

Albany Nov. 26th 1853.

Abel, Adams Exp.
Vesper Peas

Dear Sir

It is with feelings of heartfelt grief, that I have to inform you of the death of our mutual friend Morgan Chastain. This event so sudden and unexpected, has cast a deep gloom upon all of his friends here, and we can hardly get realize the fact, that he whom we saw but a few days ago, in perfect health and strength, is now lying in the grave, - such is life, - Morgan was in perfect health up to Friday the 18th of this month, on that night he was taken sick, and died on the Wednesday following ~~he died~~ just five days, - His disease was Pneumonia, - He remained in his perfect senses up to the last moment, was conscious of his situation, and arranged all his business with a clearness and precision that was very remarkable for one in his situation, - He sent

for me on last Wednesday, and I prevailed
upon him to make a will, which he
did. - His requests in his Will that his Stocks
of Cattle be all kept together, and only the
Best Cattle disposed of, until the debt he
is owing you is entirely paid off, at
which time James Chastain's Children is to
have \$2000 - worth, and Reuben Buffin's Cattle
by Morgan is to have \$500 - worth, the
balance of his property to be equally divided
between his Wife & three Children, John Dapp
& Addison Harris were left Executors, -

I have Morgan's Note payable to you on the 1st
Jan'y 1833. 1st Jan'y 1836. & 1st Jan'y 1837 each for the
sum of \$1266. ⁶⁶/₁₀₀ making \$3800. you now owing to
you. - Morgan stated to me that the purchase
was made for \$8000 - and that he had paid \$4200 -
and that he was to have Six years to pay it all
up. - That he had already paid more than he had
agreed to do, but was anxious that the debt should
be paid as soon as possible, and if he lived he
intended to make you a further payment of
One thousand dollars between this and Spring -
I think you are perfectly secure, and I shall

advise the Executors to pay the debt as soon as possible, - You know John Sapp, the other Executor Harris is equally as honorable man, in fact I think his family are very fortunate in having any such men to manage their effects. -

I want you to write me, in relation to your transaction with Morgan, and advise with me and I will take pleasure in attending to your interests here, in the mean time I will keep you advised of any thing of interest that takes place, I am to have an interview with the Executors to day, and will write you again -

Morgan's Wife, is the very image of despair, and it would not surprise me, should she follow him very soon, she is in a delicate state of health, and I am fearful that this shock is more than she can bear -

Morgan was buried with Masonic Honors, at his request, a very large attendance was at his funeral, - Let me hear from you, soon

Your friend
Eud. West