

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

Orderville Kane Co U. T.
Sept 19th 1880

Dear Sister Lovina (Palmer Munro)
I received your welcome letter last
night. Was sorry to hear your health
was so poor, mine is nothing to brag on.
Still I keep at work the most of
the time. The rest of the family
are doing well so far as I know. There are
none of the children at home now
except Sally's 4 youngest ones. The
balance are scattered about to the dif-
ferent sheep-herds & ranches.
We had a pretty good harvest this year.
I have been a farmer but now I
build shanties & back homes.
You mentioned Lydia's return to Sanpete.
What a strange life she is leading!
I have a mind to write to her & see if
she ever thinks of mormonism. Who
will be her husband in the next world
or will she have any at all? How long
has it been since you heard from Asahel

Z dies one
month later.

Z's sister Lydia,
not daughter Lydia.

Z's brother

& where was he then? You said tell all
the good you know. Well, that would not
be much. There is one thing which seems
to be true however, the Lord is full-
filling His promises. He has said by
the mouth of His prophets that He
would send judgments on the wicked &
trials on the faithful so that every one
that can be shaken will be & those
who cannot be shaken shall gain the
great reward of eternal life & supreme
happiness. It would be well I think
for every one to ask themselves the question
seriously, can I stand? While reflecting
on this subject I think of a dream I once
had in which I saw myself floating
down the stream of time struggling
hard to reach the opposite shore, which
I did, but the stream was rough
with many rocks & whirlpools in it
the current swift - dashing against the rocks
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