

Hopkins Springs Texas.
Sept-9. 1877.

My Dear Addison

I received your letter sent by
Sister Gindie. Thursday morning we were so glad to
hear from you. I had a letter just ready to mail
with the little folks pictures, we are so afraid you
did not get them. The children are so impatient-
they can hardly wait to know what you said and
did when you get them, every little while they ask
me what I when you said. I tell them I dont
know I wish we could see you open it, and you
not know we are about. I have not seen Sister
Gindie must go and see her if I can. I would
like so much to see the friends at White
Mound. I do hope you saw Mollie. I am sorry
Jesse did not meet you there, he wrote me that he
could not go. Yesterday and today have been long
lonesome dreary days. The wind is in the north
tonight. We will need fire in the morning,
it has been so damp all day that baby has been

fretting all evening. I am so tired doing without you, dont think I can let you leave home again soon. Mr. Mathis hauled some hay last week but I am afraid the hogs will ruin it. Cousin David's old sow has a litter of pigs in it. Bannalpb said he would come and try to fix her up around it - but he has so much on his mind I reckon he will not think of it again.

The cows have almost quit coming up. Cherry was not milked all day yesterday, and Spot has not been up today. I am afraid something has happened to Spot. She never stayed away so long before. Mr. Gastain looks for them but he dont know how to find anything. They work early

and late at the College now. Today they have been laying floors in lower story. The Bell has been here more than a week. It is nice, sounds loud and clear. have not put it up yet. They rang it yesterday for meeting. Brother Davis is here

now. will start back in a few days. Sister D. is talking of going with him on a visit. She is very unwell looks worse than I ever saw her. She dont like to go back home looking so bad.

dont mention this to brother Mack. if he is with you. She says they dont like this place, and she dont like for them to see her unless she had ^{imposed} more. You may get some window blinds for the front room, and a small table. With

my wash money. The children call me the "Wash woman". I would like to have a box of soap, if you get it. The blue soap is best. get us some dried peaches, we have had no fresh peaches except the ones you brought. Cousin David did bring us about a bucket full from brother Henderson.

The children want fruit so bad. I have been keeping ^{my} fingers crossed for them. It does take a

much sugar. just to buy by the dollar is worse. I wish you would get some if it is any cheaper to buy larger quantity. I could tell you a great many more things we need but I will not. you need not get these if it is not convenient. We need you more than all. Come as soon as you can.

The children send a kiss. Much love from us all. Good night - my darling one.

Your affectionate
Sallie