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Dear Josh:

I want to thank you for the nice "grandfather" Card you sent me. The picture was very nice and I wonder how you got it on so straight.

Your grandmother, Alta, and I drove to Montezuma today and spent a short time with my sister, Gladys. While there we got to talking about moving, realizing that your family would soon be in the process.

When I was three years old, my family moved from Osborne County to Clyde County in Kansas. I can remember of being in a covered wagon with my sister Pansy and that Nancy, a bay mare, and Dolly, a black mare, were hitched to it. Gladys told us more about the trip. It took three days and as it happened, I had my third birthday anniversay on the second day, and as we traveled through a small town named "Halfway", my brother Roe bought me a sack of Candy.

According to Gladys the caravan consisted of two covered wagons and two hayracks, and Cows and Calves driven on foot. A new calf was born the first day on the road, so my father loaded it on one of the hayracks so it wouldn't have to walk.

Some where along the way they made a wrong turn and got off the route to our new home, ~~and~~ In order to get back on the right road they had to climb a very steep hill. By doubling-up the teams on the wagons they were able to get to the top. However, the little calf in the hayrack slid out the back end. As it had been tied with a rope around its neck to keep it from jumping out, the rope kept it from falling to the ground, and when they reached the top of the Hill my father shoved it back into the wagon.

In 1914, my father and my brother Lester, drove a covered wagon, and brought four horses from Clyde,

Kansas to South English, Iowa. I can still remember ~~th~~ when they started out. Mae, Ponsy, and I rode down to the crossroads, about three quarters of a mile, bade them good by and walked back to our Kansas home. The horses they brought back were Queen Nellie, Jessie and Nancy. Queen didn't last long in the hot, humid Iowa summer. She screamed to the heat the first year.

I suppose you'll encounter some problems when you move too, but people have been moving for thousands of years. Keep you chin up and enjoy all your new experiences.