

Sept. 9th 1904

Dear Ruth,

Was pleased to get your letter Tuesday. If it is convenient to you, I am planning for baby Julia & myself to come over soon after Roy goes back to school. That is Sept. 21st. Think we would come about Sat. Sept. 24th or Weds. Sept 28th. Would like to stay about a week & would like to have you visit around with me to Mary Elias & cousin Mary Strongs & Aunt Lucia & would like to call on Cousin Phebe Topping, Sagaponack & Flora [...] & Hattie King Hildreth & go see Mary & Elisha & C & would like so much for you to come home with me or if you cannot [...] early in the fall to plan & come later. You need a rest & change dear. Please answer if convenient to you. Will make your home my stopping place.

Vincent is home for good now. Is going to school Monday. He has been on the sloop John H. three months.

We did come near buying Duvall's place. Had the bargain nearly made then went over & looked at the house & I backed out for I did not like the rooms a bit. It is a dark & dreary place & I am so placed that I can get out but little & want a pleasant place to stay in. I should feel buried alive in that house & [...] was not very [...] for it either as the land is [...]. The Lord alone knows what we shall do or where end as far as I am concerned with we had staid up in the mountains but Lon & V. like it here. Please answer soon & tell me if you want me to come. Carrie

My notes:

Roy is Carrie & Lon's middle son Leroy – he died in 1906 at age 13.