

Oxford N. J. Nov. 20, '07

My dear Willie:- The house is so stirred up here with painters &c. that I can't find my own pen & ink, but I'll try this.

Aunt Mary & Gertrude are in N. Y. today attending a wedding of one of Gertrude's college friends - Evangelina's bridesmaid as well, by name Sadie Barrett. Aunt Emma Henry is here with Grandma & me but on Friday goes to N. Y. where she will stay over night with her son Walter. - Walter & Clover have a little daughter. From there she goes on to be with Eugenia who is librarian at Attleboro Mass. I write you



about relatives you hardly know, so  
that you can get in touch with them.

Grandma's birthday is Dec. 12.

We are planning to leave Oxford that  
day, starting in the morning so  
that we can stop at Jersey City &  
spend the day with Uncle Reuben  
Henry, Grandma's brother who is  
now in his 90<sup>th</sup> year. We want  
to get to Aunt's a few days before  
you & Ellen come so that we can  
get settled & rested, & have a little  
visit with the folks before you all  
come. I hope Charles Humphrey  
& Ellen can meet some when and  
come together, as they both will  
come on the D. S. & W. R. R. but I

think it will be easier for you not  
to try to meet them as you can get  
in the D. S. & W. S. train at Oxford  
& go directly thro' to N. Y. by the  
Central, only changing from one car  
to another (or perhaps not that)  
at Leland. That lands you  
at 42<sup>nd</sup> St in N. Y. City, when  
you can take the Elevated & go  
direct to South Ferry where you  
take a fine ferry boat for Staten  
Island. Some of us would like  
to meet you at 42<sup>nd</sup> St but if we  
know when & where, I'll had<sup>ly</sup>  
write to Aunt as soon as you know  
your plans. I wrote her you would



spend the holidays with her any  
how, but probably not Evelina  
& Selden. I was afraid that  
would make too many. I think  
Evelina might go if Selden would  
not be too lonely with no one.  
Aunt Mary can't give up having  
Evelina come East. Uncle George  
has been quite ill - pneumonia,  
I think - & altho' both he & Aunt  
are most cordial & urgent for  
the whole family, I am almost  
afraid it is rather overdoing  
the visiting business, especially  
as I shall be there a good while.  
I am suggesting to Aunt that we

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have a lehrstinas tree with five  
or ten cent presents on it. I  
know it has often been done, &  
with lots of fun. You might  
bring one or two Oberlin Calendars,  
or something either Natural or  
Oberlin. That ~~you~~ would be very  
suitable for you to give, but  
don't buy any thing expensive.  
You & Eviline can select together  
& let Selden have a share too.  
Nothing would be nicer than  
some of his photographs, as  
a book nicely prepared for the



Whole Humphrey family. Or you  
could give to one person, he to  
one, Evelina to one & so on.  
Any way you three little ones, I  
will fall in with.

Aunt Jenny is now in Kansas  
City Mo. & will leave there next  
week <sup>or part of this</sup> for Chicago. I had a letter  
from her yesterday. She was  
passing thro' Emporia & could not  
stop, but wanted to see Mary  
on her way back. I send the  
address, & any of you can address  
her at Kansas City until next Monday.

Please let Evelina & Selden have  
the benefit of these letters as soon  
as possible. I have written  
to Mary about Aunt Jenny, & to  
Aunt J. a postal with Mary's  
address. She was (she wrote)  
heartbroken when she found  
her train was passing thro'  
Emporia, & she had not  
known it was on her route,  
& she wants to see Mary on her  
return trip.

My Mission Study Class has just  
finished the text book, & I am  
doing my best to get the class to

help in getting up a Missionary rally  
on Africa (our subject of study)  
The minister here, Mr. Merrill, is  
in sympathy & would give us  
Sat. Am. Dec. 8, to it, & have  
a fine program planned, but  
people back out of their parts  
& I don't know how it will  
turn out. Mrs. Merrill is my  
most faithful pupil & helper,  
- the rest back out -

A chance to send this to the P.O.  
Dear hearts' love to you three  
Your own loving Grandma -