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# Matthew Gage, Jr. to Mary Margaret Sanders (11 May 1858)

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May 11<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear Mary

I again am privileged of scribbling you  
a line in reply to your favor to Longiana that came to hand but  
a day or two since. I am also on reflection due I think  
a line and you'll receive this as two in one. I was pained  
to learn of your protracted spurs and hope before this you  
long since recovered. I have nothing new to write, but merely  
to indulge a wish by way of letting you know that we are all  
still alive. As you are doubtless in correspondence regularly  
with I think your brother I can write you nothing new as to  
him. He complains in his late note but a few days since  
of a slight indigestion, resulting I imagine in the too free  
indulgence of the good things of the table as these things are  
just to hand. Weight 150 pounds, and as Burns would say  
as fat as a pig. In writing of the fruit prospect he  
seems to enjoy a perfect ecstasy and in other respects  
refers to his studies. I have not the least doubt but he is  
doing well. He writes Mr Lewis & sister Miss Vige of course  
now on their return trip in England at time of his last writing  
me. Miss Vige attended a line given by Prof Parrand and  
was all the rage. Had been on visit to Proutybury, Northampton  
Mass. Mrs Huntington but a few days since requested I should  
present you but but wishy - in fine health & lively, -  
poor Bob and wife have separated and seek a location in that  
neighborhood to seek pity, Dr Spencer having changed his location  
to one on Jarvis River. Thus they go tottering around. You will  
be pained to learn of Dr Sandell's death a few weeks since  
was on Spring Yager City & went home & died at night, no one knowing  
how or when. But I judge of Apoplexy.

I judge the act of son Wilson committing suicide a few  
weeks previous - drove him to this alternative Wilson Kill being  
with him in a fit I am told of Delusion & his father  
and of intoxication. This to me is painful to communicate  
as both I & indeed all the family have ever been my devoted friends  
"May they rest in peace" a word which sends, generous  
family men bleed. Enough of this

We have the most flattering prospect of a crop just now  
than I almost ever to have recollect. We have had a dry way  
that enabled to work out our crop & inside of 6 or 7 days  
past, have had the most beautiful season that enabled  
our corn to fully ripen etc it seems as if we had lost  
indeed after the rain yesterday evening our crop appears to  
be a right cut, our crop in fine condition truly. I hope  
to make up this season some of our storm weather. They you  
know would be encouraging. Let it be sure, one of my impairment  
Linn's boy taken "Pussola" and left for home for 6 or 7 days past, so  
we do not proceed in our repairs. This is an unchristian divide  
prevailing all over our country, but my wife, I & others had it

In observing Dr. Woodruff's prescription I have thus far gotten  
along with it truthfully - but since the intense heat set in  
I have a greater tendency to return if it truthfully with my  
head, cannot stand the sun, but make it a daily study  
to avoid the recurrence of an attack. It was a while after this  
time last year when I was first attacked, how I got along  
in the intense heat the future must needs. If I should  
never see you again however. You be accept my best wishes for  
your future welfare & happiness in this life as also the Life to  
come. We call the lady Ferge, ally, Mlle. Yours affectionately  
Wally is waiting on me to close. W. M. Mather. Jay