

Letter from Nathaniel Myers to His Half-Sister

The following is a letter Nathaniel wrote in 1886 to his half-sister Nancy Matilda Myers Smith Bond. Nathaniel is the uncle of William Nathaniel "Will" Myers who was married to Mollie Izora Curry and was father to the 12 MYERS kids. In this letter he talks about "Henry's" illness....Henry was James Henry Myers, the father of Will Myers:

*Weatherford Parker Co Texas
Aprile the 9th 1886*

Dear Sister & Family I take the preseant oppertunity to write you a few lines to let you know that myself & family is all in verry good health at the presant time. Truley hoping you may be in possession of these few lines in a short time & they may finnd you all well & doing well. Well sister I have some sad news to tell you Brother Jacob is dead and also his two oldest boys John & Peter.. Peter's horse runn away with him & killed him John & Jacob sickened & died they have all died in the last 3 months all the rest of the connection is well as fair as I know except Henry he isent well nor never can be any more it is almost americal to think how he has lived as long as he has in the fix he is in he is liable to die at any time Well sister we have lost 3 of our children 2 little boys & one little girl we have 6 children living 3 boys & girls Johnie Temprance is almost grown Johnie is getting a good education well sister I am some what at a loss to further know how to continue my letter to make it interesting to you how ever ile do the best i can

Crops of all kindes looks bad Wheat is going to be all most a failure on the account of the cold winter stock of all kind is low down know for cash times is verry dull & money scarsetimes is arder here in the way of money then every seen in this country be fore farm wates is from 15 to 18 dollars per month day wages is from 75c to 1.00 dollar per day tell Ruben to be shore and write to me & tell me what trade he is worken at with J Oates or what trade he has learned a good black smith can do well here or a good wood wormen either black smithing is 3 times as high here as it was there when I lived there Nancy I do not know where Pagey Stow & her family is the last accounty I ever had of her she was south od Santantonia 3 or 4 hundred miles south of here.

So ile bring my letter to a close by saying good by dear sister & family this from N=ND Meyers To W.J..N.M. Bond

Well Nancy my self & Johnie raised 8 bails of cotton this last year that brought us 45 dollars for bail & 3 hundred bushels of corn & 335 bushes of wheat & about 100 Bushels of oates write soon as soon as you get this letter so good by Tell me where brother Abes son John is me & Peter both wrote to you & him but never got any answer.