

May 25, 1949

Miss Florence Clarke
Apartment 210
757 South Berendo
Los Angeles, California

Dear Miss Clarke:

A good many years ago, I was in a second hand store at Lawrence and was attracted to a picture (a photograph) displayed upon a small easel. It was the picture of Mrs. Charles Robinson that had been autographed by Mrs. Robinson and given to you. I prized the picture quite highly, and when we had our 75th anniversary in 1929, I permitted the picture to be placed on an exhibit in the Montgomery Ward Store.

I was never able to recover it, and just the other day the thought came to me that perhaps it had been returned to you because your name appeared upon it, and I am quite sure that mine did not.

If you have the picture, I shall be very glad to have you return it to me as I wish to have it become finally a part of the treasures of the Douglas County Historical Society.

I knew your father and you and your brother, Fred. My daughter, Mrs. McHalley, has kept in touch with your niece, Mrs. Lettice.

I don't know how recently you have visited Lawrence, but you, undoubtedly, would be pleased with the tremendous growth of the University. Recently, it has extended its acreage to include the William Brown and Sons farm and all the land intervening. You will see by our paper that our recent campaign for improved educational facilities for the town won by a vote of about three to one.

If you have occasion to return to Lawrence, I shall be pleased to see you.

Very truly yours

W. C. Simons