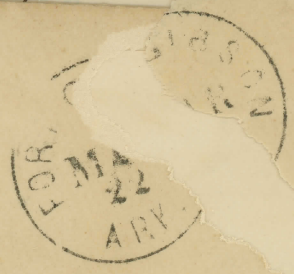


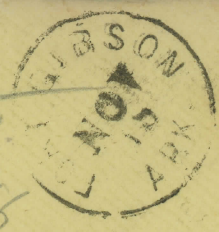
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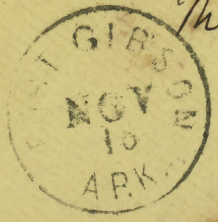
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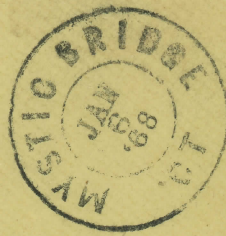
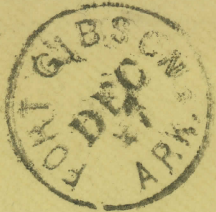
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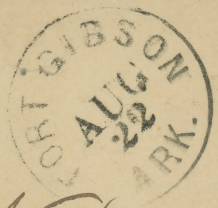




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Mrs W. B. Lewis
Mystic Bridge
Connecticut



Feb 4, 68
letter

Mrs. W. B. Lewis
Mystic Bridge
Conn.

Fort Arbuckle C.M.

Dec. 22nd 1867

Dear Mother

Yours of the 29th of Nov. recd-
today enclosing sea weed, which was doubly
welcome as my friend was sick & said it
made him feel much better to view it-
we put it in a glass of water to revive it-
I wrote you a letter a few days ago noticing
the deprivations of the indians & shooting of
a woman. I recd. your letter in reference to the
furs & if I find any furs that I think suitable
shall get you some I have got 3 very nice
silver grey fox skins which I think would make
a very nice fur, & shall catch more soon, the hounds
catch them I have but 4 dogs at present but expect
3 or 4 more soon. We are to have a great Fox hunt
on St. Stephens day i.e. next Thursday

The stamps came all right but think I shall get along
now as I got 150 cts worth this week have had
to send them on tick lately - The B. means Beebe
Very sad about Lucian

Day before yesterday I started my hounds after
a Catamount & they run it about 3 hours when they
came across a coon track that was fresh & they went
to the tree & when I rode up I knew what was in
so I just stripped of coat & went up the tree leaving
Jones the interpreter (who is my right hand man) at the
foot of the ~~tree~~ well I got up about 75 feet & saw a
coons tail & poked him but he would not come out
so I took hold & threwed him to the ground when the
dogs took him, but soon let go, & he whipped the pack &
got into the water when the dogs again tried him &
came near basing a pair of my best young dogs
I heard more noise inside the limb so I sent for an
axe & chopped a hole & took out three more very large
ones & a fox squirrel. I gave the coons to my darkey
& he has sold all but one for 150 a piece the darkeys
like them so much. We are to have a great Indian
celebration here Christmas. I bought an ox for them to
eat. I am going to shoot some game tomorrow for
our dinner, we are to have the Com. Officer to dinner
I should not be surprised if I leave the service soon as
there is very little money out here & expenses are enormous
a shirt costs from 7 to 12 dollars & every thing in proportion
but I shall dislike to leave my folks. My Ponies know

me & I know them perfectly & they are so nice - & my
dogs too - by the way am daily looking for an increase
of 5 or 10 small hounds - I am nearly out of clothes but
dont calculate to buy new, till I decide as to staying in the
service I recd. a letter from Mary N. & answered it -
Our mail has been robbed several times lately - would you
like some buck skin, for any things if so will fetch some
home - these Indians tan it - the nicest of any out here -
Some one stole my hunting bag & other traps -
I wrote to G. H. G. the other day - We are thinking of
taking another big bear hunt - You may rest assured that
my nigger dont have a very hard time & I have a right
civil one now, but he is very green but seems to be honest -
a Texan was shot here day before yesterday -

The weather still remains warm & nice, I can hardly
realize that you are having a cold winter at home
it is a little cool in the morning but I have not
had occasion to wear gloves yet - & the people are
plowing preparatory to planting our corn in the spring
I wrote to every long ago - My ideas are very stale let
me light my pipe, you did not write about Weston
who he was, & we do not get papers enough to keep posted
well I will say good night - as I can think of nothing
more to write, The wolves have all left here -

Monday Morn. I have just been subpoenaed*
to appear before the U. S. Court. at the City of
Van Buren Ark. on the 12th of next May, in reference
to the shooting of that boy that I wrote you about -
don't think I shall be there at all -

The wind is blowing very hard & it is a little colder
this morn. - Write soon -

Your Ned

My friend Garland is better this morning
I cannot think of leaving my horse & dog out - here
but shall have to if I come home -

I need back one of the blankets
to you will have one that I like
When a long journey -

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than any of the large horse
& I can hunt Buffalo on
him better, as American
horses are afraid of them
The weather is so fine that
there will not be any trouble
in keeping warm. I think I
will take 2 or three horses so
as to have plenty - & my
nigger will not have any
thing to do but take care of me
& the horses. the

The grass is starting nicely &
I am looking forward to garden
sauce in a short time

I sold my racing horse lately
shall try to get another on
this trip - While we are trying
to keep cold by you are almost
frozen I suppose -

There are a squad of men
whitewashing my house, both
inside & out. over

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Post Garden & have been quite
busy for some time getting in
the seeds, the weather is ex-
tremely hot, I am going to
visit the Wichita Mountains
the ^{or K.} Kiowa tribe & also the
Comanches - Shall try to get
some Buffalo tongues - & C
Recd. a letter from Mary Noyes
& shall try to answer it before
leaving. dinner is ready
so good bye -

Have eaten a good dinner
so will write a little more
My long wished for trip
is before me. I have long
wished to visit this portion
of the Country I suppose
we shall make quite a
trip into New Mexico
I am going to ride my Pony
as he will stand it better

Recd. a letter from Gary last week. We celebrated Washington's Birth day. I have only furnished Indian news since -
 Yours of Jan 26 " just recd. very much surprised to hear of Mr. Simons' career. Glad you have had such a good visit. Direct your letters as before & when I return will write, or before if I can send it -

Your son
 Edger

25° before sun rise & raining, but the boy must go.

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| Stock, Horses, Hay, Tools &c | 1412 ¹ / ₄ |
| Farm & Buildings | 3250 |
| | 600 |
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| Lumber | 556 ¹ / ₄ |
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H. Albuckle
 Feb. 24 / 68

Dear Mother
 I have not heard from home in a long time but as I am going out on an expedition & probably shall not have a chance to write again for some time I write. I am perfectly well & enjoying life. have bought a new Hound & a horse & sold my little racing Mare Betty for \$15 more than she cost & bought another horse for \$40 which is about $\frac{2}{3}$ what I expect to get, as I it is the best pony in this part of the territory. The deer are so plenty that they come into the garrison I have taken charge of the

Remember me to all the friends
& assure them that letters are
always acceptable in this
country, even were they dunning
letters. Do you know of any one
who would like to buy a horse
I have sent to the state for a
watch expect it soon -

I would like to know how many
pair of Moccasins I have promised -
tell Mary N. that the pattern
she sent - got lost, I gave it to
a squaw & she went off - I met
her a short time since & asked
her about the Moccasins & she
said she could tell just how
long, & made a pair don't know
how they will fit -

As it is getting late I must
close
Your Son Edgar

I did not get a very good
selection, they are not so forward
as at Arbuckle as this place is
nearly a hundred miles north -

Newcastle, I. T.

March 19th 68

Dear Mother

I have to write
very often to keep you
posted in regard to my changes
I wrote a short time ago
to tell you that I had
finally arrived home to
sleep in a house once more
but the next morn - I
rec'd orders to start
again & have just arrived
here, I am now among
the Seminoles, this is my
first knowledge of them
they appear to be more
civilised than any of
the other tribes.
I came through (100 miles)
accompanied by my dog -

as I had rather come
alone than have the
trouble of an escort.
Came through in 3 days
on the pony that I bought
last. I relieved a Dr.
that had to go & attend
a Court-martial shall
not remain here more
than a month or 2.
So you need not change
my address but send
my letters as before &
I shall get them from
Arbuckle. Maj. Robinson
whom I have mentioned as
being an old friend, is in
command here, we are living
in tents with as few of
the conveniences of life as
possible. The prairie is on
fire near here & it is a

fine sight. went fishing
a few days ago & got a good
lot. I keep the old dog as
a companion.
There is a Missionary here
but I don't think it would
do me much good to attend
his services, as I don't
understand a word of the
language. The rats & mice
are so thick that I have
just prepared some poison
for them & will now try to
write. In my last I promised to
send you some flowers but
forgot & them. will try & think
in the morning, as there are plenty
now. I shot enough to subsist
me on the journey. Killed a deer
with my pistol.
The Lord has a large flock of
turkeys out here & they are fat.

A party just arrived report the
Massacre of a party of surveyors
who left this post a few days
ago - dont know whether to
believe it or not - they say the
Osages done it -

Exped. the mail to leave per
rider tomorrow - so must get
ready - have just finished one
to Uncle Benj. Spaulding
berate to Aunt Martha a short
time since. the wolves are
howling all around -