

Virginia City Nevada March 10th 1873

My Dear Sister Becca,
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kind and affectionate letter I duly received. I trust that you will forgive my delay in not writing and answering your letter before. I am glad to think that little Freddie is getting better. I have received several letters lately ^{^from^} sisters Hattie Carrie and Mary, the latter two complain of your not writing. They however do not know of your troubles or else would excuse you. Carrie says that her two girls are now teaching schools. Events, and sad ones, have been crowding upon one another in our family of late, the last in the death of our poor Brother Willie, in a strange land, and with only strangers to care for him. I wrote to Andrew, Brother Henry & Sister

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J.D. DeWitt

P.S. Love to

Dolly

Freddy and A & you. J.D. DW

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