

Chillicothe Mo. July 4th 1892

French Lipton Esq
Richmond Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of

The 7th is at hand. In reference to my father's ^{entry} to Santa Fe somewhere about 1820 as near as I now recollect the facts are about as follows.

My father at that time was a resident of the State of Missouri. With a party of Santa Fe Traders, including the barson, he left what is known as Old Franklins Mo. with goods packed upon horses ^{in wagons} for Mexico. After having accomplished about half the distance in attempting to get his fire from his wagon, to shoot some wild animal that had invaded the camp of the traders, it was discharged shattering his right arm. In this condition he was hauled in his wagon, for the Company did not stop on account of small matters, until it became apparent to him, that unless his arm was amputated he would not

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him to get to Santa Fe where it was expected he could receive surgical aid. He therefore called upon a friend by the name of Thos Talbot to cut off the arm. Talbot not being a Surgeon and not having any confidence in his own Skill refused at first to undertake the work. But my father convinced him that he would die unless the operation could be performed at an early day. The Subject of the sketch had already considered the difficulties of the situation and had formed a very ingenious plan by which the operation could in his opinion be successfully performed. He directed the operation himself. It was as follows - To ~~make~~ improvise a Saw from a butcher knife to saw off the bone and to stop the bleeding of the arteries and veins by twisting the King bolt of the wagon and leaving them. The operation was ~~successfully~~ performed and he continued

his trip to Mexico, sold out his goods with
 the others and returned to Mo. In 1827. he
 returned to Madison Co Ky. where he died
 at a ripe old age in Dec 24th 1872. It may
 be also remarked that Williams who was
 Fremont's guide in his celebrated exploring
 expedition through the Rock Mountains was
 the guide and Indian interpreter of the
 Santa Fe traders with which my father
 was connected. Andrew Proud was
 a man of Herculean strength, proud and
 imperious, ~~but~~ with unbending will and
 apparently insensible to pain or fatigue.
 Kind and even generous to the poor, but
 haughty with his equals.

As for myself.

I was born in Madison County June 19th 1836
 read law with the Hon Curtis A. Tamm here.
 at Richmond Ky and was admitted to
 law in March 1858. In April 1867. moved
 to Chillicothe Mo where I have since
 lived. In Nov 1874. was elected judge of

The 17th Judicial Circuit of the State for
 term of Six years. In 1890 elected Mayor of
 the City of Chillicothe for one year. On the
 17th of Sept 1891 was appointed ^{reporter of the the members of the bar} judge of the
 17th Judicial Circuit by Gov. Dr. Francis
 to fill the unexpired term of Judge James
 M. Davis who resigned on account of poor
 health. I am now a candidate for renom-
 ination in what is known as the 2nd Judicial
 Circuit, the State having been redesignated
 since my appointment; The Circuit is the
 largest in the State presided over by a single
 judge. It is composed of Clay, Ray, Calcutt
 Daws and Livingston ^{commencing}. I have already been
 endorsed for nomination by three ^{out} of the ^{five} counties.
 The Circuit has nearly 6000 Democratic
 majority - I am a widower with nine
 children. Two of whom are married.
 When I look over my past life and
 find how much I might have, and how
 little I have achieved I feel greatly
 discouraged. I hope you will be

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Satisfied with the imperfect sketch I
have given you. I will want a copy of
your history when you get it completed.

Yours Truly
E J Broadus

P.S.

Please see Jerry Broadus who
can give you a better history of my
past than I can - I have not
time to revise what I written
E J B