

Virginia City Nevada
Sept 8th 1871

Dear Sister Becca,

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to you when I received your last
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when I was anxious to hear
from you. it is a matter of
great difficulty for me to get
to this place from where I am
working. I am getting five dol-
lars \$5 pr day, too good a thing to
lose. I have carried \$90 in 18
days, I am in hopes that it will
last. We get only middling
grub and poor lodging, but
I have improved my lodging
since I began work. William
Seller is working at the same

place and John McCarty, a
brother of the miller at Athelstan
and Ouimette that kept bar
at Barrett's Hotel Huntingdon.
We are building a mill and
flume and dam on Carson
river. The mill to work 60 [stamp?]
crushing quartz, also a large
tailing reservoir. My overseer
likes me well and I expect
to get on at millwright work
and get \$6 pr day when winter
sets in. I was happy to hear that
you were all well, and I hope
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will buy the old place, as I know
of no one in the Family that
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I will have very little chance of
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Please thank Mr. Davidson for
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his last letter. Tell him that I
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cousin was at work in the mine.
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state Prison at Carson City a
short time ago after killing
two persons and they are nearly
all captured hung or imprisoned.
they committed several robberies
and murders since they escaped.
The fall is setting in. With clear
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Most affectionately yours, J.D. DeWitt

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