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December 23, 1927.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter W. Gregg,  
Montrose, California.

Dear Cousins:

A letter from Walter written on November 17th has been on my desk constantly since it was received, awaiting an answer, and now that we have received a good letter from Calla I am stealing the time from a busy holiday season to at least acknowledge receipt of the letter. Answering Walter's letter first, we had disposed of our Russian wolf hound before the receipt of your letter, so that we could not act on your suggestion although we appreciate your interest.

Now, regarding the letter to which you refer. Until the annual meeting of the Kansas Baptist Convention in October, 1926, I was the president of the State Convention, the year before having been vice president and chairman of the Laymens' Movement for the state. As we wrote you, I had been asked to preside at the annual banquet this year and had proceeded so far with my plans that I had made reservations and had drawn the money necessary for expenses. However, at the last moment plans were changed and we did not go. It was evident to us that you had not received the letter. Having been addressed to you at the hotel, we thought probably it would be returned to us. In any event, there was no occasion for calling attention to it, as we did not wish in any way to mar your welcome. We were glad to have seen you and to have had you with us in our home. Naturally I was interested in your word from Western Kansas, although it has only been two years since I was there. It seems to me that I remember every hill and hollow.

I think that you are misinformed in regard to Kansas roads. As a matter of fact, a great deal of good constructive work has been done and Kansas roads today are far ahead of Missouri roads, with few exceptions, and are ahead of Iowa roads of five years ago. Within the next year or two hundreds of miles of Kansas roads will be hard-surfaced. In our own county there are probably at least 125 miles of fine graded roads and many additional miles of good township roads. A hard-surfaced road extends practically all of the way from Kansas to Abilene. The building of roads in Kansas has been somewhat handicapped by the fact that Western Kansas roads are good practically the year round, while Eastern Kansas roads require much more attention. It has been a little hard to harmonize these interests.

Blanche and her family went to Tulsa today to spend Christmas with Mr. Maloney's mother. She has a beautiful home and was very anxious to have them come. So we had our Christmas for the grandchildren last

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night and will have our own distribution of gifts Sunday morning. Janet and Mack arrived within the hour from Minneapolis, Kansas, to spend the holidays with us. Dolph leaves the third of January to spend two weeks in Miami, Florida, as one of a party of American newspaper men who are to be the guests of that city.

I was mildly interested in your reference to entertaining royalty. I am so thoroughly American bred, as you are, that it is impossible for me to feel very much interest in the decadent descendants of hard-fisted and relentless free booting old ancestry. I did take real interest in being a guest at a dinner party given to Viscount Bryce given by Dr. Frank Strong while chancellor of the University. I was also a guest at a dinner given Lloyd Norcliffe in Kansas, and still again at a dinner given Lady Mary somebody a few years ago. One gets to meet a good many interesting men and women in Lawrence on account of the University being situated here.

Dr. Gowdy spent five or six weeks with us and then went to Henderson, Iowa, where he stayed for a time and is now with friends at Silver City, Iowa. We expect him to return to Lawrence in the near future. A letter today from Grayce at St. Cloud, expressed the wish to have him visit her there. He is a very remarkable man. We had a Christmas card the other day from Norma.

With love and best wishes, I remain

Your cousin,

Montrose, Calif.  
Nov. 17, 27.

My dear Collie:-

If you have not already disposed of the dog you had, I have found a beautiful home for it at Lancaster, California, where my brother is. He has another dog like it, and would like to have this lady dog, and raise a family. So, if you will ship the dog to Lancaster, billed to John V. Gregg, he will pay the freight. You will probably have to prepay it, but John will send you a check, as soon as the dog arrives, or as soon as he knows the amount.

Calla says to tell you that she will write to you later, and she wants to apologize for the delay in doing this, as she has been extremely busy ever since we got home, cleaning house, repairing and making additions to the same. She also told me to ask you if Uncle Augustus was still with you, as she wants to write him, but was not sure where to address him owing to his informing us that he intended to go back to Iowa before many days.

With our very kindest regards to you all, and all good wishes for your health and happiness, I am

Yours sincerely,

Walter W. Gregg

December 19, 1927.

Mr. L.A. Simons,  
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Louie:

I am sending you herewith three pages from the Merchants Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa. This is the company you steered me up against many years ago. So far it has been worth all it cost me. My total payments being less than \$50.00 a year on a \$4,000.00 policy. If I let the matter ride as it is the assessments would undoubtedly begin to increase pretty soon. By making the turn as they suggest, to a term policy, I would get credit for \$36.00 deposited at the time I took out this insurance.

What is your cost on age 56 for term insurance? It may be the wisest thing for me to simply continue as I am, paying about \$50.00 a year but I believe the period is fairly short during which I would be able to receive 100 per cent on the policy in case of death. Please return the data with your letter.

I am fairly anxious to see you and talk over Chicago affairs. A letter from Etoile this morning seems to indicate that she is just as firmly convinced that she will secure the inflated price for the vacant property as ever. I suggested to her to permit Charlie to sell it if he could at the best price he could get.

I hope your visit was a pleasant one. I wish you would call me up to advise me if there is any possibility of their calling on me to help take care of the situation because I do not want to have to handle that and a building proposition at the same time.

Love,

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December 9, 1927.

Mrs. Don A. Freeman,  
395 Second Ave., South  
St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Dear Grayce:

This being taxpaying time, I am interested in knowing if the taxes are paid and fire and tornado insurance for a sufficient amount carried on the property in which I am interested.

We are all well but I am rather worried about Etoile's affairs in Chicago. Her sickness knocked her out at a very critical time and I hope she will get everything straightened out nicely.

I talked with Louis over the phone two or three days ago and he spoke then as if he might go to Chicago to see if he could be of service in any way. I have not heard from him since, so do not know whether he went or not.

We had a nice little visit with Vera at Thanksgiving time. We hope to have Janet and Mack home for Christmas but it is possible that the Maloneys will go to Tulsa, as Mrs. Maloney is very anxious to have them run down.

I will write you a longer and more folksie letter soon. I am mighty glad that your business is moving along so encouragingly and would not be surprised if it has made Don more money than any of the other lines with which he has been connected. I wish you could both be here for the holidays.

With lots of love and best wishes, I remain

As ever,

Your loving brother,

Nov. 26th. 1927

Dr. A. S. Gowdy,  
Silver City, Iowa.

Dear Uncle:-

I received a letter from you yesterday and two today. Irwin, the Henderson druggist sent his powders thru ~~in~~ C.O.D. I do not like to receive shipments in this manner, but knew that he did not know me and perhaps felt that he should take precautions. The charge was \$6.00 for 200 powders.

I enclose check for \$9.00 to cover the goods in transit, which have not been received and the charge of \$2.00 for some sent us awhile back, for which I had not received a bill until today.

Now regarding the patent. In the first place Mac's brother lives in Ohio and in the second place I have full confidence in him. Lawyers are trained to keep their business to themselves. Still further I am not sure that you have to state the exact proportions in which the remedy is compounded, but rather the names of each of the ingredients. We shall have to have some lawyer look after it for us and I had rather have Mac than anyone else I know.

Now regarding your investment with Etoile. There is no one on earth more honest than she. She has her plans ready and expects to be building most any day. When things really start it is my understanding that she will be able to pay back all that she has borrowed. I have not at any time meant to say or to insinuate that your money was insecure and feel sure that it will come out all right.

We understand that her sickness has told upon her and that she looks old, but she will doubtless soon be back in her usual good health.

Now regarding you at our house. Every one of the family likes you and have said nice things about you. We have all remarked that we have never known a man of your years to keep himself so well nor to take more pride in looking all right. Your ~~occasioned~~ occasioned us no worry and we have confidence that you will always do what you should. When you want to come back, do so, and come to our house and then if you wish to stay in Lawrence it may be best to find a good place, so that we shall still have a room at home when our children come home or when other guests are there. Dolph and Dorothea are both great hands at having their friends come home with them, and Louis is up often, so we want to have a place available for them, but that is all. It is not that we don't want you, for really we are proud of you.

The reason I spoke of ready money was that you might have an income independent of the other investments that you now have. It would make it all the easier for you and for Etoile.

Vera and Mary Jule are here just now. Came a day or two ago and go home tomorrow afternoon. She had some business at Topeka. We have not discussed affairs at Chicago, other than to ask how the folks are.

Dolph and Louis left this morning early to drive to Minneapolis, Kansas, to spend Sunday with Janet and Mac. They will get there in time to have a round of golf this afternoon.

Business with us is about the same as usual. We traded in the old Dodge on a new Essex.

An architect was here today with rough plans, blue prints, etc. for a garage. The cost is going to be so high that we may not be able to go ahead on so expensive a scale and may have to build more cheaply.

I have a lot of work ahead of me so must get busy. Dorothea had her sixteenth birthday on the 12th of this month and Dolph was twenty-three on Thanksgiving. On the 14th Gertie and I had been married thirty-three years and the 16th little Owen was 6 years old and on the 17th Mama had been dead six years. We have fresh, bright colored flowers on the graves.

I started to write a reader today for the purpose of locating some more people with stomach trouble, and then did not because I was afraid that if Etoile saw it she would get upset and thought perhaps it would be best to have our arrangements complete and things under way before telling her.

It is not likely that Julia has given Dr. Gardner your prescription. She would hardly volunteer to offer it to him and he could not well ask her for it, so the chances are that he does not have it, altho it wouldn't make much difference if he did, if we get our patent first.

If you send me the prescription it will take perhaps thirty to sixty days to get the patents, copyrights etc. It will take some time to incorporate, or effect our arrangements, and sometime to get out our printed matter, labels, folders, containing testimonials, photographs etc. Then a campaign will have to be planned. Advertising copy arranged, etc. So we should get busy as quickly as possible. I have had ~~no real reports~~ only two reports. A traveling man who is using the remedy says he never has felt so good in a long time. Jackman I understand is pleased and gave some of the capsules to his friends following a big Thanksgiving dinner telling them that it would keep them from having any distress. If you are comfortable with the Swaney's you could remain there awhile longer, but when we really get started I shall want to have you here for many reasons. By the way are you licensed to practice in Kansas? It might be well to get registered here

Please note the various things I have written carefully. Write me often. Lots of love from your nephew.

W. C. Swanson  
Collins

## UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM

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FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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W. C. Simons,  
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Callie:-

I send you this evening from the Haulcy Haws Co. at Council Bluffs, 16 prescriptions all in one pkg. that I paid \$7.<sup>00</sup> for including the postage, which is more than it will cost us when we get our own goods of course, but it was the best I could do at present. I also sent you a \$2.<sup>00</sup> carton from Henderson which I paid for, I also ordered 200 pounds from Henderson since I cannot trust & tell them to send you the bill with them as I did not know what he would put them up for. I dislike to get them put up by every druggist in the country as they should start from Lawrence & no where else. We must have them patented Callie for our own protection. It is mighty hard to trust any body in this grasping world, & I know men that have been obliged to go 50-50 with sneaks that preyed on them. Let us be careful. I would like to



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there is nobody that I would trust  
as far as I could throw a bull  
elephant but your self.

There are  
some cheap things on the market  
but they are not complete prep-  
arations and will not do what  
ours will. This medicine should be  
given 1 hour after meals but could be  
given in 1/2 hour if the stomach was  
distressed. Write to me at Silver City  
I have <sup>two</sup> large prescriptions for some parties  
in Silver City.

Very truly your disgrace  
unwilling.

A S Gentry

P.S.

I would mightily like to appear  
but am exercising a mightily control  
over my self

Callie:

There are 30 prescriptions in the pkg.  
instead of 16 my  
mistake.

Dr Gundy

Silver City, N.M. 11-23-1927.

Dear Lollie

Your letter of 29<sup>th</sup> received this morning. I think the first thing we should do is to secure a patent on our medicine as soon as possible. I have no facilities for preparing it here, and cannot send to druggists around me to have it put <sup>up</sup>. I have had a few come to me since I came here and all who have taken it for only a few doses are perfectly delighted with it & want I should put up more. Friday morn. I am going to Council Bluffs & get what I want there for once. Maybe Julia has given the formula to Dr. Galdiner, as she never said anything about doing any <sup>thing</sup> with it since. She would get a patent on it quick if she thought it would block me, or hurt you or Gertie. She has less love for you two than for any the rest of the family. She is jealous & envious of you both & always was. Do not tell her anything about this business, nor

Etoile either, as it would be the <sup>same</sup> as though you told Mrs H. I am actually sorry for Etoile. I lived with them most of years & am fasted. what a damn fool I have been. For both our sakes do not mention our business. You did not speak of the powder I ordered mailed to you from Henderson. Have you received them? I do not wish to go to Lawrence now, but it is the very place I should be until we get started right. You should know the weight of the contents of each kind of Capsules. And the dose should be uniform & sufficient. We don't have to take spot luck with this medicine because it is a sure thing. I wrote the Patent office tonight as to what steps I should take & will have an answer by the middle of the week. Your son-in-law Mr. Nally I like very much, but he also has a brother that is a medical practitioner in the same town, of course he would know all about the medicine as well as his brother. I do not think that would be fair to either of us. I wanted to put it into your hands so Greenman's sometime after I went to Chicago

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business with Mrs. H. of course. I think  
I shall go to Fort Morgan Co. as  
soon as things are under way & safe  
then I shall most assuredly turn over  
the farm to you as you would  
be the only one out side of Heaven,  
Hell; or any of the intermediate ports that  
would trust when it came to a show down.  
Why cant we both go to Washington & look  
after it ourselves. Your R.R. fare would  
not cost you anything as you could ob-  
tain a pass. Callie you talk very much as  
though you did not think I would ever  
get a cent for my money that I put  
into the sale, to keep her from going  
under, as you seem to think our deal  
is the only salvation I have to look  
to for my support. Tell me, do you  
think I am going to lose every thing?  
Ettaile has not answered my last  
2 letters and she has always been  
so prompt before. I wrote her good  
letters & said nothing offensive to her.  
well, Callie, Libber, Knowls, Chancellor, Count  
von Bismarck. write me I like to hear  
from you. D.V.

It will not be necessary for me  
to live at your home should I go to  
Lawrence for a while & I would rather  
live downtown where I would be  
handy to my work & handy to my  
mail

Dr. L. L. Gardner,  
A. T. & S. F. Hospital Assn.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

November 4, 1927.

Dear Dr. Gardner:

I am in receipt of your bill for \$800.00 for the treatment of my sister, Etoile B. Simons, from September 4, 1927, till September 23, 1927, a period of a little less than eight weeks. To me this seems excessive and inasmuch as my sister will insist upon repaying for this bill as soon as she is able, I do not feel justified in that amount, without taking the matter up further with you.

Understanding the conditions as they are, I do not believe you will wish to have my sister pay the amount of the bill. She has a will of her own and she has said that she will cover any amounts paid out by her brothers for her care simply as loans.

While we are deeply appreciative of your service, it is nevertheless true that the burns occasioned by your treatment necessitated the greater part of your attention for the past five weeks, have seriously delayed the recovery of my sister and caused additional cost for nurses and other care. We believe these facts should have your consideration in rendering us a bill.

I am a member of the board of directors for the Maryland Casualty Co., in its accident policies for \$7,500.00 for accidental death and covering indemnities for other than accidents, together with surgical and physicians fees, schedules \$600.00 as the total amount due on the policy in a complete fracture of both tables of the skull, and allows a fee of but \$200.00 for skull trephining. The Fidelity & Casualty Co., in its policies for \$5,000 for accidental death, and with payments for accidental injuries, pays only \$320.00 for a complete fracture of both tables of the skull, and allows \$100.00 for skull trephining. In the case of my sister, no surgical operation was required.

It is rather of coincidence that the enclosed article appeared in the papers served by the Associated Press on November 3, the same day that I received your bill. This item was considered of sufficient interest to warrant being cabled from London. I send you with no sinister meaning, but believing that you will be interested in reading it.

Awaiting your further pleasure, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS, November 4, 1927.

Dr. L. L. Gardner,  
A. T. & S. F. Hospital Assn.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Gardner:

I am in receipt of your bill for \$800.00 for the treatment of my sister, Etoile B. Simons, from September 4th, 1927, till October 28th, 1927, a period of a little less than eight weeks. To me the bill seems excessive and inasmuch as my sister will insist upon repaying us for this bill as soon as she is able, I do not feel justified in paying that amount, without taking the matter up further with you.

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Awaiting your further pleasure, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Nov. 4 1927

Dear Grace

Dr. Gardner rendered a bill for \$800.00 for the care of Etoile and I have sent him a letter, copy enclosed. Julia said that she and Charlie were favorably surprised as they had presumed that it would be a thousand. Just why he should charge a thousand dollars for a case of that sort is hard for me to understand and I shall not pay it willingly. I believe that a suit for damages against him might stand a fair chance of success, altho I do not suggest such action.

I sent a copy of the letter to Louis first and while he thinks I am right in principle he had rather pay than make Julia mad. I had rather not pay than make myself mad. I should have a mighty poor opinion of myself if I paid the bill without a protest.

I should like to write you a long letter but have no time Gertie has just called for me to come home to lunch as it is now 12:30 and she has a church tea on for this afternoon.

Dolph goes up to Lincoln Nebr. tonight to see the game tomorrow and to attend a sorority party, the guest of a little girl we met last summer at Hot Springs, S. D. Janet is here for the week end. In the psychology test made at the opening of the university this fall, Dorothea ranked with the highest twenty per cent. which is not bad when you consider how young she is.

Doctor wants to come back to Lawrence and it is making it a little hard as his presence interferes greatly with our regular home life. I cant leave him out on a limb however.

Lots of love to you both. Tell we honest what you think of my letter. The kick in the clipping is in the last paragraph.

Your loving brother,

Collie.

Nov. 4, 1927

Dear Louis

I had rather Julia would be angry with me than to angry at myself, so I have mailed my letter to Dr. Gardner and will send a copy to Julia a day or two later as I want him to think over it awhile before she offers her sympathy. I ~~am~~ am also sending a copy to Grace and I think that Etoile should have one as well.

That chap doesn't look like a Jew for nothing.

In mentioning the matter contained in the second paragraph of the letter, offers him an opportunity to get down from his perch with grace.

What is the difference anyway? Julia ~~was~~ was perfectly willing to cut down his bill thru bombarding him with the zephyrs of compliments, while I prefer to make my campaign with solid shot. The purpose behind the two ~~is~~ is identical.

Janet is here for the week end. Better come up. Dolph ~~is~~ leaves tonight for Lincoln, Neb. to see the game and to be a guest at a sorority party.

I am in rather of a hard place regarding bringing Dr. back to town. I dont like to deny him a refuge, and the folks feel that it is a serious interference with home life. Today I shall carry an adv for a room with board in the south part of town. If I can find anything suitable I shall be willing to pay the bill till things work out. If the medicine business should go over it w uld make him independent financially.

Lots of love.

Collie.

November 3, 1927.

Mr. & Mrs. Esli L. Sutton,  
Cherry Hill, Sleight Ave.,  
Tottenville, Staten Island,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Cousins:

I was very glad to receive your letter of October 25th and the answer has been delayed finding time to make a transcript of that portion of my family tree that is equally applicable to you. I think by following the pen and ink lines you will have no difficulty in making the proper connections.

You will notice that we carry the genealogy of Rev. William Adams for two additional generations, that of Rev. Nathaniel Collins also for two additional generations, and Governor Bradford for one additional generation. You will note that John Hanson, the grandfather of Governor Bradford, is the twelfth generation back from ourselves on this line. While on the Collins line we run back nine generations and on the Adams line ten generations.

One of the surprising things to me in the study of my genealogy is how thoroughly English my ancestry is. You have noted that the Gowdy family, through the printed genealogy, runs back to about 850 A. D. and even follows the family back beyond its home in Normandy. We trace the Simons family back in like manner, the first Simons in England coming over from Normandy with William The Conqueror in 1066, the record showing that a grant of land was given to Adam Simons. While we have the name of the first man as the given name of this Simons, just as a matter of interest we note that the given name of the first Gowdy in the United States was Simon.

Having never seen Leilah since she was in her early teens, it is hard to realize that you now have grown and married children and yet our little daughter, Blanche, whom she knew as a child of about two years, now has a little boy of six and a little daughter of three.

I find the study of genealogy quite alluring. We have developed certain lines, as you see, quite completely and there are other lines upon which we are working. If you could help me in regard to data concerning Joseph Cook, born in England, who served in both the French and Indian and Revolutionary War, who was

Mr. & Mrs. Eslie L. Sutton, #2

the father of Samuel Cook, or of information regarding Asa Lewis or Louis, who also served in the Revolutionary War, and who was the father of Mrs. Samuel Cook, I should be very glad to have you do so. I have a genealogist now at work on developing the Simons side and also the lines just mentioned. I think I told you in my recent letter that we now run our branch of the Simons family in America back eight generations and apparently have but one more generation to locate of American birth. There were about a half dozen Simons who arrived in America prior to 1640, and I have their names and the names of the ships upon which they arrived. The son of some one of this group was the father of the earliest Simons of whom we have accurate data.

If a revised edition of the Gowdy genealogy is to be issued, I desire to make some very important corrections. For instance, instead of giving the year of my birth as 1871, they have it listed as 1866, just five days after the marriage of my parents. There are a number of other typographical errors of this sort that I should like to correct.

I also would like to change what appeared about myself which was furnished by others and without me having an opportunity to revise it. For instance, while I am a Mason and a Shriner, under no circumstances would I have permitted <sup>myself</sup> of such a fact if I had had opportunity to read proof.

I don't know whether I mentioned in my last letter that through my father we are related to John Alden and Priscilla Mullines.

Etoile had a bad fall two months ago, sustaining a fracture of the skull. She has recovered nicely although somewhat slowly and we expect her recovery to be complete.

With love and best wishes, I remain

Your cousin,

WCS-HM  
Encl.



October 22, 1927.

Mr. Eslie Sutton,  
391 Sleighton Ave.,  
Tottenville Station,  
Staten Island, New York.

Dear Cousin:

We had a short but pleasant visit a week ago with Calla and Walter Gregg who came through in their auto enroute to California.

Calla told me that you had the record of James Gowdy in the Revolutionary War and if you have, I should be very glad to have it. We have a copy of the Gowdy genealogy but there are a number of interesting features that it does not contain. For instance, it does not show that through Ann Collins, our great great grandmother, that we are descendants of Governor Bradford of Plymouth Colony.

If you or Leilah would like to have a copy of that record, I shall be pleased to give it to you. I have been having some genealogical work done by Mrs. Ellen G. Shields of Chicago, who has developed a very interesting family tree for me.

Both Calla and Walter look well. It was the first time that I had ever seen Mr. Gregg.

With very best wishes for all, I remain

Cordially your cousin,

WCS-HM

October 22, 1927.

Mr. Eslie Sutton,

Oct. 29 1927.

Dear Uncle Augustus:-

I expect that it has come to your mind today that fifty years ago Papa died. He was a fine man and I have always regretted that I did not have his love and advice thru life. Mama was a wonderful little woman, but of course she could hardly take the full place of a father.

We have had girls in the office filling ~~1/2~~ (00) capsules with your powder, so that we can place it in the hands of a certain group for free trial. I have four persons so far who wish to use it. Please write out full directions for its use and send to me. Find herewith check to cover the medicine that you sent me.

Letters from Julia indicate that Etoile is very headstrong and is making it hard for Julia and others to care for her. She insists on taking long and exhausting walks, when the doctor advises rest and quiet to improve venous circulation and to bring the wound on the heel to a cure. She walks blisters on it which have to be opened.

I have no time to write more as it is supper time and I am still at the office. Gertie and Dolph are waiting for me.

We shall make every effort to get a list of those needing stomach treatment as soon as we can and when we have fifty or a hundred testimonials will be able to get busy in the newspapers. We will then get up printed matter, wrappers, boxes or containers, booklets etc. Quite a lot of literature will be necessary.

Here is hoping that everything works out well.

Lots of Love from your nephew

W. C. Simon

Oct. 29, 1927.

Dear Louis.

Your probably have not thought of it, but fifty years ago today Papa died. It was a sad day for Mama and her little brood.

We hope that you will be up tomorrow but will send this letter anyway so as to enclose letters from and to Julia. My letter to her is self explanatory. As far as pushing Dr. Gowdy's remedy is concerned I shall feel free to do as I please. Simply because Aunt Belle asked Etoile to look after Dr. does not mean that she owns him body and soul.

I wonder where he would be today if the girls at Chicago had had their way. Got another letter from Dr Gowdy today. He says he may come to Lawrence soon, but does not say when. I have not told to him, but simply have given him decent kindly treatment. They can have him anytime they want him and he is willing to go.

Hope that you are feeling in better spirits. The first fifty years are the hardest. Lots of love.

Collie.

Oct. 29, 1927.

Dear Vera

Gertie and I and all the members of the family are very glad that you and Mary Jule are to be with us Thanksgiving. Dolph will then celebrate his twenty-third birthday.

I shall not write much now as I have just written Julia a long letter that will make Etoile cry, if she sees it, and make her think that I am cruel and unfeeling. But both your mama and I and Louis and all the rest are simply trying to save her health against everything she can do to prevent it.

Tell Julia that fifty years ago today Papa died.

We are interested in your successful work and hope you will get along fine. Another fifty years and most of us will have passed to make room for another generation.

Lots of love.

Uncle Collie.

Silver City, Iowa  
10 - 20 - 1927

My Dear Callie and Gertrude: -  
I came here yesterday morn-  
ing and will return to Hender-  
son tomorrow. I am hav-  
ing a splendid visit with  
old friends who would be  
very glad to have me stay  
with them as long as I like  
and I never can forget the  
kindness, tenderness, and  
sympathy they always have  
shown me during Aunt  
Belle's sickness and since  
her death; the kind friends  
that never tire and are  
always anxious to do  
more. They were both pres-  
ent when she passed a-  
way, & nearly all of the

of  
time for the 4 months  
preceding, I think very  
much of them but do not  
think it best to stay with  
them at present. I have a  
standing offer, however,  
that I know is welcome.  
I can get a large office  
very reasonable in Hen-  
derson but I have to  
climb a long flight of  
stairs on the outside &  
patients dislike to go up  
the steps. I can get a 2  
room office on the  
ground floor & con-  
venient but it is oc-  
cupied for the storage  
of goods but will be  
vacant before long.

3 My friends are very  
and love to have me  
return to Henderson, &  
I am having a welcome  
that is very pleasing to  
me. I suppose you hear  
from Ettaile often & do  
hope she is still im-  
proving, & I would like  
to have you do what  
you care to dig my mon-  
ey out of there. I do not  
stick my nose on the  
ground any longer,  
as Burns would call  
it. I have just been talk-  
ing with a very happy &  
grateful patient who  
has been talking my



4  
Stomach Medicine  
For only two days & r  
is supremely happy  
over its splendid effect.  
The only comfort she  
has had for years &  
can get the very finest  
testimonials from her.  
& I know all of the doc-  
tors, & their treatments in  
the case. I will write you  
again when I get to  
Hudsonson. Give my  
best to your lovely fam-  
ily, all of you but lit-  
tle Mary Ann as has  
a piece for me & tell her  
she has some relief for  
life. I am not going

to forget her, and to  
think for one min-  
ute that you are not  
in Heaven all of the  
time? Preposterous!

Oh, yes, give my best  
to Thelma for she  
was good to me

R.

Oct. 17. 1927

Dear Louis

I tried to get you by phone yesterday so that you might meet uncle at about 9 o'clock and put him on a later train for the north. Called the Wilburn club, your office and the Westgate.

We had hoped that you would come up for the week end. Janet and Mo were here and we had all the family for Sunday dinner, twelve of us. Calla and Walter Gregg were here Thursday evening and until three or four o'clock Friday afternoon.

All of the news is contained in my letter to Julia. I got a long letter from her Sunday.

I want to explain the reference to loans. In my last letter to her in saying that I was always getting it in the neck no matter what I tried to do for others, I said:- "During the past few years I have loaned members of the family over \$11,000.00 all still outstanding altho I have been a borrower all of the time. Some of them I know appreciate it." Then lest I be misunderstood I added "not a dollar to my children." Julia in reply wanted to know if I held any account against them, for printing, Vera's expenses etc. which explains my present letter, copy inclosed. Dont let this reference worry you. The amount mentioned did not include any expense for Etoile or caused by her sickness.

I thoroly enjoyed my little visit with you. I think Dolph has something planned for Thursday night and will advise you regarding it.

Must close now. Lots of love. If you think the reference to loans will not offend Grace you can send the letter on, otherwise not. Love. *Dollie*

October 7, 1927.

Dr. Leo L. Gardner,  
7000 South Shore Drive,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Gardner:

I hear that my sister is getting along nicely and I wish to express to you and Mrs. Gardner my sincere appreciation for the splendid care you have given her. Unquestionably, she owes her life to you.

I shall always be glad to see you when I am in Chicago, and if you ever have occasion to visit this part of the country, we shall be delighted to have you at our home.

Thanking you for all you have done, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS-HM

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Sincerely yours,

WCS-HM

Dear Chas.

Find herewith another check for \$100.00  
Please give Etoile my love. Thru Louise I hear  
that she is improving, but no direct information  
for more than ten days.

Please send Doctor's trunk and any of his  
belongings that he may go to Henderson when he gets ready  
to do so. He seems to be enjoying himself here, but  
I shall not attempt to keep him against his will when he  
gets ready to go.

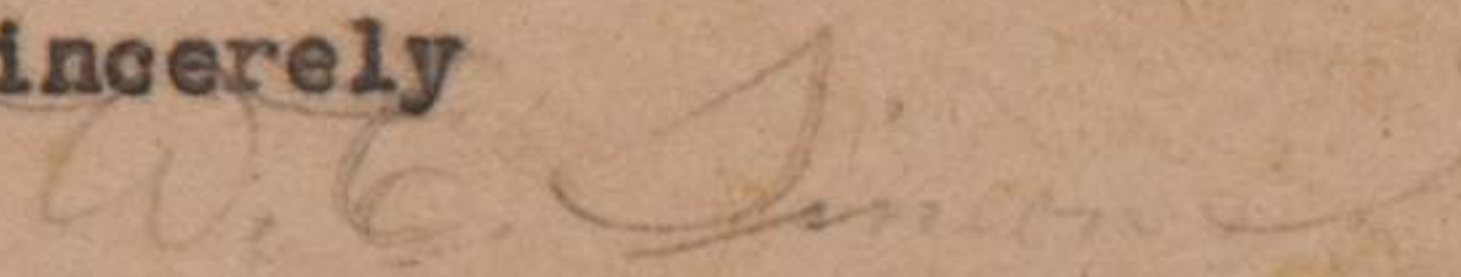
Having read Julius' recent letter to Louis  
I neither wish to answer ~~in~~ it in kind, or in any other  
manner at this time, and therefore send check to you.

As I am <sup>E</sup>ntirely unfamiliar with conditions  
in Chicago and my advice does not appear to be highly  
valued there, I deem it useless for me to ~~try~~  
try to do anything further regarding the real estate  
matter.

I have asked for Urbains name and address that  
I might look up his financial standing, but same have  
not been given me so I am helpless.

As my final injunction I ask that you have  
all contracts looked over by a competent attorney  
before entering into them.

Sincerely



To Mr. Chas. H. Hoinville  
7539 Colfax, Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.

Kelvinator  
ELECTRIC  
REFRIGERATION

IRWIN'S  
HENDERSON IA.



10-24-1924

Dear Collic<sup>and</sup> Gertrude:

I received a letter from Gertrude Saturday and will send her the prescription for her neuritis. Some of these tablets are given in larger doses but the kind that I use the dose is only 1 tablet marked on the bottle. I have been at Silver City more than I have at Henderson but will be here from now on. It is very lonely here for everything reminds me of my life here with her but she is not here. My friends are very kind to me; do not want me to think of leaving here again, but it seems as though I would die to take up the old life without her. I can get an office in about 2 weeks on the ground floor. ~~Now~~ I could get an office up a long flight of stairs on the out side but I do not like it. I have a good room, an excellent bed, furnished nicely but no bath. I go down to the gas station & get my bath. It is a little inconvenient. If I make a go with Stomacheze it would be better for me to <sup>go to</sup> Lawrence & put it up

it up there. I mention this as it would be better  
to be on the ground floor where I could an-  
swer all questions & Communications & not  
to be at such long range. After it gets  
to going & people are using it, it will  
speak for itself & I am not afraid of it.  
For there is nothing that will beat it.  
I received a letter from Julia the other  
day, a mixture of praise, kindly solicitation,  
desire, anxiety to find out something, and  
insolence peculiar to her. I do not intend  
to answer it. She can not pick me. I would  
like to write Etta but I know she would intercept  
my mail & it would never be given to her.

If it came into the possession of that  
bawling termagant of a daughter, it would  
be the same. If I was as far away from  
her as a thought wave would reach through  
eternity I would still want to get farther.  
I would very much like to get my money out of there  
some way. I do not want it where she has any  
influence at all. Can't you get hold of it Callie?  
I am thoroughly over her & her dope & could give her  
the salt of her life, but I believe Silence is the  
best, perhaps. Write me Callie and give my  
love to every one of the family

Your Old Uncle  
I would like to  
know if Etta  
can release the  
mortgage on the  
loan in Macedonia by Jan 1st  
if possible just out for me

Hug Marylin for at  
least an hour



Oct. 25, 1927

Dear old Louis:-

You havent acted natural for the last week or ten days and I am afraid that I hurt your feelings, something that I would not have done intentionally for a thousand dollars.

I expected you Sunday and as it is I havent had a game of golf since you were here last, with one exception. Blonche and Mother Reineke were up and they said they had phoned Jess to ask if you would not like to rise up with them and she said you were on the gold field. I wonder if it was a stall or if you are back again. I hope everything is O. K. and that it always will continue to be.

Will send you herewith a letter from Julia, two in fact, one I held to show you Sunday and the other came in today. She must be having a heck of a time. Also a letter from Etoile, altho she probably wrote you too.

Got a letter from Dr. today which indicates that he isn't quite as happy there as he expected to be and I should not be surprised if he were to come in on us again most any time. It's all right if he does. Just a little hard on the furniture, but whats the difference.

Send some of your friends who have bad stomachs and see if they will use a remedy, without charge, under the condition that they are to tell me what it has done for them. I want testimonials. If the matter works out successfully I shall feel like getting behind it to make it a real go. Perhaps we could do real well. Now cheer up  
Come up and tell me about it.  
Lots of love from your old blundering  
brother. Kol.

October 24, 1927.

Miss Blanche Reineke,  
5106 Baltimore Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Blanche:

I send you herewith a little sketch of the descendants of Dr. John Buckley that I made yesterday.

Where does the J. H. Buckley come in who use to live in Lawrence, who was the father of Emma and Belle and who, I understand, was an uncle of Mother Reineke? Please add this in the proper place and return it.

We were certainly glad to have you spend a few hours with us and sorry that you could not have stayed longer.

Lovingly yours,

WCS-HM  
Encl.

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Chicago Oct. 10th 1927

My dear Collie:

Have turned over the  
\$100.00 to Julia for  
handling.

Got your letter of the 7th on our return from the north.

We brought Florence and her baby home, as she will go to a Chicago hospital when ~~her~~ next one comes. We do not want to take a chance with ~~th~~ those up north, as they are not so sanitary as here.

In regard to Urbain, it is Leon F. Urbain, 1254 Lake ~~St~~ Shore Drive. He seems to be very responsible, and has a number of good buildings to his credit, and has had repeat orders from his clients. However, shall be glad to have you look him and give me your advice in the matter, though I have since learned from Etoile that she has signed the contracts for erection, and everything is going on that basis. I suspected this before she was able to talk, and so knew there was nothing else to do but allow him to proceed, and my statement as to riding with her ~~was~~ was based on the assumption that my circumstances would have changed when the mortgage which I hold was taken up, and I would then be in a position to again go to her assistance. However, no one knows what plans will be knocked sky high, so I have given up planning and am taking things as I find them and Julia is doing the same. This world is a funny complex thing, and I am learning to stand off and look on, and sometimes laugh.

In regard to having an attorney look over the contract it is too late for that unless Etoile has done so, as the work will start sometime early in November.

Your loving brother

*Chas.*

# THE DAVIS COMPANY

STATE, JACKSON, VAN BUREN AND WABASH

CHICAGO, ILL.

Oct 5

Dearest Blanche-

Your dad thought maybe you'd like to get this lovely  
Thompson Seton set for your children, for review. So I am  
sending you the literature to write to Nelson Doubleday.

I got it, \$7.50 is the cost, for review in the Santa Fe  
magazine, which I did earlier in the summer

Please ask your Dad to send me half a dozen copies of the  
paper with the mention of my work. I have meant to ask him for it  
and haven't had a minute. Am awfully busy. I had a woman's club  
date yesterday, our budget house is just done, ten rooms  
completely furnished, and I have a style parade in the dining room  
every day this week of sale costumes on store girls.

So you see I'm busy.

Much love,

*Vera*

*Open July 14*

Shelving  
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10 x 24 in  
~~wooden~~ in  
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20 + 30 fuse plugs

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Chicago, September 23rd, 1927.

Mr. W. C. Simons,  
Lawrence Daily Journal World,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Collie:-

Mr. Urbain is going ahead and I am attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum from which you will note there is a margin, though slight, on the whole transaction. However, he intimated that he might be able to get the full \$50,000.00 for Etoile and if such is the case there is no question but what we could afford to gamble on this and I intend to ride with her and help her out all possible. She has asked no questions about the transaction so far and if she does I have instructed the folks to tell her that Mr. Urbain is carrying out her plans and I am going to ride with her, that is, provided she asks while I am not at home.

It appears to me from the rents he is showing that we should have no trouble whatever in getting adequate from it to carry the building as he states in figuring thirty-five per cent gross rental as carrying charge, this is ample to cover the vacancies.

I should like to have you return this slip with any comments as I certainly want to look at this at all sides but it seems

Handwritten notes on the left margin:  
60000  
20000  
21,000.00  
18000

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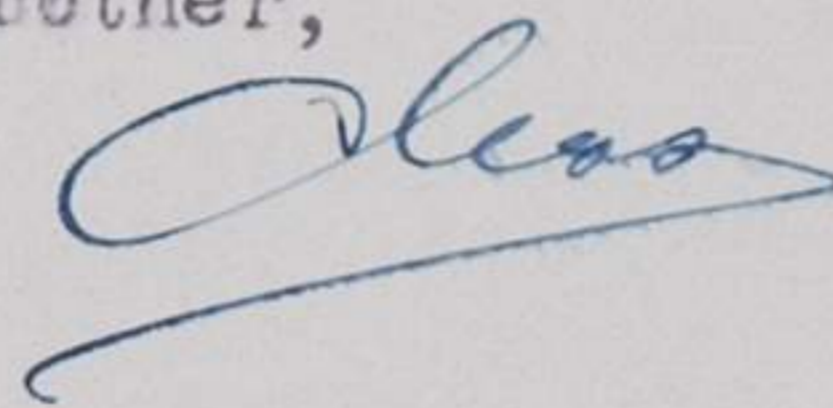
Chicago, 9/23/27

to be the only way for her to get out and I think she is getting out in first class shape in this manner with a gambling change of coming through strong if the building carries.

She is much better now and improving daily and her voice is getting stronger and her conversation is getting more consecutive.

With love to you and Gertie and the family, I am

Your brother,



CHH:ID  
encl.

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Chicago, September 23rd, 1927.

Mr. Phillips,  
South Shore State Bank,  
2634 East 75th Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Phillips:-

I enclose herewith letter from Mr. Urbain  
as per our conversation and you will note that he intends to start  
building in November.

I trust this is satisfactory and I should  
like to have you notify me so I may drop in and close out the in-  
terest that is due, the first month having passed as of the 22nd  
of September.

Yours sincerely,

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CHH:ID  
encl.



Preliminary Set-up For a 6 Story Apartment Building For:  
Miss Etoile Simons, to be located on Exchange Av.,  
between 72nd St., and 73rd Street.

Approximate cost of Building (including Architect's fees)	\$230,000.00
Mortgage on Property	40,000.00
Incidental Expenses	10,000.00
	<u>280,000.00</u>

First Mortgage	\$260,000-	\$234,000.	net
Second "	60,000-	50,000.	net
	<u>320,000-</u>	<u>284,000.</u>	"

EXPENSES

Prepayments on 1st Mortgage	\$10,400.
" " 2nd "	5,000.
Interest at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 1st "	16,450.
" " 6% 2nd "	3,600.
35% Gross rental	<u>20,000.</u>
	\$55,450.

*Cost of financing  
11.43%*

INCOME

50-1 rm. apts. at \$57.50	-	\$2,875.00
20-2 " " 67.50	-	1,350.00
6 Shops at \$100-		600.00
		<u>4,825.00</u>
Per Year -		\$57,900.00

Balance left for owner, \$2450.00 or about \$200 per month.

These rents are very conservative, they will probably be more. They can be materially increased if furnished with a comparatively larger net return. On the other hand, the item of 35% that has been taken for general expenses is high, and can probably be reduced.

Preliminary Set-up For a 6 Story Apartment Building For:  
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Mortgage on Property	40,000.00
Incidental Expenses	10,000.00
	<u>280,000.00</u>

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Second "	60,000-	50,000. net
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Interest at 6½ 1st "	16,450.
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September 20, 1927.

Mr. L. A. Simons,  
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Louis:

I send you, herewith, your Mutual Benefit policy, and I was really surprised when I looked at it to find that it was made out to me. If I had ever known that this policy was in my favor, I had forgotten it.

Have a card from Gertie this morning and find that she is at Hotel Taneycomo, Taneycomo, Missouri. I don't know just when they will return.

Am getting practically no word from Chicago. The latest news that I had was the report of your call. I presume that no news is good news. Thank you for telling me that you had given a check for last week but I sent a check for a hundred also.

Uncle has been very little trouble, indeed, but I fear is lonely as he has to spend a good part of the day alone at home. I am there as often as I can but Monday is Rotary, Tuesday Chamber of Commerce, etc., to take me away.

Come up as often as you can. Lots of love.

Your brother,

WCS-HM  
Encl.

Sept. 19. 1927.

Dear Chas.

I know that everyone is very busy and yet I wish that you could write me more often as naturally I am greatly interested in Etoile's condition.

I took the matter of the returned check up with Dr. Cowdy and found that at the time it was written he had at the bank \$15.00 which he had left in an envelope as he had left the fifty elsewhere. Whether he has since drawn it down I do not know.

It seems that Etoile wanted \$15.00 to pay Mrs. Jackson and having but five on hand asked Doctor for the difference which he gave in the form of a check, evidently believing that they would take it from the money he had left at the bank. It is a peculiar way to do business with a bank. He never had wide experience in business and now that he is old it is hard for him to know just how to do.

He said that really Etoile should pay this ten, but I said that if she ought to do so she certainly would when she became well enough to attend to business again. Of course he did not mean that she should attend to it now, but rather that it was Etoile's account rather than his.

We have gotten along real well and I feel sorry for him at times as I know he is lonely and worried. I try to cheer him up as best I can. Gertie has gone on her vacation so he is alone at the house a great deal of the house and reads most of the time.

He gave me Ten Dollars and I am sending my check for same rather than they cash. He should have a new suit of clothes as he has but one that is fit to wear publicly.

I havent seen Louis yet, but Dolph saw him at K. C. Hope that Etoile is improving. Let Grace read this too if you please so it can also be a letter to her. Love to all

Your brother

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Chicago, September 16th, 1927.

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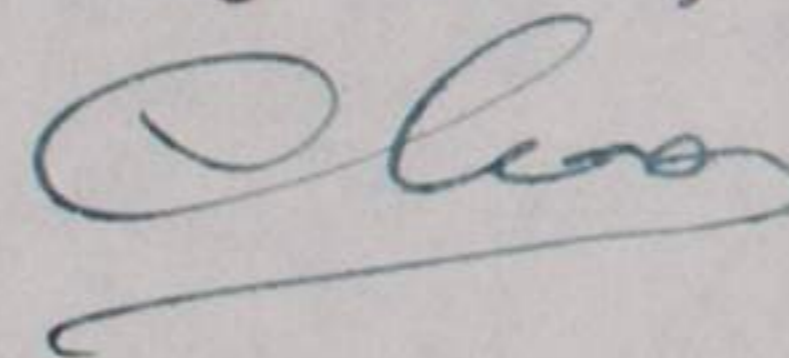
My dear Collie:-

Please note the attached check from Uncle Augustus and the fact that he failed to write a check on his own bank but wrote it on the South Shore State Bank where he had no account.

I wish you would have him write a check on his own bank and mail it to me as I got hold of Mrs. Jackson and redeemed this check for him.

Toly is improving slightly though the hot weather has been very hard on her. Mrs. <sup>McBroan coming and Louis leaves for</sup> ~~McCrane~~ is going to Kansas City tonight. I shall write you further as I have more news covering Toly's condition.

Your loving brother,



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COPY OF  
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

9-13-27 (3:30 pm)

Mrs. Chas. H. Hoinville,  
7539 Colfax Ave,  
Chicago, Illinois.

As both Louis and I should attend to business and all we can do in Chicago is to see that perfect care is given Etoile cannot this be done through employing someone in whom you have confidence? Stop. We will gladly assist in the expense- Gertie had promised to accompany Blanche Reineke and mother on short outing in Ozarks leaving Saturday. Stop. First vacation Blanche has taken in years and probably would be called off if Gertie cannot go. Stop. Please wire answer giving Etoiles condition. Love.

W.C. Simons.

August 30, 1927.

Miss Blanche Reineke,  
Country Club Plaza,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Blanche:

I am sending herewith some record blanks that I should like to have you and mother fill out. I think that the printed explanation is quite clear.

Below father's name, put the date and place of his birth, also the date and place of his death. Put the date and place of mother's birth below her name and in the oblong space between the two put in the date and place of their marriage. On Gertrude's blank her name appears as No. 1, but for the blank you will keep put your name there instead of Gertrude's. You will note that the male ancestor is always indicated by an even number while the female ancestors have odd numbers.

It is a very easy blank to fill out and I believe you will have no difficulty in putting in all of the data that you have. You might write on the blank pages the names of Mother Reineke's brothers and sisters and their children so far as you know. I think I have all of the data that we could get on Father Reineke's brothers and sisters.

We enjoyed our visit with you and will be glad to have you come up.

With love,

Your brother,

August 24, 1927.

City Clerk,  
Hainsville, Ill.

Dear Sir:

My grandfather, Alfred Smith Simons, died in Hainsville about 1896, or possibly a year or two prior to that time. Some years before he had married Emily Ray who probably died some years ago.

I should like to have the date of my grandfather's death and would also like to know if his widow or any of her children are still living in Hainsville. I shall be glad to have you get this information for me if you can, and will be glad to pay you for your service as I have no doubt it would take a little time to get the information from the records.

We came to Kansas when I was a small boy and I never saw my grandfather after I was six years old.

I shall be pleased to hear from you.

Respectfully yours,

WCS-HM



August 24, 1927.

Miss Jean Gowdy,  
3751 Aldrich Ave., South  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Jean:

If I could write as beautiful a hand and express myself as beautifully as you do, I would write more often. I certainly enjoyed your fine letter of a few days ago and we all of us would be very glad if you and Lillian could come out and see us. Things look very pretty now, but as far as that is concerned, they usually do at any time of the year out home, but at this season of the year one can get around more and find greater enjoyment than in midwinter.

Most of the news I have included in a letter that I have just written to Mrs. Drought and therefore I am enclosing same to you with the request that after you read it you send it on to Etoile, asking her to return it to me when she has read it.

Gertie and Blanch have planned on going to Minnesota next week, where Dorothea is now visiting. It looks now as if they would be accompanied by Dolph and Pat who will spend the week as the guests of the Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company in the North Woods. If the plans go through as arranged, they will see you as they go through Minneapolis, going or coming.

If you would like to have it, I will send you a copy of a genealogical blank covering your ancestry on your father's side.

Lots of love to you and Lillian.

From your cousin,

WCS-HM

August 16, 1927.

Mr. Thomas A. Simons,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Simons:

Ten years ago I had some interesting correspondence with you regarding the genealogy of the Simons family. I hope you have been able to develop this work and I shall be pleased to hear from you further.

I have been able to run back through eight or ten generations on some lines and to my grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother on my father's side, but have not been able to find to which one of the several families of Simons living in or near East Haddam, Connecticut, in 1781, my great grandfather, Adolphus Simons, belonged. There were five families of Simons within a radius of twelve and one-half miles of East Haddam at that time.

Inasmuch as my grandfather, the son of Adolphus Simons, was named Alfred Smith Simons, the name Smith might help in locating the right family. This, however, is not quite as easy as it looks because the wife of Adolphus Simons was Sally Eddy and her mother was Elizabeth Walker, so the name Smith may have come from Adolphus Simons' mother.

I enclose some blanks which we have published and by the use of which we hope to secure for this county a very fine genealogical record. If we can make this connection, it should not be difficult to run the family back through Robert of Windham to the early Simons at Salem.

Assuring you of my continued interest and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Very truly yours,

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July 26, 1927.

Mr. H. A. Mack,  
Jetmore, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mack:

I wish to thank you for  
your kindness in looking after the  
Gowdy gravestone, and, herewith,  
enclose check for \$5.84 to cover  
cost of same.

With very best wishes to  
you and to all of my old friends  
in Jetmore, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS-HM

Encl.

FREIGHT BILL

form 1872 Regular

JETMORE KANS

June 4  
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1927



Consignee City Clerk.

FREIGHT  
BILL No.

Destination

Route N. P. Minn. Fr. C. & G. W. K. C. Fe.  
(POINT OF ORIGIN TO DESTINATION)

To The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co., Dr., For Charges on Articles Transported:

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ORIGINAL POINT AND DATE OF SHIPMENT	CONNECTING LINE REFERENCE	PREVIOUS WAY-BILL REFERENCES	ORIGINAL CAR INITIALS AND No.

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1927

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City Clerk

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H. A. MACK,  
HARNESS AND SADDLERY,  
AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES  
JETMORE, KANSAS

July 23 - 27

Mr W C Simons  
Lawrence, Kan

Sir:

I have had the Gowdy grave  
stone placed.

Paid Freight 2.34

" For cement base 3.50

\$5.84

The stone make a very nice marker  
and helps the looks of the grave, also  
have had the dirt filled in on grave

Yours Truly  
H. A. Mack.

~~to call~~  
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July 26, 1927.

Mr. L. A. Simons,  
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Louis:

Today is Julia's birthday and if I had her name and address I should write her. Please remember me to her in your letter and give her my love.

Janet came Sunday, we having met her in the car at Junction City. Unfortunately she is ill and confined to her bed, although we hope it will not be of a serious nature.

Don't wait too long about coming to see us.

Lovingly,

WCS-HM

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BELLEVILLE, KANSAS 7/17/27

W. C. Simons

Sincerely,  
E. M. Crane

Dear Sir, I wish to thank you for the interest, you have taken in our girl and for the advice relative to our bill at the Hospital. I have this day mailed them a check for \$25<sup>75</sup> together with the note you enclosed, and hope this will be satisfactory

Respy Yours

E. M. Crane



July 12 1927.

Mr. E. M. Crane,  
Belleville, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Crane:-

Having been thru the mill myself I can appreciate the condition of one who is hard up for money. I am writing this letter myself instead of dictating it, which will account for errors.

I am a member of the Board of Memorial Hospital where your daughter, Lucile, was operated some months ago, and at our last meeting the Superintendent said:- "Here is a bill that I think we ought to place with a lawyer for collection." When I found it was your bill I asked that it be given me and I would try to handle it.

It looks now as if your part of the state was going to have the best wheat crop for years and I hope it will bring in some money for you. Here is my suggestion, Make a small payment on the bill to show good faith, and send a note for the balance payable in six months at 6 % interest. State in your letter that you may not be able to pay the note in full at maturity, but that you will do your best. I am sure that such an action on your part will be well received.

Some members of the board look upon every sorority girl as the daughter of rich parents, overlooking the fact that many of them help pay their own expenses thru school. Write us plainly stating the condition facing you as a country merchant and I feel sure they will appreciate your position.

A blank note is inclosed. The amount of the bill is \$100.75.

Lucile impresses us as being a fine girl and is showing a real interest in her work.

Sincerely Yours,

*W. C. Simons*

STATEMENT

LAWRENCE, KANSAS. July 8 1927

Miss Lucile Crane

1225 Ky

IN ACCOUNT WITH

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Operating Room		
Ward and Care		
Room and Care		
Delivery Room Fee		
Dressings and Medicine		
Guest Board		
Special Nurse Board		
Bill Rendered	100	75

Member of Sorority @  
1225 Ky. Employed  
at Journal World  
K. U. Student

Ad 25<sup>25</sup>-27  
in July

July 13th. 1927.

Dr. Elmer McCollum  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. McCollum:-

In the endeavor to secure your street address we have just called the home of your mother and find that you are enroute so we shall address this in care of your wife at Estes Park, or rather Moraine Park, Colo., with the request to forward.

We have in our employ at this time a young lady, Miss Lucile Crane, of Belleville, Kansas, who for two years has been a student at K. U. Her father is a grocer at Belleville who has let most of his capital get upon his books so he is unable to help his daughter complete her education at this time. She is a young woman of attractive appearance and manner and we believe will make good.

She has been preparing to major in bacteriology and spent one summer in training as a nurse. She is of the opinion now that the best thing she can do is to complete her training as a nurse, in a good hospital, and afterwards complete her work in the university, making her business as a nurse pay her way through.

I knew that you would be in touch with the hospitals at Baltimore and that perhaps you would be able to help her enter training in a hospital that is worth while. Both of us have had to struggle enough ourselves to make us sympathetic with others in a like predicament.

My regular stenographer is taking a week's vacation so I am pounding this out myself, which accounts for the many errors.

I hope you will have a fine summer. Whenever you are here I hope you can find time to see me.

With very best wishes, I remain,  
Sincerely Yours,