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## Letter from Henry Randall to John Muir, 1901 Dec 15.

Henry Randall

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Wives is it by death or?  
and you spoke about Casey  
but did not mention Flora.  
Does that Cobbin still stand that  
you and I built and lived  
in so long? how well I remember  
the time you and I started  
for the plains when we went  
down the river trail and  
I also distinctly remember the mor-  
ning we left Delancey ranch  
to go into the valley it was a  
tough trip but it did not hurt  
us any did it John,  
I M Hitchings want much of  
a man I can see it now but  
you I did not follow you as  
much as I had ought to but  
the lessons and the talks you  
gave me done me more good  
in my after life than I thought  
or you dreamed of  
do you remember the time you  
and I went up to the top of

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Worcester Massachusetts  
December 15<sup>th</sup> 1907  
Mr John Muir  
Martinez  
Cal

Dear Sir Joe. I am  
the same Harry Randall who  
in the days of Auld Langsyne  
was your companion in the  
Sierrita. And you may think  
by my not answering your letter  
sooner that I was not glad to hear  
from you but such is not the  
case for when I received your  
letter and commenced to read it  
my boy said what is the matter  
with you I said I had got a  
letter from John Muir the man  
I have told you so much about.  
now I am not going to make any  
excuses for not writing sooner  
I think it was in seventy-two that  
James Hamilton and I left

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Harry Randall

The bridal veil falls and stays  
there until after sunset and did  
not get down into the valley until  
the next morning? I do  
Of course Mrs Sproot is dead  
long ago, but she could make  
some fine muffins  
Well I would like to know  
more about yourself when you  
can find time to write to me  
and if you see Denny give him my  
affection  
Well I have written you enough  
so you can identify me as the  
same Harry  
There is a man here is more  
that always calls me Harry  
the same as you used to and  
it always makes me think of  
you

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San Francisco he to stop at St  
 Jo. Mo. & to go to Providence R.I.  
 I had been away five years  
 and of course my friends appeared  
 glad to see me but of course that  
 soon wore off and in less than  
 two months I got a chance to work  
 in Worcester in a grocery store and  
 I have been in the same mans  
 employ ever since he has done  
 well for me and I have tried  
 to do the same for him so you see  
 it is not hard for me to give you  
 an account as you asked for  
 Of course you know I got married  
 we have boy and girl both living  
 and they are up to the average  
 and both doing well. I own my  
 home keep a horse to drive and  
 in fact have about all there is to  
 make us contented. (but of course  
 you know we are not)

Mr Muir. I have kept some trace of  
 you by your writings in papers and  
 books and one of the N.Y. papers  
 had a long piece also your picture  
 my daughter saw it first and  
 brought it to me wanted to know  
 if I could tell who it was. you  
 see I have told them so much  
 about you and our wanderings  
 together that <sup>they</sup> know you most as  
 well as I

I was not surprised to hear that John  
 Smith was dead he was older than  
 he looked to be I would like to see  
 George Hinney I sometimes think  
 I will take trip out there and  
 see what is left of old friends and  
 see what changes there are.

When you write me again you  
 must give me more particulars  
 about Hatching how does it  
 happen that he has had four

and as I have given you  
 as complete a history as  
 I can and I will say  
 that my best wishes accompany  
 this letter and I shall  
 be more than pleased to  
 hear from you  
 yours Sincerely

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