

Box 1, Folder 29, Item 10- Letter to Dick T. and Ora Morgan from Dell (1906 March 25)

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Dear Sister and Brother

[[?]] if you have been as nearly [[?]] und as me, we never were more completely shut in then we were for ten days two week ago last night it [[?]] snowing and kept at up all the next day, Man could do nothing but feed, bring in coal and water carry out ashes and look at the road in the road home (for it would disappear) and read read read Charlie was

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if the [[?]] are better will send thanks and if not send what we here so just be patient, Hurry up and [[?]] so we will get it before you come next Summer. All join in love Loving Sis, Dell

this first time we had light so good night.

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2 have and they would visit visit and so and, same day the Carmens did not venture out, and of course the Heath House could not do [[?]] mail, So they put two horse to the road wagon and went for mail and [[?]] middle of this bad week C. [[?]] up to Ollie's [[?]] he will be with me this Summer. Harp been truing to get around to this L Ms. Eve Since the Birthday Anniversary, nit it may he just at well for this will here to be your birthday letter for am fearful I could not here Grounded in true [[?]], [[?]] turn to enter [[?]] this year, the day was a far feat Winter day, those forced free Ollie, Gracey Dare, Dell, Will

3 Helen, Sarelda, and Bend also the Sara Heath,) Charlie Emma C and man, Lan R. were inspirit but could be be free and Edna took charge of the Range and all that was in it and [[?]] and I had care fo the Dining Room and part of Kitchen. We prepared every thing we could the day and evening before, [[?]] and potatoes red to cook, coffee ground, and in the bag ready to pour the matter away. I know what you want to know next, is what we had for dinner, finally two large fat chicken that would pass for Turkeys, Edna made dressing and stuffed and baked ham. and they were don to a [[?]]. Chicken, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, [[?]]

4 oysters, caned tomate, celery tomato pickels, cucumbers pickle, jell, steamed alfalfa, [[?]], [[?]][[?]] I think, chokolate cake, and I think the while one more lemon cookies of course, fruit salad, bred, butter, coffee^tea and Walls and honey, that was one of the [[?]] from [[?]][[?]] [[?]] from Grace, and are almost like it from Serelda, Barla present pink and white carnation and box of candy Helen present a lovely box of candy I presume the candy is lovely she [[?]][[?]] opened the box yet for she has just finished. [[?]] box an him prepared more candy, for they all know she is very fond of fine sweets, Ollie present a pretty white linen table cover. Helen presents Candy Uncle Eva, her Uncle Dave bottle perfumery and Grace Book, Grandma gave her money, Helen said she would get a boo with it as that would be something she could keep a dream from

her mama and Grandma I gave her a basket made like the one Clem gave me Christmas year ago. Edna same picture she mounted and strung a ribbon.

After dinner, Archive took our pretty faces, could not take us all together so that the Grandpa than he wanted Helen alone, Edna and Helen will [?][?] and his Paper and Uncle B[?] and at the [?] he patented an snapped them, he has been fixing some of that

6 think he is going to send you some sales of his work. Edna gave him a Kodak for Christmas and he took it with him when they took their trip C. presume our house will soon be quite a picture gallery, I have kinds wondered from my stuffed after the [?] shop music and, [?], think Grandma enjoyed the day to the utmost will try to think and send in an item from one of the perform, stake of it at Dae, and may celebrating together. We kind of looked for a birthday letter from you and were little fearful you were sick, but always try to think [?]were is good [?] and would try to consent myself that way but it was

7 [?] consolation, the Last week rec. letter from the children saying Mama had been quite sick had the Dr, but they that she was about well again They wrote that you church was greatly received and the meeting were of great [[interest?]] of course did not give particular just mentioned the feet. Cousin Ed D. remain about the same of course he is failing all the while but the change so gradual can scare notice it, have not been there since last Summer must go soon as the weather will permit. Cousin Grace is so well this year. Since she took that treatment, last Summer.

8 you remember [?]-[?] our Uncle's late his wife [~~Flor~~] Flora Badine has been under going fearful operation first of Jan [?] up to [[Indianapolis?]] to be treated for [[Tuberculosis?]] and [[Pandecatus?]] and that she would tire through but she was so

strong and healthy she got through nicely, the times [[?]] the [[?]] and about the Size of a childs head a yr. old, [[?]] trak her [[?]] and appandix and she was getting along so nicely but the obtrude healed too rapidly and blood poison made to her left [[?]] [[?]] and they that by mutation that she might be scared so they did, and she was cheerful and all so encouraged but not many days until

9 they found the same [[?]] will the right one [[?]] the same banditry, but she was so weak and they did not dare perform another operation, so she is just lying there waiting the last Summer has laid there ten weeks, guess she was as energized as the, they here two children the daughter graduated from Oxford U last June and was the prize in the oratorical [[?]] the San [[?]] military School their yr. another [[?]] bright home broken when A cup of joy here and there and then come such bitter bitter cups [[?]] of such or has as are [[?]] but we will [[?]] and [[?]] [[?]] our come but

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[[?]] here tasted and drank to the [[?]]

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10 just after Holidays I rec. such a nice good letter from Ollie McKinney Taste, also picture of her Husband and only child a girl of two, Taken together they are [[?]] Arizona her Husband and a brother there an [[?]] in some [[?]] [[?]], she went once [[?]] but had to return to Cal. on account of [[?]] good health as she is very [[?]] but three yrs they are trying to [[?]] her and in of an

~~[[strikethrough]]~~ and she is much better has her lesson in morning than she stands most of afternoon ~~[[strikethrough]]in~~ ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ Sadal, Said if Mr. ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ Secondful the yr. ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ she could after a ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ East in the near future

11 I must give you a part of a pan picture She gave of a call at our house one morning when she was a little girl, She ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ that I to in a damp, muddy Saturday and a little slim dark girl going around to the back of your dear hold house she enters the kitchen when she finds your dear little mother makeing ginger snaps those in same talk and a good deal of eating on the part of the little girl, than she faces on into the dining room where she exchanges little pleasantries with your dear father who is sitting at his deal business but never too busy to stay but speak kindly to their child, and with Ora who is standing before a table up which ~~[[strikethrough]]~~, the lantern to be cleaned,

12 that you come in at the Hall door with a smile and pleasant salutation, then there in the dear sweet baby Edna sitting in the arm char by the West window and as she sits on the floor playing with the baby, she sees Evan coming along the walk from the barn stopping in the Shed to deposit his coal and over ~~[[strikethrough]]~~, This and many other pictures are as vivid in my mind as if they had occurred but yesterday. had not heard from her for ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ ~~[[strikethrough]]~~, so it was a very pleasant surprise and very enjoyable, ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ you wander what we here been doing there Winter, since Holidays Edna has made herself several

13 muslin garments of Blue Calico Suit, a very dark Blue I ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ know which it in ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ or going have it in plain and all ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ in white makes a pretty ~~[[strikethrough]]~~, a light Blue ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ from of waist cuffs collar and ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ void era in white linen floor, they are all finished present and ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ away, and in ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ fix in over old ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ duel her Spring Jacket has some of that fixed She wants to get a new White suit, and a gray ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ that she feels she will have her wardrobe in ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ for Summer.

Grandma has done quite a lot of sewing, finished a [[?]] quite she commenced last Winter and have the [[?]] fixed and ready to [[?]]

14 than she took the skirt of her old brown silk and made a tap for a light comfort and I got a pretty right lining for it and it is ready to part together than she took waist and sleeves and ruffeles and made her a fancy chair cushion I took skirt of my old Blue silk and fixed her comfort to, yes Edna made her some Blue Calico aframe, and I found material about the home for three [[?]] and Grandma made that, and herself two gowns, and made a part of two for myself and in [[?]] working on another muslin garment had sewed up all [[?]] that could be [[?]][[?]] [[?]] [[?]] for [[?]] and in that was

15 quite she but the last of our wool scraps, and I am making the waist for self and had the fix over once as two old [[?]] and [[?]] I fixed all Grandmas sewing for her, there was some [[?]] calls for the poor through the Herald and we fixed up a box two or three [[?]] and and several [[?]] coat cape a hat fix [[?]] of [[?]] and I put in lat of scrape for [[?]] a muffler [[?]], a shall two hoods three jackets five dress waist the old dress skirt same week [[?]] Sack stocking and a blanket in all I think of, so you see we here hands got [[?]][[?]] and they asked for case of cloathing any they fix [[?]], some [[?]]

16 out yes and we send underclothing I have blue calico to make [[?]] a suit but it is rather there so I am going to make without lining and have in place of a dark ging [[?]]. And make some wool [[?]] at [[?]][[?]], Mother said tell you she was making her rounder standing to [[?]] [[?]] and butter and bred. And Edna said to not forget to tell you she has a [[?]] of the [[?]]. Em [[?][[?]] poor woman had a cancer on her left brest and had to have the whole brest taken out she is not yet able to use he left arm they have up near Alice the [[?]] was [[?]] weak age I must write her soon for she gets so blue and they kind of expect some [[?]]

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us they [[?]] have so long

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17 [[?]] Cormile just getting or a measles [[?]] to other [[?]] well here not heard from May for so long she left a bunch of [[?]] for you talk when she left and said tell you perhaps she would really write to you, I hope you rec. the small [[?]] I sent C. and the letter I send telling of the Clack, Edna getting supper and said tell you your letter stop [[?]] with dinner tomorrow she is going to har. Chicken fat pies.

Say I have a mind to say I will not write again until I rec. something you had writing for if [[?]] [[?]] me had had one letter and one or two cards from you and one letter from D. Sure you left us, last of Aug. but [[?]] I could not mail very long just go on as I always have

18 for I enjoy writing to anyone that I can sit down and talk write I mean just as I would talk if we were face to face. Evan has not been out for two Sundays part the [[?]] story frighten him, Hat closed the house and out to Oberlin with Bernice there Winder. Archie rec. his pretty and dainty present and put it in use at once for it make a shiny ornament for his [[?]], he had not sent his thanks I guess, [[?]] he thinks Aunt Dell came for depot think he enjoys writing any letter than his Aunt D. The weather has not been very good for fruiting pictures so only part of them are finished and not so very good so will wait and