

Dear Mr. Hurley,

Thank you for your letter of the 13th. I do appreciate your sympathy, but I was amazed to learn that Annette had said some of Tom's material was missing.

Nothing is missing that I know of, except Tom did send ~~her~~^{Annette} a batch of papers, which she requested the spring of '82. At that time, ~~he~~^{Tom} did not feel well enough to "sort out what she wanted", so I helped him tie up quite a batch of documents, which her husband picked up when he came to Louisville on a business trip.

After Tom's death, I asked Annette to please return them to me so that I could keep his file - with all of his material - available for either of our sons to use whenever they want it. So far, I have not received any of the papers from her.

I have had a very confusing and trying four and five months! Two weeks after Tom's death, my Mother fell and broke her hip and had to have surgery. She was ninety-nine plus, (would have been 100 in Sept of this year.) She had a lingering illness, and during the time from March 12th to May 18th when she died, I made three trips to Virginia. There were pressing things to be done here in Louisville, so I'd come back whenever her condition seemed a little better. During this period, I have not had time to write Annette to remind her of sending back that material.

There were times when I'd do some typing for Tom, - when he was so deep in his study of his family, but I've never ~~pursued~~ really had the interest of study that he had, so I'll not continue with it. I do hope, ~~some~~ day, that one of our sons will, ^{since} ~~and~~ Tom worked so hard and so long on it, I do want them to have his material available.

I know Tom corresponded with Mrs. Bufkin and Mrs. Hayes. In fact, I've written Mrs. Hayes ~~also~~ during Tom's illness - about the time of her Mother's death. Mrs. Lyless, her mother, wrote to Tom quite regularly, and I think Mrs. Hayes continued the study her mother had begun.

Please don't think that I feel you have neglected to return any of Tom's material. So far as I know, nothing has been "borrowed" except the batch sent to Annette.

Most sincerely,