

Carlisle, Arkansas,

July 24th / 1875.

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 field yet.

I would like very much to see you all once more; but I have but little hope 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} ~~pleas~~ to see all of his children in the church of Christ.

Sister Mary was ^{to} see us Christmas 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.

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and think about the boys some I presume;
she is one of ^{the} best looking Boos I have ever
seen yet, if I do say it myself, I am going
to send her to school this year to a very
fine teacher, I would have been married some
time this had it not been for Julia but Dittman
is old enough to take care of her now and you may
not be surprised to hear of my wedding at any
time, but under stand, I am not under no promise
at this time, Our Temperance Society
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tion 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
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place for young men to live.

Tell cousin Lo - Nichols that I would be
very glad to hear from her, alas 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,

J. J. Poor.

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