

Halifax N.S. May 24<sup>th</sup> 1900

Dear Sister,

I did not receive an answer to my last letter you may have written me if so it has gone astray but I have waited until this date thinking that every mail that arrived here might bring a letter for me. But Dear Sister I have sad news for you this time Sister Ella - Died the 18<sup>th</sup> of February last. after a few days confinement to bed she passed peacefully away to the better world. she had Heart Trouble. for a long time and at times suffered very much. until she passed away. Also I have to inform you that Thomas McCollough. Died last March. after a few days illness. his death was caused by. an attack of Erysiples I did not see him nor attend his -

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Farewell I was just recovering from  
an attack of Typhoid Fever which kept  
me home for near three months but I  
getting around all right now. Thanks be  
unto God for all his mercies to us -  
poor sinners. We have had a lot of sickness  
and quite a number of Deaths in Halifax  
the past winter I have received the Photos  
and papers you so kindly sent us - and  
were so glad to get them we all prize them  
very much. your Photo of course the  
family were most interested in as they  
all pronounced them fine also your  
daughter & Sons and Grandsons are  
good & Grand daughters likewise are  
handsome young Ladies your photo  
looks so natural it seems to me it just  
looked like what I have pictured you.  
looks in my minds eye again & again  
I have brought to your Sisters and.

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Brothers their duty as regards writing  
to you and have the promise at least that  
they will do so. It seems the hardest  
thing possible to get them to write letters  
Mrs Foster - Sarah. Martin your Cousin  
has been in Halifax for some time on  
a visit she comes from Boardman N.W.I.  
her two daughters are married. and she  
lives with one of them. All of our family  
are fairly well at present they all  
wish to be remembered to you and  
send their love. most of them are -  
surrounded by Grand Children growing  
up around them; Emma has 6 four  
Boys - 2 Girls George has 8 all Boys  
Thomas 2 but both died. and Marys  
I cant begin to count them. I shall have  
to close this hurried letter hoping  
to hear from you soon I remain  
370 Sottergens St } Your Loving Brother  
Wm H. Phillips  
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