

Barley's disease was dropsy. Took one of his legs below the knee measured twenty three inches around before he died the poor man suffered a terrible sight.

John Bond

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Mr Richard Bedford

Dear Sir. I Recd
on 10th Aug. your Letter dated July 28th and in
reply will give you a full and true Statement
of your Brothers Sickness and business affairs.
Barley came home in September 1870 from Nevada he was
well & hearty then. in Feb. 1871 he was taken with a bad cough
and vomiting. we all advised him to go to San Francisco
to see a good Physician but he would not consent to do
so. he kept getting worse. I finally persuaded him to let
me send for a Doctor. the Doctor came and told him it was
the Heart disease. the first of March his feet commenced
swelling he told me that it was the Consumption he had.
and he knowed it kill him. he said ^{some} of his folks died with
the same disease. the first Physician he had give him up
and advised him to go to San Francisco but he would not
do so. I send for another Physician. when he came he
Examined Barley. the Doctor called me out and told me
it was a bad case but he could cure him if he was
strong enough to stand the medicine. the ^{Doctor} said he would
forward

leave it to me about giving the Medicine. I told the Doctor
if there was a chance for the Medicine to help him to give it.
he did so. and in a manner cured him, in two weeks from
that time he was able to ride horse back fifteen or twenty
miles a day. The Doctor told him what to Eat & what not
to Eat, but he said he was as well as ever and would
Eat any thing he wanted. The Doctor had him reduced
in weight from 235 lbs to 170 lbs. but he soon commenced
gaining again and coughing. he soon gained in weight to 235
lbs. I then called in two Physicians and they both told
me he could not live much longer. that was the latter
part of June. he died on the 4th of July. you wanted
to know if Barclay had care taken of him. in answer
to that I can say that you could not have taken better
care of him had he been with you. from the time he needed
a nurse I had constantly two and three men with him
night & day untill his death. there was nothing money
could buy for his comfort but what he had. he
was as dear to me and my wife as though he had
been our own Brother. he is buried but a half mile from
here. I have had as good a Pailing put around his grave
as I could have ~~had~~ made. and I ask you to let me
know his exact age & Birth place so I can have his grave
stones made. and put to his grave

a bout Two Month before Parley died he told me he
thought he ought ^{to} write home to his folks. I told him he ought
to do so by all means. he said he did not know as he was
strong enough to write I told him I would write for him
he said no it made no difference. I then asked him about
his folks he said his Mother was living & two Brothers
I asked him if he did not think he ought to make some
disposition of his property in case he should die. he said
his folks ~~would~~ ^{have} not anything he had. he said he made you
a deed of his part of your home Stead before he left home
with the understanding that you would take care of his
Mother as long as she lived. and told me what he
had here did not amount to much. he wanted me to
take care of him and pay off all ^{his} Personal & Company
indebtedness and if there was anything left I was welcome
to it. three days before he died both of the Doctors came here
one of them a particular friend of Parley's told him he could
not live more than a few days and asked Parley if he
made a will, he told the Doctor no. The Doctor advised him to
have his will made. he told the Doctor that me & my wife had
taken as good care of him since he was taken sick ^{as} a Brother &
Sister. and he was willing to make a will. he did so and
made his will Entirely in my favour of everything he had in
this State

I have written & signed a letter in Sacramento County & was born & raised there I will be back there next spring & will call on you
John Condo

I have had the will Probated & got Letters of Administration from the Probate Court of this county, if you have a desire to test the legality of Barley's last will & Testament you will have to appear here within ten months from his death I will give you a correct Statement of my & Barley's Business. four years ago the 1st of August him & I bought this trading Post & Stock of goods then worth fifteen hundred & twenty two dollars. at that time we both had just money enough to the above amount. Barley staid in the house untill he went to Nevada since that time I attended to the business, after his ^{death} I had to have the property appraised

The appraisment of one half of Company Property amounted a trifle over twenty one hundred dollars in that there is included twenty five hundred dollars out standing Bills. that would make ~~twelve~~ ^{thirty} hundred & fifty fifteen hundred dollars in Sacramento City the money I have paid out for the Estate to date amounts to over three hundred & thirty dollars that is Doctors Bills Funeral Expenses & to men I had waiting on Barley while sick. one doctor I have paid \$125 dollars & owe him probably twenty dollars more there is one consolation you can all have that your Brother was an upright & honest man and was beloved by every one who knew he had not a single enemy in the state. I must come to a close hoping you will answer early & direct as before
Yours Respectfully John Condo