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PERSONAL LETTER from Blanche Declouet at Sacred Heart Academy in Grand Coteau, to her brother, Alexander Declouet, Jr. at Brookland Academy in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.

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My dear Alexander,

I have received your letter of August 19 and I am hurrying to answer it and I believe it will be the last one I shall write to you up to the time of the vacations which our teachers have made earlier. Commencement will take place on the 13th of September and we shall leave on the 14th. I went to the house since the sugar mill has been started. It was quite advanced when I left. I think that Papa (Alexander Declouet) told you also that he had a saw mill erected. I just wrote to Papa to let him know that our teachers had advanced the time of the vacations.

I think that you will soon receive a long letter in answer to yours. It will be strange for me to go on vacations without you, it is the first time that we have been separated for such a long time.

Goodbye dear brother, kiss Paul (our brother) for me. I shall not fail to kiss the whole family for you.

Your sister who loves you with all her heart.

Blanche Declouet

Handwritten in French. In 1980 original owned by Mrs. Marty Sims of Nederland, Texas.