

[TO: COL. ELIAS CARR, Old SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA]

United States Post Office,

Freeport

Stephenson County,

State of Illinois.

January 7th 1890

Dear Colonel:

I am agreeably surprised
by your favor of January 2nd
inclosing check for \$392.86.

Statement is sufficiently definite.
I am under great obligation to
you for consenting to look after
the interests of my daughters in
the plantation. I hope that there
will not be any occasion to cut
more of the standing timber. This
country is being so rapidly
denuded of its timber growth
that standing timber is the best
possible property to hold for

arise, and will be much more
valuable when my youngest
daughter arrives at her majority
than at present. My children
are well and join me in a return
of good wishes to you and yours
for the coming year.

Very Truly Yours

Smith B. Atkins

Col. Elias Carr

Old Shadyside