

The Balboa Union Church
Post Office Box 684
Balboa, Canal Zone

ROBERT HAYES ROLOFSON, D. D.
MINISTER

25 September 1949

My Dear Mr Simons:

Three years ago the Union Church elected me General Superintendent of the Sunday School. Along with this privilege, I have always been rather a counselor to the Post Hi Fellowship groups. This latter group, beginning with the first of January 1945 meet together right after church and eat at the Tivoli Hotel, Dutch treat you know. There hasn't been a Sunday since the above date that this group hasn't meet together. Recently they voted to include any members who wished to come which has widened the social contacts including many workers for the government who work all week and don't wish to plan and cook their own dinner .

We invited Mrs Whitver to eat with us today . We had met her at a duplicate bridge game in Diablo a few weeks ago but not knowing she bore any connections with our mutual Kansas friend we didnot make a special effort to become better acquainted with her. We found her very charming, amiable and sociable. Perhaps you know that she has just completed a six months trip to Europe where she has a nephew in Rome . With the trip she has taken pictures and has been showing them to several of her friends as the occasion arises.

We appreciate very much the opportunity to make her acquaintance which I am sure will be renewed to a lasting friendship between Mrs. Lessenden and myself.

Hope things are going nicely with you and that Kansas weather has not been cutting too many capers this fall.

Sincerely yours

C. M. Lessenden

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September 30, 1949

Mrs. Will Edmondson
Route 2
King City, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Edmondson:

I was pleased to get your letter of September 29, and I find that the delay in your getting your paper was because it was put on the list as Edmonds instead of Edmondson, and probably if you call at the office for the Edmonds' papers, you will get the few copies you have missed.

I want to wish you all the joy in the world in your marriage to Mr. Edmondson, and I congratulate him upon marrying so fine a woman. I hope you will both be happy and successful.

In 1919 in returning from Minnesota myself and family spent the night at King City.

I shall always be glad to hear from you, and I am glad that you are going to keep up with home-town news through reading the Journal-World. We hope that Mr. Edmondson will learn to like the paper also.

With best wishes to you both, I remain

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

9457 Artesia Blvd
Bellflower, Cal.

Sept. 26/49

W. G. Simons
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Mr. Simons:- About
ten days ago I wrote your
paper an account of
the Douglas Co., picnic
in Brookside Park,
Pasadena. This is the
picnic that is promoted
each Sept. by Paul
Schubert. I also sent
a list of those present,
approximately 140 names
with a notation if the
list was too lengthy to
skip it. Also enclosed

10¢ for a copy of the paper with the article in it, if they saw fit to run the story. If the paper was mailed, it must have gone astray as I have not received it.

I went to considerable trouble taking down the names and typing them. I thought the people in Lawrence would be interested in reading about who were there. I realize that space in your paper is very valuable and perhaps

I was asking too
much for you to run
this story. The reason
I didn't write you personally
I knew you were a very
busy person, so just
submit it to the paper.

I expected to drive back
to Lawrence this month
but I wasn't feeling too
well and my doctor advised
against it. If my health
permits maybe I can come
in May next year.

Hope this finds you en-
joying good health.

Sincerely
J. C. Pine

Sept. 27/49

Dear Mr. Simons:-

I mailed you a letter
this a.m. supposing that I
had not rec'd the paper
I expected. I guess I got
in too big a hurry, for
right after I mailed the
letter the paper came.
Of course I should have
rec'd it sooner as it
has been just 10 days
since it was published,
so must have been de-
layed somewhere along
the line. Thank you very
much for publishing the
article about the planes.
Sincerely - J. C. Pine



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

W. C. Simons
of Journal World
Lawrence - Kansas

September 29, 1949

Mr. J. C. Pine
9458 Artesia Blvd.
Bellflower, California

Dear Jim:

I received your card of the 27th and looked at it first and decided that I was going to write you, and then I opened your letter dated September 26 which arrived at the same time.

I want you to know that I consider you not only a good friend of the paper, but my personal friend, and I appreciate your kindness in forwarding that splendid item to us in regard to the Douglas County picnic. If we had a hundred more friends like you, the Journal-World would be a still better paper. I am glad that the paper reached you, even though somewhat delayed.

We wish you well in every way and certainly hope that your health will permit you to visit the old home town next May.

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

Box 294
Balboa Heights
Canal Zone



Recd 9/29

Mr. W. C. Simons
2500 Vermont Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Sept. 26-

My dear Mr. Simons:

It was such a surprise last week to have a telephone call from Mr. Lescuden and learn he was from Lawrence and a friend of yours.

Then last Sunday I joined them ^(Mr. & Mrs.) at church and ^{all of us had} dinner at the Sivoli and I felt as though I had renewed acquaintance with you. The Lescudens surely were "singing your praises" and said they thought you might appreciate having me write you.

From the brief visit I have had with Mr. & Mrs. Lescuden they seem to be a very fine couple - substantial citizens - and I am glad I made their acquaintance.

This past year has been a very busy one for me, but a rather pleasant one.

When I was told I had to reduce my excess leave I went to Florida in Jan. & Feb., bought a lot in Orlando

and asked my nephew from Missouri a brother to one of the girls Whit & I had with us the last time we saw you in Lawrence, to go down and build a house for me.

Then in April I went to Europe & when I returned thru the U.S. ^{in July} I found my house nearly completed."

I visited several countries in Europe, but spent most of my time with one of Whit's nephews & his wife who live in Rome - Ray (my nephew) is connected with the Am. Embassy there as architectural engineer and I did so enjoy the wonderful time I had "seeing the sights" of Italy with them.

"Julip time" in Holland was a delight and the grandeur of the Swiss Alps can never be forgotten, but I prefer living in the good old U.S.A.,

Activities I have begun in your little city again since the schools have opened. It always adds some zest to life to see the happy youth of the land.

Didn't Mrs. Lescander tell me Horatio

has two children now?

I suppose your son is still living in Lawrence. I remember his attractive wife, home + baby when last I was there.

I hope you are enjoying good health and I know your work is continuing to keep you busy and interested in life.

Very sincerely,
Edna Whitver.

September 29, 1949.

Mrs. Edna Whitver
Box 294
Balboa Heights
Canal Zone

Dear Mrs. Whitver:

I have just received your letter of September 26, and I am glad to hear from you, and I am glad that your lines have fallen into such pleasant places. ^{at the} You have gone through a loss similar to mine.

Whenever I know anyone worth while, who is going to the Canal Zone, I speak of you because I know that they will be happy to know you, and perhaps their visit will add something to your enjoyment as well.

Your letter makes me recall my reference to your good coffee which we had ten years ago. I know that Mr. Whitver was employed by the government, and I presume that you are similarly employed.

While I have spent some time in Mexico during which I visited, I think 27 states, and have seen a good deal of South America, I have never been farther east than Bermuda. Mrs. Simons and I had hoped to make a trip to Hawaii, but we were unable to secure reservations two years ago when her health would have permitted us to go.

You may or may not recall that we have ~~have~~ four children, all of them with interesting families. There are ten grandchildren in all, and we are awaiting with a good deal of interest the birth of our first grandchild.

Dorothea has three sons, all with black eyes. The oldest boy who is 11, is a mental and musical whiz, making top grades in grade school and doing well in music. His brother, who will be 8 in December, is intensely interested in athletics and loves to play football with boys half again older than he. The littlest boy, who is 4, looks like a judge of the supreme court and has

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Mrs. Edna Whitver

a real sense of humor.

Of my Simons grandsons, two in number, one is a member of the K.U. football team and is outstanding as a punter. The other, a senior in high school, is quarterback on the high school team and is a very capable young man in every way.

Two other grandchildren are attending K.U. One is a junior and the other as a freshman. My oldest grandson and his wife are living in Dallas, Texas, and of his two sisters, one is living in Oklahoma City and the other in Lawrence. She is a dear girl and reminds me very much of Mrs. Simons at her age.

I am writing you as if you knew them all, although I realize you have met Dorothea only.

I received a letter from Mr. Lessenden almost on the same mail which brought your letter. His letter was dated September 25th and yours the 26th.

We have not yet had a frost but foliage perhaps has been touched a bit. That can happen in this way that the ground being warm keeps frost from showing near the ground while the tops of the trees are not so much protected by the radiation of heat from the ground. In Kansas a frost can be expected anytime after September 10, although it frequently arrives much later.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

September 26, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Marion C. Haynes
c/o E. L. Haynes
728 Indiana Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Haynes:

This letter is written some days before you are rightfully entitled to the name I have written on the check I have enclosed. I used to depend entirely on Mrs. Simons to look after social matters, and now, in order to not forget them, I try to attend to them promptly.

I thought that the check may be used towards buying something that may be pleasing and useful for your home, and I assure you that you both have my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

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Mr. W.C. Simons
World Company
Lawrence, Kansas

Ben Carman

Stag Dinner

Friday, October the seventh

Six-thirty o'clock

Hotel Eldridge Grill

R.s.v.p. 1125 West Campus Road, Lawrence, Kansas

September 21, 1949

Mr. Ben Carmah
1125 West Campus Road
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Benny:

I appreciate very much your kindness in inviting me to your stag dinner Friday, October 7, at Hotel Eldridge and regret to say that I shall not be able to be present. I happen to have some work ahead that is requiring some little time.

I am sure I should be happy to meet with you and your friends.

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

It's 'SPECIALLY for You-



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Been waitin' for this day to come,
Been wishin' mighty hard
I'd somehow have the luck to find
The NICEST kind of card!



Cause when you like Somebody lot.

Who's nice as nice can be...

Well, gee! You've simply GOTTA find

A card to match up..... see?



Happy Birthday
wishes from
us
all —

Max, Janet, Mary
and Mike

THE BARBE ASSOCIATES

P. O. Box 230

GLENDALE 5, CALIFORNIA

September 2, 1949.

Dear Mr. Simons:-

Your lovely letter came yesterday, and gave me much pleasure as you are responding just as I hoped people would. If the Journal-World has any review of the book I do hope you will do it. Frankly, I do not believe this present generation have grasped the significance of the whole matter the way our generation did, for we were close enough to the struggle to almost learn it at first hand. The schools did so much more about Washington and Lincoln than nowadays.

Just as the G.A.R. closes its career, my book at last comes out through the kindness and vision of the Arthur H. Clark Publishing Company. I showed your letter to Mr. Clark yesterday when I opened it, and he said, "Well, I agree with him in all but the last paragraph, for this country is in a mess right now with that little pismire in the White House." I said, "Don't worry. Mr. Simons is just as good a Republican as you are."

Contrary to my expectation, a great fuss is being made about me and the book out here. You would laugh to hear people arguing in front of me who is to play the parts in the movies. But that is Cally for you. My idea is to get this book into high school and college libraries where it will do, I hope, some permanent good.

Thanking you for your interesting letter, I am, as always,

Cordially yours,
Muriel Culp Barbe
Muriel Culp Barbe

15 September 1949

Mr W C Simons,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. S⁺mons:

Your letter of September 1st in regard to our mutual friend Mrs Edna C Whitver as she is listed in the telephone directory came a few days ago. I called Mrs. Whitver this evening and she was very delighted. We have made plans for meeting her in person next Sunday. She requested me to convey to you that she is well, very happy in her work, that she just returned from a visit to Europe and within the next few years was returning to the states to live in her home in Orlando, Fla. I am sure that Mrs. Lessenden and I will be able to add another very charming friend to our list upon better acquaintance with Mrs. Whitver.

We are in the midst of our rainy season here. The weather is quite delightful in that it is very cool at nights, a blanket and a sheet is very comfortable, and it is not too hot in the day time. Upon returning this time I have set out some plants and bulbs which grow as well in the states and they are doing and growing like they were happy.

The army is undergoing contraction pains. No doubt you have noticed this in the news reports in the states. All of the Air Force installations here are being abandoned and there are some which are very large. This means a possible reduction of some three or four thousand civilian employees, almost all of them however, citizens of Panama. Probably ten per cent of them American citizens who will be returned to the states. As I work with the Quartermaster, ground Forces and in dealing with food, it is not likely that I will be affected.

Mr. Simons, it seems to me that Mr. Williams, the Postmaster told me some time ago that he was almost ready to retire. I have the rating as a permanent Civil Service employee and if or when Mr. Williams does retire, if you would with your tremendous influence in the City of Lawrence keep me in mind for the Postmastership. You may be sure that I shall appreciate any help you may do in my behalf.

Appreciating your introduction to the acquaintance of Mrs Whitver and with kind personal regards to yourself and the staff of the Journal-World, I am

Cordially yours,

Chester M. Lessenden
Chester M. Lessenden

P.S Hope you have been able to meet our Doctor son Dr. Glenn A Lessenden Tonganoxie, Kansas who has just recently hung out his shingle in your sister town.

September 19, 1949

Mrs. Kathryn Drought
1417 North Blackstone Street
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryn:

I found the other day that a mouse had gotten into a chest where I had some of the precious things regarding my family, and in looking through to see what had been damaged, I came across this letter written by you 46 years ago.

Your writing is excellent for a child, and I thought you would be glad to have it.

I hope that everything is well with you and that you are gradually getting better.

We are having a fine fall. We had a football game Saturday in which we were disappointed in our own team. We hope they will do better later on.

Give my love to your family.

Lovingly, your cousin

September 19, 1949

To Whom It May Concern:

We take pleasure in stating that Lili Rankin (Mrs. Charles Rankin) is a most estimable young woman and any courtesies shown to her will be greatly appreciated by us.

The father of Mrs. Rankin's husband was formerly in our employ and was recognized as a newspaper man of exceptional ability. Her husband was in the U.S. Army during the recent war.

We are looking forward to some interesting letters and reports from Mrs. Rankin.

Respectfully yours

THE WORLD COMPANY

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

September 19, 1949

Mr. Charles Rankin
Tax Commission
State Capital
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Charles:

I am enclosing a letter for Lili
which I hope will be of service to her.

Please express to Lili our kindest
regards when you write.

Cordially yours

W. C. Simens

WCS:md

Enclosure

STATEMENT

In case of error, return this statement for correction


Brainerd, Minn., AUG 31 1949 194

M H. G. Simon
R. B.

In Account With

The Model Food Market

SCHAEFER BROS., PROPS.

DIAL 3507  2 323 So. 6TH ST.

ALL ACCOUNTS DUE IN FULL 10th OF EACH MONTH

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Phone 1262

STATEMENT

STAFFORD'S
RADIO AND REFRIGERATOR SERVICE
714 Front Street



BRAINERD, MINN., Aug. 31 1949

W.C. Simons

Route 3,

Brainerd

ALL ACCOUNTS ARE DUE ON 1ST OF MONTH FOLLOWING PURCHASE.
INTEREST CHARGED ON PAST DUE ACCOUNTS.

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September 14, 1949

The Model Food Market
Schaefer Bros., Props.
328 South Sixth Street
Brainerd, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

Find enclosed check for \$61.05 to cover
account of W. C. Simons.

You have a fine store and a lot of
courteous attendants, all of which we
appreciate.

Respectfully yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

September 13, 1949

Stafford's
Radio and Refrigerator Service
714 Front Street
Brainerd, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

We send you herewith our check for \$5 to cover bill dated August 31.

The workman who looked after our refrigerator left the refrigerator standing quite a way out in the room and when we moved it back into position, the vibration with its attending noise continued as before. I found, however, that by placing a little empty cardboard box about 3" x 3" x 5" in beside the motor, it absorbed the vibration and very largely stopped the noise.

I would be glad to have the motor properly balanced which probably would require new springs, however, the cabin is closed now and probably will not be reopened until next June.

Respectfully yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

September 9, 1949

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

Dear Owen and Marie:

I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter I have just written your mama, which gives you the low-down on what is happening at The Cedars. It does not tell, however, how beautiful the surroundings are. Of course Owen is familiar with it, but the past few seasons have been so wet that there has been an abundant growth of everything.

We have mammoth elms, some fifteen or more cedars, about a like amount of hard maples and mammoth ash at our house, and shrubbery of all kinds. I have often said that if a man was a multi-millionaire and wanted a place like ours and couldn't obtain it, his money would be worthless. The beauty of our place undoubtedly began in the late 50's or 60's so that many of the trees have had the benefit of 80 or 90 years growth. We bought the place 32 years ago, and a great deal has been done to it since that time.

It would make us very happy if you could pay us a visit. Even in winter when the foliage is gone, the cedars are still green and when the trees are covered with snow and ice, their beauty is really splendid.

I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasurable anticipation to the little one who will arrive, probably within the month, to Carl and Eileen. It will be my first great grandchild.

Blanche has written me of the very happy time she had when you were all with her. There is nothing finer than a family made up of those who love one another and are compatible.

I shall be glad to hear from you.

Lovingly,

DR. C. B. JOHNSON

7 WEST ELEVENTH STREET
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

April 6, 1949

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

Dear Sir,

I received your letter enclosing the check. I will have to take issue with your last statement. As I see it you have a lot of things to do in this world yet and should keep yourself in condition to carry on your work. An annual check up is an effort to detect trouble before it has gone so far that it cannot be remedied. Therefore I suggest you make an appointment and bring in a specimen of urine at some not too distant date.

Yours,



C. B. Johnson, M.D.

September 1, 1949

Miss Agnes Burke
1100 State Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Miss Burke:

I left Lawrence for Minnesota on June 23 and did not return until August 27, which accounts for my failure to respond to your letter written me on July 1 from 450 Hamilton Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut.

I appreciate very much the kindly feeling on the part of the members of the Kansas Association in expressing appreciation to me.

I have been a contributor to a number of organizations which have for their purpose assistance to the blind. I contributed for a number of years to an institution at St. Dunstons, England, for the care of the British blind.

I also contributed for a number of years to a very charming cousin of mine who went blind late in life. She was a marvelous woman, a splendid Christian, and when Mrs. Simons and I visited here in Rome, New York, some years ago, we took her in our car and she, although sightless, guided us on a drive through the country to my mother's birthplace and to the birthplace of her father and grandfather.

It seemed uncanny, but every little hill or dale seemed to speak to her through the movement of the car, and she always knew where she was.

While the blind are denied the very precious privilege of vision, apparently nature tries to make up somewhat for the loss in developing a greater

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Miss Agnes Burke

keenness in other senses.

Again thanking you and the association, I remain

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

September 1, 1949

Mr. C. M. Lessenden
Box 667
Curander, Canal Zone

Dear Mr. Lessenden:

Sometime ago I spoke to you of a friend of ours living in Panama that it doubtless would be interesting for you to know. The lady is Mrs. Delmore V. Whitver, Balboa Heights, Box 249, Panama Canal Zone.

I think she is employed by our government at Balboa. Mrs. Simons and I had the pleasure of meeting both Mrs. Whitver and her husband who was then living. We found them delightful persons to know.

Incidentally, after Mrs. Simons and I spent forty-six days on the Nieuw Amsterdam, the flag ship of the Holland-American line, in going around South America, we were introduced to many delightful places and it was our opinion when we returned that the best coffee we had had was that served by Mr. and Mrs. Whitver in their home.

Trusting that this may be an introduction that will prove pleasant to both of you, I remain

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

August 22, 1949

Maureen Handad,

Have two letters of yours to answer now - I've neglected all my correspondence lately and have turned into a lazy bum. The 'expectant' seems to be the cause of that for I feel like I could sleep all day long if I tried. I do feel good though but of course, anxious for these last 6 weeks to race by.

So sorry to hear of Aunt Marie's accident - she certainly has had her share of trouble this summer.

The weather here lately has been marvelous. We've had such cool days and the nights actually cold.

I've certainly been enjoying my stay with Mother. I've been here two weeks now. Carl writes that he's having a wonderful time in Lake City. We expect both Carl and Dad back about the

1st of September. Dadi said he's
been to well but then the poor
man will never be completely
cured of the nasty thing.

Mameyn and Bal spent
a few days with us and
then drove home last night.
Dumen & Dami called us
Saturday night just to say
'hello'. All are fine and
all will be here Labor Day
week-end so will have a
big family reunion then.

Now Granddad, don't
get your hopes up about
twins. I think Dumen would
be fine but not for the
first birth. I'm afraid I'd
be lost as to what to do with
two at one time. We have
picked Dumen out as the one
to have twins. I've had
such fun buying for the
baby and really all that's
left now to get is a bed and
bathinette.

Carl and I will be in
Lawrence about the 10th and
will be looking forward to seeing
you then. Lots of love, Eileen

August 31, 1949

Mr. Norman A. Norman
7303 Luella Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois

Dear Norman:

I had your good and interesting letter of May 13 in due time but at about that time I visited my sister, Grayce Freeman, near Brainerd, Minnesota, and late in June I went to our cabin at Gull Lake, returning last Saturday, so I am afraid that I did not answer your letter.

I have been out to the cemetery twice since I came home. We had geraniums and other blooming flowers planted on the graves last spring and today when I was out there, the geraniums and some of the other plants were still blooming.

I don't know that it does anything for those who are gone for us to attend to their last resting places, but I am sure that it does something for us to see that they are not neglected, and it would react against us in other ways if we were neglectful.

I want you to feel that Julia's grave will be given attention and that it is not necessary for you to have a part in it, but I do not wish to deny you the satisfaction you may have in remembering your good friend. She was a wonderful woman, and it is a pity that the last few years of her life were marred by serious illness.

It was fine that you were able to visit your relatives in Arizona. Mrs. Simons and I spent the month of February or March in Tucson a few years ago.

Jack Wilson, I think, went to school to Julia while she was teaching at Eudora near Lawrence. We were in Hodgeman county just west of Larned from 1878 to 1888 and then went to Salina and afterwards to Lawrence. It

August 31

Mr. Norman A. Norman

seems queer to think of Jack as being 71 years old. Should he come to Kansas, I would be glad to see him.

I am happy that you have a son, and I imagine that I would find him just as cute and dear as you describe him. I am very fond of children. According to your letter, it will be but a short time until you have another addition to your family.

Wishing you and your wife the perfect fulfillment of your hopes, I remain

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

7303 Luella Ave,
Chicago 49, Ill.,
13 May, 1949

Mr. W. C. Simons
Lawerence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

I wish to thank you for taking care of the flowers for me on Mothers Day. I was happy to learn that you are taking care of the grave so nicely and hope it will always be kept that way.

Mr. Simons, you may wonder why I always remember to send flowers on Mothers Day. When I came to Chicago to go to an Electrical School I was, as I shall put it, "a dumb little country boy". When I went to live with Mother she taught me the nicer, finer things and ways of life, the correct way to do things, the right way to do things, how to eat, how to talk, how to dress, so many little things that mean so much. I have always appreciated these things Mother did for me and will always remember her for them.

The last time I saw Mother was at Christmass time 1941 when I was home on a furlough from the Army. While I was still overseas Mother wrote, in next to her last letter, and said goodbye to me, that she would not be home when I came back.

I did not learn of Mrs. Simons leaving us until Christmass time last year. Mrs Simons was very nice and good and I know you miss her very much.

I took my vacation in April this year and Mildred and I flew to Phoenix, Arizona and spent ten days with one of my sisters, who has her home there. It was Spring there and we were just in time for the orange blossoms that put a very sweet scent into the air. The flowers were lovely, the temperature just right and we had a very nice visit. While in Phoenix I went to see an old friend of mine, the first boy that Mother did things for and helped along, Jack Wilson. He went to school to Mother, I believe while she was teaching near Larned. He remembered you and wanted to know all about the family. He is seventy one years old now and has retired from his plumbing business in Flagstaff and spends his Winters in Phoenix. He is going to Topeka sometime ~~this~~ Summer to visit one of his sisters.

Mildred and I have a little boy, William Charles, who is two years and five months old and who we think is the cutest, dearest, sweetest little fellow in the world. What parents do not? We are expecting another arrival along in September and hope it will be a sister to little Billy.

I hope you enjoyed your trip to Minnesota and your visit with your sister Mrs. Freeman.

Sincerely yours,

Norman A. Norman

August 31, 1949

Mrs. Margaret B. Stevenson
4106 Central
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Margaret:

It was kind and thoughtful of you to send me a card on my birthday, and I should have written you earlier but I did not have your address.

I left Lawrence on June 24 for Gull Lake and returned on August 27.

When I see you or hear from you, I am reminded of the days when you were a member of my Sunday School class at the Baptist Church. As you are doubtless aware, I had three of the girls out of the class holding a secretarial position in our office for a total of more than fifteen years.

Minnie Ramsey, now Mrs. Paris, is still employed with an optical concern in Chicago, and I think that Edna Teeter is in Wichita. All three are remembered not only as efficient employees, but as personal friends.

I hope that life is much happier with you now than it was some fifteen years ago. We all have to have our ups and downs, and I think it fortunate when the low periods come not too late in life.

With best wishes to you, your daughters, and your grandchildren, I am

Sincerely

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

August 31, 1949

Dr. H. E. Eustace
1021 Massachusetts Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Eustace:

As every little helps, I am sending
you a check for \$20 towards your hospital
fund.

I hope you will be able to raise the
money as we need more hospitals.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

Enclosure

August 31, 1949

Rev. George C. Fetter
Rural Route
Cass Lake, Minnesota

My dear Doctor Fetter:

I received your card dated August 22 but left the lake on the 26th and arrived in Lawrence in the afternoon of the 27th.

I did not know how long you were going to be up North and have called your home twice to no avail.

I attended church Sunday and heard Reverend Mr. Brown give an interesting sermon. The attendance was not large, so many people being away.

I am glad that you are enjoying the lake and are having reasonable luck fishing. On the whole, we think that fishing this year may have been a little better than last year. In any event, we had fish enough for our own tables and some for our friends.

If you happen to see Mr. Shmalberg and family, please give them our regards. I have already paid respects to the laundry by taking in my summer clothes to be cleaned and pressed.

I called Doctor McConnel today and talked a bit with Mrs. Mac. He was operated not long ago for cataract.

There is a good deal of activity in Lawrence which indicates that it is a lively town.

Please extend my best wishes to Mrs. Fetter and to any other members of your family.

Cordially yours,

August 24, 1949.

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

Dear Mr. Simons;

Several years ago while attending the University of Kansas I lived with my parents in the house on Indiana Street that we rented of you. You left a part of your library there until your own home was being finished. You were kind enough to leave the book cases unlocked, trusting us to take care of them and suggesting that we had the privilege of using them for study references or to read at our pleasure.

Many times since I have wished I had paid closer attention to one or two books which were there. One in particular was the one on Sobieski, one of the early Kings of Poland, John III, I believe. The ancestry of my father's family goes back to that King..

As I remember the book in question it gave the history of some things which we have not been able to find elsewhere. I do not know whether the entire book was confined to the Sobieski history or whether the part I am interested in was only a part of a general history of those times, the years of 1500 and 1600's

I recall that at the time you were interested in our ancestry, for you had just received a lineage chart of your family going back to John and Priscila Alden.

Would it be to much trouble to look up this book and give me the title of the book and the name of the publishers? I have hesitated so long in asking this of you, but my appreciation would be unbounded. I have been working on our geneology for a year and there still remains much to complete.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. E. H. Wehmeyer.
Mrs. E. H. Wehmeyer,
223 West 6,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

August 29, 1949

Mrs. E. H. Wehmeyer
223 West Sixth Street
Hutchinson, Kansas

Dear friend:

I recall your mother with pleasant memories because she was cooperative with me at the time I sold the house. She was a perfect lady and accommodating at a time when one might easily have been a bit upset.

I am very happy to tell you that I located the book to which you refer in my library without any great effort. The title is "The Life of King John Sobieski, John III of Poland" by Count John Sobieski, the Gorham Press, Boston.

You overlooked giving me your maiden name, but as I recall I advertised, and secured another house for you and told your mama that I would give her a new hat. She was a little slow in accepting the hat, but I think finally I got her to take one.

I hope you will be able to get a copy of the book.

It is good to hear from old friends.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

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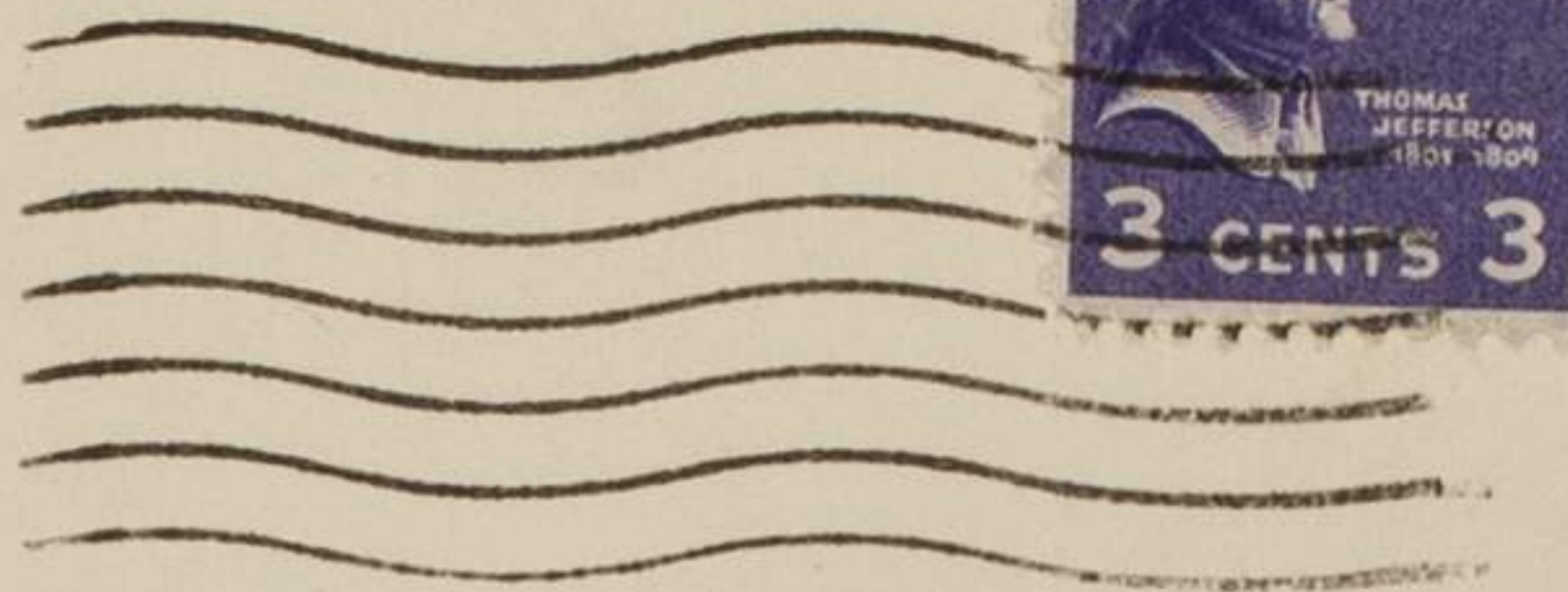
P. O. Box 230

Glendale 5, California

Dear Mr. Simons:

Your gift copy
of my book
was mailed on
Aug. 13th. Hope
you have it
by now.

Muriel C. B.



W. C. Simons
2500 Vermont
Lawrence, Kansas

August 30, 1949

Mrs. Muriel Culp Barbe
Post Office Box 230
Glendale 5, California

Dear Muriel:

I returned from my summer vacation in northern Minnesota Saturday afternoon and have your card mailed the 24th before me. I have the book, and I am sure that I shall take a great deal of pleasure in reading it. So far I simply thumbed through it to get a general idea and it looked good.

I hope you have a fine sale because no one can deal with the Northern soldiers in the Civil War without reviving a spirit of patriotism that sometimes appears to us to be at a rather low ebb.

I am one who does not use the term "The war between the states". I prefer the term the "Civil War" or the "Rebellion" because if the South had won, the United States might well have eventually been separated into a number of small units.

I welcome your efforts to record the heroism which came within the courage of your grandfather.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

August 29, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Keene
114 West First
Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Kenneth:

I might well say "Dear Friends" because I am sure I shall be happy in meeting your wife at some future date.

The announcement gives the address of 114 West First Street, Roswell, New Mexico, but whether that is your new home or the home of Mrs. Keene's parents, I do not know.

Everything I have known about the Keene family has been creditable, and I wish for you and your wife many many years of happiness.

If at any time I could be of service, please let me know.

Cordially and Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

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of their daughter

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to

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Sunday, the fourteenth of August

Nineteen hundred and forty-nine

Dallas, Texas

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August 26, 1949

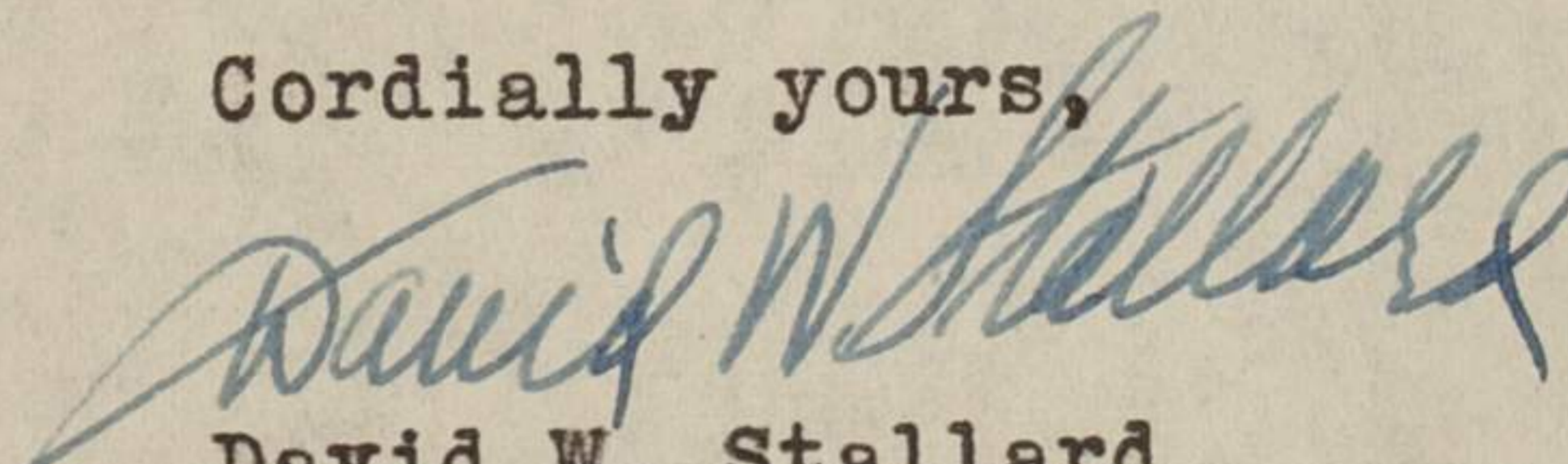
Mr. W. C. Simmons
General Manager
Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Could you kindly use the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope to send to me in an early mail at address below, the names and addresses of at least two real estate men (other than Mr. J. M. Clevenger, Lawrence) whom you know are experienced in selling farm land, and whom you think would be successful in finding speedily a buyer for a 200 acre farm in Jefferson County, Kansas, between Oskaloosa and Lawrence, Kansas.

Your early reply regarding this will be very much appreciated.

Cordially yours,



David W. Stallard
34 Ritchie Drive
Yonkers, N. Y.

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P. S. In the meantime, please treat this request confidentially so that this inquiry will not come to the attention of any real estate man before I get in touch with him.