

April The 21 1907

Dear Willie ^{and} Eunice ^{and} Little Helen
it is noon and a cold rain a falling
it is just little showers but the very thing
we need because it has been so long since
we had enough to make a season but
we have corn and cotton the corn is knee
high and the cotton is not quite all up
but this will bring it up I hope we will
make enough to bring L. home and
make us a living next year with
out going in debt I want Clarence
to run this place himself so I can
rest a little for I dont know anything
about rest if I had some one stay here with
me so Minnie could go to school
and get a first class certifikat so she could
get a living herself, it would be
nice if we could have done like you
said to do but it is allmost impossible for us to do

if I could visit you all I would
so glad but if we had plenty of money
to make the trip I would be like
was last year when your Pa and
I was talking about going I would
backout because I ^{blive} I would get
sick and die on the water before I
could get there I would be glad
to bepp Helen to see to your horses
that little baby Kambles you sent
it was going in a bucket till it began
raining then it had to die but we had
some more horses in the tub that
are doing well the tub is where I
cap the bucket and in the same kind
of dirt I want to get help with the
tub and put it at your Pa's grave
next winter and plant some vines
at his head we have a ltt fenced off
with wire we sent to Sears Roebuck
for it it is the prettiest fence on the place
it is 20 feet one way and 20 the other it was not up
enough of wire but have not bound grand Pa's grave

we have the wire for his grave so it costs
 18 dollars just for a single grave but
 not able to do the other but we do put
 the tomb stone up if possible next
 year if the beal weevils dont eat the
 cotton up before then well I am writing
 at the window ^{next to the dining room} where Pa^s was when he died
 and the curtain is up so I can see and it
 makes me think of what I said to him
 the light was shining in his eyes I
 said to him the light is shining in
 your eyes had I better put the curtain
 down ~~no~~ he said no let it alone I
 said the light is shining right in your
 eyes Pa said well I can shut my eyes
 and he shut his eyes and but he did
 not want to go to sleep because he now
 would not wake up he would watch
 the clock and when it would strike he would say
^{what that strike we would tell him he would}

say thank God is it so well I am glad
and then Mr De Woody staid at the
head of the bed and watcht him but
Pa wanted to be took up on the chair
so they first his head for him and
put the ^{big} Pillows under his head but
when they laid him down his head
was not first good he said take this
big Pillow out and let me have
the little one again so I got the little
Pillows they took out the big one and
he took the Pillows and put it under
his head himself but did not look
like it was first good I told him to raise
up his head and let me fix it for him
but he said let it alone it will do then
he lay there a little longer when Mr De-
Woody said to me now come to him he
is gone so I went to him and told
him to tell Annie I was coming
so he lookt like he was trying ^{to say} but could
not talk right then but ^{to that} after that I dont
now what he said to the Dr but then he went to sleep

well Minnie killed a little hawk today she
 tried 4 times yesterday and shot away
 4 catweas and would miss him and this
 morning she killed it we have about 40 little chicks

and selling 2 dot- worth of eggs a week and
 while Minnie helps with the chickens we
 will make that but I wish she could go to
 school and get first class certificate
 then she could get a heap of money
 and Minnie likes to teach.

well Joe is talking so must quit
 but Oh how lonesome I am
 Jack has the scaling house and
 making money right away and
 bought Rob Cavender out Mrs Sara^h
 Cavender moved to Dilley bought
 the house across the street from Mr
 Dillard, Mr Roberts Died next
 week after Pa did

Oh dear Jesus let us live happy and close
 enough to see one another oh give us rest
 from your Mother and Grandma
 your darlings Goodby

Darling Willie you wish for us to
send the Pocket knife but Willie
we need it all the time to ^{cut} vines
and Peach Trees but I do blime
our Trees are going to die make
this Rain will help them out
there is not a dozen Teachers on
them but the grapes looks nice
in the Pocket but here at the house
the ^{calb} and Horses have just eat on them
till they have no leaves on them
we have no fence around them and have
no garden and the Water melons are
eat up 3 times so have now now
no man to see to the they so I dont
know what to do, well Eunie it looks like
everything I get of Fern kinds they will die
I wish I could be there and see
everything you are doing but that
old watter I hope to see you before
long Yours as ever may God
bles you Goodbye

Dear Willie, Eunice and Helen:

Uncle
Joe and mamma wrote yesterday
while I entertained company -
so I will hurriedly write a
little this morning.

The sun is shining out brightly
this morning for the first time
since Wednesday. We have
been having nice mild little
rains - just the thing needed.
It has been real cold too.

The farms are all so refreshed
and pretty. Uncle Joe will
go home today. He is farming
at Artesia - what used to be
"Twolig" - Poor old bachelor
I feel sorry for him. It is

useless for me to say that we missed papa especially during this rainy weather - He always came in wet from head to foot.

The Mexican is planting cane today - too wet to plow the cotton and corn. Joe and Charley have finished their onion patch. Don't know yet just how much they made. My school was out the 12th inst - I need to go to Prof. Taylor's review school as much, which he is holding here now - but I can not leave mamma here alone. Guess I'll have to get me some books and "bow my back" here at home -
Just a few more weeks till

Clarence will be at home -
How I do wish Cornelia could
come with him - Wouldn't
it be grand! I am glad
you're trying to get Edith
Montgomery with you - She
is a fine little girl - And then
when you get Mimmie Hockett
you will have such a team
that all Porto Rico will be
civilized quickly -

Must stop now and get ready
to take Uncle Joe to the train -
Adios -

Lots and lots of love to Helen
Mamma can translate her
letters fine - We all enjoyed
her letter so much -

Monday Apr 22 - 07
11:30 A.M.

Mimmie.

Eunice

Well Willey I came up
too ^{see} your ma an mimi and
mimi is riting so I that I
wood rite too, the Place looks
lost it dont seems like the gas
Place it needs some man
on the Place, well Willey,
I am sore glad that you
ar all Well an like that
Country. I like to see you
all and that sweet little baby
o you know I want to see
Hellen, it is raining here
I am farming this year so,
my love to you all
Eunice you an Willey must
Write to me, I want to hear
from the Baby write soon
your Uncle Joe Burkow

After 10 days, return to

Mrs. W. D. Harris

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