

J. K. SUTHERLEY, under St. Charles
Hotel, New Orleans.



Texas Land
Lake Bruin
Camp Bruin
Six miles from St Joseph

August
15th.

To Mrs Thomasin Freedy,
New Orleans.

Dear Sister,

I am now camped on
the above mentioned place, since
yesterday evening at about 5 o'clock
You are until now unoccupied and
but very badly provided for. I am
sorry to say that we have been de-
cided in many things, for instance
we had been told, that the sub offi-
cer would have been appointed by
Major Belsover and that he
was to nominate those that would
be the best drilled and it has
been done in a very strange way
there having a great deal of un-
drilled work. I am however

though not satisfied yet deter-
mined to pursue the career.

We were mustered in the Con-
federate State service on our arrival
yesterday at St Joseph. All the
villages, towns and even private
dwellings we were cheered and
many handkerchieves waved by
angelic hands (of earthy course)
exposed to the wind. There are
few of us that are homesick or ac-
cused of there being rather super-
stitious than melancholy is to be
attributed to our leaving on the
13th and to our being one hun-
dred and thirteen; We have how-
ever increased since then of ten
young men that got on board
in St James only two from
Roman's company. You
having told me to mention
if I missed anything.

will tell you that I have every
thing needed with the exception
of towels and an oil cloth
or any thing which can protect
my baggage and body from the rain
it is altogether indispensable the
size is seven feet by four, by
making a bundle of that with
the towels and addressing St Joseph
Walden Battery.

Tell Mr Audry that I regretted
not having able to see him on
the boat.

as ever your brother

Amelia M Haydel

My respects to all