



John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)

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Letter from Frank A. Miller to John Muir, 1907 Jan 29.

Frank A. Miller



Riverside, Cal.,

Jan. 29, 1907.

My dear Mr. Muir:

I have long wished to see and know the man who wrote "Climb the mountains" and many other beautiful things. Now that I have the hotel concession for the Yosemite Valley I am anxious to have your ideas regarding the ideal hotel and the ideal location for this ideal spot.

We have lately built in Riverside a mountain road or, more properly, a foothill road. In my frequent walks and drives up the new road I always think of you and wish I could take you over it and give you the view of Riverside from the top. A tablet engraved with "Climb the mountains" is to be placed, with your permission, upon a boulder near the beginning of the ascent.

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Cannot my wish to make your acquaintance, to take you over the road and show you Riverside and our mission hotel be gratified? Is it not possible for you to come and see us for as long a stay as suits your convenience?

Do you remember the Hardenburgh girls at the Wisconsin University? My wife was one of them and I was a Wisconsin boy. You are no stranger to us, may I hope that we shall not remain strangers to you.

Yours sincerely,

Frank A. Miller

Mr. John Muir,

San Francisco,

Cal.