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April 21, 1910.

Dear Mr. Meharg:

Your letter of the 12th received.

Dr. Knapp is still absent from the city and will not return until May 2d, at which time your letter will be called to his attention. We are collecting a large amount of data of this sort for purposes of our reports and are very glad to get the material you sent in to us in this letter.

Very truly yours,

Assistant in Charge Administration.

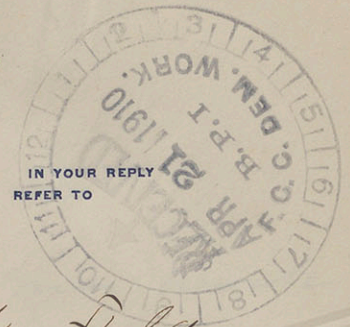
Mr. A. S. Meharg,

Live Oak, Fla.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF FARMERS' COOPERATIVE  
DEMONSTRATION WORK.



Line Oak Fla  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 1910

Dear Mr. Knapp

Feeling that you would  
would like to know how the people ap-  
preciate our work, will write you of the effects  
of the results of last years work in summer county  
where we did the bulk of work last year.

The business men contributed nearly \$2000 dollars  
and county commissioners \$1000 to buy goods  
for our local men to work with - Each of the  
three Banks of Line Ark told us if we needed more  
to check on them for what we needed  
Some thing more & our farmers have solicited work  
with Mr. Johnson our local man in this  
county; and others are complaining that we have  
sighted them. I believe if we could reach them  
1/2 of the white-farmers of this county would take  
demonstrations - Since the development of our work  
last fall there has been more substantial improve-  
ment for years - When I ask the reason for this



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The business people tell me that our work  
has demonstrated the possibilities of swampland  
country soils, and from these results - they have  
confidence in the future and are not afraid  
to invest their capital.

The fact that the other counties we are working have  
contributed from \$100.00 to \$150.00 each and per our  
men shows what the business people think of our  
work. They would not have given us a dollar if  
we had not shown results. As you know Mr.  
Johnson on half time, and myself was all the force  
we had last year. If these results have been  
excellent please give me the data so that I can offer our  
men an even greater achievement.

Our men are anxious to visit you. Hope you  
will be able to spend a few days with us before  
long. Your truly As Mehozy state you



Denny Tex Apr 21, 10  
Wm Knapp

Dear Sir

We were looking for  
you on Apr 16 but failed to  
see you.

We have had good rains  
our tanks are full of water.

Our corn is doing well +  
is free from weeds. + we have  
it nearly all chopped, we have  
40 acres in corn.

We only have one small calf  
but will have more soon.

We have a little mule.

Our cattle are fat enough  
to ship, I have written to  
The Commission man for  
information about the market  
+ if you think best I will  
take them to Ft Worth in  
two or three weeks

one



Our pasture is good with  
plenty wild clover for all our  
stock

Truly Yours  
Fred Blockwell



Wenny Tex May 9/10  
Wm Knapp  
Wm Bir

I havent received any letter  
from you since you were here.

I see by the papers that  
there was frost all over Tex  
but we had none.

We have had one light rain  
since you were here & we need  
another.

I went to see about that  
land, the man asked \$6 six  
dollars per acre but came down  
to four, & the Interpreter said  
to wait & he would take less.

We have cultivated our corn  
3 times and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  the fourth  
time.

Truly yours  
Frederic Stockwell



N. L. SANSBURY  
Real Estate Broker.

719-21 13th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.,  
May 12th, 1910.

Mr. Seaman A. & Bradford Knapp,  
1215 Crittenden Street, N.W.,  
"Saul's Addition",  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find papers relating to the purchase of lot  
51 in Square 2921, "Saul's Addition to the City of Washington":-  
1st - I enclose you certified copy of the Continuation of  
title - the continuation being held by the party mak-  
ing the loan and will be returned to you upon payment of the same.  
2nd - I enclose you Recorder's receipt for the Deed which you  
may obtain at any time 30 days after date upon presen-  
tation of the same at the office of the Recorder.  
3rd - You will find enclosed check for \$1.65 account of over-  
charge in recording.  
Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed and oblige,

Very truly yours,

N. L. SANSBURY,

Per *[Signature]*  
Settlement Clerk.



*Dr. Knapp. Personally,*

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IN YOUR REPLY  
REFER TO

Jonesboro, May 14th 1910.

Dear Campbell;

I am inclosing a letter to doctor Knapp that is a little "Boosty", but these things narrated actually occurred and even more. If you would not mind it you can take this letter up to his office and touch his arm and call ~~xxxx~~his attention.

Things are moving along very well here. We are having some unprecedented cold weather. No frost, but cold winds. South Ga. has been too dry all the spring to have a promising prospect for a crop.

Very truly yours,

*E. L. Gentry*



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Jonesboro, Ga. May 14th 1910.

Dr. S.A.Knapp,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

My modesty will barely let me write this letter as it is written but it shows in a small way what I am trying to do for the farmers of this state. I will call attention to only one of the visits I made to agents this week as it is a repetition of all the other agents.

On Thursday forenoon I met Mr. B.W.Cubbedge at the station and went with him to a Mr. Shearouse's who lives East of Guyton. We came to his place about 10-30 and were met by exactly 20 of his neighbors, some of them not very close neighbors, as they come 7 miles. We went into the corn field and cotton field and discussed methods of cultivation and intercultural application of fertilizer.

There was nothing very striking about this meeting from many others we hold in the fields, but in the afternoon we met at 2 o'clock at another Shearouse's who lives four miles West of Guyton. This man was different from the man whom we met in the forenoon because he is very poor. He has only one mule weighing about 700 #s. There were 18 men here to meet us. We went into the field as in the morning only we carried a spiketoothed harrow( known as the Little Joe, and a Planet Jr. I arranged the Planet Jr. so that I could do one



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row at a t~~h~~urrow whereas he had been putting two furrows with his scooter and scrape. While I was arranging these plows and plowing a few rows for demonstration this man was following along with me watching with amazement. After I had plowed two rows with only one round trip, he turned to me and said " I have been working for four days to get up with my cotton and I am so tired that I can scarcely go. Now I see where I could have done the work in less than half the time and would have been up, with my work also." I Have almost worked my self to-death by not knowing how to do. This is not only an innovation to me but an inspiration". Mr. Cubbedge, a brother to our agent, turned to me and said" I shall not run another furrow until I have one of those plows". So he went right off to guyton and came back with one. Mr. Cubbedge, the agent, told me as we went back to the station that that demonstration had saved him not less than \$25 to \$35 in wages, as he is working 30 A.s in cotton with hired labor. I do not know of a meeting in all my work in the Demonstration Work that seemed to do as much good as this one. I surprised them from the beginning as I did not sit under a tree or on the porch and make them a speech for they were expecting this as a number of the neighbors brought either their wife or daughter with them. One of the farmers went to the house and called the women to come down to the cotton patch and see what we were doing as I heard call to the women and say " This man is doing more good and learning us more than I ever saw". This letter does not convey but little of the interest and enthusiasm that was manifested.

I saw two farmers who have this year quit cotton and are now going into hog-raising just from reading the bulletin of yours on



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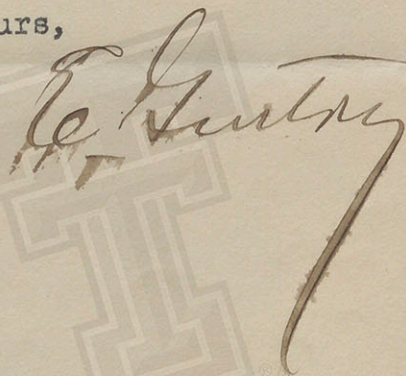
that subject. One man has spent \$ 125 for fencing and has 22 sows. He is cutting up his farm with crossfences and will plant a succession of crops as outlined in the bulletin.

In my visits this spring with the local agents I am notifying them ahead of my arrival so that they may have their Demonstrators and Co-operators present. So far we have had excellent meetings, in fact, more farmers come out than I expected. And after we hold the meeting in the field and actually demonstrate our gospel we will never have any more trouble in getting good crowds.

The crops are behind on account of the dry weather. I am speaking of South Georgia. Many of the farmers have just planted corn and have but very little cotton thinned.

This letter is long but I do not see how I could get about apologizing for its length because I am full of the "Agricultural Religion" those men had.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Gentry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.



Dunmy Tex May 20/10  
Wm Knapp  
Dear Sir

We have been having plenty  
rain & our tanks are all full.

Mr Pringle says he still wants  
to track his mares for the  
mules but says he just cant look  
at the mules at present; you  
will remember his wife was  
sick when you were here & she  
has not been expected to live  
from day to day since then.

I have not been able to  
get the County Commissioners  
to do anything about the  
road but we have the road  
blocked complete & have moved  
the fence to the west side of it;  
it will take 2 men one day to  
finish the fence.



Denny Tex May 28, 10

Dr Knapp

Dear Sir

I went to see the <sup>Deputy</sup> Sheriff  
about getting hounds (as I said I  
would in my letter of the 26)  
He says he will come if there  
is any chance to get the dogs  
there within 12 hrs after the  
fence is cut, but thinks the  
best plan would be to watch  
the fence by an officer with  
the dogs.

He thinks he could send two men  
there, (one at a time) & watch it for  
100 dollars payable on conviction and  
50 for the conviction of the second  
man if 2 are convicted.

This looks like a lot to pay but I  
don't know as they could do it any  
cheaper & run the risk of conviction  
over.



Don't fear you haven't rec'd my other  
letter I will say our fence was cut  
in about 100 places, yesterday  
morning it was cut in 2 places but  
the rains would have covered any  
tracks

Truly Yours

Fred Stockwell



N. L. SANBURY  
Real Estate Broker.

719-21 13th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.,  
May 25th, 1910.

Mr. Seaman A. Knapp,  
1215 Crittenden Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find certified copy of the original certificate of title, the original being held by the party making the loan and will be returned to you upon the payment of the same; the recorder's receipt for the deed which you may obtain at any time 30 days after date of same; also, \$5.20 account of refunds-\$5.00, refund on title, owing to the fact that these two lots had just been examined in a prior case for subdivision, and I asked the Title Company to make a refund in this case.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed papers and oblige,

Very truly yours,

N. L. SANBURY,

Per *A. C. Crump*  
Settlement Clerk.



Wemy Tex May June 2/10  
Wm Knapp

Dear Sir

Find inclosed Bill from  
C. W. Brown, but I think you  
have settled it before you  
were here.

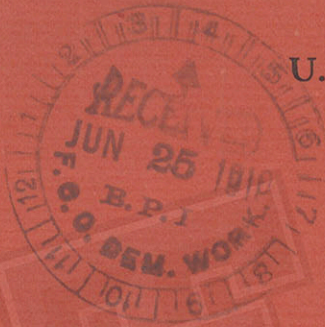
I suppose you sent me so yesterday  
or will shortly.

We are having fine weather  
for crops plenty rain but none  
to much.

We are planting 15 acres to  
Laguna corn.

Our cattle are in the  
big pasture & are doing fine  
there has not been any more  
fence cutting since I wrote  
you





U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

RECEIVED TELEGRAM.

Washington, D. C.,

JUN 25 1910

31-WU. ON. 15-Collect. 3 Extra.

Austin, Tex. 25.

S. A. Knapp,

Washington, D.C.

Wire not clear no particular portion of state called  
east Texas.

W. B. Townsend,

Secretary of State.

30-3pm.



Denny Tex 6/26/10  
Mr Knapp  
Dear Sir  
Your favor of 22

received,

I havent tracked the  
mules yet.

Our prospects for corn crop  
are good, we are needing rain  
but it is not suffering.

We have made a tank in  
the woods pasture six ft  
deep, this is in the middle  
of a wet weather pond,  
we have also put a dam  
across the outlet of the  
pond that will hold three  
feet of water if it ever gets  
that much

Our fences are not being  
cut any more.

Owen



We found another spring in  
the new pasture I think it  
will go dry before the Dodge  
spring will, I will go tomorrow  
and dig it out & put in a  
box so as to save all there is.  
We have one more calf & there will  
be another soon.

Mr. Davis & Grabb each have  
good cotton crops. Davis even  
is good Grabb is only fair both  
have been well cultivated & are free  
from weeds.

I expect to cut all the poor spots  
of corn & save it for hay. and  
I have planted 5 acres June corn  
for hay I should get at least  
30 ton of hay from this sowing.

Truly yours

Frederick Stockwell  
I will send a statement of expenses  
& receipts July 1



My Dear Father

The last two days have been bright & practically clear except a very little sprinkle last night and the mosquitoes are rapidly disappearing much to the relief of everyone. We will probably stay here at Prim Lake all this week and move home the first or middle of the next week. It is just beautiful down here! The storm of last Sept. washed fine white sand over the whole south eastern part of the lake so it makes an ideal swimming



place & we go in every evening just before dinner. The nights are cool & fine sleeping. I go back & forth in the boat with Mr. Roberts or Herman as the mosquitos so far have made it uncomfortable to run the auto. Now I will go in the machine.

They are building a new road which will make it only about five miles down here instead of ten as it is now.

On next Thursday they will vote bonds in Lake Charles for sewerage for the main business & residence portion of the city. Also for a city hall & fire station & additional pavement. I believe all



camy. It will be a great thing doing away with the old cess pools & the paving will greatly reduce the cost of keeping up the streets which under the old system of throwing the sand out of the ditch & letting it run back again was very wasteful.

During our mosquito time I had a few screens received on the old house & a pair of screen doors put on the back woodshed. It seemed necessary as they were greatly troubled & could not open some of the windows.

our good baby is growing every day. I sent you her picture yesterday & hope you will like them. She was



five months old yesterday  
The picture was taken a  
month ago. I do hope  
you can arrange to come &  
stay awhile - a long while -  
this fall when it begins to  
turn cool. We can visit &  
have the best time going  
around you can imagine.  
All of the friends ask about  
you & want to know when  
you are coming. I do  
hope you are fully recovered  
from your fall. Be careful  
father - let some one else do  
the climbing.

With much love from all  
of us. Your devoted son  
Arthur.  
Eli Charles.  
Prim Lake 7/10/00 over



In matters estate should  
your Texas farm be described  
so as to give you a clear  
title to any possible  
community interest?

Bradford will know so  
fix it any way to be  
sure it will all be  
settled just as we  
talked. a.



Wenny Tex July 13, 10

Wm Knapp

Dear Sir

Your letter with check  
for fifty dol, recd

I hope you are well by  
this time

We have had rain at  
last, while they were getting  
to much rain at Kusse we  
were getting none.

All the corn that was planted  
when you were here will make  
a fair crop the Laguna will  
be poor, the early sugarcane  
is good the second planting  
is poor + the last planting  
will be good if we can  
get one more rain.

I think we have the best  
peanuts I ever saw at this  
time of year Truly Yours Blackwell



Perry Tex July 20/10  
Wm Knapp

Dear Sir

My last letter was just  
after we had some good rains  
we have had another shower  
since then, our land is in  
good condition, our tanks  
are all full except the  
one in the new pasture and  
it has  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft water in it;  
so we will be sure of plenty  
of stock water,

We are now run up at  
least 100 ton of hay with  
a good prospect for more

If you think best I think  
it safe to now buy some  
more cattle as we have plenty  
grass & water,

Oven



When you were here you  
asked me to remind you to send  
five dol. to the church here, it  
can be made out to the Pastor  
Rev W M Brown

Mr Davis corn has improved  
since I wrote you about it,  
his peas in the corn are almost  
a failure,

There is no good stand of peas  
in corn except in the June corn  
and they have just come up

Yours Truly  
Fred Stockwell



Wenny Tex July 1/10  
R. Knapp  
Dear Sir

Find inclosed statement  
of acct since you were  
here, also bill from  
Markham Birdworth for  
bar material to finish  
barn with

Truly yours  
Fred Stockwell



Denny Tex July 30/10  
Wm Knapp

Dear Sir

There has been a  
Spalding Deep Tilling plow  
sent to me, the Agent claims  
it was sent on your order  
but he knew nothing of  
the terms, I paid the  
freight-16<sup>20</sup> and tested the  
plow, it did good work  
at any depth from eight-  
to twenty two inches but  
as far as I could see no  
better than our chise plow.

As I thought there was  
some error about your  
ordering the plow I had  
the Agent sign an agreement  
that any action of mine  
would not be binding  
unless you wished it to be.



The Agent said it was his understanding there was to be no charges except freight. Let me hear about this.

Yours Truly  
Fred Stockwell

This plow is a double disc, a better finished + looks like a stronger plow than our old one,  
Fred



J.A. BEL, VICE PRES'T  
 FRANK ROBERTS, CASHIER  
 H.C. DREW, PRESIDENT  
 GEO. HORRIDGE, VICE PRES'T  
 H.H. ROCK, ASST. CASHIER  
 S. ARTHUR KNAPP, CASHIER

# CALCASIEU NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$ 150,000.00  
 SURPLUS \$ 100,000.00

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

7/1/10

Dear Father

Your letter at hand. I did not believe the will was exactly right as a legal document & have always thought it best to open the succession & go through with it just as we talked at Amers - there can't be any hitch or delay that way. Whatever you want me to do please say so.

Inclosed you will find a check for you.

I am so glad Helen is coming & you can go on the trip. It will be ideal. Our weather is splendid although warm for past two days - we will be at Priem for one week more. Baby splendid growing every day,

With much love

Arthur

If you don't want to cash the check then I will send it to you & I will enclose you a.



J.A.BEL, VICE PRES'T

H.C.DREW, PRESIDENT

GEO. HORRIDGE, VICE PRES'T

FRANK ROBERTS, CASHIER

V. PRES'T  
S. ARTHUR KNAPP, CASHIER

H.H. ROCK, ASST. CASHIER

**CALCASIEU NATIONAL BANK**

CAPITAL \$ 150,000.00

SURPLUS \$ 100,000.00

**LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA**

7/4/10

Dear Father

Inclosed find credit memo for 18.<sup>70</sup>  
 During the bad mosquito time I has some  
 serious murred \$6.<sup>30</sup> which makes the balance.

Inclosed you will find the auto account  
 I don't understand how this last month  
 is \$10.<sup>00</sup>. Has Joe sold out? Even if he  
 has this out @ 10- for me is too much,  
 We are all well & having a good

time. The 4 part Artifird Account auto  
 are auditing our book which makes  
 lots of 4th work but the weather is  
 fine & we enjoy ourselves. Baby  
 had to have a new bed yesterday as  
 she rolls so much that she fell out right  
 before last.

Love Ball

Arthur.



Derry Tex Aug 6/10  
Wm Knapp  
Dear Sir

Your letter with  
check of .50. also check of five  
for W M Brown recd. Yesterday  
I think we could buy six  
good yearlings for about fifty  
(50) dol, I think that would  
be all we would want  
till we sell our older steers.

We have about the same  
amount of hay put up we  
had last year & we have  
4 acres sorghum, eight acres  
peanuts & 5 acres Laguna corn  
which we will have for hay  
& we may have 10<sup>acres</sup> peas but it  
is doubtful if the peas get  
large enough to eat.

I have ~~A~~ tried to track the  
mule to Pringle but he asks



My Dear Father

I received your letter on Saturday in regard to mother's Succession - also the will and today took the matter up with McCoy. He will make no charge for his services and the court costs should not exceed 12<sup>00</sup> to 15<sup>00</sup>. He says really the simplest way is not to enter the will



for probate at all nor even to  
have any administrator as one  
is not necessary. Just make the  
statement that she died, possessed  
of certain property in La belonging  
to her separate estate & that  
we are the sole & only heirs - that  
there are no debts & ask that  
we be placed in possession.  
The heirs can be proven by Mr. Roberts  
& others here & the court will place  
us in immediate possession. Then  
all being majors we can do as  
we like with it. I talked  
also about the Hi Mount notes  
& he said that he thought it  
best to list all of the notes in  
the succession here & have us  
put in possession of them &  
then we could sign them over  
to you. ~~so~~ This was that if  
any action became necessary  
it would not be well to have  
the matter open as the Hi Mount



could plead delays etc which  
they could not if you were  
the owner. Then there is  
the 40 acres in 8-9. If you  
acquired title prior to the  
separation of property it  
should go in so we could all  
deduct our interest to you.  
I feel sure we can fix  
it so there will not be any  
tax for inheritance. I can  
work it through in a few  
days & have it all settled  
in a week or so. Just  
advise if this is all right.



If the will is probated we  
will have to prove Mother  
has writing & also the  
question might be raised  
of how each should give  
for your support. It is  
simplest not to use the  
will at all - Don't you  
think so?

Our baby is six  
months old today. I bought  
her a high chair for her  
present Yesterday she  
began to creep. Goes three  
or four feet at a time.



but I guess will be at it in  
good fashion in a day or so. a  
win from Mr. Drew says he is  
much better. We are all  
greatly relieved. We were all  
ready to move to town today but  
the Eddys decided they did  
not want to move down  
so we will stay here until  
about the first of Sept.

It is cool & comfortable  
here and baby is so well  
I decided to move to town.

With much love to  
All.

Arthur.

Lake Charles, La.  
Aug 9-1910





C. M. GOLDEN, President

J. R. GOLDEN, Sec'y and Treas.

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MUTUAL PHONE 463

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 18, '10.

S.A. Knapp,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;- Under separate cover we are sending you by this mail,  
full size lettering for your monument, marker and posts.

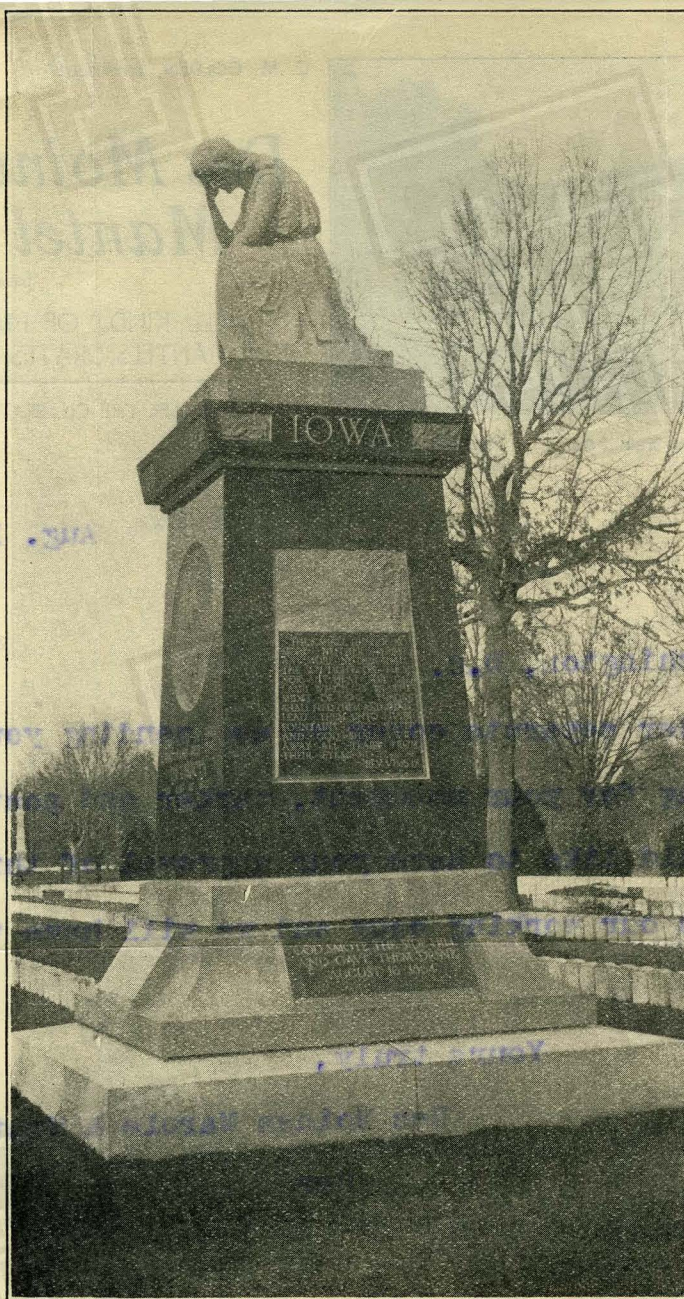
Would like to have your approval of this and an immediate  
return, as this is our working copy and we will have to have it in  
the work shop.

Yours truly,

Des Moines Marble & Mantel Co.

Per





Iowa's Memorial to her Soldier Boys who perished in Andersonville Prison, at Andersonville, Ga.  
Built by this Company in 1905-6 of Montello and Barre Granite.



Derry Tex Aug 16/10  
Mr B Knapp  
Dear Sir

We have nearly finished the  
barn but not quite,  
We find there sheet on the  
barn the best place to dry  
hay I ever saw.

We now have eleven (11) loads  
more feed (hay) than we  
had last year + will have  
about twenty (20) loads more  
Leguna corn + the peanuts,  
We expect to get the corn all  
cut + in the barn this week.  
We find corn will cure in  
the barn when put in good  
or well as anything.  
We have gathered a little  
corn it will yield about  
the same as last year but  
not as heavy. Over



We havent had any rain yet  
+ the cattle have had to be  
taken out of the woods pasture  
on account of water but we have  
plenty water at home.

I will inclose a picture of the  
Spalding Wise plow taken by  
their man in our fields, this  
shows the furrow twenty two  
(22) inches deep.

Truly

Fred Stockwell



to much boat, he wants 80 dol.  
I offered 50 dol. I have looked  
at some Marlin Mares they  
have some extra fine ones but  
the prices are high, Mares  
(Percheon or blyde) weighing  
from 13-15 hundred pound and  
more over seven years old and  
wanted in every respect are  
selling from 165-<sup>85</sup>190 each most  
of them will have colts in  
the early spring, this dealer  
says he will take our mules  
at their cash value but he  
would want to see them before  
setting a price

The Bank in Marlin will  
stand good for his guarantee.  
Our last rain was July 18.

Will send statement of expenses  
with this, Truly Yours  
Fred Stockwell



Denny Tex Aug 29, 10

Mr Knapp

Dear Sir

I have rented the  
Markham farm <sup>for next year</sup> to J. Crabb  
on the same terms as this  
year,

Do you still want the  
Wavickon farm rented to Davis  
for next year.

Our corn is yielding about  
the same by measure as last  
year but not so good quality.  
I have cut all our Legume  
corn & put it up for hay.

Our peanuts are yielding two  
ton cured hay per. acre, that is the  
best we have ever had.

Truly Yours

Fred Stockwell



Denny Tex Sept 2, 10  
Wm. S. Knapp  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir

Your letter of Aug  
25 just recd.

We will finish gathering  
corn next Monday will then  
put the cattle in the large  
field,

We will soon have beef  
to sell which I think  
will furnish money to  
buy what cattle we want  
till we sell our steers,  
so I will not need any unless  
I track the mules

The Martin horse dealer is to  
deliver some horses & mules  
in Kashe tomorrow & he sent me  
word he would bring a  
team of Mares which he  
thought would suit us

Owen



We are having very dry weather  
here now.

The crops around Wrenn are generally  
good and cotton is bringing 14 cts,  
corn 70 cts,

Yours Truly  
Fred Stockwell



Denny Tex Sept 10/10  
Wm Knapp  
Dear Sir

We are having some light  
showers enough to help  
the late feed & pasture  
but not as much as we  
would like

I traded one of the  
small mules for a three  
year old mare. She is well  
broken, she has been bred  
to an imported jack but I  
don't think she is with foal.  
if she is with foal we pay for  
the jack service 12<sup>50</sup>

We have 12 fat hogs & prices  
are good I will try & sell next  
week.

Truly Yours  
Fred Stockwell



Scott, Miss.,

Sept. 20. 1910.

Dr. S. A. Knapp,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I herein submit a full report of my work on the Government Demonstration Farm at this place for this season as the crop is threshed, sacked and delivered as per instructions from the Department.

I arrived here May 1st, 1909, and found that owing to railroad delays the 5 inch pump and fixtures had not arrived, and did not come until Saturday, the 8th. They were installed on the 10th, and as the flumes were already completed, the water was pumped on the land May 10th. The levees were made with about 4 foot base by a two-horse turning plow following the engineer's grade stakes, throwing up a ridge even with the stakes, altogether making four furrows on each side. This was followed by a triangular home-made contrivance called a push (see A). This push follows the plowing short side in the outside furrow, throwing the dirt to the center with which small levees can be built much cheaper and quicker than with shovel. Of course, if a prospective planter has a light two or three-horse grader, he will have no use for the push.



#### CHARACTER OF LAND.

I found a tract of land containing, by actual measurement, 24.80 acres, fronting on the public road, running east and west along Lake Bolivar, about 10 acres of the land in a very light sandy loam with several small sandy knolls in different parts of the tract. The tract sloped back towards the south end 560 yards to line and has  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet fall in the distance of 560 yards. Of the other 14.80 acres, it is a heavy mixed loam to about 50 yards of the line when it becomes a heavy buckshot. It has 9 levees which inclose 11 contours or cuts, as they are generally called here. These levees have about  $\frac{4}{10}$  fall which enabled me to have about 1 inch of water on the rice next the upper levee when I had 4 inches on the rice next the lower levee enclosing the cut. I found the levees, which had not had time to settle, merely rows of dry dirt from 6 to 10 inches high, pushed together. They should have been made early enough so that the winter and spring rains should have settled, then pushed up again and settled, and if necessary, pushed and settled again until the levees were settled and about 10 inches above the land level.

It was originally intended to plant the rice in another place on the same plantation, but upon close examination by Capt. J. P. Slattery, of Beaumont, Texas, an experienced rice expert, he found that owing to the depressions and rises, there would be too many sacrifices in the tract, and after careful examination he decided upon the tract upon which the experiment was made.



### RICE PLANTING.

The land had been well broken up and planted in corn which was just coming up when the rice was planted. The land was disc-harrowed across thoroughly, then harrowed with a smoothing harrow and followed by the rice drill, planting 2 bushels seed rice per acre from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inches deep. The planting commenced on the 18th of April and was finished on 22nd, a light rain on 20th interfering with the planting for one day. On May 1st, when I arrived at Scott Station, I found the rice coming up fairly well except in two or three depressions which formed a crust which we found necessary to wet down when pump was installed before we secured a perfect stand. Even in wetting down, several of our imperfect levees broke and caused some trouble and loss of water. As the rice was up, it was not possible to build up the levees by mule power without to some extent destroying the stand of the rice next to the levees, so a force of hands was organized and with shovels the levees were built. At this time cotton chopping was in full swing on all the plantations. Labor was scarce, the spring rains had set in and it was difficult to secure labor, and as it was worth from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day in the field, I was compelled to pay \$1.25 for hands to build the levees. In the meanwhile, as the weather grew warmer, the grass and weeds began to show in numbers, and as rapidly as the levees were completed the land was flooded sufficient to check their growth.



This was continued until Levee No. 9, surrounding cuts No. 10 and 11 on upper side was completed in knee-deep water, and on June 3rd I completely flooded the whole tract for the first time. Before this time, however, the pump had been assisted by the flood of spring rains and had my levees been prepared in the winter and early spring, I could have utilized all the water; but at times was compelled to let it off the tract and lose it as it was a hindrance to building the levees. This brings us to

#### THE PUMPING STATION.

The pump was a 5 inch centrifugal, bought of the Kansas City Hay Press Company, of Kansas City, with a 12 foot lift from Lake Bolivar into a 30 inch by 12 inch flume, 67 feet long, which brought it to the public road and was carried across same by a hollow brick bulkhead 4½ X 2 feet, with an opening in center 12 X 30, and a fall of 6 feet where an iron pipe 24 inches in diameter carried across the road let the water pass to a similar bulkhead, where it rose nearly to same level in a plank flume 120 feet long and there fell into a head ditch which carried it to the opening in cut No. 1, and from there was distributed to the other cuts.

#### MOTIVE POWER.

The pump was run by a 15 HP gasoline engine, made by the International Harvester Company, and through the season furnished us with sufficient power, as at all times we had from 2 to 5 HP in reserve.



The engine, using about 10 HP until July 3rd, in all pumping 50,000 gallons per hour, was not delivering sufficient water for crop. The engine was speeded up, carrying with it the necessary speed on pump to deliver 75,000 gallons per hour. This was continued until July 8th, when finding that so much water was lost by absorption, I found it necessary to change the 20 inch pulley on the engine for one 26 inches in diameter, which gave us speed on the pump sufficient to deliver 125,000 per hour. With this amount I finished the crop regardless of the absorption.

Now, in explanation of this absorption, as the amount lost by evaporation was hardly appreciable-- the first 10 acres contained in cuts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 was very light, sandy loam, with sandy knolls. In these cuts there would be a loss of 1 1/2 to 2 inches per diem; in the other 14.80 acres, cuts 5 to 11 inclusive, there would be a loss of from 1/4 to 1/2 inch per day. About July 1st, I discovered a series of springs all along the front of rice farm next the lake breaking out about 6 feet below the level of rice farm and 3 feet above the level of the lake. This explains why so much water was used in making the crop.

All during the month of June the rice made rapid and vigorous growth. Tried to keep water at from 4 to 5 inches deep on lower levees around cuts which gave from 1 to 2 inches deep on upper levees; the cockle burrs had all disappeared by last of month and nearly all crab grass where covered by water was gone. The only weeds and grass that still lingered with the crop was coffee weed, which I was compelled to have pulled up



and laid on levee to dry, for without breaking in two below lower leaf, it will still live if left in water; also, the water vine, known locally as the "devil's shoe string". This must be pulled up, although I am told by planters here that it can be killed by deep fall plowing. I must also speak of the ever present and irrespressible coco, which does not retard or interfere with the growth of rice if wholly covered by water.. Whether or not it will be eventually killed I can not say, as I have had only a limited experience with it; but it does seem to me that if it is kept from reproducing itself for a series of years, there is certainly a time when it will die. That is, this theory agrees with my experience with plant growth.

During the month of July, and especially after the rice began to head out until threshing time, the blackbird, rice-bird and ortalans came "not as single spies, but as whole battalions", and had I not kept a man shooting them and scaring them out of the field, and sometimes two men, the birds would have destroyed much rice.

About the first of July I saw that the rice in certain spots was not doing well, turning yellow in different cuts. I opened all the flood gates and pumped new water through from No. 1 to 11 every day, which soon restored the yellow spots to a vigorous growth, with healthy green color. From the time the rice began to head I gave each cut all the water the levees would hold and kept this up until I turned the water off. In regard to the yellow spots, my conclusion is that it was caused



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regard to the yellow spots, my conclusion is that they were caused by the water stagnating, and as we had very hot weather at the time, the rice was probably scalded.

While the amount, \$915.00, for making and harvesting the crop seems at first glance to be extravagant, we must take into consideration the high price of material and labor at all times, and that this was a demonstration as well as an experiment and that several dollars per acre were spent for the looks of the station beside the material work, as visitors from Chicago to New Orleans and all up and down the Mississippi River were constantly visiting the station, wishing to see and have explained to them the work being done by the Government, and it was necessary at all times to keep the levees leveled and free of grass and weeds. Such work, of course, would hardly be necessary for a private individual planting a crop for profit.

The principal items of expense are:-

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 37 Bbls. Gasoline,..... | \$259.00      |
| Cutting Rice,.....      | 143.90        |
| Threshing,.....         | <u>147.50</u> |
|                         | \$550.30      |

In consideration of the bill of 37 barrels of gasoline.

I would recommend that the Department look at the 10 acres of light sandy loam I kept watered, at the same time  $\frac{1}{2}$  at least of the water returning to the lake as fast as it was pumped. Although on this land I raised my best sample of rice and some of the bunches were 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet tall, I sent to the Illinois Central Railroad for exhibit in Chicago, three bunches



over six feet tall, one containing 30 heads over ten inches long from one grain of seed rice, one bunch 29 heads and one 26. I made not as showy rice on the heavy soils, but just as many bushels per acre and about as good a sample with about one-fourth as much water.

I would recommend to those contemplating the culture of rice to let severely alone the light, sandy soils unless they have a most bountiful supply of water. The heavy soil, both mixed and buckshot, anywhere in the Delta where a good supply of water can be had, with proper cultivation and attention will make great crops of rice. In making my average of 160 pounds, I did not weigh all the sacks, but weighed enough of the first 90 sacks, found them to range from 156 to 175, and on account of weight did not think it desirable to fill sacks full, but had my sacker to gauge the sacks to have 160 pounds in each. Running out of sacks, I was compelled to use thirty old sacks doubled.

#### SUMMARY.

Took control of Rice Farm

May 13, 1909.

Building levees from May 10

June 3 when entire crop was flooded for the first time.

Saw top leaf "dropping"

July 17, - Sign of heading.

First heads in out #4

July 20

Heads in every out

July 24

Rice all headed and in full bloom

August 1.

Commenced turning water off

Aug. 16. Turned all water



|                                      |                            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Commenced hand-cutting crop          | off 18th.                  |
| Commenced cutting with binder        | August 23.                 |
| Finished cutting and shocking crop   | August 25.                 |
| Commenced threshing hand cut rice    | August 31.                 |
| Commenced threshing machine cut rice | Sept. 7-15 days in shock.  |
| Finished threshing,                  | Sept. 10-17 days in shock. |
|                                      | Sept, 14.                  |

#### OUTPUT.

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 482 New sacks, average 160 lbs.              | 77120 lbs.        |
| 30 Old " " 145 "                             | <u>4350 "</u>     |
|  | 81470 "           |
| 81470 lbs. @ 44 lbs. per bu. (La. standard)  | 1851 26/44 Bu.    |
| 1851 Bu. on 20 acres -- 92 1/2 Bu. per acre. |                   |
| I carefully measured the tract, found        | 24.80 and         |
| after deducting land of negro cabin,         |                   |
| yard, garden, burnt out sacrifices on        |                   |
| sandy knolls, ditches, levees &c,            | <u>4.85</u>       |
|  | 19.95 actually in |
|  | rice.             |

#### HOURS PUMPING AND GASOLINE USED.

|   |          |       |   |      |   |       |  |  |  |
|---|----------|-------|---|------|---|-------|--|--|--|
| May 10 to June 3, pumped 316 hours, using 6 bbls. gasoline--312 gals. |          |       |   |      |   |       |  |  |  |
| June 3 "  | " 18 "   | 189 " | " | 4 "  | " | 208 " |  |  |  |
| June 18 "   | July 8 " | 259 " | " | 77 " | " | 350 " |  |  |  |
| Total   |          | 764 " | " | 17 " | " | 870 " |  |  |  |

Of this time and gasoline

|        |             |           |              |
|--------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| deduct | <u>52 "</u> | See below | <u>104 "</u> |
|        | 712         |           | 766          |



July 8 to Aug. 2, pumped 339 hours, using 10 bbls. gasoline--536 gals

|        |   |   |   |    |     |     |   |                  |                 |   |     |   |
|--------|---|---|---|----|-----|-----|---|------------------|-----------------|---|-----|---|
| Aug. 2 | " | " | 6 | "  | 86  | "   | " | 4                | "               | " | 274 | " |
| "      | 7 | " | " | 17 | "   | 117 | " | "                | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " | 243 | " |
| Total, |   |   |   |    | 542 | "   | " | 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ | "               | " | 993 | " |

|                    |   |             |   |       |  |             |   |
|--------------------|---|-------------|---|-------|--|-------------|---|
| May 10 to Aug. 17, |   | 764         | " |       |  | 870         | " |
| "                  | " | "           | " |       |  |             |   |
|                    |   | 542         | " |       |  | 993         | " |
|                    |   | <u>1306</u> | " | using |  | <u>1863</u> | " |

In threshing used 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  bbls. gasoline, 81 "

In addition to the threshed rice, there was baled of rice straw equal to first-class prairie hay, 1300 bales.

1300 bales, averaging 60 lbs. = 39 tons @ \$8.00, \$312.00.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

United States Government,

In account with Hon. Chas. Scott.

1909.

|          |                     |              |
|----------|---------------------|--------------|
| Sept. 15 | To acct. rendered   | \$1238.00    |
|          | 500 new sacks @ 11¢ | <u>55.00</u> |
|          |                     | \$1293.00    |

Less Cr. 1 empty bbl. \$1.00

Credit on 5 in.

pipe, 1.05

3 bbls, gaso-

line on hand, 20.95 23.00

\$1270.00



\$1270.00

Deduct value of implements, permanent  
fixtures, levees, flumes, binder &c.,

355.00

\$915.00

CREDITS.

482 sacks rice av. 160 lbs.

30 sacks av. 145 ---- 27 " " " " "

509 " " " " " @ \$4.00--\$2036.09

1300 bales rice straw av. 60 lbs.--39 tons, @ \$8.00---- 312.00

\$2348.00

Dr.

\$915.00

Cr.

\$2348.00

In conclusion, I will say I am greatly indebted to Hon. Chas. Scott, his manager, Mr. A. A. Duncan, J. E. Butts, and J. N. Ford for their intelligent and active cooperation in the work, and many thanks are extended to them for willing assistance rendered upon all occasions when it became necessary. For the success of the experiment much credit is due to the fidelity and zeal of my colored engineer, Alf Campbell, who was to be found at his post day or night ready to carry on the work. And further, I wish to thank all members of the Department with whom I have had relations for the uniform courtesy and kindness with which I have been treated while carrying on this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. Hanna,

Special Agent.



A-- DESCRIPTION OF PUSH.

It is made out of 2 X 8 inch plank, 2 pcs. on each side, one side 8 feet long, the other six feet, at the end of the 6 feet side, place a cross piece with proper bevel and nail securely to 8 foot side as well as the 6 foot side. Have the front end beveled so that it will come to a point at which place nail securely; in this angle at the front inside, fit in a 4 X 4 16 inches long, properly beveled to fit the inside of the angle. Have large clevis and fit on after covering the front end for one foot back with smooth tin or iron roofing, nail cleats about 4 inches from bottom, floor it, fill it with soil for weight, nail plank across for covering and it is ready for use. The whole thing will cost about \$3.00.



Denny Tex Sept 25 10

Dr B Knapp

Washington W. Va.

Dear Sir

I took seven  
hogs to Marlin sold at  $8\frac{1}{2}$   
cts, they brought  $\$101.<sup>55</sup>$  net  
I have sold 3 more at same  
price to be delivered any time  
in the next two months

I saw Mr. Chas B Monday, he  
is anxious to have you speak  
in marlin on Oct 7 or 8, he  
says if you go there, he will  
bring you to Denny in his  
auto, any time you wish

We are having no water all the  
stock from the well on the  
Davidson place,

Truly yours

Fred Stockwell



1215 Crittenden Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C., November 1./10.

In order that you may be advised of my itinerary work, as soon as I return home from any extended tour I make a general outline and am sending such an outline of my recent trip to you.

On the 27th of September I left Washington for Des Moines, Iowa where I remained until October 2d, when I left for Oklahoma City to attend a meeting of our agents. These meetings are of great interest, to me and to the agents who attend. The meeting was quite successful, both in point of interest and in the large number of agents that were present. We were able to discuss the various phases of agriculture in the Indian reservation where very peculiar conditions exist in Oklahoma and especially in the western territory where there are quite a number of counties in what is known as the semi-arid region, and I was able to obtain considerable valuable information in regard to the treatment of these lands.

On the evening of October 5th I left for Corsicana, Texas, where I was to meet the Member of Congress from that District, Hon. Rufus Hardy, and Mr. Colquitt, the nominee for Governor upon



the Democratic ticket. On the 6th a large meeting was held at Corsicana and I had the pleasure of addressing that body, which gave marked attention. On the evening of the 6th I left for Marlin, Texas, by the way of Waco, remaining over night at Waco where I met several old friends. Arrived at Marlin on the morning of the 7th. Our meeting of the Boys' Corn Club at Marlin was full of interest. The work has created a great sensation in that part of Texas. I remained at Marlin over Sunday to drink of their water which I consider the best of any almost, in the world. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I was at the farm looking over matters and taking in the situation. Then I went to Lake Charles where I had a delightful visit and rest for nearly a week. Lake Charles is greatly improving. Certainly Arthur has a great proposition there. I found them all very busy but I had a most delightful time because I took a human interest in everybody in that section and it was quite a new experience with me to feel interest in every man, woman and child and to know what had happened since I was there. On the 22d I returned to Dallas, Texas, to attend a meeting of our agents, which was held at the Fair grounds. We had a very enthusiastic meeting. The Fair was simply a surprise. There were 125,000 people present on one of the days and the exhibits were of marked excellence, especially in lines of machinery and agricultural products. On the evening of the 26th I left Dallas by the way of New Orleans to attend a meeting at



Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, where I wanted to look over the work we had been doing in cooperation with Booker T. Washington. Arthur, Inez, the baby, and Minnie Mayo met me at the train as I passed through Lake Charles. I had the pleasure of greeting and saying good bye.

A storm prevented our crossing the Mississippi. The boat that towed us across was unable to make a landing. Every time it let off steam to land us we were blown back across the river and so we simply struggled for over three hours. Then they sent for another boat and the two finally succeeded in landing us, so that I reached New Orleans at ten o'clock instead of 6:45 P. M. This made me too late for the night train and made it impossible for me to attend the meeting at Tuskegee, and I proceeded directly to Washington arriving at 10:45 P. M. on Saturday night, October 29th. Bradford and Stella met me at the train.

Possibly you may be tired of reading this uninteresting account but you can file it away, simply to know where I was.

We are now plunged into the depths of piles of letters which accumulated during my absence.

I am in perfect health.

Affectionately,



Denny Tex Nov 1, 1910  
Wm Knapp  
Washington W.C.  
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 26  
was misrent to Denison & I  
recd it last night

I had the well cleaned  
out right away after you  
left, we worked two days  
to take out two ft of mud  
we were most of the time  
drawing water, there is a  
rain of sand at the bottom  
of the well & the water comes  
from that, the bottom of  
the well only reaches the  
sand, there is six ft of  
water in the well,

We havent had wind  
enough to test the well for  
only three days at one time



after pumping for 16 hrs it  
lowered the water to 2 ft  
& it took one hour to fill to  
six ft. The wheel will pump  
about five bbls per hr. so  
you can form some idea how  
it will last.

I made the concrete steps  
at our front door, we made  
three steps 7 in. rise 11 tread  
it took 130 lbs cement one <sup>9</sup>15  
& seven hrs. labor besides hauling  
rock, as it cost complete one <sup>85</sup>00  
dol. for the best steps on any  
farm house in Falls Co.

I bought 300 <sup>extra</sup> parts at 17 cts  
each.

We have had only one light-  
shower since you were here.

I have written to Manlin  
& have made arrangement to  
meet the agent of the



Next to day in Koske so  
I think we will buy our  
feed within a day or two  
so far our best offer is 30.  
dol per ton on meal 9.50 on  
hulls

Mr Adams leases the Davidson  
farm the tillable land East of  
the R R on the reg. terms  $\frac{1}{3}$   
for corn  $\frac{1}{4}$  for cotton & peanuts  
We to furnish free of charge  
the disc plow to plow deep  
with. We to grub the brush  
We will probably hire him  
to grub the brush

Yours Truly  
Fred Stockwell



Hanny Tex Dec 10/10

Dr B H Knapp

Washington W. D.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst  
recd. I think there has  
been a letter lost.

I began feeding the  
steers Nov 21 and put them  
on full feed Nov 28, I feed  
3 lbs meal & 5½ lbs hulls  
for each steer each day.

I sent you a list of the  
weight of each steer but  
cannot this time as there is  
not time before mail.

We have not had any rain  
to amount to anything for  
stock but we can plow.

I am having men grubbing  
on the Waindon place.



We made a tank in  
the pasture north of the  
house 120 ft long that  
will hold from 3-6 ft.  
of water. I am now putting  
a dam in a gulley near  
the west line of the

Duggan tract; we have  
worked on it two days, it  
will take four more days  
work to complete it; this  
should hold 10 ft of water  
and back it up 100 yds, we  
are making this dam 25 ft  
base, the sides of the gulley  
are solid rock for 6 ft.

We have 16 hogs running in  
the north pasture, that are  
doing as well as those on  
full feed of corn, these 16  
are having no corn.

Over



There is a big crop of acorns

We have green oats for the  
little pigs + brood sows, the  
little pigs also have all the  
corn + peanuts they can eat  
as well as acorns, the old  
sows are getting corn to.

The commission men advise  
selling the steers about Jan 10.

Truly Yours

Fred Stockwell

I have written this at the  
Post Office



Winnipeg Tex Dec 8, 10  
Wm Knapp

Dear Sir

Yours of Nov 30 recd.

Markhants have never  
presented their bill although  
I asked them to more  
than a month ago.

I could not make a concrete  
trough at the wind-mill  
while the cattle are  
watering. There as it takes  
from two to four weeks  
for it to dry, so I made  
one out of 2x6-16, I made  
it 16 ft. long three ft. wide  
and 1 ft. deep & painted it  
with ~~the~~ boiling tar, inside  
& outside, this holds enough  
water to last all our stock  
a day now.



As I did not cut the lumber  
for the trough, it will be as  
good as ever for most purposes.  
+ The only expense on it will be  
the boat bolts.

We are plowing right along  
but only nine inches deep which  
is as deep as we can go with  
a 200 lb weight on the plow.  
but as it is late I think it  
best to keep it going.

Yours Truly  
Fred Blackwell



Denny Tex Dec 18, 10

Wm Knapp

Dear Sir

We have been having some fine showers the last week, the land is wet & deep as we want to plow, but no stock water yet.

I hired a grubbing machine to pull the stumps & trees on the Davidson tract, it is costing only  $\frac{1}{2}$  as much as the grubbing by hand, the scattering trees will have to be grubbed by hand.

The big mare we traded for while you were here works fine to a plow, she is still thin but weighs 1100 lbs, she will weigh 1200 when she is in good working flesh.

Truly Yours, Fred Stockwell  
over



The big mare will have a  
calf in the spring & probably  
the barrel will have a mule.  
Well will not have one till fall  
Next



Denny Tex Dec 27 1910

Wm Knapp

Find inclosed bill from  
Markham Pensworth & Co,

I think you paid the  
first two items as I O.K.  
the bill July 1,

As we will sell the cattle  
right away it will be just  
as well for you to return  
this bill from me to settle  
but let me know about  
those first two items

We are having fine weather  
now,

Could you get from the ~~Forest~~  
Department of Agriculture two  
doz peach trees if you cant will  
you send me the name of a  
good nursery man.

Truly Yours

Fred Stockwell



Denny Tex 12/24, 10  
Mr Knapp  
Dear Sir

We have had a  
good rain, all the  
tanks are about  $\frac{1}{2}$   
full, the stock will  
have plenty of water  
wherever they want  
it.

I got 30<sup>00</sup> slot for  
one hog yesterday  
and 14<sup>70</sup> for a shot,  
one 15 months old weighed  
375 lbs, the other 12 mo  
old weighed 190 lbs,

As you have probably  
noticed our hogs ~~are~~  
are larger than



men before & the young  
ones nearly ready to  
sell will be as  
good as there sales  
this fall & winter.

I should have weighed  
the steers again  
Dec 22 but the weather  
has been too bad to  
tend to it.

Truly Yours  
Fred Stockwell