

## Manuscript Correspondence of Thomas C. Battey

- (a) Thomas C. Battey to wife and children, November 1, 1873. Written from Kiowa Agency, Ft. Sill, Indian Territory. Contains: Had mild illness; doing office work for "Howard" complains of poor teachers at the reservation school. Shearon girls employed at the school; Recovery of stolen horses; Comanches and Cheyennes raiding reports of some Kiowas with them; Kicking Bird good influence to tribe; feels touch of homesickness; good pecan crop; comment on weather; agent ordered ambulance for Battey's use.
- (b) Thomas C. Battey to wife and children, November 21, 1873. Written from Kiowa Agency, Ft. Sill, Indian Territory. Contains: Mortgage to B.A. Hall; visited Indian camp; illness continues, ask to be relieved of position because of illness; tells of visit to the camp; much livestock stolen from Kiowas; men from Texas disguised as Indians raid reservation.
- (c) Thomas C. Battey to wife and children, January 30, 1874. Written from Kiowa Agency, Ft. Sill, Indian Territory. Contents: Land tax problems; plan return trip to camp; Caddo school closes; Kiowas raid in Mexico; panthers killed; sends part of pay check home; work hinders personal correspondence; work is demanding; strong influence with Indians.
- (d) Thomas C. Battey to wife and children, February 18, 1874. Written from Anadarko, Wichita Agency. Contents: Health improves; opposes turning Kiowas and Comanches over to military authority; presence of soldiers disturbs Indians from acting "civilized"; day of reckoning coming for treatment of Indians; comments on Wichita agency, good school; directs comments to children.
- (e) Thomas C. Battey to wife and children, March 25, 1874. Written from Kiowa Agency, Ft. Sill, Indian Territory. Contains: Illness shortens trip; Indian wars do not affect Kiowas; plan to research problem of Indian-White relations; discover Sulphur Spring; letters home have been opened; Indians gather in large bands; mentions old Indian Pajah.
- (f) Thomas C. Battey to wife and children, March 18, 1877. Written from Kiowa and Comanche Agency, Indian Territory. Contains: Comments on weather; goes to White Wolf Comanche camp; talks of great spirit; change in nature of the Indians; comments on school; delay in getting farm implements for Indians; office work keeps him busy.

## Typescript Correspondence of Thomas C. Battey

- (a) Thomas C. Battey to wife and children, March 17, 1874. Written from Kiowa Agency, Ft. Sill, Indian Territory. Contains: Health improved; plans to visit Kiowa camp; intends to pay Meads and Marshall notes; Comanches raiding.