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Westbrook, Me.

April 24th 1901

Dear Mr. Merriam -

Your favors were forwarded me from my home in Illinois - and came to welcoming hands. I thank you for what you tell me of Mrs. Barn - a sad, sad story. I am interested in your few words about yourself - and am glad to have the photos you sent. -

I have never seen California, & I long to go there. I have friends & near relations in San Francisco - in Los Angeles & Pasadena & elsewhere. My brother Joseph L. whom you know, spent the winter in Palo Alto & is now in Minneapolis on his way to Portland. He will probably return to California next winter - address Bupertons. His daughter lives ⁰²⁸⁵⁹ there.

I came here to be near a dying brother - dying of cancer of the bowels. He went to final rest the 11th inst & was buried the 13th in our family lot, in Auburn, this state. - I shall probably remain in New England till after commencement at Bowdoin College - the Alma Mater of 3 brothers & myself & some nephews - & of more on the way.

I must visit Harvard - the "nest of snakes," where I have a godson for whom I was sponsor years ago.

I have two brothers in Boston, one in Portland, & a sister here. I am much at home hereabouts! Of father's 13 children, seven still survive - the oldest 71, the youngest 52.

My son Charles is a prosperous lawyer in Chicago - 1147 Mason's Block Building, where he would be very glad to see you. - May I not hope to meet you in one of your flittings across the continent? If ever in California, I shall look for you. Very cordially yours
Joseph B. Pickard