

From Peg's mother's close cousin,
Helen Petri (gave P. a violin)

Emma Herbert Barrett (mother of
Margaret B. Downes)

Dear Peggy,

You would have been very proud of your Grandmother Barrett. Note - I said, "Grandmother", not "Grandma", "Nana", or any other of 100 substitute names. She needed to be called by a name that had great dignity - for she was a very dignified person.

She was tall and very straight in stature. An imposing figure. She had a strong face, dark brown hair, dark brown eyes and a friendly smile.

Emma had been raised, I believe, in a family of four or five children. Her mother, a licensed doctor of medicine, had been educated in Germany. The family lived on the "North Side" of Syracuse which had a large German population. Dr. Herbert, for certain a pioneer woman doctor, was well known in the city of Syracuse.

I have been told that Emma was among the first women graduates of Syracuse University, and she surely was one of the first "women drivers" - managing to drive a large Franklin sedan - manufactured in Syracuse. In the "early 20's" she could be seen, sitting on the "high seat" of the driver side, heading for my house, ready to take the family "for a ride."