

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

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