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Cut Off Drew Ark,
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Dear Father & Family

I received your
ever welcome letter a few
days ago and was very glad
to hear from you all
I was very sorry to hear
of Ma's sickness but hope
she will be ⁱⁿ better health
when I hear from home
again. I have not been
well for a week or two
I have had a very bad
cough for a month and
cannot get clear of it
I have also had a bilious
attack, but getting better now
Chills & Fevers will not
take hold of a person before
long and then I want to

For some healthier place
and if I can get money enough
I will go to Texas but if
cannot I will go to the
Northern part of the State
There is no one with me
except J Hardin now A. L. is
working at Duke's saw
mills in the bottoms

I have saw him since he
left the cut off which was
about a month ago I heard
from J L Alexander last
week he was getting \$200 per day
in gold he is somewhere in
Bell Co Tex but I do not
what portion. Hardin & myself
are speaking of going to Tex
in a few months if we can
get off - we want you to write
soon as you can and give us
the condition of the country
and whether it is safe to go

if we can ~~stay~~ ^{stay} here about
two months with fifty we
can make money enough to
take us to Texas but if it
is unsafe we will leave
as quick as you answer this
letter. I am getting a
dollar per day & board
working at the carpenters
trade ~~and I have~~ I have
not been hunting in three
months I have got something
else to do now. We have
had rain about two weeks
regular along and the whole
face of the country is covered
with water. There is a little
creek hardly as large as
Buffala in the summer is a
half a mile wide now and
has washed the railroad so bad
that the train can hardly get along.

The farmer a throw back
very much on account of
rains, fields of corn are
now lying under water which
had come up a week ago
Court is going at Monday
The county site and several
persons have gone to the
penitentiary and some fine
pretty heavily. I must close
for I am in hurry to go to
the country - give my love to
all the family and all friends
Give my love to grandpa &
Ma & Tell will write them
a letter when I get time
Give me the name of uncle
Jim & Alberts Post Office
as I do not know what it is
Write soon to your affectional
Son S. M. Andrews