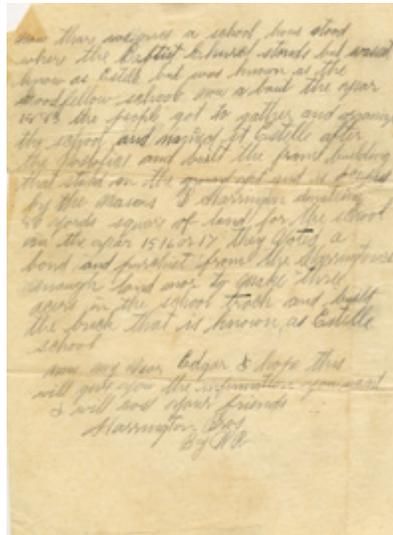
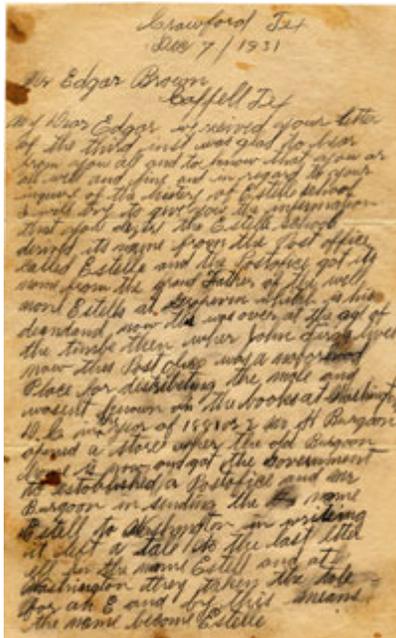


## Estelle Community Name

In 1931, Edgar Brown, an Estelle school boy, wrote to the Harrington brothers asking them how the Estelle School got its name. The Harringtons replied to Edgar's question in the letter below (a transcript of which is available beneath the displayed letter). In essence, the letter states that in 1881 Henry Burgoon applied for a post office station for the community. He requested that the post office be designated the Estell post office in honor of a prominent resident living in nearby Grapevine. The application was handwritten and a flourish at the end of the word Estell was mistaken by the post office department to be the letter "e". As a result the post office license was granted under the name Estelle rather than Estell.



Below is a transcript of the letter as written by the Harrington brothers. Information in parenthesis was added by the editor for clarification.

Crawford Tex  
Dec. 7 / 1931

Mr. Edgar Brown  
Coppell Tex

My Dear Edgar we received your letter of the third inst and was glad to hear from you all and to know that you are all well and fine and in regard to your inquiry of the history of Estelle school I will try to give you the information that you desire the Estelle school derived its name from the Post office called Estelle and the Post office got its name from the grand Father of the well none (known) Estells at Grapevine which is his descendant now this was over at the edge (edge) of the timber then when John Tirag lives now this Post office was a neighborhood place for distributing the mail and was not known on the books at Washington

D. C. in the year of 1881 or 2 Mr. H Burgoon opened a store wher the old Burgoon home is now and got the government to established a Post office and Mr. Burgoon in sending the name Estell to Washington in writeing it left a tale to the last letter ell in the name Estell and at Washington they taking the tale for an E and by this means the name become Estelle

Now thare was once a school hous stood where the Babtist Church stands but wasn't know as Estelle but was known as the Goodfellow school now about the year 1883 the people got to gather (together) and organized the school and named it Estelle after the Post office and built the frame building that stand on the ground yet and is occupied by the Masons B Harrington donating 80 yards square of land for the school in the year 1916 or 17 they voted a bond and purchist from the Harringtons enough land mor to make three acers in the school track and built the brick that is known as Estelle school

Now my Dear Edgar I hope this will give you the information you want I will cosl (close) your friends

Harrington Bros  
B and WR