstances, we can assume that the endorsed certificates for stock in the above corporation are pledged as collateral to the debts of Etoile B. Simons, and pledged or mortgaged property is not affected by the administration of her estate. It seems to me that an agreement by all of her heirs to allow a distribution of this stock by the officers of the company is all that would be needed and we would not then be bothered with gift tax or other taxes under this situation and distribution. The Internal Revenue department cannot change the rights of the parties as heirs or distributees under the laws of Iowa and Kansas. I have found that the laws of Iowa and Kansas concerning creditors of an estate are the same.

Major Scolnik,
Page 2,
July 11, 1945.

It is for this reason that I feel sure that we can handle this matter in this way and it will be much simpler than the way we had talked of. Under comity between states, the parties are bound by this rule and the State of Illinois is bound to recognize the administration of this estate in Iowa.

Trusting this finds you well, I remain

Yours very truly,

L. A. McNalley,
Attorney at Law.

LAMc:gs

cc: Mr. W. C. Simons,
722 Massachusetts St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Mr. Charles Hoinville,
7539 Colfax Avenue,
Chicago, 49, Illinois.

July 10, 1945

Col. Karl F. Baldwin
U.S. Military Attache
APO 924 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Col. Baldwin:

I was glad to get your letter of June 15th. I had purposely made my letter of May 8th of a rather light nature feeling that you had enough serious things to consider from time to time. In spite of your activities and the good work that I am sure you have done, I know the load that has been on your mind and on that of Mrs. Baldwin.

As I have remarked before, I have been pleased with the good work of your son John.

As there were some saved from the hospital ship, your boy may have been among that number, but if the contrary is true, he may have been saved cruel imprisonment by being lost at sea.

It is hard for one to determine just what the future of the Nisei will be in America. If they have been thoroughly alienated from the Japanese idea of emperor-god, we shall have to be as kind towards them as we can, although it will be difficult for us not to distrust them. Certainly they should never again be permitted to congregate around military posts.

Col. McMorris, who has been in charge of the ROTC, has been transferred to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. I am sure that both the people of the town and the University would be happy to have you return to your former work, but with the closing of the war and the need to find places for officers still in service, the near approach of retirement for you might stand in the way. Since starting to write this letter, I called the Chancellor's office because I wished to know how the University would feel about it. The Chancellor was out, but Ray Nichols said they would be very happy to have you, but feared that this other matter might stand in the way, so the field is clear here if you could arrange for a transfer, and your many friends both in Lawrence and at the University would be very happy to have you back. I am sure we have never had a Commandant who did as good work and who had as many friends in the town and at the University as you have.

Generally speaking, the nation has been pleased with President Truman's general attitude. Of course, he is a Democrat, and he is appointing Democrats, but that is to be expected, but some way I think many of us feel that the nation is far more safe in his hands than it was before he took over, or than it would have been had Wallace been in the supreme position at this time.

Lawrence has measured up splendidly, going far over the top in every drive, and in doing everything else that it could to support the nation and its armed forces.

Col. Karl F. Baldwin

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July 10, 1945

Quite a number of discharged men are coming back, and Dolph is making every effort to place them.

A recent publication of statements for Lawrence banks indicate total deposits of more than \$16,000,000.00, but the total of loans is only about five percent of the amount on deposit.

The government is not only the greatest borrower, but it continues to be the greatest spender, and quite a little dissatisfaction is expressed over Congress voting an increase of \$2,500.00 a year to each member as an expense account. What the nation needs is to return to as sound a basis as possible, to cease piling up a debt, and to begin paying it off in sufficient amounts to maintain the credit and financial stability of the nation.

Thank you for the enclosures with your letter.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Your Friend

July 9, 1945

Mrs. Dolph Simons
c/o Howard Smith
Cottage Grove Camp--Higgins Lake
Roscommon, Michigan

Dear Marie:

I want to thank you as well as Dolph for the very nice seersucker robe given me for my birthday. I gave one rather worn silk robe away and have another nice silk robe that I seldom wear because I seem to be allergic to silk, but my summer weight robes are fine for either summer or winter.

I know you are having a nice time, and I shall be glad to be remembered to Commander and Mrs. Buhl and also to the little folks.

The letters from your boys indicate they are having a good time.

Lovingly,

Your Father

July 9, 1945

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

Dear Blanche:

That was a very pretty tie you sent me for my birthday, and I thank you very for it.

I had a very enjoyable surprise given me by the office girls last Saturday afternoon. Right under my nose, but without my knowledge, they had arranged ice cream and cake for everyone in the office, carriers and all, and also had placed a very beautiful bouquet of roses with two white candles on my desk. As a little mark of appreciation, I arranged to have everyone who cared to, attend the Jayhawker show as my guests.

Mary Beth leaves us tomorrow and we have certainly enjoyed her visit.

Much love to you and yours,

Your Father

July 9, 1945

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I want to thank you and Ma for the birthday gift of socks. Socks are socks these days and no one can have too many. I think they are very pretty, too.

I had a very enjoyable surprise given me by the office girls last Saturday afternoon. Right under my nose, but without my knowledge, they had arranged ice cream and cak for everyone in the office, carriers and all, and also had placed a very beautiful bouquet of roses with two white candles on my desk. As a little mark of appreciation, I arranged to have everyone who cared to, attend the Jayhawker show as my guests.

I don't believe I can fully tell you how much we have enjoyed Mary Beth. She has been an ideal guest, and we love her very much. I think everyone in the office is also fond of her. She will be leaving us Tuesday.

Lots of love to you and yours,

Your Father

July 9, 1945

Mr. Marcellus M. Murdock, Publisher
The Wichita Eagle
Wichita, Kansas

My dear Marcellus:

I was shocked today to hear of the death
of your brother, Victor.

I got to know him quite well while we were
on the trip thru Old Mexico with the Missouri
editors seventeen years ago.

I think the state is indebted to him for
the many historical sketches he has written for
publication in the Eagle and elsewhere.

Please extend my sympathy and best wishes
to Mrs. Victor Murdock.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Simons

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July 9, 1945

John Simons
Trail's End Camp for Boys
Glen Haven, Colorado

Dear John:

I don't know yet whether I am addressing a future business man, politician, doctor or lawyer, but I am sure I am talking to a young chap who will make good in any position in life to which he seriously aspires.

I read most of your letters to the folks; I think that as busy as you are with camp life, you have been a good correspondent.

Your vacation is now half over and it may not be long until you are wrestling the fish in Gull Lake. Try not to catch them all because I want to get a few next year when I hope to take another vacation there.

We are not counting on going up this year for several good reasons.

Lots of love,

from your Grandad

July 9, 1945

Dolph Simons
St. John's Military Camp
Delafield, Wisconsin

Dear Dolph:

I know you are having a good time at St. John's and I am much happier in having you there than I should have been had you decided to wrestle with potato sacks. I would much rather you would blacken an eye of a budding military sprout at St. John's than to caress the eyes of several million potatoes in Alfred Heck's field.

I really think you will get more kick out of St. John's although you probably had a sense of satisfaction in knowing that you were able to put over an exceptionally hard job.

Your grandad has a lot of confidence in you as well as a great affection for you.

Lovingly,

Grandad

July 10, 1945

Mrs. Karl F. Baldwin
693 The Alameda
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Baldwin:

I am enclosing a carbon copy of
a letter I have just written the Colonel,
thinking that you might be interested in
it.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

Enc.

July 3, 1945

Mrs. Kathryne Drought
1417 North Blackstone-
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Cousin:

I have before me your letter of May 4th and presume that it has been answered, but I haven't taken the time to see if there is a carbon in the letter file.

Our grandson was restored, was liberated on April 29th, and we saw him on June 7th and once since. He was a prisoner of war for ninety days, but came thru in good shape. I am going to enclose a story that we carried upon his return.

I hope that your son and other relatives will be able to give good service and then return safe and sound to their loved ones. We are going to need these boys to help unshackle the nation from the burdens laid upon it during the twelve years orgy of our crippled president.

I am pleased with the start that Truman is making. He is not losing sight of politics for a minute, but at the same time, he seems to be so much more sensible and safer than his predecessor.

I just noticed in the letter before me that Eugene's nephew, Arthur Drought, was injured, and I hope that his recovery has been as rapid as could possibly be expected. Isn't it splendid the attitude that he has towards the public at home.

With your large number of brothers and sisters, you are blessed with more immediate relatives than I am.

Some day I should like to have you find a spot not too far south and not too far north. It is possible that Arizona would build you up and restore you to perfect health.

I presume you are busy as bees putting up fruit and vegetables, and I think you are wise in so doing.

"The lady with that beautiful smile" reads your letters and enjoys them with me, and wishes to be remembered to you.

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I feel as if I know Betty and her children, and some day doubtless I shall have the pleasure of seeing them.

A recent letter from Lillian indicates that she is more confined to her room and bed than usual. The cold season there has not been good for her.

Please give my very best regards to Eugene and accept love for yourself.

Lovingly,

Your Cousin

Enc.

July 3, 1945

Mrs. Charles H. Stough
Box No. 13
Naval Air Gunner's School
Miami, Florida

Dear Mary Jule:

We received your jolly letter of June 29th and thoroughly enjoyed it.

With your duties coming along like clock work, I wonder what would happen if you should stub your toe. Your time seems to be well planned and profitably used. I think it is mighty fine that Vera is so competent in looking after herself and in helping you.

We planted geraniums on both your mamma's and sister's graves--also a lot on your grandmother's, and while they are growing beautifully on Julia's grave, the rather clumsy workers in the cemetery clipped several growing plants in trying to cut the grass where your loved ones are buried. We shall replant and try to keep something blooming.

I presume that Charles is prosecuting rather than defending the chaps who are up for courts martial. I don't know whether he is happy in freeing some poor devil from the toils, or tickled to death in tying him up in knots. You know the Bible says, "Woe unto your lawyers". As I think of Charles, I recall a pleasant individual rather than an ogre thirsting for human blood. I don't imagine he seems much like an ogre to you or to Vera.

We occasionally see Charlie's aunt, not the theatrical one. I have not seen Margaret for some time.

It has been a cold and backward season here--the morning of July 2nd, the thermometer stood at sixty degrees. I presume that farmers would still plant corn if they could get into their fields. I am fearful of a scarcity in food products. All of the food bureaus that can be formed in the visionary minds of New Dealers cannot make an ear of corn grow where it is too muddy to plant the seed.

I am always glad to hear from you, and certainly enjoy your letters. Give my love to Charles and Vera.

Lovingly,

Your Uncle

Apr 17 - 45

My dear Mother and sister -

Yes I did think of little Maud's birthday and dream of her quite often - in ten days it will be Etola's birthday - and to think she has been gone two years. I think I may go suddenly when my time comes - as I never feel that I will have a long illness. If I die here when I am to be buried here, on the place - and after I die you could both

be buried in the family grave lot in St. L. Dennis Street is with Patch and right in the righting It is an awful strain on Zelah and I know how terrible it is for Blanche. Reading about all the horrible things the Germans are doing to the prisoners - more - the less we shall all keep on praying and hoping. We have no very good news in sight for our take and posture. One is just waiting for the estate he has been with for some years to be protected.

The ice went into lake on Apr. 8. it had been open before that, across the edges. April weather has been more disagreeable than March was so far. I am doing all the work except the washing on Mon. since the Deser's moved. she has

not helped me close in April.
I did not know Eulabelle had gone
until you spoke of getting a new maid
Did she get married? Or can not
not get away now at the same time as
we do not leave the place alone.

I think Sumner may make a
better president than in thought
He has started off fairly well and
if he is a good Mason and Baptist
he just has to have - doesn't he Ellis?
I was interested in Mass. St. getting
its "face lifted" where do they start?
I know it is just to be one block
do the property owners have to pay for
the work? I have felt you were waiting
for the rail to end before you made
your plans for the summer. It would
be fine if you could use your cars to
come up. I heard from Mary-Jule
quite often until she went to Florida but
not since and I have not her address
down there. I also got a letter
I have so little time to write - I keep thinking
of things I want to say - where I put
books and then get to try to meet you.

July 3, 1945

Miss Lillian Gowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

I have in my hand the beautiful card and your nice personal message. My birthday is on the 8th. You have a better memory than I because I did not recall that your birthday was June 22nd. In other words you brought the beauty and warmth of summer to Uncle Louis and Aunt Laura.

Today is the 79th anniversary of the marriage of papa and mamma.

I am very doubtful in regard to being able to come to Minnesota this summer. Gertrude and I would be traveling alone, and it would be extremely difficult for me to guard her in getting thru traffic, and at the same time carry our necessary luggage. Usually, we have had a third or fourth party with us. Last summer we had our good maid, Eula, who was compelled to go back to the farm this summer to help her ailing parents.

I think it possible that Dolph, Marie and the two boys may be up there a while in August. I hope they can go.

I do not believe that I have a very great fear of death concerning myself, and yet like everyone else, I try to keep my body healthful and as alert as possible. The greatest thought I have had in connection with this is the loneliness that would be mine should Gertrude pass away, and the burden of care that would fall upon her if I preceded her, but the best way is to simply go along, enjoying the present rather than living in fear of what might happen.

We recently celebrated the 90th anniversary of the founding of The First Baptist Church of Lawrence of which we are members. There were seven original members of the founding party and I think I had a personal acquaintance with at least three or four of them.

I hope that you will bounce back in your usual manner and will enjoy such summer as may come from now on. Always let me know if there is anything that I can do that would add to your comfort and happiness.

With love,

Your brother cousin

July 3, 1945

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

Dear Grayce:

Today is the 79th anniversary of the marriage of our parents. What a fine looking couple they must have been--papa so well proportioned and mamma a little beauty with the purest type of complexion and with sparkling and curling black hair.

With this thought also comes the remembrance of the first 4th of July that I spent in Kansas. The picnic was in Akright's Grove and the dinner was served on a long table. I remember two parts of the program and only two parts--one was mamma singing to her own accompaniment played on her melodion and the song was "Three Grains of Corn". I wonder if you remember any of it. The chorus was something like this, "Give me three grains of corn, mother, only three grains of corn. It will keep the little life I have, 'til the coming of the morn." This song was written in commemoration of the great famine in Ireland when the potato crop failed. Mamma was still handsome and attractive with her little brood of children. Dr. Cowdy said to me once that he never heard a more beautiful voice than mamma's. He was given to exaggeration, but undoubtedly she had a charming voice. The other part of the program was a little mutt who spoke "Half A League", commemorating the great charge of the English at Balaklava against the Russians in the Crimea. The little chap knew that he was talking of a great battle, but the word "League" had little meaning for him. It sure was a courageous undertaking for a little chap to memorize the many verses of that poem. He must have been just about the age of Lance and when I think how cute they think he is when he recites a few lines in Sunday School, I rather marvel at the program of so many years ago.

I also remember that the serving of the dinner was delayed. In those days it was rather difficult to get up a fine dinner, and I remember well how hungry I was and how desirous I was of partaking of the splendid show of food, but alas, by the time it was served, I had become nauseated either from the scare of speaking my piece or my delayed dinner, and I couldn't eat anything. I wonder how many are still living of that big crowd assembled for the picnic.

Of the Aiken family with its large number of children, only two or three are still living. There are two of us, and there doubtless are surviving members of many of the families that were there.

Pawnee Creek, however, has changed more than we have. Where the banks used to be steep and well covered with timber, they are not as steep and as long as they have always remained in my memory.

I am rather afraid that we won't get up to the lake this year--not because we don't want to, but because of the difficulty in traveling. Since Gertie was lamed by her fall of five or six years ago, I have to look after her at stations as well as baggage, and with the shortage of Redcaps, it becomes a very difficult problem. It is possible that Dolph and Marie and the boys will get up there during the month of August. I hope they can.

Letters from the boys indicate that they are enjoying their experiences.

In their party both Dolph and Marie can carry baggage if necessary and the boys can do the same, so the handicap is hardly to be compared to that I have to face. Last year we had our good maid, Eula, with us who was a big help, and this year we have no one that we could take with us.

At the present time Mary Beth is with us, and we are thoroughly enjoying her visit. She is so nice to be around and willing to help in any way she can. She is putting in a few hours each day at the circulation desk in our office. She is energetic, and I am sure enjoys the experience. This year she plans to enroll at Monticello, the school which Marilyn attended two or three years ago.

It has been a very cool and backward season. The Wakarusa, the stream to the south of us, I think has overflowed the lowlands four times this season. Wheat is now ready to be cut and still the rains come. Very few acres of oats were planted and the corn acreage will be unusually light. The potato acreage was also small and blight has interfered with the yield in some places, but the prices are high so the growers will do as well as usual.

We are still short-handed and there is no immediate prospect of improvement. I think of you a lot of want to be with you. I sometimes wish that Don could trade his billboards in the north for some business in the south or could find some way to avoid the hard winters, but before making a change I would investigate thru the State and National Board of Health to see what portions of the United States are most suited to those having sinus trouble.

Yesterday morning the thermometer stood at sixty degrees. I think the coldest last night was about sixty-two.

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I hope that your arrangement with Purington will prove satisfactory in every way.

I am sorry about the death of Mrs. Bisek, who was a kindly, likeable old lady and certainly was a great help to her daughter in looking after the home and the little girl during her daughter's absence.

I shall be very glad to have you use the power mower to give our ground a good cutting. If we let things go without attention for a single season, it would take quite a while to put them back.

I am glad that Don and Raleigh have been giving their attention to the squirrels. I don't like squirrels and perhaps that goes to prove that I am a nut. They are vicious little devils, perform no constructive service and destroy birds and property.

We had a mess of walleye recently sent to us by representatives of the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company with which we do business.

In any work that you do for us, please pass the bills on to us so we can pay for same.

We certainly appreciate the general oversight that you give our property and don't want it to cost you anything in money.

I love you a lot and wish we could be together far more than we are.

Lovingly,

Your brother

May 4. 1945-

1417 NORTH BLACKSTONE STREET
JACKSON, MICHIGAN



H. C. Simons
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Cousin, -

It was a pleasure to hear from you again. Your letters are too far apart, but I do realize you are a very busy person.

Oh, I do hope your grandson is restored to his loved ones, safe and well. These awful prison camps are terrible to read about, yet, I do read and listen, we must if we are to understand what we are dealing with in the future.

But nephew Jimmy, with the 2nd. Armored said it was all worth while to him when he saw the happy faces of the prisoners they released. - all nationalities, all ages, various states and stages of health and sickness. Poor pitiful human

Betty and children were here Easter Eugene was wearing a rather fancy blue shirt. Judith said, "Grandpa you look cute as can be in that shirt!"

beings creeping up and putting their hands on your uniforms as though you wore the robe of Christ that brought healing and deliverance.

I did so hope Russia would capture Hitler alive - if not that we would find his body so to be absolutely sure of his death.

We didn't hear from Willard for nearly a month at the time of Okinawa invasion. The Navy lost heavy there and we were anxious. At last his letters came and although he couldn't say definitely we are sure that was where he had been. He is now Petty Officer 1st. Class. More pay, more responsibility.

Eugene's nephew Arthur brought was seriously injured on Iwo about two months ago. He was shot in the head. He wrote recently that the doctor that operated was one of the best and that he is getting excellent care. It did not affect his speech, sight or hearing. He is still at a base.



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hospital - Saipaw. We hope he can be moved to a hospital in U.S. soon. I asked him if he needed anything we could send him. He said, "No" and added, "Everyone is so wonderful to me, I can never repay it." Imagine one of those boys saying they couldn't repay us.

One of my sister's sons was wounded while fighting in Siegfried Line - he has been in a hospital in France two months. His arm and shoulder was in cast for sometime; he is much better and upon exercise. He has a wife and three lovely children. I hope he can come home on furlough before the Pacific.

Eugene is busy as usual. He has set out 200 each of raspberry and strawberry plants. He sent to Montgomery Ward for 100 Everbearing Strawberry plants

Remember me to the lady with that beautiful smile.

They haven't come and he is afraid they aren't going to be able to supply them.

The weather has unseasonably cold for over two weeks - several frosts have taken a nip here and there among our fruit and flowers. Worst of all Tom's big sweet cherry tree laden with blossoms, not a cherry has set. It touched other fruit trees we can't tell how seriously as yet.

May the post was cooperating with the Q.P.A. We usually put up 200 cans of fruit as well as jellies and marmalade. It is half our living - now 30 lbs. of sugar. Eugene has good luck with saccharin.

We have ordered half our coal but cannot get the other half until Sept. I should think it would be better to get complete allotments out of the way for those who can't order only small amounts at a time. Such a mess! We haven't had fresh meat in nearly three weeks, not even liver, chicken or fish.

I keep well and a little work doesn't tire me.
Your loving Cousin Kathryn.



Box #13

NAVAL AIR GUNNERS SCHOOL
MIAMI, FLORIDA

June 29, 1945

My dear Aunt Gertrude & Uncle Collier -

We wondered if you noticed the enclosed article in *Colliers*. Two weeks ago, I believe. If the incident mentioned on the main street was as good as written up, you probably remember it.

Things are going fine here. Charles is very busy and is enjoying the work too. Has had a number of Summary Courts Martial and of course those he prizes. Won one the other day that everyone departed to the extent of working their hands of the whole matter & publicly declaring (in the person of the Oin-C) that it was "Stough" baby.

We're very anxious to see Owen.
You must be enjoying his time at
home. How thankful Blanche must
be.

So glad about Wrothera & Bus. I
had not heard. And you
know that the Harold Allen will
have their 5th in November? And
Arly is in 2nd grade next fall.

I rather scurry about, what with
~~saved~~ ^{saved} hours at school & a house
& no help. We have a unique
schedule —

6:15 up. Breakfast soon.

7:00 Charles leaves

7:20 I leave. Vera gets up

later, eats, makes her bed,
dusts, does the dishes.

12:20 — I return. Get lunch.

1:30 — School again (1 block away)

2:30 — Home again. Then I wash,



NAVAL AIR GUNNERS SCHOOL
MIAMI, FLORIDA

iron, clean home, etc.

4:15 or so, Charles comes home.

6:00 supper

9:30 or so, bed for all. And

boy, are we ready!!

But we really enjoy it, none-
the-less. I hate Florida but
the fact that he is here will
certainly anchor me for the
duration. We fish + go to the
beach for recreation and are
just thankful that all is
well.

School is interesting. I conduct,
of all things, the music. And
they love it, though a musician's
ear drum would burst at
the sounds that emerge from

forty small throats ^{led by} ~~to~~ ^{my} own
pog. like tones. But the supervisor
heeds my suggestions & I find
the atmosphere very pleasant to
work in. (As you say, I have totally
forgotten my English Major in school)

We miss you all but it
can't be too many years before
everyone takes up life again.

Love,

Mary Gule

Minneapolis, Minn. May 22, 1945.

My dear brother-cousin;-

I was very glad to receive your letter. It had seemed sometime since I had heard from.

This the third letter I have written in several weeks, for I have been ill since early in March, with a rather severe attack of Bronchitis and Fever. I would sit up for an hour and then have to lie down for two or three hours. Sometimes I would pile up the pillows, turn on my bed light, and read for a while; so keeping up with the news of the day. I see that our young Commander Stassen is having many favorable comments on the way he is conducting his part in the Conference.

This would have been dear old Father's birthday, and if Etolie were with us now, she would have been writing me. She was a wonderful girl to keep all such things in mind. She always sent me good wishes for my birthday, which will take place in another month, if I am permitted to live that long.

It was been a long Winter, and a cold and late Spring. Only part of our garden seeds are up, and none of the flower seeds. Even the shrubs are not blossoming. Am afraid the late frosts touched them, so we will have no flowers to take to the Cemetery on Decoration day. I probably will not have the strength to go up there. My kind Attorney did come after me in his car, and I went down to the bank, the insurance office and Court House to pay my taxes for the year.

I have had great difficulty in getting help to do anything around the house, as Mr. Cook has had Arthritis as badly as I am having it. I shall have to get along as best I can, as help is almost impossible to find.

I have written this morning to Grayce, in answer to a letter written me on her birthday, which passed one of mine going to her. She seemed very happy, planning for her garden next summer.

I read that the oil situation is going to be improved in June, and possibly you will be going up to Tree Tops next summer again. It would be very nice for all of you. They say the fishing is very good this year.

Perhaps I am not feeling so "stoical" as usual, but I shall try to get as much out of this Summer as possible. You know the song, "Count your blessings. Say them over one by one." I am trying to do just that.

My love to Gertrude and yourself. May you have a happy Summer.

Lovingly,
Lillian.

Gomer T. Davies
Editor of
THE KANSAN
Concordia, ♦ Kansas

June fifteenth,
1945.

Mr. W. C. Simons,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear friend:-

I appreciate very much your thoughtful kindness
in writing to me such a good letter.

My sister-in-law, Mrs. Lois Davies, who lives
with her daughter at 784 1/4 Mass, sent to me
a few days ago a clipping from the Journal-World,
a complimentary personal note about me, which I
appreciate, too.

Your letter being addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Davies,"
informs me that you had not known of her "passing."
So I am enclosing herewith a copy of the formal
notice of her death.

I am hopeful that this chaotic confusion of travel,
incident to the war, will soon be over, so that we
may visit places and persons whom we desire to see.
Then I hope to call on my relatives, and you, --all *in*
the same block of the city.

Sincerely yours,

Gomer T. Davies,
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MRS. GOMER T. DAVIES

August 31, 1938

Concordia, Kansas

Mrs. Gomer T. Davies Died Suddenly

Mrs. Gomer T. Davies, wife of the editor of The Kansan, passed away at her home on West Fifth street, yesterday afternoon, very suddenly. Mrs. Davies fell and fractured her left hip November 8th, last year and though she has been incapacitated since that time, she had so far recovered as to be able to be taken out in a car and walk short distances with assistance. She had appeared as well as usual until Tuesday morning, when her heart began to weaken, even her attending physician felt that her condition was not alarming, after the administration of a stimulant. But the end came about 5:30 o'clock, with the members of her immediate family, residing in Concordia, at her bedside.

Mrs. Davies' maiden name was Catherine Ann Powell, born in New Haven, West Virginia, May 4, 1860. The family moved to the vicinity of Danville, Illinois, during the Civil war, her father joined the Union Army, but the war closed before he saw active duty. Following the death of the father in Illinois, the family moved to Des Moines, and later to Lucas County, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Davies were married at Cleveland, Lucas county, Iowa, on October 15, 1879, and came to Kansas, locating first at Republic City, where Mr. Davies began his newspaper career. He bought The Kansan and came to Concordia in November, 1895.

Nine children were born to them, seven of whom are living, they are: Dr. John D. Davies, Alamosa, Colorado; Mrs. H. E. Lague, Monte Vista, Colorado; Mrs. E. B. Whipp, Concordia; Harry L. Davies, Lincoln, Kansas; Ralph B. Davies, Concordia; Mrs. H. F. Lasher, West Englewood, New Jersey; and Miss Ruth Davies, Concordia. Mrs. Davies is also survived by six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters,

Mrs. Robert Williams, of Lucas, Iowa; and Mrs. Parley Batten, of Chariton, Iowa; and one brother, Alec Powell, of Woodward, Oklahoma. All the sons and daughters will be present at the funeral services which will be held Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock at the home.

A personal tribute to this fine lady, a true helpmate to Mr. Davies for nearly sixty years, and who was dearly beloved by all who knew her, will appear in an early issue of The Kansan.—The Kansan, September 1, 1938.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. DAVIES

Funeral services for Mrs. Gomer T. Davies were held last Sunday afternoon at the family home on West Fifth street, and many friends and relatives gathered as final evidence of the love and respect with which Mrs. Davies was held by the people among whom she and her family have resided for the past forty-one years. The floral tributes were most beautiful and most abundant, coming from persons in every walk of life, which would have been a most happy thought could it be shared by Mrs. Davies. Many letters and telegrams were received conveying consoling words of sympathy from all parts of the country, a number coming from former neighbors and their children, who had learned to know Mrs. Davies in her more youthful days, but still hold her dearly in their memories. It is needless to say that the relatives were truly appreciative of the thought that their love for Mrs. Davies was shared by so many.

The services were conducted by Rev. Templin, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Rev. Fulton, of the Presbyterian church. Appropriate music was splendidly and impressively presented by a quartette composed of Mrs. J. K. Kershner, Mrs. Charles Gundy, Dr. Anderson and Mr. H. D. Karns, accompanied by Mrs. Lawrence Glidden. Mrs. Charles Gundy, of Manhattan, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Davies, sang two beautiful

solos, both favorites of Mrs. Davies, one of which Mrs. Gundy sang at the Fiftieth Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Davies, nine years ago.

The pallbearers were: John Perry, D. G. Gould, D. J. Perkins, Carl P. Rogers, E. W. Powell and Carl Ossmann.

Interment was made in Pleasant Hill cemetery.—The Kansan, September 8, 1938.

The editor of The Kansan has just gone through an experience for which he had humanly reasoned to be in a measure prepared for the possible eventuality. But no greater mistake was ever made by him. For when death came to our home and took away the sweetheart of our youth, the devoted mother of our children, our companion, helpmate, loyal, loving wife of nigh onto three-score years,—reason was dethroned and complete helplessness became the most tragic fact in our long life.

"For whether in mid-sea or among the breakers of the farther shore, a wreck must mark at last the end of each and all. And every life, no matter if its every hour is rich with love and every moment jeweled with joy, will to its close, become a tragedy, as sad, and deep, and dark as can be woven of the warp and woof of mystery and death."

Her family should find solace at such a time in the knowledge that the loving wife, affectionate and devoted mother had "gone away" at the close of a long and eventful life of nearly four-score years, enriched by the knowledge and realization that she held in full measure the appreciation and love she so well deserved from every member of her family, and every other person who had come under her personal interest and beneficent influence.

In early life she was baptized into membership of The Re-Organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and while in later life, on account of remoteness from the services, she may have forgotten details of that faith, the simply stated philosophies of the Great Nazarene, were as the Rock of Gibraltar, the guide for her conduct through life.

No living woman excelled her in wifely duty or mother care.

No wife and mother more completely dominated the home and family by the simple ties of love and devotion. In our home no one entertained any illusions as to the personage occupying the distinction of being the "head of the family."—It was throughout the years, always, "Mother."

She lived as she believed it be clearly her duty to live, a full and abundant life. The grief of her family should be assuaged by pride in this knowledge, and our tears should cease to flow unrestrained in the assurance, that she has "just gone home."

"From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word; but in the night hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing."

We should, and must, find comfort and consolation in Hope.

"With thee, sweet Hope! resides the heavenly light,

That pours remotest rapture on the sight:

Thine is the charm of life's bewildered way,

That calls each slumbering passion into play.

Waked by thy touch, I see the sister band,

On tiptoe watching, start at thy command,

And fly where'er thy mandate bids them steer,

To Pleasure's path, or Glory's bright career."

As bereaved husband and father we abandon the conventional impersonal editorial "we," to speak more intimately with our many reader friends of The Kansan.

I humbly beseech God's infinite mercy to guide my future conduct in such rectitude that I shall deserve to share with her that serene and ineffable peace and contentment that she now enjoys, and so justly merits.

Until then:—

Good Night, Sweetheart, Good Night.—The Kansan, September 8, 1938.

July 2, 1945

Mrs. F. H. Simons
Howard, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Simons:

I remember your husband and family, and I also was acquainted with Roy Simons of the Simons-Wiles Motor Co. of Kansas City.

While we may have common ancestors a great many years back, my line has been in this country for at least eight generations, and it is my understanding that your family came from England much more recently. With the destruction there has been in England, it will be more difficult in the future to look up genealogies than it has been in the past.

I can give you a little information that I secured several years ago from Mr. Thomas A. Simons, then of Columbus, Ohio. Later letters addressed to him from me were returned "address unknown". He may have passed away. I also have data that I have secured from various genealogists and books.

I am sorry that I cannot give you accurate data in regard to my connection with the English family. I understand the family to have been one of considerable importance and that they were followers of Cromwell, and as a family many were impoverished with the Restoration of the Kingdom.

Later if you find more information in regard to the Simons family in England, I shall be glad to have you give it to me.

Wishing you and your family well, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.

Historical data largely taken from a letter written by Thomas A. Simons, of Columbus, Ohio.

The English family of Simons, and kindred names, are descendants of members of the family who came to England with William the Conqueror in 1066,- the English records showing that a grant of land was given to Adam Simons at that time.

The ancient Norman form of the name Simond, which means victorious protector, is Sigmunde. The Anglo-Saxon name is Sigemund and the present day English variations of the name are Simons, Simons, Simmens, Simmonds, Simonds and Symonds. These variations cause much confusion in making genealogical records.

Among the earliest families coming to New England we find one Moses Symonson, who landed at Plymouth in 1621. He settled later at Duxbury, Mass. He came from Amsterdam. Soon after his arrival he dropped the "on" from his name and thereafter called his name Symons. He married and reared a large family. The children were all likewise prolific and spread all over New England. This family has caused a great deal of trouble to genealogists through the introduction of cross-currents. It is presumed that Moses Symons was Dutch rather than English.

I do not believe that this Symons was our progenitor.

Among the other Simons who are founders of the American family are: John Symons, who settled at Warwick Squeak, Va., in 1623 and died at the same place. He left no male descendants. William Symonds who sailed from the Port of London for America in the ship "Safety" on Oct. 20, 1635, might well be the first "Simons" in our line in America, as a child born to him after 1635 might well be the father of the William Simons in our line, who was born in 1659.

The data concerning William Simons, William Simons, Jr., Benjamin Simons, Benjamin Simons, Jr., and Adolphus Simons are found in the vital records of Enfield, Conn., although in our family records Adolphus Simons is said to have been born at East Haddam, Conn. Continuing with the T. A. Simons list, Richard Symonds who sailed from the Port of London in the ship "Margaret" March 1, 1633. Thomas Symonds who sailed from the Port of London in the ship "Bona Venture", Jan. 2, 1634. James Symonds who sailed from London in the ship "Constance", no date. Richard Symonds of Graves End, who sailed from London in the "Assurance" July 24, 1635. Joseph Symonds who sailed from London in the ship "Primrose" July 27, 1635. Samuel Symonds who sailed from London in the ship "Paule" July 6, 1635. John Symonds who sailed from London, date and ship, in records lost, who settled in and was made a citizen and freeman of Salem, Mass., in 1637. Samuel Symonds, who sailed from London, date and ship no record, who settled in Salem, Mass., and was made a freeman in 1637, afterwards was one of the three first magistrates and later deputy governor of Mass. Governor John Winthrop married his sister. Marke Symonds was made a freeman at Ipswich, Mass., March 7, 1638 and died without male descendants. From the above list must be traced the Simons family in America. All were unmarried when they came to this country except deputy governor Samuel Symonds, who reared a family of ten children.

Howard, Kans
June 27, 1945

Mr W.C. Simons
Lawrence, Kans.

My Dear Mr. Simons;

we lived in Lawrence from 1925 to 1936, and while there my husband talked to you briefly about genealogy of the Simons family. There was no evidence that your line and his are connected in any way, but since I have been trying these last few years to work out the Simons ancestry I wonder if you would favor me with an outline of your descent. I have a short outline of his line furnished me by the late Roy Simons, of the Simons-Wiles Motor Co. of K.C., who was my husband's cousin. Roy had much information which he said he would send me but he was killed in a motor accident before he was able to do it.

I wonder if you will help me with what information you have or tell me where I could obtain anything on Simons history.

Our son Maj. Kenneth L. Simons, now in Belgium, hopes to get leave to go to England to see what he can find, if anything.

I would deeply appreciate anything you can do.

Very truly,
Myrtle L. Simons

Address

Mrs. F. H. Simons
Howard Kans

Our Simons Line as we have it but it lacks
dates and places which are important

Generation

- 1 John Symonds m Miss Lording (dau. of Sir W^m Lording)
- 2 Robert m — Congrove
- 3 John m — Gravener (name became Symons.)
- 4 Thomas m — Worthington
- 5 John m Anne Bendlow (name became Simons)
- 6 Roger m Mary Boswell
- 7 Robert m Alice Horton
- 8 Roger m Laura Marston
- 9 Enoch m Eliza Marshall
- 10 Admatha m. Anne Wilford
- 11 William m. Martha Upper
- 12 Franklin H. m. Myrtle L. Raburn.



Mr. F. H. Simons
Box 283
Howard
Kansas, U. S. A.

June 27, 1945

John Simons
Trail's End Camp for Boys
Glen Haven, Colorado

Dear John:

Your granddad has taken a lot of pleasure in reading the letters you have sent your home folks. I am sure that you are going to enter into the spirit of things out there in fine shape and will come back bragging on Cheley and on the friends you have made.

We dug up another blanket for you the other day and you doubtless have received it by this time. It does not make much difference how hot it may be during the daytime--you always need plenty of cover for a night in the mountains.

I think that your parents really realize a big difference in having you away. There is no one to run errands, no one to wash dishes, no one to help with a hundred things that you and your brother were always helpful in doing.

Mary Beth came in last night. I took lunch at home today noon, and she came down with me and is now occupying Dolph's chair while she works for Grace on circulation. Knowing how partial Grace is to Dolph, Mary Beth will have a hard time to match him.

I think you boys might have had a good time last night at the all church picnic in Central Park just north of the church. We had a nice dinner and plenty of games, and I don't believe they left the picnic grounds until the approaching storm warned them that it was time to go home.

We had a fine mess of walleye for lunch today that came from Mr. Furlong and Bill Milvers of the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Co. Your folks also had fish today and it seemed just as good as those just hauled out of the lake.

I think your Aunt Grayce and Uncle Don are still looking forward to your being up there later in the season.

No other big news at present. I won't ask you to write me a special letter because I have a chance to read the letters you write your folks and it will save you that much time.

Much love,

Granddad

Written in P.O. in
6/23/45 haste

Dear Mr. Simons,

I had a night letter
all prepared to send to
you, but Western Union
gave me no guarantee
that it w'd reach you since
greetings of any kind are
"out" for the duration.
I was disappointed & now
I trust this will reach you
in ample time for which-
ever occasion it w'd be most
suitable to have read.

Thank you so much for
letting me know about it.

He are all well.
My Mother gets very
weary — doing too much.
Our Vacation School
began yesterday. I'm Principal
a pin, —. Consenting to
do so as part of a Memorial
to our dear Howard. It is
a big undertaking. So I'm
busy! The girls are fine!
Growing so fast.

Rejoice so much about
Dwen's return home.

Blessings on you all.

Yours truly,
Fiscilla

June 21, 1945

Mr. Charles H. Hoinville,
925 Railway Exchange Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Charles:

I am sorry you have to make a trip into the hot South at this time of year, but probably no one in the country knows better how to take care of themselves on a train than you do. We expect to be here on the 27th and will be very happy to have you stop off to stay as long as you can.

We have had an exceedingly wet and backward season and very little acreage given to oats on account of inability to plant, and people are still hoping to plant corn. I understand in some places even the first crop of alfalfa has not been harvested on account of continued wet weather. It is also delaying, somewhat, the ripening of wheat. I sincerely hope that we shall be able to get more cars because the food surpluses of the world are probably the lowest now that they have been in modern times.

Gertrude and I have made no definite plans about going to Gull Lake.

Owen will drive up from Tulsa Friday to bring his sister Marilyn home.

Pat left yesterday morning for New Orleans, Lafayette and Houston.

We shall await your coming.

With Love,

Your Brother

UCB:JM

June 12, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 3--Gull Lake
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don:

Ebon Anderson, who has the contract with Douglas County to fight bindweed was visiting with me today and asked about Grayce. He said he went to school to you when you taught at the Jones School. That was the time that you boarded at Vincents. Mr. Anderson now has a crippled right hand which may also have been crippled when he was a boy. I didn't ask him.

We had a fine but short visit with Owen. He told us of his experience as a prisoner and their greatest trouble was caused by hunger. They were marched 150 miles from Nuernberg to Moosberg and had to live entirely by foraging--no food whatever being provided by the Germans for the captives. It is very interesting to hear him tell of his experiences. They kept him in solitary confinement for seven days under the misapprehension that he was a radar man and could tell them about radar. He made a little lasso from parts torn from his jacket and used that to lasso nails or rough spots in the lumber, and tore up a paper into 52 pieces to make a deck of cards--in this and other ways making the time to pass. Of course, Blanche and Pat are delighted to have him back. We were all together, including Dolph's family, for a dinner at our home.

Gertrude's fifteen-year old maid did not pan out, and she has now engaged a capable colored woman to work 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours a day, 6 days in the week.

We still have too much rain and it is difficult to get ground plowed and crops planted.

When I think of all the grand old boys that went to school to you and what might have been had you settled down in Kanwaka--well, I won't tell you how I feel, but it would not be to Don's disadvantage.

We don't know any more about what we shall do this summer than we did, but we would like to see you and Don, sit in at your good table, or around the card table and beat you at a game of bridge or rummy.

Love to you both,

906 So. Sierra Bonita Ave.,
Los Angeles 36, California.
May 27, 1945.

Mr. W. C. Simons,
Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:-

Your letter was very much appreciated. It is kind of people to remember you long enough to still inquire after you. There are people scattered all over the country who still ask after me. Lawrence people are all over this western state, and I hear from many of them. I still keep good health in my 97th year.

People out here are greatly interested in flowers, and have great quantities in their yards. Roy and our good neighbors keep us well supplied, and we have roses, sweet peas, and other flowers in our own yard.

Each day at noon I go to dinner in my wheel chair, have a good appetite but still cannot walk. I lost forty pounds in weight and so my upper plate would not stay in, kept falling down, so am having to have a new plate made. I hope the new plate gets in before roasting ears are all gone.

Roy asks to be remembered to you. He stops here every day or two on his way to and from his office, and is a great help to us. He inherited his father's mechanical mind. He has an apartment house with forty families. I am very thankful to have a quiet, pleasant home, with some good neighbors who call occasionally.

Please remember me kindly to any friends who may inquire about me.

Cordially yours,

Eleanor Henley
(H)

June 1, 1945

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

Dear Blanche:

The trustees didn't like the form of the other contract which you executed, which required their signatures on a promissory note. Personally, I didn't think it was necessary to have it drawn up in that manner, but had permitted Mr. Hunter to draw up the contract feeling that he ought to know. However, when I found that the sale could not be completed in that manner, I went to C. C. Stewart, told him what I wanted, and he drew up the enclosed contracts which have been signed in triplicate. Now if you will sign same and date the contract the first day of June, I think we should be ready to receive the \$3,000.00 as the first payment.

I am enclosing herewith the agreement you previously signed. Please return these agreements properly signed and dated together with the abstract and your insurance policies. As the abstract was brought up to date when I purchased the property, the cost of bringing it up to date at this time should not be large. I presume Mr. Stewart will make a charge for drawing up the contract--how much I don't know.

Your letter came this morning addressed to Mrs. W. C. Simons, and as she was not here at the moment, I acted as her secretary and opened it and found it quite satisfactory.

Pretty nearly every time the telephone rings, we have in the back of our heads that it may be news of Owen's return. Since you were here, two letters addressed to him since his imprisonment--via Red Cross--have been returned to us.

We are of the opinion that Nadine, the new maid, will prove to be all that we had hoped in a girl of fifteen. Ramsey is now on the job and we can see the beginnings of necessary improvement.

I had a call from Marilyn yesterday and helped her pick out a couple of ties for a birthday present to Murray. I thought them very pretty and that they would be suitable for his complexion.

We enjoyed every minute of your short visit and hope that it will not be long until you can be back again. Give my love to Pat and Eileen.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:df

May 28, 1945

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

Dear Charlie:

I am sending you herewith a letter of mine dated May 23rd, 1945, to McNalley, and his reply of May 25th.

If you will take this matter up with Avern, it should not be difficult to get the consent of the heirs for the distribution desired. As you are aware there are but four heirs to Etoile's estate--Grace Freeman, Mary Jule, Mrs. Julia Blackhurst, and myself. If you will return these letters to me with your approval, I shall have Mc draw up the necessary consents and will try to get them signed as quickly as possible.

You will be interested in knowing that the geraniums have been planted and the subsequent rains, while they may have beaten them up a bit, should insure their living thru the summer. We put 12 on Julia's grave and the other 12 divided between Sally, Vera, Etoile, and the other graves.

I received the clipping this morning. The change in the Maloney Tank Company management should be beneficial. Warren has been a pain in the neck, very uncooperative and inefficient. Crawford has been identified with a large concern and understands the selling part of the business and has a good organization to start with. Pat knows the manufacturing end thoroughly and the combination should work out most satisfactorily to both of them.

With love,

Your Brother

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Your Brother

WCS:df
Encs.

May 24, 1945

Mr. H. B. Bullene
331 North Alta
Whittier, California

Dear Herb:

The notation you made on the slip enclosed with your dollar indicates that you are perfectly normal. If you liked the miserable, little, dinky half sheet, I would feel that you should go to a psychiatrist to see what was the matter with you.

At this time, however, when our paid circulation has run up to about 7500 copies a day, and there is a world wide scarcity of paper, every little saving helps, and if we could save a half sheet of paper 25 times a year and other papers would do the same, it would amount to a large total of newsprint saved.

On the whole I think we have come thru in pretty good shape and the word "we" embraces all of us. We have supplied the sinews of war for the victorious armies of many lands, who by their efforts have saved our right to live our lives, worship as we see fit, and to have retained many of our fundamental liberties. Yes, we have all been bothered by certain restrictions, feeling oft-times that they have been bungled or were unnecessary, but taking it all in all, none of our cities have been destroyed, none of our harbors laid waste, and freedom has been preserved.

We didn't go into it because we wanted to, but because we had to, and Hitler's miserable death in his subterranean fastness is due first to the courage of England in maintaining the war until we were ready, to the Russians in furnishing men, and greatest of all perhaps, to the United States which has furnished both munitions, food, and manpower.

With best wishes to you and yours, I am

As ever

Your Friend

WCS:df

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A B B

May 24, 1945

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

Dear Blanche:

I am enclosing a letter received from Justice Wm. A. Smith which is self-explanatory. I have already written him in acknowledgement of same.

Mary March met me on the street this morning, and I made mention of our conversation on the back of the Smith letter. She seemed very sincere.

A postcard from Mrs. Howard Koelb dated May 21, 1945, Washington, D. C., states as follows: "Just a hurried card to tell you how very glad I was to read of Owen's safety. I'd gleaned the Journal-World for news of him all these months. When you write Blanche be sure to include us among those rejoicing with them."

Scores have mentioned to us their delight in knowing of Owen's safety. Yesterday a box came back addressed to him and with womanly curoosity, Gertie opened it enough to see what it was and it proved to be the candles that she had sent him that he might use to boil tea, etc. These candles in themself, worth nothing, have made the trip to Italy and back.

Seeing you are going to be here tomorrow, I am going to sign, seal and deliver this letter instead of mailing it.

Lots of love,

Dad

May 23, 1945

Mr. L. A. McNalley, Attorney
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mr.:

I was recently informed that the business of the Luella Avenue Building Corporation had reached a stage where it was definitely known what Etoile's holdings were and are. It seems that she had a total of 166 shares, and she had pledged a certain number of shares to pay a note given C. H. Hoinville on February 10, 1930, for \$5,000. He is willing to accept 50 shares in payment of this note. It also appears that Etoile had obtained \$3,000 from a certain Viola Haynes at Kansas City, and had promised her 30 shares of stock. Deducting the 50 shares to C. H. Hoinville and the 30 shares to Viola Haynes will leave 86 shares available for the heirs of Etoile B. Simons. As you know, Sister Etoile has four heirs only, to wit: W. C. Simons, Mary Jule Stough, Mrs. Don A. Freeman, and Julia Simons Blackhurst. To divide 86 shares equally among the four heirs will mean $21\frac{1}{2}$ shares each.

However, I also am entitled to 40 shares, for which no stock had been previously issued. I had thought that instead of having my part of Etoile's shares and my own shares issued to me, that I would divide the $61\frac{1}{2}$ shares and have them issued to my four heirs, to wit: Blanche Simons Maloney, Janet Simons McNalley, Dolph C. Simons, and Dorothea Simons Johnson.

Avern Scolnik is the legal representative for the Luella Corporation, and you have looked after Etoile's estate. Please tell me whether we should try to have this matter adjusted thru the administrator in Iowa or in some other manner. We have not been at fault in administering her estate because we have acted upon all of the actual information that we had. At the present time, having made an exhaustive examination of her papers, there appears to be no other source whatever from which further assets may be derived.

In a letter to Mr. Hoinville, I asked him to state the book value of Luella shares, and I quote this paragraph from his reply, "So far as the market value of them is concerned, there probably would be no market for them, but so far as book value is concerned, they are worth \$100 a share." I think in his reply he has confused book value, which I requested, with par value. Often there is considerable difference between the book value of actual assets and the par value of stock.

Mr. L. A. McNalley

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May 23, 1945

In addition to the foregoing and in no way connected with it, The World Company also holds 20 shares. We originally had \$9,000 invested in this stock, but as it was a personal matter, I took \$7,000 at par value from The World Company, which would include the 40 shares above mentioned that had not been issued, and I presented 30 shares to Julia Simons Hoinville and 20 shares to Mary Jule Stough, which leaves, when the new stock for 40 shares is issued, 20 shares in the name of The World Company and 20 shares in my name, the two lots constituting the 40 shares previously mentioned in this letter.

That you may know that my above report is in accord with the corporation records, I refer to Mr. Hoinville's letter of May 15th, 1945, in which he says he has received from the bank, stock certificates for a total of 166 shares for Etoile, and his letter of May 22nd, 1945, in which he states, "Am holding certificate No. 23 for three shares (3) and Avern has in his strong box, certificate 37 for forty shares (40) in your favor, this with the eighty six (86) mentioned in your letter totals 129 shares."

I shall be glad to have you give this matter your attention as soon as you can and feel sure that this will clean everything up.

I will add that the 90 shares of stock originally purchased by me and The World Company cost \$9,000 par value. This does not indicate my judgment in regard to investments, but rather my desire to aid my sister at a time when her holdings were very greatly involved.

With love,

Your Father

WCS:df

May 23, 1945

Justice William A. Smith
The Supreme Court
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Justice Smith:

I was very glad to get your good letter of May 21st. We too were indeed delighted to know that Blanche's son, Owen, our grandson, was again under the command and protection of our military forces. He was navigator-bomber on a B-24 stationed in Italy, and on a mission to bomb the ordnance works at Moosbierbaum, Austria, not far from Vienna, the plane was disabled and the entire crew was captured.

We had some information from members of the squadron who had seen the disabled plane, but we have never had any direct word from Owen. After some time the Germans reported that he was a prisoner of war and that was the last we heard until we had the report from the War Department that he was again in American hands. Letters and packages sent him are being returned to us, and we are keeping them unopened until he can be with us and can open them for himself. He is a mighty fine boy, was 23 last November, and lacks about a year of completing his course as a chemical engineer at Kansas University.

I am glad to hear the good words of your boy, Donald, and I hope his good luck will continue with him until the day of his release.

Dolph has also read your letter with pleasure, and I shall take it home to Mrs. Simons, after which at your request, we will send it to Blanche, who will be very happy to read it.

When you have occasion to come to Lawrence again, why don't you let us know and find some time to be with us at our home. We should be delighted to have you.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

May 21, 1945

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

Dear Charlie:

Your letter of May 15th should have been answered sooner. We did receive the package sent us thru the Santa Fe and appreciate very much your thoughtfulness. The quality was excellent.

Now in regard to Etoile and her stock in the Luella Apartments. In the first place, I note that in 1930 it was designated as the Luella Avenue Building Corporation. Is that now the correct title? Furthermore, in administering Etoile's estate, what is the present book and the present market value of the stock? I need to know this in order to know how to distribute it. In the second place, 50 shares should be issued to you in payment of note dated February 10, 1930. Also 30 shares should be issued to Viola Haynes. That would leave 86 shares to be distributed among Etoile's heirs. McNalley has handled the matter, and I shall be glad to submit it to him as soon as I have the data above requested.

The four heirs of Etoile are W. C. Simons, Mary Jule Stough, Mrs. Don A. Freeman, and Julia Simons Blackhurst.

In making the distribution at this time there is also coming to me 40 shares for the \$4,000 for which no stock was ever issued. I should like to have same available to me and will then have it distributed to my heirs rather than to have my share issued to me now to be administered with my final estate.

To recapitulate, there are 166 shares in Etoile's estate. Fifty shares would go to pay your note, 30 shares to pay Viola Haynes, leaving 86 to be administered. As there are four heirs, there would 21½ shares available for each. Instead of having 21½ shares issued to me, I wish to add to it the 40 shares, stock for which has never been issued, and I shall then ask that the 61½ shares be issued to my children.

You will recall that two or three years ago, perhaps longer, I gave 20 shares to Mary Jule and 30 shares to Julia. This leaves me now with 20 shares owned by The World Company and 40 shares which have never been issued. You will recall that I gave you the check,

Mr. Chas. H. Hoinville

Page Two

May 21, 1945

I think, the last time that I was spending a part of the summer at your home in Wisconsin.

As soon as I hear from you, I will take the matter up with McNalley in order to know how to handle same.

I wrote a letter to Mary Jule a few days ago, but have not heard from her for some time.

We were made very happy on the 16th thru hearing from the War Department that Owen Maloney was again under military control. No one, as yet, has received any direct word from him.

To the best of my knowledge, the handling of this stock will complete the administration of Etoile's estate as I know of no other property of any kind.

Lovingly,

Your Brother

WCS:df

May 21, 1945

Mrs. E. H. Henley
906 South Sierra Bonita Avenue
Los Angeles 36, California

Dear Mrs. Henley:

We have not heard from you for so long that it has caused us some worry, fearing that you might be in bad health.

You have many friends in Lawrence who remember your wide-spread interest in the town and in its people.

Please give my regards to your son.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

Notes

906 So. Sierra Bonita Ave.,
Los Angeles 36, California.
September 10, 1943.

Dear Mr. Simons and Secretary:-

This just a little
entertainment for you.

In Japan the supports to the roof of a temple are sections of whole trunks of large trees, much too large to reach around. The bark removed and the wood polished. They had no ropes strong enough to handle these heavy logs so the women of that nation all sent their long black hair to be made into ropes for this work. Dozens of these ropes are stored away, but one more than a hundred feet long, was coiled in a large china bowl, standing on the paved space in front of the temple. This large black rope looked to be the size of a man's wrist. Hair is horn and very hard to break.

I saw a Japanese boy making a home run in a baseball game with the baby strapped on his back.

Cordially yours,

E.H.

Ed Anderson
920 Lawrence

560-E-Artesia Blvd
Bellflower, Cal
May 12 - 1945

W.C. Simons,
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Mr. Simons:-

Wonder if you would
be kind enough to put a
little piece in your paper
about the birthday of Geo. A.
Whitecomb, who was born
in Lawrence 78 years ago
the 21st of this month.

He left Lawrence about
35 years ago. At one time
he worked at the old
Bowersock Mill and later
for the Gibson Mill,
then later he and I
worked together for
the Porter Company

under R. C. Johnson's
management.

Mr Whiteomb was one of
the finest men I ever knew.
I recently heard from him,
he and his wife are living
with a daughter at Fredonia,
Kansas. He said he was
just waiting to die and
seemed very lonely. There
surely is a number of people
in Lawrence that would
remember him and would
send him cards on his
birthday to cheer him up.

His address is,

Geo. A. Whiteomb

Fredonia, Kans. Rt 4.

It would please me very
much if you would do

this for him.

In his letter the other day he stated that the only relative he had left was a cousin living here in California.

You know his brother Bob, who was a painter and decorator in Lawrence for a good many years, passed away here in California about a year ago. Whitcomb's father ran the old Windsor Hotel in Lawrence, for a number of years.

kindest regards to
you and yours,
Sincerely
J. C. Fine.

May 15, 1945

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

Dear Grayce and Don:

Your letter came while I was spending the weekend in Tulsa with Blanche and family. Gertrude went down Saturday a week ago and had nearly ten days with them. They were full of entertainment of a not too vigorous type, and I know she thoroughly enjoyed her visit. They are mighty good entertainers. They have a beautiful home and it is nicely kept.

I wish that you could secure competent help, but I doubt if it can be done until things loosen up a bit. As long as girls can make \$40 or \$50 a week in war plants no matter how dirty the work nor how difficult it is to go and come, they seem to prefer it rather than to do housework. Our maid, who was with us, I think about two weeks, floated out while Gertrude was downtown just before she left for Tulsa. That afternoon she found that she had gone bag and baggage. She was little, 54 years old, had broken her leg some years before, was rather lame, and was positively the worst dishwasher I have ever seen. She could take a relatively clean dish and after washing it, you wouldn't pick it out of a gutter. Where she could find all the dirt that she spread on the dishes and glasses, I don't know. We could not and would not have kept her, but Gertrude was looking around hoping to find something better. Eula, who was with us more than a year, is spending the summer with her parents because both her father and mother are in poor health, and it is up to the girls to look after the place, raise garden, etc. I know she would like to come back next fall if conditions at her home permit. Our job is a little difficult to get filled the same as yours. We are out so far, about a quarter of a mile or more from the bus line, and it probably gets a little lonely for a housekeeper.

As the head of the family, I hardly feel that it is incumbent upon me to try to make up for the company of young men which the girls miss. Don may look at it from a different standpoint.

I noticed last night that more tires were to be released to civilians, but whether there will be enough gas and tires to make any difference this summer, I think will be very doubtful.

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I wish you would express to Turcotts our appreciation for their kindness in assisting you to get the capons to us. Do you think you can still find the reference in Shakespeare in regard to the "gaily capon".

John Simons will attend Shelley Camp this summer. I think it has been decided, much to my satisfaction, that Dolph will not participate in the potato harvest this year. I think he was fortunate to escape without serious consequences last year, and I would not like to see him take the chance again. His dad has corresponded to see if he could locate a suitable ranch where Dolph Jr. might spend a month or two.

We are still having too much rain. The thermometer was 41 on my front porch this morning.

Love and best wishes to both of you,

Your Brother

WCS:af

May 15, 1945

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea and Family:

We got home yesterday noon after a very pleasant visit with Blanche and family. Gertrude was there for nearly ten days, and I for two or three days. Their place looks mighty pretty, and they would be very happy to have you visit them. Blanche has no maid, but has a woman who gives her a few hours a week, and they still have Gus, the yard man, who wanted to draw down some money Saturday to buy some Mother's Day clothes for himself honoring his mother who would have been 104 years old had she been living. It was a little involved, but it was a good enough reason to attempt a touch.

We saw a number of Blanche's friends and they asked about you.

I am getting rather anxious to see my rioting grandsons again. Hope that everything moves smoothly with you and that it will not prove necessary to send Harry to the army.

Until we get some household help, I imagine that your mamma and I will be taking a good many of our meals out, and the devil of it is hotel and restaurant meals are not as appetizing as they used to be.

Lots of love

Dad

WCS:df

May 15, 1945

Mrs. L. A. McElley
Minneapolis, KANSAS

Dear Janet:

Your mamma and I had a very pleasant visit with Blanche and Pat. Your mamma went down with Blanche on Saturday evening and we came home together on Monday a week later. I went down Thursday night.

They have a very pretty home as you know, and the flowers are wonderful. One of their friends, the wife of a banker, came over to get some of Pat's roses. She climbed over the rail fence without any difficulty, and the next day when we went to the flower show at Philbrook, the arrangements she had made of Pat's flowers took sweepstakes prize.

Blanche Mullins and husband, her little boy and her sister were out to Blanche's for dinner Sunday evening as were also Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hart. We were served in the dining room and ate on card tables on the screened-in porch. Tulsa is a live, bustling town. The night before we had taken dinner at Southern Hills. If you have been to Tulsa since they have been there, you have certainly seen the Country Club which is unusually nice.

Steve Hinshaw was in to see me again today, and I told him I had absolutely nothing to do with the selling of your property and it was all up to you and to him.

Temporarily we face a kind of a hard proposition in not having a maid. Gertrude has the energy, but after she climbs stairs a few times and stands on her feet a few hours doing work, it is apt to give her a pain in her back. She is out to a card club at the Colonial today for luncheon and afternoon bridge.

I was talking to someone in Tulsa about either you or Me and it gave me an opportunity to say some complimentary things about both of you.

Eileen is buckling down in her school work and is getting some very good grades.

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They have not, as yet, heard anything from Owen, and I am sure that they will advise us within a few minutes after they get the news.

You can tell Mary Beth that I have in mind a birthday present for her that I do not believe I can get until after the war, and that is a nice wristwatch.

It was 41 on our front porch this morning, and I understand the prediction is for the low 30's in Western Kansas. I hope that you will not get a killing freeze.

Lots of love to all of you,

Dad.

May 15, 1945

Federman Drug Store
1101 Grand
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

On May 9th we wrote you ordering two cans of Prescription No. 1,017,550, given June 30th, 1941 by Dr. C. C. Dennie, and enclosed our check for \$1.74 to cover same.

When the package arrived, it contained only one can with a new prescription number--1213921. We shall be pleased to have you forward the other can at your early convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Secretary to W. C. Simons

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May 9, 1945

Federman Drug Store
1101 Grand
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

Find enclosed check for \$1.74 for which
please send us two cans of Prescription No.
1,017,550, given June 30, 1941 by Dr. C. C.
Dennie.

The charge for the last can was 87 cents
and we are sending you herewith twice that
amount.

Respectfully,

W. C. Simons
The Journal-World

WCS:df
Enc.

May 8, 1945

Col. Karl F. Baldwin, U.S. Military Attache
APO 924 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Col. Baldwin:

I can imagine that you are happy over the unconditional surrender of Germany. We all realize what a tremendously hard fight it was and to what disadvantage we were at the start. I listened in this morning to a reproduction of the capitulation and heard the voice of Jodl when he virtually threw himself on the mercy of the Allies. They are entitled to no consideration whatever, but the United States, as a civilized country, has treated its prisoners far better than they have deserved.

I am not particularly happy over our relationship with Russia, but if we are calm and patient and at the same time are courageous in standing by what we believe, I think the condition will improve. It must have been an eye-opener to Stalin to note the orderly procedure in a great democracy with the president passing away and the vice-president carrying on without in any way, shape, or manner interfering with the general purposes of the nation. He must realize that if he dropped out of the picture, there would at least be some uncertainty as to the future of his nation. Russia has played a great part in the war, but a part that it could play only as the result of the support given it by the United States. Without our ships, without our munitions, without our defeat of Germany in Africa and Europe, the war might have been continued between Russia and Germany for many years with Russia almost as badly ravished as the German Empire.

I heard an excellent talk yesterday by Captain Lindley Hines who led a squadron in the Pacific, being stationed first at the little Isle of Canton. It seems astounding that we could have done the things that we did--those tremendous flights in which it was necessary to carry the fuel supply for a two-way trip together with bombs. Capt. Hines is now discharged and is employed by WREN.

We have had a late spring here due to an excessive supply of rain. Gardens are backward, but we have not had killing frosts in our locality. Farmers are short-handed, and I think perhaps we have come nearer to a breakdown in the production of farm products than in any other line because farmers have been forced to work long hours, often with worn equipment and without the aid of their sons and younger men. Old timers have put in long hours in the fields and how they have stood up under it, I do not know. Civilians in town have carried on and there are many instances of older people putting in full time who would have ordinarily been retired, but there has been no complaint, but rather a joy that they could participate in freeing the world from the direst threat that civilization has ever met.

I noted on our teletype this morning that an unnamed Russian General was reported to have found the bullet-ridden and shattered body of Hitler. I hope that is true. Had he been captured, it would have been hard to treat him as inhumanly as he deserves because the Americans and British are not accustomed to that sort of cruelty.

May 8, 1945

I recently had an interesting visit with Ervin Ross who at one time was in our employ, later a teacher in the schools of Lawrence and then thirty-three years ago went to the Philippines. He had spent three years in Los Banos prison, but apparently the conditions had been at least bearable there. He hopes to go back. The Philippines had been his home for so long that he doubtless feels more of a stranger here than he does there.

Mrs. Simons is spending a few days with Mrs. Maloney in Tulsa. We have not yet had any word from our grandson, Owen Maloney, who was taken prisoner not far from Vienna on January 31st. We have had the information that he is a prisoner of war, but there has been no direct word from him and no statement as to his whereabouts. He was a Navigator on a B-24.

Sunflower Ordnance Works has made a wonderful record here, has won the friendship of the people of the city which has been returned in good measure by the officials of the company.

Capt. Bob Haggart of the U.S. Maritime Service is visiting his wife and father-in-law, R. C. Rankin at the present time.

As you no doubtless know, we have more than met every drive, sometimes going far over the quota assigned us, and I am sure this wholehearted, patriotic and vigorous support will continue until Japan also accepts unconditional surrender.

It was not long ago that we had a good letter from Mrs. Baldwin.

I think the University has made a very favorable record during the war period. It has willingly disarranged all schedules to give competent training to both army and navy men. Lt. Commander Arthur Buhl, who headed this work until quite recently, has returned his family to their home in Detroit, and is now taking some special instruction at Ocracoke, North Carolina. Both he and his wife made many friends here in Lawrence.

Lawrence is preparing to build an adequate Junior High School plant in the near future. We have a civic action committee that is giving its attention toward the general improvement of the city.

Roger Allen, who made a good record as president of the Chamber of Commerce for the past year, has been succeeded by Chris Kraft, who established an implement business in the old car barns on south Mass. street a couple of years ago and has done well.

Solon G. Ayres, superintendent at Haskell, is president elect of Rotary.

Remember I am always glad to hear from you, and if there is any special information of any kind that you would like to have, please call upon me.

With cordial regard and good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,