

a letter from  
Lee will be  
in order at  
any time  
for to all  
W.

Waldo Kaus Jan 1, 1897

Dear Father,

We wish you  
all a happy new year  
we would like to be with  
you and Lee and Quiries  
today but it is too far away  
and I guess we will have  
to be excused this time. This  
is a most beautiful day.  
I indeed with the exception  
of a few cold days in the  
later part of november and  
perhaps the first of Dec. we  
have had what I would call  
April weather only the leaves  
don't come out and the trees  
blossome,

We finished plowing  
our corn and oats ground  
also potato and garden ground  
on the farm some time ago.  
Had began plowing some of  
your lots too but corn fodder  
was not out of the way will go  
to plowing tomorrow I guess  
over there. I guess we will  
furnish your lots, with the ex-  
ception of perhaps a few of  
them, this year and pay the  
taxes on them as you suggested  
when out here. I think I can  
rent a part of a block to  
click again: but don't know  
perhaps I may be able to rent  
some more but cannot say.

Last season when I took  
out the new ground lots, Douby  
charged half the amt. due me for  
the work and took the first crop for  
the other half as is often done.

I raised millet on them  
 this year I want to raise corn  
 on them they by next year they  
 can all be founded in the reg-  
 ular way. Some of them could this  
 year. Some places I got a good  
 crop and some places scarcely any.  
 Of course if I can rent some  
 lots to a good advantage will  
 do so.

Please add to the list I sent  
 you \$3<sup>00</sup> collected rent of office  
 expenses  $\frac{1}{2}$  taxes \$5.47 Repairs on office  
 = 55. making a ballance due me  
 of 77 cts on 1896 acct.

Davie and I took a trip  
 down to "Neosho falls" Wednesday  
 after a ton of hay we had a  
 lovely ride got home 8:30 P.M.  
 It is a beautifull place  
 The river is 300 ft. wide with  
 high banks and fine woodal  
 scenery

There is a large grist mill on each side of the river opposite each other with a partnership dam between them. The scenery connected therewith and the loud rumbling noise of the water wheels and machinery make it a very interesting situation. We crossed many bridges and creeks before we arrived there. We stopped once to water our horses and listen to the beautiful sounds of birds which were very numerous.

The air all quite well. Only Jim coughs some and Clifford is troubled so much with the piles <sup>or</sup> ulceration.

Dave had quite a little encounter with a wolf a few days ago. He went out to

plow before sun up in  
 the next field. a wolf come  
 up to within about three rods  
 of him I faced him and stepped  
 forward and showed its teeth  
 He took the monkey wrench  
 and made toward it like  
 he would hit it. It would  
 move on a little looking  
 back all the time then when  
 he would stop it would come  
 towards him then he would  
 make a start at it again  
 and it would do the same  
 thing again starting toward him  
 several times. finally it  
 went off slowly in the other  
 pasture field then it went  
 on a brisk trot. One attacked  
 Mr Wallace some time ago  
 when he and his wife were  
 in a place away from any  
 houses in a by way on

He had his gun too but  
would miss it then it would  
reverse the attack. It is said that  
if Dave had not faced it as  
he did and had ran it  
would have been right on  
him and torn him to pieces.  
He said he was terribly  
scared at the time and fairly  
trembled. He manifested good  
judgment and is a brave lad.

We will look eagerly  
for the arrival of that box and  
will appreciate it & know for we  
had just began to discuss our  
needed supply of bed clothing.

Oh yes I kept my watch  
on the end of the clock not carrying  
it when I came to look for it  
it was gone. Lulu and I were  
out to the field one day and left the  
house unlocked at one o'clock.  
I guess some come in and  
took it. I have my suspicions of  
a man that hit me some beef he owed  
us while we were away and left it  
in the summer kitchen. For Lulu says  
it is nicked to suspicious people that  
way - perhaps it is. we will see further.

Tomson 2/1/49

After 10 days, return to

*W. H. Gillespie*

WELDA, Anderson Co., KANS.



*D. K. Gillespie*

*Kirkwood  
Ohio*

Melda Kamm 3/8 1896

Dear Father

Your letter was recd some  
time ago. We were glad to hear  
of some improvement in mas  
case and we hope she will  
continue to mend. Glad you  
stand the strain as well as  
you do. Lulu has been  
very poorly for about three weeks  
she has had the head ache  
eight days without any let up.  
also a pain in the back of  
her neck and her side she  
coughs all the time. Just still  
coughs; but is quite fleshy  
now. Rest on all very well.  
we had a heavy wind rain and  
hail last night. Enclosed I  
send you a draft on N.Y.  
for \$55- from Mr Moore



His boys did not quite bring  
him what he had expected  
and he could not raise the other  
\$500 so he will owe us \$550  
yet. I am driving posts  
now and making fence  
we hope to get our crops  
all in in good time this  
year. I guess you are  
taking in lots of corn  
now every thing keeps low  
I was timer. haven't improved  
so fast as some thought they  
would. Mr. Mayil sent  
his best to you.

I am late today so will  
close and rush around a little  
might soon as we are  
anxious about you.

Yours  
W. A. Gillespie

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Kansas

- Bill. Gillispie

Friday?  
Wichmond, Ok

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Welda Kansas July 8. 1899

Dear Father

We received your letter yesterday. Glad you are all well. The family are all real well except Ed & Clifford have been out of for some but are about all right now I guess.

They have both been very healthy in their lives and this was just a slight ailment. I am getting along real well and feel stouter and am gaining in flesh right along now. The pain which I have suffered from so long seems

to have about left the lower  
part of the spine and the  
effects of the last operation  
are healing over all right  
I think. I can't stand much  
work though just clearing the  
way on around part of the  
field for the boys to drive  
posts played me out yesterday  
am. I did some other work  
in the evening.

I wrote Lee some days  
ago about my 2nd trip to  
Kansas City. I now believe  
I am cured and have hopes  
of soon being as stout as I  
ever was, though I was very  
much discouraged. I am  
troubled with my throat so  
much one of the Surgeons ex-  
amined it and said that I  
would probably always be  
troubled with sore throat.

This is a fine morning

Darrie and John and Leonard  
are not feeding etc and  
we have not had breakfast  
yet. We have been having  
terrible heavy rains the  
last 5 days or so. It rained  
hard on the 3rd. but started  
up early next morning  
so we all went in spring  
wagon to Garnett to spend  
the 4th. We had a few  
ful "hard rain there: but  
had a real good time be-  
tween showers stayed so  
the boys could see fireworks  
got home at about 12.30 at  
my it took about three and a  
half hours to come home.  
I imagined the roads;  
Also tried sleepy people  
in spring wagon.  
The boys had seen country  
on a time on the 4th for some  
time past.

We received a letter from  
Aunnie yesterday also.  
She thinks it likely that  
you and Lee will be out  
to see us. We do hope  
you can both come  
and arrange to make  
a good long visit.

The heavy wind blew the  
corn down badly some of  
ours which is about a foot or  
more high was flat. Some of  
our corn will be too large  
to cultivate I think. I sown  
corn out in tussle and  
sick this side of Garnett.

The boys are come in and  
breakfast is about ready  
write soon and be  
sure to come.

Love to Ma and all the

Yours truly

W. H. Gillespie.

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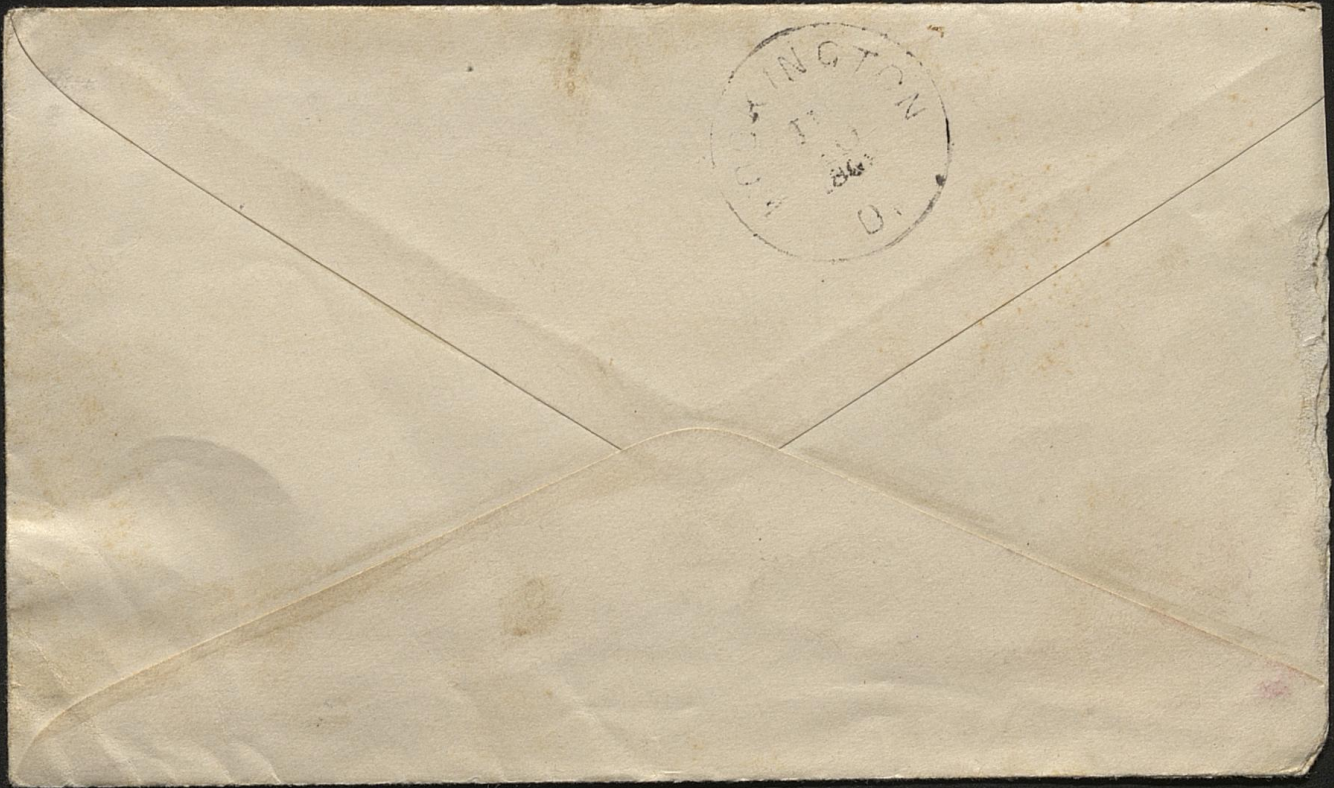
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*W A Gillespie*

*Lockington  
Ohio*





Welda Kansas Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1901  
D.K. Lillispur Esq

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find \$34.00 the amount of  
the Lambert note, less the fee for Money  
Order and expense of collecting.

I have not had time to go to  
Garnett to see what your taxes are  
but will do so at the first opportunity.

Mr Majors has failed to make  
the two last payments and I believe  
he will be unable to make any  
further payments and I think we  
had better apply what he has already  
paid on three or four of the lots  
and let me sell the remainder  
to some one else. I can sell  
them I think for as much or a  
little more than he was to pay for  
them in the first place. Let the matter  
rest until I have a little more time  
(over)

and I will write you more fully  
in regard to the matter.

I do not know just how much  
there is unpaid on the lots as I  
did not keep any record of  
it. but just gave him receipts for  
the amount of each payment and  
he has them in his possession.

Hoping this will be satisfactory  
I remain as ever

Yours Truly  
H. J. Hoice

H. T. Hill  
Welda Kans

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