Washington Dec 19th 1835

Dear [Name],

I again take this opportunity of writing a few lines to you to let you know that I am still in the land of the living and you Health & I Sincerely hope that this few line may find you all your fathers family all well. 

Relatives in the same I have no tracked one foot 300 miles & to 200 miles distant yet to fort San Antonio at Bexar. Last Evening an Enemy Arrived here that the last named fort Has fallen in to our Hands fallen in to our Hands but have try to say that One Commander Colonel Milen & 5 Private have been taken the last fort yet it is expected that our next attack shall be on Monter Cray near the mouth of the Rio Grand River 200 miles distant from San Antonio Where we are now is a new Town on the River Brazos will be before long a Place of some business we leave here the evening five days expect to get to San Antonio before we cross the River Trinity 70 mile back we have traveled over one of the finest Country I have ever seen if I shall
Give to see the liberty of this Country it Shall be some considerable length of time before I Shall visit the United States again If I should fall in battle there is seven hundred four dollars of land coming to me in this Country which I leave to you if you of think it worth your while to attend to it for the law says if any person fall in battle that his Relations Can have the bounty of land this monthly wages for the time he has served the Country and I expect to see old Kentucky yet. Please give special Respect to all your father's family tell my relations give my best Respect to Doctor Phillips as soon as present but remains your affectionate Cousin H C H C

To Lewis and Nancy Gearing

P.S. When you write to me direct to Sam Mesidor Austin J C Logan of the Louisville Volunteers