

From: Director of the Mint, Washington, postmarked D.C., Sept., 7, 1945
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To: Mrs. George G. Tayloe, Tayloe Paper Co., Memphis, Tenn.

My sweet Sister:

Your letter has come. As I read it I dissolved in tears - to think that my dear brother has been going through so much pain & shock to his nerves as that accident must have caused - bless his heart! And then to read about this large gift to me - the thought that you & he loved me enough to want to do such a thing just to make me happy, when you knew I was not in need, melts me with emotion. I can't tell you how it makes me feel. I can only say that I thank the good Lord from the depths of my heart for giving me such a brother & sister. All my I have been clinging to Georgie and now for many a long year my heart has been clinging to you as to a dear sister. When I think of all the ties you & George have, children & grand-children & many kith & Kin, I feel deeply how blest I am to be an object, also of your unfailing love & kindness. As for your & George's generosity it is beyond reason. As for myself I feel that I do so little to express my devotion to you both.

Again about George's accident, it is suprising to think that he has been able to get about as you say he has with such a handicap. It must have taken a lot out of him. But haven't we so much to be thankful for that he didn't get pneumonia, or an embolism. I have such dread of embolism after an accident.

Even with the additional house you acquired, you & George must have had a good deal of excitement, I think, this summer. I hope you have really got some rest.

How wonderful it was for Margaret that she could be up there & have two maids to help her. She surely has a lot to be done for her little family. I've an idea she is very efficient, isn't she? I should love to see her children. I remember that her little George was a beautiful child with large blue eyes.

Now more about the check. My first impulse was to send it back with word that I didn't need one thing material. But of course I know that Georgie wouldn't want me to - nor you. So I'm going to have the grandest indulgence, as a gift from you two, & that is a stove for my Maryland farm, which I've been wanting for 0, so long. I'm sure I won't be diverted from it this time as I have been once or twice before when I determined to apply Christmas gifts to it. I can think of nothing I would enjoy so much. And its going to be a wood stove.

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You asked about my summer. Well I haven't been away from my office one day, or scarcely an hour this whole summer, until the Labor Day week-end; not even to go to the farm except about twice, Sat. night or Sunday. Mr. Howard, my assistant is just back from nearly a three months assignment in Frankfurt Germany, with 2 field Mint men, checking, weighing & invoicing that Nazi loot in gold & silver bars & coin. At the request of the War Dept. I assigned him & the two others to the task thinking it would take a month or six weeks - After they got there cache after cache was found adding to their task.

I surely was glad to get him back finally. The fact is I'm extremely tired & got so I couldn't sleep. But now that I can throw a lot of work on his shoulders, I am going to take a few days rest & then must go to the Western Mint. We have a new Supt at the San Francisco Mint who has had nobody to tell him a thing about policies & numerous things which should come from me - things that can't be conveyed by letter. My how I wish you could go West with me & on to Victoria for a few days (If I go up there I'm going to stay a week, I hope, vacationing). I shall probably leave here in two weeks or so. If you hadn't been away from home all summer I'd have ^{some} hopes of persuading you to come along. How about it? I wish Elizabeth could take the trip with me. Her children are pretty large now.

Mrs. Quealy, my Wyo. friend, who has a son in San F. joined me last year & went on up to Seattle & Victoria with me. She's a grand sport; has plenty of money & doesn't mind spending it. She's Irish & witty, such good company. She may be ready to go again - the more the merrier. People were crazy about her everywhere we went.

You say Howard was released from the Army. That seems very fortunate, from both his & George's standpoint. I've an idea George can lay a lot of responsibility on Howard. I do hope that there will be no stiffness left in his arm or bad effects of any kind. I can imagine that his accident gave you a good shock & much worry.

The most important family news with us is that Dorothy was operated upon 2 weeks ago. She has been so run down & thin & miserable practically since David's birth & one doctor said she needed surgery for a misplaced uterus. We got her to go to Dr. Stanley White, an eminent surgeon here. He said the same thing. So without delay, she went to the hospital & had it done. At the same time the doctor removed her appendix which he said gave signs of trouble. Her mother, who has an

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apt. here, is keeping the children. It is simply impossible for them to get & keep a maid, regardless of the big wages they pay. There are plenty of places where there are no children to bother with, pay over a hundred dollars a mo. for a five day week & short hours.

Dorothy left the hospital day before yesterday & came to my apartment where she will stay three weeks or so, or until she gets strong enough to get about well. Mary my maid had just gotten back after a solid weeks absence on a grree - the worst she ever had.

It looks as if Bradford will soon be out of the Army. He is now confronted with the most crucial decision of his life thus far - To go or not to go back to Wyo. There is so much to be said on both sides. I am resolved not to say one word to influence them either way. If he goes back it means starting all over again to build a practice. A lawyer can only sit & wait for clients to come. He cannot go after them. With 4 mouths to feed the prospect is a little grim for Bradford. He & Dorothy incline to the belief that if he could get into some kind of business or office here in Washington preferably outside the government & live on the Va. farm it might be a good idea. The five day week would give him a chance to look after both farms & assure their having enough to eat & shelter over their heads anyhow. I wish he could talk to his Uncle G about it.

Thank you again, both of you, & again for so grand a gift & so much love,

Nellie

I want to tell you that my Georgie has a new post with the International Chamber of Commerca, which makes him & Mary Steele very happy. He got it through Mr. Owen Young who is their great friend. I so pray that it will turn out well & be permanent.