

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gowdy

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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,