

December 17, 1947

Mrs. Kathryn A. Brought
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Dear Kathryn:

I received your letter of December 7 in due time, but have been very busy. We were very sorry to hear of the death of your brother. It is always very hard to lose a loved member of the family. I think you are right in trying not to let it interfere with your Christmas, because we have to live for the living.

I had been of the opinion that your grandfather, W. C. Gowdy, had been buried in an unmarked grave at Jetmore. Recently I wrote to the cemetery and find that I had been in error and that your grandfather is buried at Burdett. Whether his grave is marked or not, I do not know.

For the first time in many years, we do not expect to observe Christmas at home, although we have a living, lighted evergreen in the yard and another decorated and lighted tree in the house. The oldest daughter will have her children at home in Tulsa, Oklahoma and they, with their company, will be extremely busy. The same is true of our youngest daughter, Dorothea Johnson, in Wymore, Nebraska. The members of her husband's family will be with them and, while we have been invited by both Blanche and Dorothea, we think probably we shall spend Christmas with Janet McNalley at Minneapolis, Kansas. Dolph, his wife and two boys will go to Miami to see the Orange Bowl game, in which our own team will be playing.