

June 6, 1947

Mr. Charles H. Hoinville
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Dear Charlie:

I was very glad to receive the packet of letters and papers, most of which had belonged to mamma. I am thinking of buying a substantial desk or chest to be used solely for the preservation of such heirlooms as I may have of mamma's and her children. The letters from papa to mamma, written before their marriage, are very precious to me.

Your letter was dated May 28 and should have been answered sooner. I hope you make a good sale of your place. It is a beautiful spot, and if within fifty or one hundred miles of Chicago, it would be ideal. If you sell the land carrying the improvements for enough to anywhere near take care of your investment, it would probably be wise to do so, and you could hold the land for further advancement in price. With our nation growing as it is, even the more or less out-of-way spots are going to be farmed, growing crops that are suited to the seasons.

I wonder if you included the deed from George Washington and his wife, Martha, as I do not seem to have found it in the packet. The old paper of 1799, a part of the Ulster County Gazette, may or may not have any value. If it is a part of an original copy, it might have nominal value, but a great many duplicates or reprints have been made of the Ulster County Gazette so that very few, if any, are original.

Gertrude's dental work has been moving along and she has stood up, I think, as well as we could expect. The dentist who is making the dentures, does not believe we can count on going North before the 4th of July, which would make our season there rather short.

Love, your brother

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