

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Reineke, March 28, 1951

Although in another month, it will be two and one half years since your Aunt Gertrude passed away, the loss that I feel is very slow in healing. She was a wonderful woman and had made a real place for herself in the life of Lawrence. She was the last of the five Reineke children. Your Uncle Will Reineke left a daughter whose whereabouts I do not know. But she has a darling little daughter, Barbara, who was married some time ago. You are the only male member of the Reineke family. I know that you lost one fine son in the army but I hope that you have another boy or two to carry on the name.

I have recently published a Genealogy of my Mother's family in which I have included the families identified with the Simons line by marriage. I, therefore, cover the Reineke and Buckley families as far as I was able to trace them. When your Uncle John had his last illness in Chicago, we arranged for his care in a private home where he was given the best of attention and in addition to that my brother-in-law, Mr. Hoinville, took him riding as often as his strength would permit and kept in touch with him until the end. He was brought to Shawnee for burial in the Reineke lot. He now rests beside Mother and Father Reineke and on the other half of the lot are your Father and Mother and I think both of your brothers. I visit the lot definitely each spring and fall to see that the graves are properly cared for and that wreathes and flowers are placed upon them. It is all that we can do. Gertrude had always been so lovely in caring for the graves of my parents here in Lawrence that I feel that it is a sorrowful pleasure for me to help care for the graves of her loved ones at Shawnee.

This is a long and rambling letter. I am glad that you have done so well with your Company and I wish to be remembered to Olive and to your children.

Cordially yours,

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