

Haskell, Texas  
January 13, 1905

Mrs. Sarah Gorham  
Chamal, Mexico

Dear friend,

I received a letter from you while I lived in Wise Co. over a year ago and answered but the letter was lost and I had forgot your address. So I left it with Tom requesting him to send it to your daughter Alta (Atta) Williams. She was there and he failed to do so. I have been reading your letters in the News and thinking I would write you. So we read your letter in the last news and decided now was the time. I would like to be there now for it

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has been the coldest weather all week and to night it is fearful cold. We have a nice comfortable house and yet I have to get close to the fire to write. We live in town. John and Minnie live six miles in the country on our ranch. He and Tom farms and takes care of the cattle. Minnie has three children the oldest is Isla May and the next is Samie Persin and the youngest is three weeks old to day. A girl they haven't named her yet. I do love to read your letters in the News and I tell people here they can rely on every word you write. How I wish every body Was truthful. I saw in one of you letters that Nolie and one of your sons had gone to Oregon on a visit. How was it and how did they go?

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Have they returned? Tom spent Xmas in Wise Co. I believe all the old friends and acquaintances were well. I heard Atta was married. Is she still in Greer? What is her name now. Do you know her husband? Does she think of moving out where you live. Is your father going to live there? What kind of water do you have there?

How far do you live from the Rail Road? What or how much money does it take to make the trip out there from here? Mr. Chitwood may come out there this winter if he sells here ..... and Addie still live where we lived two years are getting along very well.

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The wind blows here terrible part of the time. Well I had better close as I know nothing interesting to write. Would be glad to get a letter from you soon.  
From your loving friend. Mary A. Chitwood

PS Give my love to Nolie and all the children