

Ft. Worth, Dec. 2, 1870.

My dear Ellen

You can not imagine how much pleasure your unexpected letter gave me. I had often thought of writing to you, but so often put it off. I am indeed sorry you allow yourself for one moment to think I have forgotten any of my dear Bonham friends; though I have the dearest ones on earth with me, yet there is room enough for those I left behind. I often, very often think of them all, and especially you and yours. We have a little girl boarding with us, that we call Ellen Moore, her name is Helia Snow, she is very much like you used to be.

Mamma was very sick on the road, had one of her old spells, had to be put under the influence of chloroform. Randolph was very much frightened about her, he had never seen her so sick, in fact, he said he had never seen any one suffer such intense pain. Mamma was very weak when she reached here. (They were five days on the road, laid by one day) she and Callie are quite well now, and very much pleased with their new home. Both send much love to you all, Mamma says tell your Mamma she is going to write her a long letter soon. You want to know what I am doing and how I

like Ft. Worth? Well to answer your first question. I have  
been in the school room nearly all the time since school  
commenced, I have had a very severe cold, <sup>and cough</sup> for two or three  
weeks and consequently Roundolph has had to take my place.  
I like teaching very much, and am very fond of all the schol-  
ars, and they in turn seem to think a great deal of me.  
I never saw a better or more intelligent set of children in  
my life. Addison takes charge of the boys, I have the girls  
in charge and also hear two or three of the boys' classes. We have had  
to use our dining room for the girls, which makes it very  
convenient for me. The church, a large brick building, will  
soon be finished and then Addison will move his depart-  
ment into it, and I will occupy the room he is now in  
which joins the brick, - a house he had built last vacation.  
We have eighty eight or ninety scholars, and they are constantly  
coming in. I am very much pleased with this place, it is  
not so large as B. but is fast improving. The situation is  
beautiful. I wish you and Mr. Oldham would come out  
here on a visit; I think you would be so well pleased  
you would move out here at once. Cousin Jimmie Dupuy  
was ~~xxx~~ here last week to look at the place and thinks  
he will move out in the spring.

You would be delighted with the congregation here. They are  
all so zealous, many of them are ready, and more than will

ing to lead in the Bible class, Prayer meeting and at <sup>the</sup> Lords  
table, you know how it is in B. When Mr. Carlton is absent  
it is with difficulty he can get any one to fill his places.  
There have been about twenty accessions since Ma came,  
some from the Methodist, but most of them from the  
world, all I trust will be bright lights in the church.  
I heard that Mr. C. had been holding a meeting and that  
"he had made twelve or fifteen additions to his congregation  
however, altogether from his school," Mr. Grace wrote us that.  
It sounds just like him don't it?

I am sorry to hear that Sue and her Aunt had a quarrel,  
but I am not at all surprised. Mrs. Hunsley has not been  
pleased with the way Sue has conducted herself for some  
time, and I expected it would result just as it has.  
I hope Sue has a good school and likes teaching.

I had heard about the weddings, can hardly realize that  
Katie and Mr. Knight are married, Katie sent me a piece  
of the dress you described. She promised me a long letter,  
but it has not come yet. We have a good many  
boarders, Court is in session here and the Judge is board-  
ing with us. His name is Garland; he says you and  
Tommy went to school to him, he did not know that  
Tommy was dead until Ma told him. He is a very pleas-  
ant man if he is a Radical. I will have to quit now

as Dr. Eaton is here waiting and I want to send this by  
him. All the family are well and send much love  
to the family. You must write me a long letter soon,  
and tell me about every thing and every body. Any thing  
from you will be interesting.

With much love to yourself and Mr. Oldham

I am your friend  
and sister  
Ella Clark

Mrs Ella Clark