

Mrs. Harry F. Johnson

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If you could turn the property for \$5,000.00 and would not have to pay out a large amount in government taxes, it might be wise to let it go.

If I learn anything from Mrs. Anderson, I shall add it to this letter before it is mailed.

We are very happy in the prospect of having a new maid. Both your mamma and I had written Mabel Schendel, and while she did not answer our letters, she recommended us to a friend of hers living in Parsons, and today we have a letter from the lady saying she would like to come here as early as the 17th, and be with us a few days before Fula has to leave. The letter sounds good.

We had a telephone call from Blanche last night which said that the only additional information they had received regarding Owen was that the entire crew of the plane had been taken prisoner.

It certainly looks as if the war in Germany was nearing the end.

Lots of love to you and the family,

Your Father

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P.S. I just got word from Mrs. Anderson, thru Woody, that she is not particularly interested in selling and says that the property is assessed at \$7,000.00 for taxes, so I think I will just drop that from my mind.

Another thought has come to me and that is that you might offer 100 or 110 feet frontage and 330 feet deep, which would be half the depth, to Norman Edmonds for \$2,000.00. At that rate, if you were to sell the other 220 feet at a like price, you would get \$6,000.00 out of the property and would still have the back 2½ acres for yourself. I am sure that no one could find an equally good tract of land for the money. A tract 100 feet by 330 feet would give a man a fine opportunity for a garden, and he could keep chickens and perhaps a cow.

However, I believe I would rather sell the whole tract for \$5,000.00 than to begin to cut it up, although in this case, Edmonds would probably build a pretty good house. I had another man in this afternoon who was scared at the \$5,000.00 price, but I don't know that he would make a particularly desirable neighbor because he wants to keep livestock and would make a sort of little farm out of the tract. He asked me to put a price on all of the lots I had east of Vermont Street, but when I found out he wanted to utilize it in this manner, I declined to quote him a price. The fact is that I don't know of any other piece of property adjacent to Lawrence that is as desirable as what you have.

Love,