

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