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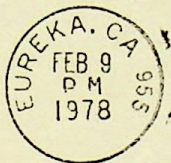
Dear Mr Dawson - I hope this finds
Mrs Dawson fully recovered and home
again. Imperial Valley is a fine place -
winter - Summers are a different story!
We are in the "funnel" of storm - as the
weather man calls it - violent Tues and
Wed - now wind has calmed down and
raining - and if I did not say before
in my Indian letter - they were of the
Pai-Ute = Uto Azean family group - tho
I doubt if George or any of his family knew
it! just plain "Pai-Ute-Shoshone"! I wrote
in my last letter as much as I know
of the canyons and springs - some of the
names you list were non existant in
my day. and Riley Canyon is a box
cañon next, south of the mouth of Shepherd's
cañon - the Riley boys had a little mill
there - I don't remember their first names.
we called them "The Riley boys" and little
contact with them - they traded at Ballant.
a couple times we rode down to their camp
to borrow a mill part and occasionally they

came up to camp - for the same reason.
that was customary - if no one home - one
"borrowed" what they needed & returned
later. the same with the Wilson boys.
they traded at Johannesburg or Randsburg.
in 1900's. both the Rileys & Wilsons names
should be recorded at Independence on their
claims & mill sites in 1900's. and in 1910
the Wilson boys were still at Wilson Canon
and now & then came to Brown for
supplies when I was carrying the mail.
when we met - it was to exchange news
"hello & Good-bye" - once when I was a
little ^{girl} in 1905 we needed a part for the
mill and I rode over on horse back - but
no one was home. so I rested my horse
awhile & left a note - just a round trip of
60 miles! ... Dry Canon - probably a dozen
or so. Searles Lake was at the base, east
side of Argus range or peak - up from the
dry lake - nearest as I recall - watering
place - all that part of the country was
out of our jurisdiction more or less and
news we got in the Randsburg Miner was
news paper or by some prospector passing
through. ... George Pipkin of Irona wrote

3) Last month that he had heard from you and if I could help you out - neither of us know of Hawaiian tribal area or Peterson Creek - except maybe the trickle of water running out of Joe & Mabel Peterson's gardens. and the Chemehuevi tribal area I believe is in Palm Springs country and maybe around Murietta Springs or San Jacinto Mts. certainly no connection to our Panamint Indians. Searle I am sure he may remember - at the moment I can't place it - I wish I could be of more help. So many of our old name places have been lost or changed by late comers - Ripston & his wife Anne became good friends of Indian George & family at Warm Springs home - when they owned Wild Rose Canon and that's how we became "letter writers" when they wanted to know more of the family & of Joe & Mabel Peterson and are good friends - "Desert Rats" - and continued writing after Anne died. He knows Iroha inside & out and many of our old timers around Ballarat - until one by one we lost them - "Seldom Seen Slim" the last to go... Way back in the 1870's Charley Anthony had mining property and mill in

Riley Cañon. closed down and when Panamint
City died he left there and came to Darwin.
built the old store - barns & corals and Hotel
and ran them until he sold out to Elias
Reynolds & Domingo Etcharren 1904-05. he
was a fine man & liked by all. had a clerk
we called "Old Man Stevens" one day a new
lady - whose husband was a miner¹⁹⁰¹ - went to
the store to buy a spool of white cotton thread
5^d everywhere - she asked how much & he
said 25 cents - she was horrified - and he
said - "but lady think of the freight" - which
at that time by freight team was 5 cents a
pound. that was a big joke for a long time!
my poor old pen is tired and has "notions"
of its own at times! Hope the weather
"up home" is better than ours has been so
far - Hasta Luiga for now. Yes, the pictures
should be safer done there than to send
away - I have my copies made at Phillips
in Arcata - 5 miles north... Wimbett Cañon
& Spring and the other names are new to me.
There is a Trail Cañon that goes over the
Panamint Mts up from Death Valley Bennett
well & drops down in to P.V. Supposed to be the one
the Bennett Party got out by. Elizabeth L. Mechem
until next time -

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