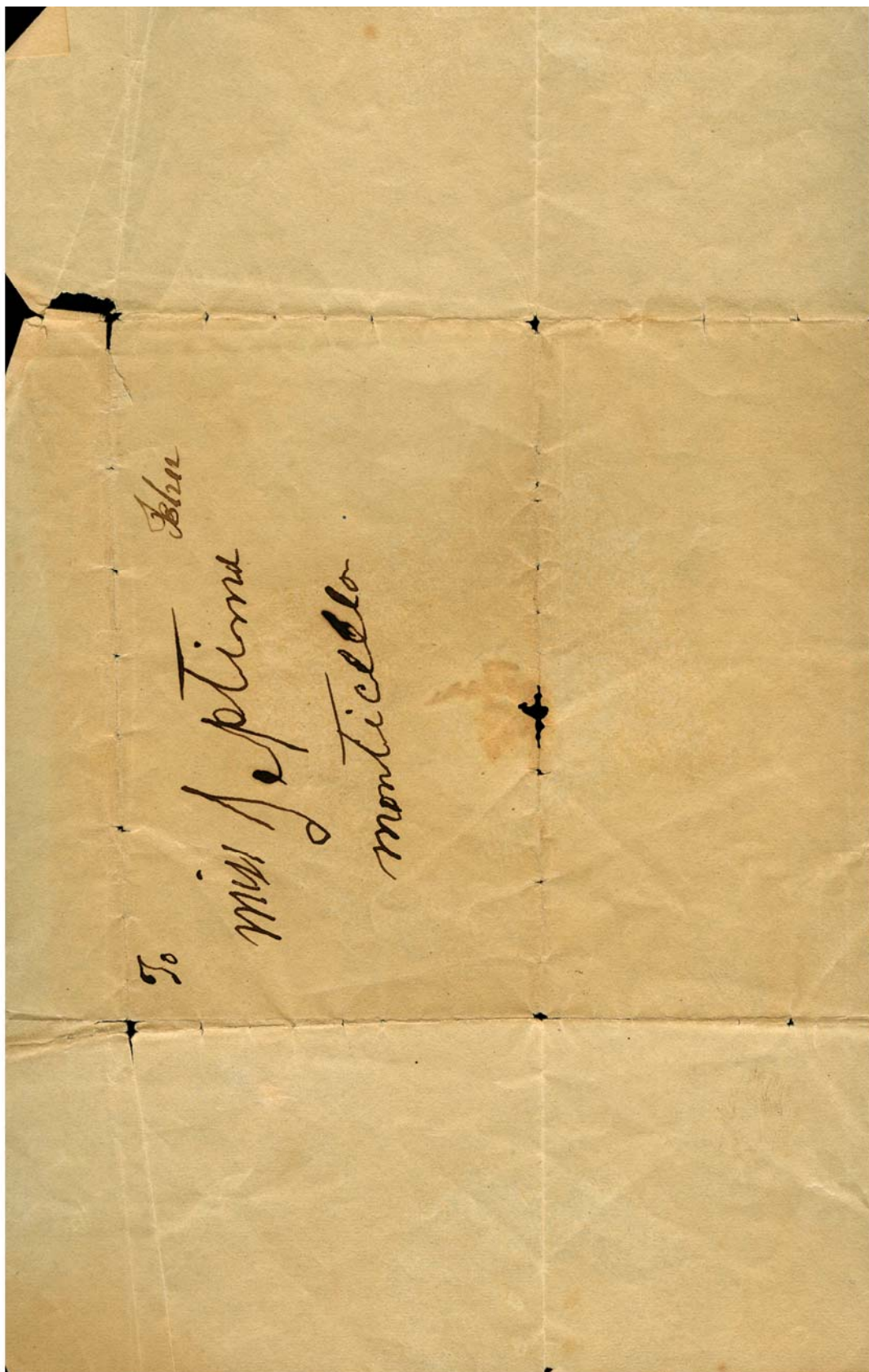


Poplar Forest Sept<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1825  
 Dear miss Septima your letter came to me  
 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and happy was I to embressit to see you  
 take it upon you self to writ to me and  
 Let me know how your grand Pa was gladd  
 am i to hear that he is no worst dear I hope  
 you ar well and all the famely give my love  
 to all your brothers Long with Randolph  
 speculy i shoud give don the house on Tuesday  
 that is timing it we have all the Larrs  
 to do yet wick is one hundred feet Long and  
 22 feet 8 inches wide yesterday we just had  
 one load of the stuff brought home from  
 the gutters and that is 25. miles off where  
 it came from I am hope I shol be able to  
 Com home by the 25 of November God  
 Life Last

I am your obediant servant  
 John Hemmings





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