

To Godfrey Earhart Hopkins County, Texas
Cousin Warren is Warren D. Earhart
Co. F 9th Texas Inf. C.S.A. Buried Main
Cemetery Newnan, Ga. Veterans Plot 3rd Row
5th Grave. Coweta County, Ga. Sept. 21st, 1864

Dear Uncle and Aunt:

As I have an opportunity of sending a letter across the Mississippi river by Captain Gant from Texas who is now discharged from service and on his way back to Texas. I now write you a few lines. I can say to you that Ma's family are all as well as common. Ma's health isn't good nor hasn't been for several years. Grandmother's health isn't very good at this time though her general health is about as good as any person of her age. Aunt Hannah Aunt Elizabeth and husband are about as well usual. Uncle Iverson was at home last week and looks as well as I ever saw him. Aunt Delpaha's health is better than it was a year or two ago. Uncle Lafayette is at home at this time. He belongs to the militia and they have been disbanded in this State for 30 days. I believe I have now told you something about all your brothers and sisters.

Brother Iverson is down at Andersonville about 200 miles below here guarding prisoners. He was well when we heard from him. Cousin John Walton has been wounded in the leg this year and is now at Grandma's. His wound is now healing very fast. Cousins Munroe and Chet Walton are in Va. and were well when we heard from them. You probably have heard that Washington and Joseph Walton are both dead. Uncle Alexander Walton's widow is living in the lower part of this county. She and family were well when we last heard from them. Cousin Warren came to Grandma's last October and was sick with chronic diarrhea when he got there and sometime last Feb. he got to wanting to go to the hospital in Newnan and to satisfy him Uncle Lafayette carried him where he died 19th of February. He was a good an intelligent young man and all of his relatives here mourn his death. He was the most patient person in sickness I have ever yet seen. I do not doubt his being better off. I feel that he is now where the roll of drum and cannon roar will never more disturb his sweet repose. Dear Aunt it has been so long since I have seen you that I have forgotten how you look, but I often times think of you though I never expect to see you again on earth. We have had times indeed in Ga. at this time.

Sherman's and Hood's army are both near us. There has been one Yankee raid through this settlement though no Yankees came to our house, they were in about half a mile of us. I expect in a few days the crops all through here will entirely be destroyed as they are a little higher up in Ga. Many of the women and children in the northern part of Ga. are now suffering for something to eat and I much fear it will soon be the same way here. I often wish we were all in Texas living near you. I have always wanted to go to Texas since you went and now I regret more than ever not going before the war commenced. I would like to see all of my cousins that I have heard Cousin Warren speak of often. There are a great many soldiers about here from Texas. We often inquire about you but have not yet seen any that were acquainted with you. I must now begin to close as it is a late hour at night. In conclusion I will say write to us as often as you can send us a letter for we are anxious to hear from you once more. All the relatives would like to see I am not at home tonight to let them speak for themselves but I can speak for them.

I hope we will meet in Heaven if we never meet again on earth. So Uncle, Aunt and Cousin Farewell for this time.

Lizzie Cates

Concord, N.H. 1864

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Lizzie Carter