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Dear Laura:

Your nice letter after Mother died is long unanswered! Where has the time gone? Although she left everything "in perfect order" there seems to have been a million things to do. My brother lives in Riverside so of course it has been logical that I should take care of everything. I am truly thankful that we moved back to California five years ago, after an absence of 25 years, and that I could be around to do what I could these last few years. Both my daughters had that pleasure too. Margie was at Stanford for her M.A. and then taught for 3 years in San Francisco before she was married. Kathy and Bill have been here in Berkeley for Law School for the past two years. Mother went to both their weddings and eagerly looked forward to meeting her first greatgrandchild, Sarah Darby, who came home this summer for three weeks. Alas, it was too late to meet Great Granny Jo. Now Kathy and Bill will have their first-born next March, so the tribe increases!

Margie and Peter Darby and baby Sarah live in Kent Co. England, where both M. and P. teach English in highschools. They love England but will return to the USA someday. They have some land in Hamilton, NY and hope to combine teaching with farming. Kathy and Bill have this last year here before he takes the Bar exam, and then of course he will go where the best job takes him. We hope it will be nearer than New York!

You mention some Miller family china and things that you wanted to go to my mother or me. When my daughters read through all the letters that came after Mother died their eyes lit up at this as they are very family-history-oriented and cherish those things that were hers, or belonged to her family.

I hope very much to get to Sante Fe to see you before too long. We have just finished a Labor Day weekend visit in the

Sierras with our friends Patty and Ken Adam who live near you, they say. 416 Apodaca Hill. They have invited us to come see them and I may just take them up on it and have the opportunity to see you as well. Is there a time between now and Christmas that would be particularly convenient?

You sound like a very busy person, getting out a new book, giving talks, etc. I would love to have my visit coincide with one of your programs if that were possible.

My own work in California History at the Oakland Museum and in San Francisco at the California Historical Society keeps me busy, but not too busy to schedule a little tripp now and then, so do let me know what your Fall calander priorities are.

Meanwhile, my thanks for your nice letter.

Affectionately yours,

Mary