

Edgewood Texas 1/12/12
 Mrs Esther Ramsey
 Simpson Texas

Dear Daughter and family
 how are you all this cold day
 I written to you some time
 before I came home and
 havent heard from you yet why
 dont you writed ~~are~~ you sick
 or did you not get my letter
 we came home Dec the 20th
 we came by the way of Dallas
 Orange and the children
 came and spent Xmas with
 us Papa and mamma
 went to Hubbard and spent
 Xmas and Sister Annie
 and Arthur Statham spent
 Xmas in Hill Co we found
 every thing all right at
 home plenty of Potatoes

and they are keeping nice
and our winter Cabbages in
The garden are fine I have
paid my Tax and now we owe
just 100 one Hundred Dollars
on our home and we have
the interest paid up on that
to the Present time we made
over 250 Two hundred and
fifty dollars while we was
gone and if the weather
had not bin so bad we could
have made 100 Dollars more
there is plenty of Cotton to
pick out there yet and there
is plenty here to pick at
100 per 100 lbs but the weather
is so bad it cant be picked

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I never saw so much cold weather
in my life I am almost freezing
by a good fire well we spent
the day with Mrs Chewman
last Monday as it was her and
Mammies Birth day we had a
nice time as well as a nice
dinner they had dinner at
my house the 8th of last Jan
Mrs Chewman wants to buy
2 lots from me and Build
right away I may sell her
2 for one hundred each
Then we will have 3 lots left-
I could take the 200 Dollars
and Build more room here
our Town is building up
awhfull fast there was

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2 men killed here I was
one was shot by his
neighbor. The one that was
shot a Mr Holland would
not give Mr Knight a road
through his farm and he
would have to go 2 or 3 miles
around to get out any where
Knight is sail waiting
trial and Mr Rusk went
home drunk drew the gun
on Hyman Rusk son-in-law
and Hyman killed him with
a chair and a Mr Latimer
died with Bright's disease
he lived on Mrs Chewmans
place all 3 men had families
also the ones that went to

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Fail well our Cow is dry
but will give milk soon
our Hens are laying some
and we have 2 pretty Hogs
well it is so cold I will
close for this time hoping
to hear from you soon
I remain as ever your
mother with best wishes
to all Kiss the Babies for
me
write soon to
Emma