

December 1, 1948

Mrs. Inez Nicholas
Nelson Hotel
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Nicholas:

I wanted to answer your good letter and wrote to Sidney Harris thinking that he might get your address from some member of the Wightman family.

I was very fond of your Aunt Della Reineke and, in fact, it was due to our friendship that I came to know Gertrude. George Reineke has been dead a good many years, and his only living child is Bob Reineke, long a resident of Texas and now I think of California. Father and Mother Reineke, sister Blanche and brother John Reineke are all buried in the Shawnee cemetery. A stone marks the Reineke lot and there are markers at each of the graves I have mentioned.

I think that on the other half of the lot, or at least an adjoining lot, lie George, Max, Della and Karl. Out of my kindly remembrance of Della, I should be glad to place a marker at her grave at my expense if I was sure that her son, Robert, would not blow up and try to destroy it. Unfortunately, he and Karl made it as difficult as possible for me to settle Blanche Reineke's affairs, without any good reason. I don't suppose that you know where Robert lives, but if you have his address, you may tell him of my willingness to place this marker if he will give me his consent. Della Wightman Reineke certainly deserves a decently marked grave.

As sweet a soul as she was merited a far happier life. When George died, he would have liked to have me educate Bob. This I tried to do and brought him to our home as a member of the family. We also got Della a position as housemother for a sorority. What caused them to be dissatisfied, I never knew, but very shortly Della left her job and Bob went with her. He, undoubtedly, has ability for he has long been connected with the Merry Optical Company.

I remember well your kindness to Gertrude and to our daughter, Janet, many years ago when they went to Lake Koronis for Janet's health