

Magnolia Ark

28th Nov^r 1878-

Dear George-

In obedience to the proclamation of the President and the Gov of Arkansas I had a Thanksgiving dinner—a big Turkey and I eat it all by myself—Brother George is in one of his fits and when he gets in one I dont bother with him.

We have a News Paper here "The Columbia Banner". I send you a copy, I suggested an exchange with you which seemed to please him very much. I told him I would hand him one of your papers— I supposed it would suit you as you have many acquaintances in this country.

We had several inches of snow .. night before last. I made the poorest out farming this year that I have made for ~~the long~~ time.

I would like to see you very much— but I fear it will be a long time if ever— I stay close at home— seldom leave

the county - I shall go to Little Rock
in January to attend the Masonic Grand
Bodies - I am Grand Master Cryptic
Masonry - Grand Marshal of the Grand
Chapter and Grand Senior Warden of the
Grand Lodge - So you see I have to attend,

I never have got any Sea Seed yet -
I have started, from seed, the Yellow Poplar
I have one nearly twenty feet high -
I also have Chestnuts growing - but
they grow slow -

Your Uncle George is ~~as in times past~~

I live in a healthy pleasant country - good
water and peaches hardly ever miss - Land
is cheap - This is a better country for immigrants
than Texas - taking into consideration the
price of land &c -

I am always glad to hear from
you -
Your Uncle
John