

Merle Texas Nov. 19. 1904

Mrs Esther Pennington

My dear niece I will attempt to answer your letter which came to hand and I was sure glad to hear from you once more well This leaves us all well only had colds your cousins are going to school now and I am trying to do up my winter sewing I wish you was here to help me well Esther Mr fields and family and Mr Robinson and family have left this Port and come to Grimes county to live and Willie has gone to Fortaga so we are here by ourselves but we are not afraid of storming

we made 9 bales of cotton and
 200. bushels of corn and plenty
 of sweet potatoes have 4 hogs to kill
 and plenty of milk and butter
 well & other I have nothing of interest
 to write times are so dull down here
 but Pearl ~~data~~ Stuard is married
 now there has been ~~several~~ several
 deaths here this year and some
 marriages and a sight of sickness
 but the health of the country is
 better now well & other I will
 stop for this time tell orange and
 the rest howdy for me I wish I
 could see you all so good night
 dear niece write soon to your aunt
 who loves you very much
 Be the Stathorn