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Mr. W. S. Downs
The American Historical Company, Inc.
80-90 Eighth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Downs:

The genealogy of Jennie Bessie Cowdy and her husband, Adolphus Ezra Simons, is now in print. We have bound 100 copies in good paper covers and we are having 100 copies bound in cloth.

You spoke of being able to dispose of 100 copies. I would appreciate it if you would give me a list of those to whom you contemplated sending copies. To me it might seem hardly worthwhile to send to some of them and very much worthwhile to send to others. Besides wishing to send copies to a number of the family represented, I shall send copies to the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas, University of Kansas Library, Lawrence, Kansas, and Lawrence City Library, Lawrence, Kansas. As the book embraces the names of some 35 or more families I shall probably want to send copies to certain representatives of each of the families. I am following your suggestion in giving them without charge rather than trying to effect a sale.

I figure that your services to me have been very much worthwhile and I am willing to recommend your company to anyone compiling a genealogy.

I shall be pleased to have an early reply as the matter has already consumed much more time than I had contemplated when I undertook the compilation of the book.

Respectfully yours,

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W. C. Simons