

January 15, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Don Freeman,
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Dear Grace and Don:

I have just received your good letter and am sorry if I have been neglectful in writing you. I wrote a bunch of Christmas letters and that is about all excepting business letters.

My list of correspondents has greatly decreased in the past few years. With the loss of our own brother and two sisters, Blanche Reineke, Callie Potts and Lillian, there are very few left. Of course I write to my three daughters, but Gertrude carries on the bulk of our correspondence. Calla Gowdy Gregg, seldom writes and I fear that old age and disappointment in Norma's advance, or recognition, have soured her. I do not believe that she answered the last letter I wrote.

I still write occasionally to Dr. Wickey, who is now in California, and now and then to his half sister, who is in reality a third or fourth cousin. She apparently, is a fine woman and a year or two ago, her daughter, a fine looking woman with her baby, called at our home, while enroute to or from home.

I recall that after the death of Aunt Julia, Mr. Wickey married a second time to a woman who as I recall, was a cousin, or second cousin to Papa and Aunt Julia. I think that the relationship came thru someone named Lane, and probably dates back to the Mason line. As they came from somewhere in Central Illinois, I have thought that possibly she may have been related to Julia's good friend, whose husband was connected with the management of the port or pier, in Chicago. She had a Lane background of which she was proud.