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[Addressed to S. C. Robertson, Salado, Bell County, Texas; postmarked Waco Village]

Fort Graham Texas February 14th = 55

Mr. S. C. Robertson Esq

I Am now living At this Place i moved Hear to late this winter to purchase land to Cultivate This yeare Having Rented the Sutton valey of Doctor Stiner for my Handes to work i wrote you will Remember last summer to buy some of your landes at this place i am offered thee Third of a leage that Joins your lower leage ___ belonging to Wetherhead About ___ valley for 2 Dollars per Acre i feele under some obligation to you to buy some of your landes & Do not wish to buy a Hole leage i wish to buy 640 Acres of your lower valley track Doctor Stiner & others thinkes there is some 200 or 2 ½ of valley land on thee low leage i will Run Down to thee mouth of Ceder Creak then up & out square out to your line so as not to Disfiger it to make 640 acres including All of thee front on thee River i will gave you 2 ½ Dollars for it per acer if you will Thro me in the stone house i now live in Half Down the balance in one year i would perefer buying thee Front of this place But i understand you will not sell them let me Hear from you shortely

Respectfully yours X

John J Greenwade

[On the margin was written "Ans Feby 18 /55"]

[Note: A Sutton or Sutton's Valley does not exist on either a modern or old map. However, a deed in Hill County Deed Book J, p. 16 provides an approximate location: "William N.P. Martin sells to J.M. Steiner, 1 lg. of land in Hill County, Texas, 3 miles above Fort Graham, known as Suttons Valley, being the headright of William E. McFarland." Thus, Sutton's Valley appears to be the same as what is known as Steiner Valley, today.]