

Letter from Zemira Palmer to his mother
Phebe Draper Palmer Brown.
(Phebe dies 29 days later in Draper Utah)

Orderville Cotton Farm
Jan 30th 1879

Dear Mother, your letter of the 3rd inst. did not come to hand till the 25th. I was very glad to hear from you and Lovina once more but sorry to learn that you were still suffering severely. I hope it will not last long. I was also glad to hear from William & Rhoda but I think it is so strange that Joseph & Rhoda should part.

Zemira's sister

Zemira's
brother and sister

Husband
Joseph Allred

I should be very glad to pay you a visit & have a good talk before you leave us, but my situation is diferent now from what it used to be before I joined the Order. I not only have much to do with my hands but much to do with my brains, having charge of things here & building dams, raising cotton & fruit

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