

February 18, 1949

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
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Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grace:

I was sorry to hear of the sickness of your good friend Raleigh. He means so much to you that I sincerely hope that he will recover. He has been very vigorous for a dog of his age.

I am trying to persuade myself that the best thing for me to do this summer is to come up to the lake. You are the only other member of our family and we should be together as much as we can. I think it quite likely that Mrs. Margaret King will accompany me.

All three of the daughters were here last week end they like Mrs. King very much.

Marie returned yesterday morning from her vacation at Nassau, Havana, and Miami, and we were happy to have her at lunch, although she did not eat much, having picked up some kind of a bug while she was gone from which she has not yet fully recovered.

Yesterday and today have been bright warm days and the snow and ice have been melting rapidly. This should prove to be a wonderful crop year for Kansas on account of the vast amount of water which has been stored in the ground and which will keep the streams moving freely all summer.

The pictures of your home are beautiful and I have taken pleasure in showing them to our folks here.

You are right that this is the first time that I have been in Lawrence for a long long time, if ever, with so few members of my family here. This time it was simply myself, Dolph and John.

It is hard work to express a wish in regard to Grace Freeman. In her condition, life cannot be very pleasant for her, and yet, I have no doubt she wishes to continue living. Her passing, if it comes, will be very hard for Willie.

Give my love to Ruth and Ping  
and to Frampton's if you see them.

Lovingly,