

Mary Etta (Farmer) Huron to her children
Dear Children

ca 1914

Another beautiful morning just make you feel like you want to get out and do something. It is a hustle the same as out there. Wes has to have his breakfast so as to be ready to start at six o'clock.

Miriam is not a bit well had fever all night, guess it is cold the matter. But she is not very rugged at best. Not a great deal larger than three year old Roberta, so taller, Her hair is 1 1/2 inches in length and curly, She is very good in her studies, but - Ivan has to study for his, Irma puts in the morning until school time helping him with his lessons.

They have 14 little chickens and two more hens setting would set more if the hens would set, the are mostly white leghorns they get from 8 to 12 eggs a day There is an undergrowth of s[] most every place only where it is grubed out It is about waist high, and oh the sand spurs are every place. Papa came in last night with his pants pasted thick most to the knees. I fixed some oil cloth leggings for him and you ought to see him strut off with his white leggings. he is going to try pruning today. The heavy fruit is most to much for him when he is determined to do as much as the old hands, Irma and I have not done much but the house work yet, we all went to see Wes's and Kates land Tuesday. It looks like Wes's was very fine land, but it has to be tested for the kind of things they raise It is as Indiana land and looks as it does it would certainly raise fine corn. Love to both Momma

Historical Notes:

It appears Tom & Etta were in Florida helping Wes & Irma getting settled in. Wes became a potato farmer in Hasting, FL. It is unclear which children the letter was addressed to.

"Irma, Wes, Miriam, Ivan" are Irma Ruth Kate Huron Smith (1882 – 1976), her husband Calvin Wesley "Wes" Smith (1872 – 1950). Their children are Ivan Huron Smith (1907 – 2000), and Etta Miriam "Miriam" Smith (1908 – 2005). The family moved to Florida in April 1914 where Wes had a potato farm.

"Roberta" could be Roberta D Knight (1912-1926), daughter of Mary McCamay "May" (Bennett) Knight (1874-aft 1934) and Robert Jackson Knight (1865-1924) who had a citrus farm in Clearwater, Fl. Irma Smith and May Knight were first cousins.

"Momma and Papa" are Seth Thomas "Tom" Huron (1850-1934) and Mary Etta "Etta" (Farmer) Huron (1856-1950) who owned 180 acres of what is now Beechwood Center

and Beechwood Farms, in Avon, Indiana, which at that time was a combination of farm fields, woods and orchards. Irma was Tom and Etta's daughter