

November 15, 1948

Mrs. Howard Holmgren.  
Auburn, Nebraska

Dear Francis:

Thank you very much for your good letter of recent date. Mrs. Simons and I have always loved you as we would our child.

I think we can never fully understand why our loved ones are taken, and often I think of the plight of my mother when papa died at the early age of 42 and left her with five young children. Their marriage had been delayed five years until the close of the Civil War, which accounted for the children being so young.

Gertrude and I felt very close to your mama and to your grandmother, and I would like you to give them my love.

I shall try to see you when you come to Lawrence.

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

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