

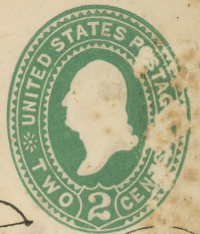
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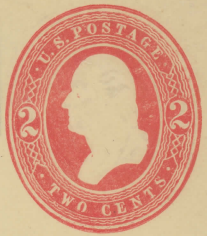


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Dear Uncle James

Again I write to Australia in hope
of getting an answer to my letter -- I often think
of my boyhood days & of you & Aunt - I wish
I knew more of you - I have been in America
now 14 years - I have sown all my wild oats
- am a married man - with 3 children - 2
Girls & one Boy - & they are very nice Bands -

If I succeed this time in getting an answer
I will send you Photographs of my family.

I am tolerably well off -- have
made plenty of money - But have not managed
to keep it all -- Yet have a pretty Farm & also
a city place. & with my family growing up
around me I am as happy as most men can
be -- I would like very much to hear of you
& yours -- I shall make this letter very short

because I am not sure of the exchange you -

If it should - Give my love to Aunt
and a line from either her or yourself
will be treasured - - There are but few of
us left now & we should communicate with
each other & although thousands of miles
separate us - - we might be of some
assistance or comfort to each other -

I can say the thought from the heart
God Bless you all - & Heaven grant that
you may be both Prosperous & Happy - & in
the enjoyment of perfect health -

If this should reach you & you answer
it - direct me -

H F Bond
at my Ranch - now - Coleville
Good Bye - with sincere love Mono Co
to you all. I remain Your
California

Affectionate Nephew

Harry