

LAW OFFICE  
—OF—  
**GIBSON & GIBSON,**  
(Over Factors' & Traders' Ins. Co.)  
37 CARONDELET STREET.


New Orleans, March 5<sup>th</sup> 1877

Dear Lee—

Your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> reached me this morning. I am glad to hear you are coming on. I shall be glad to see you. I can't imagine the object of Hart's visit to you. I had written him a long letter, which he must have received before leaving, urging him to come here. His situation in Ky is, I imagine, unpleasant, certainly unprofitable. I have a faith he might develop here— I think so. I may be mistaken. Under your dispatches I invested your \$600 on a margin in State bonds—consols—looking for a rise. If Micholls is sustained you will make from \$100 to \$200. I am sorry I did not go in four weeks ago— I should have made \$1000. for you. I will act for the best.

When last in the country 10 days ago, your trunk had 18 acres of some plants & expects to plant in all not less than 45 acres, probably 50 to 60 acres— Everything seemed to

be in good condition. The animals were  
all well & getting on well - I saw no  
ground for complaint. He had prepared the  
ground for your hedge - but had not set  
it out. We have about 8 acres of acorn at  
Live Oak - well put in & fine seed.  
Sister has not returned from N.Y., but I am  
expecting her daily - hourly. No direct news from  
her. But Lucy writes me to look out for her.  
My cough though not so violent or annoying,  
I think is as bad as ever. My chest-lungs  
are all mixed up - out of fix, and doubtless are  
seriously, if not fatally affected. My impression  
is candidly that if I get thro' till fall - October -  
I shall be doing well. Yet no one knows. On  
Friday last I coughed up a stony - calcareous substance  
the size of a shirt button - nearly - slightly elongated,  
quadrangular & jagged - a form which tubercles  
take, when disposed to heal up & leave one well  
& in a measure sound - but I know too  
well that these things are delusions to postpone  
for a short time a result which is sure to  
come. I may be mistaken - perhaps too  
much depressed, but I don't think so. I  
don't feel in the least alarmed at the pros-  
pect, for it would be useless & foolish.



N.Y. Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1874.  
37 Canal St.

Dear Hart,

I learn from Goode the merchants F.C. & Co. have instituted proceedings against Oak Forest, and will attempt to prove the Lewis mortgage invalid. We must therefore act immediately. I enclose you a letter to Aunt Rebecca, which hand to her at once, for her to keep, and another draft of one from her to Lee, which I want her to copy and mail to Lee at once, so he can act. The mortgage was given to Shelly with 5 notes to our own order & by us endorsed, and the notes are in Lee's hand. This mortgage was made to Shelly to cover the \$5,000 which Sister paid for annuities for O.F. and which sum she obtained from Aunt Rebecca, as she will remember. Whatever other securities she may have for that same amount do not affect this, which was given in good faith. It is of the utmost importance that Lee should be authorized to act for her immediately, for if there should be any hitch, it may involve us in further expense, and a chance of losing

the place known to all of us. Sister may have  
instilled into her mind a suspicion of Lee's  
integrity and motives, but we have got to  
trust somebody, and Lee has never been in the  
penitentiary yet, nor did he swindle Elodio out  
of Ridgeland. These suspicions are all silly and  
unjust, and it is only curious to trace their  
origin. The transaction is a perfectly plain  
one. Aunt R. loans sister \$5000, for which  
we give a mortgage on O. F. to Shelly and he  
passes it to Aunt R. by delivery of the notes,  
which Lee holds for her, and awaits her  
instructions to protect her interest.

You can explain the matter to her as you  
understand it better or quite as well as I  
do. Just get her to copy the letters to Lee  
& mail it, and I trust we may get through  
safely & save the place.

If she is not at Spring Hill send them to her  
at once. Time is everything, so you must  
act with her at once. Don't delay.

Again under Kellogg, but he is in a  
bad fix. He is afraid to go on the street &  
probably never will risk it. U. S. troops  
here to keep us down.

Love to all

Your devoted brother  
W. K. Gibson

New York Sept 17 1880

Gen. R. S. Gibson

White Insep. Spn. W. Va.

Dear General:

My brother Van writes me of the purport of your letter to me relative to getting Insep White in an Pledge case - The suggestion meets my heartiest approval - I feel that I need assistance in the suit & I know of no one more competent to render it than White - I would like him for two reasons, first, I am not over confident in the case at best, secondly, he is well posted in the French books (both which I have no kind of familiarity) and I doubt not that he will find something to our advantage - I am glad that you made the suggestion and that your selection was Insep White - I will reach N.O. about Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - I will call on White before while there & will give him your note with copy of pleads - I

write by this mail to Clerk of Court  
to prepare me the copies in time to  
meet me in N. Orleans -

I address you at White Sulph.  
Springs though fear you may have  
gone by this time further North -  
Drop me a postal card to  
Franklin Tenn. letting me know of  
this location for - I go to Tenn.  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst & will remain there  
about 10 days -

With best regards to yr. self  
& family,

I remain

Yours truly  
Geo. W. Under