

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 1, Subseries C, Box 7, Folder 5

Allen, D. M. to Cabaniss, Septimus Douglass, Sr., 1875 - 1888

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Cabaniss, Septimus
Allen, D. M. [enclow]

Arkansas

Lewisburg Ark May 21/75

S. D. Cabaniss
Hartsville

Dear Uncle

Your last
class handed to me on yesterday. For
which I am greatly obliged for the interest
you have manifested in my behalf.
I shall always be
under lasting obligations to you for
for his kindness to me in my trying
circumstances. You doubt less think
that a man ought to supply a small
family with the necessary comforts of life.
Well I admit that I could keep meat and
bread for my family by buying out
but at the end of the year I never
but be any better off than I was when I
commenced. Because in this part of
the country for the upland there was
scarcely any thing made but in the
river bottom they made some corn in
fact nearly all made corn enough to do
them except renter, but few made any

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Cabaniss, S. D.

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Arkansas

Spence consequently they are now from
the Hills and upland to the bottom to be
furnished with provisions and are
making crops on the shore.

As for myself I probably
could have done better with or here for
ten or twelve dollars per month. Yet, if I
have made a crop on shares I would
have had to move and unless I had
gone some distance my place would
have returned to their old range
and I should have lost most of the
of them. Then I have got a very pretty
start of sheep both cattle and horses
upon the other hand if I had their
out by the month I could not make
any thing of that for the few that are
able to hire are overstocked and
are getting hands at their own figures.
However I have acted in the matter to
best of my judgment and only regret
I did not apply to you sooner as it
would have enabled me to have used
the money to a better advantage as
I could have bought more some
time ago with the same amount than
I can now.

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Allen, D. M.

Places:

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Arkansas

I send you a copy of Harris McKissick & Turley and I would like to know your opinion concerning the idea of cont. using the mill of J. A. H. also if it is necessary for me to engage them to attend to my interest.

I told you I would give you the particulars of the cyclone that visited me on the night of 30th April. I suppose it came between 7 & 10 o'clock at night. I had been asleep and the affair at once woke me and I called Kate and John and I thought a storm was coming just then. I heard a tremendous rattling. I thought the chimney had blown down. I jumped up and went to the fire place and found the chimney all right. I went back to bed. I was sleeping on the north side of the house. I told Kate and the baby on South side. A while later Kate she had been come and yet in bed with me she died and she had not more than laid down when a terrible puff came and with it the wind the whole night on the North side of the house. Deer across both rooms and passage. It hurt on the spot some twenty ft.

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Allen, J. A.

Allen, Kate

Harris, McKissick &

Turley

Places:

Lewisburg, AR

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Allen, D. M. [Nephew]

Arkansas

It has been very severe down here for
some time. The weather has been very cold
on the city from which I am living. It
was very heavy. The weather being cold
I have some more -
also some up there and the wind
was strong and filled. And I have
given me considerable trouble to get a
bottle of the pills. It now left
a crop on the place. I have made
some of the pills. I have made
the new one. In fact it has
remained totally worthless. My home as
well as considerable more. It now
injures materially any of my stock.
The day before this in the woods it broke
a pig. The tail bone of one of my
milk cows. I am very sorry to see
relations and visitation.

Yours Respectfully
D. M. Allen

I am writing you letter
this year. I am going on
corn. I hope to have meat
and a good crop. I mean it is the best of the

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Places:

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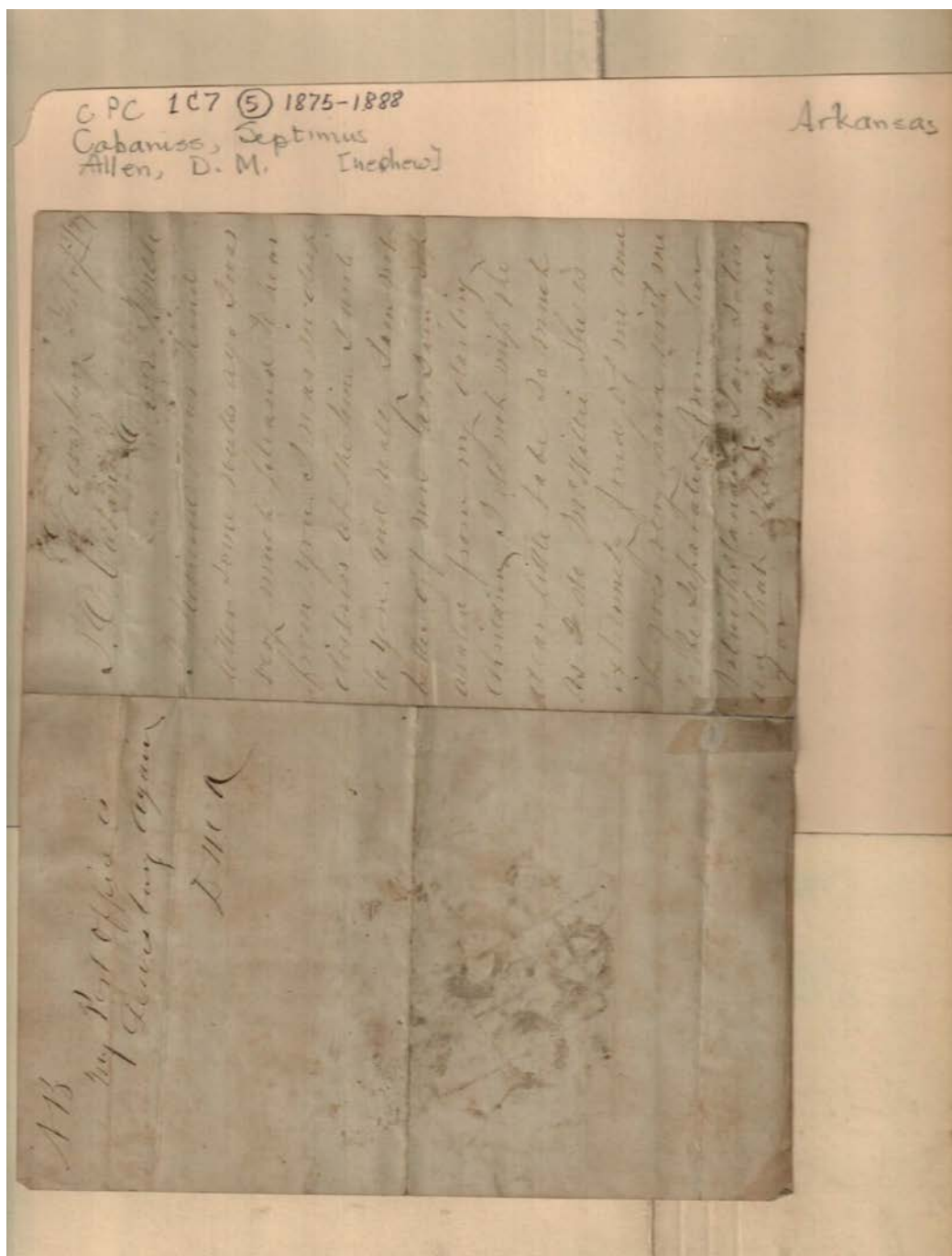
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Allen, McWillie

Cabaniss, S. D.

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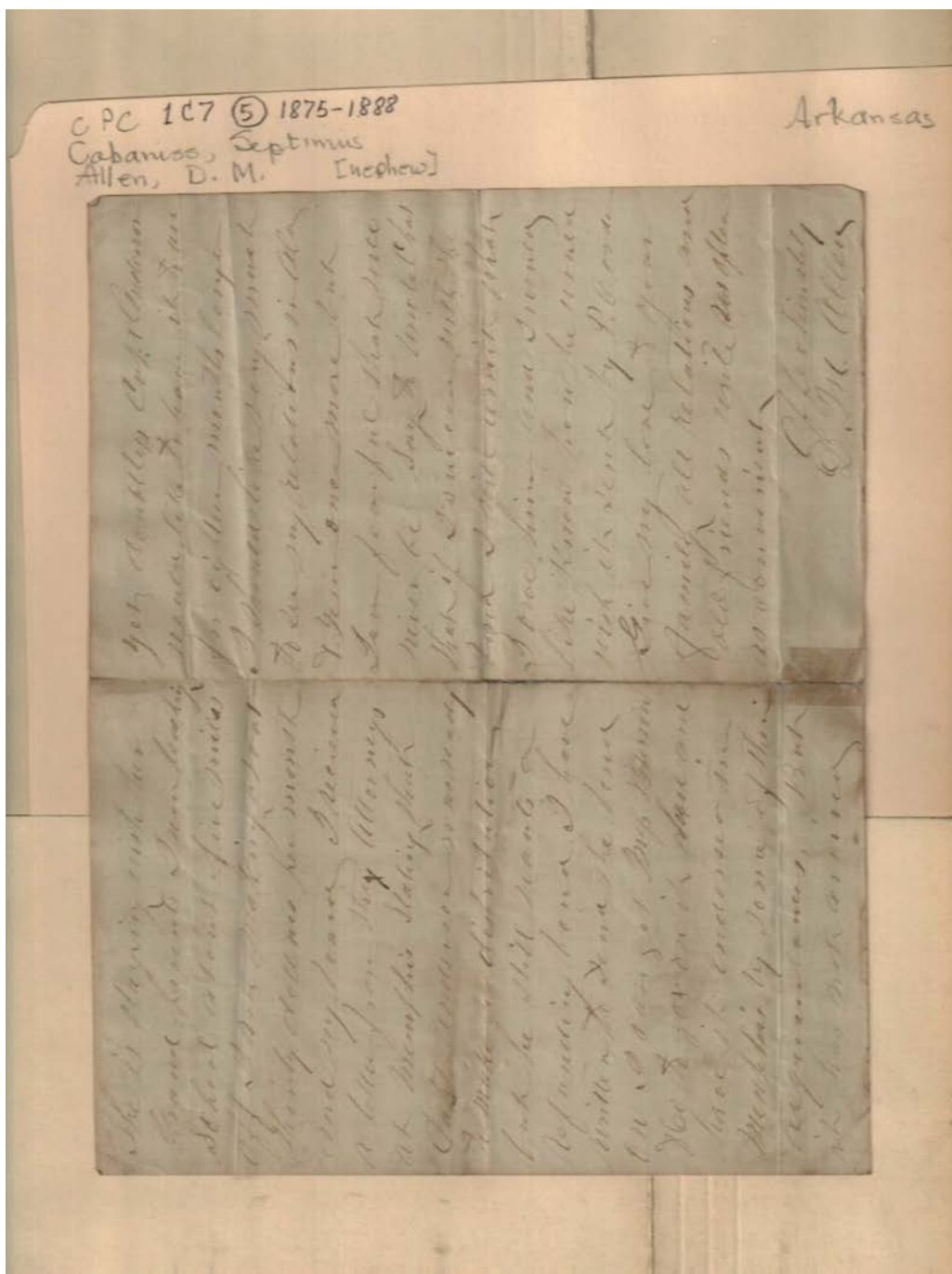
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Names:

Allen, D. M.

Anderson, Capt.

Burrow, Miss

Cabaniss, Charles

Places:

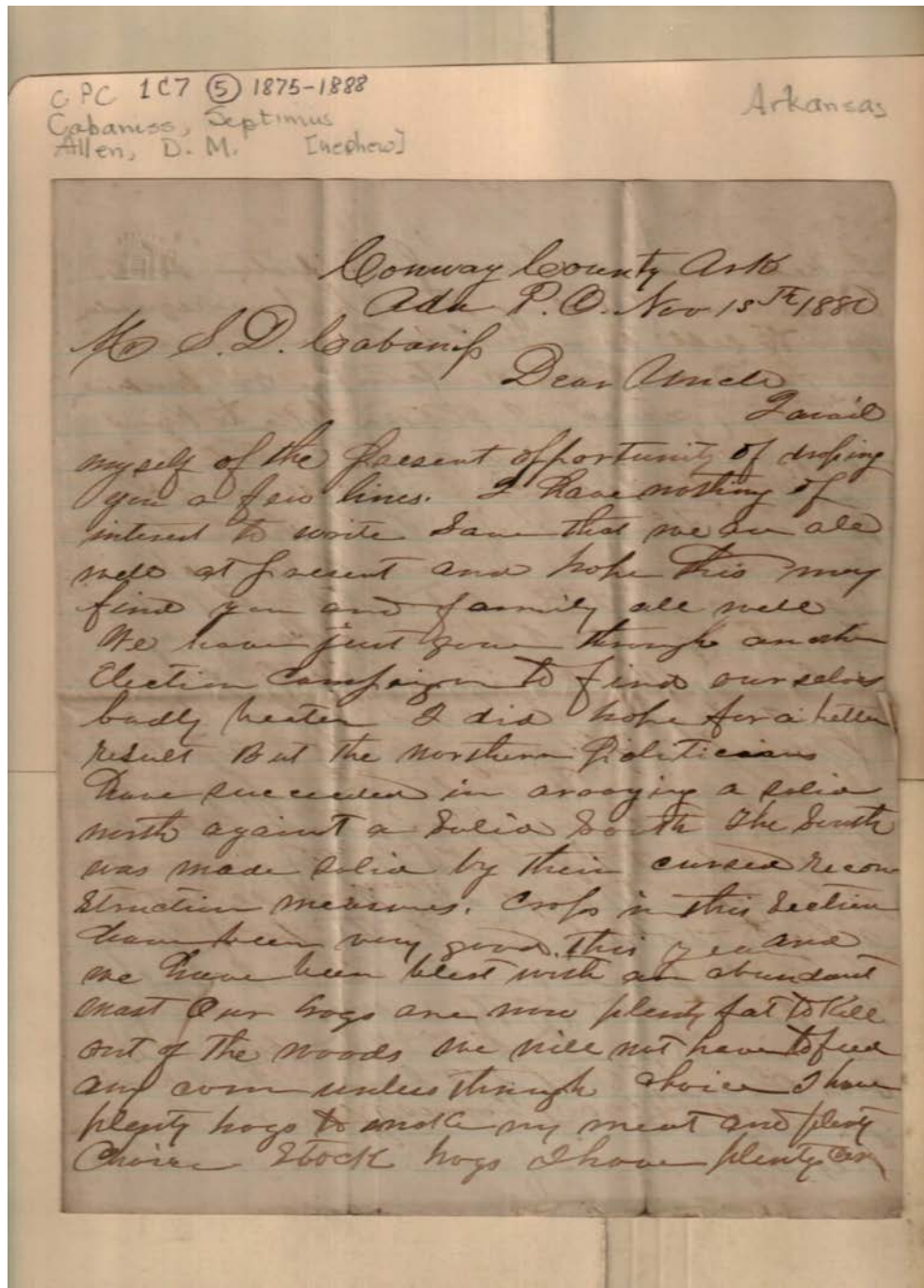
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Allen, D. M.

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Allen, D. M. [Enchew]

Arkansas

I received a letter from sister Susan
time back stating that she had requested
you to sell our most expensive known
as the Outpost containing one hundred
and sixty acres I should like to know
if you have done anything with it
If not I wish you would sell it if there
is any demand for land there. Those
made some purchases of land here
from the Little Rock & Fort Smith Railway
Company. And I am in a fair way
to lose the money paid. I based
my calculations upon what our
Memphis attorneys wrote and they
have failed to make their promise
good. And my payments become
due about the middle of December
and I am fearful I shall not be
able to do so. So I thought if you
had disposed or would dispose of
the land and if there was anything
coming to me I would help me
out some. But if I lose it I have
got a good homestead. But the land
lies right in my front and is good land

Names:

, Susan

Allen, D. M.

Places:

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AR

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Allen, D. M. [Enochew]

Arkansas

I have about 18 acres in cultivation
I would like keep the land as I have
paid out over a hundred and fifty
dollars on it. What do you think
about our Memphis affair don't
you think the Adm. Lawyers are trying
to beat us the lawyers have just said
I have not heard from them since
spring they said that they had filed
a bill against Mr Anderson & his
men but would not get a hearing
before fall in January at and that
they would in all probability take an
appeal to the App. Ct and that they would
not get a decision in less than two
years. Hoping to hear from you
soon I remain
Yours aff. D. M. Allen

Direct to Ash
Conway County
Ark

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Anderson,

Places:

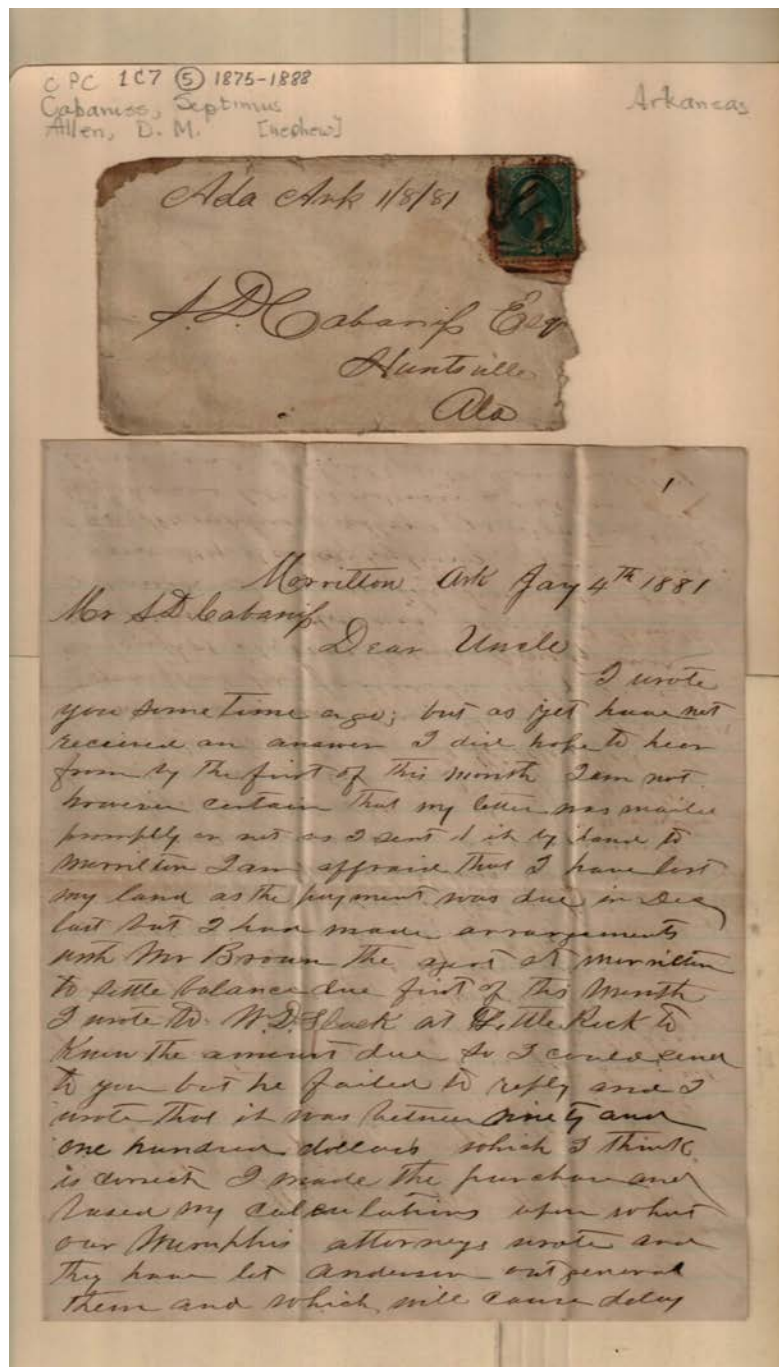
Ash, Conway Co.,
AR

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Names:

Allen, D. M.
Anderson,

Brown,
Cabaniss, S. D.

Flack, W. D.

Places:

Ada, AR

Huntsville, AL

Morrilton, AR

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Arkansas

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If I had received what was due me from
them in bulk I might have made better
use of it. But it came in dribbles and
was not enough to do much with. I would
like to tell you I will take
Two hundred and fifty dollars for my
interest in the Memphis Matter and
my interest in the land there if any
body had that land and was not obliged
to sell it it would bring ten dollars
per acre. I have never heard of land
selling as cheap as they offer for that in
the old country unless it was compelled
to be sold. But they know it must be
sold; get what you can it is a good way
from market it is true and that may
lessen the value. If I had two hundred
and fifty dollars now I would be able
to make money I would be able to pay
out my parsonage and hire farm work
done and I would have a good farm
well fitted up and what I could make
would support my family and what
I could send I could put out the money
in improving my place and in a few

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Places:

Morrilton, AR

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Allen, D. M. [Enchew]

Arkansas

Yours I could live without having to
labor for him. I do assure you I
do not idle my time but I am but a
poor hand at anything only in making
a crop I can make tails and clear
land to do my good. I never was trained
to it in my raising and I am too old
now to begin learn and make any headway
in the art. There ought to be coming to me
in Memphis some three hundred dollars
besides interest in the house and lot on
Desoto Street and interest in land there
something near one hundred dollars
amounting to four hundred dollars
or thereabouts which I will take two
hundred and fifty dollars for just for
the sake of getting it at once so I may
use it getting to my home. I am really
not very stout and not able to do much
hard labor but I can make a good
crop you can manage them Memphis
fellows and I can't do a thing with them
they won't even answer my letters
and let me know what they are doing
I wrote to Gurly once last year and

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Gurly,

Places:

Morrilton, AR

Types:

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Jan 4, 1881

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Allen, D. M. [nephew]

Arkansas

he has not answered my letter yet
I think I will get it some time but it
may be a year or so and that will in all
probability be too late for it even to
benefit me or my children as I am
anxious to get them a home free from
all incumbrances in case I should drop
off at any time unexpectedly as life is
very uncertain in this part of the world
All well from Lewis and all
firm in sending best wishes and love
to yourself and family write soon and
direct to Morrilton sending Lewis
a box

Your affectionate nephew
D. M. Allen

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Places:

Morrilton, AR

Types:

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Dates:

Jan 4, 1881

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Allen, D. M. [unclear]

Arkansas

State of Arkansas
County of Conway Jan 18th 1882

S. D. Cabaniss Dear Uncle

It has been a good while since I heard from you I received a paper and a funeral notice of Aunt Sallie White. I was very sorry when of her death. Her house has been my home so much in my boyhood. She seemed very near to me in fact her and her family and you and your family seemed more like kin folks to me than my distant kith. Of Jan. 1st I mistook for a great while that I was Mary Jane Cousin Saphronia and Jimmie Martin were we read what has become of Cous James White I have been getting letters from Sister & about two years. But I wrote to her sometime last fall and have not heard in answer as yet. I am fearful she is not well in her last letter she was complaining of feeling quite feeble. I am afraid she will get become helpless as in several her letters she has intimated as much her day. It does seem that our relations are fast passing away. This country has the name of being very sickly and last year there was a great deal of sickness in this neighborhood and considerable mortality among children. Owing to the severe hot and dry weather children were attacked with a bowel complaint and when it was not treated correctly, ran into

Names:

, Mary Jane
, Saphronia

Allen, D. M.
Cabaniss, S. D.

Martin, Jimmie
White, James

White, Sallie

Places:

Conway Co., AR

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Jan 18, 1882

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Arkansas

congestion and resulted in death Our little
Charlie was taken but the doctor said
I don't know but it did not seem to hurt him
much In fact my family had better health
last year than any year previous As for
my health I have had had for about four
years splendid health I have not had
a doctor with me but once in four years
We had a very severe drought here last year
which cut crops quite short Early planted
corn came about an average crop but
afterwards out very short not half crop
but corn better has the fruit so the bar crop
have been fallowed by some of the middle
winter crops we have not had any
winter since the last some days I now felt this
morning about 6 in deep but it is not very
cold Cattle have done well without
any feed up to now grass has been green
for the mountain all the time I guess the
will have to feed now until April On one of
your letters you asked me the names of my children
I think I have you the names but I am not
certain so I give them in this McWillie Frances
& Martha Ada & Charles Carroll They are
all well and are large portly children
I saw mention in my paper about a Dr. Urban
if also lives in this part this state Louisville
I believe is a relative of yours All join in
much love to your family and all connections
write soon
Sincerely & affectionately
Ada P. is suspended D. M. Allen

Names:

Allen, Charles Carroll

Allen, Charlie

Allen, D. M.

Allen, Frances C.

Allen, Martha Ada

Allen, McWillie

Cabaniss, Dr.

Places:

Conway Co., AR

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Jan 18, 1882

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Allen, D. M. [nephew]

Arkansas

Ada Conway County Ark Aug 23/84

S. D. Cabaniss Esq

Dear Uncle

I drop you a few lines to inform
you that we are all well at present
and hope you are all well. I have
good prospects for cotton this year
but my corn crop has been damaged
very much by drought. It just lacked a
few days of nine weeks that my corn
did not have rain sufficient to lay
the dirt. We have not had any rain
during this month scarcely. Cotton has begun
to ear off the last few days. I have about
twenty five acres in cultivation about
ten in cotton some facher balance
in corn by individual crop consist
of 3 acres in cotton and 3 in corn and
I have half interest in 7 acres in cotton
and 7 acres in corn. Our country has
suffered with three months in four years
and the people are very hard run
having to go in debt some of them.

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Cabaniss, S. D.

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Aug 23, 1884

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Allen, D. M. [nephew]

Arkansas

Which makes money very scarce here at this time of the year, I now have the chance of making a good trade when I can make fifty or sixty dollars if I had the money or can get it by the middle of next month. Mr Hatcher a neighbor of mine had a difficulty with a man and beat him rather severely and he wishes to go to Tex as before Circuit Court opens. Sam King who lives on my place bought his little farm and he wants to sell his corn he has ten acres in corn and places in corn which he wants one hundred and twenty five dollars for his corn. I will make 4 bags and about 60 bushels of corn so I thought I would write to you and see if you could let me have that amount out of my distribution share as the time for final settlement is so near at hand that you now know sufficiently in regard to what amount they will be I can let King go there and get the crop and I can get his corn across country on my place. Thereby I can get plenty of corn to take up at home and make my chaps even.

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Hatcher,

King, Sam

Places:

Ada, Conway Co.,
AR

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Aug 23, 1884

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Allen, D. M. [enclow]

Arkansas

If you can accomodate me without
any inconvenience to yourself or incur-
ing any risk upon yourself it will be very thank-
fully received. As I must try to make
my living by uniting something else with
farming I have worked hard
ever since I have been married.
The second year after I was married
the first time that general an even
month came upon me and then I
made good crops for six years and was
entirely out of debt then then came
the seventh year another drought then one
year crop years then last year two droughts
one for corn and one for cotton then this
year my corn suffered much by drought
I think when I get fed my little to my
homestead I will sell out to the Dutch
and leave here and see if I can find
some place where it is not quite so dry.
If you can accomodate me please
let me know right away I am willing to accom-
odate just about to give up any one else if they
will accept it and as to my interest

Names:

Allen, D. M.

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Arkansas

In the Owl Roost I dont care if you
tell at any price I am willing hereon
to allow you 10¢ per 4 on account of that
you can get for it. As I dont think
it is any benefit to me or any one else
in the hope it new slands

Walter Cabaniss will turn be fifteen
months old and can't walk yet Charles
Carroll is over 4 years old and can
hardly talk anything he says thus I can
near understand Ada can talk as plain
as any person and just as mischeivous
Katie is five with her sister McWillie
is a great big girl and a great deal
of help to her ma and myself she
can feed an whole the calves catch a
horse and water them hoe corn
and corn lick Cornon full fodder
and is just a complete handy Andy
All join in saying love to you and
Yours
Yours Affectionate Nephew
D. M. Allen

Names:

, Ada

Allen, Charles Carroll

Allen, D. M.

Allen, McWillie

Cabaniss, Walter

Places:

Ada, Conway Co.,

AR

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Allen, D. M. [Chehaw]

Arkansas

I will perfect my title to my homestead in about
a year and if this country continues so dry
I will see my place and seek some other parts

Ada Conway Co Ark Apr 15/84
S. D. Cabaniss Esq

Dear Uncle

I write
you some time ago requesting you
to sell my interest in the Oak Rest place
As I have not heard from you since
I thought I would write again I do
not ask or desire you to consume
your time for nothing I am willing to pay
you 10% out for your trouble. We
have had another drought here this
year which makes three in four years
with one good crop between them
so you see I am needing money, and the
place there is of no benefit to me nor any
one else in the condition it stands so I
would be much obliged if you would
sell my interest for what you can and
reply as early as you can conveniently
I hope you will let me know immediately

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Cabaniss, S. D.

Places:

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April 15, 1884

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Allen, D. M. [Enochew]

Arkansas

What you think you can do Address me
at Ada.

I have had quite a trial this
fall I have had sickness in my family
ever since the 3rd of last month Walter
has been sick ever since and Ada very near
all the time and my wife has been sick
more or less Charlie has had two chills
I have three chills and an attack of the
billious diarrhea. I have not picked a
bale of my cotton yet McWillie has been
up all the time and she with what little I can
help her has picked a bale of cotton for
King who made a share crop all my place
King made about 4000 off of 100 acres
ought to have made 4000 I will not
make over 2000 pounds of 2 1/2 acres
made plenty corn to do me This leaves my
McWillie Mary Ballam every if any
Hope however it will reach you and find
all in good health Kindest regards to you
and family and all connections
Yours truly
D. M. Allen

Names:

Allen, Ada
Allen, Charlie

Allen, D. M.
Allen, McWillie

Allen, Walter
Hayter, Mrs.

King, Sam
Tate, John

Places:

Ada, Conway Co.,
AR

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Arkansas

Ada Conway Co Ark 2-24/1885
Mr S. D. Cabaniss
Huntsville

Dear Uncle

I wrote you on the 8th of January
and promised to write you again
soon. But we have had the worst
weather since the first of January
that has been known for many years
here it snowed and sleeted all
day yesterday the ground is now
covered with snow 8 or 10 inches deep
The ground has been frozen all
the year people have come out
towards farming yet I have been
wanting to sow my seed for two
weeks But I haven't the least idea
that I can do a thing before March
I have moved from my old place
am now living on place where my
tenants have been living I settled
the place with the intention of living
here for a while I could get a nice
good water I have got splendid
water if it were only held out it
did not get entirely dry last year
during the long drought but did not
afford living water I think tho
I can get plenty water by sinking
about three feet deeper The place
is much better and better located
than where I lived altho but
a short distance On the 5th of Jan

Names:

Allen, D. M.

Cabaniss, S. D.

Places:

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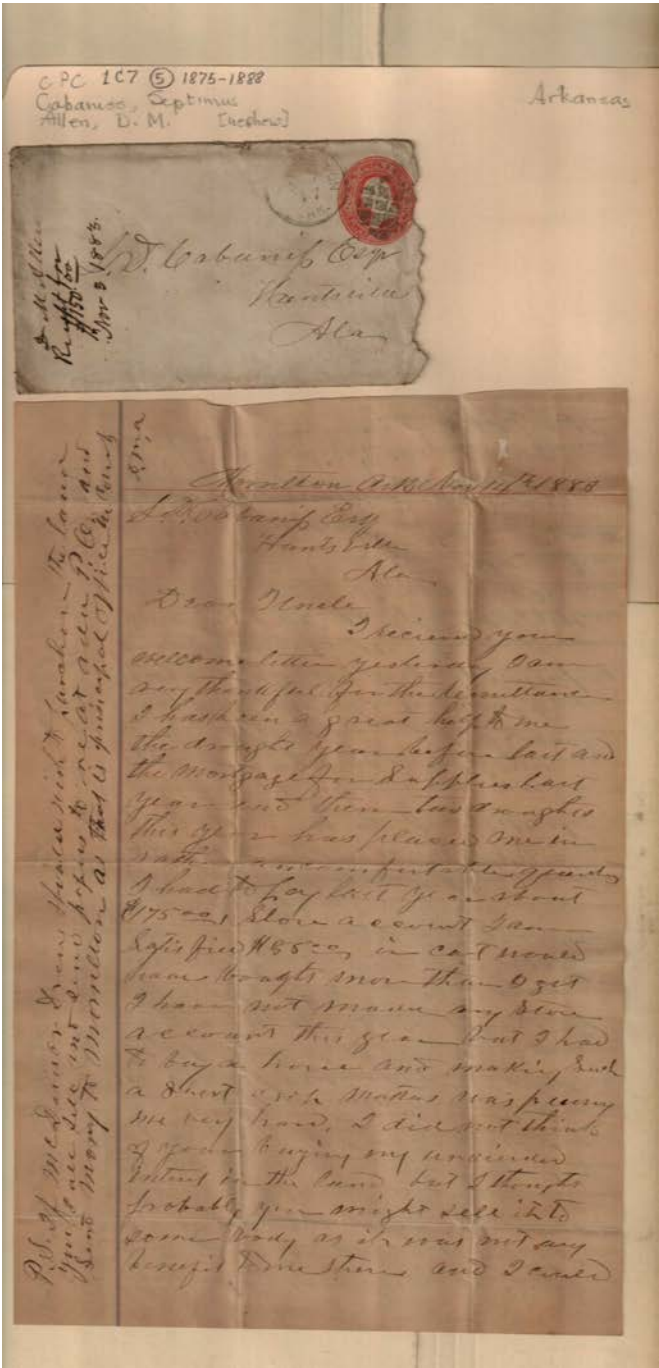
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Arkansas

Remain in land here as there
 is a quarter joining one that
 would suit me so it would put
 through my place in a square
 besides there is a small speckling
 of buying that I don't wish as
 a neighbor that close as he
 is with Breckinridge and will
 be all stock it is known on
 his family of scolding hogs and
 cattle when they would come
 around him it is rail road
 land and I can get it for 1000
 with by paying one fourth down
 the interest payment then payed
 and so the land is held at 1000
 per acre. If you can tell it
 without any incumbrance or
 mortgage as so if not I will
 trust to Providence if he don't
 buy this fall he will not buy
 before next. My wife is not happy
 on both much all children are
 well my little daughter Kate is still
 with her and she is about seven
 years old McKie's son Ada fine
 Charlie there are Walter & I wish
 I hope this may find you in better
 health and family all well
 all going on love to you and family
 write when you can
 your affectionate brother
 D. M. Allen

Uncle Septimus what do you think about that Morrilton matter
 don't you think it a nice little place especially for a man

Names:

, Ada
 , Charlie

, McKie
 , Walter

Allen, D. M.
 Cabaniss, Septimus

Places:

Morrilton, AR

Types:

correspondence

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