

[Letter from Annie Watts Winston in Texas to her brother-in-law K.K. Rector in Texas]

Bastrop Co, Texas
Nov 27th 1873

Dear Kenner

I read a letter from Jm Hartnagle to day, dated 19th inst, [*current month*] saying he could not pay all of the money which was due Oct 1st now but would pay \$500 now & the bal [*balance*] Jan 1st 1874 or pay the whole note Jan 1st 1874. He is a perfectly reliable man I believe & nothing but the stringency of money matters, makes him delay. As we need a wagon & team so much, or at least, can get them on easier terms now, I thought perhaps you & Johnnie would let me have enough of the \$500 to get them now & you take yours Jan 1st. That is so near that it will not make much difference. – But if you are not

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willing to do so, just say so & I will not think any thing of it. I could wait better if we did not need things so much & think we can get them on better terms than later. – We are going to your Father's old place. I have rented the house from Mr. Kennedy & will board him. I expect to teach school & will have I think one or two girls, as boarders & all the day scholars I can get. We get the premises to ourselves – no negroes very near the house. Mr. K will have nothing to do with the house, except that he will board just as any one else would. – It is the best plan we could think of, unless we went up the county, & we could not get off this year. The children have been sick a great deal – seldom all out at once – sometimes only one in the field – They are all out now – Maida has been quite sick – chills & other sickness – Is

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better now – Cody & her uncle came by this morning & M went with them to see Mrs Royston – I was very glad for M to go, as she needed a trip. She hopes to go up & stay with Effie awhile after we move. – She spent a week with Eliza. Mary Watts is here now – hopes to go over to Dr. Royston's tomorrow. Your Aunt is better, but will not go up till her brother decides about next year. – I went to town in a buggy with Johnnie Thursday. [*unclear*] I spent a night with Mrs Higgins – had quite a pleasant time - We could not get nearly all the cotton out, but we keep at it. I wish I could go up, but don't see any possibility of it – Will commence teaching I suppose soon after Xmas & then of course can't leave. I wish you would bring Effie & the children down. I think it will be much better for [*Th-----*] and Beulah to remain with you – They are getting on so well – If Mr Rector concludes to take them home, I will be glad to get them,

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but will not say a word until I hear from you all whether they will stay or not. I would not interfere & think it best for them to be there. Tell Effie this letter is to her too. I recd [*received*] hers. I want to see the children & you all badly All join in love – Let me hear from you by return mail in regard to the move,

Your Sister
A.W. Winston

Write in great haste
Mary Watts sends love

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A good new wagon was sold in Bastrop a few days ago for \$110.00 I am afraid we will lose all the good chances by being so late getting money – Have any good wagons & mules been sold up there? Don't you think \$300.00 ought to get us such as will suit?

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Is there any chance of your getting a second hard side saddle cheap? – Let me know