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Col Mrch 6th '83
Hills Ferry Stanishlus Co
Mr J H Palmer

Dear Brother I resume my pen once more to inform of my where abouts and am by the blessing of our kind and Heavenly Father still in the land of the living, and enjoying good health am with Burton he is living on San Joacan valley he and family are well has 2 boys 7 & 9 years old, the prospect is good for another dry year we have had cold dry winter, had six inch snow first jan very little rain since grain is growing some

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but cannot live much longer without rain our time is passes for rain, suppos you are aware there was no grain raised here last year west of the Canal. I have several letters from Mo the connection well, no deaths in our family, Pas old Negroes are dead Sintha Died in jan last Teen died two years since. Frank Clare ownes Pa old place the old neighbours are all dead but Aunt Sally Trail

had letter from Sister Patsy her husband died last winter she has three children the two oldest are married John is living with her Richard and Clara have settled near her

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Sina has been to Mo on visit this winter she has her third husband her children are all dead but Mary. I never hear from Brother Tine Georges two girls are married Brother I wrote to you twice some three or four years since did not receive any reply had concluded you had gone off until last week heard you were still living there concluded to write again Rev G C Lattie is one of my nabours he says he has been to your house, he got letter from your neighbourhood telling of his accuainte amongst others spoke of you

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I would be so pleased to see you all, you family must be grown why cannot you and Sister pay us a visit what a treat it would be for us to meet and have social confab, if it is not convenient for us to meet I think we ought to corispond occasionally will close with love to all hoping to hear from you soon

remaining as eve your affectionate Sister
C Fentem

[Clarissa/Clara Palmer was b 4 Apr 1815, d 21 Jan 1892; m Richard Fentem/om 27 Mar 1834 in Lincoln County, Missouri; children Rebecca Ann, Martha J, Olivia, Clarissa, Mary E, Bernetta, Sarah G, and Richard Burton]