

Bartholomew, Drew, Co, Ark

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Dear Father

I will now  
proceed to answer your last  
letter after so long a time  
I wrote to Quilley from  
Kome, Ga. in which letter  
I told you all of my  
intentions of Father west  
& left Kome next morning  
for Texas & I have reach  
Ark we had a pleasant trip  
with the exception of the Boat  
that we came down the Miss  
mon aground & we lay twenty  
six hours before we got away  
We had one rail road smash  
up in which several persons  
were badly hurt but none killed

Two fine does but  
never killed none,  
There is plenty of game  
here I am not at  
S. H. Hoey Sam & his family  
look mighty bad although  
he has been sick. He will  
make corn enough to do him  
chills are all over now with  
a few exceptions. I have  
saw as healthy people out  
here as at home  
I saw Uncle John Andrews  
in Ga but he is going  
to Texas The country is worn  
out there and they  
have nothing to bring.  
Money in there country  
but wheat & The merchants  
ship it cheaper than  
they can raise it



but none never got hurt  
in the car that we were  
in. I saw the Mississippi  
and was badly disconcerted in  
its size although it is very  
low at this time, I was  
glad when we landed on  
Terra Firma for there has  
been several boats burnt &  
sunk in the last ten months  
I saw a good many water  
fowls on the river. I saw  
about two hundred pelicans in  
one gang. I reached Ark and  
found nothing but a well-  
ness but the finest kind  
of sand which can be  
bought for five dollars per  
acre, which when cleared is  
worth \$25 to \$30 per acre  
I went deer hunting  
yesterday evening & saw



That is a <sup>good</sup> place  
for making <sup>money</sup> than  
Cleveland. Dad tried  
teaching school but he  
could not do it.

I am going to stop  
here a while and try  
to make money to carry  
me through to Texas for  
I do not want to stay  
here in summer  
I must now close  
I am well and want  
to see you all at home.  
Give my love to  
ma's sisters & brothers and  
to all my friends.

Your Affection Son  
C. H.

P.S.

I will stay here until  
you write back to S. A. Honey