

Bonham Texas
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Had you must not think
there is no other boy but
more as you analyze
pictures from the eye
prop. whole funt. Saller
Says call him. Jesse
Phar. J. C. Clark
I will write to
John Calvary to send
your brother
Jesse

and Sister;
Hastily I will drop you a few
lines that you may know of our anxiety and fears
in regard to Jesse Wajis condition. ere this reaches
you I fear we will have borne him to the cold
and silent tomb, but yet I have some hopes,
though very slight, of his recovery. His condition is quite
dangerous; he, after writing the above, Ella called me to
carve the meat, and while doing this, Jesse took a spasm
which lasted 5 hours or more, ^{seemingly} without any intermission, or
it may have been, as I think is the case, one convulsion after an
other; he could not have born them had it not been for the timely
aid of Dr. Saunders. I was confident, as was the opinion of
others present that he was dying when the Dr. came; he
too thought the same, but thinking to save the family from
seeing him die with one of those violent convulsions upon
him, and also to give relief to him if possible, sent for a
bottle of Chloroform, when he commenced using it his
eyes were seemingly red, his hands and feet cold, his skin
moistened with a cold clammy sweat, it brought almost instant
relief so far as quieting him, but so soon as was he barely
from under the influence of the C, the convulsions would begin;
thus he lay for 6 hours inhaling 1/2 pd. C. air that time, after
which the spasm ceased, he lay in a stupor for some time, when
he showed some symptoms of being restored to conscious existence
by different from the belief of all. By 7. he was much better, and has
still continued to improve up to this time Sunday night;

having an occasional spasm as many as six a day; the
chloroform gives almost instant relief, in this way it may be
possible that they can be worn out. I was up with him last
night and night before all but about 3 hours each night, but I
had a good nap to day, so I do not feel sleepy, did not go to Sab-
bath school. Will try and sleep tonight. It was indeed a
sad scene here ^{on} Friday from 12 till near night; one such as
never wish to witness again, but I do not know but that
the same may be at any time. There is too much to tell
all now. Mollie is here, she having been sent for during
the time. Old Mr. Stansell Mrs Colbreath's father died
last Sunday night. Colter is not dead yet but cannot
get well. The other man was buried last Sunday. My
uncle L. made some very appropriate remarks, as he
does on all such favorable opportunities: he also preached
a funeral discourse Monday evening in the Baptist meeting
house. Mr. S. I received your letter tonight was glad to
hear from you, trust that sister will be up ere this reaches you
I would like to see that man very much, and will
come Christmas if possible, but don't look for me till
you see me. I also rec'd a letter from my friend Edwin written
several days before yours: am glad that you procured a berth
for him, think you will find him to be all right. I
must stop for the night, have rec'd letters from distant rel.
saw one from Bro. John all were well. Much love

Yours Brother Jesse McCuigg

I intended making the the morning after writing, but owing to
my being up so much I left to take Sunday. You so over-seeing
and the prospect is very good for his recovery. All other well