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Friends

We might well give consideration to the value of friendship; Something which cannot be bought nor sold, but which may be unselfishly acquired.

It may be that we can go through life without sensing the keen satisfaction, or need, of friendship.

Often, however, true friendship may become one of the greatest needs of our lives. When that need arises it may come too late.

Friendship may not be acquired like merchandise—but must be won by acquaintance, personal regard and confidence.

WHY NOT BE FRIENDLY IN 1950?

If we need friends, it will be so good to have them, already made, to stand by, and with, us.

If we are so fortunate as to never have an occasion to need our friends, our lives will have been enriched through having made them, and through our association with them.

Season's Greetings

W. C. Simons

Dec. 29-'49

Mrs. Eugene Drought
1417 North Blackstone Street
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Cousin Collins,

It was good of you to send me a present again this year - I had thought my lovely blanket would do for three years, well, two anyway. I think I shall buy a carpet sweeper and inexpensive toaster with my money need both. Thank you very much. Willard and Betty were pleased to have you write to them and send a Christmas card. Also interested in "New England Society".

This is our big month - taxes twice what they were last Jan. Fire insurance also comes due and also coal if we are fortunate enough to get it. We can manage all right. Eugene has had steady work thus far, although not his usual work. Many have been

laid off but the company have kept him
on which we do appreciate. Hillard has-
n't been so fortunate he was laid off
just before Christmas. Nothing can operate
at full capacity with this coal shortage.

He hopes another year to sell this
house and buy one with a few acres of
land somewhere in New York state between
Buffalo and Rochester and have a small
business of some kind that won't make
us all so dependent on weekly wages
for food rent etc.

Hillard has two smart little children
and I would like to help them in whatever
line their desires are - New York has an ex-
cellent educational system.

I must tell one of my nicest Christmas
presents from Eugene an electric mixer (I
have wanted one for years) and an aluminum
ovenette complete with utensils.

Thank you again for the money, I can
find many places for it. Your loving Cousin
Kathryn

Hillard is a good husband and
a kind parent of hers.

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Calla and Walter Gregg
Montrose Calif.

A cousin of WCS.
She is the daughter of Joseph Le Gowdy
mommie Jannyett brother

MERRY CHRISTMAS

1948

HAPPY NEW YEAR

1949

CALLA AND WALTER GREGG

Dearest Collie – Just remembering you on Christmas.
You have three children so you will not be alone, and, thank God, Norma planes in Dec. 13, so we will not be alone for a little while. C+W.





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Dec 24th 1940

Darling Mother

Just a line in case you receive anything

me at this "Government House" - do all we have here. - That is what you get when you marry the Governor's Secretary - I am having a rotten time of it, as Christmas on the 15th, and it is in a week's time - and it's an awful nuisance doing all the writing & Christmas cards - though I've got a great deal in this line - and I've got to keep it up with Lavinia & Elaine - our friends Smith. We reach 43° South Latitude on the 28th - and arrive in Auckland (North Island) on the 31st. Then we have 5 weeks in England & Scotland & Northern Ireland - this time with Barbara Cameron & Ronald Cameron's sister Evelyn McCanada. This gives Lavinia & me a chance to see a bit of Scotland - & Ireland - & Wales - & Barbara's people - & Ronald's people - & Evelyn's people - & Lavinia's people - & Barbara & Ronald & Evelyn & Lavinia & me - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my friends in England - Scotland - Ireland & Wales - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my relations in England - Scotland - Ireland & Wales - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my friends in Canada - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my relations in Canada - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my friends in Australia - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my relations in Australia - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my friends in New Zealand - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my relations in New Zealand - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my friends in Tasmania - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my relations in Tasmania - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my friends in Hobart - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my relations in Hobart - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my friends in Government House - & Barbara's & Ronald's & Evelyn's & Lavinia's & my relations in Government House

Mr Carl Baldwin
Kan.

received your October letter with its good news of self and members of your family and items about Lawrence and the University. We were naturally pleased we heard later from John of considerable success by the Kan. football team. We like basketball will go better

You asked how Australia reacts toward the Labor Government in England, and we have just had the answer here. Labor have joined N.Z. in turning against Socialization which was the chief issue. Labor put through a bill to nationalize all land banks - a legal group declared the measure unconstitutional. Labor had already nationalized air lines which operates at heavy loss, and our engineers which threatens a heavy walkout. These people object to being hamstrung and are contributing the anti-Labor leaders expect closer ties with America and believe Britain will now turn out its Socialists, which should greatly increase the bonds with U.S.A. The Second devaluation has hurt a lot, but I look for close studies here and better adjustments, especially with Britain in the Sterling adjustment. It was of interest, but we can get from here to Montreal or London, cheaper than to San Francisco by any Pacific route. I admired all friends coming to Australia to do so via Britain.

We are now spending 10 days in this lovely island - much like New Hampshire in June. In 1942 I represented the U.S.A. in a Tercentenary celebration of the discovery of the island by Abel Tasman. So they are treating us as "distinguished guests" and with cars at their disposal for several trips. Yesterday the governor of Tas. received us. This is the 40th Rotary meeting in Australia & have

Hoinville

7539 South Colfax Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois
December 2, 1949

Dear Collie:

I have your letter of the 29th. We arrived home about 4:30 P.M. on the 30th: had wonderful weather for the trip - the snowstorm struck Chicago that night so we were in luck. We took two days to drive - stopping in Madison overnight and saw some of the state officials. Then stopped at my sister's for a couple of hours including dinner which she called my birthday dinner. On arriving home there was a call from Avern Scolnik and invitation to have dinner with him at the Officer's Club of Fifth Army Headquarters where he is doing some special work for a month; so you can see I faired very well.

We had quite cold weather up north - 16° above, lots of sunshine, and people up there dress for the cold. We used chains on the car for about a week and there was no trouble in driving.

I note you will have some pictures of the family, both sides, i.e. Pat's family and yours and we certainly would appreciate it if you could spare one print of each group for us.

I haven't been able to check the newspapers that were here as yesterday I was busy closing accounts, but will look for the article on John from Topeka Sunday the 27th. We are proud of both John and Dolph as they are outstanding boys.

I trust that Charles Stough will be elected or nominated chairman of the Young Republicans of Kansas, and know you and Dolph will do all you can to assist him. We need somebody to lead the Republican Party in the right way as some of the so-called leaders have certainly made a mess of things, and the sooner we get rid of the Democratic Regime in the Capitol the better off we will be in this country. I trust that if we do get in the Republicans will have economy fever, as 45% of the income of the country is too much to spend running the Government no matter how high the wages are.

I am enclosing the picture which I would like on the fly leaf of the Christmas booklet, and it should be labeled - Hoinville Hills ~~Headquarters~~. I should like also to have the envelopes mailed to me at the earliest possible date so they can be addressed before the last minute. I hope to mail the booklets by the 15th. For your information I received my first Christmas card for 1949 yesterday; the one who leads all the others - John Purcell who was Asst. V-P in Charge of Mechanics on the Santa Fe - now in his 80's and still going strong; insists on using a room in the Santa Fe offices and lives at the I.A.C.

Please do what you can to hurry the envelopes. With love and best wishes from both.

Bro Chas

·BURGOYNE·
PHILADELPHIA



Dear Uncle Collie,

Thank you ever so much for the pink sweater. I wore it to the country club dance. Many people remarked on how pretty it was.

I'm terribly sorry I didn't write sooner. I thought that I had until just a minute ago.

I had a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year. I hope you did too.

Thank you again. Love,

Vera

Jean Dille

Bennet, Nebraska
Dec. 31, 1949

Dear Grandad Simons,

I was so surprised and pleased to receive the Nancy Drew book from you on Christmas. Thank you so much for it. It was one that I didn't have and I enjoyed reading it a lot.

It was really an eventful Christmas. Aunt Dorda's Christmas dinner and supper was so good. We had our Christmas exchange after dinner. In the early evening Douglas and I started coming down with the flu. When we were going to the car from the house to go home Mother slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk and broke her arm. She had it set the next day at Bryan Memorial Hospital. It has not given her too much pain.



I surely missed you on Christmas Day and hope you will be with us next Christmas. I am wondering how you are feeling now and hope you have recovered from your illness.

I am certainly busy this year in High School. In addition to my regular school I am playing volley ball, singing in the school chorus and in the church

choir. Friday evening before Christmas the high school gave a cantatta by Fred Waring entitled "The Birth of Christ." Saturday evening the choir had a special candle lite Christmas Eve service.

Hoping you had a nice Christmas.

Jean Dibble





Mr. W. C. Simons

The Lawrence Daily Journal-World

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GREETINGS
OF THE
SEASON

It was mighty good to
see you in September — and
to see Blanche — and Dolph.
You folks have always been
very close to me — and
always will be!
May your holidays
season be as nice as you
deserve — the best!
Love to all your
family — always!

Sarah and Lefty Sproull


JUST A BIT OF EVERGREEN
JUST A SPRIG OF HOLLY
JUST A FRIENDLY
GREETING
TO MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS JOLLY



MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

LLOYD AND RUTH BOOKWALTER

Mary Holmgren



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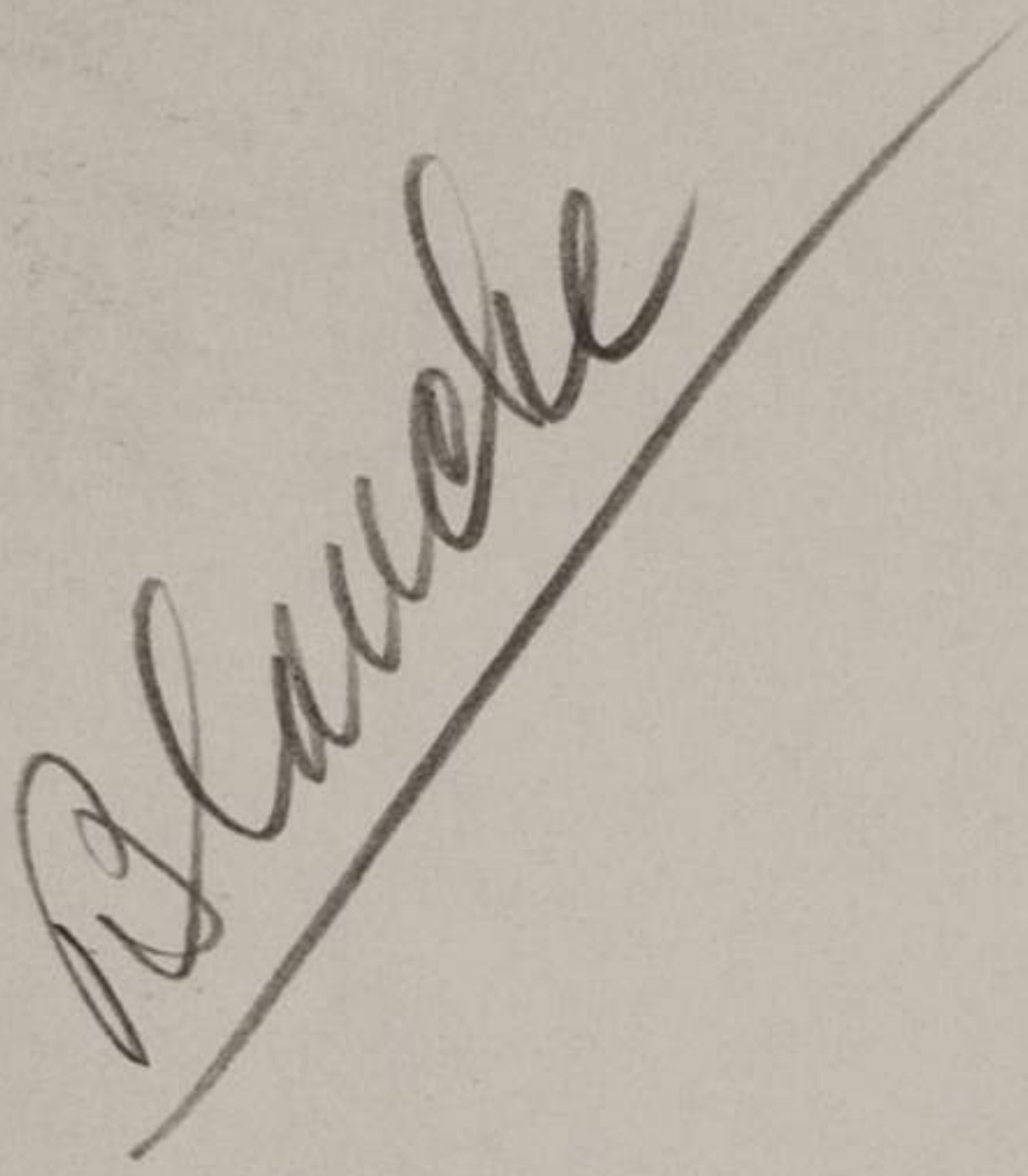

December 19th

Dear Dad.

Do wish we were going to be together this week & Christmas day. I do miss you.

Your clock came yesterday and I thank you so much. I have a special place to use it for something I want in our house.

Pat is just about the same. It was blue yesterday & I try hard to cheer him up but it looks as tho'

he can't make it home for Christmas
so therefore I cannot see the baby
as they are not allowed in
the hospital.

Everyone is good & kind. I do
have had so many gifts of food
books, wines, steaks etc - feel he
deserves the best.

Dr Stevenson is very hopeful
of a remission soon, but it goes
so far. you never know why.

Love you so much & do wish I
could be with you a lot more -
Thanks for everything you darling - Bless



Mrs 11/16/52

MRS. OWEN W. MALONEY
2712 EAST 31ST. STREET
TULSA 5. OKLAHOMA

Saturday

Dearest Dad -

Haven't heard from you for ages - Hope you are O.K. Please, never leave me in the dark when anything is wrong.

We are just the same here. Pat had a few days when his nerves system rebelled against the drastic medicines, for several days he has been without any thing mixed - His skin was improving - then popped out again in hands & feet knees & the mouth & his mouth has been very sore -

The pictures have not yet arrived but they surely will be soon. Mrs Allen (representative tree) says she wants them right this time -

I am fine - get pretty lonesome at times but spend a lot of time at the hospital. Today I'm taking Mother M. over to see Pat. Taking her marketing & giving her some treats. She is a pretty good scout & doesn't seem to worry much - All my friends are grand about wanting to do things & have me over, but I'm pretty tired at nite & usually stay home -

Love you loads & miss you. Do write. I'm sure you owe me a letter — Devotedly Blanche.

Eileen wrote the same "talking" to you



I wish you were coming back for Christmas. Eileen & Carl will leave Christmas morning for Okla. City & Marilyn & Bob will be the only ones here - Marie & Owen will not get to come - So we really need you to help cheer us up.

A nice letter from Janet today says they are looking forward to having you there.

No, Jim afraid I was never much credit to Lawrence Business College. Any way, I know how to spell & write - "I love you" - which is what I want you to know. Please take care & yourself - Devotedly Dad.

Dearest Dad - Received your letter this morning & am hastening to answer to tell you I think Pat is still improving. The swelling & inflammation is all gone & altho his hands are very sore - he feels better otherwise. Yesterday I got him a sponge rubber pad - sheet about 1 inch thick & he said this A.M. he slept better than he had for weeks. He doesn't slip on the harsh sheets as he formerly did.



The drug that I mentioned in a previous letter is GERMANIUM - However, they have not yet started to use it. He reached his peak in the arsenic or Fowler's solution, yesterday & start downward today. He stood it very well but his appetite has slipped some. He still eats enuf & his stomach is fine, but the food just isn't so good.

Don't you worry about your looks in the pictures. You looked wonderful to me & I was so thrilled with them. Your main Christmas present from me is my photo in a frame. If I don't get it soon enuf to have it framed, I'll send the pictures any way.

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dec. 31-1949

Dear Dad:

We were very happy to have you here with us for Christmas - We all enjoyed it very much indeed and hope you did too.

I realize that I am very fortunate to have a good husband who is also intelligent, energetic and endowed with good judgment. What we have accumulated has been through his efforts, with what little help I have been able to give him - It has not been easy. We have worked hard, done without, lived simply and never have been extravagant. We have never taken expensive trips or spent any appreciable amount for our own personal pleasure. When Mac is away from his office, his business comes to a standstill - Consequently he has not left it very often or for any length of time.

A long time ago we began to plan for our children's education. At times it seemed almost impossible to keep up the payments on our savings plan,

and to make our insurance payments -
more than once we have borrowed $100 or
$200 at the bank, for a short time, to be
repayed with interest in order to meet
our monthly bills for living expenses.
He did not get help from his families.
It was during those desperately hard times
that I went with Mother to Mrs. McClung
Evarts - the day she bought the silver. I
wanted it so very badly, but we did not have
the money for necessities, let alone for
luxuries. Fifty five dollars might as
well have been $3500. I thought Mother
has buying it for me because she knew.
how much I wanted it. At that time it
would have meant a great deal to me.
Why should any one be penalized
because by his industry and caution
he has been reasonably successful in
making a living. I can endure most
anything as I have had bitter disappoint-
ments and disillusionments. But for my
children I want something better. Because
Dr had struggle is the reason why they
should have to do the same. and I want
to do for them as much as I can to make

their lives pleasant while both they and he can enjoy it.

I do not have a will. If I should die half of my property would go to my children share and share alike. This is the honest and equable way to divide it. The amount they will receive will be of as much value as the property you have given me.

We have many good friends. Few of them are wealthy or socially influential. Our reputation and "good name" is well established. A few weeks ago a woman from Des Moines, Iowa came into Mac's office for legal advice on a matter of importance. He asked how she, a complete stranger, happened to come to him. Her reply was that she was driving to Oklahoma City and was worried about this matter so drove off the highway into Minneapolis to seek counsel. She said, "I asked three different persons who I should consult - all three told me to go to Mr. McNalley." There are many others who ask his advice on all important business matters because they know he is honest and reliable. Perhaps I should

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

have done more "horn tooting" but it has never seemed to me to be in very good taste.

Mary Beth left yesterday afternoon from Concordia via Mo Pacific & Alethia. Mac and Mike will leave early tomorrow morning for Dallas. I will get caught up on my work here at home. Mike will return to Lawrence by train - arriving Tuesday morning and Mac expects to be home sometime Tuesday night.

This has been a wonderful holiday season for me. I miss the children so much when they are gone and it was grand to have them home for a week. Now they have finished school, Mac and I may still loose a few years and enough money left so that we can do some of the things we've always wanted to do.

You are always welcome in our home and we hope you will come & see us as often as possible and stay for as long as you like.

We hope you will have a good New Year.

Much much love,

Your daughter

Janet

Thurs.

Dearest Dad -

Your dear letter arrived yesterday & I just have a minute to scratch a note before going to the hospital - We have slept & lay a Dane unable to take out the cars - rather, too afraid to - & have lots & good friends taking care of me. Marion Planck is taking me & Jane Taxis a bit -

Had a rough trip home from Dallas Hit hail & sleet in D.C. & was grounded for a while but managed to skin in before they shut down the airport. Not being much of a traveler by air - I was pretty sick - Broke out in a cold sweat & held on to my cup of black coffee - by sheer will power.

Found Pat about the same. The Dr. says he is not discouraged but Pat is at times. He's anxious to get home now & when the weather clears up, he probably can come.

Love you so much & will write more soon - Thanks for your thoughtfulness but we're O.K. Good old Shelby - Love & A.W. Blanche

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2712 EAST. 31ST. STREET
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December 9th

Dear Dad—

Received your letter Saturday which thanked me for my picture. It had been mis-directed to 13th St. instead of 31st - Any way, I'm delighted that you like it & unlike Mrs Ellis, you didn't mention the "pretty frame"— Remember -

All the things you say - are of course "baloney" - but I loved it any way & guess it is a pretty good likeness & flattering enuf so I don't look too much like myself.

The other print has not yet been returned & I shall send the two when it is.

Pat has shown a little improvement the past week. Dr Slowman says each subsequent attack takes longer to recover from - (poor routine) but he hopes to get some this week -

MRS. OWEN W. MALONEY
2712 EAST. 31ST. STREET
TULSA 5, OKLAHOMA

I remain well and am glad the ice is melting. I rode taxis for several days because I was afraid I'd get stuck or have an accident. We had four inches of sleet on the ground.

My good friends keep inviting me out to dinners etc, but I go very little because after doing my chores & spending several hours at the hospital, I am too tired & be good company.

I would like very much to come to Lawrence & see you & the baby & E. Carl but don't know when I can. Be assured it will be as soon as possible.

We hope to let our nurse go this week anyway. Virginia will come home with Pat when he comes.

Love you so much & always enjoy hearing from you - Thanks for every thing you always have done & are doing for me.

Devotedly your daughter
Blanche.

P.S. Did I tell you I saw Mack & Mike in Dallas. They came down for the game & Mike had dinner with us & came after the game & we took him to the station.

Marie is fine & they are so happy - The baby is due in May - around Mother's birthday.

I didn't send flowers at Christmas time for Mother, because I knew you & Lawrence people would have their well remembered, but do want to send something out as soon as it is needed Please let me know when a change is needed.

More love,

Blanche

THE KANSAS CITY STAR

December 15, 1949

Dear Mr. Simons:

I was greatly concerned when I got your letter about television and the amount of drinking, etc. depicted in some of the pictures. Frankly, I hadn't found that to be the case. I am awfully busy, as you know, and take an awful lot of work home with me. I watch for news, sports and special events and have to skip most of the other.

I checked with our television department and they said there were a few plays from the Hollywood Playhouse that they felt themselves might be objectionable. I told them to watch it more closely. Frankly, the material I have seen has been of the highest order. Of course, we don't want to offend our listeners with objectionable material. We want to please them, and I am very grateful to you for writing me.

Sincerely,

Roy A Roberts

Mr. W. C. Simons
Lawrence Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas

December 27, 1949

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 6
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I was very sorry indeed to have missed your telephone call. I spent Christmas, as you now know, with Janet and family at Minneapolis, Kansas, and I called Blanche and family at Tulsa. I also had a call from Dolph from Lawrence, so if we had had connection with you, it would have made an all-around swing. I am sorry that I didn't get to talk to you.

There is nothing new with me, excepting that I haven't been feeling quite so well today, probably having a little trouble that has been going its rounds here lately.

Word from the Framptons recently said that the lake~~s~~ ~~were~~ was all frozen over excepting a spot out in front of your home, and that too may be frozen by this time.

I have just received the book you sent me and am just now opening it to see if it is written in a language that I can read. You Scandahoovians up there in Minnesota seem to talk a different language.

I found the McNalleys all well and the call from Blanche indicated that Pat had at least spent the Christmas Day at home from the hospital. He had been at the hospital for some little time.

I have almost gotten to the inside of the several wrappers on your book and see through the cover the title is "Bataan Uncensored." I presume it deals with the group of Brainerd boys who were caught there and very largely wiped out.

I am not very sympathetic with the War trials because I am afraid it is setting a pattern for the future, and who knows but at some future time a group of American officers will be tried by some foreign court. Such things might happen.

Mrs. Don A. Freeman December 27, 1949

I want you to remember that I love you a lot, that I shall be glad to read your book, and will look forward to seeing you again. Why don't you have Ping look after things for you and you and Don come down for a visit with us.

Lots of love from your brother,

December 8, 1949

Mrs. William J. Reineke
615 North Woodward Avenue
Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Fannie:

I was glad to receive your letter written in the same vigorous style that you used many years ago. I think that the years must be dealing kindly with you in many ways.

I can't help but have some sympathy for Beryl who is so very much alone, but who has found companionship and friendship with the girls of her so called sorority. She has lived in her privately furnished apartment at the Park Lane apartments for many years, so probably she is not any where nearly as lonely as we might be under similar circumstances. I am sure that she would be glad to hear from you although I can not recall having writter to her for a long while.

I loved, and still love, Blanche Reineke who was certainly one of the best women I have ever known. She was loving and tried so hard to do things for others and continued to do so in spite of many keen disappointments. She would have made some one a most excellent wife and most capable mother in the world.

I have the same tender feeling for mother Reineke. During all of the years that I knew her we never had a single moment of disagreement or an unkind word between us.

As I said in my last letter to you, I remember Barbara as a sweet little child and I wish her very much happiness in her new life so soon to come.

Gertrude and I went to Memphis, Tennessee, on our wedding trip, spending a week there, and a few years ago we visited there for a day or two while on our way to several southern states, including Florida.

As you will be alone after Barbara is married I am wondering if it might not be possible and desirable for you to do as I have

Mrs. William J. Reineke December 7, 1949

done; that is to secure a young married couple. In my case the husband is studying for his Masters Degree and his wife has her Masters Degree from Ohio University. They have taken charge of my home since the middle of last December. In just about another week they will have been with me a year. This happy arrangement cannot last a great deal longer as he hopes to have his degree quite soon. When the time comes, I shall try to make similar arrangements with some other university couple. Besides furnishing board and room for the two of them, I also pay her a substantial amount each month.

I shall be glad to have one of the wedding pictures. I am very happy to have your suggestion of the stand for the electric roaster and send you herewith a check for $14. I shall make the check to you and you can endorse it as I do not know whether Barbara uses the name Toles or not.

Sincerely

Dec 5-

MRS. WILLIAM J. REINEKE

615 NORTH WOODWARD AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Dear Collie

We are a busy family here but your letter was welcome for as you say, we are all that is left and should know what the other is doing and where they are. Felt sad when Gertie went for she was good to write me. Never hear from Bess except a card at Christmas. Hard known it from where the family were

buried and it is so like
you not to forget them
and I will remember Blanche
saying to me the last
time I saw her -
"Collie is one of the
best men in the world"
Still remember the first
time I visited you in
Lawrence when morning
came you were busy
decide that Blanche and
Janet were off to school
on time
Barbara met Klavis

at College and the few
times I've seen him he
is pleasant, almost timid
sir, mayrob in society
and following it with
true! and that is where
they will lie, which means he
be alone but will try to
remember she has done
one to care for her as I'm
done since she little
over right-
She is ever thought of and
loved here - never given
me one known trouble.
She will be twenty two in May

wrote on the wrong side
of the page.

MRS. WILLIAM J. REINEKE
615 NORTH WOODWARD AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Klavis is an only child
coming from too dear Lak
Nis- Klavis to the living.
They have given them a car.
I stand for me to tell you
what to give Barbara
bub my sister Mary
in Cal. gave her a lovely
Electric roaster and she
to wants the Stand for it
to sit on She says-
She has been with Klebrook
Edison here in B- Since leaving
College and can get it here
for fourteen dollars- would
you care to give it to her Love to all
your dear
ones

Dec 18/49

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Dec. 3 - '49

My dear Adler—

Wm and I wish to thank you Mais & Dolph for the lovely lunch - you were so nice to send us for our anniversary - It sets it the cake of the gate-leg table and adds charm and dignity to the room - as well as cheer to the people who see it from the lake.

You will be surprised to note our lake is still open and some days I have counted over seventy fair ducks playing and enjoying themselves, knowing they will not be shot at from our place.

A few days ago I was working in the kitchen and heard the service door - the outer one - open and thought it one of our men - although they always use the chimes - I stepped to the door and saw a stranger as large as Dolph - I tried not to let him in / but he used his foot in the typical Fuller-Brush Man style - and forced an entrance to the dinette room

I was frightened - of course - but he did prove to be a Fuller Brush man - and after a few minutes I got rid of him but felt nervous for quite awhile - I know if Raleigh or Matt had been here he would have tugged me to earl then off as they would have caught him by the hand leg - this minute - his foot appeared - and if he had tried to enter against my wishes it would have been just too bad for him.

He has to wait until Spring to get out through - Fred Collier - then I will not be afraid any more.

So glad you had the nice Thanksgiving with Blanche and family - and do hope she will send me some of the pictures.

The man is calling for mail to take into town I had hoped to write to Mary and Dolph by this same mail so please tell them - there will come Monday - Thank you, so much, for the ~~to~~ news about John we are very proud of him.

Give my kindest regards to Margaret - I shall write her soon I hope.

We know you are going to enjoy your Christmas sub - They are something "different"

Loads of love from us both -

Wroteddy Gayer

From
LaGooding
328 W Galloway ave
Weiser
Idaho

WEISER, IDAHO
DEC 5
6-PM
1949



Am 17/8

W-C- Simons
Lawrence,
Kansas.


GREETINGS
1949
U.S.A.

1949

Season's Greetings





With sincere good wishes

for Christmas

and the New Year.

over

A Gibson Card

GIBSON CINTI., U. S. A.

Sunday - Dec - 4 - 1949
Weiser - Idaho

Dear Cousin -- your welcome letter of nov. 30 - has put me back in the past to-day -

I hope you can make out all - I have tried to fill in -- I also amtrying to get all my information together in a book, with what few clippings, and pictures I have - and the few memories - Russ and I have of that past - -

Christmas is most here again, it really has been a wonderful year to me - & so good to have Janet Bill & Lonnie so near -

Grace writes very often - and my health, and work at the office, keep fine -

This will be the first Christmas greeting I have sent - - I usually write

(2) over fifty real letters - out of torn-every Christmas.

I wonder if Russ & Minna will be in Calif. again - and maybe stop off here - They have never seen Bill's - Western supply store "& home in Nyssa, Oregon yet -

Nancy ten was taking lessons on roller skates and was one of 600 to be sent (all expenses paid) to a contest in new Jack city this summer -

(3) - I hope this year has been good to you also - I have shared the book you sent me with several interested - one - John Lloyd was in Iran at least two years during the war - and learned the language - etc.

Best wishes from

Lillian A. Hoodling

I certainly would be glad to have a copy of the genealogy when you have finished it - I know my mother once had a family - tree they said - -

came with his brother Henry when boys from Germany — lost track of Henry

Theodore J. Wickey married Julinetta Simons } — Only living child: J. Russel Wickey, DDS
29 Public Square
Belleville, Illinois

1874 Jennie died & Rose

? second wife: Roy Wickey Gall, Essex, Illinois
Mrs. Lillian Adele Gooding, Weiser, Idaho
Children:
Janet, married Wm. H. Lemon, Nyssa, Oregon
1909 one son, Lonnie — 1945

1884 1879 1903

Mary Speare Lane aug-1877 — died 1885 — both

1903 Grayce, married Dr. Jack W. Mitchell
1007 Flower Avenue
Silver Springs, Maryland.

one daughter nancy adele 1939

1886 or 1887 adopted by H. H. Wise

Lillian W. Wise adopted Russel Wickey 1907 and changed name to Wickey 1917

Dr. J. Russel Wickey married Mima Wood } Children: Julia Louise, born Feb. 27, 1913
Married Morris Lewis Yoder, June 11, 1939.
No children.

Grace Charlene, born Aug. 12, 1914.
Married Arthur Daniel Yoder, May 12, 1936.
Children:
1947 died — Russel Bruce, born Feb. 23, 1937. Dec.
Penelope Grayce, born Aug. 18, 1943
Daniel Arthur, born Oct. 14, 1947
Jeffery Jay, born Sept. 2, 1949.

my mother's father Dr. J. S. Lane was a surgeon in the army 1863- born in Boston 181= aunt Wise read in a Chicago paper of his death - after I'd been adopted a few years

Roy's family married 1904 To Lillie Swarty

1905 Theodore J - wife marie Oct 9-1905 { Shirley Ann, Leroy

1911 Russel Roy (wife Vera & Gale Frances

1907 Clarence C - wife Evelyn { Vernon married Norma Shultz 1927 (was in Japan), Dolores Jean 1929, Marelane June 1936, ?

1919 Lloyd LeRoy wife Doris { Robt allen 1947, Gloria Jean

1913 Clara husband Verle Bowerman (was in Alaska) only Kathleen 1941

1917 Dorothy husband Harold Gillett (England & France) no children

1921 Ella May husband Chas Fredrick (crippled, body injured in Germany) Dennis — 1943

Always understood that my mother was a cousin to Father's first wife & that she left soldiers & children to take care of her & in her last illness

Frank Miele and Auntie Mason adopted brothes Theodore (Teed) & he & miele were drowned in Rock Cr - Ill - 1890

MRS. OWEN W. MALONEY
2712 EAST 31ST STREET
TULSA 5, OKLAHOMA

Talk to Dr. Sherman about Pat 7/8/49

Friday

Dearest Dad —

I was so glad to receive your sweet letter & want you to know we thoroughly enjoyed your visit. You are a perfect house guest — not at all jittery as you claim & be-just have folks permanent. Taking for luck & taking it — no trouble & at all times pleasant & good company —

Pat went into Dr. Johns Monday. Dr. Sherman said he was headed for real trouble & we hope to avoid it. Dr Lane, head of Medical School & dermatologist & note from Washington U. Dr. Lane was here & spent some time with Pat. Flew in for that express purpose & he has 6 patients in Barnes Hospital who are in complete remission under the same treatment they are giving Pat. They are adding a change some things — Arsenic — is one drug (2 drops)

several times a day - that they are using & are back on that "germanium" which we flew in from Mayo - back at Wichita Workyan Hosp.

He is in much better spirits than he was last week - I go over every day, but do not stay long as we both need rest. Virginia Ward, his excellent nurse of previous illness is on duty 8 hours a day & she is a trump herself - good natured & indefatigable worker - I went to bed at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening - open making a dentist appt. at 9.30 A.M & shopping all day - & slept - actually slept 13 hours — I feel a lot better now.

MRS. OWEN W. MALONEY
2712 EAST 31ST. STREET
TULSA 5, OKLAHOMA

My friends have been inviting me out but Ravenik accepted as I'm too tired. Sunk, I'm going out to dinner with the Shelton, however - We are so fond, both our Union nephews - All our nice nephews are fine children. Please thank Joseph for the clippings & account I am so glad to John. I have sent it on to the other children as all are so interested.

Didn't you think the pictures were wonderful? It will be hard to choose.

Must close as I have my bills to get out & am going back to the hospital Sorry I'll Dorothy Pat can't hold a pen or pencil a bad wrist Love

his hands & feet have been very
bad. We think they are improving &
there was no outbreak yesterday or
today.

My best to the nice King &
Loves I owe to you my dearest
Dad—

Devotedly

Blanche—

MRS. HARRY F. JOHNSON
213 NORTH TWELFTH STREET
WYMORE, NEBRASKA

December 13,

Dearest Dad;

As usual I am rushing to get ready for Christmas by December 25th. It always is here before I am quite ready for it. I have most of my shopping done, but haven't sent any packages yet.

Have you made any plans? You know we would love to have you here with us. We are going to have the Christmas dinner here; and it would be grand if you were here too. If you aren't planning to go anywhere else, please do come. Perhaps you could ride up to Auburn with Adolph and Marie; and we could meet you there, then drive you to Laurence later. The boys would be tickled to have you here.

How is everyone in Laurence that I am interested in, meaning especially the family? We are all fine, and Jonnie can pronounce his L's. He almost gets cuter every day. At least we surely have fun with him.

Tonight I made candy, and all 4 boys licked the pan with gusto. They cracked and picked out the nuts for me, and were so rewarded.

Mother Johnson is still here, and has been so much help to me. We are taking her to Portland Thursday to meet the Dibbles. She will stay with them until Christmas. We have had such a good visit with her. She seems to be feeling very well.

Charles had a nice birthday; and I had a party for him - 12 little boys for ice cream and cake, candy, favors, etc. - then to the picture show. They had a noisy good time; and I was glad when it was over. We gave him a football suit, helmet, shoulder pads, socks, pants, jersey, and letters; and he was the most thrilled boy you ever saw. He looks so cute in the outfit, and has already worn it in several games.

Jack and Barbara were here Sunday for a few hours. They have a new Plymouth, and want to put some miles on it. She will be going to the hospital in about a month.

My study club met tonight, but I didn't try to go. I had too many other things to do; and of course did only a part of them. I am making progress though.

MRS. HARRY F. JOHNSON
213 NORTH TWELFTH STREET
WYMORE, NEBRASKA

Our Christmas tree is beautiful. We finished trimming it just last night, having started it a week ago tomorrow night. Usually it is completed in one evening.

I love you so very much, and wish I could see you more often. It seems so long since the last time. Do try to come up to visit us.

Loads of Love,
Dorothea

Thursday

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Dearest Dad –

Things are about the same here. Pat seems to heal a lot o there pop out in other places. The latest are in his mouth – lips o in his nose – but his spirits are still good o his hopes high for coming home Christmas. His back, arms o legs are almost entirely healed, except

Dolph o Maine sent some lovely H. red Carnations to Pat recently, which have been so colorful o pretty; shall write when I have time. Also, Pat enjoyed Dolph's letter o good fortune as to the new trip. If Pat is well enough to come home I plan to go to Dallas to spend a few days with Owen o Marie, while Marilyn o Bob are here. It will be the only chance I'll have probably & they are spending their 1st Christmas away from home. Wish I could be with you more often – Love you to much – Dorothy Hanke

Your Christmas Card Sentiment was wonderful!

A HALLMARK NOTE

sleeping well tho' 12 hours last-nite.

I have sent some gifts (small) to you in Janets package, since I knew you were spending Christmas there, but my picture hasn't come yet & I want you to have it as your main gift from me & shall attempt to find a frame, before I send it. Don't think I've neglected you because that is really your main present, since you have wanted one for a long time, which makes me think you love me -

for those bad places under his arms & those are better - His hands are still very sore & somewhat swollen but this feel are a lot better -

Mrs Ward, his nurse, is on duty from 8.30 - 4.30 & I go over in the afternoon & stay until his dinner tray comes in so I can help him with that & settle him for the night - My friends have been grand about asking me out to dinner but usually I'm too tired & come home to bed. Have been

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dec. 14

Dear Dad —

I have time for only a
note but want you to remember
we're expecting you for Christmas -
Just let us know when & meet
you and we'll be there - The
weather is much colder and
more Christmas - like - but no snow
as yet —

Will see you next week
sometime - Thanks for your
nice letter & congratulations -

With love,

Janet

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buhl
Grosse Point Farms
390 Provencal Road
Detroit, Michigan

My dear friends:

The Christmas card received from you today is so charming that I showed it to various persons in our office force, all of whom agreed that it was outstanding in its unique presentation of Christmas and the joy of children.

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Meuser
Monett, Missouri

Dear Mary and Ken:

I have your Christmas card, and I am inclined to think that it is the most beautiful of the many I have received this Christmas. It is a magnificent card.

I trust that life is dealing kindly with you and we remember how we enjoyed Ken from time to time in our home.

Wishing for you a happy Christmas and New Year, I remain

Sincerely, your friend,

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wood
3841 West 63rd Place
Chicago 29, Illinois

Dear Silva and Frederick:

I received your very attractive Christmas card and your friendly note which accompanied it. As you know, I have always considered you among my very dear friends.

I am sorry that I am not going to be here while you are here. I leave Friday evening to spend Christmas with my daughter, Janet McNalley, at Minneapolis, Kansas, and probably will not return until Sunday or Monday.

I telephoned Mrs. McConnel today expressing my regret at not being abde to see you when you come, but there will be another time.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 23, 1949

Mr. Norman A. Norman
527 West 170th Street
Hazel Crest, Illinois

Dear Norman:

In as much as Norman A. Norman whom I have known for many years had his address, the last I knew, at 7303 Luella Avenue, Chicago 49, Illinois, I am somewhat at a loss to know whether this is the same Norman, now at 527 West 170th Street, Hazel Crest, Illinois.

But I want to tell you that you have two darling children. The little boy is bright and snappy and the baby looks so bright for one evidently so young.

I thank you very much for the picture and for the good wishes, and I hope that the years to come will bring you peace and happiness.

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 23, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Don Larremore
Sand Brook
Hunterdon County
New Jersey

Dear Friends:

I am very happy to have the copy of "Bonnie Eloise". I am a peculiar body, devoid of the ability to sing or to play a musical instrument, and yet a real lover of music.

Two years ago or more, Gertrude would have sat down to the piano and played the music as written and would also have sung the song. I am going to spend Christmas with Janet in Minneapolis, Kansas, and while Janet is not much of a musician, I am sure she will be able to play the air.

It is of special interest to me that my grandfather, Collins Gowdy, born on the Gowdy farm north of Bernhards Bay, learned to swim in the Mohawk river. His birth place was given as Rome, New York, but as a matter of fact, he was probably born at the Gowdy home on Gowdy brook between Berhhard's Bay and old Constantia.

I am glad to be remembered by you and wish you much happiness and good cheer for the holidays and for the coming year.

Sincerely your friend,

W. C. Simons

P.S. Since writing the above, I have handed the copy to Reverend C. W. Thomas who is in charge of music at the First Baptist Church, and asked him to try it out. I told him I thought that if they found it was something desirable they could secure extra copies from you.

December 29, 1949

Mrs. Otto Spitzli
Baldwin, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Spitzli:

I spent Christmas with my daughter in Minneapolis, Kansas, and upon my return found your gracious Christmas card with enclosed chedk for a year's subscription for Mr. Spitzli.

I had the paper started as quickly as I could and asked the subscription department to tell you the cause of the delay.

I thank you very much for remembering me and wish for you and Mr. Spitzli a very happy and successful year. It is fine that you can be back with your good friends of Baldwin, from whom I take it you have never been separated for a very long period.

With very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wellman
806 Transportation Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear friends:

Thank you for your Christmas card and also thank you for the Christmas packages which Jo Ann brought me, and which I have not opened.

She is a sweet child and it was a pleasure to have her in our home.

With best wishes to you and yours, I remain

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holmgren
Auburn, Nebraska

Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for the original and darling Christmas card showing little Mary and Santa Claus. Mary is a mighty pretty child and is very important to all of us.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 22, 1949

Judge Hugh Means
501 Louisiana Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Hugh:

I take pleasure in sending you another dividend check and I hope that I will be here to write them and you to receive them for many years to come.

Are you keeping house? If so, I hope you have good health. I have been quite fortunate in having a student and his wife with me for the past year. He will soon get his degree and then I shall be forced to make a change.

With very best wishes to you for the year to come, I remain

As ever, your friend

December 22, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Klapis, Jr.
729 Eighth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear friends:

I remember quite vividly the Christmas we had together.

I told Otis and Margaret that they could have a Christmas tree this year, which they have placed in the north end of the room where we used to have it, and Margaret has placed around it the many little gifts they are giving one to another.

It makes me remember you quite keenly and with a great deal of affection. I am sending a little gift herewith in the form of a check with which I hope you can buy something for your home.

With love and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hammerel
1757 Jefferson
Saint Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Friends:

I was glad to receive the Christmas greeting and regret that I did not have the pleasure of seeing you last summer.

Grayce and I are the only ones left of our immediate family, but I am fortunate in having four children, 10 grandchildren, and one great grandson. He is a beautiful boy who looks more mature than his ten weeks, or less, of age would indicate. He is the grandson of our daughter, Blanche, and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olander.

We have had a remarkable season so far, no real cold weather, and I had blooming calendula out doors on the south side of my house as late as a week ago.

My son, Dolph, and his two fine sons have their home in Lawrence. Dolph is with me in the newspaper business. I also have my granddaughter, Mrs. Olander, and another granddaughter, Mary Beth McNalley, and her brother Mike, Janet's children, who are attending the university.

Wishing for you the best of health and happiness, I remain

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

December 20, 1949

Miss Hilda Borg
905 Michigan Street
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Miss Borg:

Of the many Christmas cards I have received, none is more beautiful and in a way more expressive than the fine card received from you.

As I spent the years from six to sixteen on a farm in western Kansas, I know what winter is like in the country.

Thanking you for the card and with very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Miss Hazel Lee Simmons
1646 Barker Avenue
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Simmons:

I appreciate very much the kindly note accompanying your Christmas card. Our little boy was very dear to us, and we thought there was no better way in which we could use his savings than to create a fund for the cultivation of music.

He was one of nature's children who was gifted with a sense of perfect pitch. He loved music, and was learning to play the trumpet. He had already learned to play the bugle and to give the various calls. At the piano, when Dolph, my oldest son, would try to pick up a tune by ear, John Louis would immediately sense whether he had struck the right note or not, and when he corrected his brother there never was any discussion as to who was right because Dolph knew that his little brother had a peculiar musical gift.

Mrs. Simons and I appreciated very much the effort made by the school from year to year to perpetuate his memory.

Thanking you again for your letter and card, I remain

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mrs. R. E. McLain
Box 205
Thidler, Oklahoma

Dear Thelma:

Gertrude and I were always glad to hear from you because you were such a fine young woman.

As you know, our little boy, John, passed away very suddenly, March 21, 1923. I think that was shortly after you had left our home. Afterward Mother Reineke, Gertrude's mother, came to live with us and died in our home at the age of 95.

At the advice of physicians at the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, Gertrude dieted and reduced her weight materially. Later, however, a malignant growth attacked her, and although she was twice operated, she passed away October 30, 1948. She did not give up hope of recover, or at least did not make it apparent that she no longer hoped, until a few weeks before she passed away. We lacked only about two weeks of having been married 54 years.

The children have all been kind and I have been fortunate in having a married couple with me. She is a college graduate and her husband is studying for his Masters Degree at the university. They have been with me for a year and I shall be very sorry when the time comes when they must leave.

I hope that you and yours are getting along fine. It doesn't seem possible that you have a boy of 20.

Blanche, our oldest, Mrs. Maloney, has three children, all of whom are married and her youngest daughter has a fine baby boy born October 12. My first and only great grandchild. Owen Maloney and Marrilyn Maloney are both married but have no children. Janet married L. A. McNalley and lives in Minneapolis, Kansas. Her two children, Mary Beth, a junior,

and her son, Mike, a freshman, are attending K. U.

Dorothea, our youngest daughter, is now Mrs. H. F. Johnson of Wymore, Nebraska, and has three fine boys, ages 5, 8, and 11.

Dolph has two very fine sons, Dolph, Jr., who is a junior at the university and has lettered in football; and John, a senior in Lawrence high school, and has lettered in track, basketball, and football. They are big fine manly boys of outstanding character and ability.

If you and the family are ever in this part of the country, we should be very happy to entertain you at our home.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1939

Mrs. Priscilla Koelb
3718 BrandyWine Street, N.W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Koelb:

I think of you often and of the wonderful manner in which you got hold of yourself following the death of Mr. Koelb. I am afraid that there are not many who have such a perfect control of themselves, which I am sure in your case was a part of your religious experience.

Mrs. Simons and I always held you and your husband in highest regard and love, and it was our pleasure to know your mother and I recall taking your little daughter from her arms and having her watch a parade from our window. At the time I did not know whose baby I was holding.

I have been fortunate in having a very capable young lady and her husband with me for the past year. I am afraid it will not last many months longer for he has been studying for his Masters Degree at the University and I think he is expecting to receive it, perhaps in February or March. The wife is a Kansas born girl who graduated from Manhattan and then had her Masters Degree from Ohio. She was a teacher in Denton, Texas, at the time she was married.

I have tried to carry on the best that I know how. I spent Christmas a year ago with Dorothea, last Thanksgiving with Blanche in Tulsa, and I shall spend Christmas this year with Janet in Minneapolis.

Dolph and family are here and they are very kind and considerate of me. I am still active in the business.

Please remember me to your mother.

Cordially yours,

December 20, 1949

Mrs. K. E. Stoltzman
1167 North Kingsley Drive
Hollywood, California

Dear Mrs. Stoltzman:

You probably failed to notice last year that the Christmas cards were sent out under my name only. I regret to inform you that Mrs. Simons passed away October 30, 1948, after having been troubled for a couple of years with a malignant growth. We did everything possible for her, to no avail.

I remember the incident of her finding your watch at Rochester, Minnesota, which led to her pleasant acquaintance with you.

Thanking you for your card, I remain

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mrs. Martha Draughon
St. Joseph Sanatorium
Albuquerqre, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Draughon:

Although the acquaintance of Mrs. Simons and myself with you was quite brief, it has been enduring. We were both charmed with your graciousness and with the beautiful quality of your friendship, and it was, therefore, a real pleasure for Mrs. Simons to recommend your daughter for membership in the sorority at Tucson.

I know that you have been in bad health at least part of the time, and I sincerely hope that you are better. I remember your kindness to us when we were in Porto Rico and I recall your hairbreadth escape from the hurricane which wrecked your home.

As you are doubtless aware, Mrs. Simons passed away October 30, 1948. She had made a wonderful fight for life and did not give up hope of recovering until a short while before she left us.

I sincerely hope that the Arizona climate has been beneficial to you.

Thank you very much for the fine Christmas greeting. If I can be of service at any time, please call on me.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hungerford
Mount Vernon Hotel
219 Fourth Avenue, North
St. Petersburg, Florida

My dear friends:

Thank you for the Christmas greeting representing the hotel at which Gertrude and I spent a happy week some years ago.

I have no family of my own at the Cedars now, but I have been fortunate in having a University student and his wife with me for the past year. She was born in Western Kansas, graduated at Manhattan, and won her Masters' Degree at Ohio University. Her husband, Texas born, is studying for his Masters' Degree which he expects to receive, perhaps in February or March. I hope I shall be as fortunate in securing someone else when they leave.

With very best wishes to you and the members of your family, I remain

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Miss Catherine Corwin
2703 Englewood Terrace
Independence, Missouri

Dear Katie:

Since Gertrude passed away October 30, 1948, I have thought of you frequently and wondered how you were getting along.

Gertrude was the last of her family. Her parents, sister Blanche, and two brothers, are buried at Shawnee, Kansas. Gertrude lies in the cemetery here beside our little boy, John Louis, who died in 1923.

I don't know whether you knew Beryl Buckley who was a cousin of Gertrude's. She has an apartment in the Park Lane apartments and I am sure she would be glad to know you.

With very best wishes for the coming year, I remain

Sincerely, your friend,

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Larson
P. O. Box 121
Hamburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Emil and Rachel:

I appreciated your nice Christmas card with the picture of the new Kernsville Dam, which I presume Emil had a hand in directing.

We are always glad to hear from our old friends. We are sorry that you are no longer residents of Lawrence, but engineers have to go where the work demands.

It probably will not be long before we will hear from you regarding some other big engineering work with which you will be engaged.

With best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gowdy
Hazardville, Connecticut

Dear cousins:

I am glad that you think of us sometimes because Mrs. Simons frequently recalled your kindness to us when we came as strangers to the old stamping ground of the Gowdy, Simons, and Collins families; while at Westerly, the Louises, and at Stonington, the Cooks, all members of our ancestors.

We especially appreciated the kindness of your wife who, although of no blood relation, so far as we are aware, could not have been more cordial to us if she had been closely related.

I wish I could see you and know you better. Speaking of life, I came to Lawrence 58 years ago with little experience and veryllittle capital, and entered the newspaper business in a field where one paper was owned by a millionaire and another paper by a wealthy man. Just trying to do our best to give the people a creditable paper, a friendly paper, and one interested in promoting the lives and welfare, we were fortunate in finally becoming one of the strongest and best known papers in Kansas.

Juliaetta was a family name in the Simons' family. Papa's sister, born in Rochester, New York, was Juliaetta Simons and died rather young. My eldest sister, now also gone, was named for her and my niece and grandniece have been named Julia.

I don't know whether you are aware that Mrs. Simons passed away October 30, 1948. We had been married nearly 54 years. She had been afflicted for a couple of years with a malignant growth which surgery, perhaps, delayed but did not care.

It is odd that grandfather and grandmother Gowdy had 12 children of whom only six grew to maturity. Of their children, Harrison, the eldest, had no children; Louis, who came next, lost

his only boy in childhood; William lost his son, Ed, but Ed had a son, Leland, who I understand has two boys. I have tried to keep in touch with them, but I don't know where they are now.

Mamma's youngest brother, Doctor Augustus Schofield Gowdy, had but one child, a girl who died when about six years old. Joseph Cook Gowdy, the youngest child to grow to maturity, had a boy named Harry who was married in Minneapolis, and I think raised a daughter, but I don't know of their whereabouts. So the only Gowdys would be Leland Gowdy and his two boys.

Gertrude and I enjoyed very much our visit with you and she had expressed a desire more than once to attend the Gowdy reunion.

Please remember me also to Willard Gowdy and family. I remember the pleasant visit to Twin Oaks.

I am very sorry that you have been so badly afflicted by drought. Kansas, which has gone through that experience, has had ideal weather. It is now rather dry, but winter wheat looks green, and it may seem strange that within a week ago, I picked a blooming calendula from the south side of our house. The vine is still green but the buds have been killed by frost.

I am glad you are patriotic. Some mighty good blood runs in our veins, and our forebears have had a real part in the building of the United States. Here is hoping that their efforts will long be perpetuated.

With very cordial regards to you and your wife, I remain,

Your loving cousin,

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Drought
% Mrs. Kathryn Drought
1417 North Blackstone Street
Jackson, Michigan

My dear friends and cousins:

Thank you very much for the beautiful Currier and Ives Christmas card. I think that while I have not had the pleasure of meeting any of you excepting Willard, I have no doubt that you make a very happy family.

My name, by the way, is Collins. I was named for my grandfather, COollins Gowdy, and through the Collins line Governor William Bradford of Plymouth Colony was my grandfather ten generations back. This would make your mother, Kathryn, of the eleventh generation, Willard the twelfth, and Judith and Jerry the thirteenth.

This would make any member of your family eligible to membership in the New England Society and would also open the doors to you in many of the Colonial Societies.

With very best wishes, not only for the season but for the years to come, I remain

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mrs. Mable F. Scheigert
Post Office Box 579
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mrs. Scheigert:

I wish to thank you for your beautiful card. Mrs. Simons and I enjoyed very much many of the acquaintances, yours among the number, that we made while on the trip around South America.

Mrs. Simons, who had always enjoyed good health until the last few years, had a number of accidents, and nearly three years ago we found that she was suffering from a malignant growth. We did all that surgery and medical skill could do for her, but she passed away October 30, 1948.

I am fortunate in having my son associated with me in business here and in having three fine daughters. I spent Christmas a year ago with my youngest daughter and her family in Nebraska, spent Thanksgiving with my daughter in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and shall spend Christmas this year with my daughter at Minneapolis, Kansas.

Noting the absence of Mr. Scheigert's name from your card, I presume you have experienced a similar grief and if so, you have my sympathy.

I have been fortunate in having a young married couple in my home for the past year. The wife who has her Masters Degree from Ohio University, takes charge of my home and her husband hopes to receive his Masters Degree within two or three months.

Wishing you all the happiness the season can afford, I remain

Sincerely,

December 20, 1949

Senator Arthur Capper
Topeka,
Kansas

My dear Senator:

I want to thank you for your beautiful and personal Christmas greeting.

While you are my senior by a few years, I hope I may be able to continue my active interests in everything in the same degree that you have been able to carry on.

Probably Kansas has no more a loved citizen than you.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mrs. H. W. Wilcox
940 Louisiana Street
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mrs. Wilcox:

I thank you very much for the beautiful card and also for your written message.

I thought a great deal of your husband and you and your family all mean very much to me. I am glad to have you in my circle of friends.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Dr. and Mrs. Forrest C. Allen
831 Louisiana Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear friends:

Thank you very much for your greeting card and its cheerful, personal, written message.

We are strong for the Allens.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Martin
9 Granite Road
Wilmington, Delaware

My dear friends:

I am delighted with the picture of your children. I believe it would be extremely difficult to find another group as beautiful as these children of yours. They are certainly coming along fine and have grown up since the days of Sunflower.

Thank you very much for the picture. I appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 20, 1949

Mrs. R. J. Vaughan
325 North P Street
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Vaughan:

I was glad to hear from you but sorry that your father is in failing health. He has been so vigorous and strong that it is hard to think of him as being otherwise. During the years that he was in the library at K. U. he not only ddd the work assigned to him, but he was consultant and advisor to many students and helped them on their way.

I am glad that he did appreciate my friendship because he has meant a godd deal to me. It seemed to me that here was a man of splendid mentality and spirituality who, by the chance of fate, had been placed in a prominent position and that by his life everywhere he had lived he had made better men and woman of his associates. I have his picture sent me a year ago which shows him walking along with the same vigor that he had years ago.

Gertrude passed away October 30, 1948. She was courageous and did her best to get well, but nothing that the surgeons and physicians could do could save her from the effects of an internal malignant growth. She did not give up her hope of recovery until just a few weeks before she left us.

My children have been kind, but I live alone in the old home place except for a young woman and her husband I have been very fortunate in having with me. She has her Masters Degree from Ohio University and he is studying for his Masters Degree at K. U. He may get his degree in the near future, which will make it necessary for me to make new arrangements.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

December 22, 1949

Mrs. O. W. Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma

Dear Blanche:

I take pleasure in sending you dividend checks for yourself and for Pat. I am glad that they are as large as they are and hope that business may continue to be good for many years to come.

But the thing that I would like most of all is to have Pat back and to 100 percent good health. Even at my great age, I think I would then take him on for a game of golf, on the basis that I could play the links in half the number of strokes that he would take.

I leave tomorrow night to spend Christmas with Janet. I presume the young folks, including the great grandson, either have been in to see you or will come in very shortly. It seems to me as if I have never seen a finer, healthier, little babe, nor one with such a good disposition.

Here's wishing both you and Pat a Merry Christmas and the promise of still better things.

Lovingly,

December 20, 1949

Mrs. O. W. Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma

Dear Blanche:

It has been about ten days since you wrote me and I don't know whether or not I have answered it.

Eileen was at the house this morning and showed me some wonderful pictures of baby. I am sure I have never known a child so young that was so photogenic. Some of the pictures have the little chap half sitting up with all the expression in the world of knowledge of what is going on, and of appreciation of himself and family. He certainly is a darling baby.

We are greatly interested in Pat's health and hope that he will win his long hard fight soon. It may be possible that it will clear up as suddenly as it manifested itself in the first place.

You couldn't give me a Christmas present that would be more appreciated than a framed picture of yourself. If it comes without the frame, I shall be very happy to frame it.

I haven't seen as much of Eileen as I would like to, but,ifor some reason or other, it seems as if I had been very busy. I expect to go out to Minneapolis, leaving Friday night, I think at 7:1[illegible], and they will meet me in Salina.

You are a darling girl and I am very happy in having you for a daughter. Give my love to Pat.

Lovingly,

December 31, 1949

Mrs. O. W. Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma

Dear Blanche:

The picture is simply wonderful and to show how I feel about it, I quote the following from a letter I have just written sister Grayce: "Blanche's picture is lovely. It is a splendid likeness from Moffett Studio, Chicago. Yet it looks like she was in her late thirties, or early forties. I am so happy to have it."

You couldn't have given me anything that would have pleased me more.

Here's hoping that Moffett will get a whack at Pat in the near future. I am sure they would make him look like an adonis.

Send that picture of yourself out to Hollywood and half a dozen of the producers out there would crawl on their hands and knees back to Tulsa to line you up.

I was just talking to a gentlemen who told me that Forrest Jackson, the Lawrence lawyer, had been afflicted with a very serious skin disease and had been cured by Doctor Dennie of Kansas City. I just pass this along to you for whatever it may be worth.

Lots of Love,

P.S. You are right about the pictures I want.

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December 27, 1949

Mr. W. C. Simons,
Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons,

The nurses join in thanking you for the delicious candy you sent as a Christmas remembrance.

We extend best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs Mary Dunden

Mrs. Mary Dunden,
Superintendent.

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Dec. 26, 1949

Mr. W. C. Simons
1500 Vermont St
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

Mrs. Fetter and I wish to thank you for the Christmas check you sent us. I used my share toward buying a new Sheaffer Fountain Pen and Mrs. Fetter bought herself a new pair of gloves.

We appreciated your Christmas greeting with the paragraph on the value of true friendship. In the rush and pressure of modern living too many people do not take time enough to keep their friendships alive.

We missed you at the Christmas service yesterday morning but were glad you could be with your daughter in Minneapolis. The Junior Choir sang three special numbers and the people sat as families, about half of the congregation being adult and the other half children.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Fetter

December 28, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Don A Freeman
Route 6
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grace and Don,

Although I wrote you yesterday, at that time I did not know of your check and the request to Dolph and Marie to buy me a hat. Knowing that I was fairly well supplied with hats and that I had wanted some steak knives, Marie exercised her judgement and bought me steak knives instead.

That is something we have never had in our home and that add greatly to the enjoyment of a steak dinner.

In about another six months, we shall probably be with you again. With love to both, I am

As ever, your brother

W.C. Simons

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December 27, 1949

Mr. W. C. Simons
The Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas

Friend Simons:

That was a wonderful letter you wrote me on December 20th, and I want you to know that the sentiment expressed therein, as well as the friendship which prompted you to write it is very much appreciated.

The next time you come to Topeka I would like to have you as my guest at lunch and meet our Daily Capital editors. I would like to have a good visit with you.

With every good wish for the coming year, I am

Cordially yours,

Arthur Capper

December 29, 1949

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
"ymore,
Nebraska

My dear Dorothea:

I wish to thank the several members of your family for the nice Christmas gifts received. I can see that the rain gauge from John Dolph can be quite serviceable during the summer months. It would hardly do to put it out now lest it would freeze. "The Man From Nazareth" should be very interesting, and the blue tie is really mighty pretty. I think Charles Johnson showed excellent taste.

I was well remembered and tried to be careful in jotting down the presents as they were received.

I had a pleasant time with Janet and family, coming home Monday night. I hope that you and your family had a fine time together.

I wish I could see you more often.

Lovingly,

December 29, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma

Dear Blanche and Pat:

I know I shall carry the ring case for the next several years, and I thank you also for the "Bubbling Spring", a book which I shall find very interesting to read.

I sincerely hope that Pat suffered no bad consequences from spending the day at home and hope that he will soon be able to leave the hospital. Give him my very best love.

Lovingly,

December 29, 1949

Dolph and John Simons
1509 Massachusetts Street
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Dolph and John:

I want to thank you for the several presents received. The book, "The Way West" will be read with interest I am sure, and the tie is very beautiful.

You are fine boys and I love you a lot.

Lovingly,

December 29, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons
1509 Massachusetts Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear children:

I am enjoying the electric blanket, something new for me, and which I think will prove quite acceptable during the winter months.

I was very glad to have you out for a time last evening, and I am always glad to have you there.

Lovingly,

December 29, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olander
1916 Ohio Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Children:

And this also includes Wayne, who is pretty nearly smart enough to read for himself, but maybe not quite yet!

The book, "The Egyptian", promises to be very interesting, and I have already read the first chapter.

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas. I am anxious to hear from Blanche and Pat.

Lovingly,

December 29, 1949

Rev. C. W. and Mrs. Edith Thomas
1124 Mississippi Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Friends:

The book you sent me is both beautiful and interesting, and is greatly appreciated.

I value your friendship very highly.

With best wishes for the new year, which will soon be here, I am

As ever, your friend,

December 29, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggs
2046 N.E. 29th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Children:

Thank you very much for the book "Will Rogers", which I am sure I will find very interesting. It was mighty nice of you to remember your old granddad.

I spent a very pleasant Christmas with Janet and Mac and family in Minneapolis and came home Monday evening.

Everything is just about the same as ever at the old homestead.

Lots of love,

December 29, 1949

Miss JoAnn Wellman
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Gower Place
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear JoAnn:

I want to thank you for the handkerchiefs and muffler which you gave me for Christmas.

If you enjoyed being with us as much as we enjoyed having you, honors are easy.

When you write your parents, please give them my best regards.

We shall always be glad to see you at the old homestead.

With kindest regards,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

December 29, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Maloney, Jr.
6844 DelNorte Lane
Dallas, Texas

Dear children:

It was mighty sweet of you to send me the nice handkerchiefs. One never has too many.

I enjoyed my visit with you while in Tulsa. I wish that I could see you more often.

Lovingly,

December 30, 1949

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 6
Treetops
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I have your letter of the 27th before, and I am sorry that you are even temporarily ill with a sore throat. I think you and Don have a very good way of taking care of such things by taking care of yourselves.

I can't say that I am sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Willard Freeman. The attractive young friend that was yours in the days gone by has long since ceased to exist, and what was left was the badly afflicted mortal home from which she is now released. I am sorry for Willard, who doubtless will find it rather difficult to adjust himself. It is hard for anyone to do so, and it might be especially hard for him. You could not have done anything either for her or for Willard had you been there earlier. It is really surprising that she lasted as long as she did.

As I may have told you, we put in a call from Minneapolis to Blanche and all of us talked with here, and immediately following, we had a call from Dolph and Marie so that with the exception of Dorothea and family, we were together in spirit and conversation.

As I told you, instead of buying a hat, we bought steak knives, something we long had wanted, and we used them last evening.

I received today a framed picture of Blanche but have not opened it, thinking it would be safer to take it home in the package. She is a dear good girl and has gone through a world of worry with Pat for the past four years. I sincerely hope he can recover. The ti e may come when Owen could take his place in the business, but I doubt if that time has arrived as yet. He is still a good deal of a boy, although apparrently he is doing alright in representing the company in the Dallas, Texas, field.

Everything is moving along quite smoothly at home. I have a

television set, but do not use it a great deal, preferring to read. There is one program, "Leave it to the Girls", which I find interesting. In this program a lady is master of ceremonies and a gentleman, someone rather outstanding in the public eye, is invited to come as a guest. Questions are discussed which are submitted by mail and the question which develops the widest discussion draws a special prize. There are a half dozen keen witted women in the group and the discussions are quite sharp, neither the men or women escaping unscathed. Sometimes there are programs of dancing, Christmas celebrations, etc., which are interesting, but as yet our total service comes through the Kansas City Star service which limits us in scope. Later on when other trunks are opened, it will be better.

You doubtless will recall that it is 14 months ago today that Gertrude passed away. The hurt is still here.

Much love to you both,

December 14, 1949

Mrs. Irving Hill
West 8th
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Hill:

During the later years of the life of your father, J. D. Bowersock, I think probably I had about as close a relationship to him as any one in town. The reason for this probably was that I had not leaned upon him nor asked him for any favors. As a matter of fact he had given me a left-handed compliment in never trading out any accounts that I owed him because he knew that I would pay in cash and there were others whose credit was not so good.

To show you how close our friendship was on one occasion I said to him; "You have a reputation of being close in money affairs and I am convinced that it is in small things the aggregate of which would not amount to more than $100 a year." After a minute of thought, he said; "I believe $200 would."

And another time I talked to Mr. Bowersock about giving to the town some sort of memorial, something that would remind the people, of the present and future, of the interest he had taken in the city and of the large part that he had in developing it in a business way. In reply, Mr. Bowersock said; "The Bowersock Theatre will be my monument and I spent more money on it than would have been necessary having that in mind."

However it was not long after his death that the name of the theatre was changed. The mills have changed hands and there is nothing in Lawrence today to perpetuate the name of a man who undoubtedly for a lifetime had been the outstanding citizen of Lawrence.

What I have in mind is for you to study the matter of honoring your father through some gift through the city. It might be something for the park or parks. It might be a wing to the Lawrence Memorial Hospital which is already needed or it might be something in the way of a piece of statuary to be placed in the park. It might be a statue of Mr. Bowersock.

himself to be placed in Robinson Park overlooking the dam and manufacturing districts of the city. As I think of it, that might be one of the best suggestions in the lot.

I shall be happy to have you give the matter thought and study and if in any way I can be helpful to you, please let me know.

South America, far behind the United States in nearly everything worthwhile, has filled its public parks with statuary that one, having seen it, will never forget. Lawrence has been very backward in matters of this sort, and with the exception of the purchase of the ball park in east Lawrence and the erection of the grandstand, it has never spent a dollar to enlarge its parks or to purchase additional ground for parks. As a second thought, it might be that you could secure land enough in your neighborhood to be known as 'Bowersock Park' and place there the statue or fountain to honor his memory.

On account of the absence of Captain Murray, it was my lot to handle the entire story of the death of your father. I remember particularly the fine tribute that had been written previously by W. C. Stevens.

I feel sure that you, as the beloved daughter of a great man, will welcome the suggestion I have made.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:ah

December 15, 1949

Mr. D. D. Parker
134 Bedford Street
Moberly, Missouri

Dear Mr. Parker:

Several years ago you very kindly advised me regarding the existence of correspondence between Reverend S. Y. Lum who was the first pastor of the Congregational Church in Lawrence.

I never took the time to read the correspondence until the other day and I am afraid that I have not expressed my appreciation to you for calling my attention to this matter.

I paid the charges for copying but I want you to know that I appreciate your thoughtfulness in calling my attention to the matter and I sincerely trust that this letter will reach you.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

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