

Henry Kuhn collection, loose correspondence

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Correspondence forms the bulk of this collection. There are small gaps in this series. The years of 1872, 1873, and 1874 are missing; as are the years 1878 to 1884. However, the years that are available shed light on most of Kuhn's personal and professional dealings both as a civilian and as a military officer. Various correspondents comprise the letters both received and sent by Henry Kuhn, which include both the famous and the common man. The voucher stubs give summary information regarding military meat purchases at Fort Leavenworth Kansas. Henry Kuhn was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, on February 2nd, 1830. In 1854 he moved his family to Atchison County, Kansas Territory, where he was the first superintendent of public instruction, county surveyor, and helped organize the First National Bank. Kuhn enlisted in the Eighth Kansas Infantry in September 1861. He served under Colonel John A. Martin (Kansas Governor 1885 - 1889) until the end of the war. His last active rank was commissioned Captain. From 1865 to 1891 he resided at Fort Leavenworth where he organized the German Savings Bank, built the city's first railroad, and was chief clerk and acting agent for the Indian agency in Indian Territory (Oklahoma). Then he moved to Marion County where he farmed and raised stock. In 1890 he began publishing the "Marion Times." In February 1899 he moved back to Atchison and published the "Atchison Champion." In the autumn of 1899 he moved to Topeka where he died June 11th, 1900.

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Towne, H. A.,

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MISSOURI RIVER, FORT SCOTT & GULF RAIL ROAD.

OFFICE OF MASTER MECHANIC.

Kansas City, Mo., June 26th 1867

Henry Kuhn Esq
Fort Leavenworth
Dear Sir

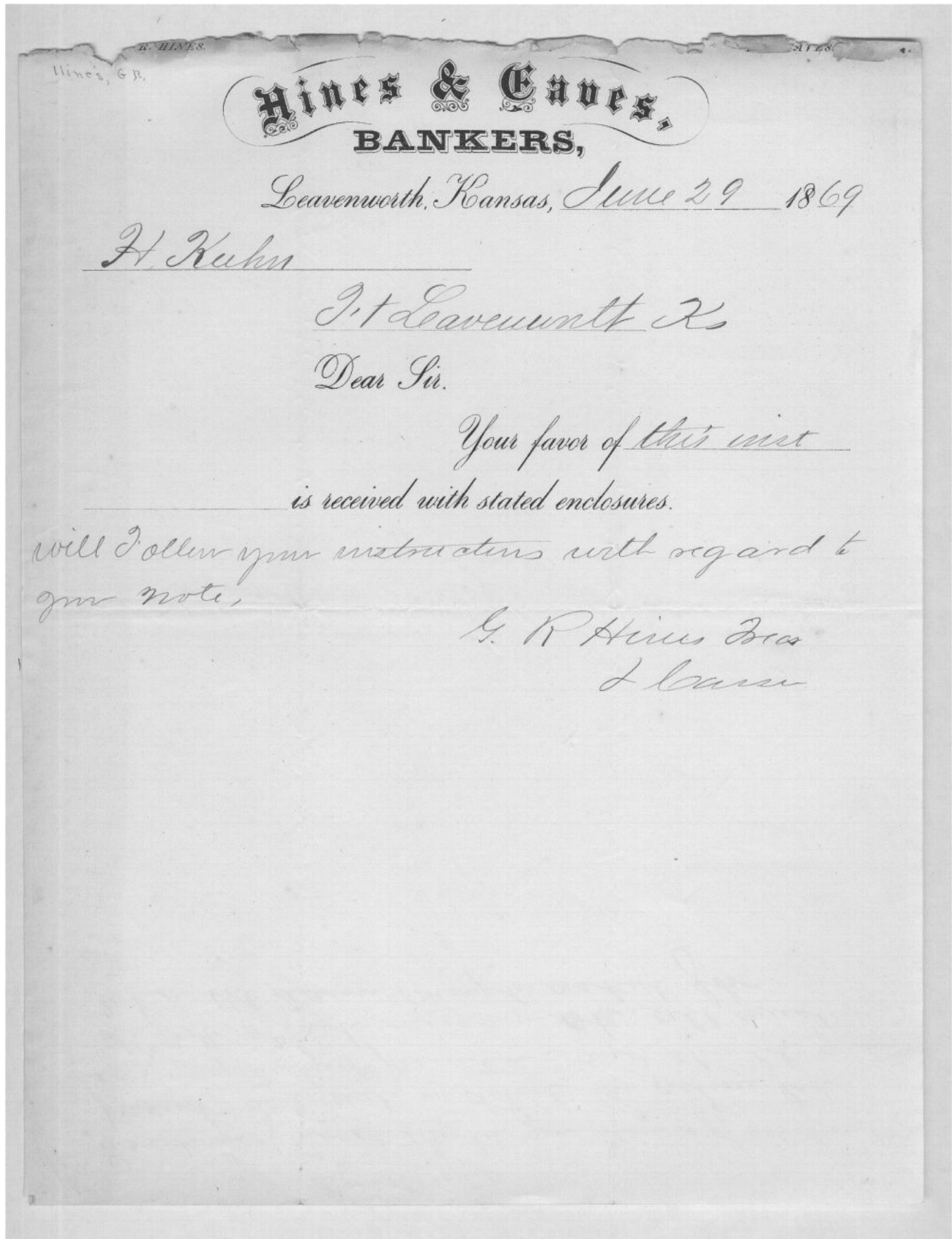
Have you recd
the charter I sent you about one
week since, and what success do
you meet with? Hope you have
been able to get the thing started
a little by this time. Mr. Allen
said he would surely give it his
attention and I am confident he
will if he is a man of his word.

Did you send him a copy of
your subscription book?

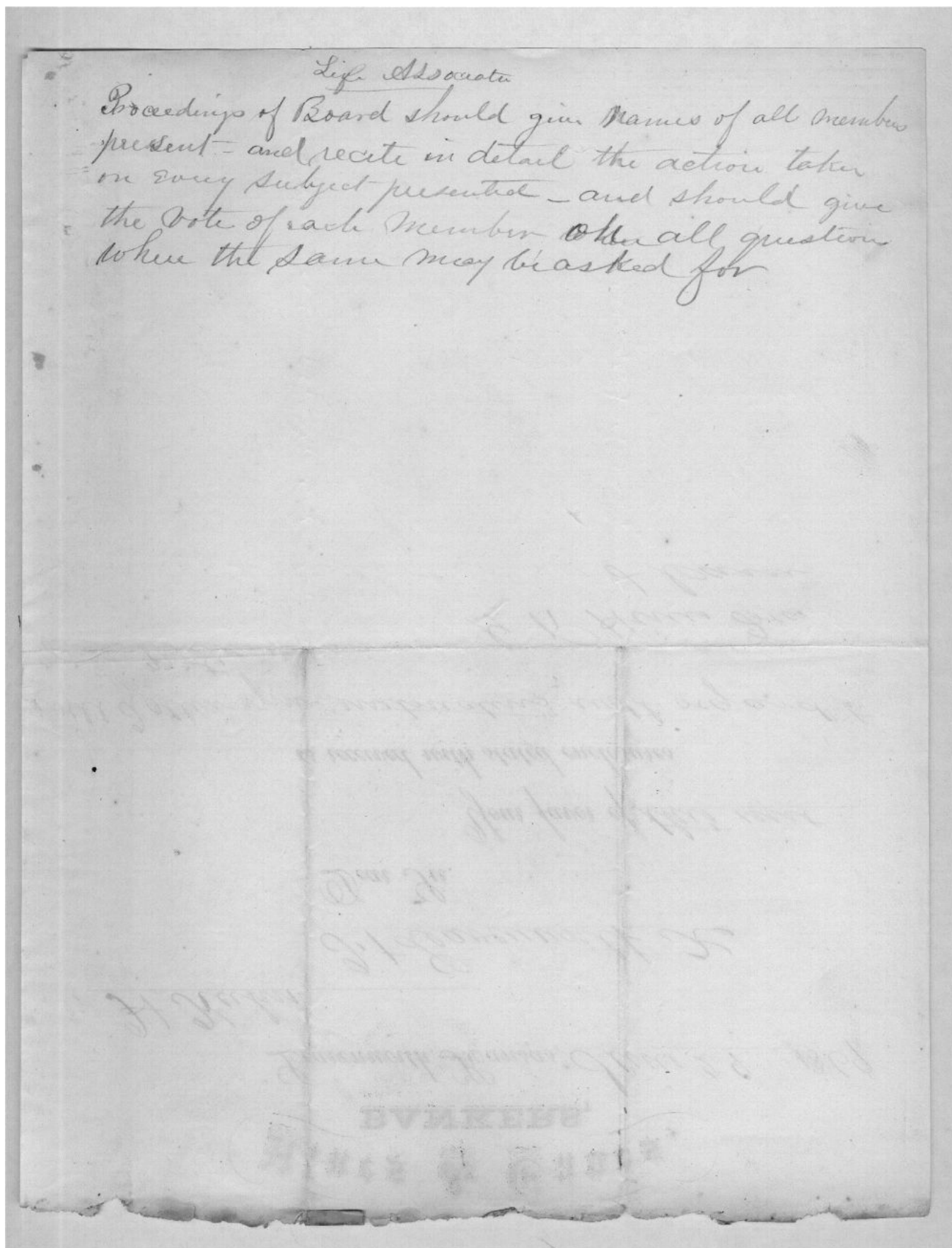
Please let me hear from
you and don't fail to give me all
the particulars, and your opinion
in reference to the matter.

Very Truly Yours
H. A. Towne

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MISSOURI RIVER, FORT SCOTT & GULF RAIL ROAD.

OFFICE OF MASTER MECHANIC.

Kansas City, Mo., July 4th 1869

Henry Kuhn Esq
St. Louisworth
My Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th

just is just received and I am
happy to know that the matter is
now in shape and that you are
commencing to do something feeling
sanguine with yourself that success
will crown your efforts, but it may as
you say require work and perhaps some
grease And although it is wise to be
prudent, I say don't let the wheel stop
for want of grease. In this connection
I will say that Mr Holland has
just offered me \$3500.00 to be drawn
from his interest in proportion as
he receives it, if I will give my whole
attention to steam until Kaul is sold

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MISSOURI RIVER, FORT SCOTT & GULF RAIL ROAD.

OFFICE OF MASTER MECHANIC.

Kansas City, Mo., 186

but as I cannot leave my business
I have his permission to extend this
amount of your & Mr. Auld to be
used as you may think best to carry
the sale at once. I have just heard
from Auld he says he will have
no trouble in making up \$35,000.00 in
at this time. If that is the case perhaps
you had better use the Holland
gift \$35,000.00 at your place, and whenever
it will tell best. In a word dispose of
it as you think best.

Shall be glad to receive a
copy of charter.

Hoping to hear from
you often I remain very truly yours
N. A. Fawcett

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Learnworth Kas. July 4th 1867.
Henry Kuhn Esq
Fort Learnworth Kas
My Dr Sir

Will you be kind enough
to inform me whether there is any
chance of my finding employment
of any kind at the Fort: thinking
that you might be conversant with
the several Departments as to their
wants in regard to help, I have
taken the liberty of writing ^{you} upon
the subject: from my interview with
Mr Burnes yesterday, I have concluded
not to go back to the Office, so long
as he remains Manager of this
Department, notwithstanding he signified
his willingness that I should return;
I shall however execute my Bond to
the Association and hold it in readi-
ness at any time for them, & should
there be a change in the management

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of the Department, and my services
be required in the Office per my
agreement with Mr Thompson Secy.

If I am not too inquisitive,
I should be pleased to know if
anything new transpired at the
Directors meeting last night.

Should there be any chance
for me to obtain employment at
the Port, I would esteem it a
great favor if you would inform
me; having a family I do not feel
that I can afford to be idle.

I can do most anything with
the pen, - yet not a good penman, being
out of practice for a long time; and
practically conversant with most all
forms of Bookkeeping by double entry.

Trusting that I may receive
an early reply, I am

Very Truly Yours

A. S. D. Allen

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Brace, C. B.



BRACE & BAKER, Successors to
Wilson, Brace & Baker,
WHOLESALE
Hardware & Cutlery,
No. 27 Delaware Street.

Leavenworth, Kansas. July 17th 1869

Mr Kuhn Esq

Dear Sir,

Mr Wilson has just returned - He is willing to sell his interest in the road as I supposed - You had better come down Monday morning if you can conveniently, as he says he will probably have to go away again early in the week -

Very Truly Yours
C B Brace

J. T. Coplan,
Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

ATCHISON, KAN.,

BANK.

July 17th 1869.

M. Kuhn Esq
Leamworth Las
Wich
You have credit by
Carl Moler Dr Wm Livingston & Co \$150.
Truly Yours J. T. Caplan
Bell

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Auld, David

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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ANSON STAGER, Gen'l Sup't, }
CHICAGO, ILL.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, }
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

Dated Atchison July 19 1869

Received at Fort 1430 PM

To A Kuhn

Papers has not come
to hand answer

David Auld

7 ms 40 pd



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No. *9*

UNITED STATES EXPRESS CO.

DENVER DIVISION.

"NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES."

Leavenworth July 29 1869

Sir :

We have received by Express from *Chicago*

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addressed *H. Kuhn*

You are requested to present this Note at the Office, as above, pay our charges, *40 85* thereon, and receive the same. In all cases this Note must be presented at the office to receive the property.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Per

N. B.—All Goods remaining in Office or Warehouse are at the sole risk of the owner, and subject to a charge for storage, when warehoused.

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Dated *St Louis July 2* 186*9*

Received at *Port 12nd*

To *Henry Kuhn*

*Sent papers at Louis
will show result
tomorrow - favorable
result ear - I think*

David Auld

12th & 6th

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Dated Atchison July 23 1867

Received at Port 4 20 PM

To H Kuhn

Two thousand (2,000) dollars
to your credit less
discount drawn

David Auld
Pres

90ms & spd

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Hoke, J. S.

Atchison Ks July 24. 1869.
Mr Kuhn

Leavenworth Ks

Dear Sir,

I am told.

that you hold 40 acres off the East
End of L. & M. Sec 15 Town 5R 19
this County I see it has been sold
for Taxes & conclude you do not
value it very highly, if I can buy it
low enough I will buy the other 120
acres think I will do it, but do not
put on a fancy price, for I would
not want it unless I can buy it as I
say.

Respectfully

J. S. Hoke

P.S. I am told a banker in your
City owns the back & if you are
not the gentleman will you please
drop this note to any other banker
who may have the same name in your
City? #

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David Auld,
President.

Geo. Scarborough,
Vice President.

J. T. Coplan,
Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

ATCHISON, KAN.,

July 24th 1869.

H. Kuhn Esq

St Louis

Dear Sir

In making the President
of your note in St Louis, to make the matter sure
We indicated to our Correspondent that our bal would be
nearly that much better with them. If your business arrange-
ments will permit you to draw only \$3500. at once and
succeeding drafts of like amt it will suit us better
in order that as far as possible the deposit may remain
a portion of the time at least with our St Louis Correspondent
yet if you find it necessary draw for the whole amt
Very truly yours
David Auld

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Taylor, Catherine

Fort Riley Kansas

July 25/1867

Mr Kuhn

Dear Sir for the third
time I sit down to write you
I will send this if there is only
half dozen lines you must think
I am kept pretty busy when I don't
have time to write, well the
fact of the matter I am as busy
as a bee from six in the morning
to taps at night I have not any
help I do all the cooking and
this month I have had ^{hundreds} of
the tin from twelve to fifteen
there is one thing I get it I want
without much trouble, all I have
to do is to tell Lieut Dunwoody
that I want soap and I am
sure to get it he is so thoughtful
he has a nice new stone with

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furniture complete sent the
 other day, he is one of the best
 young officers I ever seen,
 Capt Hearbrook is good in his way
 Derrwain was gone for a few days
 I got out of wood I told the Capt yes
 he would have it sent right away
 Night came no wood the next morning
 I says Capt what about the wood
 there by George Mrs Taylor I forgot
 all about I will attend to it right
 away and so he did, I think I will
 do real well, I am going to work
 to get out of debt and then
 I will hire a cook and take a rest
 I am very sorry that I could not
 pay you that first Hundred Dollars
 I got from you when it was due
 I fully expected Mr Taylor to sell
 his land but the man and him
 could not come to terms, it is still
 unsold, I sent \$50 Dollars to George
 Foster I think about the third of this

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money and hope to send \$50 Mr.
 The ~~express~~^{third} of August
 I intend to express \$18 Dollars to
 Abernathy tomorrow. He wrote
 me wrote me last week reminding
 me of it although according to agreement
 it was not to be paid before tomorrow
 well Mr Kuhn I wrote to Mrs. H.
 a short time after I come here but
 she took no notice of it till here
 I think she is real mean I would
 not treat her that way. I hope you
 will treat me a little better.
 if you see Mr Kelly please give
 him my kind regards and if he
 knows why Mrs Cronin don't answer
 my letter, I must bring these few
 minutes to a close as it is
 ten o'clock and I have to get
 three breakfasts in the morning
 one at six, for three at quarter
 past seven, for the balance
 from half past eight to about

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half past ten, give my
love to Mrs. Kuhn & the children
My kind regards to Mr. Waller
From Mr. Kuhn I will look
for a letter please don't disappoint
me

Very Respectfully
Yours Friend
Catharine Taylor

I excuse all mistake but
writing and so forth
C.T.



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Coplan, J. T.

David Auld,
President.

Geo. Scarborough,
Vice President.

J. T. Coplan,
Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

ATCHISON, KAN.,

July 27th 1869

H. Kuhn Esq

Fort Lawrence Ks

Dear Sir:

We Enclose by Express
note of \$10,000 "disctd" by 4th St Louis. \$9744.45

Recd from 255.55

Which I hope is Satisfactory

Very Respectfully yours
J. T. Coplan
Cash



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Towne, HA

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MISSOURI RIVER, FORT SCOTT & GULF RAIL ROAD.

OFFICE OF MASTER MECHANIC.

Kansas City, Mo., July 29th 1867

Henry Kuhn Esq.
Fort Leavenworth
Dear Sir

I received a letter from Mr Holland few days since stating that he had sent you a very nice window exp. How does it take, and what success are you meeting with? I feel quite anxious to hear from you not having heard ~~heard~~ a word from either you or Mr Child for a long time.

Enclosed please find copy of a letter from Nebraska, that Mr Holland has just sent me, which simply shows what is being done. I have seen nothing here with steam yet, but am satisfied much can be done when we get ready. Please forward Nebraska letter down and when you have read it send it to Mr Child.



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Washer, S.

c/37

JESSE K. DUBOIS, PRESIDENT.
ISAAC A. HAWLEY, SECRETARY.

AGENCY OF THE
SANGAMO INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

Atchison Kas July 29th 1867

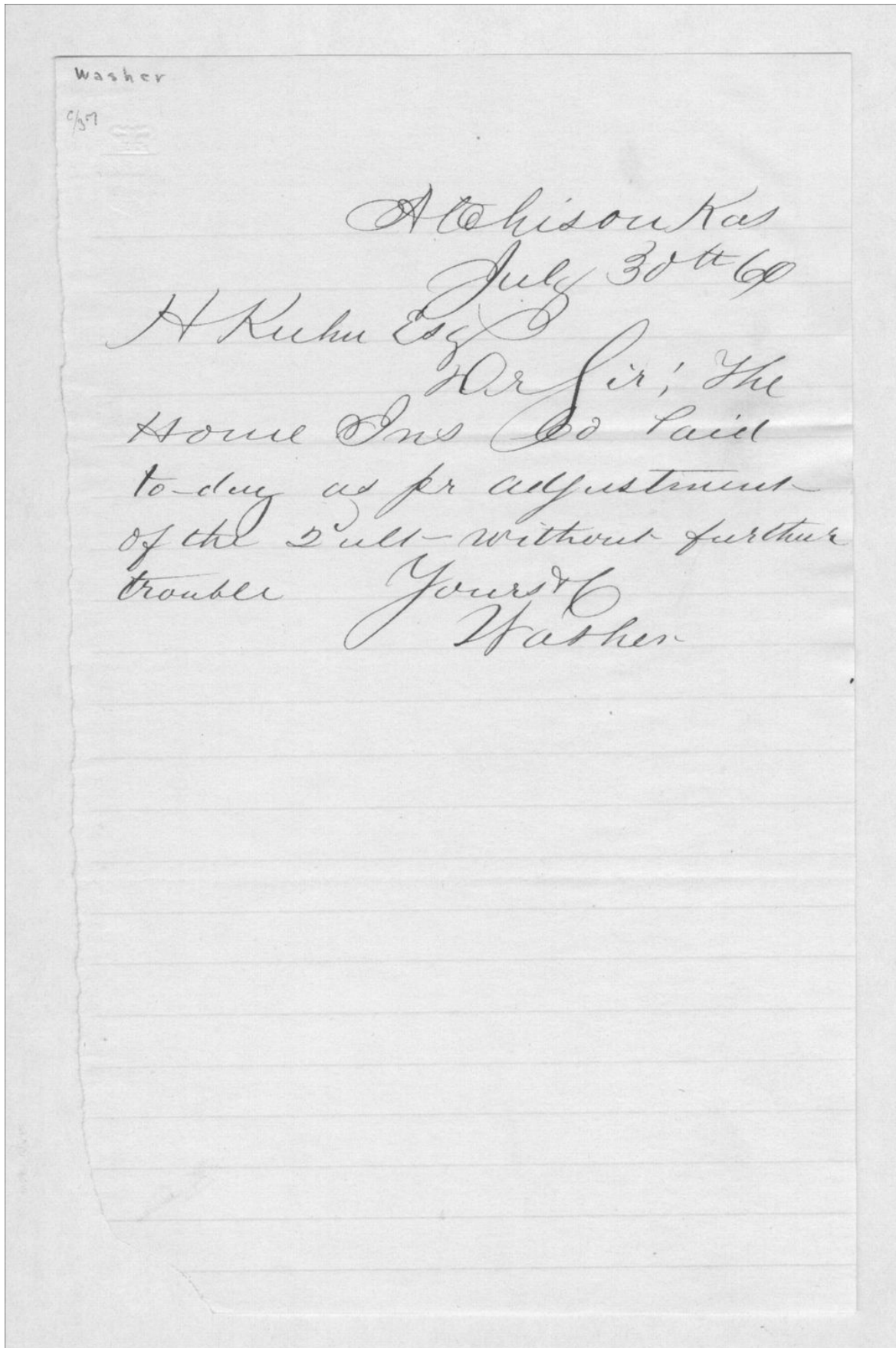
Dear Kuhn

Yours of 26th came to hand
this A.M. (quick time) I find ~~the~~
examining our Books that our Progs
of loss were filed with the Ins
Co on the 2^d June instead of 26th May
as I supposed, as yet I have
saw nothing of the Paying Agt-
but understood from everything
he was to have been here last
week, Shall be pleased to hear
from you or see you at any
time I have made some Quick
Collection since my last and
have taken up \$422⁹² due in N.Y.
on the 27th being the last of
our paper out—

Respectfully

E. Washer

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E. A. BULKELEY, Pres't.
AUSTIN DUNHAM, Vice Pres't.
T. O. ENDERS, Sec'y.

Ætna Life Insurance Company.

HARTFORD, CONN.

July 30, 1869.

H. Kuhn, Esq.
St. Leavenworth Kas.:

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst. is received. I have forwarded the same to Messrs. Stone & Ferris at Topeka, our General Agents for Kansas, recently appointed, and they will give you an opportunity of paying your premium, which you should have. It will be all right. Our company have not had a Gen'l Agent for the state, as you are aware, until quite recently. You and the rest of our policy-holders will no longer be troubled about whom to pay.

I remain,

Yours truly,



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David Auld,
President.

Geo. Scarborough,
Vice President.

J. T. Coplan,
Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

ATCHISON, KAN.,

July 31st 1869.

A Kuhn Esq
Fort Sumner K
Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 29th inst
is rec^d and enclosed \$150. I have to your Cr \$150.

Very Respectfully yours
J. T. Coplan
Cashier



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Eaves, D.W.

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D. W. EAVES, Treasurer.
WM. A. MARTIN, Secretary.

Office of the
Leavenworth, Atchison & Northwestern
Rail Road Company.

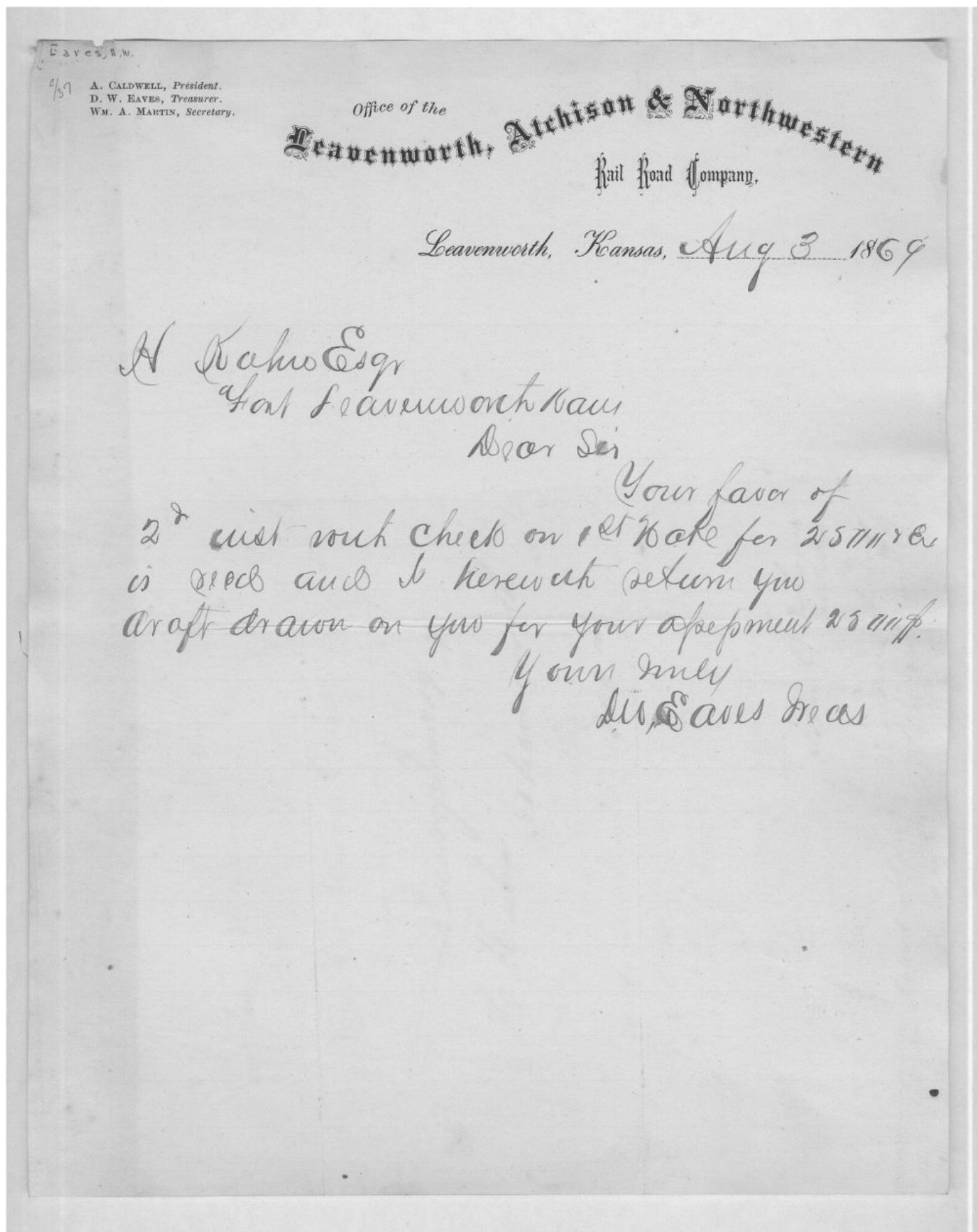
Leavenworth, Kansas, Aug 21 1867

H. Kuhn Esqr
Fort Leavenworth Kans
Sir

Another apsement
on the stock of our road has been made
and the same is payable to the Treas today
we have only this month to complete the
work and to secure the vigorous prosecution
of the same it is important to have the
apsements paid promptly. The amt of
apsement on your interest is \$2500.
please call and give me your check for
the amt
Yours truly
Des Eaves. Treas.



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O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

Dated *Atchison Aug 4 1869*

Received at *Fort 1240 pm*

of Henry Kuhn

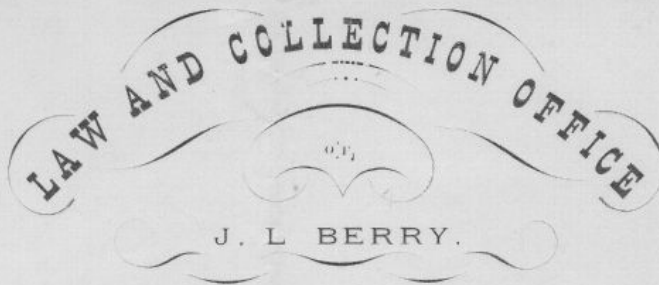
*Meet me at depot in
Leath this pm at
two (3) o'clock*

David Auld

11 Mrs. Kuhn

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Washer S.R.



Atchison, Kas., Aug 5 1869.

A Kuhn Esq

Yours of 3rd to hand &

Enclose herewith memo from Dr Side
of our Ledger - we have no outstanding
debts against the firm but the \$2000
due the 7/10 inst - if not convenient to
come up I presume I can make
arrangements to take it up - the other Drs
Ours have not paid, but have expressed
their willingness to do so as soon as they
learn the action of the "Home" which will
probably be some time next week, R. S. &
Graham has gone to Cinti^o will be home
next week when he will be able to pay
bal \$581⁰⁰ the rest most likely will come in
shortly

Yours & S. R. Washer

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