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Mrs Mary E Stubblefield
Grand Chain Illinois

Longport, NJ
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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 before 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 27th. Throughout her illness she was conscious of everything around her except her own condition she never knew what 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 woodlot was given to your Uncle Joe. You will of course inherit your mother's portion. The house hold 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 will allows two years for settling 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