

Pilot Point

Mar. 8 1877
Denton Co Texas

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are in Tarrant Co. Gran mother was
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started down there on the 4th and got
there on the 5th about nine o'clock A.M.
but alas! she was dead. she departed
this life about 8 o'clock that
morning. but she left testimony
that she had gone to a better world
Ma thinks she had all the
attention that could be given her.
she was buried at a church about
a half a mile from there; aunt
Julie is not very well. sister,
Eliza is living eleven ^{miles} from them.
uncle Peters Post office is
Grape vine Tarrant Co. Texas
Elizars Post office is Lewisville

Denton Co. Texas

Ma will send you some of
grand-mess hair.

Your niece

Katie Deets.

Having just returned
from town I will add
a line to the above I sold
out in Comanche last fall
& me & Simpson & Heitner
traveled out N E left Heitner
19 miles west of Dallas
me & Simpson arrived here
Dec 3rd & I think found
the best country that I
have seen in Texas so we
rented a good place near
town two sets of houses two good
wells a water & a peach orch
ard forage & supplies
plenty & reasonable.

Land is high. Churches
Schools Mills grins &c
in fact nearly every thing
~~Convenient~~ four Churches
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gh & measles are in among
them so we have Stopped Ours
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will take those Complaints
or not. They have some Sym-
ptoms now of Hooping Cough
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ing of Sore Throat & Cold
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is blowing today the Spring
is backward though the
farmers are busy preparing

& planting I havent plan
ted much yet we are going to
try for a big Cotton Crop
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ble except the grasshoppers
they are hatching by the
million what they will do I cant
say I presume that you are
convinced of the fact that Bro
James wife died last mar ch
he married again in Oct
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hear except us Rammers we
are a little hard up & will be
until we settle I hear less
talk of hard times than I
have heard since I left Penn
30 years ago please write to
us soon & aftin excuse this
sorry letter I Remain Yours

A. H. Deitz

When Frances Rogers Smith Colquitt went into a nursing home, her son Fletcher Smith (my father-in-law) gave me a box of Rogers family papers that he had found in her attic. This letter was in the box. It was written by a niece and brother-in-law of Mary Turner Cramer, wife of Fleming Ed Cramer, and reported the death of Mary's mother, Dorothy Yarbrough Turner. Ed Cramer and Mary Turner were the maternal grandparents of Frances's mother, Mary Emma Virginia Stephens. I've done my best to transcribe it without correcting spelling or punctuation.

– Anne Orsi, 27 Nov 2014

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