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Dear Parents

We have had no letter from you for some time but have had several from Thomas & AJ which have always mentioned you both and are glad to hear of your good health And father -mentioned on one of Thomas letters the hardship it was to him to write on account of trimmer in his hand which we suppose the reason of not having a letter direct from you - Our families are all well and our neighbours generally though we have had an unusually wet spring as well as a very backward one. We wrote to Bro AJ a few days since that Judge Scott would visit him acby 11 and as Thomas spoke of visiting Texas it would be a favourable time for him to return with the Judge but we learned yesterday that the Judge went as far as Neworleans and has returned and will not go on this season. consequently Thomas need not wait for him if he intends visiting us this summer - Thomas wrote to us when he returned from Ireland that his next trip would probably be to California and I wrote him if he ever left you again that I should insist on his visiting us though I have never insisted on any of my relations visiting in Texas and particular Thomas the last remaining child with you. I could not think of requesting him or advising him ever to leave you - but if it is his intention with your consent to leave that country for any other I shall insist and both our families do the same that he shall at least visit us and look at the country for himself and as we have before said if he likes and wishes to engage in business of any kind we are readdy and willing to help him. Tell him that we have informed you before that we have started a business in the adjoining County and gave my brother in law an interest in it. C W Cawthon -commenced first of last sommer have done a fair business so far - Mother Womack has just returned from visiting her friends in Alabama her mother died a few days before she reached thare She made the trip there and back by her self returned safe and in good health - give our love to sister Mary Elen and her husband tell them we would be glad to her from them And keep up a correspondance with them Accept our kindest wish for your good health and prosperity and give our love to all enquiring friends to our affectionate Parents

P. J. Willis & Brother

April 27th

Dr Father I have nothing of importance to add to Peters. Our business continues to increase as the country does & we are getting mail out & some in & on hand. So we are becoming more & more identifide wotj tje cpimtru sp ,itcj sp tjat we consider our selves settled in this place & business for life (accidents escepted) and as to going north to purchase our goods & visiting you is somewhat uncertain with the arrangements that we have on hand. to get our goods suits not better than for one of us to go on & purchase our self but at the same time we have not given up the idea of coming to see you & as to myself it is my time yet next & I think that I shall be back to see you as soon as I did before which is once in seven years which will make my next due next year. our family are all well & as our business things are increasing. Look out for one more in my next flattering accounts is comincing. Every day from thos that have left this place for California and I do think it is the very best place for some of the young men of your neighbours like Lewis Robertson. of all the places that I ever heard of California is the only place that he was destined for & tell him to go for the Gold is there & no mistake. Love to all enquiring friends & believe me to be your affectionate

Son R. S. Willis