

[Letter from Ned Barker to Arno & Olive Knight; Ned was married to Olive's sister Lillian Drinkwater, who died in February 1922]

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Dear Folks at Maplelawn Farm:-

You no doubt have by now took my name off your list of friends – And I do not wonder if you have as I have not been much of a friend or Brother not to drop you a line once in a while – If I had written you as often as I was prompted to do so you would have heard from me a good many times – feel some how I just could not write as it made me feel so bad – and even now after Lill has been gone nine months my eyes get full of tears when I think of any of you folks and the good times we had when ever we made a visit to Maplelawn Farm – But I reckon I will get over it in a measure if I live long enough – feel I often wish I was right down beside her and get so lonely these cold days when I stay home so much – Allie told me that Arno was out of luck once more – I am very sorry for him and it does look as if he had more hard luck then was his share – I hope and trust by now he all O.K. once more – We have a little snow here and for two days it has been very cold I am working very hard on the road now have not had any vacation as yet – and I reckon I wont for a while – I want to go to Portland for Christmas if I can get away – some how the holidays this year give me the blues – but then I reckon you have trouble enough of your own so I wont try and load mine on to you – I would like to see you all much but don't know when I will – I just send you all kind of sympathy and love and hope and trust this letter will find you all well and happy –

Ned