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Dr. J. Russel Wickey  
Public Square  
Belleville, Illinois

Dear Russel,

How are you and the fine children and grandchildren, and I don't want to overlook the Mrs.? I hope you are in fine health as usual, but that you are not too closely tied down to your business. I hope you have a good dentist with you to take a good part of the load from your shoulders.

Lawrence has grown perhaps nearly double in size since you were here, and the trees you helped me plant over on Indiana Street are good, big shade trees now. I don't think you have ever seen our home in South Lawrence, although you may have been here for Blanche's wedding. It is hard for me to remember the many details.

Of the five children in our family, Grayce and I are the only two now living. Should you care to drop her a line, which I know she would gladly receive, her address is Mrs. Grayce Freeman, Route 6, Brainerd, Minnesota. Grayce and Don have been married many years, but never were blessed with children. They are very comfortably located in their home on Cull Lake, having a billboard business, which cares for their expense, and also have an income from mining property.

I have two great grandchildren and another is expected in a few weeks. I have a young married couple at the home, which enables me to maintain life in the old homestead. The young man is taking advanced work in civil engineering.

You may or may not remember that there was a 40 acre tract immediately south of our home. Probably a dozen or more homes are under construction on that tract at present, several of them nearing completion. So it will not be long before I have neighbors all around me, but as we have about 20 acres around in our home tract, and face Haskell Institute,