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## W.T. Lenoir to Blanchard Lenoir, Hot Springs, Arkansas

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At Home May 26/58

My Dear Child

To day is just one week since I reached home and this is the second time I have written to you. Your dear mother I am sorry to say is still in bed and at times suffers very much with Pains in her stomach she does not have much fever at any time it is a return of some of her old complaints. She has not sat up 2 hours for the last ten days. The rest of the white family are all on foot. Willy limps a little with his left ankle but I hope he will soon be well again. James & Whitman are both well.

Among the blacks Maria, Louisa, ~~and~~ Courtney and Kizzy are laid up, the rest all with Bowel affections are quite prevalent and in some instances of quite a serious character. Mr Love in Aberdeen has been down for several days, severely afflicted with Dysentery, I saw Mr J. Harrison 2 days since he and his family were in tolerably good health, at this time he is high in hope of getting off for Texas next fall and so is your father nothing could induce me to stay here. I have received letters from Texas and they ~~and~~ they give quite a flattering account of the prospects for good crops in that State, they have never been better.



My land trade with Evans, has been closed  
with the parties in Solveston, and will soon  
be closed with Evans, the track of ~~the~~ land  
is a splendid one, and as the times run  
it is better than I thought, it is worth \$30,000  
and I would not take any less for it.

Things are moving on, on the plantation tolerably  
well, the corn looks fine and the cotton <sup>looks</sup> as  
good as it usually does at this season of  
the year, we are only waiting for the lice  
to leave it, to thin it to a stand.

The blind filly has a fine mare colt and  
Mary Fortson has a large fine horse colt,  
the boys say it is Buds, I think if it  
mets with no accidents it will make an  
excellent horse. Your Fox Willie has shot  
off of Ellen and she stands fine first rate  
she will be worth something yet. I do not  
know of any animal that walks better  
under the saddle than she does.

We have a protracted meeting going  
on at our meeting house and it promises  
to be a good one, much interest is  
manifested and one has professed religion  
and there are several enquiries after the bread  
of life may their hearts desire be gratified  
and the Sun of Righteousness dispell the  
gloom which surrounds their sin sick  
souls



My son the seeking of religion is the noblest employment of the unconverted man or woman. Without it none can see God and live. remember this and read your bible, it will teach you your duty to your maker and to your fellow man. As you are now situated it will require all the moral courage you can bring to bear to avoid the whirl pool of sin and folly by which you are surrounded. I pray for you constantly and pray with all the earnestness of my heart that you may be forever blameless. I have high expectations of you my dear son and feel confident that you <sup>will</sup> act uprightly to do otherwise would be to grieve the hearts of those who love you ~~as themselves~~ own souls; and this my son, will not do. Should you at any time be tempted to do wrong, reflect that the eye of the ~~all~~ = mighty, is upon you; and that he will hold you accountable in the great day of acc'ts. when, <sup>the</sup> human family will be called to stand in his presence to receive, each one, the reward of his acts while in this world. May you be clothed with the garment of righteousness in that day. Amen

Your precious mother remembers her eldest son with all of a mothers affection and prays daily that she may not be disappointed



in the hopes she entertains of you, and  
she sends her love; a Mother's love; and  
with it a Mother's blessing.

Your brothers and Cousin send their love  
and best wishes

May God bless you

Your father

W. G. Q.

May 31<sup>st</sup> Your Mother is not quite so bad  
off as she was at the commencement of this  
letter, but at times suffers very much yet.  
She sets up a little now  
our meeting is still in progress; there has  
been 4 conversions, and last night there  
were 7 at the mourners bench among whom  
were your brother James and your Cousin  
Whitman. My souls desire is that they may  
obtain the Pearl of great price.

Your Father