

State of Texas Virginia Point
Frbruary the 4 [no year]

Dear brother I take this oportunity to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present and hoping these few lines may find you the same. I belong to a Infantry co. at Virginia Point, Pentegra our Capt. Hardy Jones, lewtenant Pentegras, lewtaneant Jones, Benate, lewtinant. I have gone in for three years on the war. I joined on the first day of Febuary. This is a bad place for a camp all of the con nexians is well as far as I know. Cattle looked verry bad when I left home. I left the cattle with John. I had to go the wars or be drafted and I would drother be ded at once than to be drafted. We are campd at the bridge that leads to Galveston our picket gards stall on the bridge. Camp life is very bad. I would give five dollars to see you. Times is very dul when I left home a man can worry himself beten in the wars than out ot it. There is no pleasure at home for me. I want you to wright to me I havent received but one letter from you since you left. I think there is something the matter of our male rout. Dock was over at your house about a week ago your folks was well. The old man was sick when they were there. Excuse my bad hand writing for I am writing on my piler and in a bad situation to write, and the worst pen I ever saw. This is all the paper I have got to write on I will have to get on the canl and go to Galveston and get some. I must close so no more at this time. But remaining your forever cc.

Address Virginia Point
 Care of Pentegras Co. B

CC Chaffin to
WJ Chaffin

December the 5th 1862

State of Texas Limestone C.

My dear brother I this evening embrace the present opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know that I haven't forgotten you. We are all well at this time but Lavina she has the chills yet. I hope these few lines will find you well when you get them. John and family is well at this time. Emaline is living at John's house. Christopher is going to war he is going down on the coast he will start in about four weeks. William I do wish the war would come to a close times here is very hard can't buy everything without paying three prices people is cased to go naked if they don't spin and weave. They have a little spun cotton in Waco for four dollars a bunch. Horton Huse has got back from Rosses company and is laying very low. I think that he will die. Ben Williams has got back. They are both discharged for good on the account of sickness. Ben Crist and his wife have got together again and moved to this country. Rosses company has got the smallpox. Granberrys company has got the measles. I am very uneasy about our southern men I am afraid that they don't get plenty to eat. Now William I want you to write to me and let me know how you live what you have to eat and what you wear. If you ever get back you shall have some clothes it troubles me to think that you sent for clothes and didn't get them. I am going to weave you a coat and pants and have them ready for you when you get back. Mr Wortham has written you six of seven letters and has got two from you. John got your letter the fourth of December you wrote that we would all laugh to see you washing your clothes. William I felt more like crying and did cry. I wish I could do you washing for you do you have soap or not. It just looks to me that the war will never stop. Old man Tomson and son was hung last Monday over here on Tiwa---y for stealing horses and four more were sent to fight the Yankees. They haven't got them all yet. It is the same set that lives by Dock Riddles. Well I must come to a close farewell till I write you again.

Elizabeth E Wortham

A few words to Perry I heard from Mary not long since they was all well. Perry I want you to hold out faithful to the end I now that you wish you self at home. Burnett lives between here and school house about land from rules so no more at this time.

Elizabeth E Wortham

Parkers Mills July 30th 1863

Well Williams. I a few minutes ago received yours of 20th June also one to Becca of 29th. I am truly glad to here that you are yet alive and do truly hope you may yet reach home and share the blessing of your toyles.

I am astonished that you have had no letters from me for I have wrote several times. Lt. Wilsons has got home. I went to see him to learn your fate did not see him but saw Bill Miller. He had seen him and sayd you was rite side up I was truly glad to here it, believe me.

Thear is so little news. I hardly know how to begin to tell it. I have in my former letters kept you posted as to the most important points, but as you have not got them will tell you what I can think of.

Ben Davis died day before yesterday from consideralbe sickness, tho the connection is gnarly well. Perry Holiman was here a few days ago. Alls well out thear he talked of moving back here. Dont know. Do Wortham is in the army on Mississippi some whare. The drouth has liked to have killed everyting. Corn and all. But it has rained and thear will be plenty made.

Jonson is still doing the best he can the wheat and wry done verry well. Jonson has taken the wheat to the mill. In fact everything is doing verry well. Thear will be plenty of most hogs begin to pick up.

Beca sold your young horse for \$150. I have tried to get her to give it up and take back. I could get \$300 for him but she wont do it. Johson sold your iron for you I sold the Willis steers for \$80. Ben has the money.

The school is out. I shall try to do as you have directed. Beca will be up where she is for two or thee months, if she lives. Hulda has a baby, aboy born June 1st.

I havent bought any lumber yet. You will know that Vicksburgh has fallen. There will be another call for more men. Yes John and Gib Hassel is dead. Perry Starr is very sick will keep you posted as soon as any thing takes place worth writing. Now Ill do it certain. My health is bad but improving a little that all.

J W Parker

Parker Mills
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July 31, 63

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Dear Father and Mother

I received your kind letter date July 30th. I was truly glad to her from you all onst more. Your letters is coming in but tha are all ok except the last. I have no news of interest to write you we are now on the march to wards Port Hudson on what purpose I cant tell if any thing turns up I will let you now. We have been camped for the last few days in one of the worst swamps that I nearly ever saw. It looks like the men will all die in the swamps. Our beef is only toleable at the present. We are camped close to Bayo rush will leave her to morow ther is some new her that France and England had or would acknowledge our independence. France has 40 thousand in the Riogrand. England and France is both sending a fleet to the United States for what purpos I dont now. I can only surmise if we study the future by the past and present I think we will have peace very soon. The people of New Yark are wripe for peace as well as in Washington City. Banks have offered all the people free access to the city of Orleans for trade. He is doing this to fool the north west as the news that our citizens went her for permitted by our people as it is in violation of ever order from our officers. They have got the river and it don't do them any good for ther is no market for other practice and I think we will get a few of ther transports when they get on the river, and if we do you shall her from me again.

I was very mutch surprised to her that Beca had sold my young horse. If I had him her I could five hundred dollars from him. Horses sell her from three to six hundred dollars. I the horse is not delivered tell her to pay back the money and let the horse run as I have more money than I now what to do with. Dont let them sell any more steers Confederate money ant worth then cents on the dolar. I have her on hand over 400 dolars that I want to send home by the first opportunity. After my taxes are paid, that is my war tax. Turn the rest over to Benny Parker to use as I directed him, and ther is another thing that I want you to have my surtificate advertised and get a duplicate from the clerks office and get out my patent for my pump and you will do me a faver. I will pay all your expenses that you are out. What is cotton worth there now, and whether ther is any to be had or not.

I got a letter from ND Burnett all the folks are well out at the praries. He said that Emaline was coming home I hope it is sew. I last wrote home a few days ago but Herod wrote me that Becca was sick.

Have not herd any thing from Frank or William Herod. Hollingsworth and Mathews are well and are going -----.

Thats all give my love and respect to all and Rebecca the same for your ----.

W.J. Chaffin

JW Parker
LE Parker

Write often did you get a letter with 2 dolars in