Fairfield
Oct 30th 1859

Broth M. Love,

Dear Brother,

I received your letter of the 20th inst which gave me great pleasure and a considerable surprise as I was not aware that you had made so good a degree of progress in the knowledge of words the use of the pen and the correct use of language. It is a great pleasure to me to learn through a letter from you such use of your time in the improvement of your mind. I hope you will make use of all your spare time for the improvement of your mind, our first duty is to do that which is right towards our Creator and our fellow beings and the next duty is the improvement of the mind in the knowledge of the arts and sciences so that we may be able to render the labor we have to perform for the support of our lives and the ability to help others easy and pleasant.

I was glad to learn as I did from your letter that you were all in good health. It seems to me that you are rather late in collecting your beehives if you intend driving to the New Orleans market if you aimed to collect many beehives after the date of your letter you will hardly be able to get away from home until several days of rain are gone which will cause you to be as late as the first of Dec. getting them into market.
The letter leaves all the relatives here in good health. Mr. Turner is over at Mr. Shug's, hired several negroes and went over for the purpose of making a tank and some other improvements on his stock farm. Mr. Turner and Mr. Pope had purchased some seventy or eighty head of breed horses not long back, they with several other gentlemen recently have purchased the Flying Dutchman and are now helping him at Front Prairie.

I hope if you go to school that you will a good use of your time by keeping out of bad company, studying hard and learning all you can. Our schools are doing very well; there are seventy or eighty scholars in the female school and thirty-five or forty in the male school.

Our District Court comes on here next week. I'll write that I sent a letter from Jim Anderson a short time back. He stated that they were all together in Arkansas except Narcissa Edwards and her family. That they had suffered greatly of late years but were now doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

I received a letter not long back from Hamilton Farmworth. The relatives were well in Tennessee at that time. Hamilton thought it more than likely that his father would come to Texas before long. I write you this short letter, Robert by candle light with a bad pen so you could not expect it well done.

I would be glad to receive letters from you often and will answer them as soon as I can after getting them. Wishes and good fortune to you and the balance of the family.

Truly, Your brother,

S. H. Love!