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From: Anna Swanson	To: Virginia & Harry Swanson	
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Verona Nov. 5

Dearest Virginia & Harry

Thanks Virginia for your nice letters.

I am so sorry to think about Clarences but it could been wurst.

We still have nothing but rean [rain] it dont look very good but we will still be hoping for to get our crops.

I am bessy every day to day I whent to Laidis aid yesterday I washt my drapes the look so good.

Grace is visiting in Seneca this week so they will be coming out some day.

Carl got his new tractor now but he wont be able to do anny ploing upp north on acont of all the rean it is 15 years sence we hade so much rean in the fall.

Boby Severson was over here the other night he said he was so sorry he did not se yous when you were her.

Arts have now a other car a 38 Chev. it looks real good.

Please tell me if Harry got that letter with the birthsetificot in it.

No Virginia I dont want you to think the Children worryd me.

I dont know if there ever was any thing we all enjoyed so much as them 2 [?] weeks you folks was with us and to me it was the greatest thing you could ever done.

love mother.

DJC notes: The original letters recorded day and month but not year. Someone, in a different hand with different ink, wrote '(1942)' on the 'first' letter. Harry and Virginia visited Illinois in the early 1940s, bringing Kenny and Wayne (Wayne as an infant). Photos show Anna and Ernest holding an infant (probably Wayne) in photos dated (by Lorraine and Harry) as around 1941. Photos also dated 1941 (again by Lorraine and/or Harry) record that Anna and Ernest, with their children Harry, Elmer, Lorraine, Carl, and Art, and with their grandchildren Wayne, Harry and Vincent (Art's son), visited Brookfield Zoo, near Chicago, very likely in the summer and probably on the same trip as recorded by the other photos. If these two letters go in sequence, they imply that a visit occurred in 1941(?), after the first letter before the second. If the infant in both sets of pictures represents Wayne, we can perhaps correct the dates for letters and pictures by knowing the year of Wayne's birth..