

you something in the way of clothing but fearing I could not suit
you either as to taste or fit I have concluded to send you an X and
let you suit your self - I have sent six pair of socks to be divided
between you Mr. Saind Morgan - your pa sends you a silk cravat a
present to him from Mr. Mayo - the yarn is for Belle I am sorry I have
mixed your pa will try to get some in town to morrow - tell Caroline
I have a jar of pepper mangos that I intended for her and feel dis-
tress that I cannot send them the gentlemen take nothing but
their saddle bags - as they will travel on horseback through Texas

I wish you were here to see how comfortable I am getting a-
long with my family Sally is a prize every body wants her
I would not take a thousand dollars for her - but that she
is perfect far from it - but she suit me better than any I
have ever had - and Jane is a very good servant - managing
has made a great change in her - tell Bell and Caroline to
bear with a while longer and I will pay them up with
interest - I mean in writing - Mr. Church will tell you all a-
bout family affairs - I am to meet them at your grandpas tonight
Cambell Steel is married to Miss Sarah & Frankham - Sarah will
recollect them - I must bring my letter to a close as

I feel much fatigued from having set up late for
several nights ^{and} before day - I just getting over
the bad habit of ^{rising} ^{late} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{morning} I had fallen into while in
Texas - you must buy all the little ones some candy
and give them a kiss for me - and do write soon and
tell us all the news about Harrisburg and the rail
road - remember me affectionately to your Yester, Sarah
Mrs. Harris, Robinson, and Park and all friends in
general - not forgetting Frank and Mary Adieu your
devoted Mother -
L. J. Coe
Marion Coe

My Dear Lora.

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As Mr. Church is on the eve of
sailing for Texas - I cannot let the opportunity pass
without writing to some of you - and as you are the baby
I expect you will contend for the preference - Marion
Patterson your old school mate and a Mr. Bedford
will accompany him - I hope you Mr. L. and Bell will
give him a hearty welcome - and as for Sarah tell her
she must fix up her mouth for he says he intends to
have a kiss - he has a worthy family and are very
popular - Cousin Nancy Linsay has been with us since
the right of Feb. and I expect will spend her days with
us - poor old woman she seems to have out lived other
her friends - that is so far as to take her in - why have
you not written - we not received a line since James
I assure you we have been kept in a very uncomfortable
state of mind - the Post Master has tried to console us
saying the low stages of water had prevented the mails
getting up the river - but I find that some of them reach
the office as I saw a letter the other day - (that is a part
one) from you which gave me great relief - but it was not
like getting ^{one} myself - I feel greatfull to I for the kind
act - I had seen her some time before and had a talk
about you and the correspondence between you - said she
would answer your letter and that promptly - so I expect you
will hear from her before you get this. Mr. J. Church