

December 21, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Reyburn
Sedalia, Missouri

Dear Friends:

I am in receipt of a very pretty New Years greeting from the Neal Reyburns, and it is my belief that Mrs. Reyburn was the former Melba Reineke who was at our home for a time, I think, while she attended K.U. She was a step-daughter of Karl Reineke, and we always liked her very much. I think that the last time I saw her was at the funeral of Mother Reineke, who died at our home.

Where is you mama, Pauline? Both Gertrude and I always had a warm place in our hearts for her. Please give her my best regards.

You doubtless know that Mrs. Simons died October 30, 1948, as a result of cancer. She was very brave and we had done everything humanly possible to save her. She was a wonderful woman.

I hope that this letter reaches you, although I have no street address. Thank you for remembering me.

You were so nearly of the same age as our little John Louis, who died in 1928 when he was thirteen years of age. With the death of Gertrude the Reineke family name became extinct in her line with the exception of Robert Reineke, the son of George Reineke who has long made his home in Texas where he has been the representative of the Mery, and afterwards the American Optical Company. This is from memory and may not be correct. Robert had a son, George, who was killed in the last war.

With best wishes for the new year for you and yours,
I remain as ever,

Your friend,

W. C. Simons

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