

Meale Texas

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Miss Esther Pennington

My dear friend I will
write to you again to let you
know I have not forgotten you
if you love me for I have
written to you twice and have
gotten no answer we are all
well now but have had lots of
fever this summer well either I
am done picking cotton and
we have made nine bales of
cotton this year and two
hundred bushels of corn to
our part and I will have
Plenty of Sweet Potatoes will
dig them in a few days it has
been very dry here but we are getting

a nice rain to day for with
 wease very Thankfull Esther
 the children are going to
 school now have a good
 Teacher this year Esther all
 the kinfolkes are going to
 move off down to Boon
 Parris in grimes county Mr
 Fields has sold his Place and
 gone down there to buy. but
 I will stay here I can't move
 around and make a living
 the family joins me sending
 love to you all. write soon
 to your loving aunt

Bettie Statham

Esther Please answer this if you
 can Bethie