

January 16, 1951

Miss Patricia Owen
Edson, Kansas

Dear Pat:

I received your nice little note of December 21, and with the great difference in our ages I feel perfectly free to say that you are a mighty sweet child and I enjoyed your visit when Margaret and Otis were with me. Drop me a line sometime and let me know how you are getting along.

I should think that you have probably completed high school and perhaps have already enrolled in college. As your sister graduated from Manhattan it is quite likely that you may also attend the aggie school, which is a good school and gives good training.

Today is an odd day for January 16. When I went home for lunch the temperature reading on the thermometer in the shade on our front porch was 60, and the wind was blowing quite strongly from the southwest. I lived in southwestern Kansas long enough to have experienced the extremes in weather which occur there. As a matter of fact, I probably came as near freezing to death not to be maimed in any way that one could possibly experience. One time I came home with my face entirely frozen excepting my eyes, and as I look back on that experience I realize how nearly I came to freezing to death, for had my eyes been frozen so that I could not see I would have perished. I think I have been hard to kill, and now in advanced years I am fortunate in having good health.

I enjoyed very much having Margaret and Otis with me and think of them often. I hope they are doing well.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

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W. C. Simons