

# E. B. Korn's Letter to Josie Winters

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In April 2007, Robin Yeamans ([YRobin777@aol.com](mailto:YRobin777@aol.com)) provided the attached 1882 Emanuel B. Korn's letter (see page 2) to Korn's.org. In regards to the letter, Robin wrote:

*"After establishing his flourishing law practice in Doland, Dakota, EB wrote to his sweetheart, Josie Winters, inviting her to join him there. In a strikingly non-romantic proposal, he tells her at the bottom of carefully numbered page 2:*

*"I will tell you what you do - buy yourself a land settler's ticket and come to Huron at once and file on the claim as a homestead claim."*

*Gee, what girl could refuse that? Not Josie. She came."*

Robin Yeamans also provided the following background information:

- *"I'm quite sure I'm descended from the Kornses who were in Holmes County, Ohio. Elizabeth Hoyman Korn's was the wife of William and the mother of Joseph Korn's who was the father of Emanuel B Korn's who was the father of Mildred Korn's Yeamans who is my grandmother."*
- *"I talked to my Uncle Robert Yeamans today (son of Mildred Korn's Yeamans, now in his late 90's), and he remembered that eventually Emanuel B. Korn's and Josie Winters came to California, where they built Korn's Court, a motel, at 1738 E. 4th St. in Long Beach CA. This was the first time I'd heard that EB came to California; I thought he died in So. Dakota. However, the motel did not do well financially, and I believe they lost it."*
- *"EB's proposal to Josie Winters, ended up in my hands because as a child I was a stamp collector, and it was an old letter."*

Pages 227-228 of the book "Genealogy of Michael Korn's, Sr." states the following about E.B. Korn's: *"E. B. Korn's, born in 1858, graduated in Law at Ann Arbor, in 1881, and located in the Dakota Territory to practice Law for seventeen years, once elected as County Prosecutor. He took an active part in. shaping the destinies of the new State, then he moved to Tracy, Minnesota, where he practiced twenty-one years and then moved to Long Beach, California, there he devoted his practice to probate Law and to the civic affairs of that city, being known as the silver tongued orator:, he died in 1929."*

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Dear Friend,  
I received yours of 1st  
inst rec'd yesterday. I  
was very glad to hear  
from you. You say  
you could not under-  
stand why I quit writing.  
I quit? I have been  
writing about six letters  
for you on. I have rec'd  
from you, and I could  
not understand why you  
quit.

Well I have not  
time now to write you  
much of a letter. I  
will put in a note

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train this eve. Now since  
I wrote you a fellow  
filed by mistake a homestead  
claim over my prescription.  
Now under these circumstan-  
ces it would not be  
best for me to file a  
homestead as it might  
bother me when I came  
to prove up next spring  
but that claim I spoke  
of should be ours. Now  
I will tell you what  
you do. Buy yourself  
a land seller's ticket and  
come to Huron at once  
and file on the claim  
as a homestead claim.

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Don't get surprised!  
You want to see Dak,  
and need a little rest.  
I don't think the claim  
will be yours, if so  
there, are other good  
claims near - within four  
or five miles. I say come  
at once. Do as you please  
though. It would only  
take you about four  
or five days to come  
and return. Telegraph  
me if you come when  
you will be at Huron  
and I will be there to  
prepare your papers.

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See that you make the  
entry all right at the land  
office. I am going next  
time some of these days  
to write you a good letter,  
but am very busy now.  
Mr. Dol and has gone to  
Chicago and left me entire  
charge of his business, so  
I have lots of pitting  
to do. I am feeling quite  
well now-days.

I must go and eat  
my supper before the  
train comes. - and oh!  
such supper! so dirty.  
I hope I will be able  
some day soon to get  
a decent mouthful to put  
into my mouth. Good  
night. I must go. I wish  
you could see me.

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Nice weather now. I  
have a beautiful blood  
team to show people  
the country. It belongs  
to Mr Doland but I  
have entire charge of  
it.

Hoping to see you  
now or hear from  
you early. I am  
Yours sincerely  
E. B. Korns

P.S. I want you to do just  
as you wish in the above  
matter but you know  
what I would like to hear  
from you.

