

Harrisfield

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1859

Broth. W. Love

Dear Brother:

I received your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 selves 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 beavers if you intend driving to the New Orleans market if you aimed to collect many beavers after the date of your letter you will hardly be able to get away from home until several days of Nov<sup>r</sup> are gone which will cause you to be as late as the first of Dec. getting them into market

This letter bears all the relatives here in  
in good health. Mr Garner is over at Mr Skuggs  
he hired several negroes and went over for the purpose  
of making a tank and some other improvements on his  
stock farm - Mr Garner and Mr Jos Philpott  
purchased some seventy or eighty head of broad in  
not long back - they with several other gentlemen conjointly  
have purchased the Flying Dutchman and are now  
keeping him at Avant 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 were 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.

Tell mother that I got a letter from far Anderson  
a short time back he stated that they were all together  
in Arkansas except Marcissa 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 Farnsworth  
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 wish 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.  
Wishings and good fortune to you and the balance of the family.  
Truly your brother,  
C. W. Love!