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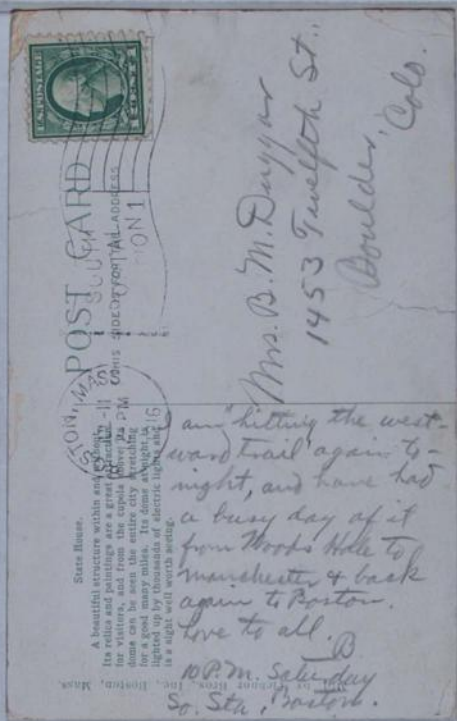
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PM July 11, 1912

1453-12th St.

Boulder, Colorado.

Tuesday July 11th
11 A. M.

My own Benjamin - We are constantly

thinking and speaking of you
and Hoping that your trip is
not too hot and tedious. You
are a darling & send me a letter
so promptly with the addresses
and I do appreciate it. I was
so glad the children were at the
station & see you off. I thought
they hadn't returned from the

mountain and that you were alone
and alone at the station. Harry
and I sat at the window waiting
to wave to you, but when the
train finally passed we could
see only the wheels! But no more there.

When the mail man arrived
at noon he dropped a hundred
dollars into my lap right out
of the sky. Did you know you
were going to get the enclosed?
Did you expect it at this time?
I shall put the check up with
the other papers, and do you
know what I think we had
better do with it? Just keep

it to pay the September insurance and
so feel that we are on easy street. Don't
you think that would be a good plan? And
then on your return when you pay the back
bills we can feel that we are square
with the world one more & can strike straight
from the shoulder.

I am also sending you your little calendar
for I knew you lost it & will be lost without
it.

Mr. Kellogg came up to see me yesterday
afternoon while I was in the midst of
prunellas (which by the way were not
worth while as so many were too ripe).
I helped him all I could but figures like
lobsters in Wood Hole, are "source". Meantime
they are at the hotel. Do you remember the
jubilant letter he wrote us of his engagement?
I met her last night & am still looking
for the source of enthusiasm!

Miss Fleming and another girl came
yesterday to see me about dancing lessons
for Lavinia. They give 12 lessons for \$5
which is the most reasonable thing I ever heard
of and President Farrands 13 year old daughter
is one of the class of girls all about Lavinia's
age. I am sorely tempted, but Lavinia
would have to have slippers & added to the

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price of the horses I think ^{perhaps} she could get more out of \$8 or \$9 in trips don't you?
I would like her to know some girls of her age, but she herself says she doesn't want to miss any of the Climbers Club Hike & she might have to with dancing various times a week.

I called up the Service yesterday afternoon & Mr. Lewis suggested that I go to the lecture with them last night. They had gone to the one by the same man at 4 o'clock and were so enthusiastic that they would

to go again. I was sorry that
old principles made me miss
the first of the series of six lectures
on Greek & Greek culture which
you remember I said I was looking
forward to. They are given by Stoughton
Holborn. The extensive lecture for
Oxford, Cambridge & London. He is most
entertaining & a delightful personality.
He lectures in his academic gown
and you can imagine that impressed
the Lewis. "Joe" didn't go & sleep
for a wonder!!! They took Luigi
with them and coming home Mr.
Lewis told Luigi to take me home
(saving him the trouble) and Luigi

said he didn't mind! So you see I
am terribly in need of you — as an escort!
You know, mad as I was at you the other
day, I wasn't looking up dinner or separate
entertainment, really, only as they might
throw some light on how much of an
allowance you were entitled to, by Law,
when I take on the finances this fall.
I want to be absolutely just to you, you see.
I find, however, that it must be a matter of
justice but merely generosity on my part!
Send it me & have the tickets turned
on you like that?

The children are waiting & mail this
as I must hurry. Their donkeys were taken again
& found again. He had a very comfortable
night. George shared himself rather than
mine in arriving here.

With thousands of love & from
each of the children warmest kisses
my own dear old Boy. I am

Yours ever & loving
Madril

Love to the Shaffers & all engineering friends.
I see there are traces of infantile paralysis from St Louis
& I do hope it won't spread in the city. I shall feel more
comfortable when I know all of our friends are far from it. It's late
and I must go. I hope it won't spread. I hope you will have some relief from this fever.

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10th July 16, 1911
1913. 12th St
Boulder, Colorado
Saturday -

Dearest Ben -

Just a line to let you
know we are thinking of you and
hope you won't go in bathing at
Woods Hole as the sharks won't
eat you!

It is very warm here again
but I do hope you are escaping any
intense heat. Why don't you suggest
to the Graduate School of Agriculture
that they have their sessions hereafter
in August rather than July? They
always choose the hottest time.

See August at least the nights
would be cool.

I had a letter from Alice Parsons
yesterday. She has been having a
continual houseparty & busy & happy
for busy & entertaining them. Having
spent so much in all these friends
druffree she can't afford to take a
house in Ithaca, for she says
Inez is there alone. Priscilla
is home for the summer.

of the children ^{Louise & Ben Jr.} have just come
home from Isaac's birthday party.
They had ice-cream & cake and each
brought home a prize. I was also invited
but I was it feeling well & also hadn't
sleep the night before because of the

dance next door which lasted till the one
hour. Tomorrow we are going & take the
Ladies on a picnic. Hope it doesn't rain
but it is so hot & clouds are coming up
so it looks dubious.

Don't be disappointed if the lesson is gone
on your return. Everybody is getting brown
and we do forget once a day! I think
I'll leave it on all right to - right & make
up.

I know I won't get a minute to write tomorrow
but I'll write again on Monday.

Nanny goes about the house saying
'I wish father'd come home, don't shure
mother?'

She & George I think are getting fat.
Now that we don't have the donkeys I think
Boogie will, too. At last I have seen "Joe
More" & he, much to my surprise, seems
to be a very nice chap. Has such a nice
voice & nice manner & quite attractive
in his lean, tall way. I think I'll get him to
teach me to ride! I thought he would be a
big stout red faced blond mustached cow
boy! Linnie says she loves you & Nanny
sends you kisses & Boogie & I together send you
a big bear hug. With a little heart filled & the Virgin
and our Pines.



THE PROSPECT HOUSE
AMHERST, MASS.



Miss Anna St. V. Cuggar,
1453 Twelfth St.,

Boulder,
Colo.

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Dearest Nancy, As I am
writing there is a beautiful
yellow canary in its
cage near the post-
ing away as hard as it
can, and looking at me
as if to ask: Do you
like it? I am sure Na-
ncy would like it. Even
the goldfish in his
dish seems to listen
there is not room to tell
you any more now, so
I just say goodbye and
put a kiss right here. And
love to all - love this card, Father

THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
AND SHAW SCHOOL OF BOTANY OF WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE AND RESEARCH
LABORATORIES

EXPRESS AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS
MO. BOTANICAL GARDEN, ST. LOUIS

Prospect House, July 16, 1916.

My own Madrie,

It is as cool as an ice cu-
cumber here, and surely augers good for the neck.
You must pardon pencil, for there is no ink in
sight and likewise neither bell nor bell boys. The
Prospect House has recently been overhauled and en-
larged. I have a sumptuous room and bath with
shower, - also a closet large enough for one of the
new fashioned trunks and its equipment. I had
a fine night and was in need of it.

I left St. L. on the fastest train East, one which
carries sleepers only to Buffalo, then substitutes parlor
cars. Everything was crowded and dusty and there was
no observation, so there was nothing to do but hold
down your seat and take what came your way. Well,
it pulled into Albany 20 minutes late and the parlor
car section for Boston had left. This meant taking a
swailish local ^(for which I was just in time) for Springfield where I arrived din-
nerless at 9:15. Fortunately, the B. and M. for North-
ampton was also late, and I caught it as it
pulled out. From Northampton to Amherst it was
an Arctic ride in an open car - forty minutes.

THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

The N.Y. timothy fields were in full bloom, so I was able to hit up a pretty fast stroke on sneezing, so as to keep myself occupied and make the time fly. Anyway, sweat, it is better now, and I have no doubt will soon disappear. I saw no familiar face at breakfast, and there are no familiar names on the register, but probably I shall see many at the dinner this noon.

It seems natural and nice to be in the land of 'spick and span' homes and lawns, abundant foliage, and clear water.

What will you be doing today? I am sure you will be wanting a restful time after last Sunday. The children will be eager but donkeyless. Ask Boysie 'what is the hardest "Key" to turn?'. Present my respects and compliment to George for his good conduct at night thus far, and kiss his little throat. I am glad Louise would not give up her climbing trips for the dancing lessons, however nice it would have been to have acquaintances of her age. How is piano? Tell Nancy to let me know if the children do not rain enough on the lawn. With all my love, Sweetheart, and promising you more of news next time, I am,

Your old devotee,
Boysie

gotten them right - please a few but there are no little dunks to be had around here now. It is clouding very much & I must stop & see if I can reach some before the rain comes. Much love to you all. Hope you will have a safe return to Bendler & find all well - My work is still sick, on the 3rd week.

Yours devoted
Mother.

P.M. Callison, Ala.
July 18, 1916

July 17th 3 P.M.

It is awfully hot this evening, just the kind of heat that indicates the coming of a storm, it was the same case yesterday & we had a heavy rain just about time for Reuben to start home as he had to stay all night, take a cold breakfast this morning & hurry to corn planting, later, but he may make some corn feed, if no use of corn, all the first corn ruined by drought & the young crop doomed out. Oh Ben, you have no idea of the loss by high water, 3 miles near Reuben have in all 800 acres under water, that is little compared to others. The rains began on the 4th & were continuous almost, until the 14th, one good day & then rain again, at one time the rain lasted 48 hours without stopping entirely, then we would have a little sunshine & before we knew it a heavy rain

would be upon us. Saturday's paper said the waters were receding every where except around Salina, the Cahaba still out & many suffering for food, they had to get up into trees to save themselves, there were seventy negroes. I sent you a paper, hope it reached you at Asheville. The loss at Mobile was much heavier than at first published, they tried to conceal it. Not one line have we had from Henry, I have written & begged for an answer but none comes. I can't imagine why he acts so unless it is that he has lost the money I loaned the brick Co. (he was one of the firm) but if he has, that is not the way to treat me. No interest has been paid for 18 months. I have asked for it once but don't want to worry him too much. I tell you because I want you to know about any business matters. If the money is gone it can't be helped, but that need not separate us. Just tell me he thrives Henry's business.

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matters were in a bad fix, too bad is it not?

We are very thankful that we are on high land & lost only 1 chicken by the rains. At Aunt Juliet's the creek was up to the fish pond well, 40 head of stock were brought up from the creek pasture & have to be kept, & fed in the front grove.

So many bridges washed up on the roads to Hannadale that in sending off, their crews they had to send it around through Mr. Charley Walker's field. Cottonwood bridge was washed up & broken in two, one part carried off by the water & the other held by a tree, we are wondering when we will ever get to Laneville again. All Rich's corn is under water, says he will not make a wagon load, when the bottom dries (if it ever does) it will be too late to plant corn.

Well, I reckon you are tired of water, & losses but we can't think of much else -

I hope you are having a pleasant time &

that this will reach you at Amherst.

I hope Maria & the children are enjoying their
=elves, Anne is too small I reckon to join in
any of the climbs or pic nics, maybe keeps the
baby company. Is the nurse a white girl?
Of course we missed having our service yesterday,
if it had not rained the road was too
rough & hard for an automobile, the clouds are
like rocks, or even before yesterdays rain.

Mrs Powell brought over Saturday evening a few
peaches, we had them with cream for dinner yesterday,
our first taste, I had a nut cake that
was good even enough if I do say it, wish
you could have had some.

Paul's family were all well, he had spent 2
days of the rainy time with Ambrose on the
place near Mont gomery helping him.

The rains brought out the figs wonderfully & we
can get some to eat. If we had any one to

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SEVENTH SESSION: JULY 3-28, 1916

MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,

AMHERST, MASS.

Madrie, Sweetheart, July 21, 1916.

Don't you know I feel relieved to have these old lectures off! The last has disappeared into the "Ewigkeit", and I trust that there will be no reincarnation of them. However, everybody has been very nice, and I have had just as much of appreciative and serious-minded listening as I could well wish. I am glad of the acquaintances made among the men in botany and chemistry here, particularly.

Yesterday Dr. Osmer, Chapman, and Chamberlain took me over to Northampton to see Smith College. Of course it cannot be nearly so interesting without its setting of "La Vie". Still, it is a pretty spot with some fine buildings, and good solid equipment everywhere. Garong was away, so that we had no guide from the faculty. His gardener, however, showed us the biological department in great detail.

low. They are up at Manchester - by the sea,
on Cape Ann, about 20 miles from Boston,
and invite me to motor with them on Satur-
day. If the weather is good, I am going to
"cut" the time at Woods Hole in order to visit
them. In any event I am going up for a
few hours on that day. I can't say now
whether I shall reach Woods Hole tonight
or not until Saturday night. I am leaving
here at noon today for Boston, taking the
round-about trip via Springfield. Oh if you
were just here now to have a little vaca-
tion with! Won't we have a time when
we get over to Denver and environs for
a real holiday.

I hope everything goes beautifully at home,
and that you and the children are all
as well as you are always charming. Now,
in the language of Dr. Reed, I must run —
— . Any way, I must try to get my pay, and
that is important, for you know how much delay
there is in sending things afterward. There is just
room for a formula of my love, Bertha, which is
In x Lⁿ(x). Hence I remain,
your devoted affectionate,

without them have it idle. I would be willing to take 6 or 7 per cent interest for
 it - all, then not to
 have it out. Can you
 help me to get it out?
 Your letter is no help
 these days, finds out
 nothing useful - little
 trivial things at home
 to put about. We have a
 spare at sickle to the
 work. I have a telegram
 trying to keep him from
 seeing me off.
 I have a letter from
 "Mad" yesterday, Niagara
 1916
 was sick & ill
 but was going to
 Montgomerie to leave his
 travels taken out, later

You can't guess what I have been
 doing this morning - wiping the world off the
 edges of the mahogany furniture. I have never
 seen the like before, furniture, hearths, shoes &
 even some clothes, worldly & merely as can
 be. Since July the 4th we have had only 2
 days of no rain, & altho the sun has been
 out some, nothing dried off. It is shining
 now, but very feebly & I look for more rain.
 The ground keeps so wet that farmers & garden-
 ers have not been able to plant late crops of
 corn & vegetables, ^{as much} as they wished. I have sent out
 circulars advising them what to plant. I think
 they have, & are still doing what they can in
 that way. I have just read a letter from sister
 Sally telling of how they have been working, Lucy &
 herself put out 140 tomato plants & other things

They have had a time with their cattle, when
the creek would go down enough Rich would
drive the cattle to the pasture (47 head) then
heavy rains would come again & before they
could get them out they would have to make
for them, the same thing was repeated 3
times, now I think they will keep them in
the grove until settled weather, oh there
never was such times! Ruben did not
come up Sunday & that was one of the days
there was no rain. I don't know how he is
getting on. Kanak has brought in a few figs
I must stop to preserve may be a qt.
After dinner - I wish you all had some of the
figs, they are so nice & larger than usual because
there are not as many. The hens & birds get their
share -
Now I must thank you for your letter that
came yesterday. I am glad you had such a
better, what a

pity we fall
off so in every
thing when old
age comes!
We must be
thankful we
are spared if we
can't do
as we used to.
I was surprised
to hear yesterday
that Mrs. West
has been in an
infirmary in
St. Louis, St. Louis
several times
during that
dreadful weather
to get her over
the flu but

pleasant times in France & hope you are now
safe in Boulder, no, it is a little too early in
the day for you to have reached there - I
hope George is over the worst of this tooth cutting,
poor little things they have a hard time!
Infantile paralysis is troubling me, I see Al-
has 15 cases, one at Spring Hill near Mobile,
it would be dreadful if Sluways boy were to
have it. I do hope there is none in St. Louis
There is no prevention & no cure for the disease, that
is the terrible part of it. It is said only about
one tenth recover entirely, others are cripples or badly
affected in some way, I pray every day that our
dear little ones may escape the disease.
You must take a real vacation now for you
must need it after so much travelling around,
lecturing &c. I was glad it was only for a week.
I intended writing to Maria while you were
gone but the cook being sick gave me so much

second note.
We are now
very busy of this
night too during
that time, it
is only in the
last day or two
that I have been
ventured out on
the work, so
nearly & then
as single, after
we put up
for over 3 weeks,
very few are.
I expect I have
kind you out as
good bye for the
present. Much
love to all & kisses
to the children
Your devoted
Mother.

She began work Monday, that day I came
to work in my little garden, he has become so forget-
ful & hard to understand that I had to be with
him nearly all the time & did about as hard
days work as he did. We put in squash, snaps,
beeh beans & mustard. I have a little space
left for spinach, will put in later, also some carrots,
Much to our surprise we have had some soft
fries (rather lumpy but better than none) & a
few "clings", I canned 3 jars of them.

At last the Birmingham business is closed
up, instead of waiting until 1917 to pay the
second note Mr. Saks has put both notes
& the amt ^{\$}600.00 is in the bank waiting to
be invested, or loaned out. I am anxious to get
it loaned on good security as soon as possible
don't want "all my eggs in one basket", the other
\$650.00 is loaned to the bank at 4 per cent

Canizozo, N.M.
July 30th / 1916.

I do hope you rain clouds are moving this way, for we could stand for several inches of water with very few to be damaged by overflow. The surplus water on the flats goes down into the Val Pail a large bed when the water hangs out. If too much for them the water reaches the salt lakes at the lower end when there was never known to be too much. Was glad to get the paper of the floods to such an unusual time for floods, almost too late to plant much except hay crops. Has Ruben ever tried winter sowing for pasture? even in the fall Sept or Oct.

some town property that I am offered
shall get a fence & try & bring up
some fruit if nothing more as it
is scarce & naturally high here being
brought by wagon or canoe.

After the rains you will have much
to get the grass down and stored for
surely this will make a big crop
and easy to gather - tallies.

How is the millstone? is there plenty of it
as of yore and is it gathered now for
sale or has the mixture of Johnson
grass stopped the sale of it?

I want to see some on my bogal place &
there is another party here that may want some
know it is no. or want close.

Easy to raise chickens & turkeys near bogal
as the spring rains are scarce but Alice
was telling me the last trip down that caged
were quite bad on turkeys than this spring.

Yours aff. are.
Wm.

30 VII 1916

Would think it helped out the milk &
butter yield in the winter even here
when it gets below zero it never seems
to stop growing except when frozen
hard yet each day you can note the
growth if it has thawed at all.
I have her using rolled up warts
of oats sometimes one & then the other
and I'll tell you I feel better and weigh
more this summer than ever before.
Could not get Pinkie to eat much
of it, would have been just the thing
for her trouble.

Don't see much of the olden girls but
Byge, Lillian & Ella come down,
Byge will come down by himself
either horseback or alone in the buggy
not abt afraid to drive around alone

Well if I can go into the dairy
I'll certainly get a milking outfit
let the gasoline engine do the job.
Well I started in this summer thinking
I would have buttermilk to drink but
it was too much for me suppose it
must have been the Russian Throat
that has come over eating that acted
on me so much.

Expect Mrs. Davis thought she had the
biggest loss of all.

See little mention now of infantile
paralysis but reports of our stroke
in Chicago & the northern cities.

Strange to say this dry weather seemed to
be just the help on the long way for boy-
fren - or else my treatment cured it some-
time ago.

Of late have had several offers
for my place on the Creek some to
trade & some cash - hope to go to
Alamogordo Monday or Tuesday to see

3414 Remond H -
Sep. 6. 1916.

Dear Marie:-

This morning
I recd. had a letter
from William Blackman
in which he said that
Prof. Zilys son died Sat-
Friday of infantile
paralysis. I suppose it
must be little Frank.

I thought perhaps you
had not heard of it -
I would want to write
to Mrs. Zily. This is a terrible

Wrote to them but didn't tell
them, having him his
a cripple all his life.
This is the second case
on the Campus that
I have heard of. It
surely is a terrible disease.

I must not write longer
now. Mr. Backus is
just about crazy & will
never get well. He
certainly has a hard time
with himself now.
Alice.

is 46° the boys are
getting along in your
are not they! Roads
farming are well,
Klemm & Margaret
have left but their
things taken out &
& he - at the same
time & send me
little that was
going long with
& staying with
others, I will
send Margaret
letter for you to
send, might not
return, I think
books but at
work, but takes
the inspection,
only a single-
one time with
children, at the
house, he is much
interested in the
work there. Much love to

did not come up, too near Sunday. I think he
hand writing this evening, my wrist too seems
uncommonly stiff but I hope you will be able to
read the jerky writing. I think this heat indicates
rain before many hours have passed, one of our
sudden down pours that ^{day} off as quickly as they
come. There was rain here yesterday but none at
Lansville where we spent the day. It was our
first visit since the past spell & we had a
great deal to talk about, sister Sally & myself.
Lucy & your father were getting together all they could
about the early settlers of Ala but of course he
does not know much except those who lived around
here. Lucy is preparing a paper to read at the

"Book Club", Hannisdale, like every thing else she does she wants it to be the best. They were all well & busy about all sorts of things, canning, sending off honey, chickens &c. They have increased the dairy stock, trying to be independent of the local market, could not live if they depended on the renters.

I was sorry I could not write you yesterday, but after your letter came this morning was glad as I have it to answer. I am very sorry George keeps out well: Annie & Boycie must be getting strong to climb as well. When Boycie had enough did you have to stay with him & wait for the return of the others.

I would like to have seen the "Wild West" show but the trip around the mountain rail way would have been too much for my nerves.

I am much obliged to you for offering to help me loan the money. I expect to have to take 6 or 7 per cent, the

first 600 is in Robtson banking Co at 4 per cent.

Now, I certainly appreciate your sending the check but feel badly to accept it, for I know your expenses are heavy, & you must lay up some thing for your family when harder times may come. Son & Fred give us the phone which is such a help to us & I think that is enough. I have all the comforts I need, so don't feel badly that I ask you not to send any more. If I need anything that I have not the money to get I will let you know & then you can help me. I thank you very, very, much for the check & for the love that prompted the sending. My wants are so few that I get along very well on what I have.

I will be glad to have Muriel's letter when she can write. I intended writing to her but am so busy all the time. This week I had a boy one day to pull up the weeds in my flower garden & left 18 bushels

to you all, kiss the children for me. Your devoted Mother

of *Paspalum* seed. I had to be with him nearly
all the time & it is the same way with anything
that is to be done, one must watch them all the
time. We were at Mr Hatch's one ~~day~~^{evening} this week,
Minnie & Mr Hatch arrived while we were there
in Minnie's new 1930 auto she parked next in Selma.
they came so late we had time only for a few words.
Mrs Hatch looks so badly, she has been going down
ever since Minnie's trouble began.

You should see the nice tomatoes I got from my
8 plants, picked 8 nice ones this morning. Mr
Father does not eat them now cooked, or raw, & they
are left to me. I give them to R - when he comes &
sometimes send Mrs Powell some they have pulled
up their vines. Oh! My guest, I must stop & make it
this is bread night.

Saturday morning. I have worked over the bread & while
waiting for breakfast will finish my letter. Yesterday
was Reuben's birth day I made him a cake but he

August 22nd 1916

My dear Son

I should have written several days ago for I am afraid now the strike will be on before this reaches you & then no telling when you can hear from us, or we from you, but the Advertiser says the strike will not be on more than 2 or 3 days. I hope not for it will be terrible to have no mail from any where, & the food supply will be cut off from many. I think our community would be able to live on what they have. Isn't this a year of terrible happenings!

We have had some very hot weather but yesterday was cooler & this is a very pleasant morning but it is early (before breakfast)

it may be hot enough later. I hope
you are having pleasant weather & that George
is himself again. Are you taking a rest? I
hope so.

I keep right busy with my housework, & need,
tomorrow I will try to catch as many as I
can & get them off if the strike is arrested.
Yesterday I was mending racks for them & will
be doing the same thing today. For economy's
sake I buy from the living stable racks that
only col feed comes in, they are strong & good
except some holes, cut by mice may be, & cost
only 5^{cts} each. Your Father was out all day
yesterday, first to Gallion to have the horse shoe
& the gun fixed, then on to Scham Sawson's
to look after hay, & to Han Don to collect
a little money rent from Davis Collins, some
land he planted in corn, was to pay corn rent, but
Mr Humphers hogs destroyed all that.
Since the gun has been out of fix the hawks

have become very familiar, 2 at the same
time one day, & a day or so ago one flew over
the front steps almost, between them & the china
berry tree.

A few nights ago we were waked by quite
a noise & squeaking in the back hall, your
Father lighted the lamp & looked but could see
nothing so he called in the dog to see if he could
find what it was, he soon found the cat in
the dining room eating a very large rat.

Yesterday a snake was airing, or sunning himself
in the mulberry tree at the back steps, he
slipped into the hollow & saved himself but
when he shows him self again the gun will
be ready for him. It is the first snake we have
had this year, the weeds & grass are so high
that there ~~are~~ good hiding places for them.
We have a boy this morning cutting down
better weed in the front lot.

One day last week we spent with aunt
Melville, enjoyed it very much, had not seen

them for as long. They are still canning, had
an order lately for 3 doz cans of jambo.

Reuben was with us Sunday, he has been
working in hay too much for the good of his
eyes he said they felt "burnt out" but that
he was compelled to work with it himself.

I read at last accounts was about to begin or
^{rather planning}
a tour of ~~the~~ ^{the} state, expected to be in nearly
every county. I will enclose his last letter for
you to see what he is doing, need & destiny.

I never hear from Sleazy, it hurts me very
much that he will never send a line to say
how they are, or if they are still in Toulumville.
Our minister is off for a vacation as we have
have had no services for some time, he is a
great worker & needed a rest.

I have had breakfast & it will soon be time
for the mail man so I must close this badly
written letter, please excuse it. Much love to
you all kisses to the children

Your devoted
Mother.

I am nearly
 writing I wish we
 had a manuscript
 book in the
 middle of the hall
 worth it the
 end.
 Your Father
 writes with
 me in much
 love to you
 Sept. 1st
 all. What
 George it has a
 little in tooth
 cutting
 You Glad
 Mother.

This is your birth day & I
 must send you a letter, should have
 written in time for it to reach you today
 but I have been very much in a flurry several
 days this week. Your Father & myself wish
 you many returns of your birth day & much
 happiness, I mentioned at the breakfast
 table it was your birth day so we all
 thought of you, Fred, Reuben, Ambrose, Henry
 & ourselves, quite a little family party for us.
 Yesterday there was the annual barbecue but
 instead of being at the Mumford place it
 was in Uniontown in the school house yard.
 We had a letter the day before from Fred saying
 he thought it would be impossible for him to
 come so I was surprised to have a phone call
 from him in Selma saying he & the boys were

spent the night with us, the house was in much confusion but with Hannah's help I straightened up some, fixed 2 beds, & had a chance to send Reuben word to come up to meet them. They were very late getting in (about dusk) & there was another man with them, one of Fred's workers as there were 6 men, counting your Father, in the house, your mother saw people enjoy iced milk & bread with water as they did after the dusty trip. Fred & Mr Gilbert both spoke. After supper I sheeted another bed & soon all were ready to retire & have a good rest. This morning after some repairs to the car by Henry, they left for Danvers, expected to dine in Townsendale or Amintown & reach Montgomerie or maybe Auburn tonight. Henry is chaffin', he is a good looking boy & seems very bright & apt. Ambrose is slow - I want to shake him up. We wanted to keep them longer but could not. Fred looks well altho' he works as hard, he & the boys looked as nice as their Palm Beach suits. Herbert Collins took your Father up in his car, he said he enjoyed the day very much.

Now I have written as much & have not thanked you for your letter that we both enjoyed so much. I am so glad all hands are having such a pleasant time. Boycie must be getting independent to be willing to stay at camp without any of you, but oh! the nurse was going up - At Gates Park I suppose you will make the acquaintance of Mr & Mrs Keegan, I see they were going there. We had Alice Pierpont an afternoon & a day of this week, she too is crazy about "data" wanted to find out who was her grand father

so she comes down from Banning house for
"cousin Rachel" to help her out. All the old
papers & books were brought out, scattered around
& such copying you never saw, she worked until
dark each day & then went to Mrs. Phillips for
the night. The day she was here was pretty spent
at the church yard working in the broiling sun
until dinner time & again afterwards, cleaning
her grand mother's square, taking pictures &c, she
had an old man a good worker & she did won-
ders. Then she must take pictures of some of
the old portraits in the parlor, they were pulled
down & pictures taken from them, they have not
been returned to their places yet. I don't want any
more "dada" ciphers if they are as crazy as she is,
thinks of nothing else. She has gotten a divorce from
her second husband & takes back the name of
the first, is not that queer? I have heard nothing
yet from Minnie's divorce, she is in Mobile now.
Mrs. Hatch came yesterday evening in Mr. W's niece
was to take me to ride but as I expected Fred
every minute I could not leave, several evenings
before that she came for me but I had company.
I have enjoyed being with Mrs. W. when a good
deal since she has been down. The evening is really

Sept 2nd 1916.

My dear Son

Yesterday was your birth day, I wrote you a letter wishing you many returns & all the happiness you might bring. I gave the letter to your Father to take down to the store to try & get it to Gallion for the night's mail, on his return (late) he said "I could not get your letter off" but as he was in a hurry to go to the stable I did not stop him to give it to me, he passed through the house & went on, when he came in I asked for the letter & he could not find it in pockets or any where, we hunted the house & feed room but no letter. This morning, Houston, colored clerk at

the store told him he saw him talking to a man after he left the store to come home but did not see him give the man a letter, he may have done so & forgot all about it as you may get it yet. He is so forgetful now. I will write a short letter for you the other news comes to hand.

I wish so much you could have been at breakfast with us yesterday morning. We had Fred, Ambrose, Sheddlyn, & Reuben with us. I must have it was your birth day so we all thought of you. Fred the boys & Mrs Gilbert, one of Harold's workers, came over in Fred's car to the barn & down here that night so counting your father there were 6 men in the house, so long since I have had so many I scarcely know how to

provide for them but the only thing lacking was a little more milk, they drank nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ a gallon, all the cow gave in the morning. Perrygoes seeing them enjoy it. We were fortunate to get a piece of ice from Keibert.

After breakfast they left for Dunclos, expected to return for dinner at Hannasdale, or Perinton, & reach Mont gomery, possibly Auburn at night. Was it that a trip! Henry was Chaffin, he is a bright quick boy, but Ambrose is about as slow as his grand father, should n't think he would make a "bustling" farmer. Fred runs down when he can & pushes up the work.

I wrote you of Alice Pierpont's visit to get "data" & how she & your father scattered old paper, took down portraits &c.

Old Wash Shearer died last night & my cook

his grand daughter has gone to the funeral &
I must fix a lunch for us. It is thundering
& getting very dark, may be that storm is
coming, bad for Benben in town carrying around
his butter. I must stop, much love to you
all. I have not told you how we enjoyed your
letter & how glad we are that you are having
such a pleasant time. Kiss the children for
me
Your devoted Mother.

Letter No 2. After I finished this
your Father said "oh! I forgot to tell you
I found the letter." I will just send both.

1916 Laying Arr. Upper Montclair
October 14, 1916. H.P.
I have mailed
you our nice bag
and have mailed to send a letter
for Maudet to send you details.
There have been no more cards
to send, telephone calls, answer,
flowers & arrange besides
keeping home that the time has
passed. After seeing my dear
family off - all directions except-
most - closed the house & started
for Upper Mont-Clair Sunday
morning at 10:00 AM, very thing
& with the expectation to a week
rest at least - hope the best party.
Proctor met me in Newark &
we got home at 10:00 & found
dinner well & picky & busy
putting supper. After supper she
showed me all her bag things

Now for the baby. She weighed
6 lbs 5 oz when she was first born.
is eighteen inches long, big blue
eyes, well shaped head with
a little bit of soft dark hair,
dainty features with perfect
mouth. (In which we are thankful)
as she has such a marvellous she is
a ~~flump~~ ^{flump} & smooth. Of course we
are all very proud of her &
Bernie makes such a dear
little mother. She was so glad
to get your dear letter which
came Monday morning. She
says she did not want you to
worry her anything for the baby
for she knows how full your
hands are with your business
to take care of. I do not think
we will keep her much more
than two weeks for this is much
an easy case and it seems a

and we had a good talk &
she at last asked about her
st. turning meniscus - & trusted
Proctor made me up & said that
Emma would & I speak to me
so I hurried & there - found
she was not in pain but
that the water had broken.
Oh! I fixed her up & encouraged
her & then called the Dr. for
her pains began at twelve. He
& I both decided a dry birth
& a long reign. The nurse Emma
had engaged was out of town so
we had to get another & she got
here at one o'clock & she did not
surrender to the Dr. until three
o'clock. ^{He} got here at half past 7 - from
then on things were doing but
the Dr. gave Emma a fling of
chloroform so she had no more pain
until the last - & she did not know
she had - some pains and at

Emma's experience - & for the previous little
Miss Emma stopped with the family
and when we met - we stopped at the
bath. Emma has not had a
single attack, has plenty of milk
that opens perfectly well. She says
she has some pains but - thank
God - we have a doctor with -

I feel Emma's name. She is so
that she has made a fine thing out of
it for me & about time each day & she
sings in a bandage. I wish she & her
niece. Her fatherly. At this time
things are well - no more
suffering from back-aching & we
are like her mother. He has been
wonderful well - Emma has the best

Oct 14/1912
shame to pay thirty-dollars
a week for a chamber to do
nothing and we can always get
a nurse if we is needed.
Flowers have been coming but
short times each day this week
& the boys have eaten nice
I hope this one of large pink
chrysanthemums, one of roses.
He does not need them all & I think
could put some on our peeling
pavers in St. Louis.

My dear Chas. is on the ocean
& hopes to land in Falmouth-
England tomorrow. He sailed
last Friday on the liner Australia.
He goes from England to Italy
then to Paris, England & Norway.
I do not allow myself to think
of what the summer might do
to his ship & just trust & pray
for the best. And to come to Chas.

I hope Washington.
Nearly two years will be
passing. Daddy left us & it
seems like less. I miss him
so. I hope dear Agnes can
take some flowers to the
grave on the 26th - she
has not written me yet
this summer & she writes - in
a constrained way which I
do not understand. With
Douglas & Allen and a number
and snobby-off to school as they
could have something useful
& not to much a worry to her
brother. Do you know what
has become of Mr. Thompson?
I think he left the business this
summer. I am tempted to call
up his office. I must close for this
time. I am so glad you have had
such a fine summer & short work.

[illegible]

from Dr. Bancroft yesterday
saying that Mrs. Bancroft
and Kerlin were going to sail
for England on the 28th of this
month in the S.S. New York &
he hoped Ches. would be on
that ship. Kerlin is to spend
the winter with Dr. B's mother
in England. A queer time
to go for a pleasure trip. Letters
from Anne & the girls
report they are well & safe
in Haverhill & Theresa.
Cathie is coming to spend
holidays with us & we are
crazy to show her the bag
but she says we must not
expect her to stay. He will
think when he sees her.
I am thinking while I write of
little Kate's age when we were

Bluffton, S. C.
October 23rd 1916.

My Aunt Marie :-
Your dear
welcome letter came
as a delightful
surprise for it had

it to me. Thank you Grace
a hundred times! I wish I
could have sent you a little
remembrance, but - I thought
of you all that day. You
and Alice are the only ones
that remember me. I don't
like to have Birthdays anymore.
Marie I am so glad to know
you had such a delightful
evening since we
had written to each
other. The beautiful
dress is a grand gift
and it fits me perfectly.
I just had to let the
tuck out for the length.
It is a beautiful
dress and just what
I wanted and certainly
appreciate your sending

summer. I wish I
could have been with
you. Bluffton had a
great many summer
people. And the bathing
was fine. But August
was such a hot month.
These hot few days are
quite cold, have to have
fires but am glad for
a change. Dorothy was
not at all well in

September and Jack was ^{Oct 23, 1916}
run down from the hot-
walker both are better
now. I am very glad
Leona has a little
daughter, and that she
got on so well. Anna
Parsons is in Hankinsville
and I suppose I should
ask her to visit me.
But there is nothing in

goes on instead of less. I wish
you could come South - this Fall
and visit me. It is almost
a year since you were here.
How the dear children keep
well. Am so sorry to hear dear
little Louise had a hard time
when her torails were removed.
Will - devoted her and kisses
to you all. Even your devoted
Am so glad to hear about Miss Rogers.

Bluffton for young people.
Thursday will be two years
since "Daddy" died and
I am going out to the
Cemetery and take some
flowers. The Lot looks very
pretty. I have many plants
in bloom out there. I only
wish the place were nearer.
I miss Drama perfectly
terrible, more as ~~times~~

Oct 30th 1916.

must know he is making
a fortune.
Your devoted
Mother.

dearest Marie

I hasten to reply to your sweet
letter, it is so kind of you + Ben to wish to
have us visit you, but Marie we could not
think of allowing Ben to send us tickets,
they cost too much, we know his expenses were
great the past summer + can't think of letting
him spend so much on tickets for us - Maybe
in the spring if times are easier we might
let him help us out with R R fare but
can't consent to his doing the whole now.
We certainly appreciate to the fullest his
generous offer but seeing us would not be worth

that much - We are getting mighty old & ugly -
I am so glad you are all well & the children strong.
Did mountain climbing help Lizzie's stiff knees?
I care as much things with her, mine are the same
way some times & I can't "get about lively" as I used
to.

I thank you very much for the papers, the cards &
the program must have been grand nights.

The weather is beautiful now, only too dry & so dusty.
We have had no fire today, I am sitting near an
open window, in the sun it is very warm. While
the weather is so good I want to have my little
flower garden put in order, roses trimmed &c but
when I do, will have to be right with the boy all
the time & there are so many other things to do.
Day after tomorrow we will go over to Selma to
see about glasses, mine are all out of fix & eyes very

weak. Sister Sally & Lucy will join us at Hannsdale,
Dr D- never likes to be bothered with me alone & I
was so glad they consented to go, we told him he
could turn us loose when we reached there & Lucy
would be our guide, she is familiar with the town.
The great trouble is we can't get home until the 7 o'clock
train. Last week Dr D- wanted to go to Montgomery to
the Fair. Sister S- & Lucy were to meet me at
Hannsdale, take me out to Milville Brown's to spend
the day & then home with them, as it was a great
disappointment when we reached Gullion to see the
train pulling out, just 2 minutes too late, there we
thought we would go at night but it clouded up so
we gave out going at all. I suspect it was very well
for when the Dr goes off on such trips he nearly
always gets sick & has to hurry home, he said
afterwards with some satisfaction "well I saved some
money by it." Yesterday Sister Sally, Lucy, Rick &

his wife spent the day with us, before they left
Mr Tucker brought out in his car his wife & 2 little
girls, Lulie Harris, & Amanda Harris (she was,) the
porch was full. Amanda is on a visit to Lulie.
Lury asked me to thank Ben for his offer to help her
sell her goods, on account of the scarcity of vegetables
she did not earn as much as usual & has sold out
pretty well all, except tomatoes which she will have
no trouble in selling at home. When those pots came
they had so many green tomatoes, gave away lots to
friends to pickle & have many spread out to ripen. I
made pickle from some of mine & hung up some to
ripen, it is wonderful how mine stood the dry weather.
I forgot to say Tucker was with us yesterday & seemed to
enjoy the pleasant company, Mrs Tucker is a good talker—
Minnie took her parents to Birmingham in her auto
several weeks ago, she & her mother have not returned
yet. Mr H— looks forebaw. I must hurry to a close to
try to get this off to Gallins for the night's mail, much
love to you all & kisses to the sweet children & many thanks
to Ben for his offer, before I can let him spend so lavishly &

November 1, 1916.

Dear Benjamin:-

I am going to have a trolley ride to Creve Coeur Lake and a picnic supper there next Wednesday, November eighth, and I should like very much to have you go.

The only boys I am inviting are the ones in our Class at Smith, and we will start from school at half past two Wednesday afternoon, and will bring you home about eight or half past that evening.

Please let me know if you can go.

Sincerely,

John I. B. Mc Culloch

Nov 3rd 1916

Dearest Marie

Reuben Shreurs was here yesterday, asked me to write to you — He would like to know some thing about the lady who wants his daughter for a cook, he said she lives about 1/2 a block from you, would not give me the name. He wants to know if you think it would be a good place for his girl, if she could get along with the lady? Susan might find out some thing about her. I should think. The girl (Mattie Belle) is willing to go but Shreurs wants to know some thing of the people first. They offer her \$15.00 a month to start with & that is a great inducement to the girl.

I & myself are well this lovely weather

hope you have the same sort & that
all keep well. I am writing in a great
hurry to get this in the mail, much
love to you all

Yours devoted

Mother.

Thursday afternoon
Dec. 14. 1916.

Sweet - Maria:-

A day parcel - for
by parcel post - special
delivering a box containing
a few little Xmas tricks
for the dear children
Please keep the box un-
opened until Xmas
morning when I will
be thinking of you all.

A dear friend of mine here
has a small boy just one
and a half years old & she

your nice little things
that he had outgrown for
I told her I wanted the
small by a little
younger who was good
for. I think dear big boys
can get a little wear out
of this & they will love
you a few rhymes.

I hope you will all
have a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy, Prosperous New
Year. We are having a busy
time getting things ready for
the baby, Christmas & the

wedding which will take place
some day at noon. Aunt Sylvia
of us will be here as usual just
down a corner across & near a nice
wedding breakfast & the love
will take the same thing too.
For this I feel I cannot help.
You could see it with us & they
all have. My dear old mother
and myself just from Bergen & the
B.S. Kristianstad & my little sister
arrived - had just a little before
- may be nice. Yours Aunt

Saturday & Sunday with me
after studying and I was
had to see her. Got her to
exchange her red fox fur
for black fox & she looked
like a different person.

Will learn as fast as
a long letter would work.
ago I don't mind more now
as there are so many things
to be done every day & the
time is flying.

The two girls join with me
in sending you good love
& best wishes to all.

PS. Devotedly
Alice
I have before hand
if you could send the kit of crystals (sent)



Contract
indicate
date of arrival

Mrs B. W. Duggar.

Woods Hole
Mass.

from Fred, do not know whether the family arrived on the 8th as he expected.
When he writes
My dear Maria
last Frances had
not found a place
to teach, being a
young is own opinion
to her. Being sent
will go to the Women
College in Montgomery.
I don't know why.
Maria. I am about
to send this badly
written, interesting
letter, it is just to let
you know I think of
you. Kiss the dears
cheerful for me, with
much love to you all
Your loving Mother.

I intended writing so you
would receive the letter while Ben was
gone, but about the time I wanted to
write the cook asked to go home for a
night, the night lasted 2 days & nights
so there was no time to write as I had
all the work to do - There comes Reuben
I must stop -
Monday morning - Reuben spent the
day & night, has gone over the creek & will
be back to dinner. A man over there has fat
sheep & lambs, Reuben thinks he can buy
about 4 at a time, butcher one or two perhaps,
& take the meat to town Saturday to sell
with his brother, he thinks he can make a
little something off of it. It is closing up
I hope he will not be in a rain - We have

but so much rain lately, it interferes
very much with hay making. The cotton is
dropping all the squares, & the bolls are
plentiful in some places as the farmers are
much discouraged, counted on such a
fine crop.

Well, I suppose you have enjoyed the summer,
having your parents with you must have been
a great pleasure, tho' perhaps a good deal of
extra work, for I know how you will fix up
others when any one is with you, now you
must "take it easy" & rest for the duties of
the coming winter. I am so glad the children
are looking so well & the baby is so good, but
your babies always are I believe. I suppose
it will not be very long before Ben will leave
for St. Louis. I think he said some time
ago the family would stay some time longer
in Woods Hole. Will you have any gentlemen
to stay in the house when Ben leaves?
Since the rains we have had cooler weather

& the grass is as green as in spring time. We
have not much stock to eat it down, only
3 head. It has been trying to buy 2 or 3 head
to fatten but any one is doing the same
thing & there is not much chance for a
stay at home, slow man, to get any thing.
There is no news in our neighborhood now, if
there is I do not get it. I wish Mrs Hatch
she used to come up right often & give me
the news of the neighborhood & Dorchester
too. I have not heard when Minnie will let
her come home. I know Mrs Hatch wants
her, he is so dependant on her.

How does Lizzie amuse herself the long
summer days? do you let her help you in
domestic matters? I am sure she is a
help with the baby, & a play mate for
Boysie a good part of the time.

I will enclose an account of Lizzie's wedding.
Some one sent us a paper but Henry has
not written since. I feel like giving him a

good shaking (it would be hard to do!)
for not writing to us. I see who has nothing
to do now writes. She, for amuse ment more
than any thing else has canned a good
supply of tomatoes & some other vegetables from
their little garden.

That reminds me of aunt Melville & Lucy,
they are busy as bees, have no servant at-
all, do every thing themselves & have more
"ions in the fire" than any people I ever saw.
if the rains ever stop we must spend some
day with them, they say we must not stay
away because they have no cook, they are doing
so well cooking on the oil stove.

The mail has just come in. I am so glad
to have a letter from Ben, written on the
steamer. I expect he is with you today or
will be maybe tonight. He seemed to have
enjoyed the trip. I hoped to have heard