

Tree Tops, Gull Lake, Brainerd, Minnesota.

September 15, 1940. Afternoon.

My dear Collie and Gertie:

4:45 pm in signing.

Dolph and family may enter Lawrence any minute, if they have not already entered. I presume you are enjoying your beautiful home even though thinking about your lake home and its charms. Dolph, Marie and the boys will think their Lawrence home is pretty fine after all as they see it and use it again, too.

Today has been pleasant with sunshine and cool yet balmy air. Bud presented us with a squash from his garden to day. I am sure it will be good. Don brought in two large cucumbers from his garden and spoke of its beans. Mrs. Jack thinks much a appears frosted between here and Brainerd, but we see little frost effects here.

Collie will you please write Julia to  
(about me.)

write nothing whatever in any Christmas story this year, I think Grayce would rather be left out also. Kindly ask her to say nothing to any one about my "Illness", as I am well and wish to be known as a healthy, happy woman, as of yore. It would be very unpleasant to me to be discussed any more as a person on the brink of the grave. I am in good health and intend to carry on for some time. It is better in a business way to be in good health and to talk little of illness. Dolph looked well and handsome when he left as did all of you. You will walk more in your Lawrence house, Gertie, and in your Lawrence yard, I believe. Grayce has told me how you walked to her house here other seasons. You will next year again, you may be sure. Of course you will be careful but you will have good health.

I have thought Julia, kept Vera because of the threat of infantile paralysis. I mean kept her longer than she was supposed to stay at first. Of course Mary Jule and Charles missed the darling but felt a longer absence from Lawrence, during the scare was advisable. I have not heard from Julia regarding this, nor from Mary Jule, either. I hope Julia was happy when she visited you. From the paper we noticed she did not stay long. I presume she may have gone to the hills, or to look after matters at her home. I am glad to say we still have some birds. It may be that they are on their way to some place farther south and visit us in pa transit. Please write Julia about omitting any reference to me in a possible story this Christmas. Thank you and her for the omission. With love always and appreciation and hope that God will permit me to do as I suggested when we took our little walk.

Much love to Blanche and family, to you and Mary Jule, Vera, and Charles, and others you may see.

-Janet, Mother

and families.

Etoile B. Simons

Grayce and I are very very kind to me as you understand.