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Los Angeles, California
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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunter,
American Fork
Utah

Dear Friends:

You may be a little surprised to hear from me, but my sister in Salt Lake wrote me that Brother Hunter had been very ill. So I called up Ivan Crittenden at his service station today, and he told me a great deal of Hunter family news that made my heart warm with pride, because of the real, loyal family spirit that seems to exist in all of your children. You see, I called up to find out how ill Brother Hunter was, and was pleased to learn that the latest letters said he was able to sit up and be out in the sunshine. That is splendid, because most of us young fellows have been living so fast that we don't expect to live to be eighty-three years old. I suppose when we get along about 67, we will figure that 83 isn't far away, but at 47, 67 is still twenty years away and looks just as old as 30 did when I was 10.

The years indeed have been very kind to you and there are many things for which you may feel most thankful and for which you may indeed praise the Lord - the fact that you have both gone on through life together and have had so many years of companionship in itself is remarkable. Most people do not celebrate golden wedding anniversaries. The fact that all of your children have been so wholesomely successful and that they have helped one another should be the finest source of comfort to you. Undoubtedly you may feel that they are not quite as religious as you would like to have them be, but then I can't even say that much for myself any more. Yours are not the only backsliders, but their conduct has been the living of the ideals and principles that you taught them. Their attitude toward life is fine and wholesome. They not only make good citizens but they make successful citizens and they have helped one another.

I was surprised to learn that Ab was in Illinois. How in the world a fellow could go from the Rockies way back East is

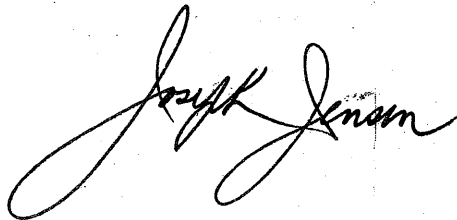
more than I can understand. How people from Utah could get down into California is easy to see, because the Mormon population of Los Angeles is now nearly as great as the Mormon population of Salt Lake City. I think I am safe in saying that there are actually more Mormons in Los Angeles County today than there are in Salt Lake County.

I haven't seen Joe for a long time, but I have kept in touch with Ivan. I was surprised to learn that Jack was here in Long Beach in charge of the Metropolitan office and that Allie's daughter Afton was grown and at work in Salt Lake.

My older boy is fourteen and is now as tall as I am, and is a junior in high school. The other boy is twelve years old and in junior high school.

Now, I wrote this letter to be one of sympathy to you because you had been sick, and I find that no sympathy is needed, and I have turned it into a letter of praise and congratulation because of the fine work you have done and the splendid family which you have raised. You undoubtedly are two fine old Mormon people, but you are also two splendid American parents and citizens. Let me congratulate you for all of these things and send you my best wishes and love.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Jensen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Joseph Jensen".