

December 16, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Barkley Walker
179 Plaza Square
Hawthorne, California

Dear Edna:

I was greatly surprised and pleased to have your beautiful card with your little note of friendship.

I was twenty when I came to Lawrence and was twenty-one to twenty-three while I lived at the old Lane place. Whenever I drive out on West 8th, then Henry Street, I think of where you used to live. You were several years younger than I and your mama reminded me more of my own blessed mother than any other woman I have ever known. Mama was small, had dark brown hair so wavy that she never had to have it curled or done up in papers, and a fair complexion. She was a wonderful mother to me and so I always felt very kindly toward your mama because of her resemblance to my mother.

You knew my sister Etoile and probably Grayce and Louis. Louis died in January, 1933, and Etoile died suddenly in our home a few years ago. She had been spending a couple of weeks with us and had been unusually happy. We had enjoyed having her with us and the day before I had taken her to the University from which she had graduated many years ago. Grayce and I are the only ones living of our family. Sister Julia, whom you probably knew as Mrs. Brady, has a granddaughter living here, Mrs. C. D. Stough, Jr., who has two darling daughters. I am very fond of all of them and see them frequently.

I am very happy that the spirit moved you to send me the little note. I have you on my mailing list but I do not recall having cards from you, although probably I have received them. I never knew your husband, but I have no doubt that he is a fine gentleman.

I shall be glad to hear from you from time to time as the spirit may move you.

Cordially yours,

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W. C. Simons