

May 2, 1949

Mrs. Don A. Freeman

I am flirting in my mind with the idea of coming up there for the middle of May, but have made no definite plans. It seems assured that Margaret King will accompany me when I go up there for the summer, and for a time, Mr. King will be doing field work in Wyoming. I think you will like her. She was born in a sod house near Goodland, one of the far western towns in Kansas.

I wonder how much you remember of western Kansas life. In one way, you were there later than I was because you were with Etoile at the time she was presumably holding down a claim. That land which we valued rather lightly at the time would much of it have a value now of \$100 an acre. Where we were unable to get water, I think they strike an unfailing spring at a depth of 300 feet.

As I may have told you, the last time I was there I was rather astonished at the smallness of the creeks and how simple the crossing seemed to be where they once seemed so high and steep. Dolph says he never speaks in western Kansas without reminding the folks of my former residence in that part of the state.

I correspond with the daughters quite regularly and we have telephone talks between times. I think Blanche will be up the last of this week.

Mike will probably enter the university next year. John has one more year in highschool.

We have had word from Goedderz that he will install a new pump for the well and will set the old pump where we can use it to pump water from the lake for watering our yards.

Give my love to your neighbors. I will be glad to see you.

Much love,

P.S. I am enclosing herewith a check for \$5 for you to buy a Mothers Day gift for yourself.