

Collins, Iowa,  
Aug 5, 1934

Dear Sister Viola and Family,

I'll try and get a letter wrote to you this afternoon. I can't remember who wrote last. But guess it doesn't matter. Had a letter from Olive last Wed. written last Sunday, telling us of mother's death we were so shocked to hear it and couldn't understand why some one didn't send us a telegram when she taken bad or before as to that matter I had no idea that she was so poorly. I had a letter from her in June and she had just gone to Vera's (Vesta?) and said she would stay there a few days then go and stay a few days with Anna Lee. And then planned to go back to Okla. The last of June or first of July. I answered her letter but never heard from her anymore. I did want so bad to see her again. But it seems that things don't turn out like we

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would have them if we had our way. And so we hope it is all for the best. I wrote to Olive and told her I would pay my part of the funeral expenses just as soon as I could. I wrote to Nola too. I know the boys Arthur and Edgar will feel awfully bad about it for they were expecting her to go back to Mexico and to see her again. Well Vie we sure having dry weather here and so hot and windy. It just seems like things will dry up. But it's clouding up some this afternoon. I hope we get a rain. The corn is hurt awful bad now. Olive said it was dry there too. Do you know how the crops are on our place and what kind of crops they have? I have ask Olive several times but I guess she never thinks to tell me when she writes. George and Geneva still haven't come yet. We keep looking for them and think they might come yet today

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Minnie and Anna are home today. Curtis has gone to Hubbard to play ball. It seems that he will never grow up. What are all of your children doing this summer? We were all disappointed when Arthur didn't come to Ames. Anna talked to the coach from Southwestern and found out he wasn't there and why. Well Vie I hope you will write me a long letter soon and tell me all about everything. Olive didn't write so very much. I told Olive in the letter I wrote to her that I wished they had buried mother at Sycamore, for I had heard her say so many times she never wanted to be buried at Slidell on account of water raising in the graves. But I don't suppose you and Olive remember that. It was after Vesta was buried that

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she talked about it so much and she says I would rather be buried at Greenwood as Slidell. Of course that has been a long time ago and I never heard her say after that. I know Aunt Amy's children were just as good to her as her own would have been and done all they could for her and yet I know she would loved to have been with her own

and had them with her. Did you see very many of the old neighbors? And were there very many at the funeral. Well write and tell me about everything. Lots of love, Your Sister,  
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Viola = Viola Gorham Sweet

Olive = Myrta Olive Christina Gorham Everett

Atta == Juniatta Gorham Williams March