

Letter from Sally Palmer to Zemira's sister
Lovina Palmer (Munro/Brandon/Bulkley)

Orderville Nov 21 1880

Dear Sister I sit down to write a few lines to you. We are all well at present but we have had hard times lately for which I ought to have written before now but seemed as though I could not. Jimmys wife was taken sick about 4 o'clock with a pain in her stomache & went in to fits & died about one o'clock on the 10th of Oct. & on the 21 of the same month Zemira was taken sick about 11 o'clock. He came home & took some stuff that most always cures him & went back to work again. But in an hour he came back & went & got his book & set down his time which closed his affairs here in his life. He was so sick he commenced to vomit. The pain was in his stomache. & all we could do for him & the elders prayers & anointings several times all done no good. He died about 20 minutes to 4 o'clock next day. This has always been his desire not to suffer long when he had to go that he might not suffer long, & he got it. & since he died Emma has been sick for

With Alma in Arizona Jimmy is next oldest son. Had been married to Mary Ann for 10 months.

Emma lives to be 80. Dies in Orderville in 1947.

a good while. & I have had my hands full. There was none of the boys home when he died but they came home in about two hours after. Jimmy came home when his wife died & he takes his father's place & is so good to me. He has been fixing up the house for winter. & living in the order, as we do here, is the greatest blessing of anthing I ever got into. There is no more care than there was before, only his loss is all I have to mourn. & when I consider & see how his dream was literaly fulfilled to the end of his life & his anxiety to go was so great, & it showed Mary Ann's death also & Emma's sickness & my trouble. & it all [shows] that the hand of the Lord was in it all, but we can't see for why. You have heard him tell that dream about crossing that river. It was his life & the rapids was on the other side & right to the shore & it was next to the end of his life & it was the hardest trial he ever saw was the last year of his life. Well what I have passed through helps me to stand what I do now. Well write often & I will answer. Sally Palmer

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