### Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 1, Subseries C, Box 2, Folder 26, Willie to Cabaniss, Charles Eugene, 1862

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CPC, UAH, Roberts Collection, Box 102, Folger 26 Cabaniso, Charles E. - Willie Town Lefterson, TX Page 1 Near Jefferson Texas September 9th, 1862 My Flattering Boy, You will se by the date of my letter that I am once more at home The rare ornaments but I do not say I add another ornament for I am too constantly reminded of my homeliness for fear you will be disappointed. I will try to write to you. It is always a source of much pleasure for me to receive letters from my friends, but when such a charitable person as cousin Charlie writes me, the pleasure is inexpressible, were I of a more credulous nature you would soon have me think myself a piece of perfection, did I even possess my share of vanity I would soon imagine I was really interesting. Well, I've been at home a month & find many improvements some I left though there is room for many more. When I first returned Ma's flowers were all in full bloom & added much to the appearance of our cottage home (Love's retreat as some of our town friends term it but the rays of old Sol. Has almost of their bounty. We certainly have had the warmest & most oppressive weather I have ever experienced & it is so very dusty. We can scarcely breath. Page 2 There has been a great deal of sickness in town & some death's mostly children. The country has been quite healthy it seems like another climate out here. After I wrote you from C I was quite sick & as soon as I was able to stand the trip I went to Dalby Springs in Bowie Co. in company with my sisters family none of them being in good health. Five weeks at the Springs was thought advisable. I had heard frequently of this celebrated Texas watering place & was completely horrified of the thoughts of spending even five days there but as it is not my nature to act contrary I was persuaded to go especially when the physician thought it would prove beneficial. The first four days I didn't like & was almost crying to be home but as soon as I began to improve I was delighted the water is certainly delightful & the situation of the Springs beautiful with pleasant & agreeable company one could enjoy being there all summer if it were not for the many tantalizing aggravating animals on Texas creaters which are numerous not withstanding all three. I had a real nice time, one good thing about Texas watering plans we could do as we pleased not be compiled to fix up with the dread of not pleasing all there was about twelve finished there while Page 3 Was & strange to say I was the only young lady but I had plenty of real pleasant company in a number of the married ladies & there were plenty of young men but they were a kind I didn't fancy much, to tell the truth the females of this country are far superior to the males in intellect & everything but this I would not say out here for I would only gain enemies by such expressions. I've been in perfect health ever since my return, the rest of

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	the family are inhealth. Ma's health has been wretched for over eighteen months & this oppressive weather has don much to prevent a change for the better, now that it is getting some cooler we hope she may improve. Ma has broken so, you'd scarcely know here, she has fallen off so much she looks quite thin.  You ask me to tell you of myself & the other girls, as for myself I am just the same as when last you saw me, at least in appearance, in feelings I am much changed. I am not the lively creature I used to be. I've had to much to bear to bring about this change, till I continue to be cheerful & carry a pleasant face & sometimes indulge in laugh & but at heart, there is a deep sorrow I cannot dispel.  I am kept busily employed all the time which in a great measure prevents me from thinking too much of our changed  Page 4  home & circumstances. I have a sewing machine & there are not many minutes that some of us are at it. We are all our own budgets & do all our own work, not a negro on the place. We've all learned to be quite expert in almost every branch of domestic work, there is one thing I can never do "Cooking". In the first place I have no taste or talent. Think every in the next I burn my hands nearly off, so I am always going to do something else in its place. A great many tell me I ought not to tell I am no cook for I'll never get married and that is what the generality of men marrying for I tell them if that is what I've got to marry for I'll stay single. It would be a poor consolation for me to know the man married to me because I could cook. The fallen be mightily fooled if he thought I'd do any such thing. No I'll do what I consider right, but as for being a drudge, I'll prefer r to stay alone. Mary Jane is the only one of us that is any cook but the rest of us are pretty good at everything else. You ask when I am to marry & to whom, well I promise you'll like the truth. No one at present. I have never seen the human that has so won my heart that I would consent to yi
	married last week but there was no foundation for any such repent.  Helen & Sue are much all prized & have plenty of friends they have both grown to be quite pretty & I might add beautiful if they were not my sisters.
	Page 1 Crossed  The Baptist have the finest church, it is almost finished & will be so nice, they have sent to Memphis for Rev. Graves to come & dedicate the church, they also have an organ & very good chimes. Jefferson is a growing place & so much improved in this part, two years & when the Rail Road is completed it will be up with any place.  The trial of the prisoners is at last at a close but no one knows nor will in several months what will be their fate they are still confined on the stockade, some of their
	families are almost destitute. The papers have to go to Austin & then to Washington City, which I suppose will take some time before one will know the decision. We have Yankees in the greatest abundance. Jefferson is a Military Post.

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Emma has entirely forgotten her Aunt Willie poor little darlings I would like so much to see tiem. I would like so much to send you a bouquet from my flowers they are so rare & sweet. Geraniums I like almost better than all others. I know you would be tempted to give it to the widow, by the way what have you done with the pretty widow or have you fallen in love with some fair damsel. I too wish you could travel by telegraph. We would be so please to have your most delightful company.

amuse you with relating relatives of Texas. There is so much I would say that when written would loose its value, however the Rail Road will soon be completed & then you must pay us a visit, if you'll come I'll promise to do much talking to a pretty widow out here, she is a little beauty, a perfect little as they say. I know you are hardly sick of my prosy strain & will not insist again upon me writing Page 3 crossed Long letters. I know you'll have a time reading this & I doubt if you are ever able to All have returned & tis so very late. I'll bid you a good night, hoping soon to hear from you again My love to all friends & accept for your self the love & warmest wishes for your future happin From yours truly Willie Burn my letters as soon as read But I reckon it would be pardonable in me to say so marrying is quite a \_\_\_\_ out here meeting. I attended Church time on Sunday, at night I went & heard a most excellent sermon from the pastor, who is not only a good preacher, but a good man & everyone loves him, he is rather an old man & so very \_\_\_\_\_ his sermon was unusually long though very interesting, after all imagine my impatience when old Father Elliot got up & preached another sermon, poor old man he means well but he is too old & too ignorant to do much good, he is not much admired out here, he never preaches but he says something about this "Far Texas" all the denominations have good pastors & very nice Churches.

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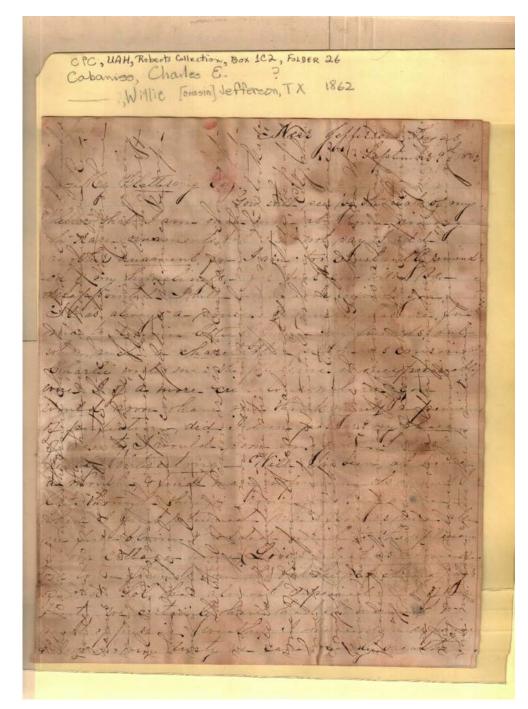
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	The Presbyterians have no Church yet but are making great efforts to build one. The Episcopals have at last completed their Church & it is thought quite a nice church. They have a good choir & organ.	

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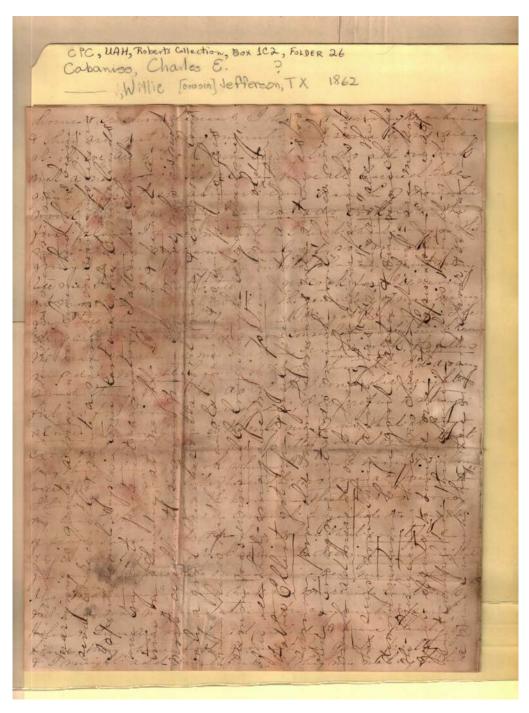
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