believe that I had in anywise neglected the duties due my aged and afflicted parents, in thus becoming the individual owner of a horse; this little spec of wealth, of which I was now the sole proprietor, was the accumulation of spare hours earned by extra exertions and denial.

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My younger brother being now 16 years of age, I left home, in Alfred w. menass, 6.1809

search of employment. I had an elder brother, a Mill-Wright, living

200 miles from father's, and cheered with bright and glowing prospects

for the future, I journeyed to his home--not on a whirling lightning

express train, as the world today journeys, but on the patient back

of my gentle horse, comsumming days, where now a like trip would

not require as many hours, reached my brother's house about the last

of Oct. It was some disappointment to me to find that my brother

was not working at his trade. He promised me, however, that if I

would do his alls work and heap him gather his crop, he would find

employment for us both by the close of the year. Acting upon his

assurances, I remained with him, and freely rendered the assistance

he desired.

At the close of the year, I was without money, and to my surprise as well as mortification, the promises of my brother proved a total failure. At this unhappy and unlooked for result, I left my morse with my brother, and started afoot for a little town in Georgia by the name of Rome, and reached it the following day. Here I found employment at \$12.50 per month, and after working 6 months, received a letter from my brother, requesting me to come and get my horse, as he intended moving back to my father's. Rome was 100 miles distant