

Jemima Ann Duboise Bolch, wife of Monroe Bishop, wrote the following letter in 1931 just prior to her death. It is provided exactly as she wrote it, spelling, punctuation are hers.

"Well I cant give histra of my 81 years as it seams al most unprofitable life Yet thankful to god for his meny Blesings. I lived through the so called sivle war and I never sean any thing sivle in it We wirked hard made all we eat and wore could not Buy shoes are cloths I was 10 years old when I had to keep house milk wash and do all the wirk for an invelade Mother and the family. 8 of us had the smallpox at once 2 maired sisters died in 10 weeks in our house Mother Blind 2 little motherlis nephews more to rase had to start with pounds of cotton and make shirt pants dres and all we wore enemy caime taked horses sadels and all tha wanted taken corn meat cloths and I had to make more with wheal and loom But yong people that think tha hav hard times dont no what wheal and loom is But I was born in franklin co. Ala July 1850 ran over them rocky hills til 58 & father sold out & moved to drew co ark whair we farmed went fising geathered scaley Barked hickry nuts all nice fruts grapes muquedinnis had chills faut musquetas til 66 & we moved to dsoto co miss lived thair 8 years maired MB Bolch in 68 74 we moved to upsher co tex with 2 little girls me driveing a larg mule to a 1 hrses wagon & him walking a part of the time shootng squierls & hawks & any thing for fun We was with 3 other famulys 3 times I have bin 3 weks & 3 days on the road 3 times Beside short moves & the mother of 12 childran 6 Boys & 6 girls only 2 Boys 4 girls living husband 4 Boys 2 girls gone home waiting far me have 2 boys 4 girls cant call the no of grand grate gran children Children hear for something & I pary that ma homes me & thyer pairence & cuntry & meat me in home that is waiting me just a little while longer & I pray to meet my meny loved ones over thair my home is Easy spelt love to all ann"