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Subject: Letter of Joseph R. Young, son of Sarah & Duke

This is a transcription of a letter written after the Civil War. I have added notes [] but the letter was saved by relatives (they transcribed the letter, no original extant?) of James Lovelady, brother to Sarah Lovelady Young, in Texas. I know that portions of our greater TL/JW (Thomas Lovelady/Jane Wear) family fought on both sides during the conflict. My sense is that most of the Young family were pro North, hence the move to KS but I do not know about the service records of the Young brothers.

Kk

to James Lovelady m Nancy Linville?, the Christian Church elder who migrated from MO to TX (Victoria county) in 1846, mentioned in Mary Lovelady Noble's 1943 letter to Ernest Lovelady from Joseph R. Young, 1820-1903, son of Duke Young and Sarah Lovelady (Oring Vill = Orangeville, Fannin Co, Texas)

*Oring Vill, Fannin County, Texas
Dec. the 28th, 1866*

James Lovelady- dear Uncle and Aunt

I again take my pen to inform you that we are all well and do sincerely hope this may find you and all my cousins enjoying all the Blessings this world can afford. I have been living in Texas 2 years and have bought land and am living on it. The War of the Rebellion Broke me up. I was rob of all my Personal property and driven from my home in 61. My family drifted through Arkansas suffering all the horrors of the war. Language would fail if

*I should attempt to tell what the refugees from
Missouri suffered in Arkansas*

*I was one of the first that fought them in down
trodden Missouri and fought them faithfully
even unto the surrender.*

I belonged to Gen. J. O. Shelby's Brigade [CS cavalry
known as the Iron Brigade--5th (Lafayette County Cavalry), 6th, 12th MO Cav & Elliott's Mounted
Batt & Bledsoe/Collins battery; but CWSS database shows Joseph Young as a private Co. B
Fristoe's Regiment Mo Cavalry--Marmaduke's Division.]

*But the cause is lost and the Grim Monster
Niger Equality stares us in the face. I have
sold the chance of my land in Miss. for 14(?)
hundred dollars in stock(?)*

Brother William [William J. Young, son of Duke Young and Sarah Lovelady]
*tuck no part in the war but lay in Prison
during most of it. His boys* [probably Richard C. Young and John
Young (no son John, maybe George, ss) --13th KS Inf] *dogged the Prison by
going to the mountains in Colorado*

Teritory. Arch Elliotts [Archibald Elliott m Jane Lovelady] *Boys*
[probably Jesse Washington Elliott--15th KS Inf, William Mann Elliott--13th KS Inf, Cyrus Jackson
Elliott--18th Batt KS Cav, James Knox Polk Elliott--13th KS Inf; the author's first cousins]

fought us. Wm Trapp's [William Trapp m Rebecca Lovelady] *Boys*
[Benjamin Trapp--27th MO Mounted Inf, Henry Terry Trapp--27th MO Mounted Inf, John L.

Trapp--51st Mo Inf, Martin van Buren Trapp--50th MO Inf] *fought us a while
and then plaid out. Uncle John Lovelady's* [m

Mary Cox] *son-in-laws Disert* [John B. Dysart m Rebecca Lovelady]

and Meier [Elias Myers m Sallie Lovelady] *fought under Shelby
so did the Alisons.* [Allisons, allied family from Lafayette county, MO]

Uncle Bill Lovelady's son [Thomas Lovelady (no record in CWSS database) because his brother Andrew Jackson Lovelady fought for the Union—[4th IA Cav] *fought under Old Price.* [CS General Sterling Price]

I saw Uncle John Lovelady at Dover [Lafayette county, MO] *while on the raid with Price the fall of 64. He looked stout and scarcely a gray hair in his head. I had been on a scout out near the groves(?) and I saw at least 20 thousand* *Federals* [numbers seem high in the letter] *bearing(?) on our left and being in command of the scout* [assume NCO or junior officer] *I had to report to Price under the spur and did not get to talk to Uncle John. We fought that evening at Lexington, 2 days after at Blue Mills. Next day at Big Blue* [a river]. *I fought at your old place near Blue Bridge.*

I thought of the time that Branch run blood when you [James Lovelady] *lived there.* [Battle of the Mormons, Kaw township, Jackson county, MO, Oct. 1833] *I saw blood running in the Branch and saw men running out of the Branch.*

We fought from sun up till dark drove the *Federals out of Missouri.* [assume 22 Oct. Byram's Ford] *Camped close the line that night. Next morning the fire commenced about sunup and extended at least 8 miles around us and at 10 oclock our*

wagons was crossing Big Blue going south and our Broken lines fighting back the enemy as best they could. [assume Battle of Westport 23 Oct.] I was one of the last that left the field south of the Blue [cavalry rear guard] I left with my men in good order though under a heavy fire on two sides and directly in my rear.

Two days after they overhauled us again in the morning the fight lasted 10 minutes. [assume Marais des Cygnes River, KS, the Battle of Mine Creek] We lost [prisoners] Marmiduke [John S. Marmaduke, CS division commander] Cabbie [William L. Cabell, CS brigade commander] and two thousand men [actually 900 prisoners and 300 casualties] and in the evening of the same day 20 miles further south we fought them again. Got badly whipped lost 3 thousand men.

Two days after we fought their advance at Nutiny [assume Newtonia, MO 28 Oct.] gave them a whipping they lost 8 thousand men but the worst enemy lay before us--starvation. We had no commissary and the nearest was on Red River a hundred miles off. However we made it through the most of us. Nearly all of our wounded died on the road some that a bullet had not touched died of starvation. [reached Cane Creek,

AR by 1 Nov.]

*So no more of such stuff. Give my respects to
all who know me and keep a large share
yourselves. So no more but remain yours till
death J. R. Young*

To James Lovelady & Family

*N.B. My post office is Oring Vill Texas. I shall
look for a letter from some of you soon.*