

Bowham Texas

Feb. 10, 1869

Dear Sister and Brother

Knowing that you will be anxious to hear from B. I will commence a letter to night as I have a few spare moments, and perhaps I will be able to finish it before Friday.

This leaves all ^{as} well as usual. Time has passed away slowly and unconsciously to me since you left; contented only while deeply engaged in my studies. There has been quite a stir since your departure, resulting from the raising of the bell and marrying; had no school Friday, worked hard all day also Saturday in raising and hanging the bell. It now hangs ^{its} steady in its place on the Seminary, announcing to often to some the the School lives, and is thriving, notwithstanding all their opposition. Had several new Scholars this week Mark Andrews among them.

The principal of the high school so called says he has 40 students, Reese D. and Ed. S. Lieutenant are his largest; he also said, so says madam rumor, that those ^{two} are from our school are the worst scholars he has. It may be late so, for he got a condemned lot. Enough of this.

We did not have much of a turn out to Sunday School, in consequence of the bad weather, notwithstanding the rain the bell called out many, among them Major Dem. who as you know never attended before.

Melba was married at preaching by Spots; took dinner at Dr. S. then left for the river. Sam and Ella were married at 3 o'clock Uncle C. John and ~~my~~ I went over, or under I should have said for I never have seen a worse road; all came back the same evening, had a supper at Mr. S. one at Mr. C. Monday night every room in the house was crowded, had a heavy hail storm, also a tremendous rain soon after all were collected. After eating supper, the crowd

I spent the time as usual till ten when all by which time all had dispersed. thus ended the wedding, and I trust it will be the last one till vacation. I must retire as it is getting late. We are having a little music to night. We will not have school to morrow in consequence of the death of Douglas Cox; died last night. I have the completion of this for to morrow night. Thursday night. It is now past ten but I must finish this letter before I sleep.

We had no school to day. Mr. Spots preached Douglas's funeral, Uncle C. made a few remarks at the grave, appropriate to the occasion, and affecting. ^{yes} We were but few in which there was not a tear to be seen, when he closed. I have just received two letters one from Brother James. The other from John D. I send you brother J. as the contents of both are near the same I will just send you. John reached home safe, is now teaching, did not write any news of importance. This leaves all well. May heaven's choicest blessing be yours in the prayer of your brother. Kind ^{est} regards to all friends. Love to you both
your brother Jesse McZiggy

I send you a letter from sister
Margaret which I did not get
till this morning your Brother
Jesse -