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Lulu E. Brannon (card with her name)

Henrietta, Texas
Jan 3 1893

Dear Mamma and Papa

How are you all getting along. I have a nice new doll. Lots nicer than the one that Miss Emma gave me. It is a bisk face and hands and kid body larger than the one that I got last Christmas. Aunt Beckett has three boarders. Miss May boards all the time. Robert and Claton Williams just rooms with them. Did you know that Mr. Williams that stays in Mr Skinners drug store is going to marry Francis R. My doll is named Mary Francis. I named it after Aunt and Uncle Beckett.

I stayed all night with Neta Slaton last night. Mrs Slaton got me to stay to night I take my doll. I take my doll. Aunt Beckett is not like she used to be. She will let me dry the dishes and take the ashes out doors and let me sweep of the porch. Uncle Beckett gave me the dool. I guess I will be at home Thursday. no body is living in Aunt Beckett house. i went over there and found a little doll aobut an inch long so I will close.

Love to all
Your Little Daughter
Lula Brannon

Family note about the next three letters. ``She was 17 on the 13th is visiting her Aunt in Vernon, Tex. Taking piano lessons, studying books.

{Note in top margin: Look at the date and see how long it takes it to reach you. How is Miss Ruth and Iva.}

Vernon, Texas
Sat. Sept 15-1900

My Dear Mamma

I have just received your letter. I think I aught to wait again. If Papa is that anxious. But I wrote my letter Sunday and gave it to Uncle G---and he did not mail it untill Tuesday. and it takes two day's to go. It seems that I have been here a month. did Carl get the paper I sent to him . Aunt liked my dress fine every one who saw it said it was lovely I like it much better myself. Aunt and I went to church last night at her church. How did Dave hurt his eye? Tell Carl to tell me all about it when he writes I am not going to count his letter a letter tell him to write again and as soon as Frank can tell him I said to write to me. Ask Elmer if he has seen Albert lately. Tell Winnie I will send her a japanese handkerchief next time I have it now but can't put it in this square envelope. You can't see Vernon for the tree's it is just lovely evey house is hid with trees I will close as you owe me two letters now. Aunt has several kinds of flowers when I come I will bring some seed of all kinds. give Jennie Lillie Lucile and Ruby my best when you see them. last Thursday was my Birth-day. has Mrs (I can't think of her name) put in her hotell. is the new store finished what have they put in it?

As ever your loving
daughter

{Note upside down in top margin of last page: Cousin Joe is wanting Buddy to put a stone to Aunts grave. Aunt and I think she is silly

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asking will to do so much at once he is not able.

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Vernon, Texas
Sept 22-1900

My Dear Mamma

I received your letter Thursday I am always glad to get letters from home. I have received nine letters this week all from Sugden except one it was from Bessie. All of the girls wrote to me first I don't know what I will do they forget I am just one and half to answer so many and I don't have time. one from Iva, Nora, Lucile, Ruby, Jennie. I havn't hardly had a bump on my face since i left I don't know why unless it is that powder I look so much whiter without them. I feel so much better than I did I am afraid I will get fat. This old pen is so bad I can't write good Aunt keeps the Sunday School papers and she sends the children some. It has been raining this morning. When you see Ida ask her how she is getting along with Albert she said I could leave him in her care. I have such a good music teacher It seems like I have learned more than I ever did all put to-gether but I practice lots. she gives me so much more than she would if I were going to school for I can practice so much more. I hope I can stqay untill March for I can surely know a whole lot by that time. I started with \$18.75 and got here with 13.00 my trimming for my dress cost: silk .75 braid .20 stays, skirt binding .35 that was 1.30. My buss fair and baggage was \$1.00 at Henrietta at Ringgold .25 My car fair all the was was \$3.00 then I had to pay 2.50 for piano but I don't care for that for I will learn enough to pay for that. I will send you a bill so you can see I have not wasted any money what I have will little over pay my music two months I have not payed her any thing yet. but you see I wont have any cape or hat I think I will make my jacket do me and just get me some kind of a little sailor

Aunt is too lazy to write to Cousin Joe and has been wanting me too...

{Must be two pages missing from this letter; the first two sheets are numbered 1 and 2, the next page in line is numbered 5.}

a Sunday School paper a piece and when Ruby answered my letter she seemed delighted with the papers and said Paul said send him one. do they go to J---???J---???. tell the kids I have learned them a song. Little Boy Blue is the name. I want to learn it to Winnie and Frank and Elmer too if he wants to. it is real cute. I will quit sure this time Aunt said she sure would love to see the baby.

As ever your loving daug...

Lu...

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Vernon, Texas.
Oct 12-1900
My Dear Mamma and family

I received your welcome letter was so glad to hear from you. I thought you were never going to write. I guess Mr Elmer you thought you would fool again. I am glad you have organized a Sunday School. If you dont care let me get some silk thread and crochet the baby a hood. It will cost .35. the doctor surely broke your jaw I am sorry it is hurting you. have you sent your carpet to the weavers. who is going to weave it?

Aunts folks have had their church papered and painted. I went to the Cumberland P--- Church to church. Sunday before last. it is the finest

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church in town it has a gallery in it I never saw one before and the prettiest pews you ever saw. i dont hardly ever leave the place. I am so busy with my music. I am learning ``At a Georgia Camp-meeting''now. it is real pretty but aful hard! Do you milk the old cow? to-day is but I dont want to but guess I will have to have you heard whether willie Bell has come home or not? How does Winnie like Mrs Rector. Uncle B has squash and Okra and they are like us they love okra and squash. I wish our hog was close by there is over a hundred squash and lots of water melons in the garden rotten and Aunt say's she wishes she could have a hog but Uncle B wont be bothered with one. Iva told me Miss Latum and Edd Short had a bust up. said Ed did not care. Is she still working in or has she that wonderful school she was going to ruin Sugden with. Iva said they had 35 scholars that does fine for September dont you think so? I hope every one will like him. tell Elmer I say he had better quit talking about Albert Short that way. Mrs Kate westmoreland keeps a restruant down town Horace is a little fat boy just like his father and so is Parks. but Earle is a perfect beauty I think.

Maude Euing??? is teaching school out in the country. Grace is younger than Maude and she stays with Mrs W--- and goes to school. I am not sorry I am not going to school for there is every kind of a school book here except an arithmetic. and I think I can borrow one from some place I am going to study History Natural Science and some more. Tell Carl to write to me nora said Dave S--- had gone to be a R.R. man. I will close write soon to your loving daughter.

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FAMILY DATA

Lula married Willis, Dec 3, 1901---age 18. Her father, Thatcher Brannon, died Jan 6, 1902. She went to live with her brother, L. A. McNaught (Uncle Gus) in Hartline, Washington in October 1903. So the letters begin.

Her mother Mrs Julia Brannon had the following children (their ages are given at time of fathers death). 1 3/4 years have gone by from his death until they moved. Carl, age 16 and not well; Frank, age 10; Winnie, age 8; Elmer, age 5; Julietta, age 2.

Bob Gibson was the banker in Sugden. He married Dad's oldest sister, Dora???. They had two children, Wren and Dorsughly???. Dora died from blood poisoning with 3rd child--it died too.

He then married Mary Dena, another sister. They had J. D. Grace (Sister Babe), Tootsis??? [died] (Polly), and Edna (I don't know when she was born, not in this picture and was next in age to Mary Dean. Mary Dena died soon after her birth and Mama (Lula) took her when she was a few weeks old---this was 1909. Bob then married his cousin. They had been sweet hearts when young. She gave birth to a son, Robert L., & died. Aunt Belle (Mrs. Cleaver) took him & he died while a young boy.

He didn't marry again. Had a house keeper Mrs Snipes.

Dad's Family

I have copies taken from (I think Grandpa Briscoe's old Bible and I believe Tinsie??? sent them to me years ago. The penmanship is beautiful. I assume it's Grandma Briscoe's. The last 3 children born were written by some one else and only one death by her, 4 deaths shown.

Holy Matrimony

W.A. Briscoe---Texas
M. L. Henson---Texas
Married July 8, 1872 at Caddo Mills, Texas by Parson Elgin

Initials only were given in Birth listings. I'll supply names as A. Bessie gave to me (also years ago). My copy is so dim, I might be off on some of the dates.

William Alexander Briscoe	Dec 3, 1852	---father
Mary Lettia (Letitia) Briscoe	Jan 15, 1854	mother
A. Dora Briscoe	Nov 23, 1873	married Bob Gibson
Sallie Belle Briscoe	Jan 27, 1875	married Jackson Cleaver
Mary Dena Briscoe	June 13, 1878	married Bob Gibson
James Harrison Briscoe	Jan 8, 1880	
Robert Willis Briscoe	July 13, 1883	married Lula Brannon
Elmer T. ? Briscoe	Feb 2, 1886	died 1890
George Earl Briscoe	Feb 19, 1888	age 16 when his mama died
Bonnie A. Briscoe	Nov ? 14, 1890	died 1890
Bessie Nina Briscoe	Aug 13, 1892	age 11 when her mama died
Etoy??? Lee	May 24, 1895	age 9 when her mama died
Died Elmer T. Briscoe	Apr 18, 1887	
Bonnie	Dec 25, 1890	
Mrs Mary Lettia	Oct 31, 1905	(mama's letters---1904)
Dora Gibson	July 24, 1899	

Dad's

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When Dad's mother died in 1904---Mama & Dad assumed a lot of the responsibility for Earl, Bessie, & Etoy & Grandpa too as the letters indicate.

Bessie, age 93
Etoy, age 90

are both in the same rest home in S. Calif. hauretta??? met Bessie when we had the apt in Fresno (She was so thoughtful to make breakfast coffee for them while I blithley went off to work. thanks sweetie. Her husband Bill was with her.

These two aunts were always on hand when we needed them, which was frequent.

Hater, Grandpa ``kept'' the toll bridge (collected fares & saw the bridge was in passable condition) at Burkburnett??? which spanned Red River at that point. Etoy & A. Bessie lived with him there for a while & we kids took turns going to see the. The snaps of some of us kids in the letters show us on the rough plank surface. Louise was Grandpa's favorite grandchild. She had epilepsy which became worse as she aged--was the brightest of us all---a quick learner---died when about 40 I think. Am glad she had the attention while young, a sad life.

Mom & Dad were married in Henrietta, Texas, Dec 13, 1901. Her parents didn't approve the marriage and with good reason, I'm sure. Her father worked for the Grogan store, had an accident, seems a broken back & died Jan 1902. If I have all this straight she felt responsible for her mother & her little borthers & sisters. Edna says she would not have married had she known her father would die.

Mama's Family

Thatcher Washington Brannon	born Jan 13 1845,	died Jan 6, 1902 (57)
Juletta E. McNaught	Dec 7, 1860	Mar 30, 1934
Lulu (Lula) Estelle Brannon	Sept 13, 1883	Feb 4, 1920
Carl	Oct 4, 1885	May 19, 1917
Frank Thatcher	Oct 19, 1891	
Winnie Davis	May 14, 1894	(mother of Bonnie)
Elmer Patton	Oct 9, 1896	
Juletta Augusta	Oct 27, 1899	(mother of Bruce)

When Grandpa Brannon died, Grandma was 42.
9/13/1883 Lula at 18 married to Dad
10/4/1885 Carl 16 not well so no help in supporting family
10/19/1891 Frank 10
5/14/1894 Winnie 7
10/9/1896 Elmer 5
10/27/1899 Juletta 2

Grandma & her 5 went to live with her brother Gus McNaught in Washington State until Frank was old enough to help & they moved to Seattle. She boarded people & eventually was able to build their home.

Julia and Leo lived in the old home and Winnie & her husband Herman built next door. Bonnie is Winnie's girl, born Nov 1919---she has a brother Bob. Eventually Julia & Leo sold the old home stead & divided the money between the family & bought another home. Apparently she kept all the archives that Gradma had left & after she died Bonnie found these old letters & phoned me. (Robin)

Julia married Leo Duncan--1 son Bruce--4 grand children
Winnie married Herman Brunswick--1 daughter Bonnie 1 son Bob

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Bonnie married Leo's nephew--so is a Duncan too.

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Sugden, I. T., Jan 6 190 3

My Dear Mamma, I am sending Frank's shoes hope they are all right. And a money order too if you don't want to go to the post Office just sign it up on the back payable to Earl, and he can get it for you. Your cow was 8.75 Mr Bush paid 10.00 what I have got 18.75 Your lots were 19.53 and I sold 2.00 worth bowles & pitchers. I'll send you 3.00 and call it square if 2 its all right with you. I'll pay for Frank's shoes. I want to give him something for I have always given the other children more than him. I hope you have your box. Mr Tollefson sent a message to head quarters about him holding express when it was paid. We finished invoicing this after-noon. I am so tired I can hardly write. Aunt B-sent me a turn over collar some thing 3 like the one Mrs E___ sent us only it is white linen worked with dark red. She made it. It is so pretty. I was glad you sent the piece of fur tree. It has been quite a curousity here also the paper. I would like to send you a lamp but I can't. Love to all Must quit Good bye. Lula

{Top margin note: This is Juju's hair-ribbon. I haven't seen Bert Parker wish I was rich would send 3000.00}

{Note on the outside of the envelope had the following lines written on the back of the envelope: Luis (???) tied up the box of shoes be sure and tell me if it comes un tied. Mrs. Graham paid me a dollar too. I forgot to put it in the letter.}

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Sugden, I. T., 10/9 , 190 3

Mrs T. W. Brannon
Hartline Wash.

My Dear Mamma & all

got one cardd from you guess you are all tired out. how did Juju stand the trip? did they play with their dolls much? how is Carl does he look better? I got off yesterday morning and Mrs McBride helped me fix up. We got every thing \us{all nice} I fixed the old wash stand in the kitchen and washed it up it looks nice and if I get a chance to sell it I'll sell it Willis thinks we are fixed up nice. And he helps me so much. You gave me too many thing. I wish you had taken as Mr Tollefson did not charge any thing. but I appreciat them I forgot to tell you about your account it was just even with the other (I mean Mine and Lewis board) dovered it all but \$1\us{66}. so I charged that to myself and gave you 145\us{00} from here you can count your money and see if it is all right

Mr Wilsons are moving to-day. Mr Spring has not come after thie cow. I water and feed her every day if he dont come I'll put her in a pasture

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untill I can sell her.

Our chickens stay at home fine. and go in the chicken coop every night

Mrs Snipes has a \us{boy}.

I want to pay you for the chickens.

Mrs Bratton came over and worked and helped us streighten up.

Tell the children all to write to me. It is so lonesome at
\us{Noon's???}. I went to Mr Davidsons Wednesday yesterday I didn't want
any dinner they dont have any more or not as much to eat as you did. and
not 1/2 as good I dont like the cooking. but I'll have to eat it Write
and tell me all about every thing

Your Loving Daughter
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., 10/15 190 3

My Dear Mamma & all

just received a card saying you were at Spokane. hope the next hearing
will be a letter. I hope winnie is better. tell me all about if you had
plenty to eat and how much extra from car fare it took? There was a
negro fell or was pushed off the train this morning and nearly killed
his skull is all torn up he has never been conscious willis was first to
find him when he started to ??? the place this morning it looks like Tom
Johnson but cant tell who it is his head is so mashed up. We are well
never eat so much in my life. We get up at 5 oclock and I have every
thing done by store time and I keep house nice too. I dont know how long
it will last I hope I wont get tired of it. Mrs Grogan says I look
better than I have since I stayed with her. willis says its my new red
dress that makes me look so fat and well. Mrs Campbell put a circular
piece on it. but I feel better and \us{I think} it is the walk and so
does Mrs Grogan. They all ask every day about you. and all send love
Grandma Suggs says not forget that she \us{sends love}. I do hope you
will like it then I will be better satisfied.

willis says we havn't but one ``\us{Mamie}'' now and that is Mrs
McBride. but she has been aful good

well I must quit. send receipt of that layer cake you make also filling
I \us{forgot}. Love to the children and your self
Lovingly

Lula
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Sugden, I. T., Oct. 19 1903
Mrs T. W Brannon.
Hartline Wash

My Dear Mamma & Family

This is Monday guess I will sure get a letter from you to-day. Mr Spring didn't never come or say any thing about the cow. so Mr Gibson shipped Saturday night and Mr Briscoe said he thought it best to ship her for she might die any way this winter so he put her in the pens and Mr Gibson said he would give you all she would bring. Dont you think that was best.

Bert Parker has quit the section. but guess Neta will pay what she owes you some way. How do the children like it out there? Is it very cold? I made a cake yesterday took the receipt from back of Coconut Box and it was real nice.

Mr & Mrs Bush came over and played flinch??? last night. We had heavy frost Saturday night so you know it is real cool here. but yesterday was a lovely day. Mrs Cleaver came over yesterday morning. brought me about a pound of nice butter some milk and eggs she also finished one of those blue sofa pillows that Besse made me. the one with cross stitch. Mabel and Baby went over to Mr John Hardings to work. Mrs Harding has been and is now awful bad sick. she (Mabel) came by here and was so mad because her mamma & papa made her go.

Said she never was so mad at Shaw. said if she had never married him she would never have to do any thing \us{like that} I told her that was no disgrace. I had done that kind of work and I was as good as any body. she said \us{Oh it wasn't that} it was because she had to leave Vivian \us{out}. she gave me the prettiest wash-stand cover with drawn work about 2 1/2 inches deep at both ends.

tell me which one of the children is the best each letter and I'll send them some thing. be sure and tell me every time. I am standing up writing. doubt if you can read this

I must close
Love to all be sure and tell me all about the \us{kuifolks}???

Your Loving Girl
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., Oct. 20 1903

My Dear Mamma & Children

Your letters received this morning got both at once and was certainly glad to get them. but they made me so home sick to see you all so sorry you had to pay so much for Elmer I am going to ask Mr Tollefson about it too.

You didn't tell me if you thought Carl was better. does he look better

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heavier or taller or the same.

How does Grandma look? Does Daisy work in a store? and what does Aunt Lillian do?

Was Carl glad to see you all? is he cross? guess Juju was glad to see him. I sure do miss her.

Gertrude wishes every day Juju would come back. she dont know why she went so far away.

Mrs Jackson has been up again and Gertrude went home with her yesterday. Some Indians from Tishomings??? came up Saturday to allot the Cooper Wright place also where Willis is so Mr B and Willis went to Ryan to-day to see about it. Thompsons had all of the place transfered to Willis and Mr Briscoe so they could hold it.

The Indians and all think W and Mr B can hold all the farm land.

They finished sowing wheat. could not get any more to sow willis has come home every night before dark while they were sowing he quit and come in and never has left in the morning with out drying the dishes for me. and both Sundays never even went out to the place. stayed right at home.

Mr Dave Tucker bought Mr Bratton out and they live where Mr Brattons lived. Brattons have moved to the Washita. Guess they would feel ashamed of me if I was to come I am so ugly Is Pearl as pretty as Daisy?

I must close. write as often as possible for I always look for letters. tell the children to write.

Your Loving Girl
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., Oct. 27 1903

My Dear Mamma & Children

Just received your letter this morning went right to the depot to see Mr Tollefson. said he would attend to it right away. said the agent there ought to see too I am so sorry they have got lost.

Mrs Watcombs little boy died last week. they said she fainted just as fast as she would come to at the grave yard. and has been in bed every since.

Willis is sowing a few winter oats. I'll send the children some cards and little pocket books.

What did Lea get mad at Carl about.

I wish you liked it better out there I dont believe you like it at all. I wish now you had stayed here

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Mrs Graham paid me a dollar she owed you. Bert Parker's sister said Bert said he would send me the money next month havn't found out what the cow brought

I have lots to do so I will close.

Joe Lobdells and Charlie Glenny's??? trial came off last Tuesday and they sentenced Charlie G--- 3 years in the Pen It didn't cost Joe any thing and I was glad, Francis and Bessie Joe and Etoila called on me Sunday afternoon.

Tell all the children to write to me tell Carl I write to him next time As I am busy this morning

Your Girl
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., 10/30 190 3

My Dear Mamma & Children

Your letter received yes I got all the cards and letters I suppose. Am sorry Juju is sick hope she is well by now. am so worried about your things. I am mailing Winnie a dress to day. just a schoool or every day dress. It will be warm and if it is too long tuck the hem. it is deep enough I didn't have time to put the draw string in and run out of buttons but got 2 more this morning and they are in the pattern.

That Mrs Hurst (Mrs Snodgrass step-mother) died last week.

Dixie Alexander stole Miss Nannie Peters watch and 2 dollars in money last Sunday. he is starting out young isn't he?

Tell Frank I hope he wont make that kind of a start. It is real chilly here and cloudy too.

Guess it is about as cool here as it is there. Leva Jackson and her cousin from St. Louis is visiting Mrs Bird. they called on us last night.

Guess I will have to send Elmer something or he will be mad if \us{Little Sister} has any thing.

What does Grandma think of Juju?

They are getting along aufully slow on the oil well. Mr Bush has had the place plowed and rye planted. so I guess he will stay.

Lou and Nora moved to the Johnson place guess that is all the news. I'll address the \us{packages} (2) to you.

Write often. I look for a letter every mail.
As Ever Your Girl,
Lula

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{Note in bottom margin: How do you like Aunt Dora. Mr Bird wants me to take the books back. says he can't keep them streight.}

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Sugden, I. T., Nov 2 190 3

My Dear Mamma

I have written to all the children havn't much more to write. I sent a pattern in winnie's dress and it has a tight waist pattern in with it hope you will get the things all right. am so sorry about your things . I was sorry I couldn't find any thing for Frank I am going to send Juju a blue albatross dress. do you think itwill be nice \us{pale blue}. I cant find any thing for Frank but guess something will come along.

I must quit so I can get this off in the mail. Write soon

Your Loving Girl
LuLa,

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I am glad you have such a good opinion of me. I send Winnie a dime for her \us{behavior} I'll always send a dime a week to the best one.

LuLa

Lum??? says look for him something and he will be there.

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Sugden, I. T., Nov 2 190 3

Dear Elmer

I felt slighted because you didn't write to me. now you can write as good as Frank and Winnie I know. I sent you some pants and Lum sends you some suspenders you must write and tell me how you like them. you must be a good boy next week and you will get the dime mustn't let Little sister get it every time.

Your Sister
LuLa

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{Note in top margin: I send Juju a dime for being good. Have you written to Aunt B---?}

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Sugden, I. T., Nov 5 190 3

My Dear Mamma

Received your letter this morning was so sorry you were sick I can't see why your things don't get there I know you are worried to death Winnie was the \us{luckiest} one. she had an extra suit of under wear and an extra pair of shoes. How many aprons did you take for her? I hope she has got her dress by now. so glad I had it made. Irts so slow making on your fingers.

Mabel went on Saturday and came back Sunday. said she was \us{sick}. but she was able to be in town.

Dr Dice was so provoked at her. he told me he never would try to help her again. she borrowed 8\us{00} from him and has never paid him back. I think she borrowed it about the time she went to Henrietta. She is now over at Tom Rudy's \us{sponging} I suppose. Bert Parker was here yesterday said he was going to pay me as soon as he could. and I think he will. I made some \us{chow chow} two weeks ago and it is fine. only made about a gallon Willis ground it all up in the sausage mill. I made it by the receipt in that green cook book.

Mr Easterlings have opened up their Hotel. Mr McIntyre has been keeping boarders also so Mr Davidson's are not any better off Mr Goodloe has quit Mr D--- and boarding with Mr Easterling. Mr Roberts boards with Mr McIntyre. Leva Jackson and John Bird are to be married real soon. Mrs Edmisson??? was a good guesser. I must close tell Juju and Elmer I am expecting a letter from them. Gertrude said tell Juju she is back home now Love to all

Your Girl
Lula

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Sugden, I. T., Nov 7 190 3

My Dear Mamma

I only have a few minutes but will write and tell you they have struck \us{oil} only a little but enough that you can see it. that is fine isn't it. We may be a millionair yet. they are getting along awful slow.

Mrs Cleaver went to Marlow to-day Willis is going to churn this evening. she gives us all the milk we can use and we buy butter from her. she didn't want to charge us for the butter.

Brattons folks got away with just half of our chickens. So Willis took the rest out to the place. they have so much feed for them to eat. he took one pig \us{too}. we have one left. they moved where Andrai??? lived. Joe and Etoila moved to town yesterday. Moved in that little house on this side of the church. where Miss Halcomb used to live.

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Well I'll have to quit. love to all

Your Girl
LuLa

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Have you got your things besure and tell me when the come.
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Sugden, I. T., Nov 10 190 3

My Dear Mamma

Just received all your letters. was so glad to get them

I sold the little wagon for 25 cents to Dixie I'll send it and you can divide it with the kids that owned the wagon.

Willis says he will have to send for you to come back so you can cook him something for breakfast. says he starves on my breakfast. I didn't have steak or eggs this morning could not get either one.

Well Mr Eidson quit the well this morning some of the people are so mad at him.

You never have told me if people wore calico dresses out there?

Mrs Alexander sent me the lovllest boquet of Christhemum's it must measure 2 feet around it is so large.

Willis still looks thin as a rail.

Mrs Cleaver went to Marlow Saturday Mom. and Mr Cleaver has been eating with us part of the time. I had a nice dinner Sunday. When does Bush owe you rent? now isn't it? You need not send any lot money. I think your cow brought \$13\us{60} Porter Young said it did and Mr Gibson said he would figure it up and pay me to-day. Well I will have to quit I hope you will get along all right wish I was closer. hope Uncle Guss will get well all right. Write soon

Your Girl LuLa

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I'll send Juju's dime for being good tell Elmer I wouldn't let my little sister beat me every time.

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Dear Frank

You failed to write this time but you must write and tell me what you want for Christmas. if you dont I might send you some thing you dont want.

Good bye

Lula

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Sugden, I. T., Nov 20 190 3

My Dear Mamma

Your letter received this morning I am always so glad to get your letters hope you will soon get your things

They have not begun on the oil well any more guess they will in a week. I wish you had moved closer. I hope you will get something to do that wont be so hard on you.

The Farmers Nat'l Bank at Henrietta failed this week.

It certainly has been cold here the last 3 days. so dry and cold. the lake is froze harder than it ever has been since the 1^{us}st winter we lived here. Willis would have me get some Leggins and they are sure warm. it was so hot Sunday you could not stand winter under wear. We only have the little office stove in the store an no stove at all in the office.

I got me 2 suits of heavy all wool union suits and they dont bother me at all. Mrs. Bird put some on Jack and he went around saying 'flies biting me''untill she had to take them off.

Gertrude wrote Juju 2 sheets of kisses. said she must write Elmer some too so wrote him a sheet. said she knew Winnie would want some too. so wrote her some but I can't find them.

I hope the children are good. Write soon which was best?

Your Loving Girl

Lula

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Sugden, I. T., Nov 26 190 3

My Dear Mamma and Carl

Your letters received so I will celebrate Thanksgiving by writing. The ladies of the town are going to have a big dinner to-day for the benefit of fenseing the Grave Yard. I am going. well I got my petition for the Post Office up yesterday. Every man I took it to signed it. I got every business man in town but Dr Lawlis and I didn't ask him as he was after it too. Mr Grogan resigned in my favor and wrote me a nice reccomendation. Mr Gnagey and Tollefson also wrote one.

Mr Gnagey is chairman of the Republican Party. Mr Tollefson is clerk, Mr Claypool wrote me a reccomendation also just now brought it in for me to read. And it is fine he is a Republican too. Every body says I will be next Post Master. but of course we cant tell I am going to put it in a house by its self.

I am sending Frank and Juju some hose. Good gye.

Your Girl
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., Nov 27 190 3

My Dear Mamma

It has been a week tomorrow since I heard from you. I hope Uncle Guss got along all right with the operation. Willis was real sick last night and is still in bed he has been sick since last Saturday night. he had a spell of cramp colic he has looked awful bad all week last night his fever must have been 104 all night he has such a cold I am afraid he will have pneumonia. he has got up and come down here now he is so hoarse he can hardly taok out oLOUD. I doctored him last night. I put a flannel with coal oil and lard on his chest. Bro. \us{Lauehart's} wife died at Comanche with Typhoid fever.

Mattie Alcoru??? is married. I hope the children are well. Mabel's baby is sick. Every body in town is sick . for 5 days last week it was so smokey here you could not see the creek or the sun. you dont have any idea how awful it was. the Dr says there was something in the smoke that made every one sick. the smoke was caused from from Forrest trees in Texas and Arkansas so the Dallas News said. It hurt my eyes so bad I can hardly see to work and my head has ached so bad. and bowels running off awful. and every body in town is the same way.

well I will close as Mr Jackson wants me to make out a list of Christmas goods. he is going to market this evening.

Good bye
Love to all
Lula
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{Note in top margin: ``Tell Carl to write to me That these letters are to him too. they are to all.}

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Sugden, I. T., Dec 14 190 3

My Dear Mamma

I just received your letter. was so glad to get it I am glad the children started to school. did their books cost very much?

Tell Frank he must study hard and be proud he is a ``Texas''. I would be. he must remember Texas is the largest state and is not the least bit ``tacky''. I am going to send the children some leggins does Juju need any? I wish I could go home often I think Arthur must be a good boy and I know I would like him. Ray must be good too.

Willis says he can think of a thousand things he could have done for you but didn't think of it then. Mrs Cleaver had to have the Dr again Saturday she never has got well. still looks awful bad.

I hope you can get some boarders. Is Carl as cross to Frank as he used to be.

Mable & Vivian stayed all day with us yesterday (Sunday). you can imagine what a nice time I had. The lake is froze over. We had had such cold weather all winter but so awful dry. Cotton has been 11 1/2 cents here. Willis says if his wheat dies he is going to plant cotton in the spring on the land. It looks cloudy this evening like it might snow. I do hope it will I guess I will express you a box about Wednesday. McIntyre's and Easterlings have moved together and keeping boarders.

You never have told me how large a place Hartline is?

Mrs Autle??? wants you to send her that perscription she told you about that Carl took. Well Good bye I write again in a day or two love to all

Lovingly
Lula

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{Note in top margin: her is 5 dimes Carl, Frank, Elmer, Winnie, & Juju. They have all been good. hope Carl is well}

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Sugden, I. T., Dec 19 190 3

My Dear Mamma

Your letter just received I am so sorry I didn't get it before I sent the box. the leggins I sent are for Elmer & Winnie. I do wish your things would get there. I am glad Juju likes her little stockings I thought she would like those pretty toes

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Grandma must be aful good to you and I am so glad she is it was so nice of her to take you those things.

I am glad Elmer has quit falling down crying I hope when I come to you he wont cry at all. Willis is feeling lots better. I never had such \us{colds) in my life as I have had this winter. The weather has been so cold but the last two days have been so warm havn't needed fire or I havnt worn any thing around me. one quilt was all we needed over us last night. We havn't had any rain yet. but it is so warm willis thinks it will rain in a day or two.

I just now received the wedding invitation of Miss Leva & Mr Bird. Leval sent it to us they are to be married Sunday Dec 27 at 12 oclock The invitations are \us{simple} but very pretty Mrs Bird says Leva has more beautiful dresses. said 5 times as many as she had.

Leva has a suit like that one of mine. has it trimmed in red velvet and lined with red silk. has a drop skirt of red silk also that is her traveling suit. Every body in town always asks about you. Mr Bush & Wilson are still here but are too stingy to advertize. Mr Bush has only paid me 5\us{00} one time since you been gone. Bert Parker has not payed any thing but I think I will get it.

Tell Carl I can't think of any thing to tell him because I always tell you every thing. so he will have to claim part of this.

I think I will have to quit this is going to be an aful busy day, being the Saturday before Xmas. Love to all

Lovingly Lula

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OFFICE OF
F. C. BECKETT,
LAWYER.

Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year

VERNON, TEXAS, Dec 23 190 3

Dear Lula, I hope this will not be a dull lonely Christmas for you, am glad you are still in the store it will be company for you and keep you from that all alone feeling. It makes me so sad and gloomy when I think of our separations, I put off writing just as long as I can because it tares my nerves all to pieces and it is weeks before I get over it. I do want to write to you often, wish you could live nearer me so I could see you once in a while. I am afraid it will be too hard on you trying to keep house. When ever you can get a day off you & willis must come to see us. I am all alone now (except Tom) Mr Becket has gone to Miss. to see his folks, left Monday, did not take the notion until the night before and I had to get up his clothes & fix his lunch next morning before train time. Has Mr Grogon moved away? how come him to sell out, what is he doing? How are Julia and 2 the children getting along? I expect they will suffer with cold until they get use to it. I see from the paper they have had fearful weather there already and we have had no cold weather yet. I guess she is anxious for you & willis to move out, and I don't blame her. What does he say about it. Did Julia sell her place? Have they struck oil yet? Yes I went to see will Parks and he has a nice sweet wife, a brunett about the size of your Mother. I called her Julia and him Brother all the time. I suppose it was because I never visited any body but them. wish you could see the Boys, they are so cute and sweet & real good. will makes them mind. George (youngest) is exactly like his Papa was at his age. Took a great fancy to me and called me Ma just like Juju did. That reminds me I sent Juju a pair of gloves in a paper once did you get them? And I sent Carl a silk

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handkerchief in a paper before he left and I never did hear whither he got it or not. I am embroidering you a piece. Wanted to finish it for Xmas but did not have time. We are going to have a tree to marrow night. Miss Hattie & I marked all the presents this afternoon. Mrs Lucky & Verna are acting the \us{fool} since they came back. don't go off the place, not even to church. Mr Lucky stays over in Okla some place. he played out here. Write me soon all the news from Julia and send my love to all with lots of love to you & Willis from Aunt □

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Sugden, I. T., Dec 26 190 3

My Dear Mamma

Your letter received don't worry about the one sided affair for I didn't want you to spend any thing for me. Willis wanted me to send you the money but I didn't think the children would enjoy it as much. I do hope you got them for Christmas. I got a letter from Aunt B--- I'll send it to you. did you want me to send the pictures back. Uncle Guss is so pleasent looking. looks like he is afully good. I showed them to Jessie Hearne she said Author was \us{sure} good looking and I think he is too. Isn't he about my age? George C--- is here visiting Jessie. I haven't heard any thing about the wedding so far.

Audram's??? live over where Gazzell's lived they are going to move accross the river next week. No Mabel never asks about Kyle but she is so stuck on Tom Beavers she dont know streight up. and I guess he is on her too. He was out to see her a few nights ago. yes she has weaned the baby. she stayed all night with us Tuesday night. Willis has a canvas cot and he slept on the cot and she slept with me. I got several Xmas present. Tura sent me a lovely little pin-cushion it is round and made of white linen embroidered with pansies and has a white silk ruffle around it about 2 1/2 inches wide and it is ripple fagoted around with pink silk. has little white baby ribbon to hang it up by.

Mr Jackson gave me 2 statues and a little celliloid scissors box. both was real pretty. Bessie gave me a little pin tray. Etoy gave me a mustard set of China the spoon was China too.

Joe Goodwin gave me a pale blue neck ribbon Mabel gave me a \us{\us{big}} pecan cake and a picture. willis gave me a pretty plaque made in the form of a basket with \us{six} little pockets in it and each pocket contained a beautiful embroidered handkerchief. it was so cute he gave me 2\us{00} besides.

They had a Xmas tree. We went Mr Jackson put a cake of soap on for Willis. just for a joke.

Mrs Bush had a turkey dinner and invited us. Also Mr & Mrs Wilson's and Mr Tollefson. but we were such cranks we didn't go. I just don't like Mrs Wilson one bit and never did. Gertrude hasn't been home since the middle of Nov. They are all going to the wedding tomorrow.

Mr Richardson says to tell you he always asks about you and wishes you well. Mrs Cleaver still can't sit up. They got Dr Alba yesterday. Dr Lawlis says she has a tumor as large as your fist. I havn't heard what Dr Alba thinks. her face and body is afully swollen. I am glad the

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children are so happy. I'll write to them and put it in another envelope. Yes the Bell was in and is real nice. Write soon.

Lovingly
Lula

P.S.
Mrs Aiken send Mabel a sofa pillow and the children a beautiful pair of patent leather shoes apiece and 2 pair of nice hose for each.
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Sugden, I. T., Dec 28 190 3

Dear Frank

Your nice letter received. was glad to get it. Joe is going to move to Ryan next week. Forrest is going to take the papers I am glad you a nice little boy to play with. you must tell me all about \us{coasting} I never saw any body coast Have you got a sled? and where did you get it? tell me all about it

Your sister
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., Dec 26 190 3

Dear Winnie

Your letter received I told Ruth what you said and she says she would like to see you that she had told her mamma that morning you seemed like you were her sister. Bessie & Etoy said tell you Hello and they are going to write to you.

I hope you will like your dress and doll. I think the Xmas card you sent was so pretty. Write soon.

Your Sister
Lula
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{No date on this letter but it must be the letter in which the previous letters to Frank and Winnie were enclosed---Dec 28 190 3}

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Sugden, I. T., Dec 28 190 3

My Dear Mamma

Your letter received. Mr Langston is here this morning. just on a visit. he is teaching school up here by Rush Springs. Leva & John were married yesterday. he got afully bad sick the night before he married and had to be married sitting in chair. and they had planned to have such a swell affair. There were such a crowd there so Mrs Bird said they think Mr John Bird has pneumonia he is still very sick. Mrs Cleaver is better this morning. Dr Alba says she would not have lived 7 days longer if he hadn't come and I don't believe it either fo I never saw any one fail so fast. blood poison has already got into her system. but he says he can cure her. Dr Lawlis said there was a tumor but Alba says there was a piece left in her and they let him operate on her and he got a piece that had grown in her as long as your hand and about 2 inches wide so it proved to be what he said. Mrs Cleaver says Alba is fine at any thing like that and so does Mrs Briscoe. Mr Cleaver thinks so too now. but he didn't want to have him at first. but Lawlis was just letting her die and Mr Briscoe said if they would have Alba he would pay for it. but Mr C--- didn't want him to do that. so they had him any way.

It is certainly dull here last year was good by the side of this

Mrs Bush has her new tag furniture dresser & wash stand and they are sure pretty. Mine looks tacky by the side of hers. Gertrude came back with her Papa & Mamma last night. well I am in such a hurry I'll close. hope you had a nice Xmas.

Lovingly

Lula

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Sugden, I. T.
July 11-04

My Dear Mamma---

Yours received yesterday morning. Was so glad to get it I hadn't heard from you in nearly a week. but the washouts are so bad. We had not hardly had any mail for a week. I have such a bad cold can't hardly talk out loud and it makes me feel so bad. I don't know how I took it I guess staying in this hot place. Yesterday was the warmest day I ever saw I think the thermomitor was 100 at 6 oclock in the evening in our front room and every door and window open on the place. we forgot to look at it in the middle of the day. Willis said if it had been out in the sun it would have run up to the top and cooked. and I am of the same opinion for I never saw the sun hotter and not a breath of air stirred. Willis and I took time about fanning each other we had a palm leaf fan I am sending you a Henrietta paper you will see the account of the weddings. Marie McDonald and Pearl Bell. I ask Mr Bird who Pearls husband was. he was acquainted with him and said he was the nicest man in Lindsay. and had lots of money he said all time Pearl would not get him. but she sure did and I am glad. Marie McDonald had such a nice wedding. but you can read about it. I got a letter from Mrs Eaton Pearl is still in Topeka Kans Joe Lobdell got a real good place if he can keep it. the Agent is a single man so Joe and Etoila will live in the Depot and have all fuel furnished them. Etoila is going Wednesday going to send her things to-day. Willis traded our buggy off last week for a mare and \$20\us{00}. The Mare is sure pretty. but is wild never had a rope on her but once untill we got her. Willis, John and George (two negros) hitched her up to the wagon and drove her. they came down by the house late Friday evening and I got in with them and rode out to the place with them. She isn't as mean now as Ada was I think she will make a good gentle buggy pony. she is about the size of Old Prince. Mr Briscoes bay buggy horse I call her sorrel but Willis says she is bay. she is pretty made.

Willis said he was going to get us a little single buggy. All we need.

I must close.

Love to all. Write soon

Your Girl Lula

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Sugden I.T.

July 13, 1904.

Mrs Julia Brannon,
Hartline, Wash.

My Dear Mamma:-

well we are threshing at last, I saw some of the wheat a few minutes ago, and it is such poor stuff. Do not know how much it is making to the acre, but not much, Mr Lobdell just made three bushel to the acre, there has not been but two or three people who has made three bushell that is a big crop this year. Haines and Bains sold out their right of way for their elevator to the Rosenbam Grain Co. and they have a Buyer here also are hauling brick and lumber to begin the elevator. They have not asked the people for any help likes Haines and Baines did, and for that reason I have more confidence in the. Sugden hasn't talked it up much either seems like everyone has lost all the interest they ever had and don't care whether they build or not. Ryan has ofered inducements of all kinds to them but it don't seem to have any effect on the. Mr Davidsons have several boarders now since the elevator men came.

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Hattie May is here visiting Mrs Wakefield. This is the warmest summer I ever saw. the Thomomitor stands to lo5 in the hot part of the day, and never goes below loo untill about 9 o'clock at night. It is so hard to get any to work in the fields, willis was nearly give out last night he said he would not have worked so hard for any thing if he could get any to work in his place. but he got up and started out at half after two this morning. I made me a shirt waist yesterday, made it low neck you know I look pretty in any low neck thing. but it fits all right. I am through my short hand book. I can say every rule in it also write every word I like it so much, I am going to try to get to be reporter, (Court Reporter) at Ryan I think Messrs Jackson and Bird will do all they can for me I can't do it yet for a long time, but all I have to do now is to practise writing fast. and learn more on the typewriter it is so hot I don't study as much as I aught too.

I must close as Dan Sturgeon wants to practise on this typewriter.

Love to all, write often to your girl,
Lula

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Sugden I.T.
July 20, 1904.

Mrs Julia Brannon,
Hartline, Wash.

My dear Mamma:

Your letter received, We have had no more trouble over the place since I wrote last. We wondered how Harve Goodloe ever got papers to attach the place so Mr Briscoe went to see Mr Harper (lawyer at Ryan) and found out that Harve Goodloe had swore that Mr Briscoe and willis were selling their crop trying to beat their creditors. and you know as well as the people here that they never tried to beat any one in their lives. mr Harper said there was no case to it, said Harve Goodloe could not win, and that he would fight the case all the way through for \$10.00 Harve says he is getting \$450.00 for his side. Claude Olliver was here yesterday, he lives in Arkansas he said his Mamma was well and living with them and all the children was at home too. said they were so happy they have a little farm of their own.

Mr and Mrs Cleaver willis and I all went to the holliness meeting at Ryan last Sundaynight. I saw Mrs Jackson but Mrs Bird was not there. I havn't seen her since the store burned. Mrs Sittons are moving to Ryan to day she bought a place there I hate to see them move away for some of them were in town every day. Miss Ora is going to teach in the Ryan school this next erm.

I received a long letter from Pearl this week they are still in Topeka Kans. tell Juju the men won't laugh at her for Lula knows she saw little girls wear them in Galveston to town and all around and they were not laughed at.

Mr Grogan was here this morning he said they intended to start to the Fair next Monday. Mrs Edmisson sent me some of her cards Ill send you one. I must close Love to all,

Your girl,
Lula.

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Sugden. I.T.

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July 21-04

My Dear Mamma,

Your letter received today wish I had a little of your cool air. This is the hottest weather I ever saw. Mrs bush says last summer was nothing compared. I told her it would be hot in the Spring. I don't suppose there is not a sprig of garden in the country. every thing is burned up. we had hot winds all last week and nearly ruined the corn. it didn't hurt ours so bad because it is in the bottom. It is a little cloudy this evening. I do hope it will rain.

Well, Willis and Mr Goodlow had a fight yesterday evening. Willis didn't get a scratch. but old Harve did They didn't fight but a few minutes. for Harve kept hollowning for them to pull Willis off and Mr Collins pulled him off. I believe every one in town was tickled nearly to death about it. Willis told Harve what Harper said he swore and Harve denied it. so Willis called him a lyar and Harve jumped down and took Willis's quirt??? away from him and struck at him. Willis doged and jumped on to Harve threw him down and made his face bleed in two places. Willis didn't even take off his gloves coat or any thing Harve was in his shirt sleeves but Willis sure whipped him. Mr Brummett??? said if he had been there they should not pulled Willis off. or they would have had another fight on their hands. Harve told Willis he was going to take a law suit against him every time he could. Willis told him if he did he would whip him every time he met him if it was 40 times a day. Willis will do it too.

Mabel and Frank are coming over Sunday to spend the day. i don't know what I'll have for dinner you can't even get a potato in town for last week. Well I must close.

Love to all. Write soon.

Your Girl.

Lula

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%(typed letter)

Sugden I.T.

July 26, 1904.

Mrs Julia Brannon,
Hartline, Wash.

My Dear Mamma:

Your welcome letter received yesterday evening The trail was to come off yesterday morning, but the other side wanted to put it off 30 days, Mr Harper would not let them but they put it off till this morning, Mr Hearnese left Sunday morning for Beaver County, they shiped their goods and went through in a wagon, it is little over 400 miles and they started with a balky team they balked at both of these first hills and the Thompson boys helped them out. don't know what they will do when they get out where there is not any one to help them.

I am afraid it is a bad move for them, I don't know where we will live this winter, Willis wants to get a place but don't know where, Mr Briscoe is going out in west Texas Willis may go with him but he says he is going out in Washington but I think he must be joking with me.

I would be glad when winter time came if it was not for you but I think of how cold it is there. It is so hot here.

Mrs Grogans and old Mrs Gibson are going to the Fair this next week if

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the cattle strick is off.

I must close and make up the mail, there has nothing new happened, write soon your girl,

Lula

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Sugden. I.T.

Aug 1-1904

My Dear Mamma.

Well I neglected writing the last of last week but nothing happened to write about.

It is raining this morning and every one is rejoicing. i didn't come to the office this morning untill 9 oclock and it is still raining, now almost eleven.

Mrs Christain and Roy visiting Ollie. I saw Mrs Christain yesterday she was asking about you. she says she likes Sugden better than where she lives, she looks well Roy Hasn't grown much.

Mr Bird Jack and Gertrude come up on the 12 yesterday and stayed untill the 4 oclock train. We had such a nice time. I was soglad to see the children. Jack has grown so much I went to the depot with them I weighed them. Jack weighed 33 pounds and Gertrude 37. how much does Juju weigh there was just 1/2 pound difference in Gertrude and Juju when you went away. Mrs Bird didn't come Mr Bird made willis promise to bring me down to the picnic Thursday afternoon at Ryan. he wants me to work for them this fall. If willis should get land close to Ryan I may do it. I would rather for this P.O. is what made the store work so much harder. willis and I went out to the place yesterday evening to see the hogs and stuff and three wagon loads of kin folks came up to stay all night and I don't know how much longer.

Mr Grogan and Paul was over yesterday too. they are going to the Fair this week. Paul sure grows fast I didn't hardly know him and people say Mr Grogan sure makes him work hard.

I hope I can go to the Picnic a little while Thursday. but willis may not get a buggy for he spoke for one yesterday and they were all out but an old Rattle trap and I would not go if I had to ride in it. Well I must close write to me often. Love to all.

Make the children write too. Mrs Briscoe is aful nice to me she is always sending me some thing nice to eat. bought me a peach cobar Sat. night. Jack Jackson (Bessie's husband) has a baby boy.

Good bye.
Your Girl,
Lula

{Post Script: Mabel is having a time again the people have stoped their children from taking music from her and all talking about her. I guess Frank and her will marry as soon as she gets her divorce.

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Sugden. I.T.

Aug 5-1904

My Dear Mamma & all.

Well I didn't get to go to the big picnic at Ryan yesterday they certainly had a big time. Every one in Sugden went but just a few. I

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think Jess Davidson Mrs Oneal and I were the only women on this side of the lake that did not go.

Willis went he had such a good time and wanted me to go so bad. Mrs Bird cooked dinner and supper for us, but every one went that could and there was no one left who could take the office for me. They had the Girls Brass Band of Nocona Texas and a woman rode wild horses.

There is going to be a big picnic at Hastings tomorrow Willis wants to go and wants me to go with him but Mabel and her kids will be here this evening to stay a week and Frank Smyers??? will be here Sunday for dinner and supper too I guess and I will have to spend all my spare time cooking. Willis says let her stay there by her self tomorrow, but she would let the kids hold the screens open and my house full of flies, and I haven't hardly had a fly this summer and I don't want any. and everything on the place would be torn up. so I had just as soon stay at home. We had a big rain Tuesday just a regular flood. made it nice for picnics. Harve Goodloe went and took two girls (Miss Nellie Wilson and Miss Nannie Peters) and coming home last night he turned his buggy over in a mud hole with them. broke his buggy all up, and had to get another boy to bring the girls home. Willis and Mr Steve Gibson came back together and Willis said it was awful dark it was so cloudy and sprinkled rain all night. he didn't get home until 12 o'clock on account of the rain I stayed all night with Mrs Briscoe. I must close I expect I'll work for Little John Thompson. he sold his implements out to Mr Claypool and is going to put in a stock of drygoods, and wants me so Mr Cleaver said and if he does I'll sure work for I am sick of this lonesome and hot place. It will be nearer home too. Love to all.

Goodbye Write Soon
Your Girl
Lula

{Post Script: Did you ever see so many blaches? Finley Weldon played ball at Ryan yesterday. Willis said. Mabel and her children were there Willis said she was hunting for Mrs Moore to take care of the kids while she was with Tom B- and W -told her to take care of them her self they were hers. I'll bet he said it too.}

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Sugden. I.T.
Aug 8-04

My Dear Mamma & all-

I has been nearly a week since I heard from you thought sure I get a letter yesterday.

Mable came Friday to my house is still there. she left the kids with Mrs Moore and Willis took us to the Hastings picnic Saturday. We had a nice time but the picnic wasn't worth going to. but I enjoyed the trip. Mable met Mose Grogan and she said she had a fine time. Mose is here to-day. he was in the office asking for her a minute ago. Tom Beaver came to see her last night.

Her baby is about half sick he is here in the office now crying. she went down home. Vivian is real good child and is real cute. she makes me thing of Juju. she went home with Octavia Moore yesterday evening. I must quit and get to work for I can't think of any thing to say and him crying. so Good bye- Love to all wish I could see you a little while or a long while. Write Soon.

Your Girl
Lula

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Sugden. I.T.
Aug 10-04

My Dear Mamma-

I received your letter at last but it had been written 8 days. guess it was delayed some place. I am glad Elmer is a sweet little boy. seems like I can remember just how he looked better than any of the children. tell him he must not scare Aunt Lillian any more by screaming some day he will scare some one nearly to death.

My school books have come and I have such nice primmers I am sending Juju one to-day I think she will like it better. she can learn to write in it too. Tell her to study hard. Does she need a nice little pair of slippers or shoes if she does I want to send her some for I want her to look sweet.

Mrs Eidson is about to die. has been very low for 2 days and nights and her baby isn't born yet Mr Eidson is away too. Mrs Briscoe has been staying there most of the time. Mrs Eidson lives where Mrs Langston lived Etoy stayed all night with us last night.

Mrs Eidson has been in bed for a month or more.

Nora and Lon live where Mr Givens lived.

Mr Bird was up here yesterday wanting me to go to Ryan and work for them. this is getting to be such a fussy little place I wish we would go to Ryan. Mrs Sittons have moved there too. I got a letter from Mrs Newton yesterday. I'll send it to you.

Mable went to Mr Moors yesterday. I was glad for her baby cried all time it was so cross and she wouldn't try to take care of it. She went to a Dance and left it night before last. the first night she was here it cried half the night. Willis couldn't hardly stand it you know he isn't fond of hearing children cry. it cried for a drink and she would not get up and get it any so Willis got tired of listening to it and got up and got it a drink him self. It can talk says any thing it wants too. talks as good as Vivian. says every thing she says. she is a good child not one bit of trouble as long as Mabel lets her alone. We are both well hope you all are too. I have a piece of black and white check calico I got to make me a dress. I am going to send to you to make you an every day dress off. Love to all

Good by Write Soon
LuLa

{Post script: I don't think you can read this but I am in a hurry.}

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Fort Worth-Texas.
Aug 6-1904

My dear LuLa-

Wonder what you are doing this rainy day. It has rained here a week and is fairly pouring down now.

How are you and Mr Willis?

Walter is fine and looks so well---but poor me---I have been sick six weeks with indigestion. Was in bed 4 weeks and am not well yet---but much better.

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We have been in Ft Worth one year tomorrow, and like fine---but this summer has been extra dull for us because I have been sick all time. Last year this time we had 25 gallons of fruit put up, but this year haven't a single quart. It sure makes me sick but I am not able to do it.

My sister and Walter's sister have been with us three weeks---are going home Tuesday.

Since I have gotten up I can't do any work so I put my time in music---have so many new pieces--Lula--my piano is just fine, like it better all time. I wish you all would visit us.

Have just had a dress made am going to send a sample.

How is your Mama and the children. Send her \us{our love} and \us{best wishes}.

How is Mrs Gnagey???---tell them howdy.

How is Mrs Bush?

Tell me about every old body---and write soon--
Walter joins me in sending love to your self and husband.

Lovingly--Earl

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Sugden. I.T.
Aug. 13-04

My Dear Mamma and all.

Your letters received yesterday evening. Frank and Elmer just write fine they have improved so much. I am sending Frank my short hand book and a tablet for the same purpose tell him not to tear out a sheet or do any but Shorthand in it. and to take good care of the book for I may want it back some time. they cost 1\us{00}. but I hope he will study it hard. I am going to work for Little John Thompson. he is going to put in a stock of Dry goods. alone. I am to move the P.O. in there tent to it myself and keep his books. and get 35\{00} per month then you see I'll have what the P.O. makes extra that will be 20\us{00} per month I think it will be that good so you see its better than J & B. and I won't have so much to do. I am going to Dallas Monday morning with Mr and Mrs Thompson to buy the goods. Mr Thompson pays my expences. Lon Harrie??? will keep the office for me. guess I will get to see Buddy. Mr Bird came up on purpose to get me to work for them last Tuesday. he offered 35\us{00} and do nothing but clerk. but I can do better here Stillwele wanted me to keep his books and MrGibson had all ready hired me to work in the Bank in Mr Roberts place while he was at the fair. and I promised I would but I can't now. he wanted me for 4 or 5 months this fall too. he told Mrs Gibson he was going to try to work me in as Cashier if he could loose Mr Roberts and I am afraid I'll miss all that for that would be a good \$65\us{00} job. and no work compared with what I do for 35\us{00}. but I want to take what I can get now I'll get in that Bank yet. \us{Mark} \us{My} \us{words}. by working and doing what is right too. I can thank Mr Grogan for lots of it too. for I have heard of him telling Mr Gibson several times that I was better and quicker than Mr Roberts. Mr Bird even said I was quicker and I have always known I was slow.

Well am I not the ``luckiest'' ``Gal'' you ever \us{had}?

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Tell Frank to hurry and grow. and study so he can take a few of my jobs off my hands. I know Mr Bush is going to 'Rore' when he finds I am going in with Mr Thompson. but one good thing Mr Thompson is a Republican and his Name is worth more than bush in the Republican Party so I have got him there. but I was looking out for that well good bye I may not get to write until I get back Love to All.

Your Girl.
Lula
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Sugden. I.T.
Aug 19-04

My Dear Mamma & All-

Well I got home from Dallas Tuesday night was completely worn out. Never worked so hard in my life, never go to see Mrs Eatons or Spencers folks, wanted to so bad but didn't have one minute. I stayed all night with Buddy. I like his wife fine and his little boys are so cute. I never heard one of them cry a word. Buddy has a prettly little 4 room and reception hall cottage it is built so pretty. Windows double and double doors, has beautiful carpets all over the house and nicely furnished. I am going to Comanche to the Carnival to-day on the 12. It is 3 days Willis went yesterday. Mabel is still here she went to Comanche yesterday will stay at Mrs Moor's. Wouldn't you hate to be Mrs. Moore. Willis wanted me to go yesterday but I didn't want to untill yesterday evening and Mr Gibson said he believed he would go when I did and take Wren and Doroughty so I could take care of them. I told him all right so he came back said he would pay my way if I would take them and let him stay at home so Wren Dorought, Etoy and Bess and I are all going. Wish Winnie, Elmer and Frank was here to go. Mrs Gibson will be sick next month so shecan't take them and they are wild to go.

Mrs Eidson's little baby was born dead. it was aufully deformed. she nearly died but is getting better. Mr Elliott is still just as low as can be. Tell Winnie I saw Vey Morgan at Hastings she goes with the boys all the time. I am getting to be an auful run-about but its the first time I've had a chance since I worked in the store and I am going to move in the morning so this is my last day of fun. So I must have a good time but I am glad.

Love to all
Your Girl--Lula
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Sugden. I.T.
Aug 25-04

My Dear Mamma & All--

Yours and Juju's letters received to-day. Was so glad to get them. I think Juju's little dress must be cute with a belt. Every thing on little boys and girls have belts and I think they are so cute. Well I haven't sent that calico yet I keep forgetting it all the time. I moved Sat. morning have not stopped since only now, have sure worked every minute this week. Ths is the first chance I have had to write and I am so nervous to-day, it is so auful warm. I like my new place. I guess you miss the Leader but Mr Cleaver has not published it for 3 weeks he has been gone. Willis and Mr Briscoe have leased a place of 280 acres of land joining the Halcomb place 4 miles north for 4 years.

have not moved yet. People are picking cotton now. And it is finer than I ever saw it over waist high on average and down on the Cooper

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Wright place it is shoulder high.

Well I must quit and get to work I have stole this much time so good bye
Love to All. Your Girl
Lula

{Post Script: Willis went out Saturday and bought some cattle and came
back Monday & sold them & made 37\us{00}

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---DEALER IN---

Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Etc.
FINE SHOES A SPECIALTY.

Sugden, I. T., Aug 27 190 4

{Note in top margin: Vey Morgan is very sick with Typhoid fever. D\us{r}
Dice is waiting on her, everyone is sick. Willis said he had a chill
yesterday.}

My Dear Mamma & All.

Will write you again to-day. I like my place better every day, and I
don't have too much to do. Don't look for that Calico untill you see it
for looks like I'll never think to bring it. I get along with my work
just as well only I don't try to wash and iron, don't have to be here
any earlier but stay untill seven but don't have half the work I had at
Jacksons & Birds. I am sending you a piece of my waist I have had it a
good while. I haven't heard from Aunt in so long.

I got behind with my dish washing a couple of days last week and looked
like I never would get time. And I was so tired after supper I could
not wash them. (Lazy I guess) so John (negro) and Willis came in and
washed them all up and cleaned up the kitchen. Willis said he didn't
know who did it but some of the neighbors saw them.
Roy Thompson and wife moved to Henrietta this week.

Did I tell you Albert Short was married he married a girl we didn't
know. his sister married Fitz Stine and this girl lived with them. his
mother is dead.

I'll send you a circular. Every thing is the same old seven & six.

Mrs Briscoe brought me a dish of cooked string beans first I have had
since spring. Well Good bye Write soon. Love to all.

Your Girl

Lula

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Sugden, I. T., Jan 6 190 4

you some fleece lined hose. I know you will do with out if I dont and I got some and they are real good. I'll send them to-night.

Well Good bye
Love to all

Your Girl
Lula

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{Not in top margin: This is Juju's hair ribbon. I haven't seen Bert Parker wish I was rich would send 3000\us{00}}

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Sugden, I. T., Jan 6 190 4

My Dear Mamma

I am sending Frank's shoes hope they are all right and a money order too if you dont want to go to the post Office just sign it up on the back payable to Carl and he can get it for you.

Your cow was 8.75
Mr Bush paid 10.00
What I have got 18.75
Your lots were 19.53
and I sold 2\us{00} worth bowles & pitchers. I'll send you 3\us{00} and call it square if its all right with you. I'll pay for Franks shoes I want to give him something for I have always given the other children more than him.

I hope you have your box. Mr Tollefson sent a message to head quarters about him holding express when it was paid.

We finished invoicing this after-noon. I am so tired I can hardly write. Aunt B--- sent me a turn over collar some thing like the one Mrs E--- sent us only it is white linen worked with dark red. she made it. it is so pretty. I was glad you sent the piece of fur tree. it has been quite a curousity here also the paper. I would like to send you a loup but I cant. Love to all. Must quit

Good bye
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., Jan 8 190 4

Dear Mamma

Mr Tollefson said for you to go to the agent and tell him if he didn't turn the box over to you, for the receipt for you to get the proper Offices and replevin them and sue them for damage and you do it and I'll pay the cost if there is any for you to pay. Mr Tollefson says it is out ragious and for you not [2] to pay it. the things won't spoil and I simply would not pay it. Uncle Guso will fix it up for you. You can show the Agent this if you want too, but besure and dont pay any more. I am afully busy so can't write much. Gertrude is very sick Mr Bird stays up stairs most of the time. Mrs Jackson came last night. Good bye Lula

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Mrs L. Briscor
Sugden
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Mrs Julia Brannon
Hartline
Wash

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Sugden, I. T., Jan 11 190 4

My Dear Maunna --- Your letter received this evening. I went over to Mr Bush'es and he paid me for the 3 month since you left. Mrs Thompson also paid me so I am sending you a money order for 6.25 you can sign it up on the back and Frank can cash it for you. if you dont want to go to [2] the Post Office we are both well I am sorry you are having so much trouble. Mabel is comeing over tomorrow to stay untill sunday willis say's I have to make her help me cook. when she comes to see us she sits in the other room and talks to him and dont help me do a thing. It makes willis mad because she wont help me. [3] I havn't dried the dishes more than 1/2 Doz times since we have kept house. he always dries them and have not made a fire in the mornings a single time. willis says or nights either. he came up and read over my shoulder. Its so dark I'll quit Love to all Your girl Lula will write again in the morning.

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{on the envelope the following words are noted}

This is Gertrudes
letter to Juju

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J. M. Claypool,
DEALER IN
FARM IMPLEMENTS.
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Albert Willis
Sugden, I.T.

Mr Elmer Brannon
Hartline
Wash

% Mrs Julia Brannon

{a note is enclosed in the envelope, the note}

Sugden, I T Jan 12, 1904 Dear Elmer,-- I thought I would write you a few lines tonight. Lula told me that it has (???) (???) their and you and frank have (???) and we (???) christmas alright but we missed you and frank tell I (???) that charlie has never for got her He talks about her and tell (???) that the girls have never forgot [2] and Elmer (???) went in the B geagarly? yestaraday and (???) on (???) in the united states history I went I went out to mud creek thursday and I went over at mr miller and I plaid with the goats and the horse (???) and they have 3? Little ones about (???) (???) and the goats and they have a goat. will bl?te (???) (???) well I had better close Hubert Willis

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Elmer Brannon
Washington

Fran Hubert

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Sugden, I. T., Jan 12 190 4

My Dear Mamma.

I had to quit last night so I could get it in the mail. Willis is going to begin plowing this morning for oats. It hasn't rained a drop yet and you never saw it so windy. Saturday was a terrible day. Mr Alexander & Grampa Suggs said it was the worst they ever saw in Sugden. I dont think I ever [2] saw such a day any place. Sunday was nearly as bad but the wind was from the south saturday from the North Sunday. it isnt very cold. I don't suppose a man has lost a cow this winter haven't heard of any. Cattle are fat. One of our pigs we got from Lobdells (?) has 6 little pigs they are sure pretty too. they are about 2 months old. I did [3] not know if I told you or not. I got a letter

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from Aunt she say's all the wheat is dead out there. Most of it is here. Your well is the best I have ever used it is as soft as rain water and awful good to drink. Mr Schirlitz is all right he comes here once a week he has 5 or 6 scholars here. he always [4] asks about you all. Gertrude is all right again. Mrs Cleaver is sitting up. but she is weaker than she has ever been before she ways. And she looks so bad.

Tom & Mable certainly are stuck on each other. Mable cant talk about any thing but Tom. I wouldn't worry about Carl if I were you. just let him stay out to Grandma's all the [5] time if he wants too. I dont guess he is much help I haven't heard from the P.O. Department yet but heard my papers had got there.

Mr Jackson & Mr Bird & Lulu all say they hate for me to leave. Mr Bird told Mr Grogan he never expected to find another clerk like me. (wasn't that a nice compliment?) Mr Bird told me that I would have a job if I didn't get the [6] the post office.

I dont suppose the Hotels have been full a time this winter. No one ever comes to Sugden any more. Every body always asks about you.

I would love to see you all so much I. I sent you a money order last night. guess you get all my letters. when I put Chickasaw Nation on them they dont go to Snyder O.T.

I am going to send [7] you some fleece lined hose. I know you will do with out if I dont. and I got some and they are real good. I'll send them to-night.

Well Good bye
Love to all.
Your Girl
Lula

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Sugden, I. T.,
Jan 12 1904

Dear Elmer,

I thought I would write you aberi??? lines tonight. Lula told me that it has moved??? up their and you and frank have sleds and are s??? christmas alright but we milked.

You and frank tell Juju that charlie has never forgot her He talks about her and tell Winnie that the girls have never forgot and Elmer I went in the B geagarly??? yesterday and went in the united states history. I went I went out to mud creek thursday and I went over at Mr miller and I plaid with the goats and they have 100 goats and they have 39 little ones about ??? ??? and the goats and they have a goat. Will blat??? like ones Well I had better close.

Hubert Willis
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Sugden, I. T.
Jan 18-04

Dear Elmer

Your nicely written letter received. You are getting so you write fine. what does a sled cost? I know you want one and I want you to have one. Tell me all about how you do. Do you just pull your sleds around like you did here? And do they look like the ones we make? Tell me all about

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them. I am awful green. You wouldn't like for me to go out to see you and not know what a sled is. I know you would be ashamed of me. Tell me all about what you do a Uncle Gusses.

Your sister
Lulu

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Sugden, I. T., Jan 20 190 4

My Dear Mamma

Well this is my last day to work in the store. I mean to draw a salary. I will still stay in here a few weeks longer but will be my own {it boss} once again.

I can't help but feel good over it. Of course, I'll help them as much as I ever did as long as I stay in here, but there is one thing I won't have to unless I feel just like it. I am going to send your mittens. I intended to several months ago but I could never think of them.

I didn't tell you Dobbs \& McBride have been closed out, did I? They are all going to Beaver County right away, except Mrs McBride. She says she isn't. Author?? \& Iva are going the first of April. Iva has been over this week. Her baby is getting real pretty. It has lovely eyes.

Mr. Gragey?? sold out his interest in the lumber yard yesterday to Mr Leeper (his boss). He says he is going to farming right.

Mr Saterfield at Henrietta has failed. Mr. Buny will everyone says. One of the hardware houses and several other houses. Their failings were on account of the bank failure. Van Suggo is here now.

How is Juju? I feel uneasy. I haven't heard from you since Monday. You must write often. My neck is ore and swelled up on the same old side but on the font side of the glan??. In the same place where Marie?? Newbery's neck was sore. I can't hardly turn my head or look up. If it don't get better I am going to have Dr Dice give me some medicine.

Well Good bye, Love to all. Hope you all have the box.I

Lovingly
Lula
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Sugden, I. T.
Jan 18-04

Dear Elmer

Your nicely written letter received. You are getting so you write fine. What does a sled cost? I know you want one and I want you to have one. Tell me all about how you do. Do you just pull your sleds around like you did here? And do they look like the ones we make? Tell me all about them. I am awful green. You wouldn't like for me to go out to see you and not know what a sled is. I know you would be ashamed of me. Tell me all about what you do a Uncle Gusses.

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Your Sister
Lulu
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Sugden, I. T., Jan 21 190 4

My Dear Mamma

Your letter received last night. Well I guess your dream isn't true for I am not out of a job. Have \us{two} on hand now. It \us{honestly} \us{rained} a big rain last night just a slow rain but rained for 5 hours. I never saw so many smiles on faces. Willis says this will make wheat that isn't dead come out all right. He thinks he will have a stand. Every thing looks so much greener I don't think I ever saw so much sand as we have had for the last month. It was just like a summer rain. It came over from the southwest and went over to northeast and came back. It thundered and lightning awful and the wind blowed hard. But I am getting used to wind. So I wasn't much afraid for lots of nights lately when the sky was clear. The wind would blow so hard it would shake the house. Mabel is going to stay untill Sunday. She and Tom are at home sparking now. Tom had to stay all night too last night. It rained so hard. They are like two sick kittens. Makes me tired to watch them. Makes Willis mad because I have to wait on her but he helps me. He is tickled nearly to death this morning since the rain. He was going to have to buy another dry land plow next week. I told you about Pearl Welch marrying about 2 or 3 months ago. Well she is about to die. I heard Dr. Collins said she couldn't live. Mrs Cleaver is well. I never saw any one improve so fast. I hope you are all well. Wish I could see you all.

Lovingly
Lulu
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Sugden, I.T.
Feb. 3-1904

Dear Frank

Your letter received. I wish I was there to snow ball you awhile. Does the snow freeze so you can walk on top? Or do you sink down? Forrest made \$1\us{25} this month and I don't remember what Joe made. Dallas Wilson and Earl Briscoe have a goat apiece. They hitch them up together. You must study hard so you can do something. After while you can come stay with me in the Post Office and learn to be a Post Master. Now don't you whine and cry when mamma wants you to dry dishes. You didn't say any thing about the pants. Write soon.

Your ``\us{sis}ter''
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., Feb 15 190 4

{Note at top of letter: Jessie Hume Crocker sent me a lovely Valentine yesterday.}

My Dear Mamma

Your letter received. You can't imagine how I felt when I read your letter. It made me sick the way those men acted. I know it wasn't your cooking for every one here always braged on it and every now and then Mrs. Birds says you cooked some thing so good. We were talking about canned. Said she never liked them only when you cooked them I paid your taxes last week. The were 81 cents. I think that was reasonable. I had to pay 1\us{05} for mine. I do hope you will get some sewing to do. And if you can get through the winter with out working so hard. The children won't have to have any clothes soon will they? No Mabel didn't slight me. She came and stayed one night. Tom came in to see her. he stayed untill 15 minutes untill two oclock. And I guess he would have stayed the rest of the night but willis got so tired of it he took his shoe and tapped on the floor as hard as he could for several times and Tom left. Mabel seemed real huffy the next morning and went home and hasn't been back since. We hope she won't come bak either but we were in the kitchen and i couldn't go to bed. willis made me lay down on the cot with him but I didn't take my clothes off. And you know I was tired. And willis is so nervous he can't sleep and any one is awake on the place. Tell Juju I was glad she was so tickled over her doll. I think you can put the little blue hose over the red ones.

I never saw the wind blow so much. Friday and Saturday it blowed a perfect gale and Saturday night about one oclock the wind came up higher and our house just shook awful all the rest of the night and yesterday morning untill after dinner. Mrs. Bush said your house shook for the first time since she lived there. Mr. Bird said the upstairs of the store shook too. The big dry goods house at waurika??? burned last Friday night. The Bank up there is just on the eve of failing they say. well I hope you will not feel blue and bad. Maby, some thing good will happen. Love to all.

Lovingly,
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., {Feb 15 190 4--no date, came with previous letter}

My Dear Mamma

Here is a money order for 10\us{00}, 5\us{00} is the rent. The other 5\us{00} is a present to you. A ``Valentine''

Your Girl,
Lula
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My Dear Mamma

Well I hope you are not worried this morning.

Mrs Hardy Dishroons??? Messers and all are on their road to Arkansas. ``Bellvin'' I believe is the name of the place. Mrs Hardy said to tell you she had started out with out money or clothes. said the only dress she had was on her back but she thought she could do better there than here. Willis plowed my garden spot yesterday. It is plowed so deep. Mr Bush is going to plant his garden in the yard where you had yours. I ask him about the place he said they had all they could buy right now. said they didn't have what they had paid for yet.

They sent tags and got a dresser, wash-stand Table (center) and chifffoner. They are sure pretty. The prettiest furniture I ever saw in my life. They are sure foolish about them. Willis says if it was us we wouldn't be taking every one to see them their old cow is about dry. One of their horses killed the other one one night a few weeks ago. Kicked it to pieces.

Well we are both well. Mr Jackson's are going to move over in about 2 weeks.

I'll send the children some dimes.

Lovingly
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., Feb 24 190 4

My Dear Mamma

Well I want to tell you haw smart I am. I have made me a real pretty corset cover to-day. Put insertion tucks and embroidery on it. Just finished it. I even made the button holes and haven't a raw seam in it. I never would have made it so nice if you had been here. For I would have thought I couldn't. I have on my pale pink chambray waist I made last week. Mrs Bird says I look nice in it and it fits nice. Mrs Bird is like you. She thinks pink is pretty and looks nice on me. I have on a white linen colar and white tie. We haven't had any fire since last week. Kids are all going bare footed. But I think it will be cold in a few days again. I know we are going to have a hot summer. I didn't cook supper last night. We eat scraps. But Willis don't never care. He said he was going to write to you and tell you how ragged and \us{hen}-\us{pecked} he was getting. said he had his heels toes bottom

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and all out. And didn't have any one to mend them. Mrs Bird is having her up-stairs fixed so nice the two rooms next to the steps on each side of the hall are made in one room\us{s} they look long but they are pretty that made them have two doors to go in the little hall so they closed up one and put it in the end going in the big hall. Made little closets in them and petition doors in the rest is going to have them papered too. Willis has plowed my garden but we havn't planted it is so hard. But he is going to put \us{manewer} on it first. I think it is early but every one has planted their gardens but I look for more freezing weather yet. The Thermomitor is at temperate heat and has been above. Miss Ludie Goodwin is about to die. She has pneumonia. They sent for Connie. She went to Ryan last Sunday night.

I hope you are all well. Willis said my VAentine was just like me. Love to all.

Good bye
Write soon
Your Girl
Lula
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P.M.
Sugden It.

Mrs Julia Brannon
Hartline
Wash.

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{Note at top of page: I never saw a child improve so like Elmer is.}

My Dear Mamma,

Your letter received. I hate for you to move back to Uncle Guss. But maby it will be better. But Carl is so cross to Frank if they don't get along put Frank on the train and send him back to me. I showed Mr Tollefson that receipt. He took it and put it in his note book. Said he would fix some body.

Yesterday was a beautiful day. But to-day is going to be windy. I guess I'll move the P.O. the last of this week or the first of next. We may move out to the place next month if Thompsons will give posession. The indians are allotting the land arround and Willis wants to get on that place. Mr Briscoe and John will still stay over on the same place in the other house where Andraius lived. We will move where Mr Belcher lived.

Willis is going to build me a little bridge across the creek so I won't have to cross squirrel creek at all and it won't be but about 3/4 of a mile over there and I'll have old Dude to ride. I'll enjoy the ride so much. If Mr Goodwins come back I am going to get Alma for my assistant and let her work every morning so I can raise chickens. Iva & Arthur are going to move to Beaver County day after To-morrow.

Mr Briscoe killed a wolf Saturday. He caught 2 of my chickens and he set a trap for the wolf and got him. He said he saw 8 more in one bunch go

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by the house Sunday morning. Willis has started to drilling oats this morning. He traded old \us{Knox} to Mr Claypool??? for a drill and payed him 25\us{00} more boat???. The drill was 80\us{00}.

Mr Jacksons are going to move up in about two weeks. They are going to live on the east side of the house and Mr Birds on the west side. Mr Hearne is fixing the rooms now, having petitions taken out and middle doors put in so they will only have 4 rooms a piece.

Mabel came over Saturday evening and stayed untill Sunday evening (yesterday). I told Willis I would be glad when we moved to the country. Mabe we would not have so much company. He said he would to but he is afraid Mabe will come oftener than ever. I told him I would not let her ride behind me. He said she would walk but I don't think she will for she can't get a way to come over there like she does to Sugden. She comes over 2 or 3 times aweek. Never thinks about the kids any more. Tom took her home yesterday. when he came back last night he run the livery team he was driving in a wire fence and nearly ruined them. We got the Valentines all OK. We all were tickled to get them. McInyres & Easterlings have split up. Easterlings are going to move out. McIntyre is going to run the hotell. Author??? Compton is there with the measles. I guess they will break up the school nearly for he went all around here when he was broke out in the mouth. The D\us{r} told him he had them but he said he didn't. Mr Bird said he hadn't had them. Well I must colse. Write soon.

Lovingly
Lula
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My Dear Mamma,

Your letter received yesterday evening. You ought to have seen Gertrude laugh. She was tickled to death. She said this morning, 'Can't Juju write good?' She said she could read it.

Lum??? is sick in bed, has been for two days and Mr Jackson has been gone so it keeps Mr. Bird and I on the jump. Well maby the children will be good and won't worry Grandma much.

Willis will finish drilling oats to-day. Then he is going to work on my garden. Mrs Bush ask me if we were not going to put a fence around our garden. I told her no. She said her chickens and Tuckers would eat it up. I told her they would have to eat. Willis said last night we would do them like Mr Bush did yours. Bush and Wilson don't even mail their letters at the Post Office because I havn't moved out. But I can't move till I can. Every body else seems to not care at all. I would tell Bush just what I thought about him, but he might move out of your house so I just don't pay any attention to them at all. But there is one thing sure. After I move I don't ever intend to \us{Trade} with them at all. Mr Hearne??? is going to make me some lock boxes. Iva??? & All??? the Dobbs' leave to-day for Beaver County. The are going on the train. Their car went yesterday. Easterlings moved to where Charley Harris lived and Mr Harris moved to Mr McIntyre's house.

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Lon & Nora are going to move to Abeline, Texas the last of next week. Connie was up to see us yesterday. She looked so stylish. Had on a beautiful black silk skirt and a white waist. Looked so pretty. She has changed so much. When she went back yesterday she wore a black wool suit. It was so pretty must have cost 20 or 25 dollars. She didn't look like the same girl.

well I must quit. Tell the children I'll be sure to write to them in a day or two.

Write soon.

Lovingly

Lula

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Sugden, I.T.
Mar. 4-04

Mr Frank Brannon
Hartline, Wash.

Dear Frank.

Forrest made \$3\us{10} this month. But the war going on with Japan & Russia caused him to sell so many papers.

Willis went out home yesterday and when he came in he said the wind tore our new buggy all to pieces. Mr Briscoe had been to Lawton and it was such a pretty night though he wouldn't bring our buggy home untill the next morning. It broke the seat and top tongue and one wheel every spoke was broken out.

Write soon to
your \us{Sis}

Lula
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Miss Juju Brannon
Hartline, Wash. {no date or envelope}

Dear Little Juju

You write such nice letters to me. Yes I think yo are the \us{goodest} little girl I ever saw.

Gertrude's Grandma and Grandpapa has come to live with her. She wrote you a letter but I have lost it. She says you can sure write good. Be a good little girl and don't cry and worry mamma.

Your Sister
Lula
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Mr Elmer Brannon
Hartline, Wash.

Dear Elmer,

Your nice little letter received.

You improve so much in your writing I want you to be a good boy and study hard. And don't cry and worry Grandma and Uncle Gus for they are not used to little boys.

You must write to me soon.

Your Sister
Lula
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Mrs G??la ???

Dear G?ula

Why do you not write kept to busy I suppose. all your spare moments. You

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write to your Mama. ???? is right. ???? ?? ? write to here before any one else. At the same time I wish you would not forget ????? C?ine I have not been well and if I ??? my feelings this ??? would be in bed.

I have such a cold. Mr ??? ??? not ??? moved here last week. His two babies have measles. One is a year old the other not 3?

{note at top of second page: Mar 4th so very cold here to day}

They are very sick ??? them both to nurse them all I do is to fix them something to eat. Mr ? has grip. Layed in bed all day yesterday. So much sickness her Dr says as long as the wind stays in the east will be more its there now & it's so cloudy & damp looks like rain ??? . I don not get many eqqs. They have been 35cts. They are only 26 now but that is high. I make six??? butter a week. It's only 15cts. We still have a few apples. I told them to day I was going to quit cooking. No one eats anything. I will close as I do not know anything to write. Write one all about your Mother & children. Tell me the name of the town she is nearest to. Love to you both

Your Cz?? June???

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Mar 4-1904

{Note in top margin of letter: I fixed that up about Jessie in the Sugden Leader. Tell Carl this is for him too for I can't think of anything else to write him.}

My Dear Mamma

I wrote you Wednesday and told you how warn it was and how hard the wind was blowing. Well that night we had the worst wind I ever saw. I think Willis was uneasy too for he got up and put chairs against both north doors. There wasn't a cloud in the sky but about 11 oclock the wind changed into the north and blowed so hard it blowed the north window panes out of Mr Gibbins house. They were just one glass panes like ours. Blowed Mr Gibson's sheds all down. moved one of the School houses in the Comanche Country. Nearly tore up that big Hurst building. Blowed all the window lights out and split the roof and north side. I was sure scared. I thought our house would go every minute. It just rocked and the walls come in so part of the pictures fell. Willis acknowledged it was the hardest wind he ever saw and every one else in town. Willis said the next morning at breakfast that guessed we were here to stay all summer or we would have went last night. The sand was terrible. I know you will think I am stretching this but its `Honest'. You could not tell if I had rugs on my floors next morning the sand was so deep all over. Couldn't see where the rugs were. It was moon light but you couldn't see two feet from the window. It blew that way from 11 oclock at night untill four in the morning. I mean hard. It blowed a perfect gale all day yesterday from the north and is blowing just as hard from the south to-day.

It was so cold yesterday that Willis bought me a little air tight heater and put it up so I am comfortable to-day. The night the wind blowed so hard it was a beautiful night up till eleven and Willis and I planted garden untill 9 oclock. Mr. & Mrs Bush did too. It blowed all our onion set out of the ground nearly. We were all working in the gardens. Mr Bush is making one where you had yours and we were planting at our front side and he hollowed over and said he would give any thing for an ice cold drink. We told him next morning he could have it. He waid he never expected it so soon.

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willis is planting potatoes to-day. We are invited out to Mr Gnagey's??? to-night. Mr Schirlatz??? is to be out there but I guess we won't go for we haven't any buggy team since Willis traded Old Knox off. I'll tell you how nice Willis fixed our garden. He first plowed it 12 inches and harrowed it then brought in his disc and cut it up. He went over it 4 times then plowed it again and harrowed over it 5 or 6 times. It is just like ashes now. But he has worked all week on it. He has made the nicest beds all through it. I ought to have lots of stuff if the wind don't blow it away. Every body is well except the measles.

Love to all.
Good bye Write soon

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{No date}
To Juju from Jack.

Jack was here too and as soon as Gertrude said I want to write to Juju he said, "Me want to write to Juju too. He talks so plain and so sweet.

{followed by an unreadable page}

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Sugden, I.T.
Mar. 15-04
Mr Elmer Brannon
Hartline, Wash.

My Dear Little Brother.

Your nice letter received. I was so glad to get it. Tell Carl and Frank they must make you a sled if they don't I am going to send you the money to buy one. You shall have a sled.

Lonnie has a little baby brother. Lonnie has got the measles too. He wrote you a letter and his Papa lost it. His Papa told methis morning he cried and said he never could think what all he put in that letter. But he will write as soon as he gets well. And Hubert wrote to you last week he said. Vernon addressed it to Frank.

You are going to write just like Papa. You must study hard so you can be a nice business man some day. Tell Frank he owes me t\us{wo} letters. Can you read my letters by your self? Write soon.

Your Sister
Lula

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{Notes in top margin: Here is some stamps to write to Aunt Lizzie and Aunt Beckett \us{and any one else}.

Tell Juju to get you to write for her and tell me lots about the dolls and snow.}

Friday Mar. 11-04
My Dear Mamma

Well this is a \us[model} day. It is simply beautiful but the first pretty day for so long. All the little girls and boys are going barefotted to school. I have on that solid dark blue percale waist you made me about a year and one half ago. Every one thinks it is right new. I have a white linen collar on and a white silk bow tie. I have had several compliments on my pretty new waist. I got fever blisters all over my face. I mean my mouth and chin but I don't know when I was sick for I eat so much since I left the store. I average 4 biscuits every meal and I am always starved when I go home. I don't have hardly any

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thing to do.

I sit down all the time. I surely will get fat. I havn't cougthed any this winter. Willis hasn't been well all winter. He has a big boil on the side of his neck now. We put fat meat on it last night. It's so high up I told him I would have to sew the rag to his ear to make it stay. But we run the thread over his head. he has just had one on his face. It wasn't well when the one comenced coming on his neck. It hurts him so he hasn't slept for 3 nights. He is as thin as he was in the summer. He bought him a lovely new suit of clothes. They are kind of a grey mixed goods. He has never worn them. We planted 4 rows of English peas yesterday. Willis planted 4 rows last Sunday.

I felt sorry for Mrs Hardy too. And it was so cold when they started and she just had a little thin outing cape on. And I went home and got that big jacket that Aunt Parks gave me and gave it to her. She seemed to appreciate it so much. Mrs Bird gave her that thick rainy day skirt of hers and a wool dressing saque. I knew I would never need that jacket for I had that one I got at Ryan and have never had it on but twice this winter. I'll never wear it out. Mrs Bird also gave her 2 or 3 good calico dresses. Those empires or mother hubbards. She had last summer.

Bob wrote back here to the Thompsons that he would come back if they would send him the money. Well I must quit. Bess and Etoy send letters to Winnie. Love to all.

Lovingly

Lula

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{Note in top margin: The hill up to-wards the Sugg Ranch is getting so green and so is the creek. It was so pretty last night when the sun was going down. Mrs Bush and I both spoke of it.}

Sugden, I.T.

Mar 15-04

My Dear Mamma & Carl

Your letters received. Seems like a long time before the letters get to me but I think I get all of them. I am glad the children don't bother Grandma. I hope they will be good. No, Mrs McBride did not go with the rest to Beaver Co. Mr McBride has not gone yet either. Mrs Charlie Harris has a 10# boy, born yesterday. Lonnie broke out with the measles yesterday also. Mrs Harris has not had them either. Nearly every child has the measles Forrest and Mamie??? Newbury Ora & Ester Hearne Dixie Alexander Leonard Claypool Frank Suggs and Mrs Stamps boys and I can't name them all 2 of Mr Loree's little girls. There is seven of them to have them. Prof. Goree??? said yesterday his wife and the 6 children they just had 15 scholars yesterday I heard them say. Mrs Jackson's (at Henrietta) lost their little girl last week.

Jack Holland and Lor Griffeth were married last week. Well I have had a \us{bushel} of company. Lillie Beaver came in Friday evening on the 4'oclock train and there wasn't any one to meet her so she stayed with me untill Sunday at noon. then about 4:30 Sunday evening Mabel and Frank Smyers??? came and I had to make up a fire and get supper for them. They stayed untill half after eight Sunday night.

Sunday was a terrible day too. The wind blew so hard from the north-west. It wasn't cold. but the sand blowed so thick you could not see the train come in. I had planned to go out to Mrs Gnagey's??? horse back with Mrs Tallefson but is was so bad we would not try to go. And any way I had company the whole day. Lum boards??? with Mr Davidson yet.

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He rooms there too. You don't have no idea what an easy time I have since I moved. I hated to move so bad but I am glad now and it hasn't hurt the store at all so far. Our garden hasn't come up yet. Mr Wakefield has peas nearly a foot high and lettice, radish, and all kinds of little stuff nearly big enough to eat.

It is awful dry here. Mabel said there wasn't hardly any wheat over across the River it had all died. I heard Mr Conway say yesterday that our wheat was the best in the country. It looks fine it is high enough to hide a rabbit and it has been grazed all winter so heavy. That wind storm ruined Mr Conways' blowed it nearly all out of the ground. I was glad you sent Pearl's picture. I wish you would tell me Pearl's name again. I can't remember it to save my life. It's as hard to remember as Girtson used to be for Carl and me. Do you remember how often we used to ask you what Aunt Thurs name was?

Tell Carl this is for him also. I can't think of enough for two letters. I think Carl and Frank might make Elmer a sled. I would if I was there. Well I must close love to all. Write soon.

Your Girl
Lula

P.S. Mrs Bush mother is coming to see her this week from Ky. She has never seen Mr Bush.

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{Note in the top margin: I'll send you some seed Monday.}
Sugden, I.T.
Mar 18-04

My Dear Mamma

Your letter with seed received. Was so glad to get them. Mrs Hearne was here to-day and I gave her half of them.

Mr Hearne went to see Author and Iva and is going to stay. Mrs Hearne said this morning he was going to send for her and the Children right away. He got him a place 12 miles from Iva. So I guess we will loose another good family. Ludie??? Goodwin is better. I think Gussie Brannon is all right. Still I think Juju is a sweet baby name. They had a good rain across the river and in the Comanche country Wednesday night. It sprinkled here but never rained any on our wheat.

We have peas radishes and lettice up. Mrs Bush's mother is here she brought Mrs Bush's little niece with her. She is 4 years old just about the size of Juju. She is a real prettle little girl. She looks a little taller than Juju. Miss Laura Sitton is going to put in a millining??? stock in Jackson & Birds. She went to Wichita Kans to buy her stock. Mr Eduiissson??? was there. She boarded at the same place with her Laura said Mrs Eduiissson??? had just worlds of the \us{nicest} friends. She made Laura acquainted with them and Laura said they just treated her lovely. Said Mrs E-- left Saturday night for St. Louis and here friends sure hated to see her to. Laura said Mrs E-- knew every body and his little dog and she certainly helped her out. Mrs Bird has her incubator setting.

Mr Briscoe has set two hens for me at the place. I'll put a picture in for W??? she wanted one for her locket. I think maby I'll get to go to Henrietta some time this summer if I do I'll have some more stamp ones made and send her a good one.

I am so glad Carl is improving so much. I believe if he will be good and

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mind you and take his medicine he will get well.

I'll write to him tomorrow. I won't write to you and I'll address it to him.

Lula

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Tuesday Mar 22

My Dear Mamma

Yours of the 15th received to-day.

Mr Wilson don't have any boys suits but Mr Jackson & Bird have some new ones and more to come in. Mr Jackson told me to-day I could have any thing I wanted to send to you for 10 per cent added to cost. Wasn't that nice in him? I told him you wanted a suit for Frank and he told me that.

He has a real pretty little suit. Just a two piece suit. It also has a belt to go round the top of the pants. he sells for \$3\us{00} but said you could have them for \$2\us{40}. It is a blue, not solid bule, but a kind of a stripe. Its not so auful heavy but heavy enough for winter here. It is heavier than the suit Frank had when he left.

Mrs Tollefson said all those freight conductors sue missed Frank. said they all ask her what become of him. Said they all knew him and thought so much of him.

Mrs Hearn Everett and the baby all have the measles. Mrs Hearne is real sick. I was sick last night and yesterday. I must have had the grip or something. I ached so bad but feel all right to-day. I have on the prettiest bunch of Violets Mattielee Sitton brought me. The creek is just lined with them. If I thought they would stay pretty I would send you some.

Mr Douglas moved away about Xmas. He sold his claim for 2800\us{00}. There is several oil men here from Los Angeles California trying to lease land. Mr Guyer the man who bought Mr Douglas out also Mr Cotton he paid 3500\us{00} for Mr Cotton he is going to start on oil well this week.

Well I must quit and get this in the mail love to all.

Your loving girl

Lula

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Wednesday Mar 30-04

My Dear Momma

Mrs Harris little baby died yesterday they are going to bury it at Ryan the funeral procession has just passed. it had the measles Mrs Harris is in bed with them now but she never went to bed untill the baby died. Mrs Hearne liked to died Monday but she is better this morning Old Mrs Peters has the measles too. there was 18 pupils left school in one day with the measles I never saw the like.

Old Ada has a sorrel colt I havn't seen it but Willis said it was real pretty. We have 5 little calves Willis bought a match for Dude and they are just exactly alike only the one we bought has a roach maine. We hitched them up and they just work fine the one we bought is as gentle as Dude but not quite so lazy I can drive them by my self. I am just

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tickled to death with them for now I can ride and not be afraid of getting my neck broke.

There is going to be an opra at Ryan the 7 of April I guess we will go Mr & Mrs Bird are going I guess. It is real warm for this time of year.

Jack & Gertrude both go bare footed and you know it was the 18t of June last year. We havn't had any rain yet and the wind blows day & night. I was afraid to go to bed last night it was blowing so hard I hope you are all well. I am so glad Carl is getting along so well Mabe it is all for the best you went on his account I got a letter from Ina last night she seems so well pleased with Beaver County.

Well Good bye

Write often.

Love to all

Lovingly

Lula

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Sugden. IT.

Apr 2 - 1904

Mrs Julia Brannon.

Hartline, Wash.

My Dear Mamma and all

Yours letters received yesterday and as this is Saturday I won't have time to write but one letter. I am sending you some pumpkin seed this is all I could get. If I can get any from the country I'll send you more. I have mailed your blackeyed peas in a little bag and sending them separate It hasn't rained any yet. The wheat hasn't had one drop of rain on it since it was planted only that one snow. Most all the wheat is ruined. part of ours is the low land is all ruined. the sand and wind is wht has destroyed it. The wind is blowing from the North-East to-day and it is a little cloudy every one says it will rain but I doubt it for it missed so many good chance to rain in the last month I am glad Elmer found his sled. Winnie said she wanted no 1/2 shoes did she mean 1 1/2 or 2 1/2 tell her I think she must be crazy wearing no 1/2 shoes.

I know she looks fat. It hasn't froze ice here since in February. Most every one has took their heating stoves down We havn't but have not had a fire but once in a month it is chili this morning. we have beans & peas & squash up. our little stuff never came up. willis had some lettuce and radishes to come up but the chickens eat them. every body you see is so discouraged. Mr Jackson bought lots of pretty goods. More than we ever had before (I always say we) but he is sorry now for it just simply wont rain. willis said last night just about 4 more sand storm days like we have had every day for a month. all his wheat would be gone. The wind blowed every day in March. and hard too.

Tell June I'll send her a little pink gingham dress just like Gertrude next week. and the pattern to make it. I wanted to make it my self but havn't any machine. Mabel and Frank Sawyers <spelling?> were over again last Sunday evening for supper.

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Frank lives on the other side of the River but they come over here in the after noon and stay untill 8 or 9 oclock every time before they start home. and you know it is about 15 miles over there. every one talks about Mabel she is going to have an Easter Egg hunt tomorrow. she puts on lots of dog. Ruby was over last Wednesday week and she said Mabel went with every old boy in the country. and was always on the pad. Well I must close

Love to all.

Lovingly

Lula.

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Thursday Apr 7 - 1904

My Dear Momma & all.

Well you know when it starts to rain here it never knows when to stop. it rained most of the night last night and this morning. but its not any too much. every one has a smile on their faces

Mr Hearne thinks Beaver Country fine and Willis has about a half notion to go and file. We would not have to go for 6 months and then I would have to stay a night or two and come back and then go back for that long once every six months. Mr Hearne says it is far ahead of this land here Mrs Hearne is able to sit up.

The wind has changed in the north and is blowing so hard and cold I wore that white lawn waist with embroidery front this morning. I think I'll freeze before I get home.

I am going to send Winnie & Frank some flower seeds.

Is there any more land to take up out there? what does land sell at?

How many bushels of wheat do they make per acre? what else do they raise besides what

Willis wants to know all this.

I don't think we will always be here. Willis is nearly disgusted with this place Mr Bush brought Mrs Bush a canary bird. When he was in Atchison. it was his old bird he had had it for 4 years. and yesterday the cat got it

Mrs Bush was nearly sick over it.

I have made me a center table cover of white linen I put drawn work about an inch wide in it I just finished it this morning.

Well I havn't any thing to write

Will Juju need a pair of Sunday shoes for this summer and can she wear no-8-? tell me how tall she is. then I can look at Gertrude and tell how she looks. for Gertrude has got so fat.

Well Good bye.

Love to all

Your Girl.

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Lula.

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Sugden. IT.

Apr 11 - 04

My Dear Momma & all.

I got two letters from you yesterday was so glad to get them. I don't know what Willis intends to do or he don't either it is awful discouraging. I told you it rained last Wednesday and Thursday well the wind blowed just as hard as it could for four days and nights and it seems just as dry as before it rained. and the ground is just alive with chintz-bugs. you never saw any thing to equal them. they are even all over the floor in the house. they blowed them here last week

Willis don't think he will make any wheat or oats either he is awful blue. but i guess there isn't any danger of us starving

Mr Briscoe came in Saturday and brought me 1/2 gal sweet milk 1/2 gal butter milk and more than a pound of butter. it was sure nice too. he milks eleven cows. he said he was going to bring me milk every day. Mabel came over Saturday said she had come to stay a week she brought her valise but Saturday evening Mr Beaver came to town so she went out there. I think I'll tell her just what I think about it when she comes back

Jackson & Bird didnt have any more of that goods left it went like hot cakes.

I am going to get your things this evening and send them off to-morrow. This is a real pretty day but awful warm. We set out 13 rose bushes yesterday eve. Well I got you some things yesterday. I got Winnie a pink gingham dress and Juju a little blue gingham dress. and lace to trim both. I also got some insertion to trim Winnie's linen dress with if 4 yds isn't enough I'll send more. The stripe shirting is for Elmer & Frank. the hose for Elmer

I got Franks suit if it is too big send it back it won't cost me any thing. there is a better suit Mr Jackson will let me have for 3.75 it is a 4.50 suit. but a 12 year old is the largest I almost know this suit will be a bushel to big for the pants look long enough for long pants for Frank.

Mr Jackson went to his ranch this morning so I'll have to wait untill evening to buy your shoes. I'll send them tomorrow. if you want to you can put the insertion on the pink dress for Winnie and I'll send more for the linen. I'll put in a little patern you can use it for some of Juju dresses.

tell Carl I'll send him some thing next time.

well Good bye.

Your Girl.

Lula

Mrs Bush payed me	50 cents	for a chamber.
rent		1000
		1050
Franks suit	240	415
Elmer's shoes	175	635

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Saturday. Apr - 16 - 04

My Dear Momma & all.

Well I wrote you yesterday about the fire but didn't finish my letter. but sent it on any way. The town is certainly ruined. every body says so. and you can't imagine how awful it looks Mr Bird is the poorest man in town now he was talking to me this morning. said they didn't have even a dish or knife or fork to start to house keeping on. every one has been good to them.

Mrs Bird and Jack are at Mrs Cleavers Mrs Jackson & Mr J-- and Gertrude went to Bellevue in the buggy this morning & the women sewed for them yesterday. Mrs Cleaver gave Jack two new dresses and Mrs Bird one and made them for Mrs. Bird. Mrs Stillwell made Mrs Bird & Gertrude a dress apiece and Mrs Eidson sewed all day long on underclothing for them. said she hadn't cooked a bite or combed her hair all day yesterday Mrs Oneal sewed too. and I dont know who else. The wind came up so hard yesterday evening about 3 oclock. from the north. and has been blowing a perfect gale every since all the men in town hauled water and worked with the fire all day yesterday and all night last night. its nearly out this morning. the whole town nearly went. fire blazed 2 or 3 times on Mr Page's house and the Drug store. it was so hot along on this side that it drew the knots out of the pine and bursted the window lights out several men got so hot they fainted. Every one seems so sad. I don't know what the farmers will do. for there is not going to be any grain made and Tucker is not able to carry them over I dont think Tuckers are the only ones you can buy any thing to eat or wear.

I guess I'll have to move again Mr Gibson gave Jackson & Bird his interest in this store building and Mr Roberts offered his half for 150.00 in a 12 month note and they accepted the proposition. They have lots of good friends and are going to start up a small business right away. Its quite expensive for me to move but I was glad Mr Gibson gave them this much. Every thing is for the best for if you had been living where Mrs Wilsons lived you would have burned out and I would have been up stairs and burned out too.

Mr Wilsons moved in Mr Givens house. Well Good bye.

Love to all write soon

Lovingly.

Lula

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Thursday Apr - 21- 04

My Dear Momma & all

Well I havn't got much sense left but I'll try and write a little Another Rural Route Inspector was here yesterday. if Waurika gets that Route this Post Office wont be worth keeping. though I feel a little hopeful. Mr Bush & Mr Gnagey are working pretty faithful for me but I can't appreciate it like I would if it was some one else because if they win they will ask me to do some unreasonable thing for them to pay for it like Mr Gnagey did when he helped me get the office. I hate to feel under obligations to those kind of people. I am all honey and pie when they think they can work me. And thats just what Bush is doing when he builds again he will come and say "You know who helped you out and now if you appreciate what I have done move your office in my store" and I simply wont do it.

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Thats the way Gnagey did. he put in just those words. seems like all the Republicans here are like that except Mr Tollefson.

Well I am glad spring has come to you people the wind blows afully hard here yet. its from the south now but is thundering in the west like it would rain it is so aful dry here and the chintz bugs are eating up every thing.

Well I hope you are all well

I intended getting you slippers the day the store burned out Mr Jackson was gone to the Ranch so I put it off I am going to look at Tuckers and see what they have. I'll send to Bowie for the Machine Needler

I hope you are all well

Love to all I would love to see you all so much

I write again in a day or two.

I am afraid of the lightening now

Good bye

Lovingly.

Lula.

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Saturday Apr. 23 - 04

My Dear Mamma & All.

We had a nice rain Thursday night if we had only had it sooner.

The wind is blowing aful hard from South to-day and blowing so much sand.

Dr Caldwell was here this week he said to remember him to you all he ask lots of questions but is the same quiet Dr Caldwell, looks like he always did. I told him he looked as young he said he had had lots of trouble said his "girl married since Xmas." Mr Schirlitz and Mr Page several more seranaded us last night. I enjoyed it so much I painted the inside of my Post Office pale blue painted my self every one says I did an aful nice job I just put one coat on. intended to put another on to-day but it is so sandy. I will wait untill Monday morn. I got a letter from Mrs Northern. I'll send it to you. Mrs Cleaver and I went horse-back-riding yesterday afternoon after six, and then we went over and eat supper with them last night I am going to get Mr McIntyre to stay in the office one afternoon next week and Mrs Cleaver and I are going to Ryan. I think I had rather work in the store than here. I don't like it at all. I dont have half enough to - do. I must have done lots of work for the store but I am getting fat.

Mrs Shults was up here yesterday she said I looked better than she ever saw me. Moneta is as slender as I am. I never saw any one fall off so much.

You remember I told you about the man John Bird is working for. put in the stock of goods and John Bird gets 1/3 of what's made. Well that same man offered Mr H.V. Bird the same thing to put in a 15000.00 stock of dry goods here and give Mr Bird 1/3 of profits. I guess he will accept it if he does Mr Bird wants me to go back to them and I expect I

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will but not for no 35.00 per month. He showed the letter from the man to me. and says "if I take that and get you back with us I'll feel all right" but I didn't promise.

Well I must quit. I hope you are all well and happy

Love to all

Your Girl.

Lula.

<This letter included in same envelope with previous letter>

Denton, Texas.

April 18th 1904

Mrs. Lula Briscoe,

Sugden, I.T.

My Dear Friend.

I have been thinking a long time of writing to you but the bane of my life has been procrastination so as usual I have put it off till now.

How are you and Mr. Willis and did your mother go to Arizona? I have heard nothing from Sugden in so long. In a letter from Miss Stella Mayberry she said she "had just been to see Mrs. Grogan who had moved to Texas," the first I knew of that. Then when I came here two weeks ago I heard Mr. Goodwin had moved to Ryan. Did he sell his home? How is Sugden now. I suppose they did not strike oil? Who bought Mr. Grogan's home? Any changes for the better in town and how is the telephone exchange doing?

I went to Pittsburg last of Sept. to stay two months and was there five. I certainly had an awful time at first. The two children of Eva's took scarlet fever and I took them in one room of the house from the rest of the family and nursed them night and day for 6 weeks. The negroes professed to be afraid of it and I even had to wash for them till we finally got an old negro man to come and wash the clothes. We had no ironing at all, only too glad to get them rough dried.

We think too, the children took the disease from the cook who had been visiting a cousin who had the measles she said but we supposed it was the same fever.

I was nearer dead than I ever was from overwork and suppose I will never get over it. My daughter's baby was born while we were quarantined and we did not see her till she was two weeks old and then through a window. She was four weeks old when we got out. Eva's other youngest-child was six years old when this one came -- a great surprise to all of us, but she is very bright and sweet.

Do you hear from Mrs. Edmisson? I want her address if she is going to keep lodgings as she said, I expect now to go to the Worlds Fair and may stop with her if her house is convenient to get to the Fair.

Write me all the news and believe me ever

Your friend.

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M.E. Northern.

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Sugden, I.T.
Apr 26-04

My Dear Mamma and All,

I haven't heard from you in several days but guess you havn't had a chance to mail a letter. I got the machine needles I sent for domestic but they sent white. So I suppose they have the same needle if they won't do send them back. I got them in Bowie.

Lum??? is going to school in Ft. Worth. He will start Monday. Our school closed last Friday.

I wanted to go to Henrietta this evening to the graduating exercises but I would have had to had a new dress made and a couple of white shirt waists and I can do with out if I stay at home. But I never did want to go so bad before. I will send you a program.

Mable said last week she was going but I suppose she can afford it. I would not go if I couldn't look as nice as any one. Bessie & Francie Lobdell have a "girl", born yesterday. I am going to see it next Sunday. Mrs Cleaver and I are going to ride horse-back often. And if it's Mrs Cleaver'' Willis won't say a word if he don't get any supper once a week. We had plover for supper and breakfast. Willis killed fifteen yesterday evening. We had lettuce too but not out of our garden. It was shipped here. Mr Conn??? out here in the Comanche Country has Irish potatoes big enough to eat but our garden don't grow one bit. Mr & Mrs Wilson are going to leave right away. Mr Bush is going to stay. I guess Mrs Wilson's \us{pain} is easy. She says she is going and Mrs Bush says "of course, John will have to follow."

I have been reading E.P. Ror's??? works. I am reading on the 7\us{th} one now. They are all so good. How do the children like their school?

Willis' corn is about 5 inches high.

Well there is no news so Good bye.
Love to all. Your Girl,

Lula

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{Note in top margin: I was so sorry to hear of Aunt Lizzie being sick. I got a letter from Miss Belle Ikard???. They are at Duncan???. Misses Floyd, May, and Mildred are all at Avadarko??? working in telephone offices. Mrs. Belle didn't have any position.}

Sugden, I.T.
Apr 30-04

My Dear Mamma & all,

What is the matter with the children they havn't written to me for so long. Did Frank get Forrest Newbury's letter?

I am sending you a pair of slippers and hose. I didn't want to take the money for the slippers out. I am giving them to you. The hose are not nice but best I could get. I think your slippers will be big enough but I was afraid I would get them too small so got no-6.

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I guess Miss Eva Goodwin and Mr Tom Baldwin of California will be married tomorrow. She has had her a white silk dress made and Forrest said they were toing to be married tomorrow.

Mr Briscoe brings me lots of butter and milk. We are just ``swimming'' in it all time have to throw away lots of it. It gets old and he

{The remainder of this letter is missing.}

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{Note in the top margin: Miss Eva & Mr Baldwin Married Sunday evening.
You ought to be there to eat plovers.}

Tuesday May 3-1904

My Dear Mamma & all.

Your letter received yesterday evening in answer my letter in regards to the fire and it seems months since it burned but it is still burining. they just had got in a car load of flour and the flour is still burning they can't put it out. but I guess it won't burn after to-day. for we are having the finest rain we have had since last February a year. it has just been pouring down since before nine oclock this morning it is now nearly twelve and still \us{pours}. it has not stoped.

Mrs Cleaver and I went to Ryan yesterday evening we drove the little ponies. I got Mr McIntyre to stay in the office for me. I would have enjoyed the trip if it hadn[t been for the wind and sand. but coming back it blowed every hair pin out of my hair and my head ached so bad I could hardly see. willis said tell you I was getting to be such a "\us{gad-about}." but it was his fault I went to Ryan yesterday. he kept insisting and would not take any excuse. he said for me to go and buy any thing I wanted and give a check on him. so I blowed him in. I got me a pretty hat and Veil for 5\us{00} but the veilwas \$1\us{50} it is long it goes over the hat and comes around and ties in front and hangs down to the knees. it is sure pretty. its white chiffon so is my hat. I was afraid he would think I payed too much for them and when I came back he ask me what I paid I told him and he said ``I would have got a nicer hat than that.'' ``you aught to got a better one.'' but when I showed it too him he was real well pleased. I also got me two white shirt waist (to make) and a lawn dress and two pair hose.

Sunday Mrs Cleaver and I went out to see Bessie's baby. the baby is real pretty and sweet and Bessie is getting along just fine. You said you didn't see how I did my work. well I don't have much to-do. I don't believe I ever had so little to-do. And it is so dull.

I guess Jackson & Bird will go to Ryan. And put in a stock of goods. people here don't like it one bit either. Bush & Wilson have moved around on the corner where Stillwell used to have his store.

It thunders so loud it shakes the store so I'll quit for a while.

well it is three oclock and has never quit raining a minute. and don't look like it will. Miss Kate D is down to see me so
Good bye. love to all
Write Soon

Lovingly
Lula
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{Note in top margin: Mrs Alexander gave me 2 carnation plants and a house leak? She tells me how to plant them and they are growing fine.}

Saturday May 7--1904

My Dear Mamma & all

We had two nice rains this week. big rains. Red River---is---booming and the Ferry boat at the Beuvanier??? Crossing is gone. it rained all day Tuesday and Thursday evening there was a terrible cloud come up in the South West. ---West--- and North West and we just had a young flood. it

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lightening and thundered awful. it was dark enough to light a lamp at 1/2 after five and I went home. so did every one else. but the wind didn't blow hard but I am not much afraid of wind this summer. but they had a cyclone at Chiso??? Tex thats just 4 or 5 stations down the road.

Jackson & Bird went to Ryan. Mr Bird ate supper with us last night. he said if I wanted a job all right to come down they had to have a woman.

This is a beautiful day. Our garden is doing fine the last few days. our beaus are in bloom. we sure have lots planted. Willis is a great gardiner he just works and plants every minute he has.

Well I have to quit and make up the mail. tell the children to write. I hope you are all well.

Old Mrs Gibson sends love to you all. she was in here.

Lovingly

Lula

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Tuesday May 10-1904

My Dear Mamma

Your welcome letter received yesterday evening. I was so glad to get it. I am not feeling very well. I took some bitter apple last night and it just cramps me so bad.

I don't see why Carl wants to smoke. he never will get well and that is simply foolishness. If he don't stop it I want you to tell me. I intended to send to England and get him some medicine but if thats the way he appreciates us doing things for him I am ready to stop. Now if he dont' quit smoking you let me know. I'll never turn my hand to do one thing for there is no use if he goes on acting a fool boy instead of man. I wish he had the disposition Frank & Elmer have. I know he will be mad at me but I am mad at him to think he was getting along so nice and then begin a habit that he knows makes him worse. I would have more patience if he was younger but he is nearly nineteen big enough and old enough to help do something if he was well.

Did I tell you Mr Bush cow died. I never saw so much bad luck fall to a man. unless it is us. Willis bought two big horses from Mr Houston last fall and last night he said they were gone. he just has 20 acres of corn. I didn't want him to put that in but it may make something.

Sunday was another sand storm day. it broke our squash vines off and nearly ruined my rose bushes it blowed all the leaves off nearly. Mrs. Alexander gave me two carnations and a House-leak. Mrs Cleaver is going to make me some shirt waist Willis brought me more plover. All dressed they were the fattest things and he always cleans them so nice. We sold old \us{Ada} for 100\us{00} last week. Jackson & Bird went to Ryan. Well I must quit. tell Carl I said to please quit smoking and be good.

I hope the children will learn fast and will not trouble you.

Lovingly

Lula

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{no date, presumed part of May 10-1904}

Dear Little Juju

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I didn't know you wrote to me last but I got your letter yesterday evening. Well I don't even get to see Gertrude and Jack any more they live at Vellevue. I miss them too. I don't have any little girl to look at and think Juju is just that big.

Do you get lonesome when the children are in school? You had better watch out how you make goo goo eyes. tell Winnie, Elmer, and Frank I am sick to-day. I will write to them next time. Your Old \us{Mean} Sister.

Lula

Tell me how many dolls you have next time.

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Wednesday May 18-1904

My Dear Mamma & All.

It is so dull I can't hardly stand to stay at the Office. Mrs Alexander gave me a whole lot of Chrysanthemums I have been making flower beds and planting garden this week. it is cloudy this morning. the nights are so cool I heard yesterday and this morning that Mr Wilson was about to commit \us[suicide}. he has been drinking awful since Mrs Wilson left and he looks like a dead man now. Sunday night Mr McIntyre went over to see him and he turned up a bottle of whiskey and drank every bit. Mr McIntyre told him it would kill him. he said he knew it and he was going to keep it up until it did kill him. Mr W- then ask Mr McIntyre if he ever had any family troubles he said \us{no}. Mr W- said he did and it was terrible. he has received 3 letters from Mrs W- but he has written lots to her. And put ``important'', ``In haste'' and all that on her letters so I am sure she is doing something that he does not like and that isn't right. Every one says they wouldn't be surprised to find him dead any morning. he looks terrible. he told Mrs Bush he missed Maxine so much.

I think every woman in town was glad when she left for she had fusses with so many. Mr Davidson told me this week he wasn't making expenses the last month or two. Mr McIntyre don't have but 2 regular boarders and they never try to get transient. Mr Davidson just has one regular boarder. Lum??? is going to School in Ft. Worth.

Well there isn't a thing to write about so I will close. Love to all.
Your Girl.

Lula

P.S. I received a letter from Mrs Ida Belcher yesterday they are going to have a dance to-night in honor of Jonnie Belcher and Ethel Alcorn who are visiting her. she invited Will and I Mr & Mrs Claypool but is so far we can't go. I would like to go to see then all but it is 15 miles.

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Monday May 23-04

My Dear Mamma & All

Yours received I am always glad to get your letters. I got the waist Aunt sent me and it is beautiful it is linen Embroidered in white grapes and vine it is the prettiest Emb- waist I have seen. Willis and Mr Cleaver went over to Mr Byers Ranch yesterday also went to see Mr Grogans.

Willis said last night he was going to take me over to Mr Grogans the last of the week and let me stay a week or as long as I wanted too. but he said he would be through plowing the middle of the week and I had to go. he said it was so nice over there and the weather is so pleasant. Mable and Frank Sm?yers stayed all day with me yesterday. I was at Sunday school when they came and had promised Mrs Cleaver to go to her

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house Saturday so I didn't get anything for dinner and I didn't even have a piece of meat in the house. so I just took them to Mr Davidsons for dinner. I can get 3 meals for 50 cents there and I knew I would have to open more corn good than that besides the work and I couldn't have started dinner untill 12 o clock it was after 11 when they came. Old Mrs Gibson and Mrs Steve Gibson called on me yesterday after noon, It is certainly dull I don't think the office is paying more than 20 dollars a month. I don't have a thing to do but just stay and now is a good time to get off still I want to go to Henrietta and Vernon but we are just not able. Mabel has got her Piano at home. Frank Smyers is the nicest boy I must ever saw and he thins the world of Mabel. he is Mrs John Grogan's brother and Miss Delia Hollands Smyers brother-in-law. he plays beautiful one the violing. Mable has joined the Church again. I got a letter from Lucy Spencer yesterday she, her mamma and Baby Bess are going through here tomorrow on the 12. and I will get to see Baby Bess after all. will be so glad to get to see them. I wish you and the Children were here but still I don't see what you could do I think Daisy would be more careful the 2\us{nd} time she married. and know more about her husband I must close. I hope you are happy but feel sure you are worrying your self to death with

Love All

Yours Lula

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Sunday Mar 29-04

My Dear Mamma & All.

I am waiting for the evening train so will write to you. We had another nice rain last night and one this morning. Are getting plenty now It is so hot to-day but the weather has been so pleasant this Spring only the wind but it hasn't been very hot and not cool enough to not be comfortable. Addie Ferguson went through here to-day. but I didn't get to see her but there was a man got off the train she told him to tell me hello. She is going to Amarillo. I saw in the Henrietta paper where she had been visiting Mabel Peters.

Lon Harris and family moved back to-day. Mrs Peters is still awful low I heard Dr Dice say yesterday there was scarely a chance for her to get well.

I had lettice, radishes, onions and green beans out of my garden for dinner to-day.

Nora's baby liked to got drowned when she has been gone. she went to Church and left it with Lons Mamma and it fell in the bath tub one of the boys left. and when she found it it was nearly dead. had to work with it for a long time.

Mr Wilson sold all his house hold and then sold his half the store to Mr Bush and was going away but for some reason he has decided to stay. but he is just working for Mr Bush.

There is a Mr Jones (the fellow that Barnes contested his claim) and he has a General Mdse store at Marietta I.T. he is thinking of going in business here. he told Mr Will Smyers that if he went in he would give me 75\us{00} per month to keep his books. Wouldn't that be good? He know what kind of books I keep for he has seen mine. When I worked for Mr `Grogan so he knows if I could please him. I guess but I am afraid he wont come well i won't get this off till tomorrow then I'll write some more.

I can't write any this morning I havn't time I am going to the grave yard this morning.

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Lovingly Lula

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Sugden, I.T.

5/31-04

My Dear Mamma & All.

I went to the grave yard yesterday afternoon and set out one Geranium, 12 cosmos, 3 petunias and 1 four oclock I cleaned the inside of the fence all out. I worked from 3:30 to Seven. I was aful tired. Etoy rode behind me and I carried a hoe and a bucket of flowers on old Dude. I didn't like to go by myself so I got Etoy.

I ate dinner with Mrs Briscoe yesterday. We had green and string beans. I sure enjoyed them too. It was the first greens I have had this year. Bessie and her baby was in town yesterday. It's afully sweet little baby they named it ``Edna Earle'' I like that name and always did.

I am mailing you a shirt waist hope you will like it. if you don't you can trade it off. I had 6 yds of Domestic and I'll just put that in for you can use it I know. It's not very good but will be all right for some thing.

I forgot to put your shirt waist set in the package so will put it in a separate package.

We are both well.

Love to all I hope you are contented.

Your Girl,

Lula

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{Note in upper margin: Mamma these letter are for you too. but I had so much in the envelope I had to quit.}

Sugden, I.T.

5/19-04

Mr Frank Brannon.
Hartline, Wash.

Dear Frank

Your nice letter received. I would sure like to see that colt that shakes hands with you. you must write to Forrest he is always asking about you

Old Dude is just as fat as butter and is an iron grey now. guess he will be white when he gets old. he is just as slick and pretty. Our little Roach mained pony we traded for thats like Dude throwed willis off the other day. I made fun of him for letting a little pony like that throw him. Tell Winnie, Elmer and Mamma??? I'll write to them next time. Your
Sis Lula

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Sugden, I.T.

June 2-04

Miss Winnie Brannon
Hartline Wash.

Dear Winnie--

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Your nice letter received this evening. You wrote so nice. I believe that was the nicest letter I ever got from you. If all those T??ers belong to the same family Mamma must feel like she hasn't got very many children. I know you had a nice time. thank you very much for the flowers.

When you go places you must tell me what dress you wear. then I can imagine I can see you. I am glad mamma curls your hair for I think curly hair is pretty.

I guess Elmer don't intend to write untill I do. but its Franks time. What is the matter with `Miss Gussie' she didn't write.

You must be learning fast at school.

I must quit Write soon

Your Sister.

Lula

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Monday, June 6-1904

My Dear Mamma and All

Well we have had nothing but \us{rain} since I wrote last. also a few Storms. It has rained and stormed every day or night since last Monday. Friday night the `Aufulest' cloud came up in the North West. it was purple color I think every dug out in town was full. We went to Mrs Cleavers and there was fourteen in hers. When we went you could see folks going in all directions and you know the cloud looked pretty bad if Willis went. I mentioned it and he didn't object he put the fire out it was just about sundown the wind blowed auful hard it blowed Lon Harris house off it foundation and the safe fell over and broke nearly every dish they had they lived in a house built and sitting like ours and it blowed it streight South. they had an auful storm at Walters. there were 1 man killed and 12 wounded. you remember Old Mr and Mrs Gill those two old people who stoped at the hotel on account of high water for 2 or 3 days and they lived in Walters. Well Mr Gill was here and Mrs Gill was at home their house was torn all to pieces and she got two of her ribs broken.

Beaver Creek is bautfull. so is Squirrel Creek.

It rained nearly all day yesterday until after 3 yesterday evening I went over to Mrs Gibons late in the evening (wore my rubber boots) she gave me 16 lilac bushes I mean plants. the purple and white. a big boquet of roses and a half gal of nicest ripe peaches I told her I didn't come beggin. Mrs Cleaver was there too. When we were going back home I had both my hands full and went to jumpa big ditch about 3 feet wide and my foot caught in a wire and I fell in it. I had on a right new white waist. first time I had ever worn it and I sure got muddy but I could not help laughing.

It is still cloudy to-day. The Oats are going to be ruined if it rains another week. they need cuting so bad and the field is so boggy you can't get in it.

Oklahoma City is under water again. I mean flooded.

I got the shells they are sure pretty too. I like them so much what made Elmer think of sending them and where did he get them? I just love any thing like that Aunt B-- has so many pretty shells tell Elmer to write

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and tell me where he finds such pretty shells.

Who did Daisy marry and what does he do? Well good bye love to all.

Your Girl,

Lula.

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{Note in top margin: I sent Elmer a pair of school pants.}

Wednesday, June 8-04

My Dear Mamma and All,

Your more than welcome letter received yesterday evening

well I thought Elmer sent those shells. Tell Grandma I appreciate them very much and thank her for them. I do think they are so pretty.

You didn't tell me where they come from. It looks rainy this morning but I hope it won't rain nearly every one is cutting wheat. Willis cut a few rounds yesterday but it is so wet and the wheat is too green. but people are afraid it will hail and loose it all. they have had such terrible hail storms all around us. if it don't rain any more Willis is going to begin cutting tomorrow.

Mr Wilson sold out to Mr Bush and has gone to Mrs Wilson but I dreamed he came back and brought Maxine. Mr McIntyre has quit keeping boarders. they just had Mr Roberts and Goodloe. they had to go back to Mr Davidson after all. Mr McIntyre still lives at the hotel but is going to move in a few days. some one said the new school teacher was going to rent it. his name is Carter. I think he is a "greener" he is from Cornish. Miss Minnie Montgomery is going to teach a summer school here she got ten pupils. I am going to take short-hand and type writing from her. she had a type writer and is going to let me keep it at the office. she is to teach me for 20\us{00}. I am going to teach Anna Worthern??? book keeping that will pay half and I think I can get another scholar I am not going to tell Willis any thing about it for he won't want me too. but I thought it a good opportunity for it it cost 50\us{00} beside your board to take at a college.

I know I am not able but I thought if we ever lived close together I could teach some of the children and help them. then a book keeper needs to know type writing. and I am like Elmer. If I am poor I want to know some thing. Mrs Peters is getting better.

No I didn't get to go to Mrs Grogans. it rained every day and the River got up and is still up. but I am going some time this summer.

I must quit. Love to All tell me all about Aunt Lillian and Hazel when you write.

Lovingly

Lula

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{Note in top margin: Tell Juju I like my doll fine.}

Saturday June 11-04

My Dear Mamma

We had a regular flood this evening. We average getting a big rain every 24 hours this month. but its ruining the grain.

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Mrs. J. W. Thompson (Little John) had a social last night for a few married couples. they had Ice Cream and Cake. willis and I went I stepped in a mud hole over my slipper tops and got my feet so wet. and have hadrhumatism all day so bad. but we had such a nice time. the following was there

Mr & Mrs Page
Mr & Mrs Bush
Mr & Mrs Roy Thompson
Mr & Mrs Zoder???
Mr. & Mrs McIntyre
Willis and I.

Monday June 13-04

I thought I would finish this yesterday but didn't take time. I went out to see the Creek yesterday and it is sure full. I went hore-back when I came back I went out to the Grave yard to see if my flowers I set out grew and a shower come up on me and just poured on me while I was there and every step of the way home. I was just soaking wet even my garters. I run Dude nearly every step of the way home but it was raining so hard I don't think it will hurt me for I feel all right this morning and then I didn't get a bit chilled. it was so warm every flower I set out lived and I never saw any thing grow like they have. every one has worlds of garden stuff. We had beans, squash, lettice, onions, raddishes for dinner yesterday out of our garden and I took Mrs Bush a mess of lettice, Mustard, and radishes. I'll send you more of the Walters Storm from the Lawton paper. people who cut their grain last week are loosing for it is all molding our Oats are dead ripe and standing in water and mud so you bog to your horses knees almost on horse back. willis and I went to see them yesterday. Squirrel Creek is swimming at the crossing. but we (Page Missing).

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Mrs Julia Brannon,
Hartline, Wash.
my Dear Mamma,

Your more than welcome letter received was so glad to get it, It dont' seem possible it could snow when it is so warm here, this week has been beautiful willis has been cutting wheat all this week, The ground is so wet that he has to drive six horses to the binder.

He dont get home untill nine oclock at night and this morning he left between there and four he didnt wake me up. they are so behind with their work, everybody is the same way, willis said he must cut Sunday if it didn't rain, He is almost sick too, has had a catch in his back for three days, one night he could not stoop to pull off his shoes.

I am glad you liked your waist and buttons. If you dont need your rent I wont send it untill the last of June, I trade it out with Mr Bush so he will pay five dollars and I dont get any money only every three months, I owe you for two months now and if you need it I will send it at once,

Mr McIntyre moved away yesterday, Mr McIntyre is going to travel for a firm in Dallas, and Mrs McIntyre is gong to her people in Addington for

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a while, I am sorry to see them go away. Tell Fay he has found out Carl hasn't but one big hateful sister, so it isn't that, he must be naturally mean. I hope the children will continue to get along so nice together.

All those old traveling men all come around to see me everytime they come to town, Mr King was here yesterday he said I looked so well but what was my face getting so freckled about,

Mr Goodloe gave me this paper, I couldn't get any good here.

I must close love to all, Your girl Lula.

Give all the kids a whipping for me.

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Vernon Texas June 21-04
Mrs Briscoe
Sugden. I.T.

Dear Lulu

Mrs Beckett requested me to write you about Mr Becket's serious illness. He is very low, the Doctors think there is no possible chance for his recovery. he has been sick for some time and for the last week has lain in a stupor. Knows nothing or any body, in fact, is liable to go any minute, Poor Mrs Beckett neither eats or sleeps, I feel so sorry for her, It almost runs her wild to see him suffer so, her brother from Clinton came Saturday night. but had to go back yesterday morning.

she is having plenty company since people know how bad he is, Verna is at Oklannion??? on a visit or she would have written you, Hoping this may find you well and to see you some time I remain your loving friend and old teacher, Mrs J. A. Lucky

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{Note in top margin: I'll enclose the letter and card. Write to Aunt Mamma.???

Sugden. I.T.
June 23-1904

My Dear Mamma-
I know you will feel shocked when you hear of Uncle B- death I am so sorry for Aunt I don't know what she will do. I am here to come to see me. I would have liked for her to live with me but you know I can't do that, I didn't know Uncle B- was even sick until I got this letter from Mrs Lucky and card from Mrs Collins??? is Kate Westmoreland I would go to see Aunt if I could leave the office for she was so good to come to see us. We are both well I hope you are the same.

Lovingly, Lula

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{Note in the top margin: When we were in the steamer we past light houses Anchors and met a boat coming in from Mexico.}

Monday Night June 27-04

My Dear Mamma

You will be surprised when I tell you I am on the train just left Houston. I have been to Galveston Texas since Saturday. there was an excursion and the round trip was \$6\us{50} so I could not resist the temptation. Mrs Tollefson Mrs Bush Mrs C. P. Gibson. Mr & Mrs Page Jessie Davidson Miss Ora Sitton Mr Roberts Mr Yoder Little John Thompson Jewel Beaver and myself all went. Willis paid my way. We have certainly

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had a fine time. We left Galveston this evening at 6:45 we will get home tomorrow at 12. if we make connection at Ft. Worth just think we went across Texas. Galveston is a beautiful place and I saw so many new things. there was a big Steamer came in Saturday from New York loaded with sugar and coffee. we went to the wharf and went all through it saw them unloading and that was a sight. The Steamer is simply grand the cabins and Dinning room are beautifully furnished with the most handsome furniture I ever saw. We also went riding on a smaller Steamer this morning. We road 28 miles It was just grand. I was afraid at first but they kept begging me untill I went on and wouldn't have missed it for any thing. We could see millions of fish in the water the waves was so high and pretty Mrs Bush and I got afully sea sick but we enjoyed it just the same. All the croud except Mrs Gibson and Myself went in bathing in the Gulf this morning. I was afraid for the waves were so high. I saw little girls and boys the size of Juju and on up go in by their selves but the edge is shallow only the waves. It is sure beautiful I wish you and the children could have gone. I saw pine trees also Palm trees there are millions of palm trees there and lots of banana and fig. the flowers beautiful I'll send you a card to show you the Oleanders??? on a street but all the streets are almost lined with them and they form hedges they are in bloom now. red and white the sea-wall is also a sight there was 8000\us{00} visitors there Sunday. I never saw so many pretty dresses and pretty dressed children. Most every one 9 out of 10 had on white slippers and these little socks boys and girls I got Juju two pari of them besure and let her wear them they don't wear garters or any thing to hold them up. I never saw children look so pretty and sweet. every thing nearly is white the hose are pink blue or white I wish I could see her wear them she has such pretty big legs. I saw a little girl last night she was about the size of Juju. but looked just exactly like Winnie and it made me feel so bad. I would not look at her.

We went through several department stores this afternoon I bought me a beautiful waist (white) for 98 cents. would have to pay 3\us{00} for it any where. I never saw such a cheap place in every way except eating and that was aful high. It is the nicest place I ever saw. you never saw any one drunk or never heard a cross word there are all kinds of people there from a Chinaman down and millions of negros. I never saw so many negros as I have seen at Corsicana??? and Houston. that is about all you see.

Maby I'll think of more next time I will quit now.

Love to all
Your girl
Lula.

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Sugden I. T.
June 29, 1904

Mr Elmer Brannon, Hartline, Wash.

My Dear Little Brother:

I will write you a letter on the typewriter, You ought to have been with me to Galveston Tex I had such a nice time, I saw little boys in bathing in the Gulf of Mexico not any larger than you. and the big waves would go over their heads if they did not jump up. I rode on a Steamboat 28 miles, It made me sea sick, it made Mrs Bush sea sick too. Tell Juju to learn her letters and I will write to her on the typewriter so she can read it her self.

Your Sister
Lula

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Sugden. I.T.
June 2-04

Mr Elmer Brannon.
Hartline, Wash.

Dear Elmer.

Your nice little letter received several days ago. I guess you had a good time at the little party too.

Do you wear shirts or waist? and do you need any new ones. be sure and tell me if you need any thing I let Lonnie read your letter he said he had written twice I think and has lost his letters. I think you and Frank owe Hubert and Vernon letters they said you did.

Vernon, Hubert and Leonard went home with Paul and stayed nearly a week. Paul came over by his self in the wagon driving a black horse and a mule. I must close. Write soon

Your Sister

Lula
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Dear Little Juju.

This is your little book you must learn to read and spell nice then I'll send you some more books. Mamma and Grand ma will help you.

Be a good little girl and I'll send you a dime to buy you a tablet and pencil with.

Your Sister
Lula

{Post script: You can get Elmer to read in it too. You tell me if he can read in this book.}

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Sugden, I. T., Sept 6 1904

My Dear Mamma & All.

Your letter received yesterday evening. Well Mrs Gibson has a baby girl. I went to see it Sunday evening. Its the fattest little baby and real pretty, but not as pretty as sister baby. They are getting behind on names have never named her yet. Now have 2 to name. Mrs Gibson was married in September and all three children born in Sept. Old Mrs Gibson is at the Fair. All Mr Grogans folks went to Fair and came back yesterday evening. They were just gone a week. Mr Grogan said they had a good time and didn't cost much. he said for us to go and stop with Mrs Edmission said she had such a nice place. Lum went last week also Mrs Bird, Mr Jackson Miss Ora Sitton, Mr Roberts. I wanted to go but not as bad as Willis. he is crazy to go. Lum said Mrs Edmission said I had to go if she had to pay half my way. And said she wouldn't charge me one cent for my rooms.

Edna and her husband live in St. Louis now too. but Lum didn't get to see her. Lum is working for Mr Bush wo we work against each other now. I like my place fine. Mr Thompson is real nice to me. lets me do as I please fix things just as I want too. so you know I am satisfied. Willis & Mr Briscoe have rented the same old place again so they have plenty of land have about 500 acres to put in wheat and oats. We will either make lots or go worse than broke. but one good thin we have 8 good hogs and 4 of them will bring pigs in about a month, have plenty of wheat and oats to plant. plenty of corn to feed the hogs and hvae over 40 tons of sorghum, Kaffir Corn and Milo Maize to feed our cows.

Willis did not ship a one of his. Willis planted and put up all that feed his Papa didn't want him to do it. All we will be out is expence of what they eat out there for I'll keep what we eat paid for. We aught to do real well. if it only will rain. Willis and I stayed all night with Mr Briscoe and John Saturday night. Willis & John was breaking his new horse to work to the wagon and they came by for me just at closing time. So I got in and we went by home after my saddle and intended comeing back that night, but it began to rain just after we got there we stayed all ngiht. John got up next morning and fried Chicken and had the best breakfast. he is sure a good cook. We had a good time. I rode Dude back and Willis rode Richie.

I hope you are all well. We have a new grocery store now. Mr Blanchard has opened up. Every one is always asking about you people I didn't know knew you I think you have lots of friends here.

Well Good bye Love to All.

Your Girl

Lula

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Sugden. I.T.

Sept-9-1904

My Dear Mamma & \us{All}

Well I will write you a few lines this morning. Did Juju get her calico dresses and how did she like them? Tell Winnie she can study shorthand with Frank. how many yards does it take to make Elmer a shirt of shirting. I promised him some thing and don't see any thing else he likes or needs, and thought I would send him 2 or 3 shirts. We have some good stockings for the children I am going to send them some a little later on. I get my things at cost here. the P.O. isn't paying any thing hardly but its not much trouble to me.

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school begins Monday but I don't think there will be much for every child that's big enough is picking cotton. Every one's cotton is fine. Mr Willis has 100 acres right out here in this pasture where the stock pens are, and he thinks he will make 50 bales. Hubert picks over 100# a day. he can beat Vernon. Mr Willis only pays 75 cents but most every one is paying from \$1\us{00} to 1\us{25} a hundred but his is so close to town Frank and Houghton Davidson put in 30 acres on the Sies place. Kate and Jessie have been picking this week. they take time about staying at home helping their Mamma. The weather is real pleasant real cool at night but awful hot in the middle of the day. Nearly every one on the other side of the lake are having chills.

Jennie Snodgrass and Harry Odneal married last Sunday. We have a real pretty little store. the men call me ``Sam Brigance'' because I trim the house so much but every one says its the prettiest little store ever been in Sugden. There is a Santified Meeting going on here now I havn't been but want to go some time but Willis don't get home untill after dark and is tired and I hate to ask him to go. Then I am generally pretty tired My self.

Mrs Gibson has a girl staying with her now. Came yesterday from Garies Ville??? she is going to keep her all the time. Mr & Mrs Bush go riding every night untill 11 or 12 oclock. We wish for our buggy all the time. Willis says he is going to get another one but I hate to buy one until we are even with Jackson and Bird. I owe them about \$80\us{00} and I am going to try to pay it by the 1\us{st} of January. You see I bought my P.O. fixtures from them and have never had the money to pay for them. I have been saving too. havn't had any thing this summer but a few shirt waist and a Lawn dress. Willis hasn't had that much. we have both been saving.

Nora & Lon are going to move again to Okeene Okla. Lon is there now cutting wheat. Mrs Hearne likes her new home fine her address is Hooker, Okla. if you want to write to her I don't know what become of Aunt Beckett. have never heard from her again. Cousin Joe never speaks of her and Buddy hasn't heard from her either.

Well Good bye. Write soon.
Love to All.
your Girl.
Lula Briscoe

{Post Script: I subscribed for the ``Independant'' So will send it to you every week. I enjoy it more than any thing.}

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Sugden. I.T.
Sept 14-04

My Dear Mamma & All.

Yesterday was my Birthday. Willis said he would either give me a pig or heifer either one I wanted. We have seven little pigs. that makes us 15 head, and 3 more souws to bring pigs. I think we will have enough.

It is real cold this morning the wind is blowing from the Norht East. I thnk we are going to have an early fall. Willis is putting up hay now. The finest you most ever saw. he has a stack the size of our house in the yard. Thought he would have more over but said every thing was so close to the house he was afraid sparks would fly out the flue this winter and burn us up. We have 2 big stacks of sorghum in the yard too. and you know we havn't much room. Mamie Newbury, Winnie Suggs, and some more little girls were talking in here and telling which one the would

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like to see. Mamie siad she would rather see Juju and Winnie, Winnie
suggs said I wouldn't I had rather see Mrs Brannon.

Winnie is in the 2nd Reader has been through it once. Jack and
Gertrude were up to see me Saturday. Gertrude wanted to know when Juju
was Coming back.

Leva and John have been to the Fair, and are at Ryan. Leva sent me word
she was Coming up last Sunday. but it rained and she didn't come. Lum
said tell you hello. Etoila Lobdell is here on a visit. she is the
fattest thing you know she used to weigh 110 now she weighs 137 just
think 19 pounds heavier than me. she says she is going to get as big as
Mrs Tollefson. says Joe don't talk about any one but you. begin so
good to let him eat just any time he came in. I am glad Juju liked her
dresses I came very near sending her a red dress too. guess I'll have
to some time. I don't know where Aunt B is she was at Vernon last
letter I got from her.

They never did do any thng more to the Elevator here. but Mr Gibson is
having the Bank made bigger and putting in a Vault.

Well I must close and get to work. Write often.

Love to all. tell Elmer he must do as well this time as he did before
at school. hope Grandma is better.

Your Girl.

Lula

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My Dear Mamma.

This is Saturday And it don't seem like the Saturday's of old. It is so
dull. I told Mr Thompson this morning it seemed like play to keep these
books. Not as much work as Mr Claypools drug Store books were. Most
every thing is Cash. Makes the work so much easier I don't have
enough to keep Me busy.

Every one is picking Cotton. And it is fine this year and is a good
price.

My sow has six little pigs born on the 14th. Willis was so anxious
for them to be born on the 13th my Birth day. he says ``they are
my sows Birthday present to me.'' That makes us 20 head one of Willis's
little ones died. The little grapes are getting ripe. Willis brought
me a little bucket full last night. Francie & Bessie have moved to
town. They live in Mr Cranfils house. They (Mr Cranfils) moved to the
country. Most all the houses are rented. Francie works for Mr
Stillwell. Forrest is working in the Central Office this month.

I am sorry Juju has to wear no 9 shoes for I can't get her any more
pretty colored tops I am afraid for they just run to 8. but she has to
get big some time but she is the cutest when she is little.

Willis is still ``Haying'' he couldn't sleep last night his leg hurt him
so bad.

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Leva, Jack & Gertrude came up to see me Thursday. Leva said if hse stayed at Ryan that she and Mrs Bird were coming up to stay all day tomorrow. The weather is so cool for this time of year. Well I must close.

Write soon. Love to all.
Tell the children I'll write to them when I have something to write about. How is Frank and Winnie getting along with Shorthand.

Your Girl
Lula

{Post Script: Every one is chilling. Mrs Thompson & her baby. Mr Tollefson had one yesterday Mr Claypool is sick too. There were 5 men had chills down town last Wednesday.}

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My Dear Mamma & All.

I received all your letters written on the 13. (My Birthday) was so glad to get them. I have been auful busy all week. Mr Thompson has been in Dallas since last Sunday and I am the only one left and it keeps me on the jump.

Neta Parker was here this morning said she could pay you the 20\us{th} of next month said she was tickled to death to think she was going to have the money to pay you. I am glad you didn't make your dress last winter for you would have made it long Coat and they are not going to be worn this winter. I am sending you Emery Bird Thayer Catalogue to-day also some Magazines. We had a fine rain Monday night. Willis is going to begin plowing today. We will have to get up early now.

Some one stole 3 of his little pigs. I told him they payed him back for stealing one that time he found that little pig.

Mr Bush has gone to Market. Mrs Bush has stayed 3 nights with us but she isn't any trouble. she helps and I get along better than when she isn't there. she isn't like Mabel.

Mabel is picking Cotton. Mr Andrain??? has a fine Cotton Crop. And every one else has too. You have my curiosity up now. Why didn't you tell me what you were going to send me.

It is real cool since the rain.

Well I must Close and get to work.

Nothing new.

Love to All
Good bye
Lula.

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My Dear Mamma & All.

Well we had another fine rain last night. have a good season in the ground. Willis said this morning he would make a good wheat crop next year. he has been plowing for wheat but the rain last night stopped him. Lillie Beaver eat supper with me last night. her Papa and her came in to Church. but it was so stormy they didn't have much Church. Lum came down and took her and Mrs Bush then he came back and stayed a while I intended going but Willis had not come home to Supper and didn't come untill Church was out. he works so late out there. Mr Bush hasn't come back yet his sister married in June a widower with 3 Children. he is a sea Captain also and is worth \$100000. the Children are all grown the youngest girl 14 years old. Mrs Bush said his sister was 35 years old. Lum sure is tired boarding at Davidsons. Every one is Kicking. Lum said all he had for supper last night was a piece of Cornbread some cold greens and a glass of water.

So Willis just started to eat supper last night when they got back from Church. so Lum sit down and eat too. said he was hungry. Mrs Bush eats dinner there Every day. she told Willis she was going to bring him a Davidson biscuit to-day. I hope you are all well. Write soon.
Love to All

Your Girl.
Lula

{Post Script: We got us so late this morning I didn't have time to wash the dishes. so I left Mrs Bush washing them Willis drying wasn't they good?}
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My Dear Mamma

You can make a couple of shirts out off those two shiped pieces. I have 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds more that will make Elmer a shirt. I'll send it in a day or two. You can make Winnie a dress out of the green and the drawers are for her.

I am feeling fine to-day Mrs Cleaver went to work for Mr Thompson this morning. she is going to get one of the Parker girls to keep house for her.

Well I have to stop so good bye.

Love to All
As Ever Your Girl

Lula

{Post Script: Mose Grogan was here this Morning said Stell Maberry was working for Mr Grogan.}
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{Note in top margin: I am stingy with my Stamped Envelopes as I am nearly out.}

Sugden. I.T.

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Sept 30-04

My Dear Mamma & All.

Received your letter yesterday evening. hope you are all well.

Mrs Cleaver and Ollie Easterling came over last night and stayed untill eleven oclock. We had lots of fun. Willis said we talked about our neighbors, but we didn't say any thing bad. And I am so sleepy this morning Mrs Gibson (Old) is in Tennessee. Cotton is coming in by the Wholesale. I guess there is 15 bales in this morning the Ryan Gin has broke down. Etoy and Bess Vida Yoder and All those little girls pick Cotton after school every evening. Every woman and girl in town who is big enough and can is picking. but May Wakefield and she thinks she is too good but all the rest of the girls have Money of thir won and don't have to ask `Grammie' for every nickle. I guess Mattie Suggs has made 30 or 40 dollars.

Mr & Mrs Ward Sies are picking too. Ollie and Mrs Cleaver said they were going to pick when Mr Collins hired any pickers. the cotton patch joins their back fences. They have fenced all that up and put that in since you left. Mr Willis patch is in that pasture the grave yeard is in and runs all up the side of that hill to the Stock pens.

I got another letter from Pearl. Mabel is Visiting in Henrietta again. I don't see how she can visit so much. We are haveing bad luck with our little pigs. We have 13 little ones and have lost seven. one more sow to bring pigs. Willis is aful anxious to buy him a place Willis said last night wish he had a 1000 acre farm and we would all move on it. the Tucker Place is for sale and if next year is good Willis is going to buy it. if it is a failure again he will be broke flat as a fluter.???

he is going to farm all by his self this year I guess. I am glad for he has every thing to tend to. They can all say what they please to me about Mrs Briscoe I think lots of her she is just as good to me as she can be and to Willis and all of them and they don't thank her for it I have talked her up to Willis untill he had decided it isn't all her fault and that he aught to treat his mother good if she is childish. Willis isn't like he used to be. he is just as good as can be and I boss him around untill I am ashamed of My self. I do him just like I used to do the kids quarrel all time at him. he Calls Me quarrel-box and spoilt. Willis has got his new pony gentle. he works so easy and is so good to her he can ride her bare back but has never put a saddle on her.

Well I must Close Love to All.

Write Soon to
Your Girl Lula

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My Dear Mamma & All.

Well I havn't written since last Saturday but I am busy most of the time. the trains have been so irregular. Mr Tollefson phoned me a while ago that we would not have any trains to-day, neither North or South

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bound.

They met at Waurika??? yesterday evening. I don't know what the matter is but I guess we will have a quiet time to-day. It is the first time since I have been in the Office that we didn't have mail of some kind.

Iva Dobbs has another little boy baby. I am sorry for her. I hope she woun't have a house full like her mother. one is all right for poor people but so many little ones, and Iva will have to work hard. Nothing else has happened. Do the children have to have winter Under wear or Outing gowns.

I'll send Elmer some hose or some thing of that kind for his Birthday. I ordered him a drawing book but it has not come when it comes I'll send it and I want him to draw and finish the whole book and then send it back to me so I can see it.

I have a little fairy tale book I'll send Winnie but it is for All. Willis brought two more hogs in to fatten so we have three to fatten and kill. have more but I guess this is all we will kill. You aught to see one of them it is one we got from Mr Lobdalls last year I mean when you were here. It is sure big and fat. she never did have any pigs and she is certainly pretty. willis is proud of his pigs. The Gin runs every night untill about 10 or Eleven oclock. there is so much Cotton. It is down to 9 cents now but it will be up to 10 again before the 10\us{th} Mrs Cleaver is making me a Gingham dress to-day. with belt. it is aful hot here It has been for last 2 weeks. Its thundering loud now guess it will rain Cloud and wind in South East. hope it will for its getting too dry to plow. I never saw a place dry up so quick. Willis said this morning he was disgusted with farming and this place.

Well I must Close I have never heard from Aunt don't know what has become of her.

Love to all
Your Girl
Lula
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My Dear Mamma & All.

Your letters received. I neglected you last week but could not help it I was so busy I am sending Elmer his birthday present to-day. I hope they will fit if the sweaters are too small or large send them back and I'll send him some thing else. thought they would be better than Coats. hope he will like them. I didn't send Carl any thing but wasn't any thing I thought he would like tell Frank I won't forget him. but haven't time to start his to-day.

Mr T- is going away on this train. I'll write a longer letter tomorrow I have to quit now

Love to all
Good bye
Your Girl
Lula

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{Post Script: Tell Elmer to be good.}

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{Note in top margin: This is Pearl Fox's Birthday she is 22.}

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Sugden, I. T., Oct 11 190 4

My Dear Mamma & All.

Will try and write you a few lines this morning. I am all by my self for a day or two but I am glad I am able to take care of every thing and let Mr Thompson off. I am proud it is aprons you have for its just what I needed most Mrs Briscoe has told me several time she would make me some if I would get her the Colth and I Kept putting it off. she is aful good to me she seems to think lost of me but I am always nicer to her than any of the rest of them are. And I think she appreciates it they are all so Cross to her. I hope none of your Children will never talk and treat you like they all do her. but willis says she wasn't good to them but I guess they were so mean she couldn't be Very good. I am so glad there is none of the children that have the disposition the Briscoe's have. willis has had such bad luck the last Month or two. his pretty mare go kicked in the shoulder and hurt aful bad. Old Dude is taking `Fistalo' in shoulder and the horse that was cut on the wire has got screw worms in it. I dreamed last night willis drove know to death. I told him this morning he had better be careful. There is worlds of Cotton Coming in every one is at work. Well do the Children need any thing. I may send Juju a good warm hood for every day. It is still warm as summer. I don't know when we ever had such a pretty fall.

Mr Walter Harris sold his 160 acre farm on the river for \$5100\us{00} There has been \$25000\us{00} worth of Cotton sold here has all been ginned here. They ginned last night untill 12 oclock. Jim Snodgrass said Jim said he didn't know what he would give to see Juju. he wanted to know if she had grown much. he has a new horse and buggy.

I must quit write and tell me if the Children have plenty of Cloths.

Love to all

Good bye

Write soon

Your Girl

Lula

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Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Etc.
FINE SHOES A SPECIALTY.

Sugden, I. T., Oct 14 190 4

My Dear Mamma & All.

Will write you a few lines this morning. I have got the blues yesterday Mrs Cleaver Ironed at my house and she Cleaned up every thing nice for me. and I aught to have appreciated it. but I cried about it and Willis went over and told her about it and it made her mad. but I imagined she didn't think I Kept house nice enough and thought she would

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show me how but Willis said she didn't think any thing of the kind he said she wanted to help me. And mabe she did. I guess I wanted to cry about something and balled like a little old baby. Willis said he was going to tell you about it so I have been crying every since. don't know what makes me feel so cross. but I wish you were better satisfied or was able to move where you would be. If I was as well off as Uncle Gus I would give you a farm and build you a house. That wouldn't be too much. I would do it in a minute if I was able but I never will have nothing. Buddy sent me two pictures said send one to you. I'll send both and you can keep the one you like best. I can't decide I left them at home this morning so will send them to-morrow.

I hope you are all well tell the children to be good.

Yours
Lula
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Sugden, I. T., Oct 17 190 4

My Dear Mamma & All.

Will write you a few lines this morning. Mr Thompson is in Henrietta. I am expecting him home to-day on the 12. his Mother is About to die. has been sick in bed for over two years and has been very low for the last two weeks.

Guess I told you Mrs Audrain??? was in Missouri. Mrs (Big) John Thompson has a baby Girl. There was a baptizing yesterday. There of the 'welches'' Bro. Lauderdale baptized them.

How long is Carl going to stay on that trip? I am glad he is having such a good time its such a nice trip for him wish I could take it My self. Mr Schirlitz is going to move to Wichita Falls, Texas. he has a music class there. he is going this week. I will send Frank a couple of pr of good hose and when Neta pays you I'll send him 1\us{00} in the Money order. I don't know what else to send.

Neta said she would pay me this week.

Good bye
Lula
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My Dear Mamma.

Well we went to a show last night had a good time. It was a 'Magic Lantern'' show but the pictures were so pretty and lots of them and he had a Graphophone too. and after the show was over Jessie Davidson and Mr Ross and Lum and Alma Willis and I stayed and the Old man played every thing he had for us. When I went home from the store yesterday

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evening willis had the fire made and was Making the biscuits. he went on and finished I fried the steake and we had supper he helped wash the dishes so we got off to the show easy. I guess I told you Goodwins had moved back.

Sunday night while I was getting supper willis cleaned out that side board (I got from you) from top to bottom and he found a half gallon jar of peaches. We thought we eat them all last winter but they come in good now. We havn't had hardly any fruit this year. I have not seen a wild plum this whole year. There are a few Grapes. willis brought me some Sat. evening. Not any pecans at all.

The Bank is aful nice now on the inside since they built the Vault. its All plastered the Drug Store isn't finished. Sugden may Come out All OK yet. I sent in your Money for the lot. I had 15\us{00} and just paid the rest. Mr Bush owes me that now. he talked like 3 or 4 dollars was enough for it. but willis said before we would let him have it for that we would give you 5 for it our selves and use the barn and lot. And there isn't any vacant house in town any way. only the ``Christain Hotel'' or ``Sugden Hotel'' I guess it will be empty for a while. well I must Close. I am going to send Juju some kind of a Cloak for you to make if I can find any.

Love to All.

Yours

Lula

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{Note in top margin: Mr willis has Cotton shoulder high \us{My} \us{shoulders} \us{too}.}

Sugden. I.T.

Oct 21-04

My Dear Mamma

Will write you a few lines. I feel aful bad to-day. feel like I had a hot fever have Rhumatism in my right shoulder so bad I can't hardly move have had it in my right foot for three weeks but it don't hurt to-day. I guess its going out the top of Me I am so cross and hateful no one can hardly stay on the place with me but can't help it.

Willis got his well done wednesday evening has 3 feet of water he dug it 24 feet. All with the Post hole digger. he hasn't got the casing in yet. he is aful good to help me. he takes such an interest in things. he does about as much of the Cooking as I do and its such a relief to me not to have to wake up in the Mornings. willis always wakes and gets up makes the fire and then wakes me up. I guess I aught to wear wool this winter but i am not. I had good heavy wool suits last winter and nearly froze to death. I don't think it is half as warm as cotton. and it made My back break out too all the time.

Mr Willis has had 30 bales of Cotton ginned and is just half done. Mr Stovall has had 30 bales ginned too. Mr Audrains have a good patch I heard and Frank Smyers and Mable said Lois picked over a hundred pounds every day and the other boys do too. Hubert Willis picks over a hundred a day. Mrs Ward Sies picks from 230 to 280 pounds a day. every body picks Mrs Yoder, Mrs Sies, Mrs Cleaver, Ollie Easterling, Mrs Eidson, Kate, and Jessie D-- Mrs Tollefson, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Lee Thompson, Mrs Collins, Mrs Gibbens, Mrs Sanders, and more. I could come nearer naming the ones who dont pick. all the little kids pick after school. Etoy & Bess Vida Yoder, Fannie & Blanch Thompson, Kate Eidson and all those little children clare & Lucile have picked all fall for their Papa.

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I must quit
Write Soon
Your Girl
Lula
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Saturday Oct 22

My Dear Mamma

I know you will be surprised when I tell you Neta has just been in and paid you. She had me make this slip and send it to you to show All I had forgotten she said tell you she thanked you very much for being so kind to them mamma. I felt so sorry for her she looks like a dead girl and she hasn't had any thng at All.

she paid 11.90
I owe you .15
on Lots I kept \$20\us{00} the lots was \$19\us{87} that makes all streight up to the 10\us{th} of this Month. I am going to send Frank 1\us{00} so will just make the Money Order for 15\us{00} that makes us even up to the 10th of \us{Oct} and give Frank \$1\us{00} for his birthday. I hope you are all well Write Soon

Love to All
Your Girl Lula
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Sugden, I. T., Oct 24 190 4

My Dear Mamma.

Your good old letter received yesterday. I always enjoy your letters so much. Well I ordered Juju goods for a Cloak. They cost so much ready Made. I thought maby you would have time to make her one. I have a pattern for Elmer a suit if you think it will pay you to make it. We have 2 pieces of water proof goods one blue one brown. I'll send you the two samples it is 52 inches wide. I think 2 yds will be plenty. We sell it at 65 cents but it will only cost me 40\cents The suit will just be 80 cents besides the linning, Thrd, & buttons they will be about 25 cents. If you think you would like it send the sample of one you like best and I'll give him a suit off of it. it makes pretty suits. Mrs Willis has a 10# baby boy. Edna Edmission Jenness has a Girl born on Carls Birthday. be sure and don't forget to tell him she sent me an announcement and I'll enclose it but you send it back. I want to keep it. We are going to have some bigger Sweaters in and I'll send Frank some if he wants them. Willis got his casing in his well Saturday he did it All with out any help. he had a time too. had to take the casing out 3 times after he put it in. he was sick yesterday. I think he lifted too much for he would lift the whole thing out at once. and it was so heavy I couldn't budge it. The water is warm but lots of it and as soft as rain water. its softer than yours but not near as cold and good. you have good water only its not very clear. hasn't been since the sand storms in the Spring.

Mrs Briscoe is aful sick. I sat up all night last night by My self. she sufferes so much the D\us{r} came twice. The rest didn't seem to think she was much sick but I think she is and I know the D\us{r} did or he wouldn't have come twice. She was taking 3 kinds of medicine All

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night. she is threatened with hemorage of the lungs. she told Me last Night if she died she wanted me to take Etoy. said she had rather I would have her than any one in the world. I told her I would. Mrs Cleaver said not long ago she didn't know what would become of Etoy if her Mamma were to die. said she wouldn't have her. said she would take Bess. but if I had my choice I would take Etoy every time. she didn't say you and willis but said she would give her to me. I feel sorry for her. she didn't rest any all night. And they All seem so cold hearted to her. willis went and got her a bottle of whiskey yesterday morning. And she was so tickled over it and if he speaks kind to her she Always tells me about it. well I must quit its sure thundering loud. I hope it will rain. I am sending Elmers pattern a

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Sugden, I. T., Oct 30 1904

My Dear Mamma

I sent Juju's things Friday sorry I didn't get them off sooner. I didn't send the lining for Cloak because I didn't know what you would want. I am trying to find a pattern I think the buttons will look pretty. We had the big white Pearl but those are the newest and I think the prettiest. Cost the same I hope it will all suit All right.

Mrs Briscoe is still aful sick she had an aful large hemorage from the lungs yesterday. A double handful of Cloded blood. she fainted and has been weaker every since. she don't think any one can fix any thing as good as i can. I have been sitting up giving Medicine 4 nights last week. she will do any thing I tell her. says every thing I fix is so much better than the rest. I try to do all I can for her. I made her some beef tea to-day like we fixed for winnie and she liked it fine.

I hope you are all well I know you work aful hard fixing up all that fruit and stuff. but wish we had fruit to fix.

well Good bye Love to all write to me real soon

Your Girl

Lula

{Post Script: Havn't seen a plum this year only at Dallas & Galveston. Did Frank feel bad because I didn't send him more? I couldn't find any thing else.}

{Note on back: overshoes	125
gloves	60
sweater	150

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	100

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Sugden, I. T., Oct 31 190 4

My Dear Mamma.

Willis and I sat up with Mrs Briscoe last night and I am so nervous I can hardly write. they had D\us{r} Dice examine her last night and consult with D\us{r} Collins. D\us{r} Dice says she can't last more than three days. That one lung is entirely gone the other All most. she looks awful this morning. Mr Gibson and I have been talking and he is like me. We don't she will get through to-night. she is sick just like Papa was. has been sick 9 days to-day. There has been a big red spot on each cheek about the size of a dollar since last Tuesday. her eyes look awful this morning her mouth open and you can here her lungs rattle any where in the room. I believe she is a good woman and I believe it is his fault for I'll tell you how (he) Mr. Briscoe has done he has been to see her 3 times and never stayed 15 minutes each time. Never ask if he could do any thing. she told me about it yesterday and Cried she didn't think I knew but I did. Mrs Cleaver says if she dies she isn't going to send for him. I wish I could stay with her all time. last night I slept 3 hours and she ask for me. but I have done more for her than any of them. well we are well write soon Love to all

Lula

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{NOTE ON ENVELOPE: Dad'n (Willis') mother dies-- She had had T.B. for 20 years so I guess the family had hardened to her illness. This is a terrific letter showing the character of the lady & mama's ability to put it into words. she leaves 3 under age children: Earl 16, Bessie 11, Etoy 9.}

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My Dear Mamma.

well I have sad news to tell you. Mrs Briscoe died Monday evening at 7 oclock also Mrs Thompson died at 11 oclock Monday night. Mr Thompson went to Henrietta Monday evening. We closed the store all day yesterday, P.O. and all. it was so strange they both died the same day. Mrs Briscoe was sick 9 days. They buried her here I never saw a sader family but their Conscience hurts them all. it just looked like it would Kill Mr Briscoe. he said he didn't realize she was so sick. said that was why it hurt him so bad. but it is a blessing to that family. I believe they will be better. she talked to Earle so long before she died and he promised her he would do all she said and he says he will do it. She hugged and Kissed us all good bye but Mrs Gibson. and I guess she never thought but they all noticed it. she was conscious up to the Minute she died. she just went to sleep and died. she seemed so happy to die. said she hated to leave her little girls & Earle but the rest had some one to love them and take care of them. said she wanted us all to look after them. Jim came in on the evening train before she died at 7. she Knew him also Mr Briscoes Brother & sister from Marlow. she Knew them all and told his sister she must excuse her. she was too weak to entertain her. she sang a song a whole verse of Jesus open wide the door I am coming home. and then went to sleep and died. I Know she went to Heaven for she had such a sweet smile on her face. Mr Briscoe

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won't let any of them have the children. he wants willis and me to move our house over at his and us all live to-gether. he said he was asking too much he knew but could not help it. he could not bear the Idea of his babies not having a home. said he wanted to be with them some his self and if they were scattered around he couldn't. I told willis I was willing to do all i could. willis wants to do it too. so I guess we will for if it was my two little sisters I would take them. And when you die we will have lots of children. willis said last night we only had one Papa and one Mamma now. he can't get over the way he treated his mother but he was there and sit up with me some but he said she would always call him Lula untill she got wide awake.

I just received my Aprons & hand Kerchief and flowers they are all so nice. Many Many thanks. My Aprons fit so nice and feel so good I can tell it was mamma who made them. the pockets are all right I am glad you put them on. I can't do with out them. A shoe drummer gave me a beautiful pair of slippers this morning they will be shipped in spring but they are sure pretty.

Well I must quit. I wish I could see you all.

Your Girl
Lula

{Post Script: Tell winnie Many Thanks for flowers.}

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Sugden, I. T., Nov 3 190 4

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This is to show you the exact copy of our books.
If any error is found report it at once. All ac-
counts are due the first of each month unless other-
wise agreed upon.

My Dear Mamma---

Guess you think some thing happened but nothing only I have been sick. I was sick most all last week but was able to go Saturday evening about 5 oclock. I took a chill and went home and had two more that night also has cramping in My stomach think I nearly had a conjestive chill I'll tell you I never was half so sick before. its the worst thing to stay in bed I was in bed from Saturday evening untill Wednesday at 10 oclock I got up and willis got Mr Cleaver's buggy and brought me to the Store. he didn't want me to come but you know how I am I \us{can't} stay away. I started this yesterday but didn't finish. I got along all OK and am back to-day. Every body was good to come to see me. Mrs Davidson Called me up at the Store yesterday and wanted to Know if I would eat any thing. I never ate one bite of any thing from Sat untill Tuesday Night. Willis was afraid I was going to Starve. I hope you are all well I will certainly appreciate being well now for I have felt bad so Long.

Mrs Thompsons baby is so sick had the D\us{r} twice last night with her. I don't know how many times to-day she has the Croup.

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Mrs AAndrain is to come back to-night she has been gone along time but I guess she needed the rest.

Mr Langston is here he sold his place this morning to Old Mr Collins he's the man that bought the Grogan place. his daughter is going to move here and he bought it for her so it would be close to him. I guess Carl has got home by this time. tell him to write and tell me what kind of a time he had and what kind of animals he saw also fish well I must quit you can imagine how far behind I am on the books. and this is the 1\us{st} and not one statement made books not posted for Nearly a week.

I think I am going to be sound and well for I never saw so much bile pass from me in my life. And my cold is better

Lula

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Sugden, I. T., Nov 6 190 4

My Dear Mamma

I am sending Juju a little cap. They are worn so much this year and she can pull it down over her ears. All babies wear them too. Bess Lobdells baby has a white one.

I received your letter saying you had bought Juju a Cloak. Well I have allready sent the goods so you can make her a dress or Elmer a suit or any thing you like. did you get goods or one ready made?

This is a beautiful day so pleasant I have on a red Calico dress this morn. and a red bonnet with red Embroidery on it Mrs Briscoe made both dress and bonnet and you made the apron. Mr Briscoe brought Mrs Briscoe's machine over to me. it's just like yours a Domestic I am glad too. Bessie is going to Bowie to school she will stay with old Mr & Mrs Cleaver. I guess Etoy will stay with me. I want her too. she is at Mrs Cleavers now. Willis goes home so early in the mornings and comes in late at night and she would be so much Company for me.

Well I hope you are all well and happy. I must quit and Make up the mail.

Love to all Your Girl
Lula

{Post Script: hope juju will think her cap is pretty.}

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Nov -11-1904

My Dear Mamma

Will write you a few lines this morning. It has been snowing this morning. We just put the stove up in the Store last Sunday havn't put our heating stove up at home yet. Willis is plowing for Oats. I guess he is sowing to-day its awful cold too. We have had such a pretty fall. Could not have been pretier. Etoy stayed all night with us last night. I don't know what Mr Briscoe is going to-do.

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Bessie is going to Bowie Sunday to go to School. Etoy will stay at Mrs Cleavers, my house and at home. her papa comes home when he can and she stays with him. he wants us to move to his house and stay this winter so Etoy can stay with us but Willis is so cranky he won't do it. says it won't seem like home and that I had enough to do he thinks more about me than he used to. I am not very well. I have begun to cough already and am afraid I will keep it up all winter. I don't know how I have taken cold for it hasn't been very cold.

Vallie Counts has been about to die for about 3 or 4 weeks with flukes and has now got pneumonia.

We haven't a very good school this year several have stopped their children. Etoy is going.

Mable had a felon??? on her finger and came over Tuesday night and stayed all night had it lanced the next morning. left her children with her papa and children. well I have to quit so will close and write again tomorrow.

Love to all tell the children to write. No I never did get Elmers letter

Yours Lula

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Sugden, I. T., Nov 16 1904

My Dear Mamma & All.

Your letters received. Many thanks to Winnie for the apron.

Edna & husband live in St. Louis, Mo. I think Winnie writes fine she has improved so much. Bessie went to Bowie Sunday to go to school. Etoy stayed all night with us last night. she is a real good child. Always minds every thing I say with out one word. she stays with her Papa every night when he is here. when he isn't she stays with us. she sleeps on a cot. I have been trying to make some Chow Chow but have felt so bad that looks like I never will get it done.

Willis and Mr Briscoe ground my tomatoes, cabbage, onions & pepper in the sausage mill too. I am not going to work in the store another winter. it don't hurt me in the summer but i cough too much in winter and take so much cold.

I dreamed about Papa being sick and dying all night last night. Willis has got an awful bad cold too. I told you about Mrs Willis having a little baby boy I guess.

Alma Goodwin is awful sick with flukes. looks like its a funny time of year to have them to me. I sent the stuff for Elmers suit yesterday and I'll send him a couple of those little collars as soon as they come. Etoila and Joe are still at Mountain View. they like it fine. I guess they are doing all right. Franci didn't like his job so he and Bess have moved back with the old folks on the farm. Nothing new.

so will close
write soon

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Your girl
LuLa

{Post Script: It was so nice in Uncle Guss to give the girls those dresses. its such pretty soft good. did he pick it him self?}

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My Dear Mamma.

Your letter of the 14th just received I am glad you liked the cap also glad Juju liked it knew it would look sweet on her. I got it at Mr Tuckers. I feel better to-day than I have for a week. tell the children they aught to see our little pigs willis brought in 2 sows with 10 little tiny pigs and made another pen for them They are the cutest things. We have four hog pens now in our yard so thats about all the room we have. willis said if I would see Mr wakefield to-day and see if he would rent us his lot he would bring in a cow. If you were here you could have all the cows to milk you wanted. Mr Briscoe sells 10 gal's of Sweet milk a day at waurika. Mrs Halcomb sells it for him. she takes all she has there. Mr Briscoe Keeps us in milk and butter too. he churned one day last week and made a 10 pound lard bucket full of butter and brought it to us. he sells lots of butter too. but I want a Cow so I can have sweet milk. I wouldn't try to churn. We have 15 cows giving milk of our own that no one is milking. And one is gentle for me to milk and she will give 1/2 gal at a milking. That's all we need. All the rest of the Cows are their first calves and I can't go in the lot they are afraid of a woman. but are gentle with the men folks. willis takes his dinner every day now and its a job to find something to fix for him. I am so sorry I never got Elmers letter tell him to write again. Etoy went in the 4th reader yesterday she is tickled to death because she is up with Bessie. I want her to beat Bessie so bad.

I hope the children are getting along nice. We havn't put up our heating stove. it real warm to-day for this time of year.

Well I must close and put up the mail

Write Soon.
Your Girl LuLa

{Post Script: P.S. I must not forget to tell you willis raised enough of Sweet potatoes to do us all winter. They are fine too and he is proud of them.}

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My Dear Mamma.

I just received your letter sqaying Uncle Gus had got you that nice

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Coat. and its the best Thanks giving I have had. I was so glad and thing he must be Afully good. hope I will have that good a brother some day. And feel sure I will If you were always happy and I Knew you would Always have a good brother. I would always be so happy.

This has been such a lonesome dull day. Mrs Claypool invited Me to take dinner with her but I didn't to. its so far and I had to see my little pigs and feed them a little. willis had to eat Cold dinner and I thought I would too. he takes his dinner he is still plowing his land for Oats. his winter Oats are up and he says he has a good stand. I hope he won't fail again this year. not for my sake but for his own. his wheat is up nice but he says it isn't doing as well as it should. we need rain.

Tell Juju I have 5 little kittens one is white, 2 blacks and 2 greys. Willis says I can keep the little white one. its so pretty. Mr Briscoe says I can keep them all if I want them. he thinks I aught to have just what I want. willis says he is going to write and tell you how spoiled I am getting. says you wouldn't know me. I am so mean. I am feeling fine to-day only I have coughed lots. its been so warm and pretty. we havn't had any fire this week. Mr Tollefson got fired this week. every one seems sorry. they are going to Rush Springs tomorrow. don't know what he will do. The morning train run over the Supt. about 3 weeks ago up here Close to Comanche he was on his little bycycle of a thing on the track and the train run over him so they appointed the Chief despatcher Supt. he didn't like Mr Tollefson and fired him. Also fired the Waurika Agent. The releif Agent seems nice but there is no telling what kind of an agent will come. I must Close and get to work. Write Soon

Your Girl-Lula

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Sugden, I. T., Dec. 11 190 4

My Dear Mamma.

I know you think I have for saken you but you don't know how busy we are. I worked all day last Sunday guess I will work most of to-day. We have our Xmas goods out have lots of them more than we ever had in Sugden before in all the Stores. I am well I fell so well willis says I am getting so fat I walk like a duck. says I shake the floor when i walk across it. but I am not quite that fat. I don't cough half so much. and eat like a pig. so don't worry about your old \us{Pine} \us{Knot}. As Papa used to call me & him. I wish you and the children were here to spend Xmas any way. I don't know what I'll send the children think I'll decide this evening if I have time. I am going to send Juju the money and you can get her Sunday shoes. I have looked all over town and can't find any that suits me. and then I am afraid they wont fit.

Ruby & Paul came over yesterday. Ruby has grown so much I am only about 3 inches the tallest. I never did get Elmers letter guess willis will move our house tomorrow. I am glad too. willis has built us a nice little smoke house. its 8 by 12 I think but its good. he built it his self out of New Lumber. floored half. left the other so he could smoke the meat I'll have a good dug out too. so when it storms I can go in. We made about 12 gls of lard but they didn't trim the meat Close. our

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big sow we thought would make 10 gal's lard but instead of lard she had nine little pigs in her. Willis was sure sorry he killed her but she never would have pigs before and he never thought of such a thing. Well I'll close Will write again after dinner if I have time.

Your Girl.
Lula

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{Note in top margin: give Carl 1\us{00} too. I am glad he is getting along so nice. tell him to write.}

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My Dear Mamma.

Will write you a few lines this morning. Will also send you M. Order for Nov. & Dec rent and 5 more dollars for the children.

You can give them all a dollar a piece on Xmas morning or let them go to town and spend their dollars. I wish I could send the girls a nice doll a piece. We have such pretty ones but I am afraid they will get broken and the Express is so high. I'll send your Xmas present later. I am going to send the children some books too. so call for them. They will be at the Post Office by Sat. week. We got our house moved yesterday. didn't get it fixed up by Xmas I am glad Xmas day is on Sunday. Well I must quit and finish my books. I am feeling fine so is Willis. Love to All

Your Girl--Lula

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{Note in top margin: Write and tell me what kind of Xmas you had.}

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My Dear Mamma.

I am sending the children 7 books in 2 packages. the linen book and A.B.C. books are Juju's. the other 5 are for all three the other childrens. I didn't know which to send which. so thought they could all own them. I send 3 little dolls for the girls. Winnie can give Lila Flynn one if she wants too. Also sent Winnie a pocket book. give Grandma first choice of the Handkerchiefs. you take the 2\us{nd} and give the other two to the girls. the pistols are for Frank & Elmer the colars for Elmer the mice??? are for all the tie for Carl. I didn't send Frank as much as the other children but I hope he won't feel bad but I couldn't find any thing this \$5\us{00} is your Xmas present from me. I thought you would rather have it hope you will have a happy Xmas. Love to all the children. I feel like I am not making the children very happy this Xmas.

Write Soon

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Your loving Girl.

Lula

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Sugden, I. T., Dec. 27 190 4

My Dear Mamma.

I started a letter to you on the 23 but never did get to finish it so will just write a new one.

Well I received the package. All OK. We appreciated our things so much. Willis tie was just the right color. and my waist is so nice. I have it on now and it fits better than any thing I have had since you left. it couldn't fit better. My apron was the very thing I needed am going to make another one just like it. My cap and Hdkf. and every thing was nice.

I got lots of things Xmas. Mrs Dena Gibson gave me a 22 inch center piece of Battenburg it is beautiful prettiest piece of battenburg I ever saw. Mrs Cleaver gave me an embroidery center piece. it is also very pretty Miss Kate Davidson gave me a center table cover on white linen worked (Embroidered) in Holly berries and leaves in the corner. Willis gave me a pretty 9 inch cream lace collar. Old Mrs Sies said it was the prettiest thing of all. Mable gave me a pin cushion. Tura??? sent me a beautiful corset cover embroidered in pink and white daisies with green leaves she even Embroidered the back too. Mr Thompson gave me 5 pieces of opal ware. some thing like the green piece Lucille gave me for wedding present. only they are blue. Lucille gave me a pretty handkerchief. Etoy gave me a pretty picture and Bess gave me a pin tray. I believe that was all I think Santa Claus was extra good to me. every thing was so nice wish you could see my things. hope you all had a nice Xmas. Mable came over Sunday evening and went back yesterday morning. I think its going to be awful dull now and I'll write oftener. I didn't send Aunt any thing for I don't have the least idea where she is I guess she is mad because i didn't tel her to come live with me but I felt like I couldn't any way she is a free woman and seems to me she aught not to think some one has to take care of her. if she lived with me she couldn't do much of the work and I want some one who can do the washing and ironing. she has never written to me again.

There was a man shot here and killed Sunday evening a Mr Allison. (an Indian) who has the Cooper Wright place. They have Closed the saloon. but there has been more whiskey here this Xmas than I ever saw before so I think they had better let them open up. They get their whiskey from Waurika.

Well I must close Love to all Write Soon Your girl
Lula

P.S.

I got a letter Sunday from you and it had been on the road 15 days. Its real cold to-day but has been so warm Sunday night we slept without cover. it was just like summer and last night couldn't get cover enough.

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Sugden, I. T., Dec. 30 190 4

My Dear Mamma and All.

Your letter received yesterday saying you had received the Childrens dollars and that they were happy. I hope you All had a happy Xmas. I am anxious to hear from you and find out all about your Xmas. Mrs Thompson invited us to eat Xmas dinner with her, but we didn't go. I had such a head ache but Mable came in the evening and we got to cutting up and I forgot I had the head ache. I was wishing she would come. I was just home sick to see some one besides Sugden people and I have more room now and I like for her to come when Frank don't come. its the 1st time she has been to stay all night--but one night when she had the felon on her finger. since August I am getting so cranky I cant hardly stand my self. I guess Willis is too good to me. but I take the blues.

I got a letter from Mrs Newton yesterday will send it to you. Ben Harter is Agent here. you remember that old ugly round shouldered Ben who worked for Mr Tollefson when we lived at the hotell. Well he married an operator and he is Agent she seems to be real nice he's so Ugly don't see how he ever got her.

We just got through invoicing yesterday and I was sure glad it come out so good too. Mr T-- seems pleased but I have done all i could for him. I don't remember whether I told you I got a big doll for Xmas too. don't think I did but it is the lovlitest thing you ever saw its 2 1/2 feet high and bisque all over. even jointed in its wrist and elbows we had three here to be given away this cost 7\us{50} 1st Cost so Francie Lobdell drew it and sold it to me for 3\us{00} I was offered 5\us{00} but I wouldn't take it. willis thinks its as pretty as I do. he shows it to every one who comes. it has blue eyes (goes to sleep) and the lovlitest brown curly hair. (real hair too) a no-1 baby shoe just fits it and a no-4 stocking. I got it a hood out of the stock it fits also they all said I was so Crazy to buy a doll. but \i intend to play dolls till I am 60 years old if I want too. willis wanted it too. I thought he would make fun of me. but he didn't I still have the one he gave me dressed in my baby clothes.

Old Mrs Gibson came back last Sunday hope you are all well and hope the Children had a nice Xmas. I intended to send them some Candy but I was so busy. Write Soon.

Your Girl.

Lula.

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wise agreed upon.

My Dear Mamma

Its your time next and I think I have told about all I Know.

Well Jessie Crocker has a baby boy. its a month old now nearly I never
could think to tell you Mrs Hearne stayed 2 months with her. she isn't
up yet. never got along good at all when it was 3 weeks old she hadn't
sit up a minute but Mrs Hearne went home last week so I guess she is
better The R.R. Company has offered Mr Tollefson his place back. don't
think he is going to take it. he is building them a house on the farm
now at Rush Springs.

Mrs Mary Tuckers house burned down a night or two after Xmas. every one
thinks Dowdy done it and she hasn't any thing at all now. People have
been making up money for her.

Willis and Mr Briscoe fenced the Grave yard don't remember if I told you
or not. people paid them \$50\us{00} w & MrG??? furnished every thing
we counted it up and they made 1\us{50} Some thought they were making a
fortune but its a good fense. A 5 wire and I have heard several say it
was the best fence in this country. I am going to take that old fence
away from Papas grave in the Spring and put a Cedar Hedge around it.
don't you think it will be pretty? and put roses and flowers inside.
Well I am not making so much now its so dull Mr Thompson will pay me 3%
on what he sells but in the Spring it will be better than 35\us{00} per
mo.

Well I must quit
love to all

Your Girl.
Lula.

P.S. my Hdkf Receiver is lovely tell Grandma ``\us{many thanks}''
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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Jan 6 1905.

Mr Carl Brannon
Hartline Wash.

My Dear Brother.

Your letter received was glad you had a nice Xmas. I got 20 presents
and all of them Nice ones. I received Grandma's present yesterday I

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think it is just as cute and pretty as can be. tell her I thank her
\us{Very} \us{Much}. I hope you didn't act as tough as some of the boys
did here Xmas. I got the pine cone its so pretty and odd. was glad you
sent them also rock when I went to Galveston. I saw pine trees and pine
burrs from the train. but wasn't close to them. I like to live to the
new place all right when Earl is there he dries all the dishes and
always makes his own bed. so you see he isn't much trouble. Mr Briscoe
always makes his bed too. and Willis makes Etoy dry his part of the
dishes she sure minds him her Papa don't make her mind Very good. but
she is nice to me will do every thing I say. Well there isn't any news
and I don't know when I'll ever go to Henrietta. Write Soon

Your Sister Lula

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My Dear Mamma & All.

Well we had the finest rain last night. best rain we have had since
last summer. our wheat was nearly dead. but Willis thinks it will come
out all right now.

D\us{r} Collins baby (Hobby) as we all call him is aful sick with
dyphtheria. I told you about him long time ago. About him being so
smart. he is just 3 or 4 months older than Jack Bird and he is the
smartest child I ever saw but the Men have taught him so much meanness.
he has been afully low for over a week. And he just lays there and
cusses aful and only 3 years old. They are nice people D\us{r} Collins
is D\us{r} Dice partner but the men have ruined him when he was well.
he stayed with his Papa most of the time and could smoke a cigar as good
as any man. and if he didn't have one he would beg one from any one.
He would come over here and say I wqant a yetta.

Well I have been thinking I would tell you Miss Harriett Laske is
married. you remember the woman who lived at Suggs Ranch. she Married
Mr Nichol. Well Bessie got home sick and came home yesterday to stay.

I started this three days ago and have written a little every day.
Bessie stays with us and she is sure lots of help. last night when I
went home Mr Briscoe had supper ready and he Cuts the meat and peals
potatoes for breakfast. every night they are All good to help.

We certainly have had a bad spell. its afully Cold. it rained then
froze. Cold like it was 2 years ago. One of our pigs froze to death
last night. I felt so sorry for it but Willis had a good place for them
he thought Well there isn't any news.

I wear my red waist All the time it is so nice and warm so easy to put
on.

Good bye
Write Soon
Lula.

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Sugden. I.T.
Jan 14-04

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My Dear Mamma

Received a letter from you this morning saying Juju was going to school. I am glad for she can soon write me a letter her self guess you will be awful lonesome with out her. she is such a big old girl and talks lots I guess. I hope she will be a good little girl at school so all the girls will like her. Winnie was always good.

I got a letter from Cousin Joe and she said Aunt was at Buddys. I guess she will stay there. I may go to Dallas in the Spring. to help buy goods. if I want to I can.

Bessie is staying with us and she is just like a little old woman I never knew she could help me so much. but she knows as much as i do about house-keeping. and she don't wait to be told either. I don't blame them all for wanting Bess. they all want her but don't any of them want Etoy. but she and I get along fine. i hope Bess will stay at our house and guess she will.

Little hobby Collins is a little better. D\us{r} Dice said since he came back Hobby has been a little better. Dr Dice has been to Mexico guess you have seen in the paper about the people being crazy about going to Mexico.

Bessie Lobdell is going to Mountain View to visit Etoila and Joe tomorrow. she is going to wait on Etoila when she is sick. aren't you surprised at Miss \us{precise} \us{Etoila} but she was here the last of Nov. and run around town ate dinner at the hotel when she looked a perfect sight but she didn't seem to care. she told a crowd of men and women over here at the office she was going to get as fat as Mrs. Tollefson. said she guessed it was because she lived in the depot was why she was so fat. Mrs Tollefson was in the bunch but Etoila was talking to Harve Goodloe All of the men was laughing about her Mrs Tollefson said Yes I think Mrs Newton must be very happy and I must answer her letter. I never had answered her last one. Tuckers are selling out at cost I don't know what Mrs Willis named her baby. Well must quit write soon

Your Girl
Love to all
Lula

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wise agreed upon.

My Dear Mamma

Well Mable came over Friday. stayed all night with us Saturday night and all day Sunday. In the Afternoon Frank Smyers and Miss Nannie Peters came over so we had lots of company and din't get lonesome. After they all went home Etoy, Bess and My doo and My Self all went over to Mrs Gibsons and stayed a while her little baby is awful cute. It can nearly sit alone.

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Mable said she was coming back and stay a week and help me get fixed up. I got a letter from Pearl yesterday they have moved to Clay Center Kansas. she didn't say why they moved.

I also got a letter from Cousin Joe she writes about 4 to my one. she said she was going to send Aunt half the money and Aunt Paralee??? the other half to pay her way to her house. It looks like Aunt could sell part of her stuff and have enough of money to pay her own way. Cousin Joe said she sold her Turkeys for the money. Cousin Joe works hard I believe Aunt could have raised Chickens and Turkeys and it would have made her feel better. Cousin Joe said Aunt wrote and said she was hardly able to be up. but tell me if you ever heard of her being any other way. I am sure I never did. she is always barely able to get about. If she would get about more she would be more able. If I sit around like she always did I would feel bad too. I am not going to write to her any more untill she write to me.

I did not go to Hobby Collins funeral but I went over to see him on Thursday morning he certainly did look sweet. he always made me think of Elmer. he was so little and talked like Elmer they sent to Ft. Worth for his Casket it cost 110\us{00} it is a Metalic one. white metal weighed over 200 pounds. they sent to Bowie for his clothes. he had on a little white velvet suit white silk blouse waist white slippers and stockings. his Papa got him a ring and put on him he looked so natural. he (Dr Collins) had a little bed tick made for the Casket. he told me he was going too that morning said the little fellow would have to lay there along time and it looked so cold that way. they had a box made water proof of walnut and put the Casket in that and then put it in another box. I never saw people so silly over a child they just worshipped him. the whole Collins family's and there are 3 different families of them who live here. the old man lives in the Grogan house. and one family live in the Langston house so we are between them well I must close Write often as you can. love to all

Your Girl

Lula

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Jan 26 1905

Dallas Texas

Mrs Brannon

Dear Friend I suppose you will be surprised to hear from me I have been trying to hear from you through Lula but she came to Dallas Some time ago and didn't come to see us we could not expect her to write but I am glad she and Pearl keep up their correspondence. I know you would like to have Lula near you Pearl has been in Kan T---??? your it seems like a long time to me we are wanting to know something about your part of the country. what Price are lots how are groceries & rent and what did you pay for your tickets I am tired of paying rent we pay over six hundred dollars a year and think it is impossible for us to ever get a home here lots are very high. what kind of matter??? do you have & how is fruit what kind of meat & what price do you pay are chickens very high what kind of help do you get and the price for them we have a splendid cook but they are hard to get here I mean good cook the darkies are so thick can hardly walk for them I pay her \$4.\us{00} week furnish room an houses hard to secure in your town

well clay co news are very scarce the old place is nearer full up than has been in a long time witchaler falls??? got the ail through their Burg Henrrietta have been Hurronghed enough about it but their men are

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to close fisted for bussiness property is advancing a little at present I hope we can sell our place soon well I suppose your Children are growing as fast as mine are Arlee is as thick as she is long how are the Schools there and wich is the best town for Hotel is the weather very cold up there well I know your Time is all taken with other things but Carl can write for you. tell him to Pick out a girl and I will bring her up with me

Mr Patton has succeeded in Burning out his Furniture Store Dr Ferris has a partner in with him still has the drugstore I was glad when I heard you had gone to Washington but you don't know how I dread to move Myra Says to tell you she is coming to see you when Spring comes if we do not Mabe Mr Eaton has a job at \$50.\us{00} dollars Monthly do you think he could beat that there-- -- hoping this will find you all well & doing well I remain as Ever

Mrs M E Eaton

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Sugden I.T.
Jan 26-05

My Dear Mamma--

Will write you a few lines this morning. Well we are still having the coldest weather I most ever saw. the papers say and every one here say its the coldest since 1898. I nearly freeze every time I get away from the fire. It wounds like we are in a city the telephone wires ring so loud. times are aful dull worst I ever saw. We don't sell but very little I will be glad when spring comes and we get more trade. I think this will be our coldest month.

Mause Griffith has been in bed 3 or 4 weeks now with Stomach trouble. he is still not able to sit up. Mrs Oneal has rented her Hotel to a woman from Stoneburg. I don't think she amounts to very much. Mr Davidson says its aful dull They have quit Stopping the night trains here to put any one off or wont Stop where you flag and its nearly ruined him for the traveling men go on to Waurika so they can get off on a night train. There is a new Restuarant too but don't think they are doing any thing. Mr Gibson says they are doing the least business they have done since he opened the Bank. so you can imagine how dull it is. If I can get me a position some place for 35\us{00} the year around I am going to take it and resign the P.O. Have been looking for the P.O. Inspector this week he has been to Ryan, Waurika, Duncan and Marlow that I know of he took charge of the office at Marlow. I guess he is still there. Mr Roberts of Ryan P.O. was here yesterday and said he was the worst one he ever got a hold of. said he was a bad fellow. I dread him. for I hate Cross hateful people Mr R-- also said the Waurika PM and Duncan P.M. both said he was an aful insulting man. I have my work all up and hope he will come to-day. well we are all well. hope you all the same.

Write Soon
Your loving Girl.
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{Post script: There are lots of sickness here the Drs are run day & night most every family has some one sick with pneumonia.}

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Sugden I.T.
Feb. 2-05

My Dear Mamma--

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Well the weather is trying to play freeze out. I never saw such cold weather the sun has not shone but 2 days this last month (Jan.) it has not rained much or snowed any untill last night and it don't cover the ground. but stays cloudy and cold Its certainly cold this morning. It has been so cold Mrs Cleavers flowers froze in the dug out.

We got up so late this morning I didn't have time to wash the dishes. Bessie and Etoy was washing them when I left Bess is just like an old woman don't never seem to care if she has all the work to do she was sick in bed 4 days but got up Tuesday and seems to feel all right. I got a letter from Pearl this morning. They are at Clay Center Kansas. Pearl says she can remember Juju only as a big fat babe in Guy Youngs arms. and Winnie as an independent little girl who wouldn't cry or do what said when I slaped her. I guess she has forgotten the boys. she said she was coming to see me when she went to see her mamma and I sure would love to see her.

I guess you got the letter Mrs Eaton sent for me to address to you. I never have heard from Mrs Newton any more. Mr Schirlitz has come back to Sugden. Mrs Gnagey was talking to me over the phone yesterday she said she thought he was coming back to stay and was going to bring his Piano back to their house.

She is a good little woman. she makes me thing of Mrs Eaton. she calls me up every few days and wants to know if I have on over shoes and my leggins or ask me if my feet are cold. she said yesterday she bet my feet were cold all time. every since I was sick she calls me up to see if I am all right.

I wasn't so auful sick but every body was scared about me. I guess it was because I went to bed. Willis said I looked like I had been bad sick a month. Mrs Davidson is always telling me to be careful and not take cold. I think more of her and Mrs Gnagey than any women in town. and I forgot Mrs Bush. Mrs Newbury's are going to move to Texas this week he is going in the Barber Business. Well I must quit its been so cold my ink stays frozen all time.

Love to All
Your Girl
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Sugden I.T.
Feb 7--1905

My Dear Mamma--

Your letter received Sunday I aught to have answered yesterday but we cleaned the Store and I didn't have tiem. Well we are having winter time right \us{now}. It has snowed every day for 7 days I never saw so much snow and it has been frozen over and slick as glass Willis made us a sled last Saturday and he has been taking me back & forth to the store ever since. it snowed a big snow again last night on top of the other and its sure deep and soft. this morning Willis carried me from the door to the sled and put me on it. We drive the mule to it and its sure fun I never saw snow like this. You can imagine how cold it is the lake is frozen so hard We drove from one end to the other on the ice and the horse in a lope. Sunday evening Willis took Ollie & Mrs Bush, Kate Davidson, Etoy, Bess & My self all at one time all over town the snow was so hard the sled didn't sink in enough to see our tracks behind. Its sure a bad spell on the Cattle Joe & Etoila have a baby \us{Girl} Bessie came home yesterday Its auful dull. I want to put a new flounce to my black silk skirt I am going to fix it my self. I am going to make all my clothes and learn how to sew nice. people sure use

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lots of coal this winter. 1 car of coal generally lasts a whole winter here but this winter Mr Thompson has sold 6 or 7 cars every one has burned as much as 3 tons but its sure has been cold. I know Carl thinks I aught to write him a long letter but there isn't any thing to write. Mause Griffith is still in bed. Well I must quit love to all

Your girl

Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Feby 11 1905.

My Dear Mamma & All.

Well we have had \us{snow} \us{snow} to our hearts content. don't think I'll ever want any more. Its still deep on the ground. it snowed every day for 7 days last Tuesday evening was an aful snow storm it was just as still and you could hardly see across the street Its trying to rain this morning. Willis sold 2 of his horses for \$150\us{00} yesterday to Mr Gibson they were worth 200\us{00} but we wanted to pay Jackson & Bird and Mr Bush. and it took so much to feed them then they were 15 & 17 years old and willis was afraid they would die. We have 2 very good teams and Old Dude left. one team is a dandy the other is smaller. Willis can't plow for 2 or 3 weeks its so wet. but he has his oat land all broken and we have the best prospects for a good grain crop. We have had for 4 or 5 years. the farmers all say.

Guess you have heard that the Statehood Bill passed Congress and the Senate House both for Okla & I.T. to be admitted to the Union as one state and it be ``\us{okla}''

Mr will Thompson got two of his best mules Killed on the R.R. last night and another one hurt aful bad. they think it may die.

We are all well. I never felt better in my life. I have changed the way of fixing my hair. I part it in the middle now say Mamma Mr Tucker just came in and ask me what you ask for your place. he wants to buy it if you will sell it. I ask Mr Thompson what he thought it was worth he said if you could get \$150\us{00} he believed he would take it. You do as you like but answer as soon as you get this Mr Tucker said he would wait.

Your Girl

Lula

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Sugden I.T.

Feb. 13--05

My Dear Mamma & All

We are still having the Coldest weather I ever saw. the thermomitor stayed right around zero all day yesterday and this morning it was below zero in the house. every thing is sure frozen up. The stock looked like they would freeze to death yesterday. I felt so sorry for every thing. I know it must have been 10 or 12 below zero out of doors all day yesterday. I almost froze when I came to put up the Mail Willis came with me the 1\us{st} time. and froze his ears. so I came back by my self when the train came. and when I got back that time I was sure

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crying I was so cold they laughed at me but I ached so bad I could not help it. the ground is just a sheet of Ice and under that is about 3 inches of snow. I never saw it so slick. the wind blowed so hard yesterday I could hardly stand up on the slick ground and I didn't stand all the way. I fell so flat and hard right in the middle of the street and I wasn't the only one either. I never saw such a blizzard they say its the worst ever known in Kans & Nebraska. And we don't get any Mail. farther north than Chickasha didn't have any Mail yesterday eve. I was glad too that I didn't have to come back the train came but was only s Stubb and didn't carry Mail.

I am anxious to find out how Willis's Stock stood the Spell he wanted to go out there yesterday but i begged him not to go. it was so cold he was afraid the boy out there wasn't feeding them enough and we have worlds of feed for them. I guess he will go this morning. he was out Sawing and Chopping on his wood pile when I left. We have sure got a nice big pile of wood. Well I must Close Write Soon

Your Girl
Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Feby 16 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

will write you a few lines. the ground is still covered with snow except on the streets in town and its just one lake of water. I rode Dude to town. Willis is real sick I am afraid he is taking pneumonia. he came home yesterday evening and went to bed had an awful high fever and it must have been 104 all night and I went home at noon to see how he was and he wasn't any better. Earl stayed at home with him. I felt real mean to leave him for he is so good to stay and take care of me when I am sick but looks like I can't help it.

Etoy came home from school sick this morning. guess she is going to have La Grippe. There is so much sickness here. I had awful high fever all night Tuesday night but I am all right now. I feel so well but I have taken cold. people have come to town in sleds for 2 weeks yesterday did you ever see people ride 2 weeks on snow in this country. I never did.

One of our cows has a little calf and Willis brought her in Tuesday evening that's what made him sick he went off with out his overcoat and got so cold. Our cow is just as fat as can be. but she hooks. Willis keeps telling me I had to milk but Bessie & Etoy thinks I will and they beg me not to try. they say she sticks out her tongue and goes after girls. but they needn't be scared you know I am awful scared of cows.

Well I must quit Write Soon Love to All hope you are all well
Lovingly
Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Feby 22 1905.

My Dear Mamma & All.

Well I think you did hurt your finger. I know some thing about it you remember when I mashed my finger Nail in two with the Post Marking Stamp.

Well this is a beautifule day just like Spring but the snow is all over the ground except in the roads. The ground has not been free from snow since the 31st of Jan. Its sure bad on the feet part but I have been lucky I havn't had my feet the least bit wet this year. I have worn over shoes and Leggins and then I have my Rubber boots. I think surely we will have an early Spring. I hope so for I am anxious to get to plant Garden.

Earl has started to school. he is going to stay with us. but he helps lots and I don't have much more to do only have to cook more is all. Our cow gives a gallon a milking. I think she will do better when we feed her some thing besides hay. she gives aful good rich milk. Willis calls me 'sweet milk' because I drink so much of it and because I like it warm. Kittie Lee Martin is teaching music here in town. she has her Piano at the Davidson Hotel. she certainly plays beautiful plays better than Mrs Bird. Our new Depot Agent's wife has a fine Piano also so we have a little music. Mrs Cleaver and Ollie E-- have ordered them a new spring Carpet. Mrs Cleaver has a pretty new iron bed a beautiful sewing machine a new rug and she is taking music from Kittie Lee.

If we make any thing this year I want to get me a leonolum for my kitchen. I have to take that old matting up its just worn completely out. and it will be hard to have to scrub every Sunday or after night. We never have had the money to fix up our houses to-gether and we have to go out doors to go in the Kitchen from the sitting room. and its aful inconvenient. Mrs Cleaver came down Sunday evening and told Etoy and Bess they had to mind Willis and me or go up to the Camp and stay with their Daddy. they mind me all right but they wouldn't mind Willis. but they have since. but he is worse than some old Grandpa. I must quit if I get this in the mail.

So good bye. hope you are all well and happy. tell Carl this is for him too. I can't think of so much.

Lovingly

Lula

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My Dear Mamma--

Just received your letter saying you would not sell yet for a while. I am glad for I hated to see you sell your place. As long as you have that you have a home.

I am sorry you are so dissatisfied. some thing must be the cause. I

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don't believe they are good to you all. I wish you were here but I can't say come back for I don't know what you could do to make a living. every thing is getting duller every day. Mr Harris failed last week thats three in the last three or four Months. Mr Harris is going to move to Lockhart. several are fixing to move away. I don't know what to do. I never was so worried. I don't see why we were all born. Trade is so dull and I just hate to work here. Mr T-- is so cranky and hateful. he don't think I earn any thing. I know form the way he acts. and I am getting awful tired of it. I always like Mr Bird, Jackson & Mr Grogan. but I sure don't Mr T--

Willis said I aught to Churn he wanted some good butter so I borrowed Mrs Cleavers Churn (As I couldn't get one in town) and churned a gallon of milk and made about a pound of butter. I never weighed it but its as much as I pay Mrs Willis 20 cents for. It didn't take but about 10 minutes to Churn.

The weather has been beautiful for about a week but its cloudy and a Norther blowing to-day. Willis plowed Friday and is plowing again to-day. I hope your finger is better.

Edna sent me two proofs of her pictures and she surely has changed lots she looks 10 years older. but she is still pretty but her cheeks are so hollow.

Well I must quit. hope you will be happier when you get this. I think Aunt Lizzie can fix every thing all right. Love to all. wish I could see you all. hope the Children are happy. How is Carl?

Lovingly

Lula

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{Note in top margin: I am going to Churn again to-day.}

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Mar 2 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

Will write you a few lines this morning so you won't think I am sick.

We are having beautiful weather have not had fire for two days. And have all the doors open I never saw a prettier week. I spaded up two beds (As its to wet in the garden to plow) between the peach trees that was getting dry and planted a bed of lettuce and one of radishes.

willis is going to begin sowing oats to-day he has his land all broken and has been breaking sod for his Cane & Caffir Corn and Millet. since last Friday. I think he was the only man in the country who had his land broken for Oats. when this spell came the 1st of Feb. every one told him he was in luck. Mr Gnagey is planting his potatoes (Irish) he is going to plant 33 bushell. he and several more of the Comanche people are going to raise garden stuff and potatoes to ship. Mr Gnagey is a good farmer too. he sure works.

I ride Dude to town every day now. he hasn't any thing to do and Willis said I might as well ride.

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Mrs Davidson is at Ringgold Visiting Greer. Mr & Mrs Greer Davidson have another girl, but their other little girl died not long ago. The Methodist Meeting is still going on and is doing more good and has better crowds than any meeting ever held here before. The Church is full every night and last Sunday night it was just packed like sardines in a box. There wasn't hardly standing room, and last night I went again and the preacher preached a splendid sermon. Mr Wakefield called the preacher down in the middle of his sermon and wanted to argue with him, but the preacher told him he was preaching and he would see Mr Wakefield after while. As soon as church was dismissed, Old man Tucker got up and said if the people wanted hear the Bible read & explained to come over, and he would read it to them, and I don't know what all he did say but its a disgrace to the Christain Church. I never saw such a set as this Christain Church is in my life and I never intend to join them. I don't believe they have any religion its all argument and dispute with them and all the Tuckers come and just sit and talk in church untill people sitting close to them can't hear. just making remarks about what the Methodist Minister says and he has never said one word against any Church. he has just simply preached to the people, and not against other churches and he has had scripture for every thing he has said too. people are talking of getting the Marshall to see if he can't keep them still or have them arrested for disturbing the Public worship, and it is the most rediculous thing I ever heard of the way they act. I never was so out done in my life. well I must quit but the Meeting is good and i never heard better sermons. I hope you are all well. I know Carl thinks I aught to write him a seperate letter but these are for him too. I can't think of any thing to write I get started and tell it all in one.

Love to all of you. Write soon to Your Girl

Lula

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Sugden I.T.
Mar. 7-05

My Dear Mamma.

Your letter received this afternoon was so glad to get it. I was wishing I would get one.

I am glad the children did so well at the supper wish I had been there. I am glad you told me all about it for I am always interested. I guess Juju's dress was rather small wasn't it? I know she lookeed sweet. And I didn't know Elmer was going to be a 'Dude' quite so soon. but I am glad he has so much pride. but he must look funny with his hair parted in the middle. tell Juju not to get so excited next time she is working examples. Does she ever cry in school? Etoy does when ever she misses a word in her spelling lesson. And I used to cry too when I didn't know my lesson. I hope Winnie and Juju don't

(Wednesday) We have had pretty weather for over a week and my garden I planted last week is up fine. but we have a cold norther this morning. We just had a regular flood Sunday evening. It came from the west and the wind blowed hard and it thundered & lightening awful. struck several telephone wires and burned out several phones. Mr & Mrs Halcomb & baby. Mr Briscoe and Mary Dice was there when it began that was about 4.30 in the Afternoon and it rained so hard they All had to stay all night with us. it rained all night long never stopped so that stopped the oat sowing & plowing. Willis didn't get but 20 acres sowed he had such a time with his drill. It rained all after noon yesterday and part of last night and is drizzling this morning. so I don't know when the farmers will get through sowing.

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Mr Gnagey had a calf born with two heads, 2 mouths, 4 ears, 4 eyes, 2 noses and both tongues hanging out of it mouths. Mrs Gnagey called me up yesterday and told me about it. but it died. I am going to get a tomb Stone for Papa this summer if I can. I was talking with a Marble Man not long ago. I thought I would get a neat Marble slab. its 36 inches high and 12 inches wide. I knew I wasn't able to buy a fine one This one is 25\us{00} I am also going to send for a collection of five rose bushes for cemetery planting and put there too. I am going out there next Sunday.

well I started to write to all the children but I havn't time this morning. Love to all of them. wish I could see you all. If we make a good crop and get out of debt I am going to see you this Summer. There is going to be a round trip rate to Denver Colo for 15\us{00} from here. well Good bye write often hope your finger is better

Lovingly Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Mar 11 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

will write you a few lines this morning. It is still raining people havn't their oats in yet and can't put them in its so wet. if it had only put off raining a week it would have been fine on the farmers. My Garden is growing so fast. I think every seed my have come up. I never saw stuff so thick. if it keeps on I'll have lettuce and radishes by the 1\us{st} of April. We are all well. Earl got mad at Willis and cussed the old cow and said he was going to break her rib so willis told him to take his horse and hit the road. That he couldn't talk to him like a negro. so Earl left. the same day Bessie got mad at me and before I came home that evening she had moved her self and clothes to Mrs Cleavers. I was auful sorry and I cried about it but willis said he wouldn't care if he was me. he said she should not come back to live with us any more. he came in and told Etoy if he ever heard of her sasing me again he would blister her from one end to the other. but I don't think she will she got mad too. and I told her I never would tell her or Bess either another thing. they could do as they pleased. but when I came home in the evening she came put her arms around me and said she wanted me to tell her how to do and that she wanted to live with me and she was going to be good. she is a good child when Bessie isn't there. she never gets mad or any thing but Bess teased her so much it made her cross Bess was, good to help. but she didn't liked to be corrected. so since I have thought about it I think Mrs Cleaver is the one to keep her. Its best for Etoy too. I love Etoy lots the best and I guess I am partial to her as Bess says and Mr & Mrs Cleaver are just the other way. They think the sun rises and sets in Bess and think Etoy is so bad because she won't put up with those Cleaver boys.

I havn't seen Bess since she left and I guess I won't if she waits for me to come to see her for I never bother the Cleaver family Very much. Mrs Gibson is real good to men Etoy's clothes and tells her to bring all her things up there she has to mend.

well I must close. They are all good to me but I am getting auful Cranky I don't like any body here hardly.

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Mr & Mrs Wakefield have separated. May took an interest in the Methodist Meeting and the old man said she had to leave so Mrs Wakefield went with her. Well I hope you are all well.

Good bye Lovingly
Love to all
Lula
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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Mar 14 1905.

Mr Carl Brannon
Hartline Wash.

My Dear Brother--

Will write to you first this time so Mamma will have to claim part of this. Every thing is awful dull nothing much to write about.

We had a protracted meeting here for a couple of weeks. I mean the Methodist did and 10 joined the Methodist Church and about the same number joined the Baptist. The ones that joined the Methodist were Mrs Bush, Kate Davidson, Kittie Lee Martin, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Cleaver, Mr & Mrs Harter (The depot Agent & wife) and I can't remember the other three. Kittie Lee was organist for them during the meeting she plays beautiful.

Willis is sowing oats to-day he sowed yesterday its awful muddy & wet and was sprinkling this morning when we got up. I think we will have another rain in a day or two. Every thing is full of water it rained all last week except Friday. Corn ought to be up and I don't suppose there is a grain in the ground or an acre plowed for corn.

All of January it was so cold the ground was frozen a foot & 1/2 deep and then snow was on the ground every day in Feb. and it has rained nearly every day this month.

Oats ought to have been planted the middle of January and now its the middle of March and some havn't a grain sowed what are being sowed is just muddied in. We have fed our horses good all winter they have had all they could eat but Nox and Colty just looks awful the last week. Willis is feeding them Condition powders and every body's horses look bad. Mr Gibson has 5 horses that he feeds 12 pound of Condition powders to a week.

I Churned got supper washed the dishes and made a cake last night. Willis had to feed his horses, milk and build a fence nearly. Two of his hogs were out he had to hunt them up and an old cow had jumped in and tore up every thing so he didn't get through any sooner than I did. We have 12 sholts and 2 sows left and Sunday evening the pigs got one of my hens and nearly killed her before I could get to them.

I had lots of company last Sunday evening. Wren & Bobbie Gibson stayed all day with Etoy. Bobbie Gibson is Mrs Dena Gibsons oldest little girl and she named her baby Polly. And in the after noon Mrs Cleaver & Bessie came also Old Mrs Gibson Mrs Dena Gibson and all her Kids. Gipe??? & Hall Mrs Steve Gibson Mrs Easterling Mrs Connie Taylor Miss

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Ludie Goodwin and Miss Cora Kennemer also Mr Briscoe stayed all day. But every one of them were there at once. Willis said he would take me out to see the wheat but i didn't get to go I get about 10 eggs a day now nearly all my hens are black ones and they lay good. I havn't any setting most every one has some setting but me, and mine won't set. You aught to see Mrs Bush's dog it growing so fast its back is as high as Etoys shoulder. Mr & Mrs Bush have the Cutest little Rubber tyre trap buggy. Well I must quit be a good boy and don't worry Mamma

Your sister

Lula

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{letter found inside a letter dated Mar 17 1905}

Vernon Texas

Mar. 14 05

Mrs Briscoe

Sugden I.T.

My Dear old Lula

How are you to dayAunty & I have been talking about you all day so she told me she would darn if I would write to you for her of course it was a very pleasant exchange to me, but lan??? this old pin

Margie has been playing with it. Lula you ought to see Margie & Georgie play. G. will be three years old in July. they play old woman with sick children they think Aunty Beckett is the only thing. Aunty said tell you she had been wanting to write for a long time but she had been so torn up and bothered having so much on her mind and all till she could not write or do any thing else with any satisfaction. but she has rented her house out but stored most all her things in one room of the old house she wished for you to be here so often for there was so many things you could have made use of she sold all she could she is through now I think all but some business transactions after her business is attended to. why then she will take her departure to Mo to see Cousin Joe. Aunty spent Xmas in Dallas of course she had a nice time with exception of having a cold. I want her to stay here with me until she start for Mo how about you coming to see to see us before she leaves let us hear from you about it. Aunt said little George Parks wanted to know that Lula gal was??? after you Visited them that time. I have often heard Aunt say if you mother had been in Vernon or in Texas she would not have broke up house keeping how are you getting a long I guess you all will make a fine crop with such a season as we are having Lula. I already made 35 gal. of fine soap I have just got started to making it good. Verna Lucky not married yet and that's not all. if she ever goes with any I don't know it they are taking boarders

Oh excuse this

scratching write soon and tell us all the news how is your mother I will write a long letter next time your find friend

Mamie Castlebury

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{Note in top margin: I think the way you made your suit is so pretty and Very stylish nearly like the way Mrs Bush had hers made. hers

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Mar 16 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

Just received your letter yesterday evening Am glad Carl is better. hope he will get along all OK.

Well we have had more rain. it rained all night Tuesday night most all day Wednesday and all night Wednesday night and a little bit last night. it seems like it has to rain every night. Willis likes about a day being through planting Oats. his wheat is beautiful. he hasn't but 20 or 25 acres but I have heard several say he had the best wheat in the Comanche Country. he took lots of pains putting it in. he put his in the same time Mr Lobdell and several other old farmers around him and he said he was going to try to have the best. and I guess he has from what they all say. he said he would take me out to see it last Sunday but I had so much company i didn't get to go.

I made me a shirt waist Wednesday night after supper. Cut it out and made it all but stitching in the sleeves and the buttons and button holes. I finished it yesterday. I also started to make the skirt and cut it out and Mrs Campbell finished it for 25 cents so I got it all made and didn't cost but 25 Cents. and I like my own sewing the best. Its made of solid Grey Chambray Gingham. I have the suit on to-day. Well I had to quit and sell Jessie Davidson some more goods. she & Kate are both fixing to get married and sewing for dear life. have been selling them lots of pretty things. I think its fixing to pour down and rain for its getting so dark.

I hope you are all well. I got a letter from Mrs Castlebury and Aunt I'll send it to you.

Love to all
Write Soon
Your Girl
Lula
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Sugden I.T.
Mar 21--05

My Dear Mamma.

Well I wanted to write to you yesterday but I didn't. Etoila and Joe Lobdell were down on a Visit. Their baby is beautiful. its prettier than Bessies. it looks like Etoila. its a Hughes you can tell that. she named it Herberta Ethylle. I went to the Grave yard last Sunday evening (Willis & I) we cleaned all the weeds and grass away nice. The Cosmos I had planted there last year went to seed and they have come up thick all round the grave. I ordered some Camias and 5 rose bushes for memorial planting. I think they will be here by next Sunday so I can plant them out. I also ordered a Maderia Vine. I am going to plant at the head of the Grave. Mrs Gibson said i could have some lilacs at her place to set out too. seems like I can't get Cedars for less than 50 cents each so i am going to put lilacs instead of Cedars this year and get the tomb stone. I can get one 3 feet high and 14 inches wide just a slab with two hands clasped at the top for 25\us{00}. That isn't as nice as I would like but its all I feel like I can afford and with that we can always keep track of his grave better. some out there are sunk in and the head & foot plank rotted untill you can't tell who they are.

I sent you a every day dress yesterday. I thought it would make a pretty wrapper or Mother Hubbard. I got a letter from Edna. Mrs

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Edmisson is in Wichita.

Willis ask me this morning if I told you I had all the sweet milk I could drink. he laughs at me for drinking so much sweet milk. I milked last night before Willis got home. it was so cloudy and late and he said I was worth my weight in "dirt". We had the worst storm last Friday evening between 5 and seven o'clock. I ever saw for this time of year. the wind blowed so hard and the lightening was terrible. I was sure scared. but I didn't get scared until it got here. for I never thought about such a storm. It blowed Mr Candler's??? house away lots of barns & sheds and several houses off the foundation. blowed Mr Willis's off the foundation.

Well I must quit write real soon love to all.
Willis got through sowing Oats yesterday.

Loveingly

Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Mar 22 1905.

Miss Juju Brannon
Hartline Wash.

My Dear little Juju

You don't write to me or make me any pretty pictures any more. I am going to send little Edna Earle Lobdell's picture to you and Mamma to see and then you must make Mamma send it back. Mr Jim said he wished he could steal you. he said didn't I guess Mamma would let you come to see us. said you could come by your self all right. but Lula was afraid for you to do that.

Lula hasn't time to write to Mamma and Carl. tell them not to cry she will write to them next time. Write soon and study your big examples hard.

Your sister.
Lula.

{Post Script: Mamma

Bessie had the picture taken last month don't you think she is a cute little baby. its exactly like her.

Lula

she gave it to me so I thought I would send it and let you see it. she has blue eyes.}

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Mr Elmer Brannon
Hartline Wash.

My Dear Little Brother.

Your nice little letter received was so glad you wrote to me too. What is the matter with old Frank? Why didn't he write?

Hubert is not going to school now. he lives in the country and has to help his Papa. Are you as old as Hubert? If you are as big as he is you must have grown lots. Lonnie Harris sells a weekly paper every Saturday and makes a little money.

We have had lots of rain. Willis says you write as good as Winnie. I think you write aful nice.

Willis has been planting garden this morning. you aught to see Old Dude. he has got so mean and fat every time Willis and I both get on him he just kicks up and Willis rides behind me and he nearly falls off. I wish I could go to see you all in the fall. maby I cam. I am going to try to write soon.

Your Sister,
Lula.

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Mar 22 1905.

Mr Frank Brannon
Hartline Wash.

Dear Old Frank.

Why didn't you write to me too. I missed your letter. I don't believe you want to see me Very bad do you? I bet you do too. If I don't get to go to see you I am going to have my picture made and send it that will be better won't it? because a picture can't fuss at you for not combing your hair and all these little things. I wish you all had Dude to ride to school. I hope you are a good boy and don't give Mamma much trouble. I can milk now but I don't do it only every Sunday evening. only I did Monday evening the old cow just hates children. she won't let Etoy come inside the lot. Well I must quit so I can get this in the mail.

Write to me next time Old man or I'll whip you next time I see you. you are just too lazy I know.

Your Sister
Lula

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{Note in top margin: Since I finished this Miss Kate D. Came in and invited me to her wedding tomorrow afternoon at 3\us{00} Mr Smith of course is the groom. I am sure going.}

Sugden. I.T.
Mar 27--05

My Dear Mamma.

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Will write you a few lines. This is such a windy day every body stayed at home and its awful dull. I went to the Creek yesterday. Willis and I drove the mule to the buggy and went to the Creek and its sure pretty. the plum trees are beautiful. They are just snow white with blooms and a red kind of blooms are there too. Willis said it was red bud. The violets have just covered the ground in places and just full of blooms. I brought some home with me and set them out. I have 2 Geraniums, one Boston Fern and one lemon plant and my box of Violets. My Rose bushes and Carnations came to-day to put out to Papa's Grave. They are awful nice plants. One rose bush is about 18 inches high the others all about 8 inches. I think the tall one must be a running rose. Their all 5 white. one is the white La France. Uncle Beckett always thought so much of his white LaFrance rose. the wind and sand is awful to-day. I don't hardly see how Willis can plow.

Mrs Charlie Harris has another boy baby born last night. You remember she had a baby last March and it died. This is seven Children for her.

Its real warm I took off my union suits yesterday and think I would smother if I had them on to-day.

Hallie Barnes and Jim Couch were married here at the Church yesterday. he is awful nice boy they say. I am glad she did so well she had a white dotted swiss dress looked real nice every one said. well I think Miss Kate will get off about next Sunday. I am not sure but just think.

Well I must quit for I have the head ache the mud makes it ache. its been blowing hard since last Friday.

Write soon love to All.

Yours Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Apr 1 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

As this is April fool I'll just fool you by paying what I owe you. I'll send you a Money Order for 15\us{00} in this letter.

Well I went to the wedding. Rev Baird was the minister. Miss Kate looked awful nice. she had a beautiful Navy blue silk shirt waist suit and blue hat. they were married at 3 oclock and left on that 3:38 train. I felt honored by receiving an invitation. there was no one invited but Mr & Mrs Bush, Mr & Mrs Brubaker and the boarders, Willis & I.

It rained an awful rain Monday night and its poured every since 8 oclock this morning. it now after 2 oclock and still pouring. the streets are full of water nearly to a mans Boot top. The waters over the foot bridge on the lake.

We are both well. I have one hen setting. has been setting one week tomorrow. she did have 14 Eggs under her but she broke four and only has ten now. I would write more but you know this is the 1\us{st} so I'll say good bye for this time. Will write more next time.
Love to All

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Your Girl
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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Apr 3 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

I just received a letter from Mrs Newton. and she says send it to you. so I'll do that and not write much. Its a wonderful letter and you will be surprised when you read it.

I went to the Grave Yard yesterday set out 7 rose bushes 2 Carnations and 2 tuberose I forgot my flower seeds. Etoy, Bess, Gip, Wren and Doroughty went with me. we all walked and gathered daisies and buttercups and put them on Papa's and Mrs Briscoes Graves. We had a good time but I got tired and have leg ache this morning. it was so damp I had to wear my rubber boots and they made my feet get cold. We got up so late this morning I had to get Mrs Boucher to wash my dishes and Clean up the Kitchen. I didn't want to much but Willis would have me do it.

Don't get Winnie's white dress. I am going to get it for her birthday present. I'll send it some time this month. I guess that will be soon enough. Well I must quit and get to work. I am so glad you got all of those things. I think my hat must be similar to yours only its brown.

I think I would like Aunt Lillian and the girls. I hope you are all well

Love to all
Your Girl
Lula

{Post script: Did Winnie get Wrens letter?}

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{Note in top margin: would write more but can't}

Sugden. I.T.
April 8--05

My Dear Mamma--

This is Sat. morning and I will scribble you a few lines before I get busy.

Jess D-- and Mr Ross married Thursday evening at Bowie. they left on the evening train and married and came back on the 12 that night. Mr Ross is aful nice man he is about 30 or 32 I think. so that is the end of the Davidson Girls. Mr Davidson is going to Close up Monday morning it so dull he only had two boarders and Mr & Mrs Davidson are going to live there and keep roomers. The Resturant gets all the transient trade any way. We have a splendid Resturant. A Mr Pearson runs it.

Mrs Viola Martin (Etoila sister) has a baby Girl weighs 9 1/2 pounds born Thursday night. Kittie Lee is tickled to death over it. she stays in town and she was talking to her Mamma over the phone and her Mamma

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held it up to the phone and let it cry for Kittie Lee. Well I must quit hope you are all well write often

Love to All.

Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Apr 11 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

I just received your letter with the little picture. I wish you could see her baby. its aful sweet little thing. its a year old this month but can't walk. its aful little and just a perfect Monkey. she just goes wild over a doll and can say 'pretty baby' so sweet. Bessie had her in town Saturday.

Jessie married Mr Ross. he is an aful nice man. is Manager of the Lumber Yard. they live in the little Condon & Kitchen Lumber Office. Kittie Lee was in the store telling me about Viola & Roy's baby. she thinks it is the finest thing that every was. it was just born last Thursday night and she says it knows her from any the rest and she believes it does. Its been aful warm but its cooler to-day. I wore a thin white Lawn waist yesterday with Emb. front but I have on a thicker one to-day. I was feeling aful bad yesterday but I feel fine to-day. I weight 125 first time I have weighed that much since I was 16. Willis says I will make a good match for Mrs McBride in another year.

I went up to the Grave yard Sunday and my things looks very well considering the windy weather we have had the last week. I had one mess of Radishes out of my garden and my lettice would be big enough if the chickens would let it alone.

willis sold all of the Chicken-eating hogs to Mr Gibson. I only have 14 hens and one rooster left. My old hen will hatch next Sunday and I will sure be glad. One more hen stayed on the nest Sunday and I got 1/2 Doz. eggs from Mrs Bush to finish out the setting and went to set her and she was off and gone. she may go back. Mrs Cleaver has 15 hens setting.

Well nothing new to write about so I will Close. Write real soon. love to all. I will write to the Children before long. I am glad you got your wrappers made. Did you get new attachments for your machine.

Your Girl

Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Apr 14 1905.

My Dear Mamma & All.

Will write you a few lines. its so dull this afternoon Makes me lonesome. before I forget I want to ask you to tell me how you smother

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a chicken the way Papa used to like them so well. I was sitting here thinking how I wish I had a piece of your smothered chicken and can't think what I could put in it to make it taste like yours. but I am going to raise young ones and wanted to know if you can smother old hens. I bought 13 little chickens from Mrs Boucher also the old ma??? hen. I paid her a nickle a piece for the little chickens. you know thats my lucky number. my hen will begin hatching tomorrow I think and will keep on hatching an egg at a time for the next three weeks. I think for I am afraid to lift her up and take out the eggs. the other hen's lay with her so I'll just take the chickens away from her and put with this other hen. My chickens are nearly All black & white. Willis don't want any other kind but I do. I have bought 4 Plymoth Rocks hens. and that's all I have. The black chickens are so wild you can't get in 10 feet of them.

The rats are aful bad. Our garden looks aful nice but something eats my lettice off all time. I guess its the Chickens. Willis said I couldn't have any turkeys but I am going to put three eggs under one of the hens and play like they hatched out of hen eggs. I am not going to tell him they are under her and when they hatch I'll call him out and tell him to come see what funny chickens I have.

Mr Rue??? Houston has moved here. I don't know what he is going to do. they have the cutest little shetland poney. I wish the children could see it.

Mrs Dena Gibson gave me some lilacs and some thing else. I thought it was a honey suckle root but I guess it wasn't for it don't look like it. but every thing is growing fine.

Bessie Lobdells baby is aful sick it has the measles. well I must quit the train has whistled. Viola Martin named her baby Mera Martin. They made up the name.

love to all Write soon Good bye.
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{Post Script: Received a letter from Mrs Grogan. she was begging me to come over and stqy a week. Willis said I could go if I wanted too. but I can't. she ask about you and the children. Mr Grogan is going back into business right away at Byer Tex.

Good bye I have to put up the mail.

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{Note in top margin: Mr Bush will have it done and let it go on the rent.}

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Apr 20 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

It has rained all week. We sure have fine prospects for a crop. Willis is going to raise lots of sorghum too. Mr Gibson is going to give him 3\us{50} per ton for all he will raise. Mr McBride sold Mr Gibson \$700\us{00} worth last year.

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I have 19 little chickens. had to keep them in the Smoke house. All this week its been so rainy. Mr Cleavers cow died yesterday. there isn't any news at all.

Mrs Bush wanted me to ask you would you build a lettle porch at the front. he saw Mr Yoder and he said the lumber and all work would only cost 11\us{50} or 12\us{00}. he is fixing up the place lots him self. he has had him a big shed built and is going to take his boxes and box the inside of the house and then canvas & paper it him self. it has rained so much this spring that the paper is ruined in the house its so circled. he ordered the paper yesterday. it rains so in that front door that it ruins their carpet. I wish I had the money I would have it done for you myself. I hate to ask you to do it but I believe it will be the best. for he will stay if you do. and there is getting to be lots of vacant houses. there are three vacant ones in front of me. and another that will be when Mr Harris moves away. We can't tell about the R.R. yet but surely there is some thing better in the future for this place. Mr Bruce Suggs is expecting to arrive to-day with his Indian wife. I know her and she is a great big fat full blood and has a baby that is just walking she has been married to a white man once and he was killed. she lived at the Dobbs place last Summer and I think she went bare footed. she had the itch and people said they were lowsy. she is aful slouchy and filthy looking. Mrs Stamps and Van have moved out and are Keeping house to-gether.

Well I must quit. Write often. Your Girl
Lula

{Post Script: I am glad Juju liked her dress. it will be good to put on when company comes to see her.}

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{Note in top margin: Mrs Cleaver came down and helped me fix up the rooms too. We ate dinner with her Sunday}

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Apr 25 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

Will write you a few lines to-day. I have an aful Cold and feel bad to-day. I have been working hard this week. I got me a new matting and put it down in the sitting room. It looks real nice. Willis & Mr B-- helped me. I washed the windows got me a couple of lace curtains for that same room. and it looks real cosy & nice. I told Willis I aught not got the curtains for I could have done with out them but they wasn't but 65 cents each wholesale but they look real pretty.

Mr Suggs came in last night with his bride.

It has rained another flood. I never saw such rains and it rains a whole day at a time. but its rained a little every day for a week and Sunday evening it just poured from 4 oclock in the evening for about 12 hours. I never saw it rain harder and not much of a cloud either. We have not had nardly any thunder lightening or wind but just quiet pour downs. Its just ruining the wheat our wheat is so yellow with the rust.

Mable came over Sunday evening. Came just after dark. she said it

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rained 13 miles on them. they had to come by the Ferry and its 24 miles. she went home this morning. I doubt if she gets across the river at the Ferry for they just had a regular flood at Hastings and all in that country last night. It didn't rain very much here and Beaver Creek is higher this morning.

Etoy went to Marlow Friday came back yesterday. her little cousin came with her. there is no news every thing is so dull. Will Close Love to All.

Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., Apr 28 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

Yours & Winnie's letters received. I can't realize that Winnie is so large. I measured on the wall to see how tall she looked. I am just 1 foot and one inch taller than she is. she is sure bigger than Etoy. Etoy only weighs 55 pounds and isn't near that tall. but Bessie is growing so fast she weighs 90 1.2 pounds. You aught to be here to eat radishes, onions and lettuce with us. we have worlds of Radishes. Mrs Cleaver took up my Carpet in my room yesterday and made a dining room out of it. she left a note. I'll send it to you. she fixed things aful nice. I didn't get mad and cry this time.

I began this letter last Saturday and this is Tuesday and I havn't had a minut to finish. I am sure happy at the idea of getting to keep Kittie Lee Martins Piano maby all summer and maby not quite so long. she has one that belongs to a Company she is trying and hasn't room for hers and is going to let me keep hers.

Willis is the afullest old farmer & gardner you ever saw. he acts like he is 35 or 40 years old. Sunday he buried a tub a barrel & 2 big boxes half in the ground he filled them with manure and every day pours them full of water. I mean puts about 2 buckets of water in each of them and he has cucumbers & Tomatoes planted all around them and you can't imagine how fast they grow. he tried one last year with tomatoes and it was fine. I don't know you told him he said didn't any one. but I believe they did.

Kittie Lee & her mamma have moved across the street from us. Mr Bruce Suggs his wife & baby Mattie & Frank live in the Dobbs house. Winnie stays with her Grandma & Grandpa.

Well I must quit. Lum still works for Mr. Bush.

Love to All.

Your Girl.

Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., May 10 1905.

My Dear Mamma

Yours and Winnie's letters of the 3rd received yesterday evening. I fully intended sending Winnie's dress this morning and came off and forgot the lace. I am awful sorry but I am so forgetful. I will send a pattern with it but if you don't like it you can use it for some thing else for I don't like it much my self. but it was pretty at first to me. I am going to send that wide lace I bought from that woman that time. the wide is so stylish now and it looks so pretty on lawn. Mrs Gibson has some like it on her Baby's clothes and it is beautiful. but I hate to make it up for my self would lots rather Winnie would have it. and I'll never have any other use for it. I might die some time and then no telling who would get it. you know I paid 40 cents a yard for it. it aught to be good. I never have heard from Aunt or Cousin Joe since Aunt went to Mo. No Mable does not go with Frank Smyers. she got tired of him I think he was so silly and jealous.

Mr Briscoe is real sick at our house. has been in bed a couple of days. the D^r has been there 2 & 3 times a day. D^r said he had all the symptoms of Labor Pneumonia. Willis stays around most of the time and waits on him but he treated Mrs Briscoe so cool when she was sick that none of them are exerting their selves to make him comfortable. Willis said he aught to be made stay by his self. they are all down on him and you know Willis used to always take up for him but he don't any more. they are all so afraid he will marry again. Willis vows if he does he will never put his foot in his house again. and if he mentions it before Willis it makes Willis so mad he turnes pale. I have seven more little chickens.

Well I must quit Write Often,
Love to all
Your Girl
Lula
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SUGDEN, IND. TER., May 12 1905.

My Dear Mamma

This is your waist and neck Ribbon. You weill think your waist awful cheap looking I guess but I took a fancy to that piece of goods. just imagined you would look pretty in it and thought I would send you a waist. I forgot the lace for Winnie's dress again this morning.

Good bye
Your Girl
Lula
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{Note in top margin: I hope the children had their pictures made.
Send me the bill and I'll pay for them.}

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., May 17 1905.

My Dear Mamma

Your letter received yesterday evening. the ``circle'' had an ice cream supper last night. Willis Etoy and I went to Church and then went by an got some Ice Cream. The Holliness are holding a protracted Meeting here. they have a big Tabernackle up have two preachers. I have sent several things to Almira. sent you a waist in one Package. Winnie's dress in another and a pattern in small wrapper and several papers.

for fear you do not get the Henrietta paper I sent I will tell you Mrs Weldon is dead. she died at Mrs Dorris's and they brought her to Henrietta for buriel. They are getting along fine with the new Brick Building. I am not very well to-day feel sick guess I was out too late last night. We have been going to Church two nights. you spoke of fires Well you wouldn't need them here I wore a white swiss organdy waist and took my fan. Its real warm and windy. well I'll quit and get to work love to all

Your Girl

Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., May 23 1905.

My Dear Mamma & All.

I feel so uneasy about you all. I have dreamed such bad dreams about you all. I dreamed winnie was so sick and she looked liked she did when she had typhoid fever. I dreamed Carl died and I know some of you must be sick or some thing must have happened. I dreamed again that you all came to see me and didn't bring Frank and I work up crying out loud because you didn't bring Frank. for three nights I have dreamed all that. I hope you are all well.

The P.O. Inspector has been here came Friday and left Saturday. he was just as nice to me as could be. I liked him all right he looks just exactly like Mr Bush, about the same Age and talked like him.

Mrs Bush received a telegram that her father was expected to die Sunday evening so she left Sunday night for Kentucky. Mrs Tollefson is here Visiting on her way to Mr Tollefson and her new home which is the suberbs of New Orleans La. Mr Tollefson is working for the Texas & Pacific Road. has a good job but he don't like the country it is so low and he has been Chilling. he says New Orleans is so much prettier place than Galveston. I would love to go to Galveston Again this summer but I am going to see you in August if I possibly can get any one to stay here. and if we don't have a hail storm and ruin the wheat & Oats. We had two aful hard storms Sunday & just floods of rain both times. the first storm Came between 5 & 6 oclock in the morning and the other came

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at 6 in the evening. I never saw such rain fall. They have had hail around Henrietta and ruined lots of stuff.

Well I must quit and get to work hope you got Winnie's dress. Love to all

Your Girl
Lula
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SUGDEN, IND. TER., May 26 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

Will write you a little more this afternoon. We are both well.

Etoy & Mr Briscoe went to Marlow to-day on a visit so Willis and I are Alone. Mrs Tollefson is going to stay All night with us to-night. What is Bob Goodmans Address. the Thompsons wanted to Know.

\us{Our} brick building is going up fast. Mrs Davidson and her brother & his wife will start for Seattle Wash. and California next Tuesday. I wish she could go and see you. her brother wrote her that if she would go he would pay all her expenses. We have had English peas & Irish potatoes out of our Garden. My Chickens are nearly large enough to fry. they are growing so fast. Willis is putting up Binders & mowers for Mr Thompson. he wants him to put up a car of wagons too. Willis is a good hand at it too. you aught to see Willis and his Calf. he is just like some old man. he has his calf named Bulger and he don't have to tie it off when he milks at All. he just says get away Bulger and the Calf stands away untill he gets through.

hope you are all well and happy. Guess you have got Winnie's dress by now.

Write Soon Love to All
Your Girl
Lula
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SUGDEN, IND. TER., May 29 1905.

My Dear Mamma.

Will write you a few lines this morning. the trains are all behind time Beaver is level full. Red River is higher than its been since 91 so the people say. The rains have been terrible and so Many Storms. Guess you heard of the terrible cyclone at Snyder Okla. and Marlow & Duncan so Many people were Killed. 92 people out of 7 or 800 were Killed at Snyder and more will die. we had a pretty hard storm again Friday nigyht it was the worst electric storm we have had this year. so Sat morning Willis fixed the door on the dugout and fixed him a bed down in it. Cleaned it all out and he is going to sleep there. he says most

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every one went to the dug outs Friday night. every rain Comes from the West S. West and N. West and the wind always blows. My new matting has been wet so many times it looks awful old. the rain blows in under the west door and runs clear across the house. I went to the Grave Yard yesterday evening. every thing looks so nice and growing so fast. but it has been such a good Spring. been so wet.

I had snap beans and new potatoes out of my Garden yesterday. I also made a Nelly's Chocolate Cake. I make pretty good cakes but they are not pretty.

well I must quit.

Love to All.

Write Soon

Lula

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., June 2 1905.

My Dear Mamma--

Your letter received. I think Grandma's waist is so pretty. Yes I think your fortune is lots like you. We will see if it amounts to any thing. I hope you will have a happy future. If you and the Children were perfectly happy and had plenty I would be more than happy to work the rest of my days for my living. I am glad you liked Winnie's dress. I think it will be real pretty. I have another little dress I am going to send her too. I would much rather you would make my waist to suit your self. It will suit me better if you will for I never could suit my self. I always like what you make me best. Mrs Campbell made me two waists this week. I was nearly out of clothes have been trying to wear out all I had and have nearly done so.

Willis will begin cutting his wheat Monday, also Oats. he bought him a new Binder which is 120\us{00} Cost. Mr Thompson sells them for 145\us{00} but let Willis have it for 120\us{00}. Wheat & Oats are very good if it just won't rain any more for a week or two they will be in luck. but its just awful hot, so sultry.

Mrs Bush's father died. Dr & Mrs Dice are going to start to Va. in the Morning. some of Mrs Dice people are sick.

Tell Carl this is for him too. don't bother about my waist too much. any way is all right with me. I have a waist made just like the pattern you made yours by and have thought so many time it would be pretty for you and intended sending it to you. My waist is blue stuff and the shield is white Linen. it looks real nice. I am glad you fixed yours so pretty.

well I must quit for I am about to melt. Love to all Write Soon.

Your Girl

Lula

{Post Script: Did you get Winnie's pattern? Yes Lon & Nora still live here. Lon rented a piece of land from Willis and has it in cotton \us{25 acres}. I forgot to tell you we think we will get our Indian right and I will get an allotment too if we do. wouldn't Willis and I

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be lucky if we get an allotment apiece. it will \us{both} be about 500 acres.}

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SUGDEN, IND. TER., June 11 1905.

My Dear Good Mamma.

This is for you don't think it is too ``gay'' for it isn't. I want you to look pretty.

Your Little Girl

Lula

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SUGDEN, I. T., June 14 190 5

My Dear Mamma.

Your letter received yesterday. Was so glad to get it. I also got a letter from Aunt Lizzie. hope you received the pictures all right. Henrietta is going to have a big picnic the 4\us{th} of July. I think I may go over. Mr Thompson siad I could and mabe I will. Guess I would not know very many but will get to see all. It has been trying to rain all the morning. Willis has his wheat cut and will begin on his Oats the last of the week. I am full of Rhumetism. My left arm has been so stiff and has ached every day for 3 or 4 weeks. I am carrying an Irish potato in my pocket now for it. Mrs Davidson said before she went away it would cure it so I thought I would try. My legs havn't ached since I carried it. but it don't seem to help my arm. Guess I'll have to put it in my sleeve.

Mrs Cleaver went to Bowie Sunday. Mrs Gibsons have such a nice new piano. Wren & Doroughty are both taking music. No I didn't get Kittie Lee's piano. Willis was afraid some thing would happen to it and then they always seem to expect so much in return for every thing.

Kittie Lee is working in the telephone office now. Mr Brubaker sold out to Mr Adams. Our new brick is just getting along fine. They have the end and sides done. And just one man is laying the brick.

Well I must quit and get to work. Write real often I aught to write to the children but I always write all there is to write about to you. I never have heard from Aunt or Cousin Joe since Aunt went to Mo. Guess Cousin Joe has some thing else to do besides write. I am so sorry I didn't send poor little Juju a white dress too. I thought of it. but thought she had one and was intending getting her something else.

Well Good bye

Your Girl

Lula

{Post script: Did I tell you Mae Wakefield was married. she married a

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Mr Potts at Ft. Worth.}

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SUGDEN, I. T., June 17 190 5

My Dear Mother--

How does that sound?

This is Saturday and not much doing every one is busy. Willis has cut Oats all this wek just finished his but a man wanted him to cut his this evening so he went on to cut for him. It looks so rainy and the oats are taking the Rust and every one wants to get them cut before it rains any more some of our Oats were 6 feet high. I never saw such oats.

Big John Thompson said they were the finest he ever say in this country. the grain seems to be a good grade. Wheat is not very good.

Its just aful hot. The Themomitor stood 98 yesterday evening at 7 oclock in our house. It looked aful stormy. Willis didn't come home and Mrs Martin was gone so Kittie Lee stayed with Etoy & me. The wind came up just after we went to bed. We all got up took a quilt a piece and 2 pillows and went to the dug out in our gowns and shoes. We went to sleep and never waked up untill one oclock. Then we got up and went to the house. We didn't know whether it Stormed or not.

They are getting along so nice on the Brick. I am taking medicine have been nearly sick for a wek. I am going to Henrietta the 4th of July. Mr T-- wants me to go and he can attend to the office as good as I can and helps me more than any one every did before. he does more in the office than I do. I like him better than I used to. he isn't half as cranky.

Mr Grogan is in Kansas City now buying his stock of goods.

Well nothing new to write about so i will close.

Write often Love to all

Your loving Girl

Lula

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{Note in top margin: Mrs Nona??? Austin has a baby girl.}

Sugden I.T.

June 23--05

My Dear Mamma.

It has been a week to-day since I heard from you. I will surely get a letter from you to-day.

We are both well. Willis will get through cutting oats to-day. We had a good rain this week and that put him back. but it didn't hurt any thing. It was fine on Corn & Cotton. This has been a beautiful spring. for we have had so much rain. havn't hardly had a windy day. I never saw hands so scarce. They have started up the thresher a time or two but couldn't get enough of hands and had to stop. They are going to start again this Morning. The new brick is nearly completed. but don't

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know who will put in it.

Guess you have got the pictures by now.

I may go to Henrietta the 3rd of July. I want to go. Think maby I will feel better. I feel so tired and bad all time. I don't work very hard either. Well I havn't any thing to write about but thought you might be looking for a letter from me.

Love to all hope you are all well. Write often tell the children to write.

Your loving Girl
Lula

{Post Script: They have been paying 2^{us}{50} a day for shockers and little Kids Frank Suggs' size have all been at work. Willis just had [payed the] negros 1^{us}{50} a day.}

Zillah Wash
6/25--1905

Mr Elmer Brannon
Hartline Wash.

Dear Nephew I read your very welcome letter. Was very glad to hear from you. I am glad you had a good time over to Ralphs Straights. We don't go very much. stay at home most of the time. The Boys all went to Outlook to Church. They are holding meting in a big tent. it is Probily 7 miles down there. I use a box for a fery boat have a rope more than twice as long as the Canal is wide. drive a stake to each Bank tie one end of the rope to each stake. I get I get 2 fruit jars of milk milk each day. fresh meat and fish and any thing we want to cross. I put the empty jar in. the mam on the other side pulls it across just like a Boat then puts in the jar of milk and I pull it Back.

The Boys goes swimming sometimes to. When you work work hard and when you play play your best I am glad you folks had a big time at the Schoolhouse from your Uncle.

LAM Naught
Zillah Wash
6/25--1905

Dear Mother I read your letter Friday. we are all well. yesterday and day before I had the direah. am better to day. I am glad every thing is all right at home. I was surprised to here of John Gelmek??? being married. we all wondered where he found the woman. I am glad you folks had a good time at the last day of School. Tell Han??? if he runs out of work and get real work brittle??? he can go over in the west field and shovele??? some rock in that old well. Tell him not to try to fill it in two or 3 hours for I worked 40 days to get them out. it would be better if they were all filed up. I think Han??? has done excedeingly well. I don't think it would been posible for me to left a better man.

I dont think we can do any thing before the 20 of July so I had just as well stay here. We won't leave here for 2 weeks and maby longer. It don't look like we have done any thing. We have been busy all the time. It is worth \$5^{us}{00} an acre to put this land in cultivation of coarse we will be ready to work the next time we come. from your son.

LAM Naught

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Zillah wash
6/25--1905

Mrs Brannon Hartline Wash

Dear Sister I read your letter Friday. I was wondering why I didn't hear from you. I wrote 2 letters and directed to Almira??? as you said you were going to have your mail changed to Almira???. I pined??? Dick Stephens up about the hack he will trade or exchange the kind I ordered when you folks go down. He sent to Spokane for the hack they did not have the kind I ordered so they sent that one. They sell those with the long box for 5\us{00} more. Wanted Dick to collect it from me. I told Dick I did not want to run a huxter??? wagan. I wanted one just to ride in. Dick wanted me to send it down. i told him he could go up and get it or I would write you folks to exchange if you went down or I would take it myself when I got home. so the letter I wrote you returned to me. I got it Friday.

There is Thousands of tons of hay down. it has been raining quite a little on it. the alfalfa grows one inch or more every day. There is fields all green except where the hay stands in the shock. It is damageing the next crop by standing. There is going to be more fruit this side of Zillah than I thought. If I had a wheat crop here this year I would a been all right. I am glad Brother Will went to Portland. he has never been no where. I am just in the same boat. I never was no where more than Spokane to the Fruit fair. I am glad Lula was over. I suppose she thinks they are rich. I hope they will do well.

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Sugden, I. T., June 27 190 5

My Dear Mamma & All.

You will be surprised to hear of me being moved. Willis didn't like the way things went yesterday. Mr T-- was drunk all day he & Willis had a little \us{Row}. so Willis moved me this morning. I am in the house where D\us{r} Lawlis had his Drug Store by Stillwells. I am going to get Alma to stay in here. she will stay for 10\us{00} per month and I can make more than that staying at home. My washing & scrubbing cost me 8\us{00} per mo. and I can save 5\us{00} i think on the Grocery bill. so I am going to stay at home for a while. there is worlds of plumsn. I am going to put up some jelly next week also some black berry jam. Willis said last night could go over and stay a week at Mrs Grogans. i havn't been well and I think the rest will do me lots of good. Mr Thompson just beged me to stay. said he would give me 5% and 25\us{00} if I would only stay. he told Willis the same but w-- said \us{NO}. I am fixing for a good time. will close

Write Soon
Your Girl.
Lula

(Post Script: I am going to keep Mr T-- books for him. Also Mr Stillwells after a couple or three weeks.)

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Sugden, I. T., June {no day} 190 5

My Dear Mamma--

Will write you a few lines this morning. Mary Wartham Fry died yesterday. Will be buried to-day at Ryan. She has only been married 4 months and eleven day. "some thing" got the matter with her the first month she was married and she took her bed when she was married 6 weeks and has never been up since. for nearly two months they have put nourishment into her bowels with a syringe. she could not retain a thing on her stomach. she just vomited her self to death. Oh she is the poorest thing you ever saw. and you know she was always so fat and healthy. I was so sorry about it. she & Jody was so happy. It's just nearly killing him. he looks like he can't stand it at all. her burial shroud is white Mohair trimmed with white silk lace and ribbon. I went over to Mr T-- and sold them her burial clothes.

Mr thompson wants me back the worst way. he has offered me half the profit. I am to pay him interest on the money invested and get half the profit. which is if we make 2000\us{00} a year I will get 750\us{00} of it. Its a good thing for me but Willis don't know if he wants me to take it or not. If I take any thing guess I will that. Alma begun this morning to help me at the office so i'll stay at home Monday and clean up the house.

Willis don't want me to do or decide on any thing untill the 1\us{st} of August or Sept. So I don't know what I'll do. Every one says I look bad. I guess Willis thinks so too for he is anxious for me to go over to Mrs Grogans and stay a week.

Well good bye Write soon

Love to all
Lovingly
Lula

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{no date and 5 pages missing. Beginning with this letter Lula's script turns quite poor in comparison to previous letters}

went round the head of it. Willis took me to see his corn also. it is sure pretty about 12 ft high. I never saw such tall corn. it is silking we will have Roasting ears by the 4\us{th} July. I road all after noon yesterday. it was after sun down when we got home. I enjoyed it though. We went through water up on our horses sides. I was scared but Willis wasn't he laughed at me when I went in so my feet touched the water. I caught my breath so quick. Mr & Mrs Alexander walked to the R.R. Bridge yesterday. they got wet too. it began raining on them at the Bridge they said It came up so quick I didn't notice it. Well I must Close.

Love to all Write Soon

Lovingly
Lula B--

{Post Script: I run out of paper and was too lazy to get more}

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{Note: Lula's script seems to be back to normal at this point}

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Sugden, I. T., July 6 190 5

My Dear Mamma

I have neglected you for a week. but I have been washing and Ironing all week. I made 3 glasses of jelly to-day. We are going pluming as soo as Willis gets his oats hauled in. he threshed Monday. his Oats didn't make but little over half what he counted. It nearly broke his heart. he has sold a thousand bushel to Mr Easterling for 26 1/4 cents. there is such an oat Crop. they are so cheap and never was such a corn crop Known they say.

Arthur Snodgrass died yesterday morning. there is lots of sickness but I feel fine I have ironed all day got dinner for W-- Mr B-- and Mr Eidson. Ida & Der Belcher was at my house and Ida begged me to come out and stay a couple of days with her.

Mr Bird was up yesterday to see me and just begged me to come to Ryan and work for them. said I could either have the books or clerk either. but I don't want the books. I would love to clerk for them. he hunted Willis up and begged him to move to Ryan. Mr Grogan also wants me to work for him. he has opened up at Byers. I feel complimented to know all my Old 'Bosses'' wants me back. Well I have bragged on my self enough. hope you are all well. Write often. Love to all.

Lula

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{Note in the top margin: I dreamed about Winnie dying again All night last night. i don't know why I dream she dies.}

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Sugden, I. T., July 11 190 5

My Dear Mamma--

Yours received. I hope you all had a nice time the 4th I am anxious to hear from you again. I went to Ryan Friday evening horse-back. had such a nice time with Mrs Bird. Mr Bird's mother is there. Mrs Jackson and Leva. Leva is sick in bed. she had an operation performed on her eye at Ft. Worth. you know she had something growing over one eye. she had that cut off. she said it was simply terrible. I actually bought me such a pretty dress at Ryan. I'll send you a piece of it. the first suit I have had since I went to the Fair at Dallas. I was tired of my old clothes. Mrs Cleaver is working on it to-day. she went with me and nothing would do her but I must get it and make it eton??? Jacket and have a pale blue silk shirt waist to wear with it. Mr Jackson sold it to me at cost. which was 40 cents a yard. it is a silk & linen with a little blue thread in it. Willis says he don't see any thing pretty about it but I like it. Mrs C-- would make it. she is aful good to me. My own Sisters Couldn't be better. and I would do any thing for her. but still I don't like her like I aught too. I have got so I don't like any one and I am so cranky. I am worse

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than Aunt Beckett. Well I must close and get dinner I washed a big washing yesterday. Mrs Collins said she knew I had 100 pieces. she lives in the Grogan place. then I scrubbed the dinning room & Kitchen wiped off the window panes had company and then came to town at 4 oclock and worked up the books. don't you think I am smart?

We have 7 more little pigs came yesterday. they are aful nice too. Love to all tell the Kids to write.

Lovingly

Lula

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Sugden, I. T., July 17 190 5

My Dear Mamma--

Yours received yesterday. was glad to hear from you. It is certainly hot and has been for a week so sultry I feel so nervous and bad to-day. I am working in the store. Guess this will be my last day here. I am not well at all. the River is up and I havn't got to go to see Mrs Grogan. looks like it will stay up all summer. I Made 10 things of jelly this morning before I came to town and got here at seven oclock. the 10 things were sugar bowls spoon holders, glasses. Willis laughed at me for putting it in so many different things. he said I wanted it to look like whole lot.

Etoy & her Papa have gone to Marlow to spend this week. so Willis and I are alone. They think he is going to see a woman. but they don't care if he marries her and stays up there. she has 600 acres of fine land and 10 children so I guess she is pretty well fixed. don't mention this when you write. Mrs Claypool is mad at me I heard. she is jealous of 'Johnny' and I. she heard that 'Johnny' didn't do any thing but stay over here at the store and talk to me. but I never talked to him 5 minutes at a time in my life. Willis laughs at me and teases me all time about Johnny. he says Mrs Claypool will eat me up some day. Well I must close and mail this Good bye Love to all

Lula

{Post Script: I am glad you had such a nice trip at the coolie. wish I had been here.}

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Sugden I.T.
July 24--05

My Dear Mamma & all.

Well its certainly raining. it has rained all afternoon for five evenings right streight along. there is sure lots of water on the ground. the weather is aful sultry but the rains are just like fall & winter rains very little thunder and lightening. and it looks so dreary out of doors.

Mrs Cleaver helped me and we made me a suspender dress with an over skirt. I'll send you a piece and the picture. She made her one like it only hers is brown check and lavender flower. where mine is green with pink flower. I never had any thing green or brown. I bought it from

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Lum and i thought the brown was the prettiest but Lum said Lula take the green its the newest and so I did. they made up real pretty. I begun working for Mr Thompson again this morning. he gives me 35\us{00} a month. Alma is keeping the office. it don't more than pay Alma and the rent but i am glad i can get her to stay for the work isn't half as hard in the Store. Then I have Sundays and i am so tired of it. the River stayed up and I didn't get to go see Mr Grogans.

I wish I could get me a good negro girl to Keep house for me. I just can't do every thing and wait on all of them. I am just mad all time. I have to pay 8\us{00} a month for my washing, Ironing and scrubbing and for 10\us{00} I think I could get a girl to do all the work and I could keep an extra set of books at night and pay her. and I had much rather do it.

Mr B-- aught to pay half the expences at the house. but he don't offer too. Willis gets mad and vows he isn't going to board them all. i don't mind Etoy. I had rather keep her than not. but I don't like Mr B-- much. he is nice to me but I don't like him.

Mr Bush & Mr Stillwell both want me to keep their books. I may take one set the 18\us{th} of the month.

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{Note in the top margin: What do Lady Clerks get in Dry Goods Stores there?}

Tuesday July 25

My Dear Mamma & All

I wrote to you yesterday but didn't mail my letter. it rained most all day to-day. I guess Willis' grain that is in the shock will ruin. the street is so muddy I can't cross. Willis crossed and the water ran in the top of his rubber boots. it is so deep it will swim a common sized dog. I am sending the Children a few little things they don't amount to much but you may be glad to get them and mabe they will please the Children. I was just thinking to-day how old Frank is getting. I cant realize he is nearly fourteen. it don't seem possible. I hope he is a good little boy. i wish I lived Close by so i could see for my self. Mabe some day i will if I ever get enough of money a head i am sure to be there. but you know I am such a spend thrift I can't save much. Frank could be so much help to me in a little while tell him to learn to write good and add.

I sent the Girls a new Calico dress. Winnies is the new Kind. We just got it in and thought she would like the red dot. I would have sent Juju one of that kind but the figures were all so large. I'll send Frank a quarter and he can buy him some 13 1/2 collars to go with his shirt. We didn't have any except aful high ones. hope Carl & Elmer will like their ties. i didn't send you any thing. I felt bad about it after I tied up the bundle but I'll remember you some time soon.

Your Girl

Lula

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My Dear Mamma.

I wrote you yesterday and forgot to put Franks quarter in for his collars and the picture and piece of my dress so I will put them in this. It hasn't rained a drop to-day. first time its missed in seven days. I am afraid Willis will loose all his wheat. wheat is 90 cents a bushel. I think it will go to 1\us{00}. thats the highest its ever been since I have worked in the "stores". I never paid any attention to it before.

Kittie Lee Martin and a Mr Austin were married yesterday. Kittie Lee does not have those spell very often. Mrs Martin called me over one night about Nine oclock said Kittie Lee had a chill. but she didn't know any thing when I got there and was mumbling to her self like Carl used to do. Mrs Martin said she knew every thing but I Kenw better for next day she didn't know I stayed all night there. I got up and went home at four oclock. We just live across the street from them. And at four I woke up and got afraid I was sleeping by my self in a room and so I got up and went home.

I made my black silk skirt over. I put a box plaited ruffle on the bottom instead of that old trail of ruffles. I made it walking length and have it on to-day. it is so light I can't tell I have a skirt on and it seems as good as new but I am going to wear it out in the store and get me a new Sunday one. for I have had this one three years and I am tired of it. then I need a good light weight skirt to work in more than any thing. I don't go any place any way. I havn't been any where at night to dress up since last Summer. but two night I went to Church in the spring. but I get so sleepy I don't enjoy going. I am feeling real well. better than I have been. I see in the Henrietta paper where Mrs R. Carrow has a girl you know thats willie skard???. I lost the Henrietta paper last week and it had Mr & Mrs J. R. Brummell a new baby but I forgot whether a girl or boy. seems like a girl.

I go to Mrs Cleavers and Mrs Gibsons all time. never go any place else. been thinking I would go see Mrs Davidson ever since she came back but havn't. she went to Spocane wash. said she tried to find you she thought that was where you lived. Kate was up this week she looks so well and seems to be so happy.

Jess & Mr Ross are going to move to sunset next month.

Kate went to Nocona to see the cyclone scenes. she said it was aful. There were 40 Killed and 60 wounded.

I don't remember when I was ever in any ones house but Mrs C-- and Mrs Gibsons. it must be a year. but I don't remember where or when it could have been. I go to Mrs Gibson often now since they have their piano.

Mable has been in bed with the fever since 4 of July.

Love to All Good bye
Lula

{Extra sheet at back of letter}

I told Mrs Cleaver when we were making this green check dress you would like it because you liked pink so well. she liked it too but you know I don't care for pink. I didn't bring the picture again this morning but its made with over skirt and suspenders a girdle and mrs Cleaver gave me a white embroidered waist to wear with it. she & mr Cleaver says I look better in it than any thing I ever had.

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Gip says yours is the prettiest Lula but it will fade. he washed a piece and it sure does fade. but i'll be careful and keep it clean as long as I want it.

Love to all.

Lula

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Sugden I.T.

July 28--05

My Dear Mamma--

I just came back from Dinner. Willis was there he is nearly sick his stomach is all out of fix. he said didn't I wish you would come back. I said yes. he said he was just thinking og the good meals we used to eat with you. he said if you would come back he would move our house over and join it to yours and mabe he could get another little house. We have a good smoke house too. said he could bring in two or three Cows or as many as you wanted. and we have 17 head of hogs. We will kill nine this winter. I told him he would get cranky. If I could only get out of this Cooking business. If you could get Mr Roberts and Lum and I know most you could. I hate for you to live at the old house this winter. What could you do to make a living. you will just freeze out there.

Aunt Lizzie wanted you to come to Vernita???. she wrote to me about it.

Mr Briscoe and Etoy came back. I hope he will marry first chance he gets. I don't mind to keep Etoy. Willis makes her walk the chalk. Lum & Mr Roberts room at D\us{r} Dices but take their meals at the Restruant or at Mr Peters when they can. Willis aid we could have our lotfor the Garden. I believe Frank could make more here too. Elmer could pick cotton. We could make Juju wash dishes and Winnie wait on \us{me}. Can Juju dry dishes yet? but I don't want to make you discouraged with Wash. you can do what you think is best.

it has rained a little to-day. They are working the streets every body is helping. willis has a scrapper and team and is working to-day. he said at noon he believed he would give out before night. I am afraid he is going to have Chills or fever one. lots of people chilling mostly babies and little children.

There is a man here to-day put in his application for the School. his is the only application so I guess he will get it. he is from Duncan.

Orville Miles is here and he is a large as Carl was when he left here. Well I must Close love to all. I would love to go to see you but I feel like I would rob willis if I were to go. he would give me the last cent he had if I would say i was going. but I don't feel like I aught to. for he wants to put in 100 acres of wheat in Sept. and if it keep on raining he will have to buy seed and that will take 100\us{00}

Good bye. Write soon. Your Girl.

Lula

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Aug 1--1905

Dear Mamma.

I wrote this other letter several days ago. but I didn't know what to do I don't want you to try and live at the old house this winter. Mr.

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Davidson was just in and wants to rent you his Hotel. he said you could have it for 20\us{00} a month and he would leave you the furniture except what he would need for their little family. he wanted you to let him know right away. you would also get that little cottage by the side.

the town needs a hotel but I wouldn't say he thinks its worth that but if we all lived at our own home that 20\us{00} would almost pay the grocery Bill after we get started. do as you like but write as soon as you get this

Love to All
Your Girl
Lula

{Post script: still you might do better at the Hotel. seems like every one is kicking about the Restruant.}

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Sugden, I. T., Aug 8 190 5

My Dear Mamma--

will write you a few lines this evening. We have been having the hottest weather I ever saw. weather prophets say the hottest for 20 years and I don't remember of such sultry weather before. the fore part of the nights are awful the thermomitor stood 118 Sunday in the sun. It was a terrible day. Mr & Mrs Thompson spent the day in Ft. Worth. We intended to go but Willis backed out at 11 oclock Sat. night. he had to thresh Monday and did not feel equal to the emergency. it was only \$1\us{50} round trip. you get in Ft. worth Sunday morning at 7:40 and leave at 9 oclock Sunday night. there is another excursion next Sunday. I think we will go. they all had such a nice time. It was a good thing I didn't go for I got sick about 7 or 8 oclock Sunday morning and was sick all day. I took a dose of Liver Reg. Sunday night and I have felt all right every since.

Mrs Bush came back. she brought me the cutest little cup & saucer in Oriental design from Cincinnati Ohio.

Mrs Cleaver left this morning for Beeler O.T. to visit Mr Cleaver's Sister. Bessie keeps house for Mr Cleaver she is away. Nothing new has happened. well I was awful glad to get Winnie's picture it just like her only she looks so much older. I guess its because she looks so solemn. Mr & Mrs Bush says its just like old Winnie.

Write soon
Good bye Love to all your Girl.
Lula

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Sugden, I.T.
Aug. 17--1905

My Dear mamma & All.

Your & the Childrens letters received. Juju's letter was awful nice i didn't know she could write that good.

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well i think Uncle Guss must be aful good to Doctor Carl. Yes you must stay mabe Carl can get well and that will be the greatest comfort in the world to us all. well I guess we will fix us up a home this fall. I want to plant some shrubbery and trees. We never have fixed up much always thought we wouldn't stay here but I am going to fix so I won't have so much to do. I am staying at home again. Mr T-- got drunk again and fired me. the next morning he sent Mr Claypool up to see if I would go back to work for him. said he would raise my wages if it would do any good. but I said no. so I am at home been home a week to-day. I have put up 23 quarts of canned peaches and made a gallon of peach preserves.

I have about two gallons of plum juice strained ready to make jelly this evening.

I am going to set a hen this evening. I have ordered a bushel of pears and a bushel Cling peaches to make sweet pickle. I wish I knew how you put up those pears for me before they were so good out I'll have them up and down in the dug out by the time you could answer.

willis traded a blaze faced mare and 5\us{00} for a mule to match his they are just exactly a like only the new one is the meanest. We went pluming & fishing Tuesday morning and the mules run away with us. Willis held them in the road and finally got them stopped. it was over here in the road that goes to the Beaver Bridge. Willis was scared there is no use saying I was. I just shook and willis said next time he took me any place he would drive his other team.

he wanted me to go over to Mr Grogans to-day and brought in the other team before he told me but I couldn't go Etoy is out to her Papa's this week. I guess her Papa didn't like it because Willis give her a whipping Saturday morning. but she needed it and he never whipped her half hard enough. he just hit her two or three lick with his hand.

well I must quit. Willis had his mules picture taken. he is so proud of them. he just had two but I'll send you one next time I write.

Love to all Write Soon

Your Girl

Lula

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Sugden I.T.

Aug 24--1905

My Dear Mamma--

I am at home guess this is the first letter I ever wrote to you at home. Willis and I went to the Comanche Carnival last week. I never saw so many Indians in my life. the squaws were dressed in such fine shawls & satin. Mable was there she was the first person I saw nearly. she stayed all three days. we only stayed one but we had a good time. they had an Ostrich race. the Ostrich beat the horse running. they had good roping and riding. the best roping & tieing got \$200\us{00} the day we were there. they had Ball games steam swing like they used to have at Henrietta.

willis is plowing for wheat. We get up at 4 oclock. willis takes his dinner. so Etoy & I stay untill after dark by our selves. Belle Collins, Bessie Doss and Etoy are all in the other room singing & playing on the organ so loud I can't think.

I don't know when I will go to work. I don't care if I never do much.

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I am so tired of working at town. I have two hens setting. I wrote to Cousin Joe that you might come back. Aunt said if you come back she was going to stay with you and help you. I am going to send you one of Willis's pictures with his mules. he says he knows they put some other boy there for he don't think it looks like him. he had it taken at the white barn. he is in the door.

Mrs Cleaver & I had ours taken on our horses yesterday evening. so I'll send you one of them too.

They are have Church. Etoy has just been praying and it made me think of May Wakefield. No Mr Bush didn't build the porch but he had the house papered and I think the well fixed. he still owes you some.

I must close write soon Love to all.

Your Girl
Lula

{Post Script: This purse came from Comanche.}

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Sugden, I.T.
Aug 30 1905

My Dear Mamma & All.

Yours of 23 received to-day.

102 pieces and then scrubbed the dining room and kitchen. I am awful tired. It's been the hottest summer I ever saw. its just simply terrible. the thermomitor stands 105 nearly add day. Its been so sultry we surely will have wind this fall. we have had such a quiet spring & summer.

Mr & Mrs Bush took me out to Look out to a big sanctified Meeting Sunday night. We had such a good time. its a Camp Meeting. they had three tents beside the tabernacle. Mrs Sitton & Mrs Jackson are camped there and whole lots of others. You don't know of me either but when I first got there before I got in side the tabernackle I looked through the crowd and the first person I recognized was Amanda Blanton. I knew her the minute I saw her. she was with Anne and Frank Smyers and Mrs & Mr. John Grogan. as soo as the meeting was over I went and talked to her. then Monday Afternoon Annie & Fred Smyers and Manda came to see me. I enjoyed their visit so much she is such a nice girl. she is going to teach again this winter. I think she said her Mamma had a baby three months old.

Mr & Mrs Gnagey were at Church too. Mrs Bush said tell you and the Children hello. said we were All coming to see you some time. Jack Bird poisoned him self with fly poison and liked to have died. they had an awful time with him.

Willis Mrs Bush, Etoy and I went plumming yesterday morning. the plums are awful nice but pretty green yet. I just got covered with chiggers and not a one of the rest got any on them. Willis sold \$40\us{00} worth of pigs last week. he just kept one sow and gave Mrs Bush one. I told Mr Bush about wanting you to come here. he says don't never do that. he says we are all going to move out there some day.

Mrs Davidson is going to open up their Hotel the 1\us{st} and Francie & Bessie L-- are going to open up a Restruant the 1\us{st} at the telephone office. Francie is going to run the phone office too.

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I think I have told you All I know. I forgot to bring the pictures but will try and send them tomorrow.

Well good bye write often. I know you work hard but you have plenty to eat. We havn't any thing in the way of vegetables but peas & potatoes. There has been 3 bales of cotton ginned.

Love to all.

Your Girl

Lula

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{Note in top margin: We had the finest rain Thurs night Friday and last night Annie Warthern is working for Mr Thompson.}

Sugden I.T.
Sept 9--1905

My Dear Mamma & All.

Yours received was so glad to hear from you. Winnie guessed wrong School has not commenced and there is not any prospect for a school so far. several are going to move away on account of a school. Bessie went to Marlow last Sunday to stay with her Aunt and go to school. Etoy is still with me. she didn't want to go to Marlow so her Papa didn't send her. I am staying in the office to-day. Alma is sick. Guess I will go to work for Mr Bush next Sat. but I am only going to work untill the 1^{us}{st} of Jan. then I think I'll quit for good if you don't need me for I can't do so much. Its so dull the P.O. don't pay enough to bother with it. I think mabe I will resign next month and that will be one worry off my mind. I made this all up in my mind and went to bed one night and dreamed you didn't have any thing. I thought Winnie didn't have even a pair of Drawers and she went to Sunday School with out any and she cried and I gave her a pair. so the next morning I woke up and was all tore up I decided I would work for ever but I have given it up again. I made Winnie a pair of Drawers. i forgot them so I'll send them next time. I would have made her more but I was afraid they would not fit. I didn't go to Mr Grogan's. Willis wanted me too and would have taken me but I havn't any energy at all. I liked to stay at home too well. I didn't even get to go to see Mrs Gnagey or any one. Willis said this morning I was like Dena. said Mrs Cleaver run around twice as much as Mrs Gibson & I both put to-gether but I get so tired. if I turn around twice I am tired. and I have had Rhumatism in my left arm so bad that i couldn't sleep or I suppose that is it. I got some liniment from Dr. Dice and wraped my arm in flannel every night. he said I must have sprained it but looks like it would get well at night I don't have any use of it have to take my other hand and lift that arm. when I move it in day time it don't bother me much. Mr Gnagey sold his home place. he is going to wash. so look out for him next month. I gave him your address and he says he expects he will go to see you. he is going to find some thing better he says. well I must quit and make up the Mail. I hope you are all well and happy.

They are going to have a big fair at Dallas this mo. Willis says he is going but I am not for I would be so tired I couldn't stand up when I got back. well Good bye Write soon

Love to all
Your Girl
Lula
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Sugden I.T.
Sept. 18--1905

My Dear Mamma & all.

I am working for Mr Bush now. I like to work here fine if I only felt well. but I am not able to work but think I will feel better. I am going to get me a tonic and take it I am so weak. I washed last Tuesday and scrubbed and I have been sick every since I layed down every minute I had to spare yesterday (Sunday). I feel better to-day but my legs tremble under me I am so weak.

It has been trying to rain to-day. Willis sold all his Cattle except my Cow and Calf. I didn't want to sell her so he brought her to town and

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we are milking her. she is so pretty a deep red with white face. the calf is the same they are both so fat and gentle. I milk some times in the evening if I have nothing else to do.

Mr Beavers have bought Mr McIntyre's house and have moved to town. Lillie joined the Church last night. Mr Bush is in Atchison buying fall goods. Annie warthern is Clerking for Mr T-- he still drinks aful bad.

Willis is going to get me 6 white plymoth Rock hensand a rooster. he is crazy about white chickens so I'll raise some next spring.

Did Mrs Young say anything about willie & Myrtle. I wish Juju had my big pretty doll. every time I look at it I try to plan a way to get it to her. I guess winnie is about too big for dolls. I see in the Henrietta paper that Mittie Haddock is married. I would love to see the man she married wouldn't you? Also Ike Frasier.

Well I must quit there is nothing new so Good bye Love to All. Write Soon.

Lula

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Sunday Oct 1--05

My Dear Mamma & All.

I havn't but a few minutes but must write to you. I have worked all Afternoon at the P.O. and the train has Come it is now 6:30 oclock.

I received a letter from Aunt Lizzie saying she was going to wash. if it hadn't been for this P.O. I would have gone with her. I think I will resign this mo. then you needn't be surprised at seeing me any time. I had a letter from Cousin Joe. she said Buddy lost their oldest boy Hugh. died 3 weeks ago. I am not well have felt aful bad. aught to be in bed half of the time.

Led Parker is about to die. she has several different things the matter with her. Mrs Bush and I went to Ryan to the opening Friday. I went to see Mrs Bird. I believe I love Mrs Bird better every time I see her. she is sick wasn't able to sit up all time we were there. Jack & Gertrude have been to see Leva. Mrs Jackson has moved back to Bellevue. Mrs Yoder has a new Girl.

Well its so dark I can hardly see the lines so Good bye Love to All. I am gald the Children are getting along so well at school. School will begin here in the morning. Bro Hughes is going to teach.

Good bye Write soon.

Lula

{Post Script: Its raining this afternoon. I came in the rain and its begining again so I'll have to go home in it too.}

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Wednesday Oct.3 [1905]

My Dear Mamma.

Your letter received. Now don't worry agbout me I am big enough to take care of myself. I am feeling lots better. feel pretty well to-day. I don't try to Keep house much. Willis helps too some mornings he makes the beds. he milks all time too. he gets a little neglectful some times but he don't think Mrs Cleaver gave him a rounding up Sunday and that helps to make him think he gets mad at her but she don't care.

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and he gets all right. Mrs Yoder has a baby Girl.

Willis plowed the yard yesterday and planted wheat in it for the chickens. he ask me how much I would pay him pasture. Guess I'll have to pay him back in fried chicken. I am going to set a hen this evening so I can have fried chicken for Xmas. tomorrow is Carl's Birthday. I'll send him something.

It has sure rained the ground is in a fine fix. I never saw so much rain as we have had this summer. its just come every time we have needed it. Lon & Nora are talking of buying the Boucher place accross the street in front of us. I hope they will for I hate Vacant houses. Bruce Suggs Indian is about to leave him so Mrs Nail told me. And I guess she knows for she stays at Nails as much as she does at home. Willis and I were up at Mrs Nails not long ago. they have the nicest Chicken houses and more Chickens, turkeys, Ducks and every Thing. I am going to raise lots of Chickens next spring. I am anxious for Spring to come for I hate winter. I just freeze All time and I wear lots of Clothes. wear all I can pile on. I told you Willis gave me a nice Sweater for my Birthday. I guess that will keep me warmer. Mr Thompson is going to put in Groceries and I heard they were going to put Furniture and Hardware in the other house. he Ask me again to-day. if there was any chance at all to get me to work there he would give me 50\us{00} a month but I guess i won't. he has Annie warthern pays her 30\us{00} but Willis says he don't like her at all. well I have to go to dinner so Good bye Love to All

Your Girl
Lula

{Post script: Now don't worry about me I am all right.}

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PRATTS POULTRY
FOOD...

Sugden, I.T., Oct 17 190 5

My Dear Mamma & All.

You will think I am sick the reason I havn't written but I am not I feel fine. am on my second bottle of medicine and I feel better than I have since August. but we have been rushed to death Mr Thompson & Bush are both selling at cost both trying to out sell the other.

Well I started this early this morning it is now nearly dark. I have sure worked hard the last weekbut I enjoy selling goods more than any thing. We had a big rain last night. Willis couldn't finish sowing his wheat to-day. we got up late this morning I didn't have time to wash up the dishes. I wondered why Willis came by at noon and waited so long for me to go to dinner with him. for I was busy and it was one or after before I started. so when I got home he had washed up the dishes and cleaned up the Kitchen & dinning room fine. This is Wednesday morning and I havn't finished this letter. I know you will be uneasy but I am alright now.

I sent the payment off on the lots yesterday. I am glad its the last payment.

Mrs Porter Young has a baby Girl 12 pounds. Willis went to sow wheat again this morning. I'll write to you again in a day or two but I'll mail this now while I can. Love to All Write soon

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Your Girl
Lula
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Sugden, I.T.
Oct. 22--05

My Dear Mamma & all.

I received two letters from you yesterday one written on the 9th the other on the 16\us{th} I was so glad to get them it had been a week since I heard from you. I guess Aunt Lizzie is with you now. Is she going back to Halsells? I hope she won't if they are not good to her.

Willis bought him a new horse yesterday. a pretty Grey weighs 1230 pounds he paid 4100\us{00} for it. he has 4 horses and two mules now he wants a match to this Grey. Mr Gnagey is going to have his sale Thursday and he has a match for him and he thinks he can get it if Mr Gibson will bid for him. There is so many wanting the horse he thinks the Farmers won't bid against Mr Gibson his horse he bought is just a beauty and gentle as Dude. I can ride him bare back or drive him either he is white as snow all over. Its the first gentle horse we have ever had except Dude.

Willis was offered 110\us{00} before he gave the man the check for him. every one says he is the best horse in the Country.

Willis and I went to the Creek this morning I rode Dude Willis rode Chunky (his new horse) We found Grapes, plums, red haws and persimmons all so nice and ripe. We have had two good frosts. We just eat all we wanted and came back. I enjoyed the ride so much. We were gone untill twelve. We got up I Cooked Breakfast and washed the dishes. Willis dried them. milked fed and got the horses ready and fixed the macaroni for the soup and we started. I didn't even make my bed. but it was such a beautiful morning. I weigh more than I ever weighed in my life. I have gained 7 pounds in not hardly two weeks. I weigh 127 1/2 I feel so well. Willis said This morning I looked 10 years younger than I did a month ago. I sure feel lots better. Mrs Halcomb had twins last week a girl and boy. but the boy died. Gip Cleaver had two spasms last Sunday week and another one last Friday. he did just like Carl. he was well as could be. you know he had those crying spells like Carl and he has been so bad with them all summer that they couldn't take him to Church at night for when they started home he would scream and be so cared he would look like he would go into spasms. I am awful afraid he will never get well and Mrs Cleaver is too.

Well I must Close Love to Aunt Lizzie and all. Write often to your girl
Lula
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Sugden, I.T.
Nov. 6--1905

My Dear Mamma & All.

Will write you a little this morning its been over a week since I heard from you. Think sure I will get a letter from you to-day.

It is real cool have frost every night. The days are so pretty. They had a Cyclone at Mountain View Saturday night. killed fifteen people. its pretty late for them isn't it. Willis & I are both well. Most every one has either gone or going to the Dallas Fair. Willis may go Saturday. he wanted me to go but I don't want to. I had rather stay at home. I think he is about to back out now. We are going to have one of our Big shows to-night. Willis and I had planned to make a pecan cake

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to-night. he was going to pick the pecans out for me but I guess he will want to go to the Show.

Etoy and her Papa are at Marlow this week. Mrs Willis has gone to visit her Mother. Cotton was 11 cents yesterday.

This is Friday. havn't had a chance to finish.

It has rained awful hard for two days and a night but the sun is shining this morning. every thing is awful wet. it had only been about 3 or 4 days since it had rained a big rain before this. Willis says he is going to the Fair this evening but I don't believe it.

Mr. A. C. Thompson is married again. his 1st wife died just a year ago the 31 of last month. And he was married twice inside of the year.

I hope you are all well. I'll send you one of our circulars. Is Aunt Lizzie still with you?

I ordered me a coat. An Empire coat from Nugents. I am looking for it this evening.

Love to all
Write soon to Your Girl
Lula
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Sugden. I.T.
Nov. 15--1905

My Dear Mamma & All.

well I have bad news to tell you again. Mr Thompson's store burned down Sunday night. it looks as though this little place is doomed to burn. they sure worked hard to save the Bank and the implement house next to it. didn't save \$10⁰⁰ worth out of Thompsons. the night was as still as death not hardly a breath of air stirring the flames just went streight up into the air. I don't know whether he will go back in business or not. he was in Dallas buying goods left last Friday and didn't get back untill Monday night after the fire. I havn't seen him but I guess he was shocked when they wired him. every body tells Mr Bush that he had better keep me. you know both the other places burned after I left and after I leave Mr Bush if his burns I'll never work any place else. The store was set a fire but of course don't know who did it.

people are still picking cotton. Mrs Stamps and her two little boys have made over \$100⁰⁰ all ready. I just received your letter saying Carl had gone to Portland. I hope he will write to me. Uncle Guss is certainly a good man. what made you think Frank had a tape worm. Did it make him very sick?

There will be so much for Carl to see in Portland that I don't believe he will get much lonesome. I do hope he will get well. yes I think that will be the biggest change and the best change that could take place.

Lon Sies & wife have a baby boy.

Willis went to the Fair Friday and came back Sat. night. he wanted me to go Sunday but I didn't care to go. Willis said Mable went down on the same train he did but he didn't see her at all. he saw Marvin Dishroon and he told him she was there. Harve Goodloe said he saw her there Sunday. its funny some people can go every where and I never feel

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like I aught to go.

I got the receipt for your lots for final payment. I'll send it to you so you can keep it. I suppose they will send a deed before long. when they do I will send it to you but this shows the lots are paid out.

well I must close and get this in the mail as I started it yesterday.

Love to all write real soon and tell Carl to write to me and send me his address or you can send it for fear he fortets it.

Your loving girl
Lula

{Post Script: Ask the children what book each would like to have for Xmas. I wish Aunt Lizzie would write and tell me about Elmer.}

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Sugden. I.T.
Nov. 22 05

My Dear Mamma & All.

I received a letter from Carl yesterday. he sent me his address and I answered it this morning. I have also made about 100 statements and its almost dinner time. Carl seemed real well pleased. I'll send Juju some pictures I just found them and thought they might make her laugh. I bought me a dozen pullets (Plymoth Rock) from Mrs John Grogan last week. Willis said he would make me a nice Chicken Coop. I had 14 or 15 hens and 4 or 5 pullets so I think I aught to get lots of Eggs next year. Eggs are aful scarce this year you can't hardly get any at all.

Mr Thompson is going back in business in the new Brick store. everybody is rejoicing. the place has been so dull every since the burn. Ask Juju if her pussy white foot can do like the Kitty in the picture.

I told you I had ordered me a coat. Well it came and I didn't like it at all so I sold it. And I am having one made now of Grey Cloth trimmed in Green Velvet. It won't cost any mroe than the other and will be so much better. the Grey goods is real nice. I'll send you a sample of it some time. I have to have some kind of a skirt but I am undecided. I am going to send that doll to Juju Xmas if its possible for I might die some time and some of these other kids would get it and I am determined Juju shall have it. of course Winnie can play with it but I am afraid winnie will think I aught to give it to her. but I thought she would soon be too large for dolls and then she never cared for dolls like Juju and I do. I love them yet. I don't believe I ever will quit loving them. I will try and send Winnie just as much. I wish I had one apiece for them. Tell Winnie to write and tell me what she would rather have for Xmas. if she wants a doll I get her the best one I can find.

Good bye love to all.
Your Girl
Lula

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Dallas Texas
Dec. 1 1905

Dear Girlie

Its raining to beat the band that is one of Dallas failings rain, rain.

I know you will be glad to see Your Mother (I would too) in the spring but that is a long time off. and mama says she may be ready to go up

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that way too by then so you may all go to gether, but they want to see you as well as my self so you come. I know you need a rest & change.

Has Willis changed much in the three years since I saw him.

I would like to see Buddy, wonder if he would remember me.

Your Uncle Guss surely is good to the folks. my, I would like to see your mama & all the Kids. I guess they will have grown so much, that it will be as great a surprise as Arlee??? was to me.

If you have any late fotos of any of them bring them along.

Im taking lessons on the piano. Ibrought my mandoline was taking lesson at home so I thought I could find a teacher here and go on with them here, So Carse wouldn't be ahead of me when i get back. I'll be gald when I learn to play (really play).

I guess S-- has grown some since Tura??? and I where there it was such a little mite of a place.

well I won't try to write any more now there so much noise around here, but hurry and come, its over 3 week till Xmas.

With Love I Remain
Your Friend
Pearl

{Post Script: Give My best Regards to Willis.}

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{Note in top margin: will Carl be at home Xmas? I guess not.}

Sugden. I.T.
Dec 12--1905

My Dear Mamma & all--

will write you a few lines this morning. It is raining. every one is sick nearly. lots of pneumonia. Etoy has been sick in bed this is three days. she is real sick has Tonselitis. Willis has to stay at home with her. Mrs Lobdell is very low with Asma & pneumonia. Mr Lobdell is also Very sick he has the La Grippe and the D\us{r} says he would pull through all right but his heart is so effected he hasn[t much hopes for Mrs Lobdell.

Joe & Etolia were to come this morning the other two Boys Will & Bert were to Come last night. I don't know whether they come or not. I have changed my mind about the big doll. I am going to send winnie & Juju a doll apiece and send the big doll as a partner-ship doll. I believe that will be the best.

I don't know what I'll send Carl. I am going to send the box the 15th so it will sure get there by the 24. I hope the Children won't find out its there. Mamma does Holly grow in wash? If it does try and send me just a little in a letter. I never saw any only pictures and I think it must be so much prettier than mistletoe. I got the Childrens books they are real nice they were \$1\us{10} each. but don't tell them unless they have to see this letter. the weather isnt very cold but so rainy & gloomy. Well must close. Write soon Love to all

Your Girl
Lula
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{Note in top margin: Mrs Edmission send me a Xmas Card. she is in Wichita Kans. I guess you got the letter with the \$7\us{00} I was out of Money Orders so just sent it in the letter. willis just came in and gave me a 410\us{00} said send to you for Xmas.}

W. T. F. BUSH.
DEALER IN
Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Clothing,
Groceries, Flour and Feed.

SUGDEN, IND. TER., Dec 22 1905.

My Dear Mamma & All.

I received my waist Hdkf. and willis tie yesterday evening. I certainly do appreciate them. My waist fits exactly. I have it on this morning. every one thinks it pretty and tells me how nice it fits. I thank you very much for it. I hope you will all get the things I sent in time for the Xmas Tree. We will have our Xmas tree Monday Afternoon at 4 oclock \us{be sure and come}'. It has rained for Nearly two weeks rains every day has been raining most all morning. every thing is so muddy and dull the Xmas Trade is not good at all. I guess its on account of the bad weather. I am going to send Cousin Joe & Aunt Beckett a handkerchief apiece like I sent Aunt Lizzie. I would like to send Aunt Beckett some thing better but havn't any thing else to send. well I must quit and mail this love to all Write real soon to Your loving daughter.

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Sugden, I.T.
June 13--06

My Dear Mamma & All.

I am afraid you are uneasy about me. but I didn't think a week had passed since I wrote but it has. time just flies now. I have so much to do. I am feeling very well. I feel fine in the mornings but by night my back aches so bad I think I will try a plaster but I'll have to get more than one for its my whole back that aches.

The Baby's head will soon be well now and I'll sure be glad. she is so much better too. I weighed her just a few minutes ago and she weighed 15 pounds. I took her measure too and she is little over 23 inches long. I wish I could just put her in this letter and send her to you to see and you could send her back. she is the Sweetest thing. I told Willis last night I was going to spank her for crying. I ask him what would he do if he come home some night and I had spanked her. he said I would just get spanked my self.

Nora & Lon have a 10 1/2 pound boy. They are just tickled to death because it is a boy. I told Willis I was going to see her. he said "Well Hun you can go but don't take our Baby for it would make them feel bad." he meant ours was so good looking.

I had D\us{r} Collins when I was sick there are only two D\us{r}'s here. D\us{r} Wilson and Dr. Collins. Nora had Dr Collins too and she wasn't sick but two hours. I don't see why some folks have so much easier time. I still have a sore place in the left side of my stomach and it sure hurts when I sneeze or cough, or just put my hand on the place.

Mr Cleaver sold half interest in his paper and they are going to Ryan so Sugden won't have even a paper. Mrs Gibsons Baby died. it took sick on Monday and died on Friday night. It almost broke her heart. I feel so sorry for her. she was such a smart little child and so pretty. she was a beautiful corpse. her little wrists looked like a String tied around them they were so fat. she eat some green peaches on Sunday evening and they think that is what caused it. she was 21 months old and has been talking for a long time. she called my baby "Pete Sing" she meant sweet thing. she came to see me that Sunday evening and brought me a big bunch of honey suckles.

Well you couldn't guess who was to see me one morning last week. Mrs Edmisson I never was so surprised to see any one. she came to waurika the evening before. came to see me the next morning and left on the noon train. she ask so much about you and gave me her card to send to you so you could write to her. I wish I could tell you all she said but it would take a half day to write it for we talked an hour just as fast as we could and you know thats pretty fast.

Edna & Baby lives with Mrs Edmisson. Edna and husband seperated last Oct. Edna will get her divorce this fall. he was just no account and Edna would not live with him. I had a letter from Carl yesterday. I was glad you sent his letter to me. Willis said the other day he bet Carl would love to see our Baby.

Well tell Elmer he and Frank have named the Baby. for we are going to call her Edna. Its funny they all liked that name and Willis too. I think they are all stuck on Edna Edmisson. That was the first name Willis said and the only one except Virgie and I liked Edna best.

well if I don't quit I'll never get this in an envelope.

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Write Soon
Your Girl
Lula

{Post Script: Etoy has fell in love with the name you said Pearl named her baby and wants us to call her Edna Almarine. Mr B-- got over his pout and brought Etoy back. I think though she most made him. she thinks the Baby is the sweetest baby there ever was except Tootsie (Mrs Gibson's baby that died). she always just worshiped Tootsie.

Mrs Gibson just sent me a big boquet and lot of new Irish potatoes. Thats all the vegetable we can get the gardens all have washed away. we have had so much rain that no one has any thing but onions and potatoes. Willis has cut his wheat and is cutting for Mr Lokey I guess. he didn't come home last night and he went there yesterday morning. Its just aful hot. I have been fixing my pig pen seven of the hogs got out and I had to put them up. Well I must quit Baby Edna is asleep}

{Note in top margin: The flowered piece is like the Babys little quilt.}

Sugden. I.T.
June 30--06

My Dear Mamma and All.

I have been so busy I have neglected writing again. the Baby is so cross in the Afternoons but I think she has been too warm. I took off her little shirt at noon and she has been laying on the bed every since it is now 3 oclock. she is aful good Baby at night.

I made me a Calico tea jacket yesterday have made Edna two short dresses this week made me a shirt waist suit last week. Willis and Earl have been with the thresher this week and Etoy and her Papa at Marlow. so I had a chance to sew a little. I don't have time to do any thing but cook when they are all at home. I can't hardly get the washing and ironing done. I am so slow.

Willis says his wheat is not much good and every body's is turning out aful poor. Corn is fine but have had too much rain for wheat. I'll send you a piece of my shirt waist suit. its percale it made up real neat. Ollie has one only blue dots.

Well I sure would love to see Frank in his long pants. I was telling Mrs Cleaver the other day I guessed Frank would never wear long pants. we had such a time getting him to wear short ones. Edna sent me her baby's picture. it is the sweetest thing I am going to send it to you some day to let you see it. she is the very image of her Papa. you know I have his picture too.

Well Mr Roberts and Miss Ora Sitton got married at last. they sent us one of their cards they were married last Wednesday week. been off on their Bridal tour. just got back yesterday. They have bought the Goodwin place. Mrs Goodwins and Newburys are all going to move to New Mexico in about 3 weeks.

Mr Will Peters was appointed P.M. but has not got his comission so he can't take charge the l\us{st}. I was so in hopes he would. I never was so glad of any thing. I can soon go and come when I please. Mable has never come to see the Baby. but the River has been up all Spring. I sent Papa's picture off yesterday to have enlarged. The picture where we are all at the creek. They said they could take the pipe out of his mouth. it won't be delivered untill sept 1-- I never have written to

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Aunt and Cousin Joe and told them about the Baby. but I guess they don't care any thing about it for they don't like Babys I don't think I am going to put short dresses on her as soon as I get them made. The D\us{r} ask me Thursday why I didn't put short clothes on her its so hot and she is so large. you remember Miss Nannie Tucker I don't remember if I told you she married or not but they have a baby seven months old and its not near as large as Edna.

Mrs Cleaver said tell you if you wanted to know how the Baby looked to just look at my 8 months old picture and you would see her exactly. it is like her only the nose. Mamma if you have that little tin type picture of me when I was six weeks old send it too me and I'll send it back I just want to see if it isn't just like her. Mrs Gibson says she has a mouth just like Mrs Brannon' little girls. and Nora Harris says she looks just like Elmer. Grandma Sies says she looks just like Willis' Grandma Sanderson says she is just like Etoy. Mrs Gibbins says she is just like Bessie. so you see we are all pleased for she is just like us all.

Well I must quit if I ever intend to mail this. I wish you could see her for your self. When I read what Juju told the lady about the Baby I just laughed out and so did Etoy. but the deport Agent at Waurika did have a baby that weighed 20 pounds but it died the day it was born.
Well Good bye
love to all.

Your Girl

Lula

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July 2--06

Dear Mamma--

I forgot to mail this so I'll put in a few more lines. Joe & Etoila have a boy born last Friday. Their other baby is only 16 months old. Eva Goodwin and her baby came to-day. its about 5 months old. Bessie Lobdell and Little Edna Earl have been to see us to-day from Bowie.

Good bye

Lula

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Sugden. I.T.

July 9--06

My Dear Mamma & all.

I received your letter Saturday. I will be glad to get the little cap. I had Mrs Yoder to make the Baby one last week. so she will have two. but its like you say she will need two.

I came by Mr Bush's this morning and he paid me the rent for Mar. April May & June & July which I will enclose Money order for 25\us{00}.

It is just timply pouring down rain. and I came to the office and left my doors & windows all open unless some of the neighbors close them my house will be in a mess. I have to float the babys buggy back home. Mrs Gibson gave me her Baby Buggy. and loaned me Tootsie's little pillow. The Buggy is such a nice big one its for twins. Mrs Gibson came after me yesterday evening and took me to the Grave Yard. it had been about 3 months since i was there but she and Mrs Cleaver had reset the Cosmos and worked the things and every thing looked so nice at Papa's Grave. last Sunday week was decoration day here and Mrs Gibson took flowers for Papa's grave. she took flowers for his Grave again

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Yesterday, she nearly always does. did I ever tell you that Mr Gibson had Dora (his 1st wife) moved to this Grave Yard. Mrs Gibson planted Cinamon Vines all around the fence at Papa's Grave and they don't die in the winter but come up again every Spring. its such a pretty vine too. I have a nice running rose and honey suckle at the head of Papa's Grave. then have flags in every corner and lilac bushes on each side. and just lots of cosmos. They are all small but they will be pretty another year and then they are things that stay.

The nights are cool but the days are hot. Mrs Leva & John Bird have a baby boy. My baby and the D^r's Baby are the only Girl babies in This whole country.

Mr Lobdells have sold out and are moving to Bowie to-day. Etoy don't think Sunday School will be Sunday School with out Mr Lobdell. Well I must quit and make my reports while the Baby is asleep. Love to all. Good bye write soon.
Your loving Girl
Lula

{Post Script: Did you have a good time the 4th. All the Briscoe, Cleaver, Gibson generation went to Waurika the 4th but Baby and I.

I am not a picnic girl any more and its so hot that I told them I wouldn't go for a \$10⁰⁰ Bill.}

{Note in top margin: Steve Snodgrass and a Miss Spartman will be married to-night. I am feeling all right lots better than I ever expected to feel. I am going to wash in the morning. I have rain water and I don't mind it.}

Sugden. I.T.
July 11--06

My Dear Mamma & all--

As Willis is gone to-night I will write you a few lines. he went and took the dray and tool eleven of the Girls and boys out to a protracted Meeting at one of the School houses. I could have gone but I knew the Baby would be better off in bed. then there is lots of whooping cough in the country and I wouldn't have her take that for any thing. She is the best baby. I put her in the buggy and pull it up Close to the bed and put her to bed in it and she always sleeps untill four oclock in the mornings and this morning it was sun up.

Mr & Mrs Christain are here on a visit. she was down here and spent the morning with me. she is in Auful bad health.

Old Mrs Gibson was here this evening. she is in bad health too. you would hardly believe how slender she is and her lips just as purple.

I do wish you could have the Childrens pictures taken. I would rather have it than any thing I know of. Is Juju's hair as white as it used to be and her eyes as blue. I hope they are and have the Girls got freckles? every one says my Baby is the prettiest baby they ever saw but I don't think she is as pretty as Juju was. and I don't remember how the other children looked when they were so little. but I remember just how Juju looked when I first looked at her. I can just see her now. I thought she was the prettiest baby I ever saw and I think it yet.

My Baby's head is ugly shape is what spoils her. but that is because she had to lay on one side so long and its just been the last two or

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three weeks she could lay on the back at all. but the cut place is nearly well now. just one more little scab to come off. I have made the Baby four little short dresses. I am so slow. Earl went to Chicago last Saturday with some cattle and Etoy & Mr Briscoe went to Marlow Sunday so we are by our selves again and I am glad. Leva named her baby Benjamin Lewis. Well I hope you are all well love to all as Ever Your Girl--Lula

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Sugden. I.T.
July 16--06

Dear Mamma & all.

Baby Edna and I are keeping Post Office to-day. Alma is sick in bed. she is asleep now. I hope she will stay asleep untill the train comes and I get the mail up. I had a letter from Carl yesterday. he seems better satisfied. I put short dresses on Edna Saturday she looks so sweet. I have her seven little dresses and two more long ones to cut off. and I am going to keep one little suit. I sent by Mrs Mays and got her the cutest little pair of white shoes and four little pairs hose (white). she has on her little shoes and stockings this morning. there is a girl here who a Kodac and she is going to take the Baby's picture and I'll send it to you. I am going to have Carl one made too.

Dink Ikard??? married a Mr Nickles of Petrolia. Did I ever tell you that Old Mr Solomon was dead.

Willis just made little over six bushels of wheat to the acre and that is more than the average crop.

We had the biggest rain yesterday eve. and a pretty bad storm Baby & I went to Mrs Cleavers to the storm house. The Baby has gone to sleep I can't hardly ever rock her to sleep. I have to put her on the bed. I fixed her a bed down here on an old couch and she has gone to sleep. her little head is well but it looks so tender. I must quit write soon.

I have just written to Carl.

Your loving girl.
Lula

P.S. I would have named the Baby Winnie but Mr Briscoe wanted us to call her willie for him and I didn't like that so i told Willis we would not name her for any of the Kin folks. Then Elmer was jealous and I let him name her Gip. Hall & Wink all call her their Baby and fuss if the other one touches her.

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Sugden. I.T.
July 25--06

My Dear Mamma & all--

It is now nine oclock all are asleep but me I just got the Baby down. she sleeps in the buggy. she has been so cross to-day I put my clothes to soak last night and willis got all my water and this morning it was raining so I thought I had better wash this evening so I tried it and had three visitors and didn't get half through. I don't feel like I have accomplished any thing. Mrs Collins says Edna has two upper teeth nearly through. her baby is seven months old and hasn't any teeth. Mrs John Grogan says Edna don't look young like her baby says Edna looks like she is a year old. and Mr John Grogan just thinks she is a dandy. he says he wishes his baby would do like her. We started to Byers to a

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picnic last Friday eveing and got to the River and it was up too high to Ferry. it was about seven oclock and Mr & Mrs John Grogan had started too and we met and nothing would do them only to stay all night with them and try it again Sat. morning. so we did but it was still to high to ferry. and we didn't get to go.

We are going to move to the ``Farm'' Friday or Saturday. I don't think we can get off before Saturday so send my letters to Temple, Okla. I guess you had better put Mrs Willis Briscoe for I'll have to send by the neighbor men and they will just about ask for willis Briscoe. and not get the Lula Briscoe. We are 24 miles from Temple. and it maybe a month before I can hear from you but I'll try and send letters other places to you so you can hear from me oftener. I'll sure miss your letters but that is the best we can do now. so don't be uneasy. I am at last free of the P.O. just got through yesterday and I am glad. Etoila Lobdell is here on a visit her little girl ``Herberta'' is a beautiful child but her baby boy is so ugly. Well I must close. I dread my job of moving Love to all the children I wish I could visit you. does the girls freckle My Baby is so dark I don't think she will ever freckle. she is lots darker than I am.

We'll good bye Write Soon

Your loving girl.
Lula

I'll give Mr Bush your address

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Sugden. I.T.
July 27--06

Dear Carl--

I received your letter yesterday. We are fixing to move to-day to the Farm. Address my letters

Mrs Willis Briscoe
Temple, Okla.

I won't get my mail very Often for we are 24 miles from Temple so you need not think I have for gotten you if you don't hear from me.

Baby Edna is asleep. she looks so cute in short clothes. I just bathed her and she has on a little white dress a pale blue Albatross saque and white stockings. she has white shoes but I pulled them off. her eyes are so black you can't see the pupil when you are a foot from her and her hair so so brown and curly. she looks so sweet she has two teeth almost through. just think she is only two month old and can talk to you and laugh out loud. Well I must quit and get to packing up.

Mrs Northern married a Mr Clark. she sent hers and husbands picture to Mrs Gibson and she showed it to me. Dan Sies has come back.

We'll Good bye
Write Soon
to Your Sister
Lula

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``One the Farm''
July 31--06

My Dear Mamma--

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Well we arrived at our new hoem yesterday. We are nearly streightened up. I think I will like it fine.

Mrs Oneal and Old Mrs Collins came to see me to-day. so I still have a Mrs Collins for a neighbor she is the D\us{r}'s mother. and I think more of her than any woman I know of so you see it isn't like moving among Strangers. Dr Lawlis folks live a mile from here and Mr will Thompson's three miles. Mr Collins is going to Temple Saturday and will get my mail. I know I will have a letter from you forwarded from Sugden tomorrow and will take this to mail.

There are more of the finest grapes here you ever saw. They are just like tame ones. Etoy and Mrs Oneal went graping to-day. Etoy got a flour sack nearly full but they were not gone long. There is no fruit of any kind near sugden. I havn't seen a plum this year.

The grass is waist high. We had to cross cache creek on the Ferry boat. it was bank full. the river is aful high but we couldn't cross it even on the Ferry so had to come away around about 15 miles farther. We brought 3 sows and 19 chickens. We didn't get half the Chickens but Willis is going back before long after the Cow and Calves. he has the nicest little hog pasture and the finest corn in the country. but he had to stay at Sugden on my account so much and then his wheat to cut and Thresh untill his Cotton is so weedy and not much good. Well the baby is crying and I'll have to quit. Mr B-- will start by sun up and I wont get to write any more. but we are all well and I am better pleased with my home than any place I ever lived.

Write Often

Lula

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{Note in top margin: Edna crosses her feet just like Winnie always did. and you know she was born on Monday too. but she has an expression when she looks at you right sober just like Franks baby picture. but ever one says she is the Very image of my baby picture. Mr B-- said the day we moved that for me to send you that picture and tell you it was Edna. I tell them she pleases us all for she looks like all of us.}

Temple. O.T.

Aug 8--06

My Dear Mamma & all

It has been about three weeks since I heard from you. but I havn't had any mail since I have been up here. I don't know when I'll get any either. but I may have a chance to send this some place so thought I would have it ready. every one is in bed asleep but me I have made Etoy a Gingham dress to-day made it with a belt and handkerchief berth I I made Willis a shirt yesterday I don't sew nice like you for I get in too big a hurry. but they are good and strong. Mrs Gibson gave me two little short white dresses and two little flanned under skirts she has helped me out so much. I just cut off two of the Baby's little suits and Mrs Gibson needed some just got that way last month. so I gave her 3 little dresses & 3 skirts & three flannel skirts and 9 Bands. the 3 little white suits I gave here were the prettiest baby dresses I ever saw. Mrs Cleaver helped me make them and every one said they were beautiful. Mrs Gibson made and gave me the bands too. After she had been so good to me I was glad I could help her but no she would not let me. she gave the Baby five dollars. said it wasn't for the Clothes it was for Edna that she wanted to give her some thing the evening before we started she brought the Baby another little white bonnet all done up so nice since her Baby died. she just does any thing to be busy. she goes to the Grave yard nearly every day.

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We just had a flood of rain last night I planted tunips, beans, radishes and lettuce last Friday and they are up just fine. Willis fixed my ground and helped me plant them. It is the finest place for a garden you ever saw. Ryan is going to have a big picnic to-morrow. Mrs Oneal was over to see me yesterday. Virgil Skipwith has another baby but I forgot whether its a girl or boy. Frank Davidson was here this morning he said Kate Jessie his Mamma & Papa were all coming up on a fishing and hunting trip before long. I told Willis I was going to take a lay off and go with them. I had rather see Kate than any of the old Sugden girls I would also like to see their Baby ``Boys''. Mr & Mrs Davidson are gong to move up here about Xmas.

I wish I lived close to you I could help you sew lots. I put my clothes to soak this evening to wash in the morning. the baby has been so good the last few days. Etoy just loves her better than any thing and so does Mr B-- Etoy said she had been so good to-day she hadn't got to hold her hardly at all. I put Edna on a palate a quilt four double and she will be off in less time than ten minutes She rolls over gets on her stomach and sticks up her head and crosses her feet and holds them up over her back. She looks so cute she tries to crawl she got up on her feet and hand the other day and just turned a side summer set and hurt her self. She is just like a boy she used to talk so sweet but now she just hollows and squeels and laughs out loud.

Tell Aunt Juju that Edna is longer than her leg now I thought I would measure her but I lost the tape line this evening I guess I'll find it in the morning. Well I must Close Willis is getting restless. I guess the Candle flies are bothering so good night and love to All.

Your loving Girl

Lula

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Aug 12--06 {back side of previous letter}

Dear Mamma

This is first chance I have had to mail this. Mr B-- is goig to Sugden to-morrow havn't had any mail yet.

D\us{r} Lawlis will get My mail to-day. guess I'll go after it to-morrow Mrs Lawlis & Children spent the afternoon with us I like her fine she is aful nice. We are all well. Willis is ``Making hay while the Sun shines'' and it sure shines hot but its pleasant in the night and morning.

Lula

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On the Farm
Aug 12--1906

Mr Carl Brannon.
Portland Oregon.

Dear Carl--

I am at my new home have been here two weeks. I like it fine its so pretty. Willis is ``making hay while the Sun shines'' and it sure shines hot. but the grass is as high as my head in some places and its waist high all over. The mosquitoes are the worst pest we have and they are so big. Mr Briscoe is going to sugden to-morrow and I didn't know when I would ever have a chance to mail another letter so thought I would write you a note. I havn't had any mail since I have been here.

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D\us{r} Lawlis went to Temple to-day and he said he would get my mail. I do hope he won't forget it. I can go to his house to-morrow after it. It's only a mile over there. Mrs Lawlis and Children walked over here and spent the afternoon with us. They are all asleep but me. I just put Baby Edna to sleep. she was cross this evening. she sleeps by her self in the Baby Buggy.

Willis and I have planted a fall garden and it is up so pretty. This is a fine garden place. Well I must quit and go to bed. I don't know any News from Sugden.

Write Often.
Your loving sister
Lula.

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The Farm. ''
Aug 16--06

Dear Mamma & all.

I received the fans picture and one letter from you yesterday. The first mail I have had since I have been here. A neighbor gave it to Willis when he went after water. he said the Mail carrier at Temple gave it to him. I don't know what the Mail carrier was doing with it. D\us{r} Lawlis had been to Temple and Tuesday morning I went over to see if he got any mail for me and he said there wasn't any. and I was so dissapointed. Then Willis got it from Mr Sawyer yesterday. he put your letter in his pocket and gave me the rest. I looked through. he ask me if I had one from you I said \us{no} not unless one was in the little box. so I opened it (It had been opened) and there wasn't any. I looked so dissapointed Willis laughed and pitched me your letter. I sure was glad but I told him I aught to have more than one. I am so sorry Carl is no better. I dreamed he had died and was so worried.

I have five men to Cook for have had since last Friday. but they went home Sat and Sunday. I guess this will be the last day for a week. They are helping Willis put up hay. he has at least 30 tons up. And will make at the least 500 on corn and the finest Corn he ever had. so our horses and hogs & cows won't go hungry this winter. it is now seven oclock in the morning. I am all through my work but bathing Edna and making my bed and she is asleep on it. she is the best Baby I ever saw untill about 4 oclock in the evenings. I never hold her as much as an hour in the mornings but I can't hardly Cook supper for her.

Etoy & Mr B-- went to Sugden Sunday and havn't come back the Baby isn't half the trouble when they are gone but Etoy kisses her more than a hundred times a day and it makes Edna mad. and Mr B-- can't pass by with out playing with her then when he quits she cries. he says he is going to take her to Wichita Falls and have her picture taken when the River goes down.

Mrs Oneal just sent me 1/2 gal. bucket of ripe tomatoes as large as a pint cup. Mr Sawyer gave Willis water-melons and 5 musk melons yesterday had them all pulled ready for him when he came by going after water. If we just had water it would be such a help. and the mosquitoes just eat you up if you get out side the house after sun down. I never saw the like. They just buzz like a swarm of bees. The Sawyer boys have no screens and they told Willis they moved out and turned the house over to them. Well I must quit I am going to the little store 4 miles from here and thought I would take this letter and get them to mail it when they went to Temple.

I sure hate to go for the Grass is as high as the buggy top and so many

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big holes. I went Monday after some things and the horse fell down and broke the belly band. Mrs Oneal was with me and she fixed it with her shoe string. it takes 1/2 a day to go for you have to go so slow. and its so awful hot in the grass. but Willis is so busy he can't stop. Good bye love to all write at least once a week.

The fans are so pretty who sent them? And I showed the picture to one of the boys yesterday he says when did you have this taken? I said when I was 6 weeks old. he said I thought it was your baby. It just exactly like My Baby only the nose and my Baby has a prettier nose than \us{your} Baby did.

Willis looked at it and says it just exactly like Edna every one says it. and you wouldn't think two babies could look so near alike.

I must quit as Baby Edna is Grunting your loving girl

Lula

{Post Script: you needn't think I would take that Post Office for I wont I told Willis I was going to have me a 5 acre cotton patch here by the house next year and was going to take my money and go see you next Xmas a year. he says all right but thats a long time off.}

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{Margin note: Where is aunt now? Yes have Carls picture made with the others if he wants it I would be so glad to get them. I look at Winnies and Lilas pictures so often. Winnie looks just like you you wouldn't said kiss' the darling baby. if you could have seen how bad she acted when I was trying to read your letters. she wanted me to go to bed with her and she grabbed at the letter and I gave her the envelope. she tore it spit all over it mashed it all up and threw it on the floor and I had to quit and get her to sleep.}

Temple, Okla.
Aug 28--1906

My Dear Mamma & all.

I received three letter and the little hood and shawl yesterday. Mr Treens got my Mail at Temple and Mr Sawyer got it from Mr Green and Caruth Oneal got it from Mr Sawyer and brought it to me. I was sure glad to get it. the 2nd Mail I have had, except I got a letter from Jessie Crocker. She and George have another boy. the oldest only 18 months old. Mrs Cleaver wrote me that Lum was going in business for himself that he was away buying his stock now. and as soon as he returned he and Miss Belle Sitton would be married.

I never was so surprised he was so in love with Mattie Lea last fall, when we worked for Mr Bush. and you know Miss Belle is the oldest one of the girls she must be ten years older than Lum at least. Mrs Cleaver said she saw Leva's baby and lots more babies but didn't any of them come up with Edna. Mrs Dave Tucker has another little girl baby.

I washed yesterday had 100 pieces counting the rags one and the stockings one. it took me all day. it always does because I dont get started until 10 or 11 o'clock then have to quit and finish dinner. I scrubbed the kitchen and ironed some this morning. We have our cows now and I have to churn every morning. Etoy and Mr B-- went to Sugden again last Friday. I look for them back tomorrow they were going to a Picnic to-day in Waurika.

Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Gibson always write me long letters and send by them when they come home. they also send me lots of papers and magazines.

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Willis has up 100 tons of hay. you see we are going to sell hay to the new folks this fall. we think this land will be sold in October to the highest bidder and the leasee gets the preference right so we want to buy this place if it isn't opo hidh. Willis said he wished it wasn't such a good place and mabe it would not sell so high.

Willis says tell you he is going to nail Edna up in a cigar box and express her to you. he says I can't send the little shoe unless it is worn out for he will have to save it for the next one.

but I'll sue send you one if her foot ever gets big enough to wear them out. they are number 0 and /---/ that much too long and will lap where they should lace to-gether. they are cute little shoes. she is asleep now. she would be the best baby I ever saw if she didn't get so cross late in the evening and she wont let a soul touch her but me. her Grandpa took her the other night so i could finish my supper and she just screamed and held her breath. he says "something hurts this baby." Willis says give her to me so he took her and she just kept on screaming. so I took her and she hushed right up and sniffed a little so they laughed and Etoy she felt sorry for her she came over where I was sitting and patted Edna on the back and says "Its Toys baby" and Edna just shook her back and screaqmed out at her and got just as close to me as she could. and had her lower lip stuck away out. do you remember how Helen Grogan used to stick out her lower lip when she was heart broken? thats just the way Edna does. Willis thinks she is the nicest baby he ever saw. he says he will show babies with any one. she can give you her hands when you hold yours to her. and Etoy has got her so she can whisper to her and tell her to hollow loud. and Edna will squeel just as lowd as she can. I wish you could hear her laugh out lowd. you would think it was some old boy. her voice is so course and her skin keeps getting darker. she is nearly as dark as Peaqr1 Eaton. everyone says I aught to be glad for she will never freckle. the little cap you sent is so much prettier than the one I had made but its a little large at the bottom. who made that one do you remember? The flies are terrible. the horses can't rest. Willis and I made some covers for them yuesterday. one horse layed down hitched to the rake and rolled. the cows cant hardly eat and even the dogs have to rool in the grass to get them off.

Well this si all the paper I have so I'll quit this has Etoys writing lesson on the back.

As Ever
Lula
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Temple, Okla
Sept 13--06

Dear Mamma & All.

This is my Birthday and I am at the little country store 5 miles from home. Mrs Oneal came with me she is such a good neighbor she stayed all night with me the last two nights. the folks have not come home yet. I look for them just any minute. we have had just floods of rain. I guess that is the reason Willis hasn't come back. I am holding Edna and she keeps rooting me on the face. so i can't write. Mrs Oneal gave me over two water buckets of ripe tomatoes. I have canned 3 quarts will can more when I get back home. It looks like it will rain more. I must quit and go home. hoope you are all well.

love to all as Ever your girl
Lula

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{Margin note: no I havn't seen Pearls baby picture. it isnt with my

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pictures.}

Temple. OK
Sept. 25--06

My Dear Mamma --

I received two letters from you since I have written but I had no way to mail a letter. The folks came home the evening I was at the Store. but Etoy and Mr Briscoe are going back to-morrow. Etoy wont be back untill Xmas. she is going to Marlow I.T. to School. Yes Mrs Cleaver moved to Ryan and Bessie is staying there going to School. This is the first evening and night Edna hasn't cried after me. but she has been so good. I just let her nurse and turned her over on the bed and she went to sleep. she can sit alone real good. I don't put her on the floor yet but she sits on the bed she only weighs 15 1/2 pounds now. she isn't near as fat as she was but she is plump and so much prettier she hasn't been sick. her head is getting so round and pretty. Mrs Oneal says she is fat enough and she thinks she is pretty too. they are building their house now and its just right at us. going to have a partner ship.

Well Mr & Mrs Davidson were up on a Visit. They are going to move up on Franks place about Xmas and it is just across the lane from us. Edna has woke up and is laughing and kicking she looks so sweet she loves her grandpa and he is so foolish about her. Etoy says she dont see how she can stand to stay away from her untill Xmas. Mrs Oneal calls her Cooge she says she is the most innocent looking baqby6 she ever saw. does Carl seem like a man or a boy. I have lots of beans and cucumbers in the garden. The grass hoppers are eating up my turnip greens.

Frank Suggs was nearly dead with typhoid fever last Friday when Mrs Davidson left Sugden he had been down seven weeks had been aful bad for a long time. she said he was aful poor and thin.

Mrs Gibson sent the baby goods and lace and insertion to make Edna six new dresses by. Etoy the last time she come and Wren sent her a dress and lace. I have enough white goods and lace and trimmings for her 15 new dresses and she has 15 dresses. so you see she is well fixed for dresses.

Mrs Gibson has helped me out so muich. they all get like Edna is the only baby in the family. I get mail every week now but I never have any way to mail a letter. for my mail come to any body in the pasture that goes to Temple and then it plays pussy wants a corner until it gets home. there are sure lots of Snakes here. Willis killed a big rattle snake in the crib with 8 rattlers and I got after one Sunday evening. but it run under the house. I dont do any thing but cook wash and Iron and I am tired to death all the time. I dont see how you do so much work. I am glad the children are in School. tell them all to write and tell me what they study.

write often love to all
Lula

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{Margin note: I am sorry I couldnt write a longer letter Love to all}

Oct. 6--1906

My Dear Mamma & all--

I received a letter from you Thursday. I am getting my mail every week now but dont have a chance to mail a letter that often. Mr Oneals have moved they have been here for three days. got Tltheir stove up this morning we have had the coldest spell for this time of year I ever saw.

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It is sure going to be cold on this hill. I havn't been very well for a week I took two pills last night but they havn't acted. My back still hurts me under my left shoulder blade. Its hurt at night every sine the baby was born. i can't hardly stand to let her nurse the left breast at night. I ache so bad. and I dont hardly ever I told Dr Lawlis the other day about it and he said that he had been suffering from the same thing and he was afraid it was his lungs. he didn't tell me any thing to do. but if it keeps up I am going to Sugden the last of this month--Dr Lawlis looks aful thin. you wouldn't know him hardly.

Edna is waking up. she is so sweet she can wink her eyes at you so cute. I have been picking a little cotton have picked about 150 pounds in two weeks dont never think you can pick cotton. for it just breaks any ones back. No I havn't a bit of fruit. havn't even seen a plum, black berry, or any thing had 1/2 a doz green peaches this year. Willis says tell you he hadn't tasted a peach or seen one. you know the hail ruined every thing in this Okla. & I.T. this year. well I must quit and tend to Edna. I have a chance to mail this so I will mail it.

Lula

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Temple, Okla
Oct. 13--06

My Dear Mamma & all--

I received a letter from you yesterday. Also what Juju wrote she sure writes nice if she wrote it by her self. thats as plain as any one can write. It was cute in her to tell her teacher her name was Julia. I would give any thing to see you all. I cant realize how fast the children grow. Baby Edna is laying on the bed with her heels up and one big toe in her mouth. but she has on little blue shoes and blue stockings she has sucked the toe untill you can imagine how it looks. her first shoes are her white ones but I save save them for mabe I will get to go to Sugden the last of This month and I want her to keep them clean.

Willis has to go after the heating stove.1 it is real cool. I have a flannel underskirt with sleeves in it on Edna. It has rained nearly all morning. willis said the other day he wished he had some of those good cobblers he knew you must be making out of so much fruit. I cooked some pumpkin to-day I baked it in the stove it was fine to me but Willis didn't like it much. I would like to send the children all a Birthday present. but I havn't a thing to send and I havn't been to a town since I have been here. Edna has a pretty grey and white kitten its such a nice cat it dont bother a thing. it loves her too. its laying on her now. she has her arm arounhd its neck I guess it gets lonesome. We havn't any dog. Mr Briscoe is going to Sugden tomorrow so I'll get him to mail this. I see in the Henrietta paper that Mr & Mrs Ele Skinner have a boy boren Oct. 4-- Where is Aunt B-- now?

Jennie Snodgrass Odneal has a baby boy. i know she had rather it was a girl they are so foolish about girls. Jim Snodgrass gave my baby a nice rubber rattler the day she was born. Annie Welch and Charley Campbell married last Sunday.

Earl has been over most of this week he went back yesterday. Our Indian came to see us Sunday and brought his wife and baby (two years old) he came to tell us he alloted this place for his Baby. We ask him if we could stay here another five years after our time is out. he says "Yes and many years to come". he kenw Papa. he is a ;Dutcfhman and has an indian wife he claims but she is Mexican for I never saw an Indian with curly hair. but it don't make any difference he has the land. They have ten children and have 12 alottments. You may know him his name is La

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Varr. he lived at Charlie when Papa and Mr Waller were in business at Henrietta.

I still have cucumberes and squash in the garden. I have a gal of pickles up. Could have had more but All my jars are at Sugden. I wqashed yesterday and the sand blowed so hard I could not hang my Cloths out and it's rained to day. guess I'll have to hang them out tomorrow. why don't Carl write? he has not written a line since he has been home. well I must quit. I want to write Mrs Gibson a note I got a nice long letter from her Thursday. Write soon and tell me all about the children winnie was aful smart to have supper ready for you. she can beat Etoy all to pieces. Et4oy has never washed the dishes but once. she always dries them. she is at Marlow going to school now. I can't think Frank and Elmer are big enough to cut wood. Well good bye.

Love to all
your girl
Lula

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{Margin note: The weather is cool We have had frost.}

Temple. Okla.
Oct. 29--06

My Dear Mamma--

I received a letter from you yesterday. Mr Oneal gave me a letter from Mable and I had dreamed the night before I had one from you so I was dissapointed but when the Lawlis Children came after milk I opened their bucket and there was a letter from you. I intended writing yesterday but I was sick and didn't feel like it. I couldn't I was so nervous I could hardly stand up. Friday Willis Mr Oneal and Frank Davidson all took Bales of cotton to Temple and Saturday the prairie caught fire and came very enar burning up every thing for us and Oneals & Sawyers and Frankh D--

Mrs Oneal, Caruth, the two Sawyer boys a hired boy and myself was all there wasin this country to fight it so we got wet sacks and fought fire for nearly four hours as hard as we could. I got too hot and scaqred I guess I have been sick ever since Edna has been sick for a week. she has been having high fever at night and then about 4 oclock in the mornings she would sweat untill her gown would be wet.

Mrs Oneal said it was dum chills she thought so she fixed her up a big dose of Castor oil and turpentine and gave it to her and Miss Edna has been all right the last two days only she is aful cross. she is in my lap now and keeps wanting my pencil. I guess Willis will be home tonight he went, on to Sugden from Temple after our heating Stove.

Willis and I picked all our bales of cotton our selves. I don't guess I picked 1/3 of it for I am so slow then I had to take care of Edna.

Mr Bush has solod out I saw in the Ryan paper to O B Garrison at Ryan but I guess he is still in Sugden. I would send you the paper but Baby Edna got it and just tore it all to pieces before I had time to finish it. I had a letter from Mable. she says her health is aful bad and she had been sick but did you ever hear of Mable being any other way but sick. I never did. I wrote her a "dun" I paid a debt for her two years ago of \$7.50 and never had ask her for it. and she never had mentioned paying it. and I thought I needed it as bad as she did. and she wrote and said that she had it to send and she got sick had to have the Dr and medicine and had to spend it. said Mr Pedigo said he would send it as soon as he could get it. I guessw he don't amount to much or he could rake up \$7.50 I never saw the time Willis couldn't and one thing good of willis he would

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give me the last cent he had. he never did refuse me a nickle.

Mable said they had a nice house rented 5 rooms and plastered. said they roomed and boarded the owner for the rent. said her children were at her mamma's Willis has got enough to last us all winter. We have two of the biggest fattest hogs. they eat 40 ears of corn a day. I had a letter from Etoy she wants to come back so bad. she wrote a P>S. to her letter and says how is little old sweet Edna I want to come home.

I intended going to Sugden with Willis but Oneal's just turn their stock out they have about 7 or 8 head of horses and mules and they just keep one person busy keeping them out of our corn field they have wasted lots of corn for us and about 50 bushels for Frank D-- every body else has pastures to put their stock in. but no one have their fences built yet. any how this is a stock law country. Willis wanted me to go to Sugden with him but I told him no. they could waste 100 bushels of corn or more. Etoy was going to Sugden last Saturday so she could see us her Papa said. i guess she will be dissapointed I feel sorry for her she dont seem satisfied only with us. Mr Briscoe said she cried to come back when he come but she has to go to school. she dont like her Aunt at Marlow at all and she told her Papa thagt she wouldn't wear any clothes that her Aunt Nannie made her. Well Edna is crying I'll quit a while.

It was too bad Elmer wont get his name in the paper but I guess he will next month. I am glad the children like the school. They are going to sell this pasture to the highest bidder (seal bids) the 1st of Dec so i guess mabe we can sell our hay if we can we will come out alright. if we dont we will be in debt by next crop. Well I must close. Write soon. Love to all Baby Edna is so cross I can't write any more.

Your Loving Girl

Lula

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Temple. Okla
Nov. 3--1906

My Dear Mamma & all--

I received all your letters this week but Franks and Jujus. the children write so much better than Etoy and she is just in the 4th Grade. there isnt any school at Sugden so far. Willis came home from Sugden the day I wrote before. he is hauling cotton to Wichita Falls this week. he generally gets home by eleven oclock at night but its so cloudy and dark to-night I doubt if he comes untill morning. so dark to cross that old River. Its aful bad. he has to pull every one across that takes their own bales. it just keeps him busy but he gets \$4.00 a trip. and \$1.00 for pulling a bale across the River. I am boarding 4 of Frank Davidsons cotton pickers they are just boys and are from Texas. they are such nice quiet boys. they pick between 300 and 400 pounds a piece eve4ry day.

I am feeling better since I helped Willis pick a bale of cotton. I feel lots better. Willis said the folks at Sugden were dissapointed because they didn't get to see Edna. Etoy came from Marlow and Mrs Cleaver and Bessie from Ryan to see us and then we didn't go. Willis said he believed his Papa wanted to see her the worst. he said Wren said for him not to put his foot inside their yard any more untill he brought Edna. Wren sent Edna 6 yds of pink check Gingham and pink and white embroidery and white braid to make her three little dresses. I'll send a sample. she sent her a white divinity dress before and lace to trim Mrs Gibson and Wren have given her 12 new dresses they always send her something when there is any of us passing. Jessie and Jim Briscoe have a baby Girl three months old. and I know they have never sent it a thing. Mr Briscoe gave Willis a fine Registered Male hog when he was at Sugden. The cotton picking boys went

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over to Collins to-night for a while and I havn't milked yet so its so dark. I am going to wait untill they come back. Edna cries after me so i cant do a thing in the evenings. I dont know what makes her so bad when willis is here he has to hold her up so she can see her self in the looking glass. All the time I am waiting on the table at Supper. he gets tired but she just screams and cries the minute he takes her away. she has to stand on the dresser. I have to hide my bonnet when I go out doors to keep her from crying after me I aught to be churning but I'll wake her up and she will cry. I wish I had Frank to milk for me when willis is gone. I fed every thing before dark.

I must quit and get the samples of the baby's dresses the little blue check is soft percale 15 cents a yard.

Sunday Night--

Willis came home last night. Mr and Mrs Ballard and children Mrs Will Thompson and children spent the day with us to-day. We had a nice time 1st time they have been to see me.

Love to all
Write Soon
Your loving girl
Lula

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Temple. Ok.
Nov. 18--06
My Dear Mamma & all

Well I have picked cotton every day last week but yesterday and it was too cool for Baby Edna and I had the head ache. willis and I made 25.00 this week besides our own work. willis made \$20.00 and made \$5.00 besides I washed Ironed and cooked. willis hauled water and gathered about 50 bushels of corn for himself we think we did fine If we can just keep out of debt. we are going to bid on a place the land will be sold from the 3rd of Dec. untill the 8 of Dec. It wont be long untill we know if we get it or not. It will be sold in seal bids.

Lon Sies died last week. he left a wife and baby 11 months old and his wife is is so young. I got the deeds for our lots at last. I'll send yours. there was a receipt in side to sign up. and I fixed yours and sent it back with Mine. We are going to have a town about 5 miles from us. they have laid off the town site. it is real cold to-day a norther is blowing hard. willis is over to Mr Oneals I guess and Edna is asleep. she gets cuter every day. and her Grandpa and Mrs Collins says she gets prettier every day too. she tries to pull the buttons off my dress and if there is a pin in my dress she tries to pull it out she can say Dad. and for a day or two after Mrs Oneal and I went to Mr Sawyers in the buggy she would cluck all the time even when she was asleep but she has quit now I wish you could see what fine corn we have we made between 5 and 600 bushels on 20 acres. and didn't have a stand and it was never plowed but once and on sod. we are going to raise hogs another year if we buy a place where we can get water. we have to haul all our stock water and what we sue too. and its up hill business If we dont get a place I guess willis will dig to China or get a well. we have dug 4 and havn't any water yet. he paid out \$35.00 on two wells and didn't get water. I am making plenty of cotton seed butter but I dont like it. I dont get any eggs. eggs are 30 cents a dozen in Wichita Falls. butter is 25

Wichita Falls is a good market place but the hogs have eat so many of my chickens. we have two of the biggest sows to kill. we would keep one of them. but they both eat chickens they are the fatest things I ever saw. our other sow dont eat chickens so we will keep her. Mr Briscoe gave

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Willis is a fine registered Poland China male hog when he was at Sugden.

I dreamed I saw the children all start off to school. I thought Juju was the cutest little girl and thought she had on a red check Gingham dress made with a belt. Edna is holding the top of my pencil for me she has waked up and is in my lap. you can imagine how she looks she has on a pretty little white dress with lace insertion yoke and cuffs and white stockings and blue shoes. she wears white dresses and white stockings all the time. her hair is so brown and eyes so black her eye lashes are this long --- and brown when she opens her eyes her eye lashes touch her eye brows I told Willis I was getting uneasy I was afraid they would grow too long. her skin looks like velvet her cheeks are so pink.

Frank and Houghton Davidson was here this morning. Houghton said Jessie's baby weighed 25 pounds and its not 9 months old yet. Well I must quit.

Write often and love to all. I got the children's letters but I have run out of anything to tell now.

Your loving daughter

Lula

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{Margin note: Mamma send me Mrs Edmissons address when you write be sure and don't forget. I want to write and thank Edna and I can't find their address.}

Temple, Okla.

Nov. 23--06

My Dear Mamma & all--

I received a letter from you last night also one from Pearl and a package from Edna for Baby Edna a beautiful piece of embroidery for a little dress about 18 inches wide.

Baby was only two months old when we left Sugden so you see she is lots cuter and smarter and every one says prettier too. she is not so fat she is little bone but tall and plump I think she is going to be little to her age after this year. she is small now she hasn't grown much but she is so cute and laughs so sweet if any one looks at her and smiles she will smile back she and the kitten have been having a fine time she will shake a little rubber ball with a string to it in playing with it. and jumps at it and she just laughs out loud and kicks and throws her hands and still holds to her string and the cat still plays you would laugh your self to see them. Willis went to haul wood this morning hasn't come home yet. I think he had to pull two men across the River. If he did he made \$2.00 also. he has the best teams in the country and Wichita Falls pays him \$1.00 a bale for pulling cotton across the River he has only made 6 or 7 dollars at it this week but it has been such bad weather no one had any cotton out. last week he made \$20.00 he has hauled two big 4 horse loads of wood this week and is getting another to-day. has built a shed for the cows and calves of hay and poles and fixed his horses shed better and worked more on the hen house he works all the time I havn't seen him sit down for an hour since we have been here hardly. it has been awful cold this week. Monday and Tuesday the ground was covered with sleet and Ice and it snowed Tuesday night it turned warmer and I washed Friday and the Colthes are part in the tub and the rest on the line it has rained for two days still raining and cold Its a wonder Willis isn't sick for he dont stop for rain at all We are going to bid on several places and may be we can get one. you can't get but one have to bid as much as \$5.00 an acre that will be \$800.00 the cheapest and have to pay 1/5 one fifth down when you bid. the land is to be sold the first week in Dec. the highest bidder (seal bids) Mr & Mrs Eaton have moved to Denver

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Colo. We are looking for Mr Briscoe to come any day Willis is putting off killing his hogs untill his Papa comes. I guess he will make the lard. I dont know any thing about making land and he and Willis always does that Winnie had a narrow escape in the Run away I would have been scared to death. Baby Edna has woke up so I will quit love to all write soon Your loving girl
Lula

It seems funny for Juju to stay all night away from home

{Margin note: This is the color of pale bule I fixed the cap with that she looks so pretty in}

Tuesday Dec. 4--1906

Dear Grandmamma and little Aunts and Uncles how are you all? Baby Edna is mean to-day she has one little tooth through and you can see the other one through the gum (Lower teeth) she is so cross and just rares back and fights her mamma with both hands she sure has a temper and just fights and scratches. but she is aful sweet and just looks like a doll. Mr Cleaver is here. he says she looks just like that big doll I sent Juju. he thinks she is pretty. Willis has been to Sugden and Temple since last Thursday I am looking for him back to-day. Its so warm the last two days we havn't had any fire and had the doors open. I had a letter from Jessie Crocker she siad Mrs Hearne and Iva both had another boy apiece. I am glad we are away from Sugden so much Typhoid fever there one of Ed Day's Children died. and Lillie Beaver died about a week ago. Tom is about to die and Mr Beaver is getting better Dan Sies and Lillie were to be married soon. I had a letter from Mrs Gibson she said Dan just cried and took on terrible at the funeral said he just stayed right with her all the time she was sick. Lillie was such a nice girl and dressed so nice just got a new Piano in the summer. and had abeen taking music regular for over two years. I was so sorry she died. she joined the Christian Church last Fall and quit dancing. Frank Suggs is well but can't walk yet he was down 4 months and his heel strings are drawn. Bruce Suggs is married again to a big fat widow. you remember he married an Indian and she left him and got a devorce. I made Edna a pretty little underskin last week I'll send you the samples. she had a whole suit of long clothes like it and I had just enough left for little skirt. I also lined her little cap I had made with pale blue silk and put a rosette of the silk on each side and Big silk ties she looks so pretty in pale blue I would just give any thing if you could see her she is a beautiful Child every one says it. I dont see how she can be so pretty with such a Mamie and Daddy. but she gets prettier every day. you aught to see her Dance and hollow when Mr Oneal plays his juice harp. they all think so much of her and Caruth Oneal and Houghton Davidson just play with her and hold her all the time they are around. Caruth will say look at her now Houghton or look Miss Lula he thinks she is the smartest thing. Willis says he bets I am just plum hateful when I take her any place but I make like I dont think she is so fine. well I must quit and take her Good by Love to all

Xmas will soon be here and I wont be Close to any town but I am going send the children some of my E. P. Roe Books they are good and it is the best I can do for them this Xmas. I hate to see Xmas come for I wont be able to send them things like I always was before. I am afraid they wont have a Happy Xmas. It dont make any difference about me whether I have any or not I am getting so old. Willis said I could go to Sugden and Ryan Xmas but I told him no. we didn't have the money to spare to buy presents with and they would all expect something and I would stay at home. well write soon I had rather have a letter from you all than any thing.

your loving girl
Lula

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Sugden. I.T.
Jan 4--06

My Dear Mamma & all

Your letter received yesterday was glad you received the box all O.K. We also have a new Express Agt. I think that had some thing to do with it.

Yes I put Little Women in for Winnie. I am so sorry it was lost for she didn't get as much as the others but I'll get her another one if I can. Looks like the bad luck happens to Winnie every time. I got the facinator & drawers. they are so nice I like the facinator fine and it was what I needed too.

Tura??? sent me a pretty silver sugar shell. Mrs Cleaver gave me a pretty work basket picture, and a white Linen Tasle Cloth and 6 napkins all made. Mrs Gibson gave me a real pretty green china fruit bowl with hand painted flowers. Willis gave me a pair of 4\us{50} button patent leather shoes a picture and a pin tray. My Shoes are sure pretty. Mr Briscoe gave me a silk handkerchief and a little sow pig. I gave him a rocking chair to take to his Camp.

It has rained so much you can't get any place. I don't believe I ever saw Sugden so muddy unless it was the 1\us{st} fall we lived here. It isn't cold enough to freeze. Water has only froze one night in the kitchen this winter and it was just a thin skin.

I am going to quit working at town the 1\us{st} of Feb. Willis says its too bad for him to work and its too bad for me. he said I couldn't work any more this winter after the 1\us{st} So guess I'll have to quit. I am going to still keep the office and let Alma run it. and then in the summer if I want to I can work in it again. No I have quit coughing and I am as well as can be only I have Rhumatism in my left leg and Willis thinks its aful the way the veins look and says I have to quit standing on my feet so much. but I think its because its so rainy. Its rained nearly every day for three weeks and it just been hurting since the rain. Tell Aunt Lizzie I thank her very much for the piece of tapastry. I appreciate anything odd like that so much. Well I must close and write to Carl. I hope you are all well as ever your Girl

Lula

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{Note in top margin: I lost the Independent that had the death of Mr Ed Caldwell in it.}

Sugden. I.T.
Jan 15--06

My Dear Mamma--

Your letter received was glad to hear from you. I am sorry you were uneasy about me. but I know I have never missed two weeks writing to you. I am as well as I can be. No I don't cough at all. but Willis does he looks thin and has a cough just like his Mother but I can't get him to take medicine. when he coughs he just has to hold his lungs they hurt so bad. We were dissapointed again. You remember I told you about Willis bidding on some school land. Well he was the highest bidder in Sugden and was about the only one who didn't get a place. Mr Cleaver only bid 37 cents and got his and Willis bid \$1\us{06}. Alma Goodwin bid 38 cents and got hers. Mr Mc Bride bid on 4 pieces never bid over 50 cents on any and got all four. Mr Davidson bid 26 cents on two and got both and Oneals got two Walter Cobb one Lon Harris one Mr Collins

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three. looks like we don't have good luck. Alma wants to sell hers and Maby Willis will get it. he says he is going to have a place. he just picked out the two best places up there and bid \$1\us{06} on each and missed both. every body said Willis was crazy for bidding so high but I guess Willis knows a good piece of land when he sees it.

I forgot to tell you Connie & husband & baby were here Xmas. Also Mrs & Mr Newbury's Connie has the sweetest baby. It was so ugly when it was here before. but its just as pretty as any baby now. Mrs Newbury is so fat you would hardly know her. they all ask about you all. Mrs Newbury said when they moved away they found a little red sack of Juju's said she threw it out in the yard. it was dirty and Mr Newbury came along and picked it up and said she should not throw away his baby's jacket said he was going to keep that always and she said he put it in his trunk ans still has it. Eva has a baby girl born New-Years day. Mrs Kennemer??? has a baby girl. and named it Lula she said I had one name sake. I don't remember if they lived here or not when you did. Etoy has not been well. she is such a delicate child. she only weighs 55 pounds so you see she isn't much heavier than Juju. she is just a year younger than Winnie. she will be 11 the 24 of May. she is not near as tall as Winnie either. she and Wren are just the same size. Can wear each others cloths. I don't know how old Wren is but Etoy is older than Doroughty and he is older than Wren.

Well I must close Its aful muddy and bad but not cold. My month will be out to-morrow you know I begun the 16 of Sept. and I am going to quit. I have so much to do and Willis says its too muddy and rainy and I have had a bad cold so he said quit and I am tired of working down town any way. its been 5 years since I have been foot loose. I am going to keep the office now. I want to go Visit across the River when Willis goes to look at the School land. he thinks he can get a place.

Well Write Soon.
Your loving Girl Lula

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Sugden. I.T.
Jan 21--06

My Dear Mamma & all.

Will write you a few lines. I am at the office. Well I quit Mr Bush Tuesday. I feel like a bird out of a cage.

Mr J. W. Thompson (or, Little John) left his wife store and all. he skipped out last Sat. week. D\us{r} Dice came over and took Mrs Thompson and children home with him. Mrs Thompson is expecting to be confined any day. D\us{r} Dice turned the store over to the creditors. I helped them envoice the stock Thursday and Friday. it was a job every thing was in such a mess. Old A. C. Thompson told Mrs T-- that Mr T-- had run away with another woman but some don't believe it. she don't. she says he will send for her some time. mabe he will but I doubt it. I think he is an aful mean man. he has no principle at all. he went off oweing Mrs Cleaver \$35\us{00}. she lost her job the 1\us{st} of Jan. but neglected to settle with him. I had a letter from Pearl to-day. we are all well Willis just came back yesterday from the big pasture to look at some places. but I guess he will go back this week. he says he is bound to have a place. I want him to get one too.

I will close write soon
Your loving daughter.

Lula
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No Date

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Dear Mamma--

I came by Mr Bush's this morning and he paid me the rent so I'll enclose it. its For Nov. Dec. Jan. & Feb.

As Ever

Lula

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Sugden. I.T.

Feb 1--1906

Mrs Julia Brannon.

Hartline Wash.

My Dear Mamma & All.

well I get lazier than ever about writing. I don't hardly stay at home long enough to Cook and eat but I feel so free and seems like I am so tired of staying in the house.

I feel lonesome to-night. willis went to his place to-day. his Papa and Earl went with him and helped him move. it is 40 miles. Mr Collins and his two boys went so it just leaves Mrs Collins and her little girl. Etoy and I but I am not afraid like I used to be. I hated to see willis go he just tore up the smoke house and took it now. Earl is going to stay with him and help him plow. They are going to camp in it untill willis gets the land broke. its going to cost willis lots to improve the place. we will have to be aful saving but I don't mind that. just any thing to have a home and we think it will be ours some day. willis said he would fix me a nice garden place and he would build us a good two room house in the spring. he said when he got a deed to it he was going to have a brick house. They think the land will come in in a year or two and then the leasers will get a chance to buy what they are on.

Mr Grogan was over yesterday and eat supper with us last night. he wanted me to go home with him but its too far away for me. I had rather stay a little closer to home. willis says I am a regular old Maid.

Mrs Collins ask me to-day if I had ever written to you and told you how good willis was to me. he left me with plenty of wood of all kinds cut up and took the Cow and Calf to the field and fixed things just as convenient as he could for me. and her folks went off and not a stick of wood chopped. she thinks willis is just the ``idea'' she says I never get a bucket of water hardly and she gets all of hers. and its the truth I don't suppose I have drawn a dozen buckets of water in a year and the year before I drew two.

You know I told you about John Thompson skipping the Country. well he has never been heard of. his wife has a baby girl born last Monday. people think she knows where he is and all about it. the store is still closed.

Mr Bush has nothing but Corderoy suits (dark) that will fit Frank. they are 3\us{50} and are good too. he said he would pay you the house rent. I don't see why he don't send it to you we have been in the habit waiting 3 months and i guess he will pay you right away.

Mr Will Thompson

" Dick Ballard

" Ed Blanchard

are going to move to the new Country besides willis & Mr Collins. Ed

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Blanchard went to-day. but will Thompson and Mr Ballard are going tomorrow. none of them are taking their families. Did I ever tell you about Lon??? Britain being married and she has a little baby now. Well i must close and go to bed. Write soon

Your loving Girl
Love to all
Lula

{Post Script: Van Suggs and May Dodson married last Sunday. She is an orphan Girl has not been here but about 6 weeks or two Months. It was a quick match wasn't it? she stayed with Mrs Gibson.}

{Note in top margin: I could not hardly scratch with this pen. willis will be home in about 8 more days if the weather is good.}

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My Dear Mamma & All--

Your letter received to-day. Earl go the Mail for me. It seems like this has been such a long Sunday. Willis went back to his place Friday I guess he got there yesterday. his Papa went with him and took a load. They took the lumber to build our house it was all cut and the window & door facings all made so it won't take them long to build it. Willis has to go to Wichita Falls for the shingles & doors. Willis thinks I will be awful lonesome out there but I don't think I will. he said what was I going to do about getting letters from Mamma? I told him some one would have a Post Office there before long. I don't know where we will get our mail. I am afraid I wont get any Very Often. i can send them different places to be Mailed by the neighbors but i don't know where I'll get mine. but we can't have every thing just right.

I am not going to complain if I don't like the place. Mr Collins says I must say its the prettiest place in the world. They are going to move tomorrow. he came back yesterday. he has finished his house and come after his wife & daughter and the last load of their house hold goods. they are only two (2) miles from us. Old Man Blanchards are 2 1/2 miles from us. Mr Will Thompsons are about 3 1/2 miles from us. Frank Davidson joins us. Mrs Oneal is 3/4 of a mile from us. so you see I will have old friends close by. Willis says any thing will grow there he says there is bound to be some thing in it. and I am not going to discourage him. Jessie Davidson Ross has a baby girl.

I don't know whether Mr Briscoe will let Etoy go with us. its so far. but she Vows she is not going to stay with any one else but us. I guess she will come out Winner she generally does with her Papa. He says its so far away from him I would be glad if she would go. she would be company. and she is Very little trouble. she pays that all up for she isn't one bit lazy. and she never refuses to do what I tell her. and I never have to tell her but once. the rest of the folks thinks she is awful bad. but I don't.

Mrs Cleaver says she is so much better than she used to be that it is a good thing her mother died. but she knows she has to mind Willis and she can't pout and cry. When he whipped her in the summer he would not

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let her cry. I felt sorry for her but he never has had to whip her but twice and I don't think he has scolded her since last September. but most any child would be good where there isn't any one to bother them. and she never wants to go any place. she stays right here with me. and never asks to go any where.

The weather is so warm we havn't had hardly any winter I saw a little boy bare footed to-day. I washed my head this after noon. we havn't had any fire in the heating stove for two weeks only when we first get up. Every one is planting garden. Mrs Cleaver has mites in her hen house so you know it hasn't been very cold.

May Mr Bush paid your rent yet? I think you will have him in your house as long as he stays here for he has built him a good barn there on that back lot. there is talk of the R.R. again. The Valentines were so nice the children sent. I forgot about it or I would have sent them some. I think Juju must be going to be our little poet. that was such a nice little Verse. does she go to school all the time I got a letter from Carl to-day too. he wrote such a nice letter. I think he is improving and I feel so hopeful. I had a letter from Cousin Joe to-day that makes several since I wrote to her. I didn't think I would write any more for she made me mad. she said that Carl never would get well and that he would keep on getting worse and would finally loose his mind and would have to be sent to the insane asylum. and it made Me feel so bad and so mad that I made up my mind that if I wrote any more it would be a scorcher. she said that Idaho was no place to raise children and she wished you would come back here. but to-day she wrote a nice letter and I didn't feel quite so mad at her. but I am going to tell her when i write that she needn't be uneasy about the raising of the children that you were tending to that and was taking more pains than if Papa was here. she said Aunt Annie wrote them that they thought Uncle Will had Consumption. well I must quit and write to Carl.

Mable has filed her divorce suit I saw in the paper. I hope you are all well wish I was there to help you and stay with you while Willis is away. Love to all write soon your loving daughter.

Lula

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{Note in top margin: The peach & plum trees are in bloom}

Mar. 7--06

Dear Mamma

I am on my way to our new home. but I'll be back in about 10 days. We are taking most of our furniture and i am just going to be goijng and will plant our garden. The weather is beautiful this morning. Etoy & I are going in the buggy

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{I think the following material belongs to this letter!}

the two wagons have already gone but we can catch them. I would stay this time but I am not rid of the P.O. and have to stay here till I am. I was afraid you would think I was sick so Good bye love to all.

Your Girl

Lula

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South West 1/4 of No where
March 14--06

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My Dear Mamma & All

I didn't think I would have a chance to write a word but a boy is going to Wichita Falls for us some groceries and I'll just write you a few lines. its a week tomorrow since I left home the longest I have ever been away. but this is as much home as Sugden now. Guess we will go back Thursday or Friday if its pretty. there is the coldest norther blowing this morning. it sure blows up on this hill. I ask Willis what I must put where I lived he said Pole Cat Valley. there are so many wolves & pole cats here.

Etoy and I have 2 cats and 3 dogs up here so we don't get very lonesome. its only 13 miles to Wichita Falls. but we have to cross the River. When we come we had to come by Mables and Etoy & I stopped in a minute we were in the buggy. Mrs Andrain was sick in bed. Mable is to be married the 15th of April to a Mr Pedigo. he is a nice man about 30 I guess. We came on to Byers and I went in to see Mr Grogan & Store. We had to get some seed potatoes. We forgot them at Sugden. he would have me talk to Mrs Grogan over the phone. he has such a nice store. Then we came on through Charlie. It has sure changed lots since I was there. its bigger. I know I have mail from you at Sugden.

This paper is nerly worn out. its all I have too so I can't write much more. We live right on Red River. there is a high bluff and a deep Canyon about 200 feet. it has such pretty big Rocks and hills in it and then comes the River. I like it all right. Well I'll tell you more about it next time.

Lula

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Sugden, I. T., Mar. 27 1906

My Dear Mamma & all.

I keep waiting to hear from you so I will know where to send your Mail. I know you must have left Hartline by this time. I had a nice time while I was at our new home considering every thing. The weather was colder than it had been this winter while I was there. Then I was half sick all the time too. but I am feeling fine now. I washed yesterday morning and cut & made me a new Gown yesterday evening, all but the buttons & button holes. and I put them in to-night. Mrs Cleaver and I washed to-gether. We washed three double wool blankets and a quilt this morning. I wash up to her house all time when Willis is gone. for she has the nicest sump and the best & clearest water. I just can't draw water and wash too. Willis always gets all my water and makes the fire under the pot and fixes every thing before breakfast so I don't have that to-do. I guess its because I never draw water is the reason it hurts my back so bad. but I am not strong if I do look like it. After I am out of the store as long as I was in it I'll be strong.

Willis is up to his farm has been gone a week to-day. said he would be back in two weeks but I don't look for him for he has so much to do still he never has stayed over two weeks at a time. It looks like I never will get rid of the Old Post Office. We havn't heard a word from the Department yet only that they received My resignation. I know Willis will want me to go back with him when he comes again but can't.

I guess all the fruit is frozen. it has been so cold.

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I hope you and the Children will like your new home you must tell me all about it.

Francis Lobdell has sold his claim and moved to Bowie. he & his brother will have gone in the Furniture business.

Well I must close write soon
Love to All

tell Elmer I have found some drawing books I'll send him next time i go to town. I just sit and wonder how you all look and how big the children are.

Your loving Girl,
Lula

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{Note in top margin: I hope you will like your new home. Van??? must be a good buy.}

---OFFICE OF---
The Sugden Leader,
G. E. CLEAVER, PROPRIETOR.

Sugden, I. T., 190

wednesday -- Mar 28--06

I just received your letter and the collar. I thank you so much for it its so pretty and new and I never get too many collars. Mrs Bush will think its pretty she made me one like it only out of plain blue ribbon to match the blue waist you sent me Xmas. but this is the prettiest thing I have seen and the colors so pretty. I have made me four new pillow slips to-day I whipped lace on two. (The first trimmed ones I ever had) besides I have taken up a carpet on the front room and scrubbed the floor and moved every thing in different corners. so you see I havn't played much but I do twice as much when willis is gone and I have been at home all day by My self. Etoy went to Mrs Gibsons and spent the most of the day. Did you ever get that Money Order for 20\us{00} for the house rent?

Lula
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Sugden. I.T.
April 5--06

My Dear Mamma and All

will write you a few lines this morning as maby I can go to town. it has rained for two days & nights and still cloudy. willis has been gone two weeks yesterday but I doubt if he gets home soon for I am afraid the Big Wichita or Red River one will be up. we sure needed this rain the wind & sand has blowed so hard for a month. March was such a windy month. the Post Office still stays with me. Etoy & I stay alone only when Mr Briscoe and Earl are here. but I don't mind staying with just Etoy. I rather like it for I have had so many and worked at town so long. I am tired of it and it is such a rest not to have any one but Etoy. I wished so much that willis & I could go up on our place and live by our selves unless Etoy went i don't mind taking her. for I feel sorry for her because None of the others want her. and she is such a goose about me. she wants to stay with us and says she won't live with any one else. Mr Briscoe said Sunday he wanted Bess to live with us also he was going to stay with us too. I think he had better let Bess alone. she has a good home with Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Cleaver needs her

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worse than I do. And I think the old man & Etoy are enough for Willis to take care of. And I came very near telling him so. We only have two rooms up there and we will be so crowded and Willis will be strained to the point all the time. I didn't mind them all so much when I was helping Willis and I can't make Bessie's clothes.

I can make Etoys for she is slender & little but Bessie is about as large as Lutie Haddock was when she was Bessie's age. and I could not make any thing look decent. I hate to sew any way. I am so slow. I don't know what Willis will say about Bessie going with us. I know she won't want too. for he told her when she left our house she should not live with us any more.

They are all nice to me. Mrs Gibson gave me the prettiest new bonnet. it is little pale blue check gingham trimmed in lace and insertion. she made Etoy a dark blue bonnet. she is always doing some thing for us. she has a sweet Baby. she about 18 months old. but it can say any thing they all call her Tootsie. they never have named her or Sister Babe either. Mr Gison wants to call sister Babe Chicken and Mrs Gibsons vows he shall not. Tootsie calls her Babe so I guess Babe will be her name.

did you ever get My letter that was mailed at Wichita Falls? Well I must quit

Love to all Write soon

Your Girl

Lula

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Sugden. I.T.

April 10--06

My Dear Mamma & all.

Your welcome letter received. I am glad you like your new home. Willis came home Monday evening and went back this morning at sun up. he stayed nearly three weeks this time but he started home last Friday and couldn't get here. Then again Saturday and couldn't cross then again Sunday and arrived Monday evening. he came in the buggy and we were looking for him in a wagon and we didn't know he was on the place until he came to the house. This is sure a dull place. but I would not let Mr Bush have that rent unless he asks for it every thing is awful cheap. We offered our place for \$137.50 and could not get that. Willis will be back in two weeks and will take his hogs (we have nine head) next time. then the next time he comes I guess he will take me but that will be in May by that time.

He planted our garden he said my onions were coming up fine. I said he would take me in May that is provided I am through with this Post Office. We have never heard a word yet. he is going to plant his cotton next week. he has his corn planted. the last three mornings have been beautiful I don't think the wind will blow as much this month. every thing is so green and pretty. the peach trees are all leaved out. I never saw grass grow so fast. Willis says its three inches high at our place.

he had bad luck with his well. the well digger dug three days on our place it cost Willis \$35\us{00} and then we didn't get any water. it looks like there isn't any water on that place. every one else got water but us. We have to haul it a mile & a half. that makes a three mile trip and it takes up so much time and then its so hard I don't see how we will ever wash in it. it just turns milky looking when you put soap in it.

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We have to pass by Mr House's place on our way to ours he is still renting.

We are all well. I hope you and the children will be satisfied in your new place. when you are I am too.

Well I must close and get to work. Mattie Suggs and Fin Burnes were married last Sunday. I have been helping Mrs Cleaver & Grandma Cleaver quilt the last week. My fingers are sure sore too. but Mrs Cleaver has been so good to me and has helped me sew wash and iron. anything I have to do she quits and helps me so I try to help her what little I can. she is just as good to me as my own sister would be and Mrs Gibson is just as good only she don't have so much time. her Cook left Sunday and she has all her work to do. but she is always doing some thing for me. she took me to the grave yard Sunday and I had two Honey suckles to set out and she took 5 lilac bushes and i don't know how many flags and helped me set them out at Papa's Grave. every thing I planted last year died except one rose bush and the Maderia Vine. seems like I can't make any thing grow. Well Good bye

Write soon

Your Girl

Lula

(Post Script: I saw Seth Little last week he says I have changed more than any one he ever saw. I ask him if I looked 40 years older he said no but you look lots older but I won't say how much. Lum was up to see me Sunday a few minutes he likes his job fine with Mr Jackson}

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Sugden, I.T.

April 15--06

My Dear Mamma & all--

I just received a letter from you and will celebrate Easter by answering. this is a beautiful day so nice and warm. Etoy has gone riding with her Papa. I wanted to go to the Grave Yard but guess I can't for I don't feel like walking so far then there is cattle in that pasture too. Mrs Cleaver said Maby she would take me but I think Mr Cleaver is using the horse.

I made Willis two shirts Friday all but the buttons & button holes in one. I made them Saturday morning and starched and ironed them. he will be surprised when he comes back. I put Collars on them too I got the pattern from Mrs Mays and I showed her my shirts she bragged on me siad I just did fine. That she had seen old women who made shirts all their lives who couldn't make them nice as mine. I thought they looked all right except the button holes. and I just can't make a nice button hole like you and Aunt. I don't see why but I try so hard.

Yes I think I will like my new home for I won't have so much company. I am so tired of so many. yes Willis is going to make us a dug out.

I think your waist is so pretty. I got me a white linen dress last summer but didn't make it. I don't know if I ever will or not. for I won't have any use for it up in the New Country. I think white is so pretty. I am glad you wear it. Mrs Northern always looked so nice in her white waists.

We had quite a little Cyclone Thursday Afternoon about three oclock. i saw the Cloud coming up in the South West but didn't think the wind would blow. I thought it might lightening and thunder loud so Etoy and I shut the house up and went to Mrs Cleavers. Mrs Gibson and her

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Children were there and I had not been there more than 10 or 15 minutes until the rain hail and wind just come in a Crash. Mrs Gibson's Etoy, Bess, Grandma Cleaver and all the children went running to the dug out. but I stayed in the house. I wasn't scared at all but I never saw it much worse. shingles, planks just went through the wind flying it blew five telephone poles down right in front of Mrs Cleavers or down this street. it blew one over into Mr George's yard also blew the top off their barn. took it about 50 yards didn't tare it up at all. it was a shingled roof and just took the whole thing. but tore Jim Snodgrass's barn all to piece. but I have sure got brave. I didn't even get excited. you know I used to be half crazy. but I am not the least bit afraid to stay alone all night if I have a gun. Willis laughs at me because I feel so safe with his gun and never shot one in my life. but he leaves it with me all the time. Mrs D\us{r} Collins lives across the street from me and the Dr is gone nearly all the time she has a little baby four months old and she stays by her self all the time. she is just my agae If I lived close to you I could help you sew so much. I must close and write to Cousin Joe I have never written her a line yet and i got a letter from her this week asking what is the matter. Well good by love to you and the children wish I could go to see you this evening.

Your loving daughter
Lula

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{Note in the top margin: Willis said if he just had Frank he would be fixed he could plow for him while he fenced his place.}

Sugden. I.T.
April 2/06

My Dear Mamma & All--

Your welcome letter received to-day was glad to ehar you were all well. I have played the last two days. I went to see Mrs Alexander & Mrs Peters yesterday evening and this evening I have slept. it is now 5 oclock and I am looking for Willis over the hill he slipped in the last time and i didn't see him. but I don't think he will this time. i got a letter from Pearl this week she said Lula & Myra were both married. Myra married a Mr Gorden and they have gone to Los Angeles Cal. to live and Lula married a Mr McTeynolds. they were in Palestine, Tex visiting his people. she didn't say where they would live. said her Mamma was aful lonesome with just one girl. Alma still takes care of the Post Office. she has been taking care of it since last June. I pay her 12 (twelve) dollars a month. that is Cheaper than I can afford to stay. for I can do my own sewing, washing, and Ironing and not be as hard on me as trying to cook and go to town. this has been a beautiful day. but I think it has rained every day this week untill to-day.

Miss Nannie Peters bought her a new Piano it is sure nice too. it is a wing & Son has 5 petals. I guess you have seen them advertised in the McCall Magazine and Delineator. they are Very expensive.

I have twelve little Chickens and three hens setting I have had bad luck. I only hatched six little chickens out of 30 eggs. Mr Briscoe gave me the other six.

Robert Easterling was here yesterday evening and he called my little white Chickens Little snow Chickens. he said all his little snow Chickens died. he ask me if I had any Mamma hens on nests making little chickens out of eggs. I told him yes. he said he did too. he ask me if I liked him? I told him yes he says I would like to live with you a little time. he is the sweetest little boy I have seen since Elmer

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was his size. he is so little just like Elmer was. and talks like Elmer too. but Ollie is so stuck up. she just dresses like she was worth a million and struts around with Miss Nannie Peters. Mr Easterling takes care of Robert and he is sure making a nice little boy out of him. Well I must close write often. Love to all of you tell the children to write. I write so much to you I can't never think of any thing to tell them. Lovingly

Lula

{Post Script:

I have about 500 pennies Willis says keep them to buy stamps to write to your Mamma when you get up in the big pasture.}

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{Note in the top margin: Aunt Lillian must be awful good to say you earned your clothes lots of sisters would be jealous of you. but I am sure you earn all you get and I think Uncle Gus must be an awful good man.}

Sugden. I.T.
April 28--06

My Dear Mamma & all--

I have just finished reading your letter I hope Frank is all right by now.

Yes I read of the Earth quake in Cal in the Dallas News or the rest read it and told me about it. It was terrible. We had an awful cyclone at Bellevue Thursday afternoon. you know thats awful close to here. Mr Bell of Henrietta was killed there. I'll send you the Clippings from the Dallas News. We had quite a storm here too. I went to Mrs Cleavers to the Dug out. every one in this neighborhood went to dug outs. I never saw such a hail storm. it hailed 40 minutes one time and then 4 or 5 other times for a few minutes at a time. We just had a glood. i thought the wind would blow my little Coops over and drown all My little chickens but it didn't. I have 30 little chickens.

Mrs Cleaver has had her dug-out fixed so nice. all ceiled floored and walled with plank and plank steps. she sent for me when the Cloud came up and told me I had better come to the Storm house. Mr Will Thompson's came to Sugden yesterday he said Willis said tell me he would be home this evening or to-morrow. i thought sure he would come last Saturday but it rained all the week and he didn't get to plant his Cotton. a boy said the moles and ground squirrels were eating up his corn. you remember that little Harmon Hughes. Etoila and Violas little brother. he is only sixteen now and last week he and another boy about 2 years older run off and stole a span of mules out close to Vernon. Harmon went in Vernon to sell the mules and he was caught and put in jail. and is there now. the other boy (Bob Webb) got away and came back here the sheriffs followed him and they had him hemed in and late yesterday evening Bob shot him self through the heart. he died instantly they are burying him now at the Grave yard.

Mrs Gibson sent me such a pretty boquet of pink roses this morning. It is Clouding up again like it would rain I hope it won't for I have my Kitchen and Dinning room scrubbed nice.

Mable got her divorce all right. Well I must close love to all your Girl

Lula

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Sugden. I.T.
May 8--06

My Dear Mamma & all--

Your letter received and I have neglected writing willis is at home and we have had so many storms that I could think of nothing else. the 1\us{st} five nights that willis was at home we had a hard storm each night and it has just rained floods of water. the creeks have been as high as the first fall we lived here. Waurika has been covered with water and the R.R. washed out I never saw it rain and hail like it has. We went to the dug out one night but we got so muddy & wet when we came out. I have only lost two little Chickens on account of rain. but I only have 44 little Chickens. I have had such bad luck in hatching.

Mrs Cleaver went to Bowie yesterday to get her a new hat. I came very near letting her get me one. but I don't guess I'll have much use for one when we move. I hope we can go by the 1\us{st} of June. but I can't hear from the P.O. department and can't go until some one is appointed P.M.

You never did say what became of Aunt Lizzie. did she go back to Mr Halsells?

Some people say that Mr Bush is going to move to Waurika and I think so too. he will stay in your house as long as he stays here. for he has built a barn and then there is no better place to move to so if I were you I would not say any thing about the rent.

I am aful lazy. I felt bad Sunday and Willis wouldn't let me wash this week. so I sent the clothes to Mrs McBride. but its such a beautiful day I wish I could wash. I have got the nettle rash or exema or some thing broke out on my feet and legs & hands and I just scratch all night nearly. I doubt if you can read this. well I must quit

Write soon
Love to all
Your loving Girl
Lula

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Sugden. I.T.
May 14 1906

Dear Mrs Brannon

Lula is doing fine and thinks her Baby just the thing willis also. I guess you will be surprised. Willis says it is just like him. But it is certainly a Beautiful little girl weighing 12 lbs. and the fattest little thing I ever saw. We are all very proud of it. Jack is trying now to trade one of our Boys for it. We would like so much to have a little girl but I guess I can make Lula's do us. She has every attention she could have and some of us will write you every day just how she is getting along. As it is supper time will close. With much love to you all

Your friend
Belle Cleaver

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{Post card to Mrs Julia Brannon, Pomeroy, Washington}

May 17--06

Dear Mamma--

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We are getting along just fine. I wish you could see my little black headed baby girl. I'll write you a long letter in a day or two.

Your Girl

Lula

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Sugden. I.T.

June 14--06

Mr Carl Brannon
Mt. Labor. Oreg.

Dear Carl--

I received your letter yesterday. I thought you had forgotton to answer my card. Well we named the baby Edna and I wish you could see her she is the sweetest prettiest baby you ever saw. she weighs 15 pounds and is little over 23 inches long. her hair is brown now her eyes are nearly black. she is a month old to-day. and weighs 15 pounds don't you think she must be fine. Nora and Lon Harris have a baby boy it was born last Monday.

Mrs Edmisson was down from wichita last week. she was asking about you. Edna and her husband have separated they separated last October. Edna will get her divorce this fall. Mrs Edmisson said Edna's little girl was the cutest little thing she is 20 months old well you know she was born on your Birthday.

Its aful hot here Willis is cutting wheat. Mrs Gibson's baby died last Friday night aweek. she eat some green peaches on Sunday and took sick on Monday and died that Friday night. she was 21 months old was such a sweet little thing and so pretty.

It has rained so much here too.

Kate Davidson Smith has a baby boy too. Mrs Gibson gave the Baby a little pair of shoes Mr Nail gave her a pair of little moccasins. and Ollie Easterling a pair of little blue stockings and Mr Alsbrook gave her a quarter. she wants me to take her now when I look at her he throws her arms and grunts she wants to come to me.

My Cow has a little calf. and my sow had six little pigs but they all died. I think she starved them to death. waurika's fine Hotel burned down.

Nearly every one says the Baby looks just like Willis. Mr & Mrs Alexander and Tom Beaver says she looks like me. and that is all. every body has been to see her. you aught to see her now she is laying on the bed and when I look at her she just kicks and laughs ans says Agoo. she is the smartest thing. well you must hurry and get well.

I will have to go to see you all when she gets a little bigger. Write soon
Your Sister
Lula

{Post Script: Carl do you like to read or will they let you. You could pass so much time away that was and I would send you a book.}

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{Note in top margin: Mrs Cleaver has been as good to me as a own sister she made most of my baby clothes and showed me how to make what I made. Mrs Gibson was just as good she gave me several little things and has a

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little suit at Mrs Cleavers to be made now.}

May 22--06

My Dear Mamma & all--

I am sitting up this morning I feel very well. the baby is so good she is the prettiest little thing you ever saw.

Mrs Alexander was here yesterday she says she looks just like me. every one else says she is a Briscoe but she has eyes like me and a forehead and Cow lick like me I know. she has the sweetest little mouth and a little flat nose. not quite as flat as Carls used to be. her hands are large. I am sorry they are but mabe she can play nice on a Piano some day. her hair is black and curls up at the ends. she is just a perfect baby and every body in the neighborhood calls her ``Our Baby'' her Grandpa says if there was a photographer in town we would have her picture taken and send them around to all the kin folks to show them there is still good blood in the stock.

willis calls her his ``little thorbred'' We wanted a boy but we are both glad she is a girl now. Willis thinks she is the prettiest thing he ever looked at every man in the neighborhood has been to see her. and Mr Mays comes every day.

they are all so good to me. Ollie came to see me and said it looked like it was two months old. Every one who has looked at her says she is the prettiest baby they ever looked at. she is so white I have told you the good part and now I'll tell you the bad. i had and aful time was sick 23 hours. the Doctor stayed right with me for (17) seventeen hours. and then he had to use the instruments and cut the Bab's head aful in the back a place as large around as a half a dollar was cut out clear to the skull. he comes twice a day and dresses it. its beginning to heal nice now. he could not help it he hated it so bad but said he had to to save us toth. but they didn't have any hopes for the Baby any way and she was born dead. but they kept working with her untill she came two.

The Dr and his wife, Mrs Cleaver, Mrs Gibson, Grandma Sies, Grandma Sanderson, Mrs McBride Willis's Aunt Puss??? and Willis were all with me and I wore them all out and they had to send for Mr Cleaver and Mr Briscoe. I think they all cried even tears came in the D\us{r}'s eyes. willis was scared They all said he just balled like a baby. but I didn't know it. Kate Davidson Smith has a 9# boy it was born on the 23 of April. it had to be taken too but Mrs Davidson said Kate was only sick 3 hours.

Mrs B. Looper had a baby boy born yesterday. You remember Ethel Perry Hallie Barnes sister. well she married a Mr Austin and she has a baby boy. Nora Harris will soon have some thing. Well how is all the Uncles and Aunts at your house standing their new titles what does Aunt Juju and Uncle Elmer think?

I guess Aunt Winnie and Uncle Frank don't think much about her. tell Winnie I hadn't forgot her Birthday present and as soon as I go to town I'll send her something. got two girls now on the 14\us{th}

Write soon Your Girl
Lula

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{Note in top margin: Mable married May 1--06 tell Aunt winnie that this baby was born on her Birthday and she aught to love it aful good.}

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May 14--1906

My Dear Mamma--

I am getting along fine this morning. so is the baby. I wish you all could see it. its the prettiest Baby Willis says don't tell her its yours. he is the biggest fool about it you ever saw. the Doctor said It was the largest Baby he ever saw. it weighed 12 pounds with out a rag on. I guess you were surprised but the reason I didn't tell you I knew you would worry about me all the time and I thought you had enough of that and Willis wanted to surprise you.

They are all so good to me I'll write more next time. Grandma McBride is staying with me and doing the work. Aunt Puss (Willis Aunt) is here taking care of me and Mrs Cleaver takes care of Baby. Willis lays on the bed and looks at the Baby all the time. Well I'll write again tomorrow.

Your loving Girl

Lula

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{Note in top margin: I never have got rid of the P.O. yet.}

Sugden. I.T.

May 31--06

My Dear Mamma & All.

Your letters received. I intended to write yesterday but the Baby was so cross i didn't have time. but she slept good last night just wake up one time and that was 3 oclock. then went right back to sleep she is an early bird so far. she wakes at six oclock every morning and don't go back to sleep untill after she is washed and dressed. we weighed her again last Sunday and she weighed 14 pounds. she is so big and nice. i wish you all could see her. she is so spoiled and she just spreads her little old mouth and laughs when you talk to her. and she thinks I aught to talk or sing to her all the time she is awake.

I have so much nurse for her it just runs out of my breasts all time. her little head is getting better and I think it itches for she just pulls at it and frets. she is broke out with hives too.

Willis spanked Bessie Sunday and made all of the folks mad as fire at him and Mr Briscoe took Etoy away. Willis didn't like the way his Papa treated him about it and Etoy said Willis told his Papa to take his Kids and take care of them that he didn't intend to be bothered with them any more. i didn't blame Willis either so Etoy & Mr Briscoe went to Marlow yesterday. Willis went back to the place Monday morning he said Mr Briscoe would bring Etoy back that day but he didn't. I Know he will be mad when he comes home Saturday and finds out I have stayed by my self this week. Earl stayed with me the 1\us{st} night. Mrs Cleaver stayed the 2\us{nd} night and Mrs Mays last night. she will stay again to-night. Mrs McBride quit Monday after Willis left. she was going to Ryan to stay with Mrs Bird. Leva is there expecting to be sick next month and Mrs Bird has been sick a good while I don't know what is the matter with her. i am glad I don't have to cook for any one but my self and I don't get lonesome for the Baby needs so much attention.

All the neighbors are aful good to me.

Lillie Beaver has bought her a new Piano. I am able to go to a dug out now if it Storms so don't be uneasy. We have had just floods of rain it rained nearly every day I was sick. but every body come to see the ``\us{wonderful baby}`` Willis said I aught to have Charged 10 cents a

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Look. I guess there have been 75 people to see her.

Mrs Gibsons baby is awful bad sick with Colery and fanthem??? (thats not the way to spell it but you will know what I mean).

Jim Snodgrass sent the Baby a rubber rattler Ollie Easterling sent her a pair of pale blue hose and Mrs Gibson got her the cutest pair of little tan shoes trimmed in pale blue.

It will be a long time before she can use any of them. Tell Uncle Elmer I may let him name the Baby Edna. Then he can have a claim on her too. We will have its picture taken this summer and then Aunt Juju will see what a little old black headed black eyed baby it is. I'll send you a piece of its hair.

I am glad Carl is better and I must write him a letter. I just wrote him a Postal Card and told him about the baby before I got up.

Well good bye
Grandma, Aunts, and uncles
Lovingly
Lula

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{Two samples of cloth enclosed with this letter.}

Temple, Okla.
Jan. 12--07

Dear Mamma and Winnie

I received your letters to-day was so glad to get them I think Winnie's friends remembered her real well. Lula done worse than any of them. but she didn't forget you. I sent the books last Monday. hope you got them by this time. Edna is in my lap she is not feeling well she has the corner of another tooth through that makes three and all lower teeth. she had to have a pencil too.

Many thanks Mamma for my ribbon it is certainly pretty such beautiful colors I am sorry I didn't have any thing nice for you. Edna marked on this sheet before I could get it away. she is the cutest thing she will just make faces at you she wants to mark where I am writing she tries to do just like me. I didn't give any one a Xmas present but the children. I didn't even give Edna any thing or Willis.

I cleaned out my Chicken house yesterday a pole cat killed a hen for me last Saturday night and Willis killed the pole cat with a stick I only have 15 hens left.

Jan 15--07

I havn't had a chance to mail this yet. Company came (Mrs Oneal) and I had to quit. Mr & Mrs Davidson spent the Afternoon with me yesterday. She comes once or twice a week to see me I have been to see her twice.

Mr Davidson comes every other day for milk they havn't brought their Cow up yet and I divide with her. Mrs Gibson told me when I was at Sugden that Mrs Northern was dead. but I could never think to tell you. They saw it in the paper. I had a letter from Mrs Gibson last week Aunt Beckett wrote to her for my address. she sent Anunts letter she is at Vernon. I have written to her but have not mailed it.

Van Welch shot and killed him self two weeks ago. he went to pick up a gun that was in the corner of a room and it went off and shot through the roof of his mouth just tore is face all to pieces. I guess you remember him or the children do. he is about the age of Winnie. Edna is asleep. I made her a little pink checked dress and a blue checked dress like samples. she looks so cute in the pink one. I know she will in the blue but I have never put it on her. its been so warm. but its cold to-day. I think it will snow to-night if the wind ceases. Its such a Cold Norther too cold for Willis to plow. so he started out a foot with his ax to the canyon a little after day light to cut wood Its now after two oclock and he has never come for any dinner. he has sure has lots of wood. Its awful hard to get out of the canyon and all Green but he says it will be fine next summer. its pecan and cotton wood. all the Kinds of wood here is in 15 miles of here and its awful scarce and have to steal it besides but every one is getting it. there won't be a stack by next fall. we intend burning coal another year after this plays out. It never gets too cold for Willis to get wood. he never looses a day unless he goes to town and that's not Very often. Some time once in 3 months.

what is Aunt Lizzie doing now? I \us{must} quit. I washed yesterday and ironed this morning so I am in luck and ready for this bad spell. am sure glad Baby's clothes are all clean she has 17 dresses but she is wearing them out Mrs Oneal says I wear them out washing them so much. she fusses at me all time for having such big washings. she told Mr

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Briscoe I was Killing my self washing for that Baby. but a baby does make lots of washing but I love to see her look Sweet and Clean. I can't stand her dirty or dingy looking. I have a little picture I found since my dream that looks just like I dreamed Juju looked. I'll send it and see if it looks like her. I hope you are all well and happy why didn't Carl, Frank, Elmer and ``Juju'' write when Winnie did? Love to all. Now All of you write this is for all.

Your Girl
LuLa

{Post script: here is Juju a Paper doll I got out of coffee MY little girl isn't big enough for paper dolls yet. but she likes to look at pictures and mark with a pencil. she knows which end marks too. she has a temper when I comb her hair you would laugh if you could see her. she throws up both her hands over her head and fights at the comb and shakes her head and whines and if I quit she looks up at me as mad and keeps her hands just flying in the air. just as if to say ``I won't let you comb my hair.''

When Mrs Davidson was here we wasn't paying any attention to Edna and Mrs D-- coughed lots and Edna would mock her. Mrs D-- thought she was awful cute. If Mr or Mrs Oneal comes in and dont speak to Edna in about 5 minutes she just begins to squall. Mrs Oneal said last night they would have to say Howdy Miss Edna from now on. Mrs Davidson says Edna is the very picture of willis and it makes a bigger fool than ever out of him. I tell him she dont look like him but he says she is just like her ``\us{Dad}''

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Vernon, Texas
Jan. 18, 1907

Dear LuLa;--

I wrote to Mrs Gibson at Sugdon & got your address. She told me you had a baby. She did not say which is was, however. I am anxious to hear from you, tell me all about it. its name and every thing. why didn't You tell me about it before. Cousin Joe has been nearly wild to hear from you. She cant imagine what has become of you.

Do write to her & ease her alarm. She has written to your Mother several times & cant get an answer from her.

I am back in Vernon staying with Mrs Maude Vernon. She is Kate Westmoreland's Sister. My house is rented. I get \$12 a month for it. You would not know Vernon now it has grown so much. On a regular boom There are new houses every where. Steve & Mamie are well. The two little girls are so pretty & sweet. I have been well this winter, except an attact of grip. Was real sick for over a week.

This has been an unusually mild winter here. For two weeks has been too warm to be comfortable. Tonight we are sitting around without any fire & too warm at that.

I dont know where Temple is. Near what place is it? what road is it on? Those Ikard girls who used to live at Sugdon are telegraph operators here. They do light house keeping with their fathers help. I went down to see them the other day.

Do write real soon & tell me every thing, what you are doing & all about yourself.

As Ever Your Aunt

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Mrs F. C. Beckett.

c/o Arthur Vernon.

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Temple, Okla.

Jan 19--1907

Dear Little Sister--

Your nice little letter received. I was so surprised to know you write and spell so nice. You must have a good teacher. Are you in the first reader? and how much do you know about Arithmetic? Juju you aught to see Edna's pup. its name is Punch and its the ugliest little thing every time the little pigs gets out of the pen Punch runs and puts them all back. he just has a fine time with them. he barks at the Cat and the calves but they are not afraid of him. he likes Edna but if you were here he would like you best for you could play with him. has Mrs Brockman a little girl your size? she was good to give you a little chair.

Write to me again.

Luia

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Jan 19--07

My Dear Mamma & All--

I received yours and Juju's letter. I have had one written a week to-day but have not had a chance to mail it yet so will write again. I know I wrote you a letter you didn't get I guess whoever I sent it by to mail must have lost it. I guess you got the one I told you about Old Chunk (our big white horse) dying. well we have had more bad luck our other horse cut an auful place in her leg on the barb wire so she wont be fit to work for a month. so all we have left is the two mules. so willis is going to buy another mule tomorrow I guess, one thats auful mean to fight any one. he will have to give \$100\us{00} for it. and it isn't near as large as his others. he calls it his 'rabbit.'" Mules and horses are so high. I guess I will be worried about him when he gets this one.

One of his kicks at him once in a while. she kicked him in the back and left the print of her foot and he was standing at her head. but she wheeled and kicked him. I hate mules. they never get gentle like horses. but they are tough and never have any thing the matter with them very often. the wind has been trying to blow us a way every since last night. I never saw it blow harder and from the west and south west. and in fact every direction for its getting in the north now. this morning it blowed so hard it blowed a pane of glass out of the south window and our windows dont shake either. It also blowed one big hay stack over and damaged the rest. but just so it leaves the house. willis is going to dig us a storm house right away. last night and this morning put him in the notion but its not cloudy to-day, but just windy.

I made light bread to-day and its nice. willis said it was as good as any bodys bread. he so seldom brags on any thing I felt complimented but it is just fine. first I have made since before Edna was born and the 3\us{rd} time I ever made any.

Edna is asleep. she has been so good this morning. I put her in her rocking chair and I tell her to Rock aby and she will just rock her self as big as she can. I just wonder how Mrs Davidsons are making it last

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night and to-day. They just have two tents but they are in the canyon. Mrs Collins and her Daughter Mrs Hodge are going to spend the day with me tomorrow. I wanted to bake a cake this morning but I didn't have any baking powder and it was so windy I didn't feel like I could get to Mrs Oneal to borrow some with the Baby so Willis has gone over there now and I told him to get it so I'll have to make my cake late this evening. Mrs Oneal is a good neighbor we borrow all the time from one another. I have two calves one 18 months old the other 8 months old. A man offered me \$30\us{00} for the two and another man has a Jersey cow to sell for \$35\us{00} so I am thinking of selling my calves and putting \$5\us{00} more on to it and buying me a Jersey cow. My cow wont be fresh untill next fall and she only gives about a half a gallon a day now. Her calf is 8 months old and if this Jersey cow will give milk all summer we want her for it will be bad to do with out 4 or 5 months. Its not like in town where you can buy butter milk and butter If you dont have a cow up here you do with out. Both my calves are heifers and the oldest one is a beauty There are herfords. The man just wanted her said he would give me \$20\us{00} for her said she was the prettiest thing he ever saw. I said she is the prettiest thing I ever owned and I wanted to keep her.

how did the children come out with their speeches and songs? you didn't say. I would like to have heard them mabe I can next Xmas if we dont keep on having bad luck. I told Willis maybe our luck had changed for a black cat has come here. Its the prettiest cat and we all cant imagine how it could have got away off up here. Its aful wild.

Well I must quit and write Juju a few lines.

Love to all
Lula

{Post Script: here is a piece out of Mr Cleavers paper showing what a fool one woman was to bid on the pasture land.}

{The newspaper article: ``It is estimated that it will cost the government \$100 to tabulate Mrs. French's bid on the land in the pasture. The paper on which her bids were written measured 52 feet and contained 1,820 separate bids, the highest one being \$5.60 per acre. She must think the land office officials have the patience of Job.''}
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Jan. 24--07

Dear Mamma & all.

Mr & Mrs Davidson went to the store yesterday and brought me a letter from you and one from Aunt Beckett.

Willis bought him a nice span of mules paid \$300\00 for them. They are not as large as our other mules. he had to buy them on credit first big debt we ever owed but Willis just had to have more team.

Its real warm and nice again. Willis finished gathering his corn this evening. We sure have lots of corn and hay. our cows are nearly dry and wont be fresh untill next fall. We are thinking of selling them and buying a fresh cow. I dont know when I'll ever get to mail these letters.

Good night,
Lula

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Temple, Okla.
Jan 29--07

Miss Julia Brannon.
Pomeroy, Wash.

Dear Aunt Juju--

I received your letter and it was the first letter I ever got. I just laughed kicked and jabbered when my mamma read it to me. I thought it was awful nice. you ought to see me make faces at my Mamma and dance. I have three teeth and can stand up and hold to a chair. I was rocking so big and talking to my little dog "Punch." I rocked out doors on the step and almost broke my nose. I think I am awful big and smart. I am just like the Briscoe's I wont cry at all when Mamma spansks me or scolds me. I just fight back and scold her. Mrs Collins calls me "fisty" you must write to me again. I know all about letters. I wrote this at the bottom all by my self while Mamma went to see about the horse and I am mad now because Mamma wont let me tear it up.

Good bye
Your little Niece.
Edna B--

{Post script: Preacher Hughes (Violas and Etoila's Papa) married last week.}

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Temple, Okla.
Feb. 12--07

My Dear Mamma--

I have a chance to Mail this so I'll write you a few lines. I intended to wash to-day but looks like I can't get at it. I had such a head ache yesterday evening and all night last night and still have it to-day but not so bad. I took two pills last night. The weather is fine. Willis is plowing for corn. he wants to plant or start planting by the 10th of March.

Edna and I plowed all day saturday for him while he raked his corn stalks and burned them. It is a riding plow and I wanted to plow. Willis didn't much want me to but he fixed a box for Edna to ride in and I rode on the seat. All I had to do was to turn them at the corners. I was driving two mules and one horse. Willis drove the other mules to the Rake. I just love to plow and if we had two plows I would help him. It was such a beautiful day. I enjoyed being out doors all day.

Baby can crawl now. I have a time keeping her clean. but I make her stay in on the carpet and she dont get quite so dirty. she puts every thing in her mouth. I have to Keep every pin and ravin up off the floor she is asleep now. I can't never write when she is awake for she cries for my pencil. her hair is getting so long. I cut the front off about a month ago and its getting in her eyes again seems like the back dont grow like the front. well I must quit and Churn. may be I will get to write a little more. well I wont have time to write any more.

Write soon. hope you are all well.
love to all

Your girl
Lula

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{Post script: Edna wants to drive when we ride and she clucks every time she sees a horse. she can pull up by a chair and stand up when will she walk?}

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Temple, Okla.
Feby 27--07

My Dear Mamma and all.

I just received two letters from you one written on Papa's Birthday and the other Feby 14. I dont think you surely get all my letters. yes, I got Carls and Juju's letters and answered them as soon as I got them. I have written you twice since then. Mr Oneal is going to town to-morrow and I'll send this by him.

I have been helping Willis plow and he has 100 acres of corn land broke. I think I plowed 4 days in all. I tell him he has to help me four days in the garden. he says he has paid for that years ago. some have planted garden. but I think its rather early and we need rain so bad. I dont think is would do much good if we planted. I have garden seed all but Irish potatoes. We have plenty of sweet potatoes to bed. I have been wanting a hen to set so bad. every body else has hens setting but me and mine wont set. one pretty hen died yesterday with the cholera. I only have 12 now. I would like to raise 100 little chickens if I could. Willis made me 8 nice nests.

It looks so drouthy the wind blows so hard and its warm and dry. Edna wears hair ribbon now too. her hair parts on the side and I braid it on the other side (a tiny little braid) and tie with a bow of ribbon. I told Willis she looked a year older. he is aful Cranky aobut her. he says he will get my good eye if I ever spank her. he goes places and if their Babies dont have any or much hair he will always ask the man what he did with his baby's hair. he always said he couldn't stand a baby with out hair. and Edna has so much hair. and it just suits him. he thinks she is the prettiest thing he ever saw. she has on a little white dress and white stockings and black patent leather shoes. buttoned shoes with red tops and red silk tassels.

Mrs Davidson and her Grandpa says she gets a little prettier every day. I am proud the Children made such good grades and dont swear. I think we can thank our Mamma and Papa for raising us with out hearing such things and I am glad I can think back and always remember being Kept Clean. I see so many dirty folks and dirty nasty babies. I see a baby every time I go to Old Mrs Collins and I'll bet any thing that baby hasn't has a bath all over this winter. and its sick lots and always so dirty and they are worth \$50,000\00 or more. I think its a shame. I went there one evening and its Mamma had been gone all evening. it was crying and I tried to get it to nurse me but it wouldn't. I told Willis about it. he said I wouldn't let the little dirty thing suck me. If I were you. Mr Davidson has just been to see me. i must quit and send this to Mrs Oneals.

Love to each of you.
Write Often.
As Ever your loving girl
Lula

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Temple, Okla.
Mar. 19--07

My Dear Mamma & all--

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Will start you a letter. Mr B-- and Etoy came up last Thursday evening went back Sunday morning was only here you might say Friday and Saturday. Etoy brought a blue chambray dress for me to make for her. That took me a day and a half. and Sat. afternoon I intended writing to you so they could mail it for me but Mrs Oneal came and I couldn't so put it off untill Sat. night and Mr Oneal came and I couldn't write and them all talking. Edna is asleep. she is getting so bad just into every thing. I bathed her this morning and sit her on the floor and went out for a bucket of water and when I got back she had got an egg out of a bucket on the floor and broke it upon top of her head. and it had run down all over her. I had a notion to spank her. and just a while ago I left the slop bucket on the floor and she went in the kitchen and climbed up with one hand and had the other hand in the slop.

she loves Etoy when she was here Edna made her rock he to sleep every time she can say Toy and dog. she had waked up so I'll quit.

willis is planting corn. he is going to plant 90 or 100 acres.

Its aful warm and such hot winds. hot enough for June. I pulled off my winter under wear this morning. I have been planting more garden this afternoon. Edna just keeps grabing my pencil. We have lots of new neighbors now. Mrs Oneal and I called on a Mrs D\us{r} Griffith Sunday Afternoon. she had two girls one just a year older than winnie the other a year older than Juju. Then a boy between I imagine about the age of Elmer. They are aful nice people. They have a Piano only one in the Pasture. The children just nearly eat Edna up. They Kissed her hands and face all over. The little girls name is Vera she says look Mamma she has a little `pug nose.' I couldn't keep from laughing to think a little girl so small would notice Edna's little pug nose. her Mamma laughed and said yes.

Our pasture is just full of blue and white daisies like we used to have at Henrietta. I never look at a daisy with out thinking of Papa and how he used to take us flower picking. I am glad you told me Frank brought those flowers in that you sent. These boys around here just walk over them and never see them. I like to see boys love flowers.

My English peas are up. but the pigs, cows, and horses have run over my other beds untill I doubt if they ever come up. willis fixed the pen and I put the hogs up to-day. I havn't any hens setting yet and I wont have any to set I dont think if the wolves keep on they have got five in two nights. my hen house is made of poles and covered with hay. the first night I forgot to shut the door and the enxt night they squeezed through the poles and went in and got two hens and eat one nearly up while they were in there. we have been setting traps for them every since. Winnie must a smart girl to get dinner for you.

Wednesday

Edna and I went to Mrs Davidsons a few minutes this morn. I hope you are all well. write soon tell me if the Pills help Carl.

Love to all
your Girl
Lula
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{Note in top margin: The flies and mosquitoes are terrible}

Temple, Okla.
April 6--07

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My Dear Mamma & all.

I think I will go to the store this evening if it isn't too windy. and will mail this I have been sick this week was in bed one day all day. but I am feeling better now. I guess its the La Grippe for I caught awful bad. Caruth Griffith said he bet it was a chill I had. he is having chills. I cleaned out my hen house yesterday and have two hens setting. Mrs Davidson has 75 little chickens. she got sorry for me I guess and set one hen for me and she will hatch Monday.

Our Irish potatoes are up so nice about 4 or 5 inches high. Mrs Davidson was here yesterday she said we sure had lots of onions and potatoes. our sweet potatoes are coming up nice too. I have squash. cucumbers beans all up nice it so dry my little stuff isn't doing much good. our corn is up nice. Willis is breaking more sod. will finish to-day. he certainly has his ground in good fix. every one who comes just brags on him so much. Mrs D-- said yesterday that Willis sure was a good farmer. he went to Wichita Falls Tuesday and sold my cow, calf, and heifer to the butcher. got \$42.50 for them. they were so fat. I hated to sell them to the butcher but it looked like every one up here was like us trying to get rid of cows. My cow was dry. and wouldn't have been fresh until next October and she isn't a good milk cow any way. and they drank so much water (and you know we have to haul all our stock water). no one has a fence yet and they were always breaking out of the pasture and peoples crops coming up we just had to get rid of them. we tried to get pasture for them across the River but couldn't.

Mable and husband have moved back to Wichita Falls. Willis saw Mr Pedigo and he took Willis home with him so saw Mable too. she has her children with her. she and Mr P-- had had their pictures taken and she sent me one. If I thought I would ever find where she lives I would go over while the River is down. and I have Mr Briscoe's old Prince horse.

I want to have Edna's picture made when I go I am crazy for you all to see how sweet she is. but her picture wont be sweet as she is for she has such sweet little ways. The day I was sick she cried after Willis. so he had to take her to the lot when he fed and done up the night work. he tinks she is the only baby he says he wont let me whip her. Mr and Mrs Gibson named their baby Edna too. for our little Edna they were all so foolish about Edna. Mrs Cleaver wrote and told me about it. she said she guessed she would have to get her a little girl and name it Edna too. she said Mrs Gibson's Baby had long black hair an inch and 1/2 long but said it wasn't near as pretty as my Edna. well I must quit. I have a cake in the stove and I'll let it burn. Mrs Cleaver said that Mr Bush was still in your house and he was waiting to see who got the County seat. I wouldn't sell if I were you now for Sugden may get it.

Love to all
Write soon
Your girl and sister
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Temple, Okla.
April 10--07

My Dear Mamma and all

How are you all this hot day? I would like to step in and see you all.

Friday Apr. 12--1907

Well it isn't so warm to-day. Edna and I have to go to the store again

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tomorrow. she is helping me write. has her pencil and is standing up by me. she has to do every thing I do. I was sewing this morning and she wanted my needle and thread. so I fixed her one and gave her a piece of goods. she sat down on the floor and tried to sew for a long time. We found a picture of a little boy to-day that looks exactly like Edna. I told Willis I would send it to you. he said I aught to cut the body off. but I knew you would know she wasn't that large. but the face, hair and head are exactly like her only her hair isn't quite so long on the sides. but her hair across the front is as heavy. If I ever go to a town. I am going to have her picture taken. I made her a little pink check gingham dress yesterday. made little round yoke with ruffle of pink and white embroidery around the yoke.

Mr & Mrs Davidson have gone to Visit Kate and Jessie for a week. tell Carl to take those Pills real often. they may help him. There is lots of measles every where. and its in a bad form. lots of deaths. I am afraid to take Edna to a town.

Joe Rountree is married again. I guess you remember he & his wife separated long while ago. Our nice Kitty Tom died wednesday. something bit him on the front let. I guess it was a Rattle snake. he was always teasing snakes. Edna and I had a funeral and burried him. Edna cried when I put him in his grave. she wanted to play with him. she just loved him. and he was lots of help and company for her. Edna can say ``now'' so sweet. Edna has 6 teeth now. 3 upper ones and 3 lower ones. she is getting mad. she wants this pen so I'll have to quit hope you are all well.

Love to all write soon

Your Girl

Lula

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Temple, Okla.

April 21--07

My Dear Mamma & all.

Will write you a few lines. its trying to rain or snow. and has been for a week. We are having a cold spell. We certainly need rain. Its so dry. Willis has 90 acres of corn up and has 20 acres of cotton planted. The new people who have come in here can't plow their sod its so dry. I believe we will have a drouth. Willis and Edna are making so much noise playing. she just jugs him and wont hug me. and he thinks its aful smart. she is a Daddy girl. at night when we go to bed she will quit nursing and turn over and put both arms around her Dad's neck and just hug and grunt. she is so sweet.

I had a letter from Mrs Gibson. she says her Edna isn't as pretty as our Edna but they have hopes of her improving she said. her Baby was aful delicate so cross and nervous and she (her self) is all crippled up with rhumatism. can just hop around in the house.

Edna can't walk yet. we think ever day she will walk. the measles are so bad every where I am afraid to take her to town to have her picture taken. we heard over 20 had died with them at Hastings. Its such a bad form people say. We heard sugden was on a boom. think they will get the County seat.

Edna and I went to the store last Saturday and we saw a little girl the same size of Edna and her name was Edna Blue. they are from Kansas and live about 3 miles from here. just a man and wife looks like Kittie Lee Martin and baby Edna. There are, so many new people. They are building

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on most every quarter section now.

You will be surprised when I tell you I have pieced a quilt all but two blocks have 34 blocks done and it takes 36. Mrs Gibson said she pieced an outing quilt last week. I have also dug me a dug-out. 7 x 10 4 feet deep. Willis is going to finish it for me as soon as he gets his corn plowed over. he has harrowed it over once. he has a good stand. its about 8 inches high I guess.

Mrs Davidson has come back. I havn't seen her but I am anxious to know about the girls and their babies. she sent me a boquet of roses that came from Kate's. I didn't know roses were in bloom. they are the first I have seen since I left Sugden. I hope you are all well and Carl is better.

Write and tell me what they are all doing. love to all. Edna sends a hug to Grandmamma. I wish you could see her play with her doll. she will just cry and make out like its the doll crying. I tell her to whip Baby doll and make it hush and she will just slap it on the head.

Well I must quit and get her to sleep.

Write soon Your Girl

Lula

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Temple, Okla.
May 5--1907

My Dear Mamma.

I know you think I am a long time writing but I have been so busy and Edna is so bad at night (after supper I mean) that I can't do any thing but attend to her.

Well Willis took us to Wichita Falls to spend the day with Mable. I had Baby's picture taken but havn't got them yet. we havn't had any mail in the Pasture for about two weeks. I Mailed a letter to you the day I went to Wichita. I think Edna was looking sour. I didn't get to comb her hair. I started to but she was sleepy and cross and begin fighting at the comb and tearing it up as fast as I combed it. so I quit. I was afraid she would get mad and I wouldn't get it at all. she was so still we didn't have one bit of trouble. We got her a high chair too. We needed it so bad but its so large I have to put a pillow in it to fill it up so she can't get out. she is such a climber. one morning when I was washing the dishes she got up on the table part with both feet and was leaning against the back with her arms. she stands up in the Baby buggy and rides all the time. I put a belt around her and pin it with a big safty pin to the back of the buggy to keep her from falling out. I let her fall out ths week and it nearly scared me to death. I thought I had broken her neck. Etoy and Mr B-- are here have been for two weeks to-day. I have made Etoy 4 pairs of drawers, two waists a white under skirt and the skirt of a dress this week and I washed and scrubbed one day untill 3:30 in the After noon and it took me two mornings to iron and I begin Ironing at 7 oclock too. and iron until eleven. We get up early but Edna has 12 and 13 dresses a week besides under clothes. Then Etoy had all her clothes dirty when she came.

We had another rain and it was certainly appreciated. Mrs Davidson has been sick I was down there two after noons last week. she was here yesterday. Willis, Mr B-- and I set out 360 sweet potato plants yesterday. and planted lots of water melons cantelopes and cucumbers. I had mustard greens for dinner and onions.

Its been so dry nothing couldn't grow. We had a heavy frost one night this week damaged the corn a little. Edna has eight teeth. she weighs 20 pounds. she is the cutest thing. she is standing up holding to my knees now saying who who who who who are you. I can't write it like she says it. but any one would know what she was trying to say.

Wen I was at Wichita Falls I saw Lessie Wyatt. she is teaching in the Public School there. she ask about Carl and said when I wrote to ``remember'' her to Carl.'' I saw Jessie McDonald too. she is grown. wears long dresses and is a beautiful girl. I never saw a more beautiful or perfect figure hand and foot as she is.

Mable treated me nice. went to town with me in the Afternoon. I am reading ``The Children of the Abbey.'' I think I remember you saying you had read it. I must quit for this eve-- Edna can say Chickie just as plain.

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{Note in top margin: I am proud to think Frank and the boys are so nice to you. I hope they will always stick to the best friend they will ever have ``Their Mother.'' Tell me all about all of them every time. I dreamed of you last night.}

Monday May 13--1907

My Dear Mamma and All.

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I have never had a chance to mail your other letter, but will write again. Mr Briscoe and Etoy are still here. They have been here nearly a month when they come Etoy brought Edna two pairs of the cutest little dropped stitched stockings, brought her candy and oranges and me a calico dress. every time she comes she brings Edna some thing. she and Mr Briscoe are so foolish about her and Edna loves them equally as well. They all three have gone to Mr Collins this morning. will be gone all the morning. it is 3 miles there now since people have moved on the places between us for we have to keep the section lines. When you tell Edna good bye she will wave her hand at you. I havn't got the pictures yet. Willis went to the store yesterday to see if they had been after the mail lately. but they had not had any for a good while. They thought may be some one would bring it to-day. They are going to sell the town lots at Randlette (the new town site six miles from here) to-day. Then we will have a Post Office there before long. every body is going but me and I dont want to go the wind is blowing a perfect Gale from the south and I would be half dead with the head ache if I went. It always makes me have sick head ache I ride in the wind.

I told you Mrs Davidson gave me a hen and 11 little chickens well two more eggs hatched and made 13 and a rat or snake got 5 of them. I just hated it so bad. Mr B-- said he expected it was a snake. There are so many. Willis killed two big ones this morning before breakfast.

Tomorrow is the `Girls' Birthdays I wish I had a nice present for both but I havn't a thing and the 24 is Etoy's she will be twelve and only weighs 62 pounds. I expect Elmer is nearly as large as she is. I wish you could see Edna at home. Etoy says she looks so much prettier at home than she did the day we were at Wichita Falls but every body noticed her that day, even the girl in the Post Office said when I was buying stamps `Is that your baby? I said yes and she said she certainly is a beautiful child. every store we went in she was complimented. I expect there were 30 people that said she was such a pretty child. Willis said he bet every one thought to their selves that Baby must have a fine Papa for it dont take after its ugly Mammie.

I guess Carl and Frank are sick of hearing about Edna and have decided thats all I write about and there is no use for them to write any more. What does Grandma think about her Great Grand Child? write and tell me what she says about the picture. Well I must quit I see my Baby coming. Write often as you can for I am always dissappointed if I dont get a letter from you.

Love to all Your Girl

Lula

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Friday May 17--1907

My Dear Mamma and all.

As I have a chance to mail a letter I will write again. I mailed you Edna's picture wednesday. Also two other letters one two or 3 weeks old. I hope you will like the picture. she may fail to come up with the description I have given her. but never the less you can see for your self every one says pictures couldn't have been better. she fixed her own position. Etoy says they are just like her only not half as sweet. Mable says they are simply fine.

Willis said Mable told a lady over at Wichita that he sure had a pretty kid but it didn't look like him. I dressed Edna to take her to the store and sit her on the bed untill I got ready. she kept pointing to her neck and quarreling and Etoy and I didn't know what she wanted. we

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guessed several things and nothing didn't suit so I happened to think of her necklace and put it on her and that was it. she put her fingers on the little heart and just jabbered so we put it on and she was all right. she is so proud (not like her Mam ie) like Aunt Winnie and Aunt Etoy. she wants to wear Etoys ring all the time but its so big but she will keep it on her thumb for a long time.

she is asleep now and I must quit and hoe some in the garden. hope you will get the picture. tell me what each Kid says about my Kid.

Love to all I wish I could see you every one.

Write Often

Lula

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Thursday May 9--1907

Dear Mamma--

As Etoy and Mr B-- are going home to-morrow. I will write a little more. I havn't had a chance to Mail your letter and the Baby's pictures havn't come yet. I am so anxious to see them and send you one. Edna can get up and stand alone any where gets up by her self. but can't walk. she crawls to her little Rocking chair and then climbs in it and stands up in the seat and hold to the back. she climbed on Etoy's Grip that was beside the bed then on the foot of the iron bed (on the out side railing) and held to the iron rods and walked to the window and was standing on the window sill when we got her she is going to fall and Kill her self some day. It is raining now and has rained all week. we are sure proud too. Mrs Davidson gave me a hen and eleven little chickens.

I have 60 cabbage plants set out and 16 tomato plants. they look so nice. I have lots more little ones not large enough to transplint. We have had lettuce, Mustard greens, onions, and irish potatoes to eat out of the garden. we have over a hundred cucumber hills and about the same of cantelops and 2 or 3 hundred water melon. We have lots of peanuts and pop corn planted. Mr Briscoe and Willis finished My dug out this week. but we are afraid it will cave in the dirt is so soft. but I'll have a place to go if a cyclone comes. There was a cyclone in Cook County Tex. last week and Killed several and totally destroyed one town. I washed this morning and My clothes are on the line catching the rain I look for the line to break every Minute. Well I must quit love to all write soon your Girl. Lula.

I have made Willis two pair of drawers this week. \us{My} first.

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{Note in top margin: Mr Hughes (Etoila's Papa) has married again and has moved to Randlett. he is going in the Hardware and undertaking business. Viola and Roy are going to move on a farm between here and Randlette. she has two little children.}

Friday June 21--1907

My Dear Mamma & all.

Will write you a few lines this morning. My pen is aful and I can't find a pencil. I can't never think to send and get pens. I hope you will have a nice time the 4\us{th}. They are going to have a picnic at Randlett. willis says he bets I go but I say i bet I dont. Edna is too much trouble at a place like that. she wants to get down and play. and she wontwalk more than half the time. she can walk. but if she is in a hurry she crawls. and if I pick her up and stand her up and tell her to

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walk. she just lays down and kicks and cries. it makes her so mad. she is so meddlesome. she just goes around the tables dresser and wash stands and feels along and pulls off every thing in reach. If you ask her where Dad is she will point to willis and say ``tee'' she means see.

she has a little sore on her toe about as large as a pin head and she shows it to every body and says ``tee.'' she has one jaw tooth and the other 3 nearly through. We had a good rain yesterday evening and last night. If it keeps on we will make 3 or 4 thousand bushels of corn. We will have Roasting ears by the 4\us{th}. our corn is silking now. we put out more sweet potato slips yesterday. We have 2000 slips out now and have 4 or 500 more ready to set out. Mrs Gibson wrote me to come down when peaches got ripe. said they would have worlds of them. so willis and I are thinking of going down about the middle of July and get some. My fruit jars are all at Sugden.

Did I tell you that Mr Ed Day bought your old hotel and moved it down where Jackson & Birds store burned and painted it up and is running it. Mr Davidsons Hotel is Vacant. but Sugden is on a little boom. Mr Bush is still there. I think if Sugden gets the County Seat that he (Mr Bush) will go in the Banking business there. if he does I believe he will buy your place and build a nice house there.

Mr Easterling and Ollie moved to Waurika and built them a real nice home. Mr Briscoe said Seth Little moved back to Sugden and we heard Mrs Stamps and him were going to-gether.

Ward Sies and his wife separated and we heard he was ``setling'' to Miss Nannie Peters. but I don't believe that about Miss Nannie.

Mr Roberts and Miss Ora's little baby died.

I must quit and get to wrok.

You don't know what a relief it is to have a storm house. I don't never feel one bit uneasy any more.

love to all of you
Write soon. Lovingly. Lula
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Saturday June 29--1907

My Dear Mamma & all.

I wrote you a letter last sunday and still have it not mailed. I am always so sorry when I dont get a letter mailed to you every week. but dont be uneasy every time I see a cloud come up I go to the dug out. willis called me dug out Lou. but I think he is just as bad. I have just gone one more time than he has. We have a wide thing made in there like a bed and take my lantern and 2 quilts and pillows and just go to stay all night. I went the other night in the night. I didn't say anything to willis only I said I'm going to the dug out. I hadn't been there long untill here he come with his clothes on and his pillow and quilt. the wind blowed aful hard they all said. but you can't hardly hear it blowing at all in the dug out. its 6 feet deep.

our Corn is simply fine. I dant reach to the top of some of it. We will have roasting ears by the 4\us{th} willis said to-day. If we can only get a good rain next week and don't have any more hot winds like we have had to-day we will sure make lots of corn. willis is plowing Cotton. we have been thinning and chopping cotton for two or three days. its sure hard work. willis says I needn't too but I feel sorry for him out in the heat and such a big patch to Chop so when Edna goes

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to sleep I go help him. It is right at the house. We tried to get Cotton Choppers but couldn't and we have 30 acres. he plows it as we chop it. I am getting thin I just wiegh 114 1/2. I guess Edna nursing is what makes it. she has 3 jaw teeth. I think her stomach teeth will be through in another month. her gums look white and swollen. I am not going to wean her untill about Xmas and not then unless she has her teeth. but I think she will have all of them by then. how many teeth do babies cut? I have forgotten.

do you know how to can corn and beans. if you do besure and tell me next time you write. I am sending you some Henrietta papers you will see the account of Charlie Rountree's Marriage.

You know I told you Mr & Mrs Shults were separated well Mr Shults and Ora Roundtree married (Joe Rountrees divorced wife). Joe is also married again I heard. I am thinking of going to Sugden to get peaches to put up. I know I would go if we could get some choppers and get the Cotton Chopped.

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wednesday July 11--1907

My Dear Mamma & all.

Will write you a little this morning. We had another fine rain yesterday and this morning. its sure fine on corn. willis says he has the finest field of corn he ever saw except when he was up on the washita several years ago. We have had roasting ears for over a week. he says if it rains about two more good rains he will make 4000 bushels. We are sure of 2000 bushels now on the old land but the sod corn isn't as far advanced. our Cotton is fine too. but we havn't got it howed over yet. have about 12 more acres. We are trying to get help but can't. willis offers \$1.\us{50} a day for choppers and several have promised to come Friday and Saturday. willis is hoeing now. We have only hired \$1.\us{50} worth of work done this year and our corn is layed by and Cotton enarly done. don't you think that does fine. but willis hasn't lost a day since Jan 1 unless it rained all day and then he was fixing on harness or some thing. he has been to town 3 times. just over to Wichita Falls. a day each time and then that was on business. he says if nothing happens to the Cotton he can lay up \$1000.\us{00} this year. I have a 6 acre patch he gave me. the papers say there is no cotton this year except in Okla to amount to any thing. and if that is true we will get a big price for Cotton. people say it will go to 20 cents a pound. That will be about \$100\us{00} a bale. We got 50 and 60 dollars a bale last year. willis says if I get 100\us{00} a bale for my Cotton I ought to make 4 bales. and that would be \$400\us{00} and it would take \$100\us{00} to get it picked. he said I would have \$300\us{00} and would just about go to see you. We can sell our cotton now for 15 cents a pound. but we are going to wait may be we will get more. some are selling theirs before its 6 inches high at 15 and 16 cents.

We have been selling our old corn @ 65 cents a bushel. flour is 3\us{00} a hundred. thread is 10 cents a spool. every thing is aful high.

Edna is well. we want to go to sugden next week if we get help to get the Cotton out this week. Its such hot work out in the sun from day light till dark. one day the temperature was 107 in the sitting room at 4 oclock in the evening. you can guess how hot it is to chop Cotton. I don't like to live on a farm. I get tired looking at willis working in the heat. well I must quit I am going to the store this evening if it dont rain any more. and to D\us{r} Lawlis to get butter. we get butter

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from them all the time (25 cents a pound) D\us{r} Collins came up to see his folks Friday and it was so hot his horse died before they got there. he lives at Sugden.

Well I must quit. Write Often. Love to
All as ever.

Lula

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Temple, Okla
July 19--1907

Dear Mamma--

Will write you a few lines. Bessie, Etoy, and Mr Briscoe are here have been a week to-day. We are all going to Sugden Sunday if nothing happens.

Edna can walk good now. When she don't want any one to take her she slaps her hand at them and say ``Do'' means go. she and Etoy are playing ball now. I'll send you a piece of Edna's hair but its so light. it has changed so much send me a piece of Juju's and Winnies.

July 27--1907

I never got to finish your letter. We went to Sugden last Sunday, or Waurika rather. but went to Sugden Monday morning stayed with Mrs Gibson untill after dinner. then Mrs Gibson and two babies, Willis Edna and I all went to Ryan to see Mrs Cleaver. stayed all night and all day Tuesday. That evening we brought Mrs Gibson back home and went on to Waurika. stayed all night with Mr Briscoe and come home Wednesday. I was so busy I didn't get time to write. I saw <Mrs Bush just a few minutes. she was on her way to the depot. going to take a 2 months visit to Kentucky to see her Mamma. she seemed glad to see me. ask about you. I saw Mr & Mrs Bird, Jack and Gertrude at Ryan. The children have grown so much. Gertrude has changed so much she is fat and large also real pretty little girl. Jack is a big old healthy looking boy. Nora and Lon Harris and Children came to see us at Mrs Cleavers too. Nors's baby is so much larger than Edna. They named him Clide. Lum happened to go to Ryan the same day I did. I was glad I got to see him. he lives at Binger, Okla. he said several time well Lula you sure have got a pretty Baby. Edna looked so sweet that morning. every one we saw spoke of how pretty she was. Mr Bird says she is just a beautiful little thing. Mrs Cleaver says her picture isn't half as pretty as she is. Mrs Gibson and I were going to have our little Edna's pictures made to-gether but the photographer was gone. We were so sorry. her baby is aful sweet and pretty but Willis made fun of it because it wasn't as pretty as our Baby. Etoy took Edna to all her little friends in Waurika to show her off. one of the merchants at Ryan took a fancy to Edna and gave her a pretty little gold ring. I put chiffon rosetts and strings on the cap you sent and she just looks like a doll. her hair is so long.

Its is aful warm to day the temperature is 106 in the house on the South wall by the window. Willis is out hoeing cotton. he is going over it the 1\us{nd} time with the hoe. nearly every thng between Cache Creek and Waurika is burned up. The corn is dead from top to botton but ours is still green its aful dry.

Mrs Cleaver is coming up two weeks from to-day. I must quit. Write Soon. I dreamed last night Carl was so much better. excuse this paper I went the rounds and forgot to buy a tablet. I have been putting up cucumber pickles. This morning put up 3 gallons in Vinegar, 2 gallons

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in brine.

Love to all.
As ever Your Girl
Lula
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Temple, Okla
July 30--07

My Dear Mamma--

I just received your letter yesterday inquiring about the Boarding house. I had already been to Sugden but I saw Mr Davidson this morning. his hotel isn't rented just one hotel there that is Ed Day. he isn't a good hotel man. I wouldn't think. I dont think there is a Restruant at all. Mr Davidson said tell you that his house was partly furnished: 6 or 7 bedsteads, side board, and a dresser and several things and if you wanted it you could go into it and if you didn't Make expences the first month or two he would not expect any rent. if you did you could pay what ever you flet it was worth. he said he thought after the first month or two you could make a living. he thought it as good a place as any and I think so too.

Waurika is a good place but rent would eat you up there. a 3 room dwelling house rents for 15\us{00} a month there. If you saw you could not make a living at Mr Davidsons why you could quit and go some other place and you would not be out any rent. or very much furniture on hands. I believe you could make a living there. and Elmer and Frank could get all the Cotton picking they wanted. Winnie could help you. and I wouldn't worry so if Aunt would live with you. for I love her next to you. I couldn't say how much the boys would get for picking Cotton. not less than 75 cents a hundred and not over a 1\us{20}. Its aful hard work you don't know any thing about it. Willis says you would all starve picking Cotton for he and I would because we can't pick much. If Frank is a good boy to work I expect Willis could give him work most of the winter or untill Xmas. Then he could go to school. Do just as you like about it. I wont advise. have you written to Aunt about it. May be if she cant come Aunt Lizzie could. but I think Aunt Beckett would be glad to come. Its the hottest weather I ever saw. The Thermomitor stands from 104 to 107 every afternoon.

I must quit I have company coming to spend the day. We received the little Cup and Collar. They are both so nice many thanks. the cup is plenty large. Edna wants to hold it her self and drink. she has her four jaw teeth through good. well I must quit Mrs Davidson and I are thinking of going to Randlette and mail this.

answer right away and address. Randlett Okla via Temple, Okla.

Love to all
Your Girl
Lula
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Pomeroy, Was
Aug 7th 1907

My Dear Daughter--

Carl has written and I haven't time this morning but will write real soon. I am going to write and ask Mr Bush how much business he thinks there is at Sugden. I am afraid times would be hard there for us if I could sell my place and had a house in the country here I might rais chickens and sell eggs and then we could all get work in harvest. I

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guess I dont know what to do but I Cant live with Mother. I have enough to worry over with out being gnarrelled at all the time.

I will study the Matter over till I hear from Mr Bush again. I must go to work. we have ten Men and Frank drove a header box yesterday and has gone again today. a man gets 2.50 a day for the work the men say they favor him all they Can for he is so willing and good. Gus has gone for men but he may not get any Frank has been wanting to drive a box all the time and he is happy the men say it is to heavy for him to pitch.

good bye as ever your Loving Mamma

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Randlett, Okla.
Aug 11--1907

My Dear Mamma & all--

I received a letter from you this morning. it is certainly hot. I never saw such weather the thermoniter was 109 all afternoon yesterday in this South room. and its nearly 110 to-day. so sultry every thing is nearly burned up. I mean in the way of Garden stuff. This is just the kind of weather on Cotton. it is fine.

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I didn't get to finish. Company came.

willis is going to the store this morning. Mr Smith and Kate and Baby Frank are at Mrs Davidson's they are coming to spend the day with us to-day. Kate's baby is so pretty and sweet she Keeps him nice too. willis says they are all aful nice but don't any come up with Edna. she and Frank get along so nice to-gether every little bit they quit playing and hug each other. Mrs Davidson's folks and us went to the River picnicing and seining yesterday. it was too hot to enoy it much.

We have lots of the finest water melons you ever eat. We have given Davidsons 30 watermelons and 12 cantelopes this week. Theirs didn't do much good. we sold one piece of a load at Randlett for \$5.

it is only six oclock. Baby isn't up yet.

I must quit and clean up the house. I'll write you a long letter soon.

As Ever Your Girl.
Love to all.
Lula

{Post Script: winnie did fine in the race. They have girl races here now.}

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Randlett, Okla
Aug 20--1907

Mr Carl Brannon.
Pomeroy, Wash.

Dear Carl--

Your Very welcome letter received yesterday. was glad you wrote. I have ironed and mended to-day. Edna is asleep. I can't never write when she is awake she is such a bad girl. It has been thundering all afternoon has rained all around us. It is so hot and dry. The spring

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where all our neighborhood gets water has dried up. and Willis had to go 4 miles to some lakes for stock water. This morning our stock wont drink the River water it is so salty. he has gone to Randlett this evening to see if he could get a well digger.

We went 4 1/2 miles to Church Sunday night at an Arbor. and when we got there there wasn't going to be any Church. first time Edna ever was any where after dark. I wish you all could see her. when she wants a drink she says "\us{me} \us{dunk}" she plays I'll get you. and she says I diz-za. We have the finest melons you ever eat. wish you lived close so you could sample them. Kate Davidson Smith and husband have been here. we had such a good time. they took dinner with us twice and we all went on a picnic trip on the River one day. they have a sweet baby boy the size of Edna. his name is Frank. and he and Edna played to-gether so nice. willis has just been doing odds and ends for two weeks its so terrible hot day and night you Can't hardly work.

Willis looks awful bad. he is poorer than I ever saw him. he only weighs 132 pounds. I weigh 115. Frank is nearly as heavy as I am. willis has worked awful hard. Mr Smith said he didn't see how willis had worked out all his crop alone. but he isn't no sleepy head he gets up and gets at it. he put one team to the cultivator in the morning and just pushed them as fast as they could walk. then at noon he took them out and fed them eat his dinner hitched his other team up for the evening and pushed them the same way. he didn't loose any time him self. our teams are both good ones and just as fat as butter. but willis dont stop feeding them because they dont work every day like all our other neighbors.

I went with him after water and I told him they were too fat to suit me. I am so afraid of them.

I am glad you are feeling better. Edna can say "Howdy" too. she says lots of words and late in the evenings when I go to get in the wood she picks up sticks and corn stalks and rides them for stick horses. she will just cluck and then hold back on them and say \us{woa}.

Well I must quit. tell Mamma and Winnie I'll srite to them next time.

Love to all
Your Sister
Lula
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Randlett, Okla
Aug. 23--07

My Dear Mamma and All.

while Edna is asleep I'll write you a few lines. it is raining a shower now but the sun hasn't quit shinning so you know it isn't raining much. It is awful dry. we are needing rain. We have the nicest new sweet potatoes and blak eyed peas. wish you had some.

willis has offered his place for sale \$1600\00. if we sell he is going to New Mexico and look at the country and get us a home. It isn't a desirable place to live but while we havn't any children big enough to send to school is the time for us to go to a new country. then next year may be a drough here and we would have the rent to pay which is \$88.\us{00} a year and would have to put a good 4 wire fense which would cost about \$200\00 more. and now we have a good crop and might just as well fence a place of our own. and we won't have to stay there but 14 months if we can't make a living. we can prove up for about \$1.50 an

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acre in the 14 months. lots of people say we will starve out there for it don't never rain. but we will have enough to run us the 14 months and then Willis can do some thing else. I am not afraid of starving as long as Willis is well. Mr Collins folks are gong too and want us to go with them. Mr Collins is worth \$50000\00 or more and he says don't bother about the money. he thinks as much of Willis as he does his own Kids nearly.

Willis has to go for water this evening 4 miles. I guess Edna and I will go too. I made Edna a new dress and my self a bonnet this week.

I can't say how long Mr Davidsons hotel will be vacant. I hate to see you go back in the hotel business. I know you work hard there but you have plenty to eat and wear I suppose. I wouldn't pay any attention to Grandma she is getting old and if uncle Gus wanted me to stay I would. I must quit.

we are all well. hope you are too. wish I could step in and see you. you never did send me Jujus and Winnies hair. Write soon.

Love to all
As Ever Your Girl
Lula

(Post Script: The weather is still aful hot. the papers say the full blood Indians are comitting suicides on account of the intense heat.)

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Randlett, okla
Sept. 9--07

My Dear Mamma & all.

will write you a few lines this morning. we had a right good rain last night. but it certainly was needed. first we have had that was enough to settle the dust since the 2nd of July. it was so dry and hot all last week. the temperature was from 105 to 107 in the afternoons. this morning is real cool. I put Baby's shoes and stockings on her. she looks so cute. she has on a new dress I made of the little blue and white check percale trimed with blue and white embroidery. made long waist and short skirt (like Juju used to have). and has on white stockings and little black patent leatehr slippers. her little dress is up to her knees. her hair is bobed and she looks so sweet.

Etoy and Mr B-- were here all last week. went home Saturday. they are living in Marlow, I.T. now.

Yes the hot dry weather hurt our corn but we will make 3000 bushels easy but Willis says he would have made 4000 if we had had another rain at the right time. if we hadn't got any rain Willis said Cotton would have been dead in 10 days. there is lots of it died in the last two weeks. We will begin picking on ours next Monday. I don't guess we will pick our selves for Willis has all he can do to gather his corn. and I will have to cook for the pickers. I dread it. I don't guess we will make more than 8 bales and if we have frost this month as the almanac predicts we wont make that. and every one says our cotton is as good as the best in the country.

We are trying to sell. Willis is going to New Mexico and if he dont like there we are going to try to buy 100 acres of good land some place at about 20 dollars an acre and pay \$1000\00 down. We will have to start with little but we want a home of our own. then every little improvement will help. this certainly is a good place. but we only have it for 3 more years. then may be the rent will be so high we can't

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afford to keep it. we only have to pay 55 cents an acre until the 5 years are up. If we would save our money and stay here it would be all right. but we would spend it. if the last year we haven't had any money to spend and we have sure been saving. we haven't bought any Groceries even on credit. but paid for every thing as we got it. we owe for our mules which is \$300\00 (one span) and for the payment on the place which makes it all (interest included) 400\00 we owe. but Willis says if he can sell lease and all he thinks we can pay all we owe and leave with \$1800\00 and strike out for our selves. if we stay we will have to keep about \$300\00 worth of corn. we are going to sell one span of mules. Willis asks \$275\00 Cash for. and he is going to buy me a gentle horse and a buggy. We have an old buggy and Mr Briscoe has let me keep his big old Prince horse to drive nearly every since Chink died. he is such a nice big gentle horse. he wants \$150\00 for him and we know of another horse we can get for \$110\00 just about as gentle. Edna calls Prince "Pince" she calls every picture of a horse or mule "Pince" she can crow like a rooster and bark like "Punch" (the dog). she calls Punch "Pun". she just calls him to feed him and says "Pun" h\us{aw} h\us{aw} then feeds him and comes back to me for more bread for him. she can say Pigs too. and calls Etoy Taw Taw. she calls her Granpa Papa because Etoy does after Etoy went home Sat. Edna would go to the door and call her and say Taw Taw.

Oh, Oh, where you at. she talks so sweet. she just tries to say every thing nearly. Etoy and I said Friday we thought she could say most any thing. she is wearing little drawers now. has been for a week. her Grampa fixed her a little box. I have to watch her. she don't tell very good. I guess she is too little. Jessie Davidson Ross is visiting her Mamma.

Willis, Edna and I went to see her yesterday. she has an awful pretty baby boy just 3 months older than Edna. but a third larger. Well Edna wears no 2 shoes and he wears no 6 and he is as much larger all over. he is about a head taller but he isn't any fatter than Edna. but he is so large. he is so much prettier than Kates baby. Willis says he isn't as pretty as Edna. We just live a mile from the River. but we are 2 or 300 feet higher. there are high bluffs on this side of the River. I almost forgot to tell you we have a "well" in 10 feet of the back door with lots of water in it. but its in the quick sand and stirs up after you draw a few buckets. but we can't draw it dry. it is 58 feet deep. we are sure proud of it. Well I must quit. Edna is pulling at my pencil. Write soon.

Love to all. hope you are all well.

As Ever Your Girl.

Lula

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Randlett, Okla.

Sept. 23--07

My Dear Mamma & all.

Well we haven't sold out yet but there are two men looking at the place now. Willis came in a while ago and said he was about to sell. if he does I guess we will go to New Mexico about the 6 or 7 of Oct. Mr Collins intends going the 6th and we will go when they do.

he is to have his public sale Tuesday Oct. 1--07. and he said we could just load up. he would bring his wagons up too and we could take our things to his house and sell them too. he is awful good to us.

Edna was real sick all night last night and this morning. but she seems

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all right now. Its awful hot. the temperature is 104 now. Isn't that hot for this time of year.

No we are going to the Northern part of New Mexico and it isn't so warm there they say.

I know winnie looks nice in her cloak. it seems like the wrong time of year to buy Cloaks. I had a letter from Aunt. I'll send it. I got the Childrens hair. its all pretty and longer than I expected to see. Edna is in my lap and I can't half write.

Mrs Davidson came up to see me yesterday eve horse-back. We havn't picked any cotton yet. have been waiting to sell if we could. I have been making Edna 4 little white flannel under skirts. two are done and I must finish the other two this evening for if we have sold I will have to gather my pop corn and Black eyed peas and peanuts.

Sept 26--

Well we have sold. Willis is going to town to close the deal this morning. We will sell our hogs, tools and house hold goods Tuesday at the sale. I will go to Sugden, Ryan, and to Byers to see Mr Grogans folks and Mable. Willis will go on to Mexico and get us a place and build a house if he likes out there. I wish I was able to go to see you untill we get settled. but I feel like we will need every cent we have to get a new home of our own. Willis has made \$1300\00 Clear since we came up here or since Jan. 1--07.

Well I must quit as I have a world of things to do. Mrs Davidson was here yesterday. she took a little flannel underskirt home with her to finish. I guess she will be back to day to help what she can. I hate to leave her and Mrs Oneal. They are the only people I have Visited except Collins since I have lived here.

Edna seems to be all right. well dont answer this untill you hear from me again for we might change our plans and I go with Willis.

Love to All. I hope you are all as happy as we are in thinking we will have a home of our own.

As Ever

Lula

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{Note in top margin: Mr & Mrs Slaton live at Hobert. he passed thorough here to day. Neta lives in Georgia has a girl baby.}

Vernon, Texas
Sep. 18th 1907

Dear Lula--

I reckon you have concluded that I am dead or left the country. It has been so fearfully warm could not do any thing except what had to be done. I stayed in Childress until first of this month. Came back to Keep house for Mrs Vernon while she & husband made a trip to Virginia to visit his people. am looking for them back next week. Do not know yet where I will stay this winter. Several want me but am not able to do a lot of hard work so will take the lightest job I can find. would rather take less money and not work so hard. I received Edna's picture alright. she is awful sweet. looks like your Mothers Children. I can't say she looks like Willis for have seen so little of him would not know him from any other stranger. wish I could see you all, it is so inconvenient not to have plenty of money. How is your Mother getting

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along? do wish she would marry some one who had a nice home and would make a good living for her. You tell her I want her to marry it is foolish in her not to get some one to help her. so he is nice & kind. I have not heard from Will B. & Anna nor Will P. & Laura for some time. guess they think I am able to take care of my self.

If the good Lord will give me health & strength I can get along alright. All that bothers me is I get down sick no one will want to take care of me. Is your cotton ready to pick yet?

Have you a Post office at Randlett? will send this to Temple. hope it will find you all well.

Write soon to your Aunt

% Arthur Vernon

{Post Script: Cousin Joe is well write to her. The Ikard girls always ask about you. Verna is well}

{Note included in letter: take this to Juju. dear Cousin how are you. I am all right I have to get in the would every night. I had my picture taken. I will send you one when I get them. I have 3 dogs and did have 10 cats and I give uncle but 2 this morning. I will give you one if you will come up. I am going off this winter and I am afraid they will all leave. I have bin down to ant nitas with papa. I can ride my dog. tell winnie I would like to see her. tell ??? labor for me. well I will say good night. tell granma and uncle gus I would like to see them. mail to Juju.}

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Sugden, I.T.
Oct 7--07

My Dear Mamma & all

I am at Sugden at Mrs Gibson's and have been since Friday but havn't had a chance to write. I havn't heard from Willis yet so know he hasn't reached his destination. I am going to Ryan Wednesday so write me in care of Mr Cleaver at Ryan. I don't know how long I will stay there but he will know where I go. and can forward it.

Edna isn't very well. I am so afraid she will get sick while I am on the ``bum.'' she had fever all night before last and is aful cross.

We sold our hogs and house hold goods at the sale. We got a good price for them. I am so anxious to get to house Keeping again. I am tired of running around. every one asks about you and the Children. I havn't seen any one hardly the weather has been Cloudy and warm. the day we came it just poured down rain on us for about 25 miles. we just got aful wet. we were in the buggy but the storm curtain leaked. Al has been Cooking for Mrs Gibson but he run off Friday night. so she and I have been doing the work but its not much. she has roses and cannas blooming pretty in the yard. we havn't had any Cold weather at all. Well I must quit. I havn't heard from you in so long I hope you are all well.

Love to all Write Soon
Your Girl
Lula
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Marlow, I.T.
Oct. 20--07

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My Dear Mamma--

I came here Friday am staying with Mr Briscoe and Etoy. I will make Etoy some new dresses. I dont know how long I will stay. Mr Briscoe is going away Tuesday and I will stay until he gets home if Willis dont send for me. I only got a card from him. he got to Mexico all right thought he would like. I am looking for a letter every day. I didn't get the little red cloak I ordered for Edna they sent a red flanned thing and I sent it back but I got her the cutest little white Bear skins Cloak and hood to Match yesterday. she looks like a little esquimo. but looks so cute. I got me a new hat paid 5\us{00} for it and it isn't pretty much. I got a new brown 15 gored skirt. it has a little pleat at each gore and two folds on it piped with plaid silk. I paid 7\us{40} for it. its right cute. I am making me a white Linen shirt waist. the weather is still warm. Etoy and a little girl are ready to go to the League and both are dressed in white, low neck and short sleeves. When we left Willis said he would give me some money. his Papa said I could stay with him. I wouldn't need any. Willis told him I would want to dike that kid till I couldn't see her. so he gave me about 75\us{00}. I guess he wanted me to dike her too. he likes to see her look nice. I made her the dress that Edna Edmusson sent her while I was at Ryan. it is so pretty. and she just looks so sweet in it. Mrs Cleaver dressed her to go to the depot and took her around to the neighbors to show them how pretty she was when she was dressed. she said she didn't want me to die but if I died she was sure going to have Edna. but her Grandpa says he would see about that.

Well I had company and had to quit so I'll have to close.

Write Soon. Love to All. As Ever Your Girl.

Lula

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Marlow, I.T.

Oct. 27--07

My Dear Mamma--

Well as this is Juju's Birthday I'll write a few lines. I wish I had some thing nice for her. I havn't heard from Willis any more. I guess he is waiting to find out what he is going to do. Etoy is rocking Edna. Mr Briscoe is going to Mexico to-morrow. I am sorry I am not ready to go. he would be so much help with Edna. I will stay here with Etoy. she is going to school. Br B-- has a place out there and he is going to do some work or relinquish back to the Government. if he don't think the land is good. I think sure I will get a letter from Willis to-day. I'll send you a card the day I leave.

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Randlett. Okla.
Jan. 7--08

My Dear Mamma & all.

Will write you a few lines as Mrs. Oneal and I are thinking of going to Randlett this evening Mrs Davidsons moved to their place 5 miles from us Monday. I hated so bad to see her go away. she has always been so good and kind to me. was more like a mother than any one. I havn't any way to go any place only when Mrs Oneal takes me Willis is gathering his corn he has gathered about 100 bushels I suppose. I have been picking out pie melon seeds this morning. the weather is beautiful and has been for three weeks Edna plays out doors all the time. she seems so happy. If Mrs Oneal and I go to Randlett we are going to see Mrs Christain she just lives 1/2 mile from Randlett

Viola Hughes Martin and husband have moved 3 miles streight up the section line from us. so you see we have lots of old timers among us. They are building a school house 3 miles from us. One of our neighbors killed him self about a week ago. he had plenty was worth about \$12000\00 and left a wife ande 10 children; people were so surprised he was a new comer but seemed like such a nice man

Mr Davidsons lost a horse last week of blind staggers and Mr Willis (the man across the lane from us) lost one too Sunday. I have black eyed peas on cooking for dinner. dont know what else to have Its hard to get things to cook. I cant get chickens for love or money well I have to quit and get ready I think Mrs Oneal is hitching up so good bye

love to all
As Ever

Lula

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Randlett. Okla.
Jan 16--08

My Dear Mamma & all--

Willis has gone 22 miles to a Public sale to-day. he wanted to buy another team if they didn't sell to high Edna and her doll are in bed covered up playing she is looking at me laughing now. This is her pencil it is green and she don't like for any one to have it her doll is a big rag doll with painted face she brought me one of her little dresses to put on it then she wanted a britches put on too So I fixed it up and she has been having a big time. she has an aful bad cold and I have too. We have had such a cold week just one norther after another I know Willis nearly froze this morning for it is North East of here where he went and its been freezing on the east side of the house all morning and such a cold wind from the North

Edna can say any thing Mrs Oneal says she dont see how she can talk so good she has two spools of thread now unwinding them and running I said "what are you dong?" she says widing (riding) she was driving the spools. I said hand me them spools she says "No Hus dat" (she means no--hust that) I have scolded her for crying and said Hush that crying. And now every time we get after her she tells us to Hus dat. she calls me "Mam" half the time. Willis calls me Mam and she has learned it from him. she callsw him Dad. she loves to look at books and she has one of my old books and she Knows about every picture in it. she knows our mules Names Tom and Rhoda. and we havn't had them bute a month and we never did try to teach them to her. she just heard willis call their names. I am thinking about weaning her the last of the month the sign will be right but I have been waiting thinking we could get a cow. willis will get a cow to-day if he can.

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things sell so high at sales here I am making Edna two dresses I'll send you samples the red was 10 cents a yd the blue 15 cents a yard. so you can see how high every thing is I dont have to cook any dinner I have beans on cooking on the heating stove and I made a cake and salad yesterday evening for to-day I made bread enough at Breakfast. I intended to wash to-day but it was so cold. I must close write soon love to all

How is Carl? Write soon. Wish i could do something for Carl Does he read much? Edna can say all the childrens names so plain she goes around with Juju's letter saying Juju Juju. she thinks she is reading about Juju.

Good bye
Your loving girl
Lula
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Randlett, Okla.
Jan. 25--08

My Dear Mamma--

Your letter received you dont know how I felt when i read yhour letter I never dreamed Carl was that bad. How does he do when he isnt in his right mind. is he cross and hard to manage. Do you think he will die or go crazy or what. is he like Myrtle Elliott? Does he read or do anything he must be getting worse auful fast. Edna is asleep Mrs Oneal is in Dallas. her siter that was here all summer for her health (Mrs Smith) died last Sunday morning. She has 3 children two boys 11 and 13 and a little girl 4 years old. Mrs Oneal will bring her back to live with her I suppose Monday Morning.

Its only 7:40 oclock I have been through my work for just an hour. Edna has gone to sleep Willis got up at 4 oclock this morning. He was going after Posts he will be gone all day he took his dinner. It will be a long day for me as Mrs Oneal is gone too. I think I will go over there and sew to-day if the men go off any where. i havn't any Machine. I thought I could do with out untill next fall I havn't much sewing to do Edna has lots of dresses I have two more Gingham dresses to make for her she dont need them now but I thought I would make them up and then I wont have any sewing to do in the summer for Gardening time will be here in about 6 weeks and chickens and I wont have time to go away to sew. I made me a new Empire last week all but the sleeves and have made Edna 3 new Gingham dresses in the last two weeks She is so cute when she wants her dinner she will come up to me and lay her head on her shoulder and say Mamma Iny Baby titty. she means mamma's tiny Baby wants Titty. If I laugh at her she will say "Hus dat" Iny Baby (she means Hush that she's a tiny Baby) she calls all pictures of babies with long dresses on "Inies" (Tiny's) she just talks about Juju she thinks she knows who Juju is and carries Juju's letters around untill they are sights. she gets her pencil and paper and sits down and says Juju, Toy. she means she is writing to Juju and Etoy. She is like Winnie used to be. she worries me to death wanting me to show her pictures in the books and I have to tell her all about every one and she wont let me turn a leaf untill she says "now" I dont think she would ever get tired looking at pictures but I get tired and hide the books. she has an old seed catalogue and flower book and that just suits her. she calls all the flowers (Powers) except the roses. and she calls them roses she knows the difference.

Well I must quit and give this to Frank D-- to mail.
Love to all write and tell me how Carl is As Ever
Lula

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Randlett, Okla.
Feby 4--08

My Dear Mamma & all.

Will start a letter to you while Edna is asleep. I have just finished mending Willis's Sunday Coat.

He went to Wichita Falls Saturday with a load of corn and bought two of the nicest cows with calves about 2 months old. One is jersey the other is a half sister but is just mixed with jersey. they give nearly 3 - 10 pound lard buckets of milk a day. Willis saw them milked Sunday morning and they give and had been giving 4 ten pound lard buckets of milk a day. but we just begin milking yesterday and only got about 3. but he says they will do better in a few days. the milk is sure rich. just like gold. I am so proud of them I told him it looked like it was either feast or famine with us. he is like me about sweet milk so we will drink sweet milk 3 times a day from now on. Edna dont like milk very much but she dont like hardly any thing but macaroni and tomatoes and beans every day whe I start dinner she see's me put any thing on the stove in the Stewer she will say Mamma Oni? (macaroni she means) If I say no she will say Beans? when I cook she always pulls a Chair up to the cook table and stands up in it and watches me. when I sift my flour to make bread she will say. wheres de mok (milk) and i put it in then she will say Here talk (salt.) here (tuger) (soda) here and (lard) then when I cut the biscuits out she counts them she can couant one - two then as I say the other numbers she says them right after me. she knows every thing. I never saw such a kid. she has to have every thing on the place. she has been ironing this morning she gets her a dress and one of my irons and just irons I ask her this morning what she was doing? she says "iron babies jess" when she plays she just sings she like to hear any one sing only some time when she gets cranky and I happen to begin singing and she will say "Hus dat mam" and if I just keep on she just keeps on hollowing Hus dat mam a little louder each time. when she is is mad at me or acting bossy she always calls me "Mam" Other times shje says Mamma. Did I tell you the Bank of Sugden and General Merchandise Store (all in one big building burned at Sugden. the Building was very large brick. belongs to Mr Gibson and it was finished up so pretty inside just like a city store they only been in it since July. Mr Gibson got \$2550.00 insurance on the building and the Bank furniture was a total loss and they had nice Furniture and fixtures the lenolium on the "Bank cost \$100.00 and they just put it down in Nov or Dec. I just had a long letter from Mrs Gibson Saturday. Also had a letter from Etoy she sent a little picture of her self. I'll send it to yhou to see. its just like her. I showed it to Edna and ask her who it was and she just hollowed Toyu. Toy Oh Toy and she has to show it to every body.

Lum Dawkins and wife have opened up their General Store at Sugden. How is Carl? Semms like its been a good while since I heard from you. I am afraid he is worse. How are the other children? How is Grandma? Does the Children still worry her? looks like they are getting big enough not to worry any one. Well I must quit write soon As Ever Your Girl
Love to all
Lula

P.S. Mr Briscoe is in Mexico has built him a house and fencing his place (Willis is fencing to-day)

{Margin note: We are going to wean Edna Thursday as the signs are right and Etoy and Mr B-- are here to help. I guess you are glad you are far away.}

Randlett, Okla

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Feb 24--08

My Dear Mamma & all--

I received your letter Saturday. Etoy and Mr Briscoe came Saturday Etoy will stay untill the Middle of March. Then they are going to New Mexico to live.

willis has bought him another nice mule team for \$300.00 so he has 4 good mules now. He went to wichita Falls wednesday and got 2 sacks of seed irish potatoes and 6 gal onion sets. We ordered our other Garden seed. he has the garden all fixed ready to plant. have the potatoes cut and will plant this week. It has rained all this morning. Its been so bad for two weeks I havn't washed all the Cloths. the wind has blowed so hard we couldn't do any thing. they have had two bad cyclones in Texas the last two weeks. It thundered like summer time this morning. May be we will have better weather. wheat is better than its been for 4 or 5 years. Grampa suggs died at Sugden last Sunday week. Cora Tucker killed her self last week. drank Carbolic acid. she left a note saying she was tired of working the the Store and believed she was loosing her mind and didn't want to be any trouble to the folks. she was the one next to Miss Nannie (the oldest at home).

We lost Etoys picture. I guess we cant find it. I'll send you one of Edna's little shoes for Keep sake its ones she had her picture taken in. her foot isn't much bigger yet she wears no 3 now and they are large. Etoy is combing and fixing on Ednas hair has it parted on the side with big black bow and the back curled. she looks so cute. but she just now shook her head so hard and almost spoiled it she is just rotten when Etoy is here (Edna) she has on a little pink check Buster Brown dress made opened down the side at top and slants to middle front at the bottom it dont come to her knees and black stockings and little black patent leather shoes. she is the cutest thing.

Etoy just ask her if her Day (Papa) brought her candy whe he went to town. And she says (no-o-o). I said he does too and she says "Ah Mam" but he does he never fails to bring her candy. he thinks she is the smartest Kid. if she gets a sticker in her she wont let me get it out she always goes to Day and sits just as still while he gets it out. she just talks all the time she gets her a pillow and some thing to cover up with and lays down. and says Oh Me Mam Oh me toe tick (so sick) and never cracks a smile. and just grunts and take on like she is about to die. Well I must quit and bring in some wood. We have to Keep a little fire on account it being so damp.

How is Carl. I hope is still better love to all Juju must like to go to school I think she does fine. Edna just laughs out loud all the time since Etoy has been here. first time she has been with a Child since Xmas when she was here before. I must quit. Write soon.

Love to all
As Ever ;your Girl
Lula
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Randlett. okla.
Mar. 5--08

My Dear Mamma & all--

well this a regular March daqy. so windy and warm. the daisies are so pretty. Etoy and Edna gathers so many.

We planted 5 bushels Irish potatoes 6 gal onion sets two papers of onion
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seed radishes and lettuce. beded a bushel of sweet potatoes and I have planted cabbage, tomatoes and pepper in hot beds. Willis will begin planting corn the 15th. Grass is getting green.

We didn't have a bit of trouble weaning Edna. I blacked the breast and she never did ask for it after she saw it. but she would come up to me and say, "Want see back" (black) and I would show it to her and she would laugh. When Willis come in from work he always asks her if Mam has bused the baby to-day? And she always says yes or used to nod her head yes then he gets after me and tells her I had better not buse his baby. so last night she didn't wait for him to ask her. as soon as he come in she says Day Mam bused the Baby.

I said no I didn't and she just pointed her finger at me and says Mam you buse Baby and look so mad. she is a little spit fire. Willis thinks she is the smartest thing. she can talk most as good as any body. she knows and can tell you all four of the mules names and one of the cows our dogs name Mr Oneals dogs name and Mr Willis dogs name. she talks to every thing like they are people if she sees Mrs Oneals dogs she will say Hello Dutch. if he comes up to her she puts her arm around his neck and say Ah Dutch Ah Dutch. same way with Mrs Willis's dog its name is Penny and its a little dog. she loves to play with Penny. every time I churn she wants to know if I am "Matin butter" she knows all about every thing. she is getting her monkey doll and rag dog to sleep now has them all on the bed on the floor pillow and covering them up with every thing she can find and whispering around "teepy"

I have 13 balls of carpet rags tacked. I have not been feeling well took a pill Saturday night and was in bed nearly all day Sunday. first Medicine I had taken in a year I guess Etoy is Still here I must quit and get to work here is Winnie some hair ribbon or any thing she wants it for. its off my hat. but I thought she could use it.

How is Carl and all the children.

Write Soon As ever

Lula

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Tuesday--April 14--08

I havn't had a chance to mail your letter yet. but received one from you yesterday. I do hope Carl is better by now.

Mrs Davidson was to see me to-day brought me a hen with 16 little chickens. Mrs Oneal gave me a hen with 15 little chickens this week too. and Willis bought me 13 hens so I am getting along fine in the chicken business. My garden is the nicest garden by far I ever had. I think every seed has come up. We have had the finest rain this is the first day and night it hasn't rained since last Tuesday night just a slow gentle rain.

I have lettuce nearly large enough to eat also radishes have lots of beets, beans, mustard turnips up have onions to eat have been eating them for a week. they are as large as my little finger and some larger our irish potato tops are a foot high and big around (spread out I mean) as a waqter bucket. I think we will have potatoes in 3 or 4 weeks every thing looks so promising now If it will only hold out. Edna has been sick several days but is about all right to-day only aful cross wants every thing and says shes tired all time. She was at the table and had pie on her plate and wouldn't eat. Willis ask her what was the matter did she feel bad she says "no I'm tired" I says what you tired of tired of play? she says no tired of pie.

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every time she hears the little chickens cheep. she will say whats the matter little Birds? crying for tittie? Don'[t cry. dont cry. TEhe old hen jumped on her and pecked her on the head and she is afraid to get close by. but she stands off and says "Hen let Baby have little birds. she will just talk and beg the old hen. you would laugh if you could see and hear her. she will say Hen dont bite the Baby. This is Mamma's baby all the Baby Mamma's dot.

I have told her she was all the Baby I had. she has told the cows and mules both not to hurt her shes all the Baby Mamma's dot. she is the cutest baby I ever saw. I guess she is lonesome the reason she talks to every thing I cdouble write a tablet full of stuff she says and then not tell you all she says in one day. for she talks all the time.

Good night.

Lula

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Randlett. Okla.

April 9--08

My Dear Mamma & all--

I have put off mailing to you because I was out of stamped envelopes. but I won't any longer. Looks like no body will ever go to town again. We have a black smith shop in just 1/2 mile from us so the Men don't have to go to town very often. It has rained for nearly a week. We sure have a good season in the ground. Willis got through planting corn last Saturday he planted 90 acres. going to put 30 in cotton thats all we are supposed to break out on these leases but we have 10 acres more broke. have a 4 acre Millet patch. a good big sorghum patch and an acre and 1/2 in garden water melons and cantelopes.

I see in this weeks Kansas City Star where some lady has sent a receipt for canning corn just like you sent me. Do you can beans or tomatoes that way? I want to put up lots of stuff this year. I put up 9 gallons of cucumber pickles last year and I believe they were the best pickles I ever eat. and we can raise car loads of cucumbers here. its the finest place to raise them I ever saw. I just soak them over night in strong salt water then take them out and put in glass or stone jars put in a pod of green pepper here and there put vinegar on the Stove and spices in it let it come to a boil and pour over the cucumbers. I put one third of vinegar water and seal them up. on the Stone jars I just put a rag and paste like I used to see you fix preserves and i believe they will keep for ever. they are so easy to put up and keep. I didn't put up any corn last year but Edna was so little seemed like I couldn't get time but this summer she won't be any trouble and I want to fill my dugout with good stuff. I cleaned it all out Monday and fixed up my lantern for storms. We havn't had any storm clouds so far. but I wanted to be ready. I have a hen setting one of my hens died so I only have 4 but Mrs Oneal Mrs Willis and Mrs Davidson have all three set me a hen. I sure have good neighbors but willis bought me some chickens yesterday and will go after them to-day if it quits raining about 8 miles from here. had to pay \$4.20 a dozen for them we dont know how many the woman will let him have. I am sure glad too If I only get a dozen

Edna thinks little chickens are the prettiest things she calls them birds I was at Mrs oneals the other day and went out in the yard to see where she (Edna) was and she was following the old hen and chickens around holding out one little hand saying "hen let Baby have the birds Say hen let Baby have little birds." She went all over the place saying that she talks so cute she puts say before ever thing and every thing we talk about getting or buying she always listens and always says "Let Baby have it." and every thing I start to do. its Let Baby help Mamma. or Let

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Baby milk jerseyu. I milk in the evening and Willis milks in the mornings and when I start to milk she always carries one bucket and say Let Baby milk Jersey. she is getting so she calls me Mammie part of the time. she thinks its awful funny

I expect you have ordered your suit by now. but I think brown is more serviceable than black in this country where there is so much sand. I dont know how it would be out there I hope Carl is getting along all right also the other children.

Did I ever tell you Mrs Frank Marshall had a baby boy I guess its 2 or 3 months old by now. Ola Porterfield and Mr Jones at Sugden were married Sunday week. he has plenty of money but is a drunk and you may remember him. one of the Barnes Girls (Ethel I think) contested his place out there by Sugden long time ago. We get 4 gallons of milk a day. I must quit write soon As Ever Your Girl

Lula

Love to all

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Randlett Okla
May 6--08

My Dear Mamma & all--

I guess you think we are sick but we are not all well as can be all but my little chickens I had 40 and only have 28 left and one hen died to-day. I believe they have Cholera. We are having a Cold Spell. Coldest since 1st of March but havn't had any frost. Mrs Davidson said they had frost one morning last week but their place is so much lower than ours our Irish potatoes are nhearly as large as hen eggs. We have lettuce, onions, radishes and Turnip and Mustard greens to eat. Edna is writing to Etoy. When I began to write she says wheres Babys pencil want write to Toy. she is the cutest kid I ever saw

she has two little rabbits running around in the house Willis caught when he was plowing. every little while she will say "nice little rabbghits Mamma?" when Willis starts to work he says. I am going Good bye Babe. she will say Bye Day be Dood. Doing to plow Tom Day? he will be fixing on some implement he always oils his implement he is using at dinner always brings them to the house at noon she will go up to him every time and say--Day Day what you doing fixing your plow? When he comes in the house and I get to talking to him she says Hush Mamma let Baby talk to Day. she wants to help but every little thing she does she grunts and says Oh me Baby tow tired. you have her named right when you call her the bused Baby for she says she is bused 20 times aday. If I tell her not to do any thing she will she will get her dress dirty or any little thing she puts her arm up over her eyes and say Mamma buse baby. she is standing by me now saying "want me to bite your nose Mamma?" I just quit as I have a chance to mail this

Love to all
As Ever Lula

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Randlett. Okla
May 13--08

My Dear Mamma--

Well tomorrow is our girls Birthdays. I havn't a thing for either I havn't been to a town since February then I was only at Randlett. We have had big rains yesterday and to-day. regular gulley washers and the

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hardest wind storm yesterday evening and again this morning yesterday evening the wind was in the East and we never thought about it storming and was eating supper and the afullest puff of wind come Nearly blowed the east door in you could see daylight all the way around I had 5 hens setting one would have hatched Friday the others part next week and the next and it blowed all the nest down hens and all. the nests were all made in a frame together it blowed them bottom side up. We also have a big box out in the yard. It is all I can do to turn it over. it picked it up and carried it about 30 feet and over top of the wood pile. It nearly scared me to death. and willis jumped up to hold the door. It had rained all after noon and we didn't think of such a thing. but this morning when we were eating Breakfast a storm come up and willis grabed Edna out of her chair and said les go to the dug out. so we went. the wind blowed aful hard every one said. but we couldn't hear it. it blowed a church down also a house at Randlett. we haven't had but one or two pretty days this Month. The windc has blowed so hard day and night I dont know how many time we have been to the dug out this month. willis is getting as scarry as I am. but the papers are full of cyclones the Storm this morning had lots of hail and beat up the gardens pretty bad. I set out 78 tomatoe plants this evening. I will have over a hundred out. our Irish potatoes are as large as they were last year. we are eating them all the time. I got some to-day nearly as large as a tea-cup. we have greens (turnip and mustard) onions and radishes. the hail ruined my lettuce. My beans are blooming.

Edna dont drink milk. I thought when I weaned her she would like it but she hasn't never drank as much as a tea-cup full in her life put to-gether. si try to get her to taste it but she always says No Mamma I don't like Jerseys milk. she makes like she is sick and tries the throw up. when willis comes in and punches her she will say Don't bother the Baby Day she likes for me to braid her hair in two braids and put bows of ribbon on them. she gets the ribbons and comb and brush and comes to me and says. Fix Babys hair like Toys. she has got so she puts this morning or this "seaving" (evening) to every thing. she was in the crib when I was milking this evening and she wanted out before I got through she says Baby dont want to stay in crib this morning she dont know morning from evening but just so she gets one or the other to it. she puts on so when she talks and twists and turns her head to one side she is all Briscoe when she sings "Little Boy went out to shoot one day Cookcoo the Little bird laughed till it died she just sings that much just that way then she stops and says "Poor little bird laughed till it died." she has a little rabbit a little kitten she says its not a little Kitten its a "little Tom." and 4 little tiny pups (shepherd) you would laugh if you could see her loving them. she puts them in her lap and says. Don't Cry little puppy Baby loves you Baby wont hurt you nice little puppy nice little eyes. I guess I have told Juju enough about Edna this time I do hope Carl is better I know you have lots to worry you besides the work but I guess winnie is more help to you than I ever was. I must quit and go to bed write often Love to all As Ever Your Girl

Lula

{Margin note: here is winnie another ribbon for hair or neck. also a little piece of footing for Handkerchiefs if she makes them.}

Randlett. Okla
May 24--08

My Dear Mamma & all.

Well we have had another terrible storm and rain. I aught to call it a flood water stood on the ground 7 or 8 inches deep. willis is uneasy about his cotton. I never saw such a month every little rain the wind blows so hard and every day it blows like it was March. It looks like so

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much rain the wind would quit blowing well I just received your letter telling me of John Page. No I would not have felt bad at all for you to have Married him would have been glad you had some one to help you I never was so sorry of any thing than to hear of his death some way i feel like may be he didn't die. There are so many mistakes over telephones seems like you have more than your share of trouble. but Maybe its all for the best I always try to think that way. I hope Carl is better. Did they bury Mr Page at Canyon City Oregon? how old was he did he have any money or anything

I know you feel like you will never have a home now but there is Frank almost a man. We have had more storms We go to the dugout about every other day. The rains have been such hard beating rains lots of people have had to plant cotton over. Willis says he is afraid to look at the other end of his corn is fine is between waist and knee high. Willis is going over his the third time he wants to plow it again but says he is afraid he can't its growing so fast. he has four mules to the cultivator and rushes them along but it takes 10 days of pretty weather to get over the 90 acres. I have hoed in the garden untill I am tired I cant keep the grass burrs out at all he went for brush to make aqn Arbor for the hogs I dont know what time we started but it must have been after seven and we were back home at nine oclock and I got 3 water buckets full of grapes. We had a letter from Mr Briscoe and Etoy they are so dissatisfied with New Mexico. its so dry and windy he says he sure made a big mistake by going. I am glad Willis didn't try to stay. Red River was higher Sunday than its been since we have lived here. people in Cache Creek bottoms and Deep Red have had house wagons teams, k hogs and every thing washed away last week the Ferry and bridge both washed away on Cache and New R.R. Bridge on Red River that was build last year, 9 miles from us, nearly went. the trains have not been crossing it is so dangerous. well I must quit as this is all the paper I have and Edna has marked all over it .

Love to all
Lula

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{Margin note: Edna has marked on this so I don't think you can hardly read it.}

Randlett. Okla.
June 14--1908

My Dear Mamma--

I have neglected writing because i didn't have enough of paper but I'll write what I have up. I always forget to send for a tablet and Willis hasn't been to town for quite a while. We have been having such awful storms I never saw the like one last Sunday week blowed Mrs Davidson's house off the foundation turned her safe over and broke nearly all her dishes. So many people live in tents up here but there wasnt a tent left in the country. it took every one and blowed away and tore up every thing people had. We have a neighbor joining us on the East he lived in tents all floored and fixed up good but it blowed it away broke a right new stove all to pieces iron bed steads and every thing they had he began putting him up a house next day he had been so busy he had not had time but took time we faired all OK in the dug out but it blowed things off the shelves and every thing was wet as could be. Willis said I wouldn't have taken \$10.00 for my dug out that one night I told him no I wouldn't the next Tuesday we had another one it Killed a man 5 or 6 miles from us We sure go to the dugout every little cloud I dont think we have had a Clear night for two months. And such rains, wash outs and floods Red River was higher than its been since 1888. I'll send you some clippings for the paper. I saw in last weeks paper where 5000 people were homeless in Ft.

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worth and more than that in Dallas. Waurika has been all under water people that lived in Cache Creek and Red River bottoms have had houses, stock and crops all washed away Cache was 4 miles wide and you know its not a wide Stream I am glad for once we are on the hill. our cotton suffered from the terrible rains but Corn is fine it is tasseling. Willis says if it dont rain any this week and he can finish plowing it then if it rains again he will make 50 bushel to the acre people that had wheat and oats had the finest crops ever Known in this country for years. but thousands of acres have been ruined by the rains I have little cucumbers Edna is saying Baby wants write to "Dannie" she calls you Dannie all time and we always say Grand ma to her. I'll send you some of her hair I have bobed it and this little curl I am sending was the sweetest one it always hung down the middle of the back of her head and showed below her little bonnet tail her hair was so hot around her neck and she wouldn't leave it tied up so I bobed it just below her ears. I dont believe she is quite as pretty. It is real warm Edna just wears her little dress and drawers and waist she is playing she is cooking green beans now. has found some old jar rubbers and broke them up in little pieces and says she is "taking black beans" she calls green beans black beans she loves a baby or child better than any thing she calls at Baby a winy she means (tiny) I must quit as this is all the paper I have I hope you are all well write soon As ever

Your Lula

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Randlett. Okla
July 1--08

My Dear Mamma & all--

As Willis is going to town if he can get there in the morning I will write you a few lines. Caruth GTriffith could not get there this evening horse back he said. It rains nearly every day. last week was the prettiest week we have had this spring. Willis got 5 cotton choppers and got his cotton all chopped out and he followed the hoes with the plow. We only had one big rain last week. Willis got through with his cotton all but plowing 6 half mile rows Saturday night and he was sure lucky it has rained every since untill people couldn't work. thats all the work we have hired done this year it cost us \$19.90 and Willis is going to the Thresher to work and make it back next week. Our crop is fine looks just like a garden its so clean and nice We have had roasting ears all this week. We are done with the corn and wont have to plow the cotton more than twice more. We havn't had any hot weather at all so far. We will soon have water melons and cantelopes. Willis said this morning he had the best crop he ever saw so far. but there are people not more than three miles from us who havn't much of any thing. I have a neighbor who lives on Frank Davidsons lease across the lane South of us. her name is Mrs Smith she used to be Clara Reeves she said she Knew you and Papa well and used to Know me when I was little. she has seven Children living and two dead. she has a little Baby two months old. I appreciated Jujus and Mays picture so much when I opened the letter Willis and I said we guessed it was some of the Kin folks. I never would have known it was Juju. she looks so large and not a thing like the rest of us. Edna is so bad I can't half write she is crying to Rock now. she is spoiled to be rocked to sleep. if we go to bed she is all right but I can't sit up and do a thing at night I am glad Carl is better. Mr Hughes (Viola & Etoila's Papa) moved to Randlett and built a fine Hotell and had it furnished five people said and just had been running a month and it burned down We heard he didn't have any insurance on it.

I am anxious to hear from Sugden you KInow yesterday waqs the County-seat election day. I am going to send Juju something some day if I ever go to town. but I havn't been to town since February or hardly off the place.

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I dont have any way to go. and willis and I can't very well leave at the same time. so I stay at home. he does too only when he has to go to town. Edna never has been to church or any kind of a social gathering except a funeral and a Circus when we were at Marlow. and I havn't either since long before she was born. They are going to have a picnic the 4th at Randlett but we are not going well I must quit and put this kid to bed love to all

Lula

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Randlett. Okla
July 20--08

My Dear Mamma--

I will write you a few lines to-night as willis is going to Randlett to-morrow to take some potatoes and Onions to sell. We have been digging potatoes or willis dug them with plow and we have been picking them up the whole afternoon. I am so tired I can hardly write. I am not a bit account I get tired so quick in fact I am tired all the time. willis says I was born tired and I guess i was but I was sick all last week with my face. I had tooth ache till my face was swelled big enough to two faces on one side. I have a broken tooth and it was the one that hurt me when my tooth would be hurting so bad I would say Oh my face hurts so bad. Edna would come up and say Poor winy Mamma pace hurt Mamma? Let Baby wub it and she takes her hand and just rub my face then she would say let Baby tish it. and she would Kiss my face she is the sweetest thing so sympathetic and she says every thing so sweet. she puts her little doll plates over her little cup and wraps a wet cloth around it an says its her butter she sees me fix mine that way. the weather is fine. we havn't hardly had a hot day The coolest summer we ever had. We have had a few ripe melons. our corn is so nice and Cotton growing so fast the Indians that own the place were here yesterday they were so well pleased with every thing said the crop lookes so clean and nice said it was way way above the average. They say Edna is the prettiest and cutest Baby thj ever saw. I guess they Kissed her a hundred times. They have a Baby just two months older than she is but its so black. when Edna hits me or hurts me she will pat my face and say Dont "ty" I wont hurt you. Boys do hurt Mammass.

Your dresses were so pretty. I havn't had a summer dress or hat since I left Sugden but its like Willis says its my own fault. Edna has plenty of nice dresses but never gets to wear them Its too bad your crop is not any better looks like when you have rain its dry here and when we have rain you are dry. I guess Frank feels big to run a race does the pony belong to Frank and where did he get it? our roasting ears are nearly gone all too hards. we will make at least 3000 bushels of corn. or its all ready made will have 2200 bushels to sell 800 bushels will do us. All the rent we have to pay on this place is \$88.00 a year We have it for two more years at that price and then it wont be less than \$1.50 or \$2.00 and acre and may be higher. Its certainly a fine place. willis worked at the thresher accross the River 5 days got #3.00 a day he is going back this week. he had to come home to plow his cotton over and dig the potatoes. we will have about 25 bushels of potatoes they are \$1.10 a bushel at Randlett we heard. onions are a good price too. we have several bushels of onions. we have to sell most of the onions and potatoes for we cant use them before they rot the onions have already begin to rot and every body else is loosing thier potatoes so we are going to sell nearly all of ours we are going to plant a fall crop too. willis is going to replant tomorrow. our Sweet potatoes look real nice. willis layed his cotton by last week so we are done with the crop untill gathering time willis has to go about 15 miles to the thresher on account of the River up all the time has to go by the Bridge well I must quit

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and go to bed

love to all
your girl
Lula

Did Aunt Lillian Come?

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{Margin note: Sept 18 - I havn't had a chance to mail this we are all well.}

Randlett. Okla
Sept 7--08

My Dear Mamma--

I aught to have written yesterday but it was so terrible hot. I had forgotten how hot is could get here untill the last week. and its been so sultry and hot we could hardly breathe every thing in The house gets so hot it almost burns you Willis went to Burkburnett, Tex. this morning he is hauling wheat and oats for a man. he put all four mules to his wagon and said he would haul 75 Bushels Burkburnett is only 4 miles from us but he has to go around by the bridge and that makes it 13 miles. We got up at 4 oclock he wanted to get off early before it got so hot he will ford the River coming back. I told him not to go first let the man that own the wheat go first. the River has been doing so bad lately its up one day and down the next. Mr & Mrs Lewis came over here Friday about noon They just live a mile on the other Side of the River just 3 miles from us They started back home that evening and got to the River and it was up so they had to come back here and stay all night and go back by the bridge which made it 18 miles home. but it was fordable again yesterday Willis intended hauling corn to Wichita Falls this week it is 60 and 65 cents a bushel. corn is heavy now and he has nothing particular to do and thought he would like to sell 1000 bushels now if the River stayed down so he could haul it but Mr. Allen came last night to get him to haul grain so he went to help him a couple or three days. Our cotton will be ready to pick in two or three weeks. I dreade to have pickers and such little room I dont think we will make more than 10 bales the bowl worm has been working in it They have just ruined nearly all the cotton down the river two or 3 miles. when we came up here last Dec. we bought two sows and 5 Shoats we have 39 head hogs now we gave one pig away last March would have made 40. We have been having a time Keeping the screw worms out of them every little scratch gets worms in it Willis went to Sugden he said it was awful dull

Mrs Gibson sent Edna two new dresses (the goods) a toe sack of popcorn a pumpkin and a toe sack half full of cabbage she raises them all her self. Gip and Hall cleaver sent Edna a banty hen and rooster both white she is so proud of them she can catch them and carry them around. We have nice sweet potatoes and blackeyed peas and June corn roasting ears. new now. Edna has been worried to-day. she didn't tell Willis good bye she forgot it she ask me if I told him good bye I told her no she said she did didn't. she was talking to him all time he was getting in the wagon saying. Are you going to buy Baby a wagon? he said no not to day. she says doing to buy Baby a Buggy he told her no not to-day. so she says doing to buy Baby some cand? he said yes and drove off and she forgot to say good bye and I guess he did too. she stays out with him all the time he is at the house and just talks him to death. when he starts out doors she will jump up and quit playing and say what you doing to do Day? He will tell her then she begins to say put my sippers on Mamma Baby doing watch Day. How is Carl you didn't say anything about him in your last letter. I must quit and write to Mrs Gibson and thank her for Edna's dresses I'll send you saqmples of Edna's new dresses.

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Love to all
Write Soon As Ever
Your Girl
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Randlett, Okla
Oct 7--08

My Dear mamma & all

I received the picture Monday was so glad to get it, but it made me feel bad to think my brothers and sisters had changed so much. You look natural Willis or I either dont think you look a day older than you did when you left but I would have known Winnie but the rest I would never have known. It don't look a thing like them. I put Aunt Dona's and Uncle Wills picture over you and Winnie and Juju and showed Willis and ask him if he ever saw any of those boys he looked for a long time and said seems like I have some where but I don't know who they could be I told him who they were he said he wouldn't have known any of the children. Though he says now that Elmers looks more like himself than the rest do. but i can't see how Frank can look like that picture. There isn't a feature that looks like he used too except I would know his ears any where. Mrs Oneal says he will make a handsome man because he is so good looking at his age now.

Carl looks nice too he holds his self like Will Parks and looks a little like him. he is good looking I think. If he was only well but I say that every day of my life. I couldn't keep from crying when I looked at his picture so nice looking and smart looking and thing of his wasted life.

Juju looks like such a sweet child so different from the rest. Winnie looks nice too you all look nice to me. your dress is all right I appreciated Aunt Dons and Uncle Wills picture too. Their little girl is pretty and sweet I know.

We had a big rain last night also one night before last lots of thunder and lightening It thundered so loud that Edna got so close to me and said "I faid old thunder dit me." she talks so cute. Willis comes in and says where is my Baby? if she is in a good humor she will say "here she is." If she is mad she says You aint dot any Baby. when she is mad at Willis she comes to me to be petted. she wanted the hammer awhile ago and says "I want my hamma" I said I wasn't going to hunt it for I didn't know where it was. she says "I cy you dont dit my hamma" for me. I told her all right cry. but she didn't cry she talks like she is putting on.

We havn't begun picking Cotton only Charlie picked 800 pounds last week that is 1/2 bale. Cotton is so slow about opening. its so rank that the sun cant get to it If frost holds off we will make lots of cotton. We had a cool spell but no frost. It is cool and pleasant now.

Edna has a little white flannel skirt on but is still going bare footed. she has a sore toe stumped it on the ax. I ordered her some pretty little tan shoes and stockings but they havn't come. she has slippers but she wont wear them only out doors. just as soon as she comes in the house she pulls them off

Willis is plowing this afternoon where he had gathered some corn its to wet to gather corn to haul so he didn't have any thing to do so said he would start plowing his corn land. Its just a small land he has gathered but every little helps when one person has it all to do. he cut wood this morning and shocked some sorghum for the cows our cows will soon be

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dry. I still make all the butter we can use well I just quit and gather my green tomatoes I want to make chow chow tomorrow

Love to all
As Ever Lula
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Randlett. Okla
Nov. 14--08

My Dear Mamma--

Your letters received was glad to hear from you. Many thanks for the Cards they were so cute Edna loves pictures better than any thing she is out playing now she talks to her self all the time Thats how I keep up with her. I had a letter from Mrs Cleaver They have a 13 pound boy at their house, born Nov. 7.

Mr & Mrs McIntyre have a little girl. Tom Beaver and wife have a girl. Van Suggs and wife have another baby. Thats two children they have.

I think Mr Bush aught to pay his rent. people at Sugden sure have it in for him I think he acted a fraud about the Co seat and Mr & Mrs Davidson just come from there and they say its the general opinion of the people when he left Sugden he gave the Key of your house to Mr Gibson and Mr Gibson has rented it to Dr Collins at \$5.00 a month. and he wrote me for your address and I have written the letter to send it to him to-day. I saw a Cornish paper that wrote Mr Bush up pretty bad. There were letters from nearly all the towns in Jefferson County in the Cornish paper and all saying he never worked their towns or made a speech and he beat Sugden people out of all that money and he aught to be exposed to the public The Farmers Union at the towns were the ones who wrote They said they had property at Sugden (they have a gin and big ware house) and would have voted for Sugden but no one come around and they didn't think sugden wanted the Co seat. We had a hard freeze last night. Willis had to work on the old well and Pump all morning I was pumping water yesterday evening and it broke Nov 18 We have four cotton pickers this week but we dont board them we pay \$1.00 a hundred and them board them selves or 75 cents and board but we havn't room for them then it makes more work and Willis got pickers that boarded them selves Cotton is only 8:80 a hundred when its gined or 2:50 in the seede. so you see the pickers get as much as the farmer. for it takes 50 cents to plant it work it and chop it out. Cotton is lower that its been for 5 years. We think it will go up Willis got 55 Cents for corn yesterday he isn't going to haul any more after this week We have sold 1000 bushels. We bought our last span of mules on credit and had them to pay for this month or we wouldn't have sold as much corn as we have for its sure to go to 75 cents before spring every one says We wanted to be out of debt as soon as possible and we will be the end of this week. I guess I told you Mr Cleaver sold out at Ryan and is going to farm We are looking for him the last of this week. Well I must quit Little tiny winy is crying love to all

Lula
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Randlett. Okla
Dec 8--08

My Dear Mamma & all

Your letter received saying you were sick. I am so uneasy about you. It scares me so to think of you being sick in bed. I hope I can get mail to-morrow and hear you are up. I dreamed you, Juju and Carl were here last night and Mrs Young. I hadn't thought of Mrs Young for a long time. but I was looking at Little Tiny Winy if she had a flat nose like Edna

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she would look just like Carl she has eyes and fore head just like him every time I look at her I think of Carl. and her mouth and Cheeks and Chin look just like Juju, but she isn't as pretty as Juju for she has such a big nose (her Daddy's nose) Edna is like Willis all but her nose. Mrs Oneal says Little Tiny Winy looks just like you. I think she is getting prettier every day. she just laughs when you talk to her. she weighed 13 pounds when she was a month old.

I washed nearly all day to-day. Mr Briscoe and Etoy will be here next week I guess They will just about stay here I guess. Mrs Oneal said to-day It took me all day to wash now it would take me all week when Etoy and Mr B-- comes. I am so slow but I do have awful big washings I get every thing dirty on the place every week. I try to keep the Kids Clean. I never could stand dirty Children on the inside or the Out Side.

Edna thought her cards were so pretty she loves pictures better than any thing. she has me tell her every day about Juju lives in Washington well I will have to quit and take the Baby and undress Edna Dec 9 Tell Juju Edna will write to her next time as Willis is going to town in a few minutes. Edna is standing here saying. Old Doctor have to come fix my Grandma too. I want my Grandma to dit up. I have to do see My Grandma too. Dat my Grandma Mamma. she Keeps wanting me to answer her and talking it over and over. a fly flew in the lamp Chimney and burned and she is have a spell wants me to get the fly out she just jabbers all the time she has quit the fly now and saying Poor Grandma sick have to send my Grandma som cake. She will be so tickled to see Etoy. I will have to Stop love to all i hope Carl is getting all right how often does he have his spells? and does his mind seem abetter?

Write soon As Ever

Lula

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Randlett. Okla.

Dec. 16--08

My Dear Mamma & all.

I am so uneasy about you. I am nearly sick. I can't hear from you havn't had any Mail since Sunday. Willis went to Burk Burnett to-day with a Bale of Cotton didn't get but 8 cents for it Cotton is down so low. Dr Dice has moved to Burk Burnett so you will know if we get bad sick we will have a good Dr. I had a letter from Mable she had been sick all fall as usual. but had been to Okla City, Okla to the Fair also to Norman Okla. They were in debt and wouldn't pay out this year she said. I wrote and told her we didn't owe any thing and had plenty to keep up another year if we spent it right. Willis went to a public Sale yesterday and bought me a Machine but I was so dissapointed I wanted a new one. he said if I didn't want it he would get rid of it but I guess I'll keep it I made Edna a dress to-day and it sewed very well its only been used 5 years but its been treated rough. I do hope you are up. I wish some one would go to Randlett to-morrow. We have had and are still having trouble with our new well. had to pull out the pump pipe and casing last Saturday and Willis took the casing to town and had each joint sordered air tight or "sand tight". and we could get just worlds of water the day he put the casing back but it caved in while the casing was out and we had to dig it over it was only out one day and now since they worked and fixed it back we can only get two buckets of water at a time. so we have to haul too. It fills up with sand from the bottom. We havn't Killed hogs yet intended to this week but the weather is so warm to warm for fire in heating stove and we have the outside doors open all day. The Babies are well Little Baby grows so fast she can laugh out loud now. Willis said this morning we would sell the old machine. Man like he thought it was just the thing to do.

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Well I have to quit Mr Oneal is going to town. We have a letter started for Juju but havn't time to finish love to all I hope you will be well when this reaches you. Guess I'll hear from you to-day

Good bye
Lula

Edna got Lula this envelope and ruined it its the last one I have and i have to use it or wait untill another time so I'll just send it on. I have my fruit cake baked for Xmas baked it last Sunday.

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{Margin note: I hate to see you start out for your self on account of Carl but may be you can get along all right. I know Frank is a good boy. he just looks good and true in his picture. and that kind of a boy can always get work.}

Randlett. Okla
Dec. 20--08

My Dear mamma & all

Your very welcome letter received yesterday. I was so glad you were better. I wish you were up and was going to spend Xmas with us although our Xmas will be slim for we have so much work to do. will have cotton pickers All this week and next. and want to Kill a hog this week too. Here is \$5.00 for your Xmas present. I wish I was able to make it \$500.00 I would sure do it.

I may go to town this week if its pretty weather and I can get off and may be I can find something for the Children. you surely didn't get my letter telling you that Mr Bush left your Key to your house with Mr Gibson and that Mr Gibson had rented it to Dr Collins he wrote me for your address and I sent it to him has Mr Bush paid up All the rent? They are building a fine school building at Sugden now. and not a vacant house in town you might write Dr Collins about buying your place. he has gone back there to stay he is a nice man. he went to Mexico remember with Willis and waited on me when Edna was born. If I was going to Sugden soon i could find out about property but i cant go before Summer. but I think its pretty cheap Mr Davidson sold his Hotel and he said sold it so Cheap he wouldn't tell what he did get for it. The party who bought it is going to tear it down and move it back to Ryan so you know they never gave much for it. One of our Cows is about to die. acts like a horse with distemper neck all swelled up. we thought she was choked but she eats all right. We sold two yearlings to the butcher Friday got \$27.75 for the two. The butcher told Willis they were the best yearling he had seen this year the two weighed 1110 pounds. They were so fat and nice they killed both of them before Willis left town. Willis bought him a real pretty new suit for 20.00 and you know he always looks so nice in his clothes. he dressed up a while ago and has gone over to Mrs Oneals. The babies are both asleep. Edna went to sleep before I had time to bath her. A Mr Gore a man who picked cotton for us sent Edna some dishes, Candy, all kinds of mixed nuts, apples and bananas yesterday by Willis from Randlett. I guess they all must have cost 4 or 5 dollars you never saw such a lot of stuff Edna just loved him she would ride onh his cotton sack and always when talking about him called him "my man" when she would see him coming she would say "I see my man coming Mamma" he thinks she is the only kid he calls her "The little kid." We have 7 more little pups. Mrs Oneal says she can tell a poor man lives here for we have so many dogs and girl babies. Willis ask her what about the little pigs and pie melons. We have hundreds of pie melons or citrons piled up by the hog pen for the hogs.

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here are some New Year Cards for the Children to send away if they get them in time. Edna will send them all a Xmas Post Card. Little Tiny Winy is 2 months old to-day. Ida snearly is married so Mable wrote me. I saw Mrs Smith yesterday. They are going to move about the 1st of January. Frank Davidson and his wife will live where they do just a mile from us. Mrs Smith said she was slender when she was a girl but she is a whale now wieghs nearly two hundred There are more two hundred pound women in this country than I ever saw in my life. I was glad to get Cousin Joe's letter. I wish Aunt could live with you where ever you go she would be so much company and help to you. and I dont believe a better woman ever lived than Aunt Beckett do you?

Well I must quit Wishing you all Merry Xmas and Happy New Year -- Yours
Lula

I am so sorry Frank got hurt maby he will get all right soon don't worry every thing is for the best. I try to Keep that before my eyes all time
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{Note on letter: Dec 21-1908 Make believe letter from Edna to Juletta,
Juletta now 9 yrs.}

Randlett Okla
Dec 21--08

Miss Julia Brannon Pomeroy Wash

Dear Aunt Juju--

I like you letter fine and I told my Mamma to tell you about Tiny Winy. you can write so nice when I grow big I can write. I have on my new dress made like Etoys with a belt and I think it is fine My Papa has Killed a hog and is coming with it. My Mamma is sending you some pink garters Winnie some blue ones and my Grandma some black ones we havn'tg any thing for the Boys but will get something but it wont get there as soon as these do. we are looking for Etoy and my Grampa. I am looking for Santa Claus too. I want a doll a Teddy bear and some little tinsy gloves. I just have one doll "Polly" my rag doll that Grandma Briscoe made for Etoy 7 years ago. I am sending you some hair ribbon and will mail some Xmas Cards.

Merry Xmas to You
Your little neice
Edna.

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Randlett. Okla
Dec 30-08

My Dear Mamma & all--

I received a letter from you last night was so glad you were better, and Frank was getting along so well. We have had a dull Xmas Etoy and her Papa came last week. Mr Briscoe went off Monday. Etoy will stay here with us and go to school. she hasn't been to school for nearly a year I am going to try to get her to stay with the school the rest of the term. she will have to walk 3 miles but other Children do and she can too. the little pony we have is so mean Willis is afraid for her to ride him. she hasn't had a thing made for her since I made up her clothes last fall except a white dress in the summer and a Mohair Shirt waist. so I have to make her some new clothes every thing she has left over is above her Knees and Willis told her he wanted her to piece them down out of his old overalls if she couldnt' find any thing else. This is Jan 5. I have been

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so busy with "Hog" I havn't had time to finish we are done Killing and I am glad if it dont all spoil but its so warm. we Killed 4 hogs in all and made 360 pounds of lard. took 175 poounds of salt to salt it down so you know they were large but people are loosing their meat its so warm. It turned cool the morning we killed and we thought we were hitting it just right but that afternoon it turned so warm we havn't hardly had fire since. Last night was the first cool night and we Killed last Thursday. You will know how warm it is when I tell you we went riding Sunday and didn't wear any wraps and Willis was in his shirt sleeves had on a vest we didn't get home untill after dark and we didn't put on our cloaks. We took them for fear a Norther would strike us but didn't need them. Little Tiny Baby had her Cloak on. We have only had ice a few times this winter. Willis and Charlie are gathering Corn they have gathered about 150 bushels to-day Willis is going to town tomorrow. Willis got me a new Iron bed Stead and a little rocking chair without arms to Rock the Baby in for Xmas.

We spent Sunday After-noon Dec 27 with Mrs Davidson first time I had been there since the 1st week in June. she said she wanted to break my neck for not coming in the morning but our family is so large now and Mr Briscoe was here then too that I thought it would Make too much work for her. Little Baby is getting so spoiled Mr Briscoe spoiled her every time she grunted he thought I aught to run take her. All her hair is rubbed off across the back of her head but she is so fisty she has to sit straight up and she is turning her head and looking all the time. We put a little pillow in Ednas little rocking Chair and she sits up in it. Mr Briscoe says she is the prettiest and smartest little baby he ever saw. You know he said the same about Edna but he says she is prettier than Edna was at her age. Mrs Davidson went to Sugden she said every one she saw ask about our baby and wqanted to know if it was as pretty as Edna said she told them she was prettier than Edna was. she said they all said she couldn't be any prettier she said she told them she knew Edna was pretty but Little Baby was the prettiest. mrs Oneal says she is prettier too but they have forgotten Little Babe is getting prettier all the time though. she is getting to look like Frank now. has Frank tow dimples and does his hair part on the left side? our Baby is that way. be sure and tell me if she isn't like Frank.

Its After Supper and the Babies are in bed also Willis and we have one of those auful Northers just come up. It just shakes the house its blowing so hard and getting cold too. but I am glad to see it on account of the meat. and I have my washing and scrubbing done for this week. I must quit I left 3 pieces on the clothes line and have to get them before they blow away. Love to all I hope Carl is better also Frank and you write me a long letter. As Ever Your Girl

Lula
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Randlett Okla
July 4-1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

I will celebrate the 4th by writing to you. We intended having ice cream to-day but didn't get the ice Willis has been working with the Thrasher across the River the last two days Came home last night he is nearly sick the weather is so terrible hot and sultry he said several men give out yesterday it was so warm the girls and I have washed or ironed one every morning last week. Bessie and Etoy are good to help me or I never could get through the little Baby has improved so much Mrs Oneal says she never saw a baby fatten so fast. we weighed her yesterday she weighed ten pounds I just had to stop and whip Edna she is so bad. but I have so many children that I get worried and whip her when she dont need it. I am so nervous Tiny winy is just covered with heat the last two days. we just bathe her and powder her and to-day she just has on a diaper and underskirt but its no better its all on her arms to her elbows. she is so cross and cries after me all the time and last night I dont think she slept an hour without waking I have lost so much sleep the last two weeks. I dont feel very good. the nights are awful hot too Mr Briscoe takes his bed out doors he says the musquitos are awful bad but its so hot in the house. I have an oil stove he brought it to me and it helps out lots.

We are living on roasting ears and cucumbers now (my favorites) our corn is just fine if it will rain again this week we will have lots to sell. Willis is thinking of buying 100 acres of that land west of Sugden where the Suggs Ranchy house is. it belongs to Mrs nail and we heard she wanted to sell it it would make us such a pretty home then as we were able we could buy more land adjoining it. We will soon have water-melons. They will have a big picnic at Randlett to-morrow I guess some of us will go not me or the little children for you couldn't hire me to go Its too warm for babies a man not far from here was plowing on his cultivator one day last week and was seen stroked and fell dead. Well I must quit i havn't any thing to write about but the Kids. so good bye hope you are all well.

Love to all
Your Girl
Lula
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Randlett Okla
July 12-09

My Dear Mamma & all

I will write a few minutes cant never tell just how long. Mr B- Etoy and Bessie went to Randlett the 5th and Willis went to Wichita Falls They brought back the things you sent the Childrens were delighted with the things. Edna had never had a horn and any thing that has the least bit of music to it she likes she was blowing it and stoped and said Mamma I was just a dying for this thing. she was so proud of her apron too she wore it and its washed starched and ironed now It just fits exactly I dont know how you knew how big she is I heard her Grampa ask her how she reckoned her Grandma knew how big to make it. The little Baby is getting so fat and sweet it dont look like the same child. Tiny is so cross she has two new teeth that makes 4 in all and 4 more nearly through She cant walk yet but walks every where she can touch anything I cant hardly write for I have the little baby on my lap trotting it

July 15th

This is Willi's Birthday I forgot to make him a cake I washed to-day

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half of the clothes I have such big washings now I have to divide it and wash two days. Willis is going to take Bessie and Mr B- back to Sugden in the morning. I'll miss Bessie's help with the babies. I received a letter from Mrs Grogan I'll send it to you Its awful dry and the drouth is cutting our corn short. but it just now thundered It seems like it always rains in time to save us. Its so awful hot. We havn't had any cover on our bed for a long time We just wake up in the night wet with sweat all over. Its so sultry only for a few days of hot winds we had last week. its 10:30 now I just got the babies down but I wanted to finish this so they could mail it.

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{Note in margin: I saw Jamie Snodgrass Odneal at Sugden she has two boys about the ages of my Children she looks like she always did. they had painted the church, papered it and have such a nice new organ and beautiful seats ikt looks so nice. the new school building is so nicely furnished. July 24 It hasn't rained for 4 weeks corn is nearly burned up we wont make much good corn I have had company all week Bruce Suggs and wife and Winnie stayed yesterday and last night Winnie plays so nice on the guitar I am nearly worked down.}

Randlett Okla
July 18-1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

Willis just come back from sugden every body was all OK. We had a little shower Friday evening Willis said every thing was burned up around Sugden every body was all OK. We had a little shower Friday evening. Willis said every thing was burned up around Sugden said corn wouldn't make 5 bushels to the acre. every one says this is the hottest summer we have had for years. I have better pens than this some place but I can't find them my place is like you used to say yours was when I was at home. I can't find any thing. The little Baby has been good to-day. Tiny is pulling all the news papers down and trying to reach this paper. she just goes around and pulls off every thing in reach she can even reach upon the machine its a drop head too and is high. she is so large. she can say Mamma and Papa. I spanked her this morning I guess you will think she is too little but for the last week or two she won't sit down in the bath tub. wants to stand up and I cant half bathe a Kid standing up. she looks more like Frank every day. and rare's back like he used to and cries after me every time i sit her down. I have to get Etoy to sit her down for me. Edna and Etoy eat dinner and ice cream with Mrs Oneal to-day. she sent for me too but I couldn't go with these crying babies they are both crying now..

Monday--

I had to quit yesterday and take the bagbies. I think of so many thing to tell you when I am busy then when I go to write I havn't sense enough to remember every odd minute I have I sew on the little baby's short clothes. You will think they imposed upon me when I took this poor little sick baby. but no one ask me to take it. I did it of my own accord. no body wanted the little thing it just cried day and night and we were all talking about it the night before we came home. I said to willis suppose we take the Baby home with us. he said "you are the doctor" if you want it I don't care. Mr Gibson said it looked like a burden for me to take it as I had two of my own but said he appreciated it more than he could tell me. he gave me \$25.00 the morning we left of course I knew we would not have the expense of clothing it like our other orphan Children. but every one said it would die. but its getting so fat it dont look like the same baby but it still cries most of the time I make it a sugar "tet" of cracker sugar and cream and iuf it wasn't for them I don't know how I could get along. Edna says she is writing to her Grandma. when speaking of you she always says "My Dmma" twice. I tell willis he will have to

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join the church and then we wilol establish an orphans home and get the church people to help up we laugh lots about our children. Frank Davidson told Willis he aught to have a 1000 kids he wanted so many. Willis has changed lots since you knew him. he never goes to dances or parties or anything like that. Bessie didn't compliment Edna so highly as Earl did. Bessie said she had seen boys as mean but she never saw a girl quite so mean. Edna is bad but they make her bad. I told Willis yesterday I was going to get after Etoy good for teasing her so much. he said he was too. she is cute and they just tease her all the time you cant have good children where they are picked aqt all the time. and they all say as Sugden that Tiny is a sight. Jim Snodgrass thought Edna was the nicest little girl he ever saw but Juju said he didn't think she was any prettier than Juju. he never did see one prettier than Juju he was sitting up at fMrs Gibson's the night we got there. I staqyed up the rest of the night. Tiny went to sleep but waked up once when I was busy Jim tried to take her and he said the more he tried to play with her the madder she got. Can't any one do a thing with her but me. Lum said Tiny looked just like Papa. Jim said I looked 40 years old Mrs Roberts has a cute little baby boy two weeks younger than Tiny but he can't do anything but sit alone she just raved over Edna said she was a beautiful child just like a picture said she wanted her sister Pearl to see her and went and hunted her up to show her Edna. all the sitton girls are married but Pearl she is a young lady. We cdut Edna's hair off again in George Washington style she looks just like a doll. Willis is so proud of her when ever he goes off and comes back he tells her he saw a lot of little kids but never saw one like her. it just tidckles him to death to tell him Edna is like him. he is so partial to her all the compliments Tiny gets is Isn't she a sight? Did you ever see such a temper? her Grandpa says she is prettier than Edna so does Mr Cleaver. Well i must quit and sew some. I was sick this A.M. but feel better now. I am so bilious I aught to take some Calomel havn't taken any since a year before Edna was born the baby is crying so good bye

Love to all

Lula.

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Aug 2--

Dear Mamma & all

I am so sleepy and the children may wake up any minute I won't put any heading to your letter. I am getting along fine. am actually getting fat Mrs Oneal says but I had plenty of room I dont suppose I weigh over 112 I just weighed 115 in May and I have fallen aqway losts since then Willis calls me slim We got the pictures of the horses and just appreciate them so much they were all such pretty horses. We got the Post Cards Frank sent and have just look them over and over and I couldn't tell how many times I have looked at Winnie and Juju. They look so sweet aqnd pretty Juju stands just like Grandma. I hope they get ugly like me. I washes to-day but I told them i struck it lucky. Etoy took care of the babies and even they helped for both were so good. Mr Briscoe and Willis got all the waterand emptied tubs and Mr Briscoe picked the chicken for dinner.

Edna Edmisson has married agaqn and lives in San Francisco Cal. Mrs Edmission lives in Chickasha and keeps Edna's little girl. Willis thinks Juju earns her \$1.00 a week and i do too. I wish she lived close to me I would get her to help me. I get along all right in the morning for they are so good but in the afternoons i cant get anything done. Its so hot to-night. We havn't had any rain since the 24 of June so you know its dry and hot every thing is burned up Willis just now turned over in bed and said its hot isn't it? The thermomiter runs to about 112 every day. and we never have a quilt or anything to cover up at night. I had a letter from Mr Gibson he sent me a check for \$20.00 thats \$45.00 he has given

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me. but I will buy the Babies and Tiny's clothes with it. that's all the pay I am going to take I'll just let it buy Tiny's clothes to pay for its dinner. I must go to bed. I think you all did fine that week I hope Frank can get plenty of work. I may have a chance to write more in the morning I wont have time to write for Willis is about ready we are all well and dry

Love to all. As Ever Your Girl.

Lula

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Aug 7--1909

My Dear Mamma & all.

This is Sunday. Etoy and Edna have gone to Sunday School with a neighbor this is three times Edna has gone. it just tickles her to death to get to go. she says she wants to hear the men sing and see the organ her Grampa went off the other day and she told him she wanted him to buy her an organ next time he went to town. she said she wished she could go to Sugden to see Gip. her Grampa said Gip wasn't any account. she says yes he is he peddled the organ for me. Gip just loves her better than any thing. The babies are asleep. Tiny's teeth still hurt her she has a little fever this evening. she is awful cross but the little baby gets better all the time they named her Mary Dena. We are going to call her Mary Dean you know they always called Mrs Gibson Dean. and the Mary is for Mrs Briscoe. I have been smart this week or Etoy and I have. I made me a mother hubbard a dressing saque. Etoy a blouse waist and Tiny and Mary Dean eight dresses. four plain white lawn ones one brown chambray one blue and white check gingham two blue calicos. All the same size so both could wear the same dresses. I got the buttons & button holes in too. Etoy made two little pillow slips a gingham sleeve apron for her self a necktie of white lawn hem stitched at the ends. I want to get all the sewing done for when school begins and we have some one3 helping gather corn. the days will be short and I wont have time to sew It hasn't rained yet. it so dry we wont make sweet potatoes peas or anything. I saw in the paper to-day where the Ministers of Lawton All met with their congregations and prayed for rain. We are only about 35 or 40 miles from Lawton. so you know its dry. the grass will burn and such hot winds

Wednesday

Well as I have my washing and ironing done I'll write more. Mary Dean and Fern had 101 pieces in the wash this week I never counted any thing but their clothes and counted them as I put them away. Mr B-- came back to-day. I had a letter from Mrs Gibson (Old Lady) to-day. They were all well. she said she had made me two working aprons. and would send them soon. they are always sending me or Edna something Those kids all think Edna something extra. I appreciate aprons or any thing to wear at home more than any thing A rooster is crowing so loud I am scared to death for fear he will wake one of the babies. I washed my hair since dinner We had a nice little shower Monday morning. Mrs Cleavers are going to move back to Ryan. I have Mary Dean and Fern 45 dresses 40 good ones. I guess there are 4 or 5 that are getting old. I want to make them a real pretty Sunday dress apiece alike and have their pictures made to-gether as soon as the weather gets cool enough to take them to Wichita Falls, Tex. I'll have Edna's made too. I must quit and pick up the dolls doll dresses. Teddy and the rest.1 Edna dried all the dishes yesterday for Etoy but the glasses just as nice as any body. she nearly always helps

Good bye

Love to all Write Soon

Lula

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Monday Aug. 23-1909

Dear Mamma & all--

I am actually going to town after dinner and will write you a little note. Jim Briscoe is here came yesterday thats why I'm not washing this morning. I need several little things like embroidery that I cant send by Willis for so thought I would go my self I am glad you are keeping house alone I know you enjoy and I am proud my little brothers can make so much money lots of boys i know are not worth killing but I know Elmer & Frank can make you a good living. Juju is smart too that 4.00 a month will cloth her that is help too. I hope winnie hasn't sweet heart on the brain already. Mamma I simply wouldn't let her go with the boys untill she is 18. she has Frank to take her places not one of my girls Etoy thrown in shall go with boys untill they are 18. that is if Etoy stays with me and I guess she will she never has gone with a boy and she is just a year younger than winnie. I dont let her go any where but Sunday Schoo9l. once or twice this summer she has been to see girls. once I think and to Sugden once. I have my winter sewing about done. I dont know if we will stay here this next year or not. Did Uncle Gus give you any money or help you any way when you left there? Does Grandma or Aunt Lillian ever write to you? We have had lots of rain the last week had a storm and blowed half our corn flat on the ground. Willis says if it keeps on raining and being to hot it will ruin its most to green to gather. Mr B-- and Willis planted our fall garden some is coming up. We lost a sow yesterday and also a little pig. we have 3 new pigs yesterday. Edna and Etoy go to Sunday School every Sunday Edna thinks its grand. she went to Mrs willis's Friday and she had watermelon we had plenty too but I hadn't eat any that day. we didn't bring any up from the patch. she says when she come home. "Mamma did you have any water melon?" I said no. she says "Dad din't you bring mamma a water melon" he said no she waid "wy Dad aint you shamed Mamma was just starving to death for water melon. Every time Fern does the least thing she will say wy Tinsie aint you shamed? she calls her Tinsie all the time I must quit Mary Dean is crying

Love to all
Write Soon
Your Girl
Lula

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{Note in top margin: Fern can stand alone.}

Tuesday Aug 31--1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

Every one is asleep but me just brought in the clothes washed to-day and after dinner we had a big rain so I was late getting them all dry. the Babies are well and cry as much as ever. I know I never saw children that cried so much. (Fern and Mary Dean) Edna doesn't cry. Fern is getting to be right cute and pretty if you ever strike her when she isnt mad. she has all the temper on both sides of the house. I wish you lived close so you could tell me what to do with her. she is one of these kind of kids that falls off or out of every place you put her. stands up in the tub when you bathe her stands up in her high-chair when she eats. you simply can sit her down she is so stiff. she can pat a cake put her hand up to her face and make like she is crying she plays hide and seek. Etoy or Edna will hide and i will say Find Etoy she will hunt every where and never fails to find her. she is smart seems to know every thing you say she can say drink, bonnet, Mamma. but just the least little thing dont suit her she just rares back and cries sometimes I know for nearly an hour she wont stop long enough to get a good breathe.

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Willis has gathered 500 bu. of corn off 12 acres has it piled up. he has the land nearly plowed and is going to Wichita Falls tomorrow for wheat seed to plant it. We want to buy a place this year.

Jim Snodgrass and Mr Cleaver visited us last week. Jim talked so much about Juju. I showed him all her pictures he like the stamp picture taken with May McNaught better than any. he is going to Colorado before long to live.

We have roasting ears again. Willis planted June Corn just for roasting ears. have black eyed peas and Okra are all the garden stuff we have. Every thing is so high. just common dry salt bacon is 16 cents a pound and smoked Breakfast bacon 18 to 25 cents. We cant hardly get any irish potatoes at all. I never saw them so scarce. I have made Etoy a percal dress this week and last its real cute. I had so much company last week I couldn't finish it Jim Briscoe was here all week too. I must quit and go to bed

Love to all. Always tell me what you are all doing.

Your Girl

Lula

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Sept 13--1909 Monday

My Dear Mamma & all--

As it is so dark I can't see to sew I'll write you a few lines. its been raining so hard is still thundering Fern and Mary Dean are asleep. I had a letter from Mrs Cleaver she wants Mary Dean now but she can't have her. We think too much of her now to give her up. she is so fat and sweet. Tinsie has been sick waas throwing up and bowels bad yesterday she has been good to-day I cant get any thing to check her bowels. she is getting poor the little baby is going to catch her. the little baby has blue eyes but is going to be as dark or darker than Edna. Tinsie looks so white by the side of the others. Willis is getting to think she is just it he has her to pat a cake and put her hand up to her face and cry every time he comes in she is getting prettier but her hair is just as white. she is so much like Frank I think so many people say she is just like Willis but I don't think so. Willis said yesterday I could go to see you but I could never get there withy these diaper babies May be I can come next year May be Mr Gibson will be married again and take the Baby and Tinsie will be older Willis said any time you got in a tight he would help you out.

It was nice of Uncle Bud to have his life insured for you. i hope he will keep up his insurance I finished up Edna 3 flannel underskirts this morning I made a floor pillow top this eve just plain out of creton with a ruffle Willis uses it on his plow seat and other impliments seats when he is at work and uses it on the floor after dinner every day. Edna says tell Grandma "I been ackin (acting) good" she loves the little baby, she will put her arms around her and say poor little darling you havn't any Mamma Aunt Dean was your Mamma and she died and them folks all just cried. After she died when we were at Sugden Edna would say Poor Aunt Dean I feel so sorry for Aunt Dean I didn't want her to die. she always feels so sorry for any thing that hasn't a Mamma. she always finds something to be its Mamma. she had a frog this morning and she was out talking to it saying he wont hurt you. I heard her tell Willis not to kill it it was going back to its Mamma. he laughed and ask her if frogs had Mamma's she says yes Dad. When the cat catches a mouse she just screams and cries and wants Tom to let the poor little mouse go back to its Mamma. Willis has been hauling corn all week has hauled 12 loads this last week he says he

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will have 4000 bushels to sell. he got 50 cents last week but will get more this week. What are you thinking of doing. When does school begin? and are the children going? Did Frank pass in his examination at Pomeroy.

Well good bye Willis is going to town so I'll have to quit.

Love to all
your Girl
Lula

{Post script: Many thanks for the Post Cards the Children were tickled to death.}

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Saturday Night--

{date 1909????}

I dont know the date and wont take time to see. Every body is bathed and to bed I just finished bathing and made 5 sugar tits for Mary Deanj and as I have neglected you so long if the Children will sleep long enough I'll make up for loss time. Willis is going to Temple in the morning and I can send this. he is going to lay in a supply of groceries also dry goods every thing is so much cheaper there its 28 miles but pays to go I was glad you could get the girls hats I know they were pretty and Juju's cloak. its so nice such a little girl can make so much money. I went to town got Etoy a real cute blue felt hat trimmed with bows of Moire silk. was only \$2.25 but it was so cheap it was the best hat the milliner had. but we dont have any thing to select from like you do. I got Edna a cute little red belt hat turns down all around has red ribbon about 3 inches wide pleated in the middle around the crown and a pretty big bow of the same ribbgon in the back and ends hang off. she looks so cute in it and she is so proud of it every body who comes has to see that hat she has red button shoes and red stockings and still wears white India Linon dresses she is going to Sunday School to-morrow if its a pretty day. Its so war4m

Friday Night-- Nov 12--09

Dear Mamma--

Both Babies waked up when I was writing this letter and cried so long I couldn't write any more. and we had company all day Sunday and Sunday night Monday and Monday night and since then its wash and iron one or the other every day. I have to wash in the morning agaain and liked two pieces getting done ironing this evening Etoy is going to school now and I sure have a time its so far (3 miles) she had to start a little after sun up and dont get home untill sun down so you know she cant be much help. We have had our house seiled and papered. And a nice closet made in it. Willis took me to town to the furniture store and told me to buy what I wanted I got a pretty Mantle folding bed \$28.00 I told him it was too expensive for us but nothing would do him but I musst get it if I liked it and of course I liked it.

I got a kitchen cabinet with a top like a safe with glass doors it was \$14.00 its so nice I got a cute little chiffonier for \$10.00 a pretty little rug. Tinsie a High Chair and a Lenolium for the Kitchen it was \$12.00 so we are all fixed up cozy and warm for winter. the same week Willis got these things his corn pile caught fire and burned up about \$70.00 worth of corn before we could put it out. Willis went t5o Temple and got \$59.00 worth of stuff mostly groceries. got me a pretty pair of patent leather shoes got Etoy some like them. I'll tell you our expenses are a sight but there are seven of us in family and Willis has all the bills to pay except Mary Dean. We have so much company Mr Gibson Mr Cleaver and Willis' cousin have been here since I wrote to you. besides

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people that live close by. Mrs Davidson begged me to let Mrs Cleaver have Mary Dean she said she didn't see how I would stand it. but I am well and I wouldn't think of giving her up any more than mine. the poor little thing would cry her eyes out for me. as hard a time as I have had I have never regretted one minute that I took her she is such a sweet baby she has two teeth Tinsie has a jaw tooth that makes her nine teeth. she walks so good just goes every place. and just slings one arm so cute when she gets the scissors or any thing she aught not to have and she give it to you she will nod her head away down and say "tank you"

The wind and sand have been blowing awful this week and is still blowing now I am going to make Tinsie some rompers out of dark gingham I think they will save washing save the diapers from getting so dirty. she gets her self so dirty I can't keep her in the house she can open the screen in the house or out doors either. its so warm yet the children are still going barefooted even to Mary Dean I have about enough of rags sewed for my carpet but dont know where I can get it wove.

Willis was sick in bed nearly a week. his heart was troubling him. but he seems all right now but I was uneasy about him and he got so uneasy he went to see the Doctor. first time he has had a doctor since I can remember I must quit and go to bed every one is asleep long ago. Love to all If I was rich I would buy Juju a piano I want Edna to have one some day and I know Willis will get it for her unless he had bad luck for the next 20 years.

Good night Every your Girl
Lula

Glad the children like their school
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Randlett Okla.

Thursday Sept 30--1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

I have neglected you longer than ever. its nearly nine oclock now the children are all asleep and Willis too. I have so little time to write I think of you all every day when I am busy we have two corn gatherers and Mr Briscoe makes a big family to do for and two crying babies piles up work. but they are not so bad as they were Fern is feeling better nhow she gets prettier all the time Mr & Mrs Davidson spent the day with us Monday and she says Fern is the prettiest of the three and always will be she has the prettiest features I want to have their pictures taken this fall at Wichita Falls. if I can get there with them The weather is beautiful so pleasant the nights are nearly cold enough for frost I had a letter from Mr Gibson to-day he sent me a check for \$20.00 thats \$65.00 he has given me since I have had the Baby. he says he can never pay me but he is trying too and wants me to spend the money he sends for myself and all three of the babies I told him I didn't want any pay and not to send any more the last he sent before this but he don't pay any attention to me. Etoy and I have been picking peas for a week all the spare time we had I finished up the big patch this evening we just have a few more. Willis and Etoy pulled the peanuts Tuesday and put them in the crib so we have them to pick off the vines. Willis has sold and hauled over a thousand bushels of corn all ready. he makes two trips a day Edna can pick peas too she helps do every thing some times she dries all the dishes just as nice as any body she is so sorry for me because I havn't any Papa and can't see my Mamma. she says this evening. My poor Mamma you havn't any Papa have you? I said no she says you can have part of my Papa then she laughed and said you can go to see your Mamma some time. My children are both Mamma kids especially Edna and Willis is so foolish

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about her and he will hug her and kiss her every time he comes if its a dozen times a day and she will just yell and kick it makes her so mad unless he is going to town ahnd she wants something she likes for me to pet her.

Willis is getting 60 cents for corn every thing is high and so many people so hard up. people passing every day from Texas with their families hunting work. I dont suppose Texas raised a thing this year peoples teams are so poor and every thing burned up they say.

I must quit and go to bed we have to get up so early so good bye write soon I hope you can get work that wont be too hard on you. Have you heard any more from Carl. I have dreamed about him.

Write soon
As Ever
Lula

Oct 1

Mary Dean will be 4 Months old tomorrow Fern cant walk yet she takes 3 or 4 steps at a time but I dont call that walking.

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Randlett Okla
10/10--09

My Dear Mamma & all--

Birthday presents received I fappreciate the things so much I am dying to go some place to wear my pin its so cute when I showed Willis the Corset Cover he says I wonder if she thinks you wear corsets. I told him you never saw me looking so slouchy I dont have time to take much care of my self but I'll wear it sometime when I go to town. Edna is talking and kissing me untill I can't write. Fern is climbing up in my lap. Mary Dean is asleep. Edna keeps saying "hurry up and tell winnie to take good care of that little stove. a thing she does not do her self she dont take care of any thing I get so worried at her. Mary Dean is crying so I'll have to take her.

Well Edna is holding Mary Dean she says she will hold her while I write to her Damma. Fern can climb up in Edna's rocking chair and sit down but she isn't walking good yet.

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Randlett Okla
Oct. 18--1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

I started you a letter a week ago yesterday and Mrs Oneal and Luella (Frank D's wife) came and I had to quit then Willis's cousin came for a few days then Mrs Cleaver come Friday and went home yesterday. they have moved to Byers he is Editor there. Byers is only about 20 or 25 miles from us. I don't know if I can find the letter or not. I know we have more company and go the least of any body. we have a hired boy gathering corn and Mr Briscoe is here too so you know we have a big family. Tinsie is walking she looks so cute her legs are so big and fat she comes up even with Edna's shoulders so you know she is a big olde kid. Willis still calls her Buster. she can say Howdy and nod her head so cute. she does lots of cute things and still cries. but not quite as much as she did. Maqry Dean can nearly sit alone. I hear Willis coming he has been to Frank Davidsons. the children are all in bed asleep We had a nice little rain last night we have 15 acres of wheat up nice for pasture.

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have a norther to-night will have to put up the heating stove this week.

I received my things all OK. I appreciate them so much I have worn both all ready. they are both so pretty and the very things I needed. Mrs Cleaver thought my pin so cute. Edna was tickled to death over her things as usual and Tinsie was about as proud as Edna. I wish you could see Tinsie rock Mary Dean in the little chair and if Mary Dean pukes on her self Tinsie will take up her own dress and wipe it off. if she finds a sugar tit any where she will take it to Mary De4an and put it in her mouith if she can reach her. We give Mary Dean sugar tits made of cracker sugar and sweet milk and she has to have one half the time to keep her still what does Uncle Guss think about you all living alone.

I had to quit last night I havn't forgotton this is Franks Birthday. i am going to send you all a present some of these days.

love to all
As Ever Your Girl

Lula

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Sunday Nov. 28--1909

My Dear Mamma & all.

will try and write you a few lines this rainy Sunday The children all have small pox or chicken pox or some thing some say its one some say the other it isn't hurting them very much. Edna had high fever and about a dozen bumps on her. Tinsy has at least 50 bumps on her mostly on her face. Mary Dean hasn't 1/2 dozen yet on her I dont know where they could have got it for I havn't been any where but to Mrs Davidson's three weeks ago this eve. I suppose we must have met some one for they have the same disease in her neighborhood. but we didn't know it.

I have been having a time since school begin with these kids Mrs Oneal helped me wash this week. the children have been so cross We need a good rain so bad. we havn't all the corn out yet still have a hired hand I'll be so glad when they get through. I aught to be thankful for so much corn but I am worked to death all the time and one more is just that much more to do for We are so croweded. and the work is harder than it would be if we had more room.

Thursday--Dec 2--

I didn't get to finish Sunday. We had a good rain Sunday night Monday and Monday night. I guess I'll go back to Frank D-- to-day Frank & Luella have a boy born yesterday morning. I was there yesterday all day and part of the night before but Luella wanted a girl so bad because my children are girls she has always been so much help to me with the children she loved babies and would come so often and always take care of one baby while she was here Edna says tell my Grandma to send her some Kisses She always says "My Damma".

The Dr said it was chicken-pox the children had I have 41 hens I think I can raise lots of chickens next year I have always wanted an incubator but willis dont think I have time to attend to one. I aught to be washing this morning Willis says we are going to see you next year. Edna spends her time writing to Santa Claus now. We want to have a little Xmas tree for her. she never saw one.

Sunday.

Here I am still writing on this letter. Its real cold water froze in the house last night. I wish we had our hogs killed and fixed up. if this hadn't been Sunday we might have killed to day.

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I'll send your Xmas presents next time I write. It makes me hungry to think about that good celery. I wish I had a bunch to-day. I must quit Tinsie is fussing for me. she is such a big old kid. she can climb in her high chair by her self just as soon as the table is set she goes and climbs up. to-day I had just bathed Mary Dean and she was crying I layed her down and started to make a sugar tit and when I came back in the room Tinsie was sitting in the tub of water with her cloths on shoes and stockings all. she had pretty little shoes bron with brown velevel tops I wanted to spank her but I didn't I must quit Write soon love to all. I hope you are all well and happy. I feel better satisfied about you all now.

Tinsie is saying "Tit" and she says it so long it would reach across this paper. if I would write it that long.

As Every Your Girl and Sister

Lula

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Randlett Okla

Dec. 12--1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

Will find enclosed you Xmas present. its for all of you. you can cash it at any Bank. Willis went to town yesterday and i told him to bring me back a draft for \$10.00 to send you for Xmas so he got a \$50.00 draft instead of \$10.00 so you see you have a better son-in-law than daughter. it was all his own doings. he gave his father \$50.00 too. he is so free hearted and such a good provider. he makes me think of Papa so much.

We killed three hogs this week Willis and Mr Elliott (a young man working here) cut and made all the sausage and cut the lard Willis rendered the lard out doors in a big iron pot. All I did was to fix the feet and season the sausage. now you see what a good man i have. but I have lots do do and he knows it but he has always rendered all the lard since we have been married. We have 10 more hogs We can kill later on not very large meat but it will be good. I am going to town one day this week to get the Xmas presents for our children If I wait untill next week every thing will be so crowded I have all my stuff for a nice fruit cake. I want to wash in the morning. I washed all day Thursday and all day Friday untill after dark. I mean all the time I had. you can get what you like for the children you know more what they want and need than we do. you will have to sign your name on this draft Mrs Julia Brown they got the wrong and willis didn't notice it. I hope you all will have a Merry Xmas. Write and tell me all about it. Write soon. The Mr Elliott who works here is from Vancouver Waqsh.

Love to all

Your Girl

Lula

Now dont you spend any thing for us.

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{Margin note: This is the way Edna wears her hair now I am going to have the Childrens pictures taken next Summer I hope Edna will look as pretty to you as she does to us.}

Randlett Okla
Jan. 24--09

My Dear mamma & all.

Your letter received this morning finding us all well. I have a bad cold but it dont amount to much I was sick one day last week I guess your cold spell was just about the same time as ours it came up on last Sunday morning a week ago. When we got up it was a beautiful morning just like Summer and I was going around saying how beautiful the morning is and Edna went to the door and said "Aful pitty day Mamma." Willis told Charlie and Etoy they had to go to Sunday School and about nine oclock there was such a bad Cloud came up in the north and you could just see it rolling over and over and it wasn't 30 minutes untill it struck the house and it was cold untill about Thursday. I don't Know how cold for we havn't any Thermomiter but its been nice and warm since. for the last week we havn't hardly had any fire in the heating stove This is Sunday every body on the place is asleep but me.

Willis & Charlie have been gathering corn they gathered 240 bushels yesterday They are piling it up. Willis has about 800 bushels more to see he has been getting 55 and 60 cents lately but the River is so bad one of our neighbors told him Friday he would see Willis and his mules going floating down the River some of these days and I wouldn't be surprised for he is so risky and the River so dangerous. he crosses when the water is so deep it swims the smallest mules with four mules and 40 or 50 bushels of corn on his wagon. and you know how aful the quick sand is you dont dare stop a minute or even a second and the water is an eighth of a mile wide. every body else has been going by the bridge and wont even ford coming back with empty wagons but its only 6 miles to ford and 13 by the bridge. Our old cow is nearly dead I think Willis is going to shoot her tomorrow she has got so she cant eat or drink and is just starving to death he said he would shoot her to-day if it wasnt Sunday. I hate it so bad she was such a good cow I hate to give her up. Willis sold \$75.95 worth of hogs this week. We still have 17 left and Willis gave 4 away last year (1908) and two has run off or something got them the last two or three weeks. We have another addition to the family (a cotton picker) guess we will get done picking next week if the weather is good I say we but I dont pick or Willis either I think Mr Davidson just got 200 and something for his Hotel so you see Sugden property isn't worth much Mrs Oneals well is caved in too at Sugden but as far as the house gone to rack the inside of the house looked nice you know Mr Bush repapered it ceiling and all new when I worked for him and I had the well fixed once it was caving in. and I guess its caved pretty bad now \$150 looks aful little but you know we just got \$90.00 for our house. I still have the lot well I must quit the Baby is crying. I think Mr Gibson would do the right thing for you. he is a very accomodating man and has always been so nice to us and you know when I made my P. Office bond he went on it for \$5000.00 and he needn't to went but \$1000.00 Good bye I hope you are all well

Love to all As ever
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Monday--

Willis went to kill the cow and shye had all ready died. I am glad she is out of her misery. Willis says I hated it as bad as if it had been him.

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Feby 7--1909

My Deaqr Mamma & all.

As Baby is asleep I'll try and write you a little bit. she has been asleep every since I bathed her this morning which is nearly 5 hours ago. We have cooked dinner and all bathed since and I am looking for her to wake up any minute. Etoy is working her examples for to-morrow Edna is wanting some one to play cards with her. We are thinking of naming Little Tiny Winy Anna Zoe Anna is for Mrs Davidson but we cant decide whether to call her Zoe or Fern. or Anna Frank and call her the whole name Anna Frank she is the Strongest little baby I ever saw she can nearly set alone we sit her up and lay pillows flat around her and we sit her in Edna's high Chair and put a piece of paper on the table parts and she will just play with it. she is so sweet she has on little black patent leather shoes with pink kid tops and pink silk tassels with white pearl buttons on them and white stockings and white linen dress trimmed in lace. I'll send you some of her hair if I think she can spare it. but its scattering it will be hard to get as she never had any on top (except some coming now about 1/3 of an inch long and she has the back of her head worn slick as if it had been shaved. she will roll off the bed if we dont watch her. Willis said a man ask him the other day how many Children he had he said he told him he had one and his wife had one he thinks Edna is the prettiest and smartest thing there every was but he thinks Little Babe is the meanest. he got Edna a little express wagon last week. she wants him to make little side boards on it so she can have corn. she Knows where every body lives can tell you where all the Kin folks live we didn't think she knew where her Grandpa lives and I ask her the other day and she says Pocassett. And thats where he is. she told us to-day she dreamed that Juju come and said she was ugly. we had not been talking of any of you all and I dont know if she dreamed it or not. she is the funniest Kid of ever saw she said while ago. "I Mamma's I aint Daddies. old Daddy wants me to Kiss him so much." We all call her Babe all the time and Willis never has called her Edna but one that I remember.

Willis bought another span of mules last Tuesday. They are auful nice mules you know a mule is just as good as money and thats the only way we save any thing we have six nice mules we could sell for \$1000.00 any day. he also bought another wagon and harness The weather is warm I bathed with out fire to-day. Its auful dry havnt had any rain since November. Well I must quit Edna wants something to eat so good bye I hope you are all well Love to all Write soon

Your Girl

Lula

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Randlett. Okla.

Feby 22--09

My Dear Mamma & all--

Will write you a few line to-day. Willis went to Wichita Falls to-day. got our seed potatoes and Onion sets. he is going to Burkburnett tomorrow he got 65 cents for corn at Wichita to-day but he gets 60 at Burkburnett he got in the River twice last week on Thursday then Friday he got across all right and Saturday he stuck with two wagons both days he worked in that cold water all day long getting his wagons out had to prize them out with Block & tackle.

We had another auful cold spell the 14th and 15th I dont think I ever saw it colder it Came up on Sat. evening an auful bad Cloud and thunder and Lightening I hurried and done up all the night work and Etoy & I took the babies and went to the dug out. (Willis was at Randlett). it

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rained hailed blowed and finished up with the Norther. Willis stayed all night at Randlett it stormed so long and was so awful cold and he didn't have his over coat he come home next morning All most frozen. When he began to thaw out he had to go to bed and his legs and hips ached so bad he could just hallow something Very unusual for him to grunt. a mule froze to death at Randlett that night but now its warm havn't had any fire in heating stove only a cob fire I made when I bathed the baby this morning. We got the papers and books Edna was tickled to death she loves picteures so much. I think Juju has kept her books so nice. did she write her letter her self? Its so nice I thought May be Winnie??? or Elmer wrote it.

Mrs Stamps and Seth Little are married I have been making Etoy a panama Skirt to-day wine color. made to open in front its a right cute pattern out I am not a very good hand I never made a skirt before of wool goods. have always hired mine made or bought them ready made. but I am learning. it looks like it will be all right I have tried awful hard to make it nice. have it nearly done. There is just one thing I can make just as pretty as any body and that is little white baby dresses. I just love to make them and when I have pretty lace and insertions I will work a week on one dress and never get tired. I put all insertion in by hand. Did I tell you Charley had left us? well he said this morning he was coming back an old crazy man persuaded him away to trap and fish with him but he said this morning he was getting tired of it.

Well I have to quit love to all As Ever

Your girl

Lula

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Randlett Okla

Mar 4 1909

Miss Winnie Brannon--

My Dear friend I will try and write you after so long a time How are you by now I am just fine. I like to go to school I like to walk to school all right I just have to walk three miles. I like my teacher all right his name is Farley Do you like to go to school? I will write more nnext time for I am sleepy now and I haft to get up early and soon

As ever

Etoy Briscoe

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Randlett. Okla.

Mar. 4--1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

will write you a few lines to-night. its now ten oclock I just got the babies to bed and have dampened down my clothes and worked an example for Etoy she is still working her examples my children want go to bed like other folks they try to see which can stay awake the longest I have washed to-day got through at just 4 oclock I am so slow and have such big washing my hands are so chaped and rough. We have planted onions. Irish potatoes bedded sweet potatoes and planted lettuce, tomatoes, cabbage and pepper in hot beds. Willis is going to begin planting corn Monday he has rented 75 or 80 acres more land close to us and has bought him a two row Lister (corn planter) it cost him \$95.00 cash. They sold them for 100.00 but knocked off \$5.00 for cash. he is going to get him a two row go Devil and a two row cultivator. he drives 6 mules to his lister he is going to put in 200 acres of corn this year. he had spent what he made this year for tools and mules and we dont owe a cent now but

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we may have to borrow a little money in the Summer if there isnt any wheat made. If there is grain he already has a job for him self and all the teams all during harvest after he gets his corn layed by from the same man he worked for last harvest.

Its so dry havn't had a drop of rain I dont think we had a pretty still day in February. just sand and west wind just so bad that one week I washed on wednesday and didnt get to hang out my clothes untill Friday and the next week it was one day I had to keep them over and last week had to wait untill sun down I guess you havn't quite forgotton the west winds.

Willis has been burning the pasture to-night. We have named little baby Anna Zoe. Call her Zoe. how do you like that? we named her Anna for Mrs Davidson. Mrs D-- has come back from Kates and kate has a girl I know they are proud their other baby the age of Edna is a boy named Frank. willis has to go to town in the morning. he has dug two wells this week one wasn't any good he got the hole crooked the other one is a little better than the one we have and it took \$10.00 wsorth of casing for it. That is 8 wells we have dug on this place this one is 53 feet deep we have paid out about 200 dollars for wells here. its just all the time to fix over. the one we have the pump in just afford 3 buckets at a time it dont take long for it to run in but the Stock has to have so much. I have one hen setting and its Edna's little Banty. She has 7 banty eggs and 5 chicken eggs under her. Little Zoe is so fat she sits alone real good and cries after me aful then when I take her she just keeps crying she fell off the bed last Sunday and nearly Killed her self the place still shows on her head. i just cant keep her any where she falls out of the little wagon if you stop rolling it and dont grab her and you cant keep her on the bed at all she rolls and get on her Stomach and gets mad then gets on her feet and hands and jumps up and rolls over she does all that when she gets Mad. well I must quit its nearly eleven oclock and I am going to make out an order for me a new matting to-night the one we have on this floor is just worn to pieces. I got enough rags nearly for a carpet have over 20 pounds sewed but dont know of a weaver nearer than Sugden. I hope you are all well. Write soon I am expecting a letter from you to-morrow.

As Ever Your Girl

Lula

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Randlett Okla

Mar. 5, 1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

I received two letters from you yesterday. was so glad to get them. but was sorry about Carl. I hate so bad to see him go to the asylum. but it had better be that than for him to kill you and then have to go any way. Where is the asylum? Your plans with Cousin Ida Carrington are nice and its so good of her to help you that way. You and with Franks and Winnies help could make a nice living and not have to work very hard. If the children will be honest and always remember the man they are working for knows more than they do and is boss they will get along fine. don't think Uncle Gus would advise you to send Carl to the Asylum unless he thought it was unnecessary but I am so worried about it all if you take him with you and try to manage him by your self I will be so uneasy all the time.

Edna isn't well she has an aful cold seems croupy to-night. She is such a nervous child I can't help but feel uneasy about her every time she turns over at night she cries and she dont sleep good. I was up with her 5 times last night. every one is in bed but me Willis is at town. he has worked all day on the well and just as he was putting the pump in he dropped a piece of the cylander in the well (a bored well) and had to go to town for a new piece it was nearly six oclock when he started to town.

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I am looking for him back every minute.

After we got yhour letter saying Fern was the sweetest name we all thought so too and Changed Baby's name to Fern instead of Zoe. I just fixed Coal oil turpentine and lard to put on Edna she keeps waking up crying. I took off a thick flannel skirt she has been wearing and put on a thinner one it was so warm and I guess that caused her cold. Well I must quit write and tell me all your ploans.

Love to all As Ever
Your Girl
Lula

Yes Etoy goes to Lula School

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{Margin note: the way Edna wears her hair. it waves like that at the ends}

Wednesday Mar. 10--09

Dear Mamma--

I havn't had a chance to send your letter off so will write more. Edna is all right so is Fern. she is sitting in Edna's high chair playing with Edna's little silver cup you gave her sje jad ratjer play with it than any thing It is real cold willis is planting corn began to-day he gets along so fast with his two row lister with six mules to it.

You ask me what I wear for Every day. I wear waists with tails to them as I have never worn out all my old skirts I had when I worked down town. I have set another hen I am looking for a letter from you to-day Caruth went to town but I didn't know he was going I am making Edna a red percale dress to-day. the 2nd red dress she has ever had. had one when she was little we made just to see how she looked she thinks this one something extra I am making it on the Buster Brown style with a belt.

Edna wants to make an O and an I for you. she wouldn't stop at one she knows lots of her letters but only makes O's and I's. willis thinks she is the smartest thing. must quit good bye Love to all

I told willis I sent you a lock of Ferns hair he says where did you get it? I said off her head of course he said he didn't know where it was at. he likes kids with hair like Edna was.

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Randlett. Okla.
Mar. 21--1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

I just received a letter from you and as the children are asleep I'll write. I know you have a time with Carl he is so much trouble. I hope you will get along with him all right but I'll be uneasy about you. Its so good of Uncle Gus to get the Home stead for you. May be Frank can get plenty of work. I am so nervous I can't hardly write I have worked so hard all week. willis has been planting corn all week has 100 acres planted and I have tried to do all the work out doors and in and keep him in shelled corn and its a job to hunt it out. most all of our corn is straw berry color and the last 3 days he has wanted yellow seed. I shucked all day yesterday while Etoy was here to stay with the children. I don't know how I would get along in the evening with out her. she gets home in the evening in time to keep the Baby while I milk and feed. Its been so sandy I cant take the Baby out doors. I havn't gardened any more it hasn't rained yet and there is no use planting untill it rains we had

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the worst sand storm Friday evening I ever saw I dont believe I could see 20 feet from the window It nearly scared me to death. I grabbed up the children and run to the dug out. Willis never quit work. Etoy nearly run her self to death coming home. it struck her about 2 miles from home. I had my cabbage plants in a big tub on a box at the south end of the house and they were looking nice. it blowed them up side down. Our Jersey cow found a little calf last Tuesday and it died that same day. more bad luck. I am afraid she wont be as good as she was with her calf. we took; or I have taken such good care of her but one of our mules Kicked her about two weeks ago and crippled her and I guess that was what was the matter with the calf. We are looking for a drought this year.

Did I tell you Willis had rented another place and would plant 200 acres of corn? I don't know if we will have any cotton or not Its just according to the rain If it dont rain by the last of April we will have to have cotton. it dont have to rain much to make cotton. I have 3 hens setting and 3 little Chickens Mrs Doss a neighbor had 90 little Chickens she has an incubator and hatched 101 little Chickens out of 117 eggs. she has it setting again. I would think one would be nice for you. I dont think hers cost but 15 or 16 dollars bruder and all. I want one next year but I have all I can do this year and they require so much attention. Grass is green but I have only seen two flowers (daisies) this year and there were so many last year. Thats a bad sign I think.

Fern has waked up I promised Edna if she would go to sleep I would wake her up as soon as Baby was awake and I would take her walking down the lane to find flowers if we could the poor child never gets to go any place. The baby sits alone as good as can be and plays with every thing she dont cry quite so much. This is a lovely day and we sure appreciate it. Mrs Oneal sent for us to come over there for dinner but we all had to bathe and couldn't go we got up so late. Well I must quit and take the Children I Know your machine is nice I have heard of them I hope you are feeling well.

Love to all.
As Ever Your Girl
Lula

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Wednesday Mar 23--1909

I will write more as I havn't had a chance to mail your letter. Well we had a big rain last night and of course a storm we all got up and went to the dug out but we needed the rain so bad we didn't mind the storm only I was scared to death as usual. We had a terrible sand storm yesterday and the wind has blowed still harder to-day This morning the sand didn't blow but this evening you can't even see the sky for the sand. I Know you have forgotton just how awful it is for I forget from one Spring to the other. but its blowed so hard to-day its ablowed things off the Shelves on the west wall. wind is in the west. I aught to be Shucking seed corn for Willis right now but its so bad I just cant take them out doors. I look for my hen house to go over every minute. I thought after the rain it would be pretty to-day but I guess we will have another Storm to-night. I don't see how Willis works this evening I don't see how the mules can pull against this wind. his rows run east and west. You aught to see the Baby you wouldn't think she looked so sweet to-day. she has on a white linen dress but it isn't so white. The sand has blowed in so she is black. she weighs 17 1/2 pounds or she weighed that last Sunday week. I guess more now.

I am going to quit and go to the dug out.

Saturday.

Well I went to the Dugout and stayed All afternoon every one else did too

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It was a terrible sand storm and wind. to-day is beautiful. I have to quit Mr Oneal lost a mule with blind staggers this morn. Good bye hope Carl is better. love to all Earl came last evening and stayed all night first time he has been here for over two years he is so nice looking and so much bigger and taller than Willis untill Willis looks like the little brother.

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Sunday

Randlett Okla
April 5--1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

I will write you a few lines this sandy afternoon. The wind and sand is awful. It has been terrible for two days every thing is just covered I am so tired of cleaning sand I have 16 little chickens and 6 hens setting I hope you are all well I thought I would get a letter from you yesterday but didn't its so warm Little Tiny Winy is bare footed and is too hot she is crying so I will have to quit.

Mr Briscoe has been here this week. Willis took him to Burkburnett this morning to take the train to Mexico tuesday.

The wind and sand is still blowing Can't do any thing but stay in the house. Willis is done planting corn he has 195 acres. We are just going to have 5 or 6 acres of cotton for Charlie I think. our corn is up nice. If the wind would only quit blowing. I have 28 little chickens and six hens setting. I am expecting to have 100 little chickens by the first of May if we dont have a storm and blow every thing down like it did last year. I have just finished ordering some patterns for the Kido and Willis a shirt pattern.

Edna says tell Grandma she has some little cats. (four) her two big cats are named Tom and Mary. she says Mawa. she was crying yesterday morning and I ask her what was the matter. she says "Dad hit my poor little Mawa with old big Polly" (big Polly is her big rag doll) she is standing by me and saying tell Grandma I was bused. she still says "I bused" when ever she cries about any thing. Charlie caught two cat fish and Edna kept saying "Hurry Mamma and cook the fishes Poor me I didn't have any fishes since last summer." so I had to quit every thing and cook them for her. Its awful this evening you can't sew or any thing. I expect I'll quit and to to the dug out again this evening. The evening I wrote to you before was just like this.

Mr & Mrs Davidson spent the next day with me and they stayed in their dugout all that evening too. also Frank and his wife and Mrs Oneals so you see I am not the only scary one. Its been blowing for four days and the last two nights. We used to think Sugden was bad but the sand was nothing there like it is here. I have been to Mrs Davidesons and Viola Martins since I wrote to you. Viola named her boy John Arthur. she has three children 2 boys and 1 girl.

Kate Davidson Smith named her girl Helen Morrison. Kittie Lee Martin Austin named her new girl Julia Martin. her other little girl's name is Olivia. Edna has her little Kittie and is saying I want to show Grandma my little Kittie Aint it Sweet Mamma? Dad said it was ugly and nasty. its sweet aint it Mamma. she loves every thing she has always played with little chickens and never has hurt one she has found another little Kitten and says "here's another awful sweet Kittie" she cdfall them her little Sweet hearts and rocks and sings to them. I must quit the sand is so bad it gets all over my paper love to all write soon I hope Carl is better. As Ever Your Girl Lula

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Saturday Apr. 10--1909

Dear Mamma

As willis is going to town I'll write a little more the wind and sand is still blowing it quit a little while wednesday evening and I got my clothes dried I am washing again to-day but cant hang out untill dark. I dont guess. The wind and Sand has Killed Mr Oneals corn and he is planting over also Mr Ramseys the man that joins us on the East. Its just old negro luck we don't have to plant over. but our corn looks nice. The weather is warm we all have a bushel of cold Tiny winy has been sick two or three days but is better to-day she nearly had pneumonia well I must quit Edna is barefooted she just wont wear her shoes. her Papa got her some bare foot sandles for every day (tan) she thinks they are fine but every pair of shoes she has had since last summer have been brown and tan untill I am tired of tan I must quit and finish dinner we got yours and Jujus letter Edna is here now saying "wheres my Kisses Juju sent me." she says I want you to tell my Nandma I was sick in bed. she was sick last week. and you aught to hear her grunt.

Good bye

Lula

I have 8 hens setting and 27 little chicks I have been all week on this letter we'll write to Juju some time soon Edna makes like she is talking to you and is sitting in her little chair rocking a little Kitten saying "Grandma my little Kittie is sweet. taint nasty and bad"

she talks to her self all the time she is playing I know she is the sweetest cutest Child but am sorry to say she is bad too. so hard to make mind you have to spank her so hard to conquer her. she is all Briscoe.

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{Margin note: I'll write more next time}

Friday April 23--09

Dear Mamma & all.

Will write you a little note as willis is going to Randlett. We are all well. Tiny Winy has a tooth and can crawl she fell of the bed agaquin this morning. she pulls chairs over on her all the time trying to climb up. she is the smartest Kid I ever saw and the biggest I had their pictures made on postal Cards the other day. a man going through the country they are not good but I'll send you one. Charlie says dont send them to any one who never saw the children or they would think they were ugly. Fern's is better than Edna's but you can see the size. willis says Babe (Edna) would look better if she had on stockings he hates those little socks They just had on their every day clothes Edna's dress is just dark red percale with a tiny white dot in it.

Edna burned her leg aful bad yesterday on her Knee and a p'lace as large as a tea-cup up above her Knee. I was putting in wood in the heating stove and took the top off and layed it down to put in a chunk and she fell on it. I have 47 little chickens. Mrs Oneal has about 200. we had a big frost last night. I guess every thing is Killed in the garden. we are looking for Mrs Cleaver's every day or the first pretty day. but we havn't had a pretty day this month I must quit and get to ironing Good bye Write soon Love to all As Ever

Lula

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{Margin note: I am still looking for Franks picture besure and send it}

Randlett, Okla
May 7--1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

This is all the paper I have as Edna got my pen tablet and wrote on every sheet in it. and Etoy left her tablet at school. Willis is going to Burkburnett to-morrow to get my matting. you know I ordered it the 1st of March and it has just come. Etoy will drive the "go-devil" in his place Willis has two go-devils charlie drives one. They are cultivating the corn this is 3 times they have been over it. It looks nice for the chance it has had. The dry weather and sand storms also a hard frost and freeze the night of April 30. there is something strange about our field this year 4 of our neighbors on all sides of us had to plant over and one neighbor that his field joins ours on one side just a fence between the rows and his corn was killed to the ground to the last row and our 1st row is about 6 feet from his and it didn't hurt ours at all. one of our places is across the lane from Frank D-- on the East the other across the lane north from him and the sand just buried his corn and he had to plant over and we have the nicest stand. The men say willis is the luckiest little "Devil" in the country. Its so awful dry. We havn't had any rain yet only just a shower or two just enough once to settle the dust this spring. We had a terrible sand storm yesterday. A man stayed all night with Mrs Oneals last night he just come through Montague & Clay counties he says we are in so much better shape here. he said there wasn't agny grass or any thing there at all. willis dont seem to be worrying he says there is plenty of time yet for it to rain. but its the time of year now. and I feel uneasy. Mamma you know I told you we were looking for Mrs Cleaver's folks to see us. well we just received a letter saying their baby died last Sunday. I feel so sorry for them They were so foolish about it. They just thought it was the only baby. Thats all she would write about. I know they are grieved to death. you know it was two weeks younger than Tiny winy and Earl and Mr B-- said they looked alike We were so anxious to see them to-gether They went to visit his sister and the Baby got Sick and died there. They were coming on here. They took the baby back to sugden to bury it. Did I tell you Lum Dawkins and wife have a baby boy. also Mrs Lee Thompson and Mrs Will Peters all boys. Tiny winy is so bad since she crawls. Gets into every thing she turned a gallon of sweet milk over in the floor yesterday. Willis thinks we named her wrong (Tiny winy) he calls her Big enough and Big young one. We havnt had any hard Storms this year only Sand Storms and they are so common we dont notice them. I hope you all well I'll have to quit till I get a tablet

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Randlett, Okla
Sunday May 9--1909

We had a hard storm and very good rain last night. We sure appreciated it too. We stayed in the dug out untill 3 oclock this morn or the Children and I did. Willis and Charlie came to the house about twelve but it still looked bad so I stayed but went to sleep and didn't know if it rained any more or not. Every one around here went to their dugouts. People in this Country are just scared to death of storms its isn't like it used to be I dont know of a place or house in this country that hasn't a storm house. And willis is just as bad as I am he says I've taught it to him and he laughs at me but I notice he comes running whether I say come or not.

Tiny winy is sitting on a palate eating bread. she is sure lots of trouble now. More than Edna ever was. She gets so dirty and I put from two to four dresses on her daily. I just can't keep her clean. and when she will be good she hurts her self she can climb up and stand by a chair

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and she pulls the chairs over on her or pushes them over the other way and she even crawled over me and fell out of bed one night this week. and its almost imposible to dress or undress her. she screams kicks and fights so. Etoy can't do it at all she weighs 18 pounds or did last Sunday. she is so broad and fat. Edna weighs 28 pounds I take McCall's magazine and I'll send you the little picture of the patterns I got if I can find them all Edna is like winnie used to be she wears out all the books looking at them. and she is crazy for a Piano Every day she will sway "I wish Dad would buy me a "Piona". I guess he will when she gets old enough for he is so foolish about her she gets Sears & Roebuck Catalogues and finds the Piano's and plays on them with her fingers and sings "Listen to the Mocking Bird" she says she is going to Burkburnett some day to get on that train and go to see her Grandma. Willis took us (Edna, Fern, and I) to Burkburnett not long ago. I had to trade some but we ate dinner and spent nearly all day with Dr & Mrs Dice. They ask about you all. she was just tickled to death to see us and you know what a Kid Mary always was for babies well she stayed home from school in the afternoon to play with the Kids Edna had the best time of her life. They have a nice home and furnished nice have a Piano. Edna is a sight I just now told her not to pull of her sandals and stockings and she went on pulling them off saying "Dont you pay any attention to me now Mam" when she does any thing mean and we ask her who did it she will look sick and say "I dont feel like talking now" and thats all you can make her say. I must quit and hunt up the patterns. I am making a little Eyelet cap like this for Edna if it is large enough if it isn't Tiny Winy can have it. I sent for the Linen ready stamped and thread. I made Edna a brown Linen dress and eyeleted it in red a good while ago. Good bye Write soon.

Lula

Charlie has come with the biggest mess of fish. I couldn't find the other little pattern of Edna's Its a long waist with belt and square Bertha on it I made her one gingham dress like it trimmed in Lace I got a two year old pattern but its too big. Tiny Winy's is just round yoke dress.

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Randlett Okla.
May 16-1909

My Dear Mamma & all.

I received your letter saying Carl was going to the asylum. I was so sorry but I guess its all for the best. I hope so any way but I feel so bad about it I wish some of us lived close so we could go see him Poor boy he would be so much better off if he had died. Can he write to you? or will the people who care for him there write to you. besure and tell me every time you hear where are you thinking of going now? I wish you all could go to Cousin Ida Carringtons. Where you would not get so lonesome. I hate for you to go to Oregon. Yes I knew Mr Sturgeon. you remember the Sturgeons that lived out close to Linwood. well this is the youngest boy Dan he married two weeks ago to-day. he has been working in the Bank for 3 or 4 years Mr Gibson offered me the position he gave Dan at the time but on Edna's account I didn't take it. I worked on for Mr Bush as long as I could. I guess If I hadn't had any children I would have been Book Keeping yet. I am getting so rusty and forgetful now and cant half write I am so nervous and I never used to know what it was to be nervous. but I have lots to do and don't do much either but I am so slow I wasn't made to raise children and keep house. and I get so worn out at it somethings I can't hardly stand it. If I was like Mrs McBride never got tired I would be all right but our baby is so hard to take care of she is laying on the floor crying now she has had two sick spells this week. Vomiting and her bowels out of order. I am afraid she is going to have a time with her teeth this summer Edna's teeth didn't hurt her at all It is cloudy to-day

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I hope it will rain we have just had one sand storm after another every day this last week untill yesterday. Friday it was terrible. The men all had to quit work in the neighborhood some of our corn was blowed out. Willis said 4 or 5 acres and we want to put it in sweet potatoes. We have 1900 sweet potato slips set out. We havn't any Irish potatoes only a few we planted two or three weeks ago or any thing else in the garden except onions. Mrs Oneal always has a nice garden but she hasn't even any onions or sweet potato slips.

We get lots of milk get about 4 gallons a day. I make more butter than we can use. Willis milks in the mornings and I milk at night.

I told you about the storm we had last night a week ago. Well it tore the fine Methodist Church at Wichita Falls all to pieces and the top off the Theater and lots other houses. You know Wichita Falls is quite a little city now. We are thinking of leasing this place for another five years. We have one more year on it after this. The Indian wanted us to keep it the next five years. bgut we have to build a good 4 room house a \$100.00 barn or crib and sheds. a wind mill and pay \$100.00 a year for it. we havn't decided Its so auful sandy here on the River but if we get back from the River we cant raise much corn. I'lll have to quit and take the Baby.

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I'll finish up your letter as I think I'll have a chance to send it to town. Edna is spending the day with Mrs Willis a neighbor who lives west of us. They havn't any children and are so foolish about Edna. I saw her come to the fence this morning and I guess she told Edna to come on for Edna dont go off with out some one tells her too. and she thinks she has to mind every body expecially if its going some place. Willis & Charley are running two cultivators two other men are here chopping weeds in part of the corn that was so weedy. I must quit I am making Edna a dress. Good bye Love to All

Lula

Baby is crying she has bumped her head. Edna looked all over your last letter and said Juju didn't send her any kisses she wanted me to besure and tell her to send some next time (those cross marks she means)

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Randlett Okla
June 2-1909

My Dear Mamma & all--

I received your letter yesterday saying you would leave Pomeroy Sunday so I guess this will reach you in your new home. I want you to write and tell me all about it. yes I would love to go to see you and its such a good time while rates are cheap but mamma I am afraid I cant you know the dry weather is just ruining us all It hasn't rained enough to catch a tub of water under the eves of the house All put to-gether since last November and to-night is so Clear. I have the blues so bad. Willis don't seem to worry. he says if we dont make any thing we are all right. That I could worry if we were like lots of people around here all ready head over heels in debt. he just laughs at me but Saqturday we had such a hot wind the corn leaves all curled up. If it would only rain every week or two for the next two months we would make 4 or 5 thousand bushels of corn. Corn is 75 cents now.

Mr will Thompson just come from Sugden he says we are green here says the grass around Sugden is dry enough to burn and corn Knee high is tasseling just think they had a good rain at Wichita Falls yesterday only

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13 miles away and it just barely sprinkled here Mrs Oneal went to Sugden Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Gibson sent Little Tiny Winy 5 little white dresses 3 already made and me two dresses a red lawn to make a mother hubbard and a tan gingham dress to make shirt waist suit pattern and all. They also sent Tiny Winy a little white Linen bib all worked in eyelet embroidery and Mrs Cleaver is making Edna a dress she sent for her length They are so good to us

We received the things you sent and they were the Very things Edna needed the little stockings were so pretty. I ordered the children some slippers from Eme4ry Bird Thayer Kansas City I'll send you the Catalogue pictures of them. Edna's are black patent leather and Baby's are tan.

Friday night

Its now 9:30 oclock Etoy and I have just got the children to bed Willis and Charlie are asleep too Etoy is working on that little eyelet cap I ordered. she is real neat. she can do things that was as nice as I can. We (Etoy & I) hem stitched Tiny Winy a little white check divinity dress last week I made her two white dresses this week she has three little colored dresses two are pale blue Chambray the other is pale blue and white stripe gingham. but I dont like them. she dont look sweet in any thing but white she has 19 white dresses I have two more white dresses to make for her and one little pale blue and white check gingham then I dont intend to sew another stitch for her untill next summer. she has at least 15 dresses a week in the wash and some times more I was twice every week and generally iron twice but I have both ironings for tomorrow but since school is out Etoy helps me iron and that sure helps out too. Edna can wear a dress a day then it isn't as dirty as one of Fern's when she has on three. she has had on three to-day and we are careful with her too but a crawling baby is always dirty. It hasn't rained yet and dont look like it ever will in 10 days more every thing will be burned up. its so terrible hot. the grass was greener last fall when frost came than it is now. We have 8 new slittle pigs. Edna wanted me to tell you about her darling Mary (her cat) Mrs Davidsons dog (Trouble) the same dog Juju used to play with at Sugden was here last Sunday a week ago and our cat, Mary, dissappeared. and we found her in the field dead with dog tracks around and we knew Trouble killed her for he kills all the cats he can. When I told Edna Papa found poor Mary dead in the field she started to cry then raised up and said "she be a little angel Mamma when I die I'll go see her". she started out in the field the other day said she was going out to see her darling Mawa (Mary)

I only have 70 chickens but have 11 hens setting and will set two more to-morrow It may be to hot but we wont have any garden if it dont rain and the chickens will come in good. did I tell you the Baby had two teeth? she just walks around the side of the bed and chairs and hold with one hand but she is so big. Edna got quite a compliment. I told you Earl Briscoe was here and stayed all night. he wrote back to Bessie at Sugden and told her Edna Briscoe was the sweetest little girl he ever saw. he had not seen her but once since she was 7 months old. Mrs Smith spent the day with me a week or two ago. she has moved 6 or 6 miles away now. We miss her for she goes lots and always finds out all the news then we cant help but like her she is so jolly. well I must quit and go to bed for I am such a sleepy head besure and send me the letters you get from Carl.

Love to all I hope you all will get into something so you wont have to work so hard.

Good bye love to all As Ever Your
Girl Lula

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June 18-09

My Dear Mamma--

I have neglected writing again but have been so busy Mr Briscoe came to-day Etoy Edna and Mr B-- have all gone to Mrs Oneals. Well we had a good rain last week if we can just get more we will make a good crop yet. We had a letter from Bessie Briscoe last night saying Mrs Gibson was very sick. she has a little girl baby born June 2 and now has blood-poison. she isn't expected to live and may be dead by now the letter was written Tuesday Willis went to Burkburnett this morning to wire them to see how she was. The River is up so had to go by the bridge which is a 30 mile trip (there & back) he hasn't come back yet. I feel so uneasy about her. Bessie is staying there and has been for three Months. she said they had two nurses for her and had Dr Lewis from Ryan had telegraphed for Old Mrs Gibson and Steve Gibson they had come Tuesday said they had to take the Baby away from the breast and raise it on the bottle. You know his first wife died with blood-poison and Mrs Cleaver liked to die with it. Dr Alba saved her and he died not long ago.

Tiny is crying so I'll have to quit Well Willis came back and couldn't hear from Mrs Gibson They are going to Randlett now to try to get them over the phone from there. Corn is tasseling and silking we will have roasting ears in about a week. I'll have to quit so they can mail this. I know you all enjoyed the ships. its such an advantage for the children. I hope you all will get plenty of work and be happier there

We are all well I wish I had time to write more but I cant this time

Love to all I enjoyed Elmers letter so much.

Your Girl

Lula

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Sugden Okla

June 24-1909

My Dear Mamma--

We are in Sugden now we came Monday started at 3 oclock Monday afternoon and got here at 12 oclock Monday night. Mrs Gibson died Tuesday evening We are all so grieved and feel so sorry for those poor little children of course he has plenty of money to hire help to wait on them but that isn't like their mother Mrs Cleaver has the little baby its real sweet Mr Gibson told her to take it and do as she pleased with it. that he could manage the rest. she didn't know us when we came. I ask her if she could see me she said no I said Lula has come to see you she said Lula when did you come? and smiled thats all she ever seemed to know. we could rouse her up but she was so delirious and would just start saying things like "My poor little Baby". and say it over and over for a long time as fast as she could. she was buried in a white shroud and a beautiful white velvet casket. They swaid she said all the time she was going to die. said when ever the Doctor would leave her she would say will you be back before I die Doctor? she said she was willing to die but hated so bad to leave the children she told Mr Gibson to besure and take good care of her children. Its rainy to day or we would go back Bessie is going home with us she looks so bad. we think it will help her. Well I must quit and take Tiny winy she is crying Good bye Love to all--

Lula

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{Margin note: I saw Lum and his boy. he is so proud of his baby he was asking about you. he is doing well}

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June 27-09

Dear Mamma--

I didn't mail your letter. I brought the little baby home with me. I have plenty of nurse for both babies and will keep it. It cries so much and Tiny Winy always was so cross and you know I have a time. but I'll do the best I can. No-body didn't want the poor little thing so I told Willis I would take it. Mr Gibson said he hated for me to take it on account of me having two babies of my own. but he didn't know what else to do with it. Then said I could take it for the present. Mr Briscoe said I reminded him of an old hen that would take all the little chickens I could get. I wont have time to write any more if I dont write so often you will know whats the matter.

Love to all Good bye

Lula

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Randlett, Okla
Jan 2--1910

My Dear Mamma & all--

We received the Xmas things and thank you very much. you work too hard to spend for us the dolls were so nice I couldn't get any thing here like them I got them three and all are torn up all ready. Edna thinks the one you sent is so pretty she has just missed one night sleeping with it. Willis took me to wichita Falls yesterday. I got my self a coat must be some thing like yours its tight in back and comes to the bottom of my dress is black lined with black satin to the waist I paid \$11.50 got a pretty black chiffon voile skirt trimmed in satin bands and jet buttons it was a \$13.00 skirt but I paid \$9.98 for it. I didn't get a waist I am going to order one ready made I got my self a belt a black underskirt with a silk knee ruffle got the children gingham dresses and Edna a white Linen dress and a brown Linen. I spent \$45.00 and cant see what I got. but we wont need much more this next summer wichita Falls is a nice place to trade its quite a little city. I have street cars and so many automobiles. We had our little Xmas tree at home Edna & Tinsy enjoyed it fine. Etoy went to Sugden to spend Xmas went Xmas eve and came back Tuesday. We ate dinner with Mrs Oneal Xmas day and Mr & Mrs Oneal, Frank D-- and family. Mr & Mrs Elmer Smith and children ate dinner with us on Sunday Dec 26. I guess you know who the Smith's are "Kate Davidson's Smith". Kate has two kids one boy 3 weeks older than Edna and a girl 4 months younger than Fern. I enjoyed being with her so much. We intended all going to Mrs Davidsons Tuesday Dec 28 but Edna had the croup the night before and I was afraid to take her that 6 miles facing the north wind we have had freezing weather all the month untill last Friday and Saturday but its cold again to-day. Mr Gibson sent me \$20.00 Mrs Gibson sent me a pretty pitcher and cake plate Wren sent a bottle of perfume. I think my collar is so pretty. I wore it to wichita Falls yesterday. we took Mary Dean and left Tinsy and Edna with Etoy and Mr B-- it tok us all day. we didn't get home untill after dark. but Etoy said Tiny was just as good as could be and didn't hardly cry. The River was aful bad to cross the water was so deep. came nearly to the tops of the mules backs run over the front wheels and away up in the wagon bed. a carriage is stuck in there now has been there for a week and they cant get it out can't see hardly any thing but the top The children are getting cross and I'll have to quit I hope you all had a nice Xmas and hope Frank will get another position. Love to all. Write real soon I expect I have a letter at Randlett from you now but we havn't had any mail for several days.

I forgot to tell you I had a Turkey that day for dinner it was the biggest thing you ever saw I had to split or Willis split it open and put it in a dish pan to get it in the oven. Willis helped me that morning I had 3 cakes chocolate, orange and fruit cake had boiled custard and salad all made and it didn't take long to finish well i have to quit Mary Dean is yelling.

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Randlett, Okla
Jan 23--1910

My Dear Mamma & all--

I know you think I am never going to write any more but I am so busy the time slips by so fast. Its just wash and iron nearly every day but I am going more now there is no use of killing my self and staying at home all the time. Willis kids and I went to Frank D-- and driving this evening. Willis bought a nice gray team of horses last week they are small and heavy built he thinks they are dandies either will drive single he tried both this evening. he is going to get us a nice buggy we have an old one painted up. he thinks one of his horses will be perfectly safe for me and

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the kids. I am sure proud of them we have 6 mules and 2 horses now all nice ones. we have 15 acres of the finest wheat planted right south of the house and its 4 or 5 inches high. we turn our stuff in on it every night they are all fat as can be. we just planted it for pasture every one says its the finest in the country. Willis will end up the corn gathering to-morrow on the Johnson place. I guess he will farm it again this year he can if he wants too. and Mr Johnson don't sell. The children are all nearly sick with colds Fern has been right sick this week teething. I sent and got medicine from Dr Dice and she is all right except cross. Dr Dice lives in Burbburnett???. Willis goes there every other day with corn. Corn is 60 cents. Eggs are 30 cents butter 25-- Willis has tried every where for a good cow but can't get any it seems like. our jersey is dry. so we havn't any milk or butter I get about 10 eggs a day. but we use all of them. i am going to sell a hen to-morrow its rather early but I'll try her.

We have had such a cold winter the snow stayed on the ground a week once. We just raised two little banty chickens out of the seven I told you about. I wish you could see Edna and Fern they play like those chickens are their babies and just nag??? them around all the time. Fern will rock hers in her little chair she knows which is hers too. she knows that doll you sent her belongs to her too. when ever they go play she always takes that doll.

She is the crankiest kid you ever saw she will take spells and wont eat in her high chair or wont let Edna or Mary Dean sit in it either she is a smart little kid you know Mary Dean is growing when I tell you Fern just weighs 3 pounds the most. I'll soon have twins wont I? she is crawling now as Edna says. I be so glad is such a sweet baby just couldn't help but love her she is so good I neglect her some times then I feel so sorry for her I try to treat them just a like but Tinsy is so much harder to do any thing with that I have to give her the most time. I went to town the other day and Mrs Flanagan the merchants wife where I trade says well Mary Dean you are getting to look just like your Mamma too she always makes so much over her always says Isn't she the sweetest thing. she says she is getting to look like me. I told her Mr Gibson used to say I made him think of Dena every time he saw me. that was when I was 16 he told me that.

well I must quit I hope you are all well. I know you can iron as nice as any one you always could iron better than any one.

Love to all. Did you hear from Carl?

Your Girl Lula

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