

Dear Mother

Chapin, N. Y. 1001

Mr. W. H. George

Dear Sir

You will  
I have just received the  
of July and should not have  
before this. Do not know but you  
will think that has been the  
part of the other. She would not  
know a very busy  
one with farmers and unusually so  
with us this year we have been  
repairing our house. You recommended  
my signing the affidavit before E. B.  
Rockwell and I have delayed thinking  
I would do so but it has not been  
convenient and as I thought from  
what you wrote that it was not a  
necessity I have signed it before a  
magistrate here and will send it

with the other papers you desired all  
of which I believe were among his.

When the date of his death was Sept 26<sup>th</sup>  
and I find in his diary under date of  
Sept 26<sup>th</sup> paid at 10 the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan  
the I think must have been the first  
he was ever in my kitchen did not  
sign with me before as Geo. Jackson  
said it was not necessary.

My father signed the other three  
- with me as a witness so I think signed  
the will. The other witness could not  
be had.

I am very sorry to have caused  
you so much trouble, but I hope there  
will be no more misadventure.

We have had very warm and dry  
weather for two months back  
It is a little cooler now but quite warm  
yet. I have heard with pleasure  
of your success in the state you have  
chosen as a home. I doubt not it is well  
deserved.

I know you have much to encounter  
but I do not suppose I can realize it  
as I should if true. I believe there  
is a glorious future for our country  
when freed from the curse of slavery,  
but how much "suspensing" and suspen-  
sion we have in store & before we  
shall be truly a free people and only  
knows but I fear the struggle is far  
from ~~the~~ ended but I firmly believe  
that freedom will triumph in the  
end. May God give you strength to  
not well the hurt he has assigned you.

Yours truly

W. S. Fielding

L. A. Spalding  
Morrow  
Ohio

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY NY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2013