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## Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to John Muir, 1892 Sep 27.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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I will then have one  
for all of us here

I hope Wanda and  
Helen and their dear  
Mama are all well

I hope one of them  
will write to some of  
us before long

I send Love to you  
and all of the friends  
Affectionately  
Mother

Please ask David  
to let us know  
where the screws  
are for the storm  
windows

PORTAGE, Wis.

Sept<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1892

Dear John

We are all  
well as usual here  
and are pleased to know  
by your letter, that you  
and all the friends that  
are now arounds you  
are also well

You have had a good  
deal of changing round  
lately. I hope it will  
turn out for the good  
of all

Anne is much pleased  
to know that Mr. Strutzel

is in Texas as she  
thinks she will enjoy  
the visit very much.

I hope you are  
relieved of having so  
much business in hand  
by selling off some of  
your land.

I am quite sure  
all of your friends will  
be much pleased to have  
you at home for one  
season.

While here you  
told us you would  
like to see a picture of  
the home we ~~had~~ when  
we left Scotland, so I  
wrote to my friend

Mr William Cornie  
asking him to get me  
if possible a picture of  
of the home we left.

He very quickly  
responded to my wish  
by sending me three  
Photos - I have decided  
to send one to you so  
that all the friends  
near you may see  
the old place if they  
wish. I think Margt  
will recognize several  
of the houses of that  
seen in the picture.

I will also send  
one of the Photos to Daniel  
so the friends in that  
direction will see it.

Department of the Interior

Washington

September 27, 1892.

My dear Sir:

I have yours of the 19th instant, relative to the Yosemite Park, propounding me three questions upon which you desire to be informed, which I will answer in the order in which they are presented:

"1st. As to the reservation made by the President referred to in the protest of the Anti-Park Association of Tulare Co., is this reservation of 7000 sections substantially the one proposed by Muir in his article on 'A Rival of the Yosemite?' the King's River Canon region?"

I do not recollect to have seen the protest spoken of, and from an examination of the records of this office, I find that the same has not been presented here for consideration. The land embraced within the National Park was set aside, not by the President, but by an act of Congress, approved October 1, 1890, 26 Stats., 650, a copy of which I herewith enclose you. I also enclose a copy of the rules and regulations prescribed by me for the observance of parties who visit the park.

"2d. Will you kindly say whether or not the public lands committee passed any legislation in regard to the Yosemite, either State Park or the national one?"

Congress having no jurisdiction over the State Park, no legislation has been had with reference thereto, but it, by act of July 19, 1892, granted to the county of Mariposa, California, the right of way for a free wagon road, or turnpike, across the Yosemite National Park in said State, on the condition that said road should be completed within five years from the passage of the act and the United States in no wise to be liable for any expense at any time on account of the building of the road, or turn-pike, or for keeping the same in repair, and upon a forfeiture or abandonment thereof, the land covered by the right of way shall revert to the

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