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Saturday — 1984

My dear Dan,

Your hand written letter was in my box as I was checking out for the trip to Jacksonville. Yes I could read it easily and I enjoyed it. Glad you liked the flashes of memory. They can't come on demand - but slip in unannounced. A letter from my long time friend Helen Sly (Letcher) contains some of her memories of my childhood birthday parties given by my mother and grandmother. We had a large yard and August was such a good time of year. Her birthday was in the winter time. Isn't it a fact that the whole is contained in each molecule? Perhaps that is true of memories if we could analyze them properly. I have but small memory of the parties. She remembers them, perhaps because she felt sorry because my birthday was in the summer time.

If you really want to read about

Vivigros got Jeann Dixon's book -
yesterday - Today and Forever.

I am truly sorry I didn't keep
Bill Ahl's little book - but as you
know I've never wanted to keep anything.
all a part, I suppose, of wanting to
destroy myself. If there are
any Horton Bay pictures among those
I gave you - I'm sure Bill would
appreciate copies of them. I
don't know whether or not he was
elected. He isn't the best correspondent.

I still haven't told him or anyone
~~one~~ except my children - about the
money I will make Sept 2nd. It
will be easier to write about it from
there. I am looking forward to
the time. All the preparations
seem easy - so it is probably a
good move. I didn't realize how
many friends I have here until they
started to give parties for me.

There are many things here that I
will miss - but I feel the time
has come to move on. Regency is
run more like a hotel - and there is a
beautiful swimming pool that I will love.
It is on the roof of the garage so is
an outdoor pool - but contained
within the building - off the
second floor. Of course the
surroundings are typical city scenes -
but since I am allergic to trees -
especially orange trees - I don't
mind the exchange of beauty
for convenience.

Ernest probably wasn't aware of
the Mark Twain visit ^{in his early years.} I know I
never heard about it - tho a lot
of my time was spent in Bay View.
It was a Methodist colony and
Grandmother Bump was a religious
Methodist. She took me to lectures

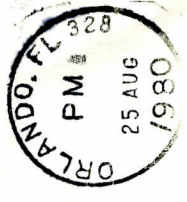
and musical driving in Bayview —
and gave me the advantage of
piano lessons, there, each summer.

I will tell you more about
Regency House when I get there.

Love to you both —

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