**ARKANSAS BEFORE STATEHOOD: LITTLE ROCK, JUNE 25, 1831**

**Questions:**

1. What do we learn about communication between Arkansas Territory and other parts of the United States from this letter? Why do you think Whittington complains that his brother does not write him frequently enough? Could Whittington call or email his brother when the brother did not write him a letter?
2. What kind of professions are needed in Arkansas according to Whittington? What does it tell us about the economy and development of Arkansas at the time?
3. What do we learn about farming in Arkansas from Whittington?
4. Why is Whittington unwilling to get married? What do his concerns and doubts tell us about middle class marriage in the 19th century?
5. What is Whittington’s opinion about women in Arkansas? Do you think that all women in Arkansas were able to live the lifestyle that he describes? How could Whittington’s point of view (he was a white middle class educated man) influence his perception of women in Arkansas?
6. Although Whittington wrote many letters to his brother, he does not mention slavery very often. But he does mention it briefly in this letter. What do we learn about slavery in Arkansas Territory from this letter?
7. Write down what you learned about life in Arkansas Territory from this letter. Include information about communication, economy, people, customs, and natural environment.