

sent now  $\frac{1}{2}$  Intrest and am determd to see whoe the last ditch is Remember the last ditch in 1861 dont you I think I saw you on your Return 64 any information you wish I will cheerfully give you if in my power.

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Galesburg, Ill.  
Sept. 3rd 1878

Mr. William E. Woodruff Senr  
Little Rock

Dear Sir I have just finished the reading of Senator Garlands breef on the Philbrook Clame and was much surprised to find that it had been represented that you had made threts agins me in 1842 I saw you in 1842 at your store or Printing office on the side walk as I was caried by in a carige to the Boat I was just able to get on board of Boat I saw you in 1839 in the fall You went with me from your office to the recorder's office and Back to the old Real Estate Bank No threath on eather side all that could be construde into a threat was you armed yourself by placing two old fashion pop guns in your pocket while I was unarmed but I did not care a Cent about that and why I write this to you is simply to make a statement that we never had any hard words I have seen you 20 times since but was not aware that such a report was out I never told any one that you shot me I always told how I was shot and will repeat it here I was up the river above the R.R. Bridge its crossing now but no Bridge then on the sand Bench or Bar in a boat the shot was fired out of the Bush or woods which came down close to the stream the first I was aware of was struck by the Ball and soon fell a man was with me by the name of Coon Mr Coon I found afterwards at Jarrel Hill Penn/a I was not moved till the next morning but I had frends with me over night In the morning I was taken to Little Rock and card for by my frend Bird a portret Painter he was just finishing Ex Governer Pictor and I told him who painted the Pictor when I was at Little Rock in [1833?]<sup>8</sup> June 14 the Proprietor of the [Catilone?]Hotell was with me and W.W. Hillsbro will also tell you I was there Now I dont write to you esepechly any favor from any one only to tell the plain facts and say as I did whilst in Little Rock I have no ill will against the Little rockers or you I had some Money with me when shot and never new where it went as I was unconvenience for some time after being shot I dont wish you to think that I misrepresent you in the shooting.

Yours Truly

T.H. Ellison

N B I wish to say I never used a a drop of Licqur in my life and was never a hanger on at saloons I found my living Honerly I cut wood for Murphy he paid me 150 Dollars for cutting out large cotton wood logs on your place over the river in 1839 it was reported to me whilst in Little Rock that you had said there was a redfaced man that cald on you in 1842 that he was a Drunkard and was up the river aways [amongst?] the [one