

January 17, 1944

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 3--Gull Lake
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I return to you herewith the key which you so kindly sent me in the hope that it would unlock the trunk. If you remember I broke the lock on the cedar chest when I found nothing to fit, but I couldn't find anything that would lock the trunk when I wanted to do so. As this key fits the trunk you have, I am returning it to you. I had a new key made for the trunk we have.

I may have told you that we have received mamma's Paisley shawl, and it is in far better condition than I had hoped. As a matter of fact, one has to hunt to find evidences of moths. We are very happy indeed to have it. Everything came thru in good shape. I have gone over all of the daguerreotypes and have written notes to be enclosed in each one telling who the originals were. I think they were two or three pictures that I could not name with certainty.

Russel, Mima, and daughter Grace and her two children spent last Thursday night at our home. We had a short but pleasant visit with them. Grace's little daughter, five months old, is as sweet and charming a baby as I have ever seen. They had driven back from San Diego. You may have seen the item which appeared in the Journal-World.

I love you a lot, feel mighty lonesome for you. As a matter of fact, I do feel very lonesome on account of the deaths which have occurred. I shall feel sorely tempted to take you up on that invitation for May, but it will all depend on what the traffic is at that time.

Dolph and family will be over to dinner tomorrow night. I don't know of any other news to tell you. Give my love to Don. I may not have written him since he sent me the check. The amount was properly credited to the account, making \$1,500.00 already paid on the \$4,000.00.

I had a real nice letter from Calla Gregg which I am enclosing. You may return it to me after you have read it, as Calla wishes to have the picture returned to her.

Lots of love,