

Curtis Clark Co Arkansas
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Dear Carr,

Your Registered letter, of Sept 22 - was rec'd yesterday. We have a post office now, near me, called Curtis & I rarely ever enquire of Arkadelphia. Hence the delay.

I was truly glad to hear from you & to know that you were still in the land of the living. I saw a man last year by the name of Sugg, (not Suggs - so I reckon he is no relation of one Simon Suggs) who said that he knew you, or had known you, & that you were killed soon after the war, by either Union men or Gray backs, on acct of the vigorous treatment you pushed against them during the "Unpleasantness". Shot in your front porch after night, while you was walking, with your child in your arms. The fellow was an agent for a fruit nursery in this state, & seemed to be a reliable man, & spoke as one, that knew what he was talking about. But with all that I am glad to know, that he lied, well about myself, I was married during the war, have now four children, lost one about 4 years ago. - All boys -

Financially, I am a wreck, barely make a living, but somehow, I have managed to keep from hard work. Chris Donegan, my old chum, killed himself drinking, 3 or 4 years ago -

I think your old chum - Cannon - is dead too, I have been in Columbus Miss, once or twice since the war, & think I heard

that he had been "gathered". I was in Virginia during
the war & met many of our old school mates. I was only
out 1 year, & the Command (1st Ark Reg!) was never in a
fight during my stay with it. After that, I got a position
in a Post Quartermaster Office, & stayed there until the
Collapse. So soon as a "Photo" man comes along, I will
have him to stamp my thing on a Card & send to you. But
I want you to send me yours now, & if you are married, I want
your wife & the children. Hoping to hear from you soon,
I am as Ever
Yr friend
Thos. M. Corning

Send to Curtis Clark Co. Ark