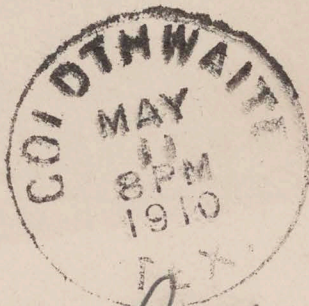


After.....days, return to

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GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS.



Charles Sparks

Reno

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Mr Charles Sparks } Idd Thwaite
Reno Nevada } May the 1st ^{Set} 1910

My dear little Nephew:-

with much pleasure I avail myself of the opportunity of answering your kind letter. So glad the Picture reached you. also to know that it was a source of great pleasure to you all. its a great treasure to me & my entire family to look at. dont imagine he was anything of a depreciable. in those perilous days when the state of Tex was under the administration of Gov Daves. the old Negro lover. the Southern White man had but little show. Consequently in the Business he was in he was allowed to carry arms. he was on detail driving Beavers to Sherman Tex. and while there he had those Pictures taken: he being left handed

caused the sitshooters to point
awkward. they did not know they
would show in that kind of shape.
So we was glad to get them any way.

tell your Ma the other young man
in the picture is little Joe Casby
son of old Miller Casby there at
Lampasas. they spell thair names
different Cas^hby. is the way to spell
the name Nora you remember Col Joe
Casby he was this young mans cousin.
So I hope you will understand.

Well briefly this is all I am able to ^{write}
this time. My cough is so annoying owing
to my old & feeble age. I lack strength
and vitality. to stand such hard coughing
please write me again. Tell me if my dear
Darling Brother died in his wright mind
some of his last words while rational?
Tell your Mother to write with you. ^{double}
So I will close by asking you to except a
portion of love from your old & feeble Aunt
regards to all the family
E. J. Ball