Box 1, Folder 30, Item 2-- Letter to Dick T. and Ora Morgan from Dell (1907 March 05)

Forest Home

Covington, Ind

Tue. Eve March 5, 1907

Dear Sister and Bro,

Where will I commence? with the birthday and go had or with Holidays and come up f the present, the letter I think would be most satisfactory. Am quite sure I only wrote a card after C. so will have to commence with Santa Claus has kindly he remembered me a very pretty lamp for my room Evan and Archie, a pretty [?] and plate Edna shade for my glass door Hope a pretty pair of gray cloth

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A very pretty white apron for Mother from May and [Bettie?] armed the other day. D. Also two boxes of delicious candy in pretty boxes from Helen and [John?] L. Your card rec. D.

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house shower, My sister do not think Edna wrote and explained so I will, [?] she did not get a pair of shipper made I hd a pair that was quite good that Sad sent me years ago. So she found that lon cloth shave and thot I could wear those about the house they were [?] so warm, but

unfortunately they were uncomfortable [?] and as she took that cold before she got them changed they are yet here and do not know what I can do yet but am just as thankful as if I had worn them all Winter, if I had only known what [?] you girls had

in your paper i would have called for a spoon for you remember years ago you and May gave me a cup and Saucer and this year the plate and tumbler, than I spent I would have had to have a little knife and fork than I would have an [?] table outfit for I have three napkin rings. Ollie Foster sent me a pretty dainty pillow cover but think it can be washed worked solid in light blue and white silk the ruffle and underside heavy sis worked with pretty stitch light blue S. her present to Grandpa and ma was a picture of self and her

two children [Alserda?] and Pearl on quite a large card Hat H. a dainty work bag with orders to cary every place I want, Clara C. laughed and said that would not be very often which is very true for I have surely been outbid the gat three times since C. Mother [?] from H. was a work [?] kind of brown or browns and inside with dark red satin lid and all with orders to be used, Helen Dodde sent me another silk work bag but smaller and of darker silk and some of the other D. sent me a Collar and gold beaded fin, and Alice made Mother a box of candy [?] kind all fine and good here

not time to talk of the other from Clara a heart shaped sachet white over blue trimmed with lace, a card from [Bill?] S. think that was all, and enough my Valentines a card from Alice D. a little maiden with such a sweet face old fashion sunbonnet made in show and her basket of fruit, one from Nan W. with Riley's picture and a bunch of roses made picture and over it two red hearts with a gold dart through them and in the other corner a pretty [?] and under all a line from Nan. quite a card, and from Sad quite an [?] [?] So she called it as she sent it. Valentine week

was a little booklet made of the gray paper they mount Kodak picture on on the back a bunch of violet [?] a fastened together with violet writing the [?] contained pictures of the four children taken separate and one of the girls together, the state normal and the C. Library, framed a better picture of the girls in the near future, also that week rec. a card and letter from W from Bessie and Mother two cards, and I a letter from May and they both spoke fo Uncle they could notice he was failing May said it was first his energy or rather determination to not give up that kept him going, that he

had a fall but was about well of that, I think Bessie and Fielding spent three weeks in W. spent one week with Etta Pain, said Roger would enter Annapolis in April (Presume it is some military school) as he had the appointment from the President, said the three girls are almost of a size, said Mary king and husband lived just outside the City, think this is Bessie first visit to W. Since she and F. were married so she had many friends to visit, May wished to be remembered to you with Ever so much love. She was very miserable about Christmas time with her side ways down but that all right when she wrote

All rather quiet most of the Winter, Clara [Carmikle?] had some of us in the evening of her birthday about [?] I have forgotten to date, and about three weeks ago Serelda had Emma Bright and I spend the day with her had been many long years since we three spent the day tighter, will just say the day was very short. Really the 25, of Feb but the 24 was kept and celebrated the Dawson Atkinson Home those present [?] those [?] of the home, Helen most intimate girl for and Lorrain Livinggood, Grace and Dane W. Helene's Aunt Grace Adkins, Emma, May and Ruth C. Charlie R.

Mr and Mrs Sanders and Son and Jim Lewis, Heath Family but Archie and Edna, really you wish to now what we had for dinner, Turkey, dressing, gravy, oyster, potatoes, Slaw, cucumber and tomato pickle, of course good bread and butter, cranberries cooked to a jell, plum butter, peaches stoned after, solid white cake with pink icing, white layer cake with chocklet dressing between (Helen baked the layer) ice cream, coffee, and watter and [?][?], Helen presented dress, spoke cup and saucer, money book, booklet, book for Summer cards, perfume Collar, handkerchief, pamper and blotter, and one or two cute pictures in frame

Grandma A Willow rocker from Charlie, Ollie, Grace, and Nell the boys a pair of fleeced lined shoes, Emma C. a pair of knit shiffon, black and black ribbon, a picture of Helen in a frame, a bible picture from Edna, Helen picture is to be hang in the induing room and the rocker is to be used all the time, Mother is well fixed for foot [?], three foot warmed you sent her C. I think are pretty enough to hang up and look at, and I think they would warm a person full without any fire. Well think I have [?] the C. more also the anniversary quite through

Mother just asked if I wrote you that she had just finished her silk comfort and the cushion that Ollie I have gave her she put a raffle of brown ribbon around it cushion which gave it a very pretty finish, Presume Grandma M is with Porter and Clem yet and will remain until settled neither Print after C. Clem wrote a note asking for Grandma recipe for Cooking as Porter thot nothing quite took the place of that and I exposed they thot they never was going to get it for I was aware I was only a letter and ans. to note so did not [?] to just send note so had a time getting anything like a letter off. You ought to be here they called in the first tank of sweet water to day Will Adkins and hand have charge of the bus, as our folks had so much fence to fix and such work they could not walk spare the time, am fearful will not be very profitable as the Winter has been rather warm for that, Now I hope I have kind of caught up, but many things I could write but they will save, dash I will not have time to cram in your birthday letter so you celebrated by many and me, do write soon. Loving Sis Dell

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All send love

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