

September 1, 1950

Mr. Louis A. Gowdy
Hazardville, Conn.

Dear Louis:

The card announcing the 18th reunion of the Gowdy family was forwarded to me in Minnesota. We bought ground on Gull Lake in 1937 and built a cottage for Mrs. Simons and myself and one for Dolph. We have spent about two months of each year there, but this year it was unusually cold and we had to have a fire in the grate a good part of the time.

I have prepared a genalogy dealing particularly with the ancestors of my mother, Mrs. Jennie Bessie Gowdy Simons and my father, Adolphus Ezra Simons. Both the Gowdy and Simons familys were located in and around Summers and Endfield, Conn. for many years. Other ancestors who had been in that part of Conn. were the Louises of Westerly, Rhode Island, the Cooks of Stonington, Conn., the Masons of Swansea, and numerous other branches of the family.

They seemingly located for a time in Massachusetts, then went to Connecticut, later to western New York, then to Illinois and Michigan, later to Minnesota and finally Mama, as a widow, with her five children came to Kansas in 1878.

We are with you in spirit if not in person, and we can never forget your cordial hospitality. Please remember me to Mrs. Gowdy.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

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