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Germantown, Cal
January 4th, 1885

Mrs. Margaret Mudd,

Dear Sister,

It is a good while since I heard from you, and longer still since I wrote to you. I seldom write, except when necessary in business, and it is quite a job for me to get started. I have again sad news to send you all. Brother William died December 31st, and was buried on New Year's Day.

My family is now in-creased, for I now must fill the place of father to Will's children, too. My responsibilities are now also greater, and it becomes still more necessary for me to take care of my health, and try to live, so as to raise his children as well as my own. Will leaves five children Alice, nineteen; James, seventeen; Chris, twelve; Robert, ten; John, eight. All of them robust and healthy.

We have now only two children, boys both, aged nine and one.

We are all in fair health, although mine is not so good as I could wish just at present.

I have written to Alex, and a long letter to Bro. Robert, which you will probably see, or hear its contents, so I shall not write at much length this time. My time is closely occupied, more so now even than before, on account of Will's business which I must attend to.

Write to me, and tell me how you and the children are getting along, and what your prospects are.

Prices of all crops here are very low, and consequently all business dull.

With love from all us to yourself and children,

I remain your friend and Brother,

Geo. Mudd