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

14 Georgianna St South Braintree Mass 1-1-23

Dear Folks at Maplelawn Farm:-

The box arrived all OK after I had got back from Portland and I thank you more than words can express I had somewhat of a hard trip down and had to shovel the old gal out 3 times but I went through in 7 ½ hours where I had been going in 5 – Wendell came back with me so it was not so lonesome but the roads were in worse shape I reckon I want to go down again in the auto this winter – These have been the most lonely holidays I remember of in my life but I have lived through them and am feeling all O.K. now – Hope you are all well and that Arno is all better by now – I would just like to drop in and look you all in the face this evening but reckon I wont Wishing you all a very bright and happy New Year will close with love to you all

Ned