

A Marriage that Changed the World.

(Below is what Lois said in Lois Remembers on this topic)

p. 34 "That summer (1921 from previous paragraph), I became pregnant. It was the first of three ectopic pregnancies (growth of an impregnated ovum outside the uterus - in my case in a fallopian tube).

My dad recognized immediately what was the matter and put me to bed in the old home on Clinton Street, where he could look after me.

He knew that a healthy body such as mine could often recover naturally without an operation, even after the bursting of a tube.

The first time, that is what happened.

The following July, I had another ectopic in the other tube.

This time, Dad sent me immediately to the Skene Sanitarium, where he was on the staff.

A colleague of Dad's operated on me, and I went to the camp in Vermont to recuperate." ... (p. 34)

"In May 1923, the improbable happened - a third ectopic. ... After another operation, I made a quick recovery. By then, both tubes and the complete cystic ovary had been removed.

A small portion of the other ovary was kept so that I might retain my feminine characteristics, it was said.

Bill was often too drunk, for days at a time, to come to see me in the hospital.

We had both deeply desired a family. But after my second ectopic, Bill and I knew positively that we could never have children.

My tubes had apparently been closed since birth."