

Collie, I've given you a rather lengthy detailed account of this part of the family, but you can use what you want to and throw the rest away if you choose. You see, I wasn't sure just how much detail you required, so I'll leave it to your judgement.

I had quite a correspondence with Mr. Ridlon, who compiled the Mahlon Gowdy books. He apologized to me for the late addition to those books, of our part of it. And said he had not been apprised of our existence until, I think, he was notified of us by Essie or Leilah. And it was a crime what they did with Norma's beautiful photo, where they must have pencilled it around the eyes till it looks no more ~~than~~ like the original portrait than if it were somebody else. It is a shame for people who never saw her will never know but what she looked like that.*** You didn't say anything about pictures, anyway.

I must stop now for it is 4:55 and I've got to write Norma a few lines anyway.

By the way, ask Blanche if she saw the article in the Tulsa Tribune an Editorial, "17 years of Infamy". I was sent one by an old friend of ours who was a lifelong Democrat & we had a verbal battle so that we almost came to the parting of the ways. I'll tell you about it in a later letter.*** I remember Blanche. She was such a sweet little girl, & I was so glad to have seen her for a few minutes when we came thru your town in '27.

With love and every good wish for you & yours,

Your old playmate of years ago

Collie