

**DOCUMENT 8 – LETTER CONCERNING A BANK CLOSING IN HERRIN**

**November 24, 1931**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

Royalton, Ill.

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Dear Mr. Emerson:

I am comming to  
you with my plea, to see  
if you could help me out.

About three months  
ago my home burned down  
with furniture, clothes, and  
everything I had.

I got \$2176 insurance  
money and went to the City  
National Bank of Herrin to  
cash the check.

The cashier told me I'd  
have to leave the check there  
for three or four days to see

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if it was good.

On the 4th day I went  
to the bank to cash the note, but  
the bank was closed.

Now all the money I had  
is gone & I can't even find a  
roof to sleep under.

I am begging you to see

if you can help me get at  
least part of my money back  
so I can buy some clothes & some  
thing to eat for my children.

I am over fifty years old  
and out of employment.

I am thanking you  
very much.

Yours sincerely,  
Walter Sosynski