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Fort Graham Texas
23 April 1859

Col E. S. C. Robinson
Salado-

Dear Sir-

I arrived here on Yesterday from East
Tennepu. have a friend with me - am
here for the purpose of looking out a
home, to which I wish & aim to move
in Sept - I learn You own large Quantities
of land in various Counties & can suit the
purchaser with quantity to suit - I am
referred to you by Mr S. J. Johnson of this
place - (a merchant) & by Mr A. D. Martin
who lives just in sight below & who bought a
farm of you, some 2 year ago. I want a
piece of land say 4-5 or six acres - would
like to have land that will bring Corn &
wheat & clover by fraction for grazing - also
with some timber & water - would like to
be on or near the Brazos - prefer to be on
~~or~~ near the line of the Central R.R.

Have you lands in Dallas - Collin - Denton
Tarrant or any of those wheat growing
Counties? or in Ellis? If you have & will
write me at this place, giving location &
names of persons who can show the lands &
boundaries, I will be much obliged -

A considerable number of my friends in East
Tenn- are in the spirit of coming to Texas
& have asked me to take a careful look- I
wish to be suited- And think If I find
a good location, Can bring some good men
with me. Any information you can give me
will be received with thanks- Would have
been glad to have known your location
whilst at Grace, & that I could have fancied
by & seen you- Would like to have land
with some improvements- a Cabin & some
land in Cultivation- But do not want
Costly Cotton or Sugar land-
I hope to hear from you by return
mail, so that I can proceed on my
tour of observation-

I refer you to Mr A. D. Martin, just below
this place & to Mr S. J. Johnson of this place-

Your obt. Servt,

A Rufus Smith
Of Loudon
Roane County
East Tenn

J. Rufus Smith

Apr 23/59

and

Apr. 27-59

will be happy

to send any

kind, or best

possible prices