

Gatesville Coryelle Co Texas
May the 6th 1876

Dear sister & relatives

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Sad heart that I take up my pen to
inform you of my great grief & sorrow
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taken from me but thank god she's gone
home to rest she died on the 18th March very
sudden she was in good health up to the 17th
12 o'clock was taken after dinner and died at 8
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from earth and I am left alone in grief
and sorrow but thank be to god I sorrow
not as those that have no hope I find peace
and comfort in trusting in gods word and
relying on his promises that we shall meet
again where parting will be no more may
god help us all to be faithful and be prepared
to meet in heaven to join with all those
that have gone before This is my daily prayer
sister pray for me that I may be faithful

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for god and be prepared to meet him in
peace but I find a great many trials and
difficulties to contend with and feel that I
need all the prop. and encouragement that I
can get and hope you will all remember me
at a throne of grace. I know that I have
the sympathies of all that know me but that
or any thing else save the love of god can ever
bring peace and happiness to my poor heart
I know tis wrong to grieve and I do my best
to be resigned to the will of god knowing
that he is too good to do any thing wrong
and thank's be to his name I can still enjoy
of his love notwithstanding all the sorrows
and afflictions that befall me. Mary I dont
know how to tell you what was the matter with
her the Doctor says it was an turn of life
or female disease he never saw a case like
it before and sister what grieves me most
is that I was not at home and never got
to see her at all she was buried the day
before I got home I was at Sepeds the
night she died and knew nothing of it until
within a half mile of home

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I have not heard from them since nor
any of the rest of the Connection except
William I got a letter from him they were
all well Mother has been with us
this week she is well as common she
is still proud of her age and wishes to be
remembered by you all and wants to hear
from you often she is gone back to Peters
to day they were all well day before yesterday
Julia has another son born the 12th March
they are getting along very well Craps looks
very well wheat is not very good we had
some frost on the morning of 3rd May
did not do any serious damage tell
Aber we have got our corn all worked
over one time and will go to laying
by in a few days I have got no cotton this
year you must excuse me this time
and write soon and often give my
respects to all I remain your brother
J. C. Turner we are all well and hope
this will find you all
in good health J. C. T.

P.S. Nancy Ann Shelton as use to
be her name is now Wheaton & is
living with us keeping house for us she
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