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## **Doris Holmes Blake - Correspondence with Lucy Wentworth Holmes, February 1946 - December 1946**

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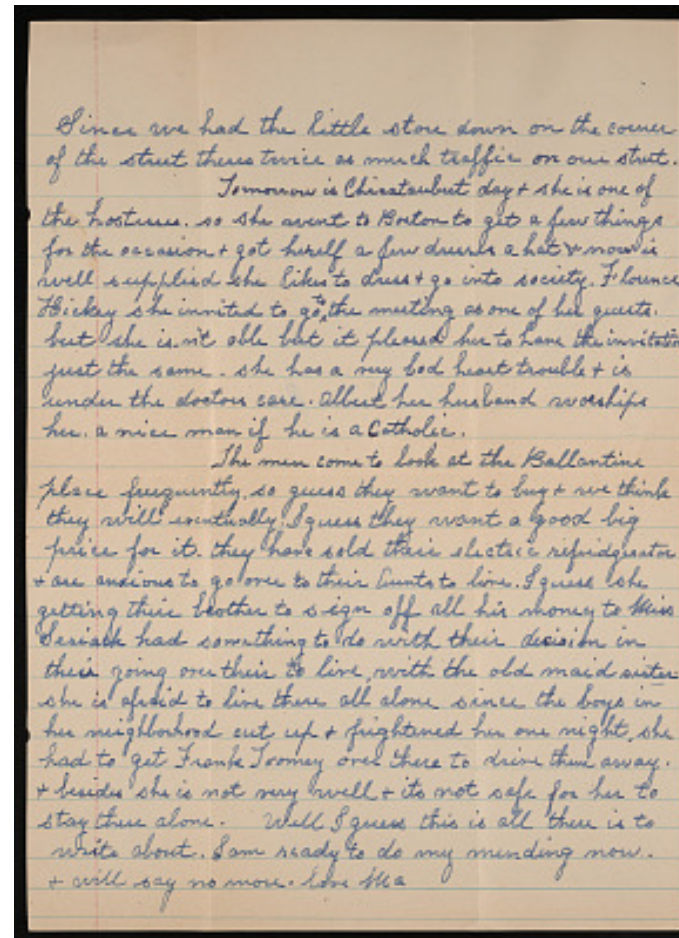
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The men come to look at the Ballantine place frequently, so guess they want to buy & we think they will eventually. I guess they want a good big price for it. they have sold their electric refridgerator & are anxious to go over to their Aunts to live. I guess she getting their brother to sign off all his money to Miss Serlach had something to do with their decision in their going over their to live, with the old maid sister. she is afraid to live there all alone since the boys in her neighborhood cut up & frightened her one night. she had to get Frank Toomey over there to drive them away & besides she is not very well & its not safe for her to stay there alone. Well I guess this is all there is to write about. I am ready to do my mending now & will say no more. love Ma

A photograph of a handwritten letter on lined paper. The handwriting is in cursive and matches the typed transcription on the left. The paper has horizontal lines and a vertical margin line on the left. The letter is written in dark ink and is slightly aged. The text of the letter is as follows:

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