

October 1, 1948

Mrs. Kathryn Drought
1417 North Blackstone Street
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryn:

Your letter of September 2 was received some days ago, and I was interested in reading it.

As I may have told you, we brought Mrs. Simons home from Minnesota in a plane which had been made into an ambulance for her benefit. The trip of about 520 air miles or about 680 miles by road was made in two hours and forty-five minutes. She has not been in good health for nearly a year and was operated on on January 10. Since coming home on August 11, she has been continuously at Lawrence Memorial Hospital where she is given every care. On the whole, she is quite a little better than she was at the time of her return to Lawrence. She continues to be hopeful and cooperative, and we are working and praying for her recovery.

As I have told you before, your letters indicate an acute mind and a loyal purpose.

I am glad the children and grandchildren are coming along well.

I have not heard recently from Loren Gowdy. Western Kansas has been prosperous, and I hope they have prospered with it.

Have you ever thought of using an electric blanket for your bed? Such blankets are made both for single and double beds, and I understand are very satisfactory.

I doubt if we could find anyone living who knew your grandfather and grandmother Gowdy. It has been more than 60 years since we left Western Kansas, but I believe that you could find out about Loren and his family by writing the postmaster at Hanston, Kansas.