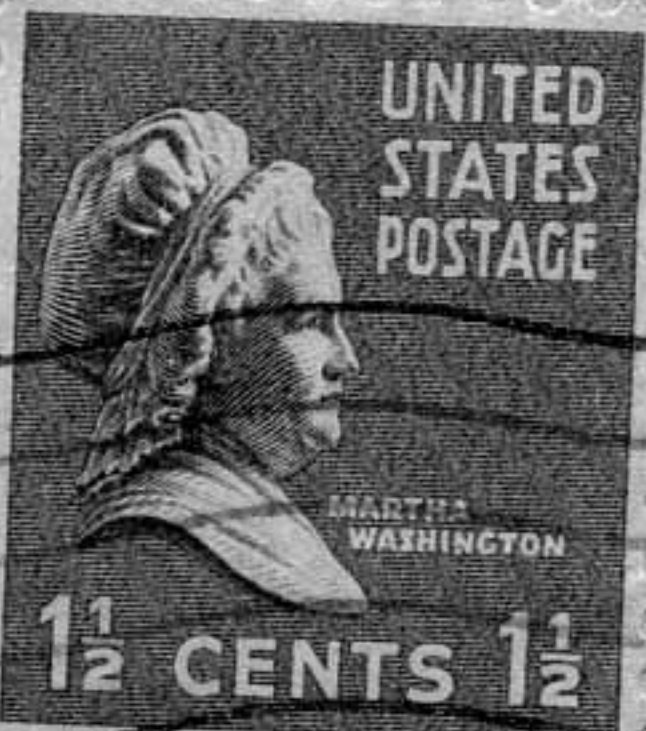




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Dear Ruth,

We were so happy to hear that you folks may come to visit us soon. I surely hope you can. It has been over a year since you were here, and we'd like to visit with you again and see the children. So do come if you can.

Barbara and I came home from the hospital just a week ago today. We are both doing fine. I was happy to learn that she was born on your birthday. (I thought your birthday was in July.) She was supposed to arrive about January first, but I had some complications, and the doctor thought it would be better not to wait any longer. So we chose the 10th and happened to hit your birthday.

She is a good baby. She weighed 6 lbs. 16 oz. when she was born. She has black hair. And she is really sweet.

The boys have started their Christmas vacation. Today they are helping my dad butcher a pig. They are all excited about Christmas - keep rattling the packages and wondering what they are. The program at the Church is tonight. I wish I could see it as both boys are in it. Tomorrow night the folks and Laurance & Colleen are coming over to open the gifts. And Christmas day we will be at Mom's.

Harry is busy as usual. Just now he is adding a bathroom to a house, next week he plans to start a house for Les Davis about 10 miles south of town, and he has work to do

in Bakersfield if he ever gets to it.

I hope you folks have a nice
Christmas, and do come down when
you can.

Love,

Virginia