Carlisle, Akansas,

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Carlisle, Arkansas Jany 24th, 1876

Mrs. Harriet Shepherd

Dear Aunt:

I have been thinking about you a great deal of late, and as I deem it a duty as well as a privilege to write you a few lines I will not delay the matter longer.

This missive leaves all of us in good health in connection with the entire community. We have had a great deal of sickness in our country this last year, the people have been very backward in gathering their crops. I have some cotton in the in the field yet.

I would like very much to see you all once more, but I have but little hopes of ever seeing you again in this life.

I will be twenty-six years of age on the 15th of next August and have never yet felt worthy of becoming a member of any church, although I have desired to be a Christian for several years; I know that Pa would be a great deal happier to see all of his children in the church of Christ.

Sister Mary was up to see us christened. She lives about twenty miles south of us.

Bro Quitman is living with Pa, he is quite small but has a heavy beard which makes him look as old as I do.

Sister Julia is getting to be very fast and thing about the boys some I presume; she is one of the best looking Booes I have ever seen yet, if I do say so myself. I am going to send her to school this year to a very fine teacher. I would have been married [unreadable] this had it not been for Julia but Quitman is old enough to take care of her now so you may not be surprised to hear of my wedding at any time, but understand, I am not under no promise at this time. Our Temperance Council is gone down at last much to the dissatisfaction of all interested in the welfare of the young. We have some very good people in our country and some very bad ones; Our little town Carlisle is growing very fast, but it is a bad place for young men to live.

Tell cousin Lo - Nichols that I would be very glad to hear from her, also your entire family as well as yourself.

All join me in love to all,

Hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain as ever your nephew,

JJ Booe