

Transcript of 1848 April 16: James Shatwic, et al., Cahawba, Alabama, to E.N. Conway, Auditor, Inquiry about land available in Arkansas, L.C. Gulley collection, Arkansas State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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April 16th 1848. State of Alabama

Dear, Sir Mr E. N. Conway of Little Rock
Arkansas Auditor I and several of our neighbours are very much delighted with a letter of yours which you wrote, to a friend of yours Indiana we are settled in this State and doing very well considering our of Lands are failing very much, though we wish to do better by going to a new Country and I think from the nature of your Letters we will prefer your Country to Texas or, Louisaina. Though we would like to know the certainty of the report of the letter whither we would be certain of the donation mentioned in the letter or not, before we break up where [we] are, and pay the extravagant expenses which would be incumbent upon us in moving, and the Longitude & Latitude in which the the land lies & what part of the state, whether North South East or West we wish a full description of the whole matter particularly the quantity of Land allowed to the Settler & the expenses of clearing Said Land from the office & how long a man will have to stay in or on his claim before he has an undoubted write & fee Simple to his land, there are in our Settlement 15 or 20 families who are now disposing, of their plunder in order to go west either to Arkansas or Texas & we hope to get a letter from you that will encourage us to give you a call there are Several of these emigrating band that have a great many Slaves, &, would want good land.

N. B. Write your answer to Cahawba, Dallas
County Ala. Give us a speedy answer we remain
your most obedient servants.

James Shatwic
Allen Odom
Henry Ozlon
James Harricau
Noah Webster
Mrs. Mary Owen
Hnry Long

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Answered by sending

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pamphlet writing letter
sending blank deed
E. N. Conway

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James Shatwic
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Auditor