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Letter from Al & Fay Sellers to John Muir, 1905 Aug 24.

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Aug 24, 1905-

Mr John Muir
Martinez Cal

Our very dear friend - We were greatly shocked on reading, just now, the enclosed clipping and hasten to extend to you and your dear girls, our warmest sympathy in your affliction.

We had heard nothing from you since your letter, written a few days ago before you started, with Helen, for Arizona, and have heard nothing about you since a letter from our mutual friend, Sumner, in June, saying "Muir has been here for a week x x x and has gone with his 2 girls to Palm Springs, and from there will tackle the desert"

Your poor dear motherless girls, my wife says her heart goes out to them more warmly and with greater sympathy because she has recently lost her own mother - The dear old lady died in June, and it seems impossible for my wife to become reconciled shall to her loss. I feel quite worried about her, and would like to greatly to have taken her a long way from home, but I knew you had gone to Arizona, and she did not seem to want to go anywhere. Her youngest sister, Ella, with her family are going Sunday night to Los Angeles to live, so I think we will come out much earlier than winter than usual -

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CHICAGO

The reading this clipping, this morning, was a great shock to me, it was a bolt from a clear sky, as we had not even heard that your dear wife was ill, only knew that poor Helen was a sufferer - O! John, it was terrible and you, dear good man, and your beautiful children, did not deserve such a visitation.

If sympathy for you and yours, in your affliction can make your grief any easier to bear, you know that you have the warmest and most heartfelt sympathy of

Your sincere friends

Al & Fay Sellers

P.S. I sent this to Martinez because I don't know where to reach you, and with it we send the hope that you and Helen may soon be restored, at least, to good health - You have your children to love & care for and stay, their dear father - I'll write, at once, to Sumner for news of you -