

Santa Ana Las Angeles Co Cal,  
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Mr. Gay Harlin

Dear Bro: J.

I have neglected writing you for a long time but better once than never I have not had any word from any of you well I don't know when ever I wrote Sam D. some months since but fail to hear from him. We are all in moderate health. Bessie has a bad cold. is the only complaint. Life and family are in moderate health. He is stronger than since he came out here. he is able to do pretty good work now. He has a good crop of corn, he had bad luck with his grape crop it was most a failure this season