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### December 14, 1885: To Lucinda Lenore Merriss

Archives

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Mrs. L. L. Cornell,  
Westerville,  
Ohio



Washington D.C.  
Dec 14. 1885.

Dear Grandpa

No doubt - the death of  
Oliver in all probability  
the final blow in causing  
to have become all of one  
house; to have shown  
by my presence that  
so unhealthy; which  
helped me to bear our  
sorrows -

We短缺  
(Miss Ward) and I, but

found the road so  
slippery (the horse being  
smooth shod) that it  
was unsafe to proceed  
further; so we were forced  
to turn around and come  
home. I write you that  
you and your little ones;  
may know they are remem-  
bered by me.

You have many earthly  
friends good and true;  
but the one best friend  
alone can comfort  
you - to him I leave  
you.

Affectionately  
Harriet W. Skidelsky