

CHAPTER 7: DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH FAWCETTS AND RELATIVES

BATH CO VA DEED 3:244. Oct 12, 1807. From Thomas, Joseph & Susanna Kinkead to Benjamin Fawcett, Sr. 205 acres (in 2 tracts) on Stuarts Creek for 1800 pounds.

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This Indenture of bargain and sale made the 12 day of October 1807 Between Thomas Kinkead acting by a power of attorney from Joseph Kinkead dated the 9th October 1807 of the one part of the County of Bath and State of Virginia and Benjamin Fawcett of the county and state aforesaid. Witnesseth that the said Thomas Kinkead and Susanna his wife for an in consideration of the sum of Eighteen hundred pounds current money of Virginia to them in paid the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge doth bargain and sell unto the said Benjamin Fawcett and his heirs two certain tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Bath[,] the first tract containing one hundred and fifty eight acres being part of a tract of two hundred and sixty two acres lying on both sides of Stuart Creek a branch of the Cowpasture River and bounds as follows to wit[:] Beginning at three white oaks on South of a branch at the foot of a hill N30E 112 poles to a white oak corner to Gideon Nink land[,] and with his line N62W 32 poles to a white oak at the edge of a bottom[,] N3W 75 poles to two white oaks leaving said line S34W 136 poles to a white oak on a bank[,] S60W 20 poles to two white oaks[,] S32W 78 poles to a pine & white oak[,] S6E 76 poles to a white oak and plum bush[,] S45W 12 poles to two white oaks by the road and creek[,] S5W 82 poles to a white oak and pine near the creek[,] N73E 54 poles to a pine on a hill[,] N25E 160 poles to the Beginning.

The tract of parcel of land containing forty seven acres part of a tract formerly the property of John Edde. Beginning at a white and with said line S32 degrees E 22 poles to a stake by the wagon road[,] thence S50W 30 poles to a white oak nearest. road and leaving sd. line S22W 22 poles to a pine[,] thence S 65E 86 poles to a white oak and pine near the creek[,] thence N5S 80 poles to two white oaks by the Creek and wagon road[,] thence N45E 12 poles crossing apart afsd. creek to a walnut and plumb bush[,] thence S6W 26 poles crossing sd. creek to two white oaks the to corner and with the line S50W 68 poles to a Black oak & Cont on a ...side S20W 32 poles to the Beginning with all its appurtenances to have and to hold the said two tracts of land to the sd Benj Fawcett his heirs or assigns forever and the said Thomas Kinkead and Susanna his [wife,] Thomas Kinkead acting by a power of attorney for Joseph Kinkead and Nancy his wife for themselves & their heirs doth covenant with sd Benjamin Fawcett and his heirs the sd two tracts or parcels of Land with all its appertances to the sd B Fawcett and his heirs or assigns against all persons whatsoever will forever warrant and defend. In Witness whereof they have set their names and affixed their Seals this 12 day of October 1807

Signed Sealed and Delivered) Thos Kinkead (Seal)
in Presences of) Thos Kinkead signed for
Joseph Kinkead (Seal)
Susanna Kinkead (Seal)

York Co SC Will A:314, Case 54, File 88: William Carson. Probated 7/1/1811

In the Name of God amain. I William Carsen of the county of York South Caolina farmer in a Tolerable State of health. Blised be God fo it and in perfect mind and memory but calling to mind the frailty of man and that is apointed for all men once to die it heaving pleased God to Bless me wih Some of the good things of this Life think it proper to dispose of them in the following maner Viz. First I recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my Body I recommend to the Eath in decent Christian Burial at the discracion of my Executors Northing doubting But I shall Receive the same by the mighty power of God at the general Resuraion as to my worldly Estate I will that all my Lawfull debts be Justly paid----

first I give and Bequeth to my well Beloved Wife Shusanna Caron a free and peasible possession in my Dwellin house with a comfortable mentainance fom the Land duing Life if Continuing in Widow hod Likewise my horse called Dick with hur Saddle and Bridge hur bed and furniter with all hur other aperil with a Bed on the Loft with the furnitur Likewise four Cows with Some young Cattle with the Sheep hogs and gees with all my housho'd furnitor and Books.

2.- I give and Bequeth to my old Sone Samuel Carson one hundred acres of Land where he lives it o Extend from side to side of the land with a right maid out of the original patons--

3.- I give and Bequeth to my Sone William Cason one hundred acres of Land where he lives be the same mor or less agreeable to the lines we heave marked with a right for it.

4.- I give and Bequeth to my Daughter Mary Carson Teen Dollars to be paid by Frances Carson.

5.- I give and Bequeth to my Doughter Jean Carson a saddle horse or mair with hur sadle and bridge with hur Chist with Bed and furnitor and all hur other aperil with two cows.

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7. - Also to my Son Robert Carsen I give and Bequeth all my plains

8.- Also to my Doughter Shusanna Martin, I give and Bequeth teen Dollars

9.- I give and Bequeth to my Sons Frances Carsen my plantation where I now Live with all the farming utensils with the waon and geers his beed and furnitor.

10.- Also to my doughter Marthew Carson I give and Bequeth hur young mair with Sadle and Bridle hur Bed and furnitor with all other apirel with two Cow.

11.- I will my guns to be sold to pay these Leagices as far as they goe

12.- The loom and taklings, I will for the use of the family.

13.- I also will tha my sone Francis Carson shall pay every one their Coto as I heave Left it

Likewise I Contitute and ordain my beloved Wife Shursanna Carsen and, James Campble [Campbell] my whole and sole Executors of thus my Last Will and testment And in witness thereof I have Set my hand and Seal this Thurtent [13th] day of June Eighteen hundred and Eight [1808]

In presence of us

William Byers

William Carsen (Seal)

Samuel Carsen

Probated July 1, 1811.

LETTER: DEBORAH STABLER TO DOLLY MADISON (White House, Washington DC) ca. 1812.

Dear Dolly: My son Edward has been arrested and lodged in jail in Alexandria because he refused to take up arms. I want thee to tell James to have him released at once.

Thy respected friend

Deborah

[Her request was granted]

ESTATE INVENTORY Bath Co VA Will 2:324-326. Apr 1821 inventory of the estate of Benjamin Fawcett, Sr. LDS 0030602

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.... of an order[?] of this county court of Bath ... at March term 1821 we have appraised the Estate of Benjamin Fawcett [Sr.] dec'd as follows

one wagon and hind[?] gears	40.	"
one horse	35.	"
one mare	40	"
one sorrel horse	60.	"
Bellose [bellows] and Smith Tools	20.	"
Stray cow	9	"
Beauty Cow	18	"
Abbys Cow	16	"
Nials Cow	15	"
Heiffer and Calf	12.	"
Bull	15	"
Heiffer	9	"
Five Calves	13.	"
one Coalt	15.	"
one Mare considered to be worth nothing		
one Cutting Bord and Knife	2.	50
seven Geese	1.	16 1/2
one Boiler	8	33
all the property in the Still House	15	"
one Harrow	7	50
Four Male[?] Ticks and Barrel	4	"
one broad axe	20	
Three falling axes	2	50
one log chain and pair drawing chains	2	25
one plow shear	1	25
one Plow	5	"

one Grind Stone	"	50	
Sythes and Sickles	2	"	
one Cow Bell	"	50	
one ..plais stove	7.	"	
one Small Bell	"	25	
one small cannon	2.	50	
Two Shovels	2.		
Three Augers	1	50	
one hand saw	1	"	
... and Irons	3	"	
one Shovel plow and Tacklings	2	50	
Scailes and weights	3	"	
Three Barrels	"	75	
one Sack	"	25	
one Crow Bar	1.	25	
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Fifteen head of Hogs	22.	"	
Fare Beds and furniture	90	"	
Two Talbes and a Box	1.	50	
Two Beds	45.	"	
Hanings[?] Justice	1.	25	
Washingtons life	"	40	
Pennsilvania Farmer	"	50	
Two Pair Dog Irons	20.	"	
Three Tables	9.	"	
Foare Waiters	5.	"	
Two Bed Stds and Bed and furniture	18	"	
one Reelee	1.	25	
Two flower Barrels	"	25	
one chest and Table	3.	"	
Big wheel and cotton cards	2.	50	
one Hackel	1.	15	
cubboard and furniture	40		
Book case	25		
lelyard[?]	1.	50	
writing chair	2.	"	
one watch and chain	12.	"	
Seventeen chairs	7.	"	
Knife Box	1	50	
Shovel and Tongs	1	"	
Seven Barrels	4	50	
Five Crocks and three Tin pans	1	52 1/2	
Veld[?] Box and Tin Gallon	"	50	
one Tea Kettle	1	"	
Sifter	"	50	
Bakeplait	"	75	
Iron bound Kegs	1	"	
Middle Sized oven	1	"	
Large oven and lid	1	"	
ovil oven	1	75	
Small oven	"	75	
Small pot	1	"	
one Bake plate	"	50	
Frying pan and two Grid Irons	2.	"	
one Skillet	"	75	
Two pan Pot Hooks	"	50	
Waffel Irons	2	"	
one pair Smoothing Irons	"	75	
one Sifter	1.	25	
one coffee mill	2.	50	
Two crooks	2.	50	
one Large Pot	"	50	
one patent Churn	1.	"	
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one Big Kettle	3.	50	
Three washing Tubs	1.	50	

Foure pailles	1	33
one lot of racd[?] plunder	3	"
one other lot of kichen furniture	. . . . .	1.	50
one Spining Wheel	. . . . .	1.	50
one Tin Bucket and Tin pan and			
conk shell	. . . . .	2	"
one Large Bull	. . . . .	35.	"
one Barn	. . . . .	25	"
one Barn at Lewis	. . . . .	3.	"
one pair mill stones and			
mill Irons not valued.			

Given under our hands. W Sittington S Stown James Frazer
Bath County April Court 1821

This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Benjamin Fawcett dec'd was
returned to Court and ordered to be recorded Teste Chas L Francisco clk

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LETTER: Joseph Fawcett, Harrisonburg VA to his son, Lyle Branson Fawcett,
Strasburg, Shenandoah County VA. 1/21/1821.

Harrisonburg 21st of January 1821

Dear Lyle,

since you have left home it has happened that
thoughts of painfaul anciety have crossed my mind, having been once an youth
myself. I know from sad experienc how apt persons of your age are to get into
error. Do not my dear son suppose that I am disposed to censure you for any
misconduct which is not common to young persons. On the contrary. I can say
without flattery that I have marked with pleasure your magnannimous candor on
many occasions. Indeed I have allways thought and have frequently told your
mother [Lucretia Keyes] that your respect for truth and contempt for falshood
argued much in your favor. It is not improbable that it is the short anchor of
your reputation. He who is too honorable to Lye will soon be too prudent to do
an act which he wou'd be ashamed to own. It is however due to candor on the
other hand to say that I have sometimes witnesses a headlessness and a rudeness
which give me much pain. I have therefore to request that you will endeavor to be
as circumspect as possible lest some unfortunage occurance may make an
unfavorable impression against you in commencing life. It is the easiest thing
in the world to set the public opinion for or against a man. Do your duty
honestly and faithfully towards your fellow creature and all will go well. [page
2:] We are Taught to believe that they are all your brothers and sisters and
that there is but one common parents. Whether this be facts or not, we are
acting our part on the stage of life at the same time and therefore ought to
have a proper fellow feeling towards each other and to love and respect each
other accordingly. It therefore becomes our duty to be civil, polite and
attentive on the one hand and one the other hand to be frank, canded and
honorable to all, avoiding every thing like supercellinousness and haughtier. in
making these remarks I confess I have a large Interest myself and respect my own
feelings but the great object is to promote your own good. I therefore conjure
you to make a good beginning. The particular case of Jacob Bright ought to
admonish you as much as any one thing. This youth from the character of his
father and other connections had credit to any readonable amount. This my self
will rudness, Indelness and contempt of advice he has abused in such a manner
that if will take a lifetime of close application to regain the ground he has
lost.

I think that if Mr Tillett was desirous to change his residence that an
opportunity now offered in this place. Mr Baker goes away in the spring, and Mr
Miller does not expect to remain long, so that the whole field is open, but
there will be a struggle to get Mr Smith of Woodstock here who I am told is an
emminant teacher. I cannot pretend to say whether Mr Tillett ought under such
circumstances to hazzard a change. It might not be amiss to mention it to him.
All well.

Joseph Fawcett

Outside [Address/send to]:
Jany 22
Harrisonburg Va paid \$.10
Master Lyle B. Fawcett
Strasburg

Shenandoah
Virginia

LETTER: Joseph Fawcett, Harrisonburg VA to his son, Lyle B. Fawcett, Strasburg, Shenandoah County VA 2/9/1821

Harrisonburg 9th February 1821

Dear Son,

Your favor of the 2nd Instant is to hand. I have no desire that you should follow surveying for the purpose of making a living, I only want you to become well acquainted with that branch of the mathematics in order [to] enlarge your hand of fund of useful Information, I therefore would not like to be at the expence of purchasing a Set of Instruments for the only purpose of making a few experiments as they would be of not use afterwards. Indeed they would be worse than useless. If you had a set in this place they would be continually out on loan or then you would have to be out using your time in doing little unprofitable Jobs, for which you would neighter get thanks or pay. I know all this from experience for I once had a firm set of Instruments in this place which perhaps cost 40 or 50 dollards, and I loaned them until they were ruined in a great measure. B sides I wasted more time with them than two such sets were worth, and I cannot help thinking that you may borrow a set a week or two to answer your purpose [page 2:] but if you cannot you must go on and Study the Theory as well as you can, and when you come home in the spring I can very soone learn you how to use the theodilite. My Dear Son there is an other reason why I can not comply with your request. That is the immense demand on me for money. If you know my distress you would not ask me to pay a cent until it would be something of absolute nesity. The business of Daniel Regin [Radin] is coming to a crisis, and the alturnative before me exhibit nothing but what appears full of awful responsibility or great loss. I shall in all probability be compelled to enforce the sale of his lands and become the purchaser in which hazzard all, if I succeed I shall avoid certain ruin, and if I do not suceed it will be only ruin. Be therefore prepared to hear the worst, but always hope for the best.

Your Mother, Brother & Sisters are as well as they were when you were home. The whooping cought hangs to the young ones without abatement.

Mr McDowell will leave me on Monday next to commence the Study of Law.

Joseph Fawcett

Lyle B. Fawcett

[Outside/Adress:]

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Master Lyle B. Fawcett
Strasburg
Shenandoah

Va

LETTER: Joseph Fawcett, Harrisonburg VA to Lyle B. Fawcett, Strasburg VA 3/16/1821

Harrisonburg 16th March 1821

Dear Son,

enclosed I send you 4 notes in Blank for your uncle Isaac [Keyes] and two for my self which I want you to present Col. Spingler and get him to endorse them. Be sure to not neglect this before you come away. I only want his own name on my notes. But on your uncles I want him to get some person to join with him. Mr Sites endorsed with me in place of Ragin [=Radin] & he must get one.

Tell Mr Tillett that I have handed his paper to Doct[or] Harrison who will hold a meeting with some of the principal subscribers to ascertain what can be done. The result I will make known to him so soon as I can-- Mr. Fletcher has intimated to me that he would have no objection to join him, it is not impossible that if they formed such a connection that they would do a good business. Of this however Mr. Tillett may reflect and say how he would like it, you can inform him what sort of a man Mr. Fletcher is [page 2:] enclosed are \$20 to pay boarding and tuition.

Joseph Fawcett

[outside/addressed to:]

Lyle B. Fawcett
Strasburg
Shenandoah

 LETTER Joseph Fawcett, Harrisonburg VA to Lyle B. Fawcett, Washington DC
 4/24/1824

Harrisonburg 23rd April 1824

Dear son Lyle

Your letter of the 13th Inst is to hand & it gives me great pleasure to find that you are pleased with your society and prospects. I trust most fervently that your regular and studious habits will entitle you to a continuance of the comforts which now appear to surround you. Depend on it, long experience has convinced me that all enjoyments have their foundation in Innocent of Intention, prudence in matter of contracts and regular habits of useful Industry. These means regularly pursued never fail to make those who use them at least respectable and Happy and very frequently raise them to great distinction. You know that I am not superstitious and that I am not overburdened with religion. Perhaps one of my greatest errors has been that I have not set you so good an example in it as I ought to have done but there is not proposition more clear to my mind than that it is always our true Interest to do what is strictly our duty in the spirit of sincerity and meekness without parade or ostentation as well as the receipts of religion. All nature illustrates the truth of this opinion. It is the law of divine as well as of man & physical nature. You can not add any more substance to a body more than was intended by its author without making it just so much more than it ought to be, nor can you take away a member or a limb without producing the contrary effect. Break a glass or a stone and you must gather up all the parts before you can restore the whole. I am Truly glad to find you so grateful to our friends [page 2:] pray do not forget them. Thankfulness and gratitude for past favors are the first duties we owe to our maker... [hole] [and] to our fellow men. depend on it every vice has its in.. [hole]... mable punishment and every Virtue its proper reward.

Your remarks to me on the subject of Gen. Macombs capacity tho quite respectful and perhaps not amiss when writing to me would be improper if communicated to others who might expose your opinions. You cannot have had an opportunity of Judging of his abilities. It is only on great occasion that even a great man display great Talents. Few such I presume others ever in a time of peace about a war office. Did you expect when you was about to be introduced to him to see any thing more than a man? Be assured after becoming acquainted with a great man in all cases, much of his greatness disappears. But we ought not on this account to suppose him to be a man of ordinary talents. When we view Genl. Macomb at the head of a heterogenous army of americans awaiting the attack of Genl. Prescott [or Provost] with his veteran british troops, canadian militia, and Indians, in double the numbers of his own army on the shore of lake champlain at a time when we all Trembled for the fate of our country not only awaiting the attack, but also defeating and repulsing the enemy with great loss. We must at least admit him to be great in firmness and determination and I am not certain that he does not give a further evidence of greatness, after performing such a splendid exploit, in appearing like a common man. You appear to love him and esteem him and if you remembered the time I allude to, as well as I do, you would respect him as a great man. His maker and his country called him to act on a great occasion and he supported [page 3:] with credit to him self and with glory[Note: torn] to his army and his country. The high...station he filled under this circumstance it is hazardous to doubt his greatness...

Your sister Virginia [Fawcett] was taken... Ill the next day or two after you left here and continued quite sick for about a week. Her older complaint soar through & rheumatism. She is now pretty well. I was also quite unwell a day or two about the same time but soon got over it. Niles was also very unwell for a few days but is well again.

It would seem as if the want of excitement after the sale had the same effect here as it had after the battle of Orleans. Then it is said, during the siege, not a case of disease occurred, but so soon as it was over the inhabitants were generally attacked by the complaints of the place. We are all well however now, and putting off the time as well as we can.

We buried our old neighbor John Broch a few days ago. Doct Waterman is sleeping away the little remains of his life which is left. He will perhaps not last more than a few days longer. James Smith is much... [better than.. Note: hole].. He was when you left here perhaps a little Improved.... fear however that

it is probable he may not recover, from the opinion of D[octo]r ...Harrison corroborated by the opinion of Doc Jackson of Philad [Philadelphia] his symptoms are rather unfavorable.

All the inquiries I could make of Genl. Mason if I were to write are contained in the little memo I gave you before you set out. I should be glad to hear from you on that subject as well as all others which you may think it may interest to know before I leave home. Abner and my self have concluded to set out Immediately after court. I should in all probability write you again before I set out, but any communication you have to make to me here ought to be by someone at farthest in two or three days after the court. [page 4:] Pray do not forget! On the subject of the business at the ... past favors at the [Keyes?] Ferry. I want you to be as watchful as[note: hole] ... to ever fill a Hawk but as Innocent as a dove... say nor do anything to the Injury of any but mark what passes. I have sinned too often to desire the punishment of others. But if a change should take place I would then have the same right of others

Joseph Fawcett
[outside/address:] April 24th Harrisonburg Va 18 3/4
Mr Lyle B. Fawcett
Engineering Department
War Office
mail Washington

LETTER: R Fawcett, Richmond VA to Isabella Gambill, Mary McMahon, Martha Welch, and Virginia Fawcett--all probably of Harrisonburg VA, 5/3/1826. Uncertain who R. Fawcett was, most likely Lyle Branson Fawcett, and the R is actually a B.

Richmond [VA] May 3rd 1826
Girls Its as why y'd see theres not one of you but Jinny [his sister? Virginia Fawcett] has written me a line since I /'had bad luck to me'/ have been here. Now to come to a fair reconing of the matter, that, all parties may see which way the wind blows. I determined to write you this letter 'and farther' to give you to understand that if ye want to keep on the fair side with me ye mon just set sail and traverse a we bit of paper. Why drab it, its but justis and rason. Here I set and 'think myself settling down among ye, listening till ye, while ye 'law'to pieces some faure body like me who might ha[ve] been fool enough to reason yer mettle, and dang the word said I 'now' for all this and 'mair' too, ye lazy lasses ye still keep as silent as if ye had na tongues which 'to my sorrow be it said' I can have good--witness for many be the nights sleep they have robbed from me. Oh! What decitfull little 'pretty' things they are, and Oh! What 'pretty' good use you make of them.

Miss Bell we have a tune that is much played here, called The Campbells are Coming. 'Shiver my topsails' but I rechon you would like to have it.

Miss Martha John 'poor lad' tells me that the 'Bells' are ringing about your ears at a wonderfull rate, such is the delusion of Johnny that he (sees) or hears them even here--

Miss Mary, the 'Peach'eyes, like me (I fear) are all Frost bitten.

Miss Jinny Good luck and a Beau to you.

I shall close this Epistle by subscribing myself My servant till Death-- afterwards 'yours'--Ladies.

Respectfully Yours
R Fawcett
Deputy Tape Student
No. 76 Mansion House
Richmond Va.

[on outside:]
To Miss Isabella Gambell
 " Mary McMahon
 " Matha Welch
 " Virginia Fawcett

(To be opened when all are present)

Politeness
Mr. Fawcett

LETTER: Joseph Fawcett, Harrisonburg VA to Lyle B. Fawcett, Richmond VA 1/5/1828
Harrisonburg January 5th 1828

Dear Branson

I have just this momment got home, found all well and found the family removed to the House formally occupied by Bushell in the midst of mud and Trouble cording their Bedsteads, & etc. You can scarcely Imagine a more uncomforable journey than I had to be in good health. The roads are wretchedly bad and the horse equally so, if anything worse.

Mr Effinger sends by Rader some butter and Lard to you for which he wants some articles in the grocery line. Trye to oblige him. He appears t be well disposed Towards you. I do not know waht may be Raders instruction but from what he said when I last saw him it is possible he may leave part if not all his load with you. If he should you must endeavor to procure such articles as he may want. Indeed I think you ought to trye and buy some flour if you could with safety but of this Judge for yourself. I fear that if more is not done in your neighborhood that the Hill merchants [note: those in western VA] will take all the flour business from you. However do what you do with great caution. If you could only make 4 or a quarter on the Barrell and make quick sales it would help pay your expences. It would moreover keep up the appearances of doing some business, but as I said before Judge for yourself. I [page 2:] have been unforunate in the direction of my own business and therefore can not with proprety press my opinions on others. One thing however is clear that if you do no business your funds must soon be exhausted.

With respect to myself and family I confess I am a little depressed in spirits. The prospect is quite dull. Abner is again Harping at me to rent Judge Smiths place. He thinks we could make a goodeal by raising stocks. Possibly we might but when men can scarcely keep a long who have no rent to pay. I fear we should get behind. Besides it would not be a permanent home if we even could make a little at it. And there ought to be some place provided for the family as I can not according to the ordinary course of things expect to live more than ten or a dozen years. There is therefore no time to delay. I scarcely know what to do. He [Abner?] complains and says that I will expend all our friends have advanced in looking about without doing anything and really there is only too much truth in the remark yet I cannot help thinking he is a little selfish with respect to renting Smiths place. He in the first place has no respect as to my feelings when he wants to locate me right among those who have suffered by me and who of course will never permit me to enjoy anything in peace until the utermost farthing is paid moreover he would with his Stock devour every thing we would make. Beside it is absurd to attempt to make a sailor of a cock or a soldier of a goose, as Mr. Jefferson would say.

[Margin note down left side:] Tell Col. McMahon that his family is well. That Major Grattan is some what better. Mr. Keyes much as he was. Poor encouragement from the last letters rec'd [recieved] of Col. Hall's recovery.

[page 3:] altho my pretentions ought to be humble. Humble god knows enough. Yet I think I might do something more useful for my family and more respectful for my self than to turn keeper of Abners sheep and hogs for that would be the result of any attempt at farming here. He would never be without some horses, hogs or sheep to eat up everything as fast as we would make it.

I have not faith in the project of getting me in as keeper of the publik store. It is quite probable that the incumbent will hold on whether the wages is lowered and even if he does he will be relected and if he should decline we may expect Swope and his friends to approve us. I am led to this conclusion from a remark made by someone to me that Tapp had said when speaking of reducing the salary of the store keeper. He could get a young man who would keep it fore \$1000. I am satisfied that the young man he refered to is Swope but admitting I was elected where is the security to come from. I could not ask anyone here and there among strangers such a favor ought not to be expected. Upon the whole it will be as well to send on my trunk and the spare bed by Rader as I am satisfied the chance is not worth counting on.

Joseph Fawcett

P.S. Perhaps it will be as well to keep the trunk & bed until Col. McMahons team comes which will leave this Thursday or Friday next by that time something more decisive will be indicated.

LETTER: Joseph Fawcett, Harrisonburg VA to Lyle B. Fawcett, Richmond VA 2/13/1828

Harrisonburg 13th Februry 1828

Dear Son

I send by Col. McMahon's man John, 6 Barells flour, 73 lb bacon, and

two dozen & ½ of calf skins for and on account of your brother Abner. Lantz values the skins at \$30 per dozen except for one small one which is at Two Dollars. I think when I made the Bill of them this morning which will accompany the box containing them that we invoiced the first doz at \$30. The second at \$30.50 and the small skin at \$2 by which it would seem that we omitted the half dozen altogether. Perhaps the better way will be to regard the whole of the two and a half dozen as a thirty Dollars per Dozen for that was Lantzes intention, except for the small skin as \$2.

I had intended, indeed promised, Col McMahon to say something to you or to him or both of you on the subject of the convention, but as I am scarcely a citizen of Virgin or indeed of the world for I have had two severe attacks of Rheumatism since Abner left here I shall refrain from saying anything further than that there ought to be be if practicable a standing committee got up in Richmond before the legislature separates. such a measure would keep the thing alive. It would be a kind of nucleus about which all the matter disposed to write might gather and it would keep up an organised system of acting among the friends of

[page 2:] of the measure. Through out the state if some energy is not used the whole will and in abortion for I feel well assured that the law as it is by many only regarded as a tub thrown to the whale.

Since I communicated Rader's proposal to your mother [Lucretia Keyes] she seems to be very much inclined to favor the acceptance of his offer. Abner and all the rest of the connection are a goodeal of the same opinion but the more I think of it the less I like it. In many respects in the first place Rader tho a kind friendly man is never help, exceedingly caprecious and tyranical indisposition, it would be difficult to keep terms with him. In the next place every creature who has a claim would be doging me incessantly for a part or buying something on credit and I fear it would require a hardyhood that I am incapable of to shake them off. If I permitted them to take it would soon end in nothing. I would much rather if it were possible make my way to Missouri at once. I should thereby avoid much old unpeculiar contempt! Our friend and neighbor Benjamin Quiner left us on Sunday morning last about 8 oclock. His funeral book place the following day, with all the usual parade of Masonic ceremony.

Lyle and Grattan much as they were your friends and acquaintance generally well. Your mother and our family particularly so. Joseph Fawcett

[page 3/outside/address & note:] Mr Lyle B. Fawcett
Richmond

Va.

Samuel Miller returned yesterday from Washington where he had been trying to sell his Iron Works. He brought a letter from Willis [Fawcett] in a neat hand write & good ... in which he sawys he is Very well. Do not forget to send the news paper by mail. I have just sent his bundle enough for a weekly mailing

LETTER: Abner Fawcett, Harrisonburg VA to his brother, Lyle Branson Fawcett, Richmond VA 2/24/1828

Harrisonburg [VA] 24th Feby 1828

Dear Branson Your letter of the 18th instant is to hand and in pursance of its suggestion I have rode several days in search of cattle but found none. Crawford's and Bowman's were sold just the day before I called with a view of buying them, not is there one left on Linn Creek or Smiths Creek, far as I can learn it is said that there are some good cattle on the South Branch, but I have no money. I have therefore concluded to buy some sheep. I shall probably set out on Tuesday or Wednesday next with from fifty to eighty sheep. Let Nolend & Co know that I will be in Richmond by next Tuesday week. Also write to Frank Price at Petersburg apprizing him of the time I expect to be with you. You may tell him that these sheep are real good.

I have learned that one of the Bowman's in the forrest has a fine lot of 117 sheep. I am not personally acquainted with him and shall if I buy them be obliged to pay him money if you think the speculation an object

page 2/ you may provide yourself with as much money as will buy and pay expenses of one half of them. I will furnish the money for the other half and will market them for our mutual interest, as soon as I return home next time.

Father [Joseph Fawcett] has done nothing yet with respect to settlement. He is willing to let us have his stand [store? in Harrisonburg] and a few acres of land for cultivation, but that Idea of having to hold on here among our old

creditors and with Raders depotism terrify's father so that if he could get away it is more than likely he will forego for Missouri, or some where else.

All well, Abner Fawcett

P.S. From your remarks on the subject of Peter [--sa slave]. Father has directed Col. Kearny/Kenny to advertise him for sale at the April Court, together with the balance of the other property. Father desiring you will not act too

page 3/ ...separately with respect to the house. Probably Allen would aid you in establishing yourself. Then let you leave the house, but at the same time he does not want you to persevere against hope. The idea of getting into the Sheriffship at Moorefield he thinks not a bad one. A.F.

[outside:] To Mr Lyle B. Fawcett
Richmond, Virginia

LETTER: Joseph Fawcett, Harrisonburg VA to Lyle Branson Fawcett, Richmond VA
3/3/1828

Harrisonburg 3rd March 1828

Dear Son

Doct Sheridan shipped from Baltimore on the 28th of September last two Boxes of goods marked N.B.K ds Dr. D. Sheridan on board the Schooner Brazil to be delivered at the packet office Petersburg, freight Seventy five cents. These Boxes were intended by Doct. Sheridan to have been sent to the packet office at Fredericksburg where he had applied but did not find them and was under an impression that were lost until recently. He has discovered the mistake. The object therefore of this communication to prevail on you to get these goods up from Petersburg and to forward them to this place by some safe hand as they are valuable articles belonging to his sisters.

John Rader was here today and we had an interview over the subject of his property on the creek. He will not agree to rent for more than three years. He appears to expect some counting [?]. We shall not agree. [page 2:] But I feel no disposition to engage in a project so fraught with vexation and insult as I apprehend this would be. It is true that most of our neighbors are civil but I frequently experience the cold supercilious contempt of a poor mortal like myself.

Warden Morris of Philadelphia writes me that if I can raise one third of the amount in money that he will furnish me with a shop of Drugs worth \$1500. I had written to him on the subject. This is his offer. No great favor I think. Yet I believe if I were there he would probably have done better.

David Jones has administered on the estate of B. Quinn. The goods will be sold. I am yet inclined to believe that we might possibly get the beginning of a small store for me out of it if I would get a few articles out of them with a few from Morris of Ph. I would try my luck some where or other. All well

Jo. Fawcett

P.S. Doc Sheridan has the bill of lading if it is necessary he will send it to you.

[outside/address:]

March 3 Paid 12 ½

Harrisonburg Va

Mr Lyle B. Fawcett
Richmond
Va

LETTER: John McMahon--brother of Robert G. McMahon, partner in McMahon & Bierne--Courtland AL to Lyle Branson Fawcett, Stanton, Augusta County, VA
12/2/1828

Courtland, Ala December 2nd 1828

Dear Branson You have doubtless before this now give out of even hearing from me again but you shall be mistaken although I have not written so you believe me you were not forgotten and I have been writing to you every day since my arrival in this place. You must excuse me for my negligences when I tell you that I have been very closely engaged ever since I reached here taking a/c [account] of stock which you know is a very pleasant business. Shortly after which we rec'd [received] out goods which make us very busy the day and night. Sunday. You have no idea of the number of pretty girls that flock to see us

daily. All of them buy more or less. Were you here I am confident you would once more hook that heart which is so fond to go astray and should you succeed page 2/ you might then give up the Yard Stick Bar to pursue a more pleasing occupation you know what I mean. While I am on the subject of the ladies I must tale you of Miss Laura Patton of Huntsville who is one of the handsomeest girls I have seen since I left Virginia. Had not my broken heart led me back to Old Monroe I should certainly have fallen in love with her. I spend the evening at her fathers who is the partner of Col. Beirne. I thought she smiled on me (vain man) and promised to call again, which I shall certainly do.

I am tolerably well pleased with this country. Some parts of it is the finest land I ever saw. But to take it generally, I think we have as good land as there is in this Country. One thing I am certain that we can live more comfortably and as to health there is no comparison

page 3/ which is the greatest gift of God. There is a good many goods sold here on cash & also amonts to \$5628-99. Which amounts is nothing to what was done a few years ago. Still we do not calculate to average more than \$3000 a month. It is quite uncertain what time I shall leave here. But my expectation is to get away in 2 mos whether I get the business settled [or] not. Which I can do nothing as in... Col. Beirne arrives to make advisor or sell out.

Swoope is well and trying to get the wife to send his respects to you.

Give my respects to your father [Joseph Fawcett] and family together with all my acquaintances. Write soon. Your friend John McMahon
This is written in a great hurry which you can see from the style

[Outside:]

Mr. Lyle B. Fawcett
Staunton
Augusta County
Virginia

[post mark] Dec 5 Court AL \$.25

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LETTER: W.H. Goff, Clarksburg, VA to Lyle Branson Fawcett, Stanton VA 1/20/1830.
Clarksburg, 20th Jany 1830

Dear Branson

This will be forward [to] you by my particular friend Capt Fick Nelson, who bestils you place for the purpose of obtaining Licence to practice law, any liberties shown him will be remembers and acknowledged

With respect

Lyle Fawcett, Esq.

Your obt. Servt.

W.H. Goff

N.B. Remember me to every member of your family, and particularly 'Niles Augusta'

[outside/address:]

L.B. Fawcett
Standon VA

Capt F.A. Nelson}

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ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE 1/19/1831:3 Edward Stabler obituary.

ALEXANDRIA, D.C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 19, 1831

DIED.

At one o'clock, yesterday morning, Edward Stabler, in the 62nd year of his age. His burial will take place this afternoon at 8 o'clock.

It is not our province, or our custom, to notice, editorially, the deaths of our fellow citizens; but he cannot record the above brief paragraph without offering our humble tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. No man knew Edward Stabler who did not admire the virtues of his heart, the purity of his life and conduct, the sterling integrity of his principles. To an extensive circle of friends he was endeared by every tie which could consecrate the social relations of life, and his numerous acquaintances throughout the country will unite in the sympathy felt and expressed at the place of his residence. He was, in deed and in truth, a true christian, a kind and affectionate father, a good-citizen, an honest man. His understanding and the powers of his mind were invariably directed in furtherance of the happiness of his fellow men, and his

philanthropy was of the best stamp, for it was genuine and practical. His loss will be sensible felt, and his death long lamented.-- These remarks, brief and imperfect as they are, may suffice for an expression of our own feelings, leaving it for another hand to portray a character which deserves to be delineated as an example.

LETTER: Joseph Fawcett, Callaghan MO?, to sons, Marcellus & Curtis Fawcett, Lewisburg, Greenborough County VA 5/23/1833

Callaghan's 23rd May 1833

My Dear Sons

Your letter of the 21st is to hand in which you request us to send an English Reader and 2 Slates.

The slates were sent to you the day before yesterday. I presume you have received them before this time, and we now send you an English reader with an atlas and if you will send to Mr. Matthews he will let you have another arithmattick. Perkins is also directed to pay the Tailor for Marcellus' vest which may be got at the same time you send for the Book.

I am very much pleased with this, your first letter to me. The hand writing as well as composition considering that it is among the first, if not the first you ever wrote, is good, and the spelling excellent. This essay does you great credit. In my opinion I would however advise you to set your letters a little further apart and to make the story shorter. You must also get Mr. Taylor to assist you in dividing your text into paragraphs, and to print the sentenced and parts of sentences.

I do not want you to spent much time on grammer yet I do not want it [page 2:] to be wholly neglected. My own opinion is that it is a science too abtruse to be well understood by yound persons. Nothing short of a goodeal of experience and a ripe understnaind can master it yet there are certain first principles which may be understood easily. For example you can very soon know by a little attention whether a word is a noun, a verb or an adjective that is whether the word means a certain thing, a certain action, or a certain quality. These three divisions of speech well understood will [come] naturely as you gain experience, and your judgements rises enable you to comprehend the whole, etc.

Show this to Mr. Taylor

We received on yesterday a letter from your brother Lyle Branson. He is very well and writes as if in good spirits.

Let me beg of you to not neglect to write to some one of us frequently. It will not only keep us advised how you are going but it will also qualify you in some measure for writing letters on business which probably lyes before you at no distant day. And depend on it there are few things we do in this life better calculated to call the attention of those we correspond with to our qualifications for business than that of writing a letter.

All well Joseph Fawcett

P.s. I have sometimes thought grammarins have made their subject more difficult to comprehend by too much explanation and dividing it into too many cases, so many sules subject to so many exceptions are not well calculated to enlighten the learner but as I do not profess to be much of a grammarian I shall leave this to Mr. Taylor's descretion.

Your sisters also sends a vest for Curtis and a shirt for Marcellus.

J.F.

[outside/address:]

Cllaghans

23rd May 1833

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Masters Marcellus & Curtis Fawcett

Near Lewisburg

Greensborough County

VA

Letter: Willis Fawcett, Washington DC, to his father, Joseph, Franklin/Boonville, Missouri, 24 May 1834 (Fawcett/Brown Collection, Alexandria VA)

My dear Pa,

Washington, May 24, 1834

Today your two letters by Gent. Jones he handed to me. For the three last weeks I am certain that I have been disappointed every morning on going to the office in not receiving word from you, and the only consolation that I had was the probability of some miscarrying in the mail. You can

therefore imagine how gladly I received these & to learn that Ma & all of you were well & withstanding your severe trials & difficulties in so creditable a manner. It is somewhere about 40 days since the date [mid-April 1834] of your letter written at Cincinnati which lapse of time you must acknowledge was cause for apprehension that another scare of our usual fortune had occurred and that you were delaying its revelation with the hope of a change. Previous to the receipt of the letter from Cincinnati, I had written to Portsmouth, Ohio, & afterward twice to Madison, Ill. & sent duplicates to St. Louis, neither of which you have received unless you left word at the P.O. in St. Louis for any letters for you to be forwarded. Flattery costs the donor but little exertion & is generally gratefully swallowed by the receiver, and by habit we may probably get to dealing pretty freely in the article without being aware of the fact, but, this text notwithstanding, I am free to say that the above acknowledged letters, for their spirit & vigor would do credit to a more independent & unfettered source, & their matter & substance is consistent with your course heretofore.

Gent. Jones called at the office & delivered me the letters, but was in such haste that I had no time to question him about Missouri. He gave me his Lodgings, & I called twice since 3 o'clock but he was out. I expect he is acquainted with Gent. Gratiot, the Chief Engineer of the U.S., who is my head & I shall probably see him again at the office. Gent. Gratiot is a native of St. Louis.

Are you not getting almost far enough west? But for the fact that we know that many families have gone over the same route & still further, I might stop to consider whether you were not carrying into effect some of your acknowledged visionary or time passing conceptions of attempting to live with the Indians, which, about the time the Pagan troubles began to thicken, you thought preferable to the society of many of our Rockingham acquaintances.

I hope Henrietta or some one has kept a Diary of the undertaking in detail; if not I request that H. will make one out from memory as much in detail as possible for the past & keep it up punctually until I shall give her leave to stop it. Let it be a true abstract of each days fortune with its smiles & frowns, not leaving out any disagreeable occurrences, for I want the truth. It will not cost much trouble, & will afford us satisfaction in referring to it in the future; & it will be no disadvantage to her to get the habit of writing daily.

As I told you in one of my letters which you will probably not get, I received just a month ago a letter from [Lyle] Brance [Branson Fawcett--his brother] stating that he had some hopes of getting a start in business either from Beirne, or one of two or three other offers; & requesting me not to commit myself here in any business, as in the event of his getting a start, he expects me to live with him. It seems that John [McMahon] got hold of some of my apothecary ? notions from Ellison [--a merchant] in Philadelphia & turned them over to Brance. In answer to his letter I simply told him that I was unincumbered here. There has not been time to hear from him again. Should he be able to hold out any thing we will all take a fair look at it before I let go here. We ought not to be too sanguine, but he wrote in good hope.

I have said in each of my letters that I have \$100 which I'll sent you, but feel some doubt whether I ought to send it before hearing from you again as you are not certain whether you will stop in Franklin or Boonville. I have not map at hand to refer to, but on reference to the Post Office Book I find that they are different places, & that there is Franklin & Old Franklin, but when I see Gent. Jones will advise with him. There can be no doubt as to the ruggedness of the prospect before us, referred to in your letter, but I am clear that it is better than any that I have beheld since I have been able to reflect. Branson in all probability will in a few years be able to lift us out and if he should not be, let me say that I feel more contented with my situation now than I have ever been before. I think I am now receiving such treatment at the Office as I deserve, & I hope my diligence in performing my duties & adding to my merits that I shall at some day not very distant be able to command respect from the Department-- I shall try at any rate. I shall write Ma & the balance as soon as I hear from you again. My love to them all, Your son, Willis

PS I got a letter from Ellison day before yesterday. Curtis [Willis' brother] was well. Only a few days ago I got one from himself.

Letter: Lyle Branson Fawcett, Courtland AL to his father Joseph Fawcett,

Franklin, Howard County MO 1 Aug 1834

Courtland, Aug 1st, 1834

Dear Father

Yours of the 10th July has just come to hand as well as one of some 4 weeks prior date [June?].

It must appear to you that I have been very remiss in duty to you for the last three months, yet such has been the changing of scene with you and myself that I would not do other than I have. After you got under way to the west I thought it useless to write until you were in some wise located. About which time I started on a trip myself and never got your letter until I returned which was the 27th June.

During the present year I have had four or five offers of business in most cases leaving the place etc to my own, which led me to think it advisable to take a look at the country below this. Accordingly on the 25th May I set out for Mississippi and spent some four weeks riding from post to pillow to find a place to please me, and returned home fully satisfied that providence had in this as well as all things else pretty well equalized the matter and that where you find many advantages there you also find many disadvantages. I however saw several places which I think preeminently fitted for business--two of them Chocoma and the Yellow Busha [Yallobusha MS] and Manchester [MS] on the Yazoo are sickly holes--Gainesville on the Tombigby in Choctaw Nation is the other and is situated in a rich prairie country but scarce of good water. One of the offers made by a man of capital fixes on Clinton where our friend Bob Menefee lives, and our friends Putt who made me the offer as he passed here not 3 months since, fixes on Manchester-- Both these places present strong claims to a man of business yet I cannot get my own consent to the under both Clinton [MS?] being full of goods & Manchester more sickly than New Orleans.

Owing to the Panic caused by the U.S. Bank and its emissaries I have determined to hold on here until the first of next year when I expect the firm to start me-- John [McMahon] seems quite anxious that I should do so, and intend making Willis some offer to come in my place, with an understanding that he will help him, as soon as he is able, in business. If I get under way it is more than probable it will be at Gainesville about 200 miles above Mobile, in this state, the County of Sumter and at the mouth of the Noxubee.

While at Clinton I had some opportunity to watch our friend Menefee and so fully was satisfied of his confirmed habits in decent dissipation that I never even hinted on the subject. In fact he seemed as a fish out of water with me, or as having some dread upon him. From your letter and other sources of information I had expected something not right, and intended giving him a long talk, but when I saw him the monster had was upon him, and I felt as one chained to a rock looking at the deah struggle of one that is dear without the power to make a single effort to save. My heart bleed at the thought that those who are good and kind & generous should be brought under the domination of the beastly god of drunkenness. Oh! that none who are dearer to me, were thus enslaved. Endure Abner [Fawcett--his brother] by some, by every hold you have upon him to abandon the practice--let him declare for entire abstinence--tell him that altho I did not use liquor once a week, such was the distress of mind with me, owing to what I heard of him and saw and suspect of Menefee, I have given a pledge never to taste ardent spirits again excepting when administered by a physician. I do hope however that my suspicions of Menefee may prove false.

We heard a few days ago that Wm Menefee was dead, but think it a mistake. Edward died some week ago and it not being generally known that more than one is in Vernon [AL] here given rise to the report.

I shall write to Willis this day advise him to accept John's [McMahon] offer-- I had intended to have him with me but feel that it is best for him to come here. The place he now holds is too confining for a young man, and destroys all his energies-- he becomes as a convict in his cell without hope--anxiety--stimulus other than the calls of his office. It is true that \$800 is a good income but without the chances of fortune it becomes insipid. We know that no effort will increase it, but where there is uncertainty there it hope--the mainspring of action. His salary with John will be less but if life last the deficit is soon made up by a business and tolerable luck.

If we can but have health and luck for a few years we may all get on again with something of ease and comfort. No effort shall be spared to accomplish this desired end. Tell the boys to put their shoulders to the wheel and work manfully until I can come to your aid.

Give my love to mother and the children--let all have great care in what they eat during the prevalence of Cholera and after every caution the balance we must trust to our God. Ever your affectionate son, Lyle B. Fawcett

Letter: Willis Fawcett, Washington DC, to Joseph Fawcett, Franklin, Howard County MO 28 Aug 1834

Washington

August 28th 1834

My dear Pa,

I duly received your letter of 12th and should have written you some time since but for immature projects of mine for shifting our scenes--this applied to two projects one of which has been laid on the shelf to sleep until the other which here below follows, shall fully show itself in all its forms or deformities: It is this, As it is probably tha [Lyle] Branson & Robert McMahon will leave John [McMahon] in the Spring, there will be needed some aid to supply their places; upon which John offers me \$400 & board etc and the prospect of starting me in business in the course of two or three years. He passed through here yeasterday on his way north for goods. There is but little doubt, but it is not certain, that the concern will be able to branch with Branson; the matter will be determined on John's return when he expects to meet Col. Beirne at Huntsville and where he will immediately write me-- this will not be before the middle of October. I told him that I was satisfied with the terms & was pleased with the prospect, but that as there was time I would advise with you on the subject and would be influenced by your opinion. If I go I will be wanted about the 1st of December or January. I received a letter from Branson about a week since advising me of John's intention to make the proposition and saying that I ought to accept it. I know that it is frequently the case that inexperienced folks or foolish ones run away from their Bread, butter, and I know myself well enough not to put implicit confidence in my own judgment yet I have decided in favor of this enterprise without difficulty. Branson says in his letter to me 'The place you now have is such an one as to preclude the idea of ever getting rich by it, and to me began to be tiresome'. This is as true as can be, for it is a notorious fact that ninetenths of the whole number of clerks at the seat of Government are constantly in debt & harassed for ever with their current expenses--but suppose it were possible for a man, who would avoid the habits of the citizens, to save a few hundred per annum what would be worth even in dollars & cents after spending the prime of his life here without taking into consideration the important sacrifices he would have to make & dangerous habits encounter and the risk of being turned out of employment for a simple exercise of the rights of every freeman. There are other & significant reasons that I could ennumerate in favor of the exchange, but as it is not certain that it will be optionary with me to make the exchange I content myself with what I have laid before you.

My sympathy is, I trust, daily with Ma & you and all. I am glad tha you seem to like the people & country around you better the more you become acquainted with them. If you can all keep your health I shall not fear the reult of the move.

About the cash scheme. There w... & any time within five years previous to the ... of the deposits when I have not doubt a of money might have been borrowed north a 6 per cent by known persons... day is not more. There is no doubt ... amount of capital of the Banks of ... could be loaned out in the District on ... ten per cent interest. And tis state of affairs is not contined to this section, but every branch of Trade, much of the manufacturing interest & Importations are deeply affected by the want of capital to go upon which has heretofore been had through the Banks, or otherwise borrowed. I have been aware for some time that there was a great deal of money made in the Dept & particulaly in Illinois by loaning out to purchasers of land, who are willing to give a heavy percentage & the land as security. You suggest the possibility of my being able somehow to borrow myself or with the aid of Ellison the notes of some one or more to an amount sufficient to enable you to commercnce raising stock. You much overrate my powers in this line to suppose any such thing and as for Ellison I'm well satisfied that but for a Brother at his elbow he would already have gone overboard.

By the 1st of October I shall probably be able to remit \$100 to Philadelphia to Thos C. Rockhill & Co to the credit of Ins. Miller.

I will not make any more promises of writing to my sisters but say that since writing you I've had an attack of chills & fever, and if they knew the effects of that disease upon the constitution & disposition of its victim they would overlook the appearant neglect. On this attack I went about 10 miles into the country & about three weeks which seems to have freed me entirely. I have no fears for the balance of the season at any rate. Have you received a letter from Mr. Bryan. He told me that he had written to you some time ago. My love to Ma & the balance

Willis

[On margins:] I wish you would give me your views as to John's proposition immediately as the mail will not let me hear from you much before I shall from him & I wan to answer him promptly.

A letter from Ellison [Philadelphia merchant] a few days old says 'Curt [Fawcett] grows like a young sapling. I can discover no tricking about him! He is one of the still kind & it is rare we find out his opinion. He has made considerable progress in the knowledge of business. He is well & from all that I can learn, happy'.

LETTER: Willis Fawcett, Washington DC to Joseph Fawcett, Franklin MO 11/2/1834

Washington, Nov. 2, 1834

Dear Pa,

I hope you will have received ere this reaches you, a letter dated about the 8th of last month, to which was annexed a receipt from T.C. Rockhill & Co of Phil'd [Philadelphia] for \$100 paid on John Millers a/c [account].

Yesterday I received a letter from John McMahon [of Courtland, Alabama and a former neighbor in Harrisonburg, Virginia] containg the words 'I have at last the pleasure of informing you that the ancitipated partnership between your Brother [Lyle Branson Fawcett], Col. A. Beirne & myself was entered into last night. We are to furnish him [Branson] with a capital of \$1000. He paying us interest on ½ that sum at the rate of 6 per ct for which he is to receive ½ the profits of the concern. He will go into business in the sother part of the State [Gainesville AL] early in Jan'y or February. It is our wish that you should make your arrangements so as to be here by the 15th Dec at the farthest. I shall feel myself bound to fulfill my engagement with you agreeable to the terms proposed, should no accident happen to our concerns that would render it out of my power to fulfil my promise. Let me hear from you son. The Boys are all well' etc

To which I gave to day the following in answer: 'Your letter of the 16th ultimo met yesterday a most welcome reception from the subscriber. For many days back I had considered it contents whether for or against me, as of primary importance. [page 2:] I had already planned many interesting structures which awaited the receipt of said letter for confirmation or anihilation-- Believe then, my son, that it is with joy I accept the proposal to change my abidence from this Hot Bed of Sychophany & dependence to a field in which I shall delight to dwell, where I can once more breathe the breath of Independence & Comfort - Where I may dare to encourage the whispering of Hope - & where I may exert myself to deserve better days. I am aware that it is much easier to make fine promises & form good resolutions, than to fulfill them-- but I venture to declare this much that, it is plain, even on the most selfish principles, the most direct means of promoting my interest is to strive zealously to advance yours--and, therefore, leaving out of consideration every thing like gratitude or ordinary friendship, I can primise every thing for you that within me lies. It will not most probably be at al convenient for me to leave this previous to the 1st of December on account of my pecuniary affairs--but then, I will start if I have to borrow a shirt.

If our means & my time allowed of it I should like much to see for myself how you all are now situated. But I have neither money nor the time at my disposal- It will be tug & pull for me to pay some Bills that I owe here & my expenses by the most direct route. Indeed, unless the [War] Department is more favorable to me than I have a right to expect, I shall probably have [page 3:] to go away in debt on old scores or borrow part of the necessary amount to pay my expenses in traveling. When [William] Ellison [of Philadelphia] was here two or three weeks ago he made me promise, if I went to Alabama, that I would go through Philadelphia by the way of Pittsbrug or Wheeling. But the selection of my route must depend on expedition & cost.

I fear that I shell have to remain in service to the last day &

then take the most direct route on account of the indisposition of the Department to favor me. But this is not yet certain.

I shall write you again on my setting out.

My love to Ma, Jane & all

Your affectionate Willis.

If it should be necessary for me to borrow a little. I shall have no difficulty in doing so - as I have made some friends here who would not hesitate in such a case.

I got a letter from Ellison Day before yesterday in which he says 'Curtis [Fawcett] is thriving'.

[outside/address:] Single paid 25
 Joseph Fawcett
 Franklin,

Missouri

[postal mark:] City of Washington Nov 4 [within circle]

LETTER Joseph Fawcett, Franklin, MO to Willis & Lyle B. Fawcett, Courtland AL
3/14/1835

Franklin, Howard County, Missouri

March 14, 1835

My Dear Sons

In sorrow I announce to you the death of your poor brother and my unfortunate son Abner. He died on board the steamboat Magestic opposite to a Town called Bainbridge on the Mississippi on the 10th Inst[ant, or 3/10/1835] and was buried on the same day a short distance above the Grand Tower on the Missouri side of the river.

How often have the errors of this son pained and grieved me yet how awful was the intelligence of his death.

Doct Dorrel of this place [Franklin MO] came up with him from Natchez, conversed with him frequently on the way, and says that he appeared well & chearful and was in Sunday, the day before he died, he was quite well. Dorrell came home last night. He was therefore within four days journey of home.

My sorrowing spirit has accompanied him round in many of the scenes of late days and some of those long past. Some times he was wayward but at other times he performed acts of genuine kindness. Poor Dear fellow it is the will of providence that it is so, I submit. [page:] peace to his manner whilst hovering around his solitary ashes on the shore of the Mississippi.

Except that Niles & Keyes [Fawcett] have the mumps, the family is well tho one of our boarders is lying at the point of death. We scarcely expect him to live to morning.

I have not read a scrape from either of you since the 26th of November, a note on Willis's letter at Louisville. Is there any thing the matter. If there is let me know it? If not pray write to me to relieve me of my anxiety.

I might say many things more but I forbear for the present 'sufficient for the day is the will thereof' Joseph Fawcett

Lyle B. Fawcett

Willis Fawcett

Courtland

Alabama

GAINESVILLE [AL] DISPATCH 15 MAY 1875: Early April 1835.

My "First Four Customers" REMINISCENCES OF GAINESVILLE'S EARLY DAYS. I have a very distinct recollection of my "first four customers." My senior partner, Lyle B. Fawcett, and myself arrived here on the steamer "Sun" in the early part of April, 1835. We were entire strangers, except to the family of Col. Christopher C. Scott. On Saturday after arrival we received a few goods and commenced opening them in a primitive way, out of doors. During the process, a young boy came up and priced a stew-pan. Seemingly satisfied with the price, he started off with it. "Hold on sonny," says I, "who is that to be charged to?" "Charge it to daddy," says he. "What's your daddy's name?" says I. "Colonel Jesse Sanders," was his answer, as he walked off with the stew-pan. In those primitive days everybody was good, and all a merchant wanted to know was the name of his customer. I notice the merchants of the present day are not always

satisfied with a name--they want the dimes. That customer was our present popular Postmaster, Edward C. Sanders, Esq.

The next day, as I was preparing for church, there walked into my back door a young man who was tall, bony, and sunburnt from honest labor. I sold him a pair of boots and a razor-strop. This was our genial and hospitable neighbor, Captain Jesse A. Gibbs. The Captain still has the razor-strop in active use, and says he "would not exchange it for a new one made in these days of cheating." He had the boot legs until recently, and would have them to-day, only some Vandal stole them.

On the next day (Monday) I noticed two slender young men leave the store-house of Messrs. Whitsitt, McDonald & Co., (now occupied by M.F. Goodloe as a drug-store,) and make for our "shanty," then located on the present site of Col. Snedecor's law office. It was a small job to sell each of them a suit of real black broad-cloth for \$60 each. When through with their purchases, they walked out with the remark, "change them," without giving their names, and I was too modest to ask them. These two young gentlemen proved to be Maj. Wm. H. Nevill and Augustus A. Winston,-- and this was forty years ago last April.

I have cause to be proud of my "first four customers." They are all good looking men, have all succeeded in life, are all alive in robust health, and have "all four" been my steadfast friends during this long period.

GRATTAN [Robert G. McMahon].

Gainesville, Ala., May 10, '75.

Letter: Willis Fawcett, Gainesville AL? To Joseph Fawcett, Franklin/Fairfield MO. Aug 4. 1835? Very fragmentary letter of uncertain date.

... so we have sold about

Of that taken in Deer skins & the balance...

Course we need not expect to sell until the people know the store is opened, of which there was not previous notice. I am satisfied that the goods are of the kinds to suit the market and have marked them so low as to gain an unhesitating acknowledgment from all who have examined them of the fact. There is but little money in the country but what there is is specie and learning that there is a good deal of peltry to be had in trade I have taken measures to inform folks generally that we will take it in barter at fair prices as well as furs & beeswax. Several have agreed to bring in peltry at a price we can well afford to give on the St. Louis prices as to the furs, we will get only coon skins, to judge of ...

[side note: * Sunday morning - yesterday sold \$8 wood....]

...pie & wholesome consisting of cornbread & bacon or chicken vegetables, coffee & frequently milk. Two hundred yards from the store the water is pure but warm. The folks generally are very passable. Our landlady is quite clever & neat, the land lord we are advised is a confirmed scamp & hypocrite. They have two little daughters of ages corresponding with Maymays & Ginneys. Yesterday evening they had a neighboring family spending the evening. The old mother visitor a grown daughter & a match for the latter from another neighbor's with our land lady called upon us to see the new store. We sold the young ladies a bonnet each and shortly after their return to the house, supper was soon announced to us. Susan's husband not having had a collar or stock....

.....anything resembling a great....

deep in the store.

Sunday morning. Our post... [Torn]

Office is 3 ½ miles distant - the Eastern mail and

On Sundays & departs on Wednesdays. A neighbor is going to the office this morning by whom I expect to send this and by whom we hope (Niles seems as anxious as I feel) to receive a letter or two. About little Ginney, Maymay & Grandpa [Humphrey Keyes] all being somewhat on the sick list. I am expecting to hear of particularly. Would it not be well for Pa to try the Gum Arabic solution say a table spoon full every two hours whenever the bowels begin to be deranged. The only effect that it has is to protect from irritation and can do no possible harm. I wrote a note home from Pilot Grove, 20 miles this side of Boonville.

Amid Pa' trouble for money & business he may have forgotten what I wished done with some of the hogs with Wm Boal's consent.

Our respects to Mrs. McCluer & Weidene

Affectionately

Willis

Letter: Lyle Branson Fawcett, Philadelphia PA to Jos.Fawcett, Franklin MO

3/23/1835

Philadelphia 23rd March 1835

Dear Father

I have had the happiness to hear from you through your neighbor Mr Harley who brought a letter for Curtis [Fawcett--Lyle's brother]. Mr. Harley got here 3 or 4 days ago but I have been so busy that I have been unable to show him any attentions as yet but will call on him today.

I am here buying goods for my firm and find it no idle matter I assure you as the jobbing business here had become nearly synonomous with shaving. What renders is [it?] more laborious is that I am also buying for some friends of mine who are doing business in Courtland thus giving me twice the labor usually attending a trip here. I have done my best, and shall by unremitting application be able to keep them from putting me to the wall.

I am much pleased with Willis' friend Ellison, altho I think him too little acquainted with human nature to succeed well in business at first, yet from his sterling worth and the aid to John McM[ahon] of myself may be able to render him I hope he will yet come out. His partner is better acquainted with business but is not so smart.

Curtis is a fine boy who attends closely to his businss and as far as I can discover perfectly manageable and steady. There is however a certain shyness or reserve about him that I would rather not see; and for which I cannot account in any other way than that it arises from his being thereon, perhaps too much, amongst strangers. Ellison has spoken to him of it and appears concerned about it, fearing perhaps that he is not satisfied at times. I shall talk to Curtis before I leave for home and suggest such things to him as I think bes for his interest. I however always act on the principle that it is best to inculcate in the mind of a boy, the principles of honesty, morality and self reliance and self accountability.

In my under taking so far I have used my soundest judgement and shall add to that my most untireing attention. The balance must rest in the hands of Providence whether for my good or bad success I can only hope. In relation to your affair, I can only say that if you can weather the storm until I can place my foot on some firm ground that my hand shall not be with held nor aid spared until you are all comfortable.

I am compelled to stop as I start in the morning for N[ew] York and have many little matters to attend to. Remember me to mother & the family and say that if I am a fa off they must still think of me as kindly as they used to do. Curt is well but is out at this time. Your affectionate son, Lyle B Fawcett

Mr. B.W. Husting being here is the reason why I did not write sooner.

NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT (St. Louis Missouri Argus 9/25/1835:3/6).

GLOBE TAVERN

THE undersigned, formerly of Staunton, Virginia, where he kept a public house, has now taken the stand at the lower wharf in St. Charles (in which the post office has been kept until lately) where he expects to be always in readiness to accommodate those who may give him a call. He hopes assiduous attention to the convenience and comfort of such as may favor him with their custom, will secure him a liberal share of public patronage.

The house will be opened for visitors on or before the ____ day of October next.

JOSEPH FAWCETT.

St. Charles, Mo. Sept 25, 1835.

Letter: Lyle B. Fawcett, Gainesville, Alabama to Joseph Fawcett, Post Master, St. Charles, Missouri 7/10/1836

Gainesville 10th July 1836

Dear Father:

It has been a long time since I have written you a letter--I am now started to bring up arrears. About the 22nd ultima [June 22, 1836] Willis [Fawcett] got here on his way to look at Greensboro, a distance of 42 miles, found it a pleasant and thriving place, and one well adapted to the kind of business they are about to engage in. I am fully satisfied that with proper care and strict attention that they must succeed, and that both will be given. I have not a single fear. Will is perhaps better fitted for the undertaking than probably any other man in the country of his age-- he is a first rate salesman and in addition has that happy knack of suiting himself to

those with whom he is thrown, which of all other things most contributes to a mans success. Besides these he has a natural politeness that no peson can wear out, and which always protects him from the too forward advances of the looser part of society while at the same time he retains their good opinion. He has most too strong an eye to the [page 2:] to the main chance that he runs hard for a profit and most always gets it. I have often wondered at his success in this, when I think of the confidence his cusomters retain for him. As I suppose Will has told you all his views for the future I shall drop the subject by saying that his partner is a clever fellow and of good family.

As to my own affairs my first year ended on the 1st May last -- our sales to that time were \$31,000 and afterwards being the year in sales for May this year \$4,000 -- June \$4,700 showing an increase on last year of over 100 percentum, but this for the next 3 months cannot be maintained as our stock will hardly justify it--but enough is known to satisfy us that this year must beat last by five to 10 thousand dollars.

Last week I closed a Land trade in which the firm was half owner by which we cleared \$2300 in money and a Quarter Section of land which I ask a \$1,000 for - making beyond doubt \$3,000 - This I done by laying out \$900 at this land sales. I believe I told you of my having bought a store house at \$5,000 last fall. We have refused \$10,000 for it since but will sell if we can get a place to go into.

[page 3:] I received my commission as post master for this place [Gainesville, Alabama] over a month ago -- strange is it that after we were both so bitter against such an office, we should now be holding them--circumstances force it one me.

Mrs. [F.T.] Scott [former Mrs. Smith of Harrisonburg, Virginia] often enquires after and speaks of Ma & Virginia. She is very kind to us. Today we all dines with her--that is Bob [McMahon], Charles [McMahon] & me.

If Erasmus [Rigney Fawcett--his brother] is wanted by Will, let him come as by the time he can learn the business something of the kind might go here. If I have luck I can give him a lift somehow.

Remember me to all--say to mother that as soon as I can leave things so that they wont go to wreck, I will come to see her--everyday I am more anxious that the day would arrive.

Ever your affectionate son
Lyle B. Fawcett

Bob [McMahon,] Charles [McMahon] & Mrs Scott send there love.

[outside/address:]GAINESVILLE AL. JUL 10TH [inside circle - postmark]

Mr. Joseph Fawcett
Post Master
St. Charles
Missouri

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Letter: Lyle Branson Fawcett, Gainesville, Alabama to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 1/2/1836. Note: Lyle may have meant 1/2/1837, because his marriage mentioned in this letter occured a year later--1/9/1837.

Gainesville, Jany 2nd 1836 [actually 1837]

Dear Father, I need not appologize to you for my long silence, when I tell you that I have our store, the Post Office & some land speculations, besides being one of the board of Directors of the Gainesville & Marietta Rail Road Company, all on my hands and have but Bob [McMahon] & our clerk to help me, and last tho not the less important I am about to be married - yes I am serious when I say I am to be married on the 10th inst [see document below] to Miss Elizabeth [Scott] Bell, Sister to Col [Francis T.] Scott who married Elizabeth Smith who you all know [probably from Harrisonburg, Virginia] - as to the character of my intended I know you and my dear old mother will be entirely satisfied, whenever Willis [Fawcett] writes to you of her - he has settled in the neighborhood where she now resides - she is a widow [of Turner D. Bell] - without property of any account - some 7 or 8 years my junior - reminds me often of aunt Phoebe [Strider -- Lucretia Keyes' mother] altho not so tall. I shall like to have had Erasmus [Rigney Fawcett--Lyle's brother] present at the wedding but thought his arrival rather undertain, and therefore followed the promptings of my own hearth which bids me use all haste.

[page 2] Our business continues very fair. The only difficulty we have is getting money - we have to shift the best we can and run our credit.

I received a letter from Willis [Fawcett--his brother] yesterday three days old - he has begun operation in these new houses and from what a friend says, they will doo very well. I have anxiously expected Erasmus for the last month - I have great need of him and intend taking him from Willis. I am interested in a considerable quality of land in the county of Kemper [where Scott's bought] and have sent some goods there also, now if Ras was there I would feel more safe, and could often sell land that no one knows the owner of. I, according to promise, placed \$100 to your credit with Archer & Ellison [Willis' merchant friends in Philadelphia where Curtis Fawcett apprenticed] and subject to your order - did you draw for it?

Willis and myself have several projects in view - I will write to you on my return, from my wedding trip [probably to Mobile], more fully and give the result of our conference. Remember me to my dear mother [Lucretia Keyes] & the family - tell my pet [Erasmus?] if I every get my hands on him, I intend making a clerk of him. I must close - Bob is waiting on me.

Your affie [affectionate] Son, L.B. Fawcett

[outside:]

To: Mr. Joseph Fawcett
Post Master
St. Charles
Missouri

MARRIAGE: Lyle B. Fawcett to Elizabeth R.C. Bell, Jan. 9, 1837 (Greene County, AL Marriage Book B:171).

The State of Alabama) To any Judge, Justice of the
L B Fawcett Greene County) peace or legally authorized To any
minister of the Gospel of the County & State
Eliz R C Bell aforesaid. I, Isaac C. Snedecor Clerk of the
9th Jany 1837. County Court of Said county, Send Greeting. You
are by these presents Authorized & permitted to
join together in holy estate of matrimony Mr.
Lyle B. Fawcett to Mrs. Elizabeth R.C. Bell, which
marriage when by you Solemnized, you shall certify

to my office

Issued the 9th day of January 1837. Attest J C Snedecor Clerk

LETTER to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri from Erasmus Rigney Fawcett,
Greensborough, Hale County, Alabama 4/9/1837

Greensborough Alabama

April 9th 1837

Dear Pa

I arrived here yesterday in good health & found Will [Willis Fawcett--his brother] well except a common headache. Their business appears to be tolerably good.

After being detained three days at Paducah [Kentucky], I proceeded up the Tennessee River to Watterloo [, Alabama] where I was detained one day waiting for a boat to take us over Colbert Sholes [Shoals]. When the boat came I quite unexpectedly found that [Lyle] Brancie [Fawcett--his brother] was one of the passengers. It had been seven years since we saw each other. Therefore you will not be surprised when I stell you that I scarsely knew him & He had forgotten me entirely.

[Along left margin]: Col. [John] McMahon & family is expected to come to the south [from Courtland, Alabama] & settle in the vicinity of Gainesville when a farm has been bought for them.

[page 2]: I stepped up to him & said how are you Brance. He looked at me but at first sight could not makout who I was. Just at that time I began to feel very flat. I thought perhaps I was claming to be brother of a man that I had never seen before. I asked if his name was not Brance. By my blind eye he found me out & it was only his large grey eyes that caused me to step up to him. I think he looks very much as he did when he was in Staundon except that he is not quite so heavy. In reference to his business I can say but little. He told me that he

thought he was engaged in too many things & that he desired to selout some of them. But I suppose he has written to you from Louisville [Kentucky]
 [page 3:] It is all a mistake to believe there is much difference between Southern & Western Counties. There is some difference in the length of the season but the soil in the west is equal to any in the world. In coming here I passed through Tuscumbia [,Alabama] a village about double as large a[s] Boonville Mo [Missouri]. It is at the termination of the Dactur [Decatur] & Tuscumbia Rail Road. I went on the Rail Road to Courtland [, Alabama] 20 miles, in two hours. The country around Tuscumbia & Courtland is beutiful. After coming fifteen miles this side of Courtland I got in to mountains which continue to Tuscaloosa. The soil is generally sandy in all of the south that I have seen. The farmers have planted cotton and
 [page 4 & outside address:] some of it is up. Corn is generally up & some has been ploughed over the first time. Peaches are about the size of hazzlenuts. When I was in Courtland I saw Wm Watterman, Ethelbert & John McMahon & his lady who is quite small & pleasant. Also O. Cravens & his lady. They all looked well & seemed well content. Your son Ras

GREENSBORO ALA APR 12 [inside circle; postmark]

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Jos. Fawcett, P.M. [Post master]
 St. Charles
 Mo

CONTRACT (Sibley Papers) between Eugene Gauss and Henry H. Sibley, Agent of the American Fur Company, St. Peters, Minnesota 7/1/1837

--Memo. of Agreement made and concluded at St. Peters, this--First day of July 1837, by & between Eugene Gauss of the one part, and Henry H. Sibley, Agent of American Fur Company, of the other part. Witnesseth--That said E. Gauss for the consideration hereinafter set forth doth hereby bond himself to serve said H.H. Sibley Agent of said American Fur Company, for the space of one year from the date hereof, as clerk and trader with the Sioux Indians, during all of which period, he shall devote his whole time and attention to advance the interests of said American Fur Company, obey all lawful orders which may be given him by said Sibley or any other of the legally authorized Agents of said Company's Western Outfit (so called) and in all things diligently & faithfully to direct his duty, as he shall be instructed therein by said Sibley, agent aforesaid.

--- In Consideration of the faithful discharge of this contract in part of E. Gauss aforesaid, said Sibley, acting as aforesaid, shall pay or cause to be paid to said Gauss, two hundred dollars, and furnish during the period for which this agreement is made, comfortable food & lodging.-----In Witness whereof, the parties hereto have set their hands & seals at St. Peters aforesaid, the day and year first above written.-----
 E. Gauss (Seal)

In presence of
 A.M. Anderson
 H.H. Sibley
 Agent Amr. Fur Co. (Seal)

Sibley's American Fur Company Ledger 1836-38, Mendota MN (Sibley Papers 42:102)

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Eugene Gauss

July [1836?]

9	1 pr blue cloth coat \$7	1 toothbrush 3/	7.38
13	1 pr sattin pants \$5	1 bld Bond Vest \$3.50	8.50
18	1 tin knife 13/.	6 sheets paper 1/	Sulpher Bird 2/1.70
	1 pr India rubbershoes lined&	\$2 1 ... Glass	2.75
	a small Morocco trunk16/	sundries4/	12LBS soap16/ 4.50
	By service in writing &c at Entry for Sioux Outfit		20.00
	1 ps paper 1/	1 box blacking 1/6	Thread 2/ 0.56
	1 box matches 2/	2 gas paper 8/	1.25
	4 lbs sugar 8/		1.00
Oct1	By Dupuis' order his pasr.	\$4	4.00
1837			
Feb21	To pd postage on letter\$.25	23rd 2 gs letter paper	1.00
23	" 1 buick quills 4/	2 caked shaving soap 4/	1.00
25	" 1 pr spectacle glasses 6/	pd postage 4/	Oct 28 1.25
Mar23	" 2 skins sewing silk 2/.	2 pencils 2/	0.50
Apr19	" paid his order to Bottineau \$5	May 11	
	pd postage 2/		5.25

Jun20	By Balance of salary due him on Reinvilles books	137.75	
	To Balance carried down to new/a	115.36	151.92
Jun1	By Balance		115.36
Jun5	To 1 satin vest \$4. 6th 1 box linen jacket \$2.50		
	1 Bonges H&f \$1.50	8.00	
7	"1st tobacco to Roulliard 3/		
	9th 1/2 blue satt pants \$7	7.38	
9	"2 Bombajme stocks \$2.50 10th 1 pr suspenders 3/	2.85	
10	" 1 case razors \$4.50 1 shaving brush 2/6		
	1 pr Srm pants \$4	8.81	
12	"2 Gingham sheets \$4 1 fine comb 2/	4.50	
"	"1 cotton half say blue cap	0.50	
13	"2 1/2 yds calico 2/1 2 lb coffee 4/		
	15th 1 deer skin \$1.50	2.71	
"	"postage \$2.75 3pr socks 12/ 1 pap. needles 2/	4.50	
15	"1 pak needles 2/ 1 hank thread 4/ threat for \$1	1.75	
15	"1 pak needles \$1 17th pd Williamson & Higgins\$10	10.45	
17	"1 sum.jacket \$2.50 1 box paper matches 3/	2.88	
19	"1 dz buttons 12/ 1 3pr blue Blk \$9.50		
	1 1/2 yd green flannel 6/	9.94	
"	" 1 1/2 yds Kupia sheeting 6/ 21st pd HH Sibley\$5	1.63	3.00
27	"1yd ribbon 1/ 1/2 sugar 2/ 1 red capette \$4.58	4.75	
"	"1 pie steel 2/ 2 calico sheets 26/		
	2 pr country sacks 8/	4.75	
"	"1 shaving box 2/ 1 pr suspenders 2/ 6 needles 1/	1.38	
"	"1 skin silk 1/ 1 looking glass 6/ 1 box pins 2/	1.50	
"	"1/8 yds scarlet cloth 1/4 pd Wm Fambault \$3	3.50	
29	" mesquito netting for \$2.50 4 yds cloth 8/	4.32	
"	" 1 deer skin \$1.50 July 1 1	2.44	
Jul3	"1 yd green coofe 6/ 1 pd tape 1/6 4th 13th soap	3.19	
4	" 1/2 kegs 1/3 1 box friction matches 2/ 5th 3/1..	1.97	
5	" 3/8 yds sattinette \$1.25 1 3 1/2 pd Blk Blue...	12.35	
	Carried forward 182	115.63	
			118.36
			-182-
1887			
Jul6	1/2 dz Seahooks 1/ 1 box Boganot 1/6	1.31	
"	" 1 pr Butts 2/ 7/8 yds casper66 1 dz buttons 1/	1.04	
"	" 1 silver spoon 2/6 7th Huff on elk & dder skins	1.06	
Aug30	" 1 Pongee Half 10/. By Jos Laponbrose \$18	1.35	18.00
	Cash to Dr Williamson \$1.50 1 penknife \$2...	3.75	
Sept7	" Cash \$1 1... & belt 6/ 1 pr comb 2/ duping comb	2.38	
8	" 2 buffalo robes \$10.50 1 silk hat \$1.25 pr sock	13.75	
	1 box pins 2/ 1/2 pak 1/2 needles 1/ 1 dz button	.75	
9	4 yd ribbon 4/ Nov 10 postage 27/	0.77	
1838			
May10	" cash \$1 1/3 yd scarlet cloth 4/ 2 yds calico 5/	2.13	
16	" 1 beaver hat \$9 3 strings wampum 90/	9.90	
18	" 1 check sheet \$1.50 1 pr blue cloth pant \$10	11.50	
21	" amt of c/ with S.H. \$140.63 1 dz coat button	141.38	
27	" 1 pyd In sheeting 4/6 8 1/2 yds green flannel	1.50	
"	" thread 1/ 1/4 yd G.S. cloth 10/ ...	1.88	
"	" paid W.H. Forbes last fall	0.75	
	By salary as clerk 1 year to 1 Jul	200.	
	c/o balancwe carried to n/y	28.63	
			336.85
			336.36
	"2/o amt of I. Rochi \$7.25 Do at Cannon River\$12.53	19.78	
"	" " " " at Traveaux de Sioux	1.88	
"	" 1 decp'd deer skin \$2 1 3pt blue blanket \$3.50	9.50	
26	" 2 papr vermillion 4/ 1 horn comb 2/ for		
	Wm Fairbault		3.45
30	" 1 pr cot socks 4/ 1d salt 2/ cash 8/ 1d sugar 2/2	4.2	
Jun7	" repay Gauss \$1 1/2 dz screws 9/ 1pr ..Boot\$4.50	5.59	

9	"1 silk hkf 12/ 1 pr socks 4/ 1/2 p sugar 1/	2.13	
13	"cash \$5 16 1 pen knife 20/ 1 pr plated spoons 1/	8.25	
16	"1/2 gr letter paper 2/ 1/2 gr cap do 2/		1.13
	1 chip hat 5/		
19	"1/2 sugar 1/ 1 silk hkf 12/ 12 yds cot \$3 2yds..	4.13	
20	" 1 spool cot 1/ 1 dz shirt button 2/		
	1 pr country socks 4/	0.88	
21	" 1 hair brush 6/ 1 blk lead pencil 1/6	0.94	
23	" 1 frock coat \$18 1 cake soap 2/ 1 pr tape 1/	1.38	
25	" 1 sk silk 1/ diff on cot 12/ 2 papr vermillion4/18.38		
28	" 1/2 pd raisins 1/6 1 cot shirt 16/ 1 satin sock	3.69	
Jul2	" 1 lb sugar 2/ 1 silk hkf 12/ 2 1/2 yds cot...	2.63	
7	" 1 pr cot braces 3/ 1 lb sugar 2/ 1 cot shirt16/	2.63	
18	" 1 shaving brush 2/ 1 shaving box 2/ 1 pr angolar1.13		
23	" 1 pk knife 5/ 1 doz shirt buttons 1/ ...	1.15	
Aug 1	" 1 " sugar 2/ 1 pd sugar 2/ 1 pr blue pant \$10	10.57	
13	" 3 yds cot 9/ 1 Ir.comb 2/ 1 yd ...	1.69	
	carried forward	106.49	
			28.63
			-265-

Eugene Gauss

1838			
Aug15	To 1 blue blkt 3 pt \$7.50 1 btltl ink 4/cow hide	8.25	
16	" 1 pd powder 6/ thread 3/ 3 yd check 6/		
	1 cake shaving soap 2/ 4 yd rufa diaper 8/	1.25	
	" " 1 pr ... 1 pitcher 5/ 1/2 pd raisins 1/6 cash3	1.31	
18	" 3/8 yds L.S. cloth 9/ 1 papr matches 2/		
	2 3/4 soap 5/		2.
28	" cash 2/ 1/2 gs letter paper 2. cash 4/		
	1 pr sock 2/		1.25
Sept3	" 1 pap matches 2/ 1/2 pd sugar 1/by JB Flambeau	0.38	7.00
14	" 1 pd sugar 2/ 1/2 pd sugar 1/ 1 pr shoe brush	0.88	
15	" 1pr cotton socks 2/ bal. on pitcher 3/		
	cash \$.38	1.00	
18	" 1 pipe 4/ 2 plugs tob 6/ 1 pat marino shirt20/	2.63	
27	" 1/8 yd blue ... 44/ 1/2pd sugar 1/		
	pd C Montgomery \$1.75	2.57	
	" " cash 2/ 1 pd sugar 2/ 1 sk col.cloth 1/	0.63	
Oct1	"1 slate pencul 3/ 1/2pd epon salts 2/ cash\$12..	12.41	
8	"..tob pd vineped \$9 pd A Flambault for 3 coon		
	skins	10.42	
11	" pd Wm Campbell in hides for washing \$6		
	3/8 yd scarlet		7.50
13	" 1/4 pd thread 3/ 1pd sugar 2/		
	2 1/2 yds Ino. calico 7/6	1.56	
29	" 1 wl shirt \$2 sash 2/ 1 silk hkf 14/	4.00	
Nov9	" 1 stock 12/ 1 pr elastic braces 9/ cash \$1	2	
20	" 1 pr country socks 4/ for Flambeau \$11 ..	6.56	
27	" By G Franchure \$2.35 Paper 6/ 1 sk silk 1/	.19	.22
1839			
Jan7	To dep deer skins for \$2.33 1/2 lb soap 1/	2.25	
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31	" pd Wm Flambault \$4 amt of % with S&S \$76.25	80.20	
	By J.B. Flambault \$130 to 1/8 yds blue cloth 2/	.72	130.
	Balance as per note of this date		70
		258.94	258.

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 LETTER Erasmus Rigney Fawcett, Gainesville, Alabama to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 10/9/1837

Gainesville Oct 9th 37

Dear Pa

I rec'd [recieved] yours [letter] of Sept 5th and Mr. Fergusons of the 1st but two day[s] back. I am in hopes [about] your uneasiness about [Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett] is all removed by this time.

Business is on the improve here. Coarse negro clothing & shoes are just

beginning to go off tolerably lively. Town still on the improve. Crops very indeferent except the corn which is much better than usual.

For the last two months we have had no rain untill the other day. And then it came in abundance.

Our steam Boat has gone down [the Tombigbee River] being the first of this season. They run here only about half of the year and that half is in the winter. Which makes it very dificut [difficult] to keep up an assortment of goods. There is not two stores in the place if put together that would make [page 2:] a good general assortment.

The crediting business I believe is carried on to a greater extent than in Mo [Missouri] and from all accounts the customers are much less prompt. The percent on cost of goods is pretty much the same here as in Franklin Mo. The expence of getting goods here I think also is about the same (though S[team] Boats charge by the barrell here at from one to three dollars up from Mobile [,Alabama]) But when you begin to count home or Genl [General] expences then you find the differences. I believe a man can live on one fourth of the same in Franklin that he can in Gainesville.

It is in compliance with [Lyle] Branson [Fawcett--his brother's] request that [I] trouble you with this. He wishes me to communicate what he would not let remain a secret for all the world. He commenced bragging (his natural failing) by sending me a note before I was out of bed, telling me he was a Father of a son [Robert Branson/Scott Fawcett] that weighed 10 lb when only two hours old.

[page 3:] Branson seems today to be about two inches taller than he was yesterday and his health is desidedly better although on the improve before this late circumstance seems to have given him a mighty lift. Seems an other would cure him entirely.

I have promised to leave some room from Branson.

My love to Ma & the Balance of the family

Your son, Erasmus

[Note by Lyle Branson Fawcett:] Ras says I am braging, but I think myself quite moderate considering the size and fine look of my boy besides I was married on 10th Jany last--Elizabeth & chile are both doing finely.

My own health is better but I find I am not well fitted to bear sickness--13 years ago mother had a hard time with me. Elizabeth fared no better and from chills & fevers here is much longer. It is now near 2 months since I have been of much a/c [account] in the store.

We have not heard from Willis [Fawcett--their brother] for 3 or 4 weeks at which time he left here for Courtland with Rob McMahon [Lyle's partner].

Elizabeth sends her best love to every one of you and is very auxious to show you her shote

Remember me to mother and all the rest--write soon as I beel uneasy about Keyes. I will write as soon as I find leisure.

Your affect[ionate] Son

L.B.F. [Lyle Branson Fawcett]

[outside -postmark & address:]

GAINESVILLE AL OCT 13 [inside circle/postmark]

Mr. Joseph Fawcett PM [Postmaster]

St Charles

Mo

The name for the Hero is Robt Scott Fawcett

McMahon Scrapbook 3/1838. Gainesville AL Newspaper.

Bennet & Neville, and Bierne, Fawcett & Co. vs. Steamboat Triumph. The above steamboat, her tackle, apparel and furniture, having been attached and seized by virtue of 2 writs of seizure, in the nature of admiralty as above stated, issued from the Circuit Court of Sumter County --- this is therefore to cite and admonish all persons having or pretending to have nay right, title, or claim to the said steamboat, her tackle, apparel, and ... to appear before the Circuit Court.

McMahon Scrapbook 3/23/1838. Gainesville AL Newspaper.

Horse Shoes! Three Casks Best English Horse Shoes (a superior article) just

received and for sale now by McMahon & Fawcett. March 23'38.

McMahon Scrapbook, pg 59. Mar 25, 1838. Gainesville AL Newspaper.

OBITUARY

Departed this life on Sunday morning at his residence in this town, in the 34th year of his age, Maj. Lyle B. Fawcett, acting head of the heavy mercantile firm of Beirne, Fawcett & Co., and Postmaster of this place. Our whole town mourns the loss of one of the most useful, most respected, and most beloved citizens. As a merchant the deceased was judicious, diligent, enterprising, remarkably liberal, indulgent, and accommodating, and scrupulously upright and honorable in all his transactions. His word was as good as his bond. No merchant was ever more popular in this community, and none every enjoyed in a high degree the public confidence. Though his business trade actions were very extensive, no man ever suspected him of a little or dishonorable action. He looked down upon every thing mean with unutterable loathing and scorn. He was a well principled, high minded man of large and liberal views, and his business operations bore the impress of his character. As a public spirited citizen, he was second to none. Judicious plants for the public good ever found in him an efficient and jealous patron. His ... exertions, his purse, seemed all pledged to the public welfare. When any scheme of public utility was presented for his patronage, he did not stop and deliberately count up the dollars and cents it would put into his pocket, but if in his sound judgement it was calculated to promote the public welfare, he at once stood up as its decided and liberal friend. He was a remarkably disinterested man. He looked far beyond the narrow circle of his own personal interest to the substantial welfare of the community at large. He was the stranger's friend, every ready to assist him with his purse and personal exertions, and with the counsels of his shrewd and intelligent mind. Many, many, there are in this community who will never forget that obligations to him, when they were strangers in a strange land.--As a man and friend, he was frank, open hearted, disinterested, courteous, obliging, every ready to assist and befriend those about him. His feelings were warm, and his attachments had all the fervid enthusiasm and chivalrous devotion which characterize the warm hearted and high minded Southern gentleman. He loved his friend as is own soul; for him there was no labor too arduous, no sacrifice too great; and he grappled the heart of his friends to himself with a death like grasp. The kind charities of our nature, too, dwelt richly in his bosom. The wants and sufferings of other excited the generous sympathies of his heart; nor was his a barren sympathy. Forgetful of self, he gave to others with almost extravagant liberality. In his more private and domestic relations, as a brother, husband, and parent, it is not for my poor pen to attempt his eulogy--it is not for me to lift the veil of domestic retirement, and to delineate the deceased at his loved fire side, where all the best and tenderest affections of his soul poured themselves forth without restraint. In his several domestic relations he was far beyond all praise, as the bitter tears and heart rending lamentations at his grave, but too mournfully testified. Cut down in the noon-day of life, it is not surprising that the death of such a man should have spread a tender sadness over his community which time alone can dispel. All mourn his loss as a public calamity; and never, never, will the memory of his many noble and manly virtues be effaced from the hearts of his friends. Peace to his ashes! C.C. Scott

McMahon Scrapbook pg 59: Gainesville Alabama Reporter 3/28/1838.

LINES

ON THE DEATH OF L. B. FAWCETT

He sleeps the sleep of death who but
Yesterday was of his friends the life and soul:

And can it be, my friend,
My brother in every thing but name,
That thou, so late so full of life, and energy,
And hope, art now as passionless and
As quiet under the lamentation of friends
As the clods that wrap thy pale coffin.

'This e'en so, by fiat of stern destiny
'Tis alike the lot of great and good,

As well as the mean and ignoble
To sink beneath the fell destroyed shaft:
Else, did goodness or worth an exemption give,
Thine had surely been a different fate.

What pangs! what untold of agony!
Brings not thy death to thy aged parents
Already borne down by misfortune's iron hand!
Thou hast been to them the bright sun beneath
Whose warm and genial beam the
Otherwise dark valley of poverty (alas!
Too oft tenanted by goodness!) was made
To shine and gladden with delight
And oh! if there be in man one deed
More noble, more God-like than another,
'Tis surely that which rescues from children's
Grasp, those who administered to our every want,
Throughout our helpless childhood's hour
Another son will arise in thy place
And be to thy parents what thou has been
But ne'er 'till they sleep with thee, in thy
Cold mansion, will they cease to mourn,
Or will they be comforted.

Thy widowed wife! oh if there be
On earth a pitiable sight, 'tis when
She who has placed her heart's best tress
Within the keeping of another, and who ...
And feels, and knows naught of happiness
But as seen, and felt, and known by him--
Learns that the fountain, whence
Her draughts of happiness were drawn,
Is dried up forever--that the sturdy oak
To which she, as the tender ivy, clung
And basked, and gladdened in the rays
Of joy and hope, lies scathed, and prostrate
In the dust!

Thy infant son! 'twill be sweet consolation
And richest legacy for him to know,
That though he knew but little of the
Ministering goodness of a father's hand,
Yet was there left him, by that father, a name
For goodness, worth, social and moral qualities,
Of which a son might well be proud!

Thy friends! (and many there were
Drawn to thee by the daily exhibition
Of such qualities as bind man to man
In that noblest of human ties--virtuous friendship,
Mourn thee as friend, seldom mourns friend
And he who pours forth this humble tribute
To thy memory, and who knew thee long and well
Has bitterly wept and will weep thee
As brother only weeps for fondest brother.

W. P. M. [Wm Paxton McMahon]

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Letter JH Thompson, Gainesville AL, to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles MO 29 Mar 1838

Gainesville Ala 29 Mar 1838

Mr Joseph Fawcett

Dear Sir

But a few days since I wrote to you
informing you of the sudden and dangerous illness of your worthy son [Lyle
Branson Fawcett]. And now with painful feelings of regret have I taken up my

pen to communicate to you the sad and melancholy intellegence of his death. He died calmly on Sunday morning the 25th about 9 o'clock after a short illness of only one week deeply lamented & deplored by all who knew him for none knew him but to love him & by his death you have lost an amiable & worthy & affectionate son, his wife a kind & affectionate husband, and society a valuable & useful member and by his amiable and upright course which he provided he ideared all those who knew him. His remains were followed to the grave on Monday by a large and numerous concourse of the citizens of the place and its vicinity, and every mark of respect was shown him, that he so well deserved.

Robert Mc[Mahon] returned from Mobile on Sunday evening, but alas too late to see his dear friend before he expired. What a severe stock it was to his feelings to hear that he whom he had left in good health on his return to find him in the cold grasp of death.

I wrote to your son, Willis, today in forming him of the circumstances.

Erasmus [Rigeny Fawcett--L.B. Fawcett's brother] will write to you as soon as he is a little more composed. He is unable to write to you at prsent. Although he wrote a few lines to his Bro. Curtis today.

Ras and Bob send their love to you and the family and will write in a few days. Wishing you peace, happiness & prosperity, I Remain Your Friend

James H Thompson

LETTER Erasmus Rigney Fawcett, Gainesville, Alabama to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 4/6/1838

Gainesville Ala April 5th 1838

Dear Pa

Mr Thompson [see previous letter] has been kind enough to write to you by the two last mails which in some degree released me from the arduous task. I was absent when the last mail left or I should have written by it.

I believe I have generally fulfilled one of mas last requests that was to always let the worst be known as respects our health. But never did I suppose that I should have to communicate that sad truth. Had I believed it I should certainly have had you better prepared & I should have been better prepared myself but no one even imagined it. The Doct. Said there was no danger. I could not see why a wise creator would terminate a life so usefull to the interest of every thing that was morally wright and one that was beloved by

[along left margin:] Sister Elizabeth [Lyle's widow] & little Bob [Lyle's son] & all are well.

All who were fortuneage enough to be intimate with him. He was a perfect model of what I and of what every man should wish to be. You will find in the Reporter [see previous article] some little sketch of his character of which every word is truth.

We are very much indebted to Col. [Francis T.] Scott, Mrs. [Smith] Scott, Robert G. & Chas McMahon, Mr. Layborn who Preached his funeral & a majority of the citizens of the place.

The mail is closing and as we have only two mails a week I must have this in.

I rec'd [received] yours [letter] of the 5 ult[ima] the money to pay Brakenridge note was left with Col. McMahon in Harrisonburg. Mr B[rackenridge] refused to take the money because it was Alabama. Trouble yourself no more about it for we will have the matter arranged to please his particular appitite.

Your son

Ras

[outside- postmark & address:]

GAINESVILLE ALA APR 6 [inside circle/postmark]

FREE

Joseph Fawcett

Postmaster

St. Charles

Mo

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LETTER (MN Hist. Soc.:Sibley Papers M164[2]): Eugene Gauss to Henry H. Sibley 9/6/1838.

St. Peters 6 Sept 1838

Sir,

About three days ago I informed Mr. Farriboult and Alexander F., that if in

consequence of the .. of their family, they preferred sending their children to a school kept up on the other side of the river, by one of the Methodist Missionaries, I was willing to give up my situation in the ___ of the fall. The answer of the Faribault seemed to indicate that he was pleased with my proposal, while A. appears to be indifferent about it. At that time I determined not to leave this place, until November, when the amount of my salary would have been nearly sufficient to pay the amount due by me to the A.F.C. [American Fur Company] & Stanbuagh & Sibley. But I now take the liberty of asking, if you would consent, not to let me depart at present. Although hereby I would remain in your debt to the cost of about \$75.00, but if you were to lend me an additional \$25, for the payment of my traveling & to my other expenses... my willingness to repay you soon. I suppose you doubt not, it remains therefore for me to acquaint you with the prospect I have of doing so.

The interest of a small property I Possess in Germany, will be due me, it will not be very much, at the end of the year. A sum sufficient to settle my accounts with you & s&s and even if this advance should fail me, I have some hope of finding employment in St. Louis through the influence of Mr. Nicolette, which is all probability would enable me to pay you

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the course of next year.

Ancious as I am to receive a favorable answer, I yet must say that my obligations to you are already so many fold that my sense of them may be increased by your consent, but can not be diminished by your refusal.

I remain sir, with great respect Your Most humbl servt. Eugene Gauss
HH Sibley Esq/

McMahon Scrapbook, pg 67, McMahon, Fawcett & Co Change 10/1/1838.

GAINESVILLE, ALABAMA.

FIFTY CENTS

Payable in Goods, at the Store of the undersigned
Gainesville, Ala.)

Oct. 1st 1838) McMahon, Fawcett & Co.
Redeemable in Alabama Money

LETTER (Sibley Papers: MN Hist. Soc. M164[2]): Eugene Gauss to Henry H. Sibley
11/26/1838

Entry of the St. Peters
Nov. 25. 1838

Henry H. Sibley Esq/

Sir - It has, for some time, been my wish to find a suitable situation, which would enable me, to remain the next year at the Entry of St. Peters [no Mendota MN]. The determination of Mr. Anderson, to leave the service of the American Fur Company appears to offer me an opportunity of doing so. Allow me therefore to assure you, that if you should feel disposed to engage my services, to supply the place of Mr Anderson, I always shall strenuously endeavor to deserve the confidence which you would repose in me, by doing so my present engagement with Mr. Faribault would not prevent me from accepting any offer, you might see fit to make me, since he last fall has given me permission, to leave him, whenever I would see proper to do so. I am, Sir, with your great respect

Your most obdt servt Eugene Gauss

LETTER John I. McMahon, Courtland, Alabama to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 3/6/1839

Courtland March 6/39

Mr. Jos. Fawcett

D. Sir

Mother, Charles & Margaret [McMahon] came up from Gainesville about two weeks since, they left all ready. Willis [Fawcett] & Susy [Stabler] had gone to House Keeping. They live in a small House not far from Elizabeth's [Scott Bell Fawcett--Lyle's widow]. Willis thinks there is no person in the world equally to Sucky Stabler as he calls her. Mrs. Stabler furnished their Cabin-- Elizabeth her son would have come up but for the situation of Mrs. Scott. She expects to be confined this month & next month the Col. [Francis T.] Scott will be tried. I have rec'd [received] two or three letters from him lately. He writes as though his mind was perfectly at ease--poor unfortunate

man--can I every forget the looks of his poor wife & Elizabeth [Scott Bell Fawcett]--no never.

I have not heard whether there has been any new young Fawcetts since you left Virginia. Has Willis [Fawcett] told you there might be an addition to the name in Alabama-- I cannot say at what time. Harriet [McMahon] had a fine son on the 22nd Feb--and have named him William after my Father [William McMahon]. Could you all be here now it would remind you of by gone days, to see two Families as large as ours would almost make you think you were in old Rock Town [Harrisonburg, Virginia], but if you have no more love for the place than I have, you

[page 2:] will never wish yourself there again. Mother, Chas [Charles] & Margt [Margaret McMahon] left this morning on a visit to Uncle Chas. Patton who lives about 40 miles from this place. After their return they will start to Gainesville. Expect to go there in July. I will then bring Elizabeth [Scott Bell Fawcett] & Bobby [Robert McMahon/Scott Fawcett] home with me. I wish you could see your Grand Son. He is such a fun child. I know you would dote on him.

I purchased out a first rate stock of Goods since Jany [January[, about \$16,000 at 12 % pt. Now the original cost ½ paid [paid] Jany 1/40 & the other ½ July 1/40 in paper without interest. The goods suited us exactly--this reduced the number to two Stores in our Town-- this everlasting credit ruins everything. The Boys [Robert G. McMahon, Willis & E.R. Fawcett] at Gainesville profess to do a Cash business but they don't stick up to it. I wish you would admonish them when you write. The Boys here are all well-- Aunt Betsey request to be remembered to all. Give my love to Mrs F[awcett] & the family.

Your friend

Jno. I. McMahon

It strikes me that Asbury McWilliams is in yr. [your] debt if so he is well off.

[outside/address & postmark:]

[within circle:] COURTLAND AL March 7

Free

Mr. Joseph Fawcett

Post Master

St. Charles

Missouri

LETTER Curtis Fawcett, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Virginia Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 3/17/1839

Phil'd March 17th 1839

Dear Ginny

I received your and Pas letters by Mr. Stockslager a week ago or so since. In both he was highly recommended as a merchant and as a gentleman, and Pa thought it advisable for us to sell him all the goods he should want in our line of business or at least if he did not positively say so he intimated as much in recommending him. I am not certain though I think it highly probable we should have sold both Mr. S. And Mr Coons if circumstances under which we were then placed would have admitted, but such was our situation, as to render it almost if not quite impossible. These circumstances I shall explain in my next to Pa which I expect to write soon.

Mr Stockslager and Mr Coonleft here a few days since for Baltimore on there way home. They did not go as soon as I expected and there arrangement altogether was different from what I understood it to be, and if I mistake not, they changed it from what it was at first. As I understood, they were to leave here in the early part of the week for Baltimore and return in a few days, then go directly from here home [to Missouri?]. Therefore I gave my self no uneasiness about seeing them on their return and expected to write by them, as Mr Stockslager kindly offered to take any letters that I might want to send. But as the case was, they returned here until the later part of the week before going o Baltimore, long-

[page 2:] enough to get through their bussiness here and after reamining in Baltimore until they transact what bussiness they have there, they go from there home. This I did not know until within a day or so when I called at the Hotel to inquire of the Bar keeper, if they had returned. In consequence of bing disappointed in sending a letter by Mr. Stockslager I will send it by Mr. Christman.

We are unable, if Mr C. Was inclined to leaf [leave] his old place of buying, to sell him for the same reasons, that we were not able to supply the other gentlemen, if they had been disposed to buy of our establishment.

I should have, and intended to inform you, in the two or three last letters that I wrote, but in all except the last I did not think of it until the letters were closed, and in the last I postponed it until there was no room for it, without crowding considerably, which I thought was hardly necessary as I expected to write again soon after That Charles Clark, son of Dr Clark from Harrisonburg [Virginia] has come here to live. He came about four months since and is learning the printing business under tow or three good honest Quakers with whom he also boards. They seem disposed to treat him well as in fact most any of their society would do, and give him every chance to advance high in his business. I believe he likes his situation and is fond of printing. Every two or three weeks him and I visit the Blind Institute to see Jewet Gray. They used to go to school together and were much better acquainted before they left home than Jewet and myself.

[page 3:] The principle topic and the one on which the community has great deal to say at present, is the boundary line between Maine and New Brunswick. Every newspaper we pick up has a column headed with the latest news from Maine, and after giving all that can be found in the latest Eastern papers and letters on the subject, they frequently fill up the column in case the late news does not, with comments; and really it seems to a person who would calmly observe the proceedings of the newspapers that they tried to collect all and publish all the incitable rumors without every stopping to consider whether they are true or false, or what will be their effect on the country; such a course besides doing a vast amount of injury by exciting the feelings of that huge portion of the populace of the country which never stop to think whether what they see and hear is true or no evinces a low, mean, contentible spirit of ... which ill becomes such a character as a man ought to bear who occupies the important station of an Editor. The latest news goes to confirm me in the belief that I had at first, which was, that the present difficulty was solely owing to the impudence of the governor of Maine and that of New Brunswick, and that it will finally be settled amicably; this latest news is that the governor of New Brunswick has sent a communication to the gov'nor for Maine to adjust the differences. This I suppose he concluded to do, after seeing the folly of his first acts.

[page 4/with address:] Our city is now full of Business. Doing more than either New York or Baltimore, or at least according to the opinion of those who I suppose have good reasons for thinking so; and several of our customers who have been on to New York tell us so; and they have returned without purchasing there owing to the assortment of Goods being inferior in that city. Baltimore seldom can boast of us much as Phil'a. Give my love to all, your affectionate brother

Curtis

Miss Virginia Fawcett
St. Charles
Missouri

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Mr. Chirstman)

LETTER (Sibley Papers): Gauss at St. Louis to Sibley at Mendota MN 3/29/1839 (cited in Bray and Bray 1972:237 fn 7). [Eugene] Gauss to leave next Monday from St. Louis for Sioux country of the upper Missouri for three years.

St. Louis 29th March '39

H.H. Sibley)
Esq.)

Sir./ I should already before this have taken advantage of the permission you have given me to write to you, if I had been able to communicate anything certain about my future prospects. For some time back it has been my intention to enter once more in the Indian Trade, but not until yesterday have I finally engaged myself to do so-- Next Monday I shall leave St. Louis for the Sioux Country on the Upper Missouri.

My first endeavor of course will be to redeem the note you hold against me, but since I have been obliged to take a part of my salary in advance for the purpose of fitting myself out, for a three year absence from St. Louis, I must ask your permission to delay its payments yet a few months longer. If next fall there is any possibility of writing from my station to St. Louis, I shall then request Mr. Chouteau to pay my note to you or your order, and shall at the same time inform you of my having done so. Nevertheless it is possible although not

probable that I would be prevented to do so until next spring, when one of Mr. Chouteaus partners makes his yearly

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visit to the different posts of the Missouri. I hope you will not have any objections to this arrangement which will save me the disagreeable prospect of learning too heavily on Mr. Chouteau before I have been of any service to him.

All me sir once more to assure you of my feelings of gratitude to you, on account of the many acts of kindness which you always have shown me, and to subscribe myself

Your most obtt servant

Eugene Gauss

From E. Gauss, St. Louis 29 Mar 1839

To: H.H. Sibley St. Peter Upper Missouri River

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ARTICLE (St. Louis Missouri Argus, Jun 7, 1839:3/2).

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

In pursuance of public notice, a number of the Democrats of the county and town of St. Charles assembled at the Court House on Monday the 27th Mar 1839 for the purpose of appointing delegates to represent the county in proposed State Convention to be held in Jefferson City in October next.

On motion of Dr. Wm J. McElhinney, Joseph Fawcett was called to chair and J.S. Watson appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting being explained by the Chair in a few brief and appropriate remarks,

On motion it was Resolved, That the chair appoint a committee of three to report resolutions for the consideration and action of the meeting, whereupon the chair appointed Francis Yosti, Wm. J. McElhinney and William N. Fulkerson to compose said committee.

The committee then retired and after a few moments absence, they reported by their chairman, William J. McElhinney, the following:

Whereas we have examined the resolutions passed by the Democrats of the county of St. Louis on the 6th day of May 1839, relative to holding a Convention at Jefferson City in October next for the purpose of promoting the cause of Democracy.

Resolved, That we approve of their proceedings and recommend delegates to be appointed by this meeting to meet at the proposed convention.

The proceedings of the St. Louis Democratic meeting refered to being then read, on motion of Abner W. McKinney the report of the committee was unanimously received.

On motion of F. Yosti,

Resolved, That three suitable persons be appointed as delegates to represent this county in the said proposed convention--whereupon

Wm J. McElhinney, James R. McDearmon and Wm. N. Falkerson were unanimously chosen to represent this county in said convention.

On motion of John McNutt,

The chair appointed Chas. W. Luler, P.A. Stockalage, and J.S. Watson a committee to correspond with other Democratic committees in the different counties in this state with the view of promoting general harmony, efficiency and concert of action in the organization of the Democratic party in the coming contest.

On motion of Chas. W. Liuler,

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the chairman and Secretary, and that the Editor of the St. Charles Clarion together with the Editors of the Democratic papers throughout the State be requested to publish the same.

Thereupon, on motion the meeting adjourned.

JOS. FAWCETT, Chm'n

Jas. S. Watson, Secretary.

LETTER Martha Scott Hill of Greensboro AL to Ann Elizabeth Pride Hill of Gainesville AL 11/28/1839. A.E.P. Hill later married E.R. Fawcett (Elssa Mae Carson Spence Collection). Ann apparently lived with her Aunt Elizabeth in Gainesville while she attended school at about age 12. Her Aunt might be Elizabeth R.C. Scott Fawcett, the widow of L.B. Fawcett, who later married Robert G. McMahon. Punctuation and intial capitalization have been added.

November 28th 1839

My Dear Child

I receive[d] a letter from you two or three week since and another to day, and would have writen to you before this, but I though you had so many opportunities of hearing from me that I would put of[f] visiting a little longer, I was very much pleased to hear that you were well pleased and getting on well with your studies. O my Dear Child you must not disappoint my expectations. You must know that all the happiness I ever expect in this world is in your doing well. You must make good use of every moment, don't waste one bit of your time. It is prescious with you, and perhaps you may never have such another opportunity. Try to improve yourslef in every respect and be sure to be obedient to your Aunt Elizabeth [Fawcett?] and your teachers. My dear Ann it would be a most mortifying thing to me to hear the least thing amiss in you, but I feel that you have more discesion and affection for me than to do anything that would in the least distress your doting Mother and I sincerely hope that I may yet live to see the day when I shall be proud of my child.

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The family are all well at this time except my self. I have a very bade cold which makes one fill very badly. Your Cosin William [Scott?] gets not better. He has got so that he wont speak a word but he is perfectly harmless and inoffensive. The Children all look very well. Francis [Scott?] learns very fast. She reads very pretily. I recieved a letter from Thomas [Scott?] a few says since. He was very well and the best of all he has embrassed religion. Tell your Aunt Elizabeth there is the greatest revival going on in Greensborough than ever was in that place before. Almost every body in the place has professed religion. They have been preaching there nearly three weeks and still going on. Miss Mary Shackelford is one of the converts and a great many of her acquaintances tell Mary Emery her Brother has professed. I heard from her mamma today. She was very well. You mentioned to me in your letter that you had some idea of going to your Uncle Frank [Francis T. Scott, who lived near DeKalb in Kemper County, Mississippi] Christmas if I did not come over. I expect it will be entirely out of my power to come. I should be very glas to do so but have no way of going. Say to your Aunt Elizabeth I was very sorry to hear she was so behind with her work [As a widow she was raising her son for several years before she remarried]. Wish it was so that I could help her but I am just as near naked as she is and to tell the truth that is the principle reason why I cannot come until after Christmas if at all. I will have Frans[?] socks ready to send by the first. One that passes and less gloves also. I have them nearly done.

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You must write to me as [soon?] as you can and let me [hear?] all about your studies and how many tunes you can play. I was very sorry to hear that little Mary Frances [Scott?] was sick again. You must let me know how she is as soon as you can. Tell Mary and Mat her father and brother are well. Give my love to both your Aunt Elizabeth and to them. I feel very ancious to see them. When you see your Aunt Margaret [Scott?] give my love to her. I must now conclude. May God bless you in the sincere prayers of your affectionate Mother. Martha A. Hill

WB Present Mrs. Whites compliment to your Aunt Eliz. and tell her she would be very glad to come over and help. He work. But she has no way of getting their. Tell her if she has any more yarn to knit to send it over and I will knit if for her. I wish it was so I could help her more. M A H
Sisters love to both your Aunts.

Addressed: To Miss Ann Elizabeth P Hill Gainesville Alabama
by Gibs)

J.C. Lackland Papers: James C./ Lackland Account Book 5 /"B" Ledger of Mill Accounts, Mar 2, 1840-Feb 16, 1846. P 31 (St. Charles MO).

1840	Joseph Fawcett	D			
May 19	To 26 ft of plank for Gate @ 2.25		1	00	56
June 18	To 153 ft of C.W. plank @ 2.25		10	3	15
	To 128 ft of W. Weatherboarding @ 2.50			3	20
	26 To 120 ft of siding @ 2.00		12	2	40
				9	61
	to balance brought from ledger & folia		69	1	58
	To Willson Overall for - - -			45	47
				56	66

LETTER Willis Fawcett, Gainesville, Alabama to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles,

Missouir. 1/29/1840

Gainesville, Ala Jany 29th 1840

My dear Father

In my last to you I promised to furnish a calculation of the probable increase in Hogs properly managed in Texas. Suppose that we have 100 Breeding sows, that they shall be eighteen months old before breeding, that they have two litters of pigs each year, that the pigs shall be half of each gender, and that each sow shall raise six pigs from each litter. Is there any incorrectness in the foundation for a calculation? Read it again. It certainly is not painted - in fact the sows will breed frequently at twelve & fifteen months of age. In Texas they are known to breed often three times a year, and we all know that sows frequently have twelve pigs at a litter, instead of six as above estimated. So there is full allowance for accidents. Say then we have one the

1st Jany 1841, 100 Breeding sows

1 July	"	100	"	"	& 300 sow pigs & 300 masculine
1 Jany 1842,	100	"	"	"	& 300 " " & 300 "
1 July	"	100	"	"	& 300 " " & 300 "
1 Jany 1843 ,	400	"	"	"	& 1200 " " & 1200 "
1 July	"	700	"	"	& 2100 " " & 2100 "
1 Jany 1844,	1000	"	"	"	& 3000 " " & 3000 "

You see through the estimate the Breeding sows started with are simply multiplied by six, three of each gender, until the sow pigs become eighteen months old, when they are added to the hundred Breeding sows and also multiplied by six. The calculation is based upon

[page 2:] the compound interest principle so much admired by worshipers of Gold and which we especially in our condition should have a respect for. The estimate embraces a period of just three years at the end of which time, what have we? We have 7200 of masculine & 7200 of sows hogs, in both 14,500 head.

The masculine could be sold at a fair price either at Houston, Austin, or Galveston. At Houston I enquired the price of pork retailing at the market house. The reply was thirty seven & half cents per pound in the currency of Texas, which at Houston is only worth one third its face when compared with silver, making the retail price of pork at Houston twelve & half cents in silver. And this I was informed was the usual price. The breed of hogs that we would take to Texas would afford barrows at twelve months of age weighing at least 200 pounds. Well on the 1st July 1842 we would have 300 of these for sale, for which we will say we could realize 2 ½ cents per pound instead of the 12 ½. The 300 would weigh 6000 lbs at 2 ½ is \$1500.00

On 1st Jany 1843, 300 more at the same	"	1500.00
On 1st July 1843, 300 " " "	"	1500.00
On 1st Jany 1844, 1200 " " "	"	6000.00
" In the three years makings -- --		\$10,500.00

Besides having over 5000 young barrows and the 7300 sows which at the lowest would be worth another \$10,500. Many of the latter we could sell to emigrants at our own prices, who would want stock hogs, and our being superior would command attention at a considerable distance. Extend the calculation

[page 3:] one year further and we would be independent. You will ask whether these hogs would not require much attention & some corn? They would require no more attention than we among ourselves could conveniently afford and as to the corn, they would require only enough to keep them gentle, as I saw very fine hogs in Texas which had never eaten any corn.

If this much can be said for Hogs in favor of our emigration there can almost as much be said separately for sheep, mules & cattle. As I stated before I do not wish to make the move unless we can get the use of say \$5,000 capital. Three of which would be required for the purchase & transportation of the stock, and the remaining two we would invest in lands. The latter of which would treble its value during the three years embraced in the estimate. I have sounded two individuals here [in Gainesville] on the subject, but have not yet received a definite reply. I mentioned that you & Ras [his brother--Erasmus Rigney Fawcett] would be equally interested with myself and that we would give the capitalist one half the profits.

Would not the attainment of all the above justify the temporary privations and even hardships which we would have to encounter? And is there anything connected with the plan which can be called visionary?

Susan [Stabler--Willis' wife] & the boys join me in love to ma & each of all. You affectionate son

Willis Fawcett

[outside address:]

Joseph Fawcett
Post Master
Saint Charles
Missouri

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Letter: Curtis Fawcett, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 3/17/1840.

Phila'd March 17th 1840

Dear Ginny

I received your letter some days since by the kindness of Mr. Harley, and I avail myself of his offer to take a letter to answer it. I am glad to hear by him that Pa was getting better when he left; and hope as the weather has now become much more pleasant, that hw will speedily, and periminently recover. I suppose by this time, the pure air of Missouri with the healthy exercises of riding, hunting, fishing, and skating, if perchance you have practised the last, has fattened you so as to make you equal on a seesaw, across a fence, even to Barbry; unless it should turn out tht your salubinious clime has had a corresponding effect upon her also; in which case I don't know how you would do, unless you should come across a lot of fifty sixes, and tye them on to your end for ballast. And as for Lucris [--their sister, Lucretia Fawcett] if she has continued to progress, which you told me, sometime ago; she was then making upward; it would be but reasonable to suppose that by this time she can save her friends the price of ferrage by taking them upon her shoulders and wading

[page 2:] across the river. If it should all prove so, I have no objection to make as I admire good health, but I would just caution you against letting the vanity which personal prowess creates, lead you into two many frugalistic, encounters, lest by some strange manœuvre of fate, which sometimes makes even the strongest loose the day; you should not only get the worst of the bargain with your antagonist, but also be taken before the mayor of the place and sent by him to the watch house. And by some good people that would be considered quite a disgrace. But this is a free country so you might yourself think it wat you pleased.

It was but a few days since that we had the pleasure of selling a bill of hardware to Mr. Shaklett of old Harrisonburg [,Virginia]. He was introduced by a friend of Mr. Ellison [the merchant for whom Curtis worked] who is also a Virginian. He could not recollect me, nor me him, but I suppose you do, for if you di not know him before we moved from there its probable you heard of him during some of your visits to the old place afterwards, as he seems the principle merchant they have now, from

[page 3:] what Jewett Gray [also from Harrisonburg] has told me when talking about the business of the place, Mr. S. told me that a few days before he left home, one of Uncle Bywater's [married to Curtis' mother's, Lucretia Keyes, sister, Phoebe] boys was in town. He did not recollect which, and informed him all were well. He also says that Uncle has purchase Millers place, somewhere about the Ironworks, and was doing very well. From what he and Mr Effinger (if I spell his name right) tell me, the business of Harrisonburg has and is improving a great deal and the contimplated turnpike and railroads in that [vicin]ity they think will materially benefit the town.

Jewett Grey has left Phil'a, and I have not doubt as he thought for home to quit it no more, as he told me he expected to have a teacher to come there and which he was very much pleased with. For of all otheres, he likes home the most, which is but natural for one in his situation. But I have been told lately that he was in Staunton, at the institution which has lately been opened there for the instruction of the Blind. I hope that the path of this

[page 4/address:] life yet to come may be as smooth as his great misfortune will alow and that none will be aded to it, for merciful heaven know it is enough in itself. I have just received Pas letter which I am sorry is of such a nature as to convey but little pleasure [Joseph Fawcett probably objected to Curtis' wish to go to sea as a sailor for Ellison's firm--see later letters]. I shall endeavour to write soon, in answer. With my love to one and all, Your Brother

Curtis

Miss Virginia Fawcett

St Charles
Missouri

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Mr. Harley)

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Letter Curtis Fawcett, Philadelphia to Joseph Fawcett, St Charles MO 24 Jun 1840
Philadelphia June 24th 1840

Dear Pa

It seems your last was an answer to a letter from Mr. Ellison in which he told you of my wish to go to sea, as he informed me and of a proposition made me by an acquaintance for me to go in one of his vessels, by which I would have an opportunity of gaining some knowledge of both trade & navigation which would be my compensation for the first voyage and after that, I am to be advanced in proportion to my deserts and ability to fulfill any station on board the vessel or as supercargo or both. Upon the first mention of this offer, which was done as soon as this acquaintance knew of my intention to go to Sea, I objected to taking up with it which several friends urged me to do, as I believed it would be better for me to go before the mast, and work my way up and why, because, I feel quite certain, that if I should make myself usefull on board the vessel and succeed so well, as supercargo, as to trade, to their advantage and profit, they will consider me bound in gratitude to stay by their vessel; until I know not how long it will be before I can do anything for myself or get any more than a mates pay amounting to some twenty dollars per month. In view of this I still objected, until Mr. Ellison told me he had received a letter from you, in which you discontinued my going before the mast as a common sailor, and desired I would accept the above mentioned offer, upon this I was induced (though without changing my opinion of what would be the best way for me to go) to leave it to the decision of Mr. Ellison, who I knew was of the same opinion as yourself. He accordingly decided I should go out in Moore & Haspers Brig, the latter of whom is an old acquaintance. I having boarded with his mother, the most of the time I have been in Phil'd, at which was six years last February, and the time I was with her was about five years. Mr. Ellison having this matter left to him entirely, he has fitted me out with everything I shall be likely to want, in the most liberal manner, which does not in the least make me more satisfied (when I think of the long time it will take me to return it) with going in this way for had I gone as I wanted to, it would not have cost him a single cent, but let the end of this move be what it may, I cannot but feel very grateful for his great kindness.

The Brig Junius, Capt Wilkins, left here about two months since, went to Mobile and there took in a cargo of cotton, thence left for New York where she arrived day before yesterday. This is the vessel in which I am to go, and Mr. Heasper came to the conclusion to leave for N. York tomorrow morning and I of course go with him, soon after our arrival the vessel will leave for Wilmington, N. Carolina and there load with timber to return to this place in about a month.

As yet I have said nothing as to the cause of leaving here, and in truth it will require nothing but a little reflection for you, to see the utter uselessness of remaining here longer, one situated as I am without means of starting in business, in any branch whatever, much less, in the business to which I which spent an apprenticeship, for it certainly requires more capital in proportion to the amount of sales than any other business that I am acquainted with, and the opportunity of getting even enough ahead for a small beginning is a great deal less in this branch than most others; by the fact that clerks in our business do not receive more; on an average tan about one half that which is paid those in the dry good business. With a knowledge of these facts, you cannot hesitate to coincide with me, when I say tha, thought I may not be better leaving here, it hardly probably I shall do worse. Your affectionate son, Curtis.

Letter: William C. Ellison, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 7/20/1840.

Philad'a 20 July '40

Mr revered Sir,

Absent from the City since the 4th ult. your favor [letter] of the 5th ult. Has just reached me. I had waited purposely to see Curtis [Fawcett]

off, and intended writing you, but knowing that he had, it was deferred.

At this late date tis scarcely worthwhile to enter into details after the receipt of your first letter to me enclosed one to Curtis. We must patiently await the result of his second voyage & then perhaps his friends & himself will be better enabled to appreciate the considerations which prompted his determination. As you have referred to the expenses incident to visiting you, tis doubtfulls right to inform you that as soon as I discovered his predilictions I intend him to visit his parents & offered him the founds. The vessel to which he is attached is a fine Brig which trades between this port & the West Indies. The trip to N.C. was made because of the high price of freight. He left here I think on the 28th June & embarked from N.Y. about the first July. I have the pleasure of finding a letter from him stated 'Wilmington July 8th'. I already infer he has in some measure relented his course. He says in order to discribe the manner 'in which I was tosses, tumbled and knocked about by the billowes until sleep appetite and almost life itself had departed it would require my tonue oiled

[page 2:] and in full operation all the spare time I shall have on my return.' He arrived in this port about the 20th & left for Barbadoes about the 27th July & I understand fr. [from] my partner he left in good spirits. Should he thro the mercies of providence be permitted t return, I shall make it my business to endeavor to ascertain from him whether the pursuit is congenital with hin inclination & feelings. Judging from the tone of his letter, I am strongly inclined to believe his mind has been happily operated upon the first trial afforded him ample opportunity for reflection & the character of his mind is not to receive the experiences of others as a standard for the govt. Of his opinions.

Do you my dear Sir ever hear from Willis? ... ask you the question when my own knowledge of him & his affectionate he not respond in the affirmative, it tis because I cannot get any intelligence from him myself. I know his devotion to his aged & revered parents prompts him to keep you acquainted with his operations. Again & again have I written him to know how is getting on brighter days may yet come to us both. We are knit together by many tender ties & tis a heavy trial to be then parted from him. I do trust he will utterly abandon the Texas project. Yr old & attached friend Daniel Bryan Esq [of Harrisonburg, Virginia and later Alexandria, Virginia] has written him

[page 3:] on the subject. My recent trip was in Virginia as far west in the Valley as Salem, Botecourt Co, with the view of enlaying my mercantile acquaintance, which I find is absolutely messy. Mr. Bryan gave me a introduction to his brother Allen C. Who kindly facilitated my object. Tho we had one customer in Harrisonburg viz Saml Shacklett whilst there I met with several of yr. intimate friends who very affectionately inquired of me for Willis & Curtis & I had the satisfaction of seeing the very house where they were both born (as I was told). I was also at Staunton & .. Yr last place of rsidence in Va. I could almost imagine I saw Willis in pursuit of the deer in 1830. Near Staunton I met with Mr. Whorttenbaker who manifested a most lively interest in yourself & family.

In relation to the old claims which the gov't has renewed, every exertion I am capable of shall be made towards arresting it. & I report accordingly I had not known of it when I was lately in Washington. I hope yrsel and family continue in the enjoyment of health you will accept my kindest & best wishes for you all

Wm C. Ellison

[page 4/outside address:]

Jospeh Fawcett Esq P.M.
St Charles,

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Letter Curtis Fawcett, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 7/21/1840

Phila'd July 21st 1840

Dear Pa

It was my good fortune to safely return to this the city of brotherly love on Saturday the 18th after what proved in the end a pleasant [first] voyage, but which by no means agreeable at the beginning. The vessel in which I was, as I told you in my last, on her return from a trip to Mobile [Alabama] was to come into New York, so that upon her arrival I was to go there to join her accordingly. When she arrived or rather when we heard of it, I left in comany with one of the owners who went on to attend to the

collection of the freight on the cargo which she brought from Mobile, and some other business in connection with the brig. It was on the morning of the 24th ultimo [July, 1840] that we left and arrived there about two o'clock of the same day. In three days after, the cargo was all discharged and as we went out without any cargo, and just in ballast, and it too already on board; we were unable to go to sea on the evening of the third day after our arrival there; which was the 27th, or at least we got as far as the lower part of the lower bay that evening and proceeded to sea the next morning; which we should have done that evening but for the want of sufficient wind at the time, though we had [page 2:] a strong breeze the next morning. You must know that almost invariably, all that go to sea for the first time are more or less effected by what is called sea sickness; which by experience I can assure you, from all comparisons, I am able to make, in view of all other sickness which has fallen to my lot, it is not in the least exaggerated in the many descriptions that have been given of it by those who have experienced its prostrating effect. I had not got out of sight of the land before I began to feel it coming on me. It continued to increase until the middle of the first day we were out, when it stopped because it could go no farther without completely taking me off, and by that time, it had produced a feeling that made me entirely indifferent, as to whether it took me off or not. For I was in such misery that death would have been a relief. It continued to effect me thus for two days and two nights, when it left me with a violent thumping headache; which continued for something like a day and when it was removed I was then without any pain or sickness, but I was so weak that it was with the greatest difficulty I could get out of my berth, even for a few minutes and it was still a great job to get back again; after once getting out, this weakness was probably greater than what is otherwise would have been; owing to an entire absence of anything like a disputer [page 3:] to eat, even to such a degree that it gave me pain to see the steward spread the tablecloth for then of course dinner or some other meal was coming; the very sight of which was sickening to me. For the three first days I eat nothing at all, until the evening of the third day, when they persuaded me to take a cup of tea with a little bread broken in it; thus I continued to live with nothing but a cup of coffee in the morning and one of tea in the evening, until we anchored in the mouth of the Cape Fear River [North Carolina], after which I began to recover both my appetite and strength, and so fast that when I got up to Wilmington and got some fresh provision to eat, which was about a day after we got in the river, I never felt better, and I had no more sickness until coming out of New Inlet, where it was blowing pretty hard, and there being a rough sea, so as to break over the vessel and cause her to pitch and roll a great deal, until I had a slight return of the sea sickness, but it did not continue long; and I had a very pleasant passage home. The voyage, taking it all in all, was quite as agreeable as I could expect for the first one, as it requires one generally to initiate new beginners. And now I can go again without being obliged to make such another prostrating salutation to his briny majesty Neptune.

The Brig will be dispatched without delay and the later end of this or beginning of next week in all probability; her destination is the West Indies. [page 4:] but as yet, I am not able to say which or what part of them, as the owners are not decided which will be the best market; but when they are, I shall let you know of course.

With my love to all your affectionately
Son Curtis

[address:] Free
To Joseph Fawcett, P.M. [Post master]
St. Charles
Missouri

Letter Curtis Fawcett, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 10/14/1840

Philad'a Oct 14th 1840

Pa,

According to the request made in your last letter, which was handed to me yesterday by Mr [William] Ellison [on whose brig Curtis sailed], I now write you upon my return from the West Indies [& his second voyage] and in fact my first visit to any foreign country or counties.

It was about 3 o'clock of the 12th that we anchored

abreast of the navy yard on the lower edge of the city [Philadelphia], but owing to a head wind & tide, we were not able to get ashore until the middle of yesterday, having some visits, and errands, to attend to, I find this my first opportunity of writing to you.

Our voyage with the exception of some bad weather; was altogether a very pleasant voyage and one I am glad to say profitable to the owners of the brig. We had pretty rough weather, whilst crossing the Gulf Stream, but after getting over that, we had very pleasant weather with which we could find no fault, other than

[page 2:] the winds were so light as to prolong our outward passage to twentyfive days; which is a long passage for any other time than just at that season of the year. But long as it was, we were fortunage enough to get there, before by one day, a vessel that sailed one day prevous to our departure; and one about which our owners were very ancious, as the market is limeted and the consequence of her getting in first might have been to us a spoiled market, although we did beat her; it so happened that we got in upon Saturday & she on Sunday; consequently our beating her was of no profit to us; as they do no business there upon Sunday. Not withstanding she did not reduce our cargo in the market, for just at the time, there happened to be a scarcity of Flour & meal, of which our cargo consisted; sufficient to create a demand for both hers & ours. After disposing of our cargo, which kept us in Barbados six days we left there on the 28th of August & arrived in Port au Prince on the 9th of September after passing between the Islands of St. Lucie on the left and Martines on the right; a few days after loosing sight of

[page 3:] them; we came in sight of Pororico [Puerto Rico] & passed between the western end of it, and the eastern of St. Domingo, while we were going throught this, which is called Mona passage, we had in view at one time, four different islands, Porterico and Sacco on the right, wich St. Domingo & Mona on the left hand. After getting through we ran down the Northern side of St. Domingo, until we reached the most northerly point, when we steared south westerly to the entrance of the bay, upon which Port Au Prince stands; from thence we had to beat back against the wind... [tear] the course from which we had just come [...tear...] after getting there; with considerable trouble there was nothing very gratifying in the view of the capitol of this republic, dark in the colour of its inhabitatns; & dark in its future prospect. For its buildings are such as dont deserve the name, mere sheds, without finish for the most part, though, there are some creditable exceptions, the streets too are neither paved nor clean, & in many places the water that comes off a steep hill that is back of the place when it rains; collectings in the gutters, or

[page 4:] gullies owing to their not being a free passage for it, off to the water; it there becomes a corrupt mortar bed, with the dirt that gets mixed in it, and nothing to the health of the citizens, who number about thirty thousand, all black or mulato with the exception of some white merchants. Bridgetown, Barbadoes is not only much larger, containing 120 thousand, but much cleaner, handsomer place altogether. There the negroes compose about 2/3 of the population, and are just as free as the whites, it not being uncommon to see a black & white judge

[down left margin page 1:] upon the same bench; & they have as much to do with making their laws as white men have. The Emmancipation appears to work well, many of the plantations that were deep in debt are now clearing themselves by giving them ½ a dollar per day and they provide for themselves.

[down left margin page 3:] The Brig [Junius] will probably be here [Philadelphia] a month repairing; so that if you wish to write, there will be time for me to receive it.--

[down left margin page 2:] Mr Ellison sends his respects; and I my love to all. Curtis.

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To Joseph Fawcett P.M. [post master]
St. Charles
Missouri

Letter Curtis Fawcett, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 11/21/1840.

Philad'a Nov'r 21st 1840

Dear Pa

This day, until about 2 o'clock ends our sojourn in the

city of brotherly love. The one too, that I have lately concluded by comparing the views I have of it during morning walks with those I have seen and others of which; I have read descriptions that it is the finest and neatest of all modern cities and it is growing very rapidly, even at such a rate, that streets which I familiarly traversed before going upon our last [second] voyage, now, for the knowledge of them, in their western section, I have to depend a good deal upon the indexes at their intersection with each other. Although it has been but a little time where I then saw vacant lots covered with rubbish and stagnant pools, I now see whole rows of such splendid buildings as in point of beauty and cheerful appearance are not to be found any where else in such numbers, if at all as in Philadelphia.

About two o'clock we expect to set sail once more for salt water, and should the wind hold as it is, it won't be long before we reach it; after we do we will shape our course for Port au Prince, there to dispose of our cargo consisting of provisions and lumber & take in one of logwood and coffee, from thence we are bound to Leghorn to dispose of it, and from there we go to Messina for a homeward cargo of fruit, and

[page 2:] in case we are not able to procure one there, we will probably go to Malta, and if we should not get one there, to Malaya. But I think it highly probable that we will be able to load at the first port; at any rate if we do not our having to go to several places will not materially lengthen our voyage, as the distance between them is not very great; the entire voyage will probably consume five months, which will keep us away until about the first of next May [1841]. At the same time their is great uncertainty in these voyages, as it is impossible to tell to what unusual detention a vessel may be subjected in the different places, after arriving to difficulty in getting a cargo of their respective products, the stocks of which are great, or small, pretty much in proportion to the number of vessel wanting such cargoes. Although five months is the usual time, there is a vessel belonging here, that has been gone on much the same voyage that we [are] going, eight months; and has not yet arrived; the owner has several times heard from her, and I believe her long stay is owing to great detention, which I hope will not be our fortune, and if we can get quick dispatch from the various places I think we will make a short voyage of it; as our brig sailed before, very well, but now she will probably go faster, for she has been coppered, which will keep her bottom clear of barnacles and various matter that collects on the bottom of vessels whilst

[page 3:] at sea, as in salt water, and thereby greatly impede their passage through the water. Besides being cop'd they have thoroughly overhauled her, put a new foremast in her, new head spars altogether new bulwarks & new cabin on deck, altogether everything in better condition than before. And with all the other new arrangements we have a new captain & instead of Capt Wilkins going with us this time, he takes the new brig Missahickon and Capt Wm. R. Brown goes in the Junius [Curtis' brig].

For the want of time I compelled to close here, asking of you to give to all the love. Your affectionate son Curtis

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 Joseph Fawcett, P.M. [post master]
 St. Charles
 Missouri

Letter Curtis Fawcett, Philadelphia to Joseph Fawcett, St. Charles MO 2 Jul 1841

Philadelphia July 2nd 1841

Dear Pa

I had thought of trying to write you some excuse for this long delay, but upon consideration, I find the foundation for one, so poor as not, to be worth the attempt. Therefore I shall be obliged to throw myself entirely upon your forbearance, though I know it will require a good deal, to overlook such procrastination. I will just mention as some palliation of my fault, that, upon the day of my arrival Mr. Ellison very properly supposing I did not feel much in humor of writing was kind enough to do it himself, informing you as early as possibly of my return; leaving it for me to write when I felt more collected and at home. The fact of his writing made me easier about doing it myself, and when I did think it high time, I was led to put off from day to day, in the hope of

having something definite, to inform you of, in relation to my future movements. In this meanner time has slipped away up to the 25th ultimo, when Mr. Ellision took his departure for a four week tour, through Virginia, a few days previous to which it was settled that I should leave about this time, for Montivides, South America. Upon his departure I finally expected to write you, but day succedding I was busy making preparations for my own departure, and have been more or less ever since; though there have been times when I had leisure enough for writing before this; yet they would occur most probably when I did think of it, or some trifling circumstance ocurred so prevent. I very much regret I did not write soon after my arrival and give ou a discription of our voyage and the places we visited, of other matters I could have informed you afterwards, but as long as I did not do and have not room, suficient in this; I shall have to content myself with giving you, the rought outline.

We left here the 21st Nov 1840, and without much incident got away from Port Au Prince [Haiti] the 24th of Dec with the gloomy prospect of a winter passage across the Atlantic which can scarce ever prove any other than unpleasant and by way of accommencement, the 2nd and 3rd night out with a pretty smart sea on, we had the misfortune to loose most all of our masts, and the time lost in getting up substitutes lengthened our passage about two weeks. When about a month out, we experienced a gale, that blew with such violence, as to compell us to lay too; tha is to take all the canvas in except the little that was necessary to keep the vessel head to the wind. In this situation we lay for two days, the seas running like so many mountains, with the momentary appearance of annihilating the vessel, but being a small brig and a good seaboat, she road it out. The next incident was the loss of the foryard, off the island of Inica, about half way between Gibralter and Seghorn. This accident very inconvenient at any... was unusally so, to us then. We got in to Leghorn on the 20th of Feby after a two month passage, here we remained 14 days, from thence we had 8 days passage to Palermo, where we remained 12 days & from there home we had 48 days passage; without anything worthy of note, occuring, unless it was the morning of the 15th of April when we came through the Straits with the beautiful sight of 200 or more vessels in sight, of all nations; and it gave us no little price to see our little Yankee brig, beat the whole of them, among others that we passed there were some that had sailed from the same port, five days before we did. It has been arranged that I shall go out in the Wissahikson, Captain Wilkins, belonging to the same owners & one of whom Mr. Harper is to go along with a view to sell the vessel out there, if a favorable opportunity should offer. He has some acquaintances there & thinks it probable that he can get me a situation where I can get a knowledge of their mode of doing business & by remaining a few years, be able to do something. Of course it is a matter of great uncertainty, but the probability is that I shall remain there, at something or other, though at what or how long, I cannot say.

With my love, and fairwell to all I remain your son, Curtis.

PS We start from the city tomorrow morning. I shall probably get to sea next, day.

St Charles Co MO Marriage Records 28:211 (LDS 0966262) 1/1/1842. B.K. and Willis Fawcett later encountered Rev. Chamberlain when he served as a Presbyterian minister in Brownsville TX during the Civil War.

State of Missouri)

County of Saint Charles)

Town of Saint Charles)

December 22nd 1841) Named before me an ordained minister of the gospel this day in the Town aforesaid

Samuel C McClure & wife Lucretia C Fawcett

Test H Chamblain Filed for Record January 1st 1842

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St. Charles County Marriage Records, Feb. 14, 1844 (LDS 0966262).

State of Missouri)

County of St. Charles)

Town of Saint Charles)

February 14, 1844) Married before me an ordained minister of the gospel this day in the County and Town aforesaid Eugene Gauss to wife Henrietta Fawcett.

Test H Chamberlain, Minister

CLARKE CO GA COURT OF ORDINARY, ANNUAL RETURNS & MIXED RECORDS 1374-377:
HARTWELL M. ELDER ESTATE 1/15/1845

Proceedings on Estate of Hartwell M. Elder dec'd

By Edmund G. Edler, Administrator

Georgia) Court of Ordinary 15th January 1845

Clarke County)

Ordered That Edmund G. Elder be sworn and hereby appointed
Administrator of Hartwell M. Elder Dec'd and hand of this Comm. Bond 5000\$

Edmund G. Elder having accordingly qualified as such
Administrator gave Bond in the Sum of Five Thousand Dollars and Edmunds Elder
and John P. Elder for similar[?]

Hen M Jackson JP

Georgia) The following is a list and Inventory
Clarke County) ...

Certified amountlast February 17th 1845

49 Hogs	\$100.00	Supplement to 2000 pounds funds	
7 Cows 4 Calves	25.00	Cotton at 4 cts/lb	\$ 80.00
1 Ox	12.00		
3 Yearling	6.00		
24 Plough oxen	20.00	1 large chest	1.00
1 Pull "	15.00	1 lot books	3.00
1 " "	35.00	1 safe	5.00
1 " "	22.50	1 Clock	21.00
1 Small Mare	15.00	1 Bed/furniture&bedstead	10.00
1 D. small Mare	50.00	1 Bundle Bed/Bedstead	4.00
1 Small Plow	40.00	1 Bed/furniture& bedstead	15.00
1 Bland Bag Mare	5.00	2 Bed/furniture& bedstead	20.00
1 Plantation waggon	40.00	1 Rifle Long & shot bag	5.00
2 Sythes	4.00	1 Larg King Knife	0.50
1 Cutting machine	1.00	1 lot Cooking, jugs, knives	
1 Mended Saddle	5.00	fork & spoon	7.00
1 Dutch Oven	10.00	2 pr Stockyards	2.00
1 Set Bowl?	3.00	1 Clock	0.50
1 Bucket of Peas	3.56	3 ... Wheels	4.00
1 Shingle Machine	5.00	1	2.00
1 40 saw cotton gin	30.00	3 pots ...	8.00
3	17.00	1 Tub/Pails/Buckets	1.00
1 Small Cast	3.00	1 Saw	3.00
1 lot old cast.. Wheel	3.00	1 ...	0.70
1 lot of tan leather	1.00		
1 lot 4 axes	1.50		
1 lot plough	2.00		
1 Middlock/1plough hdl	2.00		
1 lot Tools/2 wedges	2.00		
1 Gin plow	0.50		
1 lot Blacksmith tools	5.00		
25 Leeds at 15 cents			

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1 Negro Man Named Culpit	\$50
1 Negro Boy George	1100
1 Negro Boy Named Allen	0000
1 Negro Boy	250
1 Negro Boy Named Jenny	200
1 Negro Woman Named Emily	600
	2186.50
2 Part End Claund	2.00
One Pair Smithing Irons	0.75
	\$ 2187.75

We do certify under oath that as far as was produced truely this Administration
this above and forgoing contain I have appraisement of the Estate of Hartwell M.
Elder Deceased to the best of our Judgement and understanding this the 17th day
of February 1845

I do hereby certify that the above appraisement did we to perform then duly on
a... according to law this the 17th day of February 1845 John
Showell JP
List of the Sale of the Estate of Hartwell M. Edler Dec'd
Sold the 24th day of Feby 1845 at the Monthly Court
[more]

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something for his Father to ... on to the Gauss & Witner by the time he gets to St. Charles. Mother seems to think I am proud of him but I expect if you were here, you would show more than I do. You can tell Mr Gauss he smokes too, at a great rate on his cigar which is made of bread and sugar.

Cousin R.H. Miller says you had better leave your boy for the folks here to make a Whig of him and says he wishes there was such a thing could be as inoculation for it; he would make one of him. Now. I presume that would not suit his Father's notions? I have not told you yet tha I expect soon to see Bob Mc[Mahon of Gainesville AL--husband Lyle Branson Fawcett's widow] and you can readily imagine how glad I will be to see him. I look for him on the 4th or 5th of this month. I will send you his letter and you can see for yourself what he says. In my last letter don't you recollect what I said about thinking more of them lately than usual. Now you see as I am inclined to be a little superstitious. My feelings then were explained!! I had not the most distant idea of seeing him then.

The 4th. I wrote this [to] you two days ago, and just as I was writing about Bob, he stepped in. He came sooner than he expected as he got a letter from home and found out by that they were all very well (or rather sister) and then he thought he must hurry on. He got here Saturday afternoon and left on Sunday morning intended to have spent Sunday here, but found he would miss the line of stages at Greensborough and would consequently be detained three days there. He expects to be on again the last of August, and is going to try his best to get Sister [Elizabeth Scott Bell Fawcett McMahan?] to come on with him. I told him they would stand a chance of seeing you here. He told me of Ras's marriage [Erasmus Rigney Fawcett married Elizabeth Hill]. I think the old fellow has done very well. If the folks want to know what she looks like, they can form some idea, as they all say at Gainesville she is very much like your wife. I used to think she looked like me, and Bob says the resemblance is more striking since she was grown. He says too Ras is making out very well in business. As to himself, he says he is getting along about as you and he was just making the great efforts to keep ahead. Notwithstanding that he has purchased 17 thousand dollars worth of goods, and has yet to lay in groceries. The folks here advance Bob very much. ... me of many things that I cannot take time or paper for, but if you come on we can talk about. Among other things, that Major Whitsell has lost his wife, three children, and their sister that was living with them, Miss Laura Bliss. They did not all die near together. His wife has only been dead a few weeks & Bob says he looks perfectly desolate.

The children were very much pleased a Uncle Eugenies [Gauss] and Netties [Henrietta Fawcett] letters, and if they knew I was writing to you would bother enough to write back to them, but as I have to write in a hurry they cannot have a chance this time. The boy is very troublesome some times, and this morning has been trying himself. He is a great big bellow. Folks say he looks like he was three months old. Little Jean has fattened up so you would hardly know him and talks some, though she does not make any great effort at it. The others are very well. Jinney is not had a return of chills. I expect to got to Baltimore now in two weeks and will take Jinney and the baby only/ Lucy is too hard to manage away from home, and Jean is too much trouble. The latter requires constant watching. She walks about so quietly that I am apt to forget her, and may be when I look after her she is in all sorts of mischief. Suppose little Henry [Gauss] is crawling all about by this time and giving his mother.. To keep him from falling down steps and so on. How does Sammuel [McCluer] and Lucretia do these times? It is time this was finished for the mail so I will stop after saying give my love to all. You had better be spruing with and writing to me or maybe I will not feel like coming back, and you could not stand that especially as we have this boy here. Brother Robinson is here and told me to give his love to you. He has brought his children up to school. Mother and the rest of them also send their love to you.

Your affectionate Wife [Susan Stabler Fawcett].

===== Mexican War 1846-47 =====
MILITARY RECORD (National Archives RG133 [Roll 19]: 1st St Louis Legion MO Volunteers, Mexican War). 5/18/1846 - 8/25/1846: Niles Fawcett.
189. 1st Reg't St. Louis Legion MO Infantry Vols., Mexican War (Col. A.R. Easton).
Fawcett, N.Pvt. Capt S[tephen].O. Coleman's Co. A. Muster roll dated St. Louis MO August 25, 1846. Age--

Enrolled: when May 18, 1846 where St. Louis MO
Mustered into service: when May 18, 1846 where St. Louis MO
Honorary discharged August 25, 1846
Pay rolls Show Period of Service -
Commencement: May 18, 1846 Expiration: August 24, 1846
Remarks From rolls in 2nd Auditor's Office, Treasury Department.

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INVITATION TO Ann E.P.Hill (Fawcett) 6-7/1846 Gainesville AL

Mrs Fawcett,

The pleasure of your company is requested at a BALL to be given at the Mansion House, on the Evening of Friday, the 3rd of July.

MANAGERS.

J.A. WINSTON	)	J.S. HAMM
R. GALE	)	O.J. LAWRENCE
E.W. PETTUS	)	W.B. WASHINGTON
A.B. CAMMACK	)	H. EVERETT
L.M. SCOTT	)	D. HERDON

Gainesville 23 June 1846.

LETTER: Virginia E.B. Reed to Mary Keyes, Springfield IL 7/12/1846 (original: Southwest Museum).

Independence rock July 12th 1846

My Dear Couzin I take this opper tuny to Write to uou to let you know that I am Well at present and hope that you are well. We have all had good helth - We came to the blue - the Water was so hye we had to stay thare 4 days - in the mean time gramma [Sarah H. Keyes] died. she be came spechless the day before she died. We buried her verry decent We made a nete coffin and buried her under a tree we had a head stone and had her name cutonit, and the date and yere very nice, and at the head of the grave was a tree we cut some letters on it the young men soded it all ofer and put Flores on it We miss her verry much evry time we come in the wagon we look up at the bed for her We have came throw several tribs of indians the Caw Indian the saw the shawnees, at the caw village paw counted 20050 Indians We diden see no Indians from the time we left the cow village till we come to fort Laramy the Caw Indians are going to War With the crows we have to pas throw ther fiting grounds the sowe Indians are the pretest drest Indians thare is Paw goes a buffalo hunting most every day and kils 2 or 3 buffalo every day paw shot a elk som of our compan saw a grisly bear We have the thermometer 102 -- average for the last 6 days We selebrated the 4 of July on plat at bever crik several of the Gentemen in Springfield gave paw a botel of licker and said it shoulden be opend tell the 4 day of July and paw was to look to the east and drink it and thay was to look to the West an drink it at 12 oclock paw treted the company and we all had some leminade. maw and pau is well and sends ther best love to you all. I send my best love to you all We have hard from uncle cad [Keyes] severe times he went to california and now is gone to oregon he is well. I am a going to send this letter by a man coming from oregon by his self he is going to take his family to oregon We are all doing Well and in hye sperits so I must close yur letter. You are for ever my affectionare couzen Virginia E.B. Reed

INVITATION to Miss Ann Hill (Fawcett), 8/1846 Gainesville AL

Miss Ann Hill,

Mr & Mrs Steel solicit the Pleasure of your company on Wednesday evening the 28th inst at 7 o'clock p.m.

Gainesville Ala August 26th /46

INVITATION to Mrs E.R. Fawcett, Gainesville AL 1-2/1847

Mrs Fawcett,

Washington's Birth Night.

You are respectfully invited to attend a Cotillon Party, to be given at the American Hotel on Monday, 22d February next, at half past 7 o'clock P.M.

MANAGERS:

L.F. WHITEHEAD	)	COL J.A. WINSTON
DR. R. GAYLE	)	L.M. SCOTT
GEORGE AMASON	)	E.W. PETTUS

S.J. CHAPMAN	)	A.B. CAMMACK
WILEY COLEMAN	)	O.J. LAWRENCE
E. THOMAS	)	H.F. EATON
ANT. WINSTON	)	H. EVERETT
PINCKNEY ASH	)	DR. D. HERNDON
B.A. CALHOUN	)	JAMES E. HART
DR. H. ANDERSON	)	DR. W.B. WASHINGTON
JAS. H. HAMM	)	DR. W.D. JEFFERSON
R. McLEOD	)	F. WALTHALL

GAINESVILLE, 23d January, 1847.

 LETTER: Virginia E.B. Reed, San Jose CA to her cousin, Mary Keyes, Springfield IL 5/16/1847 (Springfield Illinois Journal 12/16/1847; Stewart 1936).

Napa Vallie California

May 16th 1847

MY DEAR COUSIN MAY the 16 1847

I take this oppertunity to write to you to let you now that we are all Well at present and hope this letter may find you all well to My Dear Cousin I am going to write to you about our trubela getting to California. We have good luck til we come to big Sandy thare we lost our best yoak of oxens we come to Brigers Fort & we lost another ox we sold some of our provisions & baut a yoak of Cows & oxen and thay pursuaded us to take Hastings cutof over the salt plain thay said it saved 3 Hundred miles. we went that road & we had to go through a long drive of 40 miles With out water Hastings said it was 40 but i think 80 miles We traveld a day and night & a norther day and at noon pa went on to see if he could find Water. he had not bin gone long til some of the oxen give out and we had to leve the wagons and taken the oxen on to water one of the men staid with us and the others went on with the cattel to water pa was a coming back to us with water and met the men & they was about 10 miles from water pa said they [would] get to water that nite and the next day to bring the cattel back for the wagons and bring some water pa got to us about noon the man that was with us took the horse and went on to water We wated thare [thinking] he [would] come we wated till night and We thought we [would] start and walk to Mr Donners* wagons that night we took what little water we had and some [?] bread and started pa caried Thomos and all the rest of us walk we go to Donner and they were all a sleep so we laid down on the ground we spread one shawl down we laid down on it and spred another over us and then put the dogs on top it was the couldes night you most ever saw the wind blew and if it haden bin for the dogs we would have Frosen as soon as it was day we went to Mrs Donners she said we could not walk to the Water and if we staid we could ride in thare wagons to the spring so pa went on to the water to see why thay did not bring the cattel when he got thare thare was not one ox and cow thare none of the rest had got to water Mr. Donner come out that night with his cattel and brought his wagons and all of us in we staid thare a week and Hunted for our cattel and could not find them so some of the compania took thare oxens and went out and brout in one wagon and cashed the other tow and a grate many things all but What we could put in one wagon we Had to devied our provisions out to them to get them to carie it We got three yoak with our ox & cow so we went on that way a while and we got out of provisions and pa had to go to California for provisions we could not get along that way. in 2 or 3 days after pa left we had to cash our wagon and take Mr graves wagon and cash some more of our things. well we went on that way a while and then we had to get Mr eddies wagon we went on that way a while and then we had to cash all our close except a change or 2 and put them in Mr Bri[ns] Wagon and Thomos & James rode the other 2 horses and the rest of us had to walk. we went on that way a While and we come to a norther long drive of 40 miles and then we went with Mr Donner We had to walk all the time we was a traveling up the truckee river we met a man and to Indians that we had sent on for provisions to Suter Fort thay had met pa not fur from Suters Fort he looked very bad he had not ate but 3 times in 7 days and the three last days without any thing his horse was not abel to carrie him they give him a horse and he went on so we cashed some more of our things all but what we could pack on one mule and we started Martha and James road behind the two Indians it was a grain[in]g then in the Vallies and snowing on the mountains so we went on that way 3 or 4 days till we come to the big mountains or the California Mountain the snow was about 3 feet deep thare was some wagaons thate they said thay had attempted to cross and could not. we we

thought we would try it so we started and thay started again with those wagons the snow was then up to the mules side the farther we went up the deeper the snow got so the wagons could not go so thay pack thare oxens and started with us carrying a child a piece and driving the oxens in snow up to thare wast the mule Martha and the Indian was on was the best one so thay went and broak the road and that indian was the Pilet so we wint on that way 2 miles and the mules kept falling down in the snow head foremost and the Indian said he could not find the road we stoped and let the indian and man go on to hunt the road they went on the found the road to the top of the mountain and come back and said they thought we could git over if it did not snow any more well the Weman were all so tirder caring there Children that they could not go over that night so we made a fire and got something to eat & ma spred down a bufalo robe & we all laid down on it & spread something over us & ma sit up by the fire & it snowed one foot on top of the bed so we got up the morning & the snow was so deep we could not go over & we had to go back to the cabin & build more cabins & stay thar all winter without Pa we had not the first thing to eat Ma maid arrangements for some cattel giving 2 for 1 in california we seldom thot of bread for we had not any since I [remember] & the cattel was so poor thay could not git up when they laid down we stoped thare the 4th of November & staid til March and what we had to eat i cant hardley tell you & we had that man & Indians to feed to well thay started over a foot and had to come back so thay made snowshoes and started again & it come on a storm & thay had to come back it would snow 10 days before it would stop thay wated till it stoped & started again I was a going with them & I took sick & could not go. thare was 15 started & thare was 7 got throw 6 weman & 2 men it come a storme and thay lost the road & got out of provisions & had to eat them that Died not long after thay started we got out of provisions & had to put maths at one cabin James at another Thomas at another & Ma and Elizia & Milt Eliot & I dried up what little meat we had and started to see if we could get across & had to leve the childrin o Mary you may think that hard to leve theme with strangers & did not now wether we would see them again or not we couldnt hardle get a way grom them but we told theme we would bring them Bread & then thay was willing to stay we went & was out 5 days in the mountains Eliza giv out & had to go back we went on a day longer we had to lay by a day & make snowshows & we went on a while and could not find the road so we had to turn back I could go on verry well while i thout we were giting along but as soone as we had to turn back i could hadley get along but we got to the cabins that night & I froze one of my feet verry bad that same night there was the worst storme we had that winter & if we had not come back that night we would never got back we had nothing to eat but ox hides o Mary I would cry and wish I had what you all wasted Eliza had to go to Mr. Graves cabin & we staid at Mr Breen thay had meat all the time. & we had to kill littel cash the dog & eat him we ate his entrails and feet & hide & evry thing about him o my Dear Cousin you dont now what trubel is yet. Many a time we had on the last thing a cooking and did not now wher the next would come from but there was awl weis some way provided there was 15 in the carbon we was in and half of us had to lay a bed all the time thare was 10 starved to death then we was hadley abel to walk we lived on little cash a week and after Mr. Breen would cook his meat we would take the bones and boil them 3 or 4 days at a time ma went down to the other cabin and got half a hide carried it in snow up to her wast it snowed and would cover the cabin all over so we could not git out for 2 or 3 days we would have to cut pieces of the logs in sied to make the fire with I could hardly eat the hides and had not eat anything 3 days Pa sta[r]ted out to us with provisions and then come a storm and he could not go he cash his provision and went back on the other side of the bay to get a compana of men and the San Wakien [Joaquin] got so hye he could not cross well thay Made up a Compana at Suters Fort and sent out we had not ate any thing for 3 days & we had onely half a hide and we was out on top of the cabin and we seen them a coming

O may Dear Cousin you dont now how glad i was we run and met them one of them we knwe we had traveled with him on the road they staid thare 3 days to recruit us a little so we could go thare was 21 started all of us started and went a piece and Martha and Thomas give out and the men had to take them back Ma and Eliza & James and I come on and o Mary that was the hades thing yet to come on and leiv them thar did not now but what that would starve to Death Martha said well Ma if you never see me again do the best you can the men said they could hadly stand it it maid them all cry but they said it was better for all of us to go on for it we was to go back we would eat that much more from

them thay give them a little meat and flore and took them back and we come on we went over great hye mountain as strait as stair steps in snow up to our knees litle James walk the hold way over all the mountain in snow up to his waist. he said every step he took he was a gitting nigher Pa and something to eat the Bears took the provisions the men had cashed and we had but very little to eat when we traveld 5 days travel we me[t] Pa with 13 men going to the cabins o Mary you do not now how glad we was to see him we had not seen him for 6 months we thought we coul never see him again he heard he went in tow days what took us 5 days some of the compana was eating them that Died but Thomas & Martha had not ate any Pa and the men started with 17 peaple Hiram G. Miller carried Thomas and Pa carried Martha and thay wer caught in [storms] and thay had to stop two days it stormd so they could not go and the Bears took their provision and thay were 4 days without any thing ... and Hiram and all the men started one Donner boy... Pa a carring Martha Hiram caring Thomas and the snow was up to thare wast and it a snowing so thay could hardly see the way. thay [w]rap[p]ed the children up and never took them out for 4 days thay had nothing to eat in all that time Thomas asked for something to eat once them that thay brought from the cabins some of them was not able to come and som would not come that was 3 died and the rest eat them thay was 11 days without any thing to eat but the Dead Pa braught Tom and pady on to where we was none of the men was abel to go there feet was froze very bad so thay was a nother Compana went and brought them all in thay are all in from the mauntain now but four thay was men went out after them and was caught in a storm and had to come back thare was a nother compana gone thare was half got through that was stoped thare thare was but [2] familes that all of them got [through] we was one O Mary I have not rote you half of the truble we have had but I have rote you anuf to let you now that you dont now what truble is but thank got we have all got throw and the onely family that did not eat human flesh we have left everything but i dont cair for that we have got throw with our lives but Dont let this letter dish[e]a[r]ten anybody never take no cutoffs and jry along as fast as you can.

My Dear Cousin

We are all very well pleased with Californai particulary with the climate let it be ever so hot a day thare is allwals cool nights it is a beautiful Country it is mostley in vallies it aut to be a beautiful Country to pay us for our trubel giting there it is the greatest place for cattel and horses you ever saw it would Just suit Charley for he could ride down 3 or 4 horses a day and he could lern to be Bovarro [vaquero] that one who lases [lassos] cattel the spanard and Indians are the best riders i ever saw they have a spanish sadel and woden sturups and great big spurs the wheels of them is 5 inches in diameter and they could not manage the California horses without the spurs. thay wont go atol if thay cant hear the spurs rattle and have littel bells to them to make them rattle they blindfold the horses and then sadel them and git on them and then take the blindfole of and let [them] run and if thay cant sit on thay tie themselves on and let them run as fast as they can and go out to a bank of bulluck and throw the reatter [riata] on a wild bulluck and put it around the horn of his sadel and he can hold it as long as he wants another Indian throwes his reatter on its feet and throw them and when they take the reatter of of them thay are very dangerous thay will run after them hook there horses and run after any person thay see thay ride from 80 to 100 miles a day some of the spanard have 6 to 7000 head of horses and from 15 to 16000 head cattel we are all verry fleshey Ma waies 10040 pon and still a gain[in]g I weight 81 tell Henriet if she wants to get Married to come to California she can get a spanyard name of Armejo [Amrijo] and Eliza weight 10072. We have not saw uncle Cadon [Keyes] yet but we have had 2 letters from him he is well and is a coming here as soon as he can Mary take this letter to uncle Gursham [Gersham Keyes] and to all that i know to all of our neightbors and tell Tochter Maniel and every girl i know and let them read it Mary kiss little Sue and Maryan for me and give my best love to all i know to uncle James and Lida and all the rest of the famila and to uncle Gursham and aunt Percilla and all the Children and to all of our neighbors and to all the girls i know Ma sends her very best love to uncle James aunt Lida and all the rest of the fasmila and to uncle Gursham and Aunt Persilla all of the Children and to all of our neighbors and to all she knows. Pa is [at] yerbayan [Yerba Buena] so no more at present

My Dear casons

Virginia Elizabeth B[ackenstoe] Reed

	T.	R.	S.	Qtr	Section	Taxable acres	\$/Ac	Tax\$
Allis&Fawcett	11	16	27	fract	N1/2 & SE	6.75	0.573	4.00

Letter Susan Stabler Fawcett, Headly MO, to Stablers, Baltimore MD 7 Feb 1848

Headly, [Missouri] 2nd Mo 7th 1848

My Dear Brothers & Sisters, of Baltimore

If ever the times to be when I am to write to you this appears to be it, as Willis has just written to Alexr a few days since. I should have felt bound to have done so long ago but from the fact of you hearing from us through Mother, Brother William and wife, who are such wonderful correspondents that it would be completely outrageous and ungrateful not to write to them once in a while, and let them know how we do and are moving on. In that way we hear from you as they seldom omit saying something about you. In one of Mother's letters she mentioned Edw has his teeth drawn by this newly discovered remedy (I reckon I might say:) eather. My front teeth are going fast and when they leave me if we have the means I shall be a good deal more certain of having new ones if the old roots can be taken out so easy. But is there not danger attending this operation? I believe you inhale it? I often tell Willis that we are about fifty years behind the Eastern times, tho he does not exactly agree with me, but it is certain knowledge does not travel out this way by the telegraph lines. I wrote this far the other day (in rather the other week) and have been trying ever since to find a convenient time to finish but, this is the first time I could come at. I have a girl now but she is young, not older than Sister D's Rachel and does not know as much, and you will be astonished to hear what such a one hires at here. We give four dollars a month and clothe her, and she did not know actually how to boil a potato! And to make the matter worse she is a ???. We had a very pleasant visit this week from Wilwick Miller & he is certainly one of the cleanest young men, and in my opinion shows his sens in going back to settle himself. It is what I hope, and what Willis will do if he can make enough to go comfortably on. Willis is from home; gone up above some fifty miles for the purpose of buying sheep. I have Ginney [Virginia Fawcett] and the boys [Benjamin Keyes and Niles Fawcett] with me now. They expect to go farming next month, will be about two miles from us on rented ground. We will miss them in many ways, particularly in perhaps we would call on Aunt Ginney, and now it will be more of a circumstance to get hold of her. Sally I should like mightly to see they little H, and greet mine by the side of her. My little H[enrietta], is not very pretty but is better looking than Edward was. But what is better, she is as good as a baby can be and never had the colic. Never had to take drops of any kind to make her sleep, which is even better than Jean [Eugenia] was. If Edw had only been as good as should have enjoyed my visit home more thn I did and had more leisure. Jinny and Lucy often talk of their visit, and every member of the family. Ginney was telling me a few days since about the folks, laughing at her Cousin R. Mikess, for saying the ice cream they were handing around looked like hominey. And with Lucy, grand mother and cousin Lydia are every way more to her notion than any others. She has a fine dress doll tha she named 'Cousin Lydia'. When she sees these likenesses here of all of you, she looks at cousin Lydia as if she should talk to her if possible. I gave W Miller the one of mother, and our departed sister, to take to mother to do as she pleases with. I have often and often looked at all of you, and wished you only could appreciate my feelings at such times, but as you never have been separated so widely. How suppose you can. Its a melancholy pleasure. I like to look at your pictures but what would I give to see your faces? I am often months at a time without seeing any but our own immediate family. We have neighbors but they are real western country sort. I was possibly reminded the other day of the book 'Western Home or Whole Follow' by one of my neighbors. She sent for the churn, and wanted to know when I would want it back, and would I send her some matches, cause she had to get up sometimes with her baby, and send her some catnip too, as the baby was not well. Such things as these Mrs Calvers (the author of this book) and I could talk of for sometime. Werwick tells us, he has been up to see Joseph and Phebe Ann and says they are getting along very well. Joseph at hard work and Phebe Ann in fine spirits; and are better fixed than their neighbors in the way of a house etc. Susan Russel their neighbor and mother's friend, Warwick says is as deaf as his grand mother was. I wish I only had such a neighbor, if she can not hear, she can see you once in a while, and that is some gratification. We are talking and

expecting Brother William [Stabler] and wife out this summer, and maybe some more of you will come? We western folks can accomodate more people in two or three rooms than you Baltimorians would try to do in a three story house But I would not pretend to say we would do it in the same style. In the last letter from home they tell me Roby is still given to those terrific gloomy spells. Maybe if you could persuade him to come out here and see how people here to ... and work he might go home better satisfied. At any rate dont you think such a journey would help him. Tommy promised me to be out here by this time but I suppose it is hard for him to leave Roby the way he is now. Aunt D talks of taking Jean home with her but Willis says he never can think of parting with any of them so long again, Jean is just as good as ever, can hardly count her one, as to trouble, but this one boy Edw is trouble enough for both. It is bed time, and if that was not the case I have written enough to tire folks of moderate patience so farewell,

Your sister Susan [Stabler Fawcett]

LETTER Eugene Gauss, St. Charles MO to Henry H. Sibley, St. Peters MN 10/16/1848
(Sibley Papers, MHS M164[5]).

Saint Charles Mo Oct 16, 1848

Henry H. Sibley Esq
Saint Peters

Dear Sir

In the month of January 1839, I gave you my note for a Balance (\$40.--) due by me to the American Fur Co. I have written you since that time several times offering payment, and also have requested Mr. Pierre Chouteau Jr & Co to write to you on the same subject.

I am doubly anxious to pay you on account of your liberty in trusting me at a time, when there appeared to be but little prospect of ever receiving payment. It appears to me that you ought not to charge any interest after the 1st August 1840, when I requested you to send the note to St. Louis, and have it presented to Mrs. Casthers Angelrodt & Co who would pay it.

I am ready to pay the note and twenty months interest on demand. If you have lost the note, please inform me of it, & I will send you a check on the Bank of Missouri for the amount of it.

Respectfully your friend
drew from 10 Nov from Galena
fav P. Chouteau Jr & Co 280

Eugene Gauss

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LETTER E.R. Sackland/Sucklund, St. Louis, Missouri to Niles Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 1/20/1849

St. Louis Jan 20/49

Friend Fawcett

Yours Rec'd [reveived/recorded] and I herein give you the information asked with great pleasture. Osneburg 1 yrd wide can be mad o 10 to 10 ½ ct per yd. 2 Bushel Osneburg sacks at 14 c [cents] each. Second hand at 9 cts each. 2 ½ Bushel Gunnies at 12 to 13 c each. Second hand at 8 to 10 cts each. Second hand Osneburg and Gunny can be had at any time being large and answer as well as new in most cases. If you prefer Osneburg it would be best to buy the sacks, Even if you intend to make it up yourself. They make them here by machienery at 1 ½ c per sack.

We have two Eppedimics raging here at present, The Cholera & California feaver. The former on the increase, the latter on the decline for the last week. 30 cases of Cholera have been reported and if the weather should keep open it will no doub become quite an Epedmic.

Yours

E.R. Sackland

Mr Nile Fawcett

[page 2/outside address:]

[postmark inside a circle:] ST. LOUIS MO. Jan 22 5

Niles Fawett Esq

St Charles

Mo

mail

LETTER FROM JAMES W. KEYES (Springfield IL) to LUCRETIA KEYES FAWCETT (St. Charles MO), July 1, 1849.

Springfield Ill July 1, 1849

Dear Sister

It is a long time now since I have heard from you. We ought to correspond more frequently. I meant you write me on the receipt of this. I want to know how all the children are. Henreitta Gaus, Lucretia, & all. We are all well. We have eight children. Chas. [Charles A. Keyes] the eldest will soon be 18 years old. Mary Catherine is now a woman size. Edward [L. Keyes], the baby when you went to see you in 1837 is not large of his age, the next are the twins, Henrietta and Thomas [R. Keyes], very fine children. The next Susan Francis is a spry little one. The one next to her we called [Margaret] Ellew [Keyes] died in 1846 [in the year she was born]. The next Margaret is a very fine healthy child near three years old. The youngest about nine months old is also a fine child [later named Martha J. Keyes]. We have not gave her a name yet. Gersham [1804-1886] & family are all well. He has five children. I heard from Brother Thomas [1796/97-1850] the other day. He was well & doin very well. He is selling goods at a place on the Acaw River in Clinton County called Keyesport--a town he laid out some years ago, giving it his own name.

I Rec'd a letter the other day from Mr.

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James F. Reed who married sister Margaret and moved to California in the spring of 1846 [with the Donner-Reed wagon train] and were overtaken by the snow storms in the California Mountains in the winter of 1846-7 and suffered severely from hunger and cold for four and a half minutes in which 38 of their party starved to death. Mr Reed, Margaret, and her four children survived and are now enjoying good health in California; Brother Caden [Keyes] went to California the year before (1845). He is also well, has never married. Both he and Mr Reed have become wealthy in California, both in gold as well as silver. Mr. Reed is the owner of the largest silver mine in North America yet discovered. He has taken between 15 & 20 tons of ore from his mine yealding from 40 to 45 percent 40 or 45 lb of pure silver to the 100 lb of ore. He also has collected a large ... in gold. Hw represents the climate as being very fine. He and the family have had uninterrupted good health ever since they have been there. Mother [Sarah Hanley Keyes--actually Lucretia's step-mother] as you may have heard died on the way to California. She died on the Plains this side of the Rocky Mountains on the 29th day of May 1846 and lays buried upon the lone prairie [at Alcove Springs on the Big Blue River in eastern Kansas] far from any human habitaion or friends. Thus are we scattered abroad--mellincolly thought

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I think of being in California next winter myself, on business merely. I will not take my family & will not be gone but a yea or so-- I want you to write me in reference to your son that was trading to South America. I wan to hear aout him and do not forget Mr. Goss [Eugne Gauss--son of Karl Gauss, the German mathematician] & Henrietta. Let me know all about the family-- I heard from brother Isaac [Keyes 1795-]'s children a short time ago, they are doing well. I took for one of the girls in Springfield soon--Lucretia [Keyes] is her name. We would like very much to see you in Springfield. Write soon. Do not fail. Give our love to all the family, and receive to yourself the love of your Brother

J.W. Keyes

Mrs. Lucretia Fawcett)

St. Charles)

Mo)

Letter: Willis Fawcett, St. Charles MO to Samuel/Lucretia McCluer, Deer Wood on Dardenne MO 19 Jul 1849

Saint Charles

July 19, 1849.

6 o'clock pm

Dear Samuel & Lucretia

Mr. [Eugene] Gauss requests me to write to you. My mother [Lucretia Keyes Fawcett] is extremely low. Dr. Behrens has just been here & says although her disease has yielded to medicine there is much danger to be apprihinded on account excessive weakness. We will look for Samuel down here in the morning.

On such occassions we feel the value of religious principles. If we

have any let us cling fast to them & add thereto--and know all else is without value when our measure of time is filled. Affectionately, Willis

LETTER Erasmus Rigney Fawcett, DeKalb, Mississippi to Niles Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri 10/8/1849

DeKalb Mi Oct 8, 1849.

Dear Niles,

Yours of the 23rd July has been to hand sometime since. Though I had frequently of late (when on my way to the Post Office) reflected that our good old mother [Lucretia Keyes Fawcett] had now arrived at the age that left but little hope for much longer good health or earthy existence, still I was entirely unprepared, at the moment, to receive the news of her death. It was a shock to me ever to be remembered. But being at such a great distance I probably did not feel it so sensibly as I should have done had I been present with you all on the occasion. But death has been here too, and made me feel his presence most accutely. He has taken off our Dear little Elizabeth Robertum [Fawcett]. She was, about two and a half years old. The most lovely age of a child. No one can imagine except those who have had the mournful experience, how painfull it is to give up a dear little pet like ours was. She had had the hooping cough near three months. Most of the time violently, and when we supposed she was out of all danger. She caught cold which caused a return of the hooping cough as bad as ever with a remittant fever followed by inflamation of the stomach, lungs & bowels. A more complete wreck I never saw. She was sick about fifteen days and died on the 25 Sept [1849].

I rec'd [received] a long letter from Curt [Fawcett--his brother] a short time before I got your last. He was then well and soliceting business. He knows best but I fear he will not get enough to sustain him in N [New] York. It grieves me that I am unable to do him any good. Now is the time that he needs help. I feel so unsettled in my own business that I do not know that I shall ever be in a situation to do him any good. The tanning business which I have been at over two years has not turned out profitable. My partner and I are both tiered of it. He wants me to take all and pay all, and I would rather take a small compensation for the time I have been here and let him hold the bag. We shall probaby fix it up some way before long. I believe I can make a living at it by managing altogethor my own way. If I should get the tanyard I shall send some leather to Curt to sell in New York which I think can be done profitably. [page 3:] Tell Willis [Fawcett--their brother] & sister Susan [Stabler] that our friends, the McMahons in Gainesville although broke are gettng a long about as well as ever. That is they live as well, fly around at business, and seem as lively as ever they did.

Harry Thompson was elected Shereff [of Kemper County] again, last August and it is supposed that Bob [Robert G. McMahon] will be his Deputy in Gainesville. This is mear rumor. I know nothing about it myself. Waterman [McMahon] and Turner Bell [son of Lyle Branson Fawcett's widow by a prior marriage] are carrying on a kind of commission business in the Grocery line. Charles [McMahon] is doing a Storeing business in the warehouses formerly kept by the old consern of McMahon, Southerland & Co. Cotton crops being very short this September it is doubtfull whether he will make expences. Paxton [McMahon] was clerking for Capt. Pratt and may be continuint with W.P. Lay & Co.

Capt Pratt and his wife had a split. He accuses her of addultery and after leaving a written statement, sworn to before a magestrate, he sold out, tooke his three little children and went off to the north. Mrs. P. Was one of the last that would have been suspected in Gainesville, but Capt Pratt's word would hardly be doubted by any. Eli Oneal is one among several accused of being too intimate with Mrs. P.

Willis' Old

[page 4/address:] friend Mrs. Mosely by some means got up some trouble between Harrison and his wife (Julia Mosely that was). They parted for some time but have lately gone together again.

If you had your wheats here now you could sell it for \$1.75 to \$2 per bushel. Waterman McMahon is now selling it at \$2 in Gainesville. The frost killed all the wheat in this country last spring. I intended to write to you to send some south but was advised by some of my friends not to so so.

I was on the ever of advising you not to be in a hurry about selling wheat. That the price would be still higher, but upon reflection I think that when ever flour gets up to a very high price there are thousands of people who quit using

it and thereby reduce the price and the country where the frost was there was but little wheat to kill.

[left margin, page 1:] This country has been unusually sickly within the last month or two. The cills are prevailin down at Gainesville, but as far as I know our friends are escaping. We are all in tolerable health here. Give my love to all our connection. Ann [Elizabeth Pride Hill--his wife] requests the same favor of me towards you & the family.

Affectionately Your Bro Erasmus.

[Address:]

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Mr. Niles Fawcett
St Charles
Missouri

Letter: Samuel Churchman, Iongonia To Nathan Harper, NY 18 May 1850.
Iongonia 5 mo 18. 1850

Dear Nathan,

It becomes my painful duty to inform thou that the remains of our late friend Curtis Fawcett will in a few hours be committed to their last resting place. He died this morning about a quarter before One. I was sitting up with him and up to midnight he seemed to rest calmly after which he seemed troubled but althou I knew he was weak I was startled to find him rapidly going and before a friend who slept in the same house I called, cant each each get to him his spirit had passed I trust to that better land where troubles are supposed to end. He had come to chagres to assist me with the Mary Parken Cargo & found me flat upon my back with the Chagres fever after remaining a few days he preceded me to this place leaving me nearby recovering. Thou may be sure I was surprised & shocked on my arrival here yesterday afternoon to find him quite low with the dysentery a dangerous & fatal disease in this climate. I fear both himself & those about him neglected the remedies within his reach until too late and I only was with him about 8 hours. I cut a lock of his hair which I enclose--as I hope to be home soon I will not enter more fully into particulars nor tell thou how disturbed I am situated.

Samuel Churchman

Letter WC Ellison, Philadelphia to Willis Fawcett, St. Charles MO? 15 Jun 1850
Philadelphia 15 June '50

My dear Willis,

Not withstanding the suspension of our familiar intercourse and the many years since our trade success intercourse together yet I not only often think of your last yr name is familiar in our family & never did I dwell with more intent & interest upon yr scattered family than at this moment and my heart deepy sympathies & condoles with yrself, Sisters & Brothers that dear Boy [Curtis Fawcett] who was my precursor to Phila in 1833 in the promise & prime of manhood has fell a victim to a dire disease in a foreign cline. My wife remarked--Husband take consolation in the comforting reflection that so fine and good a young man as Curtis Fawcett has been taken from the evil to come and translated to Heaven. Yes, dear Willis this is our ... & consalation & must in some degree sustain the hearts of his Sisters & Brothers. His spirit has gone from Time to Eternity to be forever blessed. Curtis had a warm affectonate heart & cherished his family equal to that of any other man--not that he lowered his honor now--but his sensibilities came so peculiarly constituted he resisted a few years since my earnes intrities to visit you nearby because he had no trophies of visable success from his adventures to lay at the feet of his Parents, Sisters & family. Who of them have been deprived by a combination of circumstance from an intimate knowledge of his character since childhood. May rest assured he had not an enemy on earth and everyone who knew him regarded him as one of the best of earth. In a letter I penned to a Gentm who left NY on the 13th inst[ant] concerning him I said--he was so modest that most discriminating stranger could not discern his merits & in point of morals I believed he could not be tempted. His only fault in [is he?] loved other more than himself and trust in & integrity but no suspicion within my knowledge. Next to my own precious Annie--there was no one who I always felt I could more certainly calculate upon as a friend in need than yr beloved unfortunate but manly Bro. Curtis. He left here about on 4th Jany last--Cast for his ... of fulfilling his contracts hr [here] and train yielded to my pleasing with him to remain. He went out as Super Cargo--on his arrival at Panama he contact me which I promptly ansd-- His ... consent was only ... under the circumstances alluded to to have

got a good birth in this City.-- Day before yesterday an acquaintance of mine called & announced he heard.. In sad in telling... N Harper-- I immediately wrote Mr. H to inform me his authority & he has just remitted the letter of Samuel Churchman--the Gent who Curtis was concerned with & the enclosed is a copy of said letter. Only the day before I rec'd his mournful intelligence I wrote a long letter to Curtis entreating him to come home at least not to remain at Camana--Iongona is on the Ishmus. Only language is inadequate to convey to you his Bro & relaives how much I valued this Boy--as I always believe & still cal him. I knew his worth, the depths of his affections--but my council did not prevail or he would never have gone again to have periled his life as heretofore--It was in vain I told him for such an one. There was always field enough a home. Tis true he promised me when he did return never again to leave. My wife who had but a short acquaintance with Curtis admired & loved him who with my Bro & family presents their condolences in this affective dispensation of Devine providence to yrself, family Sisters & Brothers. As soon as I hear of the return of Saml Churchman I'll agin write. With my affectn & regards to yooour Susan & each member of yr Fathers family

Have written) I'm dear Willis ever yours
you hastily for the mail) Wm C Ellison

ST. CHARLES MO 1850 AGRICULTURAL CENSUS (Pg 37 #2).

	Improved Acres	Unimproved Acres	Farm Value \$	Tools \$	Horses #	Milk Cow #
Saml McCluer	180	320	1500	300	10	11
Niles Fawcett	90	30	1500	100	6	2
Willis Fawcett	160	20	4000	500	6	6

	Oxen #	# Other Cattle	Sheep #	Swine #	\$ Value Stock	Wheat bu	Corn bu	Oat bu
S. McCluer	2	15	30	70	650	80	1500	600
N. Fawcett	0	2	0	12	300	300	1000	200
W. Fawcett	0	0	800	40	1200	1500	1000	0

	Wool bu	Potato bu	Orchard produce	Butter lbs	Hay tons	Home Manuf.\$	Animals Butcher\$
S. McCluer	125	15	40	200	20	20	450
N. Fawcett	0	100	0	0	0	0	60
W. Fawcett	1400	50	0	365	0	0	120

Note: No Gausses.

1850 U.S. Census, Kemper County, MS (Roll 432, p. 184; Oct. 25)

Dwelling no.	Family no.	Name	Age	Sex	Profession	Real Estate	Place of Birth
664	664	Erasmus Fawcett	35	M	Tanner	none	VA
		Ann	25	F			VA
		Frank	1	M			MS
		Mrs. Hill*	38	F			VA

Note: Mrs. Martah Scott Hill was the widowed mother of Ann Hill.

1852 Missouri State Census.

Twn	Household		Free-White Male					Free-White Female				
			<10	18-	21-	>45	<10	18-	21-	>45		
Dardenne	Saml McClure	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	
St Charles	Keys Fawcett	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	
St Charles	Eugene Gauss	3	1	0	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	

Household	No. Read/ Write	Slaves	
		Male	Female
Saml McClure	4	2	3
Keys Fawcett	2	1	1
Eugene Gauss	9	0	0

Letter Wm Stabler, Alexandria VA to Edward Stabler, Sandy Spr MD 16 Jan 1852.

Alex.a 1st mo. 16th 1852

Dear Brother Edward

Thine of yesterday is at hand and I hasten to inform thee of Susy's [Stabler Fawcett] case. She has been now more than a week confined to her bed, and her disease has assumed the form of pneumonia. She is exceedingly weak--so much so in deed that she cannot be moved to change her bed clothes. Our brother Richard has been attending her but last night a nervous condition she had suffered, which kept her restless & alarmed, increased so much that the family became uneasy and sent for Dr. Murphy. He and Richard saw her together. Both physicians unite in saying she will probably be better in a few days. Mother is pretty well again and bears her fatigue better than we expected. She and little Nett [Henrietta Fawcett] sleep in our library.

Willis & little Joseph [Willis Fawcett--his son] have both been poorly but I cannot say how they are this morning for Susy's condition has almost exclusively occupied our attention. Harriet is sick still.

Love to all from thy brother

Wm Stabler

I hope the old girl may obtain her freedom but there is much uncertainty in the law & suit must be; There is but one tribunal of ...Justice.

Letter: Wm Stabler, Alexandria VA to Edward Stabler, Sandy Spr MD 19 Jan 1852.

Alex.a 1st mo 19th 1852

Dear Brother

Second day morning

Edward Dr Murphy has seen Susy this morning. He says her pulse is rather better, beating at the rate now of 106, but there are some symptoms, quite unfavorable. What these are he did not say that I heard. The mercury has not affected her system as yet. She looks very badly, worse than I saw her before; and indeed her appearance has from the first, been daily getting worse. This was to be expected during the continuance of fever and pneumonia inflammation, but should these symptoms leave her before the vital flame is extinguished, the hazzard and emaciated look may be gradually converted into that of health. Her fever is typhoid. I think the Dr. still has some hope. None of the family have suggested to me yet that any of you should come on. It might alarm Susy to see you & yet the matter might be so managed to prevent alarm. The probability of her decease is so strong that you might miss the opportunity of seeing her by delaying many days and yet I don't see tha you could do any good by coming except to comfort those who are distressed at the gloomy prospect before us. As to Susy, dear child, I fear nothing in view of her removal. She has done her part well. I believe, as far as she knew it, & I have the utmost confidence in the extension to her of Devine mercy. Who that knows any thing of the love of God and knows two that Jesus said 'if ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall you father which is in He does give good things to them that ask him?' Can doubt for a moment that a pure or innocent or repentant soul will receive his mercy when asking for it in the awful hour of separation from the world! Willis is calm, attentive, and devoted. Should any of you come please to bring a dozen or two of good oranges. She is fond of them and no good ones can be found wither here or in Washington. Send them here on of any one coming on who seemed like the trouble to bring a few and delivered them immediately at our shop or either of our underlings? It would be well to send them.

Love to all from thy brother Wm Stabler

I will write agin tomorrow or send a message by telegraph if needful. WS

Letter: Wm Stabler, Alexandria VA to Edward Stabler, Sandy Spr MD 20 Jan 1852.

Alex.a. 1st Mo 20th 1852

Dear Brother

Edward We are drawing near the close of our notions of dear Susy's life. She is much worse, as ill, Dr. Murphy thinks, as she can be not to be rapidly sinking. I believe he thinks she may last a day or two in this state; but this afternoon or tomorrow morning 's exacerbation I think may be the last. This morning aout 6 o'clock I went into her room and found her extremely ill. She felt very uncomfortable, looked ghastly, had a rapid pulse, breathed with difficulty and mucus was collecting which she could not cough up. About 9 o'clock she was a little easier, and we are now going to give her infusion of swuka with carbonate of ammonia to stimulat her and relieve her breathing. Sister Aurca and Henry came down last evening. I am much pleased at this for Sister A. is one of the best of nurses. We may have to send a telegraphic

message today; but should we not, this letter will give information by which you may regulate your proceedings.

My Deborah was taken quite sick yesterday, probably from exposure and fatigue; she went to bed in the afternoon with a fever, took a dose of calomel last night; and this morning is better. I do not apprehend any danger in her case. The rest of us are pretty well. Mother holds up wonderfully. Willis maintains his calmness, but we doubt not he feels deeply the great trial which seems to await him. We feel much for him. It seems to me one of the blessings that they are among their relations, where the while, when their mother is gone, can be taken care of according to his wishes.

If any of you come on please to take good care of yourselves in this severe weather.

Love to all from they affect brother, Wm Stabler

Letter Willis Fawcett, Alexandria to Edward Stabler, Sandy Spr MD 4 Feb 1852.
Alexandria, Va
Wednesday morning, 4th Feby '52

Brother Edward,

Sister Rebecca [Stabler] requested me to write you a line to inform you all that mother [Mary Hartshorne Stabler] is some better & we hope gradually on the mend, however slowly. Sister Debroah [Stabler] is still improving. Her greatest trouble now being to keep from eating too much. Sister Anna is suffering from a cold, which causes a pain in the head & accompanies with some cough. She is indisposed enough to require some medicine & to keep her bed. Though she seems confident that her spell will pass off without assuming a serious cast. The balance of our folks have about as usual and my children decidedly better. Every morning they get a dash of cold water on the surface & some bitters inwardly.

Each of your household & Frank & is may ever be assured of the affection with which I am your brother Willis Fawcett

LETTER: Niles Fawcett (Fannin Co TX) to Benj Keyes & Virginia Fawcett (St. Charles MO), Apr 9, 1852 (Cheeseman Collecion, Alexandria VA).

Bonham Fannin Co Texas
April 9th 1852

[Written vertical down left margin:] I ought to write to Willis I know but it is a big undertaking for me to write a letter and if you will let him see this it would give him all the information on that I could give in another letter.

[Note: This letter was probably forwarded to Willis Fawcett, then in Alexandria, Virginia and may have provided informaion to guide his travels to Texas in the same year.]

Dear Brother and Sister:

I have deferred writing until this ime so tha you might be more fully informed of my movements-- If you received my letters from Arkansas you know that I spent most of the winter on the Little Red River in that State, after waiting a month for an answer to my letter written from that point, I started for Texas and directed the Post Master a Disask(?) to forward any letter that would come for me to Little Rock which was in my route. When I got to Little Rock there was still no letter from either of you, I then concluded you might not have received my letters. Whether you did or not is a matter of very little importance, except it would have been a great satisfacion to me to have heard from you all. I have not heard a word concerning any of you since I bid you farewell, and I am sorry to think that it will be a long time before it will be possible for me to hear one word from you. In a few days from this, if I have my health, I will be on my way to California. You will no doubt think me notionate and unsteady in carrying out my designs although that has been the case in many of my undertakings it is not altogether so in the present case, for I concluded before leaving Missouri to go on to California without a very

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fare opening of some sort presented it self from my arrival in this Country, owing to high water and bad roads I was not able o get here as soon as I expected by two or three weeks. I crossed [the] Red River at the mouth of Mill Creek about the last of March and traveled directly west through Clarksville, and Paris to this place. While in Arkansas I heard that a company would leave from this place for California about the 10th of April. Knowing tat I was too

late to put in a crop on an unimproved place and that it would be difficult to rent land owing to the long migration to the country, I resolved to go to California before seeing beautiful Texas. You no doubt have heard something of the beauty of Northern Texas but you can have nothing like a correct idea of it from any description. I do not care who the writer or speaker is, if you ever see the Prairies of Texas I think you will agree with me that this beauty is beyond description. The appearance of the country in many places is very much like the Dardenne Prairie [of St. Charles County MO] but on a much larger scale. It is very high and rolling and drains itself completely. A large proportion of the land that I have seen in this state is just like the Carl de sack, or Kitsack land, when the roads get bad they are like the bottom road between you and St. Charles they become almost impassable, but during the greater portion of the year the roads are as good as plank roads, the whole Country seems to be made on a flat bed of limestone rock and the depth of soil varies from none to 8 or 10 feet, I noticed along the

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banks of some of the little branches in the prairies that the soil in many places was only a foot thick but it seems to be soil clear down to the rock. The rock when exposed to rain and sun melts and crumbles like lime. This is nearly all a prairie country and some of it is very much like the soils in the Point, though I think hardly so good, the richest portion of it has not sufficient sand to make it work well, but this black land has greatly the advantage of the same quality of land in Missouri because it is very rolling and the water that falls upon it runs off immediately and of course is in order for ploughing much sooner than it would be otherwise. There is considerable wheat raised in this part of the state. From the appearance of the crop that is now growing and from what the farmers here tell me I have no hesitation in saying that Texas is better wheat country than Missouri, and there is not better country in the world for using machines in harvesting. I like the country better than I expected. It doubtless is the largest body of rich land in the United States. Corn, wheat, oats, sweet potatoes, apples, peaches, melons and most of the garden vegetables common in Missouri are produced in abundance. There is not much fruit raised here yet, though the people are planting orchards, and I think apples will do well. Peaches do fairly [well]. This is also a good cotton country, which makes this part of state more valuable than the southern part. Cotton is the principal crop there, and not being able to raise wheat or corn

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to any extent they are bound to raise cotton but the price be what it may. Land is worth from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 Dollars. The country in this portion of the state is badly timbered and badly watered, though I am told water can always be got by digging from 8 to 40 feet and I have understood that the higher the Prairies are the nearer the water is to the surface of the ground. I will say to Keyes [Fawcett--his brother], if he has any idea of leaving Missouri, to inform himself well in regard to the climate, soil, people and every thing in relation to this country before moving to any other. The country is kept back in consequence of being almost entirely without navigation, which is though will be an advantage in the end. For everybody sees the necessity of having railroads and will have them sooner than they would had they better river navigation. When a country is once well provided with railroads all agree that it is better than the best rivers. This Country has the climate ... and soil and is bound to go ahead. I think it will not be many years before it will rank among the first states in the Union for wealth and population. And I will say to Sister Virginia that if my trip to California should be successful I would be glad some day or another that we may live to see to travel with her through the prairies of Texas and show her what I think is the prettiest country in the world. Tell Henry Beck that I think the Northern part of Texas the best country for sheep in the United States, The Prairies are so large that it will be many years before the range will be interfered with[,] the sheep that I hear run here look very well and the people here are of the opinion that it is a good sheep country, and many

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are Tennesseans who know something about the business. I would advise any person that expected to bring sheep to this state to get them in the southern States, and not get any farther north than Tenn[essee]. The people tell me that stock of any description from Missouri does not do well [in] this country and any person moving to this country ought to get mules. They are cheaper in the north than they are here and when here they are worth nearly double as much as northern

horses. Tell Willis [Fawcett--his older brother] and Henry Beck that I believe it would be to their interes to come and look at this Country for themselves before making any other selecion. I can not immagine how any country could be better suited for this business. Sheep are kept in this country from one years end to the other upon the grass without anything else and I am told do well. I would advise hem to look at the Country in the Counties of Lamar, Fannin and Gracin [Grayson] by going up [the] Red River as fa as Shreveport or Fulton and then acoss to Paris, the county seat of Lamar. There on by this place [Bonham] to Dallas on the Trinity and from there to Austin on the Colorado, then back to New Orleans. By tha route a person would see the most extensive prairies in the state, and if made in the month of May it would be a pleasant trip as could be taken any where. If I had 5000 sheep in one of these prairies, I would not as Mrs. McCluer [Lucretia Fawcett--his sister] just say, call the King my cousin. Farmers are making money fast--everything [is] high, corn \$.75 in some portions of the state, \$1.50 flour--

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\$5 per hundred. Bacon from \$.15 to \$.20, groceries and every thing else pretty much the same way. I think it would be better for a person moving from Missouri to this state to come by water, put mules, waggon and all on board a boat-- Since being in Bonham I have got acquainted with may [many] of the citizens, along others a Methodist preacher by the name of Felix Grundy Fawcett. He spells his name with a single u. He is several inches aller than I am with light hair and eyes. His father was a native of one of the Carolinas and moved to Tennessee at an early day. Felix moved to Arkansas when quite young from Tennessee, and from all accounts could hold his own with any of the Arkansawyers in shooting and fighting. After coming to Texas about 8 years since he joined the Methodist church, and soon as he could prepare himslef commenced preaching which must have required a great deal of labo as he told me that when he joined th church he knew nothing about the Bible and what was worse could not read well enough to learn what it contained. I went about six miles out in the country last Sunday to hear him preach and I was very much pleased with him as a preacher. No person would suppose in hearing him preach that he was a man of so limited an education. He uses good language and speaks eloquently with out knowing anything about grammar. He is very much respected in the neighborhood. Every person that I have heard say any thing about

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him speak of him as an honorable man and a sincere Christian. He invited me to his house and both he and his wife have shown me as much kindness as if I was a relaion. As I was told hat no man had every succeded in taking a dog through on this southern route to California on account of the scarcity [of] water, I concluded to leave Rover & Mita with Mr. Fawcett. He is fond of dogs and will take good cae of them and if I can ever call on them I can get them again. Which is better than to take them a long to die on the road. When I gave up my dogs I parted with two friends that would have stuck to me through thick & thin. I have also been told that horses do not stand the trip well, particularly Missouri horse. I therefore exchanged my mare for mules and kept an Indian pony that I traded Old Sam for in the southern part of Missouri. I think he is tough enough to stand the trip. My Frenchmen are at wok about seven miles from this place [Bonham] at a tanyard and making \$1.00 per day. Although they are doing well, they are very auxcious to go on with me, but I will not be able to take them. The expense of getting an outfit is too great for me to make it for three men, and other consideration is there would be some uncertainty about them remaining with me after getting to California. There is a man here from Arkansas with his wife and 4 children bound for California has two men with him and two waggons, one mule and an cow team. He is a Virginian by the name

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of Whistler. He proposed to me to put my mules in his waggon and to travel with him. Thinking it a pleasure way of traveling than by myself, I have concluded to sell my waggon and make that arrangement though wih the understanding that I have the libery to take my mules out of the team when ever I think he waggons cannot be got though in a reasonable length of time. The road from here to El Paso is not difficut which is about 700 miles. From there it is said to be about 1700 miles to the part of California that we expec to go to. Our course from here will be a little north of west to El Paso. There will be it is supposed thirty or forty families in the Company and upwards of a hundred men with a pice of artilery.

If Willis is not in your country, write him and let him know what I think of Texas, and give my love to Susan [Stabler Fawcett--Willis' first wife who died the previous winter] and the children. Remind me to Saml [McCluer] and Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer--Niles' sister] and Mr [Eugene] Gauss & Net [Henrietta Fawcett--his wife and Niles' sister]. And tell all my Prairie friends farewell for me. Any of these fellows that are dissatisfied with St. Charles County might do well to come to Texas. Write to me in California. Remember that I have not heard from any of you since leaving St Chas and will expect a letter as soon as I get to California. Write to the southern part of California.

Farewell, Niles [Fawcett]

LETTER: Erasmus Rigney Fawcett, Kemper County, Mississippi to Virginia Fawcett, St. Charles, Missouri, 7/31/1852

Kemper Co. July 31, 1852

Dear Sister

Your very acceptable letter of the 5th inst[ant] was rec'd [received] about ten days ago. It was not mailed at St. Charles untill the 11th. I should have answered it sooner had it not been for several poor reasons but the principal excuse that I have to offer is that I have gotten so clearly out of practice that I dread undertaking a letter and probably should not now make the attempt had you not in your letter expressed some uneasiness about my health.

I am now up and about and can eat a full share, though I can not say that I am a sound healthy man. Nor do I much expect ever to be what I was when we were at Callegans.

I am glad to know that you and the ballance of our connection are aroused to the importance of health. There is no man of intelligence but what knows that health and death are two subjects of the utmost importance to him. Still he will treat them as the most trivial matter. It seem that we are not to be allowed the excuse of lack of warning. Our Dear Father, Mother and half of the Brothers are gone, and besides the children to whom were were dearly attached to we have had to give up our very highly respected Sister Susan [Stabler--Willis' first wife]. I do not believe that we can get out of the reach of death but I feel very confident that if we had [page 2:] been living at Callegans all this time we would have had better health and would not have lost our Dear friends so soon.

I hope if you should ever get to Texas you will find it more healthy than St. Charles. Don't give up the intention of leaving that County. There is no prospect that I will move to Texas, but I am glad that you all may as there is a considerable communication between this country and Texas. We see persons from there frequently but a live Duke in Kemper County is almost a curiosity.

From what I learn of prices in Tenn[essee] I am afraid Willis will be disappointed in this country. Almost every thing has gone up and up until it has got out of a poor man's reach. Mules, horses & cows are selling here for twice as much as they brought while Willis was here. I was in Gainesville a few weeks ago and saw a horse sell for 150 dollars that I know would not have brought more than 75 six years ago. 200 and 250 is nothing unusual. Mules have risen as much as horses. The unusual scarcity in Tennessee is assigned as one of the causes of the high prices.

Charles McMahon was here to dinner yesterday in good health & spirits. He resembles his father a great deal more than the other boys. He is now riding about through these sand hills collecting accounts for past storage and electioneering for the next season. I think he is doing a successful business. He reports all well [page 3:] at Gainesville. Ann & I were down there a short time since. We found Sister Elizabeth [Scott Bell & Lyle B. Fawcett's widow, now married to] Bob [G. McMahon] and the ballance in fine spirit. They all looked like they had been faring like the rich man that dressed in purple but I hope they will never get to that place where the old gentlemen was in such great want of a little water. The citizens were clever as usual, but their town looked like there was a scarcity of white paint given probably to the affects of the Mobile & Ohio railroad which is now being made to run through Kemper Co[unty] which will of course cut off a great portion of the trade. It is thought by some that the town will be almost entirely deserted. Bob [McMahon] still has strong hopes that he will get out of his pecuniary troubles. He stands up to it manfully. I do very sincerely hope he may overcome them. Their little girl called Betty is very interesting. Its hard to say which of its parents it most resembles. It now very evident that she will have a brother or sister before long. Elizabeth is at

Gainesville. [Bob McMahon] on his way from New Orleans to north Alabama he had been down with a fever and is now staying a while at Gainesville] to recover his strength.

Waterman [McMahon] is engaged selling groceries etc on commission at Gainesville. The balance of the family are in N. Ala. Jno. [McMahon] has gone up from N. Orleans several weeks ago.

The Planters have had a seasonable summer. Wheat & Oats will be the largest ever made in the country. Their cotton looks promising. Peas & potatoes are unusually promising. [page 4/outside:] Tell Keyes that I am much obliged to him for several newspapers and I am not sure but I owe him a letter. Whether I do or not if anything strange should happen I will try to drop him a line & thereby get clear of the debt.

Our little boy [Frank Scott Fawcett] is now almost rid of an affliction equal to some of Jobes. It was a eruption or breaking out resembling to some extent both the heat & chickenpox. But is was worse than both of them put together. You may readily imagine that he done some crying. His mother has said & she repeats a dozen time every day, that he is the worst child she ever saw. But I dont think her in earnest. He is now mischevious & playful

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Miss Virginia Fawcett
St Charles
Missouri

Ann & her mother both send their respects. Ann says she is willing to go to Texas as soon as things can be got in readiness.

Give my love to Sisters Net [Henrietta] and Crish [Lucretia]. Also Brothers Willis & Keyes

Very Affectionately
Yr Brother
E.R. Fawcett

LETTER: Willis Fawcett, St. Louis, Missouri to Charles Henry Gauss, St. Charles MO 10/2/1852

Saint Louis, Mo.
Saturday evening, Oct 2, '52

Old fellow

Your uncle [Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett], myself & the dogs all got down to this city safely. I have collected all my money to buy sheep with, and uncle Keyes [Willis' brother] & I have engaged a state room in the Steam Boat called the 'Forrest City' that goes out this evening [down the Mississippi River to New Orleans] so we have better luck than common in being able to accomplish during the day what was contemplated in the morning. Give my love to Theodore & Robert [Gauss] and all the rest of the folks--and Keyes says so too.

Your affectionate uncle
Willis Fawcett

[outside with postmark within circle:]

Saint Louis Mo Oct 3

To Charles Henry Gauss
Care of Eugene Gauss
Saint Charles
Mo.

ALEXANDRIA VA DEED 6:506 6/18/1853 WILLIS FAWCETT/SUSAN STABLER TO THEIR CHILDREN.

THIS DEED, Made the eighteenth day of June in the year 1853, between Willis Fawcett, who intermarried with Susan Stabler, one of the daughters of Edward Stabler, late of Alexandria deceased of the first part and Virginia Fawcett, Lucy F. Fawcett, Eugenia Fawcett, Edward J. Fawcett, Harriett S. Fawcett, Joseph Fawcett, and Henrietta Fawcett, children of the said Willis Fawcett of the second part.

WITNESSETH that in consideration of the natural love and affection which the said Willis bears to his said children he the said Willis Fawcett doth grant and release, unto the said parties of the second part, all the right, title and interest, of in and unto all the estate, real and personal of Edward Stabler deceased, or to which he is in any wise entitled in right of his late wife Susan Fawcett, and also all his right, title and interest, or in or to the estate of

which Harriett Stabler and Caroline Stabler, children of the Edward Stabler died seized or entitle to, and I hereby authorize the party into whose hands the proceeds of the said interest may come, to pay over and divide the same equally amongst his said children above mentioned.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE AND SEAL.

In presence of Willis Fawcett----- (Seal)
W.C. Yeaton. Edwd. H. Stabler

LETTER: Erasmus Rigney Fawcett, Kemper Co MS, to Virginia? Fawcett, St. Charles MO 8/15/1856

Kemper Co. Miss.

Aug. 15th 1856

Dear Sister Your very acceptable favor of the 23rd ult. came to hand but a few days ago. I acknowledge that I am to blame for the long intermissions in our correspondence, but the fact that I have so little other use for my pen is one of my best excuses for my apparent carelessness about keeping up a correspondence, added to this, and a dozen other excuses, we live a long way off the road [on F. Scott plantation, southeast of DeKalb] where things go on with a wonderful sameness, consequently it is very hard to stump up anything worth sending in a letter all the way to Missouri, but an occurrence, a few days ago had got me up to writing point just at the time your letter arrived.

You are right in thinking that we are proud of our little ones. Our oldest is named Frances Scott (after his uncle [and owner of the plantation where E.R. Fawcett worked as a tanner]. He is now over six years old, is as good looking and seems to have as many brains as usually falls to the fortune of boys. Our little girl is over three years old, one of the most interesting & sprightly little things I ever saw, to just from present appearances she will out shine her brother in a few more years, but probably she will learn in half the time and forget in a fourth, as is not unfrequently the case with sprightly children. Her name is Bransonia, after our Dear Brother Branson. She frequently reminds me of your, in her short figure, short hand with broad palm, and short quick step, there is a resemblance in what is peculiar to the Fawcetts, her temper is very much like our sister net's [Henrietta Fawcett] use to be when she was called Betty Brooks a long--long time ago. I have no doubt you recollect the original old Betty. She was the same that made that sage remark, while your beauty as under consideration that 'pretty is as pretty does'. Our little Sissa, as every body calls her, is a great pet but now will have to make room for another brother who made his personal appearance on the 30th of last month. He is not very large but has good strong lungs, could tickle Willis [Fawcett--his uncle, and E.R. Fawcett's elder brother] to death if he is as fond of the cry of a baby as he used to be, when he said that 'since he had learned that crying was good for the child's lungs; it was music to his ear. I have listened to it at the dark hour of midnight when every thing else was hushed in sleep, the hour that music is most charming, but in spite of every thing I must believe our brother was over straining his politeness when he made the remark to the baby's mother [Susan Stabler]. I had thought to call this new comer Robert McMahon [Note: They later named a son with this name anyway], after our friend of that name, but Ann [Elizabeth Pride Hill--E.R. Fawcett's wife] reminds me that we had called our first Elizabeth Roberteen which was intended to please Sister [Elizabeth Scott, Lyle Branson's widow, who married his partner--] Bob [G. McMahon], this being considered a good reason for passing that name. Ann proposed and contended that it should be named Joseph Curtis, after our father & brother [who died in Panama as a sailor], it has been so adopted. His hair is light red collar, not quite so deep an auburn as our little sister Lucretia's, his eyes are a deep blue, shine like they had been freshly varnished. All three of our children have very pretty blue eyes. Sissa's hair is very light with a little of the red tinge. Frank's is now most white, but is of that kind that turns darker as he grows older, in this respect as well as in other ways he resembles his mother more than the other children.

I am glad to learn that Niles [Fawcett--their brother] returned from Australia, it must be inhabited by the scum of the world, a large delegation from California, with a good sprinkle of villains from all other quarters of the globe, added to Botany Bay comes near being a grand mass meeting of all that is mean this side of blue blazes. I hope Niles will get to Texas and settle down for life, he may do well there, but a man without capital must undergo a great

many privations. Willis [Fawcett] deserves a fortune for his perserverance and he would have made it before this if he had remained at one thing. Bob McMahon is now rising triumphantly at Gainesville, after having waded through trouble up to his chin. When he dies he will probably leave a good little fortune to his children. Our dame fortune ought to favor Bob, if she selects for the deserved.

In your letter, you favored me with names of the children of our sisters & borthers-in-law, it is the very thing I have wanted for a long time. I am up to this time ignorant of the names of Willis' child, please let me know their names and give me the Fawcett & Keyes pedegree as far back as you can go, let me know, if you can, what country the stock emigrated from to the united states.

My health is now better than it has been, the ballance of the family are well, but we are subject to attacts of intermittant fevers in various shapes. About six months ago, Ann was attacted with cold and a fever, which settled in one of her eyes, at one time it was thought she would loose it but after polticing a great deal & lancing several times, it subsided into a small running sore on the upper lid, which has been sometimes painfull but generally remains at about the same in appearance. I believe the Doctors are unable to tell what it is. When the Mobile & Ohio Rail Road is completed it will require but a short times to visit from Missouri to Mississippi, the cars now pass within seven miles of us, in favorable weather we can distinctly hear them going north and south. Give my love to our sisters and our Brothers [Samuel] McCluer and [Eugene] Gauss and all the little Gauss' & McCluer's. Ann & her mother [Martha Scott Hill, who lived with E.R. and Ann] join me in sending our love to you.

Ever affectionately your brother, E.R. Fawcett
I intended to send 'The Richmond Dispatch' but it is missplaced. I may find it, it contains a glowing account of Staunton and the Va Spring R Roads--E

Kemper Co MS 1858 Tax Roll--Personal Property (MS Archives & History RG29/MF272).

	carriages	watch	clock	cattle	slaves	whites	state
	#	\$	#	\$	#	21-50yr	tax
Fawcett, ER	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.40
Scott, FT	1	100	1	5	15	44	18.75
Scott, Patrick		0	0	0	0	1	0.40

Letter: Willis Fawcett, Alexandria VA to Ginnie [Virginia Fawcett], St. Charles MO 25 Jul 1859

Alexandria, Virginia
July 25, 1859

Dear Ginnie

I duly received your letter of the 8th inst and was glad to learn that you were all well at Saint Charles & at Samuel's [McCluer at Dardenne MO]. Soon after writing ou on the 5th, Luch [Lucretia?] and Jodie [Joseph Willis Fawcett] joined us here where we have had a joyous time, principally at John Leadbeater's house. Though the children would separate at night among their relatives, we were generally together every day for ten days. Lucy [Fawcett] has grown very much & is some taller than Ginnie [Virginia Fawcett] but changed less in the face, and as little in her manners as you can imagine. Occasionally you may catch her serious, but on the least stir in the camp it is the same Lucy as of old. Jodie is considered as something original--if there is any human deserving the name of straightout Jodie certainly is one. When he speaks he uses words as nearly conveying his ideas as he can command. He grows faster than Edward as is nearly as large. He is full of life. Our Jodie getting to town he went with the person who brought him, to a public stable to put up their horses. One of the men at the stable one meeting Jodie remarked that he had always thought that he had himself some eyes, but now he confessed he had none at all. Jodie replied 'well I have got enough for us both!' Among the first of his remarks to me was to relate this anecdote. At times I can seen in his contenance expressions very similar to some that Niles used to wear. The least kindling of inward feeling is perceptible in his prominent eyes.

The children & I spent one evening at Mr. Bryan's home & had quite a pleasant time. Mr & Mrs Bryan are old people now. They are aware of the fact which their looks so plainly indicate. Yet they are very lively & as kind & hospitable as possible for people to be. Some of their children are married, and their grand children are growing up around them. Edward & Nettie you know live here [Alexandria]--the other children have returned to their respective homes.

Mrs. Douglass has been here for several days on a visit to some of her relatives. She was kind enough to call to see the children & appointed a day when she would call again in order that she might see them altogether. The appointment was kept on both sides. Mrs. D. leaves this place very shortly for the Valley to see her relatives there.

All that I can say now positive about trying to see you all before returning to Texas is that I have not chance of doing so, if at all, for several weeks. I expect to start for Vermont tomorrow to look around a while & then to buy some sheep, and as the plan laid out requires there shall be three separate shipments & as the business & country is new I can't tell what spare time I may have. Eugene nor any of the rest of you need any assurance that I would esteem it one of the chief pleasures of the remnant of life to see you Missourians once more. I expect to return here from Vermont before setting out for Texas of course. If you or any of the rest should wish to favor me with a letter I may be still addressed here and I may have such forwarded or it would be taken care of by my friends until I get back.

Assure each of the communication & be assured yourself of my continued affection
Willis

Letter Willis Fawcett, NYC to Ginnie [Virginia Fawcett], St Charles MO 11/8/1859
New York City
Nov 8, 1859

Dear Ginnie

I expect that my Ginnie [Virginia Fawcett] has written to you St. Charles folks informing you of our safe return, but if she has this scratch will do no harm. We get along first-rate--had nothing to me the pleasure of the trip. At Alexandria all were well except John Leadbetter & has been confined to the house for several weeks.

I have seen an account in a Galveston paper here of the arrival of the ship in which I sent the sheep from Boston on the 1st Oct. it reached G. On the 22nd. I stopped a day or two at Phila & saw Ellison & his family & visited Lucy at Moorestown, New Jersey. She looks very bright, happy & assured me that she was not of the sort of folks who get home sick, and says she has very pleasant teachers & very comfortable boarding & lodging etc.

Ellison, his wife & two children made me very welcome, but I have to add that my dear friend shows the wear of time & adverse circumstances. His hair is quite white.

I start this afternoon for Boston.

My love to all & please tell Robert [Gauss] that if his father will send me some money for the purpose I will try to buy half dozen nice little girls [lambs/ewes] & send them to St. Charles as soon as the Railroad can take them.

Willis

Their will be time for a letter from you to reach me at Boston. Send it to the care of Pierce & Bacon.

Letter: Willis Fawcett, Westminster West VT to Henrietta Fawcett Gauss, 20 Nov 1859.

West Minister West, Vt.

November 20, 1859

To Henrietta Gauss
Saint Charles

My dear Sister, I want you to know and to tell your Eugene [Gauss] and Ginnie [Virginia Fawcett], and Samuel & Lucretia [McCluer] that I have been fortunate enough to form the acquaintance of Miss J.B. Wight of Lowell, Mass and that I have been still more fortunate in prevailing upon her to agree to partake of my fate in future. I know that but little credit is due to mere expressing their opinion of persons with whom they expect to form an alliance of such moment. Yet I will venture to say that I fear not your meeting the individual of my choice for I most confidently believe that you & each of my relatives, friends, and children can but respect admire & love her as soon as you shall know her; and I believe father too that the more intimately you become acquainted with her, the more you will love her. Miss Wight is some twelve years my junior and to me is of very propounding person having black hair & large brown eyes, is quite accomplished and is a member of your [Presbyterian] church. It is understood that I am to prepare my Texas home as well as I can and come on here next summer for the purpose of consummating the engagement.

The ship in which I expect to take the sheep was detained at Galveston

several weeks in consequence of the prevalence of yellow fever and will not get off from Boston before the 10th or 15th of December probably and I'm not sorry on a/c of it as I'll have the more time to spare at Lowell!

If you should think it worth while to write to me you can address me at Boston to the care of Pierce & Bacon.

Eugene can know hereby that I did not communicate his wishes in relation to the preserved peaches to He[nr]y Stabler previous to this day writing.

My love to all, affectionately yr brother, Willis

Letter Willis Fawcett, Boston MA to Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO 20 Jun 1860
Boston June 20. '60.

Dear Beauty

You know that brother of yours who has no more brains than the law allows! Well he is here & writing to you for the purpose of renewing our old acquaintance!

I want to inform you and any of the others in your dark corner of the world who may care for me that Miss [Jerusha Burnett] Wight is still willing to take me as a partner for life in the pursuit of happiness. Tuesday the 26th instant is fixed on as the day on which we are to be married. As she has many more friends who wish to witness the ceremony than her mother's house could hold we will be married at the church [in Lowell MA]. During the afternoon of the same day we will start on a little visit to some of Miss Wight's relatives in Vermont and will probably spend two or three weeks in visiting & buying a few more sheep and then return to Lowell where I will leave Jerusha until fall. She will then probably accompany some folks of our acquaintance to Texas. I agree to this arrangement because she has never been south & there would be danger of her being sick from traveling therein during the heat of summer. And I feel compelled to return home in order to prepare shelter for the sheep and also for ourselves.

I wish all of you folks could see & know Jerusha Burnett Wight. She is a rare specimen of humanity. Her character is a cluster of all the virtues, bedecked with graces & accomplishments. She is domestic, refined, affectionate, pious and is alive with hope as to this & the future world. To see her commands admiration and to know her ensures your love.

My love to Net, Eugene, Henry, & the children and to Samuel, Lucretia & their children.

May the Giver of all good bless you through time & eternity
Affectionately, your brother Willis

Letter Willis Fawcett, Lowell MA, to Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO 9/5/1860.
Lowell, Mass
September 5, 1860

Dear Ginnie

Your letter of the 27th ult came over to hand. For the kind invitation therein communicated from Eugene & Net [Gauss] for my wife and I to take Saint Charles in our route to Texas I am grateful and can say truly that a compliance with your and their wishes would afford me as much pleasure as any of you could anticipate, but as it is the last feather that breaks the camel's back so true is it that my purse will not bear the additional expense from Baltimore around by St. Charles. From this point I could get to New Orleans, as cheap by the way of Saint Louis as to go by the route through Virginia, etc. but such a course would deprive us of the chance of seeing my children. Today I received a letter from [Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett--a brother in Texas] dated the 19th August it was of a business order as it said nothing about their [Keyes & Niles] state of health, it is fair to infer that Niles & he were well. They had had some recent rains and the sheep were flourishing.

We still expect to start for Texas about the 1st of October.

Mother Wight duly appreciates your message to her and she joins Jerusha and I in love to Eugene, Net, their children and to yourself.

May God bless you all, your brother Willis

Letter Lucy Fawcett, Baltimore MD, to Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO 10/7/1860
Baltimore Oct 7 1860

Dear Aunt

I can scarcely imagine that it was more than three months ago that I received your very welcomed letter; it reached me the day before I left

school. The day after I received it, I went with my most intimate friend at school to her uncle's about fourteen miles from Philadelphia where I made a very pleasant visit and then came home. In August I went to Alexandria to visit the folks there and saw Edward and Nettie [Henrietta Fawcett]. They were both well and enjoying themselves. Mary Leadbeater's and uncle Richard Stabler's are very nice homes for them. Ginnie [Virginia Fawcett] is in Sandy Spring at cousin Issac Hartshorne's, Joe [Joseph Willis Fawcett] at uncle Henry Stabler's, Hollie at James Callowell's boarding school in Alexandria and Gene [Eugnia Fawcett] is a Sharon boarding school near Philadelphia.

Aunt Rebecca Stabler of whom you may at some time have heard mother speak of is going to sail for Europe tomorrow in company with two other single lades. They are going without gentlemen company but will have a kind of man servant to wia upon them. I would not like the plan for myself.

I had a letter from Father the early part of last month in which he said he thought they would be here about the first of this month but they have not come yet. They have stayed north during the summer because she has never been south and her friends it would not be prudent to go during the warm weather.

When you write please tell me the names of all of Aunt Net's and Lucretia's children. I think it is great sorrow not to know even the names of my first cousins.

I send a great deal of love uncle E and N and all the rest

You affectionate niece, Lucy Fenner [Fawcett]

1860 U.S. Census, Kemper County, MS (p.1, 22 June; DeKalb PO)

Dwelling no.	Family no.	Name	Age	Sex	Profession	Place of Birth
10	10	Erasmus R. Fawcett	48	M	Tanner	VA
		Ann	32	F		VA
		Francis S.	10	M		MS
		Bransonia	7	F		MS
		J.C. [Jos. Curtis]	4	M		MS
		Robert	1	M		MS

Note: No values for real estate or personal property are listed. Francis S. Scott was attending school.

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO 1860 Agricultural Census: Saml. McCluer.

Improved Acres	Unimproved Acres	Farm Value\$	Tools \$	Horse #	Mule #	Cow #	Ox #	Other Cattle
150	150	6000	250	16	2	14	4	90

Sheep #	Swine #	Stock \$	Wheat bu	Corn bu	Oat bu	Wool lbs	Potato bu	Hay ton	\$Animal butcher
150	150	3000	60	4000	600	300	5	50	480

Note: No Fawcetts or Gausses in census.

8th Census (1860), St. Clair County AL (p 141; 7/10/1860). Twn 12, Range 4 East. Bennetsville.

Hse#	Name	Age	Sex	Occupat	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Birth Place	Sc
306	David Y. Elder	36	M	Farmer	\$400	\$683	AL	@
	Elizabeth Elder	29	F	Housewife			GA	
	Georgiana P Elder	14	F				GA	Y
	Thomas Elder	10	M				GA	Y
	Mariah E Elder	8	F				GA	Y
307	Phillip T Elder	36*	M	Farmer	500	172	GA	
	Susan Elder	27	F	Housewife			GA	
	Irvin F Elder	5	M				GA	
	George Elder	3	M				AL	
	Emma L Elder	1	F				AL	

*Notes: George Elder's age indicates P.T. Elder must have moved from Clarke (now Oconee) County, GA to AL in ca. 1856. The two brothers' (David and Phillip) wives were probably sisters with the maiden name Wilson. @ probably in error and should be GA. * - actually 24 yrs. Sc = attending school (Y - yes).*

1860 US Agricultural Census, Travis County, Texas (June 1, 1860).

Willis Fawcett (#39; no land [real] property, farmland, or crops).

.....Livestock (#).....					Live-	Animals	
Milk		Other		stock	Slaughtered		
Horse	Cow	Oxen	Cattle	Sheep	Swine	\$	\$
3	0	0	0	1200	0	4800	31

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Texas State Archives, Roster of the Texas Confederate Home, Austin. See Pension Application (9/1908) and Home Records (9/1929).

Name -Elder, Philip T. Place of Birth - Ala. When -1836

Occupation -Farmer

Command: Company - C, Regiment - 18th Ala. Inf., Brigade - Enzer's, Division

-Bragg's Army - Tenn

Marital Status - widower Came to Texas - 1874

Residence - San Antonio, Tx. Admitted to Home - 9-9-29

Disability - old age Religious Persuasion - Presbyterian

Disposition: Died - 3-19-30 Discharged -

In Case of Death, Write to - Phone Mission 266-R.- M.P. Elder (son) 806 Delmar St., San Antonio, Tx. Desires to be buried at Westhoff.

Remarks -

18th Alabama Infantry (National Archives 1960d; LDS 0880593).

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Elder, P.T.

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Co. I[?], 18 Alabama Infantry.
(Confederate.)

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Private | Private

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CARD NUMBER

1 44600313

2 0510

3 0631

Number of medical cards herein 0

Number of personal papers herein 0

(Confederate.)

E | 18 | Ala.

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P.T. Elder

Pvt, Co. I, 18 Reg't Alabama Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
from Dec 31/61 to Aug 31, 1862.

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Enlisted:

When Jany 20 , 186

Where Ashville

By whom Capt Thomason

Period For the war or 3 years

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Last Paid:

By whom Not paid since enlistment

To what time

=====

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

(Confederate.)

E | 18 | Ala.

=====

P. T. Elder

Pvt, Co I, 18 Reg't Alabama Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,

for Sept & Oct , 1862.

Enlisted:

When Jan 20 , 1862
Where Ashville
By whom Capt Thomason
Period

Last paid:

By whom Capt McVoy
To what time Aug 31 , 1862

Present or absent Present
Remarks:

(Confederate.)

E | 18 | Ala.

P.T. Elder

Pvt, Co I, 18 Reg't Alabama Infantry.
Appears on Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for Nov & Dec , 1862.

Enlisted:

When Jan. 20 , 1862.
Where Ashville
By whom Capt Thomason
Period War

Last Paid:

By whom Capt McVoy
To what time Oct 31 , 1862

Present or absent Present
Remarks:

58th Alabama Infantry (National Archives 1960c M311/R463; LDS 0880792).

Elder, P.T.

Co. D, 58 Alabama Infantry
(Confederate.)
Private | Private
CARD NUMBER

Number of medical cards herein 0
Number of personal papers herein 0

CONFEDERATE

E | 58 | Ala.

P.T. Elder

Co. D, 58 Reg't, Ala. Inf.
Appears on a

LIST

of casualties of the 58th Ala.
Reg't., in the battle of Chicka-
mauga, Ga., Sept. 19 and 20, 1863.

Remarks: wounded severely leg
Series 1. Vol. 30, part 2, page 367.
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CONFEDERATE

E 58 Ala.

P.T. Elder

Priv, Co. D, 32 and 58 Reg't, Ala. Inf.

Appears on an Inspection Report
of the 32d and 58th Alabama Regiment,
Clayton's Brigade
Report dated near Dalton, Ga.
Dec 6 , 1863.

Absent with leave:
What authority:
From
To
Remarks Absent without leave
Miscellaneous Inspection Report No. 72.

(Confederate.)
E 58 Ala.
P.T. Elder
Priv Co. D, 58 Reg't Alabama Infantry.
Appears on Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above
for Jan & Feb , 1864.

Enlisted:
When Jan 20 , 1862.
Where Ashville, Ala.
By whom Capt Thomason
Period War

Last paid:
By whom Capt. Busch/Bush
to what time June 30 , 1863.
Present or absent absent
Remarks: absent command
since wounded Sept 20, 1863.

P.T. Elder among casualties of Co. D, 58th Regt Ala Inf. Casualty battle of
Chickamauga Ga 9/19 9/20/1863. Wounded severely in leg. Series 1 vol. 30, part
2, pg 367.

Inspection Report 32nd & 58th Ala. Regiment, Clayton's Brigade, Stewart's
Division, near Dalton Ga 12/6/1863. Absent without leave.

Texas State Archives: Muster Roll Abstract B.K. Fawcett

Name & Rank: Fawcett, B.K., Pvt.

Comm. Off: Carter, B.F., Captain

Organ: Tom Green Rifles, Travis Cty, (Co.B.
4th Regt., TVI, Hood's Brig., CSA)

Enlist: [May 25, 1861 for 12 months?]

Disch: Descript:

Remarks: R&F 174; Citizens of Travis Cty furnished uniforms and camp equipage,
no arms. Co. org'd for service CSA until accepted subject to order of governor.
[Co. later became Co., B., 4th Reg., TVI, Hood's Brig., CSA]. 2 muster rolls
dtd. May, 1861. 1 roll of Co. B. taken from published lists of Val C. Giles and
made from memory. Name not on muster rolls dtd. May, 1861.

Gidding's Battalion Texas Cavalry (National Archives 1960a; LDS 1501269).

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Fawcett, Benjamin K

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Carringtons Co., Giddings' Batt'n
Texas Cavalry.
(Confederate.)
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Private | Private
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CARD NUMBERS

1 44391157

2 389899

Number of medical cards herein 0

Number of personal papers herein 1

 (Confederate.)
 F | Giddings' Batt'n, Cavalry. | Texas.
 =====
 B.K. Fawcett
 Priv, {Capt. Carrington's Company,
 Giddings' Battalion, Cavalry.
 Residence Austin
 Appear on roll of Prisoners of War
 of W.H.D. Carrington's Co., Giddings' Batt'n,
 Cav'y, Confederate States Army, commanded by
 W.H.D. Carrington, surrendered at New Orleans,
 La., by General E.K. Smith, C.S.A., to Maj.
 Gen. E.R.S. Canby, U.S.A., May 26, 1865.
 Roll dated Not dated
 Paroled Not stated
 Remarks:

(Confederate.)
 9 | Cav. | Tex.
 =====
 B.K. Fawcett
 Prt. Carringtons Cav Tex
 Residence Hays Co Texas
 Appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War,
 officers and men of the Confederate State Army.
 Roll dated Not dated
 Paroled Not stated
 Remarks:
 Signs name Benj. K.
 Fawcett.

 No. 2 Hd Tex Cavalry Forces
 Mil Div of the South West
 Austin Texas July 26 1865.
 B.K. Fawcett of Carrington's Company Regiment Texas Cavalry (Fords Com'd)
 C.S.A. residing in Hays County Texas having been, with the approval of the
 proper authorities paroled, is permitted to return to his home, not to be
 disturbed by the United States Authorities, so long as he observes his parole
 and the laws in force where he may reside. By order of
 Major General Wesley Merritt
 333 Capt 18th NY and Provost Marshall

Texas State Archives, Muster Roll Abstract: Niles Fawcett.
 Name & Rank: Fawcett, Niles, 1st Corpl.
 Comm. Off: Carter, B.F., Captain
 Organ: Tom Green Rifles, Travis Cty, (Co.B.
 4th Regt., TVI, Hood's Brig., CSA)
 Enlist: [May 25, 1861 for 12 months?]
 Dish: Descript:
 Remarks: R&F 174; Citizens of Travis Cty furnished uniforms and camp equipage,
 no arms. Co. org'd for service CSA until accepted subject to order of governor.
 [Co. later became Co. B., 4th Reg., TVI, Hood's Brig., CSA] 2 muster rolls dtd.
 May, 1861. 1 roll of
 Co. B. taken from published lists of Val C. Giles and made from memory. Name not
 on muster rolls dtd. May, 1861.

4th Texas Infantry (National Archives 1960b; LDS1501362).

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 Fawcett, Niles
 =====
 Co. B, 4 Texas Infantry.
 (Confederate.)
 =====
 Corporal | Sergeant
 =====

CARD NUMBERS

1 51525233
2 5336
3 5433
4 5513
5 5617
6 5848

Number of medical cards herein 0
Number of personal papers herein 0

(Confederate.)

F | 4 | Texas.

Niles Fawcett

1 Corp, Co. B, 4 Reg't Texas Infantry.
Appears on Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for Sept. & Oct. , 1861.

Enlisted:

When July 11 , 1861.

Where Camp Clark, Tex.

By whom

Period For the War.

Last paid:

By whom Captain C.W. Hardy

To what time Aug 31 , 1861

Present or absent Present.

Remarks: Promoted from private
Oct. 9th/61

(Confederate.)

F | 4 | Texas.

Niles Fawcett

1 Corp, Co. B, 4 Reg't Texas Infantry.
Appears on Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for Nov. & Dec. , 1861.

Enlisted:

When July 11 , 1861.

Where Camp Clark, Texas.

By whom

Period For the War.

Last paid:

By whom Captain J.D. Wade

To what time Oct. 31 , 1861.

Present or absent Present.

Remarks:

(Confederate.)

F | 4 | Texas.

Niles Fawcett

1 Corp, Co. B, 4 Reg't Texas Infantry.
Appears on Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for Jan. & Feb. , 1862.

Enlisted:

When July 11 , 1861.

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Enlisted:
When July 11 , 1861.
Where Camp Clark, Tex.
By whom
Period For the War
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Last paid:
By whom Capt J.D. Wade
To what time June 30 , 1862.
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Present or Absent
Remarks: Killed in battle
Manassas Plains Aug.
30th 1862
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*Letter Benj Keyes Fawcett, Dripping Spring TX to Virginia Fawcett, St. Charles
MO 3/2/1863*

Dripping Spring, Hays Co, Texas
Dear Sister Virginia, March 2nd 1863

Willis has shown me your kind letter which he received during my absence in Virginia. I was very glad to hear that you all have been well. It is the first time we have heard from you all since the war commenced. It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of our Brother, Niles. He fell at Manassas in the afternoon of the 30th of last August. He fell while charging a Battery & was killed instantly. He was shot with a cannister shot near the left eye. I was within forty or fifty yards of him but did not see him fall. After we had taken the Battery, I missed Niles & inquired of all of my acquaintances but

did not find him for some twenty or thirty minutes.

I joined the Missouri army in Arkansas in April last [1862]. We were ordered to Corinth & I served three months in north Mississippi & then went to see Ras [Erasmus Rigney Fawcett] and Sister Ann [Elizabeth Pride Hill--Ras' wife who lived in Kemper County MS]. I stayed a few days with them & then went on to Virginia. We caught up with the Army [Company B of Hood's Brigade with General R.E. Lee] on the Rappahannock River three days before the Battle of Manassas was fought. I was consequently with poor Niles but three days, yet it is very gratifying to me to have seen him before his death. I also offered to take his place for the war or any length of time he wished.

Tell our nephews & neices that their Uncle Niles had traveled over the World a great deal & had been thrown with all kinds of people but still was moderate & ... in his habits & had wronged no one intentionally he was a good man & a good soldier. We buried him with a young man who was a member of the same company & a son of Parson Thomas of Austin. They are buried on the battlefield on the East Side of a little branch called Cub Run.

I went on with the Army into Maryland & was wounded in the left leg at the battle of Sharpsburg. I thought of trying to get a letter to you & to Willis' children, but we were on the other side of the Potomac River only a few days & had but little time to write. I stayed two or three days in Harrisonburg & met with many of Father's old friends. I also was at the James Crawfords two or three days [B.K. Fawcett's eldest brother, Abner, married their daughter, Jane]. Mrs Crawford was kind enough to take me in her carriage to Langerville in the edge of Augusta Co where Fanny Hopkins [Abner's daughter] is living. She is married the second time. Sister Jane [Crawford, widow of Abner Fawcett] is living with her & is in excellent health & expressed a great desire to see you in Virginia once more. Her younger daughter died last summer. I was with them about a week until my wounds got so I could travel without much inconvenience.

From Fannys house I went to Stanton. When we got near town the horse ran off with the buggy & threw us out, bruising me very much but did not hurt my wounds much. Heard that your old friend Mrs Talor (daughter of Mrs. Mosby), was living in town. I went to see her. Stayed all night at her house. She treated me very kindly & said she would like very much to see you all. Her father is dead. Mrs Mosby is living with her [mother?] & looks as if she will last a good while yet. I saw Dr. Calhoun & he lives in Harrisonburg. They told me that Mr Gauss & Net & you all have been very kind to them & he offered to assist me any way he could.

On my return home I stopped with Ras & Sister Ann about two weeks [in Kemper County MS]. They are not living in a very healthy place & were suffering from ague & fever. They have four children, one daughter & three sons.

I was at Gainesville Ala & stayed one night with Bob McMahon & sister Elizabeth [Scott Bell Fawcett McMahon]. They are all well & doing well. I will stop now & write again as soon as there is any certainty in your getting a letter from this part of the country. I will send this to Willis & have him write some to direct it to Mr Chamberlain [--the Presbyterian minister formerly of St. Charles who married Lucretia Fawcett and Samuel McCluer, and whose daughter married Richard King--founder of the King Ranch] who lives at Brownsville on the Rio Grande River perhaps he can send it to you. Give my love to Net, Eugene, Lucretia, Harriett & the little folks

Your Brother Keyes.

[note: this letter was sent with the one from Willis Fawcett, below]

*Letter Willis Fawcett, Austin TX to Virginia Fawcett, St. Charles MO 3/10/1863
near Austin city, Texas
March 10, 1863*

My dear Sister [Virginia Fawcett]:

By Keyes' letter [above] you see that I have received your very kind letter addressed to Niles, Keyes & myself, post marked San Antonio in April last & forwarded by a friend of yours through a friend in one of the northern cities. I hardly need say that the receipt of it was very gratifying.

It will render Keyes' writing more intelligible for me to say that our dear brother Niles attached himself to Capt Carter's company (now Lt Col) which was one of the first twenty companys of volunteers that left Texas for Virginia, and started I think in July 1861. It was in the second great battle at Manassas in which he fell. He was never on the sick list and was in all the battles about Richmond & elsewhere in Va in which the Texans distinguished themselves up to the time he faught his last.

Keyes left Texas during February last year and joined the Missouri troops as he informed you. In Virginia he attached himself to the company in which Niles was, as an independent volunteer. When he went away he said he would give one year to his country and return if possible to Texas. He was shot in the left leg, while he was loading his gun in a half kneeling position, with a rifle or minnie ball which passed through above the knee & lodged in the calf below. The wounds are entirely healed and he limps very little if any. He has in his possession the bullet & also one with which Niles was slightly wounded in the foot during one of the battles near Richmond. In Keyes' offer to Niles to take his place in the army, as he informs you, I think he shows conduct worthy of admiration.

We see very few newspapers even of those published in the south, and none of the North but we learn enough to increase our lamentations daily on account of the war. I fear now as I did at the outbreak that we were given over by the Almighty to our corruptions and that until we, north & south, are purged therefrom we will not see the end. To look at the scenes through which we are passing with human eyes it appears as if there was a great & unnecessary sacrifice of many things we hold dear--but if this only a world of probation human beings live faster and have their nation & character developed, matured & manifested during a very short period in such experience and while we have to admit that we do not know much about it. We do know that to a great many unpleasant phases we have to submit. Should not the really religious prize more highly their hopes & expectations of the future world? Many many of the citizens of the once United States may have had their affection, so wrapped up with our ideas of independence & freedom as to prevent their healthful play & devotion towards the government above, and this dissolving war may have been sent for the purpose of destroying our idol and directing us to the time subject for worship.

Henry [Gauss?] wishes to know something of the politicks of some particular individuals of his acquaintance in this region. Actions reported to you speak louder than words so that I need say nothing about the views of those but I am sorry to say in relation to Swenson that he voted against secession, and has had corresponding views ever since, up to this time. Poor fellow he says he can't see any better, but he submits like a good citizen pays his taxes without grumbling & complies with the laws.

My wife [Jerusha Wight] has been sick for several weeks and has a singular affliction of the eyes. While there is no inflammation apparent she can't distinguish individuals however near. On account of the isolation of our Ranch from good neighbors & physicians, she accepted the kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Swenson, friends of ours in Austin, to make their home a home until she could see. Jerusha is about passing through what is considered a dangerous period of married life and her doctor & friends hope that, after passing the crises, her sight will be restored. At Mr. Swenson's she has everything that wealth & kindness can afford. And who do you think is her attending physician? No less a man than Doctor Graham who always inquired kindly for you & all the family. Mrs. G & her large family are enjoying good health. Two of her daughters married & have a child each. They all appear like kin folk. Don't forget them when you write.

Instead of trying Mr. Chamberlin as suggested by Keyes I shall another who has been recommended to me. Willis
[margin note:] When you reply to this direct as usual on one envelope to me at Austin, Texas, and put the enclosed two stamps thereon. Then place the enveloped letter thus addressed in another envelope and direct the last to Antone Erichard Esq, Matamoras, Mexico. To have Mr. Erehard's agency I have to assure him there is no politicks in our letters--so leave yours unsealed that is the one your envelope to him for me.

Give my love to Eugene, Net, Samuel & Lucretia & their children & be assured of my abiding affection.

PS Austin Mar 16 I have to advise you that Jerusha was delivered of an inanimate child night before last and is doing very well since. Her sight we have more hope will be restored.

Letter Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO to Lucy Fawcett, Baltimore MD 8/11/1863
St. Charles August 11th 1863.

Dear Lucy,

After delaying to write for such a length of time I am sorry to be the

vehicle of painful news. Last month I received a joint letter from your Father & Keyes giving the sad news of the death of your Uncle Niles. It was in the second great battle of Manassas that he was killed on the thirteenth of August last, nearly a year since. Although I had not received a word from them since the War commenced, I felt satisfied Niles & Keyes were in the Army & thought I was preparing myself for any tidings that might reach us. I often pictured them sick, wounded, suffering privations & enduring all imaginable hardships, but after all, was not ready to hear that one had been killed.

Your Father says your uncle Nile was among the first volunteers that left Texas in July 1861. He attached himself to the company of Capt Carter which was one of the first that left for Virginia. He was in all the battles about Richmond & elsewhere in Va, in which the Texans distinguished themselves, up to the time he faught his last. Your uncle Keyes says he was within fifty yards of him when he fell. Must have been killed instantly. Was shot just above the left eye with a canister shot. They had been charging a battery & as soon as it was taken, he looked but it was some twenty or thirty minutes before he found him. They buried him with a young man a member of the same company, by the name of Thomas, of Ausin, Texas, on the east side of Cub Run.

It is distressing, very indeed, to loose a friend in this way, but I feel disposed to gather all the comfort that I can from the circumstance connected. In the first place, we are taught that affections arise not from the chest & that man is born to trouble and at when it comes we are further more told to commit our cause to God. He knows what is good for us, and it is our duty to submissive under such trials, acknowledge what ever he orders is done wisely. It is a comfort that Keyes should have been with him, seen him decently buried, & that we should be able to get a letter (even at this late date) giving us the particulars of his death. And how thankful I feel that Keyes life was spared, he was wounded at Sharpsburg in the leg but your Father says the wound has healed & that he limps very little if at all. Your uncle Keyes says he wished to write to you all from Sharpsburg very much, but was removed in so short a time that he could not make it out. Keyes did not leave Texas until February 1862, joined the Missouri Troops, was ordered from place to place, & did not ge to Va until just three days before the battle in which Niles was killed.

Your Father says nothing about his health so I presume he is well & nothing about his affairs except that Jerusha has a singular affection of the eye, while there is no inflammation apparent she cannot distinguish persons across the room. But hope before this she is restored her sight & generally healthy. She was confined the day before my letter was mailed & was doing very well though the infant did not live. Her physcian, I believe has more hope that her sight will be restored. Your father no doubt wrote to you by the same opportunity that he sent mine but for fear you did not get it, I write. He tells me that he voted against cession & still thinks he did right but submits like a good citizen, pays his taxes without any fuss & complies with the laws.

As your uncle Keyes made his way back to Texas he passed through the Valley of Va though his native Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co. & saw your uncle Abner's widow & daughter, Fanny Hopkins, who lives in the edge of Augusta County. Nannie Fawcett, the second daughter, had died since we had heard from them. Then travels on to Mississippi & saw your Uncle Erasmus [Rigney Fawcett] & family. This was again great gratificaion to him & them to be able to hear once more from them.

How do you all do & I hope well. I understand through Mr. Douglas that you & Gennie [Eugenia Fawcett] were staying wih Ginnie [Virginia Fawcett] & Archie [Archibald C. Moore--her husband]. How does Ginnie like house keeping? My warmest love to them & tell Ginnie to write o me soon. Give my love to Genie, Haddy [Harriet Fawcett], Nettie [Henrietta Fawcett], Edward [Stabler Fawcett], Joseph [Willis Fawcett] & tell them how I would like to see them again. Mrs Douglas is in Charlestown, Va at this time. She left this in June, perhaps you may meet with her. We are all well here. Your Aunt Net & her babe, Albert Fawcett [Gauss] are doing very well. He has two teeth. They all desire to be reminded to you all. Forgive my seeming negligence & write to me soon. Lucy, I pray our merciful Father, that you & all of us may be prepared for eternity & we may meet my blessed brothers in heaven.

Ever your affectionate, Aunt Virginia [Fawcett]
P.S. Your Uncle Samuel & Aunt Lucretia [McCluer] were here a few days since. They came for Susan. She had been spending part of her vacation with us [Gauss household in St Charles]. They were all well, but as usual very busy. Henry is

at home & will be until the first of next month. He is as full of mischief as ever. He has been out lately taking lessons in surveying. Perhaps that will quiet him down a little. He says he would like to see Miss [Clara] Moore--more than any little lady he thinks of, his sister says. He surely expects to be a big man, for he loves to tease little folks so. Lucy, I would send your Fathers & Keyes letter but I am afraid in these times I might not get it back. I wrote to Ginnie in April. Did she not get the letter?

Letter Lucy Fawcett, Plainfield, Sandy Spring MD? to Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO 1 Sept 1863

Plainfield Sept 1, 1863

My dear Aunt [Virginia Fawcett]

Your letter of August 11th reached me yesterday conveying such sad intelligence. It was the first we had heard concerning Father and our uncles since the war; and was a great satisfaction, sad as it was, to know how they were facing these troublesome times. What a blessing that uncle Niles [Fawcett] did not have to share the fate of those who had to lie suffering and helpless for days without assistance; and how fortunate uncle [Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett] was to escape as he did. I can't remember anything about uncle Niles except that he was very tall, but I remember this, that he sent Gennie [Eugenia Fawcett] a pamphlet and me an illustrated California paper several years ago. The gift to be sure was small but it just showed that he remembered his little nieces (as we were then) even if they were in the far east and he had not seen them for a long time. I still have the paper put away up stairs.

Although I have not had opportunity of knowing uncle Niles personally yet I can fully sympathize with you in all of your feelings of love and anxiety which every one feels for one so near as a brother. When subject to such dangers as he was and uncle Keyes still is I suppose as you do not say in your letter he has retired from the Army. I can better appreciate your feeling having brothers myself in whom I feel a deeper interest than perhaps I otherwise would if they had a father and mother to watch over them and screen them from the roughest of this worlds knocks. Edward [Stabler Fawcett] will be 18 years of age on the 22nd of March next when he will be liable to the draft if they continue to take them as young as they do now.

How I wish uncle Keyes had written to us while in Virginia. Just to think he was so near! And we did not see him. He must write yet when he has a chance to send the letter. And, I think of father can write a letter to you he can to some of us. I can assure him we would be delighted. I have so often wondered what had become of him and imagined all sorts of things from the worst to the best. We though perhaps if he was ... he might have joined the army of Union. That it was possible he had been murdered for his sentiments whether by whites or Indians. So you can imagine what a relief it was to have all these vague possibilities set at rest by your letter. I am very sorry Mrs Fawcett (this sounds very distant but I don't know how else to call her) eyes are so seriously effected and still more so for her sake and Father's that they were not granted a little child. It must have been a great disappointment.

If you should have opportunity of sending a letter to Father, tell him he has the additional title now of Grandfather. For Ginnie has a little daughter who is named Anna Hartshorne Moore (named for the cousin Ginnie made her home with for 2 yrs previous to her marriage). Baby Anna will be two weeks old next Saturday. She is a fine healthy child and Ginnie gets along nicely except that she hasnt a competent nurse but we will soon be able to do without her altogether.

I am house keeper now and will have to get up early tomorrow so it is quite time I was thinking of retiring. Give my best love to Uncle Eugene [Gauss], Aunt Net [Henrietta Fawcett McCluer] and family. Write as often as you can. I always find your letters both instructive and interesting.

I am your affectionate niece, Lucy
Ginnie sends her love to you all. I will write to the children in Alexandria and let them know of the contents of your letter.

LETTER Benj Keyes Fawcett (Brownsville TX) to Virginia Fawcett (St. Charles MO) 10/2/1864.

Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas
October 2, 1864

Dear Sister Virginia

I commenced a letter to you about three weeks ago but the French landed at the mouth of the river & commenced military operations against the Mexicans & stoped all communication. The French have now possession of the City of Mattamoras which they took about a week ago with out much fighting. The Boats are running now & I suppose that there is now no difficulty in getting a letter started to your Country. During the last month we have had stirring times at this point & on the other side of the Rio Grande. Old Cortenous who is one of the leading men of the state of Tammalepas & a great rober & desperado, fell out with us on account the friendly intercourse exising between our authorities & the French, & formed an alliance with the Yankees about three weeks ago, & made an attack on our troops about twenty miles below this place. Our men were driven back by Cortenas Mexicans & a reinforcement of Yankee troops from Brazos Island. Our men were reinforced from here & on the 7th of last month our Company under Captain Carrington of Ausin was ordered down to the front. It was raining when we left town & continued prettry much all day. We went on to see if we could find the Yankee pickets. We found them about eighteen miles below here. We did not exchange any shotes with them as we were ordered to asertain where their lines were. We then fell back three of four miles & camped. Our horses were pretty tired wading through the mud. Everything we had was wet & we had rather an unpleasant night, but we were pretty tyred & slept mucch better than a person would have supported. The next day moved down again & attempted to draw the Yankees in to a little fight but they would not advance from their position. We exchanged a few shots with them & then returned to our camp. On the morning of the 9th Our company march down to the front supported by Col. Gigions [Gidding's] Battalion of Cavalry. One of my messmates & my self were called on to act as videts. We took a position about a half a mile from the lower edge of the Palo Alto prairie/ penninsula(?). We had been in our position about three quarters of an hour when a party of Cortianas men about forty of them dismounted & advanced on us through the chapparal as skirmishers & about thirty or forty cavalry moved up in the edge of the prairie to flank us on the left at the same time. They advanced on us briskly through the chapparal & abot twenty of them fire at us but did not hit either of us. We fell back to our lines which were supported by the Battallion. After some right sharpe firing, the order to charge was given. We drove the Mexicans back capturing eight & killing four or five. They halted within about a mile & a half near where the Yankees had a battery of artillery supported by infantry. Captain Benavides who has command of two or three companys of Texas Mexicans who belong to our division & who is a very good officer was ordered to the front to skirmish & commence the attack. Our company was ordered

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to their support. I my self volunteered to join a little squad of ten men & a Lietenant to recanointe on our left flank. Our company moved down & joined Benivides in another charge. There was a ight smart fight. The Yankees used two or three pieces of Artillery on us. There was one man killed in the last charge of our company. We had seveal horses wounded. We do not know what the loss of the enemy was in the last fight but it is reported by the French that they lost, killed, captured & wounded amounted to about 10. The next day Cortinas men & the Yankees fell back down the river. Cortinas men reached the river & the Yankees retreated to the Island, Brazos Santiago. This side of the river is cleare of our enemy now. We had a communication by flag of Texas with the Federals on Brazos Island a short time since. Our men report six or seven hundred troops on the Island composed of Yankees, Negors & Mexicans. I do not think we will have much more fighting here for sometime to come but we can not tell anything about it. I think that if we should let a large amount of cotton accumulate here the Yankees will be very likely to come to see us for the sake of the cotton. There is about fifteen hundred Frech Marines in Bagdad, a little town at the mouth of the river & I suppose there is about three thousand French troops for Mexicans enlisted in the French amy in Mattamoras. Some of them visit us nearly every day. They make a considerable display of their fine uniform. Some of them are dressed in red pants & long dark blue coats which I supose are not very pleasant in his climate, as we find I hot enough in our shirt sleeves. Cortinas has pached up some sort of peace wih the Maximillian authority. I am told however that he is a very uneasey for fear that he will have to refund the money that he has robbed the citizens of Mattamoras of. Cotton has commenced coming in the Steam Boats & little sail vessels are taking the cotton to the mouth of the river pretty fast. If the trail is not interferred with there will be a large

business carried on here before long. This trip is the first I have ever made to this part of the state. The Rio Grande is very much like the Missouri river. It is very long, crooked & muddy. It is very rapid. It rises & falls very sudden. It is consequently a poor stream for navigation from this point down the steam boats can do a good business but above here they can not do much.

Since we have occupied this place, our men have captured one little steam boat & five or six Yankees. On our march from Ringold Barracks, (which is about one hundred & twenty miles above this place) we have several little skirmishes & fights with the Yanks in which we have captured & killed about fifty, also several waggon & teams. We get a chance to see the New York & New Orleans papers right often. Here they have a great deal to say about the Presidential Election, but we can not tell much about the chances for us if Lincoln should be defeated. I heard a conversation yesterday between several of our men as to the probable effect of McClellan's Election. One man thought that if McClellan was elected & would propose a reconstruction that there would be a party of ultra Abolitionists who would want to secede & form a government of their own. Another man who was standing by said he did not know how that would be, but he would bet his old hat that if they did go off on themselves that the Confederacy would not try to whip them back or try to prevent their forming a government to suit themselves. We all agree with the man that purposed to bet his hat. All we ask is to be let alone.

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I have not seen Willis [Fawcett--his elder and Unionist brother] since last fall, but I heard from him in July last. He & his wife were well. He was living on the Rio Frio in Live Oak County. I was told that he intended to move back near Austin. I was told by one of his friends that he had very bad luck with his sheep. That he lost about half of the Ewes. They were very good sheep & it is a very heavy loss. I am very sorry for him, but I think that his bad luck has been caused by bad management mostly. These times are pretty hard on sheep men as we have no market for our wool. The Government bought our wool the first year of the War but now the Yankees have the Mississippi & we cannot get across. There is very little machinery on this side of the Mississippi river suitable for the manufacturing of wool, consequently we will have to hold on to the wool or ship it by way of Mexico which is very expensive & slow. I have not made any division in the sheep yet. I have taken care of them myself, since I returned from Virginia, up to the time that I joined the army this time which was in June last. During the eighteen months that I had charge of the sheep I marked twelve hundred lambs & when I left them they were doing well, except that there was some scab among them. If I could have remained with them I could have cured the scab or at least prevented it from injuring them materially. I have left them in charge of a man by the name of Washington Hyatt. He helped me twelve months & is a good honest fellow. He is very badly crippled with rheumatism & will not be called on to do military service. I let him have them for twelve months. He is to have one third of the lambs & one third of the wool. I am in hopes that by next spring that the Yankees will agree to let us live in peace one more, but if they will insist upon it we will fight them until the evening of the last day, rather than submit to Yankee dictation. I have forgotten to mention that I received your letter which was dated about a year ago. Willis received it & mailed it to me. I was glad to hear that you were all well & getting along so peaceably. I suppose that some parts of Missouri have suffered as much as any of the Confederacy, but your portion of the state has been more fortunate. Yet I have no doubt that your rights have been materially effected considering that we have all been taught the good old Jefferson doctrine, that all true Government is founded on the consent of the governed.

I received a letter by Aunt Pheby [Phoebe Keyes or Mrs. Joseph Bywater born ca. 1799 and formerly of Rockingham County VA] & one from her youngest daughter last spring. They are living near Paris, Lamar Co [Texas]. She says that she has two sons & three daughters in Texas & one son & two daughters in Missouri. She complained that I said so little of my sisters in my letter to her. I suppose that she is very old & will not last long. I should like very much to see her & if I can get a transfer to some regiment in the northern part of the state I will try to go to see her. I do not like our Captain [Carrington] much anyhow. He is a Lawyer & Preacher too & I think that there are few men that follow both professions but who are not hypocrites. He is a man of considerable talent & intelligence but no capacity for his present position. You will be surprised when I tell you that I met our old friend, Mr. Chamberlain. He is in good health

but looks much older than he use to. I have seen two of his sons. One of them is grown & is a good looking fellow. The other is small but intelligent boy. Mr. Chamberlin has been living hear ever cince he moved from Missouri. He has a good church & comfortable parsonage hear. He is chaplain of one of our regiments which is in the Eastern part of the state. The Yankees took his place last fall [in Brownsville?] & Mrs Chamberlin had to move over to Matamoros. She is living there now, but expects to return to this place in a short time. They have two daughters married. Henrietta [Chamberlin] who you have not forgotten I suppose has married

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a gentleman by the name of King who is one of the most wealthy men in this state. They have a residence in this place which is comfortable & is well supplied with shrubry such as I have never seen before I came to this place. Mr. King also owns a good deal of the other property in this place. They have five children & are now living in San Antonio. Mr Chamberlin's second daughter married a man by the name of Douglas who is now living in Matamoros. This place at the time that the Federals took possession of it had a popultion of abou four thousand & was improving rapidly. It has been damaged very much by the Yankee troops. The houses & little yards a[re] very much defaced. I have visited Matamoros once since we came to this place. I was some what disappointed as o the size of Matamoros yet it is a right lage plac. It is all together Mexican city. The streets are narrow & very dusty. The houses are generally but one or two storys high. There is a great many French & other persons in Matamoros. The Mexican populaion look very much like Indians. They dress well & are generally clean & neat. Their faces are generally very difficent in Beauty. The Mexican ladies seem to have good taste in the selecion of colors & figures. They seldom ware a bonnet but use a shawl instead. About a week ago when the French took possession of Matamoros, a Mexican General by name of Cornallas came over to our side& brought about three hundred of his men with him. He was afraid that Cortina would make him fight the French. His man did not look very formadable to us as a grea many of them were very small. They were not well dressed & nearly all of the privates wore sandals. Their arms were not first rate. They turned their amy over to our authorities. The General in command of Maximillans forces a Matamoros whos name is Mahear with his staff officers a visit yesterday. Our company was call on to review them. They were mostly of two dark a complecion for genuwin French men. They were dressed in fine flashy uniforms. They displayed a superabundance of gold lace & gold crosses. They used up champagne pretty freely & I supose that they enjoyed themselves very much. Send you one red bloom of the Oliander which I pulled in the yard of Henrietta King. I send a white one along which I got at another house. Mrs Kings house has been use by old Abes Negroes soldiers. They have defaced it very much. The yard has been well supplied with a variety of nice shrubs. I wish if you can that you will send me a paper as we seldom see one atall in the interior. I would send you some of our papers but they are very small badly printed & uninteresting. I hope you will write soon & when you do pleas direct your letter to Mr. George Dye & to the care of Milmo & Co, Matamoros. Mr Dye will forward it to be if I should not be here when it comes. You will have in close it in an extry envelop, if it should be directed o any placein our state. It is likely tha I would not get through but I suppose there will be no difficulty in it getting to Matamorosa where Mr Dye can get it. Give my love to Eugene & Net, Heny & the other little Gausses. Also to Samuel & Lucretia [McCluer of Dardenne MO] & the young ones. Tell them that I should like very much to visit them all, but a soldiers future is very uncertain. The las news by the New Orleans papers is encouraging to our side but we do not know if it is true or not. I think tha there well be a material change in the course of the next two or three months. I expect you will tire of this so I will quit. Your Brother AfECTIONately, Keyes [Fawcett]

Letter Lucy Fawcett, Baltimore MD to Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO 4/25/1865
Baltimore Apr 25/5

My dear Aunt [Virginia Fawcett]

I was very pleasantly surprised by a visit from Fathers old friend, Mr. Wm C. Ellison about 3 weeks ago. He was on his way from Washington o his home in New York. As soon as he arrived he came in search of me hoping o hear something from Father; and I was too sorry to think I could tell him nothing later than your letter of December last.

He suggested that we might write to Father's wife's family in New England.

For he said women, away from home would make every effort to communicate with their friends and at least it would be worth while to make the effort. But here again I was ignorant as to the address. Perhaps you can help me. I have written to Alexandria but I am inclined to believe they are no wiser.

Mr Ellison told me more about Father than I ever knew before. Representing him to be a character well worth striving to emulate. He told me all about the time when he and Father were young men and living in Washington. How cold winter nights they would start out and head up the road. There was one old woman they visited very often, taking basket of provisions with them, and would then sit and talk to her by the hour. Poor old lady those were happy hours to her! Noble youths! They need no praise, for such deeds bring their own reward.

Have you heard from Uncle Keyes lately? I very often think of him. If he should by any means get to Baltimore I hope he would not fail to let me know. I wish when you are writing you would mention this and tell him although he and I don't think alike on one subject we will in every other and he must remember he has two nieces in Baltimore who will be ever ready to give him a warm welcome when he turns his foot steps this way.

When any of you are writing to Charles Henry [Gauss] please tell him I wrote to him enclosing my photography about the first of March and that I have been waiting very patiently for an answer and his picture as he promised. I don't expect you understand how we started writing to each other. It was because in your letter you said he wanted the address of his friends in Maryland and Virginia and thought perhaps he intended calling to see us on his way home. So I wrote to him so that he might have no excuse for passing us by. He wrote me a real nice letter in answer to that. Just the kind I like to get.

The evening has passed away and it is time I had put my pen up but I cannot close this letter without telling you what a comfort your letters were to us when we felt as though we could not part with our dear brother. I often think of what you said and can see it is the true way of looking at death. How vain must seem this life to those who do not believe in a brighter hereafter. I received a short letter from Ginnie [Fawcett Moore] a few days ago. She and the children were well. The baby growing finely Others, outside, say Ginnie looks thin and sad but I think she deserves great credit for bearing her great loss with so much resignation. Poor Ginnie! She has the sympathy of many if that is of any avail.

I have not time to write more. Give my love to Aunt Net and Uncle Eugene and all the young folks-- Your affectionate niece, Lucy [Fawcett]

Letter E.R. Fawcett, DeKalb MS to Virginia Fawcett, St. Charles MO 10/9/1865
Near De Kalb, Miss Oct. 9th 1865.

Dear Sister Jinny

Time probably has had so much effect on you and I, that we might not know each other if we were unexpectedly thrown together, but I have not forgotten that I have three Sisters [Virginia Fawcett, Lucretia Fawcett McCluer and Henrietta Fawcett Gauss] in Missouri. I am glad that the war is over, so that I may once more hear from you all. If my circumstances would admit, I should be happy to make a visit up the railroad to St. Charles. It would require but a few days.

Over three years ago, a man in Confederate soldiers dress, dropped in on us unexpectedly. He asked me if my name was Fawcett. It was a name I never had denied though I had done but little to make it distinguished. I acknowledged my name. He then asked me if I did not recollect Keyes? If a bomb shell had fallen near me probably I should not have been more astonished. It was like all other God sends, quite unlooked for. I had not heard of his joining the Army. Besides he was a grown settled man, having none of the boyish ways about him, that I might have expected. He staid with us but a short time, and then went on to the Army in Virginia with the kind intention of taking the place of our other good brother, Niles, whose death we still mourn. Keyes succeeded in getting to the Army only three days before the 2nd battle of Manassas. He took a hand in a smaller battle which, I believe, was called Kings Mountain, that came off only one or two days before the Second battle of Manassas. And he continued to do soldiers duties (without enrolling his name) until the battle of Sharpsburg at which he was very painfully wounded in one of his legs. The ball passed between the muscles and the bone under the knee. He soon recovered enough to be able to travel, on his return up the valley by the way of Old Harrisonburg, Staunton, etc. Saw out Sister Jane [Crawford--widow of Abner Fawcett] and her married

Daughter (the name of her husband I have forgotten). Her other Daughter had died some time before. Keyes said the people treated him very kindly in Rockingham and Augusta. My old School master, Mr. Ric'd Fletcher, inquired especially about me. He was too kind and lenient for my good. While I went to his school.

The most important thing that has come to pass, in our family, for a long time, is the birth of another little Fawcett. He was born on the 15th of last June. When he first made his advent, all of us seemed to agree on giving him the name of Keyes, but the Benjamin was quite unpopula. So he went without a name for six or eight weeks. But we finally settled on Erasmus Keyes. He is a plump healthy little chap, said to look exactly like me. All of our children have blue eyes and yellow hair, varying as a horsejockey would say from a bright to chestnut sorrel.

We would all like to move to Texas or some other country where there is not so many Negroes. The eternal subject is not done with yet, though no one doubts that the negroes are free. Still what is to be done with them, is the question tha no man can answer. To turn four million ignorant, lazy, thieftish things, in ugly human shape and sooty color, loose free, after they had been raised from infancy in slavery, is no small matter. The Yankees will find that they have more than they contracted for. There is not one Negro in a thousand that knows his A.B.C.s. And there are hundreds of them that cannot count silver money. And there are hundreds of unprincipled white men around ready and very willing to cheat them out of their last cent, without caring whether the negro stole it, or honestly earned it by the sweat of his brow. You would be surprised to see so many wornout feeble old creatures and not a few of them in their dotage, and there is a vast number in the other extreme. What Shakespear called, 'the infant newling and parking in the nurses arms'. Both of these classes will be a tax on somebody. Some of the negroes believe that the Yankees will divide out all of the land of the rich men, into little plantation, and give them to the negroes. Also the horses, mules, cattle, hogs etc. Many intelligent men seem to be uneasy about the negroes fear that they will be very troublesome probably about next Christmas, which is the time the negro is to be paid off and o be turned entirely loose. On some plantations a careless observer would see no change in the conduct of the negroes, but some other farms have been entirely deserted. Most of the former owners of the negroes seem to stand their loss much better than might be expected. Our State is sill garisoned by the Yankees. Cotton and horse stealing is heard of every day, and the Yankees also come in for his full share. Very little cotton planted this year. Corn crop very poor. The price will probably be high. Affectionately yr brother Ras.

Oct 13/65. The accompanying sheet was scratched over several days ago, but I failed to get it off to the Railraod. I have snce heard from our friends in Gainesville, Sister Elizabeth, Bob McMahon etc are all in good health. Bob seems to have struck a good streak of luck. Owing to the great scarcity of rolling stock on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, the Company is not able carry freight up and down as fast as the people wish it done. Consequently an emence quantity of cotton is hauled to Gainesville to be shipped down the Bigbee river when the water gets up on Steamboats. A large portion of this cotton is what is known by the name of Government Cotton. That is it belonged to the Confederate Government up to the surrdender. It was then transfered over to the Yankee authorities. Most all of this cotton was remaining on the plantations without being disturbed until it was transfered to the Yankees. Then the old devil seemed to have broken his chain for Stealing cotton be came a common every day thing. Southerners, Yankees & foreigners all seem to be trying to see which shall get the most cotton. Some of them don't stop to enquire who the cotton belongs to, but it they are caught in the act of stealing private cotton, they will say 'Oh I thought it was Government Cotton' or I should not have touched it for the world. Horses, mules, etc are stolen daily. This retched state of affairs has caused the Yankee Government to be anxious to get their cotton off the plantaion so that they can more easily guard it in large lots. Bob fortunately is in the Storeing business. He has already recd. ten thousand dollars in Greenbacks, and he has a good prospec of getting fifteen thousand more from the same Yankee authorities. I most heartily wish him success.

I still hate the real down eastern Yankees. Probably would not shed a tear for them, if a stroke of lightning was to exterminate them in a moment. But I do not approve of the general stealing that is now going on so extensively. The negroes are free, and I would not crook my finger to reestablish their slavery. But I should like very much to see all especially the very old and the very

young sent to New England. The Yankees might have a chance to exercise his superabundant philanthropy and the ignorant negroe might learn that the Yankees heare is as cold as the New England climate.

I shall carry this down to the R. Road myself. Tell our sisters I should likely to receive a letter from each of them.

Ann, Our four boys and one daughter are generally in good health, but at this time I have to acknowledge that Frank and Branson are troubled with chills. The balance of us are all well. Give our love to Net, Crissa, and our other Kin folks.

Very affectionately E.R.

Fawcett

[margin note:] I have not had a letter from Keyes since last April a year. If you have anything from him or Willis don;t fail to let me know. I wrote to him about two weeks ago.

I shall send this to Sucanochee to be expressed as we have no mail from the railroad out to DeKalb.

LETTER Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO 12/12/1865
Yorktown, DeWitt Co., Texas,
December 12, 1865.

To Virginia Fawcett,
Saint Charles, Mo.

My dear Sister - I avail myself o the firs opportunity by a United States Mail that has been within my reach since the commencement of the war. I understand that the mail contractors on the line from Port Lavaca to San Antonio are now placing the coaches and horses at their proper stations and that tomorrow the first coach for the accomodation of citizens will take mail from this little town on eastward towards he centre of Uncle Sam's domain.

What a storm has swept over our country since we had the privilege of a regular correspondence - and what desolaion! How inconsistent with some of the plainest precepts recorded in the New Testament is war! I meant to say how inconsistent it appears to me to see those who profess practical christianity to advocate war and voluntarily draw the sword to mend the manners of a particular section of the world, or perhaps to seek vengeance for what the warriors may deen an offense! There has been fighting going on in almost every past age of which we have any history. But from the oldest to the latest battle is there one, the result

of which proves which side in the contest was morally right? It appears to me the result only shows which side was the best at fighting or which had

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the advantage in number, power or skill - such battles no more prove which is right, than that between two men meeting on a highway one a very large stong & active man, the other diminuiue & weak - they have a difference and they go to fighting - the little fellow gets badly used up; but does the result prove tha the big fellow was right? So, when we are all called on to vote on the questions war? or no war? You may know where to look for my vote.

[Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett--their brother] was with us about two weeks since - we had not met for two years previously - I being engaged a good part of the time in trying to get out of the Confederacy, and he, during the same time, showing his loyalty to the same government, by volunteering as a soldier. We met as far as I felt or observed of him with the affection that existed between us before the war undiminished. His health has not been good since he returned last from the service, but he informed me that he was improving in strength and hoped to recover soon. I hope we will settle nea enough to each other to visit often - he is as much pleased with this part of the state as I am - he is now moving his sheep in this direction. A few days since I received a letter from Ras. [Erasmus Rigeny Fawcett--their brother in Kemper County MS]--he & his family were well - he says they have quite a young little fellow in their family named Erasmus Keyes [Fawcett, born 6/15/1865, who with his parents and siblings moved to Gonzales Co TX in 1/1867]. I have just finished a long letter to my Edward [Stabler Fawcett in Alexandria VA] and the other of my children - and I don't know that I can get up for you, Eugene [Gauss, married to Net], Net [their sister Henrietta Fawcett Gauss], Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer--their sister], Samuel [McCluer--Lucretia's husband], and the children any thing in relation o myself in a more acceptable form than to give you so much of said letter as I think you & all of you may feel an interest in - and so I proceed to the extract:

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Like many thousand of others in this country my wife [Jerusha Burnett Wight] and I have suffered in almost every form that you can imagine - from apprehension for our personal safety; the danger to our government; deprivation of all the ordinary comforts of life; loss of property by sacrificing much of what we had in order to make the moves we though advisable for our personal safety; exposure on the western frontier, where the population is but little in advance of the savage state; and much of the time without even a roof to protect us from the driving storm of scorching sun. The political prospects in this region, and the danger to the lives of Union men were so gloomy about two years since [ago] that I concluded to move my sheep to the extreme western frontier - after after remaining there many months in a situation in which I could get not information in relation to the progress of the war, and the Confederates on the frontier becoming more desperate, I went across the Rio Grande in January [1863/64?] and took my wife and sheep with me. While crossing we suffered from fear of being arrested by Confederate soldiers; and in order to get over at all we sought the most unfrequented point within our reach on the river. At the place we crossed at, about 30 miles above Laredo, there were two islands - we were three days busily engaged in getting the sheep over - had a large ox wagon with our supply of bread stuff, clothing, etc., which we crossed at another point twenty miles below a day or two before we commenced crossing the sheep. The only chance was to swim them. I think it was the severest trial that I ever had mentally and physically; for besides the apprehension of arrest

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at any hour, the weather was cold and I was in the water almost all of two days. Nor were our fears groundless, as a scouting party of 15 Confederates showed themselves in pursuit on the Texas bank the next morning after we got the sheep over. We remained in Mexico until we heard the war was ended, and recrossed in July last. Here we lost from disease several hundred sheep. There was no available water for us in the interior; downward there was no grass; and upward we increased the danger from Indians. During our stay in Mexico my wife was dangerously sick of bilious and lung fever - and was confined to her bed three weeks - in which time she endured a great deal of suffering without the alleviation of even the appearance of a white woman's face - nor had she the help of any nurse or doctor other than what her poor husband could render - and most of that time I had the care of the flock of sheep, which, as the wolves were very bad, required me to be absent almost all the time during the day. In recrossing we had almost as much risk and trouble as we had in crossing at first. As there is a heavy export duty on every thing taken out of Mexico, which I thought could not justly apply in my case; and as I had no money to pay with - the only way left was to select another unfrequent point and try to cross without being discovered by the Mexican authorities; who would, on discovery, confiscate all the property involved in the crossing. Fortunately I had formed an acquaintance with a remarkably kind and reliable Mexican who also was well acquainted with the geography of that region and with all the passes on the river within our reach. I also had

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the assistance of some Texans who had deserted from the Confederate service. Such help was indispensable to success, as I would not confide my intentions to such Mexicans as I should otherwise have had to employ. After selecting the most available pass we found the river so full that we could not ford the wagon - and there being no boat of any kind to be had, we converted the frame or body of the big ox wagon into a boat - and in it we crossed the running gear of the wagon, our bread stuff, clothing, etc., and then, after making several futile attempts to get the sheep to swim, actually ferried them over in the wagon-frame-boat. It was a very tedious operation; and my Texan friends, finding that I was dependent upon them for the management of the boat, extracted \$100 in specie - and that too after I had furnished them with bread and meat for several weeks with the distinct understanding that they would help me to cross. After getting all over we travelled on slowly and reached the San Antonio river in August and remained in that vicinity until the 1st October, when we came to this neighborhood.

During the war I have lost, including lambs, not less than 2000 head of sheep - mostly for the want of salt; which article I could not possibly procure, as the Confederate government had pressed all the wagons of the country into its service - and besides I had no money to buy with. Nearly everything that I possessed before the war had been lost, except the land I own in Travis County

and a few hundred sheep. What sheep I have left of my own, and several hundred belonging to Messrs. Keith and Chase

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which I have on the shares, are now doing remarkably well - all in good condition and healthful - and are on the best range I ever saw, affording an abundance of green grass, and being very extensive. If I can "keep my feet" until I can get another clip or two of wool, and a good crop or two of lambs my now fluctuating hopes will mature into a confident faith of attaining a comparative independence. Since the war commenced I have become acquainted with this part of the state and considering it far superior in winter grass especially, I have determined to settle somewhere hereabout; but as yet have no regular home for myself or my sheep. My wife suggests the idea that, as we have not had an opportunity to correspond for so long a time, we try to make up for lost time; and write as often as we find it convenient. Please let all hands of us write often. A page or two of Samuel's [McCluer] experience in the war times and a chapter from Eugene's [Gauss] observations would be only appreciated here. Let the men ply the artillery and the women the small arms - and have a general and protracted engagement!

My wife joins me in the assurance of our continued and abiding affection for you all - Samuel and Lucretia and their children, Eugene, Net and their soft shell tribe [the McCluer's farm was named Nutshell] - and "Aunt" Ginnie [Virginia] herself.

Your affectionate brother,
Willis Fawcett.

Letter: Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Lucy Fawcett, Baltimore MD 25 Mar 1866
Yorktown, DeWitt Co., Texas
March 25, 1866

My dear Lucy,

Our mails are quite irregular but by the usual course I duly received your very kind & very welcome letter of the 7th February.

Your letter is very gratifying on several accounts and as much as any other, because it bears such satisfactory evidence that your affection for your father is undiminished by time, distance & other unfavorable circumstances for the welfare of so delicate a virtue. I am now realizing the truth of a conclusion arrived at probably very soon after the creation of human beings, i.e., The happiness of the parent is very dependent on the character & conduct of the child. And I can assure you and any other children that so far as I am acquainted with them I have good cause to be very grateful to their immediate relatives & friends for their affectual aid, example & support to my children in their tender years and to the Great Giver of all good for their natural formation, sustenance & preservation. Yes so far as my children are concerned I have cause for lively joy & lasting gratitude. My dear child let those friends as you may have opportunity, have a knowledge of my obligation to them on your account. May God bless them.

In your letter you refer to my dear friend Wm E. Ellison and what you advise me of a relation to his kindness shown to you, and his anxious inquiries in relation to myself, is only in accordance with my acquaintance & warm friendship with the said Ellison which dates back to about the year 1833, and from which time to the present he has given various and unquestionable proofs of his constant & abiding affection for your father. I think his heart must have been naturally large and have been regularly enlarged by its daily exercise in its sympathizing palpitations with his fellow beings whether in their joys or sorrows.

That the Stabler Drug establishment in Baltimore should have been broken up takes me entirely by surprise, but on your reminding me that their customers were chiefly from the south and that the War separated them from those customers, their stopping payment looks like a regular consequence. But such men as your uncles are whose character combine so many good features including intelligence & energy, I hope will not long have to bear the reverse in business. They will, like good swimmers suddenly & unexpectedly cast into deep water, rise to the surface, look around for the nearest land and strike right out!

Your own course in endeavoring to show your support receives my approval & admiration. Just let me say that your employers have a right to expect your best efforts for the promotion of their interest that you are capable of making, within the bounds of honor and tender respect for your own conscience, in dealing with their customers. To walk in the happy line between the extremes of being

too free on the one hand, and too stiff & formal on the other is rather a difficult practice--but try, and what your judgement tells you to do, do that and let your heart go with your hands.

I will be glad to get the information you promise in relation to my dear boy Jodie [Joseph Willis Fawcett]; you will have seen my letter to Gene in which I express a willingness that he shall come to me provided that either of his uncles will advance him the necessary money to pay his expenses necessary in travelling to this region. The business I am in has some advantages, but is not without objections and I have lived long enough & seen enough of the ways of this world to know that it is a very important responsibility to influence positively any person in the choice of a vocation--and while I would not try to avoid the responsibility justly due from his father. I would have to know my Jodie more intimately before I would dare to use any great influence. I would like you to write me freely on the subject and if an opportunity offers I would like you to get the views of either or all your uncles as to what is best in the premises. As I told Gene I am now without any disposable means--being barely able to keep my head above water.

The picture you enclosed I should never have recognized as one of my dear boy - if the comparative measure therein, the gun, is of the usual length Jodie has grown wonderfully. I think I discover a strong resemblance in the picture to your dear lamented uncle Niles.

Your uncle [Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett] is at present located about twenty miles from this place - I visited him a few days since. He is in pretty good health - is strong & hearty, but his exposure & privations in the south western part of this state as a Confederate soldier, I think has impaired his general health to some extent and he is not calculated to attend much to repairs in such a case. Yet his good habits and strictly moral deportment are a great security for his health. I showed him your letter with others that I had lately received. He requested me to give you and each of my children an assurance of his love. The war caused him too a heavy loss in sheep - but he is in good heart as to business; and with his economy, industry & perseverance he will in a few seasons demonstrate his independence in regard to pecuniary affairs.

I am looking anxiously for a letter from my dear Edward [Stabler Fawcett] - our mail is carried in an irregular manner, but after the first of next month will probably be on the usual & regular footing. I am afraid Edward's letter has been lost. My dear child write me soon. My wife united with me in the assurance of our abiding affection for each of my children & your relatives & friends. May God bless you & them through all time & eternity.

Your affectionate father, Willis Fawcett

[margin note:] The enclosed flowers are natives of this seasons growth & picked up in our sheep range.

'True religion is a life unfolded within, not something forced on us from abroad. ' - Channing. If you have not read Channing's works - I think they would be interesting and instructive.

Letter: Mariana B. Lathrop, Franklin Row, Washington DC to Miss Fawcett, Baltimre MD? 4/25/1866

Washington D.C.

'Franklin Row' April 25th, 1866

My dear Miss Fawcett:

My dear Father, as you will perceive, attempted to fulfill your request in person, but his wearied fingers, and nervous excitement made, as he thinks, the effort a futile one, and at this request I copied his letter, which had been to him a labor of love. Still, judging by my own feelings, I though you would like to see the original of this testimony to a Father's worth, from the hand of a life long friend, now largely upward of his three score years and ten. Therefore within my dear Father's knowledge, I sent both; the copy of course to be retained, but I would like to have the original returned to me. I will prize it, and my children, as it is the long letter my Father has written in two or three years, and perhaps the longest he will ever write again, and valuable too as a tribute of affection to one we have always held in high esteem, have been taught to regard a man of many virtues.

Trusting that my motive will be sufficient apology for the request,
I am yours with true interest. Mariana B. Lathrop.

Washington D.C.

April 24th, 1866.

My dear Miss Fawcett:

Your most admirable letter has but just reached me, or it would have had an earlier reply. Altho' a protracted nervous malady disqualifies me both intellectually and physically for doing justice to the very natural and praiseworthy inquiries which you propose to me concerning my recollections of your endeared Father, yet the whole subject is one in which I feel such an intense interest, that I cheerfully set about the task, casting myself upon your indulgence and that of your generous hearted friend, W.C. Ellison, for the extension to me of all desirable allowance of my effort to comply with your expectations in the case.

With Joseph Fawcett, your Grandfather, of Rockingham Co., Va. I was most thoroughly and intimately acquainted for more than thirty years. During the larger portion of that time, which included my boyhood and several years of my maturity, we had close social and business relations in which the heart and mind were continually developed. In my view he was a clear headed, strong minded, sensible man, possessing a heart of the noblest and most charitable & benevolent feelings & principles. He held many highly responsible public offices and gave general satisfaction both for his fidelity in accounting for public money in his hand, and in the exercise of official authority with kindness and humility. As Sheriff in a county of large population, he had the confidence of the court, and the affection & esteem of the people; as the Collector of the Direct Taxes of his District, under the appointment of Mr. Madison over distinguished competitors, he stood preeminently high, pure and useful. As a merchant, in after years, he was too good a man for the station, that is, his benevolent feelings caused him to risk for humanity's sake the loss often of outlays for poor or sick families, or needy individuals, and he suffered in the end considerable pecuniary loss by his tender sensibilities & great liberality in such cases.

Joseph Fawcett was cheerful & affectionate in his family and social & friendly relations, had no malice in his heart. His Father was his prototype, an honest, excellent man, & the family male and female were respectable and good citizens, of Quaker proclivities. Mrs. Lucretia [Keyes] Fawcett was an amible, intelligent woman, worthy to be the wife of Joseph Fawcett, and the Mother of your father, William [Willis] Fawcett. I knew your family, the Keyes & Humphries of Jefferson Co. Va. They ranked with the Fawcetts, and were highly worthy farmers, merchants, etc. Your excellent Father was a pure scion of these 'Houses', and but for a vein of eccentricity, perfectly innocent in its intensions, and imbued with an infusion of Genius, not always yielding profits, would have, I doubt not, succeeded well in Texas; misfortune has attended his footsteps in adventures in a shepherd's life however, and we can only venture to hope that a merciful Providence has better days in store for him, & that through the kindness & affection of your lamented Mother's good family, the happiness of his beloved children will shed a cheering radiance over the evening of his chequered life; and I indulge the still more serious & momentous trust that in our Heavenly Father's gracious time, when we as a band of friends of Fawcetts, Stablers, Ellisons, Bryans & etc have ended our pilgrimage here, we shall be permitted to constitute a brotherhood in the region beyond the grave.

I was the Clerk in the office in the town in Harrisonburg, Va. at the period allowed to by my, our most worthy friend, William C. Ellison, when I fondled your Father on my knee, and we thus won each other's love, he being then a sprightly little fellow, my precious prattling pet, regarding me as an older playmate. In after years, our attachment continued & when I was in charge of the Alex. P.O., and Mrs. B's brother was Sec. Of War, I interested myself in his behalf so as to procure for your father the clerkship of his Brother [Lyle] Branson [Fawcett], which the latter surrendered to go & help his Father & Mother. Your Father, afterwards, with the like nobile spirit which prompted Branson, gave up his office and united with his Father & Brother for the benefit of the family. Branson a most intelligent and high soulded young man was struck down by fever in Alaba. And Willis perservered for years in contributing to the support of his parents & brothers and sisters. His subsequent career you know. I have said enough. If my health and nerves are in better condition, I would prolong my jejune sketches, but it might be the 'longer the worse', and I close my ragged scribble with prayers for the welfare & happiness of you all, the children & kindsfolk & friends of my ever dear Willis Fawcett.

Dan Bryan.

[note: typed on back of letterhead for Jordan Stabler Groceries, Eutaw & Madison Sts, Baltimore MD 1890s]

Letter: Willis Fawcett, near Yorktown TX to Lucy & Eugenia Fawcett, & Clara Moore, Baltimore MD 9/29/1866

near Yorktown,
DeWitt Co. Texas
September 29, '66

To Lucy, Ginnie & Clara, 'The whole Caboodle!' I would say to Lcy by way of getting up to her 'on the blind side' that I think there is hardly any feature in a letter so defoming as an excuse, or a whole bundle of them for not having written previously. Lets rub out the old score & being anew!

Well now if anything like wit or extra good humor should show itself in these lines you all must take mighty good care of it & lay it way carefully, as such doing on here are quite rare - so much so that we fell rather disconcerted on the meeting; and consider the occurance an agreeable disappointment! But my children have thus far in life lived on such plain fare in the line of evidence of affection from their father that perhaps he had best restrain his pen and not suffer it to season the present repast too highly. You know all the old folks say that we can't be too cautious. So we will pierce the soap bubble right here and come down to old Terra firma, where we (without wings) have to scratch for a living.

I am glad that old Luce is at Sandy Spring instead of Baltimore this hot & sickly season and I am glad that my dear Ginnie has the said Lucy so convenient to exchange evidences of kindness & affection.

I am under the impression that I have answered all the letters that I have received from Ginnie and as to those from Lucy, lets see. The last tha I rec'd from her bears date the 19th July as to the others they are on the old scores that I proposed in the foregoing rubout! Let appearances be as they may I assert that I feel a deep & abiding interest in your temporal & spiritaul welfare and would read with pleasure any information however minute in relation to your daily progress.

Lucy's boy Jodie [Joseph Willis Fawcett] is rather a singular specimen and like most other human beings all the features of his character are not pleasing. However as he daily serves, unknown to himself, as a looking glass for his father [Willis Fawcett], and unfortunately for the latter those features are not pleasing, stand out so prominently in the character of the old block that he can't complain more at the 'chip'. Jodie is quite as well contented with his situation with us as and we could not get along without him. I could have expected My Rusiana [Jerusha] & he get along first rate. We have quite a compatable house now and our prospects are bright enough to keep hope alive, but not much ... for bragging. Rusianan & Jodie join me in the assurance of our wam & abidding affecion for you all--and a kiss for dear little Clara.

Your Father, Willis Fawcett

[margin note:] Lucy's letter of the 13th inst came to hand yesterday and Jodie [Joseph Willis Fawcett] will dash off an answer probably some of these days.

Kemper Co MS 1866 Tax Roll - Personal Property (MS Dept Archives & History RG 29/MF273).

	\$cash/ credit	carr- iage\$	clock \$	cattle \$	Male 21-60 yr colored	white	\$ state tax
Fawcett,E.R.	0	100	5		10	0	1 2.025

1866 Census, St. Clair County, Alabama. Twn 11, Range 5 East.

	Number of Males:			Number of Females:			Total
	<10	10-20	>20 yrs	<10	10-20	>20 yrs	Persons
P.T. Elder	1	1	1	3	0	1	7

Note: No disabilities indicated under columns for soldiers.

GONZALES CO. TX DEED BOOK P:456-457. 10/5/1867.

The State of Texas) Know all men by these presents
Gonzales County) that we JL & R.H Nations for and in consideration of the sum
of Five hundred Dollars to us in hand paid by Erasmus R Fawcett of said County &
State, the Receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have this Day granted,
bargained, sold & conveyed unto him the said Erasmus R Fawcett the following
described Tract of Land situated in said County & State aforesaid, on the South

West side of the Guadalupe River about 10 miles from the Town of Gonzales, the same being a part of the Joseph Dillard league and being the same tract of 200 acres of land which was conveyed by James D. Anderson to us by Deed duly recorded in the County Record of Gonzales County and the metes & bounds of which are as follows-- Beginning at a Stake in a field, the same being the most westerly corner of a Survey of 575 acres of land allotted Susan Burnett, from which an T.O. 10 in dia brs 19W 12 vas Thence N 20 E 1060 varas a stake from which a T.O. 15 in dia bears South 10 varas & a ditto 12 in dia brs N 30 West 5 vrs Thence S. 70 E 1060 varas a stake, from which a T oak 14 in dia bears S 85 West 12 vas & ditto 10 in dia bears S 65 E 9 vas Thence S 30 W 1090 Varas a stake from which a T. oak 16 in dia brs S. 18 E 7 vas Thence North 55 W 1116 2/3 vas to the place of beginning and containing two hundred acres of land more or less. To have and to hold the said 200 acres of land & bargained premises with all the privileges thereunto belonging unto the said Erasmus R Fawcett and to his heirs & assigns in fee simple forever. And the title to which we hereby warrant and will forever defend unto said purchaser his heirs & assigns against the legal claim of any & all persons whomsoever. Witness our hand & seal using scrawls for seals This the 5th Day of October A.D. 1867

J.T & R.H. Nations (Seal)

Letter Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO from Benjamin Keyes Fawcett, Gonzales Co Tx 11/11/1867

Gonzales Co Texas

November 11th 1867

Dear Sister Ginnie

I wrote to you about the twentyth of last month inclosing you my note. I also wrote to Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer] about the same time. I have received nothing except the *Presbyterian* which comes very regular, since your kind letter of the 29th of August. I told the Editor of the Gonazales paper to send it to Mr. [Eugene] Gauss the other day. You must not be uneasy about my health although I have had two little spells of fever since I wrote last. The first was brought on by more than usual exercise a foot after the sheep while Ras [Erasmus Rigney Fawcett] was moving with my wagon & horse. The second spell came on the other day. I first took a great deal of cold which is very unusal in this county particularly in the mountains. The cold I think brought on the fever & I have had a very disagreeable time of it for the last three days. I feel a great deal better today. Although I have been sick a good deal in the last two or three years. Yet I have not been in bed twentyfour hours since I came to Texas. There has been as much sickness in this country, this year as I have ever been in any country. Although there has been but few deaths.

A few days since I took Socks [his sheep dog?] & Little Jim Julian a fine merino which I bought when a small lamb, up by Rases. There we took in [Joseph] Curt[is Fawcett--Ras'son] & went on to town & after considerable perserverance the ambratype man succeded in geting a picture of them. It was difficult to get l to hold still at once. The merino got in a bad humor hit Curt one tap & Socks two. This sort of treatment put good old Socks in bad humor. He looked downcast & lost his usual sprightly appearance for the time. The Photographs I am afraid will not be so good as the Ambrotype. I will enclose one for Net [Henrietta Fawcett Gauss] & Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer].

When in town last I heard from the wool it was sould the 15th of last month in New York. It only brought 27 1/2 cents per pound currency. Last year our wool was sould at 34 cents currency. This years wool will not bring us more than about 15 cents specie. This will hardly pay our current expences for the year. We shipped near 12,000 pound if we could have gotten such prices as we use to get before the War our last spring clip would have been worth near three thousand dollars. Property of all kinds is coming down. No one is make anything unless it is the merchants. Judicial rule & many other difficulties makes the future look very gloomy. The recent elections give us some hope. In your last you speak of coming hear to take care of me. Willis & myself have frequently talked about your living with us hear. But we have been so poor & have lived so much in the Arab Stile that we were well aware that it would not do. Willis is getting better fixed now. I am in doubt still about where I will finally settle. I have been sick so much in this country that do not like the idea of living in this country another year. I have not determined where I will go, but will not probably go very far. Sometimes I think of going west of the Nueces River, about sevenfive miles from Corpus Christi & within a short distance of Mr. Henrietta King, formerly Henrietta Chamberlin [daughter of the Presbyterian minister who

served in St Charles Mo and then Brownsville TX, who married Richard King founder of the King ranch]. Sometimes I feel very much like taking a look at the Tuxpan country in Mexico. Two old citizens of DeWitt County will move out there in a few weeks. They have bought land & say that emigrants are coming in very fast. Also that there is a great variety of fruit & the country is very healthy, make two crops of corn annually. Ras received a paper from Mississippi containing a letter from an acquaintance who had visited Honduras. Ras says that he is reliable. He is pleased very much with the country & says that natives are very hardy looking people. Also that there is a great many pretty running streams. He expects to move [to] Honduras. Maybe when I write again I can give you some more different idea of my future movements. I hope I will be fixed someday so you can live with me. Ras & family are well. I came by his home yesterday. Frank is helping me now. But will go home shortly. Give my love to all. Affectionately, Keyes

US WAR OFFICE LETTERS RECEIVED FROM DEPT OF TX (V. 1). 2/18/1868 (LDS 1694725)
Yorktown, DeWitt County, Texas
February 18, 1868

To General J.J. Reynolds
Commanding State of Texas, &c
Austin

Dear Sir,

According to order lately received by the Board of Registers requiring accounts for services &c inclose my a/c for service as Clerk of the Board Regs. while revising the registration, and also for transportation and actual expenses on the same occasion.

Please let my draft in payment be directed to Yorktown, DeWitt County.

Very respectfully Your obt servant

Willis Fawcett

P.S. Permit me to say that I have not received any pay for services Registering W. Gohment, one of the Board Reg. also never received any pay while W. Grafton and W. Nelson the other members of the board have received theirs. I received pay on a/c of transportation in July and September

Very respectfully

Willis Fawcett

LETTER Willis Fawcett, San Antonio to Gov Pease, Austin 8/11/1868
San Antonio, Texas
August 11, 1868

To Gov Pease
Austin City.
My friend,

Expecting to have returned long since to Yorktown to attend to some of my own matters I did not request the Post Master there to forward my letters to this place until lately, and consequently have only lately received an answer from the late (or perhaps present) County Surveyor of DeWitt County, to whom I had written soon after receiving your letter in relation to the land referred to in that county. I now take pleasure in enclosing his reply.

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hoping that the information may not be too late to serve your purpose, and that it may be satisfactory.

My brother [B.K./E.R. Fawcett?] & I have our sheep at a camp about thirty miles west of this place [San Antonio]. We think they are showing a decided improvement in condition however we intend to take them farther west probably to the vicinity of Fort Clark in which region we have hear of several flocks that are doing well.

I am here only for the purpose of getting some addition to our outfit. Please remember me kindly to your lady & daughters when you write to them, and believe me Governor to be your political and personal friend, Willis Fawcett

Etowah Co AL: Deed of Records A:622, Mar 15, 1869 (LDS1035358).

On or before the first day of December next I promise to pay James Conn one five hundred pound bale of cotton for one pair of oxen or value recovered of him this the 15th day of March 1869

his

Elect x Bolin
mark

P.T. Elder

State of Alabama) I Philip Elder the undersigned obliges by
Etowah County) these presents do hereby agree and bind myself my heirs and
administrators to deliver unto James R. Conn or Order at his residence in said
county and state on or before the first day of December 1869 one five hundred
bound Bale of lint cotton in good order for the following considerations To wit:
The said James R. Conn having sold me a pair of oxen to aid me in making my
present crop for which pair of oxen I hereby agree to pay the above specified
Rate of Cotton on or by the time specified and being desirous of securing to the
said James R. Conn the fulfillment of my part of the contract in good faith I
hereby give him a lien on the following described property to wit: One pair of
oxens the same that I have just bought of him said Conn and milch cow and upon
all the cotton I may produce this year as my crop with and upon the condition
that if I deliver the five hundred pound Bales of cotton as above obligated then
this lien to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect in law or
equity Witness my hand this 15th day of March
1869 attest

his
Elect x Bolin
Mark

P.T. Elder

State of Alabama) I James M. Megagmo Judge of Probate
Etowah County) hereby certify that Elect Bolin the subscribing witness to
the forgoing conveyance known to me appeared before me this day and being known
stated that P.T. Elder the grantor in the conveyance voluntarily executed the
same in his presence on the day the same date given under my hand this October 8
1869

Filed in office March 15, 1869) James M. Megrgmo
and Recorded october 8th 1869) Judge of Probate
James M. Mogagme Judge of Probate

Letter: Willis Fawcett, Clinton TX to Lucy Fawcett, Baltimre MD 1/14/1870.
Clinton, DeWitt Co Tx
January 14, 1870

My own dear Lucy

Throw appearances to the dogs! But if we do so how are we mortals to
just of each others pretensions? If you were to live a thousand & one years and
now write to me I should still know that you loved me. So please comfort
yourself in regard to my neglect in writing to you by measuring my conduct out
of the same half bushel!

I was very glad to receive your letter. It not only let me know how you
were, but gave me some information as to the other children of whom I had not
heard of in a long time. I have no information lately of Jodie [Joseph Willis
Fawcett] except that he is still with Dr Webb at Cotton Gin, Freestone County.
Mrs Webb & my wife correspond occasionally and in that way we learn a little in
regard to Jodie. He has been suffering from chills very much according to Mrs.
Webb's account. She wrote to my wife that Jodie had joined some church, some
months since and lately that he expected to farm on the Doctor's land next
season.

My Rusiana [Jerusha Wight] has had bad health for the last three months, and
a good part of the time was quite sick with a low nervous fever. She is now
stiring about and improving and we hope will soon be intirely restored.

This whole region of country has been unusually sickly this last summer &
fall--probably in consequence of the very unusual heavy rains & overflow of the
Rivers in July. For a country just straightening up its back from the ruin
caused by the war, the overflow & sickness seemed like final ruin sure enough.
Every class of society almost every man woman & child have experienced sad
reverses in consequence of the overflow and the sickness. Even the clerkship of
the County Court does not afford more than a decent support for we two here--
while previously it was considered to be worth at any rate \$1500 or \$2000.

As soon a reconstruction takes place, I will not have even this clerkship
for a support. But I believe in the old saying, that 'whre there is a will,
there is a way'! And I don't feel at all like giving up.

Your Uncle Keyes is still holding on to the sheep on the frontier [near
Uvalde] and I hope from what little I hear of him that he is doing well.

About a month since I made a hurried visit to your Uncle Ras' orphans [Frank
S. Fawcett and his siblings]. They are still at their home place and are in good
health and seem quite contented under circumstances most people would consider

discouraging.

My Rusiana loves you from what I have told her of you & joins with me now in offering you the assurance. Write me my daughter. Give my love to the other children. Your father
Willis Fawcett

Letter: Willis Fawcett, Clinton TX to Lucy Fawcett, Alexandria VA 15 May 1870
Clinton, DeWitt County, Texas
May 15, 1870

My dear Lucy: It has been a long time since I received a letter from you. My answer to your last I directed to Baltimore and it not finding a claimant went to the General Post Office and from thence returned to me here. I should have tried to write to you since but had forgotten a more definite address. On yesterday I happened to be looking over an old memorandum book and found the address which is on the envelope of this. I enclose my old letter as I do not know that I can write any thing better now.

I am still here, but shall quit the Clerk's Office in about ten days. I have been appointed to take the census of the County and duly expect instruction to commence about the first of June. Taking the census will occupy about three months and probably pay three or four hundred dollars. I hope that before I get through it I shall be able to determine what to engage in.

Your Uncle [Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett] is now at New Orleans for the purpose of selling a Thousand fat sheep and the wool thereof. If he meets with no reverse he will be able to pay me the amount for which I sold out my sheep to him. But that amount will not be sufficient [to] pay my debts by several hundred dollars. I write these particulars in the hope that the information not be as bad as might be imagined were I to remain silent. It is full bad enough without being colored by imagination--yet I have heard of worse cases.

I am by no means despondent. Our State of Texas within the next two or three years is to be the theatre of the mightiest flood of prosperity known in the history of American progress. Within that time Kansas and Texas will be united by a Railroad, and also we are to have a great Southern Pacific Railroad passing through our midst. By means of which roads the mighty exhibition of the people & trade of all nations will 'come off'. Just look at the long trains of minerals & wines of Mexico & California, the cotton & wool of the South and the Grains & fruits of the North! Where there is so much of Our goods of this world passing certainly Rusiana [Jerusha] & I will be able to get enough to ensure the comforts of life.

Write me my dear daughter and send me your photograph, and tell me all about dear Gene [Eugenia Fawcett] child & the other children.

The last accounts from Jodie [Joseph Willis Fawcett] in .. Us that he was well.

Rusiana joins me in the assurance of our abiding affection for you & each of the rest. Write soon.
Your father, Willis Fawcett

9th Census (1870), St. Clair County AL (p 244; 6/6/1870). Twn 12, Range 4 East. Bennetsville.

Hse#	Name	Age	Sex	Occupat	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Birth Place
21	Phillip Elder	38	M	Farmer	\$500	\$50	GA
	Sarah S Elder	35	F	Keep House			GA
	Erwin F Elder	14	M	In Farm			GA
	George W Elder	13	M	In Farm			AL
	Emma Elder	11	F				AL
	Martha Elder	9	F				AL
	Laura J Elder	4	F				AL
	Josephine Elder	2	F				AL

Note: David Y. Elder and his family were living in nearby Cherokee Co. AL (1870, pg 310).

1870 U.S. Agricultural Census, Gonzales County (Precinct 5), TX.

	Farmland (Acres):	Value	Milk	Value(\$):						
	Improv.	Unimprov.	\$	Horse	Mule	Cow	Ox	Hog	Impl	Stock
FS Fawcett	85	165	500	3	1	1	2	35	10	298
WC Peterson	100	200	200	1	0	3	0	4	0	96

Letter Willis Fawcett, Clinton TX to Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO. 7 Jun 1870

Clinton, DeWitt Co., Texas

June 7, 1870

My dear Sister Ginny--Enclosed you will find a photograph of my Rusiana [Jerusha] and of myself. We thought that it would be well to sent them while [Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett] may bear witness whether they are good pictures.

I wish you would tell Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer] that I duly received the letter & enclosed draft for \$50 for Frank and the children; and that I delivered her letter and the money to Frank in person. I wrote promptly acknowledging the receipt of it, but as the Post Office was new to me I think it best to refer to the matter again.

Rusiana unites with me in the assurance of our abiding affection for you and each of all the rest--including Henry's wife. As ever your brother Willis
Is it 43 years today since Aunt Aggy departed this life. The anniversary of her death is always rembered by me.

Ledger: Benjamin Keyes Fawcett, June 1870.

p.1/

Benj. K. Fawcett
Western Texas
Presented by Sister
Henrietta Gauss of
St. Charles, Missouri
June the 8th 1870

p.2/

Memorandum
Real
See About Tobacco
See about sulphur Lye
Est Higmanis
Sundries
Settle with wife
Ausha Foster
Get a check for
Sister Jane
One for Missouri
Go to lower Stuk
goods
Enquire about the costs shipping sheep from the mouth of Red River to Orleans.
Memorandum Book.
See Deck of car

p.3/

Get my Cloths & pay for washing them.
Get cotten duck for legens
Get Enatios clothe at Johns
Get a jar bit & scruse
Plonius for Enothy
In cartton half lb tobacco
cnadle wick
Cisto Garsier canteen
Tobacco for Morse Leon

p.4/

Amt due Morse Leon \$1.05
... medicine for snake bite given by Mrs. Martin
Oct 22 One Roam horse branded HUL white face...
One Black Horse branded on hip OXL & 7 years old the above
... branded on ... hip A
....

p.5/

For Uvalde
Two bits soap for
Marcelean .25
Fishing line .15

Mrs Shade made
sugar onions
My clothes
Donkey or Poney
Write letters
P[ost] Office
Write to Cristofer
Columbus
Paper Ink & Pens
Chapps Blanket
Box caps for25
Bitters

p.6/
Burrow A on hip on left shoulder XL
Bought of Mr Duran one sorrel horse black face find feet white CY on Left
shoulder five years old
Enastos tobacco .35

p.7/
Gatwold & Co.
See Green Ben if he has been paid
Half pound Tea Leaves
W... cups
John Hays
Blankets for ? Eator
Shade for my eyes

p.8/
Trumble
C.D. McReynolds note in favor of Mr Chistofer Columbus
Smith & Wesson Pistol
Belt size
Mr Marfe of
Parts for .. herders 0.50
Due for Antinsito
Green Ben 5.56 ½

p.9/
AG Allin's
Saint Louis
1018 South Second Street
Return Chouteau avenue
& Sycamore Street

M3 Harris M
Mr Cortey Cestorbott
2805 1866
2778 912
27 2778

p.10/
2 Hide (s) File by Manuel
Ban on 12th doz Penarch
1870 Pompey Perryman
Amilia Perryman
from 1682 Siminole
For Marfe Leon
One par Panteloon 3.00
Larg fishhools .125
To ... for Elartes .25
Labor Morse Leon .25
Labor Animitta .25
Three Dollars for Eratios 3.00
Wife
Chappares

See Frio Grizos
See about order for Revera
See Bivin
See Sumter under effort
Enquire Price Horses

p.11/

Enatiz Bascos
July 16 Bill to his wife 3.00
Cash hotoncess .18
Morse Leon
To one pairs pants 3.00
To fishhooks .12
To tobacco .25
Anisetta .25

p.12/

July 20 Withers & Bucks
One hundred & eighty two goats 136
withers & bucks 482
Eves & lambs 2805
Cow herd 45
Mr Martin Bucks 19
Total Number 3313
3313
3226
87

p.13/

July 17 Due from Mr Sumter
on account \$4.20

p.14/

Alkire & Shepard
No. 215 North Second
Street St Louis Mo
Between Olive & Pine

p.15/

1870 Expences of driving mutton
March 17 To one pack saddle \$ 1.00
" 17 " meat .25
" 21 " corn .30
" " " bacon & beans .90
" 23 " corn .30
" " " salt .15
" 24 " rasp &75
" 26 " corn mast & meat 1.05
" 28 " salt 2.00
" " " tea .35
" 30 " amt for Corn feed 1.00
" " " three m.. 1.50
" " " peppers & canlopes 0.40
" 31 " amt for telegram to
Galveson 3.10
" " mending bridel&pistol 1.00
" " meal meat powder &
Sundries 1.00
\$ 15.00

p.16/

1870 Expences
To amt brought over \$ 15.05
March 31 To Sacks Bacon Sundries 1.20
" cotton duck & thread .80
" matches Pelmans .45

April 2	" Salt & balls	2.40
3	" Corn & Potatos	.30
March 18	" Amt of bill for sundries gotten at Brown&Martins	11.07
April 5	To Tea & Potatoes	.65
"	" Bitters 3 pounds	.40
"	" Bacon	.60
"	" Meat	.30
April 8	" Amt to Fraqu	\$15.00
"	" Sheep Shears	1.50
"	" Sundries	.75
9	" Corn Bacon	.60
	For Gold in San Antonio	.40
10	Meal	.50
		52.17

p.17/ 1870 Expence Act		
April 10	To Amt Brought Over	\$52.17
"	" 2 pounds coffee	.50
"	" Tea	.75
"	" Bottle Bitters	1.00
April 16	" Bacon	1.60
17	" Butter	.15
	" Amt for Ferrying the Colorado	17.25
	" Sugar	.45
	" Salt	1.00
	" Crakcers & Balls	.40
19	" Flour & molasses	.55
21	Amt Ferage at the Brazos	15.50
"	" Bacon	1.00
"	" Butter	0.50
23	" Flour	.75
24	" Bacon & Sundries	4.60
25	" Twenty to sacks	22.50
		120.67

p.18/1870 Expence Act		
	To amnt brought over	\$120.67
April 27	" amt for sheep shears	11.00
	" expences to Galveston	7.50
28	" meat	1.00
	" lumber	0.50
	" Two Diners	1.00
May 1	" Amt for hearding	1.50
	" whet stone	.35
	" deck in car	17.25
	" fair on Boat	3.60
	" two diners	1.00
8	" fair on boat	3.60
	" " " railroad	2.25
	" Du Pot Building	13.50
10	" Fair on Boat	3.60
	To Diner Galveston	.50
20	Amt for Board	47.00
	Sundries Expenses	9.00
		244.82

p.19/ 1870 Expense Ant		
	To Amt brought over	244.82
May 20	Drayage on wool	1.00
	To Expenses Monday	1.50
May 24	To Expences at Brathear	1.00
25	" " New Orleans	1.20
27	" Hotell bill	4.00
Jun 14	" Hotell bill	4.50

16 "	"	"	Galveston	2.50
"	"		R R ticket	2.00
18 "			Board Bill	2.25
19			?	1.10
21 "			?	1.60
22	To	Two	diners horse feed	1.25
23 "			Horse feed & diner	1.00
	"		for lodging	1.00
24 "			Diner & forage	.70
	"		Sundries	.50
	"		To Amt for shearing	128.66
				400.56

p.20/ 1870 Expence Act

June 24	To	Amt	brought over	\$ 400.56
		To	Amt for Check	1.30
	"	Amt	paid for taking up	
		Two	sheep with skiff	1.00
May 23	To	Amt	paid to Norcincis	
		Formors	for services &	
		Expences	back home	53.85
	From	Clinton	to San Antonio	2.75
	In	San Antonio		3.00
	In	Bartes	bill	.75
				465.21

p. 21/ Paid Out

For	horse	\$ 50.00
	Gun & amo	52.20
For	Missouri	200.00
"	Virginia	200.00
To	children	95.00
Willis	first check	623.00
Berdiron	Rhodium	1216.79
Check	sent Martin	1000.00
		3436.79

p.22/

washbroad

cup & sousirs

plates

tin bucket

pair tuiskion

gold	20.00
fr currency	45.75
Bri "	30

Tobacco for friends

Amt of Draft drawn by Willis Inhides & Yibiaba 623.09

Order given Willis on Rhodium	\$ 1216.79
Amt drawn for N.O.	2079.06

p.23/ For San Antonio

See Rhodium

See about Withers

Coffee Sugar Meat

Reel cresolick omt

Send papers to Boys

Diora for Mr Stp Hland

See about Money

.... about Henrietta

See about ...

See about suplfer lye

vinegar

See prie of wool

coffee 10 ½ 21 ½

Sugr 13 1/4 14 1/2
Lye \$8.75

Letter Willis Fawcett, Clinton TX to Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO 7/15/1870.
Clinton, DeWitt Co., Texas
July 15, 1870 (Friday)

My dear Sister Ginny Just a week since I received your welcome Letter of the 22nd of June, enclosing two photographs of dear brother Niles [Fawcett]--one to be forwarded to brother Keyes. I am very glad to get the picture and consider it true.

I have been confined to my bed for near a week with remitting fever, but feel free from fever now and hope to be well soon. [Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett] left here last Sunday week for his sheep on the Nueces, near Uvalde. We received a letter from him dated at San Antonio on the 5th July where he had some business to attend to. Your letter to him written on the 18th was properly directed to Uvalde. You all found him well sunburned but good health. He must be pretty tough to go through the exposure & rough diet that he has experienced in Texas. I hope he will adopt the idea of buying up in the interior fat sheep and drive them to market for sale--which would enable him to live a more civilized life and to see something of the world.

We are gratified to learn through Keyes that you were all hands enjoying good health and about as properous as you could well hear. About the last thing Keyes did here was to write a Letter to Sister Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer], in which he probably stated that he had made a visit to the children [of E.R. and Ann Fawcett] while here and found them well & happy. He told me that he had written to sister Net [Henrietta Fawcett Gauss] I think from New Orleans.

Rusiana [Jerusha] joins with me in asking that your Sisters and so many others as may please will send us your photographs. And she joins me in the assurance of our abiding affection for you and each of all of St. Charles and at the Dardenne.

Your brother Willis Fawcett

From July 15th 1870, the date of this letter,
deduct 1809
& you have Willis' age: 61!

Letter Willis Fawcett, Clinton TX from B Keyes Fawcett, Uvalde TX. 9/26/1870
Uvalde, Texas
Sept 26, 1870

Dear Willis I answered your last letter which I suppose you have received. Rhodin's [--a San Antonio merchant] wrote to me the other day. He seemed to think that the draft for \$623 which you drew on Lnhids & Yerberbier of New Orleans was to be deducted out of the order which I gave you on him. I wrote to him immediately explaining that the whole amt of the order which I gave you on him which had not been paid was still due you. He tells me that he has received & collected the certificate for \$700 gold. He states also that he has received your draft for \$300. I hope that he has paid it & that there will be no farther bother about it, as I have had to writ about a dozen letters in reference to the certificat & the matter already.

I write to you & Jerusha now to post you in reference to another affair I have had with the indians. This time they have whipped me so the boys would say right straight along. Five days ago about two o'clock in the evening I made a fire on the west bank of the Nueces about 18 miles below this place. The mule which I rode & which we had taken from a party of Indians the eight of August last was tide [tied] close by. I had just put some tea & water in my cup to make tea. As I set my canteen down a pistol ball struck my left shoulder. I had at first a half a thought that it was a mistake but as I raised my head I saw six of the red villins within 75 yards of me advancing & firing, rapidly. I was not long in discovering that it was not a mistake. My rifle was in reach. I got it out of the scabert as quick as possible & fired. They yelled a little & I saw that they would be on me before I could fire more than two shots. I stept back about thirty steps to some brush. In looking around the brush I saw one near my fire, who looked like a squaw. I raised my gun with considerable pain high enough to get a pretty good sight at the waste of the one I saw & fire. I think I gave him a wound. I then moved around to the right of the brush thinking that they would advance on me from that direction. I heart them then talking very rapidly. I suppose about taking the mule & my little fixtures. I walked on to where there was three or four little hackberry tree which would be of some

advantage, as I could throw the gun up against the trees & fire. My left arm being now nearly useless. I thought I would stop & sell out as dear as I would. I had but four balls in my pistol but could still use the gun with one hand by throwing it against a tree. I looked around considerably but could see they were not many more indians. I then thought it best to get away, if I could as I was not in a good fix to fight six or eight indians. Walked on about two hundred yards where I found a better cluster of trees. I stopped & put two more cartridges in the gun & found then how completely disabled I was in my left arm. At this time I concluded to get down to Mr. Coxes ranch which was three or four miles below. I had to go through some very high weeds & it was very hot. I was very thirsty. I could not find any water although I quit the road to look for some in a slough. I was coughing every five minutes which would have given the indians greatly the advantage if they had have pursued me. I had to rest several times before I got to Mr Coxes Ranch. Nearly all of the men were absent but Mrs Coxes was very kind, got my bloody shirts off & washed my wound. Mr Coxes came after while but too late to start after the indians. The next morning he with several boys went to see what signs they could find of the indian. They traced their trail to within a short distance of the Ranch where they stopped in the night. The track of my mule & the horse that the Indian was on when I shot the last time he trail up to near his field fence. But then I made the report of Indians Mrs Coxes had all the horses were gotten up & Indians the night time near the house. The indians then started for the Leona. They passed near my camp but did not find my horse or shepherds. They then went to Mr Bates Ranch on the Leona where they sold one horse. Mr Coxes came to the place the next day & informed Mr Martin of my situation. The following day got a buggy of Mr Brooks & he with M Garners soon came down for me. A little norther was blowing which kept my wound cool & made the trip without much pain. A company of Rangers under Capt Rhichberg had just gotten to Fort Inge. Mr Martin went down the next morning for their surgeon who came up & seems to be a very decent young man. He had no instruments but with a pen knife, a thumb tack & a pair tweezers he got the ball out. It is a long ball Navy size. It is mashed as flat as a button. The side of it which struck me is smooth & I am in hopes that my shoulder joint is not injured much. I cannot use my arm from elbow up. The ball after striking my shoulder joint I think glanced along on the lower edge of my shoulder blade & stopped near my back. Mr & Mrs Martin are as kind as they can be & I am doing well. I will soon be well unless I should be troubled with fractured bone. Give my love to Jerusha & tell her that my recent experience makes me think of her advice. Your Brother Keyes.

P.S. I have a late letter from Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer] & one from Frank [Scott Fawcett]. They were all well. This morning I found a dent of bullet on the brass portion of my rifle.

Letter to Post Master, Clinton TX from W.A. Stewart, Laredo TX 25 Dec 1870
Laredo, Texas Dec 25/70

Post Master
Clinton
Texas

Dear Sir

There was a man by the name of Benjamin K. Fawcett killed by his shepherds about 10 days ago near the Rio Frio in La Salle County. He told me a few days before he was killed that he had a brother living in or near Clinton. If you can find out his family and let them know as he has about 3500 head of very fine sheep. After his death the sheep was taken charge of by Mr. Jas. Martin who lives in Dogtown [now Tilden]. Mr. Fawcett was raised in Missouri and had just brought his sheep to that county from up about the San Phillippe [Del Rio?]. He told me also that he was well acquainted with General Wm Acunys family. I write this letter that if he has any brother or relatives that they can come and see to his sheep. Mr. Martin is a good man but only has taken them until he can hear from his brother or relations.

Your respectfully, W.A. Stewart

Letter Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO 1/1/1871
Yorktown, DeWitt Co., Texas
January 1st, 1871

My dear sister Ginny,
as well to Henrietta & Lucretia-

My dear Sisters - I have not language to soften what I must write. Our dear brother Keyes is no more in this life. This day was handed to be

the enclosed letter [above]. Rusianna & I will start tomorrow morning to see Frank & the children to let them know of their sad loss.

My God bless you, Eugene [Gauss], Samuel [McCluer] and the children. Rusiana mourns with us and unites with me in the assurance of our love for each of all-

Your brother, Willis

P.S. The children named Fawcett--we came here this morning & find hem all well and getting along as usual. Frank & Branson and the others desire me to express their love for you all.

Letter: Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Lucy Fawcett, Baltimore MD 4 May 1871.
Yorktown, DeWitt Co, Texas
May 4, 1871

My dear Lucy

I was in fact very glad to receive your Letter of the 9th March - To her at all afford me pleasure - but to have your letter well filled with good news in regard to yourself and your sisters is something worth living for. I am very much gratified at your success in your school undertaking, and in learning that Edward [Stabler Fawcett] is settled in Baltimore. If he will hold on he must succeed - probably not in one year - but he can afford to wait, when he is willing to devote his time & attention to the undertaking. The farmer casts his wheat seed on the ground & does not expect a return for a year, but he trusts confidently in the laws of nature and if he does his part is very seldom disappointed. I hope my dear boy will be man enough to wait, if necessary a succession of seasons for the reward of merit. It will come finally just as surely as the farmers harvest. Your own success ought to serve as encouragement for you both.

You are so busy with your school that you hardly look at newspapers I suppose - but yet you get enough of the news of the day to know something of the horrors of the late war between the Prussians & France - and of the still greater horror of the Civil strife now going on in France. I will not give a long dissertation on such evils, but will only repeat an old saw which says 'as ye sow so shall you reap' - which is just a true in regard to the conduct of nations as of individuals. Priest craft & the frivolities & carelessness of people in France are showing forth their just fruits of their vain glory & reckless follies. The french emperor had the 'big head' in the worst degree, and the people under him were nearly as far gone with the same disease. They thought that they would whip the Prussians and the balance of the human family if necessary - and instead thereof they are now the worst whipped nation recorded in history. And I for one rejoice at the result, for nothing else will cure such people. I of course regret the untold sufferings of the women & children, but I fear nothing short of such suffering would open their eyes as to the fallibility of their Pope and all his strikers. It will take all our Protestant Preachers, Public & private schools and the Press to prevent a repetition of similar scenes in our country within another generation or two. The poor wretch who murdered your just & upright Uncle [B. Keyes Fawcett] can take a portion of the pitiful two or three hundred dollars that he took from the corpse and buy almost anywhere in Mexico absolution for his crime! And give our Roman friends power, and we would have to profess their faith, or perish perhaps in flames!

I was very much gratified on reading the part of your letter conveying Ginny's favorable opinion, on further acquaintance of Hollie's husband - particular as his name has never been mentioned to me before, except in a note written by dear Hollie [Virginia Fawcett Moore] just before marrying.

We occasionally hear of Joseph [Willis Fawcett] through letters from our old neighbor & friend Mrs. Dr. Webb in whose immediate neighborhood Jodie is living.

Enclosed are truthful pictures of two folks who take a heartful of interest in all that affects your welfare.

I shall write to dear Ginnie [Eugenia Fawcett] before a long lapse of time.

We have with us temporarily your cousin [Robert McMahon] Bobbie Fawcett. He is about 12 years of age. He is a very good boy and is interested in his primary books.

My Rusianna joins with me in the assurance of our abiding affection,
Your father, Willis Fawcett

Letter Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Virg. Fawcett, St Charles MO 6/10/1871

Victoria, Texas
June 10, 1871

My dear Sister Ginnie

I came to this place for the purpose procuring the enclosed draft of \$1000.00 payable in gold, which when you receive & realize will be in payment of the note & interest you hold against the Estate of our dear brother [Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett].

Eugene [Gauss] will advise Robert [Gauss] how to invest the amount to the best advantage so as to bring you safely interest.

I have sold the wool shorn from the sheep last month at 35 cents gold, delivered at the camp where shorn - which is doing much better than usual for the region.

I have been trying to sell the sheep, but have as yet had no reasonable offer. It is my intention to sell them as soon as in proper condition at Galveston or New Orleans as mutton.

The children of Gonzales County [Frank, Brancie & Robert Fawcett] are getting along as usual, except Curtis who, we have just been informed is suffering from a severe pain in the rear of the left eye. We are feel more anxious about it as his mother suffered as much apparently as a human could and until her eye burst a short time before she died. We have consulted with a physician at Yorktown & started Frank back home to apply the remedy recommended, which is blister on the temple & back of the ear. Rusiana added the recommendation of piercing the ears with green silk thread.

Frank is still with the sheep and also Bobbie. Bobbie is complaining with a smarting or burning sensation of the eye lids and in consequence is not attending to his books. His aunt this morning got me to work on his ears, and he is now wearing a set of rings of green silk thread!

The expenses on the sheep are up to this time, including the removal from La Salle County, have been very heavy. A set of hands was indispensable extra help in lambing time, shearing at 5 cents per head; pay to Frank \$2 pr day (just what he could & would have gotten for helping with cattle but for the sheep), some allowance for myself for my time at \$1 pr day. When I was offered a situation at Austin city during the sitting of the Legislature of six months at \$6 per day. All expenses up to this time amount to over eleven hundred dollars to this date, and in consequence of the scab will have to dip all the sheep, which will involve probably \$150.00 more.

I have recieved \$1132.00 from Ibessn Rhodius, & Co of San Antonio which brother [Benjamin Keyes Fawcett] had deposited with them.

I want Robert Gauss to read this and whatever I may write about the Estate matters, and to speak out his mind freely as to law & justice. And if he should have any enquires to make to write me without hesitation. If he has any recollection of his uncle and cares half as much about him as I do for 'said' Robert & his brother & sister may be he will wirte any how.

Rusiana joins me in love to you and each of all at St. Charles & on the Dardenne.

Your affectionate brother, Willis

P.S. Please acknowledge the receipt of this promptly as I shall feel some anxiety about the draft.

Letter Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Virginia Fawcett, St Charles MO 7/2/1871
Yorktown, DeWitt County, Texas
July 2, 1871

My dear Sister Ginnie Ten days since I started in company with our nephew Frank to the last earthly camping place of our dear brother [Benjamin] Keyes [Fawcett], which we found about twelve miles west of Dogtown [Tilden] in McMullen County (the County lines have been recently changes by an act of our Texas legislature). We were for Laredo in having the guidance of the mail carrier who carries the mail between Dogtown and Laredo, and who gave to Mr. James Martin of Dogtown the first information of the assination. The vincyty has nothing in it to distinguish it from thousands of miles situated west of the San Antonio River. The surface being covered with mesquite grass, mesquete bushes and prickly pear. The grove was of the most humble class, as well as the mode of burial. The mail carrier showed me the identical spot, where the corpse was found and also that at which the campfire was lighted near the head of a branch of Mule Creek. Pieces of charcoal near the ashes bear any evidence of the crime or of its enormity. We took with us from this place a coffin and with the help of some very kind people in that rough exactly removed our dear brothers remains

to the grave yard at Dogtown [Tilden] and believe his grave looks more civilized and less lonely. There are not many citizens living in Dogtown but I believe all including the women, men and most of the children attended the reburial and showed all the respect in their power. We learned no additional facts worthy of repetition in relation to the matter except that the death was so instantaneous that there was no physical or mental suffering. We are satisfied of this from the fact that the bullet hole in the blanket was opposite the wound in the corpse and of course there was no movement of the body after the firing of the rifle.

On returning home last evening I found your letter of the 20th with acknowledgement of the receipt of the draft. We are glad that old Socks [Keyes dog] feels at home. Willis

[the rest of the letter is about the sheep dogs Coddy, Pharoah & Socks...and hard to read]

GONZALES CO, TX DEED RECORDS T:684-685. 11/8/1872.

The State of Texas)

County of Gonzales) Know all men by these presents that I, Thomas Baker of said County & State for & in consideration of the sum of Six hundred dollars to me paid by F.S. Fawcett of same residence, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged & have this day granted bargained sold & conveyed unto him said F.S. Fawcett the following described Tract of land, situated lying & being in the County of Gonzales aforesaid on the SE side of the Guadalupe River, about 15 miles Southerly from the Town of Gonzales, on Fulcher Creek, the same being a part of the Von Roeder Survey of Nine and one third Labors, and the particular Tract hereby sold & conveyed is bounded as follows viz Beginning at the South corner of said Von Roeder Survey, a stake from which a Live Oak marked x bears S76W 69 vas. Thence North 45 E ____ varas to corner in the Bend of Fulcher Creek, from which a Live Oak 12 in dia marked x bears S 83 E 81 vars Thence up said Creek with its meanders to its source. Thence in a direct line N 59 W ____ varas to its intersection with the North West line of the Original Survey, a stake for corner on said original line, from which a Post Oak marked x brs N 78 E 3 1/2 vrs and a ditto same mark bears S 89 W 29 vars Thence S 45 West with said original line ____ varas to corner from which a Post Oak marked R bears S 81 E 3 1/2 vars. And a Ditto marked x bears S 63 W 1 vara. Thence South 45 E 3055 vars to the place of Beginning, Containing Four hundred & thirteen acres of land more or less.

To have and to hold said 413 acres of land herein before described

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with all the previlidges & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said F.S. Fawcett and to his heirs & assigns in fee simple forever. And the title to which I hereby warrant and will forever defend unto said purchaser his heirs & anyone against the legal claim of any & all persons claiming the same by through or under me, my heirs or assigns but against the claim of any others. Witness my hand & seal using scrawl for seal this 9th day of November 1872.

Thos. Baker (Seal)

MARRIAGE LICENSE: John William Carson to Bransonia Fawcett on 19 Nov 1872

(Gonzales Co. TX Marriage Records, p. 444; LDS 1310953).

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

BETWEEN

J W Carson

AND

Bransonia Fawcett

Issued

Nov 16, 1872

Celebrated by me the 19 day of

November A.D. 1872

A.A. Killough

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Minister of the Gospel, Judge of a District Court, or Justice of the Peace in said State--Greetings:

You are hereby licensed to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony by J W Carson and Bransonia Fawcett

And of this Likewise, with your action endorsed thereon, we command you to make

a return to the Office of the Clerk of the District Court of Gonzales County within sixty days from the date of such celebration.

Attest R. L. Miller, Clerk of said Court.

Given under my hand and official seal at Gonzales, this
16 day of Nov A.D. 1872

(Seal) R L Miller Clk DWC
By Thomas H. Spooner

Letter Virginia Fawcett, St Chas MO to Eugenia Fawcett, Alexand. VA 2/12/1876
St. Charles Feb 12th 1876

Dear Gena, Although my conscious is some what served, It is not entirely dead of late it has been giving me some twinges for the way I am treating you. Some how I manage to get my letters all about the same time. I have it is true, but few correspondents, yet when they come together it makes answering them more writing than my energy enables me to do comfortably. You will think I treated you shabily when I answered Lucy's [Fawcett] letter before yours. I hope you will forgive it when you learn that she is a new correspondent and I wanted to avoid an excuse on her part for not writing again. I was glad indeed to get a letter once more from her. Your Aunt often brings up little things that you all used to say & do. I think your Aunt Net [Hentietta Fawcett Gauss] has a better memory than many at least than I have. Sometimes after she tells of them, they will come up to me. She was wondering the other day if Lucy admired pigeons as she did when a child. You speak of a relative of your mothers residing in St. Louis. I knew a long while ago that a Mr. Miller, a connection was there. Was I think a partner of Mr. Jenny or perhaps only an assistant in the store. Your Aunt Net has bought Table furniture there without knowing that he was a cousin of your mothers. It is pleasant to know that you ever think of coming to see us. I know your Aunt would be delighted to see any of you. Edward [Stabler Fawcett] is the only one besides dear Ginnie [Virginia Fawcett Moore] that has ever been here. Have strange it seems to read that Edward [Stabler Fawcett] & Minnie [his wife] have three children & [Charles] Henry Gauss four living. Lost two making six altogether. I had a letter from Lizzie, Henry's wife, a few days since, some complaining among the children. Nothing serious I hope, other wise well & I think doing well. Virginia & Susan sis not make out the visit they had planned. Turned so extremely cold by the time they had finished their visit in Moneas County that they thought it best to come home. I hope Lester wife made her brother Henry [Gauss] a visit in the spring. Sedalia is a pleasant place I should think for young people & They are always so glad to have her with them. Robert B. McCluer, your uncle Samuel's youngest son, was here for a few days. Came Friday evening & stayed until Monday morning. A bright pleasant boy just seventeen. Still at school. All well up there. Robert Gauss writes every week to his mother first, then to the rest of us in turn. I received the last day before yesterday--Dated Albuquerque Feb 4 N Mexico. He writes chearfully. Seems to like that country better than he did Colorado. He describes the town as being divided. What they call old town & new town, or rather the American & the Mexican. The latter is very much like Santa Fe--built of sun dried brick, one story with a big door & a window on each side. They are built together & form a wall for an entire square along the pavement. The New Town is built most of the same material but more as we build. He says when you pass a two story you may be sure it was built by an American. There towns are a mile apart though there is constant communication. Street pass running between. The R Road Depot is at the New Town. Lots are selling in tht part rapidly. Thinks the prospect for Albuquerque is bright. Many Americans are expected this coming Spring. Thre are three distinct shapes of people seen on the streets of Albuquerque--the Whites, The Mexicans, and the Pueblo Indians (village). Indians - American he say. Means mostly any one who is neighter Mexican or an Indian.

You seem to want to know how your uncle Eugene [Gauss] eyes are. I am sorry to have to tell you that they grow steadily worse. I think tha he talks more about an operation than before. Your Aunt Net thinks if the ocultets encouraged it, that he might be prevailed on to have the blind eye operated on. Neither your Aunt or any of the children like to take the responsibility of urging the matter. When he decides I will write you.

You uncle Eugene [Gauss] is a very nervous men. I think dreads the operation greatly. It is not a painful operation. I should suppose some ten years since I was present when a friend of ours had an eye operated on. It was done in an instant. It is true she was under the influence of cloraform. What she might

have suffered without that I can not of course tell. But feel from enduring that operatin that it cannot involve much suffering. I do pray when attempted that it may be a success. There was a great while that he objected on account of his age. They tell him that his age has nothing to do with it at all. Have frequently succeded with cases where the patient was considerably older than your uncle. I feel there is some more doubt about an aged person though I know nothering about it. He is an humble Christian and let it turn out as it may. He will be submissive and be ready to acknowledge that what was his Heavenly Father orders is for the best. He will be if he should live until next July seventy years of age. Your Aunt Net has just passed her sixtyfourth year. Is as bright & alive as many women at forty five. More so than your Aunt Lucretia who is five years younger. She has perhaps younger looking face, but is heavy & sluggish lately. I was last December seventy four--so you have the ages of all your old Aunts without my thinking of it. What a dreary cold winter we are having. I hope it has been pleasant with you. Dear Gena I have written a funny sort of letter. All bloted & dreadful looking. I am ashamed of it. You will have to excuse & take it as it is for I cant write another. Write when ever you can. I wonder if you have made that long talked of visit South when you see or write. Send my love to all the children as I feel still like calling you all. As well as to that kind Aunt & Uncle to whom we all feel under many obligations for kindness to you. That Heavens blessings may be showered on you is the prayer of your Aunt Ginnie.

DEWITT CO TX MARRIAGE BOOK (p. 191): Frank S. Fawcett/Emma L. Elder 2/25/1877

The State of Texas--County of Dewitt.

To any Person authorized by Law

No. 1572

to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony:

Be it Known, That I, the undersigned Clerk of the Court of said County, by virtue of the power vested by law, do hereby License any person legally authorized to join in the Bonds of Matrimony, Frank S. Fawcett and Wife Emma L. Elder. And of this License and your proceedings had thereon, make due return to Clerk's office of said County, according to Law, within the next sixty days. Witness my hand and seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Clinton, this 15th day of February A.D., 1877

R.M.

Thomas Clerk.

The State of Texas,)

County of DeWitt) I, A.B. Bradley Minister do hereby certify that I have this 25 day of Feby A.D., 1877, by virtue of the Marriage License herewith attached, joined in the Bonds of Matrimony Frank S. Fawcett & Emma L. Elder

In presence of

J.E. Preston

G.L. Farr

S.L. Bradley

Letter Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Virginia Fawcett, St Chas MO 3/20/1877

Near Yorktown, DeWitt Co Texas

March 20, 1877

My dear sister Virginia According to an old idea, an honest confession is good for the soul. And although it is an uphill pull I hope there is man enough left in me to say that I ask your pardon for my unjustifiable silence for the last year or more. But I can plead some allowance on a/c [account] of my feeble health. Man is a compound of matter & spirit and when the matter or body is out of health naturally the spirit languishes, as every body is aware. I have been suffering from a weakness of the bowels, and so much so as at times as to be confined to my bed. There is no pain, but only excessive wekaness. I am generally able to follow my sheep, but now have to give that up for want of strength.

Jerusha has very often exerted her influence to try to get me to write but I have continued in putting it off until 'a still small voice' asserts its prerogative and commands me imperatively.

We are getting along pretty much after an old stype and program--from a moderate sized flock of sheep & farming in a small way we get a tolerably fair living. Jerusha does the cooking & house keeping without any help, except hiring the washing & milking. She is one of the sort who are always at work--sweeping, dusting, scrubbing, or mending. She can't see well enough to read and when I can't read to her she applies her hands to weeding her flowers, cleaning house or something of the kind. She has gone to town today to help a young lady

of our acquaintance to arrange her furniture & preperatory to marriage day after tomorrow.

How has your winter been as to temperature? Ours has been unusually cold, but little rain and therefore favorable to stock, which is our principal interest in this section. Had there been much rain with some degree of cold, a large portion of cattle, horses, sheep would have been lost. The addition of lambs this spring to my flock is about 300. The freedman on the farm has just finished planting his cotton today. His corn is up.

We were much concerned last fall about the Grasshoppers that appeared in our neighborhood in frightful numbers, but we don't see enough now to do any harm. None worth mentioning - though some of the adjourning counties I observe by the papers are suffering from the depredations.

Our poor little nephew Bobby [Robert McMahon Fawcett]` got tired of herding sheep & took french leave of use about a year since & returned to his sisters Bransonia [Fawcett] who married John Carson. This is a bad country to raise up boys in, and have very little hope for Bobby's doing any good. [Joseph] Curtis [Fawcett] has more mind & character. Frank [Scott Fawcett] used to come to visit us occasionally but has not done so lately. And Jerusha & I have not been able to visit Bransonia in a long time.

In looking over some of my old papers a year or two since I found a Patent or Deed from the State to brother [Benajmin] Keyes [Fawcett] for 160 acre tract of land that he acquired by perscription. It is situated in Blanco County and valued at about one dollar per acre. I paid the back & current taxes due on it, and have neglected to say anything to any of his heirs about it.

Would it not be a good disposition of it to transfer the title to little [Erasmus] Keyes [Fawcett]? Please advise with Mr. [Eugene] Gauss & Samuel [McCluer] about it and then if lawyer Robert [Gauss] thinks any old authority to settle up the estate of brother Keyes would justify the action I will make the transfer to little Keyes.

Don't the people around in your vicinity who care for their country seem pleased with the first steps of Mr. Hayes' administration? I have great hopes of him. The political skies have been clouded long enough for good citizens to smile on the prospect of cleaning up.

Write soon and let me know how Net [Henrietta Fawcett Gauss], Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer] and all the others are getting along.

If Jerusha were here she would be gratified by my writing & join in the assurance of our continued, if every so silent, affection. Do you ever hear from my children? I got a letter not long since from my Edward enclosing a photograph of a certain little Wallace Fawcett.

Very affectionately your brother, Willis

Letter Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Virg. Fawcett, St Charles MO 9/25/1877

near Yorktown, DeWitt Co, Texas

My Dear Sister Virginia

September 25, 1877

I duly received your very kind letter of the 19th ulto with the inclosed draft of \$20 for the purpose of my wife & I buying something to remember you by. To take this proposition literally it might be said to be an unnecessary expenditure as we both think you are a fixed instituion in the midst of our dearest affections--but we gratefully accept the draft and purpose to invest the same in a wardrobe which will necessarily be in sight probably during our remaining days.

We had the pleasure of a visit two weeks since from Frank [Scott] Fawcett & his wife [Emma Elder]. The latter is a very nice looking & pleasant young lady, born in Mississippi [actually Alabama] and whose father [Phillip T. Elder] moved to Texas some two years since. Frank has a good farm of his own [near Cheapside] with ordinary improvements and will do well after a few mistakes or blunders which young people are so apt to experience on starting out in life. I was glad to learn from Frank that Curtis & Bobbie [Frank's brothers] were getting along after a style not to be complained of.

Several weeks since Rusiana [Jerusha] & I put out from home in a two horse wagon on a camping expedition to some mineral springs called 'Sutherlnd Springs' about forty miles west of this. We could not remain from home long thou to go & return immediately; but I took two cases, of bottles, containing ½ gross each, and filled them with water from one of the springs called 'sour' & said to be a chalylicate & same magnesia in it. I have drank no other water since and think that my health has been quite improved in consequence. If my life should be

extended so long shall try to spend the next hot season at those springs, or some others in our state. About sixty miles north west of Austin there are some sulphur springs that have become quite famous in our region. One of them is a very strong stream & boils up with such force as to present quite a cone shape in the surface & keeps in motion pebbles & water worn stones as large as a man's fist and bathers are in no danger of sinking as when they approach the cone they are immediately thrown to one side.

We have living with us now a young man, a native of Denmark, whose health gone out last spring while he was a clerk in a store in Yorktown. I invited him to our house to take a rest. He accepted and commenced herding sheep for recreation & pastime. His health is very much improved & has engaged to help take care of sheep till next spring, where he will give me a definite answer whether he will take our interest in my sheep & continue to live with us. His name is Buck, born bred in one humble family, but seems to be of extra good material. His character seems to be built on reliable principles in very careful in his expeditions and faithful in every respect. We consider him quite an acquisition & security, especially in case I should continue in my impaired state of health.

And a nephew of Rusiana by the name of George W. Ames from Michigan has joined us within the last few days in search of a mild climate and out of doors employment with a view of trying to improve the condition of his lungs. He is young and we hope will be permanently benefitted by remaining in this region.

There is said to be quite a crowd of emigrants coming to Texas--many from Illinois & Indiana, Wisconsin Etc and some even from California. Sheep folks are settling all around us and quite close enough to cause an 'old settler' to feel cramped. One neighbor--Mr. Wilson--is settling about a mile distant on a piece of high prairie without a tree or bush or drop of water and has a flock of sheep--yet we are glad to have him as a neighbor as he seems to be very clever & enterprising will demonstrate whether we can do much here with wheat & small grain & show us how to use wind mills in raising water from wells for stock.

Writing about wheat--I wish you would ask Samuel [McCluer] what variety sowed now in Missouri is earliest and whether the 'early Missouri May' is still a favorite. A few days since I saw advertisement of a variety called 'Golden dop'. Does Samuel know whether it is early? I think it is the early varieties only which will do well here, if any. The message to Frank [Scott Fawcett] about not writing to Sister Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer] I delivered to & rubbed it in. He plead guilty etc.

Rusiana joins me in love to all, affectionately Willis
[margin note:] All well here. Frank & his family came Monday. They went with Lasten Company on visitation to McWilliam. They have left ... baby with us.

Dear Lucretia I know this letter will be a comfort to you. I feel thankful to learn that Willis is even a little better. Ginny Fawcett

Letter Virginia Fawcett, Sedalia MO to Henrietta Fawcett/Eugene Gauss, St Charles MO 11/17/1877

Sedalia, November 17th 1877

Dear Net & Mr Gauss As I was a little tired yesterday, Henry [Gauss] offered to write & let you know of our safe arrival here. We made the trip very comfortably indeed. . The children were as good as could be, until the last evening Annie D. became very fretful & fatigued her mother a great deal. She was not sick but got weary of the confinement.

When we reached St. Louis, John met us with his father's carriage at the Depot; good & kind as ever, stowed us away in the carriage, directed the driver how to dispense of us. To take Lizzie to Mr Evens & me to his fathers then left us. I got to Mr. Gauss' a little after eleven, and was received with the greatest kindness. Nothing left undone to make me feel comfortable. I found Mrs Gauss rather more unwell than usual, though that may be in some measure attributed to excitement, not only to my visit, but Charles had some company invited that evening. Eleven gentlemen to tea, that occupied Mary greatly & that I think has a bad effect on her. Next morning she appeared much or at least some better. Mr. Gauss sent me in the carriage to the Depot & told me to go for Lizzie & the children. There I found Arthur [Gauss] ready to go & see us off. All kindness & attention. And at the Depot we found Henry with a hack to take us home. Henry is looking better than when in St. Charles. Says he feels better, seems very glad to have his family at home again. They have a beautiful little home. I wish you could all see it. It is comfortably furnished, not all that

they would like to have I know, but all that is necessary for comfort & respectability. Henry is all life & energy, interested in his family, church & his business.

Lizzie is an active & nice housekeeper & they are just as kind & hospitable as they can be. I wonder why I am blessed with as many good kind friends. Few lone women have so many. They seem to be expecting you in St. Louis very soon. Mary particularly seems to be anxious that you should come before it turns too cold for you to venture on the trip. John brought Anna out to see me. The evening was too unfavorable to bring Phillip so I did not get to see his Lordship. Charles' children are all pleasant as can be made. Many questions to ask about Albert. Tell him not to let Addie overtake him. She is studious. He had better look out. Little Eugene [Gauss] said when we were nearly at St. Louis, how I did not let you fall out did I? Grandpa didn't know that there was a window on your side all shut up, so that Gen [Virginia] could not fall. The little fellow held my hand nearly all the way, because you told him not let me fall out. The children seem lonesome. Miss Shirley & the two Grandpa houses to go to. They are all well & will soon feel reconciled to the change. They are waiting for this letter. I will write again soon. Give my love to all.

Affectionately Aunt Gen [Virginia Fawcett]

P.S. Our Trunk's arrived since I commenced this letter. G.F.

Letter Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Virg. Fawcett, Boonesville MO 1/7/1878
Near Yorktown, DeWitt Co, Texas

January 7, 1878

To my dear sister Ginnie I duly & gladly received your letter of the 14th ultimo dated at Sedalia. Your visit & travel to Sedalia must have appeared to you rather as a rash proceeding but, after all, it could not have been so hazzardous as Stanley's little pleasure trip through Africa! I am glad that you are fortunate enough to have such good friends, health and the means of enjoying a little liberty of action. Your trip to Boonville must have served to carry you back to your earliest years of life in connection with Harrisonburg, and I am glad to learn that the folks in St. Charles, on the Dardenne, & at Sedalia are all enjoying such a favorable share of the blessings of this life.

Jerusha & I are getting along pretty much after our usual style--perhaps a little slower. On Christmas dines with our particular neighbor & friends six miles distance, Mr & Mrs Rufus Smith with one other family and enjoyed the day very much; and on New Year's day we had the Smith's & some others at our house. The weather during those days was clear & mild.

In consequence of the failure of the cotton crop in our county, money is very scarce and my body is complaining of hard times--but as most of us here have not been elevated much above the ground we have the legitimate consolation of knowing in case we fall, we will not have far to go.

We have with us this winter a cousin and a nephew of Jerusha's who are trying our climate and avoiding the northern winter. The cousin is a Mr. Johnson of Vermont who has a wife & two children at their home. He is much over the average in human standing in regard to his moral & religious character. The nephew [G.W. Ames?] is a young man raised principally in Illinois & Michigan, and though quite clever & industrious, seems to have more power to go ahead than knowledge as to where he is going.

As to our farming operations we have dismissed our freedman who has been raising corn & cotton on the shares for the last four years, and have the field sown in wheat & oat--wich were seeded in November. Both wheat & oats have grown very well so far & will be very convenient for the ewes which we expect to have lambs the last of this month.

There are so many neighbors settling near us that I expect to have to change my program in management of my sheep business--instead of raising so many, I will have to try to make a fewer number of better quality answer the purpose of a support--probably by getting a larger breed & buying some to fatten for the eastern market.

In this region we are pretty hard to please as to weather--for the last three or four days we have had almost continued rain, but not cold enough for frost. The stock at large in the prairies of course have to suffer in the absence of an artificial shelter or feed. There is a small class of settlers here now who are awakening up to their precuniary interest in this regard in providing for the comfort of their beasts, and it is not likely that one of these will raise any opposition to such provision. We are very much in hopes of

an improvement of our population in many respects by the present flow of immigrants from the east & north. There is much room to spare of the best country in the world and as wide a field for the improvement of our intelligence & morals.

Jerusha joins me in love to you & each of all our relations.

Affectionately yr brother, Willis

P.S. We are thankful to Henry [Gauss] & his wife for their kind invitation to visit them. We would be very much gratified in accepting it, but until there is quite a change in our financial resources we must try to be contented with our paths near home.

Letter Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Virg. Fawcett, Boonesville MO 5/12/ 1878

Near Yorktown, DeWitt Co., Texas

May 12, 1878

Dear Sister Virginia I duly received your welcome letter of the 4th. Having gotten this far with my pen, I took a look for your letter, but have come to the conclusion that I wrote you last--yet that makes no difference as I have to confess that you have in times past written to me much more frequently than I to you.

We in this region have just had a good rain, and the farmers who have done their duty to their corn fields will probably have fine crops. We have a patch of some six acres that is beginning to tassle and looks fine. Have also about twenty acres in oats & wheat which has turned out very well. Only three acres of it wheat--ripens unevenly and have in the stock about half the oats & a small portion of the wheat. Shell probably finish harvesting tomorrow or next day. Two neighbors & I have a Buckeye reaper & self raker and we are much pleased with its performance. We grazed the oats & wheat until the 10th February with the Ewes & lambs and by that course we have such advantage as by the harvest--expect 12 or 15 bushels wheat & about fifty of the oats per acre. Until now it has been considered rather experimental in this country to raise small grain--but the farmers generally will sow a large portion of their farms in small grains the next season. Have just had the sheep shorn and sold the wool at Cuero, our county seat now & the terminus of the Railroad head leading to Indianola on the Gulf. We think that there is quite a natural advantage in being so convenient to salt water, the great highway between different countries of the world. Last fall I shipped my clip of wool to New York, and the charge for freight from Cuero to N.Y. was only 87 ½ cents pr cwt. What has become of your St. Charles Woolen Factory? If it is still in existence would like to know what grade of wool they consume and the average price they buy at.

Generally we are getting along about as usual for slow coaches--but there is consolation in making only slow progress when there are so many glittering 'turnouts' in the east running off the track and going to smash, and caused by going too fast.

Why may Eugene [Gauss] be compared to an agile cat? While it is said of that animal when thrown up, it always lights on its feet! Eugene is very apt to be prepared for emergencies, let what may happen--for instance the fire in consuming the old lumber yard [in St. Charles] didn't injure him.

While I am writing about Eugene I want to advise him of my experience in the use of lemons for my ailment. I noticed in a newspaper a recommendation of the free use of this fruit and find it very beneficial. I take three before breakfast and when I feel thirsty or the need of the acid, just before dinner or supper. I can't brag much about my strength, but if the lemons will continue their effect I hope to regain my usual degree of strength.

Rusiana [Jerusha] is beginning to complain about the head. Our long summers are most trying on her. Remember me & Jerusha to Samuel & Lucretia [McCluer] and Net & Eugene [Gauss] & theirs and be assured of my abiding affection, Willis [margin note:] I received the newspaper telling of the death of Henry Beck. There is a mighty throng traveling that road! May God bless you now and forever.

Letter: Willis Fawcett, Yorktown TX to Lucy Fawcett, Alexandria VA 20 Ju 1878

near Yorktown, DeWitt Co, Txs

June 20, 1878

To My dear daughter Lucy I gladly received your Letter of the 5th inst by due course of the mail. The first paragraph struck me as evidence that you wrote, as your grandmother Stabler would have said 'in a happy frame of mind', as you are making excuses for my neglect in writing to you instead of taking the

usual and unhappy way of complaining of the fact! I congratulate you on the possession of such wisdom, and more, the acquisition or entertainment of a spirit so much in harmony with what is esteemed by our best examples as practically christian.

I thank you for the photograph enclosed in your letter--and if Edward [Stabler Fawcett] should read this he can take the reminder that he promised to send me one of his Minnie. He may have mailed it but I have never received it. If I cannot be gratified in looking on the originals, the sight of the pictures affords some satisfaction and relief. However the long years that have separated me from you, and the inevitable changes both in person and dress, are manifest in your photograph.

Your allusion to your long suffering from dyspepsia causes me to think of my relief from my disease by using lemons freely, and if you should continue to suffer from dyspepsia after recovering from your fever, I would advise you to try lemons. The Doctors would ridicule the idea probably, but as very many of their most effectual remedies have come into use from experiment or accident and by no process of reasoning, I propose to let them ridicule. With me the lemons seem most effectual in taking them on an empty stomach--say a while before our regular meals, and to allay thirst at any time between meals.

Our region of country, embracing this and the adjoining counties, has ever since the war been in a very unhappy state as regards particularly the ordinary idea of peace or common regard for law & order. Our jail at the county seat, Cuero, is literally filled with men charged with theft and murder--one near neighbor who was recently married has been convicted by the district court now in session of manslaughter and sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years. Another and about our nearest neighbor has lately been arrested for killing three years since a poor sheep man while he was sleeping at his camp; and a third for shooting a black man without any known provocation, most probably from the fumes of whiskey exciting his brain which has been abused by bad company. The only consolation for the condition of our society is that the present administration of justice and law is much better now than heretofore. We have a district judge who is learned in the law, very firm in his decision, changes etc and supported by a state police. In Gonzales County adjoining us on the north a few weeks since they demonstrated that a desperado could be convicted & hung, and in a county on the S.W. there was a like example--previous to which no white man had been executed since I have been living here. We have a beautiful and productive county and we hope by the immigration now coming that the hands of law & order may be straightened so that we may enjoy more of peace and security than has been experienced since the county has been settled. In reading a few days since I found a popular preacher consoling himself and hearing with the idea that our political turmoils and wars, communistic threats & the like were part of our world's schooling. One thing must be very apparent to the most common observer and that is that the good and bad things of this world are very much mixed. But let us all take courage from the common faith that the Almighty creator of all who is without change or the shadow of turning forgotten has not nor will he suffer this world of his to go to wreck & ruin.

In the way of getting a living we are getting along about as usual. The reason is unusually wet & hot and therefore not favorable to the sheep. They do best in dry seasons. The Thermometer ranges in the Nineties in the heat of the day.

My wife joins me in the assurance of our love to you and the other children & grandchildren Affectionately your father, Willis Fawcett

DEWITT CO TX BRAND REGISTRY (D:286)

4018.

Cuero March 9, 1878

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Willis Fawcett this day records his sheep Brand thus
horizontal 8 two straight marks on the jaw of sheep.

R.W. Thomas CC DWC

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DEWITT CO TX BRAND REGISTRY (D:291)

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Cuero April 2, 1878

Willis Fawcett this day discontinues his sheep
brand as is recorded in Book D on
pages 286 No. 4018: which was recorded
through a mistake by said Fawcett, & now

--- records the following sheep brand
left hand to wit Brand --- on the left
jaw. R.W. Thomas CCDWC
By HD Wilson Deputy

WILL (DeWitt Co TX A:210-214; LDS 1012050): Willis and Jerusha B. Fawcett signed March 25, 1875, probated Jan. 1879, after Willis' death on September 8, 1878.

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The Will of) The State of Texas) Know
Willis Fawcett decd) County of DeWitt) all men by these presents that
we Willis Fawcett and Jerusha B. Fawcett husband and wife residing in the above
written county make this our last will; hereby revoking all other wills
heretofore made -- Stipulating here that which ever of use may Survive the other
the Survivor shall retain possession of all the property of the estate, both
real and personal and Such Survivor shall have the rights and privilege to sell
such property and use the proceeds for Support.

We Will at the death of such Survivor that the said property real & personal
shall be equally divided, half & half, between the heirs of said testators
respectively whose names are mentioned here following that is one half of the
Proceeds of the Said real and personal property which may belong to our estate
shall go to the children of the said Willis Fawcett Viz Lucy T[ana]. Fawcett &
Eugenia G. Fawcett both of Baltimore Maryland and Henrietta Fawcett of
Alexandria, Virginia and his grandchild Clara Moore of Montgomery County,
Maryland; and the remaining half of said estate shall be equally divided between
the three sisters of the said

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Jerusha B. Fawcett viz Irene C. Walker, now of Concord, New Hampshire, Mary E.
Wright of Lowell, Massachusetts and Nancy C. Ames of East Saginaw, Michigan.
The said Willis Fawcett would
have it here expressed that he has not while making this his last Will,
forgotten his two sons, Edward and Joseph and his married daughter Harriett
Ramsey. I have the same affection for them that I have for my other children;
but while I consider the said Harriet with her husband in easy circumstances, I
believe my sons are competent to scuffle for a living and therefore do not
intend that they shall have anything left to them by this will. And it is that
expressed will of the undersigned Testators that in case of the death of either
or any of the Legates named above that the Surviving legates shall inherit their
just proportion according to the intent of this will. And the said Jerusha B.
Fawcett one of the undersigned Testators wishes it expresses that She has not
forgotten her Sister Genae Davis of Galena, Illinois, but considering that the
said Genae has all abundance of this worlds goods does not intend that she shall
inherit anything by this will. We appoint Rufus Smith also of the foregoing
written county of DeWitt the executor of this our will and we expressly desire
that no legal bond or security be required of said Rufus Smith on account of
such executorship. In witness whereof we here sign publish and declare this
instrument as our will near Yorktown, DeWitt County, Texas this 17 day of march
AD 1875
Willis Fawcett
Jerusha B.
Fawcett

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The Said Willis Fawcett & Jerusha B. Fawcett on the 25th day of March AD 1875
acknowledged their signatures to the foregoing will and declared the same as and
forthem last Will. And we at their request and in their presence and in the
presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses

Rufus Smith Henritta Smith

In County Court DeWitt County
In Matters of Probate January Term 1879

Probate of the last will and testament of Willis Fawcett decreased. On this
day in Open Court came Harietta Smith who after being duly sworn deposes and
says. The instrument of writing before me I recognize as the last will of Willis
Fawcett decreased the signature to said will as the genuine signature of Willis
Fawcett witnessed the signature at the request of Willis Fawcett. Rufus Smith
also witnessed the signature at the same time and place with myself. We signed
said will in the presence of each other and in the presence of Willis Fawcett at
his request. And said Willis Fawcett then and there declared said instrument
bearing date seventeenth day of March AD 1875 to be his last will and testament.
Willis Fawcett is now dead. He died in DeWitt County on the eight day of

September AD 1878. He was of sound mind at the time he signed the instrument now before me. Willis Fawcett was more than twenty-one years of age at the time he signed said instrument. He left an estate both real and personal in DeWitt County. Myself and Rufus Smith the other

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subscribing witness were both more than twentyone years of age at the time we signed said instrument. Herrieta Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of January AD 1879 J P BakerCLK
CCDW Co

In County Court DeWitt County

In matters of Probate January tenth 1879

Probate of the last will and testament

of Willis Fawcett Decd

On this day in Open Court came Rufus Smith who after being duly sworn deposes and says the instrument in writing before me I recognize as the last will of Willis Fawcett Decd the Signature to said will is the genuine signature of Willis Fawcett I witnessed the signature at the request of Willis Fawcett Harietta Smith also witnessed the signature at the same time and place with myself. We signed said will in the presence of each other and in the presence of Willis Fawcett at his request and said Willis Fawcett then and there declared said instrument bearing date 17th day of March AD 1875 to be his last will and testament. Willis Fawcett is now dead. He died in DeWitt County on the eighth day of September AD 1878 he was of sound mind at the time he signed the instrument before me. Willis Fawcett was more than twenty one years of age at the time he signed said instrument. he left an estate both real and personal in DeWitt County myself and Henrietta Smith the other subscribing witness were both more than twenty one years

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of age at the time we signed said instrument. Rufus Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this January 9th AD 1879

P Barker

Clerk County Court DeWitt County

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BLANCO CO TX PROBATE COURT MINUTES (2:602-603; LDS 0979733): 9/1878

This indenture, Made the day of September in the Year of Our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy Eight between the undersigned grantors and heirs of the Estate of Benjamin K Fawcett deceased, of the first part, and Keyes Fawcett of the County of Gonzales and State of Texas (a Minor) of the Second part. Witnesseth that the Said grantors as well for, and in consideration of the love and affection which they have and bear, towards the said Grantee Keyes Fawcett, as for the sum of one dollar lawful money of the United States to be us in hand paid by the said party of the Second part, at or before ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, bargain, granted, aligned, offered, released conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do give, grant, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part and his heirs

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and assigns forever, all that tract or parcel of land situated in Blanco County, Texas. Known as survey No. 11 on the Waters of Flat Creek, a tributary of the Perdinales Containing one hundred & Sixty acres and patented to B.K. Fawcett on the 20th January of the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty three, by the State of Texas.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditament and appurtenances thereunto, belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof. To have and hold the said hereby granted and described premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part, and his heirs and assigns, to his and their only use, benefit and behoof forever-- In Witness whereof the Said grantors of the first part have hereunto set their hands and Seal the day and the year first above written

Willis Fawcett	(Seal)	F.S. Fawcett	(Seal)
J.C. Fawcett	(Seal)	E.L. Fawcett	(Seal)
R.M. Fawcett	(Seal)	J.W. Carson	(Seal)
Brancie Carson	(Seal)	Eugene Gauss	(Seal)
Henrietta Gauss	(Seal)	Saml C McCluer	(Seal)
Lucretia C. McCluer	(Seal)	Virginia Fawcett	(Seal)

State of Missouri)

County of St. Charles) Before the undersigned Robert F. Luckett a Notary Public in and for the County of and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified as such for a term expiring December 28, 1878, personally appeared Eugene Gauss and Henrietta Gauss, his wife, Samuel C. McCluer and Lucretia C. McCluer, his wife and Miss Virginia Fawcett, to me well Known to be the individuals described in and who executed the above and foreign conveyance from Eugene Gauss and Henrietta Gauss, Samuel C. McCluer and Lucretia C. McCluer and Virginia Fawcett and in favor of Keyes Fawcett and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the used, purposes and consideration therein Stated, and that the Same is their act and deed; and the said Henrietta Gauss, wife of the said Eugene Gauss and the said Lucretia C. McCluer wife of the said Samuel C. McCluer having been examined privily and apart from their husbands, and having the said Deed fully explained to them, they the said Henrietta Gauss and Lucretia C. McCluer acknowledged the Same to be their act and deed, and declared that they had willingly signed and delivered the same, and they wished not to retract.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed the Seal of my office at my office in St. Charles, Mo. this second day of November A.D. 1878.--

Robert F. Luckett Notary Public St Charles Co Mo.

The State of Texas)

County of Gonzales) Before me Wilbur F. King a Notary Public of Gonzales County on this day personally appeared Willis Fawcett, F.S. Fawcett, J.C. Fawcett, R.M. Fawcett, and J.W. Carson, Known to me to be the persons whose names is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to be that they executed the Same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed. And on the same day, before me personally appeared, E.L. Fawcett wife of F.S. Fawcett and Brancie Carson wife of J.W. Carson. Known to me to be the persons, whose names is subscribed to the instrument and having been examined by me privily and apart from their husbands, and having the Same fully explained to them they the Said E.L. Fawcett and Brancie Carson acknowledged such instrument to be their act and deed, and declared that they had willing, signed the same for the purposes and consideration their expressed, and they did not wish to retract it.-- Given under my hand and seal of office this 22nd day of Nov AD 1879 Wilbur F. King N.P.G.C.

DEWITT CO TX DEED C:139-141: JB FAWCETT TO MARY E WHITE 10/1878

Note: Mary E. Wight was Jerusha Burnett Wight Fawcett's sister.

The State of Texas)

County of DeWitt) This indenture made this nineteen day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight between Jerusha B. Fawcett of the County of DeWitt and State of Texas party of the first part and Mary E. White of Lowell in the State of Massachusetts party of the second part in the sum of Seven hundred and forty dollars lawful United States

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money secured to be paid by a certain promissory note which note reads as follows
DeWitt State of Texas

Oct the 19th 1878

\$240.00 For value received I promise to pay to Mary E. White of Lowell in the State of Massachusetts the sum of two hundred and forty dollars in lawful United States money at the 15th day of October 1881 with interest at the rate of six percent per annum from date this note is secured by a deed of Mortgage aforesaid date herewith from Jerusha B. Fawcett of DeWitt County State of Texas to Mary E White of Lowel State of Massachusetts

Jerusha B. Fawcett

Know therefore this Indenture witnesseth that she the said party of the first part for the better securing of the payment of the money aforesaid with interest thereon according to the letter and effect of the said note above mentioned and also in consideration of the further sum of one dollar to me in hand paid by the said party of the second part at the delivery of these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents do grant bargain sell and convey unto the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns the following described tract of land containing 160 acres patented by the State of Texas to Willis Fawcett on the 29th day of May 1873, the said tract of land lying and being in the County of DeWitt in the State of Texas known as Survey No. 3, being the most southern or the fourth quarter of Section No. 52 of Indianola RR Co Surveys on the waters of

Coletto Creek about 2 1/2 miles W 30 from Yorktown. Beginning at a stake the south corner of Section 52 IRR Co thence N 25 E at 936 varas the E corner of said Section No. 52 a stake a L.O. [live oak] mkd [marked] H brs [bears] S 88 E 263 3/5 vrs [varas]. Thence N 41 W at 645 vrs the W corner of James W Linums Survey. Same course in all 826 vrs the E cor[ner] of the 3 quarter said Sect No. 52 a stake thence S 30 W at 1276 vrs the S cor[ner] said 3rd quarter of Said Sect No. 52. Thence S. 65 E with SW line said Section No. 52 to beginning.

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To have and to hold the same together with all and singular the tenements hereditament and appurtenances hereinunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and I hereby bind myself my heirs executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend the title to the above described premises unto the said party of the second part and her heirs and assigns forever against all person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof. Provided always and these presents are upon this condition that of the said party of the first part or her heirs executors or administrators shall will and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said part of the second part or her heirs executors and administrators or assigns the aforesaid sum of money and such interest thereon at the time and in the manner specified in the above mentioned note according to the true intent and meaning thereof then in that case these presents and everything therein expressed shall be null and void

In witness where of the said party of the first part has hereunto set their hand and seal this the day and year above written. The alterations made before signed. Jerusha B. Fawcett (L.S.)

Witness: C.G. Hartman Geo W Ames

The State of Texas) Before me C.G. Hartman a

County of DeWitt) Notary Public in and for the County of DeWitt in the State of Texas personally appeared Mistrs Jerusha B. Fawcett resides near Yorktown in the aforesaid county and state and to me personally and she dully acknowledged to me that she signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing instrument of writing bearing date Oct 19th 1878 for the purpose and considerations therein specified. To which I certify under my official signature and the impress of my Notorial Seal This the 19th day of October AD 1878 C.G. Hartman Not Pb of DWCo Texas

FANNIN CO TX MARRIAGE (C593): TD Bloys & Sophonia McDonald 3/1879

THE STATE OF TEXAS, 3576

COUNTY OF FANNIN.

To any Judge of the District Court, Justice of the Peace, or Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel---Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to solemnize the RITES OF MATRIMONY between T D Bloys and Sophronia McDonald and make due return of this License to my office within sixty days, certified according to law.

Given under my hand and seal of office of Bonham, this the 8th day of March 1879 JH Oliphint Clerk Co Court, Fannin County.

I, Chas Carlton a Minister of the Gospel hereby certify that I solemnized the RITES OF MATRIMONY between TD Bloys and Sophronia McDonald on the 12th day of March 1879 Chas Carlton

Issued March 8th 1879 Recorded March 17th 1879

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Letter Rev. Uncas McCluer, Greenwich VA to Lucretia Fawcett (McCluer), Dardenne MO, 3/24/1879

Greenwich, Va.

March 24, 1879

My dear Mother, I do not know when I have written to you and it has been an equal time, perhaps, since I received your last letter.

One or another of the boys have written know and then, but it is not often anything is heard of Willie [his youngest brother, Rev. William McCluer], in whose studies [at Westminster College in MO] and movements I take the same interest I have ever taken in all the rest - He is probably quite busy now, as he has owed me a letter for about two months.

And I hardly think the usual excuse for not writing is valid: "no time" - "too busy" etc for it has been observed that the most busy people are the very people who find time for the most extra items. When any new business came up in

the Seminary we used to say "Give it to Shearer, he has so many things on hand, he can take one more", but there must be some limit somewhere of course - and my place is to vary my occupation, e.g., it was because I was too tired to understate a night's reading that it seemed a suitable time to write this letter - however it had as well not be written if there were no other reason.

My forenoon was much consumed this morning by an Episcopal Clergyman and one of the Vestry who came to see me. My acquaintance with that order of Clergy is not very extensive and my meeting with them is rare, and we cannot take any notice of official character. He was in my church last night at service and I was present by accident at his service Sunday week, and neither of us took any notice of the other at the time. It seems I have unexpectedly struck a vein which much needed to be opened all through this section in the way of manifesting charitable sentiments towards other orders. We have a general attendance on our service at different places. And while the above statement is true there are not wanting open attacks from the Pulpits upon "Presbyterian Faith." As I have not given any cause for it, so I do not mean to take any notice of it.

A Better opportunity I have never had for much study, and the main difficulty in my way is that I get so tired. Quite a supply of new books are at hand and this evening I have been ever so much entertained with the lengthy Introduction to Paschal's "Provincial Letters". That man died at 39, only three years older than myself. It makes me very sad to think how long I have lived and how little I have done for the benefit of men, or for the praise of that grace whereby we are saved. How many more days may yet remain we cannot tell, nor to what purpose God will use us; but I do not wish them to go to waste. I have never had a more vivid sense of time and eternity, and the transition than I have now almost daily.

The news from the children [Agnes and Catherine McCluer lived with their mother's parents--Watkins--in Farmville, Virginia after their mother's death], and the cheerful manner and merry voice of my darling child Kate when I left her does help me very much to bear up under the trials which now lie hard upon me. The last I saw of her as she turned into the door from the porch and as I was opening the yard gate was a joyous face as she said in a singling voice, "Goodbye! Papa; write to me as soon as you get home". No words could tell the weight of the burden I feel at such times, and it is well enough that such hours do not return very often. I do not see anything to bring any important change in the present status of affairs and something strongly indicates that no change is to be expected for a long time. The baby is in a measure weaned away from me (a very painful fact to me) and has shown all the clinging to its Grandmother it ever could show to any other so that the way seems obstructed to any change there - that I cannot bear the thought of bringing Kate up here and separating the children. At times my mind seems made up to give up the children entirely to their grandparanets and give myself up to my books, and the ease with which I return to the life of a hermit make me fear such a result, when perhaps it is not the right course. As I have no disposition to surrender the children, so perhaps I should not indulge any habit tending to that result. All my thinking over the matter comes to nothing and bewildered and distressed I have to hasten my thoughts into other themes. No doubt the path for today will be plain enough, and we do not need to see tomorrow's path until tomorrow comes.

Judge W [Watkins--father of Uncas' deceased wife] and Mrs W are so kind to me as to any child they have and it will be a constant purpose to gratify them in every reasonable way. They are living in moderate circumstances, with ordinary comforts of life but have nothing more for the present and will leave nothing to their numerous children except the Plantation and that may be encumbered. If Mrs W should die anytime soon I would bring the children up here and take what care of them I could, but while she lives, they could not be in better hands, so I try to be content.

I quote from "Biographical Notes" [which have now disappeared] which have been written for the children, lest dying suddenly they should know as little of their Father as of their good Mother, "I remember feeling half timid at night when Father [Samuel C. McCluer] was away as only two of us (Mother and myself) sat at the table under the stairway which ascended along the east side of the wide passage [the original Nutshell was probably a double pen log cabin]. It was in this passage the dogs would gather when the wolves came near, the nocturnal and dismal howlings of which I well remember". It is more than probably you can recall the scene.

I hope you will write me soon, and not forget me in this far off land, nor think me any less your son because my children have another Grandmother.

Most affectionately,
Uncas

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TRAVIS CO., TX DEED BOOK 44:135. 8/1879.

J.B. Fawcett P/A To G.W. Ames

The State of Texas) Know all men by these presents that Mrs County of DeWitt) Jerusha B. Fawcett of the County of DeWitt and State of Texas have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint George W. Ames of the aforesaid County and State, my true and lawful attorney to me and in my name place and stead, to sell make warranty deed in my name my tract or tracts appearing in the County named State of Texas upon terms and conditions &c. that he the said George W. Ames may see to make hereby appointing and confirming all that in said Attorney shall lawfully do by virtue hereof In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and using scroll for seals, this the 29th day of August 1879. Jerusha B. Fawcett (Seal)

COLEMAN CO TX DEED V30-31. A.H. PHILLIPS TO WM B. BLOYS 3/5/1880

THE STATE OF TEXAS) Whereas on the fifth day of
COUNTY OF COLEMAN) March A.D. 1880, A.H.

Phillips did execute and deliver to Rev. W.B. Bloys, a certain deed of conveyance, wherein the party first named did convey to the party last named the following described tract or parcel of Land to wit: On the West Travins Tract as marked on the plt made for the Vendor and Beginning at a stake on the South Bank of Hords Creek from a bears S 74" W 5 vrs. Thence South 275 vrs a stake. Thence West 105 vrs. a stake and a Pecan. Bears N 79 E 6 vrs. Thence North 280 vrs. a Stake in South Bank of Hords Creek and the N.E. corner of Coleman City Plot. Thence East to the place of beginning. Containing 5 acres. And whereas. as a part consideration for said land, the said W.B. Bloys did execute and deliver to the said A.H. Phillips, Ten Dollars Cash and his certain promissory notes for 26.25\$ each bearing even date with said deed and payable to said A.H. Phillips on the 15th day of March 1881 & 1882--and a Vendor's Lien was expressly retained in such deed to secure the payment of said promissory notes. And whereas, said promissory notes have been fully paid off and discharged, oth principal and interest at the time of the payment said notes...

OBITUARY (McMahon Scrapbook, Gainesville AL; Livingston U. Library): Col. Robert G. McMahon, 8/9/1880.

Death of Col. R.G. McMahon: Sat. 8th at 3 pm Turner Bell galloped in from Ramsey's Station announcing the death of Col. Robert G. McMahon at Ramsey Station at 1 pm. The previous wk he was at the Fair in Mobile. His health had degenerated. A casket was made and escorted to his home at 1:30 Sunday morning. Many gathered at 3 pm Sunday at the Presbyterian Church to attend funeral by Rev. Mr Peterson & Ast Rev Mr Morse. Born Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co Va Jun 24, 1813. At age 15 moved to N Ala. Settled Gainesville Feb 23, 1834. Married Nov 8, 1841 Mrs Fawcett, mother of town marshall T.D. Bell Jr. Merchant for 20 yrs. In Sept 1852 bought American Hotel--operated/owned until his death.

Letter Aunt Ginny [Virginia Fawcett], St Charles MO to Gena [Eugenia Fawcett], Alexandria VA 8 Nov 1880.

St. Charles Nov 8th 1880.

Dear Gena

I sit down to write to you as much from selfishness as anything else. I well know if I do not write to you, that I may be sure you will not write to me. Tomorrow will be just three months since I received your last. Now when I attempt to write I feel that I have little or nothing to say to you that will interest you at all. Gather more by this you will know that I am still in the 'Land of the Living'. I was very glad to learn that you were enabled to take such a pleasant trip. I have not doubt it did you good. I think anyone would have enjoyed it. I know I should have. Sometimes I long to be back to my native region. I admire a mountainous country so much more than these prairies. They are grand to look at I admit, but by no means as interesting as the mountains to me.

My nephews tell me that is nothing but prejudice. Let it be what it may, I don't think there is any comparison between this states & many parts of Virginia. I suppose a farmer may see many advantages in setting on prairie land & prefer it, But that does not affect the beauty of the scenery in my view. When I ride across a prairie I think of nothing but Desert, Dearest. It is solitary in the winter the most dreary country I ever saw. Though it is well we don't all think alike. If we did I know that a good portion of the West would remain a wilderness. I have just returned from your Uncle Samuel [McCluer at Dardenne MO]. I go every fall & make them a visit of a month. Sometimes stay a little longer. They are so busy during the summer that I do not like to be there. I enjoy being thre in Autumn, which is to my notion decidedly much the pleasant part of the year in Missouri. They live in a plain way at your Uncles. But it is a very abundant house. They hire no hands for the Farm. The boys work the land themselves, except during Harvest. Keep one servant in the kitchen. While I was there Presbytery met in their church which is only about two miles from your Uncles, being prominent members, one son an Elder & having a roomy house They expected to entertain a goodly number of the strangers attending the meeting which they seemed to do very cheerfully. All the family except the two youngest have united with that [Dardenne Presbyterian] Church, All Presbyterians. They had some excellent preaching. Some of our best ministers were there. Unfortunately the weather was so unfavorable that I could not attend.

On the 2nd of the present month Sister [Lucretia McCluer] left for Sedalia to make a visit of some week to her brother [-in-law] Henry [McCluer]. Susan McCluer [her daughter] accompanied her as fa as Mexico, about eight [miles] west of us, where they have a mutual friend. After a visit of a week to this friend, Virginia [Susan?] does on to Boonville & will spend a few days ith her cousin Rev. O.W. Gauss. Then to Sedalia, Susan returns from Mexico. I had a letter from Robert Gauss a few days since. He is in Colorado. He left us expecting to settle permanently in that state. But he found the town full of men in his profession, not getting enough to do to support them. Then he finds the climate very severe, is afraid to spend the winter there. Thinks he will go further South, perhaps will try New Mexico. He says he could make money in several kinds of business out of his line, did take a situation in a large Newspaper office as book keeper, for which they paid him extravagant wages. In Leadville, 'The Chronicle' the leading Republican paper. He has other objections to staying in Leadville besides the climate. The mixed population, a large proportion ... miners, miserable reckless characters. Then he says it is the most immoral place he ever heard of, a perfect Sodom. I would have supposed any number of lawyers could find business in such a community as that, But it seems if even willing willing risk there lives & morals. They can't make a living. All profession overrun. I am thankful that Robert has such a horror of the state [of] things there. Am glad he thinks of leaving that unritcheous city. He speaks very differently of Denver. It is more moral place & says it is one of the most beautiful cities.

Very, very Thankful for tha pleasant news of Joe [Joseph Willis Fawcett]. I do hope now he will succeed in business & be settled permanently. The last letter I had from Jerusha [Fawcett--Willis' second wife]. She spoke of having had a very pleasant letter from Lucy. The interest manifested by Lucy is very gratifying to her. The trouble she takes to write to her seems to be fully appreciated. My love to Hattie [Fawcett Ramsay] & say that we sympahize with her in the loss of her dear Babe. May she bear this dispensation as a Chrisian should, Believing that her child has been received into the fold of a loving & faithful Shepard, a matter incentive to draw them to Heaven. Give much love to Lucy, Nettie, Edward & all the children. I should like very much to see you all, But it is not likely now that we shall meet in this world again. The course of nature I cannot expect to be here much longer. Life is uncertain at any age. But at my advanced age, I may expect that I may be called away soon. It can't be long before we shall all meet in another, and I hope a better world. Present my regards to your very kind Aunt, Uncle & Cousins. With much Love Dear Genea, I am your affectionate
Aunt Ginnie

Letter: Virginia Fawcett, St. Charles MO from Jerusha Wight Fawcett, Yorktown TX
12/7/1880

Yorktown, Dec 7th 1880

Dear Sister Ginnie Your kind letter of Nov I fear I have not answered.
I find I am very forgetful and it is no wonder to me I have had so much trouble,

not that I have had more than others. My life has been one of happiness and crowned with blessings. My greatest one my precious Willis [who recently died]. He made me very happy. I hope and pray he is having his reward. I have just returned from his dear grave. How desolate it looks now. No flowers, only one green vine on the trees at the head. A honey suckle. We have had a hard freeze--a good deal of ice. I fear every thing is killed. The berbemas? look dead. I had hoped they could bloom around the dear spot all winter. I am very tired. It is a good walk for me.

When I look at your nice neat letters and think how old you are I feel ashamed. Mine are dreadful. I can't improve. I wear dear Willis' glasses and they don't fit well. How your sisters must enjoy having you with them. I feel I am entirely alone, so far from my relatives. They are kind to write me often. Sister Sherry gave me a letter every week for more than a year after Willis died. She writes very often now. She often has more cares and cant write quite as often.

Christmas will soon be here. My joy is gone. It was a happy day with Willis. We exchanged little gifts, and had some friends, or visitor here. Now it is a sad day to me. I do not feel I can go where we were to happy together. Nor do I feel I can make it pleasant for my friends without him. I must make an effort for George [W. Ames]. He was away last Christmas [12/1879]. A friend who was about as sad as I spent the day alone with me. He tried to feel grateful, but we had a warm room, as it was very cold. So passed our Christmas. I made the neighbors children glad with some cakes, and candy. That was all I could do. George has been at Austin. He was gone two weeks. I was very lonely and a little sick. While he was away, he did not sell but 160 acres of my land, near Austin. But sill hopes to make sale another year. I wish very much I could dispose of it. I heard indirectly that Frank [Scott Fawcett] family were well but that he was loosing his sheep. I can sympathize with him. Mine are only doing ordinary well, nor have they since dear Willis died. I do not make up my heavy loss, still I feel grateful that they do as well as they do. George and Mr. Buck have taken them on shares. Think this will be better for me, as my expences have so heavy. They plan on giving me half the wool and two thirds the lambs. I hope to hear soon from you and that you are well and happy with love to all and a Merry Christmas. I am your aff Sister Jerusha [B. Wight Fawcett]

Letter Virginia Fawcett, St Chas MO to Gena Fawcett, Alexandria VA 4/27/1882

St. Charles, April 27th 1882

Dear Gena, Many, many thanks for your last letters and the one you enclosed from Lucy. You are very kind indeed to overlook my shortcomings in the way of letter writing, I am two neglgent dont deserve half the consideration my friends show me. Lucy's letter was interesting to me though I presieve little or nothing of the friends she writes about. While I like to hear of them as people concerned with you & them being decsendants of those I have heard your mother so often speak with affection & interest. I very glad to hear something of Clara [Moore]. Seems hard to realize Clara is 17 years old. How rapidly life fleest I can only think of he mother as a little sister. Strange to tell you, I don't feel most of the time as if Ginnie had left this earth for another world. But she is gone to another home, where she is safe from all trouble or evil. And O Gena, may it be our privilege to give her in praises to our Lord and Savior. I pray Clara may grow up to be the good & useful woman that her Mother was, a comfort to her old grandparents & other friends.

Dear Lucy seems to be in great demand among her friends & neighbors too. I am thankful to learn that she is bright & happy in her life, finds pleasure in being useful to those around her. Trying to do her duty by them. Living then & aiming to do as she would be done by. I hope though she will be careful & not sacrifice her owne health in serving others. You inquire kindly for Theodore [Gauss]. He says he is well. Though I don't think he feels quite like himself, yet his phscian perscribed your remedy, with the very pleasant addition of Iron, a nauseous dose. He has ceased to use it. Is not regular business. I hope when settled warm weather returns that you will both get well & strong.

The rest are well. I am, most of the time just good for nothering--not sick, but feeble, too weak to take much interest in what is doing on around me. Feel sometimes as if I was of no use in the world except perhaps to cultivate the grace of patience among my friends, kind & good as they can be, could not be more. I don't mean to insinuate tha they are not. But I know that an old deaf woman is not to be considered a treat to any family. I ought to be and am

Dear Lucy A short time since your stepmother [Jerusha Fawcett] sent a picture to me, for you, saying she had not your address, hoping I had. In that she was much mistaken. You are such a 'will O the Wisp' that I don't pretend to keep the run of you. Therefore I sent to the care of Edward [Stabler Facett] supposing that he would have some idea of your whereabouts. The picture is indeed a likeness of your dear Father [Willis Fawcett], which I will say to you I find little or no resemblance to my brother at any time of his life. Therefore, Jerusha seems to think we will value. If she thinks it looks much as he did at the time of his death. But for me it is failure. She has gone to lots of trouble & expense to procure a part likeness. The studio at East Saganwa persuaded her that from some old photographs she had they produced said likeness. It is I think a very poor ... But if Jerusha is satisfied I am glad that she has it and don't intend to tell her what I think of the picture. Jerusha is still in Michigan with one of her sisters at whose name she never gives. Has spoken several times of her Brother in laws kindness & of their objections to her returning to Texas. I think she finds East Saginaw very pleasant society, much more agreeable & church privileges greater than at her old home in Texas. Yet she longs to return to the 'grave' & the spot where she had spent many happy years with her husband. It seems natural that she would wish to return, and hope she may go. But hope will be only on a visit. I think she is much more pleasantly situated in the north among her friends than in Texas. It may be pecuniary to her interest to be there, of that I cannot judge. She was yet here since she went to Michigan. I think complains a great deal more of a cough & some affliction of the lungs than she did while in Texas. For that reason perhaps she had better go back for awhile.

How do you all do? I have not had a letter from [Lucy] Fena for some time. I do hope you have not been subjected to seek another job of nursing as Gena wrote me of last winter. We are all well here this summer--have had remarkably healthy season, much pleasant than last season not so hot. We have gotten a guest house just now. Henry & his family have left after a very pleasant visit. Lizzie & children were here & at her fathers, a month. Henry came for them & stayed only a few days. Could not leave his business longer. They have four children living, have lost three. Robert [Gauss] is in Denver. ... to like .. Better than any country that he has seen. Has gone into partnership in the law firm of a gentleman much older than himself & who has been in Denver for sometime. Theodore [Gauss] expects to make his brother a visit this next month. Robert has been gone two years & will be delighted to see his brother. Indeed would be glad to see anyone from home. I think I wrote to Gena that Eugene [Gauss] the fourth son, had gone to farming within a few miles of your Uncle Samuel. Albert is still at home keeping the books for the firm Gauss & Son. That is your Uncle Eugene & son Theodore. When you see or write give my warmest love to all the friends. Except through Gena. I never hear anything from you or any of the rest. Your Aunt Net & all join me in much love to you and that every blessing may attend you all, is the pray of your affection Aunt Gene.

OBITUARY (St. Charles MO Journal 10/13/1882:1/4).

MISS VIRGINIA FAWCETT

Died, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Samuel McCluer, of Dardenne, on the 5th inst., Miss Virginia Fawcett, in the 76th year of her age.

Miss Fawcett was born in Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, Virginia, and removed to Missouri in 1834. She had been a resident of St. Charles for nearly half a century, and for more than forty years was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Her religious convictions were strong, clear and inflexible, for they were based upon a careful study and an intelligent perception of revealed truth. And whilst she always had the courage to act up to her convictions of duty, she had also the largest charity toward those who she believed conscientiously acted upon principles, however different they might be from those by which she was controlled.

She was always ready to take her part in every good work, to the extent of her ability, but quietly and unobtrusively. Her Christian virtues shone brightest in the home circle which she adorned, and in which she was so greatly beloved, that her departure leaves a vacancy which can never be filled. With unselfish devotion, she constantly sought to secure the comfort and happiness of the kindred with whom her life was happily and usefully spent, and they all mourn for her with a sense of loss which a stranger cannot understand, and with a grief that is sacred from intrusion. Happy for them that her beautiful Christian

life gives such strong assurance that she is safe with God. And happy for them if, when like precious faith, they can look forward to the time when they shall all be one family in Christ Jesus forever.

She was buried from the residence of her brother-in-law, Eugene Gauss, Esq., where she had long made her home, and where her blessed memory will long be cherished. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

St. Charles Co MO Probate Court (Will Records 4:266): Virginia Fawcett's will (signed 11/13/1877, executors appointed 10/13/1882, final settlement 2/10/1885).

I Virginia Fawcett of the City of Stte Charles and State of Missouri being of sound mind, makes this may last well and testament-- I give devise and bequeath my estate and property, real and personnel, as follows-- that is to say, first, I desire that all my debts shall be paid. Second, I bequeath to Susan Henrietta and Robert B. McClure one hundred dollars a piece, to Virginia Yates, Eugene N. Gauss and Albert C. Gauss one hundred dollars each. Their being the money falling to me from my brother Niles [Fawcett] Estate [and] The money coming from my brother Keys Estate I bequeath to the Heirs of my brother Erasmus R. Fawcett. That is to say to Francis, L. Curtis, Robert & Keyes Fawcett, and Branson now Mrs Carson, I give Keyes the youngest the largest share-- I appoint Theodore Gauss Executor of this my last will and testament.

In Witness of which I have signed and sealed and publicized and declared this instrument as my last will and testament at the City aforesaid & state aforesaid Virginia Fawcett (Seal)

The said Virginia Fawcett at said City of Stte Charles & state of Missouri on said 13 November 1877 signed and sealed this instrument and published & declared the cause and for in her last will & testament and lies at the request in her presence of each other we witness on here, hereto as subscribing witnesses

J.A. Johns

Mary Glenday

State of Missouri

County of St. Charles In the Probate Court. Be it understood that one this the 13th day of October A.D. 1882 lies before Jon J. Powell Judge of the Probate Court, and are for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared J.A. Johns & Mary Glenday who are the subscribing witnesses to the mixed will of Virginia Fawcett deceased and being by me first duly sworn, depose & say that the same Virginia Fawcett the testator, subscribed the source in their presence and published & declared said will in instrument of writing to be her last will and testament, and that at the time of signing the same she the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than Twenty one years of age and that said afore unto attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator and of Each other, and at the request of the said testator--

J A Johns

Mary Glinday

Sworn to aid subscribed before me John J Powell Judge of the Stte Charles Probate Court this 13th day of October AD 1882

John Powell Judge

Stte Charles Probate Court

St. Charles County Probate File, 1882-85 (Box 43, File 963): Virginia Fawcett, Aug 17, 1882 (St. Charles Historical Society).

COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES.) I, John J. Powell Judge of the St. Charles Probate Court, do hereby appoint B.A. Alderson and John E. Stonebaker as witnesses, to accompany and aid Theodore Gauss, Administrator of Virginia Fawcett deceased, in opening and examining the papers, money and other property of the deceased, and in making an Inventory thereof.

In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court, this 13th day of October Eighteen

Hundred and Eighty two

Jno J Powell, Judge

Inventory of the Estate of Virginia Fawcett dec'd.

One Note Chas. H. Gauss \$2000.

8% int from Oct 1st 1882 8.88

Cash 25.48

acct. due from E Gauss from

Oct. 13/82 108.43

Oct. 20th 1882 \$ 2142.79

B.A. Alderson)

Jno. E. Stonebraker)

--OFFICE OF--
<EUGENE GAUSS AND SONS,>
DEALERS IN
<LUMBER, LATHS AND SHINGLES>
St. Charles, Mo.,

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St Charles Mo. May 31st '83

Received of Theo Gauss executor of the
last will of Virginia Fawcett decreased One
Hundred Dollars in full of the amount left
me by said Virginia Fawcett in her last
will
Susan M. McCarty
William McCarty

Feb 1th 1884

Received of Theodore Gauss, Executor
Two Hundred & Twenty five--- x/100 Dollars
on account of money left me by Virginia Fawcett in
her last will
\$225.00 R.M. Fawcett

Feb 2nd 1884

Received of Theodore Gauss, Executor
Two Hundred & Twenty five--- x/100 Dollars
on account of money left me by Virginia Fawcett in
her last will
\$225.00 Branzonia Carson
John W. Carson

[Feb 2nd] 1884

Received of Theodore Gauss, Ex. of the last will of Miss
Virginia Fawcett Decd Four Hundred & Fifty-- x Dollars
on account of money left Keys Fawcett in her last will.
\$450.00 F.S. Fawcett
Guardian of Keys Fawcett

Feb 2nd 1884

Received of Theodore Gauss, Executor
Two Hundred & Twenty five--- x Dollars
on account of money left me by Virginia Fawcett
in her last will
\$225.00 F.S. Fawcett

Feb 2th 1884

Received of Theodore Gauss, Executor
Two Hundred & Twenty five--- x/100 Dollars
on account of money left me by Virginia Fawcett
in her last will
\$225.00 J. C. Fawcett

St Charles Mo Aug 1884

Received of Theodore Gauss, Executor
One Hundred ----- Dollars
on account of money left me by Virginia Fawcett
in her last will
\$100.00 Henrietta McCluer

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1. PLACE OF BIRTH	TEXAS DEPT OF HEALTH	
STATE OF TEXAS	BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS	382485
COUNTY OF GONZALES	CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
CITY/PRECINCT NO.: Cheapside		
2. FULL NAME OF CHILD: Carl Cleveland Fawcett		
3. Sex: Male	6. Legitimate? Yes	7. Date of Birth: Apr 11, 1885
	FATHER	MOTHER
8. Full Name: Francis Scott Fawcett	14. Maiden Name:	Emma Luvenia Elder
9. Residence at time of birth:	15. Residence at time of this	

Cheapside, Texas birth: Cheapside, Texas
10. Color: White. 11. Age: 35 yrs 16. Color: White. 17. Age: 28
12. Birthplace: Mississippi 18. Birthplace: Alabama
14. Occupation: Farmer 19. Occupation: Housewife
20. No. of children born to this mother including this birth: 6th of 14
21. No. of children born to this mother and how living: Nine

I hereby certify to the birth of this child who was born alive at ___ m on the date stated above.

22. Signature: O.Y. Fawcett Address: Johnson City, Texas

Filed: Mar 30, 1942 Willis W. Ellison of Gonzales County.

ARTICLE (Columbia MO Statesman 12/18/1885 3/2).

Mr. Eugene Gauss and his family of St. Charles are removing to Boone [County]. His daughter and two sons arrived here Monday with the household effects. The parents and other members of the family will come up shortly.

LETTER-TO-EDITOR (Columbia MO Missouri Statesman 6/30/1886:2/8).

To the Editor of the Courier Journal:

O'Fallon, Mo. June 8 [1886]--Please tell me whether it is true that Mr. Davis did use the words ascribed to him in that address at Montgomery. Have never seen anything at all like it in the speech you published in your paper, and will hope it is not true. Lucretia A. [Fawcett]

McCluer.

The words referred to are alleged to have been uttered by Jefferson Davis in his speech at Montgomery, and are as here quoted-- "I have often prayed to live to see the day when both Lincoln and Grant were dead and in hell, and as my prayer has been granted I am ready to die" ... According to reporter from Pittsburgh Telegraph... Norman Porter-- Courier Journal asserts this is all lies.

GUARDIANSHIP for Erasmus Keyes Fawcett 5/19/1884 (Gonzales Co TX Probate Court, p. 505, case # 1072).

Guardianship) This day came on to be heard the application
of) of E.K. Fawcett minor over the age of 14 years

E.K Fawcett) praying that a Guardian be appointed of his Estate with written request that F.S. Fawcett be appointed as his Guardian. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that F.S. Fawcett be and is hereby appointed Guardian of the Estate of E.K. Fawcett upon filing bond in the sum of \$3200.00 and qualifying in accordance with law. And J.D. Houston, W.M. Atkinson & J.A. Lackland are appointed appraisers of said minor estate.

MARRIAGE LICENSE for Robert McMahon Fawcett/ Elizabeth J. Alldridge, Dec. 16, 1885 (Gonzales Co. TX Marriages D:561).

MARRIAGE LICENSE

THE STATE OF TEXAS) To All who shall see these Presents Greetings
COUNTY OF GONZALES)

KNOW YE, That any Person Legally Authorized to Celebrate the

-- RITES * OF * MATRIMONY --

is hereby licensed to join in marriage, as Husband and Wife,

Mr R M Fawcett and Miss E J Alldridge and for in doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I, D D Jones Clerk of the County
Court of Gonzales County, hereunto subscribe my name,
and affix the Seal of said Court, this 16th

(SEAL) day of December 1885

D D Jones Clerk

By Deputy

STATE OF TEXAS) This Certifies That I joined in marriage, as
County of Gonzales Husband and Wife, Mr. R.M. Fawcett
and Miss E J Alldridge

on the 16 day of December 1885

John J. Hodges M.G.

Recorded _____ day of _____ Clerk
_____ 188 _____ By _____ Deputy

ARTICLE (GONZALES INQUIRER 7/23/1887:3): P.T. Elder

The INQUIRER was favored by a call Thursday from Mr. P.T. Elder, a substantial citizen of Pilgrim Lake. Mr. Elder was a great loser by the storm last summer. He says that the crop prospects are good in this section. Worms are in his cotton, but not enough to do much damage. He will poison if the worms increase much.

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Ledger: Joseph Curtis Fawcett, 1887-1923 (John Carson collection, San Antonio).
P.1/Notes and accounts

One aganst WD Wofford & Co Div straight for \$93.45 given
January the 4 1890 with interest at the rate of twelve percent from date. Paid
One agant W.A. Miller given April 23, 1890 due Oct 1st 1890 for \$40.00 know
interest until after due then twelve percent. Paid
One against John & Jessy Polle given the 17 of Feb 1890 for \$12.50 with 12%
after maturity due Oct the 1st 1890. Paid
One against Frank Carson \$26.50 given Nov 1, 1887 due Sept 17 1888 with
twelve % until paid. Paid
One aganst Sy Carrol for \$21.00 due March 1890 given Dec 20 1889 interst 12%
from maturity. One horse for security. Paid
One against John Taylor ... Paid
One aganst Sy Carrol for \$50.00 due May 1, 1890. Dec 20th 1889 rent not...
Sy \$40.00 Sept 15, 1890... Paid
One aganst Mary... for \$40.00 given ... due Oct 1, 1890... Paid
One aganst Collier... for \$1750 given .. Of 1890 & due Oct 1... interest at
the rate of Sept the 13th 1890 Cr by Costy cash \$10.50. Balance due....
Paid
W.D. Wofford due J.C. Fawcett on J. Booth ... due on store account...
Paid
Janes Halloway... Paid
Lon Dentson... Borrowed money... Paid
Bill Dentson ... due J.C. Fawcett... His field... Paid
J.W. Carson.... Due J.C. Fawcettt.... Paid

p.2/ B.F. Baker due J.C. Fawcett May 4th 1890

To	Share in cattle	\$17.50
	Cash Jan 15th 1890	3.00
	Boot in horse trade	20.00
	Dr Bill	11.25
	Cash in January 5th	1.55
	Cash to Wimkey	5.00
		58.30
		32.00
Balance due May 25th		26.30
To	Cash for Book	1.75
To	Cash for Bredon Bro	3.25
To	Cash paid Miller	4.75
To	one beaf in Apr 1891	8.00
	" " In Aug	8.00
To	406 lbs cotton	9.55
To	Cash lent for Chrst	25.00
To	cash lent for EF Elder	7.00
To	cash paid W.A.Miller	2.50
To	Three cows	27.00
To	Cash in Cuero for gin	5.00
To	Cash April 7th	0.25
To	Cash for H Peterson	
	Aug the 10/1892	5.00
To	Cash in Oct 1892	12.00
To	Cash paid BP Terry Oct 1893	5.00
		\$201.35
To	Cash for tax for	
	1902 paid in the spring	13.75
To	Beaf act	10.00

Cash for F.S. Fawcett		
balance on land	15.00	
(over to second page)		
B.F. Baker credits for the year 1890		
Cr by cash in horse trade May 4, 1890	\$20.00	
by cash in cow trade	7.00	
by cash		5.00
		52.00
Cr Sy Miller yearlings Oct 9, 1891	11.50	
Cr by cash Nov 26th	20.00	
Cr by cash received of S Pess		0.50
Cr Sy Becky pasturage on cattle	5.00	
Cr by meadicine at ..	0.75	
		89.75

p.3/Expences on July 1891

To Pastorage & grub	\$44.70
Johns wages one month	20.00
Tottle trip expenses	\$64.70

F. Bakers part of expences
on July trip 1891

To Tottle expences	\$14.40
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G. Kings part of expences
on July trip 1891

Tottle expence	\$ 4.80
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Paid

J.W. Carson part of expence
on July trip 1891

To Tottle expence	\$ 2.40
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R.M. Fawcett part of expence
on July trip 1891

To Tottle expence	\$ 2.40
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p.4/This January 15th/1915

Heads Cattle on land that was bought with J.W. Carsons money

To	27	steer yealing at \$22.00 per head	594.00
	3	Hefer yearling at \$22.00	66.00
	2	Steer yearling at \$21.25	42.50

This Nov 30th 1922 Paid J.W. Carson 20.00

On board bill

Sold to Stall Bros in 1828

23	Turkey weight	354 lbs
		Price

p.5/Expencc on 13 acres of cotton in 1918

To	first plowing	10.00
	seed	9.45
	one hoe & file	1.30
	sharpning plows	0.90
	fence stapels	0.50
	cotten picking	16.53
	bread & coffee	0.55
	one cotten sack	2.00
	plowing to cultivate	18.50
	halling & laber	59.73

On Aug 11th 1923 Put 3 cows in Jes Poalks pasture
and one mule on the 1th 1923. Mule out.

Paid Jes Poalk on pasturage to date Nove 10th 1923 \$3.50

Paid August Baker Pas 2.00

Letter: Lucy T. Fawcett, Hillfort Farm, Aylesford, Kings Co, Nova Scotia to
Eugenia Fawcett, 220 N Monument, Baltimore MD Feb 26, 1888

Feb. 26, 1888. Hillfort Farm

Aylesford, Kings Co Nova Scotia

My dear Gene,

If I neglect writing to you, it will be a little worse than, if I do it, to any body else, so you have been so 'super-fine' about writing. But as I've received 42 letters since reaching Halifax, Dec. 5th, not counting several business letters and very few of them have been ansd. I am simply in a state! Have almost not time to write, and feel like answering each letter separately for they are all so interesting, and I appreciate the findness of the writers so much. But with a morning school of 39 scholars (and some of them hard to manage); an afternoon school of 16; and a sewing class of seven little girls; and with all the 'ifts; and 'ands' and 'buts' that come about, in such a large family as this, (and so many of them little people,)--I just have to stay desperate about letter-writing--Our evenings now that the days are getting longer commence about 9 o'clock, and last till 12 or 1 (this is our leisure time). Then I'm up at 7 a.m., and there is not a moment for letters during the day, and so the weeks go by!

You asked about the mail robbery. We have heard of none at Halifax;- but there was a large one at Annapolis-about 100 miles from here. Most of my letters I think come through Maine, New Brunswick etc, and do not pass through Annapolis or Halifax.

The following map will give you a little idea of the relative positions of Annapolis, Aylesford and Halifax. And will show how close we are to the Bay of Fundy.-- [Map]

Annapolis Basin has been frozen over 6 miles below Annapolis, this winter has not occurred before for 36 years; and the port closed for some time. One time we heard of an English steamer plying all day, trying to reach the city, for a load of apples, but in vain. The harbor is open again now.

...much, I've concluded to turn this into a circular letter.--

Well! So many of you have asked how I've stood the weather up here this winter! My ans is that during the very cold spell that commenced early in Jan., soon after sending off the long letter to 'you all', I just thought I'd greeze. I'd been miserably cold ever since leaving Baltimore, in October, (except when covered up in bed,) and when this spell came on, I literally did not see how I was to exist. And seriously thought of moving off to some 'warm corner', somewhere. But just about that time, my school room was moved up stairs, and then the children and I were very comfortable. But this was not done till many of the litle ones, and I had taken very bad colds. I was very seriously affected, being very much swollen from head to food--had a very bad cough, great shortness of breath etc--all of which lasted for about ten days. But I was cured by faith, without medicine, and have been well for a long time now. Miss Herald, the seamstress, had a very sevee attack of sciatica (?) brought on by sitting in a cold room, while sewing (there was a fire there, but it did not warm the room); and she is not entirely over it yet.

The only way (that I can see) why about twenty little children haven't died here this winter, is by direct interposition of Providence. I'm in earnest. Sick in bed with bad colds, sore eyes etc, in cold rooms and nobody with them for hours. No body to see that they were kept covered during the night etc. There is no nursery here, - and no special nurse. So we do the best we can under the circumstances, and thanks to His care, they have all gotten on remarkably well. Dyphtheria has prevailed in this section, but these children have been spared.

Aunt Corrie asked me in a recent letter if I had any congenial society here. My answer was 'No! Except among some of the children, -- and added to these Mr & Mrs Tuttle (Methodis Minister & wife) whom I scarely ever see, and who will have to leave this spring.) But I do enjoy some of the children very much--the sewing girdls; a few of the larger boys; and an very much interested in Sandy McDonald. He is a poor thin little fellow, with big eyes. He needs someboy to pet him, but no body has time, but me, and I haven't much. He says 'I am your boy!' and he is too, not because he is 'bonnie', but because he is a good principled little fellow and needs to have somebody to cling to. Sometimes he is very slow in telling the truth against himself. You can't get a word out of him; until out comes a 'yes'. He is about 5 years old.

Last Sabbath Morning, I took a are treat of coming to my room for a few hours, to read, take a nap, etc. After a while some of the children thinking I

was staying too long, came with big raps and middle size raps, and little tiny raps; and at last one sturdy little fellow of about 4 yrs bolder than the rest, called out 'Miss Foseat!' Here are two nice cips (chips) for shu!' No answer coming, this same gentleman kicked the door at a considerable rate. But hard-hearted creature that I was, I never let on that I heard. I'd retired to private life! Admired the perserverance on the other side of the door, but in silence! It takes the most unheard of amount of patience to get through one day here! I just wish some of you were here for a little while, to try it!

Miss Farquharson lets me give about 14 of the little ones 'pieces' each morning after breakfast, and sometimes after they are in their beds. This gives both them and me great delight. 'Pieces; means a piece of bread and butter, buttered toast bread and fish, bread and molasses, or something like that, which is a great treat, when their breakfast the year-round is porridge and milk. These little ones cannot get out of doors during the winter, and they look a little punny, so these extra bits help them along.

As far as getting out is concerned, I am nearly as badly off as the little ones. Have taken but two short walks since I've been here! Keep intending to do it but can't get the time. Get to church and to the post office in the elugh once in a while, and that is about all.

An interesting item in connection with the cold, is that very soon after the severe weather commenced, the pipes that bring the water down the hill to the house froze, and are expected to stay that way till sometime in April! So all the water (after a little is pumped through the well at the house (which soon gives out), has to be hauled in barrels from a brook near by,--mind you! Water hauled for the use of 70 people! And a large lot of lumber for building purposes has to [be] hauled, seven miles, to mill and back again; another large lot of wood brought to supply the various fires; ice house to be filled; every little while, a steer, or a calf, or a pig, to be killed, and dressed, etc. All to be done with three horses, two oxen, two men, and three ill-trained boys! Speaking of oxen, I would say to my Sandy Spring friends, I've been so pleased with the 'head-yoke' used here. They are said to be much easier for the oxen; and better in many ways than neck yokes, for post purposes. If you won't laugh at the drawing, I'll give you a little idea here. [sketch of yoked oxen]

The heavy wooden piece lies right over the head, back of the horns, and is fastened to them by strong leather bands. If you think well of it just send me word and I will get express directions and send you. I've always insisted that the neck yoke was cruel! And so does everybody else but a farmer, and he is just hardened to it!! I laugh at these people though, for shoeing the oxen. But they say they could not use them over the ice, without. The shoes are just two little flat shinny pices under each foot; with corks at the back like horses. They have to 'swing the oxen up' to shoe them--just barely take the weight off the feet,--letting them touch the shop floor. They fasten the head, and have a special rest for bending the leg etc.

I'm not through telling about the cold yet. The house is at the foot of the Mountain (Hillfoot Farm you know!) And with the various thaws and freezes that have followed each other, there has accumulated a solid food of ice up against the back of the house, and as it sets low, you have to step down a foot to come in at the back door; and every time there is a thaw, (of which there have been several lately) the water runs in over the kitchen floor, as its natural drainage!

The sleighing has been excellent for a great many weeks, but it is nearly gone now. The weather has been very moderate all the month.

I can't tell you the degrees of cold in Jan., as (among other things) we have no thermometer. A Kentville paper, one day spole of 10 degrees below zero, but I think it went much lower than that afterwards.

They say this valley here is very pretty in summertime. But it strikes me it must be pretty in a farming aspect. There is nothing picturesque about it. The broad flat valley stretches out, with a long ridge on one side, called the North Mountain, and another on the South, called the South Mountain In the latter they still find bears; a few moose, deer; caraboos (small deer about the size of a calf) and wild cats. One old man, fahter of the young man working here just now, has caught 16 bears and 2 men, in his bear trap, during his lifetime. I won't describe the trap. It is too severe to talk about. 'They say bear tracks were seen a short time ago, just about a mile back of the house, in the North Mountain. The bears do not attack you, unless you meddle with them, but they often kill folks sheep.'

We had the wagon out yesterday for the first time for about two months, and it did seem very awkward getting up so high! You never see a covered vehicle of any description here. Everybody uses little light spring wagons, without tops. Just think of it! You get very cold unless you are wrapped up until you are out of sight and hearing! I just regularly put a shawl over my bonnet, cover my face and all, and jolt along; and wonder if we are almost there!

I've lately put on heavy yarn stockings, and large heavy leather shoes, and find them very comfortable.

Miss Sterling and three or four servants, and about 25 children, are expected out about the last of April. A neighboring house is already engaged to accommodate the farmer & wife; hear-nurse, and a good number of the largest boys. But we will be just as crowded here then as we are now.

There are twenty two boys sleeping up in two attic rooms now. The rooms are about 15 x 15 ft, each, and [have] low ceilings. During several weeks, when it was so cold the windows were frozen down. And the worst of it was they fit tight! So just imagine how little air they had to breathe. The stair door stood open to receive the air that was already used up, in the passage below, opening into the other sleeping rooms, where none of the windows were open!!!

One night my window was frozen down, and as Mr. Loomer could not open the attic windows, supposed he couldn't mine. So I told them at supper, that I fully intended to break a pane of glass! That I would have air enough! So they laughed and said it would be good for trade! However, Mr. Loomer, went up during the evening, and succeeded in getting it open. And tried the attic windows again, but in vain. Then I asked permission to break a glass there, promising to pay charges etc. But Miss F. would not consent, so I had to wait for a thaw. Then, get blocks, and nailed on each sill, so they have never been shut down tight since; but still the boys get almost no fresh air.

March 6. There were several more things I was going to say, but want to mail this today, so will just add that a letter was recd from Miss Sterling yesterday saying she would sail March 9, probably reaching here on the 19th. She will bring about 35 children with her varying in age from 2 to 14 yrs of age. This is a month earlier than we were expecting and as we have only two weeks to prepared for her coming, and as we always have quite enough to do, we will now far too much to attend to properly! When the party arrives, taking about twenty wagons loads to bring them from the Station, they will all have to be bathed and have clean clothes put on them unless it should be at night, in which case they will be put to bed 'just so.'

Mrs. Townsend will please send this letter on to Gene after reading (Aunt Corrie has had a recent letter, and need not see this, as it is much like hers). Address Miss Gene Fawcett, 220 W. Monument St., Balto. Gene will show to cousin Mary Osburn and any other she chooses, and then send it to Pattie Stabler, for The Manor and cousin Willie Bond's folks. Then give to cousin Lydia Thomas, and when she has read she will give to Anna Scofield, and she will let Ashton Mission have a reading, and she will then send to D. Edward Fawcett, Alex.

Your Most Loving Lucy T. Fawcett

Letter: Lucy T. Fawcett, Lawrence MA to Relatives in VA/MD. 20 Apr 1888

Steamer Cumberland

April 20, 1888

My dear Home People Do I surprise you with the heading of this letter or has Helen Lea already told you I've been paying a visit in Lawrence, Mass. Well! I have been there sojourning with Will and Leidia Harthshorne for a week past and have enjoyed it ever so much!!! This paper is some Miriam gave me, tied in three holes, with white ribbon, handed with the remark, 'you are to do anything you want to, with it'. I didn't want it at all just then, my sachel was so full, but of course found room for it to please the little girl, --Now I'm glad to have it, as I've taken a motion to write, this last afternoon on the 'Cumberland'. I'll have to tell my story backwards, because I'm so interested in this trip.

My visit being over at Will's yesterday morning, he and I left the house in time to take the 6"40 A.M. train for Boston in order to take the boat for St. John, that would leave at 8:30 and we did it nicely, and the trip has been lovely except I'm alone. Plenty of pleasant people aboard but none of them 'my people'. One young man, just returning home from college has a good deal to say to me. I think I must remind him of his mother!

Oh! But this is a lovely trip, we've had delightful weather, a beautiful steamer, and altogether a 'bon voyage'. We sailed out of Boston, leaving the

city bathed in a flood of morning light. The sun was so bright, and the air so fine, it made one glad to be alive. Of course I tried to see every object of interest while passing out of the harbor, and after we were fairly out, came inside to take a look at the saloon, machinery etc. Didn't stay long--couldn't stay cooped up in the hot air 'the Americans' will insist upon living in! Had a delightful sail all the morning, running in sight of Mass, and then New Hampshire shore all the time. About 2:30 P.M. the White Mountains were to be seen in the distance. They rose up very much higher than the low line of blue and purple hills along the shore, and looked like a fleecy cloud rising up from the horizon, back of the hills. They were covered with snow, so were perfectly white, with shadows here and there. I could not have been sure they were the mountains, although some gentlemen were so satisfied about it, except that they remained insight for about two hours, and never changed, while clouds passed over them and by them. That fleecy lot staid right there. At 4 P.M. we reached Portland, and remained there for an hour and a half. The city is quite prettily situated on high hills rising above the bay. But nearly all of the parts I could see were frame houses, and I must say I am tired of looking at wooden towns. But it must be very pretty in summer from situation and number of trees. The supper bell rang at about 5:30 shortly before leaving the wharf, and as I had eaten a hurried breakfast and had only a lunch at dinner time, thought I'd see how good a supper I would find by the Bill of Fare. Called for coffee and fried oysters (Haven't had any of them since leaving 'the States', last fall. They were very good. After supper, as we were sailing out of the harbor, every thing was beautiful with the golden evening sunlight, the sky, houses, trees, ships, islands, and the water all lit up with it. The water might just as well have been gold. It could not have looked better! Long lines of gold running out from the docks, with shadows between, and all the wavelts tipped with the precious metal. And we went speeding away out towards grey sky, and water to the eastward, leaving all the sunlglith behind us--commencing on a night of travel. I would sit outside just as long as I would, and of course took some cold. When obliged to come in found the saloon aglow with lights. Commenced to read but soon found I was very sleepy and retired to my state-room. This morning breakfasted at 7 o'clock, and was soon out on deck. Another beautiful day. The Captain says he has not had such a fine trip as this for a long time. The waters as smooth as summertime. At about 9 A.M. ran along nost far from Great Menan island (a great summer resort for people from 'the states'). Then passed in among islands and bays to Eastport--A pretty wooden town, on a high hill. Chief interest of the place is fishery. They put up a great many sardines here. An old man on board pointed out one sardine-house near the wharf. Said he used to live on the island opposite (Campbells) and that his father and four brothers used often to go down to the shore when the tide was out, and in a very short time have as many a six barrels of sardines ready, and row them across to this factory.

The old many had lots to say about Campbells. 'Yes sir! Yes sir! That island was given to Admiral Owen's by the British government. Pretty big present! Was'nt it! About 15 miles long, and on an averge about two, wide! A large portion has been bought by the Americans within the last few years, and they have put up large hotels, etc.' The tide rises and falls a Eastport to about 16 ft usually, but Springtides at full moon rise as much as 22 ft. So the old man says! They have to have the bridgeways of the docks swing from the top so as to raise or lower to suit the water. When we were in this morning, the tide was at its lowest, and everything near the wharf, looked to be on stilts, and some sloops and schooners looked as though they would never sail again! We were at Eastport until about 12 o'clock and ever since have been speeding on to St. John. There I take boat for Annapolis, Nova Scotia, and then take our 'one horse' cars to Aylesford.

I went to 'the States' on business for Miss Sterling, went by sail all the say, and enjoyed the trip very much. Took breakfas at Bedford (9 miles from Halifax) dined at Amherst, at the head of Bay of Fundy--took tea at St. John. Breakfast next morning, (after a sleep in a pullman car) a Bangor, in Maine; dinner at a small place near Portland; tea in Boston; breakfast in Lawrence next morning! Stopped at all of these places and scarcely saw anything more of any of them (except Lawrence) than if I'd never been there. So much for railroading.

I couldn't have had a nicer time in Lawrence! Enjoyed the visit so much. You don't know the pleasure of being with your own people after having been away so long. Will and Leidie entertain so nicely, and will make you have such a good

ime. I didn't wan to come away at all! Was sorry Dr & Hellen were not at home,-- in passing saw their house and wished they were in it. Called upon Harry Lea, as he as sick, and staid to tea.

Just think I have been within 24 hours of 'you all', it did seem to strange to even think of!

I have been wanting to answer Rose & Lillie Stabler's letters, Mary Townsend's, Edith Sabler's and Alice Farquhars, and so many others but since that last influx of children from Scotland (20 of them) we have been nearly overwhelmed with work. Miss Farquharson and I sitting up writing till 12 and 1 o'clock night after night until we were both literally used up. My trip to Boston has done wonders for me.

Miss Sterling and another lot (I hope a smaller one) are expected to arrive about this time. It is a question whether they or I will reach the farm first. Miss S. was expected with te last lot, that came in March but was unexpectedly detained.

It is about 3 P.M. and I must go outside and see how things look, we expect to reach St John very soon now.

Hillfoot Farm, Monday April 23--We reached St John at 4 P.M. on Friday. I flattering myself, that I was to go right on to Annapolis by the boa Secret, and then connect with afternoon train, and a least reach Aylesford, if not the farm that night. But I would I was very much mistaken. The Secret would not leave till the next morning at 7:45--So Miss Fawcett had to go to a hotel in a perfectly strange city by herself! What did she do about it? Asked the Captain. He was real nice--just what hotel to go to and he told her and she got along very well and started for Nova Scotia next morning. As there were a good many brick and stone buildings in S. John I went out to take a walk and look at them. Rather like the place.

All the charming weather vanished that night. Next morning snow and rain, and rough waters. Lots of us ladies very sick, on the little Nov Scotia boat. So glad it would only be for a few hours. At 11:30 entered Annapolis basin, and we were just as well as every then, except that we felt a little used up. One landing took the cars a once, and went to a friend's house in Aylesford where I staid overnight and went to church next afternoon and from there came on to the farm with some of the neighbors; and took all by surprise here. Soon found Miss Farquharson had been in Halifax for two days waiting for Miss Sterling! That two of the servants (excellent workers) had suddenly left about a week ago! Tha two more and the seamstresses are going to leave nealy as soon as Miss Sterling gets here (She is expected here by 9 P.M. to night. Her steamer arrived this A.M. That 20 more children are expected out. I must be closing up now as I must sent a little more to Will and Leidia, after all their kindness.

Aunt Corrie will please send this letter to Miss Mary Townsend, care Mr. Chas. E. Townsend, 31 Nassau ST NY. Mary please forward as soon as possible to Miss Gene Fawcett 220 W Monument St, Balto, Maryland. Gene, please let cousin Mary Osburn read, as I have been unable to answer her dear letter, and any cousins you wish to after that. Then send to Pattie R. Stabler for 'The Manor' and Beulah Thomas. Beulah forward as soon as she can to Anna Scofield, and Anna, will know who to show it to, and either she or Annie D. Stabler will please send to Alex. To Dr. E.S. Fawcett, and he be sure to send it to Nat and her girls and to Nannie Slaymaker, as I am deeply in their debt.

Halifax, April 28. Sail today to Scotland on business for Miss Sterline. Will stay if I can get a post between Scotland or England. If not return to the Home after a short stay in Liverpool. My address in Liverpool will be care of Allan Steamship Co., if go in the Oregon of Dominion Line.

Please let Nannie Stabler and Alice Stabler read this letter, as I owe them much. Have written to Edward and Gene that I am on my way to Scotland.

FANNIN CO TX MARRIAGE BOOK F381 DH BLOYS/HATTIE SMITH 12/10/1888

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
<COUNTY OF FANNIN.>

To any Judge of the District or County Court, Justice of the Peace, or Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel--Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to solemnize the RITES OF MATRIMONY D.H. BLOYS BETWEEN HATTIE SMITH and make due return of this License to my office within sixty days, certified according to law.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Bonham, this the 10th day of Dec 1888
JP Noble

Clerk County Court, Fannin County

Rev. J.W. Wiggins, Minister of the Gospel hereby certify that I solemnized the RITES OF MATRIMONY between D.H. Bloys and Hattie Smith on the 12th day of December 1888.

Issued Dec 10, 1888

Recorded April 19, 1889

J.H. Wiggins

DEWITT COUNTY TX BRAND BOOK (E?:53).

Cuero Tues Dec 14, 1888

6915 Frank Fassett this day records his brand
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 Tues J.P Baker CCDWC
 by T.J. Bronson Deputy

FANNIN CO TX DEED 37:73 D.H. Bloys 11/15/1889 (Abstract)

Bill of Sale.

D.H. Bloys to L.R. Avery,

Sold to L.R. Avery to secure loan \$50 all my shop tools and stove except sewing machine \$47.50, farm implements, 1 cary plow, 1 iron beam plow, 1 cotton & corn planter, 5 head of cows & calves now held by Dr. Meyers & on my farm all the Bois bark in posts and cut down on the farm to the amount of \$500. The above mentioned stock are those recieved from Reeve, except 2 head those are now in O.J. Stephens in Honey Grove, Texas. November 15th, 1889. D.H. Bloys

Terry Blacksmith Ledger (1890-91), Cheapside, Gonzales County TX (Keyes Carson collection; only entries for F.S. Fawcett included)

Pg	date		\$
1		F.S. Fawcett	
		6 sweeps sharpened	1.80
		2 Brales mended, bolt	0.30
50		John Carson	
		4 shovels sharpened, 2 sweeps	1.00
53	3/14	F.S. Fawcett	
		1 sweep stoch	2.50
	3/14	George Elder	
		Balance on 2 Tung	0.25
54	3/16	Frank Fawcett	
		1 gate spike	0.10
66	4/18	4 sweeps sharpen, brest	1.10
		2 sweeps sharpen	0.50
72	5/12	Frank Fawcett	
		4 sweeps sharpened	1.30
		1 sweep foot spike	0.25
76	5/28	George Elder	
		2 howe hooks	0.10
79	6/5	Franke Fawcette	
		6 sweeps sharpened, 1 heel bolt	1.50
81	6/20	F.S. Fawcett	
		1 sheep sharpened	0.30
86	7/31	4 tire tite	3.25
		2 spokes, 1 tail seat	
100	12/4	F.S. Fawcett. Sweeps & scraper	0.30
117	2/13	Frank Fawcette. plow 20 sharp 2 plow. 10 bolts	0.30
121	2/30	F.S. Fawcett. 1 plow pointed	0.50
140	5/11	Frank Fawcett. 4 sweep sharp	0.80

GONZALES CO TX DEED BOOK S2:103-104. 5/18/1891.

State of Texas) Be it known to all whom it may

County of Gonzales) concern; that I John W. Carson of said State of County, with the consent and approval of my wife, Bransonia Carson, which consent and approval is evidenced by her signature and separate acknowledgement of this instrument, have designated and set apart, and by these presents to designate and set apart as the homestead of my family the following described tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Gonzales in said State with all the building or improvements thereon, to wit: Two certain tracts of land situated in Gonzales County Texas. 1st tract being part of the R.H. Wynn

League bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake set for the most westerly corner of a survey now owned by Mike Miller, Thence S23W 920 varas a stake from which a Black Jack brs S27W 2 1/2 vrs mkd P. Thence S15 degrees 45' West 183 vrs a stone and N corner of the David Ayers Labor. Thence S47E 528 vrs a rock. Thence N43E 1038 vrs a rock the N corner of B.P. Terry Survey. Thence N47W 6 vrs to the place of beginning. Containing by estimate 118 acres of land.

2nd Tract being part of the David Ayers Labor: Beginning at the North corner of the David Ayers Labor, Thence S45W 635 vrs to a stake. Thence S73E 405 vrs to a center of a ravine a stake. Thence N35E 40 vrs to a stake. Thence S88E 10 vrs a stake. Thence N35E 255 1/2 varas to a rock set on the S.W. boundary line of the Robt Wynne League; Thence with said Wynne line and the said Ayers line to the beginning containing 43 7/? acres of land. And we do declare that we are now using and occupying the same as our homestead and that no other property except the above described constituted any portion of our said homestead. Witness our hands this 18th day of May 1891

John W. Carson

Bransonia Carson
The State of Texas)

County of Gonzales) Before me H.E. Smith a Justice of the Peace and Ex Officio Notary Public in and for Gonzales County, Texas on this day personally appeared John W. Carson Known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing

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instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

(LS) Given under my hand and seal of office this 18th day of May A.D. 1891
H.E. Smith, JP & NP G Co

BLANCO CO TX DEED 13:66-68: BK Fawcett to E.K. Fawcett 7/19/1892

The State of Texas)

County of Val Verde) Before me W.K. Jones, County Judge in and for the state and county aforesaid, on this 19 day of July 1892, personally appeared E.K. Fawcett, who having by me duly sworn, deposes, and says that B.K. Fawcett deceased to whom Survey No. 11 of 160 acres of land in the name of B.K. Fawcett in Blanco County was patented in January 1863, died interstate about eighteen years ago, and left as his sole surviving heirs the following persons, to wit/

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Willis Fawcett, F.S. Fawcett, J.C. Fawcett, E.L. Fawcett, R.M. Fawcett, Brancie Carson, Henritta Gauss, Lucinda C. McClure, Virginia and Keys Fawcett; and that E.K. Fawcett this affiant and "Keyes Fawcett," are one and the same person.

E.K. Fawcett

Sworn to and subscribed to before me by E.K. Fawcett who is to me well known here as Keyes Fawcett this 19th day of July 1892.

W.K. Jones

(Seal)

Co. Judge Val Verde Co. Texas

Filed for record July 25, 1892 at 9 a.m.

Needham Smith County Clerk

Recorded Aug. 29, 1892 at 9 a.m.

The State of Texas)

County of Blanco) Know all men by these presents: That E.K. Fawcett, of the county of Val Verde, State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars to me in hand paid by W. Phillips, have granted, sold and conveyed and by these presents do grant, sell and convey unto the said W. Phillips of the County of Blanco, State of Texas, all that certain tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Blanco, State of Texas, and more fully described as follows to wit: One Hundred and sixty acres, more or less patented to B.K. Fawcett by patent No. 196, Volume 16, on the 20th day of January A.D. 1863, and described by field notes as follows:

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Beginning at a stone mound 3650 varas N 89 E of the N.E. corner of the Joel Casey survey, from which a Live Oak 7 in dia bears N 89 1/2 E 40 varas, another 15 in dia bears S7E 2 varas. Thence North 12 E 950 varas to a mound from which a Live Oak 3 in. dia bears N89E 13 varas. Thence S78E 950 varas to a stone mound on the E bank of Flat Creek from which a X cut in a bluff brs N58E 20 varas. Thence S12W 950 varas to a stone mound from which a Live Oak 5 in dia bears N15E 35 varas. Thence N78W 170 varas to Flat Creek 950 varas to the place of beginning.

To have and to hold the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said W. Phillip his heirs and assigns forever, And I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said W. Phillips his heirs and assigns against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

Witness my hand this 29th day of June A.D. 1892.

E.K. Fawcett

The State of Texas)

County of Val Verde) Before me W.K. Jones County Judge in and for Val Verde County, Texas, on this day personally appeared E.K. Fawcett, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 25th day of June A.D. 1892

W.K. Jones

(Seal)

Co. Judge, Val Verde Co. Texas

Filed for record July 25th 1892 at 9 a.m.

Needham Smith County Clk. Recorded August 29, 1892 at 10 a.m.

JEFF DAVIS CO TX PROBATE COURT - BIRTHS (pg 356/#1060A): Estelle Bloys,
8/14/1892

PROBATE COURT RECORD OF BIRTHS
NOT PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

1. Place of Birth: Fort Davis

STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Jeff Davis

2. Full Name of Child: Estelle Virginia Bloys

3. Sex Female 6. Legitimate? Yes 7. Date of Birth August 14th 1892

FATHER

MOTHER

8.Name William Benjamin Bloys

14.Name Isabella Catherine Yeck

9.Residence at time of birth:

15.Residence at time of birth:

Fort Davis, Texas

Fort Davis, Texas

10.Color White

16.Color White

11.Age at time of birth 45yrs

17.Age at time of birth 44yrs

12.Birthplace McMoresville TN

18. Birthplace Sisterville WV

13A.Trade: Minister

19A.Trade: Housewife

13B.Industry: Presby. Church

19B.Industry: Home

20.No.children born to this

21.No. children born to this

Mother including this birth 5.

Mother and now living: 4.

I hereby certify to the birth of this child who was born alive at ____ on the date stated above.

22.Signature: Mabel E. Bloys

Address Fort Davis, Texas

AFFIDAVIT A

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Jeff Davis

Before me on this day appeared Mabel E. Bloys known to me to be the person who signed the certificate attached hereto, who on oath deposes and says that the facts stated in the foregoing birth certificate of Estelle Virginia Bloys are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief, and that she was acquainted with the facts at the time of the event.

Signature Mabel E. Bloys

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of Sept 1942

(SEAL)

R.H. Bloys County Clerk

in and for Jeff Davis County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT B

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Jeff Davis

Before me on this day appeared Lovey T. Weatherby known to me to be the person who signed the certificate attached hereto, who on oath deposes and says that the facts stated in the foregoing birth certificate of Estelle Virginia Bloys are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief, and that she was acquainted with the facts at the time of the event.

Signature Lovey T. Weatherby
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of Sept 1942
(SEAL) R.H. Bloys County Clerk
in and for Jeff Davis County, Texas

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Jeff Davis

The Birth Certificate of Estelle Virginia Bloys attached hereto, was submitted to the Court, as provided for H.B. No. 614, 40th Leg., R.S. 1839. It is the order of this Court that this record be accepted by the State Registrar for filing in the State Bureau of Statistics. Signature William Granger
Co.Judge

Date Sept 30, 1942 of Jeff Davis County
Filed for record the 30th day of Sept 1942 at 9:00 AM and recorded this 2nd day of Jan 1943 at 10:25 o'clock AM. RH Bloys Clerk
County Court, Jeff Davis County, Texas

CHEAPSIDE CONCERT!
For the Benefit of the Church.
Thursday, June 29, 1893.

ADDRESS.
Miss Kaus Lord,
FARCE
OUR AWFUL AUNT.

Aunt MatildaMiss Cora Johnson.
Pete, a darkey Henry Hahn.
Mrs. Hasleton Miss Sarah Justice.
Alice Hasleton Miss Sallie Dismukes.
Carrie Benton Miss Tina Carson.
Frank Hasleton George Smith.
A. Wallace R.H. Putnam.
Dave Maun Robt Johnson.

TABLEAU.
THE KANSAS IMMIGRANTS.

Sam Gross Chas. Carson.
Joe Coke Sam Gates.
Mr. Slocum Ed. Rackley.
Mr. Slocum Miss Belle Terry.
Ben Slocum Frank Preston.
Joe Bock Jas. Arnold.

Song.
TABLEAU.

Popping the Question.

Joseph Thos. Johnson.
Patti Miss Faunte Rankin.

INTERMISSION.

WHICH SHALL WE MARRY.

Richard Wiggs R.H. Putnam.
Timothy Tompkins Robt. Johnson.
Mary Meadows Miss Maggie Elder.
Sallie White Miss Fannie Rankin.
Jane Smith Miss Eliza Parks.
Lydia Brown Miss Fannie Parks.
Emily Jones Miss Tina Carson.
Lucy Simmons Miss Lizzie Miller.
Clara Evans Miss Nettie McFarland.
Arabella Miggie Miss Annie Justice.

RECITATION, THE RAVEN MISS IDA GATES.

TABLEAU

TEXAN MOTHER-IN-LAW

Mrs. Lanky Miss Eliza Parks.
Mr. Max, chief police R.H. Putman.
Peter Skangroost Wm. Roe.
Emsie, a darkey Chas. Carson.
Belinda Skangroost Miss Annie Justice.
Tim Whiffles Edgar Hahn.

SONG

UNCLE JEFF

Uncle Jeff, a darkey Sam Gates.
Henry Cole Ed Rackley.
Dr. Cole Frank Preston.
Mrs. Grimes Miss Annie Arnold.
Josephine, her daughter Miss Zetta Johnson.
Jumbor, a darkey Chas. Carson.
Simon Willis Fawcett.

FARCE

Wedding Before the War.

TABLEAU.

ADMISSION: Adults 50 cts, Children 25 cts.

Bulletin Print.

LETTER E.K. Fawcett of Val Verde Co TX to Texas Development Bureau, Brady Building, San Antonio. 1893. Reprinted as "History and Progress of Del Rio" in: New Encyclopedia of Texas (1928), pp. 150-151.

Texas Development Bureau
Brady Building
San Antonio, Texas

1893?

Kind Sirs:

I have your letter of the 14th in which you ask me for some history of Del Rio. I am entirely too young to give you the early day history of Del Rio.

The following are the names of some of the men older than I that lived in earliest days of Del Rio and from whom you may get more history if this is not sufficient.

Judge H.M. Black, a resident of this city for over fifty years; Judge Joseph Jones, our district Judge, located land around Brackettville and Del Rio in 1875; John Glynn who kept the Sellers Store between 1875 and 1890 and Captain H.J. Ware who kept saloons in the S.P. Construction camps at Devils River - Pecos Tunnels and Vinagarone camps west of the Pecos River. The famous tunnels were discarded when the famous Pecos High Bridge was built in 1898!

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If you should draft a history of Val Verde County, of which Del Rio is the County Seat, I feel that I am qualified to furnish some of this history.

There is only one man living in Val Verde County, some were living in what now embraces Val Verde County but outside of the city of Del Rio, who was living here when I came to my present location on Devils' River July 24, 1883. This one many is George K. Deatan of Juno.

Val Verde County was created by the legislature in the early part of 1885 and was organized May 1885. The first county Judge was W.K. Jones; Sheriff & Tax Collector, W.H. Jones; Joseph ---, Archibald Bogal; the other officers I don't remember.

Judge H.M. Bock, previously referred to, was Justice of the Peace of Del Rio before Mr. Anderson and Charles Miller, the present Justice of Peace. He was the first to be elected for Del Rio. John Glynn, H.P. Roberts, E.A. White, and G. W. Ames were the first commissioners.

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Val Verde County was created from Kinny, Crocket & Pecos Countys. Del Rio and that part of Val Verde between the Sycamore Creek and Devils River, was taken from Kinney County. The part west of the Pecos River was taken from Pecos County.

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The naming of Val Verde County has quite a colorful history. There were two clicks of political factions. One was called the "Ice House Click", They were called this because they met in the old ice house on the banks of San Felipe Creek. The leaders of this click were: H.A. McKee, Henry Roach, John Glynn, Harry Johnson and W.A. Jones. These men wanted to name the new county Pierce. The other faction was known as the Dignawitty click. Leaders of this click were A.F. Dignawitty and others.

A peculiar thing about these political clicks was that all of the Ice House click except W.K. Jones were Republicans. All of the Republicans were supporting W.H. Jones for County Judge who was a Democrat. Mr. Dignawitty was a staunch Republican and was supported by the leading Democrats.

The Ice House Click wanted to name the county Pierce, because a man who was an official on the Southern Pacific R.R. promised them he would see that a good

hospital [was built] provided the county was named after Pierce. It came to pass that the so called Ice House Click sent delegation to Austin to secure the rights to create a new county. This trip was a failure. Mr. Dignowitty then went to Austin and got the county and the name also. I know no reason why the Dignawitty Click wanted to name it Val Verde more than that they didn't want what the "Ice House Click" did want, and that was a hospital and Del Rio is still in need of one.

I will try to get down to the development of Val Verde County. I was a poor orphan boy reared by my sister, Mrs. J.W. [Brancie Fawcett] Carson of Cheapside, Gonzales County. I got a job with George W. Ames, then of Yorktown, DeWitt County. He was buying sheep to turn on Devils River. That was in January 1883. While working for him, at that time, my salary was fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per month. We started with about 2500 or 3000 sheep from Yorktown. I remember that I passed my eighteenth birthday along in Uvalde County with the sheep.

We had many hardships on our way from Yorktown to the mouth of Dolan Creek on Devils River.

In this party were: George W. Ames, the manager of our outfit, Pat Bowens, two or three Mexicans, John M. Gray and myself. We passed the San Felipe Springs at Del Rio, about the latter part of June, then we started on our journey up Devils River without any knowledge of a rough country or roads. To say we had a tough time would be putting it very mild. At length we arrived at the mouth of Dolan Creek July 24th at 12 o'clock at night.

On July 24, 1883, we established our camp in a cave that we afterwards named Centipede Cave. There was not a ranch in the vicinity of Dolan Creek or any sign of a human except some old signs of Indians. There was not a windmill or a drilled well in what is now Val Verde County. In fact I don't know if there were a dozen people living on Devils River. Now all of the tributaries can boast of having the goods towns of Sonora, Ozona, and Juno. Every acre of Val Verde County is under sheep proof fence, hundreds of wind mills, dirt tanks, and hard tanks to show the development of Val Verde County.

I have about a hundred and fifty miles of woven wire fence and windmills, and there are numerous larger and better improved ranches than mine.

Cattle business is about a thing of the past in Val Verde County. The sheep and goats has crowded the cattle out and proved much more profitable. If I were to guess the number of lambs shipped from Val Verde County and the amount of wool & mohair, it would be a very wild guess so I will leave it to some one else to tell you.

The greatest development in live stock in my opinion has been the angora goat. Thirty years ago an angora goat was a curiosity in Val Verde County and a goat that would shear three pounds per year was considered a good goat. Now there are flocks of thousands that will average seven pounds per year which brings in from \$0.50 to \$0.80 per pound.

I suppose I should mention some of the old timers and pioneers in the cattle business in Val Verde County. They as I call to memory are: H.C. Tarde, Robert W. Prasser, John Perry, D.S. Baker, Jim Taylor, William & Walter Whitehead, Bill Wist, Ben Boraum, Will Franks, Frank Greenwood, Fritz Herps, Ed S. Franks, Hensey Roach and numerous others.

The pioneer sheep men were: G.F. King, H.Y. Stein, A. Denmead, Richard Ames, Jim McTymont, Cortez and Zero Fielder, T.A. Zanderson, Tom Kelley, Tom Wilson, D.M. Carson & Sons, and Wilkins Bros.

The pioneer angora goat men were very few. As may memory serves me, they were Mr Charles Dissler who was the first man in Val Verde County to follow angora goat raising for a living. Mr. Dissler came from Kindall County more than fifty years ago. He bought ten does and one buck from a herder at Lone Springs in Bexar County. From these eleven goats he has raised thousands of fine goats. His sons who are, John, Charles and Ben of Juno country still own these eleven head of goats.

I feel I should ... mention of some of our early settlers: Wilins Bros came from the New England states, first settled about where the town of Juno stands, about the later part of the seventys. They stayed there a while and the spring and Devils River went dry at that point. Then they moved onto the Pecos River

above the mouth of Howards Draw. They were their only handling sheep. They made a fairly good of the ranch business.

Felder Bros, composed of Cortez and Zeno Felders, came to the Pecos about the later Seventies with sheep only. They remained there for several years.

John Perry came, as I have been told, to Del Rio about the latter part of the Sixtys or early Seventies. He came from Harris County and engaged in cattle raising about Del Rio. Afterwards, in company with H.C. Fardeyz established the Live Oak Ranch.

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in Crockett County.

Para Pisny, at one time, owned extensive farms in the vicinity of Del Rio. He also was one of the first merchants of Del Rio. His old store building still stands on south Pisny Street (now Main). He was also President of the old Ditch Co. for years. Mr. Pisny had very little book education but he was considered a very successful businessman.

Henry Roach was considered a successful business man. He was at various times connected with ranch interests also mercantile business in Brockett Valle and Del Rio. He, in company with James McLymont, established what still is the leading mercantile business of Del Rio, namely The Roach McLymont Co. Inc.

James McLymont came from Scotland. He was at one time one of the largest sheep owners in Texas. His number standing over 100,000 for several years.

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He ... rough and shipped many thousand sheep every year while he was in the business.

Walter & Will Whitehead came to Beaver Lake county on Devils River from Kimball County about 1884. They brought the with them. I think about 400 sheep, 200 cattle and 60 mares. Forty years later they owned about 300 sections of land in Val Verde, Edward, Kenny Co's and all of it ... stocked with sheep, goats, cattle & horses.

Robert Prasser came to Devil River between Camp Hudson and Pecan Springs about 1884. He came from New York. He started in the cattle business with cattle from Tampeocie, Mexico. Had acquired a large amount of land but has sold a great deal of it and still has ranch ... north of

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Comstock but is living in California.

Jim Taylor came to Beaver[?] Lake about 1881 from Williamson Co. I think he brought about 60 common cattle with him and now owns 2 or 3 ranches and has styles with the cattle most all together. He now lives a comfortably retired life in Del Rio.

Fritz Hanfis come from Kindall Co. He also has stayed with cattle and has more of his ranch in Kinney Co, but lived in Del Rio.

I think I should mention Mr. Jimmy Hamilton, now of Del Rio. While he is rather a new comer to Val Verde Co. he is a pioneer of Texas sheep business. He and his sons built the first sheep proof pasture. It was in Kinney Co. but the sheep men of Val Verde Co. helped with the work and extended it to ...

LETTER Henrietta Fawcett Gauss (Columbia MO) to Lucy T. Fawcett (Alexandria VA)
2/28/1894

Boone County Mo
Feb. 28th 1894.

Dear Lucy

Your letter came in due time but I neglected to answer it when first received as I should have done. After that we all became interested in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of our marriage. The children wished to observe the day, and I consented for the sake of having all my children together once more. You perhaps know through your relatives in San Antonio tha Henry [Gauss] and his family are here, have been with us all winter. Robert [Gauss] came from Denver and Albert from San Antonio. It was a great pleasure to have all of our children with us, and all in good health, but the pleasure was saddened by the probability that it would not occur again. We are growing old-- your uncle [Eugene Gauss] is in his 83rd year and I am 77. My knowledge of our ancestors is rather limited. All I know is that my

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father [Joseph Fawcett] said his forefathers that is on the Fawcett side were frenchmen who left France during some political trouble, went to England for a short time and then came to the U.S. and settled somewhere in Virginia. My

father was born in Berkely County Va.--was married to my mother [Lucretia Keyes] in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Va. And there their twelve children were born, except the youngest was born in Staunton [Augusta County VA] where they lived three years [ca. 1830-32]. They moved west in 183 settled in St. Charles and both died and were buried there. My father's mother [Delilah Rigney] was of English birth, was an orphan and was adopted by a minister of the Society of Friends, came to the U.S. when a child. Her name was Delilah Rigna [Rigney]--was a good woman, trained her children after english fashion, had a teacher in their home and a white nurse for them. My mother's father Humphrey Keyes was of English descent, had relatives fom England to visit mom during my mother's childhood. Her mother's mom was Phoebe Strider. Her forefathers came from Germany, and lived on the banks of the Potomac where my mother made pleasant visits when a child.

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This is about all I can tell you, and I fear you and Wallace [Fawcett] will consider me stupid for not knowing more, but you must remember that I have never seen any of these old kinfolks any more than you have. People did not travel about in those days as they do now, and there has been no intercourse between us since my recollection.

Your aunt Ginny [Virginia Fawcett] left no papers. All I have is the family record in my father's [Joseph Fawcett] old bible. I sent your letter to your aunt Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer--Henrietta's sister]. Do not suppose she knows any more than I do about our family, but she will answer your inquiries about Uncas [McCluer] with pleasure. She is a much better correspondent than I am. I am a true Fawcett in my dislike for letter writing.

Henry [Gauss] and his family speak in high terms of Mr. Schofield's family. They are refined cultivated above the average as well as being

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kind neighbors. This has been an interesting winter to Henry's children. They almost went wild over the snow. The first they ever saw and it was astonishing how much cold they could endure when they could use their sleds.

Did you ever get the jewels your friend Miss Johnston wished you to have? My son Theodora thourht you would get them when the estate was closed up.

Wish love to you and Wallace [Fawcett] and all my other neices and nephews.

Your Aunt H. Gauss

P.S. Do you know who Edgar Fawcett is? I have not seen any book [of] his, but he writes for papers. He has a story running in the weekly New York Times now.

Harvest Home [,Dardenne MO], March 5th 1894

Miss Lucy T. Fawcett [Alexandria VA]

My dear niece

My sister, your aunt Net [Henrietta Fawcett Gauss], turned over all your questions to me to answer. Although she possesses the old family record [Joseph Fawcett's family bible?] and could give a much more satisfactory reply. Now Uncus [McCluer--Lucretia's son] has sent the letter you wrote him saying I could better give the desired information. Certainly I will give all I have tho. that is little. My theory of the ancestry is, that the Fawcetts were of Huguenot origin. The name is french. From somethings I have read I think they fled from persecution to Wales, then drifted to Ireland, and finally to America. Have no good foundation for this idea excepting the name and that Pa [Joseph Fawcett] &

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his brother Uncle Ben [Benjamin Fawcett, Jr.] were so much like Frenchmen in thei manners & appearance. They claimed they were Irish because their father [Benjamin Fawcett, Sr.] came directly here from Ireland. He must have been a man of more than usual ability for he soon had a large "Ironworks: established employing a great number of people. When his sons & daughters came on he employed private tutors & gave them the best education of that time.

My Father Joseph Fawcett was born about the year 1764 & died in 1844. His wife Lucretia Fawcett was born about 1779 and died in 1849. Am no sure about the date of their births. They moved from Va. to Mo. in May 1833. Lived two years in New Franklin, Howard County; then came to St. Charles, where they died. No one in St. Charles city now who every knew them. Some who remember Willis [Fawcett--Lucy's father and Lucretia's brother] for one Mr. J.J. Johns [who then lived in San Antonio TX and was in lumber business with Henry Gauss].

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Your Father Willis Fawcett and Susan Stabler, your mother, were married

about 1838 or 39 [4/4/1838 in Washington DC] and lived a year or two [1838-41] in [Gainesville,] Alabama & Tennessee then came to St. Charles, Mo.

Pa [Joseph Fawcett] had twelve children of whom your Aunt Net & myself are all that are living.

Sons & daughters of Joseph Fawcett [in birth order, left column first then right]:

Abner Fawcett	Henrietta Fawcett
Lyle Branson Fawcett	Curtis Fawcett
Virginia Fawcett	Lucretia C. Fawcett
Willis Fawcett	Niles Fawcett
Erasmus Fawcett	Keyes Fawcett
Marcellus Fawcett	Juliette Fawcett

This is all I am able to tell you of our ancestors. Sorry not to do better. But I should be very glad to have you & your sisters come to see us and afford us an opportunity of becoming acquainted with present generation of Fawcetts.

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Of my own family [Lucretia Fawcett & Samuel McCluer] of ten only two live with me, Curtis and Henrietta. Uncus [McCluer] is living in Arkansas. Susan McCluer in Texas. Robert in Wisconsin. William in Berlin, Germany. And the rest are settled here in the neighborhood. Now please take the subject under advisement and decide to make us a visit. This coming summer or whenever it suit your convenience. We shall be delighted to see you and I believe the sojourn among Mo kin can be made very pleasant for you.

With kindest regards for all my brother's children I am
Your affectionate Aunt Lucretia C. McCluer
O'Fallon St. Charles Co. Mo.

Letter Henrietta Fawcett Gauss, Boone Co MO to Lucy T. Fawcett, 711 Princess St, Alexandria VA 19 Apr 1894

Boone County, Mo.
April 19th 1894.

Dear Lucy

Enclosed is a copy of our family record as found in my father's [Joseph Fawcett] bible. The copy was made by my granddaughter Annie Gauss and I think it is correct. The most of the record is in my father's hand writing, what occurred after his death was added by your aunt Ginnie [Virginia Fawcett] and other members of the family. Some of your questions you will find answered in the record, others I cannot answer, all I know is that my father [Joseph Fawcett] was born on 15th of Sept. And my mother [Lucretia Keyes] sometime in April.

My daughter Virginia [Gauss] says you are very much mistaken if you think tha my children care more for the Gauss family than they do for the Fawcetts. Having been associated with your aunt Ginnie and aunt Lucretia [Fawcett McCluer] they have heard so much more about the Fawcetts that they naturally care more for them. The old bible is appreciated and will be well cared for.

We are all sorry for Gene [Fawcett]. Give my love to her, and the other sisters and Edward with a share for yourself--in haste. Your aunt Net

1. PLACE OF BIRTH TEXAS DEPT OF HEALTH 433360
STATE OF TEXAS BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
COUNTY OF GONZALES CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH
CITY/PRECINCT NO. 5
2. FULL NAME OF CHILD: Sarah Elizabeth Fawcett
3. Sex: Female 6. Legitimate? Yes. 7. Date of Birth: Feb 12 1895
FATHER MOTHER
8 Full Name: Francis Scott Fawcett 14. Full Maiden Name:
9. Residence at time of this birth: Emma L. Elder
Cheapside, Texas 15. Residence: Cheapside, Tex
10. Color: White. 11. Age: 46 yrs 16. Color: White. 17. Age: 36
12. Birthplace: Meridian, Miss. 18. Birthplace: Alabama
15. Occupation: Stock farmer 19. Occupation: Housewife
20. No. of children born to this mother, including this birth: 16
21. No. of children born to this mother, now living: 9
I hereby certify to the birth of this child who was born alive at ___ m on the date stated above.

22. Signature: A. Carter Address: Cheapside, Texas
Filed: May 1, 1942 Gonzales County, Texas.

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE 9/2/1895:2 Lucy Fawcett obituary.

DEATH OF A GOOD WOMAN.--The many people of his city who have become acquainted with Miss Lucy Fawcett, and who have learned to esteem and justly appreciate her, will regret exceedingly to hear that she passed away between eight and nine o'clock this morning at the Garfield Hospital, Washington. The deceased had been ill from typhoid fever for several weeks, during which time her condition had been critical through her anxious friends had hoped the disease would take a favorable turn. Such, however, was not to be the case, and this morning she closed her eyes forever on things terrestrial. Miss Fawcett was the daughter of the late Willis Fawcett, and a sister of Dr. Fawcett and Mrs. G. Wm. Ramsay. Her mother was a daughter of the late Edward Stabler, who founded the drugstore of E.S. Leadbeater & Sons. She was an excellent lady, and one who had spent most of her time in philanthropical pursuits, and her many errands of mercy, her kind words, and alleviating hand will form a better and more enduring monument to her memory than the storied urn. The deceased was the chief mover in the organization of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in this city, and she labored early and late to carry out the objects of the association. She rests from her labors, and her works (which will not be forgotten) follow her.

GONZALES INQUIRER 12/19/1900: Robt M. Fawcett Wounded.

SHOOTING THIS MORNING

Mr. Will Aldridge Shoots His Brother-In-Law--Seriously Wounded.

A very serious shooting affair occurred this morning about four miles east of Wrightsboro. Mr. Will Aldridge shot his brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Fawcett. Mr. Fawcett is said to be badly wounded, but the Inquirer was unable to learn as to the nature of the wounds. Fawcett did not do any shooting. It is thought trouble over money matters was the cause.

CUERO DAILY RECORD, Wed. Dec 19, 1900: Robt M. Fawcett Wounded.

Seriously Shot.

E.F. Elder received a phone message today from Cheapside in forming him that Bob Fawcett was shot and seriously injured this morning near Wrightsboro by Will Aldridge. Mr. Elder said there was no previous quarrel between the young men and that it was an unprovoked act on the part of Aldridge. Other particulars are lacking. The Record trust young Fawcett will recover. Mr. Elder telegraphed Oscar Fawcett, a brother [actually nephew] of the injured man's, at Juno, Val Verde county.

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE 3/21/1901:1 Dr. Edward S. Fawcett obituary.

DEATH OF DR. FAWCETT.--Dr. E.S. Fawcett died at his home on Prince street, near St. Asaph, about nine o'clock this morning. The deceased had some weeks ago been critically ill from kidney trouble, but had so far recovered as to be out again. A few days ago, however, he was again prostrated, when his condition became more critical than ever. He languished until this morning, when death overtook him. Dr. Fawcett was within one day of being 55 years old. He was born in Missouri, but came to Alexandria early in life and had resided here ever since. He was a son of Willis and Susan Stabler Fawcett. Upon reaching manhood he began the practice of dentistry, the profession he followed up to the time of his death. He was imbued with much public spirit and had built a number of dwellings in the southwestern portion of the city. Entire blocks, the fruits of his enterprise, now occupy what were a few years ago cornfields and cabbage patches. He married a daughter of Mr. J. Wallace Hooff and besides a widow leave nine children--five boys and four girls. He had for a long time been a member of St. Paul's Church. The critical illness of Dr. Fawcett brought forth many expressions of sympathy from his numerous friends and acquaintances, and it was earnestly hoped the means used to arrest the ravages of the disease from which he was suffering would be blessed to a sufficient degree to prolong his life for a while at least; but during the past few days, although his sorrowing relatives and friends were hoping against hope, it was too plainly manifest that this life was ebbing and that death would soon close the scene.

Letter: E.K. Fawcett to Frankie Baker, Baker Ranch, Comstock, Texas 11/11/1902

Ranch Nov 11th 1902
Miss Frankie Baker
Comstock Tex
My Dear Loving Girl

I will try to write you a few lines tonight as I will have an opitunity tomorrow to sind letters off. The Carpners [carpenters?] wont get the house done this week so I have disided to seale the house and they say the sealing & flowing is to damo to put down at present so they wont do much for a few days[.] one of them expects o go to Del Rio tomorow. I am afreat they are going to fool along and I wont get

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every thing done as I wanted to before that great day that we have looked forward to with ancius harts but I cant get every thing finished as I would like to[.] it can go undone untill we get back home[.] I wont lett as little thing as bilding a house interfere with our plans.

Have you any particuler preferance as to the collar we paid he inside of the house if not I will paint it white or some lite collar, but if you dont like that or pefer som other collar say so and I will do the best I can to please you.

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I dont know when I will get to go to Del Rio but I will go as soon as I can well get off.

I hav written to Mr Edmonds. Oh My Darling I know we will be much happier & continted when we are married ad at our little home. It semes to me that it has bin a year since we set tha date. I hope you will enjoy your trip up to Juno. Be shure and write soon [?]. I can get a letter next Sunday. I will close with Best wishes to al.

Your True Lover and Intended

P.S.

[Erasmus] Keyes [Fawcett]

Pleas give your full name. I mite forget it or spell it wrong.

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Leter: E.K. Fawcett, Juno TX to Frankie Baker, Comstock TX 11/5/1902

E.K. FAWCETT
Dealer in and Producer of
BEEF, MUTTON and WOOL
FAT MUTTON A SPECIALTY

Juno, Val Verde County, Texas Nov 5th 1902

Miss Franky Baker

Comstock, Texas

My Darling Franky

As I have an opitune to send off a letter this morning I take pleasure in writing you a few hurid lines. I guess you thawt I was more intered in the Election than you and it isnt that way. I dont know when I can come over to see you again. But likely next sunday.

Th carpeners [carpenters] say they will finish the house his week [?] but I dowt it as they seme to ge along way slower. We had a very find raine here which we feal much better. I invited my Brother Bob [Robert McHahan Fawcett] & family to our wedding[.] he sayed he and his boy would shure come and posibly his wife would come also bu the rode is very rought and I dont think she will attempt to come. Write soone and looke for me when you see me coming, Your True Lover

[Erasmus] Keyes Fawcett

ADVERTISEMENT (in 12th Annual Catalogue of Johnson City High School, Blanco County, TX, 1903-04).

CITY DRUG STORE,
FAWCETT BROS., Proprietors.
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PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED DAY AND NIGHT BY A
REGISTERED PHARMACIST.

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Yorkville Enquirer (Yorkville SC) June 10, 1903. William Andral Carson.

It gives the Enquirer pleasure to introduce to its readers an honored citizen, who, though he has passed the eighty year limit and has lived in York County for the greater part of his life, is personally known to comparatively few men in the present generation. This citizen is Mr. William Andral Carson.

Mr. Carson was born on Sandy River, two miles north of Chester, on August 27, 1817. His grandfather, William Carson, came to this country from Ireland and did service in the War of the Revolution as a patriot. He fought the British in many battles, including the battle of Briar Creek in Georgia (March 3, 1779), and the Battle of Brattonsville in S.C., in which the bloody Tony Houck was killed.

Mr. William A. Carson, the subject of this sketch, was brought by his father to York County, when he was about one year old. The family settled on Fishing Creek and lived there for many years, acquiring a nice landed property and establishing itself in comfort. Mr. Carson still owns lands that were owned by his father. Owing to the almost complete crop failure of 1845, Mr. Carson moved to Mississippi, then a comparative wilderness, which was rapidly being opened up by new blood from all parts of the country. He remained in Mississippi for six years, and was getting along nicely, until he contracted what was then known as Asiatic Eye Disease. This disease was quite common in the section where he lived, and hundreds of people lost their sight because of it. His physician advised him that the only hope of saving his eyes was to return to S.C., and he did so.

Mr. Carson was not married until 1865, when he chose as his life partner Miss Mary S. McEhane. Ten children were born as a result of his marriage, of these only six are now living. They are: Samuel L., James M., and John F. Carson, Mrs. Harriet Clinton, Mrs. Ida C. Carson, and Miss Laura Carson.

Mr. Carson went to the War (Confederate), as a member of the S.C. reserves*, but on reaching Charleston was discharged for disability. He has always been a steady, patient worker, frugal and temperate in his habits, and has enjoyed good health. His home is in the Delphas community, five miles south of Yorkville.

* He was 44 years old, when war began in 1861, too old for regular conscription. He was given a disability discharge because of his sight, which he had never fully regained.

LETTER E.K. Fawcett of Juno, Val Verde Co TX to G.W. Brown, Del Rio, Dec. 10, 1903.

E. K. FAWCETT
Dealer in and Producer of
CATTLE, SHEEP AND GOATS
Fat Sheep A Specialty
Mark and Brand in Cut Kept on All Increase
Ranch on East Dolan
Val Verde
Juno, County, Texas Dec 10th 1903

Hon G.W. Brown

Del Rio Tex

Dear Sir & friend

Herewith I send my Application to Ranch [?] 1/2 section of School Land. (My Lease expired yesterday). I also inclose my check for \$8.00 Please collect and except as my first payment on this Land. I don't believe I have to pay my interest in advance. If it is necessary to pay interest also please send it and I will repay. I send \$1.00 extra which I believe is your fee. If there is anything short I will make it good. What I want is the Land. Yours & c

E.K. Fawcett

PS Please Look at the lease record and see when the Lease is out on Sec. 8 Bl "F" Galv T & R. It was leased to T.A. Wilson about 2 years ago. Please reply at once. EKF Dec. 3 1903 33850

Johnson City, Blanco County, TX Newspaper ca. 1905-07.

Our Trip Home

(By a member of the Tenth Grade, Johnson City High School.)

After attending school at Johnson City for eight months my cousin Roger Carson and I began to make preparations to return to our homes at Cheapside, Texas. As we had no way to get to Marble Falls, the nearest railway station, we decided to take the freight wagon to Austin, which is about fifty miles from this place. On seeing the freighters we made arrangements to go with them, so by nine o'clock Monday morning we were ready to start; but on account of other business the

freighters were unable to get off until after dinner. At about two o'clock we were on the road.

We spent the evening very pleasantly, looking at the mountains and different scenery, chunking rabbits, running up and down hills, etc.

About dark we reached a place about twenty miles down the road where we decided to stop for the night. After unhitching the mules, hobbling them and turning them loose, we began to prepare supper. After supper we sat around and talked a while, then spread our bedding on the ground and retired for the night.

We got up next morning, fed the mules and ate breakfast. We then started on for Austin. After traveling nearly all day we reached Austin about 5 p.m.

As it was three or four hours until train time, we thought we would walk around and look at the city. We first went to the Capitol, Governor's Mansion and a few other places; then we went to the Driskill Hotel and got our supper. After supper we started out for another walk over the city. After looking at the city and going into a number of side shows, we began to make our way to the depot. Here we secured tickets for Cuero, Texas, the railway station nearest our homes.

At about nine o'clock we left Austin. It being dark we could not see any of the country so we decided to put in our time sleeping, but we have not traveled on the train very much, and decides Roger had a severe ear ache; so we did not sleep much. At eleven o'clock we reached Giddings where we changed cars. After traveling nearly all night we reached Cuero about 4 a.m.

As it was only a short distance to the hotel, we decided to walk down there and get our breakfast.

As it was sixteen miles to Cheapside from this place, we began to look around to see if we could find any one going out that way. After several hours walking we met an old friend of ours, who said that we might ride out there with him.

As it had rained the night before and we were heavily loaded, we had to travel very slowly. It took nearly all day to make the trip. But at about 4 p.m. we reached home all o.k. and I must say we were glad indeed to get there Claud Fawcett

MARRIAGE RECORD (Blanco County TX BOOK I:261). 5/4/1906.

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MARRIAGE RECORD

State of Texas, Blanco County, ss.

To any Judge of the County or District Court, Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi or Justice of the Peace, in and for said County of Blanco. GREETING;

--You Are Hereby Authorized To ---

SOLEMNIZE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY

--BETWEEN--

Mr. Oscar Y. Fawcett and Miss Melissa L. Johnson
and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County, within Sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of office,
(Seal) at office in Johnson City this
4th day of May A.D. 1906.

Dan C. Durbin

By Claud Gray Deputy Clerk of the County Court Blanco County.

I, Rex B. Wilkes hereby certify that on the 20th day of May A.D.

1906, I united in Marriage Oscar Y. Fawcett and Melissa L. Johnson, the parties above named.

WITNESS my hand 21st day of May A.D. 1906

Rex D. Wilkes

Pastor M.E. Church South

Returned and filed for Record, this 20th day of May A.D. 1906

By _____ Deputy. Dan C. Durbin County Clerk

REPORT CARD: Leslie Fawcett, 9th Grade, Johnson City School, Blanco County, State of Texas. School Term: September 23, 1907 through May, 1908. Promoted to 11th grade [skipping the 10th grade] by his teacher: S.A.L. Morgan. Periodically signed by Frank S. Fawcett [Leslie's father. See photographs of Leslie's High School graduation in May, 1909. Original card in possession of L.C. Fawcett, Jr.]

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TX State Archives: Confederate Pension Application 7-9/1908.

Notified 11/1908

Endorsements Hereon for Comptroller's Use Exclusively

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FORM No. 1 -- AMENDED

OCTOBER 1, 1902

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CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

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Name of Applicant

Phillip Elder

Gonzales County,

Cheapside

Post Office

Comptroller's File No. _____

[hand-written inventory on cover]

1908

31 acres 930

2 H[orses] 150

3 C[ows] 50

1 H[orse?] 7

1 W[agon] 10

Tools 25

Mis 3

\$1175

Q. What is your name? Answer Philip T. Elder

Q. What is your age? Answer 72 years the 18th this month

Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Gonzales

Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your postoffice address?

Answer first and last about 17 years Cheapside Texas

Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where? Answer No

Q. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one?

Answer a farmer & Broom manufacturer

Q. What is your physical condition? Answer a little lame

Q. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability. Answer a gun shot in leg

Q. In what State was your command organized? Answer Alabama

Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge.

Answer Enlisted Feb 1862 Paroled 1865

Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Company G fifty eight regiment

Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy.

Answer Infantry

Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received.

Answer received nothing

Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer I have 31 acres land. I have four hundred dollars on it, it worth 25 Dollars per acre.

Q. What property, and what was the value thereof, have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer none

Q. What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is the value? Answer none

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer none

Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence?

Answer no I do rite smart work to lake living

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer yes

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under the law? Answer No.

Q. Did you ever desert the Confederacy? Answer No never

Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer Yes

Q. If you originally enlisted in the Confederate service from the State of

Alabama, were you at the date of the passage of this act, a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas? Answer Yes

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for pension be approved and that such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Philip T. Elder

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of July A.D. 1908

[SEAL]

W.B. Guere

County Judge Gonzales County, Texas

Address: The Adjutant General.

War Department, Washington D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT, 1424522

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, September 15, 1908.

Respectfully returned to

The Comptroller

State of Texas,

Austin.

It is shown by the records that P.T. Elder, private, Company D (not found as of Company G), 58th Alabama Infantry, Confederate States Army, was enlisted January 20, 1862. On the muster roll of that company for January and February, 1864, the only roll on which his name appears, he is reported as absent wounded since September 20, 1863.

F.R. Cruisworth

The Adjutant General.

G.O. 72-1]

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LETTER Claud P. Fawcett, Thompson TX to his brother Leslie C. Fawcett, Sr., Johnson City TX 9/2/1908.

Thompson Tex.

Sept 2, 1908.

Mr. L.C. Fawcett

Dear Bro;-

Your welcome letter to hand this morning.

We are sure having some warm weather down here. I had hoped that it would not be so warm this mo. But so far have been disappointed.

You asked how long I intended staying here, well I don't know yet, if I go to school, will not be here longer than Oct. 1. But if I don't go to school, may stay longer.

Have not succeeded in getting a place to work for my board at Dallas yet, and don't like to go until I do. I some times think that I might go back there and finish up. It is going to be a squeeze for me to have money enough to get through on at Dallas, so I don't know what to do.

Well we failed to get off to Galveston again. Carl [Fawcett--his brother] wrote that he was having fever and I was not able to go. I am a little uneasy about him. I wrote to him and told him to let me know if he wanted any help but have not heard from him since. We may go to Galveston next Sun[day].

The last Enterprise that I got was dated July 31 (I believe).

Received a letter from Roger [Carson] today. He has not decided what he is going to do about going to school this Fall.

The [Trinity] river is rising here very fast but don't think it will get out of the banks. But if it does we will be laid off.

Tell Oscar [Fawcett--his brother] and Melissa to write.

As ever your bro, Claude.

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LETTER Claude P. Fawcett, Cheapside TX to Leslie C. Fawcett, Johnson City TX 11/19-20/1908. First page is missing..

The rule with them is, if one quits, they are not supposed to take him back under certain length of time, but if he gets sick and lays off, they will take him back. I got sick but left there thinking I would not go back, so Capt. Dahl wrote me that he would see the Supt [Superintendent?] about it and let me know. I think I will hear tonight. I don't like to go back down there. It is going to be so disagreeable there in the Winter and the rough crowd makes it a miserable life. But I don't know of any thing else that I could make as much at. If I could find a job that only paid \$20 or \$25 per mo. With better surroundings I would prefer that.

Delta [Fawcett--his sister] will not try to get off to Belton before

Wednesday of next week.

"Old Bethe" died last Friday. She fell in this hollow in the old field and got stuck in the mud. We got her out but she died. We can't get the cold to eat corn, but it will eat hay and grass. Am afraid that it will not make much of a horse.

The children seem to be doing very well in school. Mama's health is improving. Papa went to Cuero today with a load of corn. We finished pulling corn yesterday. Aunt Brancie [Fawcett Carson] and Maggie [Carson] are here now.

There was to be a show here last night but it didn't come.

Roger [Carson], Henry [Carson], Ralph [Branson Fawcett--his younger brother] and I went duck hunting last Saturday. Killed two ducks and 15 to 20 birds.

Do you think you will finish up this term.

Martha Y. came home Tuesday. School turned out on account of diptheria.

How is the L. Society progressing now?

Leslie, did Carl [Fawcett] pay you the money that I got from you to buy a pair of shoes while in Houston? I think I gave it to him. Have intended to inquire about this before but would forget it while writing. Write often all of you. Love to all, Claude.

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LETTER Claud P. Fawcett, Richmond TX to his parents and siblings at Cheapside TX, 1/24/1909 (given to N.T. Fawcett by R.B. Fawcett, who found it in Delta Fawcett's papers). Claud worked as a surveyor/snag clearer on the lower Brazos River, between attending Southwestern College in Dallas.

Richmond, Texas.

Jan. 24, 1909.

Dear Homefolks;-

Papa's [F.S. Fawcett] card arrived yesterday, was glad to hear from you all. We are having some warm weather here today.

Well we started down the river last Monday, with the intentions of going down to Thompsons but landed on a sand bar about a quarter of a mile below Richmond and we are still on it. We worked two or three days trying to get the boats over (There is only about one ft. and a half of water in the R. at this place) and as had to do some

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surveying work here, they decided to do it now and probably the water would rise. But we finished surveying here yesterday. I dont know just what they aim to do now. But guess they will go down to the next Dike or Jetty, which is about one mile, in the skiff and do some work there.

One of the boys had the misfortune of cutting his foot with an ax the other day. The Dr. had to sew it up. He is unable to do much work.

The manager or foreman of this survey party, went to

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school with Ernest & Herbert [Elder] at the [Texas] A & M College. He seems to be a nice man.

I received a letter from Delta [Fawcett--his sister] yesterday, she was doing about as well as usual [She may have been away at High School].

How are you getting along farming?

I find this work to be much easier that what we have been doing.

How are the children [Ethel and Pearl Fawcett] getting along in school? Write often your son & bro.

C.P.F. [Claud Phillip

Fawcett]

c/o U.S. Boat

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Family Bible given to Frank S. Fawcett by Mansel Phillip Elder on May 26, 1909, and enclosed family birth, marriage and death records (now in possession of Wm B Fawcett, Jr).

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PRESENTED To F.S. Fawcett by M.P. Elder. May 26, 1909.

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WHAT THEREFORE GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

That Francis S. Fawcett
and Emma L. Elder

WERE UNITED BY ME IN THE BONDS OF
HOLY MATRIMONY

At the home of Mr Philip Elder on the 25th day of
February in the year of our Lord 1877

In Presence of Jno E. Preston, Mrs. Flora L. Fre
Signed Samuel L. Bradley Cheapside

THEREFORE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND
SHALL CLEAVE UNTO .. AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH

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MARRIAGES

Frances S. Fawcett and Emma L. Elder, Feb. 25, 1877

Willis Augustus Fawcett and Cornelia Peterson, Nov. 14, 1900

Oscar Young Fawcett and Melissa Johnson, May 20, 1906

Leslie Clarence Fawcett & Estelle Bloys, Aug. 16, 1916

Ernest Henry Duderstadt & Sarah Elizabeth Fawcett, Aug. 19, 1917

Ralph Branson Fawcett and Gladys Saunders, ...

Albert A. Duderstadt and Ethel T. Fawcett, June 15, 1921

Delta E. Fawcett and R. B. Grisham, Oct. 26, 1935

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BIRTHS

Francis S. Fawcett, Dec 10, 1849 Kemper Co., Miss

Emma Luvenia Elder, Jan 1859, Etowah Co., AL

Willis Augustus Fawcett Feb. 16, 1878, Gonzales Co., Texas

Oscar Young Fawcett, March 11, 1879, Gonzales Co., Texas

George Alonso Fawcett, June 13, 1880, Gonzales Co., Texas

Ernest Connelly Fawcett, Oct 9, 1881, Gonzales Co., Texas

Earl Robert Fawcett, Feb 17, 1884, Gonzales Co., Texas

Carl Cleveland Fawcett, April 11, 1885, Gonzales Co., Texas

Delta Eunice Fawcett, Nov., 28, 1887, Gonzales Co., Texas

Claud Philip Fawcett, May 12, 1888, Gonzales Co., Texas

Leslie Clarence Fawcett, Jan. 15, 1890, Gonzales Co., Texas

Ralph Branson Fawcett, May 4, 1893, Gonzales Co., Texas

Sarah Elizabeth Fawcett [torn away]

Blanton Elder Fawcett [torn away]

Ethel Thelma Fawcett [torn away]

Pearl Elnora Fawcett [torn away]

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DEATHS

George Alonzo Fawcett, Nov. 26, 1891

Ernest Conally Fawcett, June 1882

Earle Robert Fawcett, Nov. 7, 1892

Claud Philip Fawcett, Mar 23, 1910

Blanton Elder Fawcett Dec 19, 1912

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Temperance Page: Unsigned.

OBITUARY (Columbia MO Daily Tribune, Mon. 11/22/1909:1/5).

MRS. HENRIETTA GAUSS DEAD

WILL BE BURIED AT OLD HOME IN ST. CHARLES

Mrs. Henrietta Gauss, 93 years old, died at four o'clock Sunday afternoon at her home five miles southeast of Columbia after a lingering illness. The funeral will be held there tomorrow morning, Rev. H.H. Barks conducting the services. The body will then be shipped to St. Charles, her former home, for burial.

Mrs. Gauss was a Miss Henrietta Fawcett, and was born in Harrisonburg, Va. The Fawcett family is of Huguenot extraction. Her father, Jos. Fawcett, moved to Old Franklin, Mo., opposite Boonville. They moved to St. Charles a year afterward where she was married to Eugene Gauss, a son of the famous German scientist, C.F. Gauss. In 1885 she moved to Boone county. Mr. Gauss died in 1896.

Children who survive are: Chas. H. Gauss, of St. Charles; Robert Gauss, of Denver Republican; Eugene and Virginia, of Boone county; and Albert, of Los Angeles.

Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and was known as a woman of exemplary character, of strong but gentle nature. Her death is sincerely

regretted by all who knew her.

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OBITUARY (St Charles Cosmos-Monitor 41(48) Fri. Nov 26, 1909:1/1)
Dead at 93

Mrs. Henrietta Gauss, aged 93, entered into rest Sunday afternoon at her home five miles southeast of Columbia. After a funeral service at the home on Monday, the remains were shipped to St. Charles, Mo., her former home, for burial. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church, and a woman of fine character. She was born Miss Henrietta Fawcett, in Harrisonburg, Va. Her father moved the family to Old Franklin, and later removed to St. Charles, where she was married to Eugene Gauss. She and her husband moved to Boone County about 1885, the husband passing away ten years later. Both came of sturdy stock, the Fawcett family being of Huguenot origin. Mr. Gauss' father was a noted German scientist. Surviving children are: Chas. H. Gauss, of St. Charles' Robert Gauss, of the Denver Republican; Albert Gauss of Los Angeles; and Eugene and Virginia Gauss, of Boone county.

OBITUARY (Newspaper 3/23/1910).

Claude Philip Fawcett

Claude Philip Fawcett, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.S. Fawcett of Cheapside, was born May 12, 1888, departed this life March 23, 1910. At the time of his death Claude was attending Southwestern University at Dallas. Was a member in good standing in the Junior Pharmacy class in this institution.

He was a bright young man, of hope and promise, the idol of his home and the favorite of a large circle of friends. While a child he became a Christian and united with the Presbyterian church. He was noted for his piety and devotion to the Master whom he served.

The news of his sudden illness and death came as a great shock to his parents and brothers and sisters. The funeral services took place at Belview cemetery Thursday afternoon, March 24, 1910.

MEMORIAL CARD for Claud P. Fawcett (1888-1910). Original in possession of Robert Scott Moore, San Antonio, Texas.

IN LOVING

REMEMBRANCE OF

Claud P. Fawcett,

Born May 12, 1888

Died March 23, 1910

Age 21 yrs., 10 mos, 10 days.

Gone but not forgotten

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in our home,

Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled,

This boon his love had given,

And though the body slumbers here,

The soul is safe in heaven.

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Pension Application: Philip T. Elder, 9/1910 (TX State Archives)
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Name of Applicant.

Phillip T. Elder

Gonzales County.

Postoffice Gonzales

Filed Oct 3 1910

Approved ? 9 1910

Pension allowed from Sept 1 1910 prior

Rejected _____

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Commissioner of Pensions.

FORM A

For Use of Soldiers, Who are in Indigent Circumstances

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THE STATE OF TEXAS)

County of Gonzales)

I, Philip T. Elder, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, A.D. 1909, on the following grounds:

I enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily abandoned my post of duty in the said service; that I was honorably discharged or surrendered to the Federal Soldiers, and paroled and never exchanged.

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of the State since prior to January 1, A.D. 1880, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any national, State, city or county office which pays me in salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollar per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answer given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 74
 2. Where were you born? Clark County, Georgia
 3. How long have you resided in Texas? two years before the war and 37 years since the war [1873 - 1910+]
 4. In what county do you reside? Gonzales
 5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address my home has principally been Gonzales, but lived few years in DeWitt Co
 6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where Yes two years ago
 7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Broom manufacture, unable to make money
 8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Alabama
 9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge think enlisted 15th Feb 1862
 10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or batter? enlisted in Co C 9th Ala Battalion Infantry
 11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service Just after the Battle of Shiloh the 9th Battalion was put in the 17-18 and 19 Ala Regiments. I served in Co I - 18 Ala until the 9th reorganized
 12. What branch of the service did you enlist in--infantry, cavalry, artillery, or navy? Infantry
We was reorganized at Mobile Ala the 9th again some time in 1863 was made with other companys the 58 Ala regiment.
 13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?
 14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? I was detailed a conscript officer after being reorganized several months
 15. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No
- Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Philip T. Elder
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of Sept, A.D. 1910
W.B. Gruere
[SEAL.] County Judge Gonzales County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES
Cheapside, Texas
Nov 24th 1910

Commissioner of Pension

Dear Sir in my last letter too you I tryed too explain if you remember why my name was not on the assay (of Taxes) book. As I stated to you I told him that I was not able to pay the land out and had to sell it to my son [Mansel P. Elder] &c and that I thought I had been treated bad that I had applied for pension an[d] turned down on it. he said he wold not assess me. I said yes take what I have. he said no it wasnt rite. now send this too Biddle the deputy Tax assessor at Wrightsboro. Ask him if so or not. I say it is so, so help me God and Keep me Steadfast in Truth. I am not trying too swindel Texas out of the value of one cent. I k[n]ow acording to the laws of Texas a Pension is justly due me and I will send you my last years Tax receipt which I want you to return to me. If you still reject me I will come in person to lay the matter before you but havnt got the money to spare to make the trip too Austin and hope you wont forse me to do so

Respectfully

Philip, T, Elder

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MEMORIAL CARD: Blanton E. Fawcett. 12/19/1912. Cheapside, TX.

IN LOVING

REMEMBRANCE OF

Blanton E. Fawcett

Born Feb. 22, 1897

Died Dec. 19, 1912

Age 15 years

[PHOTOGRAPH]

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Dearest brother, thou has left us,

And our loss we deeply feel,

But 'tis God that has beret us,

He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,

When the day of life is fled,

When in Heaven in Joy to greet thee

Where no farewell tear is shed.

OBITUARY (CUERO DAILY RECORD 12/22/1912:5): Blanton Fawcett

A Cheapside Death.

J.E. Preston of Cheapside was here yesterday [12/21/1912] and informed us of the death of Blanton Fawcett, son of F. P. [should be S.] Fawcett in that neighborhood last Thursday [Dec 19]. The young man was fifteen years and ten days of age, and died of pneumonia. The funeral occurred in the Cheapside cemetery. The Record extends sympathy to the relatives and near friends.

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, Preston TX to his sister, Eugenia T. Fawcett, 711 Prince St, Alexandria VA 2 Mar 1913

Rev. C.B. Golson, Pastor

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MRS. M.A. FAWCETT....

Coffee Chapel Sunday School of M.E.C. South

PRESTON, TEXAS

RFD#3 Pottsboro, Texas Mch 2nd 1913

My Dear Sister Your ever welcome letter of Feb 24 came in due time and I assure you I was glad to get it. No the cyclones in Arks and Shevesport were one hundred and fifty miles from us so we were not hurt. You can scarcely realize the magnitude of this great state unless you travel over it. A state of magnificent distances. Tis 750 miles east and west, so there is quite a stace for us to dodge storms. Though we had a blow last Sunday that seemed o sweep over entire state. The winds velocity ranging from 40 to 75 mph. It was so

severe that I sent for Willis (commonly called Will) and his wife Sallie, and their two little boys, Joe and Lee Edward [Fawcett] (The first boy names after me & the latter after our brother) to come over to be near our storm house if reason arose. A storm house is a hole in the ground covered with heavy tree trunks down to a level with the earth surface and covered with dirt. A comparatively safe place. We have bin compelled to run from one of these twisint monster about eighteen years ao, by seeing it in time while it was yet a mile off. We just had time to run about one hundred yds out of its course. This was a regular cyclone, and they nvariably come from the SouthW. But one night we were in the very heart of a real hurricane and this before we really new it. Everything was deathly stilw. And not a leaf moving, not a breath of air astir. Just a little bright flicker of lighning, incessantly in N.W. and in less than 30 minutes the hurricane burst upon us. Our house was a one story structure. One I built myself with an eye to stability as much as possible, but it trembled convulsively three different times and the worst of the storm was past. While many houses and monarchs of the forest has withstood the blasts of possibly hundreds of years had to acknowledge this time has come and succumb to the inevitable. Fortunately for us the storm was in the topps of the trees when it passed in and through our community., and at night and people were asleep accounts for so few people being killed. This form was four miles wide. Now-all this storm talk just because you requested a postal to let you all know that the recent weather disterbances did not bother us. But it came pretty close to my oldest boy, Young and his wife Celarah and little Lucy and Genievieve. They are in Louisiana about twently miles from Shtreveport. Young is working for the Standard Oil Co helping to drill oil wells. He gets \$90.00 per month. Has bin in this business for two years. He seemes to like the work. We got a letter from his wife and told us Young was looking to be promoted soon as the Supt. told him he was directly in line. And then if he becomes driller this will mean, something over two hundred a month. Y. has a beautiful little house and lot here at Preston, but of course this would make a living so he had o go where he could get work. Frank is in the Navy, is on the good ship Colorado of the Pacific fleet and is now on a cruise at present at Honolula of the Hywayian Islands. He writes home about every two weeks. Seems to be having a regular picknick, making me feel like joining the N[avy] myself and there I have to check myself and get real sober and degnified when I think that this coming summer will be 63. That I have spent here since I discovered America. But there I feel I am only a colt. Mamie, my good wife, now comes when I call her mother and we are happy as grand parents as we are to be mother and father. We have six grand children. Would'nt take a million dollars a piece for our grand children. Nor would we give a nickle for another one. I will lay aside my foolishness for a minute if I can. I received the lenten card. The picture of the church is nice, but of course if I never saw it I don't recollect it. Oh, that is a beautiful prayer on the card. Just grand eloquen. Though I do wish I could make a prayer like that (to be heard of men?) No. No. But it is do sublime. So far reaching. Covering all the ground and still reaching all around and missing no one nor anything. On next Sunday I shall use this prayer in my Sunday School word for word, reading it from this card. And you see yourself a missionary in the S.S. at Preston. What church is this spoken of on this card as Christ Church? I feel like it is Episcopal or Church of England. It seems to me I can remember living at grandmother Stablers when I was a wee bit of a shaver but of course this may be a dream but if so it has stuck with me all my life. I seem to remember our father was there and grandmother. The only two persons and now & then it seems I can get a glimpse of grandfather and it seems that I got a spanking for something. I can recollect many things tha transpired while I lived with Aunt Debra Stablers. When Beulah Reese & I had the measles upstairs and they put us both in the same bed. As when the grown people went out of the room, Beulah and I got out of bed & played until we heard them coming upstairs, when we would get down under the covers and snuggle down and hug our measles up & be innocence personified. Tell me children cannot recollect. I've had no one to tell me anything about having had measles, but I know when I had them and I know I was a little fellow too. Why I even remember the hobby horse I had while I was at Aunt Debra's and he was painted white with spotts of black to represnet dapples and his name was Barney. So there now. The house that Aunt D lived in wasnt that grandmother Stablers house? Give my own very best love to Cousin Mary Booth. I remember very distinctly. Yes and to Nett and Sister Hallie and all their children and Mamie and her family. And in fact all inquiring friends and any

that dont inquire. I'm glad Susie is in the lead in the paper contest and do hope she will get to go to Europe. And tell her Uncle Joe says tis a good thing for her that my two little grand daughters are not in the context, as she might possibly be second. However, if they were there in the context, it might be three Fawcetts that would take the trip. Three cousins. You ask have we had a cold winter? Yes the coldest I think we've ever had in Texas. Red River was frozen over. And only about ten days since the snow drifted so badly that the mail carrier failed to get to our box and all this in the sunny South. We are here a Preston and within one smile of the Post Office and will and do get mail if direced there, but prefer it addressed to Pottsboro Tex and there it is delivered by F.R.D. You need not give the # of route as they know me and it will come to my box at my front gate. This is a rainy day indeed. Just the kind o inspire lengthy letters. So therefore I'll have to apolagise along these lines for this long letter. I have several that I write to in the rain of this letter and sometimes six and seven pages. Miss Dixie Mauskes whom you will notice as secretary of S.S. [Sunday School] clames a letter from me at least once a mongth or oftener. She is off now at the Kid Key College of Sherman, Tex about 20 miles. Dixie is a niece of my Supt. Primary Dept and is being educated by her aunt and has been here since she was a little girl. She is about eighteen. I'll have to send you one of her letters some time. And then there is Jim and Sophie Kennedy, a young married couple with several children, & were raised here. Have moved to Muscogee Okla and they too claim a letter every whip-stitch from Bro Fawcett and then there is Melton F [awcett] and Y[oung Fawcett] & Clarah [Fawcett] besides. Your own dear self besides. I correspond for two papers--one in Oklahoma and one in Sherman, Texas. Thru faming and keeping the ewes up through the week and S-S & Church on Sunday, I don't have time to get into mischief. We have just gone through an epidemic of meningitis that has been so prevelent this year. We buried one of our neighbors yesterday that died from the after affects of this dread disease. He had been sick about seven weeks and was one of the first to be taken. He being the only grown person that had died from this disease in our community thought there have been three children and about nine cases in all. It has been alarming in large cities like Waco, Houston, Ft Worth and Dallas and very fatal notwithstanding Dr. Sopheain of New York City has been here instructing our physcians in the use of the serium. Some yrs nearly all the doctors think it contageous but some don't think so now and I don't think it is or nearly everyone here has been exposed. Those cities above named are situated on rivers and the disease seems to be principally confined to river courses and our Texas rivers are a very different proposition to northern rivers. It has been prevalent in Texas ever since we have had any population and known until now as spotted fever and of course as our population increases its bound to, as it has such an amount of material to work upon. And another thing, I've noticed, it is confined to certain localities in the same community and attacks debilitated persons nearly every time.

Well sister, I must close & try and get this off. Though I'll read it to Mother & she will censor it & probably delay it until Monday. Your loving brother

Joe Fawcett

P.S. You failed to give me your street and # so I address care of Mrs Booth, Princes St. Sister here's the postal you requested. J.W.F.

OBITUARY (St. Charles Cosmos-Monitor 78(11): 3/12/1913 1/1).

TWO DEATHS IN O'FALLON.

Two Well Known People Died in
O'Fallon--Both Old Residents
of St. Charles County.

The funeral of Mrs. Samuel C. McCluer who died at her home five miles south of O'Fallon Monday morning takes places Wednesday morning from the Dardenne Rock Church and services will be conducted by Rev. Sam Watson. Mrs. McCluer who was 91 years of age, was one of the oldest residents of St. Charles county. She was reared in this city and before her marriage was Miss Lucretia Faucett. Her parents came to Missouri from Virginia and they resided in St. Charles on the lot where, if we are correctly informed, the First National Bank now stands, and Mr. McCluer's father resided near there in the same neighborhood and they were married here. His father was a physician and he erected the office where Dr. Sam Johnson's office is now located, recently occupied by Dr. Mudd, and the building has been used for a doctor's office ever since it was erected in the early history of St. Charles. Both the families of Mr. and Mrs. McCluer were

prominent in the early history of this city. Mrs. McCluer was a sister of Mrs. Eugene Gauss, father of the late Henry Gauss who recently died in this city.

Mrs. McCluer was the mother of nine children who survive here, eight sons and one daughter, Rev. William, Rev. Uncas, Curtis, Arthur, Louis, Thomas, Oscar and Austin, and one daughter, Mrs. Susan McCarthy who made her home with her mother. Notwithstanding her age Mrs. McCluer's mind was bright and she remained her vitality remarkably well until recently when disease took hold of her. Those who knew Mrs. McCluer enjoyed her company very much and we are informed there was nothing more interesting to those interested in the history of St. Charles county than to talk with her. She could tell many interesting things within her memory and she could tell of incidents told her by her father which happened within his own knowledge more than 150 years ago.

Letter: Uncas McCluer, Clovis NM, to his sister, Susan McCarty, Dardenne MO 3/14/1913

Mch 14th-'13

Dear Susan- Your letter of the 11th came yesterday, and found me as well prepared as we ever are for such news [--the death of their mother, Lucretia Fawcett]. We are so much gratified with the peaceful character of Mother's death. Many years ago, she used to tell me what a dread she had of the suffering which seemed so very great and unavoidable; now she meets it without discomfort in any way. Also I am glad you had a good Nurse to help you so much. When I left Cane Hill [--he retired in 1912 and moved to Clovis NM to live with his daughter, Lacy Lucile McCluer, and her husband, Robert E. Brown] I thought Mother would probably live till next summer and I might see her again. I told her I would try to see her again, but of course such things are uncertain. The last thing she said to me was 'do what you can for Net' [--probably his Aunt Henrietta Fawcett (Gauss), since his sister Henrietta was by then dead]. All her letters were of a piece; as long as she wrote the writing was coherent and it continued for fifty years! I took leave of her several times which I thought were the last, partly on account of my own precarious health. Most of my recollection of Mother was from the time I was four years old up to nineteen, when I left home. After that I was absent so much and so long that I could see age and toil, telling on her, she never seemed quite the same gay companion of my early youth. I may also say that I have been a half stranger to the household for the same reason.

You will miss her so much! And I hope you will find some way to employ your hand and your thoughts, so as still to make life enjoyable and worth while. If I can contribute anything to that end, it will add to my own enjoyment as 'the days are going by'. I saw Mother in my dream Saturday night. She seemed fresh, and comfortable; said never a word, and then she was gone. I wondered whether she was still living or not. It seems, she lived about a day longer - till Monday morning. I have preached here for the Presbyterian Church and its Pastor once, and made an address before the Chamber of Commerce (500 strong).

When you are well rested write me what you wish to do. Make Sis [Henrietta Gauss] a good long visit [near Columbus MO]. Tell her I have thought so many times of her and Eugene [Gauss, probably Jr.], amongst the various changes that have come to them. I will write you some acct [account] of this section another time - very cold now - am writing on my knee at the stove - Dear Susan;

Goodbye. Uncas

Letter: Uncas McCluer, Clovis NM, to his sister, Susan McCarty, O'Fallon MO 4/2/1913

Clovis, N.M. Apr 2: 1913.

Dear Susan- I have a notion that you are now in Boone Co [MO, where Gauss family lived], but will send this to O'Fallon. They will forward it; it there is a reason - you will enjoy a long visit, and I would like to be there with you three [Henrietta Fawcett Gauss and her son, Eugene Gauss Jr.].

I suppose the ordinary services were held in the Dardenne [Presbyterian] Church conducted by the Pastor, and so now we have three graves in that place [his sister, Henrietta McCluer, and their mother and father. In 4 months Uncas McCluer became the 4th grave]. I would feel almost cut off from the rest of the family were you not still in that vicinity. If you are in Boone, I hope you have found Sis and Eugene in good health, and every way encouraged - Of that [Gauss] band of children half are gone.

I wrote you no notice of my leaving Arkansas, but there was not much to

write.

The farm was rented for the year now current, and the poultry sold. The Jersey cows were divided among three children and the utensils collected in one room and locked up. The room is quite full of one thing and another.

You know this is Dabney's [McCluer--his son] last year at the University [of Arkansas?]. He expects to graduate, but it has taken a long hard effort. Neither does he know what next, but it is not necessary to decide till next summer comes. He will not need the Rent of the property there, and we are moving to sell it. We will hardly get more than we gave. The threat of the Legislature to move the University was such a serious blow to property.

The weather here is now much more mild, and has become enjoyable, but they say this may be much interrupted before Summer comes. We still think those fare worse who are assailed by flood and storm. Collections are taken freely out here for the stricken districts. I am still waiting to see what may be though of N.M. in Summer. You would not expect to hear of a surplus of grain and forage now. A herd of 8500 sheep in motion is like the flowing water of the Mississippi River.

Lucile [his daughter, Mrs. Brown] is quite well, keeps house and walks and drives. At night we read the Stoddard Lectures.

Write me of your plans and of the news. My long time informant [their mother] has ceased. Wishing you all you could desire of peaceful happy days--Uncas

BONHAM NEWS 3/10/1914:1. THOMAS DOWEL BLOYS OBITUARY

T.D. BLOYS DEAD.

T.D. Bloys, the postmaster of Honey Grove passed away Friday night. His death was very sudden, heart failure being the cause. Mr. Bloys was over sixty years of age. For many years he was in the saddle and harness business. He gave his work up, however, to take up the work of postmaster. He leaves behind a wife and two children, Dowell and James, the former of California and the latter of Dallas. A brother lives at Fort Bliss [Davis?], Okla.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE (Sherman Democrat 9/27/1915 pg 4 col 3).

INTEREST IN FAIR,

J.W. Fawcett of Preston Predicts Success for the Event.

The following letter received at the Sherman Chamber of Commerce indicates the interest being taken in the fair to be held in Sherman Nov. 17, 18, 19 and 20 and also shows that some of the people appreciate what the newspapers are doing for the betterment of farming conditions generally:

Pottsboro, Tex, Sept 24, 1915, R. 3.

Mr. J.E. Surratt,

Sherman, Texas.

Dear Sir--Allow me to congratulate the Chamber of Commerce through you and you will please tell them us farmers (and when I say us farmers I really think 9-10th will join me) recognize in them our stalwart brothers who jealously guard our interests and we are especially pleased to know they are promulgating a fair for North Texas.

We would not forget to thank the press of the southland for the great work and space they have and are continually donating to us and to our cause. But for real sacrifice, The Sherman Democrat and Fort Worth Record put us under great obligation than we will ever be able to repay.

I'll be there with some object lesson in diversification with many specimens, lacking possibly only one, a baby, and a fault, possibly if fault is be, I will borrow one.

I remain, very respectfully, J.W. FAWCETT.

P.S.--Preston is my home--the Garden of Eden at the head of navigation on Red River.

REPORT CARD: Lyndon B. Johnson, 7th grade, 1915-16, signed by L.C. Fawcett, Superintendent, Johnson City, Blanco County TX Public Schools.

"He that ruleth his own spirit
is greater than he that taketh a city"

TEXAS

TEACHERS' MONTHLY REPORT
TO PARENTS
Johnson City
Public Schools

PUPIL Lyndon Johnson
Age 7 grade or year of course 3.
School _____ District No. 11
Year 1915 1916
Carril Yett, Teacher.
TO PARENTS

This school can do but little without the hearty co-operation of the home. We therefore send you a report each month to keep you informed as to the conduct, standing and progress, that you may better assist us in accomplishing satisfactory results. To this end we request you to examine this report carefully each month to give due credit and praise for all good marks, and remove, if necessary, the principal cause of all poor ones--irregularity in attendance and improper conduct.

Should there be any delay in the presentation of this report or any neglect in its preparation, or anything of any unsatisfactory character, you will confer a favor by calling attention to it immediately. Frequent visits by parents encourage teachers and pupils.

L C Fawcett Superintendent

"Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today"

Produced by C.A. Bryant Co., Dallas, Texas

Newspaper: Fort Davis TX. Estelle Bloys Bridal Shower, 8/14/1916.

Mrs. J.W. Espy and Miss Jettie Pruitt gave a miscellaneous shower for Miss Estelle Bloys Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Espy. The parlor and living-room were tastefully decorated with pink roses and pink and white sweet peas; the doorway between the parlor and living-room was especially attractive with dainty pink ribbons and gaily swinging white wedding bells, and here the bride-to-be was seated.

Miss Aline Prude sang: "O Promise Me"; Mr. Lamb, "Till the Desert Sands Grow Cold". Then a clothes-line was erected and Carrie Miller came in with a large basket filled with hand embroidered linens, crochet and tatting to hang on the line for all to admire. The basket contained many useful articles for the kitchen too.

This occasion was also Estelle's birthday and she declared it was "the nicest birthday and the shower ever".

Elaborate refreshments were served to Mesdames W.J. Ward, H.M. Jones, T.J. Dumble, Moors, W.D. Bloys, W.S. Miller, J.P. Weatherby, C.H. Bird, James Stewart, Tyrrel Smith, Charles Jones, J.W. Holt, Jesse Merrill, S.A. Thompson, E.H. Carlton, J.I. Edwards, G.A. Monkhouse, Emmett Davis, J.H. Clark, W.O. Miles, J.J. Franklin, A.G. Prude, Oscar Shipman; Misses Estelle Bloys, Myrtle Miller, Jessie Jones, Maude Clothier, Grace Stewart, Elizabeth Bradley, Aline Prude, Brooks, Thelma Jones, Claudia Jones, Mary Sproul, Eva Dumble, Robert Sroul, Ruth Carlton, Mable Bloys, Mattie Lee Ford, Miss Munkhouse, Nail Hoag, Thelma Roberta, Alma Atkinson, Katherine Espy, Sargie ...and Mr. Lamb.

JEFF DAVIS CO TX RECORD OF MARRIAGE LICENCES (pg 48/#387).

The State of Texas,)

County of Jeff Davis)

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the

Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court,
or any Justice of the Peace in and for Jeff Davis County,

Texas--GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CELEBRATE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY

Between Mr. L.C. Fawcett and Miss Estelle V. Bloys and

make due return to the Clerk of the Court of the said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this Licence.

WITNESS MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE, at office in Ft. Davis, Texas the 16th day of August A.D. 1916

Jas. Stewart

Clerk County Court Jeff Davis County, Texas

I, W.B. Bloys, certify that on the 16th day of August AD 1916

I united in Marriage Mr L.C. Fawcett and Miss Estelle V Bloys the parties above named.

WITNESS MY HAND This 17th day of August A.D. 1916

W.B. Bloys, Pastor Pres. Church

Ft Davis, Texas

RETURNED AND FILED FOR RECORD The 17th day of August A.D. 1916, and recorded the

NEWSPAPER late 8/1916 L.C. Fawcett/Estelle Bloys Wedding, Ft Davis TX
BEAUTIFUL WEDDING

Last Wednesday night at the Presbyterian Church one of the prettiest weddings we have seen in a long time was celebrated; the high contracting parties being Mr. Leslie Fawcett of Bandera, Texas, and Miss Estelle Bloys, one of the sweet and handsome daughters of Fort Davis.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion; large white daisies being the ruling flowers, a large horse-shoe of this lovely blossom being suspended just above where the solemn vows were taken that united the two lives.

Messers Arthur and Warren Bloys, brothers of the bride, acted as ushers; Mr. Herbert Bloys as Groomsman, Miss Mabel Bloys as Bride's Maid, Prof. Lamb played the wedding march while the young people walked to the chancel where Rev. W.B. Bloys, father of the bride, in a few well chosen words administered the vows that must remain in force so long as they both shall live; and then Mr and Mrs. Fawcett marching down the aisle began life's journey together.

Our heartiest congratulations to this young couple. May their way through this life be happy and prosperous.

Quite a number of out-of-town visitors were present at the celebration of the Fawcett-Bloys nuptials. Surrounding ranches and neighboring towns were represented liberally, but as we were not able to obtain a complete list of visitors we are not publishing any names.

A Brief History Of HA Carson, Son of RH and MA Carson Born in York District S.C.
In the yeare A.D. 1841 August the 16th and moved to Yelow Brusha Co Mississippi in the year A.D. 1846 October 20th and moved to Texas in the year A.D. 1850 and slected a place in Gonzales Co 8 miles south of Gonzales on the west side of the Godaloop [Guadalupe] River in the year A.D. 1854 and enlisted in the Confedret Ware in the year A.D. 1861 June the 20th in Capton Rabens Company E 8 Texas Cavrly [Cavalry] Col Terry Regiment at Houston Texas August the 20th and was consigned to the Trance [Trans] Mississippi Department Bolen [Bowling] Green Kentuca [Kentucky] and was Disbanded at Greens Borro North Carolina. By the surrender of Gen. Lees Army the yeare A.D. 1865 April 8th and came home in August 20th 1865 and marred a Miss Margaret Nerry in the year A.D. 1866 February the 8th to this union was 12 children borned. Nine sons and three daughters. Dead one boy and one girl: Robert Cooper and Sarah Jane berrred [buried] at our old Home place in the family grave yard. Robert Cooper did [died] in the year A.D. 1869 February 5th. Sarah Ann died in the year A.D. 1875 February 15th in child birth.

Birth [dates] of children: Robert Cooper borned Nov 15th 1866. John William Nov the 5th 1868. Joseph Edmon August 23rd 1870. James Leonades September 6th 1872. David Huey January 30th 1876. Mary Ella March 15th 1878. Hazel Franklin Oct 8th 1880. Thomas Mathew Oct 10th 1883. Albert Samuel Oct 19th 1885. Bevely Henry July 22nd 1888. Magie Bell Dec 30th 1890. Teen [ten] lving and have families of thare [their] own at this date September 26th 1916.

Phelps, Walker Co[unty], Tex November [1916; to Elder/Wofford of Yoakum TX]

Dear Father [Phillip T. Elder] and Sister Laura [Elder Wofford]:
Makes me so very sad to write to my Dear Pa and not to say my Dear Mama too [Sarah Wilson Elder died 9/18/1916] but I am still glad to have a Dear Sister. Now we are all just as well as the cold and the changes will let us be. I myself am not well. I do look to get all right but I suffer lot of the time so much now. Tthe boyes and their Papa is trying to get there Potatoesgathered and banked. They made two Hundred Bushels. And I would send you 10 or 12 Bushels if the express was not so much on them. Thare 70 c a Bushel here but if you want them we will

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send them. Would it pay to send some for you to sell now. How is Billie and Mrs. Jorden geting. We have not heard from Billie since he left. Well we made a fine lot of Ribbon cane syrip and I certainly would like to send you some, Laura, but you know we can't send you some and not some to Lijer both, and it is the same may as 'bout the seed potatoes. Now if you want to pay the freight we will try and get sacks and send you ten bushels. Now Laura if we ever get to see each other you will have to come. I am trying to be very careful with myself, but

winter is coming, and I can't travel again on the train that is unless I get some good health and feel good and strong. Laura if you or Pa have a good

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Picture of mama [Sarah Wilson Elder], more than you need or one of Papa and ma, Either send me one . I haven't got one of either. I would like so very well to have one of you family Pictures, that is if you could have them taken. Now Laura is Mrs. Wofford still living with you all and are you still living near the [Train] Depot or not now. Are they [there] a good crop of pecans on the River and have George have lots of them now. I will close. Write soon to your,

Mattie [Elder] Watson

[Enclosed letter from her son, Hart Watson--]

Phelps, Texas November 20, 1916

Dear Grandpa [Phillip T. Elder], I am sorry that I have not written more than this but I have so much to do that I would not write much as ought to. I been so busy to write much.

Dear Grandpa how is your health. I hope you are having a good time with Aunt Laura. I hope you are well. How is Aunt Laura health. I hope she is getting all right with her work. Grandpa how big is the city of Yoakum? Now I guess it is a large city. Well Grandpa, papa has about 350 bushels now on hand. Grandpa if you....

[rest of letter is missing]

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[Another letter by one of sons of P.T. Elder, ca. Nov 1916, with different handwriting of previous two letters--]

... with me Thursday and went to school here Friday. She says she likes it better here than in town, and wanted to stay with me but I took her back yesterday so she could be in the practice for Xmas last night. They are taking hold of the Christmas program nicely and will probably have a successful exercise.

Mr. Tumlinson has a place at last, but will have to wait until they can

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build him a home. They promise to start on it Tuesday. So it may be two weeks more before they can get out of our way. Jenkins will begin to move tomorrow. Pa wrote me that he was going to have that place on his face cut out. Had had it burned twice and was very sore. Thought would get over to see you Thanksgiving. Wish I could be there to, but too much to do. Well good by,

Your hubby [one of P.T. Elder's sons]

DEATH CERTIFICATE: William B. Bloys. 3/22/1917

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PLACE OF DEATH		Texas State Board of Health
County	Jeff Davis	STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
City	Fort Davis	Registered No. _____
(No. _____ St.; _____ Ward)		
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)		
FULL NAME William Benjamin Bloys.		

PERSONAL/STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL PARTICULARS		
Sex	Color/Race	Single/Married	Date of Death		
M	American	Married	March	22,	1917
			(Month)	(Day)	(Year)
Date Of Birth			I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I		
Jan	26	1847	attended deceased from March		
(Month)	(Day)	(Year)	20th 1917 to March 22, 1917		
Age			and that death occurred on the		
70 yrs	1 mos	26 ds.	date stated above at 8:30 pm.		
Occupation			The CAUSE OF DEATH was as		
(a) Trade	Minister of Gospel		follows:		
(b) Nature	Pastorate preaching		Paralysis General		
Birthplace			paralysis without		
(State/country)			complications, death following		
Tennessee Carroll Co.			immediately.		
PARENTS			Contributory None		
Name of Father			(Secondary)		
Dowell Bloys					

Birthplace of Father	(Signed) J.M. House, M.D.
Don't know	March 24, 1917 Fort Davis, Tx
Maiden Name of Mother	LENGTH OF RESIDENCE
Daugherty	At place
Birthplace of Mother	of death 29 yrs mos ds.
Don't Know	In the
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST	State 37 yrs mos ds
OF MY KNOWLEDGE	PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL
(Informant) Mrs. W.B. Bloys	Fort Davis, Texas
(Address) Fort Davis, Texas	DATE OF BURIAL
Filed March 26, 1917 T.H. Wofford	March 23, 1917
	Registrar Undertaker Address

ALPINE AVALANCHE 3/29/1917:2

William B. Bloys obituary.

W.B. BLOYS, MAN

With the passing of W.B. Bloys the noble pioneers were made still thinner. With his going, West Texas lost one of her finest men. He was ever on the firing line of service. No day ever got too long and no night ever too dark for him to do a kindness to his fellow man, saint or sinner. No man has ever served his King with greater loyalty or effectiveness than did W.B. Bloys. As the physical man grew weakened his spirit remained indomitable and carried him on until he dropped in his harness, exhausted. Such men, as he was, have done more to spread Christianity and fix confidence in the higher principles of life than a thousand modern professional preachers. West Texas is better and nobler because of the life of their brotherman. If there were nothing to immortality as taught by the bible men like Brother Bloys would have immortality thru the lives and hearts of their fellowmen.

Trinity University conferred upon him the title of the "Little Father of the Hills." Every one who knew him place confidence in him and honored him as a man.

THE LITTLE FATHER OF THE HILLS DIES
REV. W.B. BLOYS, PIONEER PREACHER, DIES AT FT. DAVIS
Called to Reward After Forty Years
Of Service Among the Hills
Of Western Texas

Rev. W.B. Bloys, called the "Cowboy Preacher," of Fort Davis, died suddenly at his home there at 8 o'clock Thursday evening the 23rd.

Rev. Bloys was nearly 70 years old and had worked for nearly forty years in the great plains of Western Texas. Forty years ago he came to Coleman where [he] preached nine years, then moving to Fort Davis which has since been his home. Twenty-six years ago he inaugurated the famous cowboy campmeeting at Skillman Grove which has been held annually ever since and is one of the famous events of all West Texas. He was known to every cowboy and ranch owner as a man of a big heart and wonderful personality. He had been in failing health for some time and for the past two years had been making periodic trips to El Paso to have his failing eyesight treated.

"The Little Father of the Hills," as he was known, was held in great esteem, as was evidenced by the fact that at a campmeeting a few years ago he pleaded in a feeble voice that he was growing old and a younger and stronger man should be elected to carry on the work. At first the crowd did not understand his remarks but when his meaning dawned on them, members of the association in one voice cried him down. "Sit down, Bloys, there'll be time to elect your successor when you're gone." was the cry. One of his parishioners was once talking to an illustrious member of the Southwestern University about various prominent preachers and said: "I'd rather hear Parson Bloys make his announcements than hear the whole bunch of your preach."

He is survived by his wife, four sons, and two daughters, all residing in this section.

The remain of this beloved westerner were laid to rest in the heart of the hills he loved so well last Friday, surrounded by one of the largest assembly of friends who ever came together in that place to pay respects to a departed citizen. Many people attended from Alpine, Marfa, Valentine, Van Horn, and Toyahville.

A Tribute

We've lost a friend who was more than a friend; he was our mentor. A gentle kindly man who by his good example led us to gauge our own lives by his and to

try to make ourselves more worthy of the friendship of others and their admiration, which was his in overflowing measure. It is said that a man who has one true friend is indeed fortunate--then our friend was the most fortunate of men for he had friends, true friends, by the hundred. They honored, respected and loved him in life and now that he is gone share the sorrow with his lived ones. It was far from him to make the small feel smaller, but his encouraging words have many times taken the pains of despair from his less fortunate brother's hearts and minds and have given them new hope in this life. His very appearance brought sunshine to the crowd...

... he joined, and when he comes to meet the great beyond, Brother Bloys can look his Maker in the face and say, I have done unto others as I would be done by, and that refrain which is the desire of us all to hear will be said, enter thou into the place prepared for all who have lived their lives according to the Golden Rule teachings.

"His fight is fought, his race is run:
Not ours, but God's will be done." A.F.R.

MARRIAGE RECORD Ernest Duderstadt/S.Elizabeth Fawcett, 8/19/1917 (Gonzales County TX Marriage, p. 101; LDS 1310952).

THE STATE OF TEXAS,) 12147

COUNTY OF GONZALES) TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS GREETINGS

KNOW YE, That any person legally authorized to celebrate the Rite of Matrimony is hereby licensed to join to Marriage as Husband and Wife Ernest Duderstadt and Miss S. Elizabeth Fawcett

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I, Sam Patterson Clerk of the County
Court of Gonzales County, hereunto subscribe my name and
affix the seal of said Court, this 14th day of August 1917

Sam Patterson Clerk

(L.S)

By Thoms. Barbour Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)

County of Gonzales)

This Certifies that I join in Marriage as Husband and Wife Ernest H.
Duderstadt

and S. Elizabeth Fawcett on the 19th day of August A.D. 1917

Mansel P. Elder

Minister of Gospel

Recorded 17 day of April 1918 Sam Patterson Clerk

By Thos C. Barbour Deputy

WEDDING (Cuero Star 8/1917): Elizabeth Fawcett & Ernest Duderstadt in Cheapside.
Cheapside Wedding

On last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. Mrs. F.S. Fawcett of Cheapside, their daughter Elizabeth, a charming young lady, was given in marriage to Mr. Ernest Duderstadt of Mountain Home, Kerr County, Texas.

At the hour appointed the young couple emerged from the bridal room followed by the minister and marches to music played by Miss ira Young to the room where the guests awaited, and faced the minister who in a few well chosen words performed the ceremony that made them husband and wife.

After the ceremony and congratulations the bridal party and guests to the number of about forty partook of some delicious refreshment and passed a pleasant hour in conversation. Some very nice presents were made by the friends of the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Duderstadt left for Mountain Home Tuesday morning.

LETTER Emma Fawcett (Cheapside) to her daughter, Pearl Fawcett (Bandera TX)
1/15/1918.

Cheapside, Texas

Jan. 14 1918

Dear Loved Ones I will try and get better. I have not been well since new year, but feeling better today. Oh havent we had some bad weather. We were disapointed in not get[ing] any rain. It looked so much like rain yesterday and the norther is blowing this morn so that settles the rain. There is lots of pneumonia. Aletha Georges little Girl has it. Edgar Powers is very low with pneumonia. Heard this morn he was very very low. Bryant Baker is taken but not so bad as Edgar is. We got a letter from Willis, he said Ernest [Duderstadt] was in the first call [WW I draft]. I sure feel sorry for him and Elezabeth

[Fawcett, her newly married daughter] to have brake up there new home. Of course she cant stay there by her self. Fay Thigfren has taken the Valley View School. Annie Lee is better but not able to go to school last week. Mrs Seilers calves put up 200 two hundred 3 lbs cans. She sure has lots of meat. I got a letter from Ethel [Fawcett] Friday. She has got started all a kin school.

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We havent heard from Ralph [Fawcett]. Pearl [Fawcett] to see him. She rote us a card that they were waiting for him come to the Hotell. We are in a fix about a hose Dan got his foot cut with a rope and cant walk so we have no way getting from here for the cattle. Pearl they had there parttie at Mr Seilers Sat - night. Delta [Fawcett] did not go, so I dont know much about it-- I guess Byrtie Lord can tell you. I know she went I

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wish it wasn't so far from there, I want to see you all but It cant be helped. I know you were glad to have your Bro come to see you. I will close as it is getting late. Write us when you can - Your Mother Emma Fawcett

KERRVILLE (Newspaper ca. 8/1918)

Lieut R.B. Fawcett

[photo]

Now Overseas

Lieut. Ralph B. Fawcett has informed his brother of his safe arrival overseas and he is as happy as he looks to be in this splendid picture which shows him in his over-seas uniform. Lieutenant Fawcett volunteered in the Quartermaster's Corps at Fort Sam Houston Sept 5, 1917, and was given his commission as a second lieutenant at the officer's school, Jacksonville, Fla., after only two weeks training.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. GAZETTE 7/9/1918

LIEUT. FAWCETT KILLED

When Airplane Drops Six Hundred Feet at Scott Field, Near Bellville, Ill.-- Accident Occurred Last Night The Deceased Lived Here.

Lieut. Richard Hartshorne Fawcett who was killed last night in an aeroplane accident at Bellville, Ill., was twenty-five years old and a native of this city. He lived at 517 Prince street.

The deceased was educated in the public schools here and afterward completed his education at the Episcopal High School of Virginia located west of Alexandria.

After leaving school he became an electrician and was employed in that capacity in the House of Representative.

Later he took up the work with the American Blower Company with headquarters in Detroit, Mich., and subsequently was assigned by the company to work in Philadelphia. He served with the latter company until he took the examination for the aviation service.

The deceased on registration day registered in Philadelphia, not having received his appointment to the aviation corps. He was then sent to Camp Meade after the first draft call and was a member of the 315th Infantry at that place.

Lieut. Fawcett remained two months at the camp and then received his appointment in the aviation section of the army. He was assigned for training at the Princeton Field where he graduated February 2, 1918. Afterward he was assigned to duty at Camp Dick, Dallas, Tex., and thence to Belleville Field, Ill.

Lieut. Fawcett graduated as second lieutenant in aviation at Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., June 15, 1918. He received a furlough for ten days several weeks ago and on June 25 returned to that field to take a further course of instruction.

His mother received a letter from him yesterday in which he told her of his work.

The deceased was a son of Mrs. Mary G. Hooff Fawcett and the late Dr. Edward S. Fawcett, this city. In addition to his mother he is survived by four brothers and five sisters as follows: Capt. Wallace H. Fawcett, Canada; Edward S. Fawcett, New York; Lewis H. Fawcett, Naval Ordinance, and Lawrence G. Fawcett, University of Virginia; Mrs. Lewis Cheeseman, Fort Henry, N.Y., Misses Susie S., Ellen D., and M. Goodding Fawcett, Alexandria.

According to a press dispatch of the accident, Lieut. Fawcett was killed last night about 7 o'clock and Cadet Lester H. Cox of New York was slightly injured

when their machine went into a tail spin and fell 600 feet to the ground about two miles southeast of Scott Field, Belleville, Ill.

Telegram to Mrs. Fawcett

Mrs. Fawcett today received the following telegram from Belleville, Ill., signed "Robbins", who is supposedly to be the commanding officer at the aviation field where Lieut. Fawcett was killed.

"I regret to inform you that your son, Second Lieut. Richard H. Fawcett met his death as a result of airplane accident at the field at 6:30 p.m., yesterday. Details of accident follow by letter. Wire what disposition you wish of the remains. Please accept warmest sympathy of every officer and enlisted men at this field."

MEMORIAL CARD for Sarah Susan Elder (1834-1918). Original in possession of Robert Scott Moore, San Antonio, Texas.

IN LOVING
REMEMBRANCE OF
Sarah Susan Elder
Born June 12, 1834
Died Sept 18, 1918
Age 82 yrs, 3 mos, 6 days.
Gone but not forgotten
Weep not that her toils are over,
Weep not that her race is run,
God grant we may rest as calmly
When our work, like hers, is done,
Til then we yield with gladness
Our mother to Him to keep,
And rejoice in the sweet assurance,
"He giveth His loved one sleep."

===== EMIGRATION 1918-19 =====

Leslie C. Fawcett
LEGAL RESIDENCE
Texas

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION	AUTHORIZED
probational.	\$1500 PA	Passport Permit Serv.	Dec. 26, 1918.	
Discontinued	close 6/30/19			

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

November 29, 1918.

Mr. Leslie C. Fawcett,

Through Commissioner General of Immigration.

Sir;

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,
Immigrant Inspector

in the Immigration Service (Passport Permit Service)
at a salary of Fifteen Hundred Dollars per annum effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above mentioned position, in accordance with Departmental authority of November 22, 1918. Your appointment will continue no longer than until the close of June 30, 1919.

(By selection from certificate No. 530 sup. and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

This appointment may be terminated if necessary upon the reinstatement of a former employee who was separated from the service in order to enable him to perform military duty.

You have also been designated to act as Chinese Inspector without additional compensation.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENTS

C.J. GOMPERS

ENTERED

[written over: charge reported Feb. 1919]

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ON JOURNAL
DEPT OF LABOR
(Eagle Pass, Texas)

C.I. Commission]
CARDED

J.F. Chief Clerk

Appropriation: National Security and Defense (Passport Permits).
Eff. Vice: New Position. Cross Reference
Legal Residence: Texas. for basis of this action see
letter dated 11/20/18
in file of J.G. McMullin

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Leslie Clarence Fawcett

2. How do you intend to write your name on pay roll? (This should agree with signature to your oath of office). Leslie C. Fawcett

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)

Bandera Texas Bandera 16
City/Town. State/Territory. County. Congressional district.

4. What is your race? (Answer "white," "colored," "Chinese," "Japanese," or "Filipino.") White

5. Where were you born? Cheapside, Texas, Gonzales Co.

6. When were you born? January 15 1890
Month. Day. Year.

7. Give name and address of person whom you would like to have notified in case of accident.

Mrs. Leslie C. Fawcett

Name. Number and street.
Eagle Pass Texas
City or town. State or Territory.

8. Are you single, married, widowed, or divorced? married

9. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the position they occupy.)

Name Relationship Department Bureau or Service Position
None.

10. If you were appointed through a civil-service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from __," "Executive Order," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Immigrant Inspector, San Antonio, Texas Sept. 18, 1918.

11. have you any physical disabilities? (If so describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.

No.

12. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below the Department and Bureau or Service in which you served, the position held, the salary you received, and the dates of your appointment and separation from the service.)

Department Bureau/Service Position Salary Appointed Separated
None.

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below).

Company & regiment/vessel. Date enlisted. Date discharged. Cause.

No.

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil or Spanish-American Wars indicate such service on the spaced below.

Company & regiment/vessel. Date enlisted. Date discharged. Cause. ---

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16. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered -----

Company & regiment/vessel. Date enlisted. Date discharged. Cause. ---

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17. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of you service indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

School teaching

18. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of school you have attended, and in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A.D. 1900; Columbia University, L.B. 1903.)

Elementary or public school 7 years.

High school 4 years.

College Southwest Texas State Normal 1912-13

Name. Year.

[Note: degree crossed through]

19. What special qualifications have you--educational, professional, technical, mechanical, etc? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer: or "Civil Engineer," or "Translator," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

School teacher

20. What, if any, civil-service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates as near as you recollect.)

Railway Mail Clerk Feb 1914

Immigrant Inspector Sept 18, 1918.

21. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.) Yes

22. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled.

Dec 26, 1918

(Signature) Leslie C. Fawcett

Witness:

P.O. Address Eagle Pass

[none]

City/town.

[none]

Number and street

Texas

State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded December 26, 1918

(Signature) R.M. Carson

(Official title) Inspector in Charge

PART II

(Part II should be executed by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

1. State the Bureau of Service, place, and district which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:

Immigration Service Eagle Pass, Texas Fifteenth

Bureau/Service Place (city, town..) District

2. To what position has he been appointed? Immigrant Inspector

3. State the date of appointment November 29, 1918.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to

take effect on date of oath, so state.)
 Effective December 26, 1918, date of oath.
 5. State the date of oath. December 26, 1918.
 6. State the date the employee entered on duty. December 26, 1918
 7. What is his salary? Fifteen hundred dollars per annum
 8. From what appropriation is he paid? National Security and Defence; U.S. Department of Labor (Passport Permits)
 9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive
 10. If classified, state the date of classification.
 11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination," or "without examination," or "by reinstatement," or "by transfer from _____," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

From Immigrant Inspector Examination

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No.
 13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment the discrepancy should be explained.
 14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.
 Date December 26, 1918 (Signature) R.M. Carson
 Discontinued close June 30, 1919 without prejudice
 (Official title) Inspector in Charge

=====EMIGRATION 1918-19 =====
 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE (Sherman Democrat 7/4/1919, pg 1 col 2.

J.W. FAWCETT TELLS OF STATE INSTITUTION

The Democrat is in receipt of the following from J.W. Fawcett, a well known citizen of the northern section of the county.

"Our State Sanatorium for Tubercular Persons is located in Tom Green County, close to the little city of Carlsbad, nestling at the foot of a range of mountains on the bank of the Concho river. As this fact is known to comparatively few persons, most of whom are of modest means, I am constrained to tell some things I've learned from experience with this disease, I having visited the above institution, building every avenue that gave even scant hope, that we might find something that would restore health to our loved one, or even prolong his life.

"But we made the fatal mistake that many do, we didn't recognize the disease until it was too far advanced to be cured. The doctors at home and abroad tell us it is not hereditary as was one thought, but it is contagious. It is one of the easiest diseases to cure when taken in the incipient stage.

"The State of Texas will send any of her citizens to this sanitarium free of cost, if they are not able to pay. Any one desiring admittance to the institution, must send to the superintendent for an application blank, which must be filled out by the county judge of the home county. After an examination by a qualified physician the application is sent to the superintendent, and if accepted, the applicant's name is placed on the waiting list, to be notified when a vacancy occurs. The state lawmakers have made it obligatory upon the county judge to furnish to those in need suitable clothes and a railroad ticket to Carlsbad. If the medical examination in the hometown is such as to allow the applicant admittance into the sanatorium, then he is to be congratulated for he is not taken in unless the specialists feel sure he can be cured. That institution is to cure and not to 'patch-up' the patient.

"Men and women are sometimes carried into that Concho valley country on stretchers and do not go to this institution (for they are seldom accepted there in that condition). They have been pointed out to me and now seem sound and well and look it too. But one cannot judge altogether by appearances, for there are some robust, healthy looking persons there because of lung trouble.

"Home doctors generally advise patients to do to the health resort and secure some light work. They also formerly advised them to take exercise, such as horseback riding, sawing wood, etc. But now the patient is put to bed immediately on his arrival and his particular case studied. After the fever has left him, the doctor puts him on a diet, and prescribe the amount of exercise he shall take, if any at all. By lying still and taking nourishing food, new tissues are built which aid in overcoming the disease.

"Many people go to San Angelo thinking a whiff of that Concho valley air is

all they need, but it is not, my dear sick friend. Among the most important things learned at the sanitorium is how to care for yourself after you leave the institution, and how to protect the public from contagion.

"Don't become discouraged if it is impossible to change climates, but send to the superintendent for a free pamphlet entitled "Tuberculosis and Its Cure", which is written by specialists. Follow the directions to the letter and if your case isn't far advanced you have a good chance to cure yourself at home.

"If you have a suspicion you have tuberculosis, don't from fear of knowing the truth, delay going to some hospital which is thoroughly prepared to diagnose your case. Catch it in time. Hoping this may be the means of helping some one who is thusly afflicted is the reason I give for writing.

"Yours in deep sympathy,

"J.W. FAWCETT."

KERR CO TX MARRIAGE RECD 3:501, 556. FAWCETT/SAUNDERS 11/30/1919

The State Of Texas)

County Of Kerr) 1308

To any regularly licensed or ordained minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace in the State of Texas, Greeting. You are hereby authorized to solemnize the rates of matrimony between--

Mr. Ralph B. Fawcett and Miss Gladys Saunders,

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certify your act under the license. Witness my official signature and seal of office, at Kerrville, Texas the 29th day of Nov 1919.

Jno. R. Levell

Clerk of County Court of Kerr County

by W.A. Loctte, Deputy

I, Roy T. Hauts hereby certify that on 30th day of November 1919 I solemnized in marriage Mr. Ralph B. Fawcett and Miss Gladys Saunders the parties above married

Witness my hand this 30th day of Nov. 1919

Roy T. Houts

Regular Licensed Minister Of Gospel

LETTER FS Fawcett, Johnson City TX to EK Fawcett, Del Rio TX 2/20/1921

Johnson City Tex

Feb 20, 1921.

Mr. E.K. Fawcett

Juno Tex

Dear Keys

It is not offtain that I rite thes days. It seems that I have got in the habbit of letting the children rite. but I thought I would rite a little my self today. You know or probably know off it, that in fathers [E.R. Fawcett] life time he made out a genealogy or a kind of history of the Fawcett family & that with among other things of that kind was left with Bransey [Fawcett Carson--their sister]. but some how she does not know she

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lost it. We could not help regriting it for it was written in fathers hand rite & he spent much time in getting it up. but fortunately Carl [Fawcett--son of F.S. Fawcett] on one off his visits down there at Cheapside he got holt of the thing before it was lost & copied it off. So we got him to sind us a copy of the one he had, & I have had several coppys mad out from the one he sint us & thinking that you & Bob [Robert M. Fawcett--their brother] would like to have one to keep as a keepsake. I expect to mail you & him one apice & expect to sind one to Brancey & one to Curtis [Fawcett--their brother]

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Well we have been here now over three months [they moved from Cheapside to Johnson City during late fall of 1920] & all seem to like staying heare well enuff. I think it is much better to have the girls [Ethel, Pearl & Elizabeth Fawcett] all together & Emma can have more help. She (Emman] being paralized can't get about much. She gets a fall once & in a while last xmass she fell out of the bed & once since thin she fell out the done & brused herself up pretty bad. Other wise her health is as good as it has been for some time. The people here are good to us & Oscar [Fawcett] has us pretty cumfable fix up, if I could get used to living in a little town.

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We had a little rain here last Thursday & Friday that was very accepted with the

farmers & Stock men, a little more would be better. It is rite cold in the last day or two. Ice last nite. Ethel & Pearl are seeming to be getting along well with the school heare giving satisfaction.

Well as I do not know weather your post office is at Del Reo or Juno I will mail this to Juno & sind 2 of those genealogies & you can let Bob see what I have to say & give him one of them

Love to both of you & familys

Your brother

F.S. Fawcett

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT (Johnson City Record 6/15/1921).

The many friends of Miss Ethel Fawcett in Johnson City will note with pleasure her marriage to Mr. Albert Duderstadt, which happy event took place at Kerrville on Wednesday, June 15th. Miss Fawcett was one of the teachers in the Johnson City High School last year, and during her short residence here she made many warm and lasting friends. While dame amor caused it to be said that an Cupid would prevent her teaching another term, the announcement of her marriage came as a surprise to her many friends here. The bride is a most estimable young lady and through her lovable disposition enjoyed a large circle of admiring friends. The groom is a prominent young stockman and owns extensive ranch and stock interests near Ingram in Kerr County, and is regarded as one of the more substantial and influential citizens of his section. The Record joins the many friends of the young couple in sending congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous voyage over the matrimonial sea.

KERR CO TX MARRIAGE REC 3: 556 ETHEL FAWCETT/DUDERSTADT 6/15/1921

The State Of Texas)

County Of Kerr) 1427

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Jno. R. Levell

Clerk of County Court of Kerr County

by W.A. Loctte, Deputy

I, W.P. Dickey certify that on 15th day of June 1921 I solemnized in marriage

Mr. Albert A. Duderstadt and Miss Ethel Fawcett the parties above married.

Witness my hand this 30th day of Nov. 1919

W.P. Dickey, Kerrville, Texas

Regular Licensed Minister Of Gospel

LETTER: Phillip T. Elder to his daughter Emma Fawcett of Blanco County, Texas.

P.T. Elder

Yoakum Tex

Nov the 21 [1921]

Emma Fawcett

Johnson City, Tex

Dear Daughter Emma

I am lying on my bed on my back to write to you. Have been. Laura wrote you [about] my condition. I am mending very slow. My masonic brotherhood started in last nite to look after my interest. Think [they] might put one heater in my room. And surely mite look after the expence of the family.

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While I am sick. This is my first effort to write. Will get one of the family to finish. So good to all [writing changes--Laura Elder Wofford writing for him] Dear sister I sent you a card a few days ago telling of Pa's [Phillip T. Elder's] illness. He seems better today but he has done that several times then got worse. I hope he will not be sick much longer. He is very weak but his apitite is very good. We heard from Mansel [Elder] today. He is up now walking around up the yard but what they are to do until he can work is the problem that confronts them now.

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of course Pa's getting sick puts a stop to my work. So I have more work than one

women can do very well. I mean my outside work, when that stops my living stops. But I hope I will soon be able for me to leave him. We are needing raid so badly. I hope to hear from you real soon. The children are busy. Marjone practicing. Reagan studying his Latin. He's in the eight grade. Marjorie in the tenth. Marjorie likes

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her music better than books. Says she expects to teach music. Can't tell what she will do. The boys are still out west--Carrol in El Paso. Philip in New Mexico. The girls are all well. So Elizabeth [Fawcett] is a mother. I wish Laura Bell had a little one. Yes and Susie, but no appearance of such a thing. Well I must stop my back is throbbing. Love to all the family

Your sister Laura

PS Some Masons have come in to see Pa and he enjoys talking to them. They have offered help if I need it

Tue morn

Pa rested last night and has no fever.

LETTER from Laura J. Elder, who was married to M. Walter Wofford and living in Yoakum, Texas, to her sister, Emma L. Elder, who was living with her husband, Frank S. Fawcett in Johnson City, Blanco County, Texas.

Dec 21, 1921

My Dear Sister Emma

I must just write and send this little token of Love. You dont know how much I want to see you. Will we ever be permitted to meet in this world again I often wonder. I get so homesick for you and mother [Sarah Susan Wilson Elder who died in 1918] every time I think of Cheapside. I dont feel like [I] could go there now. When I think of the dear ones all gone from there but such is life and soon we will all be gone. Hence while my children are all so sweet and good to me, I just cant help feeling sad especially at this time, but I have so much to be thankful for. Just Laura, Bill and Susie [Wofford] will be home for Christmas this year, the others all to busy.

Pa [Philip T. Elder] is as well as usual. He had a pretty bad spell but is overit now. [Rev.] Mansel [Elder, his son and their brother] was still improving when we heard from him last. I fear they will have a pretty tight time until he gets able to work, but people have certainly been good to them. I must go and put dinner on the table. Marjorie [Wofford?] is sick. She had to miss school yesterday. I hope you will all have a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. With much Love to you all.

Im your Sister Laura [Elder Wofford].

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE (Thurs, 7/6/1922): Harriet Fawcett Ramsay.

MRS. G. WILLIAM RAMSAY DIES FUNERAL AT 4 O'CLOCK TOMORROW

Mrs. Harriet Fawcett Ramsay, wife of George William Ramsay, died at her late residence, 517 Cameron street, at 10 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Ramsay was the daughter of Willis and Susan Stabler Fawcett. She was born October 16, 1947. Besides her husband Mrs. Ramsay is survived by two sisters, Miss Eugene Fawcett and Miss Henrietta Fawcett, and by seven children, Mrs. Robert M. Reese, of Washington, D.C., Mrs. T.S. Talisferro, Jr., of Rock Springs, Wyoming; Mrs. Clement E. Conger, of Harrisonburg, Virginia; Mrs. William A. Brown, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Frank McCormick, of Berryville, Va.; Dennis Ramsay of Green River, Wyoming, and Douglas T. Ramsay at Walnut Cove, N.C. Miss Clara A. Moore, a niece, and Dennis McCarty Ramsay, a nephew, made their home with Mrs. Ramsay, and were as her own children. There are thirteen grandchildren.

Mrs. Ramsay was a life long member of Christ Church in which she was an active worker and in which she was married 53 years ago. She was beloved by all who knew her for her unfailing cheer and readiness to help in all good causes.

The funeral will be held from Christ Church on Friday, July 7th, at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Ramsay was one of the original members of and an active worker in Mary Curtis Lee, 17th Virginia Regiment Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Seats will be reserved in the church for the members of this organization.

BLANCO COUNTY TX DEATH RECORDS 1:217. Emma L. Fawcett 1/6/1923

1. Place of Death
STATE OF TEXAS
County OF Blanco

City: Johnson City, Texas
2. Full name of deceased: Emma Lavenia Fawcett
3. Residence of deceased: Johnson City, Blanco County, Texas
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS MEDICAL PARTICULARS
3. Sex Female 4. Color White 17. Date of Death Jan 6, 1923
5. Marital status: Married Primary cause of death was:
Paralysis
FATHERMOTHER
P.T. Elder Susan Wilson Signature: J.F. Barnwell, M.D.
Burial/Undertaker Address: Johnson City, Texas
15. Place of burial: Gonzales County.
Date: Jan. 7, 1923
16. Signature E.P. Ross, Johnson City 20. File Date Jan 9, 1923

OBITUARY (Johnson City Record Courier 1/19/1923:1).

Mrs Emma L. Fawcett

Mrs. Emma L. Fawcett, wife of F.S. Fawcett, died at the family residence in Johnson City on January 6th, following a stroke of paralysis received the previous day. Prior to her fatal illness Mrs. Fawcett had enjoyed usual health and her death was a great shock to her family and a large circle of friends.

The deceased lady was a native of Alabama and was born January 6th, 1859, and at the time of her death was 64 years of age, having died on her birthday anniversary. The family moved to Johnson City about two years ago from Cheapside in Gonzales County where they had resided for many years. During their comparatively brief residence here Mrs. Fawcett made many warm friends. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and a true christian lady possessing many noble traits of character.

The deceased is survived by her husband and several children namely W.A. Fawcett of Kerrville, L.C. and R.B. Fawcett of San Antonio, C.C. Fawcett of Wylie, Texas, O.Y. Fawcett of Johnson City, Mesdames Ernest and Albert Duderstadt of near Kerrville and Misses Delta and Pearl Fawcett of Johnson City.

The remains of Mrs. Fawcett were carried back to Cheapside for burial, the funeral taking place on January 7th. Rev. Rogers conducting the funeral service.

The family have the sympathy of many friends in their sad bereavement.

OBITUARY (Presbyterian Advance August 2, 1923): Emma Fawcett.

Fawcett--All that was mortal of Mrs. Emma L. Fawcett was laid to rest in Bellevue Cemetery, near Cheapside, January 7, 1923. After twelve years; suffering, this patient, Christian woman, who had lived in the service of the Master as a member of the Presbyterian Church for twenty-four [actually 44] years, went to her reward. She had been in poor health about eight years when four years ago, she was stricken with apoplexy. After this, she never regained fully her power of speech, and often it was only through her sweet smile that her friends and loved ones were enabled to read the message from her heart. Mrs. Fawcett was born in Alabama, January 6, 1859. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Elder, formerly of Cheapside, and was married to Mr. Frank S. Fawcett February 25, 1877. When she was about twelve years of age, she moved to Texas and settled near Cheapside, where she resided until about three years ago, when she moved with her family to Johnson City. She died on the anniversary of her birth at the age of seventy four [actually 64] years. Mrs. Fawcett was the mother of sixteen children, seven of whom preceded her to their final rest. Her life was a busy one, ministering to the every day wants of her little ones, yet she found time to nurture them in a Christian atmosphere. She went with them to Sunday school and church, and in the home, set an example of Christian living. Aside from her duties as mother, there was always time for this thoughtful friend to visit the sick and comfort the distressed, and when she was called upon to give up her own precious babies, no murmur passed her lips. Patiently and as one comforted and sustained by divine power, she bore her sorrows. Her consecrated life was a benediction to all who knew her. The living children are: O.Y. and Misses Delta and Pearle of Johnson City, Leslie and Ralph of San Antonio, Mrs. [Elizabeth] Ernest Duderstadt, Mrs. [Ethel] Albert Duderstadt and W.A. Fawcett of Kerrville, and Carl, of Wylie, Texas. The memory of this mother is perpetuated in these children, whom she has reared to useful Christian citizenship, more befittingly than could be done by embellished epitaph and costly marble. Besides the husband and nine children, an aged father, four brothers and three sister to mourn her death. They mourn not in vain, for

earthly sorrows are momentary when compared with the bliss of eternity. Christian faith renews it reward in reunion with loved ones in the home prepared according to the promise of the Savior. Mrs. Docia Johnson.

===== Kerrville Chamber Of Commerce 1924-30 =====

On 2/5/1925 W.A. Fawcett was again present at a board meeting that endorsed the continuation of passenger services on the SAAP Railroad. He attended other board meetings at the Schreiner Bank during this month (2/17 & 20), and the monthly meeting (2/20) at the St. Charles Hotel Dining Room, which 50 attended, and where they learned of Dr. Swayze's efforts to establish a colored TB hospital in Kerrville. A committee was appointed to look into it.

W.A. Fawcett participated in the board meeting at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, 3/12/1925 in the Schreiner Bank when they agreed to reject the establishment of a TB hospital for negroes in Kerrville. A City ordinance against such an establishment was cited, and the matter was referred to the city attorney. W.A. Fawcett was appointed to the nominating committee.

At the board meeting on 4/24/1925 W.A. Fawcett, Vice President of the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce, chaired the meeting in which a motion was passed opposing the establishment of a negro hospital in Kerrville. He was absent from the meetings (5/15) and possibly from the annual meeting at Lakeside (5/20), but attended the board meeting on 5/26/1925.

W.A. Fawcett participated in the board meeting on Tuesday a.m., 2/16/1926 when the chamber again opposed Tyler's Hospital for Negro TB patients. The need for a hotel was discussed at other meetings (2/22 & 24) that he attended that month.

W.A. Fawcett was appointed to the committee to meet with the KKK at the board meeting on May 24, 1926. They adopt a resolution in favor of tolerance with regards to the Klan.

===== Kerrville Chamber Of Commerce 1924-30=====

RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR PEARL FAWCETT of Blanco County TX (Moore Collection).

Johnson City, Texas

May 23rd, 1924

To Whom It May Concern:

It affords us much pleasure in giving this recommendation to Miss Pearl Fawcett, who is teacher of the third and fourth grades of the Johnson City High School, in which school she has taught for the past three terms.

We have closely observed Miss Fawcett's work and found nothing wanting. She is splendid in discipline, an able instructor, very industrious and courteous, and always ready and willing not only to do everything she can to promote the interests of the school but takes an active part in everything that tend to upbuild the community. In fact she is a A-I in every respect, and we are glad to say that we have never had at our school any more congenial and deserving young lady than she.

We recommend her without reserve to any school in need of a first class teacher, and the school that hires her as teacher, is to be congratulated. She leaves our school of her own wishes, and very much to our regret.

Respectfully Yours,

Johnson City School Board

By V.B. Boar R.L. Green E.A. Limmy O.Y. Fawcett
J.F. Baswell E.P. Ross W.N. Cox J.S. Casparis R.T. Tersson

[Note: see also group photo of Pearl with her class in 1924]

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, Preston TX to his sister, Eugenia Fawcett, Alexanidra VA 27 Feb 1925

Route #3, Pottsboro Tex

Feb 27th -25

My Dear Sister Your letter written the 27th came to hand today. A queer coinstance. I was thining of Minnie this morning before I left my bed & was trying to figure out in my mind how she looked. Edward married after I came to Texas. Sister Hallie & Will Ramsey were engaged. And I saw him. We are in sorrow with you all and especially her children. But its as bad after all when we are prepared to meet our maker as I feel sister Minnie was. And I'm glad all her children are Christians. My wife & all our children with the exception of the two youngest belong to the church. We have thirteen grand children. One of them Lucy [Lucy L. Lemon] whom they gave me the privalage of naming. I called after our sacuted sister Lucy. She married a young minister of the Chirstian Church

last December & are now at Logansfrost, Louisiana in charge of the first church. From Lucy's letter they are very comfortably situated. Her father, our oldest sone Young [Fawcett], lives in Shreveport, La. The last time he came to see us about two years since he was wealthy having made thirty two thousand dollars in ten months & before that he was rated at fourty thousand. He is in the oil business. And these men are like gamblers--wealth one day & next day broks. And while he isn't broke. He has psent thousands & thousands paying for land he leased close to the oil fields & drilling closed down for two years because of over production. He has two well drilling outfits of his own. But of course they have him idle. However, they have commenced operation again. Willis, our second son, is a stone cutter, I presume you'd call him. He works in marble & granite monuments. Dee, the 3rd, is a carpenter in Denison, Tex about 14 miles from us. He has a nice home, all the modern conveniences, electric lights, city water & cook & heat with natural gas. He has only one child, a boy 19. Dee is busy all the time & gets \$800 fro 8 hrs work. He & his wife are not a bit stingy but they take care of what they make. They have an Edison & also a lound speaking radio. Frank is a machinist & gets good salary. The last three are here in Denison as I said about 14 miles away. Melton, the next oldest, we do not know where he is. The last we heard of him, he was in Kansas & and that was last fall. He has a wife & six children. Our boys who have married, have been fortunate in getting good wives. The other two, Ray & Leotis, are hee taking care of us in our old age. The 18 of May, I will be 76. But I'm in fairly good health & wonderful preserved they say considering my age. Mary, my wife, who I call mother, is my junior by eleven years, being 65 her next birthday. Black hair & very few gray hairs yet. We own our farm situated on a pike that is soon to be widened & concrete surfaced with asfalt like the roads in California. There is what is called the Red Ball Stage Line--automobiles run for passenger service runs by our house, making 8 trips daily & we get aboard & we land in Denison in 35 minutes or to Sherman our county seat in 60". This leaves us all well and trying to live right that we may be at that grand reunion of our dear ones gone before. Please notice my address. While I'm still living at Preston, we are served through rural mail service. I'm so glad Will's [Ramsay] children have come to take care of him. Remember me to him & tell him I sympathize with him in terrable affliction. Give my love to all my nephews & nieces & other relatives of course Sister Nettie & Your own self. Remember too I am very conscious in regard to answering letters. I cannot rembmer when I ever failed to answer any communication. Therefore when you want to hea from me, a citizen of the biggest state in the union, & we think the best by long odds, Its bed time. I presume you are tired figuring out this scrawl.

As every your loving brother, J.W. Fawcett

LETTER from her father, Frank S. Fawcett of Johnson City, Blanco County, TX to Pearl Fawcett, then teaching in Hondo, Medina County TX 2/7/1927.

Johnson City, Tex

Feb 7, 1927

Miss Pearl Fawcett
Hondo, Tex

Dear Pearl

We got your letter of the 2 inst believe last Friday asking about your taxes. Now I paid you taxes over one month ago, it was in the first part of January & I told Delta to rite to you & tell you about it at the time but it seems that she neglected to do so. Your taxes was \$2.47 cts. Oscar [Fawcett] has you receipt in his safe over now when you are able you can pay me when you pay that other money. We are both [his daughter Delta and himself] well heare. Having lot of rain. We had a hard rain nite before last. Bro Downey of Kerrville stayed with us last nite on his way back to Austin. He came through heare last Friday with Lois [Fawcett, Willis' daughter who was attending college in Austin], Kitty Clide, Ross & two other girls going to Kerrville. Well it is getting near mail time. Will have to close. Rite as oftain as you can. We are allways glad to heare from you

Your Father

F.S. Fawcett

Letter Joseph W. Fawcett, Preston TX to Genie Fawcett, Alexandria VA 12/26/1927
Pottsboro Dec 26th - 27

My Dear Sister Your very welcome letter of December 14th containing Christmas greetings came as a surprise. For we Fawcetts don't keep up

correspondence as we should. In answer to your inquiry as to whether I got well after my operation--well, mostly yes. Am in fine health, am farming. All our children are married. And only Leotis, the youngest boy and the only single one out of seven, is living at home. Ray, next to the youngest son, married last Saturday, Dec. 24 and brought his little twenty one year old bride who weighs 101 lbs home to us for a Christmas gift. She was Miss Ruby Johnson. We have known her for three years while she was one of the three teachers in this [Preston] school. She makes \$100.00 per month, while Ray gets \$4.00 per day as stationary engineer. My wife and I were in an automobile accident. It will be two years this coming Mch 26th. I was not hurt much, but she had a small bone that the main bone and they go together was broken. And left her in bed for several months and on crutches for 7 months. She seems to be over it now except in damp weather or real cold she complains some but doesn't limp. She is a wonderfully strong woman for her age, being in her 67 year and I'm in my 79. While I'm told I don't look it, nor act as if that old. We all send love to every one of you. Your loving Brother Joe Fawcett

TEACHER APPLICATION: Truett C. Moore ca. 1/1928, San Marcos TX.

STATE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

AUSTIN

TEACHER-PLACING BUREAU

SMN Marrs, Superintendent

LD Borden, Chairmen of Committee

Selby Attwell, Secretary

Dear Sir:

Herewith we submit the qualifications of an applicant who seems to meet your requirements. Please return photos and credentials of applicants not chosen, and advise name or names of teachers selected.

Name: Truett C. Moore

Present Address: 2506 Speedway, Austin Texas. Telephone 4863.

Permanent Address: Box 102, San Marcos.

Age: 21 Height 70 inches Weight 160 Married or single: single

Physical defects, if any: None.

Education and training: I finished three years [1921-24] work in the South West Teachers College at San Marcos. I am receiving my B.B.A. degree in June [1928] from the University of Texas.

Special Preparatory Work Done For Teaching: Courses in psychology and education.

Previous Teaching Experience: I taught math & stenography one year [1924-25?] in the Laredo High School. I was re-elected.

Experience in Directing or Coaching Athletics: I coach intramural athletics.

Three References: C.E. Wade, Prin. of High School, Laredo, Texas

C.L. Key, Instructor in Chemistry SWTTC, San Marcos

C.E. Chamberlain, " " Bus. Admin " " "

Degree: B.B.A. Certificate 1st Grade, High School.

Church Membership or Preference: Baptist.

Position Desired: first choice - Principal of High School teaching math. second choice - Math & commercial work in High School.

L.D. Borden

Chairman, Teacher-Placing Bureau (Applicant
please fill this blank in your handwriting)

LETTER: J. Curtis Fawcett to E.K. Fawcett 11/4/1928

Cheapside, Texas

Nov 4, 1928

Mr. E.K. Fawcett

Del Rio, Texas

Dear brother

Enclosed please find note for \$300.00 three hundred dollars which I hope to be able to pay when due. I think I have a looker that will make me a bid after a while but he has had me thinking that for some months. If he or anyone else will make me a getout bit I'll promise you

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I'll sell not that I am afraid of the land but I have not found a buyer as soon as I expected to when I got it. and it looks as though land is not selling as fast as it did a few years back. but this man I find wants this place and I also find he

has the money an[d] it joins his and he is holding his for \$6-.00 an[d] I can get our for about 1/2 that but I am afread to crowd him at present. However, I'll do my best to fill my promis.

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Wll Keyes it looks like thare is no chance for John [William Carson] ever get up agan but the Doctors I dont think has lost all hopes. ofcorse I dont know but I think he will go in a few days. Brance [their sister and John's wife] is holding up beter than I thought she wood a few days back. We are having a nice slow rane [rain] today. look fine.

Your brother
J.C. Fawcett,

[attached note:]

\$300.00

This Nov 1, 1928

(12) Twelve monthly after date for Value received I promise to
pay E.K. Fawcett or order
Three hundred Dollars
At Del Rio, Texas
To bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from
Date untill paid and further herby agree if this Note is not
paid when due to pay all costs necessary for collection
including ten per cent for attorney's fees
Due Nov 1, 1929 J.C. Fawcett

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE (Sherman Democrat 11/7/1928).

J.W. Fawcett of Preston, Known Over County as "Uncle Rip,"
Came to Sherman Over Half Century Ago

Coming to Texas in 1866, J.W. Fawcett of Preston can look back on years of history in this state. In the development of this section he has had a big personal part and tributes have been paid him from time to time. He is well and familiarly known as "Uncle Rip" to most people in this section, having written for newspapers under that name for many years. At one time he was Preston correspondent for The Democrat, using that name as a by-line.

Last Saturday, Nov. 3, Uncle Rip and Mrs. Fawcett celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Uncle Rip came to Sherman Jan. 3, 1873, and on November 3, 1878 was married to Miss Mary Ann Dunn, an orphan reared by Mr and Mrs. W.K. Penn of Paris, Ky. Seven of nine boys born to this union are living.

Uncle Rip was born May 18, 1849 at St. Charles, Mo., and on his next birthday will be 80 years old. He attended common schools during the civil war, coming to this state after the conflict. He had two uncles in the Confederate Army, and one nephew was killed in the world war. He voted for Tilden for president of the United States [in 1876], entering the polling place at Fairfield, Freestone County, Texas, between two columns of negro soldiers. At the last election he voted the democratic ticket. although he is of Quaker parentage on his mother's side.

Uncle Rip is a Methodist and was superintendent of the Sunday School at Preston 25 consecutive years. He is a farmer but his hobby is writing squibs for newspapers.

Among the tributes paid Uncle Rip for civic effort is the following from The Democrat in 1920:

"The completion of the steel bridge over Red River at Preston connects Grayson county and Oklahoma, and opens up a rich territory for all North Texas. Much credit should be given the business men who invested their money and made the bridge possible, but there are others also who deserve credit, and one of these is J.W. Fawcett of Preston, other wise known as "Uncle Rip" through his writings in The Democrat. As far back as fifteen years ago, and on numerous occasions since, Mr. Fawcett has warmly and intelligently urged the building of this bridge and he has interested others in the matter. It is another case of getting results through holding out for something that is needed and The Democrat feels that while bouquets are being passed around Mr. Fawcett should get his share of flowers." (with photo of J.W. Fawcett)

New Encyclopedia of Texas (Davis and Grobe 1929).

R.B. FAWCETT of San Antonio, Texas engaged in the furniture business immediately after leaving college and has spent his entire business life in this field of activity. As President of the Fawcett Furniture Company, Inc., he has been a factor in the success achieved by this establishment which has grown to be one of the largest of its kind of this city. All kinds of house furnishings are

carried in stock by this Company, a full and complete line of all kinds of furniture, stoves, rugs, in fact everything to be used in the furnishing of a home. In their complete stocks they carry a line priced to suit their many customers, from the modest priced merchandise for the average family up to the period suites in the most expensive finishes and designs. Eight experienced people are employed in the operation of the Fawcett Furniture Company, Inc., which is located at 227-29 East Commerce Street. Three trucks are used in their superior delivery system. Other officers of the Fawcett Furniture Company, Inc., are: C.C. Fawcett, Vice-President, and L.C. Fawcett, Secretary and Treasurer.

A native son of the Lone Star State, Mr. Fawcett was born in Gonzales County on May 4, 1894. His father, F.S. Fawcett, a native of Mississippi, came to Gonzales County more than fifty-five years ago. The grandfather [P.T. Elder] of the subject of this sketch came to Texas in the very early days and purchased land, where he engaged in farming and ranching throughout his life. The forbears of Mr. Fawcett were among the very earliest pioneer settlers of Texas. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Gonzales, later he attended the University of Texas for one term. He then started in the furniture business at Kerrville, remaining there for seven years, prior to coming to San Antonio, where he purchased his present successful business. Mr. Fawcett saw service during the World War, being a member of the 28th Division, 308 Machine Gun Battalion, serving three years, fourteen months of which was overseas. He entered as a private and was discharged with the commission of Second Lieutenant.

Mr. Fawcett was married at Kerrville, Texas on November 30, 1919, to Miss Gladys Saunders, a native Texas and a daughter of D.F. Saunders, retired ranchman of Leakey, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett reside at 720 Kayton Avenue. Mr. Fawcett is a member of the A.F. and A.M. being a Master Mason of this Order, with membership in Kerrville Blue Lodge. He also holds membership in the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Merchants Association, and the Furniture Mens Association. Since coming to San Antonio, Mr. Fawcett has made a host of friends and he is esteemed alike by customer and competitor. He has succeeded in building up a large and prosperous business and is regarded as one of San Antonio's most progressive business men and citizens.

CUERO DAILY RECORD Friday, Jan 25, 1929:1 Keyes F. Carson

CARSON LIABLE FOR BANK BONDS

Judgement Against K.F. Carson Rendered by Judge J.P. Pool

K.F. Carson, Cheapside cattleman, whose alleged signature appears on the DeWitt county depository bonds in the First Stat Bank of Westhoff, now defunct, but who denied ever signing the bonds, was today held liable and judgement rendered against him, by Judge J.P. Pool, Judge of the 24th Judicial District Court.

Judgement for the county against the other sureties of the county depository bonds in the Westhoff bank was rendered by Judge Pool Friday evening, January 18th, but decision in regard to the liability of Carson was withheld by Judge Pool until he could carefully review the testimony in the case.

After a careful deliberation, and thorough study of the testimony offered in the case, Judge Pool summoned counsel for both parties to the DeWitt county court house, and shortly after 12 o'clock Friday afternoon, announced his decision in regard to the liability of Carson, the defendant.

Carson testified during the trial that although his alleged signature appeared on the depository bonds, he did not affix the signature, nor did he authorize any one to do so.

It was brought out in the trial that Carson's name had been signed to the bonds by G.A. Lowrance, his partner, Lowrance testifying that Carson ratified the signature soon after. M.C. Driscoll, a witness for the county, testified Carson had admitted his signature was on the bonds before the bank closed, contradicting the testimony of the defendant who said that he did not know that his name was on the bond until after the bank closed.

Council for the defendant had no announcement to make Friday afternoon.

DEATH CERTIFICATE: John W. Carson 1/24/1929

1. Place of Death	TEXAS STATE DEPT OF HEALTH	Reg.No. 2276
County: DeWitt	BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS	
City: Cuero	No. Lutheran Hospital	

2. Full Name: John W. Carson	Residence No. Cheapside, Texas
Length of residence in city/town where death occurred: 4 months	
PERSONAL/STATISTICAL PARTICULARS	MEDICAL PARTICULARS
3. Sex: Male 4. Color: White	16. Date of Death: Jan 24, 1929
5. Status: Married	
6. Date of Birth: Feby. 10, 1848	17. I hereby certify, that I
7. Age: 80 yrs 11 mos, 14 ds	attended deceased from Oct 1,
8. Occupation: Retired Stockman	1928 to Jan 24, 1929, and that
9. Birthplace: Mississippi	death occurred on the date
10 Name of Father: Robert Carson	stated above, at 7 p.m.
11. Birthplace: Mississippi	The cause of death was:
12. Maiden Name of Mother:	Chronic mythitis
Don't know	duration: 2 yrs 6 mos
13. Birthplace of mother:	Autopsy? No. Operation? No.
Don't know	S.P. Boothe, M.D.
14. Informant: K.F. Carson	Feb 4, 1929 Cuero
Address: Cuero, Texas	19. Burial: Cheapside Cemetery
15. Filed 2-1 1929 E.H. Putman	Date of burial: Jan 25, 1929
	20. Undertaker: E.J. Freund
	Address: Cuero

OBITUARY (Gonzales Inquirer, Friday Jan. 25, 1929): J.W. Carson
 MR. JOHN W. CARSON DEAD

With deep and sincere sorrow comes to us news of the death of John W. Carson of Cheapside. Death came at 8 p.m. Jan 24 1929 at the Reuss hospital in Cuero.

Decedent was aged 81 years and three months when called to his eternal home. The funeral will be held at Bellview cemetery, Cheapside, at four o'clock this afternoon. Services under auspices of Westhoff Lodge A.F. and A.M.

Mr. Carson was a life long member of the A.F. and A.M. Lodge. He was a member of the J.C.G. Camp U.C.V. [United Confederate Veterans] having served in the Mills Co. Benevides Regiment, Texas Cavalry, during the Civil War. He was also an old Texas Trail Driver. The Confederate monument, is draped today in honor of another departed comrade and the U.D.C. chapter is sending a memorial wreath tied with the Confederate colors and bearing a tiny flag, to place on the fallen veterans grave. One by one they are fast passing over the River, to rest under the shade of the trees."

John W. Carson was a good man, a kind husband and father, a loyal friend and neighbor and honorable citizen, always standing a champion in a cause he thought right. His influence and presence will be sadly missed in his home and community, and the Inquirer joins with a wide circle of friends in extending sympathy to the sorrowing family of J.W. Carson.

"We'll not forget thee, we who stay.
 To toll a little longer here;
 Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall lie
 In memory's pages bright and clear"

OBITUARY (Cuero Daily Record, Fri 1/25/1929:1): J.W. Carson
 OLD TRAIL DRIVER AND CONFEDERATE WAR VETERAN
 DIES IN CUERO THURSDAY

When John Carson, 81-year-old DeWitt County ranchman passed away at a local sanitarium on Thursday night, another name was checked from the dwindling rolls of those who fought for the Southern Confederacy, and of that famous band of pioneer Texans who followed the old Chisholm Trail.

Strong and sturdy as were all those who were his associates when the state was in the making, death was from old age without any onslaught of disease; for, until four months ago when his strength began to fail, Mr. Carson had enjoyed remarkable vigor and keen mentality, never having been ill in his long life. His death is the first to visit his large family of seven stalwart sons and two daughters, who with his wife, faithful and devoted companion through fifty-five long years, survive him, in addition to ten grand-children and two great grand-children.

A large number of the friends of this revered man, gathered with his family in the beautiful chap of the Freund Funeral House at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon to pay a final tribute of respect to the deceased and many of these followed the cortege to Cheapside, where the family home is located, interment being in the community cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge of which he was an

honored member. Preceding the burial ritual of the order, Rev. Carroll of the Hochheim Presbyterian Church conducted a brief religious service.

John Carson was a native of Mississippi, coming to Texas when a young man and having a share in the stirring era attendant in the formation of the State. Engaging in the cattle business, he was a member of that band of men who followed the trail from Texas to Kansas, and fought valiantly for the South taking part in the Battle of Brownville, the last engagement of the war. Following the war he settled in the old Five Mile Creek south of Gonzales where after his marriage to Miss Brancie Fawcett was established in the family home. In 1892 Mr. Carson became the owner of ranch lands in the Cheapside community and moved with his family to this community, where he had since resided. He has never missed a Confederate Reunion.

Surviving children are Mrs. H.L. Hohn of O'Donnell, Texas, C.F. Carson of Eagle Pass, Mrs. Frank Freeman of Five Mile Creek, Gonzales County; Hartwell Carson of Kenedy; Keyes Carson of Cheapside; Roger Carson of Eagle Pass; Henry Carson of Cheapside; Delbert Carson of Houston; and J.C. Carson of Wichita Falls.

Letter Joseph W Fawcett, 727 W Crawford, Denison TX to Gene Fawcett, Alexandria VA 2 May 1929

No. 727 W. Crawford St Denison Texas 5-2-29
Dear Sister We, Mary and I, have just had some little pictures taken of ourselves. And am sending one to you and one for Sister Nettie. I'm nearing my eightieth birthday. I'll be an octogerian the 18 of May. Sometimes I think time does not fly, and again it seems only a short time since I was a boy in Alexandria, Va. But we, mother and I, have gained 17 grand children and did have two great grand sons. But one a beautiful little chubby fellow died Mch 16th. His father Lloyd Lemon is a Christian minister. Lucy our grand daughter, his mother was named for our sainted sister, Lucy Tennen [Fawcett]. They live in Louisiana and he is pastor. Lloyd, Jr [the great grandson] died with kidney disease sufer enduced from being badly scalded and was in the hospital 7 weeks. He was drawing his little wagon backwards and fell into a lage pan of water on the floor which his mother was heating with electrical heat. Our other and now the only great grandson, Joe Fawcett IV, and about 6 mo. Old lives at Abaline [Abilene] Texas. The reason he is no. 4 is because out grandfather Fawcett's name was Joseph, so is my name. And my grandson is Joe too named after me. And no. 4 after him. I have a pocket book that belonged to our grandfather [Joseph Fawcett]. And the strand of our mother's [Susan Stabler Fawcett] hair that you sent to me. These treasures I'm goign to place in Lois Fawcett's hand for safe keeping for Joe no. 4. Lois is a sweet little lady, now about nineteen. Her husband Joe 3 is an undertaker. I feel sure Lois will be true to any trsut. Our mother has been gone 77 yrs. It will not be long before we hope we, the own Fawcett, may have a reunion in heaven. This beares us all well. I offter no apology for the cheap quality of these pictures. But they are said to be real good. We are living as you see in Dension, Tex a beautiful little ciy of twenty five thousand population. We are take care of Frank Stabler Fawcett's two children. Our son, F[rank] and his wife have separated. Therefore we have to be as economical as circumstances will allow

Love from all to all of you Brother J W Fawcett

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 727 W Crawford, Denison TX to Niece Susie Ramsay Alexandria VA 22 May 1929

Denison, Texas May 22nd -29
No. 727 W Crawford St.

My Dear Niece And this is the first letter your Uncle has ever written you. I was agreeably surprised on the 18th as I stopped by home to find my table litterly covered with birthday presents. And above all was that beautiful box of delicious candy from my Little Susie. Had we bin blessed with a daughter, There would likely have bin two Susan Fawcetts. However your letters from your beau and here's would hardly become mixed. But our children were all boys just nine. Eight of them lived to be grown. Seven still living. All members of the church, except our Frank Stabler Fawcett. So named after our Uncle. Another Delorama Stabler [Fawcett]. This accounts for two, and Frank and his two children. Allie Ray [Fawcett] a boy and Geneva twelve and ten. Delorama called Dee for short has a splended wife Beulah. They have one child Mervin, now just twenty one. Young Penn F[awcett] our oldest with wife Clara and two daughters, Lucy Ray Lemon

whose husband is a minister of Chrstian church now in charge of a church in Louisiana and Lucie's sister Genievire is with her parents in Shreveport La. Lucy was named after my sainted sister Lucy. Ray F[awcett]--is living at Pottsboro with his wife and baby. The baby girl 7 mo old named Rama. We think lotts of Ruby his wife. Joe Melton F[awcett]--lives in Tusey [Tulsa] Oklahoma [with] his wife Edna and eight children. We seldom ever seem them. And then Willis F[awcett]--named after my father. Sallie is his wife [and] very pretty and sweet woman (In fact we think all our daughter in laws are sweet girl). They live in Okla City. They have three splended boys. The older one is Joe after me. He is just about twenty one and he and his little life Louis live in West Texas at Abaline [Abilene]. They have a little son and his name is Joseph no. 4. You may rest assured the Fawcett name will be preserved yet many years to come. Well Willis and Sallies other two, Lee Edward [Fawcett] is at work here in Denison. He is possibly 19. The youngest is Robert James [Fawcett] now about eleven. LeOtis, our youngest, is a strappng big fellow six ft. I believe this closes all those of my immediate family cronology except the last time we counde our grand children I think we had sixteen. The boy scouts have adopted me and send an automobile after me every Friday night. Tell them ghost and other stories. I love young people. You see I was superintendant of the S[unday] School 25 consecutive years while living at Preston Tx. Am going down town now Honey. You need not stil still for it may be a day or more before I write the remainder of this letter. Our grand children, the two living with us, have been quarantined for 9 days because of Geneva having scarlet fever. Just a very lite case. They were released yesterday. I call them ex convicts. But still I've not been downtown and must go. Thursday May 23rd This leaves us all well. Will inclose a clipping or two from our City paper and I'm sendint under separate cover a copy of Denison Herald (marped copy]. If you see in there anything headed {Uncle Rip} it means your Uncle Joe. Please send me a copy of the Alexandria Gazeteer. Am I mistaken in the name of the oldest paper published in Alexandria. Ask Sister Gene if she remembers the time she took me to the printing office when I was a little tinsie boy wearing white knee pants and the floor was a puddle of ink. When my feet slipped from under me. Left me sitting in ink. It must have bin very mortifying to her to walk home with me dripping ink at every step. At that time there were not taxies, as today. They were excedingly handy if you want to smuggle anything across the line. Must close with lots of love from we all to you all
As Ever, Uncle Joe Fawcett

GONZALES CO TX COUNTY COURT. J. CURTIS FAWCETT. 6/19/1929.
File No. 2680

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IN THE COUNTY COURT
GONZALES County, Texas
EX PARTE
JOSEPH CURTIS FAWCETT

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APPLICATION TO BE ADJUDGED AN
EPILEPTIC

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Filed 5th day of July 1929
Sam Patterson Clerk
County Court, Gonzales County.
By J. Goodale Deputy.

Admitted 7-18-29
Mrs. J.W. Carson
Cheapside Texas
Gonzales County

Margin Note: Brother E.K. Fawcett Del Rio, Texas now old
County of Gonzales June 19th 1929
To the Honorable D.U. Ramsay County Judge of said County:
The petition of Henry Carson Next of kin of
Joseph Curtis Fawcett, an Epileptic, respectfully shows to the Court:

1. That said Epileptic's full name is Joseph Curtis Fawcett
2. That he is a male.
3. That his age is 72 years, and he is a native of Miss.
4. That he owns No. property, as follows:
5. That No one is legally liable for his support who has

property as follows:

6. That said Epileptic has been a bona fide resident of the State of Texas for one year next preceding the filing of his application.
7. That his occupation is None.
8. That None are the parents, guardian of said Epileptic.
9. The name of the wife, husband of said Epileptic is None
10. The following is the name, age and sex of each child of said Epileptic, to wit: None
11. Said Epileptic has the following relatives similarly affected, or insane, inebriate, consumptive or criminal None.

Henry Carson

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of June A.D. 1929

D.U. Ramsay, County Judge,
(SEAL) Gonzales County, Texas

ABILENE STATE HOSPITAL: J. CURTIS FAWCETT 6/24/1929.

ABILENE STATE HOSPITAL

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Information Required in Addition to Regular Court Proceedings Before Patients Can be Admitted.

1. Name? Joseph Curtis Fawcett
2. Age? 72 Sex? Male Color White Nativity? Miss.
3. Birthplace of Father? Virginia Mother? Mississippi
4. Religion? Education? Married? No
5. Age of first attack? 25
6. Accompanying bodily disorder? not any
7. Has he had smallpox? No Vaccinated? Yes
8. Can patient tell day of week, month or year? Yes.
9. Can patient take food at table without assistance? Yes.
10. If mentally deficient state its duration? Just at the time of spells.
11. Did such deficiency precede or follow Epilepsy? No.
12. Is patient depressed, suicidal or homicidal? Depressed during time of spells.
13. Which of the following terms best describes patient's mental state? Fair mind.
14. Is patient deformed, crippled or paralyzed? No.
15. Has patient ever received any serious injury? No.
16. How often does patient have epileptic seizures? Two or three times a month.
17. Was patient ever in hospital or any institution for the insane? No.
18. Has patient any defect of speech? No. Can he make his wants known? Yes.
19. Is patient cleanly in his habits? As far as I know.
20. Can patient dress himself without help? Yes.
21. Has patient any vicious habits? No.

PART II

1. Father. Living? No Dead? Yes Age 67 Cause of death: Sudden
2. Mother. Living? 11 Dead? " Age 41 Cause of death:
Congestive chest
7. Did patient's father, mother, sister or brothers have any of the following diseases? Epilepsy. Which? Father - Epileptic
8. Did any of patient's uncles, aunts, grandfather or grandmother every have any of the above diseases? No

I hereby certify that I have known Joseph Curtis Fawcett 23 years, that the foregoing facts ascertained by a personal examination and by inquiry of relatives and others familiar with the case, and I further certify that in my opinion he is a proper patient for the Abilene State Hospital and likely to be benefited by the treatment in the institution. S.P. Boothe, M.D.

Residence: Cuero, Texas.

Dated: June 24, 1929.

Note written on outside: Fawcett admt 7-18-29

Mrs. J.W. Carson

Cheapside, Texas
Gonzales County.

GONZALES CO TX COUNTY COURT. J. CURTIS FAWCETT. 7/5/1929

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)
County of Gonzales)

I, S.P. Boothe, a regular practicing physician do hereby certify that I have carefully examined Joseph Curtis Fawcett, the Epileptic named in the following application, and find him to be afflicted with Epilepsy; that the first attack occurred when said Epileptic was 25 years of age; that the last attack occurred on the 19th day of June 1929; that the present physical condition of said Epileptic is very poor.

S.P. Boothe
Practicing Physician

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)
County of Gonzales)

I, D.U. Ramsay, County Judge of said County, do hereby certify that Dr. S.P. Boothe, whose signature appears to the above Certificate, is a reputable physician actively engaged in the practice of his profession, and has complied with the laws of this State granting license to physicians to practice medicine.

Given under my hand this the 5th day of July A.D. 1929

D.U. Ramsay
County Judge, Gonzales County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,) In the County Court of Gonzales
County of Gonzales) County, Texas this 5th day of July
A.D. 1929 the above application coming to be heard, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the County Judge that said Joseph Curtis Fawcett is entitled to the relief prayed for, and after hearing the evidence as to the property and means of support of said applicant, he is adjudged an epileptic of the first class and it is ordered that a transcript of all the proceedings together with the original application and its accompanying certificates be certified for transmission to the Board of Managers and Superintendent of the State Epileptic Colony.

D.U. Ramsay, County Judge.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)
County of Gonzales)

I, Sam Patterson, Clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of all the proceedings had and done in the matter of Joseph Curtis Fawcett, an Epileptic, in said Court as the same of record is manifest. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this 5th day of July 1929 Sam Patterson, County Clerk, Gonzales County, Texas.

By F Goodale Deputy.

ABILENE STATE HOSPITAL ADMISSION: J. CURTIS FAWCETT. 7/18/1929.

FIRST ADMISSION--EPILEPTIC MALE

ABILENE STATE HOSPITAL Committed by Court

Name: Fawcett, Joseph Curtis Idem. No.

Voluntary

Diagnosis: Idiopathic

Type of seizures on admission: Frequency of seizures: 2 or 3 times a month

Chronological age on admission: 78 years.

Mental age on admission: 10 years

Original mental status: normal

Marital condition: Single No. of children: None

Nativity of patient: Miss. Of father Va. Of mother: Miss.

Race: White

Citizenship of patient: Amer. Of father Amer. Of mother: Amer.

Education: None

Occupation: None Economic condition: Dependent

Actual residence: Gonzales County, Cheapside, Texas

Predisposing and precipitating etiological factors: None known

Family history of epilepsy: None

Accompanying diseases or defects: None

Date of admission 7-18-29 Date of first epileptic seizure: 25 yrs of age

ABILENE STAT HOSPITAL
Synopsis of Case No. _____

Date of Admission 7-18-29 From Gonzales County

Name Fawcett, J.C.

Family history: Parents death. Father epileptic
Case history: 1st seizure at 25
Physical examination:
Neurological: negative
Blood Wassermann: negative Cell count
Spinal fluid Urine
Xray
Diagnosis Essential Epilepsy
Treatment
Progress of case

LETTER from Ida Elder, E. Houston Av, Temple TX to Delta Fawcett of Johnson City, Blanco County TX 8/9/1929.
Dearest Delta

Friday P.M.
Aug. 9th 1929.

I wonder what you'll do when we come knocking at your door tomorrow night about 9:30 or 10 P.M. We will try to make it earlier if possible. Would have written sooner but was uncertain as to when we would be started. Please do not go to any trouble at all. We will have eaten our supper and we do not want to make any extra work for you
Paul Grace and Adele and myself are coming thru your city and we would enjoy visiting a few hours with you. Adele's [on] vacation you see and we are going to the Davis Mountains.

Hoping it will be alright. We will see you tomorrow night.
Lovingly Fondly Aunt Ida

LETTER to Miss Pearl Fawcett, Box 818 Childress, Texas from Ernest Duderstadt Jr, 214 Rockwood Ct, San Antonio, 1/20/1930.

Jan 20, 1930

Dear Aunt Pearl

Are you freezing up there? We froze here early. I have the chicken pox and missed a whole week of school. I had an awful time with my ear, too. These were my grades this time 2 Bs, 2B+s, and 4 A's. Last time I had a better grade. I had 7 As and 1 B+. I am going to try to make better next time. Carl is sick with a cold. Little Pearl Ruth smiles at you now.
Love you, [Ernest] Junior [Duderstadt]

OBITUARY (Unknown Newspaper, but not Austin; late March 1930).

PHILIP TIGNER ELDER

On last Friday, March 21, [1930] there was laid to rest in the Cheapside cemetery one of the old pioneers of DeWitt county. Philip Tigner Elder was born in Georgia June 18, 1836. He came to Texas first in company with his brother, Mansel M. Elder and his brother-in-law, L.A. Preston in 1842 [should read 1852], but returned to Georgia two years later where he married in 1855 to Susan Sarah Wilson with whom he lived until her death 13 years ago. He returned to DeWitt County in 1873 and settled near his brother and brother-in-law in what was afterwards called Cheapside community. Much interesting and important history, not only of the Cheapside community, but also of DeWitt and Gonzales counties clusters about these three men.

His brother, Mansel M. Elder died nearly half a century ago, and his brother-in-law, L.A. Preston, 18 years ago. Both of these left large and influential families. The deceased has long since been the only survivor of a large family, and would have been 94 at his next birthday. He has outlived nearly all his old associates. There is living at Austin, one cousin, S.H. Tigner. It is rather remarkable that these two having never known each other previously should have met six months ago. They have had much pleasant conversation together since. Mr. Tigner is 91 and well preserved. Of the deceased own family consisting of 9 children, 5 are still living as follows: Ervin E. Elder, Kingsville; Mrs. Laura Wofford, Yoakum; Mrs. Ira [Ida] Eckles, Temple; Rev. Mansel P. Elder, San Antonio and Thomas B. Elder, Eastland. Those having deceased were: George W. Elder, Mrs. F.S. Fawcett, and Mrs. Mattie Watson. There are 42 grandchildren and about 35 great grandchildren surviving.

Grand-pa Elder as he was generally called in his later days was a Confederate Veteran, Mason, and above all a devout Christian. He was greatly loved and highly esteemed not only by his numerous relatives, but also by a host of friends and acquaintances. As was fitting for one who had lived such a

worthy life he was given a beautiful and impressive funeral. These services were conducted by Rev. J.W. Carrell assisted by Rev. Edgar Hubbard and Rev. J.D. Johns in the presence of a large company of his relatives and friends.

ARTICLES (Composite created from articles in: Carrizo Springs Javelina 9/25/1930, Del Rio Evening News 9/16/1930, 7/18/1931; Eagle Pass Daily Guide 9/17/1930; Uvalde Leader News 9/19/1930; Zavala County Sentinel 9/19/1930).

E.K. Fawcett Entertains Boys Scouts In
Devil's River Cave Where He Once
Spent Lonely Years As Cattle Hand

A brief sketch of the early life of E.K. Fawcett, widely known ranchman of Del Rio, was given Thursday during the course of a Boy Scout outing. More than 30 boys were guests of Mr. Fawcett, who is president of the Southwest Texas Council of Boy Scouts, president of the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, and active worker in civic developments.

The 40 boys left Del Rio at 5 o'clock early Thursday, spent the morning fishing, swimming and exploring the many points of interest in this beautiful canyon. After a splendid barbecue lunch, prepared by one of the ranch hands, Louis Jacobs, consisting of three well cooked goats, buns, pickles, cake, coffee, and ice water, and even after every boy's appetite was satisfied in every way, we all hiked to the cave in which Mr. Fawcett lived during the years of 1883-84, as a young ranchman in charge of some herdsman and a large herd of sheep. We learned to appreciate our President more because of the fact that he had been a real pioneer in developing the Southwest.

The early 80's when Val Verde county was a wilderness were recalled by Mr. Fawcett as he stood and we were sitting around in the mouth of this big cave near Dolan Falls on the Devil's River. For almost a year he lived in that cave, he told the boys. The place now owned by Mr. Fawcett is located 73 miles from Del Rio on the Devil's River, near the mouth of Dolan's Creek. Those who accompanied Mr. Fawcett and the boys brought back the stories which Mr. Fawcett told the boys.

Mr. Fawcett told of his pilgrimage from Yorktown to San Antonio, Castrovilla, Sabinal, and Del Rio, and thence up the Devil's River to the mouth of Dolan Creek.

It was at 12:10 o'clock in the afternoon of July 24, 1883 that Mr. Fawcett first arrived at the cave in which he stood Thursday when he told the boys the story of his life. Born in Cuero [actually Mississippi and raised near Cheapside], he had come west with a cattle outfit at the age of 18, an orphan, weighing only ninety pounds. "I started to work for the Richardson and Ames Company for \$15 a month", Mr. Fawcett stated. "I came here from Gonzales County. This was all wide open country and wild as the day which the first white man struck it. It was all sheep in those days. The mohair goat had not been heard of then." His employer, George W. Ames, and his employer's partner, Richardson, the latter coming from another place had agreed to meet on Devil's River on an appointed date. Fawcett's party was a week or 10 days late in arriving; and the other man had not yet arrived. He lost his way for several days; he and his horse wandered in a succession of hills and canyons. They became thirsty and no water was at hand, but eventually rain fell. The horse man had a slicker. He placed the slicker among some brush in such fashion that it would serve as a basin to catch the rainfall. And the rider and his horse drank from the improvised trough. One day by an act of Providence, the lost rider wandered into the camp at the cave.

The men made their home in the cave. For many months at a time no other human being would be seen. They scribbled their names on the wall of the cave; and the boys viewed the names Thursday.

After he had lived a year in this lonely camp, he stepped out for a little excitement, went to Del Rio with his boss [G.W. Ames] and bought his first real gun, a rifle. Coming back to camp, he spent three and one-half years without coming to town, and without ever seeing any one except the very few human being connected with theirs and surrounding camps. The cave and its environs remain exactly as they were 47 years ago, he said, except that now it is possible to approach the place by automobile whereas in those days a pack outfit was necessary. Wagons could not reach that point. Buffalo and Indian trails were the only roads.

During Mr. Fawcett's story, it was interesting to note the influence of other men on Mr. Fawcett's character and life, especially the impression left by one

very religious character, a Dane who believed in Devine Providence and Leadership.

After working for the Richardson and Ames Company 10 years or so, Mr. Fawcett said he obtained the land the firm had on lease. After Mr. Fawcett's employer had taken his sheep and gone to other parts, Mr. Fawcett took his savings and bought cattle, and saddled upon his young shoulders a debt of \$9000.00, which took many years of hard labor to pay; but in that beginning he came to own his large ranch of more than 56,000 acres.

The leaders and executives attending the barbecue were: E.K. Fawcett, Finous Doran, Chaplain John MacWilliams, G.A. Worley, John Rowland, H. Wren, the Rev. T.S. Stauffer, Mabry Ogle, Wayne Love, Bill Rogers, H.B. Palmer, H.H. Gronde, J.W. Stanton, and the Rev. Charles Nixon.

This simple story should prove to be a mile stone in the characters of every person hearing it. Many other episodes were referred to, such as panther stories, high water stories, etc. More swimming, more fishing, some instruction in Scouting, and then an afternoon lunch on the balance of the barbecue, a general round up and check up on those who enjoyed the day, and we left for our trip back to Del Rio.

POSTCARD to Pearl Fawcett, Hondo TX from Billy Fawcett, 428 Hammond Av, San Antonio TX, 10/18/1930.

Billy [Fawcett]

Dear Aunt Pearle:

I like school. My teachers name is Miss Norman. I am in the High First. Come to see us Xmas. I hope you are well.

428 October 18, 1930

KERR CO TX MARRIAGE RECD 4:366. Dorothy FAWCETT/WOMACK 10/25/1930

The State Of Texas)

County Of Kerr) 23555

To any regularly licensed or ordained minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace in the State of Texas, Greeting. You are hereby authorized to solemnize the rates of matrimony between--

Mr. Mark C. Womack and Miss Dorothy Fawcett, Kerrville
and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certify your act under the license. Witness my official signature and seal of office, at Kerrville, Texas the 24th day of October A.D. 1930

Jno. R. Leavell

Clerk of County Court of Kerr County

I, Paul S. Van Dyke hereby certify that on 25th day of October 1930 I solemnized in marriage Mr. Mark C. Womack and Miss Dorothy Fawcett the parties above married Witness my hand this witness Annabell Peterson F.J. Conn Jr

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 1319 Sandy St, Denison TX to Nephew Louis and Niece Susie Fawcett, Alexandria VA 20 Nov 1930

No. 1319 Sandy St Denison Nov 20-30

My Dear Nephew and Niece

I presume you think your old uncle unappreciative of your kindness shown me during my visit in Alexandria. And I do too. Should have written you on my arrival home and would have bone but for that thief procreastination. I mailed the life of Benjamin Hallowell to you last Tuesday. I read the most of it twice. I recollect that revered gentleman very well. Some of the incidents mentioned I remember distinctly. And so many of the Stablers especially Uncle Henry Stabler. You two may have known some of them too. My mother and Aunt Rebecka I notice went to school to him. Well I wrote Miss Gene soon after my arrival and presume she told you I bearily avoided a wreck only a few hours. Had I bin on that train would have bin in the chair car. After leaving St. Louis and that was the car in which eight persons were killed and a number injured. Did Rebeka tell you how we recognized each other. I asked her if this is Mrs. Robert Reese. She said it was. I told her this is your Uncle Joe from Texas putting stress on Texas. Then I kissed her. And don't know if she liked that on such short acquaintance. My Pastor had me tell before a room full of people of the pray meeting of my trip. Among other things told of meetin my niece. Not leaving out any of the thrills not even the above instance. Your Aunt Mary is visiting her sister this week at a little town named Calera in Oklahoma. We are only 5 miles from Red river, the

dividing line between Tex and Okla. I get the children dinner and Frank gets supper. The children are his Allie Ray [Fawcett], boy 13, and Geneva 10. Do hope they may not have acute indigestion during their grand mother's absence. We are expecting mothers as I call her home tomorrow. Should have said anxiously longed for her return. Louis I thank you so very much for the picture of my father and your grand father. Louis I deputise you to kiss all my neices up there for me and Susie you my nephews. Give my love to Aunt Gene and Aunt Nettie and Robert Reese family. And don't forget Aunt Hanna and Edward Leadbeater. And a special for Katy Reece. She was one of my Alexandria ... How about Mary Brown. Tell me did she conclude not to change her name or just marry some one in Houston Texas by the name of Brown. As ever your Uncle Joe Fawcett

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 408 W Moton St, Denison TX to Genie Fawcett, Alexandria VA 10 May 1931

No. 408 W
Moton St.

DENISON, TEXAS

May 10th 1931

My Dear Sister, I've bin slow in answering your two letters. This Mother's Day we have no mother in this world but do believe we have in Heaven. She was only 40 at the time she went away. I thought last last summer [Aug 1930 when he visited Alexandria VA] as I sat by her grave, will she know her eighty year old sons and daughters if we are fortunate enough to go to heaven. The answer came to me that we will know each other there. I am wearing a white rose today in her honor.

We had a wonderful sermon today on our Mothers. We think we have a wonderful pastor. Our church, the Methodist Episcopal, has 900 members and a few over. Had over 400 in Sunday School this morning, only a few more than usual. Am so sorry to hear of sister Nettie's [Henrietta Fawcett] poor health. Give her our love and tell her we are praying that she may recover if its God's will. We all ways every night for our brothers and sisters and all our relations. This of course includes Robert Reece and all his loved ones. And Mary Loyd. In fact all our connection every where. I'd not be surprised to hear Nettie had succom as the heart affliction many times are very sudden. Two persons in our town dropped dead last week from heart failure.

Be sure and tell Rebecca [Stabler], I so often think of her and her family and Katie of often how I do appreciate the good time they showed me. When I got home from Va. our pastor gave me nearly an hour one night at prayer meeting to tell of my travel logue. Its wonderful to me to yet the sencation of the Aliganie [Allegeny] Mountains produced on me. I'd never saw any mountains before and something got wrong with my eyes. I'd brush them away then they'd fill up again. It seemed to be I could see the fresh foot prints of almighty God and where he had dipped his brush into his richest colors, as he painted the trees and vines all the colors of the rainbow. But do not think Texas has no mountains. Texas is the Jumbo state, 850 mi East and West 630 N. And S. You spoke of Mary Loyd having lost some one near her but I could not make out who it was. The rest was plain enough. I should not be surprised if you have to get some one with the best eyesight to read this for lotts of times my writing is a puzzle to me after it gets cold. We are all well and send all our undeminshed love. You'll have to divide it to suit your selves. But give Sister Nettie, Kathy and Mary Lloyd a double share. Oh! And don't forget Susie & Louis.

As every your loving buddie J W Fawcett
See we have moved. The place on which we did live was sold. Our address is now
408 W Moton St Denison Tex

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 408 Mortan St, Denison TX to Genie Fawcett, Alexandria VA 29 Jul 1931

No. 408 Mortan St

DENISON, TEXAS

July 29th 1931

Dear Sister Your letter of the 8 inst was duly received but I've bin so lazy to answer as I should have. I even hunted the place over for a lead pencil. But our two grand children generally make away with them for what is Grand father's is of corse theirs too. And I think they have bin using this pen. Allie, the boy, will enter high school in Sept. Geneva is in sixth grade next session. We have as fine school facilities here as are to be found in any of the states. This summer heat has bin extremely hot. The thermometer in Denison stood 102 one day. But our heat is a dry heat and doesn't hurt like the humid heat further north. One of our grandsons married in Nov 11th. His name is Lee Edward Fawcett. His wife is a pretty curlie-headed girl [with] dark eyes and brown hair. We love

her very much. His brother Joe, named after me, lives in Corpus Christi, Texas. He and Louis, his wife, have a little three year old son and his name is Joseph, too. And our grandfather Fawcett was Joseph too. A procession of Josephs. We had a fine rain last week that cooled off quite a lot. Glad to hear of Sister Nett's improved health. She should mind her doctor implicely and I hope she may regain good health. You know I call my wife Mother. I think that's nice. I read a while since when husband and wife call each other Mother and Faher it is a good sign they are getting along agrably. If that is true or untrue its true with us. Willis F[awcett]--and wife Sallie still live in Oklahoma City. He is an expert marble cutter and Sallie is a clerk in a department store. She is in ladies ready wea department. There is great wealth in Okla City and she often sells hundred dollar dresses.

Young [Fawcett] our oldest is in East Texas oil fields. While his family Clarah, the wife, and Genievere are in La. The latter is in college and her mother is there with her. Frank [Stabler Fawcett] is with us. Ray [Fawcett] lives about 10 mi [away at] a little village [named] Pottsboro. He has a sweet little wife and two little girls 3 and 1. We seem them often. Melton [Fawcett] and wife with nine children are in North Okla. I have not seen them for possibly 12 yrs. You know we do get ... off time wrights all things. Mother F[awcett] went to see Melton and family last spring. Mother's health is much better than last summer. I'm granite, but think cool weather coming sometime we will all OK! Believe I spoke of all our boys except Lee Otis. He is on a cow ranch and seems to care for little else. He is our youngest and is in his 33 yr. While I passed my 82nd mile post May 18th. I've thought of the most enjoyable visit to you a year ago. This time a year ago I was planning to go and did leave here Aug 16th. Love to you and all of ours, I remain Your Loving Brother J W Fawcett

THE CATTLEMAN 18(5):21 DEATHS: MRS. KEYES FAWCETT CARSON 10/1931

Mrs. K.F. Carson

Explosion of a can of gasoline which she was attempting to pour into an incubator caused the death of Mrs. K.F. Carson, 43, on September 4th. The accident occurred at the Carson ranch home near Cheapside the previous night. Her husband and a sister, Mrs. Elder, standing nearby, were injured when they attempted to remove her flaming clothing.

Mrs. Carson is survived by her husband and three small children.

Johnson City, Blanco County TX Record-Courier, 11/1931 (Moore Collection).

PAYS FOR 100 YEARS

Grandpa F.S. Fawcett surprised his many friends last Sunday morning at Sunday School by dropping a dollar bill in the birthday jar. A lady friend was heard to remark, "I didn't know that Grandpa Fawcett was that old!" Mr. Fawcett did not happen to have correct change, which would have been \$0.82 instead of the dollar. At the noon hour the venerable gentleman entertained Rev and Mrs. P.H. Thompson and Mr and Mrs. J.C. Goar at dinner. There is no man in our community who has more genuine friends than Grandpa Fawcett and everyone wishes him many more happy birthdays.

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 542 Rickett St, Sherman TX to Genie Fawcett, Alexandria VA 22 Mar 1932

542 Rickett St

Sherman, Texas Mch 22-32

Dear Sister Gene I'm sure you'll be suprised to hear we, wife and I, have moved to this city. We are living with our son, Lee Otis, our baby who is 32 yrs. Mother Fawcett could not be satisfied away from him any longer. Two of our boys in Denison, both of them wan us too. But we lived with them more than three years and LeOtis was getting home sick for his mother. He has a perminent position here. Do not like Sherman as well as we do Denison. Our church affiliation with and warm friends is a trial for Mary and I to have to leave, and acquire new friends here goes against the grain. But its only 7 mi from the city limits of one of these cities to the limits of the other, with interurbin electric train every hour. And there is a concrete highway too. Our grandson Mervin, Dee and Beulah [Fawcett's] son, came over Sunday and took us to Sunday school at Denison. Our church membership will remain at Denison. Well, next Sunday will be Easter Sunday. All churches are making preparations to celebrate that mos Eventful Day. This winter has bin unusually warm. We scarcely had any ice until March 6. There swooped down on us from the Rockies a blizzard and for five days

it was very cold.

This leaves us all well and we all send our love to yourself and Sister Nett. Oh! To all our relatives, when you see Susie or Louis, just try and get them on one of them at least to write to Uncle Joe. Kiss our great niece Kitty for me. Did Mary Brown marry and if so did she choose Mr Brown whom I saw when at Rebeka Reeces. Will close with love Your Bro. Joe Fawcett

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 542 Rickett St, Sherman TX to Gene Fawcett,
Alexandria VA 6 Jun 1932
542 Rickett St
Sherman Texas June 6th - 32

Dear Sister and Others

Sometime since I have written to any of my Alexandria folks, But I got a letter from you. I am enclosing some clippings in separate wrappers which are self explanatory. Will inclose one in this letter clipped from The Sherman Democrat, our city daily published here. And under seperte one of Texas big newspapers (The Dallas Daily News). I believe the Sunday edition too bulkie therefore will send but one sheet in which you all may be interested. You will be surprised when I tell you this Sunday Edition cost \$0.10. In the family group to my right is Willis Fawcett and wife Sallie. Front row Lee Edward Fawcett and wife Hazle and their baby Glori Nill [Fawcett]. Edward grandson and great great grand daughter. The next in which you will be my wife. Their pictures are all real good except Hazles. She is a very pretty girl. It don't look one bit like her. I expect you will have to get some one to read it to you. Its such a jumble. Give our best love to all our kinfolks and Kitty Reece. I'm sending a kiss (O). I love that kid. Oh, how I would love to see every one of you, my nieces nephews many whom I've never seen. This leaves us all well and doing remarkably considering these strenusous times. Your Loving brother J W Fawcett
Second though--Will send both clippings in this letter. You might not receive the paper. Seven Fawcetts out of 14. How is that?

Letter Joseph Willis Fawcett, 542 Rickett St, Sherman TX to Gene Fawcett,
Alexandria VA 4 May 1933

No. 542 Rickett Street
Sherman Texas

Dear Sister

May 4th 1933

I have bin very neglint in not having answered your two letters--one about Christmas containing a nice handkerchief, and another a few days ago. I thank you for your kind remembrance. Sorry to hear of Edward Leadbetters affliction. Do hope he is recovering by this time. Glad to hear from sister Nettie and Miss Hanna Chandler. Give them my love. You speak Robert Reece having bin retired. Will it does seem tough after having bin getting 400.00 per month to come down to one hundred. But that not so bad. Remember me to Mary Lloyd and thank her and her daughter for the good time they showed me while in Alexandria. I regret now that I failed to go to Sandy Springs to Fulford Roslyn and other neighborhoods. Among them the meeting house where with Uncle Henry Stabler I used to go. Times seem to be improving hope under Roosevelt's administration they may become normal. Just think the 18th I will be 84. Give my love to all our nieces and nephews and kiss Kittie for me. This leaves all well who send their love to you to. Your Buddie Joe Fawcett

OBITUARY (Del Rio TX Newspaper 11/30/1933).

Rites Held For "Bob" Fawcett, Texas Pioneer

Funeral services for Robert McMahon "Bob" Fawcett, 74, were held Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. from the home of his brother, E.K. Fawcett on Spring Street. Mr. Fawcett died at a local hospital, where he was rushed following a heart attack at his home in the Comstock country early Tuesday. Rev. H. Conger Jones of the St. James Episcopal Church officiated and interment was made in Westlawn Cemetery.

Death of Mr. Fawcett marked the passing of one of the pioneer ranchmen of West Texas. He came to this country 35 years ago from Gonzales County to engage in ranching in the Devil's River country. Several years ago he retired from the ranching industry and took charge of the Comstock water works.

He was a native of Mississippi, coming to Texas with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Fawcett, when a young boy. He was married before coming to this section to Miss Elizabeth Jane Aldridge of Gonzales County.

Surviving Mr. Fawcett are: His widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Fawcett of Comstock; one son, Arthur L. of Sanderson; four grandchildren, Miss Mildred Fawcett of Sanderson, Ruth, Leslie and Fred Ratliff of Comstock; and three brothers, F.S. of Johnson City, J.C. of [State hospital at] Abilene and E.K. of Del Rio; one sister, Mrs. J.W. Carson of Cheapside, Texas.

Those serving as pallbearers were: Lyle B. Almond, R.T. Hunnicutt and Austin Waller, all of Del Rio; A.A. Baker, Ben Billingsley and Richard Smith, Comstock.

Among those from out-of-town here for the funeral were: Mrs. J. W. Carson and son, Keyes, of Cheapside; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Carson, Eagle Pass; Arthur L. Fawcett of Sanderson; Miss Mildred Fawcett of Sanderson; Fred, Leslie, and Ruth Ratliff of Comstock; A.A. Baker, Ben Billingsley and Richard Smith, all of Comstock.

KERR CO TX MARRIAGE RECD 4:478. FAWCETT/TC MOORE 6/1/1933

The State Of Texas)

County Of Kerr) 2587

To any regularly licensed or ordained minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace in the State of Texas, Greeting. You are hereby authorized to solemnize the rates of matrimony between--

Mr. Truett C. Moore and Miss Lois Gladys Fawcett of Kerrville and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certify your act under the license. Witness my official signature and seal of office, at Kerrville, Texas the 31st day of May 1933

Jno. R. Leavell

Clerk of County Court of Kerr County

I, an ordained minister hereby certify that on 1st June 1933 I solemnized in marriage Mr. Truett C. Moore and Miss Lois G. Fawcett the parties above married

Witness my hand this 1st June 1933 W.P. Dickey, Edna, Texas

CALDWELL CO TX SCHOLASTIC CENSUS 9/1/1933-8/31/1934: Herb Benner

To Censns Trustees:Read Carefully. FOR WHITE SCHOLASTICS ONLY

FAMILY CENSUS BLANK

(1) If the parent, guardian or person rendering the child is unable to write he shall make his mark to the left of his name when line is written on the card by the census trustee. If different surnames are in same family use separate blanks for each surname.

(2) Enumerate only those children who will be six and under eighteen years of age on September 1, 1933, and who are residents of the district on the first day of April. Children born on or before September 1, 1915, or after September 1, 1927, must not be enumerated.

Common School

Independent) District Luling No. County Caldwell

BIRTHDAY Age Sept.

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	Mo.	Day	Yr.	Male	Fem.	Nationality
Benner,	August	4	2	16	17		White
Benner,	Caretta	2	17	18	15		White
Benner,	Leslie	9	25	19	13		White
Benner,	Percy Morris	2	4	22	11		White
Benner,	Bobbie	12	17	23	9		White

I hereby certify that, as far as I am able to anwer, the above information is true and correct, and that I am a resident of the district mentioned above, and that the children whose names are given hereon are in my charge and custody, and have not heretofore been enumerated in this state for the scholastic year beginning September 1, 1933, and ending August 31, 1934.

Names of Parents:

Father: Benner Herbert Signed: Mrs Herbert Benner

Mother: Benner Ann Luling

Date 9th day of March, 1934 Irma Probst, County Trustee

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 542 Rickett St, Sherman TX to Gene Fawcett, Alexandria VA 4 Jan 34

542 Rickett St

Sherman Texas Jan 4th 34

My Dear Sister

I received your ever welcome letter recently. We are having a very mild winter

so far. We still have roses in bloom. And Dandylions in profussion. The last two days and nights have bin raining. Look for it to turn cold when it clears up. Then the growing season will be over for North Texas. But not for Southern Tex. In some parts the gardens are producing vegetables ready for the tables. Besides tropical fruits such as bananas, strawberries are ready for the market. However it is 700 miles south of where we live yet in the state of Grand Old Texas. We had the most enjoyable Christmas we have enjoyed in many days or years. More spiritual it seemed to nearly all I heard express themselves. Thank you so much for the 150th anniversay program from Christ Church, your church. Also for the descriptions of the dear old Leadbeater Home written by our niece Rebecka Reece. I loned those papers to the editor of our City paper. As yet he [has] not published anything regarding them and may not. Papers are offerred so much they cannot use more than half and some read setup in type.

Give our love to all our relaives and friends in Alexandria. We got lots of Christmas cards. Our Leotis and Susie saying it was from the Fawcettts.

(Mother) my wife and I alone through the day. Leotis comes home at night. We are not alone together for she has two canaries and three gold fish with our radio on which we get Washington. Have heard President Rosevelt quite often. Mother has the new and old mania quilt making. It's Home and Farm hour over radio now. We are 20 to 12' o'clock. Your time is one hour ahead. Presume you have bin to lunch, we call dinner. I could mail this on street but am going down town this afternoon. It will likely [leave?] a few hours sooner. Love to all. Your loving brother, J W Fawcett

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 542 Rickett St, Sherman TX to Gene & Nettie Fawcett, Alexandria VA 27 Jan 1934
542 Rickett St
Sherman Jan. 27-34

Dear Sister Gene and Nettie

Nephews and Nieces of Alex. And elsewhere

Should have answered your letter long ago. But have bin buisy with our son Leotis, our youngest of nine who is 34 yrs. He was in the hospital nearly two weeks because of strangulated hernia. The worst form of rupture. Dr said operation was necessary, that gangreen would set up within 48 hrs. He is home now. The doctor discharged his case last night. Telling him he might sit up Sunday and walk a little Monday. This kept me buisy writing to his brothers and (sisters). Yes sister who were very anxious about him, as well as a host of friends. Leotis is a favorite with those [who] know him. Thanks [for] the write up of Uncle John Leadbeater's home. It makes me sick to think of the grand old mansion passing into hands of strangers. Gave the description to editor of our Sherman Daily, who printed a sanopsis. I sent the paper to Rebeka. Presume she has it now. When Leotis was in hospital I was kept buisy writing to our other children, some in Texas, other Louisiana and Oklahoma City. Not loving letter writing and never was much given to it, just put it off as long as my conscious will let me. Wife and I went to see Young F[awcett] and his good little wife who live at Longview Tex. The greatest oil field in the world at that time. There were 9000 and ninty wells. We traveled 65 mi through oil dericks and shacks. The latter built from refuse material of every material immaginable. You had just finished his house when there and the only two story house ther. He built it himself at spare times. Its nicely furnished and real modern. They live in the pine timber. No trouble to get lumber but it is not thoroughly seasoned. The furniture is up to date piano, over stuffed chair and oil paintings etc. Paintings were by his youngest daughter Genievere, a graduate of Louisiana Normal. His oldest daughter Lucy whom they gave me the privilage of naming for our own dear sister Lucy is married to a minister of Christian Church, Rev. Lloyd Lemmon, D.D. He is the youngest D.D. I ever saw is graduate of college. He had no charge when I last heard from them. Young at one time working as superintendant [of] Standard Oil Co [for] \$600 per month. Now gets 80 and glad to get that. He measures and gauges the oil that goes out. There is a big croud of men beating limestone rocks, making a permanent street covering. Its about 10" deep. After it is broken by hammers a ten ton catapillar pulls 20 ton rollers over it. Then there is a big machine called a planer run over it. Which leaves it as smooth as concrete. Possibly will last as long as the world. This bunsh of men are working corner of Washington Ave and Ricket. Our corner.

Love to all. Your loving Bro Joe Fawcett

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 542 Rickett, Sherman TX to Gene & Nettie Fawcett,

Alexandria VA 27 Mar 1934
542 Rickett St
Sherman Texas
March 27th - 34

My Dear Sister Gene and Nettie
Niece and Nephews and Miss Hannah
And cousins too.

Surely I've bin negligent in answering your letter of rather recent date. Thanks to Nettie for picture of Sandy Spring Old [Quaker] Meeint house. I recognized it before I noted notation on the back. I can hear from Washington every day if turn on the radio 11:30. You speak of the severe winter you have had, while ours has bin mild. We have bin eating strawberries for a month an new potatoes with a general assortment of vegetables. What a state Texas is strawberries in southern Texas with 21 in of snow in extreme northwest Tex as I read in yesterdays papers. That is the deepest snow in Texas history. East and west this dear old state is 750 miles. North-south 635 miles. Yes our son Leotis has recovered entirely from the operation. He is our youngest son, 35 years old and is single. The one we are living with. His doctor's bill was \$100 and hospital bill \$45.00. He was fortunate in having an accident policy that he collected without any trouble. I am glad the old Leadbeter home fell into good hands. Sister do hope you can read this. I'm nervous and can hardly read my own writing after it gets cold. I believe it would be nice if you and I could use a typewriter. But as neighter of us can lets try to get some friend to type it for us. I think Susie or Lewis maybe type or little Kitty Reece. It will be more difficult for me. We have but one son who could use the type machine and he is a hundred miles from here. But do bitts of things if we try. Those strawberries and vegetables were raised in extreme south Texas in Rio grande valley. There being no secrets in this you might snow it to Louis and Susie, or Rebeka might help you to decipher it.

With Love to all those mention in the beginning or headlines. I believe the newspaper term. As every Your Buddy Joe Fawcett.

Johnson City Record-Courier, Thurs., 4/26/1934:1.

FAWCETT-GREEN

The many friends of Mr. Truman Fawcett and Miss Wilms Green were pleasantly surprised on Tuesday of this week when the news was flashed about the city that these two popular young people had left Johnson City at an early hour by private automobile to be married "somewhere" between Johnson City and Houston. The news was only given out to the parents of the young couple and a few near relatives. So quietly were the wedding plans arranged by the bride and groom that not even their closest friends had any inkling when and where the happy event would take place.

After leaving Johnson City the young couple sped away in their automobile toward east Texas. When they arrived at Giddings service of a minister were secured, and the nupital knot was tied. After their marriage the young couple continued on to Houston for a short honeymoon trip and are expected to return to this city the latter part of the week where they will make their future home.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O.Y. Fawcett and is not only a fine young man, but is prominently identified with the business interests of the city, being associated with his father, and is also manager of the Bluebonnet Theatre. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Geen and is among Johnson City's most accomplished and fairest daughters. Both young people are very popular and have a host of friends to wich them godspeed in life's matrimonial sea, in which wish the Record-Courier most heartily joins.

BLANCO COUNTY, TEXAS DEATH RECORD. Frank Scott Fawcett 11/22/34

1. Place of Death

County: Blanco

City: Johnson City

2. Full Name: Frank Scott Fawcett

Length of residence in City/Town when death occurred 13 yrs

PERSONAL/STATISTICAL PARTICULAR

MEDICAL PARTICULARS

3. Sex: Male 4. Color: White

16. Date of Death: Nov 22, 1934

5. Marital Status: Widowed

17. I hereby certify that I

6. Date of birth: Dec. 14, 1849

attended deceased from

7. Age: 84 yrs 1 mos 72 days

Sept 1934 to Nov 22, 1934

8. Occupation: Farmer/Rancher

that I last saw him alive on

9. Birthplace: Miss. Nov. 22, 1934 and that death
 10. Name of Father: occurred on the date above
 Erasm Fawcett at _____. The cause of death was:
 11. Birthplace of father: Miss. Cardiac hyppertrapahys
 12. Maiden name of mother: (Signed) W. Adams
 Don't know (Address) Johnson City
 13. Birthplace of mother: Miss. 19. Place of burial: Cheapside
 14. The above is true Date of burial: Nov 23, 1934
 (informant) O.Y. Fawcett 20. Undertaker: E.P. Ross
 (address) Johnson City Address: Johnson City
 15. Filed Jan 1, 1934 A.C. Ivie, Registrar

OBITUARY (Johnson City Record-Courier 11/1934).

F.S. FAWCETT

Funeral services for F.S. Fawcett, 84, retired stockman of Johnson City were conducted Friday morning at Cheapside, Texas, his former home, by Rev. Edgar Hubbard, pastor of the Denver Boulevard Presbyterian Church of San Antonio.

Fawcett died at his home in Johnson City, Thursday. He was a native of Mississippi, and when 12 years old moved to Texas and settled near Cheapside, where he lived until he went to Johnson City, 15 years ago. Surviving him are five sons, W.A. Fawcett of Kerrville, Oscar Fawcett of Johnson City, Carl Fawcett of Wylie, and L.C. and Ralph Fawcett of San Antonio, four daughters, Mrs. A.A. and Mrs. E.H. Duderstadt of San Antonio, Miss Delta Fawcett of Johnson City and Miss Pearl Fawcett of Hondo and 17 grand children and one great grand child.

LETTER Bransonia Carson, Cheapside, Texas to Delta Fawcett, Johnson City, Blanco County TX 11/25/1934. Soon after the death of Delta's father, Frank, and shortly before Brancie's death.

Mon Morn Nov the 25 1934

Dear Delta

How are you this beautiful lonely morn. it is rite cool here. had a rite good rain yesterday. Henry and Ora [Carson] went to see her father and mother [the Russells] Saturday and I went with them to see Hartwell and Leola [Carson]. I found them doing rite well but having trouble with his leg. I have not sean Keyes [Carson]. he has bin away from home. I hope you will soon get some one to stay with you and home will be more plesent to you. I sure feel sorry for you but do the best you can. I think I no your feelings better than some others & as I went there with a trying time when I was but a chile. I am sending some cards of something that came here for your love and best wishes to all of you. your aunt Brancie. Write when you can.

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE 2/16/1935:7: Edward Stabler Fawcett obituary

EDWARD S. FAWCETT

Edward Stabler Fawcett, 51, died early this morning at his home, 517 Prince Street. Mr. Fawcett for the past ten years had been engaged in the textile business in New York City. He was taken ill last November and returned to his home here. For a number of years he held a clerical position in the First National Bank. The deceased was a son of the late Dr. Edward S. and Mrs. Mary G. Fawcett. He is survived by three brothers: Wallace H., Lewis H., and Laurence G. Fawcett and also leaves four sisters, Mrs. Lewis Cheeseman, Miss Susan S., Miss Ellen D., and Miss Mary G. Fawcett. Funeral of diseased will take place at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from St. Paul's Episcopal Church and will be conducted by the Rev. Percy Foster Hall, rector and interment will be in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Charles Hooff, William C. Worthington, James S. Douglas, Jr., Charles Smoot, J.E.W. Timberman, C. Page Waller, C.S. Taylor Burke, Gardner L. Boothe, Wallace Lindsey and Leo P. Harlow.

DEATH CERTIFICATE: Isabel Bloys 6/21/1935

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

PLACE OF DEATH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS Registered No.
 County Jeff Davis STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 29185
 City Fort Davis, Justice Pct 1
 FULL NAME Isabel Bloys RESIDENCE
 Length of residence in city/town where death occurred 48 yrs

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PERSONAL & STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

Sex Color/Race Single/Married
Female White Widowed

Date Of Birth Dec 25, 1845

Age 86 yrs, 5 mos, 26 ds.

Occupation: Housewife

Birthplace: Sisterdale, West Virginia

PARENTS

Name Of Father: Yeck, Chas.

Birthplace Of Father: -----

Maiden Name Of Mother: De'Or

Birthplace Of Mother: ----

MEDICAL PARTICULARS

Date Of Death June 21, 1935

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I
attended deceased from
Jan 10, 1935 to Jun 21,
1935 that I last saw her
alive on June 21, 1935
and that death occurred
on the date stated above
at 4:30 pm.

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as
follows:

Bronchial Pneumonia
(duration) 10 ds.

Contributory (Secondary):
Influenzia
(duration) 4 mos.

Did an operation precede
death? No.

Was there an autopsy? No.

What test confirmed
diagnosis? Physical

(Signed) C.E. Eaton, M.D.

6-21-35 Fort Davis, Tex

PLACE OF BURIAL/REMOVAL
Fort Davis, Tex

DATE OF BURIAL 6/22/1935

UNDERTAKER W.G. Young
Marfa, Tex

THE ABOVE IS TRUE
(Informant)

W.B. Bloys, Son of Deceased
(Address) Fort Davis, Tex

Filed June 22, 1935 N. Mersfelder

WEDDING (Johnson City Record-Courier, Thurs 10/17/1935:1)
Singleton-Fawcett.

A wedding of interest to their many friends was solemnized last Friday when Miss Lrene Fawcett became the wife of Mr. R. Glenn Singleton. Rev. Kermit Gibsons of M.E. Church of Johnson City and Blanco received the marriage vows.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.Y. Fawcett and is one of Johnson City's most charming and lovable young ladies. She is at present employed as primary school teacher in the Johnson City High School which position she has held for several years. She is beloved by young and old alike and enjoys the confidence and friendship of this entire community.

Mr. Singleton, a young man of sterling qualities came to Johnson City from Cherokee last year to accept a position in our school wich position he could have held again, had he so desired. It was then that the romance was begun that culminated in this marriage last Friday. Mr. Singleton is now employed as superintendent of the Henly School.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Singleton left for a short honey moon trip to Texas cities and are now at home to their friends at Henly.

The Record-Courtier joins the many friends of the young couple in extending good wishes for a long and prosperous married life.

WEDDING (Johnson City Record-Courier, Thurs 11/7/1935:1)
GRISHAM-FAWCETT

Mr. R.B. Grisham and Miss Delta Fawcett were quietly married on last Saturday at the home of the bride with the Rev. Aaron pastor of the Baptist Church performing the ceremony.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Grisham are held in high esteem by all who know them and join the Record-Courier in wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Grisham will remain at Johnson City.

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 116 N Rickett St, Sherman TX to Gene/Nettie Fawcett, Alexandria VA 24 Dec 1935

SHERMAN, TEXAS 116 N Rickett St

Dear Sster Gene
and Nettie

Dec 24th -35
You will please excuse this short letter. I know you would

if you knew how many I have to answer from children and grand children scattered over Texas and Oklahoma. And tomorrow will be Christmas Day. The 16th of November our youngest boy Leotis took himself a wife. He is 35, she 28. We, wife and I, are living with them. Her name Ernestine Goff Fawcett. We have known her about four years. We love her dearly. She is neat and a neat housekeeper. We have a pretty Christmas tree from our grandchildren. Next year Texas is to [celebrate the] centennial. Not a show as grand as that of Chicago but will draw people from every state in the union, Canada and Mexico. And just think I have lived here 70 yrs of that time. Have seen her history and helped to make it. Note the change in my address. This leaves all well. Thank Sister Nettie for the card. With our love to you both. And tell Robert Rebeck and Kitty Reece we received their beautiful Christmas Greeting.

Your Loving Bro Joe Fawcett

RECORD OF DEATH (KERR CO TX 6:128): LOIS FAWCETT (MOORE) 4/1936

Registrar's No. 24

Name: Lois Fawcett Moore Place Of Death: Secor Hospital

Length Of Residence In Place Of Death: Life Kerrville, Tex.

Sex: Female Color: White Status: Married

Date of Death: April 17, 1931 Husband's Name: T.C. Moore

Date Of Birth: Sept. 29, 1907 Age At Death: 28 yrs 7 mo 18 days

Trade: Housewife

Birth Place: Kerr County, Tex I hereby certify that I attended

Father: W.A. Fawcett deceased from March 20, 1936 to

Birthplace: Gonzales Co. Tx April 17, 1936. I last saw her

Mother: Cornelia Peterson alive April 17, 1936; death is

Birthplace: Texas said to have occurred -- the date

Informant: T.C. Moore stated above at 1 pm. Principle

Kerrville Tx cause of death Peritonitis Pselo

Burial: Glen Rest Cemetery nephritis. Contributory causes:

Burial date: April 18, 1936 Therapeutic Abortion.

Undertaker: E.F. Fatherce Date of operation: March 21

Kerrville TX Autopsy? No.

Ernest E. Palmer, M.D., Kerrville

filed April 18, 1936. C.Y. Guthrie, Registrar.

WEDDING (Del Rio, Val Verde Co., TX Newspaper, Mon. 9/21/1936).

IMPRESSIVE EARLY MORNING SERVICE

IN METHODIST CHURCH UNITES MISS

MABEL EDWARDS, WALTER FAWCETT

Miss Mabel Edwards became the bride of Walter Fawcett Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock in an impressive wedding in the First Methodist Church. The Rev. L.C. Beasley, pastor of the church, read the marriage lines.

Forming a lovely background for the service, white pompon asters arranged in vases were placed on the chancel rail and bowls of similar flowers adorned the piano and organ.

On the pulpit a white basket held a lovely arched arrangement of huge white mums and on either side of the pulpit white candelabra entwined in lacy fern held five white tapers.

The bride, wearing a blue suit touched with grey fur, entered with her brother, Forrest Edwards. She carried a white satin prayer book to which a pink-throated white orchid was affixed.

Her only attendant was Mrs. Robert Campbell of Lampasas. Mrs. Campbell wore a blue frock with black accessories and her corsage was of Talisman rosebuds.

The groom was attended by his brother, Lee Fawcett.

Miss Josephine Forman at the organ played the wedding music and during the ceremony played MacDowell's "To a Wild Rose."

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party and a few relatives and close friends attended a wedding breakfast given by Mrs. Morris Trent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Wallace, Jr., 511 East Garfield Avenue. Mrs. Trent and Mrs. Wallace are sisters of the bride.

The table was centered with the wedding cake, an all-white and silver confection with a large white hand decorated taper rising from the center. White roses with silver leaves completed the cake's decorations.

After the bride cut the cake, the couple left on their wedding trip. They plan to make their home on a ranch in the Vinegarone country.

Mrs. Fawcett is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edwards and has resided in Del Rio most of her life. She attended the local schools, later going to the Monticello School in Godfrey, Ill. Specializing in the dance, Mrs. Fawcett attended the Pasadena Playhouse in Pasadena, Cal., for her technical training, and for a few years conducted a school of dancing and speech arts in Del Rio.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.K. Fawcett. He has resided in Del Rio and on the Fawcett ranch in the Dolan Creek vicinity all of his life. He attended the Del Rio schools and later was a student of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College. For several years he was engaged in the ranching business.

Before the wedding Mrs. Fawcett was complimented with a number of social courtesies.

KERR CO TX MARRIAGE 5:87 L Josephine Fawcett/Johnston 9/5/1936

The State Of Texas)

County Of Kerr) 2982

To any regularly licensed or ordained minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace in the State of Texas, Greeting. You are hereby authorized to solemnize the rates of matrimony between--

Mr. Charles H. Johnston and Miss Lucille Josephine Fawcett and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certify your act under the license. Witness my official signature and seal of office, at Kerrville, Texas the 4th June A.D. 1936

Jno. R. Leavell

Clerk of County Court of Kerr County

I, Paul S. VanDyke hereby certify that on 5th day of September A.D. 1936 I solemnized in marriage Mr. Charles H. Johnston and Lucille Josephine Fawcett.

Witness my hand this 5th day of September A.D. 1936

Paul

S. Van Dyke Ordained Presby Church U.S.

MR. L.C. FAWCETT - Dr. Lee Rice

11/12/36 Against his will Mr. Fawcett has been a very good patient, and he began to recover promptly at home. The cough, then the odor, and finally the temperature disappeared. This morning he looked better, and he says he has felt well for four days.

FLURO: The lung fields are entirely clear, and the thickened pleurse and the abcesses in the right lung had entirely disappeared. The lung fields were clear, his diaphragm free and expansion good.

I urged him to take very good care of himself for another week or two, and to continue the Irradol-A for a month. At the end of that time it will be very necessary to check the blood count, the sedimentation rate and the urine.

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 917 Laurel St, Sherman TX to niece and nephews, Alexandria VA 15 Jun 1937

No. 917 Laurel St

June 15-37

Sherman Texas

My Dear Niece and Nephew

Don't think I have heard from Alexandria for two years, Except last Christmas at my old address from Rebecca, that only a card. Last summer was very hot, 103. My folks thought I would pass out having high blood pressure. I'm here yet, one year older, 88 yrs. Sister Gee four yrs my junior. I wonder how she and Nettie and the res of my dear ones are. I wrote o Rebecka a whila [ago] and gave her the above address. Your Uncle Joe is very mervous. Don't dare to go in sunshine much. We, [I and] Aunst Mary are living by oursleves. She keeps well and flesy. You see by this its a hard task to write. We have one of our 7 boys here two blocks from us, [and] two in Denison, two in Okla, one Longview Texas, one in Pottsville, Tex. We see them two or three times a year. Six of them married. Better keep your eye on your Uncle Joe, he is likely to slip off just any time. Love to all.

Your Loving Uncle Joe

Fawcett

ARTICLE (Del Rio News 7/27/37, Tues).

E.K. FAWCETT, WHO SETTLED

AT MOUTH OF DOLAN CREEK IN

1883, RECALLS EXPERIENCES

By Ima Jo Fleetwood

Fifty-four years ago E.K. Fawcett arrived at the mouth of Dolan Creek and saw for the first time the land that later became his ranch; where he built his home and where he enlarged his flocks of sheep until he became one of the most prominent ranchmen in Val Verde County.

Tuesday Mr. Fawcett recalled that 54 years ago he and a group of young men under George W. Ames arrived at Dolan Creek and spent the night in a cave. They had driven 3,000 sheep from Yorktown to the new range and found on their arrival that sheep men in this section were regarded as "little better than pelon dogs."

They continued to live in the cave, which they called "centipede cave" because of the great number of centipedes that infested it, until they built a house from logs of sycamore trees growing along the creek banks.

Many Changes

Mr. Fawcett, who is 72 years of age, was a boy of 18 when he first saw the Dolan Creek country, and recalled Tuesday that during the time he has ranched in that section, many changes have occurred, both in the sheep raising industry and in the country itself.

He recalled that sheep were sheared by hand and wool shipped to Corpus Christi in those early days. Fifteen cents a pound was an unusually good price for wool, Mr. Fawcett remembers, and much of the wool sold for less. Flocks were sheared twice a year.

"There were only a few ranches then," Mr. Fawcett said. "The town itself was made up of farmers who worked along the irrigation ditch to supply the army camp stationed above the springs and the fort at Brackettville. John Glunn had a ranch about 13 miles out and there was a ranch west of Devil's River called Castle Canyon Ranch. H.A. McKee, for whom the siding was later named, also operated a small ranch. Pat Thompson was the biggest operator at that time with large blocks between Eagle Pass and Spofford."

Interested in Boy Scouts

During the 54 years Mr. Fawcett has ranched on the Dolan, however he has had much wider interests than ranching alone. One of the civic interests nearest his heart is his activities with Boy Scouts. Early this year the Silver Beaver award, conferred for outstanding work among Scouts, was awarded Mr. Fawcett, and beautiful Camp Fawcett, near Barksdale, was named for him in appreciation for his consistent work for Scouts.

This eager interest in Boy Scout work led him to attend the National Jamboree in Washington, D.C., this year.

"There was so much to it," Mr. Fawcett confessed Tuesday, "that it's hard to say what was the most interesting part of the Jamboree. All those boys were certainly a great sight to see. And they were all fine looking boys, pretty uniform in size, more than 2,000 of them. And that's a lot of boys. They made a fine sight, singing together and repeating the Scout oath together."

"It was amazing how they fed all those boys. I was shown how they went about the job, and everything was just as sanitary as it could be. I heard no complaints from the boys about what they had to eat, so I gathered they were well pleased."

Mr. Fawcett was accompanied by Mrs. Fawcett and by Orville Finegan on his trip to Washington. The party made the trip overland.

Visit Six Capitols

"We were in 12 states and visited six capitols besides the national Capitol. The most wonderful of the buildings was the capitol in Baton Rouge, La. The other buildings were all right, but that one is a marvel. Huey Long is buried on the capitol grounds. His burial place doesn't look like a grave but like a park. It is marked only by a flat slab."

"In the Alabama capitol," Mr. Fawcett recalled, "they have the same benches and desks they had before the Civil War and are proud of them."

"We traveled 4,383 miles on our trip and used 328 gallons of gasoline. On our way back home we visited Shenandoah Park in Virginia, and saw a lot of other interesting sights."

"But of course, all those boys together at the same time was a sight to see," he concluded.

DEATH CERTIFICATE: Brancie Fawcett (Carson). 7/27/1937

1. Place of Death TEXAS DEPT OF HEALTH Registrar No. 36137

STATE OF TEXAS BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

COUNTY: Gonzales STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

City/Precinct: Cheapside

Length of residence in city where death occurred: life.

2. Full Name Of Deceased: Mrs. Brancie [Fawcett] Carson

Residence of the Deceased: Cheapside, Texas

PERSONAL/STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL PARTICULARS

3. Sex: Female. 4. Color: White 21. Date of Death July 27, 1937

5. Status: Widowed

22. I hereby certify that I

5a. Husband: J.W. Carson

attended deceased from July 27,

6. Date of Birth: April 7, 1853

1937 to July 27, 1937; death is

7. Age: 84 yrs, 3 months, 20 days

said to have occurred on the

8. Trade: Retired

date stated above at 8 a.m.

12. Birthplace: Mississippi

The principal cause of death:

13. Father's Name: Don't Know

Heart Block

14. Birthplace: Don't Know

Other causes: None

15. Mother's Name: Don't Know

Autopsy? No

16. Birthplace: Don't Know

Signed S.P. Boothe, M.D.

17. Informant: K.F. Carson

Address: Cheapside, Texas

18. Burialplace: Cheapside, Texas Date: July 28, 1937

19. Undertaker: Freund Funeral Home, Cuero, Texas

20. Registrar: H.C. Gillette July 28, 1937

CUERO RECORD 7/27/1937 Obituary: Mrs. Brancie (Fawcett) Carson

MRS. CARSON TO BE LAID REST IN CHEAPSIDE

Pioneer DeWitt County Women Dies Suddenly Tuesday.

Last Rites Be Held From The Home at Four o'clock.

Funeral services will be held from the home at Cheapside at 4 p.m. Wednesday for Mrs. J.W. Carson, 84, one of Cheapsides section's most highly respected pioneer women.

Mrs. Carson died suddenly of a heart attack at 8 a.m. Tuesday at her home in Cheapside.

Rev. Hudson, Presbyterian minister of Hoecheim will officiate at services and interment will be in the Cheapside cemetery.

Mrs. J.W. Carson was born April 7th, 1853 in Mississippi coming to Texas with her parents when a young girl. She had lived in Cheapside since that time and was one of the most beloved women of that community.

She was married in Gonzales 65 years ago to J.W. Carson and to that union nine children were born. All survive.

They are Mrs. H.L. Hahn of O'Donnell, Texas, C.F. Carson of Eagle Pass, Mrs. Maggie Freeman of Gonzales, R.H. Carson of Kenedy, K.F. Carson of Cheapside, R.L. Carson of Eagle Pass, Henry Carson of Cheapside, D.C. Carson of Houston, and J.C. Carson of Wichita Falls.

Her husband preceded her to death several years ago.

Eleven grant children, four great grant children and two brothers J.C. Fawcett of Abilene and E.K. Fawcett of Del Rio also survive.

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE (10/10/1938): Wallace Hooff Fawcett obituary

W.H. Fawcett Dies in Bristol, was former resident of this City, was City Engineer for Bristol, Va. Wallace Hooff Fawcett, eldest son of the late Dr. Edward Stabler Fawcett and Mary G. Hooff Fawcett and grandson of the late James Wallace Hooff, died suddenly of a heart attack this morning in Bristol, Va. He was born in Alexandria on August 4, 1876 and was a graduate of Potomac Academy, and lived in this city until he reached manhood. He was for several years with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York, and with the Washington Water Power Company in Spokane, Washington. On his return to Alexandria he served several years in the city engineer's office of the late E.C. Dunn and was interested in laying many of the new streets and in designing the firehouse for the Hook and Ladder Company and the former Alexandria High School Building. At the time of his death he was City Engineer of Bristol, Va. where he had lived for the past ten years. In Bristol he had taken an active part in all civic affairs and was a vestryman of the Episcopal Church, and a member of the local Rotarian Club. During the World War he was commissioned Captain in the Army, was honorably discharged from active service to take up munitions work in Canada, where he served until the end of the War. He was of a sunny, cheerful disposition and made many friends, who will miss him. He leaves two brothers, Lewis H. Fawcett, of this city, and Laurence G. Fawcett of Camden, Ellen D.

Fawcett, and Mary Goulding Fawcett; and two nephews, Richard L. Cheeseman and David McP. Cheeseman. The body will be brought here by motor tonight. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Letter: Joseph Willis Fawcett, 917 Laurel St, Sherman TX to Susie Fawcett, 517 Prince St, Alexandria VA. 9 Apr 1939

No. 917 Laurel Sherman

Texas April 9-39

My Dear Neices and Nephews,

We lost our oldest son, Young Penn Fawcett, April 4th. He died from cancer of stomach. Had bin suffering for nearly two yrs. He has bin in the oil business nearly from early manhood, commencing at building derrecks until he was appointed Supt for the Standard Company of a sixty mile field in Louisiana at a salary of \$600 per month for possibly 18 mo. When he joined the masonic fraternity, wearing a ring showing his membership which caught the eye of some Catholic of highup. Young found he was going to be fired. He beat them to it and resigned. He leaves his widow and two daughters well provided for. You will please excuse this brief note as I have a lot of letter [to write] to our children in Tex, Oklahoma and California. Inclose the clipping from our daily.

We Aut Mary and Uncle Jose send our love to you all.

[Sherman Daily: Mortuay note for Y.P Fawcett.]

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE: TRUETT C. MOORE OF KERRVILLE TO PEARL FAWCETT OF SAN ANTONIO, 8/10/1939. Certificate of Marriage

This Certifies that
Mr. Truett C. Moore
of Kerrville, Texas
and
Miss Pearl Fawcett
of San Antonio, Texas
were by me united in
Holy Matrimony
Denver Boulevard Presbyterian Church
at San Antonio, Texas
According to the Ordinance of God
and the Laws of Texas
on the 10th day of August
in the year of our Lord 1939
Edgar Hubbard
Minister
Witness V.J. Pohl
Mrs. V.J. Pohl

*KERRVILLE MOUNTAIN SUN 8/10/1939:2 Truett Moore/Pearl Fawcett
TO BE MARRIED THURSDAY
IN SAN ANTONIO*

The marriage of Truett Moore of this city to Miss Pearl Fawcett of Johnson City will be solmenized Thursday morning, August 10, in the Denver Heights [sic: Blvd] Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, with Reverent Hubbard, pastor of the church, officiating. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Moore will leave for two weeks' stay in Colorado and other places of interest in the West.

The ceremony will be a very quiet affair and only members of the immediate families will be present. The bride will wear a dress of navy sheer, with dusty pink trim, and a corsage of pink rosebuds.

The bride is a native of Johnson City and was graduated from the State Teachers College in San Marcos, and during the last term was a member of the faculty of the Luling Public Schools. She is a sister of W.A. Fawcett of this city and has visited here frequently and has a wide circle of friends who will welcome her coming her. The groom is a member of the faculty of Schreiner Institute and he and his bride will reside on the campus of the school.

KERR CO TX MARRIAGE RECD 5:288 TC Moore/P Fawcett 8/10/1939

The State Of Texas)

County Of Kerr) 3387

To any regularly licensed or ordained minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace in the State

of Texas, Greeting. You are hereby authorized to solemnize the rates of matrimony between--

Mr. Truett C. Moore and Miss Peal Fawcett

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certify your act under the license. Witness my official signature and seal of office, at Kerrville, Texas the 5th day of August 1939.

Jno. R. Leavell

Clerk of County Court of Kerr County

I, Rev. Edgar Hubbard hereby certify that on 10th day of August 1939 I solemnized in marriage Mr. Truett C. Moore and Miss Pearl Fawcett

Edgar Hubbard

Minister, Denver Blvd Presbyterian
Church, San Antonio, Texas

OBITUARY (Eagle Pass International Guide, Thurs 8/17/1939:1 & 12): Roger L. Carson.

HEART ATTACK FATAL TO ROGER CARSON
PROMINENT PHARMACIST LAID TO REST HERE TODAY.

Sudden Death of City Commissioner Occurs
Tuesday Night At His Residence

The entire business and social life of Eagle Pass was overcast by a pall of deep sorrow Wednesday by news of the sudden death of Roger L. Carson, well known pharmacist and City Commissioner of Eagle Pass. Mr. Carson succumbed to a heart attack at his home, 497 Ceylon Street, Tuesday night at 10:30 o'clock. He had been in ill health for a short time, but had been able to attend to his duties at the Eagle Pass Drug Store as usual, so his death came as a great shock to his large number of friends.

That he was one of the best liked, most sincerely admired men of our community was evidenced Thursday morning at 10 o'clock by the huge concourse that gathered at the Church of the Redeemer for his last rites. With bowed heads, the people crowded into the chapel and others, unable to get near were lined along the entire block.

The impressive services were jointly conducted by Rev. F.C. Ruffle, Rector of St. James Church of Del Rio and members of American Legion Post 211 of Eagle Pass. Active pallbearers R. Bruce Thompson, E.K. Taylor, Claude T. McAlpin, Fred R. Thompson, Harold DuBona, and Wm Hollis Fitch. The honorary pallbearers were Sam Schwartz, J.R. Sanford, Dr. Ellis F. Gates, Hite Harper, W.M. Singleton, T.R. McAlpin, O.C. Harper, Geo. C. Hollis, H.S. Davies, Ben V. King, C.P. Dodge, Doc Gunnerson, Alex Riojas, Arthur Bennett, O.C. Gillard, H.P. Maphis, J.A. Sagmour, Dr. Van E. McFarland, John Glass, G.H. Russell, and Andrew Bonnet.

Following the church service the closing rites were held at the tree shaded plot in the Masonic Cemetery. Under a large canopy erected for the occasion, the flag draped bier was surrounded by a mass of beautiful floral tributes. Standing beside it, the Rev Ruffle consigned the soul of R.L. Carson to God and the body to its last resting place; and Ambrose Bouble and M.M. Richardson, representing the American Legion, read the tribute of their organization for a member who has fought a good fight and passed on to another world. The services were concluded with the firing of the traditional salute and the playing of taps by the bugler, Rag V. Ponsagus.

Roger L. Carson was born September 2, 1888 at Hammond [actually Hamon] in Gonzales County, Texas, and would have been 51 years old at his next birthday. As a youth he came to Eagle Pass to complete his education here. After his graduation from Eagle Pass High School, he studied pharmacy in Dallas and became a registered pharmacist of the State, returning here to begin his long period of service with the Eagle Pass Drug Co. His business career was interrupted briefly by the World War, and he was in military training at San Antonio, waiting his turn to go overseas when the Armistice was signed.

In April 1919, he was married to Miss Helen Luderus, and to them was born one daughter, Helen who with her mother now survives him.

His unselfish interest in the

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lives of his fellow man and his sincere wish to help them and help the town made Roger Carson one of those rare individuals--a community friend--ready at all times to listen to the troubles of those about him, consoling them in grief, advising them on their lesser--mental and physical complaints and congratulating them on the successes they encountered. He gave of his time whenever needed for

community enterprises. He was one of the charter members of the local Rotary Club, on several occasions a director in the Chamber of Commerce, and since 1936 has been a City Commissioners. In the latter capacity he helped bring many improvements to Eagle Pass, including the purchase of Fort Duncan as a city park, the pavement of many lateral streets and promotion of WPA labor projects. He was a Master Mason of the local Masonic Lodge, and a progressive member and past commander of the American Legion and at one time served as Fire Chief of the city.

Surviving him besides his widow and daughter are six brothers, Charles F. Carson of Eagle Pass, Hartwell C. Carson of Kenedy, Keyes Carson of Cuero, Henry Carson of Cheapside, Delbert Carson of Houston, and J.C. Carson of Wichita Falls; two sisters: Mrs. Henry Hahn of O'Donnell, Texas, and Mrs. Maggie Freeman of Gonzales, Texas. One of his cousins, E.K. Fawcett, prominent ranchman of Del Rio. Nearly all of his kinfolk were here for the funeral service. Among those who attended from Del Rio besides Mr & Mrs E.K. Fawcett were Mr. & Mrs. Dan Finegan, Mr. Elmer Fawcett, Mrs. Mattie Youngblood, and Mrs. Pearl Ward.

LETTER: Mrs. F. Berta Elder to Delta (Fawcett) Grisham, Blanco Co TX 12/1939.

Mrs. F.B. Elder
Box 145
Rio Grande City TX
December 20, 1939

Delta Grisham
Johnson City, Texas

Dear Delta: As the Juletide Season draws near my heart goes out to my loved ones far and near, and how I wish to see each one of them. As this is impossible will console myself by letter writing.

Have thought that I would write you ever since I hear that you were married, but not knowing your

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new name have put off writing from time to time, so will send this letter to Carl [Fawcett] to mail for me.

Trust you and your husband are perfectly happy in each other and that your life will be strewn with many beautiful flowers.

I never new how happy I was until your uncle was taken away from me. Having to fight-life's battles alone is a dreary path to me, however I'm very fortunate in many ways. Have lots of sweet friends and loved ones scattered over the world; but nothing takes the place of a real live husband to love.

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We were poor, very poor, most of the time, but in all that we were happy in each other and that is worth all the wealth combined. We did accumulate a little before he was called home. He left me insurance and property enough to support me very comfortably if no misfortune overtakes me.

Well, I am down in the sunny south to spend the winter. Guess, I will be here until spring then go back to Dallas and spend awhile with Arthur [Elder] and from there on home. Want to go to New York World Fair in July if I can get some one to go with me-- I don't mind

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traveling around in Southern Cities alone but do not want to be in the streets of New York alone-- I noticed where they were going to ofer up the train again this coming year. I have a nephew in Pa I haven't seen for thirty years just a few years younger than myself. I want to stop off and spend awhile with him on my way back.

Sure would love to visit you sometime next summer. Do you every think about the good time we had in Temple? I do very often when we had your Aunt Ida's [Elder] home rented. Do you ever hear from your Aunt Ida's girls? I use to correspond with

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Adele [Elder] but have not heard from any of them for a long time. Saw all the Wofford girls this past June in Houston. They seem to be doing fine. They aske me for my recipe for getting so pretty. I told them since I was not aware of that fact, I had no recipe except good health-- I'm enjoying better health than I ever had in my life. Wouldn't such expressions as that kill Jan.

Must-close and get this letter on its way. Have told you all that I can think of so will expect a letter from you soon.

Wishing you a happy Xmas, prosperous Year. Heard from your Aunt Roberta.

PS Please excuse all mistakes, have written to hurriedly to write a decent letter. Give your brothers and sisters my love. My doesn't time fly, thought I would get all my Xmas cards off today and it is time for mail now.

Bye Bye Mrs F.B. Elder Box 145 Rio Grande City, Texas

LETTER from Mrs. F.B. Elder to Delta (Fawcett) Grisham, Blanco Co TX 6/1940.

Mrs F.Berta Elder
925 Carlisle St
Tarentum PA
June 5, 1940

Mrs Delta Grisham
Box 12

Johnson City, Texas

Dear Delta-- Pardon me for addressing your letter in your name--forgot your husband's initials. Should have answered your interesting letter before this but have been running around so much did not take time for much writing. Though I might be able to see you while I was down in South Texas, as I might do through San Antonio on my way to North Texas but instead went by way of Houston. Brother and his wife took me to Houston on Thursday before Easter. We went through Kingsville and spent about two hours with your uncle Ervins' [Elder] boyes and wives--Dave and little Irvin. Dave's first wife died several years back and he is married again, has a fine wife. Your Uncle Erwin is living with Dora Gressett. They said he was getting along fine.

Went from Houston to Dallas and spent about two weeks with Arthur [Elder] and family. Had a fine visit with them. He had four interesting children--three boys and one girl. I left there for Mississippi, and spent a few weeks

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with my people then on with here for part of summer, then back to Eastland, Texas--my home.

Having a great time with my nephew Carl Rutledge and family. He is a chemical engineer and the Co. he works for want him to go to England the 15 of this month to supervise the construction of an acid plant = The President of the Co. lived in New York City and has his passport and wanted him to sail then but conditions are getting so bad over there guess he will not go. He said if Hitler beat him to London England would not need the plant.

This is a wonderful country, and so pretty, they live in a beautiful plain surrounded by low shade trees and flowering shrubs. Flowers that were in bloom when I was in Houston are just now blooming here. They claim I came at the prettiest time of the year. Want to go to New York next month to Worlds Fair. We are planning on going to the State's National Park, which is about eight miles from here, on a picnic to see the forest of Rhodedrons. They are beginning to bloom here, and are beautiful
--First time I ever saw blooming.

Well dear, I'm glad you married a Christian man. Money doesn't mean much unless it comes with real happiness and I'm so glad you are really happy together for that means everything. I sure would like to visit you and may be able to do so some of these days. I'm sure your step daughter is lots of company for you.

Must close for I want to write another letter before the postman. Let me hear from you again.

Love from your Aunt Roberta [Elder].

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DEATH--EPILEPTIC
ABILENE STATE HOSPITAL

Name: Fawcett, Joseph Curtis

Diagnosis: Idiopathic

Type of seizure previous to death: G2 On admission: GM

Mental age previous to death: 10 years.

Date of last mental test: 9

Mental age on admission: 10 years. Nativity: Texas

Chronological age at death: 83 years. Date of last admission
7-18-29

Actual residence when admitted--County: Gonzales

PO Address: Cheapside, Texas

Duration of last institution residence: 10 years 0 months 1 days

Date and duration of each previous institution residence: None
Total duration of institution life: 10 years 0 months 1 days
Cause of death: Cardio renal insuffering (artereo-sclerosis)
Autopsy: No
Autopsy findings: None
Date of Death: July 19, 1940. Institution Discharge No. for yr: 42

TX DEATH CERTIFICATE: J. CURTIS FAWCETT. 7/19/1940. Note: Never filed either in Austin or Taylor County (Abilene). Obtained from Abilene State Hospital.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

City or Precinct: Abilene, Taylor County
Length of residence in city where death occurred: 9 months
Full Name Of Deceased: Fawcett, Joseph Curtis. Gonzales Co.
Sex: Male. Color or race: White 21. Date of Death July 19 40
Age 83 yrs Nov 1 39 to 7-19-40
Birthplace Texas 7-19-40
I hereby certify that I
attended deceased from
I last saw him alive on
The principal cause of death:
Cardio Renal Disease
Informant: Abilene State Hospital (Arterio Sclerosis)
Signed J. McGill, Abilene

CUERO RECORD 7/21/1940:1 OBITUARY: J. CURTIS FAWCETT 7/19/1940
SERVICES FOR AGED CITIZEN

Curtis Fawcett, Former Cheapside Man, To Be Buried Today

Funeral services will be held at Bellview cemetery near Cheapside at 10 a.m. today for Curtis Fawcett, former resident of this county and for the past ten years a resident of Abilene, who died in Abilene, Friday morning. Mr. Fawcett was 84.

The deceased is a native of the Cheapside community and until ten years ago lived with his sister, Mrs. J.W. Carson, in that community. He leaves one brother, E.K. Fawcett of Del Rio and two nephews, Keyes Carson of Cheapside and W.K. [A.?.] Fawcett of Kerrville, to survive.

BLANCO CO TX MARRIAGE RECORDS 5:81. LE Fawcett/JC Stewart 6/1941

THE STATE OF TEXAS)

County of Blanco)

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in the State of Texas--Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to solemnize the rites of matrimony between Mr. J.C. Stewart and Miss Lillian Estelle Fawcett and make due return to the Clerk of the Court of said County, within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

Witness my official signature and seal of office, at Johnson City, Texas, the 16th day of June A.D. 1941 T.E. Patterson
(L.S.) Clerk of County Court, Blanco County, Texas

I, Albert H. Baukert, Minister, hereby certify on the 17th day of June A.D. 1941 I united in Marriage J.C. Stewart and Lillian Estell Fawcett the parties above named.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of June A.D. 1941

Albert H. Barnkest

Harold Moursend

Minister

Mrs. Robt L. Pision Jr

Returned and filed for record the 20 day of June A.D. 1941, and recorded the 20th day of June A.D. 1941 T.E. Patton, County Clerk

OBITUARY: Sept 23, 1941 (unknown newspaper) for Erasmus Keyes Fawcett.

DEL RIO, Sept. 23--Funeral services for E.K. Fawcett, 76, pioneer ranchman and Boy Scout worker who died Sunday, were held here Tuesday morning at the family residence with Rev. F.H. Stallnecht of Bellville former rector of St. James

Episcopal Church here, and Rev. F.O. Ruffle, present rector, officiating.

Fawcett was born June 15, 1865 in Mississippi. He came to this section in 1883. Fawcett took pleasure in marking the date of his arrival each year with a barbecue and all-day outing for the Boy Scouts on his ranch. This year's celebration was held in August.

Because of this keen interest he was elected president of the Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association, his tenure of office preceding that of T.A. Kincaid. Camp Fawcett, named in his honor, was established for the boys and girls of Southwest Texas near Barksdale. His scouting activities brought him the Silver Beaver award.

He served as president of the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce in 1926, and as president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in 1939. He served as second vice president of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce and was a director of the organization at the time of his death.

Survivors include his widow, six children, and 10 grandchildren. The children are Mrs. O.B. Finnegan, Horace Fawcett, Elmer Fawcett, Walter Fawcett, Mrs. F.C. Whitehead and Lee Fawcett.

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LETTER W.A. Fawcett to Frankie Baker (Fawcett) 9/24/1941

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KERRVILLE, TEXAS

September 24, 1941

Mrs. E.K. Fawcett

Del Rio, Texas

Dear Aunt Frankie and children:

The weather reports of the tropical storms on the Gulf and Cornelia not feeling well caused us to leave Del Rio immediately after the funeral without seeing you folks which we regretted very much. She is not feeling well this morning but think she will be alright in a day or two.

It is hard to know just what to say at a time like this but the many evidences that were exhibited during our stay in Del Rio indicated to us that Uncle Keyes life was really worth while. He rendered many distinct services not only to his own community but that section of Texas and I know that this is a source of pride both to you and your children.

We would like very much for you and some of your children to visit us and spend a few days here. We would be so happy to have you to do so at any time at your convenience.

With very best wishes, I am Sincerely your nephew, Willis

WAF:mm

OBITUARY (San Angelo Weekly Standard 9/26/1941:4):

E.K. FAWCETT, FORMER WTCC HEAD, PIONEER RANCHMAN, DIES

Funeral Services Are Held Tuesday

DEL RIO, Sept 25--E. Keyes Fawcett, 76, pioneer ranchman of the Del Rio sector and past president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce died at 8:30 p.m. Sunday in a hospital here.

Mr. Fawcett suffered three heart attacks the past week, the first occurring last Tuesday. He was removed from his home here to the hospital when his condition grew worse Saturday. He rallied under an oxygen tent, but today he grew weak again.

Funeral services were conducted at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday from the residence with the Rev. F.C. Ruffle, Episcopal rector here, and the Rev. F.H. Stallknecht, Bellville rector, officiating. Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery here with Doran Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Fawcett had been identified with ranching interests here for 50 years, and during that time built up one of the largest ranch holdings in this sector of the state.

Mr. Fawcett had the distinction of serving as director in two regional chambers of commerce at the same time--the West Texas and South Texas organizations.

One of his keenest interests was Boy Scout work. He served as president of the Southwest Texas Council of Boy Scouts and was awarded the Beaver Badge, highest honor that can be given a layman in Scout activities. The council's camp near

Barksdale on the Nueces River was named "Camp Fawcett" in his honor. Mr. Fawcett had given the land for the camp. At the time of his death, Mr. Fawcett was honorary vice-president of the Concho Valley Council.

In 1939 Mr. Fawcett was elevated to the presidency after serving as first and second vice president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Born in Mississippi, Mr. Fawcett first arrived in Val Verde County on July 24, 1883, coming from Yorktown, Texas, in company with a group of other young men. He drove 3,000 head of sheep, settling on Dolan Creek, about 60 miles northwest of Del Rio. The party lived in a cave until a house could be built of sycamore logs.

Survivors include the widow and six children, Horace, Elmer, Walter, and Lee Fawcett, and Mrs. O.D. Finegan and Mrs. F.C. Whitehead, all of Val Verde County.

OBITUARY (Denison Herald 3/21/1942): Joseph Willis Fawcett.

J.W. Fawcett, 92,
Grayson Pioneer,
Dies in Sherman

Burial To Be in Preston, Former Home of 'Uncle Rip'

Joseph Willis (Uncle Rip) Fawcett, 92, pioneer resident of the Preston Bend community and former Denisonian, died at 12:55 a.m. today at his home, 917 West Laurel, Sherman.

Ill for several months, Mr. Fawcett, one of the oldest residents of Grayson County, was known throughout North Texas as a "homespun" philosopher. He formerly wrote a homey, philosophical Preston Bend column for the Herald under the pseudonym "Uncle Rip."

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Short-Murray Chapel with interment in Preston Bend Cemetery near the Preston Methodist Church where he was Sunday School superintendent for 25 years.

Native of Missouri

Born in St. Joseph [actually St. Charles], Mo., May 18, 1849, Mr. Fawcett was the son of Willis and Susan Fawcett. His mother died when he was three years old, and he and his six brothers and sisters went to live with relatives when his father moved to Texas.

In 1866, Mr. Fawcett went by steamer, the Star of the Union, from New York to Texas. After taking the Lillian, a Confederate blockade runner, to Powder Horn and Port Lavaca, he arrived in Victoria and went by four-horse stage coach to Yorktown, DeWitt County, where he met his father whom he had not seen in 14 years.

Mr. Fawcett attended common school during the Civil War, and moved to Grayson County in 1873. Although during the reconstruction period following the Civil War, Mr. Fawcett was a member of the post-war Ku Klux Klan, he "never killed or helped to kill" he once said.

Father of Nine

On Nov. 4, 1878, Mr. Fawcett was married to Miss Mary Ann Dunn, an orphan, in Indian Territory. To Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett were born nine sons, six of whom now are living. The couple made their home in Preston Bend for 50 years, moved to Denison, and 10 years ago moved to Sherman.

In his early life, Mr. Fawcett studied dentistry and later practiced the profession for five years. He later became a contractor and builder and constructed the first cottage in College Park Addition at Sherman. He also was a prominent figure in the construction of the Preston Bend bridge across the River which soon will be dismantled in connection with the Denison Dam project.

Quaker Descendant

The son of Quaker parentage, Mr. Fawcett lived through four major wars, but never fought in any of them. Two of his uncles were in the Confederate army during the Civil War, and a nephew was killed in the World War. "Uncle Rip: was the grandson of Edward Stabler, original owner of the apothecary shop, built in Alexandria, Va in 1793, which recently was purchased by the American Pharmaceutical Society and will be converted into a museum.

In addition to his widow, who is now 80 years old, Mr. Fawcett is survived by six sons, Will Fawcett of Oklahoma City, D.S. and Frank Fawcett, both of Denison, Ray Fawcett of Pottsboro, Melton Fawcett of Los Angeles, Cal., and Lee Otis Fawcett, Sherman, and 20 grandchildren.

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Letter: Dr. Weiss, San Diego CA to Leslie C. Fawcett, Sr 428 Hammond, San

Antonio TX 6/22/1942

San Diego, Calif
6-22-1942

Dear Mr. L. Fawcett:

Enclosing my check for the balance of my account.

Wish to thank you for every courtesy extended me and it was a pleasure to do business with you. [Dr. Weiss became a military doctor during World War II]. Remember me to the wife and boys as I understand Leslie [Fawcett Jr] is in the Service now too. Give my regards to the Benners' when you write and those 2 fine grandchildren. Best regards from Dr. Weiss.

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Kerrville? TX Newspaper, during WWII, pg 10

Junior Fawcett Writes of Beautiful
English Spots While on Leave From
Training For Service In R.C.A.F.

Kerrville relatives have received news from W.A. Fawcett, Jr., who is a member of the Royal Canadian Flying Force now stationed in England. Throughout his newsy letters he tries to impress upon the minds of his loved ones that he is safe, and that they should not worry about him. Some of the letters, written July 8, says in part:

"It might be hard for you to believe, but for the last six days we have been within 60 miles of the country Hitler's little men now hold and still have not heard a shot of any kind; really you would not know that there is a war. We have seen the English Channel every day, except the first, and you know from that how every close we are, but it looks like the very best place.

"While we were in Bournemouth we were given our flying clothes, and an eye test for night flying, and each of us made very high marks. We got through Friday and were told that we would be placed in an Operations Training Unit, for another ten days and that we might have a weeks leave--so most of us took it.

"Lady Frances Rider has a club for all of the Americans, and they are permitted to call her, when on leave, so she may make arrangements for them to spend their leave with well-to-do families on their country estates. One of the boys by the name of Kind, and I, were sent to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Craven, Clapton Court, Crewkerne, England, for a week. They were so nice to us in every way. Their home is so large, and is over 100 years old and part of it 300. We went to a church which was built in 1400, before Columbus ever came to America. The church is used daily, and is really something to see. The home is situated on a 100-acre tract, with rolling hills and fields everywhere, up the sides and on the hilltops the vegetation is so green. They have a few cows, sheep and many chickens. The tree here are oak, pine, walnut, chestnut and all grown quite tall. I wish you could see all of it, for England is more than I expect in many ways.

"I might tell you a great deal about the English Channel and its being so close to the enemy; well, we went swimming in it yesterday, and there were several hundred other people doing the same thing, so you will understand it is not as bad as it sounds.

"We have seen many English airplanes flying and they really move through the air. Their motors are so much quieter than ours, but of course they use the inline type of motor, which turns up a great deal more horsepower than ours. We saw a group of over 20 planes returning from over the Channel yesterday, and hours later we heard of the good work they had done in France, and it was a grand feeling to know that you had seen the ships which had really been into action. We can hardly wait to get into the O.T.U., so we can get into training, but it looks as if most of us will go on a coastal patrol when we get through there.

"Please tell Mr. T.C. Johnston to write me his family address so that I can get in touch with them. We are very near to Scotland and could go up some week-end to see them.:

A later letter states: "Came to our training station Monday and for the last two days have been in class rooms, doing many things that must be done. We have enough flying equipment to go to the moon and back, but I guess we need all of it. It all weights about 40 pounds, and there are 22 different pieces, so you may have some idea of it. We start flying at 6 Sunday...

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THE MOUNTAINEER (vol 21), Schreiner Institute, Kerrville TX 3/18/1944 (Moore Collection).

TRUETT C. MOORE
IS ABLE MEMBER OF S.I. FACULTY
by Tom Shefelmen

In 1929 Mr. Truett C. Moore first began applying his degree in business administration and his past experience in that field to teaching at Schreiner Institute. His work here consists of teaching commercial courses in the high school and college department.

Mr. Moore graduated from San Marcos Teachers College in 1928 and later received his degree in business administration at Texas University. Just before receiving his degree he taught a year in a high school in Laredo [1926-27?]. He completed his Masters degree in 1934 [at the University of Texas].

Just before coming to Kerrville in 1929, Mr. Moore was assistant manager of Woolworth's in San Antonio, even though he in practice did most of the managing of the store.

When Mr. Moore first began teaching he lived in one of the cottages. Since then he has moved several times. He moved from the cottages to Schreiner Hall; then to Dickey Hall; South Barracks; West Barracks; and finally settled with his family in the "Rock Cottage."

Mr. Moore teaches a variety of subjects which are as follows: accounting, book keeping, typing, commercial law, college algebra, and business mathematics. He first began teaching mathematics last summer [1943]. He is also the sponsor of the High School Senior class.

Mr. Moore's favorite pastime is hunting, and he goes in for it in a big way. However, his wife's favorite past time is having him work in the garden and in the yard."

LETTER: C.C. Fawcett, Wylie TX to O.Y. Fawcett, Johnson City, Blanco County TX 8/17/1944 (accompanied his family history).

C.C. FAWCETT
The Rexall Store
WYLIE, TEXAS

Aug. 17th, 1944.

Mr. O.Y. Fawcett.
Johnson City, Texas.

Dear Bro. - Minor said that Dr. Tomkies told him he didn't see any reason why he shouldn't live a long time if he would slow down and take care of himself. Minor seems cheered over it and I see that he is trying to slow down.

I have no regrets over having my teeth pulled and replaced with false teeth. Dr. Brooks said it was not unusual for people to have reactions such as you have had after having the teeth pulled and though you ought to go on with it.

If Olla [Johnson--Oscar's sister-in-law] leases her place we are wondering if the goats don't strip it as they did at Morriss'.

We are getting only 20 gals. of cream at the fount. each week - about half the need.

Willis wrote a few weeks ago for some notes on the family tree. It seems some of the family have been asking about them. I only sent him a copy of our grand father's Fawcett Genealogy - I got a copy from the original from Aunt Brancie years ago. Enclosed I used only our family branch and tried to bring it up to date. Didn't attempt to get exact dates and most is from memory.

Carl.

THE MOUNTAINEER (Vol 22 #12: 1 col 1), Schreiner Institute, Kerrville TX 4/14/1945 (Moore Collection).

WITH THE EXEYS

HQ 10TH AIR FORCE IN BURMA - Award of the 2nd Oak leaf cluster to the air medal to Lt. John A. Duderstadt, 22 years old son of Mr and Mrs A.A. Duderstadt, 202 Glenwood Ct, San Antonio, Texas, was announced by Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, Commanding General, Tenth Air Force. Lt. Duderstadt, who has been in the service 2 1/2 years, spent the past 9 months in the India Burma theatre as a pilot with the famed 7th Bombardment Group of the Tenth Air Force. He is credited with 49 missions and 444 hours of combat flying. The Lieutenant graduated from Brackenridge High School to the Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas.

OBITUARY (Johnson City, Blanco Co TX Record-Courier 5/1945).

DEATH TAKES BLANCO COUNTY TREASURER

Robert B. Grisham, 2-term county treasurer of Blanco county died in a hospital at Blanco on Monday May 7, from heart ailment. He was serving his third term as treasurer, being re-elected to that office last November.

Mr. Grisham was born April 7, 1880 at Round Mountain, Texas. He lived there the greater part of his life, then moving to Johnson City.

He was married to Miss Molli McNatt in 1898. They were the parents of 8 children all of whom survive. Mrs. McNatt preceded him in death over 12 years ago.

In 1935 he was married to Miss Delta Fawcett who survives him.

Children surviving are:

Mrs. Ben Desmond, Austin; Mrs. Roy Hardin, Cypress Mill; Mrs. John Marzolf, Austin; Mrs. Alton Hale, Kyle, and Miss Geneva Grisham with the Spars stationed at Everglades, Fla; Clebra Grisham, Blanco, Guy Grisham, Johnson City, and J.V. Grisham with the U.S. army stationed at Camp Swift. Other survivors are 13 grandchildren, 2 brothers, John Grisham, Johnson City, and Charlie Grisham, Briggs, Texas, 2 sisters Mrs. Frank Reader, Austin and Mrs. Jim Perry, San Antonio.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Baptist Church at Johnson City and later at the Round Mountain Cemetery where interment was made. Rev. Aaron had charge of the funeral services both at the church and the grave.

Pallbearers were: Truman Fawcett, Thad Didine, Bob Waldr., T.E. Patton, W.N. Cox, and A. Wolf.

OBITUARY (Eagle Pass News-Guide 9/30/1948:1, Thurs): C.F. Carson

FUNERAL RITES ARE CONDUCTED FOR C.F. CARSON

Charles Franklin Carson died September 25, 1948 at the Maverick County Memorial Hospital after a three day illness. Funeral services were held at Yeager Mortuary Chapel Sunday at 6 p.m. by the Rev. Earl Dious and the Rev. A.C. Peterson. The final rites at the graveside were conducted by the Masonic Order, with V.E. Darr acting as chaplain.

Active pallbearers for the funeral were D.C. Howard, H.E. McCall, Wm Holling Fitch, Fred Weyrich, Harvey Seymour, and Tom Hardin of Uvalde.

Honorary pallbearers were A.M. Holland, Yoakum; L.S.R. Clarke, Uvalde; T.L. Witt, Montell; F.B. Kirchner, C.R. Pridly, Camp Wood; Vices Tucker, H.O. Feithouse, J.D. Beck, San Antonio; A.W.F. Heman, Floresville; Dr. Frank Kent, La Grange; F.F. Pilgrim, Brownsville; R.M. Spence, Jr., Brownwood; F.C. Aldridge, Jinx Barksdale, W. Fitch Jr, O.C. Gilliland, W.E. Pingenot, R.M. Spence, Harvey Pollay, Alejandro Riojas, John Worrell, S.M. Elder, Dr. E.F. Cates, Dr. L.J. Adren Bossene, O.C. Meyer, E.J. Baron, and A.E. Bigg, Eagle Pass.

Charles Franklin Carson was born in Gonzales County August 25, 1875. He attended Caronet Institute in San Marcos, and on Nov. 12, 1899 he was married to Miss Abbie Finch in Smiley, Texas.

In 1908 Mr Carson bought the Eagle Pass Drug Co. and moved his family here. He was actively engaged in business until 1923 when he sold the drug store. He was served his community in various capacities as county commissioner, school board member, and for some years as Tax assessor and collector of the Water Improvement District.

To the last hour of his life, C.F. Carson retained his interest in the affairs of the town and in his two hobbies, hunting and baseball.

Mr. Carson is survived by his widow, one son, Charles W. Carson of Edward County, one daughter, Mrs. J.W. Spence, of Eagle Pass, two sisters, Mrs. Henry Hahn, O'Donnell, Texas, Mrs. Frank Freeman, Gonzales; five brothers: Hartwell Carson, Kenedy, K.F. Carson, Cuero; Henry Carson, Gonzales; Delber Carson and J.C. Carson, Houston; and five grandchildren.

All the immediate relatives, but Mrs. Hahn attended the funeral. Other relations and friends in Eagle Pass for the service Sunday were: Mrs. Hartwell Carson, Mrs. K.F. Carson, Mrs. Henry Carson, Mrs. Delbert Carson, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Priddy, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grantland, Mrs. J. Johnson, Jeannette Johnson, Mr and Mrs F.B. Kirchner, Mr and Mrs Lester Phillips, Miss Erline Phillips, Mr and Mrs Tom Witt, Mr and Mrs Tom Hardin, Mr and Mrs L.S.R. Clarke, Mrs. Pearl Ward, Elmer Fawcett, Mrs. E.K. Fawcett, Mr and Mrs. A.O. Finnegan, Tom Barker, Vines Tucker, H.O. Festhouse, Mr and Mrs A.V. Harrison, Dr. Hubert Harrison, Mr and

Mrs A.M. Holland, Gag Holland, and Scott Fawcett.

OBITUARY (Temple TX Daily Telegram 3/27/1949:5).

Mrs. Ida Eckels Died Saturday; Services Monday

Mrs. Ida Eckels, 80, 4 E. Houston Ave., died in a local hospital early Saturday.

Born Ida Josephine Elder, she was the daughter of Phillip Tigner Elder and Sarah Susan Wilson. She was a native of near Gadsden, Ala. and was born May 2, 1888.

She was a pioneer resident of Bell county and was a charter member of the local Grace Presbyterian Church. She was the wife of the late Richard John Eckels.

Survivors are two sons, R.E. Eckels of Oklahoma City and Robert Y. Eckels of Houston; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Lowrey of El Paso, Miss Grace C. Eckels of Dallas and Miss Adele Eckels of Temple; and a brother, Rev. M.P. Elder of Strawn.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at the Grace Presbyterian church with Rev. Garland Shull officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest cemetery.

Pallbearers will be A.D. Baggett, Dr. V.M. Longmire, Frank Thompson, Ed. Chirhart, Robert Edward Eckels, Richard Wagner Eckels, Paul Glenn Eckels and Hebert Eckels.

Honorary pallbearers will be H.C. Glenn, Ed Shull, E.O. Dankard of Waco, Willis Fawcett of Kerrville, Leslie Fawcett of San Antonio, Kenneth Phillips, Garnet Geisler and Drs. J.G. Rodarte, Wendell P. Ward, O.B. Gober, Joe R. Humphrey, A.C. Scott, and A.E. Moon.

They body will be at Pace Funeral Home until the Monday services.

WASHINGTON STAR (3/31/1950): Ellen D. Fawcett Retires.

Archivist Retires After 13 Years.

After 13 years as an archivist for the National Archives, Miss Ellen D. Fawcett of 517 Prince St., Alexandria, will retire today to do some private archival work. The project Miss Fawcett has in mind is to sort out letters and papers in the attic of her home, Fawcett House, which is occasionally opened to the public on house tours. The papers cover seven generations of the Fawcett and allied families.

One treasure was located in the house in the early part of the century. It was a rare Blue Boy stamp, one of the few issued in Alexandria before the general sale of postage stamps there. It brought \$3000 from a collector.

Before entering Government service, Miss Fawcett was executive secretary of the Dictionary of American Biographies, a project sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies. A native of Alexandria, Miss Fawcett attended private schools there. Her hobbies include traveling and art.

KERR CO TX DEATH RECORD 11:38 WILLIS A FAWCETT 3/6/1951

State of Texas

Kerr County

Record Of Death

1. Place Of Death: Kerr County, Texas

2. City/Town: Kerrville 3. Length of stay in this place: 50 yrs

4. Street Address (where died): 618 W. Main (at home)

8. Date Of Birth: February 16, 1878 9. Age (at death): 73 yrs 0 mo 20 day

10. Occupation: Furniture merchant 11. Birthplace: Gonzales County Texas

12. Father's Name: Francis Scott Fawcett Birthplace: Mississippi

13. Mother's Name: Emma Elder Birthplace: Alabama

14. Was deceased ever in U.S. armed services? No.

15. Social Security No. --- 16. Informant: Mrs. Chris H. Johnston

18. Cause Of Death: Coronary Thrombosis 1/2 hr
due to: Ateriosclerosis yrs

19. Autopsy? No.

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from May 15, 1950 to March 6, 1951, that I last saw him alive March 6, 1951 and that death occurred at 6:30 a.m. David McCullough MD

22. Burial: Glenn Rest Cemetery 23. Date Of Burial: 3/7/1951

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KERRVILLE TIMES, Thurs., 3/6/1951:1. Willis A. Fawcett Obituary.

W.A. Fawcett, Former Mayor And Civil Leader Dies Today
Funeral Services For Beloved
Business Leader Will Be Held [photograph of W.A. Fawcett]
Wednesday Afternoon At 3 P.M.

With heads bowed in mourning, Kerrville and the entire Hill Country today pays homade to the memory and lasting goodness of Willis A. Fawcett, 74, beloved builder of the community in which he lived and labored for half a century. Death robbed Kerrville of one of the most loved sons early Tuesday morning when Mr. Fawcett succumbed to a heart attack at his home on West Main Street, overlooking the community which he gave so unselfishly of means, personality and slef. He had been in failing health for the past few years, but until the end he maintained his zeal to contribute his energies and assistance to the worthwhile projects and advancements of Kerrville and its citizenship.

Funeral services for the former Mayor, civic, church and fraternal leader will be held from the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow (Wednesday) afternnon at 3:00 o'clock with the Rev. Wm. Logan, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Glen Rest Cemetery under the direction of the Smith Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will include Jack Stevens, Carl Peterson, Dick Flatch, J.D. Patton, Bill Fawcett of San Antonio and Truman Fawcett of Johnson City.

Willis A. Fawcett, Sr. was born February 16, 1877, in Gonzales County. He was reared on a farm near Gonzales, and after attending Trinity University two years moved to a ranch on the Devil's River near Del Rio. He was married to Miss Cornelia Peterson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Peterson, in a ceremony at the Peterson farm southeast of Kerrville.

The Fawcett family moved to Kerrville in 1901 and he became associated with Mr. Peterson in the purchase of the furniture business owned by the late W.E. Williams. Shortly afterwards Mr. Fawcett bought his partner's interest, and his successful business management is reflected in the substantial firm which he headed at the time of his death.

Mr. Fawcett's community leadership is noted in his wide interest and affilication with the various organizations and agencies. He served as Mayor of Kerrville from his appointment Jan. 17, 1940, until his retiring from office, April 11, 1944. He was vice-president of the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce in 1925-26, and also in 1930, and served as a director from 1924 until 1947; director of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, president of the board of trustees of the Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital, presidnet and member of the board of trustees of Schreiner Institute, elder in the Presbyterian Church, charter member and past president of the Kerrville Rotary Club, former member of the school board, and a past officer in the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Cornelia Fawcett of Kerrville, six children, W.C. Fawcett, Scott Fawcett, Mrs. Mark Worack, Mrs. Charles Johnson, W.A. Fawcett, Jr., and Mrs. Martin Stehling, all of Kerrville; four brothers, Oscar Fawcett of Johnson City, Carl Fawcett of Wiley, Ralph Fawcett of Inrgram and Leslie Fawcett of San Antonio; four sisters, Mrs. Delta Grisham of Johnson Ctiy and Mrs. Albert Duderstadt, Mrs. Ernest Duderstadt and Mrs. Truett Moore, all of San Antonio, and seven grand-children.

KERRVILLE MOUNTAIN SUN, 3/8/1951:1, 5: W.A. Fawcett Obituary.

W.A. Fawcett,
Civic Leader,
Dies Tuesday
Large Crowd of
Friends Here
For Last Rites

The last rites were held Wednesday afternoon in the First Presbyterian Church for Willis A. Fawcett, 74, who died at his home in Westland Hills early Tuesday morning, suffering from a heart ailment. Rev. William M. Logan, pastor of the church, officaited and interment was in the Glen Rest Cemetery, under the direction of the Smith Funeral Home. Assisting with the services were two former pastors of the church, Dr. W.P. Dickey of Junction and Dr. Paul VanDyke of San Antonio.

A former mayor of Kerrville, Mr. Fawcett was a native of Gonzales, and had

come to Kerrville as a young man in 1904. He became connected with the furniture business and later purchased the establishment. There are few offices of public service and honor which he has not held in the community. An elder in the Presbyterian Church, a past master of the Masonic Lodge, former mayor of the city, served for many years on the school board, past president of the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, one of the organizers and a director of the Country Club, a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club, and was at the time of his death the president of the Board of Trustees of the Schreiner Institute. His furniture store has long been one of the best in this section of the State.

As a young man Mr. Fawcett left his home in Gonzales County to attend the Westminster [actually Trinity] College in Tehuacana. Later he went to Del Rio where he was associated with his uncle, the late E.K. Fawcett, in the ranching business. After his marriage to Miss Cornelia A. Peterson of this city, he came to Kerrville to make his home.

The love and esteem with which this good man was held in the community was evidenced by the large crowd who attended the funeral services and the mounds of beautiful flowers which covered his bier. Heard everywhere on the streets were the expressions, "We have lost a good man."

The survivors are his widow and six children, all of this city. They are W.C. Fawcett, Scott Fawcett, Mrs. Mark Womack, Mrs. Charles Johnston, W.A. Fawcett, Jr., and Mrs. Martin Stehling. Seven grandchildren, four brothers, Oscar Fawcett of Johnson City; Carl of Wiley, Ralph of Ingram, and Leslie of San Antonio, and four sisters, Mrs. Albert Duderstadt, Mrs. Ernest Duderstadt and Mrs. Truett Moore of San Antonio and Mrs. Delta Grissam of Johnson City, also survive.

Pallbearers were H.N. "Jack" Stevens, Carl Peterson, Dick Flach, J.D. Patton, Bill Fawcett of San Antonio, and Truman Fawcett of Johnson City.

No honorary pallbearers were named and the family requested that each friend in the Hill Country be on the list, as Mr. Fawcett's friends were all over this section of the country, and it would have been his wish that all of them be included.

A large crowd of out-of-town friends and relatives were here for the occasion.

OBITUARY (Denison Herald 7/20/1951): Leotis/Lee Otis Fawcett

Leotis Fawcett Dies; Burial Set Saturday

Leotis Fawcett, 82, Denison dairyman and native of Grayson County, died Thursday at 9:35 p.m. at a local hospital after being ill a year.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Bratcher-Moore chapel with the Rev. Ray Short officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Fawcett was born in the Preston Bend area, now covered by Lake Texoma, Feb. 22, 1899, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Fawcett. His father, remembered as Uncle Rip Fawcett, was a colorful pioneer of the Preston area.

Fawcett received his schooling at Preston and married Miss Earnestine Goff at Pottsboro Nov. 10, 1935. He had resided in the Oak Ridge community on Route 2 for the last seven months. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, one son, Rickey Lee Fawcett, Denison, five brothers, Ray and Frank Fawcett, Pottsboro, D.S. Fawcett, Denison, Melton Fawcett, Riverside, Calif, and Will Fawcett, Oklahoma City.

OBITUARY Johnson City Record-Courier, Fri 12/18/1953:2 - Melissa Johnson Fawcett

Mrs. O. Fawcett Succumbs; Rites Here on Sunday.

Funeral services for Mrs. O.Y. Fawcett were held in the Crofts Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon, December 13 at 2 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. D.G. Hardt of Centerpoint. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Fawcett passed away in a hospital in San Antonio early Saturday morning after an illness of over a month. She was taken to that hospital in the hopes that her condition would improve under the care of specialists. She was 72 years, 11 months, and 5 days old at the time of her demise.

Mrs. Melissa, nee Johnson, Fawcett was born on January 7, 1881m a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson. She was united in marriage with Mr. Oscar Fawcett here in Johnson City.

Three children were born to this union, all of whom with their father survive. They are Miss Lorine Fawcett of San Antonio, Truman Fawcett, Johnson City, and Lillian, Mrs. J.C. Stewart of Sandy. Three sisters, Julie, Mrs. N.T. Stubbs, Pearl, Mrs. Harvey Roper, and Ola, Mrs. Clayton Stribling and five grandchildren

also surviving.

Mrs. Fawcett was a member of the First Methodist Church of Johnson City and was a charter member of the Johnson City Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. She was also a past president of the Johnson City PTA and was very active in all civic movements and church work.

Pallbearers were Nathaniel Johncon, C.C. Casparis, Alton Felps, Harold Moursand, James Johnson, Rollie Adams, Joyce Goar and O. Patterson.

OBITUARY Johnson City Record-Courier, Fri 5/21/1954:1: OY Fawcett

Death Claims O.Y. Fawcett
Pioneer Druggist of City

Mr. O.Y. Fawcett, veteran pharmacist of Johnson City, passed away suddenly in a Blanco Hospital on Monday morning, May 17, at 10:30. Mr. Fawcett suffered a heart attack earlier in the morning and was rushed to the hospital in Blanco. While his condition was such that needed medical care it was not though serious and his death came as a great shock to his family and the community as a whole.

Oscar Young Fawcett was born at Cheapside, Texas on March 11, 1891, a son of Mr. F.S. and Emma Elder Fawcett. Taking up the study of pharamcy. After graduating he came to Johnson City and founded his own business over 50 years ago, Fawcett Drug Store, which he and his son T.N. Fawcett still operate. Only recently the name of the drug store was changed to Fawcett's Rexall Drug Store.

He was married to Melissa Johnson on May 20, 1903. Mrs. Fawcett proceeded her husband in death on December 12, 1953. They were the parents of three children who survive him, namely: Miss Lrene Fawcett of San Antonio, T.N. Fawcett of Johnson City, and Lillian, Mrs. J.C. Stewart of Sandy.

Other survivors are five grandchildren; Barry and Judy Fawcett, and Beverly Kay, Joe Randall and Melissa Stewart, also three brothers, Ralph Fawcett of Kerrville, Leslie Fawcett of San Antonio, and C.C. Fawcett of Johnson City; four sisters, Mrs. Delta Grisham, Johnson City, Mrs. Elizabeth Duderstadt, Mrs. Ethel Duderstadt and Mrs. Pearl Moore, all of San Antonio.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Crofts Funeral Home with the Rev. G.H. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery here.

Pall bearers were: L.H. Hill, Bob McKinney, Ted Casparis, Joe Chamberlain, Joyce Goar, Ohler Cox, George Croft, and Rollie Adam.

Mr. Fawcett was one of Johnson City's most beloved citizens. He was a member of the First Methodist Church and the Johnson City Masonic Lodge. He also served as school trustee for the Johnson City School at several different times and was interested in all civic movements. He was a charter member of the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce, backing that organization in every undertaking both morally and financially. Johnson City has lost a valuable citizen in the death of Oscar Young Fawcett. It's citizens mourn his passing.

OBITUARY (San Angelo Standard Times 11/9/1955): Mabel Bloys

Kin Of Bloys Camp Founder Dies At 75

FORT DAVIS, Nov. 9 (SC)-- Miss Mabel Bloys, 75, daughter of the founder of the Bloys Camp Meetings, died at her home here Tuesday night.

An authority on local history, Miss Bloys taught school here many years. Throughout her life, she took an active part in the camp meetings which have been held in the Davis Mountains annually 66 years.

The Bloys family came here from Coleman in 1888.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Leslie Fawcett of San Antonio; three brothers, Roy and Herbert Bloys, both of Fort Davis, and Arthur Bloys of Kent; and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

ARTICLE (Baptist Standard 11/2/1957, pg. 14 w/ photo)

T.C. Moore Tries Variety in Teaching Sunday School

By Leonard L. Holloway

Director of Public Relations Department

A Texas Baptist church layman who refers to himself as a "hammer and nails" christian believes "one of the best places to discuss bible lesson, a church program, and the state and Southern Baptist convention is in a Sunday School class."

A layman who accomplishes this rare feat is Truett Cranfill Moore, a member of Manor church, San Antonio, and a teacher of men's classes for more than 20

years.

Moore, whose first names came from two of the Southern's Baptist most known leaders, Doctors Truett and Cranfill, often does less talking than the members of a class when teaching a lesson. He may stimulate discussion by referring to one of his two grandfathers who were pioneer Baptist preachers, or he may give statistics on the cooperative mission program in Texas or in Africa.

One of his favorite grandfather stories concerns an ancestor who was a Texas Ranger until he "decided that he couldn't kill all the Indians in Texas so he decided to become a preacher and try to convert some of them."

During a recent lesson on Paul's instructions to the church at Corinth, Truett Moore discussed the Baptist open door policy. Before the discussion on Baptist doctrine had ended a doctor gave his opinion and an ex-Marine told an Air Force major that he was sure the "good Lord thought more of the Marine Corps" than he did any other branch of the military service.

Why does the Baptist layman who is manager and part owner of the San Antonio Fawcett Furniture Company, use Sunday School class to discuss many related subjects? His answer is "we don't have much trouble getting people to die for this country and God, but what we need most is to encourage people to live for their savior."

Before moving to San Antonio 10 years ago, he taught for 18 years at Schreiner Institute, Kerrville.

He recalls having the Baptist Standard in his home for as long as he can remember. And the state publication "was always read and discussed you might say this was one way our family participated in Texas Baptist activities".

One of his greatest experience says Truett Moore, "has been aiding as a hammer and nails Christian in the growth of his church." "Under the leadership of John A. Barree, our church has grown from 200 to more than 1,400 members in the past few years and our property has increased in value from \$25,000 to \$750,000. This church has grown and developed just like any family in Sunday School class will grow. The answer is a lot of living for Christ by total and every day Christian participation."

LETTER to Mrs. Delta [Fawcett] Grisham, Box 12, Johnson City,
Blanco County, TX from Mrs. Elizabeth H. Duderstadt, 214 Rockwood, San Antonio
TX Nov 26, 1957

Mon, Nov 26 [1957]

Dear Delta,

Hope you are well this beautiful sun shiny Mon. morning. I've been out sitting in the sun for the first time in several days. Surely felt good. But I missed getting your letter off today.

Sorry we missed seeing Judy. But they were gone when Ethel [Duderstadt] got your card. But glad she's doing so well. I called Lorine [Fawcett]. I am remembering your birthday, the 28th and while I had some pecans for you Leslie [Fawcett] tells me

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his plan, now, was to go about 1st of Dec, and that depended on what kind of weather we're having then. So don't count on it until you see him. They, all were here yesterday, and I appreciate all of us being together, as I've been laid-up in a lonf [time] with my sores and aches and pains. But guess I'm happy that I can still enjoy company and eat 3 times a day.

Pearl & Truett [Moore] brought me a mess of venison that I'm having for Thanksgiving. I told Alma she could ask her sister here but Alma's said they may be invited to their brothers for dinner, which will be ok with me.

Emma Lou [Duderstadt] called Ethel yesterday

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for her Birthday. They were fine & were coming for Thanksgiving & I think she looks for them all.

I think L.C.'s [Fawcett] family are all getting together at their New Braunfels Camp--Hope the weather stays pretty for all this.

Surely hope, Lillian's [Stewart] folks, Judy and all are all well again. Please say "hello" to them for me. I am thinking of you on your Birthday and wishing you many more.

I love you, Elizabeth [Duderstadt]

San Antonio Express (Thu, 12/12/1957:10A, 16A): S. Elizabeth Fawcett Duderstadt
Obituary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Duderstadt, age 62, of 214 Rockwood Court, died Wednesday at her home. A native of Gonzales County, she has lived in San Antonio 28 years. Member of Bethany Presbyterian Church. Survivors granddaughter, Miss Sharon Jane Duderstad, Glendale, Calif., sisters. Mrs. A.A. Duderstadt, San Antonio, Mrs. Delta Grisham, Johnson City, Texas, Mrs. Truett Moore, San Antonio, Texas, brothers L.C. Fawcett, San Antonio, Texas, Ralph Fawcett, Ingram, Texas, Carl Fawcett, Johnson City, Texas. Service Friday at 10 o'clock at the Porter Loring Chapel, Rev. R.N. Benton officiating. Interment in Roselawn Memorial Park under the direction of Porter Loring.

BEXAR CO TX DEED (4111:617-18 #147535): Ernest Duderstadt 2/11/58

Before me appeared Pearl F. Moore and Ralph B. Fawcett "We are the persons who were named as substitute joint independent executrix and executors of the will and codicil of Elizabeth Duderstadt, whose estate is now pending in the County Court of Bexar County #97,749 on the docket. The will and codicil provides any letter or communication from the adjutant general, department of the Air Force, concerning whether Ernest H. Duderstadt, Jr. is dead, prisoner of war, mission in action, shall be conclusive of facts stated in the communication on March 1, 1954 the Department of the Air Force prepared an official casualty report declaring Ernest H. Duderstadt Jr to be dead. Date of casualty being July 25, 1952, killed in action in Korea as a member of U.S. Air Force.

Signed Mrs. Pearl F. Moore Ralph R. Fawcett

Notarized February 11, 1958 Truett C. Moore

Copy of Casualty Report

Department of the Air Force

Washington 25, D.C.

Casualty Report

Type: Death

Date prepared: 1 March 1954

Name: Duderstadt, Ernest Henry Jr. Grade: Capt. Service# A0763119

Place of casualty: Korea

Date of casualty 25 July 1952

Cause of casualty: killed in action

Battle: ---

Organization: HQ 3rd Bomb Group (L), APO 970, Race; Caucasian

c/o/ Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. Component: Reserve

Home Address: Van Nuys, Los Angeles Co, Calif. Date of Birth 8 Jul '21

Next of kin: Mrs. Florence P Duderstadt, wife DD Form 93: 5 Jan 1951

Sharon J. Duderstadt, dau. same address

Mr Ernest H Duderstadt, father, 214 Rockwood Ct, San Antonio

Mrs Sarah E Duderstadt, mother, same address

Prior service: Yes. Date entry current service: 3 Jan 1951

Aeronautical rating: Pilot

on flying pay status: yes

Prior service # 18-154-852

Missing in action from 25 July 1952 until 28 Feb 1954 when evidence received sufficient to establish death.

By order of Secretary of Air Force H.S. Wilson

Major USAF

Asst Chief, Casualty Branch

BLANCO CO TX RECORD OF DEATHS 3:64. Carl C. Fawcett 5/24/1959

Texas Department of Health

Bureau of Vital Statistics

Certificate of Death

STATE OF TEXAS

STATE FILE NO.

1. Place of Birth

2. Usual Residence

a. County Blanco

a.State: Texas b.County: Blanco

b. City/Town: Johnson City c.City/Town: Johnson City

c. Street: Old Austin Rd d.Street: Old Austin Rd

e. Is place of death inside city limited? No

No

f. Is residence on farm? Yes

3. Name of Deceased:

4. Date of Death:

Carl Cleveland Fawcett

May 24, 1959

5. Sex: Male 6. Color: White 8. Date of Birth 9. Age:

7. Never married

April 11, 1885

74

10a. Usual Occupation: 10b.Business: 11.Birthplace: 12. Citizen:

Pharmacist (retired)

Pharmacy

Texas

U.S.A.

13. Father's Name

14. Mother's Name

Frank Scott Fawcett

Emma Elder

15. Deceased ever in US Armed Forces? No. 17. Informant: Mrs. Delta Grisham (sister)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

18. Cause of Death: Natural Causes.

19. Was autopsy performed? No.

22a. Signature

22b. Address

Alfred Poehler Justice of Peace

Prec. 1, Johnson City, Texas

23a. Burial 23b. Date May 27, 1959

23c. Masonic Cemetery

23d. Johnson City, Texas

24. Crofts Funeral Home

(J.H. Crofts)

25a. Registrar's File No.

25b. Date Rec'd

25c. Registrar

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5/28/59

Alfred Poehler

OBITUARY Johnson City Record Courier, Fri 5/29/1959:1. CC Fawcett

Funeral Rites for C.C. Fawcett Held Wednesday

Mr. Carl Cleveland Fawcett, who resided on his ranch east of Johnson City, passed away in his home on Sunday, May 24. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Fawcett, who lived alone, had been in good health, and it was on Sunday morning, when his nephew, Mr. T.N. Fawcett, went out to call on him that he found him dead in his home.

He was a retired pharamcists and had come to Johnson City several years ago to make his home.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, May 27, in the Crofts Funeral Home. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery. Rev. Earl Kieffer was in charge of the funeral service.

Surviving him are three sisters, Mrs. Delta Grisham, Johnson City, Mrs. Ethel Duderstadt, and Mrs. Pearl Moore, both of San Antonio; two brothers, Leslie B. Fawcett, San Antonio and Ralph B. Fawcett, Ingram, Texas. Also several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Fawcett was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a mason.

JEFF DAVIS CO TX DEATH CERTIFICATE: Herbert D. Bloys, 8/17/1959

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1.Place of Death

3.Usual Residence

a. County Jeff Davis

a. State Texas

b. County Jeff Davis

b. City: On road,Prct 1

c.length of stay all his life

c. city: Fort Davis

d.Name: on public road in his

d.street address: No st address

e.Is place of death inside

e.Is residence inside city

city limits? No

limits? Yes

f.Is residence on a farm? No

3.Name of Deceased:

4. Date of Death

Herbert Daniel Bloys

Aug. 17, 1959

5.Sex male 6.Color white

8. Date of Birth 9.Age:

7.Never married

June 19, 1887 72 yrs

10a. Usual Occupation: rancher

11. Birthplace: Coleman, Texas

10b. Kind of business: retired

14.Mother's Maiden Name:

13. Father's name: W.B. Bloys

Yeck,Catherine

15. Was Deceased every in U.S. Armed Forces? No

16. Social Secruity No. 465-30-4916

17. Informant R.H. Bloys

18. Cause of Death: Myocardial Infraction

Interval between onset and death: 10 min.

19. Was Autopsy Performed? No.

21. I hereby certify that I never attended the deceased, and last saw the decease alive on August 17, 1959. Death occurred at 1:45 PM on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge from the cause stated.

22a. Signature: Don A. Gaddis, M.D. 22b. Address: Fort Davis TX

23a. Burial 23b. Date 8/19/59

23c. Fort Davis Cemetery

23d. Location: Fort Davis, Texas

24. Noland L Kelley, Funeral

25b. Registrar's File No. 7

Director

25c Registrar's Signature Barry Scobee

OBITUARY (Del Rio News, Wednesday, 6/7/1961; Val Verde Co., TX).

Death Takes Mrs. E.K. Fawcett, 76.

Mrs. Frances Eliza Fawcett, 76-year-old widow of E.K. Fawcett, died in a local hospital Tuesday at 6 p.m. after a brief illness.

Last rites will be held in St. James' Episcopal Church Thursday at 5 p.m. with Rev. O.W. Nickle officiating. Burial will be made in Westlawn Cemetery under direction of the Doran Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fawcett was born August 25, 1884, on the Nueces River in Uvalde County. She was a daughter of David S. and Mehitable Baker, who moved to Val Verde County and settled on Devil's River at a site known from then on as Baker's Crossing.

She was married to E.K. Fawcett November 26, 1902 at the Baker Ranch at the crossing and made her home thereafter in the Loma Alta country. A family home was built in Del Rio in 1919 but the Fawcetts spent much of their time on the ranch.

A benign matriarch of the ranching country, Mrs. Fawcett and her sons, Elmer, Walter, Horace, and Lee, with grandsons John Keyes, Finegan, and Will F. Whitehead, were in the Fawcett Group that received a \$500 award as the outstanding conservation group in the state a few years ago.

She was frequently called the "Mother of Scouting," since she worked ardently with her husband for the Boy Scouts. The camp north of Barksdale utilized by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is named Camp Fawcett.

Following his death in 1941, she maintained her interest in the movement, working with her son, Elmer.

She was a very active worker in St. James' Episcopal Church and in various ranching projects and organizations for ranching families.

This interest stemmed from her rearing and from her marriage. Her husband drove the first herd of sheep to be stocked here into Val Verde County from Yorktown in July, 1883. He settled on Dolan Creek and built his first ranch house of sycamore trees growing in the area after living in a cave until it was completed.

He was very active in the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, having served as its president, and was also active in the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Fawcett shared these interests and was an honorary member of the Val Verde 4-H Club's committee for the annual lamb show and sale.

Her town home was at 416 Spring Street.

Survivors include four sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and two brothers. The sons are Horace K., Walter, Elmer and Lee Fawcett; the daughters are Mrs. O.D. Finegan and Mrs F.C. Whitehead. Her brothers are Walter H. and Will T. Baker, both of Comstock.

OBITUARY (Sheep & Goat Raisers 7/1961:34): Frances Baker.

MRS. E.K. FAWCETT

Mrs. E.K. Fawcett, 76, prominent pioneer ranch woman of Del Rio and the widow of the well known Val Verde ranchman died June 6 in Val Verde Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

The former Frances Eliza Baker was born on a Nueces River ranch. As a child she moved with her parents, the D.S. Bakers, to Bakers Crossing on Devil's River in Val Verde County. She married E.K. Fawcett, a Mississippi native, in 1902 at her family's ranch home. Mr Fawcett was one of the first to bring sheep into Del Rio back in 1883. The couple settled near Loma Alta on Dolan Creek and their family still has ranching interests there. Mrs. Fawcett was very interest in soil conservation work, and she, her family, and neighbors received the state Soil Conservation Service Award for outstanding service. Mrs. Fawcett was active in helping young people with their 4-H Club projects in Val Verde County, and she also was active in St. James Episcopal Church.

Mr. Fawcett was a past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and a former president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The Fawcetts were both active in work with the Boys Scouts, helping to establish Camp Fawcett for the Concho Valley Council near Barksdale. The couple donated the land for the camp. After her husbands death, Mrs. Fawcett continued her work with the Boy Scouts.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. F. Whitehead, and Mrs. O.D. Finegan, both Del Rio; four sons, Walter Fawcett, Elmer Fawcett, and Horace Fawcett, all of Del Rio; and Lee Fawcett of Sonora; two brothers, Walter H. Baker and Will T. Baker, both of Comstock; 13 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

OBITUARY (Denison Herald 2/28/1964 Fri:8) Mrs. Clara Fawcett

Mrs. Clara Fawcett Dies, Funeral Today

Mrs. Clara Fawcett, 76, died at a local hospital Thursday at 4:30 p.m. after a three year illness. She had been in the hospital 42 days.

Funeral services were scheduled at Johnson-Moore Chapel today at 4:30 p.m. with Rev. Ralph Steele officiating. The body was to be sent to Shreveport, La., for burial in Forest Park Cemetery, Saturday at 2 p.m.

Formerly Clara Hardenburg, she was born in Denison August 9, 1887, and received her schooling here and in the Preston Bend community. She and Y.P. Fawcett were married at Preston October 9, 1905. Her husband died in 1937.

Mrs. Fawcett spent several years in Texarkana and Shreveport before returning to Denison six years ago. She was a member of the Hull Street Christian Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Farley, Denison, and Mrs. Fred Hodges, Stephenville, a brother, Earl Hardenburg, Pottsboro, and one grandson.

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS 3/13/1964:12F. Mansel P. Elder Obituary.

Rev. Elder Service Set

Funeral services will be held Saturday for the Rev. M.P. Elder, one of the oldest active clergymen in the Southwest and one of the earliest graduates of Trinity University, who died Wednesday in Merkel, Texas.

Services for the 92-year-old father of San Antonionian, Lawrence N. Elder, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Cheapside, Texas with burial in the Cheapside Cemetery. Other survivors include his daughters, Mrs. Maurine Bowers and Mrs. Frances Haag, and another son, Robert Earl Cherry.

Rev. Elder, whose 65 years as clergyman includes as pastorship in Yoakum, was graduated from Trinity University in 1898 when it was located in Tehuacana, Texas.

BLANCO CO TX DEATH RECORDS 3:328 DELTA E FAWCETT GRISHAM 7/7/1967

RECORD OF DEATHS

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF TEXAS		STATE FILE NO.
1. Place of Death	2. Usual Residence	
a. County: Blanco	a. State: Texas b. County Blanco	
b. City: Johnson City, Prect 2	b. City: Johnson City	
c. Johnson City Hospital	c. Length of Stay 35 yrs	
3. Name of Deceased:	4. Date of Death: July 7, 1967	
Delta Eunice Grisham	8. Date of Birth: Nov 28, 1886	
5. Sex: Female 6. Color: White 7. Status: Widowed	9. Age 80 yrs	
10a Occupation: House Wife	11. Birthplace: Cheapside, Texas USA	
13. Father's Name	14. Mother's Maiden Name	
Frank S. Fawcett	Emma Elder	
15. Was deceased ever in US Armed Forces? No		
16. Social Security Number: ---		
17. Informant: Mrs. Truett Moore (Sister)		
18. Cause of Death:	Interval Between Onset & Death	
Immediate Cause (a) Myocardial Infraction	3 hrs.	
Due to (b) Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease		
19. Was Autopsy Performed? No.		
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from October 1958 to July 7, 1967 and last saw the deceased alive on July 7, 1967. Death occurred at 5:00 PM on the day stated above, and to the best of my knowledge from the cause stated.		
22a. Signature: J.B. Gastring MD Johnson City Texas 7/8/67		
23a. Burial Date: July 9, 1967 23c. Bellvue Cemetery		
23d. Location: Cheapside, Texas		
24. Funeral Director: J.H. Crofts, Crofts Funeral Home, Johnson City, Texas		
25a. Registrar's File No. 55 25b. Date 7/17/67 Alfred Poehler		

OBITUARY Johnson City Record Courier, Fri 7/14/1967: Delta Fawcett

Mrs Grisham
Rites Are Held
Here on Sunday

Mrs. Delta Eunice Fawcett Grisham, 80, a long time resident of Johnson City, died in the Johnson City Hospital, Friday, July 7, 1967.

Funderal services were held at the Crofts Funeral Home, Sunday, July 9, at 2 p.m. and graveside services were at the Bellevue Cemetery at Cheapside at 5 pm. The Rev. Carl Taylor officiated.

She is survived by a step daughter, Mrs. Geneva Pennington, San Antonio; a brother, Ralph Fawcett, Kerrville; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Duderstadt and Mrs. Pearl Moore, San Antonio, and a host of nices and nephews, including Truman Fawcett and Mrs. J.C. Stewart of Johnson City, who attended the graveside service.

OBITUARY (Denison Herald 1/28 & 29/1968): Ray A. Fawcett

Ray A. Fawcett, 74, of Pottsboro died Friday at 2:45 p.m. at a local hospital following an illness of several years. Fawcett has been in serious condition for about two months.

He was born November 16, 1893 in the Preston Bend Community and attended school there. He married Miss Ruby Johnson in Sherman, Dec. 24, 1927. Fawcett was a carpenter prior to retiring about 10 years ago.

He was a member of the Pottsboro Baptist Church and a veteran of World War I. Fawcett was the seventh son of nine boys of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. (Uncle Rip) Fawcett, pioneer residents of Preston Bend.

Funeral will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.M. at Johnson-Moore chapel with Rev. Chester Moss, pastor of Pottsboro Baptist Church and Rev. Chester Crow, pastor of the First Christian Church of Garland, officiating. Burial will be at Georgetown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Billy Frank Clement, Lee Hudgins, Dan Looney, Ray Fontaine, Ben Stratton, and James R. Howard.

Survivors are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Tommy Badgett, Pottsboro, Mrs. Gerlad Cooper, Garland, and Mrs. John Martin, Colorado Springs, Colo., a brother, Will of Denison; and 12 grandchildren.

OBITUARY (Del Rio News-Herald, Thurs. 8/1/1968. Val Verde Co, TX

Final Rites Conducted For Mrs. Fawcett

Serves for Mrs. Hope Daniels Fawcett were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Doran Chapel with the Rev. Milton Brown Jr. rector of St. James Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial was made in Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of Doran Funeral Home.

Mr.s Fawcett, who was reared in Del Rio, died early Sunday morning in Port Aransas.

Survivors include her son, Roger Ray Fawcett of Eldorado, Tex.; two grandsons; her sisters, Miss Bebe Daniels and Mrs. Tommy Turner of San Antonio, Mrs. Grace Lee Schubert of Del Rio, Mrs. Ardethe Nielsen of Texarkana, Ark., Mrs. G.W. Vandafriff of Miami, Fla. and Mrs. R.L. McClung of Corpus Christi; a brother, B.R. Daniels of del Rio.

Pallbearers were John Rowland Jr, Fred Harlow, Virgil Cauthorn, O.J. White, Elmer Fawcett and Dennys Hays.

KERRVILLE MTN. SUN 12/18/1968: Cornelia Peterson Fawcett Obituary

Burial Thursday For Mrs. Willis A. Fawcett, 89

The last rites for Mrs. Willis A. Fawcett, 89, were held Thursday afternoon from the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Richard Ryan officiating. Interment was in the family plot in Glen Rest Cemetery under the direction of Plummer-Fair Funeral Home. Her death occurred early Wednesday morning in the Peterson Hospital.

A native of Gonzales County, she came to Kerrville, as an infant with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. William C. Peterson, and grew up on the Peterson Farm, south of town. She attended school in Kerrville and often she and her brothers recalled coming to school on horseback, and the races which they enjoyed. On November 14, 1900 as Cornelia An Peterson, she was married to the late Willis A. Fawcett. He was one of the foremost builders of the city of Kerrville and served as the mayor among the other civic duties. The couple joined the Presbyterian Church in the early part of the century.

She was a most unusual woman, had a keen sense of humor and was well informed on the events of the world. She retained her alert mentality until a few days before her passing. She was a devoted wife and mother and her family and home

were the center of her interests.

Among the survivors are five children, Mrs. Dorothy Womack, Mrs. Charles H. Johnston, Mrs. Martin Stehling, Scott Fawcett, and W.A. Fawcett, Jr., all of Kerrville, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Two children, W.C. Fawcett and Mrs. Lois Fawcett Moore, preceded their mother in death.

Pallbearers were her grandsons.

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends who were here for the rites were: Mr. and Mrs. Truett Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Duderstadt, Mrs. Leslie Fawcett, Phil [Bill] Fawcett, H.J. Mac Guchan, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Dalb VanBuren, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown, Mrs. W.T. O'Daniel and Mrs. Byron Wyatt, all of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Rhoden, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson, Mrs. C.L. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, all of Houston; Mr and Mrs Glenn Vargal and daughter, Stephanie, Rocksprings; Fordtram Johnston, Junction; Mr and Mrs. J.C. Stewart and daughter, Beverly and Mr and Mrs Truman Fawcett, Johnson City; Mr and Mrs Bill Womack, Galveston; Jim Simmonds, Del Rio and Mrs. Sarah Meredith and son of Irving.

EDITORIAL (Del Rio Newspaper 11/1969). Val Verde Co, TX

A Dedicated Leader

Few men are possessed of foresight and the tenacity that must go with it to make it effective.

Val Verde County was fortunate in having one of these rare individuals in Horace Keyes Fawcett.

His foresight was his interest in conservation. He persevered throughout his life in promoting it, becoming recognized as one of the state's leading conservationists.

Born and bred on his family's ranch on Devil's River, he showed an early interest in the need for conservation--a need the urgency of which is just now becoming popularly recognized.

Fawcett became interested in protecting land and water early and worked to that end throughout his life.

Honors heaped upon him were many. He accepted them with appreciation and with humility, since he did not seek them but the fulfillment of projects for which he was honored.

Friends admired him for singular dedication to ranching and progress, for his honest pride in his calling and for his delightful sense of humor. A splendid monument to his memory is the progress he made possible in ranching, the better uses of ranges and products, the conservation of water and the improvement of services to mankind. In addition, he leaves outstanding sons and a daughter whose involvement in community living and whose characters, shaped by him and his wife, are living monuments to his worth.

OBITUARY (Del Rio TX Newspaper 11/1969). Val Verde Co, TX

ON HUNTING TRIP

H.K. Fawcett Dies in Sleep

Horace Keyes Fawcett, 65-year-old ranchman and conservationist, died in his sleep Friday night or early Saturday morning while on a hunting trip near Marathon.

Fawcett came from his ranch to Del Rio Wednesday and Thursday morning he left with Sam McBee in his jeep, pulling a trailer, ready for the hunting camp. His son, David Fawcett, came from Dallas to join him Thursday and a nephew, Will F. Whitehead, was also with him.

Fawcett had been in failing health for some time but had continued his activities.

Funeral arrangements at the Doran Funeral Home had not been made Saturday night [ending word from a son, Major H.K. Fawcett, Jr. on his second tour of duty in Vietnam.

The son of a pioneer ranching family, Mr. and Mrs. E.K. Fawcett, he was born Oct. 8, 1904, at the family ranch at Dolan Falls on Devil's River, west of Loma Alta. He attended school on the ranch, taught by tutors, until he was a senior student in high school.

He registered at Del Rio High School in 1919 and graduated in 1920. Fawcett attended A&M University and graduated in 1924. At that time he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

He was an honor graduate and a distinguished student at A&M, was a member of

the international stock judging team in 1923 and was a member of Alpha Zeta, honorary organization/

Fawcett had a life-long interest in conservation of soil and water and he worked constantly for improvements in ranching techniques.

He was the first charter member of the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Service and served as chairman of the board. He was an Outstanding Conservation Cooperator in 1962 and 1963 and won honors as regional conservationist in 1961.

He was a member of the Fawcett Group that won statewide conservation honors in 1958 and in 1963 he was listed on the honor roll of Illustrious Texans for Soil Conservation.

He served as a member of the National Livestock Tax Committee for 22 years and was a past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association.

Fawcett for years experimented with grasses imported from other countries with soil and weather conditions similar to that of local ranches to improve pastures. He was also active in gujilla research and in the promotion of the uses of wool and mohair.

In addition to his keen interest in ranching, he was also active in other fields. He was a member of the board of the Rio Grande Electric Cooperative and was chairman of the board of Val Verde Memorial Hospital.

He married Miss Eika Mae York, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D.A. York, in Del Rio, Jan. 21, 1931, and they resided on the ranch and in Del Rio.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs Eika Mae Fawcett; his sons Maj. H.K. Fawcett, Jr, in Vietnam, David Fawcett of Dallas and Curtis Fawcett of Sherwood Shores near Marble Falls; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Paret, city councilwoman of Del Rio; grandchildren, Dean, Robert and Renee Paret of Del Rio, Richard Keyes Fawcett and Scott York Fawcett of Dallas; brothers Elmer Fawcett and Walter Fawcett of Del Rio and Lee Fawcett of Sonora; sisters, Mrs. O.D. Finegan and Mrs. F.C. Whitehead of Del Rio; an uncle Walter Baker of Comstock.

OBITUARY (Denison Herald 3/3/1972): Mrs. Ray A. Fawcett

Funeral for Mrs. Ray A. Fawcett, 68, of Pottsboro, who was dead-on-arrival at a local hospital Thursday evening, will be held Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Johnson-Moore Chapel. Rev. Chester Moss and Rev. C.P. Floyd of Pottsboro, and Rev. Preston Bryan of Rowlett will officiate. Burial will be at the Georgetown Cemetery.

Mrs. Fawcett was born Ruby Johnson in Cedar Mills, July 14, 1803 and attended school there and at Gordonville. She attended Bulison College at Greenville and taught school at Preston, Oak Grove, and Willow Springs. She was a substitute teacher at Pottsboro. She was active in the WMU of the Pottsboro Baptist Church for 35 years and superintendent of the primary department at the church. She married Ray A. Fawcett, December 24, 1927, in Sherman. He died Jan. 28, 1968.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Tommy Badgett of Pottsboro, Mrs. Gerlad Cooper, Garland, Mrs. John Martin, Omaha, Neb; four sisters, Mrs. Fred Sledge and Mrs. John Pitts, Whitesboro, Mrs. Frank Davidson, Gordonville, and Mrs. Gus Britt, Lamesa; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family will be at the funeral home tonight from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock.

Pallbearers will be Bill Clement, Bill Gibson, Jimmy Ray Fawcett, J.N. Raylor, Richard Howard, and Floyd Bates.

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OBITUARY (Del Rio TX 10/11/76; Val Verde Co TX).

David Fawcett Dies in Dallas

David York Fawcett, 41-year-old native of Del Rio, died early this morning in a Dallas hospital, where he had been under treatment.

Fawcett, a self-employed real estate appraiser, resided at 3016 Robin Road in Plano, Tex.

Rites will be held in Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Plano Tuesday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Pullin officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Harrington, Beatcher, Dickey Funeral Home of Plano.

Graveside rites will be held in Del Rio Wednesday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Milton Brown Jr., rector of St. James' Episcopal Church in Del Rio officiating. Burial will be made in Westlawn Cemetery with the Doran Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

Fawcett was reared in Del Rio. He was a lieutenant in the United States Air Force prior to establishing his own business. He had resided in Plano for four years.

He was vice-president of the Dallas Chapter of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers and a candidate member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

Fawcett was on the planning and zoning committee of the City of Plano.

He was the son of Mrs. H.K. Fawcett Sr. of Del Rio and the late H.K. Fawcett; his grandparents, all early residents of Del Rio, were Mr. and Mrs. E.K. Fawcett and Dr. and Mrs. D.A. York.

He was a graduate of Texas A&M University and held a master's degree from Southern Methodist University.

His mother, his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fawcett, and an aunt, Mrs. F.C. Whitehead, were in Dallas with him at the time of his death. His sister, Mrs. Frances Paret, a member of the City Council of Del Rio, went to Dallas to be with the family and attend the rites in Plano.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Andra Fawcett, his sons, Richard Keyes Fawcett and Scott York Fawcett, all of Plano; his mother, Mrs. H.K. Fawcett Sr. of Del Rio; his brothers, Lt. Col. (ret) H.K. Fawcett Jr., of Del Rio and Curtis J. Fawcett of Marbel Falls; his sister, Mrs. Frances Paret of Del Rio and a number of uncles and aunts.

OBITUARY (Denison Herald 3/31/1978): Will Fawcett

DENISON--Will Fawcett, a lifelong resident of Grayson County, died Thursday just four days short of his 96th birthday. Funeral will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Bratcher Chapel. Burial will be in Preston Bend Cemetery.

Fawcett, who made his home in Heritage Manor recently, was born in Sherman, April 3, 1882. He married Sally Blake Nov. 28, 1906 in Preston Bend Community. She died in 1966. A monument worker, Fawcett was a member of Waples United Methodist Church and formerly lived at 417 North Scullin.

Survivors include five grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

The family will be at 1000 Windy Meadow Drive in Plano.

ARTICLE (Del Rio News-Herald, Tues. 7/24/1983).

Fawcett family marks centennial

Generations of the Fawcett family gathered to celebrate the centennial of the family on Dolan Creek Saturday afternoon with a barbecue under the large oak trees.

Defendants of Erasmus Keyes Fawcett and Frances Eliza Baker Fawcett attended with ranching families and other friends, numbering approximately 300.

H.W. Monzingo was master of ceremony for the brief and informal program with the invocation offered by a great-grandson of the E.K. Fawcetts, Dean Paret of Dallas. A grandson, George Bales Whitehead, read a letter written by his grandfather concerning his journey to the area in 1883. The letter related how he came with Eugene Buck, John Gray, and George Ames from Gonzales County with a flock of Ames' sheep, moving through native grasses knee high in some areas.

On July 24, 1883, the group stopped on Devil's River and they lived in a cave while they built a log cabin between Devil's River and Dolan Creek. The cave was called Centipede Cave.

On Nov. 26, 1902 Frances Eliza Baker and E.K. Fawcett were married and became the parents of six children, Brancie, Elizabeth, Horace Keyes, Elmer James, Walter Robert, Emma Frances and Lee Baker Fawcett; Horace and Lee Fawcett are deceased. Brancie Elizabeth Fawcett is married to O.D. Finegan; Eika Mae (Dedo) York was married to Horace Keyes Fawcett; Elmer James is married to Carlos Du Bose; Walter Robert is married to Jo Beth Palm; Emma Frances Fawcett was married to Forrest Carl (Cotton) Whitehead and Lee Baker was married to Bobbie Mae Halbert.

Cornelia Davis read an original poem [below] she had written for the occasion as a feature of the program.

E.K. Fawcett was a civic leader as well as a pioneer ranchman. He served as president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce as well as the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. He maintained a keen interest in Boy Scouts and served as president of Southwest Texas Council of Boy Scouts. Camp Fawcett, near Barksdale, Texas, is named for him.

Mrs. Fawcett was also interested in scouting and worked on a number of projects to benefit the camp, used by Girl Scouts as well as Boy Scouts for several years.

She was the daughter of David Sheppard and Elizabeth Catherine Long Baker; she was born near a post office called Bullhead Aug. 25, 1883. Her family moved to Baker's Crossing on Devil's River when she was approximately a year old. The Bakers, with the sixth generation now residing here, marked their centennial in June.

The family tree and history of the family were compiled as part of the celebration and buttons bearing the wedding picture of the couple were distributed at the barbecue.

Grandchildren and great grandchildren were active in arranging and conducting the celebration.

FAWCETT CENTENNIAL REUNION (7/24/1983), Dolan Falls TX

TO THE E.K. FAWCETT CLAN

We are here today to pay tribute to one hundred years of family living,
Some marrying, birthing, dying, taking and giving.
To pay tribute to E.K. Fawcett and Frankie Baker Fawcett who started the clan,
And to reminisce and examine and see what was their plan.

We know that E.K. Fawcett left that cave long enough to build a log cabin - and an empire!

That all began in 1883 and in 1902 he married Frankie (in wedding picture attire).

There was lots of work and loving; the family began to grow,
Brancie and Horace then Elmer, Walter, Emma and Lee - all in a row.

E.K. built his first pens of flat rocks stacked just so,
Pole pens he tried; then cedar posts and wire in a row,
His first water well was the third in the county and dug with hand tools (A pick and shovel used first) then a well-drilling machine powered my mules.

There were finally thirty wells in all to water the ranch,
Horace could have told you, for sure, (not by chance)
For his job for years was to keep them 'apumpen,
Then Walter inherited the job which kept him 'ahumpen'.

This ranch Mr. Fawcett put together we are calling an empire
There were 64,000 acres, friends, that's one hundred sections that required
The work and sweat and the laughter and the tears
Of all of this family through these many years.

There was drouth and flood - screw worms and bitter weed,
But somehow he held on; his family to feed!
Mostly sheep and goats (he said he went broke in the cattle business twice)
In the twenty's the oil lease at twenty-five cents was so nice!

And what was Frankie, Mrs. Fawcett, (Grandma Fawcett, to most of you)
Doing all of these years; birthing and raising this family 'tis true,
She cooked, on a wood stove, gardened, cleaned and sewed,
She churned and quilted and patched and darned holes in the toes

Of many pairs of socks for many feet of her clan,
She raised dogies on bottles; the kids and the lambs,
Her work never over from early till late,
But the neighbor or ranch hand or stranger at her gate

Would always pull up to her table for a feast; she would share,
Because this was a lady who really did care
For her family, for neighbors, for friends (not a few)
And all of this time she was weaving character into her crew.

As the girls and boys grew up they didn't move away,
They married, raised families and wanted to stay
On this ranch that spread over many miles
With their expanded families; let's examine the files.

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Horace and Dedo did add to this Fawcett tree

H.K., Frances, Davis and Curtis, you see,
And Brancie and Dan contributed John Keys and Elizabeth too,
Walter and Tot welcomes Robert and Sarah and Jo Beth took these two
And added Bill and you can see this Fawcett family is quite a crew.

Emma married Cotton and they brought forth two boys
Will F. and Georgie joined in the noise
Of a growing family - and there was more yet
For Lee and Bobbie added Roger and Randee you can bet.

And Elmer brought Carlos into the fold
She is the favorite Auntie of many I'm told.

With any family this large; the parents with six children to begin,
Then with couples and grandkids and kids of those kin,
You can bet there's been fighting and tears not a few,
There were hurt feelings and anger and yet--let's give them their due;

There is one hundred years, a century, of continuity here;
"When the roll is called up younger" there may be a tear
For E.K., for Cotton, Frankie, Horace and David, you see,
And for Lee and Braden and others of this family tree.

But may this hardy clan continue for another hundred years and more,
Just two weeks ago Bill brought Diana into this family door,
John Mathew Birheimer became the latest birth to be welcomed in,
The Fawcetts continue to grow and welcome new kin.

St. James saw many Fawcett's weddings and christening and funerals and prayer.
And the bell that tolled was one the family gave with care
In memory of loved ones gone on before,
The church could tell much Fawcett-family-lore.

E.K. was president of both West Texas and South Texas Chamber of Commerce, you see.
He served as president of Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers, did he,
And served as president of Southwest Council of Boy Scouts
This pioneer rancher had nary a doubt---

That he was meant to serve and to lead.
Head of his brood and did many good deed
For his neighbors, his town, this whole area wide
You Fawcetts can look at his record with pride!

So there's to you Fawcetts - one and all,
Be proud of your heritage and stand very tall
For you come from sturdy stock and true -
Thanks for asking us to celebrate today with you!

OBITUARY (Del Rio Texas Guide 4/4/1985).

Final rites conducted here for Walter Robert Fawcett

Walter Robert Fawcett, 76, a member of one of the county's most prominent families, was buried Monday at Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of Humphreys-Doran Funeral Home. The Rev. Edward Bush officiated at the service in St. James Episcopal Church. Fawcett died March 20 in the family home, 101 Sultenfuss, after a lingering illness.

Fawcett's nephews served as pallbearers. They are John Keys Finegan, Warren Johnson, Will F. Whitehead, George Whitehead, Curtis Fawcett and H.K. Fawcett, Jr.

A member of pioneer Val Verde County ranching family, Fawcett was born on the family ranch in Loma Alta on March 29, 1909 to E.K. and Frankie Baker Fawcett. His father, a native of Cheap Side, Texas, is credited with bringing the first sheep to Val Verde County. His mother was a native of historic Baker's Crossing.

While living on the Loma Alta ranch, the children were instructed by tutors, two of whom, Mellie Dissler and Mary Roth, still live in Del Rio. Once a year the family traveled the two-day trip to town. They would camp overnight at the

double tanks, 26 miles outside of Del Rio, then stay at the Power's Sisters Boarding House. They ate at the old Franks Hotel, which later became the Schubert Hotel.

In 1912, E.K., Walter's father bought a Buick, the 20th car in Val Verde County, and would leave for Del Rio very early in the morning to allow time to fix flat tires on the way.

The family moved into Del Rio in 1919 so the children could attend school. Walter graduated from Del Rio High School in 1926, and attended Texas A&M University for two years before returning to the ranch. In 1983, the family celebrated their centennial of continuous occupation of the Val Verde County ranch.

Walter Fawcett was active in the Val Verde County 4-H program where he helped promote programs for the local sheep shows. In 1954, he was awarded the 4-H Club's Outstanding Citizen Award.

Actively interested in conservation, Fawcett served three terms on the board of directors of the Devil's River Soil and Water Conservation District. In 1963, he received the Fort Worth Press Conservationist Rancher of the Year Award. His last term on the board ended in 1980.

He also served as a Val Verde County Commissioner from 1943 to 1947.

A member of St. James Episcopal Church, Fawcett had served on the Vestry.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Beth Palm Fawcett, two sons, Walter Robert Jr of Long Grove, Ill, and William Frank Fawcett of San Antonio, a daughter, Sara Winters of Del Rio; sisters, Brancie Finegan and Emma Whitehead of Del Rio; brother, Elmer Fawcett of Del Rio; six grand children, two great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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San Antonio Light 5/19/1987:E1. Pearl Fawcett Moore Obituary.

Pearl Fawcett Moore of San Antonio, Texas died Sunday, May 17, 1987. She was a member and first woman Elder of Grace Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Moore retired from S.A.I.S.D. after being a teacher for over 30 years. Survivors: Husband, Truett C. Moore, son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Carrol (Dana) Moore, Amarillo, Tx., son, Bob Moore, San Antonio, brother, Ralph Fawcett, Kerrville, Their 7 grandchildren. Service Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Grace Presbyterian Church, Dr. David P. Meriwether officiating. Those who desire may send memorial contributions to Grace Presbyterian Church. Interment in Mission Burial Park North. Arrangements with Porter Loring, 1101 McCullough.

San Antonio Express (Tu 6/7/1988). Truett C. Moore Obituary.

Moore headed furniture firm

Truett C. Moore, 81, was a college professor for 18 years and was present and co-owner of Fawcett Furniture Co. for more than 36 years.

For 40 years he was both deacon of Manor Baptist Church and Sunday School teacher of the Builders Class.

He died Saturday of cancer diagnosed two months ago. Six weeks ago he had surgery, and two weeks later traveled to see his sister in Arkansas, knowing he had very little time left.

Moore was born in Atascosa County and graduated from Atascosa High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in business from Southwest Texas State University and a master's in accounting from the University of Texas at Austin.

For 18 years he taught business courses at Schreiner Institute (now Schreiner College) in Kerrville. He married Pearl Fawcett in 1939 in Kerrville. They moved to San Antonio in 1947, and he became co-owner of Fawcett Furniture Co.

The store was a family-owned business, and he and his brother-in-law were partners. Moore retired in 1983, retaining his ownership share. His son is carrying out the family tradition in the store.

"My father was extremely active in church work all his life," said his daughter, Barbara McGee of Houston. "He loved people, and he loved helping people. Even at 80, he mowed the lawns of all the widows in his neighborhood.

"Each week he made his rounds, visiting people in nursing homes and hospitals. At his death he was still in three leagues and bowled weekly in the Fellowship, Golden 55 and Oak Hills Senior Bowling leagues."

Moore was an avid hunter and fisherman and was a lifetime member of Sunrise Optimist Club. His wife died on May 17, 1987.

Survivors are his daughter, two sons, Carroll T. Moore of Amraillo and Robert S. Moore of San Antonio; a sister, Carrie R. Normand of Daisy, Ark., and seven

grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 pm Tuesday in Manor Baptist Church with the Rev. Nathan Stone officiating. Burial in Mission Burial Park North will be arranged by Porter Loring Mortuary.

OBITUARY (Del Rio Newspaper 6/26 or 28/1988).

Elmer James Fawcett, 81

Elmer James Fawcett, 81, died Tuesday night in his home, 913 E. Seventh St.

A retired ranchman, Fawcett was born Nov. 22, 1906, on a ranch near Juno in Val Verde County.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. James' Episcopal Church with the Rev. William Koons officiating. Burial will be made in Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Humphreys-Doran Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Carlos Fawcett; two sisters, Brancie Finegan, and Emma Whitehead, all of Del Rio, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be J.K. Finegan, Jim Finegan, J.K. Fawcett, Curtis Fawcett, Robert Fawcett, Bill Fawcett, Will F. Whitehead, and George B. Whitehead.

R.B.Fawcett Notes About Birthdates of His Siblings. ca. 1990.

Children of Francis Scott Fawcett

Willis Augustus	Feb 16, 1879
Oscar Young	Mar 1, 1880
Carl Cleveland	Apr 11, 1885
Delta Eunice	Nov 28, 1886
Claud Philip	May 12, 1888
Leslie Clarence	Jan 15, 1890
Ralph Branson	May 4, 1893
Sarah Elizabeth	Feb 12, 1895
Blanton Elder	Feb 15, 1897
Ethel Thelma	Nov 25, 1898
Pearl Elnora	Sept 29, 1902

OBITUARY (Del Rio Newspaper 10/15/1989). Died Oct 13, 1989.

Brancie Elizabeth Finegan, 86.

Brancie Elizabeth Finegan died Friday at the Del Rio Nursing Home. She was 86. She was born Sept. 12, 1903, in Val Verde County. She resided at 416 Spring St. She married Dan Finegan Sept 4, 1926; they celebrated their 50th anniversary Sept. 4, 1976. She served in various clubs and organizations over the years and was very active in all phases of church work at St. James Episcopal Church, having served as president of the Guild and being in charge of the "Book of Remembrance." She was a member of the new Century Club. Mignonette Garden Club, and the "Make It Yourself With Wool" of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. She was also president of the Parent Teachers State Organization and Board of Director of the Del Rio Cemetery Association. She is survived by her husband: Dan Finegan; son: John Keyes Finegan; daughter: Elizabeth Ducharme; sister: Emma Whitehead, all of Del Rio; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Her funeral is at 2:30 p.m. today (Sunday) in St. James Episcopal Church, the Revs. Gary Lillibridge and Lee Block, officiating. Burial will follow at Westlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Will F. Whitehead, George Whitehead, H.K. Fawcett, Curtis Fawcett, Bill Fawcett, Robert Fawcett, J.B. Rogers, and Bruce Rogers. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Humphreys-Doran Funeral Home Inc.

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE (1991:A1,A5): FAWCETT/BROWN HOUSE, VIRGINIA

Family's history lives in Prince Street home

One address, seven generations

By Laurie Kellman (Journal staff writer).

David Chesseman remembers finding his great-great-grandfather's hunting jacket in the attic of his Prince Street home. In one worn pocket he found a chestnut. "That chestnut had to be over 100 years old," Chesseman said, "I couldn't believe it." Pottery, pictures, even 170-year-old instructions on how to clean a family portrait--the samm white house at 517 Prince St. was one big history lesson when Chesseman moved in 10 years ago. What he found were bits of his heritage. The modest structure has been home to his family for seven generations--since 1816--and each generation seemed to leave a little history

behind. "No one every threw anything out," said Cheeseman, 37, an agent with Long and Foster Realtors. "There was just so much junk, I couldn't believe it." Built at least by 1775, the home is probably Alexandria's second-oldest existing house, according to records on file at the Office of Historic Alexandria. "Cheeseman said there's extensive evidence that the structure was built as early as 1740, but records validating tha date were destroyed when the Fairfax County Courthouse was burned during the Civil War. Cheeseman's great-great-great grandfather, shipper John Douglass Brown, moved there in 1816. Just a few blocks from the West Street city line, the home made for an easy commute to the waterfront. The ciy was then a bustling port whose 34 taverns filled up every night with shippers and sailors, according to city records. Edmund J. Lee, the Confederate general's uncle, was mayor of Alexandria (population 8,500), and the price of building a house on a paved street was \$70 a foot. The 1½-story Colonial house saw many changes before Cheeseman, as a child, climbed his favorite mimosa tree out back. Electricity was added aound the turn of the century, bahrooms replaced outdoor privies in the 1920s, and 10 years later, radiators were installed for heaing, Cheeseman said. David Chesseman remembers dining at the house on Saturday nights with his five brothers and sisters. At the time, the house belonged to Cheeseman's great-aunt and uncle, James Brown Fawcett and Lewis Cheeseman [should be: Lewis Hooff Fawcett & Ellen Douglass Fawcett]. "They were really like my grandmother and grandfather," Cheeseman said. When Cheeseman and his wife Janice moved in--165 years after John Douglass Brown--they became the sixth generation to live there. Soon, the couple gave birth to the seventh generation, Anna and James. Now the Cheesemans carry on the family tradition, hosting dinners on Christmas Eve. David Cheeseman's father, Richard owns the property, which is assessed at \$725,000, city records show. It is David and Janice's job to maintain it. "It's grea to be able to live here, but there's always so much work to do," he said. "It's incredibly dusty. There are holes you find where dust just falls out." This old house looks its age. The doors don't quite fit the frames, the ceilings are crooked, and the inch-thick pine floorboards creak. But Cheeseman has repainted and wallpapered the place, and it looks like it's in good repair. In a way, it also looks like a museum. Original chairs, mirrors and a bookcase adorn the front parlor and dining room, and centuries-old gas lights jut from the parlor mantle. Three portraits of ancestors, including the first-generation owner, hand on the walls. Cheeseman even has a spooky-looking photo, taken a the turn of the century, that shows a gray-bearded man sitting in front of a fireplace in a dimly-lit parlor. The house may be a historian's dream, bu the Cheesemans have no plans of opening it to strangers. "I don't wan anyone digging around in my yard," Cheeseman said.

OBITUARY (Del Rio Newspaper, 4/28?/1992.

Whitehead

Emma F. Whitehead, lifetime rancher in Val Verde County, died April 27, 1992 in San Antonio at the age of 80.

Mrs. Whitehead was born Sept. 6, 1911 in Juno at the E.K. Fawcett Ranch. She was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church; honorary member of the Cactus Thorn Garden Club; and a Clipper Club member.

Preceded in death by her husband, Forrest C. "Cotton" Whitehead, Mrs. Whitehead is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law: Will F. and Cindy Whitehead at Del Rio; George B. and Edwina Whitehead of San Antonio; five grandchildren: Heather and her husband, Steve Coder, of Fort Worth; Forrest L. Whitehead and Kelly C. Whitehead of San Antonio; Bo Whitehead of Boulder, Colo.; and Cody Whitehead of Del Rio; one great-granddaughter: Wimberly Coder of Fort Worth; four sisters-in-law: Dedo Fawcett, Carlos Fawcett, Jo Beth Fawcett, all of Del Rio, and Bobbie Fawcett of Sonora; and a brother-in-law: Dan Finegan of Del Rio. Visitation for family friends will be today between the hours of 309 p.m. at Humphreys Funeral Chapel. Funeral services are scheduled Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, with Rev. Gary Lillibridge officiating. Interment will follow at Westlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Bill Fawcett, H.K. Fawcett, Robert Fawcett, Donnie Mills, Tuffy Whitehead, and David Winters. Honorary pallbearers will be Virgil Cauthorn, Clyde Earwood, Bobby Qualia, Fred Harlow, Bob Cauthorn, Martin Wardlaw, Walt Wardlaw, Henry Mills III, and John Keyes Finegan. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Humphreys Funeral Home, Inc., 200 E. Garfield Ave.

OBITUARY (San Antonio TX Express 2/8/1993): Ralph B. Fawcett.

Ralph B. Fawcett, age 99, died Saturday morning in a local hospital. A resident of Kerrville since 1950, he was born May 4, 1893 in Cheapside, Gonzales County, Texas. He was the child of pioneer residents in Gonzales County, Frank and Emma Elder Fawcett. His wife Gladys Saunders Fawcett preceded him in death in 1982. During his life he served overseas in the Army in World War I. Later he owned and operated the Fawcett Furniture Company in San Antonio. He was a past Elder in the Presbyterian Church and helped to build the Presbyterian Church in Ingram. He is survived by several nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held at 11:15 A.M. Monday, February 8th in Garden of Memories Cemetery with Dr. Thomas Currie officiating. Memorials may be made to the Hill Country Youth Ranch. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Kerrville Funeral Home, Kerrville TX 78028. 210/895-5111.

Four Star Reporter 2/24/1993, Yoakum, TX: Henry/Nelda Elder.

Henry and Nelda Elder honored in Austin for DeWitt land heritage with inclusion in the Texas Family Land Heritage registry of farms and ranches held and worked by the same family for more than 100 years during ceremonies in Austin Jan. 15. The Elders raise crossbred cattle on their ranch 15 at Fulcher's Creek on FM 766 about 15 miles north of Cuero. Henry's grandfather, Mansel M. Elder bought the property in 1872 and passed it on to his son John Fletcher Elder. Henry was born on the ranch Feb. 14, 1914 in a house where his brother and sister-in-law J.F. and Annie Lee Elder live today.

Fort Davis TX Newspaper 6/15/1995. Estelle Bloys Fawcett Obituary

Last of seven Bloys children dies in San Antonio, June 9

SAN ANTONIO - The last living child of the founder of the Bloys Encampment died June 9, 1995 in San Antonio.

Estelle Bloys Fawcett was born Aug. 14, 1892 in the living quarters of the Senders Brothers Store across from what is now Fort Davis National Historic Site. That store has owned by a pair of brothers from New York who moved east after a short time. The site is now where the Baeza's Store is.

She was the second to the youngest of seven children and the last living child of Rev. and Mrs. W.B. Bloys. She dedicated her life to helping and teaching young people, serving as an elementary teacher and as a teacher at Bethany Presbyterian Church in San Antonio for over 60 years. She had been a member of that church since 1921.

She married Leslie C. Fawcett Aug. 16, 1916 in the Fort Davis Presbyterian Church with her father performing the services. She [He] preceded her in death in 1963. Services for Mrs. Fawcett were June 13 in the Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include daughter, Catherine Fawcett Benner of Boerne; two sons, Leslie C. Fawcett, Jr., of San Antonio, and William Fawcett of Boerne, 13 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

OBITUARY (San Antonio Express-News 6/ /1995: Estelle Bloys Fawcett

Fawcett's lifetime spanned the century

Estelle Bloys Fawcett was an energetic former teacher who carried a valid driver's license until the age of 101. "She drove until she was 97," said Fawcett's daughter, Catherine Benner of Boerne. "Her license expired in 1994." Fawcett, 102, died Friday [June 9]. Born Aug. 14, 1892, in Fort Davis, Fawcett rode to school on horseback, her daughter said. She attended San Marcos State Teacher's College, where she met her future husband, Leslie C. Fawcett. She taught first grade for almost three years prior to their marriage, Benner said. After her wedding, Fawcett ended her formal teaching career, but she later taught Sunday and Bible school to young children. Fawcett enjoyed playing baseball with students, but gave up the sport age 85, her daughter said. "She said: 'If I can't hit the ball. It's time for me to hang up my bat,'" Benner said. Fawcett did everything with flair, her daughter said. "She was wholehearted in all she did," Benner said. "Living to be 102, she saw a lot of changes. She always had a terrific sense of humor." Other survivors include two sons, Leslie C. Fawcett Jr. of San Antonio and William Fawcett of Boerne; 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. Services will be a 2 p.m. Tuesday at Behany Presbyterian Church with burial following in Mission Burial Park South. Arrangements are under the direction of

Porter Loring.

OBITUARY (SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS 6/ /1995): ESTELLE VIRGINIA BLOYS FAWCETT

Estelle V. Fawcett (Mrs. L.C. Fawcett passed away Friday, June 9, 1995 at the age of 102. Born in Fort Davis, Texas on August 14, 1892 of her parents, Dr. William B. Bloys and wife, Isabell. She grew up at Fort Davis, TX and graduated from San Marcos State Teachers College (now Southwest Texas Univesity). She taught in the public schools for a few years after leaving college. Mrs. Fawcett taught Sunday Church School and Daily Vactaion Bible School of Bethany Presbyteian Church (formerly Denver Blvd. Presbyterian Church), San Antonio, Texas for more than fifty years. She joined the Bethany Presbyterian Church in April 1922 and had been an active church member since that time. She is preceded in death by her husband, Leslie C. Fawcett, Sr. Survivors: daughter, Catherine W. Benner and husband, August W.; sons, William (Bill) B. Fawcett and wife, Frances, all of Boerne, TX., Leslie C. Fawcett, Jr., a resident of San Antonio since September 1921; 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grand-children, 4 great-great-grand children; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; great grea nices and nephews. SERVICE TUESDAY 2:00 P.M. BETHANY PRESBYTEIAN CHURCH, 1100 Chicago Blvd. the Rev. Charles W. Cropper and the Rev. Eal W. Clay officiating. In lieu of flowers the family members reques memorial contributions o be made o Bethany Presyterian Church Memorial Fund. Intement in Mission Burial Park South. Arrangements with: Porter Loring, 1101 McCullogh, 227-8221.

OBITUARY (San Angelo Standard Times 9/30/95:14): W.A. Fawcett Jr.

KERRVILLE--W.A. Fawcett Jr., 79, died Thursday, Sept. 28, 1995, at his residence. Graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. today in the Glen Rest Cemetery. Arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels. He was born April 26, 1916 in Kerrville and was a lifetime resident. A veteran of the Royal Air Force and the Army Air Corps, he was a salesman, a used car manager and a historian. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife, Ethel Williams Fawcett of Kerrville; a daughter, Sally Powell of San Antonio; a son, W.A. Fawcett III of Ingram; two sisters, Josephine Johnston and Cornelia Stehling, both of Kerrville; and five grandchildren.

F.T. Scott Plantation, near DeKalb in Kemper County, Mississippi where Erasmus Rigney Fawcett worked as a tanner & lived with his wife, Anne E.P. Hill, and their children (Frank Scott, Brancie, Robert McMahon, and Erasmus Keyes Fawcett) 1849-66.

Confederate bond purchased by Anne Elizabeth Pride Hill in Mississippi.