

[TO: Elias Carr. Old Sparta, U.C.]

Bolivar, Tenn.
March 26. 97

My dear cousin -

I am so mortified that - I have so long put off, answering your last letter, and thanking you for your great kindness - in - having the "Family Tree" - gotten up so handsomely for me - I am so much obliged to you, for all your trouble, about it - & answering all my questions, & directing me - to other sources of information, which, as I look back upon it - I reproach myself, that - I intruded so largely on your time while occupying so important

an officer, in the State
and at a time, when -
all the energies, & personal-
influences, made such
strong calls upon our
land, when the nation
every nerve, was strung
to the highest-pitch of
hope and fear! I spent the
excited season in St-Louis, &
now conceived what was
"meant-by" political excitement
before, as we attended, 4 con-
ventions - Dem. Rep. Silver &
Cradock of the Breckers, & heard
all their buzzes! and were so
wound up in the Bryan side
- that - to have him defeated
was a terrible shock! &
now, what next! We Americans
must have some mighty
thing on hand to feed

their cause, but I trust
we can command
enough, to take the right-
to just-side of every issue
whether the objective point
be Greece - Crete Armenia,
Cuba - Africa - ~~the sea~~ and
not be plunged into mis-
-guided - moralisms. We do
live in an electric time.
Every way - all these commotions
seem to point to a gigantic
crisis. Do you continue an
deep interest in politics; I would
but regret - that you did not
continue; at the head of af-
-airs - in Carolina, but I know
in what ever place - you sum-
-your influence will be for
the good of the state. I shall
be glad to hear again of
you - and all your family

I returned from St-Louis
to my brother Montezuma's
near Hickory Valley - this state
1st of December - left my daugh-
-ter - Octavia - & Mr Brooks
will - They may possibly
come to Tennessee this summer
to attend the Centennial - &
of course spend part of the
time with me. Brother Mont
lives near Hickory Valley, which
is 12 miles south of Bolivar on
the Illinois Central Road, with
his sons James & Calvin, and
his daughter Fanny - who is now
staying with Oscar, in St-Louis, for
a while longer - James is a
politician, more properly I should
say - a statesman, has served two
Legislative Terms, with credit.
He and Calvin, join in the
cotton planting - & the young-
-est son Robert - is civil
Engineer - though at present

I believe
tell you
for grain
you know
brother or

"Montezuma
brother - who his
is - "Paul"

M.B.

April 13th

Now for another apology - my
dear cousin, This letter, was not sent
to the office - as I went quite unexpect-
edly to my own home, intending to add
a P.S., so took it along with me to finish
- but found so many things, and of
such curious character to do, that I
didn't attempt to write, I had not been
to Bolivar, nor in my house for more
than a year, as I came here to bro M's
direct from St Louis the 1st of Dec. I heard
yesterday from Carolina - of my dear
cousin. Rue Alston's death - another
jewel claimed - for glory - she was all
booniness - I hear indirectly ^{some times} ^{Rev.} ^{Corinth}
from Carolina, through my nephew ^{Rev.} W. J. Jones
who has charge of 3 churches in Asherville
Baptist - He is son of my brother Paul!

With love to your good
wife - yourself, and all
our friends & relatives -

I am, always

Your affectionate,

Cousin, Octavia R. Peck

P. S. Mr Brooks & Occie, were
saying continually - while I
was with them - that they
would be so glad ^{for you} to visit
them again - or rather
make them a visit! - as
my daughter & I, only
had - a limited glance
at you - and - now
we - here in Tennessee
would so much enjoy
to have a visit from you.

O. P.

and their Eternal Mansions
with the "just-made perfect"

I trust you passed a
safe and pleasant-time
in Raleigh - and (if you desire)
- that you may have that office
- again - or something better.

As I am uncertain
about your present address

- I shall send this letter to
to Raleigh - and of course
it will reach you, & I hope
find you - and all yours
well and prosperous -

& bringing, my many thanks,
for the kindness & pains
you have taken about the
tree - and pointing to me
names for reference - for
future investigation.

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I did not,
 - taking of
 the - that -
 " Mr - my
 " " "
 Jones - Henry
 in Cornhill Ohio
 " under Jones "

" Tampie Boddi "

he is

at-home. He has one daughter, married to Mr Knop Tate of Bolivar.

The account you gave me of our family, was very interesting and brought every thing so plain before me. It has been so long, a large and happy-circle of themselves - and so notably worthy at home and abroad, their names stood, & I trust will long continue to stand for all that - was excellent, I pray - all the good that falls to the lot of mankind may " follow them, all the days of their lives - "

Dear cousin, your letter, was not read
for another apology - my

April 13th

J. D.

I believe I did not
tell you - taking it
for granted that
you knew. My
brother name was -

"Montezuma Jones - My
brother - who lives in Corinth Miss
is - "Paul Tudor Jones"

"Campie Boddie"

he is

at home. He has one daughter
married to Mr Knop Gate

A Robinson