

November 22, 1950

Mrs. Katherine Drought
1417 North Blackstone Street
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Katherine:

I was glad to receive your letter of November 7. If you had been a man instead of a woman and had been blessed with better health you probably would have held a high office of some kind in your state because you have a brilliant mind and see things clearly. It is a pleasure to me to read your letter.

I am sorry that I didn't get acquainted with your mother earlier because she, too, was a very fine woman and it seemed a miracle to me how she overcame so largely the loss of her sight. Her rooms at home were as neat as a pin and I think she found a lot of happiness in her christian life.

As I recall there were nearly a dozen of you children and I presume that many of them are still living. Early in life your grandfather was one of mama's favorite brothers, but his life and disposition had radically changed before I knew him. On the other hand your grandmother, I felt, was quite a brilliant woman whose life had not been too happy. As I remember she lived to be eighty-five or more years old.

I have rather lost track of Ed's son whose name, I think, was Leland, and his children. I think I last had their address through you when they were living in central or western Kansas. When I saw one of his boys many years ago he greatly resembled my son, Dolph, when he was of about the same age. Although there were a good many years difference in their ages they could have passed for twins had they been of the same age. The golden-haired blue-eyed daughter I have known only through you and I think she lives in California.

We have had a very open winter, not enough snow so far to even whiten the ground, but we have had some cold days enough to kill the vegetation. I presume the climate in Jackson must be rather rugged.

Love to you and yours.

WCS:bjh