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Hand written letter by C.H.Walker from Camp Sander, Idaho Terr. to his parents in Forest Grove Oregon on January 14, 1866.

Dear Father and Mother,

I have the pleasure to inform you that you now have a second grand-daughter. Maria was taken sick early yesterday morning and continued so until 7 o'clock last evening when the babe was born. The doctor we have here is a excellent one and, though everyting went right, yet he helped a great deal to prevent any unfortunate occurances. The child weighs 9 1/2 #'s, has dark blue eyes now and dark hair, and considerable of it. Both mother and child are getting along finely and only require proper care to continue so.

We have had some quite pleasant weather since New Years though the last few days have been pretty cool. Last night was the coldest we have had for two weeks and I had to keep a fiew burning all night.

The child will be named Lucy Adela. Maria calls it after her mother and Mr. Palmer gave it the other name. The lady living with us has had considerable experience in taking care of infants and we are fortunate to be provided with most of the comforts of civilization.

I received a letter from John and Mark yesterday dated January 6th. Mark has a great time getting below (?), I presume he is at Boise by this time and will probably reach home before you receive this. I am going to write to John and would to Mark, but thought I would wait until I heard from him at home.

I think the worst of our winter is past though the snow settles on tyhe ground, but I look for an early Spring. I hope we will be ordered down in the Spring as soon as we can get out of here. We haven't had any mail from below for six weeks. I presume the cold weather has been the cause, either freezing the Columbia or on account of the amount of snow which has fallen along some parts of the mail route. I will not write much this time.

Love to all, your affectionate son, C.H.Walker

Jan. 16, 1866 All getting along finely. Maria is almost strong enough to set up in a chair.