

Hightstown, NJ  
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My Dear Granddaughter

I received your letter with pictures of yourself and Husband and was very much pleased to get them I will assure you. You look healthy and strong together with industry and good management will enable you to along with the affairs of the world nicely at least I hope so. I hope you have a good kind husband with good habits. Be kind to each other and you will always be happy as trouble never appears until unkind treatment appears. I would like so very much to see you. Have always had such a desire or would have been greatly pleased to have had you with us long ago the last letter I wrote your father I told him if when you were of proper age if he would let you come here with us I would educate you at state normal school at Trenton that you could earn your own living in a nice easy way. I never heard from him after that. I was satisfied you either did not get our letter or he wouldn't let you write to us the last I wrote you until lately satisfied me that I was right. Still I think he didn't act properly in the matter as it would be against your interest to do so and we didn't feel very good because of such treatment. I wish you to always write to us and both of you come and see us and some day not far distant I will make you a visit. If you should come to see us you will see a beautiful country farms of from one hundred to one fifty are selling daily at from \$20,000 to \$35,000 towns and citys are close and work of railroads trolly lines farmers have telephone service one to five miles to east produce over beautiful mecadam roads buyers come from New York City and Philadelphia to buy all the produce we bring only fifty miles from N York fourty two from Philadel that produced over 340 bushels per acre and average price being over \$100 per bushel from field all farm produce is high in price. I sold my farm to Elmer my son containing one hundred fifty-five acres last spring he cleared about one third of purchase price last year it was not where I lived when your Father was here this farm is in a fine neighborhood and an excellent farm I owned it seven years sold it for eight thousand and none than it cost me all told in seven years my net-gain was over eleven thousand dollars Beside Howard cost me \$1700 at Georgetown Law School at Washington D.C. and the youngest son one year at Princeton College next June he will have passed three years in college. One more year and he will graduate from one of the best colleges in the country. I am not living at Hightstown in retirement for perhaps the rest of my time. Carrie teaches at Atlantic City one of the finest summer resort in the country. Her income from her work is Howard says \$140 per month. Howard has a law office there his address being 101-102-103 Girarentee Trust building Atlantic City, NJ if you will write him at that address than you will know all our people here are prosperous and if you were here you would have no reason to be ashamed of any of them come sometimes and see for your self. I suppose you will follow the farming business. Although you didn't say thats as good here as any with same money invested. We all wish you both good luck good health and prosperity as that should make you both happy. What business is your father following now last we hear from him he was keeping store had moved to Hillerman. I think now to Grand Chain.

I will close hoping to hear from you all soon. All send there love and best wishes to you both  
From your grandparents that loves you though they never saw you

James Ewart Grandfather