

UC Davis Archives and Special Collections

MC073: Folder 40: Charles Ward Palmer to Thomas Sharp Palmer 1877 July 29

This transcription from the original letter contains language contemporaneous of the time and is being presented as part of a historical record. Please note that this transcription has not been reviewed for final editing. Please contact us with any questions.

Sunday July 29th "/77

Dear Brother Tom

I suppose you read the dispatch that Father was dead he died Wednesday eve at six o clock he suffered a great deal the last twelve hours before he died. it was so hard for him to breathe. he was conscious up to a few minutes before he died. all day on Wednesday he tried so to talk to us but could not understand him. We buried him on Friday at 10 O Clock. he looked so Calm and peacefull When he was in his coffin. Ann Smith decorated him and the casket with flowers he looked so very nice. – Dr Bell the Congregational Minister from Mansfield officiated. the Deacons of the same Church actted as Pall bearers. there were a great Many of the Old friends out from Mansfield. they showed a great deal of sympathy now Thomas Father has left a Will and I thought as you could not come to the Funeral you might possibly come now and here the Will read.

I hope the railroads will soon be in operation. I would like so well to have you come. the Farm is to be sold and of course you have a voice in the matter. Libb and Mary could not come on account of railroad trouble and I suppose that is the reason you could not come

We are having very hot weather now. the last week of Fathers sickness it was so hot. but not a word of complaint he was so patient so mild through it all. God bless him he lived to a ripe old age and has now gone to his eternal home where it is well with him. he talked so much about Mother a while before he died. about meeting her on the other shore where they were not to be separated again through all eternity May we all meet them there. I hope to see or here from you soon.

Your affectionate Brother

C.W. Palmer