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

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At Home June 28, 1858

My Dear Son

We rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from you 3 day since and regret to learn that you are not decidedly improving. I hope when the weather becomes more settled you will derive much greater benefit; I would advise you to persevere and give the springs a fair test. I hope the bad feelings under which you labored when you wrote were a crisis and that when they passed off you found your self better you would do well to consult Dr Hammonds, at any time you might think it proper to make a change in your course of treatment; he will direct you for the best, or what he thinks for the best, and his long residence at the Springs enables him to form correct opinions as to what is best to be done. When you write again let us know if you have gained any increase in weight - and if your appetite continues good walk as much as your strength will permit and hold your self erect; it will benefit you in the end. May God bless the means to your speedy recovery; recollect my son that He holds your destiny in his hands, and imparts life to you from day to day, pray to him, that with life He may give you health and pray in faith and he is able and will hear your petitions

Memorandum 1890

Your mother is still confined to her bed and at times suffers very much; during the past week she has had more or less fever all the time, and to say though her fever is lower than usual, still she is quite painful. She is much weaker and very feeble can scarcely stand alone. This last attack commenced a week ago last Saturday, and this is Monday. Dr Tindall has been to see her and did not think her dangerous.

Your Brothers are well, that is running about, Willy has just returned from the coast with a nice string of fish among them some large fine bream. Thomas Caruthers school is out and when we will get another I do not know, Thomas is in bad health and will <sup>not</sup> take another school, so we will be compelled to make some other arrangement, the boys are all growing fast and will soon be men in size if not in intellect, and culture, they are high in the notion of Texas, and want to go out this fall. If your dear mother's health is restored you may not be surprised if she and your brothers go out to that new country next spring, I expect you to go this fall. I am making arrangements to get a 15 horse power engine sent out to Galveston next spring, so as to get it in operation in

with anxiety to the form of your order  
I have been looking forward  
the summer following and with the engine I  
will get a circular saw mill, my wish is  
to saw up all the timber that will make  
lumber, as I clear the land. To get the engine  
hauled up from Galveston and put in run-  
ning order will require my personal atten-  
-tion and for that reason I am trying to induce  
your mother to go out, she can then see the  
country and try the climate before we settle  
out here, and in time to prevent the sale,  
if she does not like the change. If we do  
go out my calculation is to hire a good over-  
-saw, and have this place with the hands that  
may remain, in his care. At this time I would  
not exchange this or my Texas land for but  
few places I have seen on the Miss River. From  
late accounts the levees have broken in many  
places and among them the Yazoo pass, and  
the country generally is inundated. Thomas Smith's  
place is all under and he will not make any  
thing this year not even corn. Many who were  
high in hope early in the season are now  
disheartened and anxious to sell. My land on  
the Brazos have not been overflowed and the  
prospect for good crops never more promising than  
in that state at this time. We are having very  
dry weather at this time, rather too much so  
for the good of our crops, corn is maturing it  
badly and our cotton would grow faster for it.

It is worth for your present and future happiness  
I have written some for you to read and work

I did not say any thing to Mr Clayton  
in relation to Henry's working for his board  
I thought that when you could spare him  
you could make an arrangement for your  
self and with you I leave the matter if  
Clayton does not want him probably some  
other responsible person in the place would  
like to hire him, but be certain that anyone  
who takes him, is able and will pay you for  
his services. I did not say any thing about  
the prospect of the cotton crop, I think it  
is fully as good as if not better than it was  
at this date last season

My dear Childs I am glad to hear  
that you have read the little books your  
dear Mother sent in your trunk: may they be  
a lamp to your path and a light to your  
feet and with them my son read your  
bible it will make you wise unto salvation  
by teaching you your duty, first to your Mother  
and then, to your self & fellow men  
Pray my son for deliverance from the tempta-  
-tions by which you are surrounded, May  
our Heavenly Father preserve you blameless is  
the hearts desire and prayer of your father  
P.S. Give my best respects to my respect-  
-takers who may enquire for me and  
tell Mr Jones I feel anxious to know  
how the high water has served him

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