

Bayff.
Wed. Feb 3, 1960

Dearest Mother, We are home but not too well settled as yet. Were very lucky to hit nice mild weather - in the 30's.

The train was only an hour late getting in to Bayff. we had a sandwich & milk just before getting in for we knew there was no food in the house.

Eldon Walls met us & we got hold of the Gas man to turn the gas on and start the furnace & Calgary Power to send someone to do the electricity. Really just in time before their noon hour for both to come. We put a fire in the fire place & gradually the inside of the house warmed

from 26° to about 50° by the
time "Steam" Watt came to turn
the water on in the afternoon.
It all worked just right & we
had time to get food & the
mail before supper. The house
was nearly 70° when we went
to bed - 8.30 our time but
10.30 PM yours -

Today we have unpacked.
got all the boxes of things that
might have frozen had we
not left them with Mr Scott.
& all the 5 weeks of magazines
& Christmas parcels! Shall
be very busy writing letters
& thank you notes!

Just a little snow not
much -

many thanks again for
a very pleasant visit in spite
of colds. Hope you are feeling fine
Lots of Love

Peter & Catharine -

Bayff.
Friday -
Feb 5. 1960

Dearest Mother.

Rusty will probably have been with you over the weekend & hope you were able to go down for Sunday dinner with him & Mercedes.

We are gradually getting settled - always lots to be done around a house. Right now Pete is mopping excess water from the basement & later this afternoon the electrician Cecil Rhelpott is coming to install a new light in the studio. It came the day we left for the east.

Yesterday was lovely, sunny & clear but today it is overcast & looks like snow. Mild though. We hope to hear soon how you are feeling -

Lots of love

Pete & Catharine.

Bauff.
Sunday.
Feb 7, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Had a nice long letter from Hanne - we felt sorry that you aren't over the effects of your cold yet but perhaps by the time this reaches you, you will be feeling much better.

It is trying to snow today & quite dark, but still mild. Friday Cecil Phelps the electrician came and put up the new light we have for the studio. It is something very new and supposed to be as near a pure north light as one can get artificially. We hope it will make it possible to paint longer hours in winter - ~~with~~ when painting with

ordinary electric light you
can't get colors to look right
when exposed to daylight later. x
We both send you lots of
love -

Pete & Catharine -

Bayff. Alberta.
Tues. Feb 9. 1960

Dearest Mother,

Pete is wondering if you have had poor weather in Concord lately? He is reading the paper. It is trying to snow here tonight - from the east, a very fine snow.

Have had a few friends dropping in. This morning Don Harmon wondering if we had any old pictures of Bayff. Got talking about all sorts of things & the morning was gone. This afternoon about 4 o'clock 2 other friends came & I made tea for them. One leaves next week for Honolulu. The other is on crutches with a bad ankle. Didn't get far in trying to clean the studio.

Hope you are feeling better. We had such a nice letter from Madie Buttrick this morning. Guess she isn't feeling too well after having her teeth out recently. Lots of love from us both.
Catherine.

Bay, Alta.
Thurs. Feb 11, 1960

Dearest Mother,

It was so nice to have a letter from you yesterday. Must have been a real effort on your part but we did appreciate your writing.

A nice letter came from Home today & we were glad to know you had felt better & even saw Jim on over the week-end. Nice that Rusty was there as he always is cheerful & fun. How is his girl? We liked her - what we saw of her.

Have been quite busy - not too many callers - a boy Monday morning, two other friends in the afternoon - they stayed for tea. Then Eldon yesterday talking business & plans & a lady at supper time

but in between we have managed
to clean the studio & get things
there in order & also the dark
room. Still have more to do there.

Oh yes, George Raginets came
this morning just to say "hello"
he is the Indian Pete photographer.

It's a lovely day & we are
going out now. Hanne is
right "Day by day we are feeling
better & better" so hope you are
too. Lots of love from us both
Catharine.

Banff, Alberta.
Sat. Feb. 13, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Wonder if it is easier for you to read a typewritten letter than a long hand one ? I can do whichever is easier for you,

We had the loveliest day ^{before} yesterday, a bright sun so after lunch we thought we would go out the old west road and perhaps walk a little, however it was a bit windy and colder than we expected, However with the fresh air it helps clear up our colds, We just have a little cough now and then, otherwise are much better.

Have cleaned the studio and the last 2 days the darkroom, so we can go ahead and do things, they needed putting in order.

Have also had a few people dropping in. Today Eldon Walls and his wife for a while after lunch. They wanted to ask us about a painting that had been given a group to raffle for the hospital. Then about tea time Syd Feuz from Golden telling us how things are booming over there with the Trans-Canada Highway and also a big lumber company going in.

Had a nice letter from Cousin Alma today and she said that she had been up to see you on Tuesday. We are always glad of news of you.

This is really Briday night but we have

to see the Morants in the morning when they go through
on the train to the coast. and wanted to have a letter
ready to mail to you.

Loads of love from us both,

Catharine .

Bayff.

Feb 15 1960

Dearest Mother,

Am on the train having been to Calgary on a shopping trip. It makes an easy day by taking the 9.15 AM bus getting to Calgary by 11.45 & then taking "the Canadian" back at 2 PM & reaching Bayff about 4 o'clock. I did 10 different errands & then ate lunch on the train. One can do a lot in 2 hours & especially when most of the stores downtown are within a few blocks of one another.

Calgary is growing
 very fast & I was surprised
 how many new houses
 have gone up since we
 were last down. There
 are 3 large steel
 structures going up -
 8 or 10 stories high.

We did think of
 driving down & it would
 have been a good day
 as it was mild but
 the weather forecast
 had said "high wind
 & snow flurries or rain
 showers". They haven't
 come yet. It is always
 uncertain in winter.

Tuesday AM. Such a
lot of things I should
be doing - so many
letters to write & things
to sort out -

Still mild here but
overcast this AM.
thought it might snow.
Hope you are feeling
better.

Loads of love
Catharine

what a mess that is
please excuse

Dayff.

Mon. Feb 25, 1960

Dearest Mother.

A nice long letter came from Harrie today & we were glad to hear you are better in many ways.

How nice of Eleanor to bring you some roses & Frances a Valentine & you also had Rusty a day earlier. This week will be Washington's birthday & a long weekend for most everyone - We don't have it here.

Each day someone comes around. Frank Raginto the Indian boy who paints came today & last night Stewart Grayson who is head of the Mounted Police in this district. Pete is starting to paint each day & I'm busy too.

Loads of love to all
Catharine

Banff, Alberta

Feb. 21, 1960

Sunday

Dearest Mother,

This is your big holiday weekend though

I don't suppose it makes much difference to you except

that Rusty has an extra day in Concord which is nice.

Sounds as if you were having lots of snow, we seem to be

in between storms, a 70 miles an hour wind in Vancouver

going a lot of damage last night and today in Lethbridge

south of Calgary quite a blizzard, we are just having a

few snow flurries and it is nice and mild.

Had a funny day yesterday, went over town

before doing the luncheon dishes and noticed one of the
respect

stores closed in ~~memory~~ of a young man we knew of 22, we

knew he was very ill with diabetis but hadn't heard of his

death. Were just in time to go to the funeral, then we met

Susan Mather and Al just here on a 2 weeks holiday, they were

married last fall and they had been around to see us right

after lunch, but as we had to go and meet the train as we

were expecting ^{the Burchards} friends of the Washburns on the Canadian we

said to come later on in the week.

Went to the train and Emma, who drives a taxi
and is quite a character, said there were some people looking

for us, had arrived earlier in the week, they fitted the

description of the couple we were meeting, so when no one

came on the train we started home. Ran into the head of the

School of Fine Arts at the post office and he said "yes, they ^{The Burchards}

came a day early. When we got home found a note on the door that 2 other friends ~~had~~ from Calgary had called at 4 PM, just when we were at the station meeting the train. So we missed everyone and spent the rest of the afternoon and evening quietly at home !

Hope you are feeling better all the time and enjoying the Illustrated London News as usual .

Loads of love to all

Catharine .

Banff, Alberta
Tues. Feb. 23, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Another lovely day but zero this morning, We have been lucky for all around us they have had storms or wind or cold and for some reason we have escaped. In Eastern Canada they have had very bad blizzards and lots of snow, evidently ate to get more from the forecasts we hear. How are you, lots of snow too?

A nice letter from Hanne yesterday and we hear you were out for an hour's ride in the car, the fresh air must have felt good and we felt good too just hearing about it. Hanne also said that Aunt Julie had come to see you, which was nice. Am glad she felt well enough to make the effort for her legs aren't any too strong.

We had a quiet weekend except for a young couple coming Sunday night, Susan Mather and Al Humphreys who were married last fall, Sue is a distant cousin of Pete's and a fine girl, a trained nurse and a great friend of ours for she has always come to see us as a child and brought her friends too. They now live on ~~the~~ an Island off Vancouver Island at the coast. Alert Bay, a tiny place but quite important as a centre and Al is the manager of the only bank there. Lots of Indians, a plane 3 times a week.

We are getting a new Jeep just like the old one, tried to get one last spring but it never was delivered in time so we cancelled the order.

Later. We went out early this morning and got a nice letter from you, it was very good of you to write and we were awfully glad to hear from you yourself. Don't worry about breaking up and losing your memory for if you do it in such an interesting way, no one will mind as much. We all make mistakes, but the ones you make are amusing and so we all get a kick out of them and you don't seem to mind either, makes life more interesting.

Loads of love from both Peter and me,

Catharine -

Bauff. Alta
Fri. Feb 26 1960

Dearest Mother.

Twenty below zero this morning but a lovely bright sunny day. Has been cold & fine snow from north the last 2 days.

Have been working inside. Have my last Christmas "Thank you note" written now must do Income Tax figures! Ceil Philpott is coming this afternoon to put in another light in kitchen. We have a fine one over dining table, can be pulled down on a spring or pushed back up, like it so much we are getting another for over the desk & by the radio.

We hear you have been out for a ride in the car. Must have seemed good to get the fresh air. Too bad you haven't an easy way to get

up to dam the stairs & then
you could go out often in
the spring.

We had a lovely card
from Gale - must have been
a nice weekend for them in
Onebee -

Lots of love from us both
Catherine

Barry -
Sun Feb 28, 1960

Dearest Mother,

A perfect day this Sunday - says snow tonight. has been twenty below zero for the last 3 or 4 mornings & up to 10° above or 20° during the day. Cold for late February but the sun is warm now.

Had a very busy day or rather afternoon on Friday. Philpott came at 1 o'clock to hang another light in our kitchen. So I decided to clean the exhaust fan over the stove so he could take out motor, clean grease off way inside & oil it too. Had newspapers spread over stove as it is a messy job. was on step ladder when our new Jeep was driven in. We hadn't expected it so soon. Mr. Dunford in his car & driver in Jeep. They came

in to living room where Pete listened.
as Dunford is quite a talker while
I finished ju. We had look at
jeep. more talk outside.

After they left Cecil had tea
with us & Charlie Beil arrived.
He likes his tea too. He wanted to
see new lamp. Don Harmon
came earlier about ~~new~~ old photos.

Just before 5 o'clock we rushed
out to do an errand & see Cliff
about new jeep etc. Came home
for a quiet evening & Mary Lee
& Lona Beecher called. Old friends
of ours. Mary Lee 3rd year Univ.
They stayed until 11.30 being
young! Quite a day for us -

Hope you are getting out in
the car for the air -

Lots of love from us both
Catherine.

Bayff.
Tues. Mar 1, 1960

Dearest Mother.

March already & it is
the coldest weather we have had since
returning first part of February -
is only zero now at 3.30 P.M.
& quite a breeze from the north.
has been cold. about 20 below
each morning. Slows one up a
little though I still haven't needed
a hat.

Heard from friends at
the coast & the snowdrops & crocus
are out & a few daffodils.

Not much news I
can think of. We keep busy &
a number of people dropping in
now and then. Hope you are
feeling better. Had a nice letter
from Cousin Alma.

Loads of love
Catharine.

Bangff
Friday, Mar 4, 1960

Dearest Mother,

It was so nice to get a letter written by you yourself & thanks so much. Harrie has been good about writing to Cousin Alina too. All greatly appreciated.

We have had cold weather all week. 2 or 3 mornings 28° to 30° below zero, but clear. today it is zero but a fine snow & rather miserable out, especially for the North American Ski Championships starting today with the long distance race. We hope it will clear for the big Ski Jumping on Sunday!

Lots of love from us both.
Catharine.

Bayliff. Alta
Mon. Mar 7, 1960

Dearest Mother.

We have had an energetic weekend for us due to the North American Ski Championships as Pete wanted to get pictures of the Ski jumpers if possible for they had come here from the Olympics. Friday was below zero & a cold wind & fine snow which lifted in the afternoon but we felt it was too cold to attempt pictures we nearly froze seeing the opening ceremonies.

Then Saturday though below zero in the morning it was sunny & we got ready to go up to Norway. had lunch at 11.30 got into our warmest Ski clothes & by noon were on our way.

we each had a pack. Pete his camera stuff + I with a couple of thermos of tea. As you know we haven't done any climbing for some time + though it isn't more than 500 feet. It is pretty steep beside the landing hill. They had steps cut in the snow but kids will slide down + even nice young ladies would slip + take out all the steps so it was hard going. We took it slowly but there were many others, more tired than us + we had to climb around them in the deep snow.

Once up we watched the jumping on the small lower take off then to the other side to take pictures of the best jumpers trying the 80 meter hill. They jump well over 250 feet, nearly 300 ft. It was just exhibition jumping, only the first part competition on Saturday.

It was nearly 4 o'clock by the time we got home for we took it slowly half sliding, half slipping back down. & it was about 10 above zero.

Then yesterday was the big tournament & we knew we should be up early & take a lunch, which we did. Weather was snow squalls & a heavy one as we drove up to Norway. but then it cleared up to a sunny day with a few clouds & even warm. 30° by afternoon.

It was a wonderful tournament as they were all top jumpers, 30 of them & they each jumped 3 times. Don't know how the pictures will come out but we tried anyway. It was 3.30 by the time we got home & our legs & muscles were rather sore in spots from going up & down & much standing.

We hear you have a little snow in Boston!

Loads of love. Catharine

Barry.
Wednesday
Mar 9. 1960

Dearest Mother.

Such a wonderful surprise, ~~as~~ to receive your nice letter yesterday written during the blizzard. You ask if we ever have them. We used to at least once each winter but haven't had a bad one for several years. It snowed a little last night & is very pretty this morning.

I expect with all the snow you have it was hard for anyone to get up to see you & that is why you felt you hadn't had a visitor sometimes for a week. I write you every other day but no doubt with the storms my letters were delayed.

Pete is working on the Polaroid films of the Ski Jumping on the weekend - saving the negatives. Yesterday afternoon two Indian friends came from Morley so I made tea for them & then Doris & Syd Vallance (the lawyer) dropped in, so we all had tea together, while Pete couldn't leave his films in the dark room - Kept me hopping.

The Wards come back today from Honolulu so we will meet the train with their overshoes they left with us when they boarded the train in November.

Loads of love from us both
Catherine.

Banff, Alta.
Fri. March 10, 1960

Dearest Mother,

A nice long letter from you today. Thanks so much. You asked about our family. Did you mean just Peter and me or did you want a list of all his relations? I will do that another day for soon we are going out.

The tape in the typewriter is old so the writing may be too light and I thought this would be easier to read.

Forgot to tell you that on Sunday when there were hundreds of cars full of people going up to see the Ski Jumping at Norquay. The deer seemed to know it was a good day for them to stand beside the road. and perhaps they would be thrown some food. There must have been 20 or 30 of them in one group as we came down. One little deer had a paper cup stuck on his nose. Might have had ice cream in ~~the~~ it. but he got it off. It did look funny.

The weather has been cold except for last Sunday when the Ski Jumping was on. lucky for the spectators to have it sunny & quite warm.

You certainly had an awful blizzard.
You sent us the newspaper headlines but
didn't tell us what happened in Concord.
Tell us if you can - Was there lots of snow
& did it drift much?

Must go. so loads of love from
us both.

Catharine.

Banff
Alberta
Sunday Mar 13 '60

Dearest Mother .

Another nice letter from you came yesterday. We feel sure you must be feeling better. Do tell us all you can about the blizzard you had - must have been quite a storm. In fact I didn't think Rusty would get home that weekend.

At last it is starting to be mild here, though around zero each night. Yesterday was just perfect. So lovely we took the new jeep for a ride up the west road to put some mileage on. Rather expected 2 Calgary friends might drop in for tea but they didn't come. In the evening we did some of the Ski jumping photos.

This morning Jim Simpson was over an hour looking

at Pete's paintings he ~~was~~ has been working on, while I baked a date nut loaf. without the nuts. partly because I had no nuts but also as older people aren't too keen on them because of their teeth. We have the Wards & Mauleys coming for tea this afternoon.

You wouldn't know the Mauleys his wife died a year ago & he has remarried - a very attractive lady who told me she would never see TO again. They leave tomorrow for England on a trip & we had promised to have them down. But Mauley is an old friend of Sam & Cis Ward who are just back from Honolulu, so we are having them too. Will send you a list of the White family soon -

Loads of love
Catharine -

Banff, Alberta.

March 15, 1900

Dearest Mother,

Don't know if the enclosed list of the White family is what you wanted but here it is. Have a new tape in the typewriter but it doesn't seem to write very well as yet. Hope it is dark enough for you to read.

We have had lots of company lately it seems, Sunday Pete was painting upstairs while I was trying to make a date loaf in the kitchen and old Jim Simpson came along. He was in fine spirits and spent an hour talking with Pete about painting and colour etc. Then in the afternoon we had Sam Ward (Cis has the flu and her cough is too bad to go out, just the way we felt in the east.) and Bert Manley with his new wife came for tea, we had a very nice visit and they seemed to enjoy it, they left Monday for England and we went down to see them off. Then Sunday evening as we were finishing the supper dishes the Nick Morants came in for a while.

It was a lovely sunny day yesterday and ~~much~~ milder but the weather forecaster says it will be cold again to morrow. It is dull now out. They are still skating on the rink across the river which is unusual at this time of year. We still have plenty of snow on the ground but Easter isn't until April so perhaps it will be a late spring for us.

Can't think of much news to tell you for our days are a good deal the same in many ways, so will send this along. Hope you are feeling better all the time and able to get out in the car to keep an eye on the new shopping centers.

Loads of love from us both,

Catharine

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Keen (Elizabeth Vail Huppertz) of Long Beach, Calif., a first son, Gordon Sinsilton Keen, March 7, at St. Marys Long Beach Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vail Huppertz of Sherborn and Mrs. Chase Langmaid, Jr., of Cousins Island, Me. Great-grandfather is Mr. Warren H. Colson of Proctorsville, Vt.

Banff, Alberta.

Fri. March 18, 1960

Dearest Mother,

It was so nice to get a letter from you today and to hear who has been in to see you and that you still have lots of snow. I take the Concord Journal now and thought the pictures of the storm very good, It is a lot more snow than we have but ours takes such a long time to go. Right now it is mild, 45 out and lots of puddles but at night it freezes again.

The enclosed clipping is about a grandchild of Stephen Huppertz being born. He is the son of an old friend of yours who died a good many years ago. Stephen, his wife and no doubt his daughter, now the mother of this child, used to come to Concord every 30th of May and he took the good picture of you in your scrap book one year you were watching the ceremonies in the square. Mrs Hupertz was house mother at the McAllister School before it burned down, where Frances and Gil lived, and later she was living with a sister in New York. Before that she was house mother at the Students Club in Boston. We went to spend a day with her daughter Louise, in England, the garden party, do you remember, Edith and Father, you and I, near Maidenhead.

It seems a little soon for us to visit you again for we have only been back here 6 weeks, so try and think that it wasn't long ago that you saw me last and that it won't be too long before you see me again.

Thanks for the clipping from the paper, about Aunt Julie's dream, quite a dream wasn't it.

*Lots of love
Catherine*

Banff, Alberta.
Sunday, March 20, 1960

Dearest Mother,

We are feeling pretty good these days, especially me!

First of all it is spring, at least yesterday and today are. Stayed warm all night before last and yesterday was up to 60 they say, the snow melting fast and great puddles all over the place as the water stays on top of the soil for the frost is still in the ground. and then the best part for me is that I got mixed up in the calender and find we still have almost 2 weeks left in March, I thought April started the end of this week. So this week I am really going to get the store room cleaned up a bit, everything has been piled in so.

Last Sunday we had the Bert Manleys and Sam Ward for tea, Cis still had a bad throat and so didn't come, and this Sunday we have invited a lot of old friends, all single ladies, to come in. Have been meaning to ask them for ages but hate to tie ourselves up. It would have been a nice day to go somewhere but yesterday there were so many cars up from Calgary we knew the roads would be crowded, and skiers going very fast. Anyway we have 2 sisters, Marian Puddy (a widow) and Gertrude Lambert her sister who have a little store of children's clothes, Flossie Currie who used to be a telegraphist on the C.P.R. but has been pensioned off, now works in summer at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Waterton Lake as a housekeeper, and a Mrs Wallinger of the Mt. Royal reservations, ^{dept.} and her daughter who likes to paint. Poor Pete the lone man but he has had lots of practise in Concord.

Yesterday was so lovely we asked Mr and Mrs Phillips to go for a drive as they haven't a car, He recently had a 2nd. cataract removed and so can't do a great deal of Painting as yet and finds the time drags. They were delighted to go and as we have the seats in the new Jeep it worked out well.

Walter Phillips painted the picture of the deer on your stairway
right from his back window. He has just been made a professor eméritus
at the ~~School~~ School of Fine Arts in Banff and now we hear that he is to receive
an honorary degree at the University of Alberta. Doctor of Laws, which is
nice.

Must write a letter to Miss Publicover about my Income Tax and
then it will be lunch time.

Loads of love,

Catharine



AMERICAN ROBIN

Turdus migratorius

Le Merle américain

Length, about 10 inches

There is no Canadian who does not know the familiar Robin. It is one of the very first birds to arrive in spring as a herald of better days to come. It builds its mud-lined nest under the eaves of our porches. It hunts our lawns for worms and grubs, and in the autumn it lingers with us until it strips the berries from the rowan tree in the garden. At all times it is a familiar friend, and it has made a place for itself in our affections that is filled by no other bird.

Of course, it is no very close relation of the European Robin Red-breast of song and story, so well known in the Old Country, but was named Robin by the first settlers of the country in memory of that bird which it somewhat resembles and whose place it seems to take in the new land. It is found almost everywhere across forested parts of Canada.



Duff.

Tues.

Mar. 22. '60

Dearest Mother

POST CARD

The address may be written here

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We haven't seen a robin
of this year but the
weather is really just
believable. For today
it was 24. In Calgary
it 50 here. They had
freezing drizzle. We
had sun & gradually
a snow. The 4th
day was in the 60's
hardly white snow up
through Calgary from
north to south in
fog & rain. Freezing all
the way until we came



WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

Sitta
carolinensis

La Sittelle à
poitrine blanche

Length, about 6 inches

The Nuthatches are indefatigable searchers of tree trunks and bark crevices. They creep up and down the boles, head up or down, forwards or backwards, on top or underneath, as the case may be, with equal indifference. The laws of gravity that rule the world seem nothing to them. Their food is mainly insect eggs, larvae, and bark-infesting insects, though they occasionally wedge acorns or other soft-shelled nuts in some firm crevice and there "hatch" or hack them open, perhaps as much for the worm concealed as for the meat contained.

The White-breasted Nuthatch is more or less common in more southern woodlands across Canada. Its usual note is a dull "quank, quank, quank", that is one of the characteristic sounds of the winter woods.

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down the big hill by
valley. as you enter the
mountains the sun out
from the fog into brilliant
sunshine. the mountains

all sparkling & a clear
day must have been
quite a sight. the
have on 2 weeks leave
from the Air Force. too

away & too many
calls to write a
letter today so thought
for night letter
cards instead

Good love
Catherine

POST CARD



This space to be used for Message

The address may be written here

Banff, Alberta
March 24, 1960

Dearest Mother,

We are still having lovely mild weather. Looks like rain today - is quite cloudy.

Thank you for your letter of March 20th. which came yesterday - you asked why does your daughter not come home? so I will try to explain.

When a daughter is married the usual thing is for her to go with her husband and they establish a home of their own. which your daughter did 30 years ago when she married Peter Whyte, and her home is in Banff, Canada where she has lived more years than she ever spent in Concord. So Banff is her home and has been for a long time.

When you were married you too went with your husband and established your own home in Concord

where you still live. I don't think you went back to visit your childhood home in Salem very often but your parents were able to come & visit you.

Your daughter goes east to visit you as often as she can, though it is hard for her to leave her husband and her many interests and activities in her Bang home. If you are patient you will find that your daughter will probably make you a visit before the summer.

We are glad that you have such a devoted grandson to be with you every weekend and also a lovely granddaughter who spends a day in Concord as often as she can, for she too has a home & husband to think of - and very soon your daughter-in-law will be in Concord too.

Maybe Harve can explain this

to you better than I have done it.

Are you having spring yet?
We heard a goose hawking this morning
& saw him fly over.

Lots of love from Peter & me -
your daughter - Catharine -

Banff, Alberta
Sat, March 26, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Thank you so much for your fine long letter that came today telling us all about the big blizzard you had not long ago. Didn't realize it snowed for so many hours & so steadily. Must have been very pretty.

No, Gale's address isn't the same as mine. She lives in Boston on Faneuilburg Square & her address is -
91 Pinckney St. Boston 14. Mass.

I guess Mercedes is glad to have vacation and a little time to catch up before the last term starts.

We are going to the train soon to see some friends from British Columbia on their

way to England to see their daughter
who went to school in Bauff. She
was married last summer & lives
in Sussex now. Then this evening
we have friends from Minneapolis
coming to see us. They have been
stopping at Sunshine camp.

It was so nice that
Russell's old friend Pat Dempsey
came to see you. The Dempseys
house is the one we tried to
find several times near the
Country Club. is rather Japanese.

Your writing was very clear
& easy to make out.

Lots of love from Peter & me
Catharine

Bayff.
Mon. Mar 28 1960

Dearest Mother.

X We have just finished making some old time prints from negatives in Dan McCowan's collection that were loaned to us before being turned over to the Glenbow Foundation. They are of old buildings long since torn down and the early days in Bayff. All sizes & shapes & so it takes a lot of time to enlarge them well. We have been working in the darkroom each evening after supper about 3 hours at a time & finally finished them this afternoon.

Our first Larkspun came popping up through the leaves yesterday & bluebirds are here already. The river is

open. feels like spring. it
snowed a bit this morning
but has melted & is lovely
out now.

Are going out to take the
negatives back so all for
today.

Loads of love
Catharine.

Banff, Alta.

Wed. March 30, 1960

Dearest Mother,

If you think of it, please tell me some time whether you can read the typewritten or handwritten letters of mine, best? (That isn't very well expressed) Which is easier for you to read?

Are your crocus up yet? See by the enclosed clipping that they were blooming in Calgary over a week ago. If you get the lovely spell of weather that we have had lately, you should get spring with a bang. It snowed a bit last night so the ground is white but it is sunny and will soon melt off, that is typical of this time of year here, an inch of snow that soon melts.

A nephew, Harold Whyte, came for dinner yesterday, we have promised to cook him a steak for a long time but either we were busy when he could come or he couldn't come when we had steak. He has had leave from the Air force and has been out skiing at Skoki, left this morning for Edmonton and back to Moose Jaw where he is learning to fly. He ate as much steak as both of us would in one meal, We also had really good fresh asparagus and mince pie that Willi Morant baked for us.

In the afternoon 2 more friends returned from Honolulu where they have been for 2 months. Lots of friends went down to the train for fun. *to meet them.*

There always seems to be lots of mail to answer of one sort or another so guess this may be the day to do it. We should go to Calgary one day but when the weather is lovely and warm and we can be outside we hate to waste it on a trip to the city and the other days with light snow or freezing drizzle down there isn't very good for driving, so we haven't gone as yet.

Hope you are getting nice weather to go out it and the snow all gone.

Loads of love,

Catharine.

Barff.
Fri, April 1, 1960

Dearest Mother.

April already. must be getting
spring like with you too. Still nice here but
it takes a lot of warm weather to make our
grass green. - when the wind is strong it
is still cold blowing across snowy
mountains.

Today the plumber came
at 8 o'clock to install a new electric
pump in the basement + new Ceil
Shipott is ~~here~~ changing the wiring.
It is something new & should work
better than the previous one that worked
off the water system. We have to have
something when water seeps or leaks
into the basement as we are below
river level.

This afternoon I am
supposed to go to a tea ^{at the Dempsters} to meet the
new Superintendent's wife. An open
house affair but Mrs Dempster also
asked me & I in going with Mrs

Simpson. Then tomorrow there is
another party for a newly married
couple & in the evening an exhibition
of some artists work! However I may
not go to all the things.

Now I must get busy - so
hope you are getting out for nice
rides & that the weather is fine.

Lots of love from us both

Catharine

Banff, Alberta.
April 3, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Have been all dressed up twice this week, almost in the habit by now. Friday Mrs Dempster, the ex- superintendant of the Park's wife, had a tea for the new ~~lady~~ Park Supper's wife, Mrs Coombe and as you have to be very careful in that position who you invite for what, so as not to hurt feelings. It was an open house and a notice in the paper that all the ladies in Banff were invited to Meet Mrs Coombes.

A little hard to know how many might come out of the Banff population of 2 or 3 thousand and I don't know how many were there between 4 and 6 PM. but they handled it very well with Mrs Powell washing dishes in the kitchen and a lot of young matrons helping. One greeted us at the door and asked us to sign a little book for Mrs Coombes and then go upstairs to take off our things, I thought this an excellent way for Mrs Dempster (who was receiving and introducing us all to Mrs Coombes as we entered the living room) to take a peak if she wasn't sure who any of us ^{were} ~~was~~, while we were upstairs.

We went from meeting Mrs Coombes gradually through the living room and then ~~were~~ diplomatically it was suggested we might go into the dining room for tea. And if we stayed too long in there we were eased out before others were ushered in. They had just tea and a large plate of buttered fancy bread and another plate of fancy cookie things, some almost like candy, so much easier than sandwiches and cake which would not keep if they had too much.

Think I told you all this before, but can't remember writing you yesterday. Then yesterday we went to another open house, from 5 to 9 so it was a punch and hors d'oeuvres (can't spell it) They were ^a newly married couple. Eldon Walls brother Jim with 3 children and Jean Waterhouse with 3 too. so now they are six from 8 to 17. ~~With~~ Jim lost his wife and Jean her husband a few years ago and it is a very good thing for both of them. Quite a jump for Jean

to cook for 8 every day instead of 4.

It rained a bit yesterday afternoon and is overcast today, not much sun and not tempting to be outside.

Had a nice long letter from Rusty and he told about you driving down to Salem with him, Merclia, Hanne and George. How nice and how smart of you to go that far. Next thing we hear you will be going in to the Science Museum to see the new wing with Mr Washburn.

Do write us about it when you can, we would love to hear.

Lots of love from both Pete and me

Catharine

Banff, Alberta.
April 5, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Are you having spring yet ? It rained here on Saturday and Sunday though warm was overcast. We hardly went out all day and no one came in. Pete was working on a camera to try and make a rangefinder work, he started in after breakfast, stopped for lunch and then kept at it all afternoon. He was determined to get the thing to work for all the distances and had to file a little here and bend a little there and try to figure out how to make it work. It was a good chance for me to write letters and I managed to compose one and type it out and do a few others besides, one to you. Then we listened to the hockey game on the radio.

Monday I thought I would really start cleaning or tidying and never did a thing I mean't to. Syd Vallance came down about 11 O'clock about a poster he wants Pete to draw and we talked and when he left it was noon. Pete also had an adjustment on the cam to have done. then we drove up to Lake Louise and back/ⁱⁿthe afternoon, it was awfully windy, really too breezy to rake outside , but I should have done something useful, Did get a business letter off which was something, Always hoping to do better tomorrow!

Had a nice letter from Cousin Alma with one from Ada and in the same mail got one from Ada to us from Honolulu, she certainly is seeing a lot and must be having a good time too.

Better get busy. Hope you are having some nice drives it is such a lovely time of year. Loads of love from us both,

Banff, Alta.

Thursday, April 7, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Don't know how we happened to get such a wonderful spring. Usually it goes from winter right in to summer the end of May, but this April couldn't be better, true it was only 25 above this morning but it is clear and no wind and the sun will soon warm it up. Yesterday was lovely too and we almost ran out of rakes. Mr Scott who lives above came down for one and then Louis who cuts our grass in the summer appeared and got another two, usually his wife helps him rake, they are Hungarian, used to be on a ranch but live across the street from us and love to get out raking in the spring.

This afternoon is the Blood Donors clinic and I think we will go when it starts and before there are too many donors. Doesn't take too long unless there are lots ahead of you. Usually they have 200 or more before evening.

Next week is Easter and here people get Good Friday as a holiday and Easter Monday so it will make a nice long weekend, most likely having such nice weather now we can expect a snowstorm or rain by then ! But no doubt it will be lovely in New England for the Easter bonnets.

Loads of love from us both,

Catharine .

Banff, Alberta
Saturday, April 9th

Dearest Mother,

Great heavy showers today but yesterday was perfect again, From Monday right through Friday it was lovely and quite hot in the sun. We were out all afternoon, Pete taking things off the old Jeep for the new one. Then Sam Ward was down and we had tea, they are thinking of building a smaller house without stairs and not as much garden to look after. You may not remember them, originally from London and Cis is a wonderful gardener, has the greenest thumb, she can take most any stick or seed, stick it into something and a week later a plant is started. She is about 75 so it is pretty hard for her to garden as she used to though she has quite a big one back of their house. Sam is hoping to keep her from making a new one if they build a little house. We talked of all that.

I also pruned the little spruce trees which get away on me otherwise, but today it is too wet to do anything like that. Louis who cuts out grass has raked all the yard, He used to farm and so knows how to keep at it. Started about 7 AM and didn't stop until 5 and now with the rain the grass should soon be green. On the radio it said the Golf Course at the Banff Springs Hotel was open for play, and then that there would be ski races at the Bow Summit

for the Calgary skiers, they may even have fresh snow up there. It seems to be snowing on the top of Sulphur Mountain right now.

How is your weather? is the grass nice and green, the flowers coming out ?

If you see Frances please thank her for the lovely letter and tell her I will answer soon, looking forward to the itinerary of her trip.

Loads of love,

P.S. ^{Catherine} Hear Melicia had a real holiday & actually went away. hope she had good weather & a nice time

Banff, Alberta
Mon. April 11, 1960

Dearest Mother;

Yet another lovely spring day and after I finish this am going out to rake a bit and cut some branches off the spruce, just an excuse to be out in such lovely weather for we might get a blizzard next week, this weather is just too good to be true. Even the Banff Springs Golf course is open for the season and that is pretty early for here.

Yesterday was lovely too but quite a cold and strong wind, however we raked in the afternoon around some bushes and things we never did get a chance to do last year. Have to go to Calgary soon, if nice may go tomorrow as Pete needs to get his glasses adjusted and I have a few errands as well.

Had a nice letter from you day before yesterday, just after I posted mine to you. It is nice to think that Rusty can have so many meals with you and also brings Judy, she must enjoy it too. We had a fine letter from Hanne and she said that Harry had spent one Saturday with you doing his income Tax out in the sun. What a good idea, sure would take the drudgery out of it to sit on your lawn where it was lovely and quiet too. and Gale had been out, It makes if fun having the Grand-children dropping in for meals and coming to see you that way.

Did I tell you we had a letter from Cousin Alma with another one of Ada's, She really knows how to enjoy things and see the most. She wrote about Kauai where we spent a month once, our favorite island. Shall be anxious to compare notes with her sometime.

She also said the snowdrops and crocus were out ~~on~~ the driveway and we know how pretty they are.

Loads of love and thanks so much for your nice letter.

Catharine

P.S. There are really just 2 in our family, Pete and I, but if you count all the nephews and neices and grand nephews and cousins there are a lot more.

How is Madie Buttrick feeling?

Banff, Alberta.
Wed. April 13, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Happy Easter ! Hope you have a lovely weekend, wonder will Kitty be home, expect Rusty will. We are lucky here and most places, stores and banks have Good Friday as a holiday and Easter Monday, so it makes a nice long weekend, and the schools have their Easter vacations too starting Thursday afternoon. I expect we will stay right in Banff, plenty to do and there are apt to be ^{too many} lots of cars on the road.

We went to Calgary yesterday, didn't know if we would as they gave the Jeep a thousand mile check Monday and still had 2 things to do yesterday morning, but when they finished at 10.30 we decided to go down to Calgary anyway as Pete had his glasses to be adjusted and I had a couple of things I wanted to do. We put up tea and a sandwich to eat on the way down, spent an hour and a half in Calgary and were home by 5.30 PM. It is a roundtrip of 160 miles, about 2 hours each way. We had no sooner arrived back, picking up mail and some cream, when we had callers. a Cousin from Calgary, just back from Honolulu and a friend, and as they left about 6.15 we had Pete Tasker with a lens he had borrowed, so it was quite a day and this morning Syd Vallance came in so didn't get much done.

This won't be much longer as I have others to

write, but just enough to thank you for your last 2 letters,

nice ones, and to send our love to all,

Catherine

Banff, Alberta.
Good Friday
April 15, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Have a feeling it is Saturday for today is a holiday in Canada and quite a busy day for us in the afternoon. Yesterday we asked a cousin of Pete's over. Margaret Campbell Evans, her husband David and the 2 children, John about 7 and Ruth maybe 3. They are Missionaries in Southern Rhodesia in Africa. at Melsetter near Salisbury, the mission is on the edge of a native reservation and they have a school and hospital. Margaret is a nurse as well and I think met her husband out there, They came for tea and are a wonderful family and the children very bright and well brought up we found, so we had a very good time. Strange but one of their best friends in Salisbury is an artist and about 20 or 30 years ago he went blind from the effects of diabetes, and strangely enough he went blind in Banff, They said it is so funny to go into his house in Southern Rhodesia and see paintings of the mountains here. He runs a boarding house for boys going to school now, though he is blind.

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They all left about 4 PM and since then it has been fairly quiet. Pete is doing films and I did rake a bit and we are through supper, but knew it would be a busy day to morrow so thought I would have this to mail.

Hope you are having a good Easter weekend, it is nice here so far, but colder than last week. 32 at supper time.

Lots of love

Catharine .

Banff, Alta.
Mon. April 18, 1960

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Hope you had a pleasant Easter in Concord & tomorrow is the 19th of April. Perhaps Rusty will be on the Battery & you will see him parade. From the Concord Journal sounds quite a lot going on.

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Bayliff
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Catharine.

Bangor, Alberta
Sun. April 24. 1960.

Dearest Mother,

We are right back in the middle of winter again. It snowed hard most all Friday (after we woke to find 2 or 3 inches), so by evening there was nearly a foot of snow. 7

Then Saturday was overcast. Some more snow flurries & big gusts of wind & just above freezing. Today Sunday it is snowing again, but very fine so not piling up.

Yesterday the deer were around, some lying under the Spruce trees at the back of the house, sheltered from the wind, & little snow landed on their backs. Then periodically they came to our back door.

to be fed. We must have had nearly 20 deer. The mothers & last years fawns in one group. The old bucks & young ~~are~~ miles with them in another.

When you throw out food the older ones often chase the little ones away. We thought they were very mean, but think now that it is nature's way. The mothers will soon have ^{this year's} little fawns to look after & are trying to make the year olds independent & able to look after themselves.

Lots of little birds. The juncos are like chickens & have scratched the flower plots under the windows & eaves, scattered the earth over the snow & dug up the garden.

After dinner & still snowing will try to write some letters & our
Loads of love from us both.
Catharine.

Barff.
Alberta.
Tues. Ap. 26, 1960

Dearest Mother.

a lovely bright sunny
day but only 12° above this A.M.
Still lots of snow but it is warming
up ^{the snow} ~~it~~ should go soon.

You should have
seen us Sunday night. There
had been lots of deer round all
day - very hungry & wanting to be
fed. & we had given them all
the bread, old cake & cookies we
could find. Were having pancakes
& sausages for supper, so there
were a couple of those left over.
The little deer seemed to enjoy
them so while I cooked batches
of pancakes in the frying
pan Pete kept handing

them out at the back door.
Of course we didn't put butter
& maple syrup on them!

How nice that you could
drive up to Harvard & see
Aunt Julie. She would be
so pleased. Should be
lovely when the peach &
apple blossoms come to make
the drive again.

Loads of love from us both
Catherine

Banff, Alta.,
Fri. Ap. 29, 1960

Dearest Mother, another lovely clear day -
It has been sunny most all week
but the wind is cold from the north.
Yesterday warm enough to sit out
side in the sun after lunch. We
were surprised by Tom Raginto
the Indian. He sat & talked very
pleasantly for quite a while about
his adopted son going to Japan on
Moral Rearmament, then asked for
some money for Children's party. -
(we have learned from experience it
doesn't go there) As soon as Pete
said we hadn't any. he got up
soon & left.

Today Ronald & Sam
arrived to start a job fixing
the roof to make our studio larger.
They were to have been here
last week but it snowed too much.

We are so glad it can be
done now & hope the weather holds.
Sam couldn't stay but Asmund
has been working on it with Pete's
help banding up things.

This afternoon 2 sets of people.
2 girls. Lana leaving for Vancouver
as a physio-therapist. to be used
in September & May Lee just
back from University. to teach 2
months & then Summer school.
-& then the Morants for a few
minutes. So better get this
posted soon.

Loads of love from us
both to all.
Catharine

Banff, Alberta.
Sun. May 1, 1960

Dearest Mother,

We had a very busy morning, Yesterday Sam Ward and Ole (his real name is Asmund but it is hard to spell) came to make the roof (that we are adding on to the house to enlarge the studio) water tight. They weren't coming in the afternoon except for an hour or so, but then Pete started taking down an old brick chimney and the others got interested in helping, then Eldon came with Sam's Tax papers to be signed, and we all had tea together outside.

Today there was a mess of bricks and bits of mortar all over the back part and we knew that the men would have to clear it away tomorrow before starting to work, so we started in (thinking to take it leisurely) to move the whole pile of bricks from the 2 story chimney and rubble to ^{side of} the shed where we could pile it. I got the 2 shairs to sit in when we wanted to rest, and as one big chunk of chimney had to be knocked apart I even started to sit down at that, while Pete did the wheeling away.

Then we heard little voices and all the neighborhood children appeared. 4 too young to go to school and the oldest boy in Grade 3. Of course they wanted to help and from then on we hadn't a moment to even straighten up and take a breath. They were such

surprisingly good workers and we showed them how to do everything the right way. They picked up bricks off the ground and put them in the wheel barrow, watching as we told them, for their fingers, 2 raked so hard we were afraid the grass as well as the bits of rubble would come too, and they were all over the place, getting rides back in the wheelbarrow and using a box and tiny toy barrow to take loads of grass and stuff away.

The joke was that we had to work as hard as they did to keep ahead of them, if Pete didn't watch they got so many bricks in the barrow it was too heavy to wheel, but in about an hour and a half the whole job was done and it could have taken us most all day. It is raining this afternoon so wouldn't have been as nice out, it was lovely this morning.

Wonder if you are having nice warm weather now and how are the tulips coming along I wonder. Think Hanne will keep me posted.

Loads of love,

Catherine

P.S Please tell Mercelia and Souisn Alma I will write them soon, they wrote me such nice letters and we had one from you too. Always so nice to get news from Concord.

Barry. Alta.
May 4, 1960

Dearest Mother,

The recording tape arrived from Rusty yesterday with the news that he & Judy were engaged. We knew they had been seeing a lot of each other since we were east & hasn't Judy been with you each Sunday for dinner? It is awfully nice & we hope they are very happy. I think it will be quite wonderful for Rusty to have his own home for he has been on the move for so long, never really settled in one place.

The rest of the tape was such fun to hear,

with you & Harrie speaking
too. Certainly a good way to
tell one what is going on.
We are going to record one to
send back. Only trouble was
that it took nearly 2 weeks
to reach us. pretty slow for
any important news.

How are the tulips coming
on? No one has mentioned
the garden lately.

Loads of love from us both
Catharine.

Bayff. Alta
Thurs. May 5th

Dearest Mother.

Should have gotten this away to you yesterday but perhaps it will reach Concord by Saturday. Rusty will be very busy I expect. I do hope you felt like going to the party for him and Judy. Wish we were there to go with you, an invitation came yesterday. Had I known earlier I could have planned to go east now but not enough time to get ready. We have two men working & are right in the midst of fixing up the roof. However I will probably be east before long.

It was not exactly a surprise when we heard

from Rusty Tuesday. He
told us about his engagement
on the tape which you and
Hanne spoke on too. We
remember Judy as a very
attractive young lady &
she & Rusty should make
a fine couple. We hope
they will be very happy
together.

Had a nice letter from
Hanne yesterday will write
her soon.

Loads of love from us
both to you all

Catharine.

Barry, Alta
May 9 1960

Dearest Mother.

Should have written & mailed this letter yesterday I guess, I try to write every other day but the time goes so fast I get mixed up. Maybe it's old age.

Expect it was quite an exciting weekend for you all with Rusty & Judy announcing their engagement. Gale & Harry flying back from Florida and Betty coming on from New York. We were thinking of you.

We are busy too. Have a chance to get Sam Ward & Edmund. Both good carpenters. to build a little addition at the back of our house & this is the only season to do it as the

fall weather gets too cold on
the north side of the house -
They don't think it will take
very long but of course it
is hard to tell -

Hope the weather is nice
& spring like in Concord.

Loads of love

Catharine .

Banff, Alberta
Thurs. May 12, 1960

Dearest Mother,

X 9+ has been the most beautiful weather the last couple of days & the men are getting on well with the Studio. Have ceiling board to put on which hasn't come yet & the window trim. - Then we hope to start the little addition at the back. We were so lucky to get the men at this time, thought we should do it now as we might not get another chance. Sam is 75. X

We hear that you went to Rusty & Judy's party. How wonderful. Don't suppose you will feel like writing us about it, perhaps Mercelia would have time later on. Expect she is mighty busy right now with reports & exams & the end of term activities.

Had a busy afternoon yesterday.
It was so warm, 81° in Calgary.
I decided to rake the front lawn.
First Flossie Curry came along &
we talked sitting on the low fence.
She went off to read by the river.
Then Mr Bowers the Architect of the
store came. Much talk. Another
friend stopped by the road. Tea
for the men when Flossie joined
us. Then had to walk home with
Tara, Bev's little girl, her brother
having left her alone. Then the
Vallances to return a typewriter.
Made fresh tea for them. About
4.30 got back to my raking &
Edna Moore drove by. She
wanted to see what we were
doing & the ~~mor~~ afternoon was
gone - only a little patch raked.
Loads of love from us both
Catharine.

Sayff. Alta
Sat. May 14, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Pete is writing a business letter + I hate to disturb him, so will use this paper for an sure you don't mind.

We just got such a nice long letter from Harve, came this morning + we are so glad you could go to the party at Mrs Harris to announce the engagement. It is nice that Judy lives so near + I imagine both

she & Rusty will want to live in Concord. Everyone who has written us about her think she is such a lovely girl & just right for Rusty. Expect you feel the same way.

X This is Saturday, but the men were anxious to get some cement poured for the footings of what will be our new kitchen, more like a big pantry just beyond the corner we used to use to cook in.

So they came back to work today which is a big help in getting the work done.

The Studio is finished except for one part of the ceiling - the board hasn't come yet - & is the greatest improvement. wish we had done it before. It seems twice as large as before & has twice as many windows. will be wonderful to paint in now & room for both of us at once without getting in each others way -
lots of love from us both
Catharine .

Calgary.
May 17, 1960

Dearest Mother.

You would laugh if you could see where I am writing this. Came to Calgary for a few errands. Found I could get a dentist appointment at one o'clock but he isn't back yet so I'm standing in the hall & writing this on the end post of the Stairway which is flat. It's raining. Snowing as we left the mountains. Don't believe the men will get much done today in Banff.

Have finished dentist & am waiting in a store for some one. It's pouring & I've had to take taxi to get around.

It was wonderful to get your letters the other day. It is so good of you to write. I try to get a letter off every other day but sometimes if people come in

I don't get it written in time
for the mail.

You should see the great
improvement in the Studio.
It has twice as many windows
& seems twice as large as it
was. We are so pleased.
Even on a dark day it is
light.

I'm now eating a bit
before catching the bus home.
Will write a better letter
next time.

Yours of love
Catharine

Banff, Alta
May 19, 1960

Dearest Mother

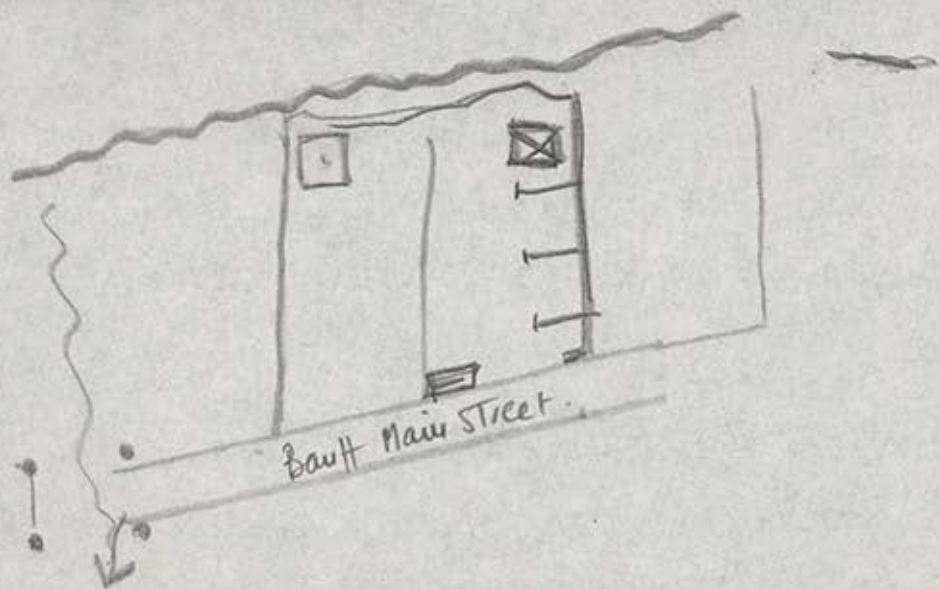
That was the silliest letter I posted to you in Calgary. Thought I would have time to write you at various places where the bus stops on way down. But Mrs Barabrus sat with me, a lovely person with a large family & good fun to talk to. So then I kept writing a bit every place I had to wait for anything. would "whip" out pad & write.

Had quite a day & was tired yesterday. I think its partly because the stores are so hot & the bus too. It was snowing on the way home & white near Cochrane on the ground, but rained in Calgary.

Looks a bit like rain now
+ the men are working hard to
get the roof on the little addition
at the back. We hope it will
be easier to keep this room
that everyone comes in to a
bit more tidy, especially
when I have so many letters
to write.

It must be lovely in
Concord now + hope you can
get out to enjoy the tulips.
Frances + Gil will soon
be home. Hope Ada's sprain
is better.

Loads of love
Catharine



Bayff.
Sat, May 21, 1960

Dearest Mother,

This is a busy weekend. Monday a holiday, it used to be to celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday on the 24th of May. but now it's always the Monday closest to it to make a long weekend.

It isn't very nice weather & even snowing off & on. About 6 deer in our front yard & a steady stream of tourists taking pictures. 3 different couples since I started this letter. here are 2 more. One deer doesn't even bother getting up & lets people stroke it's neck. never saw that before.

To morrow we expect Miss Burdett from the office. She had thought of coming earlier in the year & then was so busy in the office she couldn't, but a week ago when we found she had to get away, (she even made a mistake in a letter) we wired "why not come now" for I knew I couldn't get away right now & this is a nice time to be in Bauff. Also there are quite a few business things she can straighten me out on & it will give her a chance to meet some of the people here.

We had such a nice letter from Rusty today. The first in quite a long

time & it was good to hear.

The men are really getting on very well. At first we thought we would be lucky if we just got the addition up, roof & walls up & floor & windows, but seems the heating, wiring & plumbing should go in at the same time to be practical & if we don't do it now when the men are available we might not get it done at all. It is going to be a great improvement in many ways. We have been wanting to do it for 2 years & had the plans approved which was lucky. Must get some more steak as Harold is here too.

Gots of love

Catherine

Calgary, Alta.
Mon May 23, 1960

Dearest Mother.

This is the holiday
in Canada. Queen Victoria's birthday
& it is clear & lovely. a frost
this morning.

Miss Burdett
from the office arrived yesterday.
We met the morning train she
was supposed to be on but no
sign of her. So phoned the
airport & found the plane wouldn't
be in until 1.50 PM due to fog
in Toronto. So as it was 11 AM
then we decided to drive to
Calgary to meet her, otherwise
she wouldn't get up here
until 8 PM - maybe later
by bus.

It was a lovely
day. beautiful clouds &

a steady line of cars coming up from Calgary but only 4 or 5 going down. So it was an easy trip. The plane didn't come in until 2.30 & she was so surprised to see us there. Made it nice for we were in Banff by 5 o'clock & Harold White appeared & stayed for supper too.

It was a busy day for we had another friend come in the evening. Miss Burditt is staying near by at the Homestead Hotel. She brought the most recent news of you. we were glad to hear.

Loads of love
Catharine

Bauff
Alberta
May 26, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Just received a nice letter from Hanne this morning. Sounded as if it had been a busy weekend.

Yesterday was so busy here that I never did get this letter written. The Plumber & one carpenter came at 8 AM & we had to figure where the sink would go etc. in new little kitchen. With men here all day it keeps us busy.

In the afternoon I was writing Rusty (still haven't finished letter) when the Vallances came in. We started tea for everyone & Jean Park dropped in. Doris Burditt is here too & the men & much gossip on. Then last evening we drove her all around Bauff & saw a bear, 2 moose & elk & deer. She is getting rested & now is making the lawn.

Loads of love from us all
Catharine.

Barry
Alberta
Sun. May 29, 1960

Dearest Mother,

I certainly have neglected you lately. We are so busy the days slip by & I find I have missed the mail east. Will try to do better.

Miss Benditt is up at Bow Lake. We drove her up Saturday afternoon. The men worked until after 12 o'clock so by the time we got lunch & ready it was two. Not too nice a day but she loved it. Looked just like winter at Bow Lake, ice still on the lake, only one small hole open. The ground still covered with snow in most places. But the first flowers are out up there. Like white cowslips. We had supper with her. & left her for the night & to come back with Eldon & Dorothy Walls today. Jimmy & Lari Simpson were both there though Old Jim was in

Barry this weekend. So she may not see him. They were all interested in Rusty. When I asked David, aged 8 if he remembered Rusty, he said "yes and I hear he has a girl friend he sees a lot of." also remembered that Rusty used to tease him & take him for rides.

Will write more soon.

Good love

Catharine.

Baill. Alta
Tues. May 31, 1960

Dearest Mother,

We seem busier than ever
+ this morning I felt tired so Pete took
over the entertaining.

A friend from Winnipeg
wrote us that the Tanager Marchioness of
Reading + her niece were arriving in Baill
on Sunday to stay a couple of days at
Timberline Hotel + could we call on her
etc. So Pete + I went to the train Sunday.
2 members of the G.O.D.E. were also there
to take Lady Reading to tea, so we said
we would see them after dinner. Went
up at 8 P.M. + took them for a drive
+ then back to our house.

She is a peach + lots
of fun + the niece is a nice Scotch
girl. I had forgotten that our friend,
Mar Konantz, + Pauline Ferris of
Boston had all worked with her in
London. Lady Reading is a remarkable

person. Can't tell it all in a letter,
but she knows Malvina Hoffman who
is a sculptor & cousin (?) of Mr. Keyes.
Anna Hyatt Huntington. The Randolphs
we knew ship etc. has spent
quite a bit of time in Maine.

They stayed until 10.30 that
night & yesterday were down for tea
& this morning ~~we~~ ^{went} ~~go~~ to the Museum
with Pete. We are supposed to have
dinner with them to night.

With the men working & other
callers it keeps us on the go.

Loads of love from us both
Catherine.

Dauph. Alberta
June 2. 1960

Dearest Mother,

We are still very busy but a little quieter today as Lady Reading & her niece Veronica Glegg left yesterday. We saw more of them than we expected as they dropped in twice for tea, asked us up to their hotel for dinner night before last & yesterday came for lunch with us here. We got talking about Kipperd Boring which they evidently like & so Pete said we would cook some for them & they jumped at the idea. It was lots of fun really - Lady Reading is a remarkable person & great organizer for Civil Defense - and all sorts of things. She was in the U.S. to make a speech for the Red Cross Convention in Kansas City. She had already made one in Canada & told them the Canadian Red Cross was the best in the world & the Americans said what will you say in Kansas City? & she said to them "I shall tell them the

truth, the Canadian Red Cross is ^{the} best
in its organization but the American
is the 2nd best.

Have had lots of rainy weather
too bad for Doris ^{Burditt} to see the scenery -
The men are working hard on the new
Kitchen, getting the wall board up now.

Lots of love

Catharine

Bayliff, Alta.
Sun. June 5, 1960

Dearest Mother, what a day we had yesterday. In fact every day seems as busy as the previous one. ^{each day} The youngest carpenter arrives at 8 AM. Sam comes at 9 & they leave at 5 PM or later. We find one of us has to be here for questions & things get built the way we don't want them.

Friday was Doris Burdett's last day & she invited us to have dinner. We went to Bertello's. The restaurant upstairs in the new building Pete built a couple of years ago. It was even nicer than the first time we were there & good food. We all ate too much again. Then a last drive around by Minnewaukan.

Yesterday was Saturday & neither of the carpenters came so we slept in until 8 AM. the electrician

came to Sam for his tools. & Doris, & I
got the house cleaned a tiny bit. Eranda,
& the morning was gone.

Right after lunch took Doris to see the
Morants & their house as they had asked
her up there & when we got back here
found Gray Campbell & Taming who
had driven up from Lethbridge. While
they went off to see a friend we took
Doris Burdett to her train at 3 P.M. It
was a little late but hope she connected
with her plane east.

Made a reservation for Gray & Tim
& sent a wire (Pete's aunt's birthday) &
got back to find Gray & Tim to tell
us they were to stay with Eldon Wallp.
~~so had to go & cancel reservation!~~
We said we would like to be quiet
for a bit but might see them later.
Sat down for a cup of tea & I hadn't
finished mine when Bill Shulman
came from Calgary to see Pete about

a painting. Made him tea & then Jean
 Park came. We drove her back to the
 Bauff Springs & stopped at the store
 thinking it about 5 P.M. & found it
 was after 6 o'clock. So we had a
 quick supper & were in bed by ~~6 PM~~ 8.30 PM.

Today Gray was down about 10 AM,
 he & Tim went to church with Eldon's
 boys & we measured cupboards. Then
 Gray came for dinner & at 3 has just
 gone. So I will hurry over & mail
 this. but this will let you & Harrie
 know how busy we are!

So glad you got up to see
 Aunt Julie. Francis & Gil must
 be home so you will hear about
 their trip. Must have been wonderful.
 Loads of love
 Catharine.

Bangf. Alta.
Thurs June 7, 1960

Dearest Mother, Our weather is still cold
& unsettled, the leaves just coming out.
X This is a busy household.
Especially today with Asmund making
a cupboard with a big "Lazy Susan"
turning shelves in the corner. Sam
putting the knotty pine veneer on the
walls of the room I'm going to use
for letter writing & Ted got the
heating man with a young assistant
putting in the heating vents, much
banging etc. going on, but it will
be very nice when finished. X

Last night 4 friends
called just as we were going to bed
& stayed until 11 P.M. & the
evening before Edna & Pearl Moore
were down. So we have had company

too - I haven't had time to read
a newspaper for a couple of weeks.
Just glance at it hurriedly.

The doctors convention starts soon.
Maybe tomorrow & we expect the
doctor who did Pete's eyes to be
here.

Must run now to catch the
mail.

Loads of love from us both.
Catharine

Banff, Alberta,
Fri. June 10, 1960

Dearest Mother,

This is the first really nice day one can sit outside that we have had in over a month. Just wish Miss Burditt was still here to enjoy it. She hardly had one really nice day. Certainly not as summer like as now. The tulips here are only just starting to bloom & the leaves are hardly out yet.

The new little kitchen has been a little slow lately. partly because we couldn't get the materials we wanted & then when we decided to have stainless steel around the sink & Ted Gotthe came to measure it - the hardware store said they could get what we wanted from another place in Calgary. So around the new double sink will be stainless steel & the other counter Formica to look like wood.

They are working on the cupboards now.
Yesterday Asmund finished making
us a wheel cupboard in the corner.
Hanne & Helga will know what
that is. It's called a Hjul Hylle x

Haven't had time to write
much & have heaps of letters to get
done right away. but every
evening it seems we have someone
dropping in.

Guess it is getting pretty
hot in Carcad now -

Loads of love
Catharine.

3000 Alta.
Sunday -
June 12, 1960

Dearest Mother,

The loveliest day you ever saw -
Clear blue sky & a few fleecy clouds - Sun
hot but the air cool. First chance we have
had to bask in the sun since April.
Either the weather has been poor. Too
many workmen around or company.

We are full of steak & a
bit drowsy. Listened to young Jon Whyte
reading the noon news from C.R.V.A.
the University Radio Station in Edmonton
where he is working this summer. He
did it very well we thought.

Such a nice surprise
from you yesterday - You couldn't send
a nicer present to anyone than your
letter to us. Many thanks - Am
afraid mine aren't too interesting
these days -

It must be nice for
you having Rusty back in Concord &

120. ~~Frank~~

I expect he & Judi are having quite a few meals with you. The loveliest time of year in Concord.

Fraunces wrote us such a nice letter about their trip. Shall be anxious to hear more about it. Hear that Nancy Newbury is home from college & going to the Frontier Nursing this summer in Kentucky.

Maybe I can get some more letters written sitting here at the back of the house.

Loads of love from us both
Catharine

Banff, Alta
Tues. June 14/1960

Dearest Mother,

The Medical Convention is on in Banff, about 2000 doctors & wives. We have been up to the Banff Springs twice to find out if some friends were there, but guess they aren't coming after all. Just as well for we are really too busy to entertain. Pete thought Dr Marshall might be here.

The little kitchen is progressing. The cupboard doors are nearly all on & look so nice with black hinges. of course there weren't enough in Banff but we are ordering more from Calgary.

x Ted Gotke & his young
helper came yesterday & put
in a lovely stainless steel
sink. He made the counter
of steel, we had the sink.
Now I hear the electrician
Ceil Ruelcott here to do
more lights - the fixtures to go on.

One of these days we
must cut the place for the
door from the old kitchen
in to the new one & move
the stove & refrigerator &
all the cooking things! x

Sunday was the
loveliest day yet & it
felt good to be out in
the warm sunshine.

The Plumber's assistant
has just come too so

our 9 x 9 kitchen is rather crowded if Pete & I go in too. However if 4 men can all do different things in it at once I should find it the right size for cooking!

We are having a water softener put in. The Bayff water is so hard.

Loads of love from
us both.

Catharine.

Barff, Alta
Thurs June 16, 1960

Dearest Mother,

Still wet weather with us - mostly showers. The men still working. Bob the plumber here yesterday to put in a soft water system. Something fairly new here, for our water, though good to drink, is very hard. Today he is connecting the new sink in the new kitchen; & if time, may connect the washing machine in my new "workshop". Don't know exactly what to call this new room. It is $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet by about 17 feet alongside the new kitchen & has the door at the back. It will be a room where I can write & leave letters & papers about for no one is supposed to go in there. Now when I write & people come in I have to move

everything about typewriters
all. & usually lose things too,
also my desk is where every
one puts things & it gets
piled high with papers.

It won't be long now
before you see me in Concord -
just a short visit, for most
likely we will be going again
in the fall. I will let Harrie
know in plenty of time.

Loads of love

Catharine

TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES

In flight

Tuesday
June 28 '60

Dearest Mother,

This has been quite a day and hot too.

Am on the plane to Montreal and have just had dinner. nice, but not as good as Jessies. I would say a tenth as good.

Slices of meat with gravy

mashed potatoe. carrots.
salad with Russian
dressing. a roll. lemonade
or coffee & a fancy
tart.

Only one hostess
& she had about 60
people to feed on trays.
2 men helped her
gather up the trays
just now - & we are
heading down now.

Got the business done
in Boston & also had
a chance to drop in to
the Arts & Crafts. It's a
lovely new building so
hope they do well.

Miss Burditt came
to the Airport & we were
an hour late taking
off but hope to make my
9 PM plane to Toronto.

It was such a lovely
visit Thanks to you all
Lots of love Catharine.



En Route
June 29, 1960

Dearest Mother.

We are over
Alberta & should be landing
fairly soon. It has been
a good flight. Am a bit
late leaving Toronto but
I have time to catch the
train to Banff from
Calgary which is often
late too.

It was very
hot & humid in both

Montreal & Toronto but
cool air blows into the
plane as you want it.

It was good to see
you even for a short
time & it won't be
long until September
& Rusty & Judy's
wedding.

Loads of love to
you in Canard -
Catherine.

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you will know I am that far



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Dearest Mother,
Sunday June 30, 30
Every day has been
so good to be back
again. Pete met me
at the station yesterday.
I left at 2 hours
the afternoon before.
The men were coming
for Whitty, a nephew
came down from
Edmonton to
a drive last
evening. Today
is on 30th

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 from Edith Christensen
 who was married
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 her to remember -
 Mary Lee, a
 cousin of Peter's
 was here this
 afternoon for tea.
 Hope you are
 having nice
 weather. Loads
 of love from us
 both Catharine