

June 23, 1939

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to the kind letter you wrote me while I was in Leadville. I was so very busy at the time that I was obliged to hold over all correspondence until I got back to my desk here in New York.

It was very good of you to write me about my birthplace. It was so long since I had been there - all that I dearly loved as a child about the place is completely wiped out. I went away feeling that so far as that piece of land was concerned it was the end of all things.

I was particularly distressed by the disappearance of the charming grove of thirty or forty maples that stood along the road below the site of the house that was burned.

But it pleased me that it is in the hands of what sounds like a real farmer. I know no worthier occupation.

You ask about Raleigh Godfrey. The last I heard from him he was in Spokane, Washington and apparently doing very well. His address then was 507 E. Queen Avenue.

I was glad you spoke of my Aunt Harriet. She was one of the happiest natured people that I have ever known, getting much out of life under the hardest kind of circumstances. My sister and I both had a tremendous respect and liking for her.

Thanking you for your letter and wishing you and your son the best of success, believe me

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Kitt Smith
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