December 1, 1943

Mrs. L. A. McNalley Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

As you are aware, your tenant has reported a leak that in time would seriously damage your property. I asked Mr. Knapp to look it over and make his recommendations. The sample of a shingle submitted by Mr. Knapp looks good and he says it will compare well with the portion of the roof which may be left on for some years more.

We are once more without a maid. About two weeks ago Mabel told your mamma that she was going home, but would stay until after Thanksgiving. She left yesterday and Gertie requested that she take all of her property with her as we did not want to be responsible for her things. I collected \$41.00 in insurance on the things that had been stolen from her by Mrs. Cherry. We were out to the Shack at Haskell for dinner last night, will take luncheon today with the Baptist ladies and will dine at home tonight upon two dressed quail that Dolph gave us this morning. Your mamma did not wish to say anything about losing Mabel lest it would interfere with the enjoyment of Thanksgiving on the part of our children and grandchildren.

You would be proud of the way in which Mary Beth conducted herself while here. I think she had a good time and we enjoyed having her very much. I wrote He in regard to Etoile's affairs and he may or may not have told you what I said about Mary Beth.

We were to have gone to Chicago today, but nearly a week ago a soreness developed on the left side of my abdomen which the doctor thinks was in the colon. I am getting better and think that I will be all right in a day or two, but I did not wish to go away from home under conditions which might cause me to be laid up.

I might add that we are invited out to dinner with the Roy Millers for tomorrow night. They recently purchased Mrs. Strong's home in West Hills that she built a few years ago.

This will be all for the present. Much love to you and yours,

Your father