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Dear Mrs. Duris:

I didn't answer your good letter before because I wanted to send you my catalogue of the Bed Rugg show and I had loaned it to someone else. Now I will wait until fall as we are leaving soon for the summer.

What a lot of information you have given me. And how grateful I am. I have not had time to trace any inventory of Olive Curtiss' things but will hope to do it later. The end of the school year here leaves me little time.

I have the Safford book on quilts. Dr. Safford sent one to me because I helped with a little of the work. Did you know that he died this winter? He had a very bad heart and was waiting for a pacemaker to be put in.

Bed ruggs turn up all over the place in very early inventories but they were heavy woven blankets and not embroidered until much later, and then done in a relatively small area of Connecticut, or by people who had connections with that area. Abbott Cummings is also a friend

According to present research.

of ours and his father lived here in Deerfield until his death this winter.

Sometime I should like to show you the paper pattern of the Curtiss rugg. It was apparently drawn from the rugg by Miss Whiting and is on four large pieces of heavy paper, done in charcoal and pencil. They had been rolled up for seventy five years and the charcoal had sifted all over them and we have just finished cleaning them up. A long job but interesting.

We shall be back here in September and I do hope I can meet you sometime. You have been such a help.

Sincerely,

Margery Howe