

December 21, 1950 .

Mr. Norman Norman
Box 632
Hazel Crest, Illinois

Dear Norman:

You ought to have had Mildred's picture in with those of the children. They are certainly mighty fine, bright children, and I would just like to have the opportunity of holding that little girl in my arms.

I think of you every once in a while, Norman. Your good friend, my sister, as you well know, lies in our family lot at Oak Hill. I have placed bright colored wreaths at each of the graves. You have been very thoughtful through the years in sending flowers from time to time. While that is something we are glad to attend to, yet we appreciate the spirit back of your gifts.

You will remember when you were with Julia in Lawrence to dispose of the Haskell pictures. Two of the pictures are upon the walls of my own home, and at least two others are hanging in Mary Jule's home. I have accepted an invitation from Mary Jule to be their guest at the meeting of the New England Society to be held the evening of December 21.

Of the five children of which I am one, there are but two now living, myself and Mrs. Grayce Freeman, who resides on Gull Lake and receives her mail through R.R. 6, Brainerd, Minnesota. As you will recall, Mrs. Simons passed away two years ago last October, but I still occupy the home place and have a student and his wife with me.

I shall spend Christmas this year with my youngest daughter, Dorothea, in Wymore, Nebraska. Last year I was with Janet at Minneapolis, Kansas, and last Thanksgiving I spent with Blanche and her children in Oklahoma.

Remember that you will always be a welcome guest at my home, and God bless those beautiful children.

Cordially yours,

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W. C. Simons