

[Letter from Ed Whitney to his brother-in-law Arno Knight; Ed was married to Olive's sister Alice, who died in 1902; Olive died on June 2nd]

Montello, Mass
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Dear Brother,

Have just learned of the death of dear Olive thru my niece Lewie Rhodes of Rockland. It comes as a shock to me as the last time I had learned of her illness she was thought to be improving. I'm so sorry for you Arno and I know just how you feel and how much you will miss Olive after all the years she has been your companion. But if she had to suffer all that while, I believe it would be wrong to wish her to stay and suffer. You have your good boy to help and comfort you. I was left all alone when Eddie was taken less than two years after his mother's death, and I've been alone ever since. So I can easily imagine how you and Ned must feel.

I hope you are feeling as well as can be expected under the circumstances and I wish to extend to you and Arne my sincere sympathy at this time, and I hope you are improving in condition every day.

Very sincerely,
Ed F. Whitney