

January 8, 1952

Miss Kate Matthews
Clovercroft
Pee Wee Valley, Kentucky

Dear Miss Matthews:

As I sit in my living room, the picture I painted of your sister, Jessie, hangs on the east wall of the room facing me, and it often reminds me of you and your home, and your sister, whom I did not see.

I don't remember just what year it was that Mrs. Simons, our daughter, Dorothea, and myself called at Clovercroft on our way east. That was quite a number of years ago, and my little daughter has since been married and has three fine sons.

I heard somewhere that one of the three Matthew sisters had passed away.

I have in my hand a season's greeting, a little card about an inch deep and two inches wide, on the back of which you have written "Kate Matthews, Clovercroft". I don't remember when it came, but it made me think of you and your beautiful home.

I think I painted the picture of your sister about 54 years ago. Mrs. Simons passed away at the close of 1948.

I trust that my information in regard to the passing of one of the sisters is not true, but as it was more than 50 years ago that I painted the picture, we are all growing old.

With very best wishes to you and yours for 1952, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

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