

Mar. 18th 1961

Dear Julia,

I was happy as usual to have your letter, so glad you are well and Ed getting along well, I certainly hope that he will continue to improve and he will be as good as before. This has been a beautiful day bright & sunny & I had fine most of the day while others were in summer attire. Joe went to Lockhart this afternoon with a friend and went to see May Withers and Elsie Farner. May was not so well a few days but all right now. I miss her more than I do Elsie, she is a much sweeter person, however I guess Elsie's ^{past} troubles have not helped her disposition.

Am happy that you have had such good news from your grand daughter. Her father's good luck hope he makes the most of it, and I am sure he will.

I have not heard from Maude. Freda either Freda has been at her sons for two weeks or more, is home now, she visits Joe but rarely comes to see me. I'll assure Maude she will never get over shingles if she had a bad case. Lillian sent me a clipping from a very noted Doctor, he said there was no known cure for shingles, of course the sores get well but the pain stays with you. I never hear from any of Bro. Roberts children except his daughter Kate Blaine. She writes about once a year, is a very sweet person tho' has stopped to see us several times where she goes to the valley to visit her nieces. Will has his second wife but has never had any children, Sam is the only one that had several children.

You are certainly stepping out from your

letter keep it up, and I hope you never have
any thing to wreck your life like shingles wrecked
mine. Lillian and Paul gave me a surprise last
Tuesday morning by coming over. Their visits
are short, they come late and hang around two
thirty as Paul has to rest and if they don't go
early the sun is in their faces all the way home.
Had a letter from Reg Malow thanking me for some
data I sent him on the family, he lives in Calif
but was in Temple for a check up on an operation
he had a year ago, I don't know his reason, but
he always comes to Temple Texas for the operations
he has had. If my eyes hold out and the weather
don't get me down, and you would like some of
the family record I will send you some, I would
not call it a family history but I would give you
Papa & Mamma's birth, where they married and the
names of their sixteen children and who each one
married, and the number of their children. I feel
sure you do not know, now if you don't care for
it don't hesitate to say so, it won't hurt my feelings.
I have made one for Laura Rylander Holcomb -
Julia, you are the only niece that writes me except May
Withers and she only sends a note as she can't write much
and you will never know how much I appreciate your
letters so keep on writing me and keep me going, for people
soon quit coming when you can't go, and I surely know.
I hope you can read this and write again I love you
dear and always remember that
off Alma

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