

January 19, 1952

Mrs. Katherine Drought  
1417 N. Blackstone Street  
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Katherine:

In refering to your letter of January 15, I am interested in knowing that Clara and Loren have moved back to the farm near Hanston.

Hanston is what was called Marena before the railroad was laid to Jetmore. Burdette was almost directly ten miles east of our old homestead in Hodgeman County and was originally known as Brown's Grove.

Gertie Waterhouse before her marriage was Gertie Ward and the family lived just two miles south of our ranch on the Hays and Dodge Trail.

Hattie Ward, an older sister, married Jim Hullett and the last I knew of them, they were living in Larned. They had a bunch of daughters as pretty as spotted pups, but just how well they stood in the community, I do not know. That was many years ago. I left western Kansas to move to Salina more than 60 years ago.

With love and best wishes, I remain

Your cousin,

W. C. Simons

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