

December 5, 1946

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

Dear Norman:

I find that under date of March 30, 1944 I placed an order with you for a marker, and I made the suggestion that we should have it placed at the foot, rather than at the head of the grave of my sister, Mrs. Hoinville, because the head would be under the tree and any graves to the North of her grave would have to have the markers at the foot because of the large monument.

I am enclosing herewith copy for the inscription:

JULIA SIMONS HOINVILLE

She was an inspiration to many

Died October 27, 1943

Mizpah

We have intentionally omitted the date of her birth. In setting the stone, please remember to have it slant a little to the West for drainage around the inscription.

Please let me know the cost of the marker.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm

December 30, 1946

Mrs. Eugene Drought,
1417 North Blackstone,
Jackson, Michigan.

My dear Kathryn:

I have your note of the 27th and I am very glad that you wrote me. My letter of the 23rd was dictated and in some way must have been mailed without the check, as our records do not indicate that it was written. We send you, herewith, another check and I am sorry that the error was made.

We had a very fine Christmas at home - Dolph and his family and Janet and family being with us, while Blanche and Dorothea were unable to come, but as each of them had visited us recently, we could excuse them.

We have had rather interesting weather. Last Friday, I think it was, the temperature was 73° and this morning it registered 0° in front of my house and 5° below 0° in Kansas City. Ordinarily, we do not have a great deal of zero or below zero weather in Kansas.

With love and best wishes for the New Year,
I am,

As ever, your cousin,

WCS: jm
Enc.

5432 Brittain St.,
Lakewood City,
Long Beach 8, Calif.,
9 December 1946

Lawrence Daily Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I inclose my personal check for \$7.00, which I have been told is the price of one year's subscription of your newspaper. I believe it is a little more than it was when I carried papers for you in 1914, 1915, and 1916.

I would like the subscription entered as a Christmas gift for my mother, Mrs. Nannie J. Lange, at the above address, as I believe it to be the gift she would rather have. She wanted to go back to Lawrence for an extended visit this fall, but could not, as I was called to Washington, D.C., for a specific job in the Office, Chief of Engineers, for a couple of
(over)

months during September and October, and wanted my wife, Violet Lange, to go with me, as we had been apart so much while I was in the Army during the war, so Mother stayed here and took care of the house and 3 children for us while we enjoyed a second or third honeymoon in the East.

Please give my regards to Mr. W. C. Simons, also Mrs. Simons, and Dolph, likewise Joe Murray, if he's still alive.

Sincerely yours,
Norris A. Lange

P.S. Mother now plans to visit Lawrence late next spring, when the weather is nice.

LEWIS E. NEFF
ATTORNEY AT LAW
WRIGHT BUILDING
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

December 26, 1946.

Mr. W. C. Simons,
Lawrence, Kan.,

Dear Mr. Simons:

I received your letter of Dec. 12. I waited till your daughter had completed her papers before answering. I was delayed some in getting a complete copy of your lineage so I could fill out her lineage. She signed today the lineage papers and the application for an Oklahoma chapter today and we will have all papers necessary to secure an Oklahoma ready to file with the National Society by next Monday. She will be a charter member of the new Oklahoma chapter. I thank you for your interest.

Mr. Maloney was rather sick when I saw her yesterday. She said she would mail to the Treasurer General of the Soc. of Mayflower Descendants a check for \$5 which will cover admission and first year's dues. That is required under Art. VII, Sec. 2 of the Constitution. I have been sending the checks to John Calder Pearson, 1574 East 108th St., Cleveland, Ohio, Chairman of the Membership Committee who is handling the matter of getting a new Oklahoma chapter, while of course making them payable to the Treasurer General. Mailing it direct to the Treasurer General is of course all right,

Yours,

Lewis E. Neff

December 30, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons:

Dear children:

Not only to express my appreciation, but that you may know how extravagant you were, I am going to thank you in detail for the many nice things that you gave to me. I'll let Gertrude give her thanks separately.

In the first place - there was the photograph of the head of your family, and a darn good head it was....he furnished the head and Marie furnished the photograph. Then, there was the sweater-vest, which is certainly attractive. I put it on the other night and strutted for the benefit of my wife. Then, there was the flashlight from the boys, and it is a good one, and the beautiful plastic box, made by Dolph Jr. Your mamma used some of her ever-victorious glue on it and you couldn't knock the button off again with an axe. Out of all my presents, the one that is giving me a headache now is the Chess set, because, while I, in a general way, know that they move around the spots, I also remember that they travel in different directions, and some have the right-of-way over others. I knew something about that when I was a callow youth of nineteen or twenty, but what little I ever knew, I have certainly forgotten.

I am not going to mail this to you, but will leave it in the pile for your delectation when you return.

Thank you very much for everything.

Lovingly,

WCS:jm

December 30, 1946

Miss Pauline Rankin,
1847 Barker,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Polly:

It was mighty sweet of you to remember your old friend for Christmas and some of these days I will tell you how much I have enjoyed reading "Animal Farms". I haven't had time to get to it yet, but I shall soon.

I think you are a mighty brilliant young woman and I look for you to go far in your chosen profession. And by the way - we have a pretty high regard for the three other members of your family.

Thanking you again, I remain, as always,

Sincerely your friend,

WCS: jm

December 30, 1946

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

Dear children:

We really missed you at Christmas time, but realized that it would have been impracticable for you to be with us. Dolph and Marie went to Auburn for Christmas Eve and were with us Christmas morning and for Christmas dinner.

I want you to know that I appreciate very much, everything that you did for us - the fruit that Owen brought, the delicious preserved peaches, the tie and handkerchiefs, and Gertrude will have to write about her own things, as I only kept a list of what I have mentioned.

Folks are always asking about Pat and I tell them that while he is still having some trouble, I am confident that he is going to whip his malady and return to good health. It is mighty tough to have it linger as it does. It was a year ago that my skin trouble first developed and it was at its worst by the last of January; but I still use care and go around just as dirty as it is possible to get by. We use seventeen different kinds of fumigation around the office when I am near.

I think you have a dandy family, from the "old man" down to "baby Eileen".

Lots of love to you all,

WCS: jm

December 30, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McNalley,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

Dear Janet and Mac:

We certainly enjoyed having you with us and enjoyed the nice presents that you gave us. Mike's water bottle is now working twenty-four hours a day. The pajamas have been admired and laid away and will doubtless travel with us on our trip. The reading of "Thunder Out of China" will be interesting to me because I am now reading Dr. Powell's book on China, and that, together with news from day to day, makes us all interested in that country which used to seem so far away.

We hope Mary Beth is having a fine time during her vacation. Mike is really growing up and it won't be long before his dad will be placing a lot of dependence on him to look after the farm. The more dependence he places in him, probably the better it will be for both of them. I think he is both willing and capable.

Come again as soon as you can.

Lots of love to all of you,

WCS:jm

December 30, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Johnson and family,
213 N. 12th Street,
Wymore, Nebraska.

Dear Harry, Dorothea, Lance, Charles and Dolph:

I appreciate all of the things you sent me.

You will have to give me some photos for the photo holder. The tie given me by Lance is pretty and you will please thank him for me. The Toffee from Charles was excellent and I am sure that he made it. The check from you as yet, remains uncashed - I shall have to think of something real nice to buy with it. I have not tried reading the book "Starling" yet, but have read quite a number of the negroe stories. We had a mighty nice time and a good dinner, but were sorry that you could not be with us. We show off the pictures of the boys to everyone, but have to tell them that Dolph looks much more manly than he appears in the picture. I miss playing ball with him when I come home.

Lots of love to all of you.

WCS:jm

December 30, 1946

Mr. Norris A. Lange,
5432 Brittain Street,
Lakewood City,
Long Beach 8, California.

Dear Norris:

Your letter of December 9 came through with the check for your subscription. This is more than it used to be and is due to increased costs of everything going into a newspaper as well as practically a hundred percent increase in the cost of the paper itself.

I remember you well and hope that you are getting along fine. Your mother was always one of my good friends and both Mrs. Simons and myself think a lot of her.

I am glad that you are doing well and that you can be such a comfort to your mother. I am not sure that I know your wife, but I am sure that she must be fine, or you would not have been attracted to her. And three little children - that is fine. Mrs. Simons and I had five, but lost our little John Louie. We now have ten grandchildren.

Joe Murray is still on the job and in good health, and we expect him to be with us as long as he cares to be.

Please give my regards to the family.

Cordially yours,

WCS: jm

MRS. EUGENE DROUGHT

December 27 - 1946

1417 N. BLACKSTONE ST., JACKSON, MICHIGAN

Mr. H. C. Simons,
Lawrence, Kansas
Dear Cousin,-

Your good letter received late this afternoon. There was no check enclosed. Thinking it may have been removed from envelope while enroute to Jackson or at the Post Office, I thought you should be informed at once so payment could be stopped. It may have been an oversight and that you have already discovered it wasn't enclosed.

I do appreciate your sending me checks at Christmas - they always buy something I need and couldn't have otherwise. Thank you very much. Letter later.
Your loving Cousin, Kathryn

December 23, 1946

Mrs. Kathryn Drought,
1417 North Blackstone,
Jackson, Michigan.

Dear Kathryn:

I was very glad to receive your letter containing the snapshots of yourself and Eugene. I was glad to get them, but I don't believe that either picture fully did justice to the originals.

I wrote your Cousin, Loren Gowdy some time ago, asking for some information in regard to his family and in regard to the address of his sister. Thinking that you would doubtless be interested in the letter which came from his wife, I am sending you a copy of it herewith.

I am glad that you are feeling better and you certainly deserve complete recovery and so does your faithful husband. I thought the picture of the little folks, your grandchildren, was charming. They are pretty, sweet and lovable.

Mrs. Simons and I are planning to spend perhaps a month or two in Florida, leaving about the middle of January. She does not like cold weather and when she was sick early this year, I told her that I would give her a trip when she got well. She is in excellent health, but probably always will be a little lame as a result of breaking her leg some years ago.

We are disappointed that neither our oldest daughter, Blanche Maloney and our youngest daughter, Dorothea Johnson, will not be with us for Christmas. Mr. Maloney has had a very serious year with a strange virus in his blood, which is extremely difficult to overcome. He is cheerful, and we fully believe that he will in time entirely recover. So, Blanche and her husband and their three children will spend the Christmas in Tulsa.

Dorothea Johnson and her husband recently made a two week's trip through the South, going as far East as Savannah and South to New Orleans, combining business with pleasure in that he was endeavoring to purchase car-lots of lumber from the mills for his various yards. He and his associates now have seven lumber yards in Southeastern Nebraska. While they were gone we had the pleasure of having with us, our youngest grandchild, Jon Dolph, fifteen months old. He was a darling baby and we enjoyed having him with us very much.

I wish you and the family a very Merry Christmas. Enclosed find check, as you know much better than I what you would like to have.

With love from myself and wife, I remain,

Your cousin

WCS:jm
Enc.

December 28, 1946

Mr. Dolph Simons,
Roosevelt Hotel,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Dolph and family:

There is nothing new. Everything is moving along smoothly in all departments.

Hoinville's left yesterday and I think, had a very pleasant time in the town. Your mamma noticed that the bicycles had been left out on the porch and she asked Leo to put them in your garage. I was afraid to put them in the house for fear they might grease the rugs or floor.

Yesterday the thermometer registered a high of 71° on our front porch and this morning it was 26°, a drop of 45°. Still colder weather is predicted for tonight. Gertrude came down with me this morning and remarked that you had left just in time to escape the cold snap.

Have a good time and forget everything here in Lawrence.

With love,

WCS:jm

December 24, 1946

Mrs. Calla Gregg,
Gregg Haven,
Montrose, California.

Dear Callie:

You may have been surprised in receiving a carbon copy of a letter from Mrs. Loren Gowdy to me without any other communication. I was intending to write you a letter to go with it, but it got by. Loren Gowdy, as the letter probably indicates, was the son of Ed Gowdy, who was the son of William C. Gowdy, our Uncle. You will notice that Charlotte, the second cousin, is living in California. She was a beautiful child. I saw her only when she was probably six or seven years old. She had perfectly golden-blond hair with large brown eyes and was most attractive. That must have been about thirty-one years ago.

There isn't anything especially new with us. We have been very busy and have had to meet all of the many questions that confront us, both in living an ordinary life and in conducting a business.

Dolph and wife and two sons will be with us Christmas, as will also be our daughter Janet, her husband and her two children, Mary Beth and Michael Collins. Blanche, Mrs. Maloney, will not be able to come, altho we had the pleasure of seeing her and her family a few weeks ago. Our son-in-law, Mr. Maloney, has been having a siege of a very serious blood trouble, caused by a virus in the blood. It is called Pemphigus. He almost entirely overcame his trouble and is now suffering a milder relapse, but he is very hopeful of perfect recovery. Their oldest boy, O. W. Jr., was in the army for about three years and spent last year at the University, completing his education, altho he did not graduate. He has had some five years in engineering. Their

oldest daughter graduated last Spring from the University and their youngest daughter entered this year as a freshman.

Dorothea, our youngest child, is married, has three fine sons, 8, 6, and the baby 16 months old. They were down a few weeks ago - in fact, Dorothea and her husband recently made a trip by auto, going as far East as Savannah, Georgia and South to New Orleans, which was partly for pleasure and partly in the hope of buying additional cars of lumber for their lumber yards. While they were gone we had the youngest boy with us and enjoyed having him very much. The other two boys were with their other grandma at their home in Wymore, Nebraska and were in school.

Grace and I are the only children left in our family and Grace is still living in Minnesota, where we see her every Summer. It is rather astounding to me that of the five sons and one daughter of our grandparents, there are so few descendants. Aside from my family and your's, there is Loren Gowdy and family, who, as I have said, is a grandson of Uncle William and Callie Potts. His daughter had a large number of children, but I think that Loren Gowdy and his boys are the only male descendants bearing the name of Gowdy.

I hope that you are in good health and are happy. Please give our love to Norma.

I hope that you have a Merry Christmas and that the coming year will be a happy one for you and yours.

Lovingly, your cousin

Fourteen Washington Square North

New York

Dec 24th '46

H.C. & Ralph Simons,
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Friends; With much
surprise & many thanks
I opened the box of fine
pears which followed
me here to my daughter's
home. We shall have
many a fine feast.

Leona and her husband
are in good health &
busy. The former has
had one perplexing prob-
lem; i.e. the turning down
of offers of positions in
other institutions.

Because of the change
of Mayors on the

officers of the organization are
still working on her for ac-
ceptance.

My pride must confess that the
daughter has made ^{big} a place
for herself here in the East.

I expect to be home by about
Jan 16th.

Again thanking you most
kindly I am

Truly yours
H. J. Baumgardner

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"Director of Public Health"
The rumor is abroad
that Leona might give
up her work as head
of the "Child Welfare Dept."
Hence she has had offers
of professorships in
Columbia Univ. ~~Harvard~~
Harvard Univ. Johns
Hopkins U., ^{a place in} the Nat'l
Child Welfare Dept
in Washington, a place
in a business firm,
a position in the N. Y. state
Health Dept, and the position
of head of the "Nat'l Health
Council." This last is
a position of great honor
and influence. She has
turned it down but

Ellinwood, Kansas

Dear Cousins:

We received your letter while I was in the hospital and just haven't got around to doing only what I have to. Will try to send you the dates that I know and the date of Loren's father's death will have to look it up sometime when we're up to Burdett.

My maiden name was Clara Belle Miller. Date of birth 1905, Nov. 4. Date of Loren's birth was 1903, April 27. We were married the 28th of August 1924. Loren Leland Gowdy, birth Dec. 5, 1925. Lloyd Collins Gowdy, birth Dec. 23, 1943. Charlott's birth was March 3, 1905. Her husband's name is Delmar Lewis. They were married in September '25, I believe. They have only the one child. Her name is Mannette Lewis, birth Oct. 14, 1926. If she has a middle name I don't know what it is. Loren's mother's name was Sarah Jenny Smith. His father's death was in April, we think, 1905. Charlott was just a small baby at the time.

That will really be interesting to know the Gowdy family back that far. If I remember right, the name Collins has been in the family for quite some time.

Yes, you did write that you were in Holton, but I think at that time we were in Olathe. We stopped at your son's home and had a nice visit with them.

We have been in California the past three years, went out to work in Kiaser Warehouse in the Fall of '43. Just came back here last August. Have been in the Wolf's Mill since we've been here.

Leland got his discharge from the Marines last April. He started to finish his high school in Burdett, but couldn't stand it so is going to take the government test now.

I'M sorry we've been so long sending these dates to you. Will find out the rest as soon as I can. We don't have any good snapshots of the boys, but will take some one of these days and send you one.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your cousins

Clara and Loren

December 23, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Florin Picar,
Route 3,
Brainerd, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Picar:

The Christmas season is now here and I thought I would send you a picture of our first president. Mrs. Simons joins me in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please remember us also to your little niece who was your helper last year, and give her one of the dollar bills.

Sincerely yours,

WCS: jm

December 23, 1946

County Officials and
Other Employees
Court House
Lawrence, Kansas

Ladies and gentlemen:

On the occasion of the Christmas season, we take pleasure in sending you a box of apples and hope they are good. We add this expression because while we buy the best, we have no chance to check them. Please accept them as an expression of our appreciation of your service to the community. We sometimes think that the importance of your positions and the way in which you fill them, is not fully realized by the general public.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

THE WORLD COMPANY

W. C. Simons
President

WCS:jm

December 23, 1946

Chief Bliesner and
Members of the Lawrence Police
747 Vermont Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear friends:

We believe that a newspaper handling items of news from day to day may realize more fully than others the faithful and loyal service given the community by the members of the police department. In appreciation of you personally, and for your excellent service, we take pleasure in sending you a box of apples and hope that they are good.

We also wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cordially yours,
THE WORLD COMPANY

W. C. Simons
President

WCS:jm

December 23, 1946

Members of the Lawrence Fire Department,
747 Vermont Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear friends:

As citizens of Lawrence we are gratified with the excellent service rendered the community by your department. Personally, we appreciate the kindness you have always shown in our homes or places of business that have been threatened.

As a slight token of our appreciation, we take pleasure in sending you this box of apples and hope that they are good.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we remain,

Very cordially yours,

THE WORLD COMPANY

W. C. Simons
President

WCS: jm

December 23, 1946

Southwestern Bell Telephone Employees,
734 Vermont,
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear friends:

We thus address you because of the courtesy and kindness that you have given us through the year. We appreciate the excellent service and the cooperative spirit that you have shown.

We hope that these apples are good and that you will enjoy them.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

THE WORLD COMPANY

W. C. Simons
President

WCS: jm

A book one may read more than once with keen pleasure is "The Memoirs of Julian Hawthorne", a son of Nathaniel Hawthorne. This story of the friends of his youth and early manhood was dictated to his wife, Edith Garrigues Hawthorne when he was 81 years old. It brings you face to face with those active in the golden period of American literature.

In his fascinating book, Julian Hawthorne recalls only the kindly, beautiful and characteristic thoughts and deeds, of the dear friends of his youth and manhood. He deals with Concord and its outstanding personalities and also with his friends at Harvard.

If these Memoirs are not already in the city library, the book might well be included in the contributions made by the Sons and Daughters of New England.

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DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE

BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

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Nov. 18, 1946

Dear Collie:-

Well this is the big day in the Freeman family as it is our forty third anniversary. We are commencing to think we might make our fiftieth. I think maybe the election gave us a little boost and when we get all the bills paid we will be off for a fine ending.

I am enclosing a check for \$145.00 as there is a little more interest then your letter of of Sept. 25th called for as I did not get the checks out as soon as I had expected. This should pay up for the house as per your letter.

As I am very poor in expressing my thanks in a case like this I will just have to chance your understanding my deep appreciation for your help with out a lot of flowery words. It is help of this kind that has help me get on my feet and it will not be long before we will have that feeling of security which will mean a great deal to both of us.

We are having our first cold snap as yesterday morning it was down to about 12 above but the day was beautiful. This morning it was warmer but the weather man promises colder to-night. We do not have any snow. The boys were all pulling for some snow as the deer season opened last Saturday. None of our boys have a deer yet but they cross our roadway every night. We are very hopefull of getting one as we are very strong for the sausage we make out of the deer meet and pork.

We have our net out for tullibees and have enough for our first roast. To-morrow night we will have our first lot out and I hope they will be good because they will cut the meat cost for the whole camp. It is a lot of cold and dirty work but we think it is worth it and besides I think it a good thing to get them out of the lake.

Wish you folks could drop in and help us celebrate our anniversary. You know at this time of life there is no one that can take the place of your own people.

Thanks again Collie for the many kind things you have done for us, we do appreciate them very much.

Love to all.

Your brother,

Don

P.S. Lake still open.

*Answered
Nov 21 46*

November 12, 1946

Pick Hotels Corporation
20 North Wack Drive
Chicago 6, Illinois

Gentlemen:

While I have carried one of your cards for a good many years, I do not often have an occasion to use them.

I carry cards from so many different sources; nevertheless, I appreciate the courtesy you offer.

Respectfully yours,

THE WORLD COMPANY

W. C. Simons
President

WCS:jl
Enc.

November 12, 1946

Mrs. Mary Jule Stough
2120 Vermont Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mary Jule:

Today is your birthday, and I send here-
with a check for \$10.00 from Gertrude and
myself. \$5.00 is for yourself and \$5.00 for
Vera, whose birthday was last month.

Love,

Your Uncle

WCS:jl
Enc.

November 7, 1946

Mrs. Eugene Drought,
1417 North Blackstone,
Jackson, Michigan.

Dear Kathryn:

I am not sure that I sent you the data on the Cook's who married girls by the name of Hall. I checked the matter out for you some time ago. I find that my mother had been informed that Joseph Cook made a trip to America when he ran away to sea at the age of thirteen. His trip back as a soldier with Braddock would have been some years later. I hope that this gives you the information that you wish. As you know, there are Cook's in large numbers, I think, in Central and Western New York.

I know that you are happy over the results of the election. I certainly hope and trust that the Republicans will use good judgment and will not be deterred from taking certain action that is very necessary for fear of losing votes. The country voted against the Democrats because they were dissatisfied with the way they had been conducting things and it will be up to the Republicans to do better in order to end the many dangerous situations created by the late and unlamented Roosevelt. I hope they will be courageous and earnest and prayerful.

We elected our governor in Kansas by a majority of about 50,000 in spite of one of the most villanous campaigns that has ever been conducted in the state. Woodring, the Democratic candidate, hoped to ride thru on the issue of doing away with Prohibition in Kansas and with the promise of impossible payments to the aged.

You ought to come out and see us sometime. This is your natal state and yet you don't know very much about it. Hope you are all well and happy.

Love,

Your cousin

WCS:jm

November 12, 1946

Mr. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mac:

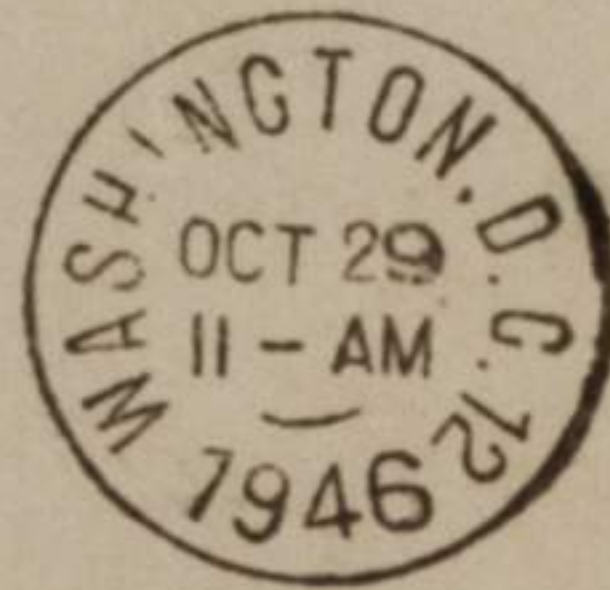
Today is your birthday, and a handsome
lotharyo like yourself undoubtedly needs a
new hat. So here's the check from Gertrude
and myself.

Love,

Dad

WCS:jl
Enc.

3718 Brandywine St. N.W.
Washington, 16, D.C.



Write Mr Egan

Mr. H. C. Simons
The Herald Company
Lawrence, Kansas



W. M. Egel

3718 Brandywine St., N.W.
Washington 16, D.C.
October 28, 1946

Dear Mr. Simons,

Thank you so kindly
for your letters to me
and in my behalf. I
feel most humble to read
the copy letter. I hardly
believe I'm all that
you think. However,
you know I appreciate
your regard and want
to thank you so much
for taking the time and

effort to do this for me — and
us.

Your letter to me bore much of
interest to me. All I've known of
Mr. Maloney's illness was from those
references in your paper. I so hoped
he didn't have leukemia. I must
look up the nature of that which did
befall him. I do pray he may be com-
pletely restored to good health. Do re-
member me to Blanche, won't you? —
And I was most happy to hear of the
others in your family — so fine.

Thank you for Mr. Egle's note & picture.
He hasn't aged very much, has he?
And what an interesting and loyal
person he was in our church life.
I'm sure you all were glad to hear
from him personally. I shall write to
him too. I recall the happy evening we had just
about 11 yrs. ago when he was 80 yrs.
old. You & Mrs. Simons are so gracious in
your lovely home.
Our girls grow so much. I look right

into Mary Elizabeth's eyes
as we stand together. Helen
is just under my arm. They
are precious girls - no
different one from the
other. Mary Elizabeth's violin
teacher is entering her
in a competition affair
in the District sponsored
by the leader of the Boys' Club
orchestra & others. Both girls
take piano lessons too.

Mary Elizabeth enjoys Junior
High. I've just been to P. V. A.
meeting at her school & it's
a wonderful building. &
like the attitude of all of
her teachers.

Do hope both you and Mrs.
Simons are well & will
have a fine winter:

Thank you so much for all
your kindness.

Sincerely,
Priscilla F. Koelt

325 North P Street
Muskogee, Oklahoma. Oct. 17, 1946

Mr. W. C. Simons,
President, Lawrence Daily Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons,

Your very cordial letter of the 15th inst. came to us in today's mail. I cannot tell you how delighted Harriet and I were to hear from you, and to have some account of the church in which we felt so much at home for several years.

We have a very delightful church home in Muskogee. Harriet is Associate Supt. of the "Cradle-Roll" in our Sunday School, a very useful Department in our church. Her husband, Mr. Russell Vaughan, is our Church Treasurer.

Plans are under consideration for a new church building the coming year. Muskogee has 13 Baptist Churches as I learn from our city Telephone Directory.

You probably know something of the encouraging growth of the Baptist Denomination in the South. We find our church relations very enjoyable. We find the Public Schools of Muskogee very efficient: They claim two of our grandchildren and three of our great grandchildren.

The inclosed photograph came in today's mail from a "street-artist," as a surprise to us, in the same delivery with your very welcome letter. Harriet suggests that I inclose a copy to you. I cannot deny that it is "true to life."

I shall be 91 two months from yesterday. We are glad to know of old-time friends: we have not forgotten Mrs. Cora Moershell among former friends and would be glad to send our congratulations. We enjoy memories of many Lawrence friends and old-time associations. Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely
Wm. M. Egan.

October 30, 1946

Mrs. Don A. Freeman,
Route 3, The Treetops,
Brainerd, Minnesota.

Dear Grace:

Not much to tell you in the way of news. Sunday was the third anniversary of Julia's death and Gertrude and I went to the cemetery, where geraniums and rose-bushes were still in bloom on all of the graves - rather unusual for this late in the year. I think of those who are gone very often, as I feel that you also do. Mamma's generation, her brothers, etc. have all passed away and at best, our generation will not continue indefinitely.

We had a fine time with the children and grandchildren on the Homecoming Game October 19, and had dinner for twenty-one - not all of our immediate family on that night.

Dolph Jr. who has been playing an outstanding game with the Lawrence High School football team, has been sick for a few days with what the doctors now call Glandular Fever, which has affected glands in the neck and has caused a sore throat. He will not be able to play with the team in tonight's game and may possibly be out for the rest of the season, which ends on November 22.

I made a talk last night to Sigma Delta Chi, the newspaper fraternity on the Hill, the subject being "Fifty-five years in newspaper business in Lawrence." I used to make talks so frequently that they did not bother me at all, but not having spoken for some little time, I wondered a bit whether I would get away well or not, but apparently pleased and entertained my hearers last night. I was advised at the close of the meeting that I had been elected to membership in the group, which is called Sigma Delta Chi. Dolph has been a member since his school days.

I think that Gertrude and I tomorrow night will drive over to Oskaloosa about eighteen or twenty miles, to attend a Rotary dinner and program by the Rotaryans of that town. It will be the tenth anniversary of the founding of the group.

Pat continues to improve and seemingly is almost well. He is still under the care of the doctors who wish to guard, if possible, against a relapse.

Unless the weather turns bad soon, Gertrude and I anticipate visiting Janet at Minneapolis and Dorothea at Wymore, Nebraska in the near future.

I am glad that the flowers have been a comfort to you. Gertrude was picking a bouquet in our yard when I left after lunch.

Give love and best wishes to Don.

Your loving brother

October 30, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McNalley,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

Dear Janet and Mac:

Sometimes I get mixed up a little on this ticket business, but I believe that you requested five tickets to the game in Manhattan on November 16. The attached five came in the mail this morning and I am sending them on to you.

Things are rather blue out at our house today because Dolph is sick and won't be able to play tonight against Atchison. He hasn't missed a quarter so far and I find that boys in their senior year want to play more than ever before. He has had a rather high fever for several days, along with a strep throat and the doctor has diagnosed it as a glandular fever which might be slow in disappearing.

I hope all the McNalley's are well and happy.

Love,

DS: jm
Attch.

Wrote Grace
10/30/46

DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE

BRAINERD, MINNESOTA



Monday A.M. - '46
Oct 7-

My dear Brother Oliver -

Three bunches of compasses during the last week, have kept me from answering your very nice letters. Just the one containing the figures and which we thought very fair to us etc. I took to St. L. and explained to Luddy and Harold, at the bank, and they are to send the payments to you direct and you will surely hear from them soon as they have all the papers and will complete the deal.

No time to write you a real letter now but wanted you to know everything about the deal is O.K.

I shall write a real letter soon -

With love you very much and thank you -
for everything -
Love for all -
Gayer and Don -

October 24, 1946

Public Schools of the District of Columbia,
Office of the Board of Examiners,
Division I-IX,
Franklin Administration Building,
Washington 5, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It gives me real pleasure to recommend most heartily Mrs. Priscilla I. Koelb, 3718 Brandywine Street, N. W., Washington 16, D. C.

As a member and as Moderator of the First Baptist Church of Lawrence, I had an excellent opportunity of knowing Mrs. Koelb during the seven years of Mr. Koelb's ministry in Lawrence. She is one of the few persons whom I can recommend without any mental reservation. She has a charming personality, good judgment, is able to meet people and I am sure will do well any job that she undertakes. As you may know, her husband died, as I recall, three years ago and she has equipped herself to be self-supporting for herself and two daughters.

I have been a member of the Baptist Church here for many years and I am quite sure that no wife of a pastor endeared herself more to the people of the church and community than Mrs. Koelb.

If this recommendation is too general and you wish to ask specific questions, I shall be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons
President of the World Company

WCS:jm

October 24, 1946

Mrs. Priscilla I. Koelb,
3718 Brandywine Street, N. W.,
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Koelb:

I send you herewith a copy of a letter I have just mailed in your behalf. I hope that I have covered the proper points. I can certainly recommend you most heartily for the position.

We think of you often and hope that you, your daughters and your mother are enjoying good health and are happy in your work.

I am going to enclose with this, a letter I recently received from Mr. Ege, together with his picture. I shall be glad to have you return same after you have seen them.

We had all of our children with us for the Homecoming Game October 19, excepting Blanche who now lives in Tulsa. Mr. Maloney is recovering from a very serious blood trouble known as pemphigus. He has been in the hospital for about four months and will continue to have hospital care until they feel that all danger of a relapse has passed. This has made it rather hard on Blanche, but she has stood up splendidly, as you realize she would under such circumstances.

Owen and Marilyn finished their school work at the University last year and Eileen, the youngest daughter, is a freshman at K. U. now. Dolph and John, whom you knew as little boys, are both playing football. Dolph, nearly six feet tall and weighing 180 pounds is a guard on the high school team and John plays in several positions on the Junior High team. Dorothea has three fine black-eyed boys - the baby, Dolph, being just a year old.

I would feel mighty cheap to use your stamps, so I return them herewith. I tried to make it plain to the educators that I stand ready to answer any questions that they wish to ask me.

We like our new pastor, Rev. George C. Fetter and Mrs. Fetter.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM
Enc.

October 22, 1946

Mr. Loren Gowdy,
Hanston,
Hodgeman County,
Kansas.

Dear Loren:

I have been doing some work on my genealogical chart and would like to know the maiden name of your wife, the date of birth of yourself and wife and the date of your marriage; also the names and date of birth of your children. If you can give me the date of the birth of your sister Charlotte, the name of her husband and the date of their marriage, and the names and birth date of her children, if any, I shall be very glad to have this information. I should also like to have the maiden name of your mother, and the date of the death of your father.

My chart, when completed, will have the names of all of the Gowdy family in our line for the last two-hundred and fifty years, or thereabouts.

I think I wrote you once before that the very day that you and your boy stopped at our office in Lawrence, I was making inquiries about you in Holton.

I shall be glad to hear from you and if you have any snapshot pictures of the boys, I should like to see them.

With love,

Your cousin

WCS: jm

October 22, 1946

Mr. Wm. E. Ege,
325 N. P. Street,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Ege:

I was very glad to receive your letter of the 17th and that your many friends here might know about your present good health, we ran a little story on the first page of the Journal-World, which we enclose herewith.

With thirteen Baptist churches in Muskogee, it ought to be a good town.

While I have ten grandchildren I shall have to wait awhile for great grandchildren and it will be a long while before I can match your record.

Thank you a lot for the excellent picture of yourself.

Cordially yours,

WCS: jm
Enc.

October 15, 1946

Mr. Wm. M. Ege,
325 N. P.,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Ege:

It has now been more than thirteen months since I had my last letter from you and lots has happened in that length of time.

There have been a few changes in our church. After many years as Moderator, I declined to be a candidate last year and they put Dr. Ray Brewster in my place. George C. Fetter, our new pastor, comes to us from the University Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the church which took Frank Jennings away from us. Fetter succeeded Jennings and has become our pastor. I think he is a good man, that he gives thoughtful and Christ-like sermons, and I believe will be a good man for the church. His wife seems to be a very amiable woman. The parsonage looks nice and I think they are very happy.

The University is crowded, with an enrollment not far below 10,000. The town is full; there has been a boom in the price and sale of homes; big dormitories have been placed just South of the University to aid in housing new professors and their families. The buildings are not sightly, but they are greatly welcomed. Many others are living at Sunflower Village, a carry over from the SOW Munitions Plant.

We had Mrs. Cora Moershell Bay and her husband as dinner guests last night. She was the oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Coffman and remained a widow for twenty-five years or more before recently marrying Mr. Bay, a gentlemen of about her own age.

I hope that you are in good health and are enjoying life. Please give my best wishes to your daughter and her family.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS: jm

October 15, 1946

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

Dear Pat:

All the word I have been getting in regard to you indicates that you have been pulling out in wonderful shape. You should be careful to follow the direction of the physicians until you are mighty sure there will be no reaction. We had a nice letter from Blanche the other day, in which we could see that she was cheered in regard to your recovery. I think we have had your good strength, your thoro co-operation, the best attention that specialists and nurses could give, and the united prayers of a great many persons. Personally, I feel rather humble as well as thankful.

There is not much to tell in the way of news. Our football teams have been making a fine record and the injured men seem to be recovering. It is my understanding that Ray Evans and Pattee may be X-rayed in order to see if they had sustained any deep-seated head injury. Evans' injury may have been accidental, or an Iowan may have used his opportunity to get in a knock-out blow on Ray's chin.

We are expecting quite a housefull for this weekend. We do not expect you to take the chance of getting excited and perhaps warmed up, which might create nervous reaction.

We are handicapped materially at this time, by the shortage of paper, which makes it difficult for us to handle all the advertising that we might get.

We are hoping that it will not be long now until you will be driving up.

Much love,

WCS:jm

W.C. Simons Esq.,
President, Lawrence Daily Journal-
World.

Lawrence, Kansas

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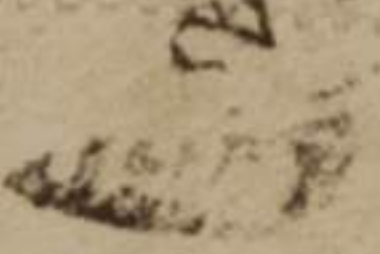


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Dr. W.C. Simons

Mr. W.C. Simons, President,
Lawrence Daily Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir,

Received your letter dated 11.10.45 alongwith the enclosure. I am really thankful to you for the trouble and courtsy you took in approaching the Biographical Department of U.S.A.

Further I have to request you to please favour me with the Surgeon General's Office address for the further correspondence in relating to the present address of Dr. G.S. Waraich.

Many thanks.

Faithfully yours,

Dilbir Singh Waraich

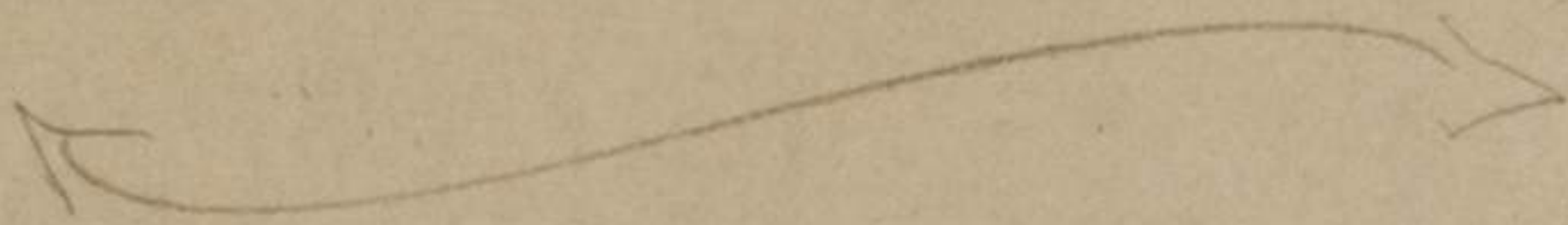
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October 1, 1945

Dilbir Singh Waraich
P.O. Rahwali (Distt. Gujranwala)
Punjab, India

Dear Sir:

We enclose carbon copy of a letter we have written to the American Medical Association.

If this fails to bring you any information, you might write the WAR CRY, 719 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. This is the publication of the Salvation Army, which has a limited tho nation wide circulation, and it carries a column requesting the whereabouts of missing persons. If your relative is a practicing physician somewhere in America, someone reading the WAR CRY might know of him.

We are sorry we can do no more to help you.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons
President

WCS:df
Enc.

October 11, 1945

Dilbir Singh Waraich
P.O. Rahwali (Distt.) Gujranwala)
Punjab, India

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter was received at our office this morning and Mr. Simons has asked me to forward it to you, knowing you are anxiously awaiting further news.

We are hopeful the Surgeon General's office may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Fritzel
Sec'y. to W. C. Simons

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Enc.

Mr. W. C. Simons:

On behalf of our fellow employees in the World "family," we wish to thank you for your generosity in providing the food, drinks, and prizes used in the annual Journal-World picnic, Saturday.

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SEPTEMBER 24, 1946

DON A. FREEMAN
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA.

APPARENTLY ABSTRACT WAS NEVER FURNISHED ME. I DO NOT
HAVE IT.

W. C. SIMONS

L. A. McNALLEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

September twelve, 1946

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

Dear W. C.:

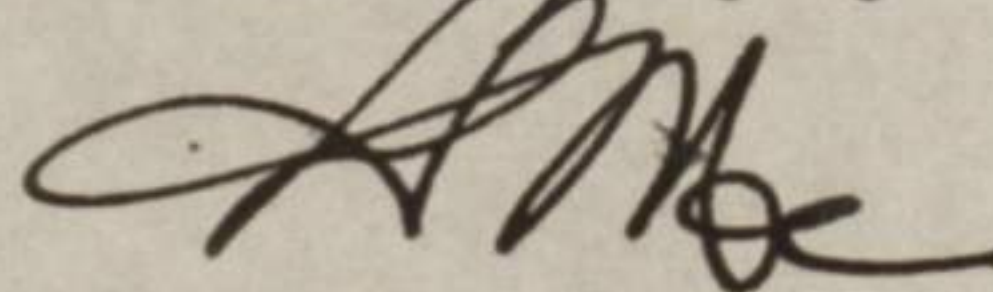
I was supposed to receive a report from the Nortz Lumber Company but as yet have heard nothing.

Since she is now deceased, this should be taken care of by her administrator. If you know who the administrator is, I think we should give them this information so that they can pursue any further correspondence in connection with it.

We are all well and very happy over Pat's improved condition.

With love to all, I remain

Sincerely yours,



L. A. McNalley.

LAMc:gs

September 14, 1946

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

Dear Mac:

Charles S. Brearly is both lawyer and
executor of the estate of Lillian Gowdy.

If you wish to call his attention to the
Nortz Lumber Company matter, I think it

would be well. *& this address is Minneapolis, Minn*

I hope to see your lovely wife and
daughter very soon.

Love,

Dad

WCS:jl

September 12, 1946

Mrs. Don A. Freeman,
Tree Tops,
Brainerd, Minnesota.

Dear Grace:

Thank you very much for enclosing a copy of the will, which I am returning to you herewith, together with a copy of the letter I have just written Mrs. Drought. I am retaining a carbon copy of that letter, which will enable me to answer any other questions which might come up. I am glad that you are remembered and I am glad that Lillian took me at my word, yet I did not want anything from her.

The young woman and her husband who are to spend the winter with us have proven very satisfactory so far. I think that she takes more responsibility in deciding what to serve for meals than anyone we have had and she also has the knack of making a little go a long way, altho we are all hearty eaters. The man has been very willing in painting and in doing other things that we otherwise, would have to hire done. He is a pre-medic at the University and of course later on, will be busy with his studies.

We love you a lot, remember our good times together and wish that you could be with us more. Please give our regards to the Purinton's. Pat continues to improve and the last word we had is that he expects to be able to go to Tulsa soon. Whether that will mean to be in his own home, or at a Tulsa hospital, I don't know, but I am inclined to believe that hospitalization will still be necessary.

With much love, I am,

As ever,

September 12, 1946

Mr. O. W. Maloney,
Room 208,
Wesley Hospital,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Pat:

It would be gratifying to you to know how many persons in Lawrence are deeply interested in your welfare and are continually asking about you. I told Eddie Scott how much you appreciated his card and it pleased him very much.

We are expecting Eileen and the other members of your family here soon and shall be very glad to have them. We all think that winning your fight has not only meant good work on the part of your physicians and your hospital care and the love of your family, but of equal importance has been the courageous manner in which you have met and overcome your affliction. I take off my hat to you.

I know that Gertrude would join me in sending love if she were here. I am at the office.

Love,

August 22 - '48

Mrs. Eugene Drought
1417 N. Blackstone Street
Jackson, Michigan

H. C. Simons
Lawrence, Kansas,

Dear Cousin Collins,

The first month after the passing on of our sweet cousin Lillian I felt too sorrowful to write. I thought you might have been there or at the funeral and would tell me about it.

She grew increasingly dear to me especially the last few years. Every week of the year I was in the sanatorium her dear weak hands managed to send some message of cheer to me. She told me that she loved me as she would the daughter she never had. She was a truly good soul. Knowing she wanted to go I have been less unhappy about her passing although I miss her as much as ever.

I know she intended to leave some of her personal things to me

The last two or three years she mentioned different things saying "some day I expect it will be yours." She tried to sell her books last winter, "Excepting the Classics which Jean and I have always intended you should have." She mentioned the desk she and Jean had used for many years - other things from time to time.

Last Nov. she wrote, "My dear, I think it will be possible for you to have anything you cared for like pictures, books, rugs, or other things; I won't explain tonight I am tired and it would take too long." She wrote that after she had told me about the books. There are other things but there is no use to write about them now.

I thought at first I would write and ask you ^{if} you went to the funeral, or had occasion to write to her lawyer, you would help me to have these things - but I thought in her last illness that she may have given some of them away and it would only cause unpleasantness.

I didn't want to see any thing sold to a second-hand dealer. The things that weren't left specifically to some one or that it wasn't necessary to sell to cover expenses - what others might call "junk" - I wanted because I loved her and Jean.

Anyhow I decided against writing because it might sound greedy or interfere with other plans she may have made. I hope all family pictures or papers, ^{Billian's} of any kind that you or Grace have to keep. She loved both of you.

Billian always wanted me to write to Grace - maybe I will now. I hope either she or you were with Billian at the last.

Hillard was operated on for hernia in June & it was complicated with pneumonia. After an anxious forty eight hours penicillin the "miracle drug" had wrought a cure. Later they were in Jackson two weeks visiting relatives. He expects a vacation of a week about Sept. 1st when we

shall see him again. Judith starts school this fall.

Eugene is well and busy as ever. At last we have our bathroom installed (not tub) expect paper hanger tonight. There are a few finishing touches outside and in. After we had waited several months for a priority we couldn't get the pipe and had to have a plumber finish it. If Eugene doesn't have to work Saturday he is going to start building a new side porch.

I am improving steadily. Can do light house work and really feel well most of the time.

Loren Gordy and family have within the past month returned to their ranch home at Hanston, Kansas. Their address is Burdett. They had bought a home in Calif. I think their son, Roland when discharge (he was in the marines) wanted a farm. They went to Oregon looking around but everything was very expensive. Remember me to your sweet wife. Always much love to you dear cousin. Kathryn

DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE

BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

Sept 9 - '41

My dear Collis and Gertrude -

I am enclosing my copy of L's will and if you like you may have your secretary make a copy for Mrs. Dought. It would take me too long to make her a copy. I wrote Calla Gowdy Gugg, telling her if she wanted a copy to write Mauleph. Fossee, Judge of Probate Court. I am enclosing 1.50 ^{the rate} ^{Minneapolis 15-Min.} After you folks andolph have seen it - please return to me also the letter I am enclosing, from Charles Foinville, It is the only letter I have ever received, since C.H. that he did not sign in ink also he usually always writes on Sautate paper. Anyway he has promised to do something in Nov. I wrote him a friendly letter with news of the family and saying we would be glad to have him come here for a visit. I told him I had decided to sell my stock in the Luella Co but was first giving Dick and himself a chance to buy as he had asked me to come time ago. I have so little time to write letters that I do not care to start in with Katherine Dought now. But if she is living when I die she could have some of our books. The ones of father's manuscripts will go to Grace Carter as she loves books and cared more about her grandfather than any of the others. Both took in those pictures was very fine and we thank her

for sending the enlargement as well as the smaller one
It is fine considering how cool and windy the day was
It was my own fault that I did not look any better - my
"straw" expression and the fact that I had tied my hair
back so tight - it looks as if I had a "Finnis" hair cut. But
Don and Patrick are fine and Don likes it very much.
Patrick looking up at him in such a dooming way.
The news about Pat is wonderful - but ^{Don says} some of you
have even said if he tried the medicine, or if the doctor
in charge, through it into the garbage can. dit as known.
Yesterday Mr Roberts - had a long visit with Don and on
Sat. invited Don to take lunch with him - He told Don that it
had come back to him from several different sources - what a fine
job Don was doing as chairman of the Y. L. Chain Assoc. and
said if Don needed more financial help later on to let him know.
He said he had talked to Madeline about his having a
village St. John Island Virgin and Oranges - but said he
was also to have a church and if so, all denominations
should have their turn at worship. Roberts said he would
give \$1000.00 towards a church of that kind.
Roberts said he thought you were a fine looking
man and he would like to meet you next summer.
Don thinks you would like each other real well.
I wished to say in my other letter to Gertrude - how much we
joyed having you all up here - and I enjoyed the deep sweet
drives so much where I went along with you.
We have had three evenings of bridge with the Perinious since
you were here - and a week ago Sunday we had dinner at the Rainbow
We are going to the Cities Friday - and ^{will return} ^{from} ^{France} Sunday.

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September 12, 1946

Mrs. Eugene Drought,
1417 N. Blackstone St.,
Jackson, Michigan.

Dear Kathryn:

I sent your letter of August 22 on to my sister Grace (Mrs. Don A. Freeman) who lives at Gull Lake and gets her mail at Brainerd. I asked her to inform you in regard to Lillian Gowdy's will, as I knew they had a certified copy.

I do not believe that Lillian's estate was large and nowhere in the will is any amount indicated. I had told Lillian frankly several years ago that I was happy to do anything that I could for her with no desire or expectation to receive anything from her and I am very glad that she believed what I said and that I was not included in the will.

After providing for the payment of her debts and funeral expenses, she gives a family heirloom, a silk quilt to Mrs. Calla Gregg, then she gives one-twelfth of her estate to each of four persons, four-twelfths, making one-third of the total. The other two-thirds of the total is divided equally between seventeen persons and a church. In this list is included my sister, Grace Freeman, our cousin, Calla Gregg, and yourself, each of whom will receive one-eighteenth of two-thirds of the total of Lillian's estate, whatever that may be. I have no means of knowing what the total would be, but do not believe it to be large.

If you wish to have a copy of the will, you may get one by writing Manley L. Fosseen, Judge of Probate Court, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota, and enclose \$1.50. I do not believe, however that

the expenditure of the \$1.50 is necessary, as there is nothing else of interest so far as I can see in the will.

Charles S. Brearley of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Mrs. LaBere Lewis of Peoria, Illinois were to be co-executors and Mrs. Lewis, having declined to serve, the matter is entirely in the hands of Mr. Brearley, who represents her estate, both as executor and as lawyer.

Another provision in the will is that any and all property that she may own is to be sold before distribution is made. This is doubtless a very wise provision, as at present, values are unusually high.

You will be interested in knowing that Mrs. Olson is one of the eighteen and will receive a part equal to that given to you and Grace.

Love,

September 10, 1946

Mr. L. A. McNalley,
Attorney-at-Law,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

My dear Mac:

While we were in Minnesota, knowing that Grace was interested in knowing about Lillian Gowdy's will, I suggested that they get a copy from the probate court, which they did. A recent letter from Grace indicates that certain gifts were made and then a certain other amount was divided between a fairly good list of persons. I had previously told her that I did not want anything from her and wanted to do anything that I could to help her, without expectation of reward. I do not know the total of her estate, but do not think it was large.

I am interested in knowing what happened in regard to the Nortz Lumber Company, Devils Lake, North Dakota, the account which Lillian authorized me to place in your hands for collection.

We had conversation with Pat over the phone yesterday and he is still improving. I am very hopeful now for his complete recovery.

Mike is a real boy and we enjoyed having him with us. He was helpful to us in many ways and good company. I am glad that you have taught him how to work.

Give all my love to the family.

DS: jm

September 5, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 3
Brainerd, Minn.

Dear Grace and Don,

I am enclosing a letter I have just received from Mrs. Kathryn Drought who is our second cousin, being the daughter of Calla Potts. You have heard me speak of her and I consider her a superior woman mentally. She has the clear views on public affairs that we occasionally find in Mrs. Gregg but without her bitterness.

As Don had arranged to secure a copy of Lillian Gowdy's will, I wish you would let her have a copy of same and also either give me a copy or let me read the copy you have which I will return to you. I think it would be very nice indeed if you would write her. She is a granddaughter of William C. Gowdy, Mamma's brother. Please return the letter to me after you have read it so that I can answer same, and tell me whether or not you have sent her a copy of the will. Willard, whom she mentions, is her only child, married and with one or more children. Eugene is her husband. Loren Gowdy, who is referred to, is a son of Ed Gowdy, who was our cousin.

Gertrude and I recall every day, the many happy moments that we spent with you. We saw Dolph's pictures and while the expression on your face is just a little strained it is a dandy picture of Don, and Raleigh should be proud of his. We are happy to tell you that there seems to be a marked improvement in Pat's condition.

If Goedderz has not looked after our water pipes, please phone him or drop him a card and ask him to hurry up.

Lots of love,

Your brother