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Mrs. William F. Wilkenson
c/o Dr. Cletus L. Krag
Geriatric Clinic of Stockton
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Dear Mrs. Wilkenson:

I wanted to personally thank you for sharing the photographs and remembrances regarding your husband and the Point Pinos Lighthouse with us. The information is of great value and helps write another chapter in the oldest functioning lighthouse on the west coast.

I was saddened by the fact that the keeper who replaced your late husband, cut down the tree you planted in memory of Mr. Wilkinson.

Bruce Handy, the person who cares for the lighthouse during public visiting hours, has told me he has several small Monterey cypress seedlings from the original trees. When one of these attains a sturdy height, we shall transplant it onto the property of the lighthouse in memory of your husband.

Thank you again for your help.

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Paul M. Finnegan
Assistant Curator

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