

Temple, Texas
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Mrs. S.A. Gorham
Decatur, Tex.

Dear old time neighbor — your letter came yesterday. Thanks for the contents. I did not expect to hear so soon.

I think it uncertain about going back to Mex. To live. We have so little available capital to re-establish ourselves. Willard was killed, as you know, Basil is of age and enlisted in the U.S. military service, the two girls are grown and both threatening to marry. Besides all

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this Mrs. J. and [I] are rather advanced in years to begin life anew under frontier conditions. Regards to Cicero & family, also, little Joe. Send balance when convenient. Yours truly, J. Jones

P. S. You spoke of Otho's death. I was staying with him and Mr. Gorham at time of his death and had been for a month or more. Otho seemed well as ever till about Oct. or November before his death. Then he became ailing and staid about house most of time. He was able to go

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to Thanksgiving dinner at Campbellite Church. After that he went out very little, gradually growing weaker, but was up until about 4 days before his death. About a week before death, I saw the end was not far away. It came sooner than I expected. He was patient in all his pain ~ spoke to me in most affectionate terms ~ his people. At burial his coffin had beautiful evergreen decoration At Rest. I understood this was provided by Chamal girls. He was buried in a nice suit he brought to Mex.

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Every one seemed to regard him as a good boy. We have to get over the loss of our own boy, but even now after nearly * months my heart is so sore! So sore! I suppose God who gave us these boys know why we should lose them. His ways are mysterious. I do not question His wisdom. I suppose in time I shall be more resigned.
Yours truly J. Jones