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Dear Mother:

Am writing this letter to you at the noon-hour before the stenographer returns to take charge of the machine. Anderson is at Washington today, so this leaves me in possession of the office. I have been trying to straighten up a few reports for him this forenoon and one for myself. I find the great trouble in starting into practic law [*sic*], is the fact, that one is compelled to search around to find out how to do most everything. In law school, the student gets just a faint idea of what ought to be done under certain circumstances; then when he gets into actual practice, he must read all those things up in detail.

I was in Donora over Sunday. It was just about as lonesome a day as I have put in in this town [*sic*]. The other Sundays I stayed in town, the weather was so bad that I had to remain in the house all day and read. But yesterday was too nice to stay in, and I had nowhere to go if I went out. I went to Church twice and was down at Andersons in the evening for a short time. Was there for supper. Had not intended to be there for supper, but as they were just sitting down to the table when I went in, I had to eat with them, even though I just had my supper a few minutes before I went in.

To-day and yesterday have surely been nice days. I suppose the roads are beginning to dry up by this time. That is something I would certainly like to see, I think they have been bad every time I have been home.

I had a card from Ira the latter part of last week. He said that Tillie seemed very much better, and that she seldom got onto her old subject of Pattons.

I was over at Uniontown last Wednesday and Thursday. I examined the title to a farm that a fellow in Donora is exchanging some lots for. That was a pretty good job. If I could strike one like that every month it would relieve expenses considerable.

I am pretty well satisfied with the prospects of Donora thus far. I think that the place will be all right if I can get along for a short time until I get acquainted.

I suppose the men have an opportunity at last to go get into the clearing. I should think this would be fine weather for business.

I may get home at the end of this week. My coming home depends on whether I have any engagements for Saturday, or not. When I have, I cannot make it home. To get home I have to leave here at 12:30 P.M. Most of my work has been on Saturdays.

Your son, Guy [signed]