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we have been here -

Warren bought me a very nice  
saddle the other day and which  
I finished my dress to night  
and we took our first ride  
this evening accompanied by  
Mr Batts, Chief Clerk of the Pay  
Master here. I expect to have  
jolly times now while I stay -  
The Officers here are going to  
keep up the Club games that  
they have been having, so once in  
two weeks we shall go to them  
I suppose. I attended the funeral  
of one of our Cousins who was  
killed while carrying dispatches  
to Brazos by the rebels - he  
had been missing a week before  
he was found - Every body went  
to his funeral I believe & the Mass  
buried him - There has not been  
any one murdered very lately

me being absent nearly all the time and instead of  
meeting Cousins of alone they go in pairs - I can hardly  
realize that we have in such a place but when we hear of  
a soldier being murdered during the night within the limits of  
the City it looks very much like a reality -  
Warren is mailing a post  
letter to Aunt Clara  
with love to all  
your daughter  
(A.C.C.)

Letter No 2  
Brownsville Texas  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Dear Father & Mother,  
No there is a  
steamer at Brazos which  
leaves tomorrow morning though  
I would send off a start  
letter, but am very sorry  
that I have not one from  
you to answer, there has been  
two steamers in lately without  
bringing me a letter from home  
but other letters that we received  
have kind of consoled us for the  
disappointment, the first brought  
us three letters from  
William one from Sallie  
and one from George Abbott  
and to night there was another  
came from Sallie and one from

Sully, he writes me that  
he has gone to the City  
of Savannah to be mustered out  
before returning home, how  
much I wish I could be there  
to see him, he is at home by  
this time I suppose hope he got  
there in time to receive the letter  
that I sent him in that package  
of letters that I sent home  
to you all - I expect to  
receive a large mail in  
answer, very soon, Sully writes  
that he has made up his  
mind to go to school for a while,  
I'm so glad of it, hope he will  
improve the time and learn all  
he can during his term for it  
will probably be the last of  
his school days - tell him to  
write me in answer to the letter  
I sent and I will send him  
another soon -

We have got nicely settled  
here now and are enjoying  
ourselves hugely, but I'm afraid  
we shall have to stay here  
through the summer, but it  
seems to be a pretty healthy  
place we have a good fresh  
breeze here most fall the time  
but in the middle of the day  
it is pretty hot - I can hardly  
believe the stories Georgie tells  
of how cold you have been  
having it that she says that it  
was impossible to keep warm in  
their sitting room where they  
have a very large coal stove,  
I'm afraid you suffered in that  
awful cold haul unless you  
have made some different arrange-  
ments from what you had last  
winter - to day it has been like  
June, I never saw such weather  
at home, we have not had

Letter No 2

Brownsville Texas

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Father & Mother,

As there is a steamer at Brazos which leaves tomorrow morning thought I would send off a short letter but am very sorry that I have not one from you to answer. There has been two steamers in lately without bringing me a letter from home but other letters that we received have kind of consoled us for the disappointment. The first brought us three letters one from William one from Sallie and one from Georgie Abbott and tonight there was another came from Sallie and one from Sully. He writes me that he has gone to the City of Savannah to be mustered out before returning home. How much I wish I could be there to see him. He is at home by this time I suppose hope he got there in time to receive the letter that I sent him in that package of letters that I sent home to you all. I expect to receive a large mail in answer very soon. Sully writes that he has made up his mind to go to school for a while. I'm so glad of it I hope he will improve the time and learn all he can during his term for it will probably be the last of his school days. Tell him to write me in answer to the letters I sent and I will send him another soon.

We have got nicely settled here now and are enjoying ourselves hugely, but I'm afraid we shall have to stay here through the summer but it seems to be a pretty healthy place we have a good fresh breeze here most all the time but in the middle of the day it is pretty hot. I can hardly believe the stories Georgie tells of how cold you have been having it there she says that it was impossible to keep warm in their sitting room wher e they have a very large coal stove. I'm afraid you suffered in that awful cold house unless you have made some different arrangements from what you had last winter. Today it has been like June, I never saw such weather at home. We have not had a real good rain since we have been here.

Warren bought me a very nice saddle the other day and whip. I finished my dress tonight and we took our first ride this evening accompanied by Mr. Butts Chief Clerk of the Pay Master here. I expect to have jolly times now while I stay. The officers here are going to keep up the club parties that they have been having so once in two weeks we shall go to them I suppose. I attended the funeral of one of our couriers who was hung while carrying dispatches to Brazos by the Liberals. He had been missing a week before he was found. Every body went to his funeral I believe the Mason buried him. There has not been any one murdered very lately.

We have scouting parties out nearly all the time and instead of sending couriers off alone they go in pairs. I can hardly realize that we are in such a place but when we hear of a soldier being murdered during the night within the limits of the city it looks very much like a reality. Warren is waiting to post this so must close with love to all your daughter

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