

June 29, 1951

Mrs. Arthur Anderson
White Gates Farm
Bedford Hills, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

I am extremely sorry to have been so long finishing your portraits, but I have encountered a difficulty with chemicals. There is one chemical which renders the platinum salts sensitive to light and so far I have been unable find any. One firm in New York which has supplied me in years gone by sent some in the form of "curls" instead of scales. This I have tried but have not been able to get a satisfactory black with it. I have written two other firms and all ~~say this~~ form has been discontinued. I am still trying two other places and hope that before long I will succeed in obtaining this chemical.

This was one difficulty I had not anticipated, but I hope I will be successful, from this most recent letter, and if this fails I do know that it is not difficult to make this direct into a solution and perhaps I can find a chemist to do it for me.

Hoping to have better news for you in the very near future and looking forward to seeing you on your return in August and with best wishes,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

LG:eh

Laura Gilpin