

W. H. Jones, Texas.

August 5<sup>th</sup> 1862

Mr. A. Clark.

My Dear Friend.

Your kind letter was received a few days since and you may be certain that I was glad to get it. For it always gives me pleasure to hear from my friends more especially one whose friendship I value so highly. I would like to write something in return that would pay you for the trouble of reading. I have not the faintest hope of interesting you and should I fail entirely will you be kind enough my friend to look upon my inability to interest as an "error of the head and not the heart."

This is a dull place now. There was some excitement last week. Monday and Tuesday being the days for the registration of the voters of this precinct. There were a good many persons here including the freedmen and of course we cannot leave them out, as they are better than a Southern man in the eyes of some. I do not think



there were many Southern men that were allowed to register. We had a lecture a few nights ago by

a gentleman from Paris who wished to teach a school here. I did not attend. Frank and Jesse went and from their account of the lecture I did not lose much.

I learned today that he had succeeded in getting the school and will commence teaching in September.

Frank, Jesse, Maggie, and I went to Bonham last week. were gone two days. We had a very pleasant time considering the warm weather. I like Bonham better than I expected. I was very much pleased with the situation of our new home. it is a much prettier place than this. and with some improvement will be one of the most desirable places in Bonham.

We have heard nothing from Uncle Charley, will look for him in three weeks.

I am glad you were pleased with Dallas and enjoyed yourself so well while there. I imagine you had a pleasant time at Saltsville from the several accounts I have had from there, and am not surprised that you should want to return. I can judge how well you were pleased with Fannie's mother, and sisters. Fannie has a good mother. I do not think that I am ungratified

envious but I do sometimes envy those who have good mothers.

I would ~~would~~ like very much to go to Dallas with Frank and Sallie if it were convenient for me to leave home. I was surprised when Frank told me that our friends were expecting us both. for I had not thought of going. Aunt Sallie would be very busy if we were both to leave. I know that I would enjoy a visit to Saltsville and regret on Fannie's account that I cannot go. Frank will not go for several weeks. not until the weather gets cooler. He has been quite sick for the last few days. in fact they have all been sick since they returned from Dallas.

I am very sorry that I caused you so much trouble about the flour. I never did regret anything so much. Fannie says she has explained the mystery, therefore it will not be worth while for me to explain.

I dislike formality as much as any one, and would much rather you would drop the Mrs. from my name.

The photographs that I have are very poor ones, not such as I would wish to give a friend.

Jesse will write soon. Please excuse this. I have written in haste. Aunt Sallie sends her kindest regards.

Believe me to be your sincere friend.

Sallie. M<sup>rs</sup> Lee