

15 July 1984

Edith & Children
send their cards

I ate supper with Mr. Harmon Allen
and had a pleasant time
Started for the ranch just before sundown
Met Miss Jennie Young Oh! She gave
me such a look with her melting brown
eyes that would have made my heart
quake. had I not been thinking of you
The sun went down before I got to the
outlet when on the side a few miles
I took off the bridle + let my horse eat
(near the place I stopped on the way) I lay
down + fell a sleep + slept 2 hours
on waking I started + got home about 11
I read your letter over 5 or 6 times +
thought continually of you

The little boy has come to tell me to
come to dinner so good bye

Your Everlasting Friend
Will

L. D. Ranch
July the 15/84
Cov. the ranch
Edward A. M.

Friend Nora
I was very much pleased on
receiving your welcome letter last
evening. I got one from home
at the same time + one from a
friend I never dreamed of. The one
from home was very short + only
one half sheet - but was quite nice
My cattle are doing well + worth
\$50 per head. I am lucky for once
in my life but I had better not
tray to soon. have been breaking
a Colt + just been down on the
hay land. While I was driving around
I thought to myself I have as much

I stand as any body & as nice a ranch
Wish you could have seen it?

Folks are all well at Home
Edith & the children send their cards,
one each for you, I don't know what
you care for them, but I will send them
to you. They send them as a token
of friendship. They think or
imagine there is no one like Aaa
Aaa is ^{the} ~~the~~ one you saw with my
father, ^{picture} the favorite of the family

Will you did not answer
the questions I asked you. I will
excuse you though. How did you
get along on your trip. How
was it in Paris when you were loading
up to start. I stood on Mrs Collins's
porch & looked at you but could not
get you to see me Mrs O'Brien was
some what surprised to think you did
not call & see her & stopping is close to
I thought it strange too I had a pleas-
ure chat with her for a few moments, when
I went down, I expected to find you there

& thought I would get to peak a word to you
without those jealous sisters of Mr Rich's
looking at me. After leaving I went up town
expecting to see you there. I was told that
Mr & Mrs Rich had gotten his collar
bone broken & I went to see him. When
I left I noticed your wagon standing
in front of Mr Budget's I was just one
block South. I guess you did not see me
On leaving Mr R - I went to the Coop
& expected to see you pass. While here
an argument arose about the Tabernacle
in regard to the quantity of stone to
settle it we went & asked Mr Jensen (the
founder) I was mistaken & they claiming
the treat so we retired to the ice cream
parlor. Here is where we must have been
if when you folks left town - I met
Miss Hunt (the Bishop's daughter of St C)
Well the time spent here was like any & all
other places it has lost its charm for
me long since. When we left I
thought I would catch you. You must have driven
very fast, for when we got to St C - nothing
could be found of the party or heard of - but
you folks that were all I looked for

Since over and I have
come down to get some fish hooks
to go fishing. but the wind is blowing
so hard I will write till it falls

O! How it blows! Almost a Johnny
Cain. If we were on the lake now we would
have a good time. How would you
like to cross the lake when the waves
are running high? I would have
given any thing to have had you
a lone Sunday evening. It would have
been my hearts delight to have taken
you out so far that no one could
have seen us. How I could have
returned smile for smile with out any
one to be jealous. When we were I could
not look at you with out Mr. R. watching
me. And judging the stamp of his character
I knew it would give him many jealous
pangs and make your trip home very
disagreeable. You were thoroughly under-
stood and appreciated if not returned as
you may think it was treasured up in

memory's Whisket P! I wished for your
society a lone more than you may think
Well it is passed and I hope you had a ~~very~~ very
pleasant trip. You might have had a better
time under different circumstances

You said there was something wanting
& asked me to tell you what it was.

I did not see that any thing
was wanting to complete your pleasure
if all had been sociable as they should

One thing I did notice that your anx-
iety was taxed very heavy. You were
anxious that I should not feel burdensome
to the crowd and that E. R. Esq. would not get
jealous. You were trying to please two, which
is very hard to do. If you had been done
with Mr. R. you would not have felt so
badly. In such a case I freely pardon
you. On the 24th in company with Mr. R.

(Which no doubt you'll be) Do not worry about me
for I believe what you have said & will trust you.
I would have liked to have spent the day with you
but I see it is out of the question. I shall be in R.
if all is well, and manage to see you secretly
which way I prefer. Paper is getting short & you
may be glad if I will finish it by enclosing
the cards mentioned

Sincerely yours
W. C. Swan