

Terryville, De Witt Co, Texas

December the 8th – Saturday night

(1866 – only Dec 8 on a Sat. in 1860s)

Dear Aunt

As Pa is going over I will write a few lines to inform you that we are all well and as far myself I am very well pleased with the City so far but we are in a little house with a dirt floor but will not remain so long. Pa has bult a kitchen since he came over, quite a snug little room. He will commence another house as soon as he gets back.

Well about the singing school. All hands were perfectly willing and anxious for me to go but I have no way of going unless Sue sends me a horse as I requested her to do. Cyrus was to have been here tonight but has not arrived yet. I intended to have gone over there tomorrow if he had of come but you can see Mr. Cliifton and send me word when the scholl commences and if Sue sends a horse I wll come and I expect Frances to be shure to go too. I will be lonesome by myself. I think she can sing as well as I can. If I do not go to the singing I will go over to Sue's and stay about a month, maybe until the first of March. Pap don't want me to go. I will tell you why when I see you. I expect you can guess. You must write by Pa. He will start back on Monday - and tell me all the news.

Tell Frances to write. If I go to the Miniwee (Manahuila) I will write to you both. Give my love to all inquiring friends if I have any.

Kiss Lizzy for me tell her I am coming to see her as soon as I can. Come over as soon as we get

a house. I will let you know as soon as we get it done. Farewell for a few days.

As ever your niece,
Mary M Jones

Addressed – Mrs. Susan Butts
Hallettsville, Lavaca Co, Texas
Politeness of M.M. Jones, - Delivered to Mabry Jones (no date)

Written after the families had moved back across the river, the Guadalupe. “Pa” was Mabry; “Pap” was James Lovelady.