

From: Ellen Maria Goff, Stockton, California

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To: Alice Maria Watrous, Berkeley, California

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Dear Alice

Your letters were all received, Fred said he was going to answer, but don't think he has got about it yet, so I will write a few lines.

Your father came home from Kern last Tuesday. There was two fellows on the place that were herding cattle for Miller and one of them had a few of his own. He made arrangements to work the place and told them if he sold before they could make any thing out of it he would pay them for their work.

Frank will not be wanted there till Spring and his father has been trying to persuade him to go to School this Winter. I think he will go Monday morning if he can go to the Fremont, but he has his doubts about it as they are full and are sending all who come now, down to the Lafayette. Nell tried to get in at the Fremont but could not.

I got a letter this morning from Ethel and your Aunt Mary Jane, she is no better but seems to be about the same. Ethel wanted you to write to her and tell her about your school, so if you think you can write a letter that would interest her you had better do it.

The next time you see your uncle Frank's folks tell them I have had a letter and that there seems to be no change in your Aunt's condition. Tell them also that Ethel said that Aunt Lucy was dead, but they had not heard any particulars of her death, more than that her daughter Sarah did not get there till after she had died.

I am sorry you are getting so fat that your clothes are too tight, don't know what you will do if you keep on. Your father says that he knew all the time that I was making them too tight.

Ben says he is going to write you that I am coming down to make you a lot of mother hubbards so you will have room to grow.

I send you more papers today. We had our stoves put up yesterday, and to day they are painting the roof I don't think of anything more so I will close.

From your mother

E. M. Watrous