

UC Davis Archives and Special Collections

MC073: Folder 43: Charles Ward Palmer to Thomas Sharp Palmer 1877 October 22

*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.*

Oct "22"/77

Dear Brother Tom

It has been some time since I have heard from you and I have no news to write until now. I want to tell you what we have done in regard to a tomb stone for Father Mother and sister Jane Joe and my self entered in to a contract with some parties from Ashland for a monument providing Caroline and Art would sign it. Art sign it all right but Caroline positively refuses to sign says she will have nothing to do with it. Well all right Father and Mother can have a monument with out her. May be her Children Will refuse her one sometime. I dont know what Art thinks about the matter now. I have last written her telling her how the matter stands and offering to release her if she wishes but I hope she has got a Heart in her. the Monument I think is a very nice one for the money. it Will Stand 7 feet 10 inches high the shaft 14 inches square on the one side it reads Father and Mother with Clapsed hands, on the other side of the inscriptions. With an Appropriate verse for each one. I Wish you Would send me something that you think would be good to have on. I Want you if you Will to assist me in the matter. I Cannot Confer With Caroline about the matter and not much With Art. And I should like to have the assistance of all that are interested in the matter. I forgot to Mention that there was drapery hanging down from the top of the monument. the Cost is two hundred and ten dollars to be paid for on the first of November 1878. and to be set up first of April /78 I hope you Will not think we have been hasty bout this matter. you know Mother has been dead now over three years and has had no tombstone. I feel as though there should be no unnesessary delay in the matter now. Now, Tom I shall not insult you by asking you to help pay for this stone. I know that Will be your desire. I am writing to Anna today about such a letter as this explaining things to her. that is all at present. give my love to Nancy and the Children. hope to here from you soon.

Your affectionate Brother

Enclosure

I should of mentioned that After Caroline refused to sign we had the Contract Changed. As it now stands Joe Art and myself are signers to it but Art can be released if he wants to be