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December 20, 1926.

Dr. Russel J. Wickey,
Belleville, Ill.

Dear Russel:

Your recent letter to Louie was forwarded to me and I simply want to say that we shall be delighted to have you and the girls here for Christmas. I think that Gertie is writing you today to the same effect.

We will talk things over when you get here.

With love to you and yours,

I remain

Your cousin,

WCS-M



R. E. DRENNAN, PROPRIETOR

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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My dear Collier

Remember

what I said about the
 things for your furnace
 door? Here are two I
 picked up and you can
 try them. I shall be here
 tomorrow and then Chaunce
 and home. Lucky to have a
 home here. all other places
 filled up Bro Cha

4 It's all very well to advise
I've done it myself - and said
"God knows best" and all that usual
kind of talk but I prayed and
prayed with faith and believing
Sally would be saved to us -
but God didn't hear and if
there were a just God He would
have heard and answered our prayers
for we have done nothing to deserve
this punishment. We have lived
Christian lives and neither Charles
nor I have been selfish or stingy
with what we have.
We ~~decided~~ decided to forgo the pleasure
of having a family of our own
which we both wanted because
Vera was a grown girl and we
wanted to do everything for Vera.
My reason for going to W. F. & Co
was to enable Vera to go abroad
if she wanted to continue her
musical studies but here again
J. L. urged her to marry Melville.
Because he knew all of us opposed it

I could not get other paper without making some one else work on
Hany Jules school paper

I know this to be true because
I saw the letter he wrote

I swallowed my pride and wrote
to him saying that whatever our
differences may have been we should
always have a common interest in Vera
and that a young man frivolous and
flirtatious and much less inferior
wanted to marry her but that he would
ruin her life - I asked him to work
with me and that I would send her
abroad for her music and that if
it were postponed for a time, Vera
would change her mind as she had
several times before - He did not answer
me, but wrote this letter urging her to marry
whomever she wanted to and to come
straight to Ft. Smith and marry him
there, if she wished etc. -

I have never failed her, Collier-Charlie,
and I bought all her clothes and the children
Vera said the other day if my head is
she would have gone naked. I've left
this house many times in 15 min pursuant
to Vera's telephone call or wire to come
oh well if any one were ill -

5 The last year of Vera's life
with Melville I made ~~thirteen~~
eleven trips to Salina in
thirteen months besides being
sick in bed eleven weeks myself -
and each one of these eleven
trips were in answer to a phone
call or telegram asking me to
come on the first train.

Since Vera has been home I
have cared for the children to
give her time to write or go as
she wished - It has been no cross
but a labor of love and Charlie
and I haven't had a plan that
didn't include Vera and her
babies - We enjoyed every minute
of the Cal. trip because she was
with us - even more than we other-
wise would - and we always enjoy our trips
Estelle has lived with us for some
time and I don't believe she would

say I was ever unkind or neglectful
in my care of Vera or her babies -

Mary Gule has a heart murmur
and must remain in bed most
of the winter but Vera will go
on her Santa Fe trip because we
think it too good a chance for her
to refuse and because we think it will
do her good physically as well as -
keep her mind off the baby -

Charlie wanted me to go to Cal. with
him in Sept. but I couldn't because
Vera wanted to go west Oct 6 and I had
to sew for the babies - He wanted me
to go again in Nov. but I couldn't
because I had to meet W. J. in Denver
and go back to Idaho - Now he wants
me to go west with him in Jan. but I can't
because W. J. is ill and I am sending
Vera on the Santa Fe trip -
Charlie wanted me to go to Tex. with him
last week but I didn't think I should leave
Vera so I didn't go - I haven't been such
a mean mother nor a neglectful
one after all -

e If Owen Jr. or little Marilyn
should suddenly die from
some terrible blunder or mistake
I wonder if you would be bitter
yourself - perhaps just as bitter
as I am - altho' I do not voice
my bitterness to any body -
least of all to Vera - I do not
mention any mistake nor blame
anyone except in my own heart
the inefficiency and bull headed
ignorance of J. L. Bradley who is
responsible for, in all
You mentioned Vera intending
to stay all winter when she
left. She says that is wrong
because she expected to get
back for the holidays to
start her publicity work for
the hotel. Charlie told
her that she and Dick could
have all they made out of it next
year.

Please don't misunderstand
me - I am doing my duty,
as best I can and expect
to go as long as I am well which
I hope would be long - but
when you tell me to be
philosophical and resigned
you are talking of an impossibility
That baby was the joy of our
lives and our hearts are dead
in us - Charlie is broken hearted
My had a tree for Mary Julia and
kept a grave place before her but
many were the trips up stairs
by Charlie and me.

I'll write to Mrs Kenyon when I can
Please read and destroy this letter
I do not like to air my woes -
and ask you please not to
pass it to any of the family -
You will be kind to us in our trouble and
we shall never forget it - with love Julia

Lawrence, Kansas, Dec. 29th. 1926

Dear Julia

Your letter just came and I am going to try to answer at once, Since starting this I have been called awy for three quarters of an hour.

You read into my letter much more than I intended putting in, or had any idea of saying or thinking. I do not in anyway accuse you of a lack of affection or care for Vera, but I have felt that you were letting your own grief, making it harder for Vera.

You say that philosophy has no place now and you are right, but comparisons perhaps will let us view things from another standpoint. Compare your loss of little Sally, as dearly as you loved her, with the death of Papa. Mama loved him as tenderly as you loved Sally, he was her idol, her husband, the father of her large family of children. The one who had provided for her, and here she was left with five little ones. Think of her, inexperienced, with no idea of business, facing the world and keeping her family together. She was not conscious of doing anything heroic, but she kept her family together and made it possible for ~~them~~ each member to make and hold a place in the circles in which they have lived and moved. Supposing Mama had given up to her grief and had decided there was nothing worth living for, where would we have been?

I am not ~~blaming~~ blaming you, not scolding you, but I am trying to jostle you sufficiently, that you will see that you have a great deal to live for and that Vera and Mary Jule, who are alive, need you. They need you braced up to give them strength. Charlie has been a regular father to Vera and her children, I know of no one more unselfish in his dealings with a family, he needs you. He needs your normal self, not bathed with tears, but with smiles and cheer looking forward to the future. You did all for Sally that you could. You can charge yourself with no neglect. Vera also did all that she

could, within the realm of her experience. No matter what your idea of a hereafter Sally has passed beyond the need for human help. She is one of countless millions who have been called from earth where they radiated love and happiness to a world about which we must all learn sooner or later. We all loved her. She was sweet and good and I know you miss her, but if she could speak I am sure she would want her Baboo to cheer up and smile and not be sad. You know she would

I love you more than ever in your time of grief and would help you in any way that I could. There was nothing in your letter that all of the family might not have read, but I shall not show it to them unless you permit me to do so. The only hurt that I got out of it was that I had unintentionally hurt you, or Charlie, neither of whom I wished in anyway to be unkind to.

God bless little Mary Jule. She is smart as can be and I hope her life will be happy. I am sorry that she is ill and feel sure that she will respond to your care.

I hope Vera will make her Santa Fe trip and will do well. She needs to get her mind on other things for a part of the time at least.

We had a pleasant Christmas with all of our immediate family, Louis, Mrs. Reineke and Blanchè Reineke. Fourteen all told. The day before we went to the cemetery and placed green and red wreaths on the graves. At the head of Sally's is a large bunch of the crimson foliage. We have not removed the remains of the flowers, for the greens which remain are still more attractive than would be the fresh earth.

I hope this letter will seem as a loving message, for I intend it as such. I have all the sympathy in the world for you, but I am certain that my advice is good. It, in my opinion, is the only way out.

Give my love to Etoile, Doctor, Vera, Charles Mary Jule and all the rest. We enjoyed our little visit with Nick. He impresses us favorably.

Your Loving Brother,



Thank you for the postcard - It was lovely
but you should not -

SOLID COMFORT

Dear Lollie

Dec 25 -

You mean the very kindest in the
world I know, but you certainly do say
things that hurt -

In speaking of Vera you say "Love her
and help her" Have I ever been found
wanting in my care of or allegiance to
Vera? My life and Charlie's have
been subservient to her wishes

even more than has always been
wise - We have neither ~~so~~ mention-
ed to Vera anything that could be
construed as blaming her -

It has been and is harder on me than
any one else even excepting Vera for I have
had the main care of her since she was
one year old - Vera has made trips and
at times would take Mary Jane but they
baby was mine to love and bathe, teach
and sew for - She spent most of her time
with me - my work basket is filled with
her sewing, buttons sewed on to cloth and

SOLID COMFORT

2 whatever I did she did too - On Thursdays
when Lena was gone we cooked, Sally rolling
noodles, making coffee and setting table
While M. J. was with her Maamma or reading
Sally was with me up stairs and down
coming to me in the morning and kissing
me before I was awake, then saying how
sorry she was to wake me - Standing outside
the bathroom door when I was bathing and
asking me to hurry and get my underwear
on so she could come in, going through
my dresser drawers, my fitted bag and
jewelry box but never losing anything -
Saying - "You just worship me don't you Baboo"

and "You would take every ache I have if you could wouldnt you Baboo?" Always happy and contented with me, loving Charlie, calling him up every day over the phone several times. When she left she said "Are you going to Cal, or New Orleans or New York before I get back?" "No why" Because I dont want to go if you are because I want to go with you" Last winter it was so cold in Ashland that Sally was with me almost the entire winter. She went to Ashland after New Years - but returned to Augo, Feb 1st -

There are somethings connected with this tragedy that you do not know and nothing can be gained by repeating, but I dont believe Etouile

3 would say to you that Charlie as a father or that I ^{SOLD COMFORT} as a mother had not done willingly and gladly as much as you or any other parent would or could do. In the hard few years. Vera was never deprived of comforts and luxuries - If you remember her clothes you will know she was well dressed. A few years ago Grace Poff said to me that she considered Vera the best dressed little girl she had ever known.

I made her clothes but I sewed well
and she now 75¢ stockings when her mother
paid from 10¢ to 25¢ - I will remember when
you told me I would make Vera selfish
by so doing - One of the lamentable parts
of this awful thing is that Vera was unused
to illness or nursing She has never liked to
nurse and I have nursed the babies through
everything - Then when the critical test
came she was alone - Mrs Brady left the house
and staid at the hotel and Vera was alone
without help or even advice except when J.H.
asked her to dis-regard our message urging Serum.

H. A. MACK,
HARNESS AND SADDLERY,
AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES
JETMORE, KANSAS

Jetmore Kan.
Dec 11 - 1926

Mr H. C. Scrimous
Dear Sir

Your letter rec'd several weeks ago ^{and} as
Mother was very ill at that time, hence the delay in
answering. There is no question as to the Gowdy grave.
The deed to the lot is in this office ^{and} if you will inform
me to whom the deed should be given I will send it.
My husband, J. H. Mack's people were the Macks
that lived at Middle Branch.

We have six children, three daughters married.
D. M. is Chief Engineer at the City Light Plant. They
have no children ^{and} W. J. is employed at the
Light Plant. He is single.

You will see by the enclosed clipping
that Mother passed away Dec 6, last Mon.

Is your mother living?

We would be glad to hear from
you people

Yours Truly

Jessie Rae Mack City Clerk

Callie would
like to see this
returned to her

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1926.

Mrs. L. P. Mack Dead.

Mrs. L. P. Mack, or Grandma, as we all called her, passed away at the home of her son, H. A. Mack Monday morning of this week at the age of seventy-nine years.

Grandma had been in failing health the past year and the past few months it was necessary for her to live with her sons Q. M. and H. A. Mack.

Grandma was among the pioneer residents of Hodgeman county and suffered the hardships along with many others. She was loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by her three sons, Q. M., H. A., and W. J. Mack and other relatives.

The many friends will join with the Republican in sympathy in their sorrow.

NEWS OF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

Mack. Three sons were born to this union, Quincy M., Herbert A., and William J.

In the fall of 1877, Mr. Mack came to Hodgeman county with a colony from New York and Pennsylvania, and settled on a homestead three miles west of Hanston. In January the families of these settlers chartered a car and came to Kansas, arriving at Kinsley, Feb 1st. Of the adult members of this colony, Mrs. Mack was the last survivor.

In the pioneer days so full of hardships and privations, Mr. and Mrs. Mack were among those large minded settlers whose hearts and hands were always open to assist others less fortunate than themselves.

With the passing off Mrs. Mack there ends the life chapter of one who identified her life with all the religious and social activities of that early period.

In 1885 the family moved to Jetmore where Mr. Mack passed away June 22, 1890.

Mrs. Mack was a charter member of the Congregational church Jetmore which was organized in 1886, and was an ever faithful mem

ber.

She has been in declining health for several years and for the past three months has been making her home with her sons, Quincy and Herbert.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her three sons, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and two brothers, Robert L. Avery of Tunkhannock, Pa., and Volney Avery of Aspen, Colorado and many friends.

She passed away at the home of her son, Herbert. December 6, 1926

The funeral service was held at the Methodist church, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. H. E. Stipe, assisted by Rev. Danley and Rev. King. A male quartette consisting of W. R. Porter, Arthur Porter, Rev. King and Rev. Danley furnished the music. Burial was made at Fairmount cemetery where the body was laid to rest beside the husband.

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Obituary—Mack

Jesse E. Avery was born in Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, August 24th, 1847. On January 8th, 1867, she was united in marriage to Ledyard P.

Nov. 2, 1926.

My Dear Collie:-

In answer to your ever welcome letter I have the information you wished me to get and think it is very nice.

The Memorial Art company, here, said that they would furnish a marker such as you described, 2 feet long by one foot wide and one foot deep for \$32.00 dollars, with raised letters, and for 28.00 if the letters were to be sunken. or dug out.

The freight would be \$ 3.00 to Burdett, Kansas. This to be of the mahogany granite.

It really is too bad that Uncle Harrison and Aunt Harriet, who always were together in life, have to be buried so far apart. The Goudy girls in Minneapolis told me that they had wired money to Kansas to have uncle's body brought back to Minnesota, at the time of his death but that the doctors there would not let his body be sent and so their money was returned to them. Well if ^{uncle & aunt} their spirits are together I do not suppose they mind their earthly garments being in different states. It certainly is mighty fine of you to want to take care of the grave and I think Don and I will have to look up Aunt Harriet's grave which is in Monticello, Minn. sometime next summer.

I have been reading , with great interest, about the "Pow Wow" in Lawrence and would have enjoyed seeing it.

Especially little Sugar's dance.

Don's working like a dog and his new company is expanding and in a few months we hope money will commence to come in right now it is all going out. Our home is warm and pleasant and Don's father & mother gave us their Clean Heat Oil burner and we have it installed and one new part and it works like a charm. It would have cost over \$ 700 new and has been used less than two years.

Wish you and Gertrude were here tonight to go out for a duck dinner with us over to Mirth's I told her what you wrote and she said some nice things about you and your looks which I am afraid would be sinful for me to tell.

Gee but I get lonesome for all of you when I read about your doings in the J-P , the family dinner for Janet & Mack

and dear Mrs. Reinecke and Blanche coming to see you - I am so glad for Gertrude and you and the children that the dear Lord keeps her well for all of you to enjoy.

Harry & Sadie Coates and Paul Holden were with us for a visit before motoring west to Seattle to spend the winter with Sadie's mother, whom she has not seen for twelve years. We are the only ones of the relatives who have been nice to them since Aunt Loe left them her money etc. and last night Sadie said if it were not for Don & me they would never come to St. Cloud again.

Paul and Sadie told me that Aunt Loe said many times that "Grayce had never told her a lie" and that she could always rely on me.

If I think of it I will tell you all about why she left Harry and Sadie what she did.

Don and I have not worried about it at all - We say we have just as much as we had before.

Write to me whenever you can I love to get your letters.

Dolph is a great boy for his age - I notice the prominent part he plays in the affairs of the city and committees he is on - he is a lot like his dad isn't he? and you know what I think of his dad.

Am so glad Pat and Dolph got Louie interested in Golf when I first learned to play I wrote him and he answered that he had thought of taking it up when he got to be ninety.

Let me know if you want the marker and which lettering.

With bbls. of love for you all from us both,

Grayce

Joke for you to spring on Dolph

Two friends were talking and one mentioned that he was going on a business trip to Denver. The other fellow said "Oh you must look up my friend 'Lumache', while you are there. The first one said 'Lumache - hard name to remember - the other one said "Lumache- Stomache. think of that and you will remember After he returned from Denver he met his friend again and told of his trip but said the funniest thing about it was I could not locate your friend "Kelley" at all.

December 29, 1926.

Miss Jean Gowdy,
3751 Aldrich Avenue, South
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Jean:

I was very much interested in your letter of the 20th which contained a letter from Kathryn Drouth.

I wrote her a Christmas letter in which I made no reference to her letter to you but said that I heard from her indirectly now and then through you and through Etoile. I think she is a very brave little woman and is doing her best. I sincerely hope that she will regain her health, but I don't understand why her physicians sent her to Florida. Tubercular people need hot and dry weather. I am afraid it will be too damp for her in Florida. I sent her a small check as a Christmas remembrance.

We had a fine time Christmas with fourteen at the Christmas dinner, all members of the family and eleven of them immediate members of our family, myself and Gertie, five children, two son-in-laws, and two grand children.

I haven't time now to write more and wish to simply express my love and best wishes for the New Year.

Lots of love

From your cousin,

WCS-M

Minneapolis, Minn.
Dec. 20, 1926.

Dear Collie and Family,

It was very kind of you to write to Lillian and me about the folks in Chicago. I am sure they are in no condition to do any writing themselves. Some time they will be able to adjust themselves, but at first it is hard just to eat their meals and do the regular duties of everyday life. Nothing seems worth while. I am so sorry for them all, and we understand. Christmas will be a sorry affair with them.

I have just received a letter from Kathryn Drought. You remember I wrote you about them. I am enclosing a part of the letter. You will be interested to know of their bravery.

Katherine simply will not give up to any sort of discouragement. Eugene will endure any hardships for her good. If they were in a cold climate life would do them up entirely. Just now they are passing through very hard times. I am sure they will succeed. A man like Eugene cannot fail in the long run.

I think I will send you the entire letter from Kathryn. Please do not let her know I did so or she will never have any more faith in me. You see she has not told her own folks as they were opposed to her going to Florida. I believe, however, that it will save her life, or rather prolong it until she can get an upward start. She positively could not live longer in New York. Her doctor urged her to make the attempt to get to Florida. I think he knew it was her only chance.

We are very sorry to hear of Gertrude's misfortune. It is very

similar to my own fall just lately. At the turn of the stairs going down the other night I fell two steps to the landing. Not far, but alas! I struck directly on my head. Had it been a soft one, I should not now be writing to you. But being a regular cocoanut, all is well. There were many aches for a few days, but I escaped with no serious damage.

Lillian and I send much love to Yourself, Gertrude, Blanche, Pat. Janet and our new cousin Mac, Dolph, Dorothea, John and the babies. Hope I have not missed any one, if I have please add his name.

Jean.

December 29, 1926.

Mrs. Vera Brady,
7539 Colfax Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Vera:

I received a letter from the Woman's National Journalistic Register, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, today and answered it as follows:

"I have known Mrs. Vera Brady Shipman for many years. She is a bright, energetic young woman who has won considerable recognition as a composer of children's music, and as a magazine writer. For some years she was connected with papers in Kansas and at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Quite recently she handled the publicity for the Indian celebration at Apostle Islands and for a year or thereabouts, conducted the Ashland, Wisconsin, office of the Superior, Wisconsin, Telegram.

She writes well, has an interesting personality and has been a member of the church for many years. She is honorable in business and lives within her income. During recent years she has written much for Radio publications.

I take pleasure in recommending Mrs. Shipman to you and you need have no fear in placing her in a position of real responsibility."

I had a long letter from Julia today to which I replied at once. Gertie has already written you that we complied with your wishes in regard to decorating the graves for Christmas. The wreathes had been purchased before your letter was received. They were green and red and were on little wire easels, which we placed at the foot of each grave. There is a big bunch of red foliage at the head of Sally's grave and a large wreath on the tombstone.

Whenever you come through this way, make it a point to stop over with us as long as you can. We are sorry to know that Mary Jule is sick and trust that her recovery will be certain and reasonably rapid. Her youth is very much in her favor.

Lots of love.

From your old uncle,

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WOMAN'S NATIONAL JOURNALISTIC REGISTER, Inc.

(Placement Bureau for Woman Journalists)

225 No. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 28, 1926.

Mr. W. C. Simons:-

Will you be kind enough to give us, in the space below, confidential information about Mrs. Vera Brady Shipman who has sent us your name as a reference. We should like to have you tell us what you know of her (1) personality (2) experience (3) character (4) personal appearance and (5) writing ability.

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Respectfully,

December 29, 1926.

December 23, 1926.

Mrs. C. H. Hoinville,
7539 Colfax Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Julia:-

I just received the enclosed letter from Mrs. W. S. Kenyon of Jetmore.

You will note there is another little personal note from her on the back of the next to the last page of the letter. I read the letter and the clipping and know it will greatly interest you.

Elfrieda was in to see me a few weeks ago but unfortunately I was out at the time. She left her card with a little note on the back of it and I wrote her a letter. We have kept in touch with the family since my visit to Jetmore three or four years ago.

I have just mailed you a letter so will not write more in this. Lots of love.

Your brother,

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December 3, 1926.

Mrs. Vera Brady Shipman,
7539 Colfax Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Vera:

I sincerely hope that you are rapidly recovering from your physical ailments and that you are still continuing the splendid control of yourself that you exhibited here.

Death seems dreadfully hard when it comes to our loved ones, but we have to remember that every birth means one more death and as we rejoice in the arrival of the little ones we must realize that at some time or another, soon or late, we or others will be sorrowing over their departure. It is the old, old tragedy and every parent and grandparent we have had from now until the dawn of time has had to go through the Valley of the Shadow. You are young and have the prospect before you of many fruitful years. I hope they may be happy years for you, Mary Jule and for all of those who love you.

I received this morning a letter from O. W. Little, secretary of the Kansas Press Association, which I send to you. Billy Smith of the Mercury, I think, faces hard competition in Cora G. Lewis, formerly a member of the Board of Administration. In a recent conversation with Mrs. Lewis she told me that Smith had been cutting rates and the prices she named were so low that he cannot possibly make money. Garden City is a good town. I do not know so much about Oberlin. Bert Barnd I think has done quite well with the Ness County News in spite of the fact that he is usually soused. By turning to the newspaper directory you can locate these towns and find out something about them.

Lots of love to you and to Julia and Charley.

Your loving uncle,

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If no class of service is designated the message will be transmitted as a full-rate telegram.

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November 27th 1926.

A. M. Johnson,
V. P., Victor American Fuel Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Just comfort them they will be in Denver five hours.

CHAS. H. HOINVILLE.

Collect at Journal-World.

November 17, 1926.

G. W. Bindley,

Burdett, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I thank you very much
for your continued interest in
the matter of the Cowdy graves,
and have written Charles Ruff,
Sr. for further information.

I will write you again
as soon as I have any further
information.

Very truly yours,

WCS-M

November 17, 1926.

Charles Ruff, Sr.
Hanston, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Ruff:

Noticing that mama was a Gowdy, the Secretary of the Cemetery Association at Burdett sought information concerning an unmarked grave at Burdett, which I presume was the grave of Harrison Gowdy.

It seems from the enclosed letters that Harrison Gowdy was buried in Jetmore. I wish you would tell me where he is buried and if you happen to remember the date of his death to let me know. We children thought that if the grave was identified that we should put a marker there.

I often think of my pleasant visits with you and the other members of your family. If I were not interested in the old neighborhood and friends, I should not go there so often.

Give my very best regards to Mr. and Mrs. Button and to any of the other children that you happen to see. Please return the enclosed letters with your reply.

With very best wishes, I remain

Your friend,

WCS-M

November 22, 1926.

G. W. Bindley,
Burdett, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Upon giving the matter further thought, I think that the three Gowdy graves at Burdett are those of W. C. Gowdy, Ed or Ezra Gowdy, his son, and Harry Gowdy, the son of Ed Gowdy.

Harry Gowdy died within the last ten years, and his brother, Lauren, who lives north of Hanston some six or eight miles, would undoubtedly give you the particulars.

Mr. Charles Ruff says that Harrison Gowdy was buried at Jetmore, and confirms the statement made by others that it had been the intention to embalm and ship the body but that it arrived at Jetmore in too bad shape to permit of such action.

Very truly yours,

WCS-M

Office of

G. H. Bindley
Township Clerk.REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS
Last Monday of
March, June, September, December.

Township,

Burdett Pawnee County,
KANSASNov. 13, 19 26

H. C. Simons

Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Sir,-

In answer to your recent letter, E. P. Bauer, a worthy and respected citizen of Burdett, says he remembers distinctly of the death of Harrison Gowdy, as at that time he was working for Ezra Gowdy and his father H. C. and that to the best of his knowledge it was the fall of 1900. H. Gowdy died very suddenly, and he and Ezra took the body to Jetmore with the intention of having it embalmed, but owing to the condition of the body upon arrival the embalmers refused to prepare the body. Ezra intended sending the body back to Chicago for interment by the side of his wife, but as the body could not be prepared for shipment, there was nothing left to do, but bury him there at Jetmore. He further states that he and Ezra dug the grave and laid the body away, and during the work of digging the grave, Ezra remarked, "after a certain number of years

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Township,

County,

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the body can be disinterred, and that he wanted to do this and send the body east.

Enclosed is a letter from the City clerk of Jetmore that explains itself. I have not been able to get into communication with Mr. Ruff, but will do so at an early date.

That leaves the unmarked grave on the Goudy lot here in our cemetery as much a puzzle as before. I will write to Mrs. Van Meter in Calif. and perhaps she will be able to give us some information.

I would suggest that you do nothing about a marker until this is settled satisfactory. If you at any time, could send us any information about the Goudy family it will be appreciated.

Where was your grandmother, Mrs. Collins Goudy buried? What relation to you were William Collins and Harrison Goudy? Is there any other relative to whom we could write, to get information? Thanking you for your co-operation

I am, Respectfully
J. H. Bridley.

Hanston Kansas

Nov 19/26

W. C. Simons

Dear Collins

Your letter at hand, in reply, will say that Harrison Gowdy was buried at Jetmore, I should know as my team and Spring wagon was the hearse, and I was the only one present that held the small service, reading a chapter and offering a prayer. Ed talked of shipping the body east, but it was in ~~in~~ such a terrible condition that it could not be embalmed I do not remember the date, it must be on record at Jetmore.

Ed and W. C. Gowdy are buried at Burdett I was not at the burial of W. C.

We all enjoyed your visit and you can not come too often. Although I would like to meet Mrs. Gowdy and the rest of your children.

Charlie Jr. is to preach the funeral of Fred Maddison today at his home I expect you remember him

With love to you and yours
Charles Ruff.

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS,

November 17, 1926.

Charles Ruff, Sr.
Hanston, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Ruff:

Noticing that mama was a Gowdy, the Secretary of the Cemetery Association at Burdett sought information concerning an unmarked grave at Burdett, which I presumed was the grave of Harrison Gowdy.

It seems from the enclosed letters that Harrison Gowdy was buried in Jetmore. I wish you would tell me where he is buried and if you happen to remember the date of his death to let me know. We children thought that if the grave was identified that we should put a marker there.

I often think of my pleasant visits with you and the other members of your family. If I were not interested in the old neighborhood and friends, I should not go there so often.

Give my very best regards to Mr. and Mrs. Button and to any of the other children that you happen to see. Please return the enclosed letters with your reply.

With very best wishes, I remain

Your friend,

W. C. Simons

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Jetmore Kas,
Nov. 9-1926

G. H. Bridley
Burdett, Kas.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of Nov 3-1926,
The records show that a Gowdy was buried.
The records doesn't show any initials or first
name.

He made a trip to the Cemetery and the grave
has no marker of any kind.

The records doesn't show that the body was
removed.

The deed is in H. C. Gowdy's name.

I have inquired of several that might
know but have been unable learn anything
more. I believe if you would write Chas Ruff
at Hanston, he might be able to give you the
information desired.

Yours Truly

Jessie Rae Mack City Clerk

November 22, 1926.

Jessie Rae Mack,
City Clerk,
Jetmore, Kansas.

Dear Miss Mack:

Your letter of November 9th, addressed to G. W. Bindley of Burdett, has been referred to me.

The Gowdy buried in Jetmore is Harrison Gowdy, an older brother of W. C. Gowdy. If the grave can be definitely located, my brother, sisters and myself will probably place a marker there.

I wonder if you are a relative of Quincy and William Mack, sons of Judge Mack, or possibly of the Mr. Mack who at one time had a blacksmith shop at Middle Branch. If it happens that you are a member of either of these families, I shall be glad to have you extend my greetings to any other member of the family who may be there.

The children from both of these families attended school taught by my mother, Mrs. Jennie B. Simons.

Respectfully yours,

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS,

October 21, 1926.

Langston Memorial Co.,
1012 Mass. St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Langston:

Please advise me as
to the cost of a simple marker
inscribed as follows:

"Harrison Gowdy"

Born _____

Died _____

A good, conscien-
tious and friendly
man."

2' x 1' x 6" to 1' high
\$50.00

Will deliver at
Burdette if we
set it -

Very truly yours,

W C Simons

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

TEL. VICTOR 8953

Oct 1st

P.S. — Charlie showed me the other day and I met him at Station night before last at 7 and he left at 7:45.

He reports all well when he left Chicago ten days ago — he is very much interested in what Dick Head and all think of 'good' — I feel the same as I did about it.

Dear Billie:—

Several days ago I received the statement for my office desks — but in some way have lost that bill although we have looked on heads

if we can not locate it therefore from memory I am sending check for \$172.⁵⁰ but if not correct will make it so.

Now regarding my banking connection I have paid off Walker's balance in full but was unable to secure enough to pay you the



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four thousand — You will see
by enclosed check I am
doing business with Fidelity
National Bank & Trust Co. but
it does not care to loan
any more than I can pay
off within one year and
had I borrowed enough to
cover you it would have
caused me to pay each
month more than I could
do without crawling me.

I do believe I can reduce
the amount some during the
next twelve months, and
next Sept 15th I will clean
up in full with you.



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balance. — I am sorry I
could not manage to attend
to it all now but do feel
very good over the question
I made here as I was
only asked to pay
6% and without any security
other than my note.

I have been very busy
since I have seen you
therefore have been unable
to run up to Lawrence

Business has been
very good and prospects
good for the fall & winter

Worlds of Love for all
Laurie

October 27, 1926.

Miss Etoile B. Simons,
7539 Golfax St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Etoile:

This is a dictated letter but it is personal and loving just the same. Shortly after the Larned Chronoscope published the portion of my article-dealing with western Kansas, I received a letter from the Secretary of the Cemetery Association at Burdett, asking something about the Gowdy s buried there.

I do not know whether any of the graves are marked or not, but at least the grave of Uncle Harrison is not marked and they had no record concerning him. I referred them to Chas. Ruff, Sr. of Hanston, who was present at the funeral and would therefore probably remember the date of his death. It may be that you have this date. I have ascertained that we could buy a mahogany granite monument two feet long, one foot wide and six inches to a foot high, engraved "Harrison Gowdy, Born _____ Died _____" for \$50 f. o. b. Burdett, if we pay for the cost of setting, which would doubtless mean making a cement base. Do you think that we children should buy such a marker for this grave? He was a kindly, loving man and personally I feel like having the grave marked.

As I write this, I think that perhaps Grace could secure such a marker for less money but it would cost more to ship it to its destination. I shall, therefore, send Grace a copy of this letter. You can ask Julia what she thinks about it.

Our big Indian Pow Wow is now on. Over 750 Indians aside from students, were registered at Haskell at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon, and the streets have been filled with big high-powered cars all day. It is a very colorful and interesting affair, but I doubt if you would like to join in eating some of the fresh meat now hung out on lines like the family wash. One of the Indians who came in this morning, representing the Blackfoot Indians, is the original of the Indian face on the buffalo nickel.

I hope that everything is moving along nicely with you and that Uncle Sam will make you squirm when it comes to income taxes for 1926. Janet and Mack are here and we are having a fine visit with them. All are well.

Lots of love to you and to Julia and family,

Your loving brother,

Collin

October 27, 1926.

Mrs. Don A. Freeman,
St. Cloud Paper & Supply Co.,
St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Dear Grace:

I am sending you a letter I have just written to Etoile, but on account of the extraordinary expenses you have had to meet this year I do not care to count you in on the matter, but I thought possibly you might be able to secure a good price for a marker from the factory at St. Cloud.

Either you or Don please look this up and let me know, and we will be glad to call that your part in the matter should anything be done.

I wrote you a letter the other day and do not believe that anything especially interesting has transpired since then.

Little Owen has blossomed out in his first real suit of boy's clothes, and as he described it, it has a vest, two hip pockets and the coat and pants are just like the vest.

Lots of love to you both,

Collie

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October 27, 1926.

L. A. Simons,
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Louie:

I am sending you
copies of letters that I have
just written to Etoile and
Grace.

I imagine I can
hear you snort but your snorts
never bluff me very much.

I expect to see
you tomorrow, perhaps before you
get this letter, but I will send
it anyhow as I might forget to
take it up with you.

Love to you and Jess,

Collie

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MRS. G. W. BINDLEY
LONG HILL FARM
BURDETT, KANSAS

Oct. 18-1926

Willard C. Simons
Pub. Journal-World
Lawrence, Ks.

Dear Sir.

No doubt, you will be greatly surprised in receiving a letter from a stranger, but my writing will explain itself.

In a recent issue of the Tiller and Tailer, the official paper of Pawnee Co., we read with great interest a "Story of a Pioneer Woman" the early history of your mother and family! And in this sketch we learned your

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LONG HILL FARM
BURDETT, KANSAS

mother's name was Gowdy and that her ~~father~~ mother Mrs. Collins Gowdy died while the family lived west of Burdett. About three years ago public sentiment was aroused and all agreed that something should be done to improve and take care of our cemetery, (Brown's Grove Cemetery). Not much, in fact, hardly any record had been kept of lots, burial or graves and it was a very hard task to locate and get a record of the graves, because many had been buried in the early days and their folks had later moved away, and no stone at grave. I was appointed sexton and manager of the cemetery and I endeavored to get a

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complete record of every grave. On the original plat, there is a lot marked with the name Gowdy, and we found on this lot one grave unmarked, and we are wondering if you can give us any information about it.

Several years later another family with name of Gowdy settled west of Burdett and of that family three are buried in the cemetery here, Ezra C, his son Harry and the father of Ezra C. Are these by chance relatives of yours, and if so, could you give us the name of the father, and date of death.

Hoping you can give us some information, I beg to remain
Yours Respectfully,
Geo. W. Bindley.

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October 21, 1926.

Geo. W. Bindley,
Burdett, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of October 18.

The Gowdys referred to as being buried in the Burdett Cemetery are relatives of mine and the unmarked grave is doubtless that of Harrison Gowdy who died a good many years ago. I think probably that Charles Ruff, Sr. of Hanston, Kansas, could give you the approximate date of his death.

Ezra G. Gowdy was known as Ed and his father was William Collins Gowdy. I do not know the exact date of his death, but you can ascertain that from Mrs. Van Meter who formerly lived in Burdett and now lives in California. Her stepson, Lauren Gowdy, lives some six or eight miles north of Hanston, and probably gets his mail on the rural route out of Hanston. He could give you Mrs. Van Meter's address.

Will you please advise me what would be the cost of a simple marker for the grave of Harrison Gowdy, to be marked something like this: Harrison Gowdy, followed by date of birth and death and this inscription, "A good, conscientious and friendly man."

Do not go to any trouble to secure this information, as I can secure it from the marble works here.

I am sorry that I cannot give you more exact information.

Very truly yours,

October 21, 1926.

Langston Memorial Co.,
1012 Mass. St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Langston:

Please advise me as
to the cost of a simple marker
inscribed as follows:

"Harrison Gowdy

Born _____

Died _____

A good, conscien-
tious and friendly
man."

Very truly yours,

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October 11, 1926.

Mrs. Lilla J. Monroe,
The Kansas Womans Journal,
909 Harrison Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Monroe:

I am sending you here-
with, some genealogy of the Simons
and Gowdy families. It may be more
than you care to use.

I am leaving this morn-
ing for Eldorado to attend the
Baptist State Convention and will
not return until Friday. I shall
send you mama's picture upon my
return and will very gladly pay
whatever expense there is in con-
nection with the publication of
her portrait.

I shall probably have
a letter from you upon my return.

Very truly yours,

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October 7, 1926.

Frank F. Baily,
The Republican,
Jetmore, Kansas.

My dear Baily:

I want to thank you for printing the article in regard to mama in the Republican and also for your kindness in sending me a copy of the paper.

You have certainly treated me mighty nice and I hope to be able to entertain you and Mrs. Baily as my guests at such time as you may come to Lawrence.

Had you thought of coming here for the Kansas-Nebraska football game and the meeting of the Kansas Press Association on October 22nd and 23rd? The Athletic Department will be glad to furnish you with tickets and Mrs. Simons and I will be very glad to have you as our guests.

With very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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7539 Lolfax Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

October 29, 1926.

My dear Brother,

Your sweet letter came this afternoon. I am willing to pay with the other children for Uncle Harmon's monument now or to wait and pay all of the expense when I have a little more ready money. I wish his remains could be brought to Lawrence and placed near Grandpa and Grandma. I would pay also for a stone for Uncle William. Ed is dead and dear Callie is blind. If I had money enough I should give to help her.

I am very anxious about Katherine Pott brought for her and her husband left New York about the first - ^{during} the first week in Sept- for Florida. They must have arrived about the time of the storm and I know they have little money. She was ill and unable to endure much, safely. Their little son was with them.

The article about mamma and about early days was good. I was sorry you said the men

selected the better land. We don't wish Blanche
Nanette or Gertrude to scold Dolph and John
Loui publicly. The public cares little and we
pull down ourselves. In other words I shall
never go back on you if, through some miasma,
you bring forces of evil on my head.

You made a few mistakes Sweet Bittles.

Julia and I was born in Warren township
Lake County six miles west of Waukegan. (Grandpa
had the post office ^{long before our day} at Warrenton from 1852 to 1859
then turned it over to a man named Phineas ^(Sherman).)

We arrived in Larned March 25. Julia
remembers because her birthday was the next day.
As I told you Grandma died August 26, 1878. I should not
have said "The few hundred dollars" for with the money ^{lost, etc.}
we were in fine shape.

John R. Baird had been superintendent for a time before
the parties decided they wished mamma and mamma declined
for his sake. He had both leg Collie, but was bent from
rheumatism. It was about 1885 or '86 Julia ^{thinks} that
mamma ^{received} the offer of the Superintendency but we are
not sure of the time.

This is the day our beloved father died, October 29.
Little Jennie died October 1, and Aunt Belle October 23. Mamma and Uncle

Louis in November. the 17 and 29.

If Uncle F's grave could be marked by
a board slab for a few months I could do more.

Uncle Harrison was born July 30, 1828 and
died Uncle Augustus Simons in March 1901. Later
when my books including the family bibles
are out of storage I may find more. Perhaps in
some letters I may find dates.

Louis Gowdy May 22, 1832 - Nov 29, 1925.

William C. Gowdy May 26, 1834 - June 1907.

Jermie B. Gowdy Simons April 12, 1836 - Nov 17, 1921.

Augustus S. Gowdy Feb 25, 1846 -

Joseph C. Gowdy June 20 1848 - Oct. 1902.

Devoted love to you and all

Etouls B. Simons

7539 Colfax Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
September 24, 1946.

My dear Bessie,

I read your dear letter in the Journal-World and shall show it to Julia when she returns to Chicago October 1, with Vera and the babies. Charlie will return from California then.

Perhaps when you take your freedom I shall go. I think the rest of us Julia and Grace would like to go. In some ways, I prefer to see it no more. In other ways it would be a treat. Have you seen a rattlesnake on any of the trips, and is it true that the buffalo grass has gone?

The Florida storm gave several of our family a big scare. I was glad to get your wire and to read Janet's letter in the World.

In many ways the middle west is ahead of a coast region. (I hope Lake Michigan will not erupt!)

Wednesday
but

I was ill Thursday and Friday, but
uncle gave me such heroic treatment
that I awoke this morning - Friday. I have
been careful. In about twenty-four hours
I took 6 grains of quinine, 20 grains of
aspirin and 60 grains of strontium
silicate! I have taken ³⁰ 15 of the latter in addition

to-day and last eve and uncle wishes me to take 15
more to-night making 105 beginning Wed. aft.

I could not endure the pains very
well nor take time to get well slowly.
It was some nerve or nerves in my back
near my sides. perhaps neuritis.

I send tender love.

Edwin P. Simmons.

I am proud
of you dear.

I was so ill Wed that I wrote Julia but told her not to come
as I should be better soon. The Western Union has
notified me she is coming in tomorrow. Of course
I should not have told her.

Julia I should not

advertise Pandae if I were you,

In Lansing on Eleventh
Platform sailing I have seen
its high all Julia's constant
given!

Best Bless You

Julia had not rec'd my letter.
She came to meet a Texas
man who hopes to buy

some Brown Swiss cattle. He
intends to return tonight. She said
she would be in Lansing the week of
Oct 1 and then would spend the
remainder of Oct. in Wis.

September 30, 1926.

Mrs. L. A. McAlley,
1242 Drexel Avenue,
Seville Apt. 10,
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Janet:

I just received your letter of the 27th and am dictating a reply.

Please send us all of Mack's books that need re-binding or refinishing and we shall be very glad to do this work for him as we are able to get to it and without any charge. We will try to get them back to him so that he will not be without them any longer than necessary.

My long letter has probably been received by this time. You will both be very welcome here and we hope to have you come; however, we want you to do whatever seems best to you to do.

It has been very wet here. It rained all last night and it looks very blue for the window Unveiling tonight. It cleared up a bit however about noon so that the sidewalks and street are dry, but it is still a little cloudy and there is no certainty what the weather will be by night.

Mama and I were in Topeka yesterday attending the annual meeting of the Kansas State Baptist Association. The association accepted an invitation to meet with us next year.

We heard the other day that Solon Emery was to marry a Mrs. somebody who was formerly a Miss Bitzer, a little short plump brunette, who was in school some years ago. Marilyn is developing rapidly and was heard to call Mabel a dumb-bell, which shows that she is not only learning from others but is observing as well.

As to the mosquitoes, we can advise a liberal use of Oil of Citronella.

Lots of Love,

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September 29, 1925.

Gen. L. R. Gignilliat,
Culver Military Academy,
Culver, Indiana.

My dear General:

I appreciate your letter of
September 25th.

Mrs. Simons had John Louis to
the specialist at Kansas City yesterday and he
spoke very hopefully of the case. The drainage
from the ears has almost ceased.

I regret very much that our ex-
perience should be the occasion for Lieut. Potter
being dropped from your list of employees and I
will appreciate it if you will reconsider your
decision in that regard. That he made a mistake
in not seeing that John Louis had medical atten-
tion is true, but having made one mistake and
seeing its consequences he is less liable to make
another in the future. Lieut. Potter seems to be
a young man of fine spirit and we appreciated
very much the fair and thoughtful letter that he
wrote us regarding our boy.

Thank you for the check covering
the telegraph and telephone charges. This
settlement is satisfactory.

Wishing you continued success in
your work, I remain

Very truly yours,

WCS*M

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SUMMER NAVAL SCHOOL
SUMMER CAVALRY SCHOOL
SUMMER SCHOOL OF WOODCRAFT
AVIATION SCHOOL

September 25th, 1925.

Mr. W. C. Simons,
The Lawrence Daily Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr. Simons:

Your letter of September 21st has been received.

I trust you received my letter of the 14th explaining the delay in acknowledging receipt of your first letter.

Just now have we been able to get a report from the surgeon who looked after the Woodcrafters and treated John for his ear trouble. The surgeon states that John reported at the hospital on August 20th for this trouble and received treatment. John was told to report again the next day but failed to do so. I must admit that John's pack Commander should have seen to it that John did report. We had supposed that John's Commander was an excellent man for his position, he having been tried out with the older Woodcrafters and found satisfactory. I may say, however, that his negligence in John's case will mean that he will not be employed another summer.

I am very glad to know that John's trouble has cleared up satisfactorily and trust he will have no further trouble.

The surgeon had no record of any infection other than that of John's knee.

In regard to the charges I may say that the telegraph and telephone charges should not have been made against you. It would have been necessary for John to have paid for his luncheon on the train, so I believe this is a just charge. I understand that John had his supper at the home of the Executive of the Woodcraft School. Enclosed you will find a check covering the telegraph and telephone charges.

I am sincerely sorry that there has been any cause for complaint on your part. With over one thousand boys in

Mr. W. C. Simons.....#2

attendance, yours is the only one of this nature that has come to my attention.

John's Commander reported that during the summer John had improved along all lines and I regret that there should have been anything to mar the enjoyment and benefit of his stay with us.

Very sincerely yours,


L. R. Gignilliat,
Brig. Gen. Res. Supt.

LRG*SV

DETACH THIS MEMO BEFORE DEPOSITING CHECK.

No. 12209

AREMITTANCE FROM CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY, CULVER, INDIANA, COVERING:

CSS Expense

Telegram & Phone call charges

\$1.47

MAJ. W. M. HAND,
QUARTERMASTER.

August 27, 1925.

Lieut. H. B. Potter,
Culver Military School,
Culver, Indiana.

Dear Lieut. Potter:

John Louis Simons returned home last night and we believe the summer's experience has been good for him, but we did not realize that his ear had been discharging for at least a month. When the trouble first developed we had word that he had been taken into the hospital for a day or two, but had been permitted to return to his tent. This was the last word we received concerning his physical condition, but when he came home his ear was discharging and the lobe of the ear had been scalded by the discharge until it was sore. Had we known of the continuance of this trouble, we should have had it attended to. As it is, we will take him to a specialist in Kansas City not later than tomorrow. It was our advice that he was to be given physical inspection almost daily. Since this letter was written we find that both ears were discharging.

We want you to know the above because we feel that we have reason for real criticism, as this lack of attention might easily have cost the boy his life. We trust it will readily yield to proper treatment.

Now we shall be pleased to have a candid report from you on the boy, so we may better know what to encourage and what to counteract as you see it. He was disappointed in not securing a Bronze C as a recognition of his service, but if his work did not warrant it, we have no complaint. We simply want you to tell us frankly about how he conducted himself. Was he manly, courageous in defending himself, peaceable and obedient? Did he show a fair degree of initiative and leadership, or not? Kindly let us hear from you as soon as you can and oblige.

John Louis speaks well of you and of his other officers and of the life there in general. I wish to thank you for your kindness to my boy. I do not think he had any charge accounts, but if so let me know.

A copy of this letter goes to the school authorities.

Sincerely yours,

August 5, 1925.

Quartermaster,
Culver Military Academy,
Culver, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Find herewith check for fifty cents
to cover balance due on account of John L.
Simons, Wolf Cub.

Respectfully yours,

WCS*M

Encl.

Lieut. H. B. Potter

Culver Military School

Culver, Ind.,

Dear Lieut. ~~Culver~~ Potter:-

John Louis Simons returned home last night and we believe the summer's experience has been good for him, but we did not realize that his ear had been discharging for at least a month, when the trouble first developed we had word that he had been taken into the hospital for a day or two, but had been permitted to return to his tent. This was the last word we received concerning his physical condition, but when he came home his ear was discharging and the lobe of the ear had been scalded by the discharge until it was sore. Had we known of the continuance of this trouble we should have ~~given him expert treatment~~ had it attended to. As it is we will take him to a specialist in Kansas City not later than tomorrow. It was our advice that he was to be given physical inspection almost daily.

We want you to know the above because we feel that we have reason for real criticism, as this lack of attention might easily have cost the boy his life. We trust it will readily yield to ^{proper} treatment

Now we shall be pleased to have a candid report from you on the boy, so we may better know what to encourage and what to counteract as you see it. He was disappointed in not securing a ~~button of some sort~~ ^{Bronze C} as a recognition of his service, but if his work did not warrant it, we have no complaint. We simply want ^{you} to tell us frankly about how he ~~conducted~~ ^{acted} himself. Was he manly, courageous in defending himself, ^{and} peaceable, obedient/. Did he show a fair degree of ~~initiative~~ initiative and leadership, or not. Kinly let us hear from you as soon as ~~convenient~~ you can and oblige. John Louis speaks well of you and of his other officers and of the life there in general. *

A copy of this letter goes to the school authorities
Include thanks Sincerely yours

* I wish to thank you for your
Kindness to my boy ~~and for your looking~~
~~after~~ ~~in every way~~ I do not think
he had any charge accounts, but if
so let me know.

September 21, 1925.

Gen. L. R. Gignilliat,
Supt. Culver Military Academy,
Culver, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

I inclose check for \$6.95 payment in full for accounts rendered, and in paying same I wish to state kindly but frankly that inattention on the part of school authorities have occasioned us great concern and expense and for a time endangered the very life of our boy.

The little chap had had trouble with his ears in the past so before sending him to Culver we had him examined by Dr. Roberts, the Kansas City specialist who had attended him, and found him to be in first class health and condition.

Not a word was reported to us concerning the infection of his ears, or we should have seen to it at once that he received careful attention. He reached home with both ears discharging and emitting a vile odor. He was taken to Dr. Roberts at once and despite all we could do for a time it appeared that a mastoid operation would be necessary as nausea and fever developed, but fortunately a change for the better occurred and now we believe a cure will be effected without an operation.

It had been reported to us that he had an infected knee, and when he came home he had an infected ankle and wrist and boils have since appeared in two places.

It seemed to us that it was the duty of those in command to see that he was put on the train for Chicago, but he was not and we not only had the worry over him, but had to pay for telegrams to Culver and to Chicago and for express charges on his trunk, and now in the check herewith we are paying for your call to Chicago and for the meal that was served him at Culver. That may be a thrifty way of conducting affairs, but we are charitably enough inclined to believe that these charges were made without your knowledge, or desire.

Gen. L. R. Gignilliat, #2 - 9/21/25.

We are pleased with the improvement in the boy's posture and believe that had proper attention been given his health that the summer's work would have been worth the expenditure, but as it is we are disappointed and dissatisfied.

Respectfully yours,

WCS*M

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GULVER MILITARY ACADEMY

GULVER, INDIANA

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September 14th, 192 .

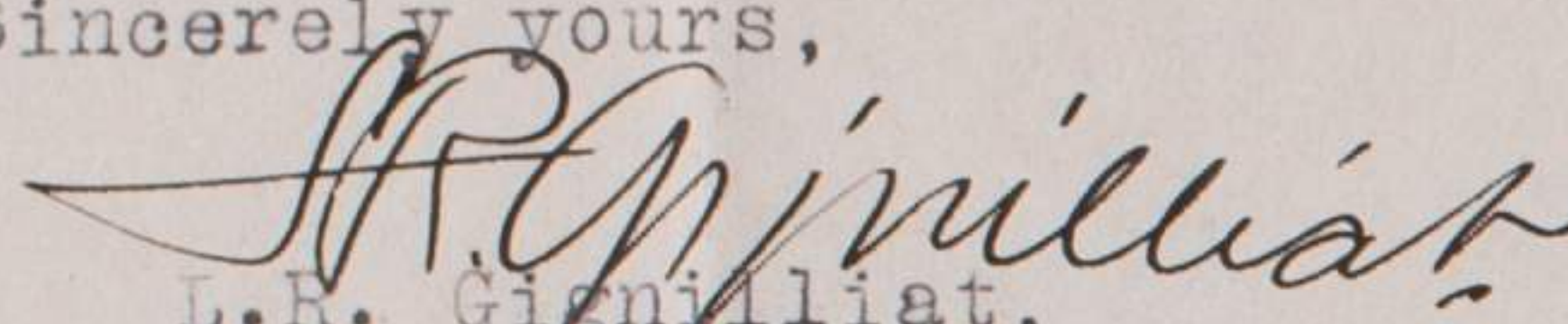
Mr. W.C. Simons,
2500 Vermont St.,
Lawrence, Kans.

My dear Mr. Simons:-

I trust you will pardon the delay in acknowledging your letter of recent date in regard to John's ear trouble and his general deportment in the Woodcraft School. I regret that it will be impossible to give you a report of these matters at the present time.

The Surgeon who is to investigate and make a report on John's ear trouble is incapacitated at the present time and unable to attend to this. The Woodcraft instructors are not with us during the winter session and it will be necessary to get reports from them. This will have to be done by correspondence. Just as soon as possible you will be sent a full report.

Sincerely yours,


L.R. Gignilliat,
Brig. Gen. Res. (Supt.)

LRG*SD

~~Wm H M CA~~

Express trunk
wishes to Culver
& Chicago —

7.25

TAILOR SHOP

Date

7/31

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Garment

Pants

B

23613

Charges

Repair as Follows:

DRY CLEANED

Dry Clean - Press

Company

Pack 3

Cadet

John Louis Dismore

Room

Total

50

TAILOR SHOP

Date

7/30

19

Garment

shirts

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Charges

Repair as Follows:

DRY CLEANED

Dry Clean - Press

Company

Pack 3199

Cadet

John Louis Dimmons

Room

tent 199

Total

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C. M. A.
TELEPHONE OPERATOR'S

	OUTGOING
	INCOMING

TICKET

DATE

~~Aug 25~~ TIME

FROM

~~Mrs. Stoutenburg~~
Address

Phone No.

TO

Geo. P. Hollingshead
Address
To Harold G.
Chicago

Phone No.

CHARGES ON THIS CALL

TO BE CHARGED TO

73
John Simons acct

REMARKS

[Handwritten signature]

RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

Charge to

J. L. Simons

Date

8/26/25

Check No.

Time

Pay Roll

Truck Service

Outb. Exp

Total

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Q. M. STORE

Being in need of the articles listed below, I hereby request the approval of my Tactical Officer.

Approved by

Date Aug 13 1925

~~1~~ Bottles of dian
shin

50

Room

Number

Name

John Louis Simons

Q. M. STORE

Being in need of the articles listed below, I hereby request the approval of my Tactical Officer.

Approved by

Date Aug 10 1925

Pen and Ink

05

05

10

20

Room

Number

Name

John Louis Simons

BARBER SHOP REQUISITION

Hair Cut		40
		—
		40

Date aug 8 1921 Charge John Louis Simon

Q. M. STORE

Being in need of the articles listed below, I hereby request the approval
of my Tactical Officer.

Shoe Polish	20
Knife	2.00
	<hr/>
	2.20

Approved by

Date

Room

Number

Name

John Ledmons.

BARBER SHOP REQUISITION

1	hair cut	40

Date 7/21/25 Charge John Louis Dimmons



CULVER SUMMER SCHOOLS

CULVER, INDIANA

LAKE MAXINKUCKEE

CULVER SUMMER NAVAL SCHOOL
CULVER SUMMER CAVALRY SCHOOL
CULVER SCHOOL OF WOODCRAFT

June 9th, 1925.

File

Mrs. W. G. Simons,
2500 Vermont St.,
Lawrence Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Simons:

I trust that the catalogue of the Woodcraft School which was sent you a few days ago was received and gave you the information you desired. The Wolf Cub Division in which your son would enter is almost full at this time, and I suggest that you wire me for reservation on receipt of this letter if you desire to afford him the advantages of this course which I hope you will do.

Very sincerely yours,

L. R. Gignilliat

L. R. Gignilliat,
Brig. Gen. Reserves.
Superintendent.

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*Gen. L. R. Gignilliat
Culver, Ind -*

Wolf Cub Division

*Please make reservations. Letter with
check follows -*

W. G. Simons

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Time Filed

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

June 11, 1935.

Gen. L. R. Gignilliat,
Culver, Indiana.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS WOLF
CUB DIVISION. LETTER WITH CHECK
FOLLOWS.

W. C. Simons.

Sept. 25, 1926.

Mr. Loren D. Simon,
West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dear Sim:

We received your wire this morning stating that you had sent Janet \$100 and are very thankful to you for this help. We also received one from her this morning, saying that they had managed to raise enough money to carry them over a two weeks period and see them home.

However, I imagine that they were figuring pretty closely and the \$100 you sent them will be a big help I know. They expect to be able to leave in about two weeks or as soon as McHalley can arrange his affairs to get away. We would like to have you let us know the expense of getting this \$100 in to them, and will send you that amount immediately upon hearing from you.

The folks hope that they will be in a position some day to return a favor to you for all that you have done for them.

With best regards to you and yours.

OWIA:LD

September 27, 1926.

Miss Etoile B. Simons,
7539 Colfax Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Etoile:

In filling in data please give, if you can, the exact date of the death of Grandfather Alford Smith Simons and the place where buried.

I learned while in Chicago that wealthy Ann Mason, our Grandmother Simons, is buried at Gray's Lake, Illinois, near Waukeegan. I think your records will show the date of her death which does not appear on my chart.

Lovingly your brother,

WCS-M

September 23, 1926.

L. A. Simons,
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Louie:

I send you herewith,
a carbon copy of a sketch for
publication in a book to be
issued by the Womans Kansas Day
Club.

Mrs. Kenyon of Jetmore,
wrote me asking me to write the
letter, which I was very glad to
do. I hope you will like the way
in which I handled the matter which
is so dear to all of us. I have
sent a copy to each of the children.

Haven't heard anything
further from Janet and Mack, and
don't know where to reach them with
a wire.

Lovingly your brother,

Mrs. Jennie B. Simons, known as the Widow Simons, was one of the early settlers of Hodgeman county, ^{coming to Kansas in the spring of 1878 and} settling on a farm about ten miles due west from the town of Burdette, which at the time was known as Brown's Grove.

Jennie B. Gowdy was born in Constantia, N. Y., April 12th, 1836, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Gowdy and with her parents moved to Illinois where they settled at Waukegan. She was educated at a private academy and at Hillsdale college. She became engaged to Adolphus E. Simons at about the time of his enlistment in response to Lincoln's call for 100,000 men and was married to him ~~at~~ July 3rd, 1866, after he had completed five years' service.

Two children, Julia M. and Etoile B., were born in Illinois after which they moved to Minnesota where three other children, ~~Wilford Collins, Louis Adolphus and Jennie Grace~~ were born. Mr. Simons' health had been undermined by his army service and finding the climate of Minnesota too severe had decided on moving to Texas, but these plans had not been followed when he died Oct. 29th, 1877.

After the death of her husband Mrs Simons decided to come to Kansas together with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Gowdy, and her brothers Dr. A. S. Gowdy and Joseph Gowdy and their families. The several families found rooms in what was then known as the old stone block at Larned where they lived until homes were built on the claims in Hodgeman county. These homes were ready in March, but it necessitated a short stay at ^{Duncan's} ~~Duncan's~~ ranch, located on the Pawnee creek at the crossing of the old Hays and Dodge trail.

Mrs. ~~Gowdy~~ Collins Gowdy died during the first year and Mr. Gowdy made his home with his daughter. The few hundred dollars brought to Kansas by Mrs. Simons were soon spent in necessary improvements and living expenses and she and her family went through several extremely hard ~~and~~ years.

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An attractive, cultured, christian woman, Mrs. Simons made friends with the leading people of Pawnee and Hodgeman counties and when the latter county was organized was offered the position of Superintendent of Schools by both the Republican and Democratic ^{although bitterly pressed for money she} parties, but withdrew in favor of a veteran who had lost a leg in the civil war.

Her devotion to her children and the fear of placing a step father over them, caused her to refuse ~~several offers~~ ^{proposals} of marriage, several of which came from men of wealth and would have given her ease instead of the privation which she faced and endured.

Mrs. Simons taught the first school ever held at Marena, now Hanston, Kansas, and received twenty dollars a month for three months and boarded around. Afterwards she taught for several years as did also the two girls Julia and Etoile. ~~The~~ W. C. Simons, oldest son, also taught for one term.

Among the schools taught by Mrs. Simons were those at Marena, Hodgeman, Middlebranch; ~~Orwell~~ Orwell, or Sawlog; Jetmore; the Waterman school near Fort Larned and one or two other schools near Larned. She held a first grade certificate and was considered one of the best teachers in the county.

Mrs. Simons brought to Kansas some fine Hambletonian horses and for many years her stock was perhaps the finest in the western part of the state. Her home was always open to everyone who came and was never locked even in the absence of the family. For a time ~~it was~~ ^{an} ~~the only~~ ~~occupied~~ there was not ~~another~~ occupied house on the old trail between her home and Dodge City, a distance of thirty-seven miles, and her home became well known as a stopping place. No charge was ever made to those who came and the itinerant preachers who occasionally went through the country always found a welcome in her home.

During the early years when there were no public schools she taught her children at home nights, when all were tired from the long and hard day's work. She was a member of the Baptist church and was almost Puritanical in her ideas of morals and character.

She applied for a pension but the hospital record of her husband was lacking and for many years the regimental physician could not be found. At last he was located and a pension with back pay was received. Shortly afterwards ^{in 1888,} she left the old home place to educate her children in the ~~State~~ Wesleyan university at Salina, Kansas. ~~Some~~ In 1891 her son Wilford C. ~~left~~ engaged in the newspaper business in Lawrence and it was the family home for a good many years. ~~Later~~ Mrs. Simons made her home with her daughter, Miss Etoile B. Simons, for many years and died Nov. 17th, 1921 in Chicago, aged over eighty-five years and her body was brought to Lawrence for burial beside her husband, whose body had been moved there from ~~Fairbault~~ ^{Fairbault}, Minn., some years before.

Mrs. Simons was honest ^{and} conscientious and her energy knew no bounds. She brought to the west a culture and refinement that left its effect on the entire community and upon everyone who had her for a teacher in the schools. She did not realize financially from her efforts, but found satisfaction in the education ~~and~~ and advancement of her children.

The five children are all living and are located as follows:

Julia Simons Hoinville (Mrs. C. H. Hoinville) lives in Chicago and spends the summer at "Hoinville Hills", the name given to their summer home in Northern Wisconsin. Miss Etoile B. Simons after spending many years in educational work, is now living in Chicago where she is giving her time to real estate investments. Wilford C. Simons is the publisher of the Journal-World at Lawrence, Kansas. Louis A. Simons is in the

insurance business at Kansas City, Missouri, and Grace Simons
Freeman lives in St. Cloud, Minnesota, where her husband, Don A.
Freeman, is the proprietor of the St. Cloud Paper and Supply Company.

September 22, 1926.

Mrs. C. H. Hoinville,
7539 Colfax Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Julia:

I enclose a letter I received from Mrs. Walter S. Kenyon of Jetmore and my answer, also the sketch that I prepared for publication in the forthcoming book to be published by the Womans Kansas Day Club.

As you can readily understand, we spent some very anxious hours until a dispatch came from Janet and Mack after 11:00 o'clock Monday night. A second dispatch received the next day, said they would come home if they could draw any money from the bank. I wired them that I stood ready to send them money at any time the telegram companies would accept such a message and suggested to them that they try to get out of the devastated territory and await there the arrival of money. Although I asked them to wire me a reply, I have not heard from them since and it may be they never got my message. While they are undoubtedly having many unpleasant experiences at this time, we are thankful they are alive and unhurt. Whether their personal belongings and automobile were washed away or not, I do not know.

Please let this be a letter also to Etoile and then mail it on to Vera. I shall enclose extra copies of the article about mama for Etoile and Vera.

We are having our house completely decorated and it is going to look mighty nice when we get through. We had a wire from Calla Gregg from Albuquerque a week or more ago, stating that she was coming to Kansas City and evinced a desire to visit us. I wrote her that we were all torn up but that we should be glad to have her come and would arrange for rooms at the hotel. Before she had time to get this word I received a card from Denver stating that on account of high water in Kansas, they were going back through Omaha, therefore would not see us on this trip.

I hope you girls are pleased with what I have written about mama. I did not like to go into too great detail in regard to her privations nor to belittle her with too fulsome praise. I hope they will want to use her picture as well.

I wonder if you saw the write-up of our visit to Western Kansas, which appeared in the Journal-World, Louie and I and John Louie made the trip and had a fine time.

With love to all, I remain

Your brother,

September 22, 1926.

Mrs. Don A. Freeman,
St. Cloud Paper and Supply Co.,
St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Dear Grace and Don:

I send you herewith, a copy of a sketch I have written at the request of Mrs. Walter S. Kenyon of Jetmore, for publication in a forthcoming book to be issued by the Womans Kansas Day Club. I hope you will like what I have said about her.

We have been expecting a letter from you since the death of Aunt Lee, but know how busy you always are.

You can readily understand how happy we were to find that Janet and Mack have gone through the great storm in safety. They will come home as quickly as they can, but so far have not been able to draw money from a bank and neither have I been able to wire it to them because until today the telegraph companies would not accept such messages and now I must await a further address before I can wire them. They were not only safe but unhurt.

We are redecorating the home and are living like a bunch of gypsies. It will be very pretty when we get through and we hope to have you and Don visit us again soon.

I won't attempt to write more at this time. With love to both, I remain

Your brother,

September 22, 1926.

Mrs. Walter S. Kenyon,
Jetmore, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Kenyon:

In answer to your letter of September 14th, I have written a sketch in regard to mama, which I have sent to Mrs. Monroe and a copy of which I send to you. The privations experienced by her are only suggested in the article.

I certainly appreciate the kindly interest which prompted you to write us. My brother and I and my eleven years old son, the youngest in the family, were in Jetmore for a few minutes a couple of weeks ago and called at the office hoping to see Mr. Kenyon or your daughter. We drove by the old school house where mama taught and where my brother went to school. After leaving Jetmore, we spent the night at Little River, Kansas, and drove home the next day. The recent rains made everything look good in Hodgeman county and we enjoyed our brief visit with our friends.

With very best wishes to you and the family, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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September 22, 1926.

Mrs. Lila Day Monroe,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Monroe:

At the request of Mrs.
W. S. Kenyon, Jetmore, Kansas,
I am sending you herewith, a
sketch of my mother who lived
in Hodgeman county for ten years.

If this sketch is used,
it should be in the portion given
to Hodgeman county. If you care to
use a picture of mama, taken a few
years after she lived on the farm,
I shall be pleased to send you one.

You may put me down for
a copy of the book and probably I
shall want additional copies.

Wishing you and the
Womans Kansas Day Club success in
your effort, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

WCS:M

September 15, 1926.

Mrs. William E. Booth,
Hoinville Hills,
Lampson, Wisc.

My dear Florence:

I want you to know that I appreciated your kindness in sending me the clipping from the Tribune. If it had not been for you, the matter would have entirely escaped my notice.

Thinking that perhaps you failed to see our paper in which the story was used and in which we made editorial comment in regard to the interest shown by you and others, we are enclosing herewith clippings from same.

I imagine that everything is very beautiful at the hills and that you have spent many delightful days this summer. I should like very much to see the precious infant and I bet that you and Billy make ideal parents.

We are all torn up at home now, the decorators having taken over the house. What little cooking we are doing is on a hot plate in the laundry in the basement and we are eating on the dining porch whether it is a hundred in the shade or fifty below. It will all be fixed up soon and then there will be a room for the Booths.

With love to you and yours
from myself and family, I remain

Cordially yours,

Mrs. William Edward Booth
"Hoinville Hills"
Campson, Wis.

August 31, 1926 -

Dear Uncle Collie,

Perhaps you know
Lawrence is such a beautiful
place for children, but in
case you don't - with five
of your own and two
grand children - thought
you might be interested
in this clipping from

the Tribune.

However this is quite
a good place here, we
think. The baby is fine
and gets cuter all the time.

Love to you all from
all of us,
Florence.

September 15, 1926.

Mrs. Calla G. Gregg,
Muelbach Hotel,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Cousin Calla:

Your letter of the 13th to hand this morning. We shall be mighty glad to have you come in to see us, but it will be necessary for us to secure rooms for you at the hotel as we are all torn up at home with decorators.

At the present time the paper has been removed from four rooms and two halls and the stuff from these rooms is piled elsewhere. We were delayed somewhat in getting to this work and have been torn up for two weeks or more.

However, we have a very comfortable hotel here, where you can spend the night, and you can join with us in our meals which have to be served on the dining porch. This is fine in hot weather but not so good when it turns cool. This is the first time in five years that we couldn't entertain you entirely in our own home.

We shall all be very glad to see you. We had a nice visit with Norma and the children all were quite delighted with her. We shall be very glad to meet Mr. Gregg.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Cordially your cousin,

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August 24, 1926.

Miss Etoile B. Simons,
7539 Colfax Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Etoile:

Ever since I received your letter a few days ago I have intended writing you.

I don't know whether I ever told you the story of M. C. Elmer or not; I rather think I did. Elmer, who is now a professor at the University of Minnesota, paid his way through college, supporting himself and wife by buying and selling horses and he said he followed the principle of always making a sale whenever he could make it at a profit. In other words, he might think that a horse was worth fifty dollars more than he paid for it, but if he could sell it at an advance of twenty-five dollars and that was the best price that he could get, he would always make the sale.

My advice to you would be if you can close out your holdings at an advance of \$25,000, do it and do it quick, then take your time about buying another piece which looks like a bargain. There are a thousand and one things that can happen. There can be a change of president and national politics; there can be drouths and floods and panics, but if you make your deal, you have your little old \$25,000 in profit tucked away.

I have some good income property here in Lawrence but if someone wants it at a fair profit, he can have it.

Give my love to the folks and tell Uncle Augustus that I am sorry that the hand of old age is resting so heavily upon him that he can no longer write. Tell him that it must be a comfort to him to remember that there was a time when he was the best penman in the entire family.

Lovingly your brother,

C

August 24, 1926.

Charles H. Hoinville,
7539 Colfax Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Charley:

I think your follow-up
letter of August 16th is very good.

My advice in the matter
would be not to push ~~my~~ intimate friends
too hard, neither would I advise some-
one to invest all of their small savings
because a man is more apt to be struck
by lightning than to obtain riches
through oil. I am a little afraid that
the reaction in case the adventure was
not successful would be unpleasant.

I made a good many inquiries
while I was in California in an endeavor
to find out something regarding the San
Mateo field. I inquired at Santa Bar-
bara of a representative of The Seaside
Oil Company and at various other places
and it is not considered a promising
field.

While I sincerely hope that
you will strike it, I don't want to see
you get in bad with your friends.

With love and best wishes to
all, I remain

Yours brother,

SAN MATEO OIL AND REFINING COMPANY
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PHOENIX, ARIZONA

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

Chicago August 16th 1926

Dear Sir:

The enclosed circular was sent out by me during April and May of this year and explains itself.

Since writing it, the Standard Oil Company has purchased the La Hunda field in the southern half of the same county for \$1,000,000.00 and it is rumored that they are picking up leases between that field and our acreage.

We have added 260 acres to our holdings, so that we now have 745 acres under lease. Our machinery is on the ground and erected, and the boilers were being plastered according to the last report. The water well is drilled, and it was expected to start work "spudding in" No. 1 well by the middle of this month.

The fund for financing this work is not yet complete, and I should like to have you consider the matter at this date and become a stockholder with us. The price of the stock will be advanced on the completion of the first well to all those who have not subscribed to the initial fund, and all those who are subscribers have the option of taking additional stock at the subscription price.

I shall appreciate hearing from you in this matter by return mail and should like to have you with me in this enterprise, as I am confident that it will be a commercially paying field, and that returns will amply justify the investment.

PS. Dear Collie: Should like to have you criticise my follow up. I want any pointers I can get.

get to all time
Sincerely yours,

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Dear Sir:-

I have become interested in the above company and own considerable of their stock. We lease 513 acres of oil land in proven territory, the land being surrounded by producing wells, and a derrick has been placed and drilling is being contracted for.

We have an agreement to drill on 28 acres on the southwest corner, and the well is now producing oil. The Mid State Oil Company, adjoining us on the east has three producing wells, and has erected a refinery and a casing head plant and is operating both.

The field is known as the Half Moon Bay field, 35 miles southwest of San Francisco, on ocean frontage, and the structure carries a high grade of oil. Oil is produced at 900 feet, 1750 feet and 2250 feet, the difference in the last two depths being caused by position on the hillside.

We are capitalized at \$1,000,000.00 and a portion of this stock is being sold for operating expenses at \$1.00 a share. It is fully paid and non assessable.

I want you to take some stock in this company, say \$250.00 to \$500.00 worth, and the prospects look bright for a five for one return for each investor, as the Mid State Wells produce 30 to 70 barrels daily in the shallow sand, the oil is of a high gravity, analysis attached, and sells for \$5.00 a barrel.

Discounting this with an altogether too conservative cut by estimating the production to be 30 barrels daily at \$3.00 a barrel gives an income of 900 barrels or \$2,700.00 monthly which shows annual earnings of \$32,400.00 for each well. It is the intention to drill other wells as fast as each one is completed, and on ten acre tracts, the land will accommodate 48 wells. This division is also conservative as wells are drilled much closer in other California fields.

The average time we allow for drilling is 90 days, though an article attached from the National Petroleum News of February 24th shows six to eight weeks, but as above, I am again discounting as a safety feature and predict that we will have four wells producing at the end of the first year's operations.

Geological reports indicate a big pay sand at 4,000 to 5,000 feet, but it is not our intention to drill for this until the company is on a dividend paying basis. When struck, it will more than quadruple the value of the property.