

Elmendorf Feb the 26 1897

Mrs Lydia Allen
Cairo

Dear Niece

I received your card to day and will hasten to reply. It was your Uncle Bud that was burned to death not only burned but almost cremated. If you have seen the published account of it, it is unnecessary for me to give you the details of it. His friends all know him by the name of Sam. He made my house his home all last summer, but just before I left Yakum he got a job of work, and I left him there. How he came to burn to death in a small a house as was is a mystery to me. I left Yakum the 22 of Nov and am now living 3 miles East of Elmendorf. I and Robert have bought a place. I have not heard from your Ma since last spring or about the time Walter got crippled at Rock Quarry. So good by for the present

W. J. Boykin