

Magnolia Ark

28<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1875-

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 Columbian Banner". I send you a copy, I suppose 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 a 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 <sup>in times past</sup> -  
I live in a healthy pleasant country - good  
water and peaches hardly ever miss - Land  
is cheap - This is a better country for investment  
than Texas - taking into consideration the  
price of land & -

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

Probably his last letter <sup>in season</sup> (He died in great  
distress)