

November 28, 1949

Mrs. William Justus Reineke
615 North Woodward
Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Fannie:

I was very happily surprised upon receiving the invitation to Barbara's wedding. I remember her as a darling little girl about the same age as Eileen Maloney, Mary Beth McNalley, and Dolph Simons, Jr.

I remember well when they were at our home, and I had all of them trying to ride my foot at the same time. It reminded me of Longfellow's poem with its familiar lines "Between the dark and the daylight, when the night is beginning to lower..etc." I also remember her as a sweet little girl when we were at Birmingham.

I was glad to hear from you also because I have had no direct word from you for a long time, and you and I are about the only ones left. As you know, Gertrude passed away October 30, 1948, and she was the last one of the Reineke children.

Mother and father Reineke and Blanche and John Reineke are buried at Shawnee, and I have tried to see that their graves are properly cared for and are decorated with wreaths and flowers. Gertrude was always so faithful in decorating the graves of members of my family in Lawrence that the least I can do, and that gladly, is to care for the graves of her family.

I hope that your health is good and that Barbara, after her marriage, will not be too far away.

I am addressing this letter to the address given on the card for the reception. I would be sure of having your correct address at home.