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## Letter from Helen Douglas Greame to John Muir, 1903 May 9.

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San Juan, Cal.  
May 9, 1903.

My dear Mr. Muir -

It is nearly a year since the three girls and the "Judge-Rider" had the time of their lives in going to the wonderful Kern Cañon and Mt. Whitney with you. And this <sup>summer</sup> coming is going to find us widely scattered

Mrs. Dickey and Donald in Invermarion in Italy - Mr. Gannett in Nevada and Ellie is undecided yet, while I have decided in the winter just past to give up single blessedness, and marry a man who loves the mountains as much as I do.

He is Austin Sperry, a nephew of the

Mr. Sperry who used <sup>[23]</sup> to own the Calaveras  
Grove. The wedding is to be this  
Summer, and our wedding trip to be in  
the mountains, but you must not tell  
any one. I wanted to tell you because  
I knew you would appreciate our  
pleasure and delight in getting home  
to those grand old mountains.

I hear you are going to Yosemite  
with the president, and I hope you will  
use all of our influence to save the  
Calaveras Grove. How I envy him the  
privilege of going with you.

I have been spending the winter  
reading and studying your books, and  
have been getting ready to go back there

with far more knowledge than I had  
when I started for Kings River Cañon  
the 29<sup>th</sup> of last June.

Last summer was a glorious summer  
and this coming summer will be  
too, and I look forward to many  
many happy summers, learning more  
each year, and at present I am very  
much interested in reading up about your  
favorite song, and want to watch and  
study the little singer this year.

I shall live in San Francisco after  
my marriage, and hope sometime to have  
you visit Mr. Sperry -

With best wishes to you for your summer

I am most sincerely yours

Helen Douglas Greame

P.S. I'm going to love my first Scotch name. 03237