

J.F. Evans  
Farms and Western Lands,  
Money to Loan

Sherman, Texas 11/6/1889

Private  
Mr. I.L. Ellwood -- Personal  
DeKalb, Ills.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you some time back that I had deferred application for purchase of the School Section on which Headquarters of Spade Ranche are -- for Mr. W.T. Carpenter -- until I could submit a certain matter to you.

I think that I am under obligations to lay the reason before you so that you can act with a knowledge of the facts. After you left the ranche I learned that Mrs. Carpenter before Carpenter married her had been of loose moral character & publicly on the town at Dodge -- the inquiries I made & information that appears to be reliable sustained the charge -- And although the service being rendered by Carpenter and his wife were thoroughly satisfactory and her conduct altogether unobjectionable and lady like -- I considered it the proper thing before placing your valuable improvements in their hands -- to hear from you directly but preferred to not write you.

It now appears to be an unavoidable duty, and you will understand that it is not the result of any unkind feeling, for there was never any man or woman on the ranche who gave better satisfaction -- and your interests are perhaps better served by reason of the ranche having less company & from the anxiety of both parties to give satisfaction. These considerations caused me to delay presenting the matter for a personal interview. I now submit the statement as a matter of obligation to you. And candidly state that I do not know from whom you could expect better service, and that from personal observation I am pleased to give you the best report of the conduct of both Mr. & Mrs. Carpenter.

Yours Truly

J.F. Evans