

Letter from Zemira Palmer to his sister Lovina Palmer (Munro/Brandon/Bulkley)

Orderville Kane Co June 13th 1880

Dear Sister {Lovina Palmer Munroe}

I received your letter of April 24th some time ago but it has not been convenient for me to reply until now. It was a satisfaction to me to hear from you & learn of your whereabouts & that you was satisfied with your situation. You did not state sho you was living with nor how you got there. But my joy was mingled with sadness to hear of the death of Rhoda & George, which I had not learned before. Upon reflection however I am led to believe that it is all right. A wise providence is over us all wheather in life or death. Rhoda's life had become in a measure ??...llane? to her, & her future while here seemed dark. Is it not reasonable to think it a blessing to call her away. & George, although cut off in youth, is it not better than to be left to wander off from the church & follow in a path of sin. You speak of trials, there are non of us without them. It is the object of our mission to this earth to learn by the opposite to realize the good. Joy by sorrow, pleasure by pain, riches by poverty, contentment by discontent, & the blessings of the spirit of God by being left to ourselves at times & in a measure subjected to the powers of evil. I have been sorely tried in my experience in mormonism, so called many times. I have had an ordeal in the United Order calculated to sift one to the bottom. Which reminds me of a saying. Joseph Smith in Nauvoo putting his hand on the shoulder of a brother by the name of

Evidently Lovina has moved to Arizona. She does not stay there because she dies in 1887 in Draper, Ut.

Z's sister Rhoda died 27 Dec 1879, Lewiston, Ut.

Curious that George's death is announced as records show he died 4 Apr 1891 in Provo.

Tubbs, he said: "the day will come when every tubb will have to stand on its own bottom." That day has come in my opinion. We cannot support ourselves on the faith & works of another if we have none for ourselves. Well, I do not feel like giving up but look upon trials, as Pres Young once expressed it, "as blessings in disguise," for they will surly work out blessings if we hold fast to our integrity. You enquire about the girls. Alma, Lydia, & Phebe all married into one family by the name of Kartchner. Alma married Alzada, Lydia John, Phebe Mark, & they are all living at Snowflake not far from you & they would be glad no doubt to learn that you are so near them. They write to us frequently. They are getting along well though Phebe lost her babe about a year old last winter. She called him Zemira. She has but one now. Alma has two children & Lydia three. They were all married at one time & were all called to Arizona together with the Kartchner family. Myself & family have been called back to Orderville. We are in usual good health at present, but Sally & I are breaking down pretty fast. She says she would like to see you very much & would like to have you go & visit the children at Snowflake if possible. She is now writing a letter to Lydia & will tell her about you. In Phebe's last letter she speaks of coming to see us next fall if she can. I will say before closing that I am as strong in my faith in regard to the Order as ever I was. we do not progress as fast as I would like, but I have no notion of giving up trying nor do I believe we will ever burst up here.

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