

1894

LETTER TO JULIA
FROM MARY (CATHY)
ABOUT DEATH OF
SON - NORMAN

LOCK OF HAIR (?)

Chatham Sept 1st
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so quiet. he was so full of life
& Grace is so quiet. she was
not so much so when Homer
was with her but now that
she is alone you would scarce-
ly know she was around.

plays with Lucie & her cat
continually, but when dear little
Homer was here she never looked
at them. they were together outdoors
playing from morn till eve.

After we came back from
mother's without him. it seemed
as if she couldn't play alone
~~and~~ how to begin. would
just go around fretting all the
time. my heart ached for her,
poor little thing! they were almost
like twins. so near of an age.
This is our first grief. but we
are reconciled to Gods will. The
burn was very slight not enough

to cause death in an ordinary child. The doctor said he had brains & chest enough for a boy eighteen years old and it was a wonder he ever lived as long as he did. Ed's father would tell you all about the funeral service. Poor Edward was so wrapped up in Homer. His boy he took it very hard.

Tell your ma he swore out the pair of pants she made him he would always lift up his blouse and show his soldier butt as he called them. They were no brass pants buttons he was so proud of them that I told him I would cut them off and put them on other pants that I was going to make for him. I could write on & on. But I must quit it makes one feel so bad.

I was so sorry to hear about Florey
~~how is she now? & how is Auntie~~
does she worry yet about her
house or has Ed's father relieved
her of that. how are they getting
on in the big house?

write me a good long letter
soon Julia. Edward joins in
love to all. Mary.