

Copy

Mrs. B. R. Alden Scott
San Antonio -
111. Guisache St.

Nov. 24th 1901

Dear Sister -

The mail carrier has just brought me a letter from my husband enclosing yours to him asking questions about uncle Muriwilth's Lewis.

I will answer to the best of my ability. I have heard that one of the Moores met a Frenchman in New Orleans (I think) who had been a body servant & valet. I to uncle Muriwilth and was travelling with him at the time of his death. Mr. Moore recognized the watch this man had as uncle Muriwilth's and demanded it. The Frenchman gave it up promptly. It was gene

rally suppressed. This man was uncle Muriwilth's murderer. I asked cousin Nick Moore (son of William Moore [who got the watch & gun] and Mary Marks, Muriwilth's half sister) why the man was not arrested and they - and he replied there was not evidence sufficient to convict him.

Mother (Mrs. Lucy Anderson wife of Dr. M. L. Anderson - son of John Lewis Anderson) told me uncle's grand ma Marks (M. L.'s mother) nor grand ma Anderson believed uncle Mr. took his own life.

Grand ma Anderson (M. L.'s full sister) told my mother uncle Muriwilth was travelling to Washington from St. Louis on horse back accompanied by his French servant. They stopped for the night in

Sum. at the house of a woman - no men on the
place - She gave him a room in a small house
in the yard - During the night she heard a
pistol shot - The next morning the doctor
was missing and well Mr. was dead. I
have heard some story about the lady asking
to see his picture - I have frequently heard
well Mrs. Wilton was supposed to have been in
town with cousin Billy Fry & Pricc many can
tell you more as he was talking to one of it
this summer. I have heard Judge George
more and cousin Nick & Dr. Holt. Tabmy
mother and several of the other old members
of the family speak of Mr. L. death. Dr.
Tabmy lives with well. Ruben Lewis for a
time & I am almost positive well. Ruben
Lewis visited this Sum. woman soon after well.
Mr.'s death. but I had never heard of his

throat & wrists being cut. (Mr. Anderson remembers
perfectly often hearing his father Dr. M. L. Anderson
speak of it - and indicate the way they were
cut. Mr. A. is some years older than his
sister who was a child when their father died.
S. J. A.)

"I know nothing of his burial - except
he was buried near where he was shot. I
many years after a monument was erected
to his memory at - or near where his grave.
Maria Wood was a cousin and lively pretty
young girl at the time the iron was raised
in her honor. (She m. James Clarkson June
1809 & chat from county clerk office) S. J. A.)

"When I was a very little girl I went with
mother to see cousin Billy Fry who was a
very old lady - doing beautiful fancy work

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without glasses. She had
received her second ^{eye} sight.

There was much talk
with old Am. Ruben Draney
and son of the one to whom
Mr. L. went to school) and
the others of old times - they
all spoke as if cousin Milly
had been "Muriel's sweet
- heart -"

"Did you know (Poly) (Mrs.
Scott's daughter) saved

"uncle Muriel's commission
with Mr. Jefferson's signature
and his prayer book with
his name in it - and his
grandmother's name "Eliza
- beth Flinton". Poly also
saved one of the old Cousin's
spoons & a cream talle

that belonged to Mr. Clark
with his initials engraved
on it - I wonder if the

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lady would like photo of
any of these things & would
be willing to have it done?
Mrs. Scott

I do not send you my
cousin's letter in - law's letter
as the latter part relates only
to private affairs & the purchase
of their present life since
they lost their home & every
thing they had in the big
Galveston storm - The sea
returned a few injured things
The silver & commission were
carried up as they hurried
from their home to a safe
place in the centre of the city -
my brother carrying each
one on his shoulders to a
carriage waiting where the
water was less deep. My second
son C. Harper Anderson jr -
was with them but was

sent to bring to a place of safety one of the little
boys of the family who was in an office
down town. If they were able they would have
these articles photographed for you - but best
they are retained in circumstances & need
all they can make.

I send you a copy of Mr. Scott's letter too
so you see my dilemma has been while I
was trying to collect matter to send you -
I will send you a notice of Lt. Munin - who
was a fireman - & came to Washington He
took in Phylla - the last protest from life
of Washington. I will try to get for you
Mrs. Dr. Shuter's address of Waco Texas
which will open up matter for you with

the Moores. She is a daughter of Judge
George Moore - son of Mary Marks - & John Moore
Mary Marks was a girl with her half brother
being his mother's youngest child & many
years his junior. James was older & seems
to have married very early - and while his
letters speak of her affectionately - still
not pellingly. We have a portrait of M. L.'s
mother - a woman of strong characteristics -
which her son evidently inherited from
her. Domestic pressure of the farmer's wife's life
has prevented me from furnishing the copy-
ies I am owing for you -
about M. L. burial - I am trying to get hold of
those magazines to see if I have made any mistake
I had not heard it elsewhere. No M. L. nor visit
to James. Be sure haste & a fountain pen out of order
yet we got the Oregonian - I also would like to be
"one who types" as your little girl says for

I have all the family letters
to write - and at a disadvantage
of ^{independent} paper & ink.

I will procure in a few
days all the information
I can about Miss Lloyd.

I wish we could know more
for I like nice people who are planning
Clarks; It is quite hard most
of the Clarks have prospered
financially while the Lovises
have had miseries till it
seems a sort of fate.

Will procure Mrs. Caroline
(Banker) Anderson's address
for you.

Many thanks for your book
which interests us deeply.

I hope you may be
equally successful with
your present work & that
it may be even more
representative.

You are in communi-

-tion with the Governor of
Montana about Lewis's portions
for the fuses of the new
capital at Helena.
am much interested in
the outcome of the Lewis &
Clarke Exposition.

It seems a tardy justice, the
public having almost forgot
-ten their work. Some years
ago a quip on the private
secretarijs of the Presidents
came out in a Chicago
paper & it said - "Mr. William
Lewis was a nonentity of
whom the name alone
remained. The ignorance
and unfairness & used
me to the verge of willing
an rehabilitation - but it
had already been answered
ably in a Washington paper
to whom I sent my article.
The editor sent me the

Sunday issue which I had not seen - and
I was satisfied with the defence - and the
charge of ignorance to any one who did
not know of the Lewis & Clark expedition &
its success and its leaders.

I enclose my brother's letter - The matter in
question is supposed to have been one presented
to M. L. by Wm. Wirt & was known to his half
sister - Mrs. Wm. Moore and on her & her husband's
evidence ^{by them} & recognized & venerated by her descendants
on her widow's.

Excuse haste.

Truly yours -

J. J. L. Amerson.

Dec. 4th 1901