

Stamford April 30th 1902

My Dear Ruth:

I don't know who owes the letter but am going to write anyway. have thought of you so many times. thought to see you this May but am again disappointed. We are having quite spring-like weather now. Still there is snow in the mountains. It has been a good maple sugar year. We do not make, wish we did. We have all been about sick. Loni had earache & neuragalia(?).

June 7th

My Dear Ruth,

You see I have thought of you. Will try now & finish this letter. Hattie(?) wrote me she had visited you & had such a good time. How I wish I could have been there. We expect to go to town tonight if it does not rain hard. It looks now as if it might. Have got rags off to the weaver for 34 yds carpet. Am done cleaning only sitting room & bedroom left then until the carpet is done. Julia is asleep. Vincent is fishing. Lon, Roy & John are in the field. All is still. You could hear a pin drop. There is great interest just now in Harvey D. Montgomery trial for wife murder. We all knew the man, he has a farm in sight of here a good. Mary knew his wife. She was second wife. Perhaps Willie takes the daily that is published with the trial in. It comes to our door at 6:30 oclock every morning. I read it while the rest eat their breakfast. We have about 50 chickens, milk 18 cows. Julia is 18 months old today, neither walks or talks but is trying to do both. Will take a few steps alone & has said a few words. She is a good baby. We visited O.C. & family Wed. I stayed all night with Mary. Had a good time all around. Georgie (?) came out & stayed with the boys last night. Chammie(?) & Mary have a 2 week baby. Her name is Margorie Mary Stevens. Mary has had a dreadful time with her breasts [...] or rather the Dr. lanced it. Once Mary took care of her it has made trying times for her now. I must close & fix V. coat. Love to you & yours. Write soon, Cousin Carrie.

My notes:

Roy is probably Carrie & Lon's son, Leroy.

Julia is Carrie & Lon's daughter.

O.C. is Carrie's brother Osborn – his wife is Mary.

Georgie is Osborn's son.

Chammie is probably Carrie's brother, Herbert's son, Chauncey.

I've attached a newspaper clipping of the Harvey Montgomery trial – it seems he was convicted of murdering his wife but the verdict was overturned on appeal and then he was tried again.