

Dear Don Ed Ruth, Sunday

Thanks for returning the pictures so quickly. If I had the negatives I would have said keep any you would like.

Any beauty in the family comes from the Mains. Sidney had a sister quite ferocious for her beauty, but she was cold and selfish. Bibbee - Cynthia, and Lucinda (Sid's daughter) - have the same dark beauty. eye - I know you would be happier if you could find that it was of Hening way & origin. But who knows the power of spirit - My friendship with Ernest was certainly a product of spirit - not flesh.

I don't mind if you want me as a symbol - if it can be a true symbol. Ernest could

have written an interesting true story - but it wouldn't have been titled "The End of Something."

I doubt you can ever solve what produced E. H. The war experiences at so early an age did a lot to warp his development. Rejection of his mother and father did a lot to make him reject their friends - like the Delwarths. One time when someone said something against his mother he said to me - "I don't like her but it hurts when someone else talks that way."

The influences on his life were unusual. He was hurting. I might have been able to help, but I wasn't old enough or wise enough. He was too far over my head.

Just found the invoice that  
Gennie sent some time ago.

They sold successfully - for  
they were numbered or lettered  
or something I don't understand.

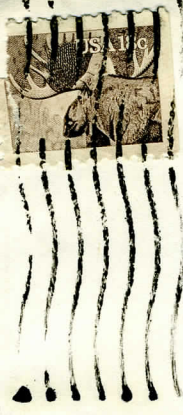
Too bad I wasn't more like  
Gennie. She would have been  
able to handle an Ernest H.  
situation.

Enough -

Love

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