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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

Mar 8 1877 Pilot Point Denton Co Texas

Dear uncle aunt and cousins

We got a messenger from uncle Peters family last Saturday they are in Tarrant Co. granmother was very sick with flu so Pa and Ma started down there on the 4th and got there on the 5th about nine oclock AM. but alas! she was dead. She departed this life about 8 oclock 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 Elizas Post office is Lewisville Denton Co. Texas

Ma will send you some of grandmas 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 & Hodnett Roled out NE left Hodnett 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 of water & a peach orchard found forage & Suplies plenty & Reasonable

Land is high, churches Schools mills gins &c in fact nearly every thing convenient four churches in town & a large School we have ben sending 4 chaps. But the hooping cough & measles are among them So we have Stoped Ours I don't know whether they will take Mas Complaint or not. They have Some Simptoms now of hooping cough.

Thos Simpson is Complaining of Sore throat & cold.

We have had a very hard winter & abundance of Snow – a norther is blowing today The Spring is backward though the farmers are busy preparing & planting. I haven't planted mutch yet we are going to try for a big Cotton Crop everything Seems favorable except the grasshoppers they are hatching by the milion what they will do I can't say. I presume that you are cognizant of the fact that Bro James wife died last march he married again in Oct the people are doing well hear except us Ramblers 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 Tenn 30 years ago – please write to us soon & often Excuse this sorry letter I Remain yours

AH Deets