

November 15, 1948

Edgar B. Corse
Greensburg, Kansas

Dear Ed:

I was pleased, and also somewhat surprised, in receiving your good letter of October 31.

When I came to Lawrence 57 years ago the 14th of December, I think that your father and family were already here and lived in west Lawrence. I had known your father well when I was a boy in western Kansas, and he was in business in Larned. Our family formed a friendship that has never been broken, although we have not been in contact with members of the families for some years.

I think you were the only boy but that there were several sisters, and that your grandfather was a Mr. Bruner whose home was about two miles, a little south and mostly west of Larned. We rented his home for a few months in the winter of 1882. Mama and Julia, my oldest sister, were teaching and Etoile and I went to school at Larned.

Your aunt, who married a Mr. Meairs, was employed by us for a time in Lawrence as a typesetter or compositor.

Yesterday was the 54th anniversary of our wedding. I appreciate your letter very much, and it was very good of you to remember me at this time.

My name is Wilford Collins Simons, and my nickname is Collie. The Collins family was one of the early families in New England, some of whom served in the ministry.

If you ever have occasion to come to Lawrence, I shall be very happy to see you.

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons