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Four letters of congratulations to Charles V. Rainwater (1882-1973) on his retirement from the Coca-Cola Company, dated Dec 1934 - Jan 1935

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CENTER COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.

Coca-Cola

SHELBYVILLE ST.
CENTER, TEXAS

December 30th 1934



Mr. Chas V. Rainwater
794 Springdale Road, N.E.
Atlanta Ga.,

Dear Mr. Rainwater;-

It is with great regret that I acknowledge your letter of 28th inst advising us bottlers of your resigning as an active official in our great family. I realize fully that to give to the bottling family of your time and thought as you have in the past, you have had to neglect personal business and affairs, and I am sure that our loss will be your gain and I trust and hope yours will be great.

I have always felt that in you we had our greatest friend and adviser and naturally I hate to think of our loosing you as an active member.

I want you to know that I appreciate the help you have been to my little plant in an indirect way and I hope for you, only the best.

Sometime when you are visiting your Beaumont plant I surely would appreciate your driving up for a visit with me. As you know I join your territory on the north.

Wishing you a prosperous New Year, I am,

Yours very truly,

Guy Cowser

WV

THE COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.
INCORPORATED

Coca-Cola

4TH AND WASHINGTON AVENUE

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Jan 1 1935



Mr Charles V Rainwater
794 Springdale rd N E
Atlanta Georgia.

Dear Mr Rainwater:-

I have received in the mail for the last twenty five years, the time I have been in the Coca Cola bottling business, many letters, but never was a one that I received with such deep regret as the one from you announcing your resignation as President of the Coca Cola Bottling Sales Company, effective December 31st.

I read each paragraph of your letter, picturing the long association with yourself.

I noted with genuine pleasure that you were keeping your entire interests in Coca Cola. This I was indeed glad to read as we will at times see each other.

If I can at any time be of service to you, it will be a pleasure for you to command me to serve you.

With best wishes to your family and yourself for health and happiness all through life, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature]

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CLARKSBURG COCA-COLA BOTTLING WORKS, INC.

Coca-Cola

COCA-COLA BUILDING, N. FIFTH & WERNIGER STREETS

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.

December 31, 1934.



Mr. Chas. V. Rainwater,
794 Springdale Road, N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Charles:-

It is with regret that I read your letter of the 28th, stating that you have resigned as president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Sales Company. It seems to me that we will all feel lonesome without you being in the organization. However, I know that you are still connected and have interest enough to be one of the boys.

I take myself back to Atlanta where I see you aiming to make a start in life, just the same as myself and at the same time. We both have lots to be thankful for, that we had the opportunity to connect ourselves with the Coca-Cola Company when it was in its infancy and its wonderful men. I do not think there ever were any higher class men in any organization or corporation that equalled the Coca-Cola family. When I think of such men as Asa G. Chandler, J. T. Lupton, B. F. Thomas, Mr. Whitehead and others, including you and myself we should not wonder at the success that Coca-Cola has made. The only thing I have to regret is that I did not take advantage of the many opportunities that presented themselves as you did, but I have been independent from the time I entered the Coca-Cola business.

I am glad that you are in a position to resign such a position as you had and be able to get out and enjoy the hobbies of life. I have not as yet reached that point, but I do have enough to spend the winters in Florida and get out of this life all that is necessary. With best wishes for a long and happy life, I remain

Very sincerely yours

Thomas E. Lee Pres.
Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc.,

TEL/MW

Thomas

COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF RHODE ISLAND

Coca-Cola

477 SMITH ST.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

PHONE: DEXTER 1981



December 31, 1934

Mr. Chas. V. Rainwater
794 Springdale Road, N.E.,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rainwater:

I believe that you will recall the writer as being with Mr. Brownlee almost a year ago on his trip to New Orleans.

This is just a line to regret that I am to be no longer associated with you, even tho distantly, and to wish you many years of happiness and success on a more leisurely basis than during your past very active years.

If in your travels you pass thru Rhode Island, I would appreciate the opportunity of seeing you and doing anything in this section which would make your visit more enjoyable.

Sincerely yours,

Gardner Tillinghast
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