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**Letter from Maggie R. [Margaret Muir Reid] to John Muir, 1884
Sep 3.**

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neighbourhood here cattle ranches
there, I do not like the idea of
spreading business so far

I had a letter from
Mother a day or two ago she
seems to be pretty well, but
said that there was nothing
encouraging to write about
Katie or David Galloway,
poor David it takes him to
walk across the floor now

he has sent John some of his
money to invest in property here
for Sarah, what great changes
in our family since we were
with you. Sister Anne keeps
writing good news about her
health. I hope she will get well
I suppose you have got your house
and Ranch all fixed to suit you
now, how I would like to take
a walk with you & Louie and see
all your improvements, if then
go and see the Dr & Mrs Ventrol
once more I hope they are well
and now with much love to
them & lots to Louie & Wanda & your
self I am your sister Maggie R.

Remember
me to Mr
Maggie's folks
also to Mr &
Mrs Sweet
when you see
them please
write soon
Mr R.

Write this Sep 3
1884

My Dear Brother John
It seems a long time
since I have had a word
from you & I am hungry
& thirsting for a letter to know
how you all are, & how you
are prospering. I think
some of my letters must
have been lost, as I think
I have sent two, since I
have heard from you & you
have always been so prompt
heretofore, I was thrown
out of the buggy on my right
shoulder & was about four weeks
ago, and can write very little
at a time as it is quite weak
and painful yet, especially in

The night which makes me think that something like neuralgic neuralgia have set in. Anyway it happened was I had got the horse turned round & was very near the side of the road where was quite a ditch at that moment something frightened the horse & she bounded to the edge. I over we went. buggy & horse was thrown too. just then a lame tremp appeared which we think had been in the long grass and frightened the horse (The lady that rode with me escaped with a bruise on one limb, my shoulder was knocked out a little but sprang back again. I was taken home & Dan sent for, but no bones were broken & I was thankful to get off so easy.

And so you have

been to the Yosemite Valley again and Louie with you what a glorious time you must have had I hope you both feel better for your trip. and how did well Wanda get along without her Mamma I suppose she is growing fast I we would know a great difference on her. Give her a Kiss for me I wonder if she remembers us yet. when is Louie & yourself commencing to make that long looked for visit. And so you have had a visit from Willas Hand he did not have time to stop as he went home we are all pretty well John is in Chicago now, he took a trip to Montana this summer to look over the cattle prospects there, some of our