



Mrs. Mary E. Stubblefield  
Grand Chain  
Illinois

Longport, N.J.,

Jan. 25, 1927.

My dear Mary,

I have found time at last to write you about the death of your grandmother.

She had been in failing health ever since your grandfather died, but became noticeably worse in March of last year. The doctor at that time found her blood pressure dangerously high and her heart in bad condition. He was able to reduce the blood pressure but warned us that she was in danger of a stroke

at any time. I spent the summer with her and she seemed really better when I left in September. She had very little resistance however and was unable to do any work or to walk any distance without becoming exhausted.

Your uncle Howard had the family at his house for Thanksgiving dinner this year and your uncle Will and I drove up for the day. Upon our return home we brought

Mamma with us. She planned  
to remain until within a  
few days of Christmas, then  
return to Hightstown and  
open the house for Christmas,  
but she did not live to do  
so.

On Friday morning, Dec 10,  
I looked into her room be-  
fore I left for school to  
see that she was all  
right and found her  
lying in bed. When I  
asked her if she was  
sick she said, "Why no!  
What makes you think  
I'm sick?" But I noticed

that her speech was thick  
 and her face drawn. I picked  
 up her left hand and  
 found it was paralyzed  
 as well as her left leg.  
 The doctor was at first  
 hopeful that she might  
 recover but after the  
 first week she began  
 to fail and died on the  
 29<sup>th</sup>. Throughout her  
 illness she was conscious  
 of everything around her  
 except her own condition.  
 She never knew what  
 had happened to her and  
 always said she felt

all right. As far as we could tell she did not suffer at all.

We had the Hightstown undertaker come down here with his car and carry her home. She was buried from her own house.

Her will left the estate to be divided into equal portions among her children including your mother, after the amount was given to your Uncle Joe. You will of course inherit your

mother's portion. The household goods were appraised and sold to whichever members of the family wanted to buy them. We did not have a public sale.

The personal effects were left by the will to be divided among the family by your uncle Howard and me.

You will receive soon a copy of the will Howard is the administrator and he has already had it

probated.

We decided to send the large picture of your mother to you. That will be done as soon as it can be properly packed and crated.

There are also some letters which your mother wrote home after she was married which your grandmother had saved. They will be sent to you.

My mother had only a few pieces of jewelry. These I am keeping with the

exception of a wrist watch  
which was given her for  
Christmas recently. I shall  
send that to you as soon  
as I can get a new crystal  
put in.

The estate is not large.  
There may be something  
like \$1000 for each of us.  
It depends upon what  
can be got from the farm.  
Farms are hard to sell  
now-a-days. The mill at  
Lous two years for setting

up I shall send you a box of  
things this week. They should  
have been sent in December  
but I could not get anything  
done then. With love to all  
Aunt Carrie