

-46

1859  
Nov. 26

PERSONAL LETTER from Blanche Declouet, in St. Martinville, to her brother, Paul Declouet, at Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.

St. Martinville, November 26, 1859

Dear Paul,

I suppose that you will not reproach me of not writing to you for this letter is the third one that I wrote to you since a week. Mama (Louise Benoit Declouet) and Quaitte (Alexander Declouet, Jr.) have received yesterday morning your two letters. Gabri (Gabrielle Declouet) wrote to you a few days ago and I think Mama did it also. Papa (Alexander Declouet) stopped rolling since a few days in order to cut almost all the canes; he commence rolling again this morning.

Quaitte and Mr. Jonan went last night to a circus who was very pretty. We did not go because Mama supposed that it was too cold. In a few days there will be a great ball at Saint Martinville. I suppose that we will go but it is not yet very sure. We are expecting Aunt Tonton (Josephine Declouet de l'Homme) every day there is very long time that she did not come here.

Adieu dear Paul, all the family kiss you, Miss Laurent tell you many things.

Your affectionate sister,

Blanche Declouet

P. S. I shall tell you with sorrow that poor old Marguerite died yesterday afternoon.

Handwritten in English. Original on file at Dupre Library at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La.