CHAMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT WILLIAM A. SMITH OF THE JUSTICE STATE OF KANSAS TOPEKA April 12 1949 Mr. W. C. Simons Lawrence Kansas Dear W. C. The letter I received from you while in the hospital recently cheered me no end. While there the cards and letters from old friends made my stay easier to bear. I had been in considerable pain for about three years. Finally it got so bad that I went to a surgeon. He found a kidney stone about the size of a hickory nut and advised me to have it out. I did have it out and now already feel like a new person. I want you to know I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Yours affectionately WAS:H