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Letter, Jim M. Jackson to Cynthia Jackson Boswell; 9/15/1861

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Camp Beauregard Ellis Co Texas Sept the 15th / 61

Dear Sister

This morning furnishes me time to answer your welcome letter of the fourth of August. I am well and in Camps I belong to the fourth regiment first division of Texas State Troops I do not know where we will be sent some say to Rio Grande some to the coast about San Antonio. I have written four or five letters without receiving any answer I do not know what is the matter. I have written to Mother to keep my notes as Henry has gone to the war and there is no probability of Sam staying. I left the Sudbury note with Sgt Jackson to collect for me if he has collected it I want Mother and Papa to apply it to the payment of the note you hold against me I took this receipt for it and I think I left it with brother Henry if not with Henry it was with brother Sam. In view of the uncertainty of life I will say to you in case Mother should not live I want you to preserve my notes and business papers for me if Sam has gone to the war or if he is not in the country. If I should go under in this war, after my debts are paid I want my estate to be divided equally among Mother and those of my full Brothers and Sisters that are living or that have legal representatives that is to say to go to their bodily heirs. I want brother Jack to have my violin and brother Wash to have my gun. I left my watch at sister Marthas, when she moves I want it left with you or Mother. If any of you write to me direct your letters to Conington and if there is any chance to forward them Col Gathings will send them to me. I think

we will receive orders in a few days to take up
our line of march either to the Rio Grande or the
Coast I will close by subscribing myself your
affectionate brother Jim. M. Jackson

P.S. Our regiment is Cavalry

you must cheer up and not be so low

hope still lives us onto a bright
future Jim