

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 did 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,