

Sunday 26th 1848

Dear Julia; -

Glad to hear from you and that you are about ready for another winter makes you feel good when you get things done for each change of the seasons. I'm not buying any new winter clothes, expect to wear dresses I've had for 4 years not hard on my clothes. They are good can't afford to throw them away. Besides clothes are so high, can't reach the price.

You spoke of Tom, wondering if he would ever settle down, have married that myself. I rec'd a letter from him. When I answered it, I said, you may not be at home when this reaches Tublock. You run around so much, can't keep up with you. I said Tom you can not run away from trouble. You had better settle down and get to work at something and get your mind off your trouble. You are not the only man that ever lost his wife. What is the matter with you? Does your conscience hurt you, that ^{you} might not have been as good husband as you should. - If you don't watch out you are going to find your self in the State Hospital. You may not like what I've said. I'm writing this because I think a lot of you. - Well Julia I didn't know if he would ever write to a gain, but he did, didn't say any thing of what

2) I wrote him, said he was doing things that he, Ellen & Eloise had planned to do - he was now carrying them out, he was doing good.

Wilber, Eva & her mother came down last Tuesday morning for a few days. Eva looks better in the face. Wilber said she did not walk as well. He's using a walking cane. And her jaws was getting stiff, could hardly open her mouth good to eat. We are having winter this morning. even Alma ~~thought~~ it is cold. She is always warm or rather hot. Would like to see some rain.

Now about the new kin that visited you. Mary Francis Davidson's great grand mother, was your grand mother Malone's first cousin. She was a Miss Franklin don't remember her given name. There was two Franklin girls, one was Cripple. They were orphans, came to Texas with their Aunt Dolly Vickers - heard Mama speak so often of her Cripple Cousin. The other one married Rev. Thomas Lancaster, Methodist ^{preacher}. He married mama & father in Austin ¹⁸⁵⁰ and baptised most of their children. I remember Cousin Thomas ~~but~~ ^{don't} know that I ever saw his wife. They had

3) Several children - I never knew
but ~~one~~ of them that I remember -
Cousin Frank, one all thought
~~Porter~~ of him. He came to see us
often, after he died, his wife
Cousin Mary and a single
daughter, ^{Maudie} moved in to San M.
They had a son Jim that lived
just out of town, only two of Coz.
Frank's children I knew.

Bessy Lancaster Francis of Kerrville
is Coz. Frank's oldest child - So
Mary Kyle said Frank Lancaster
his Mary Davidsohn's grandfather.
Mother told her Aunt Medie Duggan
had a daughter living in Abilene
& gave her your name & address -
So that's where she got Aunt Medie.
Because Mother said Aunt Medie,
You can tell her its Coz. Medie
& not Aunt, well, she is
about your 5th or 6th Cousin -

Maudie Lancaster married Will
Hibright ^{not long ago} widower with 3 or 4
grown children. They live on a
ranch on the Wimbush road
haven't seen her, but talk to her over
phone. Said she was coming

to see ~~some~~ sometime, as I
had no way to get out to see her.
Well Julia hope I have made it
plain enough that you can under-
stand the relationship.

Just received a special delivery
letter from Freeman, saying
Jeffie, her sister Mrs Hester and
myself expect to pass through
San Marcos to morning Sunday
between one & two o'clock on our
way to San Antonio. Will stop by
& have a visit with you. Aunt
Alma & you. I will phone you
at noon, to come out & be here
when they come.

Be glad to see Freeman and meet
his wife.

Julia knows whether you will
able to read this or not are
make any sense out of it. My
old hand is giving me trouble
can hardly write or do much
of any thing else.

Well close - With lots of love
we like Jeffie
very much
all her sister -
Freeman seems very happy he enjoyed their visit.
Sincerely Bebie

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Keep
about firm
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Texas.