

February 15, 1949

Mr. Clifford Cox, Clerk
Lawrence Friends Church
R. R. 2
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Cox:

It was nice of you to write us your letter of February 7, and in reply, I take pleasure in stating that members of your church were among our early friends in Lawrence and this community.

The Friends settlement around Hesper, Eudora, and Kaw Valley, and in Lawrence, were all our friends, and friendship when a fellow is starting in business means so much that it should never be forgotten.

Some years ago the churches of Lawrence united in evangelical meetings conducted by Biederwulf. At that time the Baptist church was without a pastor, and I was asked to represent our church in these meetings. At that time you had a pastor, a real large man whose name escapes me for the moment, but I have always recalled that he seemed to pray the most sincere prayer that I have ever heard.

In recent years we were closely associated with Reverend Alfred Smith, and I think that the experience of his son in our office was of great and lasting value to him. He was a timid boy when he came to us, and he left us a man with confidence in himself.

I could go on at length in regard to the Davises, Joe Cox, and other close friends who were so helpful to us in the early days.

I think by what I have said, you will understand that we take pleasure in cooperating with the Friends of Lawrence and your neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons