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## Community voices – transcript – D 3231/4

**Sarah Mundon**

*Extract of a letter from Klemzig dated 21 September 1842 to her mother and sister highlighting the lack of news colonists experienced and the isolation felt by some.*

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Dormington Farm 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1842

My Dear Mother and Sister

I received your long looked for letter Augt 29<sup>th</sup> dated Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, it was most welcome. I had once despaired of living to hear of my native country; by the blessing of God I am greatly restored - far from strong at this time. Your letter made me thoughtful for some time, it left me in surprise you did not say – were the children boys or girls? The marriages are what I expected, except Thomas, which much surprised me, for Mother my thoughts gave me for some time past – she was no more. I hope she made her peace with God and is far better off than any she left on earth. You did not mention dear Charles, Mary or Susan. My thoughts are too often with you all. I banish them as much as I can, they cause floods of tears to flow. You will say this is still that weak minded creature as ever. I cannot help it. Do not wait to hear of a ship coming here, when you or either of my dear sisters feel inclined to favour me with a letter post it in the General Post Office, there is not a month but we hear from England we have not that chance to send to you, there is but seldom a vessel go direct from here to England. You did not mention one word of F Shepperds affair. I mean his trial which I am curious to know the result. Your letter did not give me so much information. As Mr Aldridge was so kind to answer my letter the day after receiving it, which I received four months before yours, I answered his, as he desired me, directly, although ill able to do so, and fortunately a ship going to sail in a few days I sent him two newspapers. I hope he got them, if so, you can see them. ...