

Letter from Florence J. Antonides, La Grange, Indiana to Mrs. John Stanley  
(Agnes Pawling Stanley) Bennington, Kansas, received June 28, 1939.

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Mrs. John Stanley,  
Bennington,  
Kansas

Dear Cousin: – Was surprised to hear from you, but was glad that you think of us. I often think of you folks, And wrote to Mona awhile ago, but haven't heard from her since. It is a little hard for me to write my arm gives out so maybe I'll have to rest awhile or between time. I had my right breast taken off a year ago this last Jan. and it bothers me yet if I use it to much that is too heavy work or in reaching. Finished up house cleaning yesterday, only a few little odd jobs yet. Cleaned the cellar and it was so damp that it was hard sweeping so now today my scar has pained me a little. I have had quite a time the last two years. The first I had the flu and by breast began to pain me than and the Dr. thought it was neuritris, but I knew it wasn't. I had tumor in it. You know I had three tumors taken out of it 14 yrs. ago this summer. Our family Dr. wanted to take it off then & the specialist wouldn't do it. So I had it done a year ago. And two years ago yesterday I had an impacted tooth out that took 2 hr. and also \$15.00 and then I didn't get any better so I had all of my upper teeth out last summer. And have the false ones they work just fine only my

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gum still bothers where that tooth was taken out. And if I can get Bess to come home for a week or so I will have my under teeth out. I have 12 of them. For I don't get any better yet unless I take medicine all the time and that runs up into money. I do all of the work that's done but don't keep the house like I like to see it. It hurts me to sweep & wash windows. I go to bed awhile almost every day.

Art & Nina were here a little while they were taking Dorothy their youngest girl to Elkhart to take the train back to her work. She is sec'y for some rubber Co. in a town 35 miles east of Cleveland, Ohio. She was at home for the week-end. They have three other children the oldest boy Lloyd is mail clerk on the train and is at Indianapolis. He is married. The had a baby boy las fall but he only lived a couple of days. And the oldest girl Ruth is married & lives in Sturgis. She has a little girl 1 1/2 yr. old call her Carmein Ann And Lee at home most of the time.

And Claud moved to Howe, this spring He has the job of taking the mail to & from the train. And She works too. The oldest boy Gerald lives in La Grange is married and has two nice litte girls Barbara Ann & Sandra Joy. And Donald is married & lives a little ways northwest of Howe. He has two children Doyle & Shirley May.

III) Gerald & Donald have both lost a [scribble] baby boy. And Paul the third boy is married & he lives in Sturgis. And Marguerite their only girl is married & lives down at Lake Webster. She has one boy his name is Robert Earl Black but they call him Bobby. And Dale the next to the youngest boy was married Feb 11<sup>th</sup> he lives about 2 1/2 miles from here. Have heard that they are expecting. And Claud Jr. he is at home only he works by the day most of the time. He isn't of age yet. Art Antonides lives on Aunt Obla's farm. And Hattie lives north & east of Brighton about 18 miles from here. She has 4 girls. Vada the oldest one works at the La Grange Co. Farm. Eunice the next one is married and lives up north of Burr Oak. She has a baby boy named Duane. And Wava & Willa at home. Willa will be 14 Nov 11<sup>th</sup> And she goes to school at Brighton. And Maud she lives only a mile north of La Grange. Her & Adrain are mad at us they don't come home. Pa rented him the farm last fall & they moved in with us and we couldn't get along so they moved out this spring. We knew that he was disageeabl but didn't suppose Maud would turn against us like she did. And Bess is in La Grange she works by the week. And

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is busy all the time. Bess was 48 the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. And Art is 58 a Tues. And Ma's birthday was the 30<sup>th</sup>.

And Aunt Obla lives in La Grange alone. She isn't so very well I guess but better than she was. They said she had a light stroke early this spring.

Grace lives in Howe (us to be Lima) he is manager of an oil company. They have three children James the oldest he is married and lives in South Bend I don't know what he does. And Harriet is a teacher in Chicago. They have announced her marriage for Aug 16. And Marjorie Ruth has a position in Chicago but I can't tell what it is.

And Glen lives in Sturgis you know he has his second wife. Has one son by her He is in high school his named is Arthur. His daughter Margaret by his first wife is married I think she lived in South Bend.

And Marjorie lives 10 miles east of La Grange on his father's farm. She has two girls Patricia Jean & Sharon Ann.

Patty has they call her most is 14 the 20<sup>th</sup> of Oct. And she has a boy friend [scribble] all ready. And I think her little girl was 9 yrs. old yesterday. It was 10 yrs. last Tues. that we had to give mother up. My it seems like a long time. A year ago now Pa was sick. He had cholera morbus.

V) I don't think that any of our people would be down there. If Pa & I could stand it to ride we could drive there & back in a day. Pa don't see why he can't stand it to work any more. And if he lives until two months from to morrow he will be 85. So I don't see why he can't work. Do you? He has had sugar diabetes now for almost 13 yrs. He would not feel so bad if he didn't work any, but he says he is going to as long as he can go. Yes we are on the farm yet. But I wish he would give up & leave this fall. He can't hardly stand it to run after the stock or I can't. I have gall bladder trouble and I am afraid it will end with gall stones. They are having Bible School around here too.

I only have 30 little chicks and I bring them in the house every night so the rats can't get them. I caught a rat last night have caught 20 in three weeks. Hope we soon get rid of them we want some more chicks before long.

Fanni was back here last summer a little while. She was at Grace's (Woodward) Horning from Sat. night until Mon. morning. So her time was so short she was only making short calls was her only 15 or 20 minutes. She said that she & husband & her daughter (only has the one) & husband was coming back this summer for a visit. Bess seen her man & Bess said that he looked to be quit old.

VI. She lived in West Virginia last summer  
when she was here but I don't know the town.  
I think he worked in the moving Picture Shows.  
I have my sewing about all done will piece  
comforters now when I work or if I feel like it.  
Want to clean up the house again only the up-  
stairs I don't use that I am lazy I guess  
I sleep down stairs. I wished Robert had a [scribble]  
came up here a little while if he would come to  
La Grange he could soon find his way out here.  
Well Agnes I guess by the time you get this  
letter read, you will have a rest from trotting  
after the others. You & John & the girls had better  
come out here. I bet the girls would enjoy the  
trip.

I went to wash to morrow. And the iron a Tues  
than maybe I'll do nothing the rest of the week.  
Hope that my face stops swelling or I may have  
to go to the dentist was there last Thurs. night.  
I hope that it won't make you to tired reading  
this letter so you will write again. I like  
to receive letters, but I hate to write because  
I am such a poor writer. I washed & iron this  
last week, baked bread & canned 18 qts. of straw  
berries And fixed some aprons for Bess & several  
other odd jobs. So from now if I am able I  
won't have so much to do until the garden  
stuff is ready to cold pack. Well I must close  
and go to bed. Write Again. As Ever Your

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Do you think I have

34 worth?

11:10 & I am done washing  
I am going to mope the  
kitchen. And than maybe  
I'll take a rest. I am alone  
Pa has gone to La Grange  
to get repairs for his  
mower. He is cutting his  
hay & than one of the  
neighbor puts it in the  
barn. They have the corn  
out. my but I am tired  
I have the backache so & my  
gums is swollen so that  
my face is & my glasses  
annoys me. I would went  
along with him if I hadn't  
been washing but it



is done now. And has  
begun to look like rain  
Hope it don't rain until  
he gets back. I get nervous  
rain it rains since the  
barn was struck by the  
lightning. And one thing  
I have my dishes all washed  
to so I won't wash any  
more to-day. Well I must  
close will soon by mail  
time. Hoping to hear from  
you again. your Cousin  
Florence