

Dallas Texas

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Dr J Morgan
Dear Sir

I have just
arrived in Dallas at
my Father's house where
I was happy to meet Brother
and family, I have
not seated myself for
the purpose of writing
you a very interesting
letter as I have not
seen enough of Texas
even to satisfy myself
Consequently cannot give
you such a description
as will correspond fully
with what I will yet see

I must acknowledge so,
for I have been disappointed
in the general appearance
of Texas somehow or
some how else I had fancied
that it was a romantic
fast looking Country but
if you have ever travelled
from Indiana to
Murfreesboro you have seen
a County that resembles
the greater portion of
Texas which I have
travelled through, It
was all an old time hard
looking Country until I
got to this (Dallas Co.)
The Timber ranging from
10 to 40 feet high the
greater portion of which
is post oak, and Black Oak

Though I have seen some
fine pine groves and
in some Creek bottoms
good Oak trees,

The land generally is
black and sandy the
trees on it are low and
scrubby and look to be
a thousand years old
But it would surprise
you to see how the land
grows when they have
season I am told the
land, such as I have
described will grow as
well corn, and some
fine cotton grows on
the black sky land
but more common

This (Dallas) is a fine
County the best I have seen
the greater portion is prairie

Give my love to J. H. Craig and wife to me at Dallas

And looks grand and
magnificent and is rich enough
for any purpose I was
not pleased with Texas
before reaching Dallas
but this County will sooner
do well I am told is better
The farmers here have many,
of them became rich with
labour by raising stock
it is doubtless the best
stock County known
Just as far as your eyesight
extends you will see the
farmers with herds
of cattle and occasionally
sheep, they are getting more
in the spirit of sheep
If you move to Texas bring
all your old pots spoons
Chairs &c & you will need them
Mind I tell you
I will write again J. H. Knicker