

4825 Oakwood
Moss Point, Ms. 39563
July 9, 1987

Ms. Nan Fairley
P. O. Box 5511
Meridian, Ms. 39302-5511

Dear Ms. Fairley:

We read your article in Regina Hines' column in the Ms. Press regarding the history of Lauderdale, County, Ms. that you are writing.

My husband's great grandfather, George Wood, came South from Connecticut. He and his family were listed in the Lauderdale Co. Census of 1850. He was a lawyer and ran for the office of district attorney. We think that this date was 1849.

We have just returned from a trip to Connecticut where we were doing family research. At the library in Berlin, Cn. there was a file of papers that we were permitted to see. Of most interest to us was a letter written from Alamutcha, Ms. (is this in Lauderdale Co.?) to relatives back in New England. We were really thrilled to get a copy of this letter.

If you feel you would be interested in this ancestor of my husband's, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Lauderdale County Department
of Archives and History, Inc.
Court House Annex Building
P. O. Box 5511
Meridian, MS 39302

Yours very truly,

Charlotte Wood

(Mrs. A. G. Wood)

7/12/87

*Dear Mrs. Wood,
Yes we would like to have the copy on
George Wood. Here some. Yes ALAMUTCHA is in Lauderdale Co -
Very old Community - 3 miles S of Quant Keweenaw - but much there now -
only the old Salem Baptist Church. Would like copy of the letter as
well as Regina Column. She is member of the organization.
Here some name George Wood often.*

*Sincerely
Jim Dawson
Director (volunteer)*

Mrs. A. G. Wood
4825 Oakwood, Moss Point, Ms. 39563

July 24, 1987

Dear Mr. Dawson:

Thank you for your letter. The letter we got in Connecticut is enclosed It is a "two in one" letter written partly by Edwin Sage (brother-in-law of George Wood, and by Nelson Wood, brother of George. The envelope with the Alamutcha address is very legible, but the letter is less so. We've made a copy of it which is also enclosed.

I have another question for you--is there a cemetery near Meridian that is called the Sageville Cemetery?

Yes
Also, I include the newspaper article.

Yours very truly,

Charlotte R Wood

Enclosures

P. S. The Maria Sage mentioned in the letter is the wife of George Wood and great grandmother of my husband.

Alamutcha Nov. 1st 1849

My Dear Mother

How very strange and trying it is that I am not also permitted to add My Dear Father, we can scarcely realize that we shall never look upon his face again, should any of us ever go north again there will be a void that it will be a long time in closing, how you all get along without him I cannot imagine, we are taught to look upon all things for the best but it is very trying to think that we shall never see one who has always been a kind & indulgent parent.

We received a letter from Henry a few days since in which he asked Maria & myself to write whether or not we had any claims against the Estate or not, "we have not," also what we were willing to have done with it: we both are willing & desire Mother to do with our interests in Estate just as she thinks for our benefit & for her own convenience & happiness. I do not think it best for Mary to board at home this winter, she will feel much more in a mood "it will come easier" to go to house keeping immediately after marriage than if she boards for a year.

I also shall not be willing for Henry to keep the Janes in the way he says Ralph & we agree to, unless he will furnish a woman the whole year to do all the work & pay her hire out of his portion raised from Janes, Mother has "I wish you all to bear in mind" worked hard all her life "I would do it still longer would you let her" and we have decided to accomplish a change for the better in that respect in some way, or it will not be long before we all will be deprived of her presence in this world, was that the case there would be one great attraction } to us } gone from home, were all our parents dead I don't think that we could ever look upon the place again, memory would be too great, All that we can say is do for the best of all

How sorry we all are that we could not have been at home & seen Ralph, could you realize that Catherine was not to come, what is he doing

an. building a house. The upper story is to a chimney's low. Professor Hall, I intend to join both where estate. The house is for my up in good stile & will be one of the best stores. Hall in East Mills, Mary Kewer has had we needed a stone in this place it will cost us about 600. Gold including the ground. Nelson wife Cecilia. Tell them to wait at home. Ed

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this year, but he says nothing about what he earns, or how he get along in
money matters, I will try & write him in a few days, I supposed he nearly
prevailed upon you all to remove west, we never knew the cause of Wm's
leaving Brooklyn, did he loan anything through the year, I hope not
I feel confident that he has come to a wise conclusion in not
persisting to go to California, had he 2000. or 4000. Doll- in bank, to take
along with him & then was there his health & life would be spared I
would say go, but not invest money in anything but take it with him,
as it is he done well not to go, what ways does he get in N.Y.

Henry you stay on farm for the present any how & do the best
you can for yourself as well as all the rest, & you will "in all probability"
do much better than at anything else, let a young man be capable &
industrious, persevering & ~~opinionical~~ opinionical he will succeed
in making money & unless he has all of these qualifications he
will not, This is the reason the Sage Bros have not made money, I
speak from my experience, & so long as I am doing tolerable well
I expect to kick at same place, The old saying is true in most of cases
a long road without a turn, if you don't make but a little each year if
it is saved it will take but a few years to tell quite a tale of its own accord.

Our business at this place is good & if we don't lose in cotton will
have done well this year, that we have to risk, shall enlarge our business
more this next year than we did last "or the present year" we buy more
cotton in N.Y. & Mobile than when Henry was here, as we are gaining cotton
& the demand is greater, still our business is on a small scale, or would
be in some places, profits are good in this & I hope we clear a little over
our expenses each year - our credit is better in N.Y. than it ever has been
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E Sage

We are building a store & the upper story is to a Masonic & Love of Temperance Hall. I intend to join both when established. the _____ is putting up in good stile & will be one of the best stores & Hall in East Miss.- Henry knows how bad we needed a store in this place. it will cost us about 600.Doll- including the ground- Nelson will enclose \$10 for Father Wood in this sent by George tell them to write us

Love
Ed

Dear Friends

By the request of Ed & Maria I will add a few words. Maria intended to have written & would have done so. but this morning Maria & Hanna were thinking that this was the day Mary was to be married they concluded to go visiting & conseqkently after breakfast I drove them some two or three miles to a Mrs Hunters where they will spend the day . while on the way this letter was thought of & M regretted very much _____ she had done so & charge me to make her excuse which I have attempted but which I fear will not mend the matter much - she will probably write you soon

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in haste

N.Wood

Married to her skin
Apr 1

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P.M.

Mrs. Cassius Sage
Newburybury
Newbury County
Connecticut

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A. Moody