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My dear Mary,

Anne called me that she had a letter from you today and of course we are always so interested in you and your family and only wish there was some way we could help you. We are hoping you can come up here for a while. I am planning a little trip to Ky & would be so glad to have you go with me. Anne and I were talking about it today and thought it would be good for both of us, to have a change after so many years of cares & worries. I am planning to get all of the family history together and put in book form also to take Kodak pictures of the old houses to go with it and feel sure I can make it very interesting as I already have quite a lot collected. Any items you can give me will be glad to have and want to look up a number of things in Lexington and Maysville and if possible go on to Annapolis where the Burgess's first settled. Did you know that Howard Hughes (the millionaire aviators) mother was Alline Gano of Dallas in whose home I visited frequently.

Now do think about the trip and if you can get away for two weeks it would be so nice for both of us to have a change.

I am living in a very nice place on Arlington Hts. but am planning to get a house of my own as soon as I can find something satisfactory. The F.H.A. have agreed to finance for me and want to have several apts. to rent to make it self supporting. I am enclosing a clipping I thought you would be interested in. Have seen several articles lately that it was curable.

Mary all of our strength comes from the God who created us, and only my abiding faith in His goodness and love for us have given me courage and strength to go on when things looked so dark. The past we can't change, but it is best to so fill our minds and hearts with things to keep us busy and interested that we may forget and find a peace that "passeth understanding." I think of Papa on his death bed when we gathered around him and he told us we could not live without God, that all his happiness had come from Him and he was ready to go. I believe with all my heart that when we ask divine help it will never fail us. I am telling this to you because I believe it so absolutely and know you and yours can have the same help for he says "ask believing and what you need will be given you."

Burgess and his children live with me. He is out of work now except for a few days work every now and then but we are very comfortable and he hasn't been drinking for months and I believe he's off of it for good which you makes me very happy. The children are bright and sweet and Betty so talented in music. She picks up every thing she hears and plays on the piano. We hope to have her start music lessons this fall. Her tonsils and adenoids were taken out yesterday and I am sure she will be much stronger and gain in weight, as they were in bad condition.

Write me as soon as you find time and hope we may see you soon.

Lots of love to all of you.

Affectionately your sister,

Lillie

P.S. Billy's little boy was 2 years old Monday and is such a fine handsome little fellow. When I remember that I am a greatgrandmother I wonder if I am dreaming but I'll soon be three score and ten but cannot realize it as I feel fine and keep busy all the time.

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