

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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Mordecai, A

Jan 27, 1871

Mr Kuhn

The accompanying
Vouchers & check refer to
the pair of side fixtures &
lamps purchased by me
from Col Perinore -

One of the lamps was broken
by the man by whom the
Colonel sent them to me.
The Colonel has told me he
will replace it, should I
find such a one in town as
may answer I will send the
bill for it to you

Respectfully
A Mordecai
Capt USA
Jan 27/71

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Bettendorf, M.

New Chicago, Kansas
January 27th 1871
My dear friend Kuhn:
Business
has, since winter has set in
by which immigration is stopped,
been almost down to nothing,
so that my sales for the
last month have not averaged
two dollars a day, and not
having the means at present
to replenish my stock I have
thought of going out of this
business and try the boarding
and Restaurant, and for
that purpose, since there is
no chance at present here
in this town for such a
business, went up a few
days ago to Humboldt



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Coffin H.

LUCIEN SCOTT, President. ROBT CROZIER, Cashier.

[U. S. DEPOSITORY.]

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Leavenworth, Kansas *Jan 28* 187*✓*.

H. Kuhn
For Leavenworth

DEAR SIR:

YOUR FAVOR *28* INST.,

HAS BEEN RECEIVED, WITH ENCLOSURE AS STATED.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

H. Crozier
FOR CASHIER.

CREDITED, \$ _____

Bettendorf Mo -
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West Chicago Kans
January 30th 1877
My dear friend Kuhn
The letter of the 28th inst has come
to hand and ere this
you will have received
a letter from me dated
January 27th in which
I gave you the details
of business here for the
last month with a pro-
position from me to go
to Humboldt. This idea
to go to Humboldt I have
given up on the account
of expenses it would incur
to move and not having
any person to buy my
want here for cash

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I have now come to the conclusion to arrange a part of the building, I occupy, for a day boarding house, which on account of the building being large can be done and use it for two purposes as indicated.

Now Mr. Kuhn, is it not possible to raise say 5, or 6 hundred dollars on my property to reduce my indebtedness to you. The way it is at present I am utterly helpless.

There are certain men in this town by the name of Bingham and Guston who appeared to be very friendly to me when I first came here but I am convinced that

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They poisoned the mind
of the Wholesale Dealers
as well in Leavenworth
as anywhere else against me
out of pure selfishness
and to all appearance have
accomplished their design.
Friend Kuhn: since
my rent is paid for 8 1/2 months
yet, and by enquiry found
out that by arranging my
house as indicated for boarding
and Restaurant I could have
sufficient custom, I hope
you will further be lenient
and not crush me before
I can make an other
effort to rescue myself.
It is expected that a large
immigration will come
in within a month or two
and if so my share in
connection with a

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Small Restaurants
bought to pay.

I enclose herewith your
Note for ^{please}
try, if possible to carry
it along for some time
yet and see if not the
above mentioned amount
can be raised on my
property.

Yours truly
W. Bettendorf

P.S. I have signed your
enclosed blank note which
I wish you to fill up an
account of the forty five
Dollars which ~~Brokers~~ note
credited to the first
note

W. B.

Please let me hear your good
advice in my present predicament
sincerely

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[Kuhn, E]

Chambersburg January 30th - 1871

Henry Kuhn Esq Sir

rec'd informing us that the Box sent by Mrs. Grove was duly received, also informing us that your youngest child had been very sick for some time, hope she has got well again, we and all the friends are well at present hoping these lines may reach you and all the friends enjoying the blessings of health,

we have had no snow until last week that was over two inches deep, last week we had two snows each about eight inches deep so that at the writing of this we have most excellent sleighing, the snow has not drifted any, and the roads are well broken.

I will not be able to leave for the west, (as the deed for the property will not be made) until the first week in April, we intend to pack up about the middle of March, (and then make sale of such articles as we can not take along, I expect to ship the boxes about the middle of March, please inform me to what place to ship them and the name of the house, that they are to be directed to,

if I have not made up my mind yet whether to continue housekeeping on my arrival, or whether we shall board until such time as may be necessary for locating a home, if you think that we had better go to housekeeping on our arrival, you would probably better rent a small house or a few rooms for us to live in until such time as I may locate a home, if you and the others would prefer that we should board with you in turn it is very likely that your Mother would agree to such an arrangement, as far as myself is concerned I am satisfied with any arrangement that will suit your Mother,

please show this to Mr. Barker and any arrangements you agree upon will be acceptable to me, and would probably suit your Mother at least until such time when other arrangements can be made for her comfort,

I have sold my compass to a Mr. Peterson for \$50 dollars, to be delivered to him on the 20th of March



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I had not intended to do any thing at the business -
in fact I have not made up my mind yet what
I will do when I get there, there are a great many persons
here who have offered me money to locate lands for them
others intend to be out in the summer, and want my
assistance in locating lands, if you think I should
have a compass with me in case I should follow that
business, I would buy a Theodolite in Philadelphia
before I leave, I can get a good Theodolite for about
\$180, probably you would use it some times yourself
please answer soon and oblige
your Father

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Griffing & Wright

LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

Leamworth July 9 1871

Henry Kuhn Esqr.
At Leamworth

Dear Sir

The regular monthly meeting
of Kansas Department Sections of the
Life Association of America will be held
at the office of the Company on 10th inst
at 7 30 A.M.

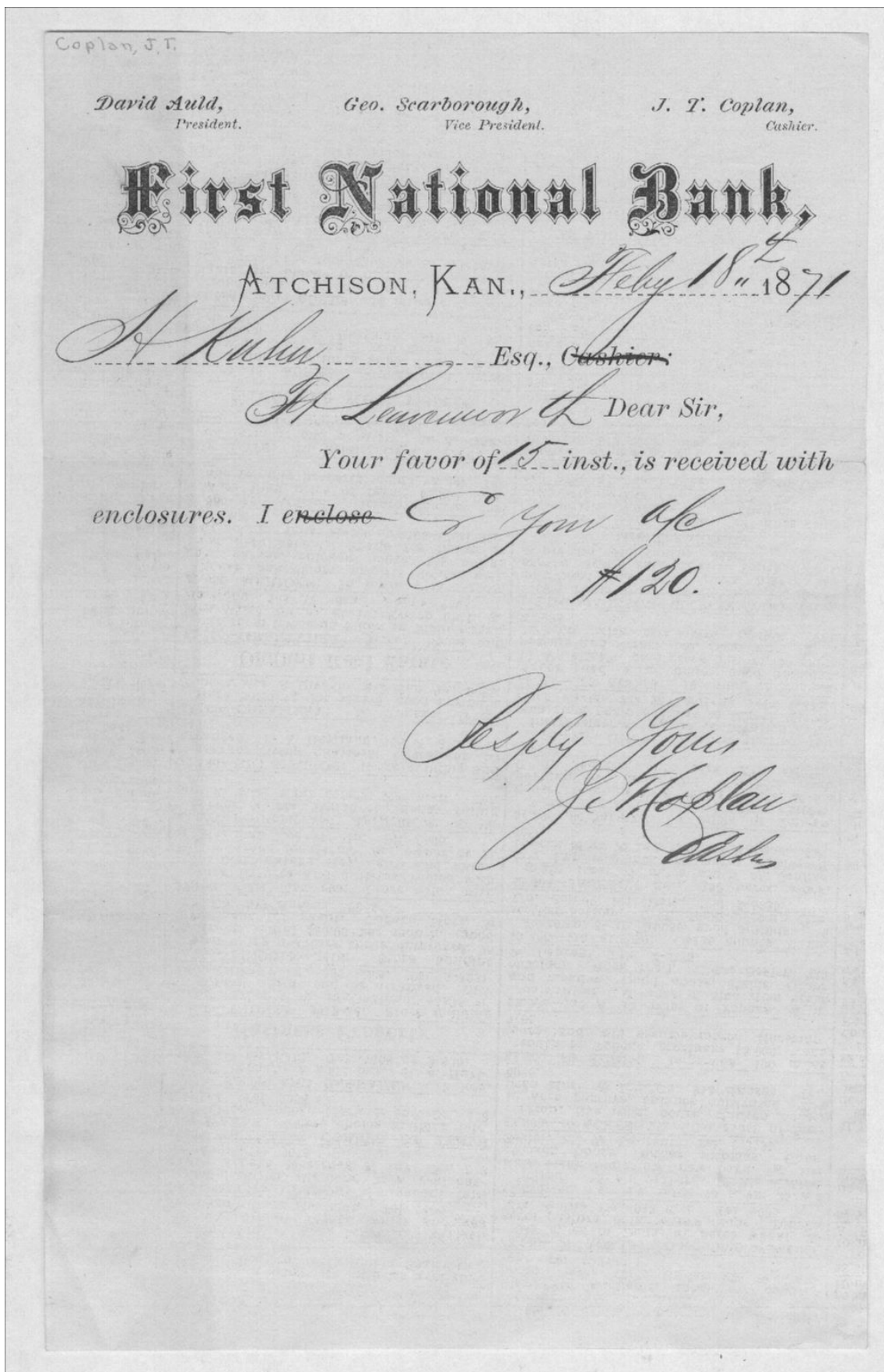
Department officers for
ensuing year will be chosen at this
meeting, and a full attendance is
earnestly desired

Yours Truly

Griffing & Wright
Managers



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Coplan, J. T.

David Auld,
PRESIDENT.

Geo. Scarborough,
VICE PRESIDENT.

J. T. Coplan,
CASHIER.



First National Bank,

ATCHISON, KAN.,

July 20, 1871

Mr Kuhn Esq
Fort Laramie Wb.

Friend Kuhn. I am in receipt of
your letter of the 15th inst.

I have had a dozen applications to rent the farms
on the Chaves but have refused to entertain any of the
propositions, so far no one has appeared who would be
able to farm the entire tract and pay a cash rent

If I can find a good tenant who will rent all of
the land I will make the best bargain I can and advise
you. The improvements you mention on the North Side
should be made as suggested by you. I will look around
and see what can be done in the way of posts &
lumber. If we cannot find a cash customer we may
have to rent to some one and take part of the crop
but do not wish to do this if it can be avoided

In the meantime I will make every exertion to find a
good man and in a short time will write you again

Truly Yours J. T. Coplan

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Kuhn, Daniel

570 Poplar Street
Savins - Davis Mo
July 21st 1871

Dear Sir

Yours of 16th inst. is before me and contents noting. In reference to rights of way for City R.R. I would state that the only conditions are to keep the street in repair between the tracks (Some roads are required to keep street in repair on foot on each side of track. The only City tax as \$20.00 per car per annum. Rights of way granting narrow compressed cars to lay down six inch track rail (which has a groove on the inner half that will admit the wheel of carriages) The other rail is only about 3 inches wide and consequently cost much less but injures the travel for vehicles much more on the street. The fare is 7 cents but fine tickets are only for twenty five cents - good for any road in the city

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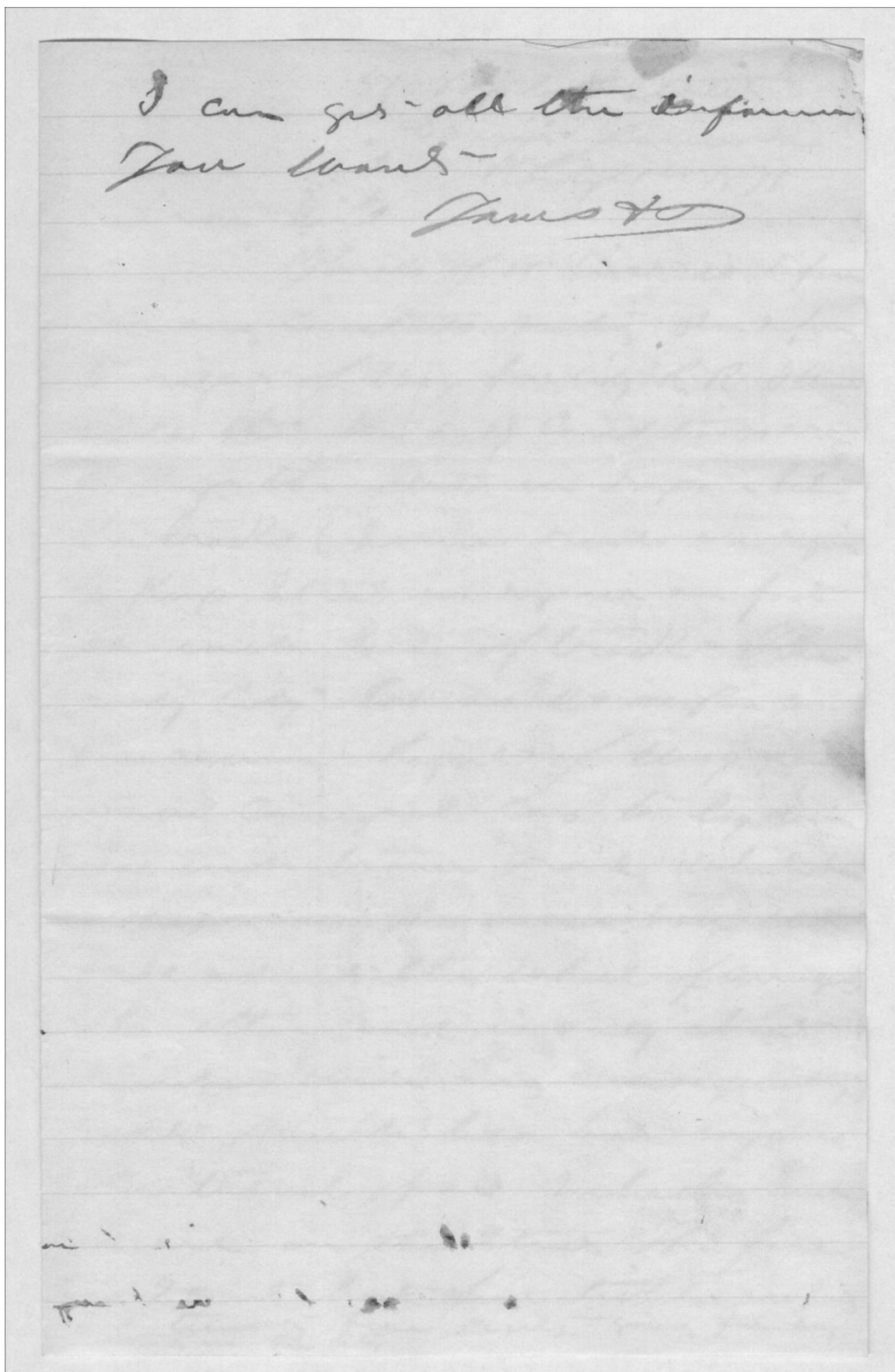
Our horse cars are coming
into use without Carriers
passengers dropping them fore
into a back Box -

I was sorry to hear of
your families illness -
We are all well

Respectfully Yrs
Samuel Kuhn

P.S. My advice to you is to
Keep out of P.R.R. Co unless
you have Sub City Property
that ^{you} wish to enhance in
value or can take stock
enough to have a controlling
interest and thereby get a
paying position. No man in
this city is worth more than
50¢ on the dollar now
pays any dividends worth
looking after except the 5th
Street road. If you wish to know
anything more please let me know

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Graham, James M.

Saint Joseph Ind Feb 25th 1891

Dear Kuhn-

Yours of the 18th just received. I enclose
you an Ordinance of the AG granting the right
of way to our St. Louis R.R. Co. That of hope will
give you all the information you may require.

Timing of this time is all right. I am
as much pleased with it as ever, but have not
much to do except to get ready for Spring work.
I enclose you some of my advertisements of my farm
products. We have good prospects of getting from
2 1/2 to 4 1/2 per bu for our oats. have contracted about
100 bu this week at an average of 3 1/2. Your friend
John Dwyer was talking of taking some of them,
if you see him please encourage him in ^{an} enterprise
that he can never regret. They are a good thing,
here, all that we claim for them in our
advertisement.

Mrs Graham & I are truly sorry to hear
of the sickness in your family, and hope
they have entirely recovered. Mrs K has been
joyous a visit and again her health.

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Some time when you are around town. Please
call at some of your Agricultural Stores and
see if they have ~~the~~ the "Thomas' patent
smoothing Harrow" They have an agent in
Leavenworth but I don't know who it is, they
do not advertise the house, nearly say they
have an agent there, it is claimed that
it is a great thing for Corn. Please see in
what estimation it is held at in Leavenworth,
also the price,

We are going to have a B.R. & D.G.E. ...
nothing new, time well, and money. - Well
I don't know how it is as I have not seen
any for a month, but they say it is tight.
Late is well, also Born, Chick, Whites,
good in prospect, Mrs. G. yours in
best respects to you & family.

Yours friend
Amos Graham,

I hope to be able to return your money soon,
I send Mrs. L. some "Trophy" material

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Towne, H.A.
1/39 J. S. RICE & CO., Proprietors.
Private

PLANTERS' HOUSE,

Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 21 1871

Henry Kuhn Esq
Wash

Mr Colkins was
at home on Sunday but his
business called him away again
yesterday. His wife informed me that
his company had imposed new
duties upon ^{him} which would occupy
his entire attention during the
next 60 days. He will be home
again for a short time about the
first of March when he will be
pleased to see you. His absence need
make no difference with the organization
and progress of the new Company.
I think he will be a valuable man
in the sale of County rights and his
services can be recompensed when
needed, therefore he need not be
included among the incorporators
unless Auld, Foster, Salaman, & yourself
choose to have him. Please show this to Auld &
Foster when you go to Alletian & arrange to
suit yourselves. Respectfully H. Kuhn

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Barns, G M

G. M. BARNES,
Auction and Commission Merchant,

DEALER IN NEW AND SECOND-HAND PIANOS.

NO. 84 DELAWARE STREET,

Leavenworth, Kansas, *July 21st 1891*

Mr H Kuhn

Dear Sir

*The Marble boxed in
4 boxes was sold to two individuals, and
can be bought for \$20. Shall I get it for you*

Respectfully Yours

G M Barnes



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P. G. LOWE.

LOWE & HUCKINS,

A. HUCKINS.

Leavenworth Grain Depot,

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF GRAIN.

SHAWNEE STREET, West of Broadway.

Leavenworth, Kas. Feb. 22 1871

Mr. Kuhn

I got to Dexter today, back Friday
want to go to St. Louis Monday night. I
got Billy Beck to write for paper for you and
I yesterday, but am afraid they will not come.
Suppose you try in the mean time to get
them over the Santa Fe & Missouri Road. I will
try to see you ~~later~~ Friday.

Yours truly
P. G. Lowe



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Barnett, Albert

Office of Steamer Einstein
17 Delaware St
Leavenworth
Oct. 24/71

Mr. Kuhn
Sir!

There was a
quantity of Brown Stone,
(carved for a door cap) —
lying in the Express Office
addressed to you.

Do you want it?

If so you can have
it very cheap by
calling upon

Yours Truly

Albert Barnett

at the above address

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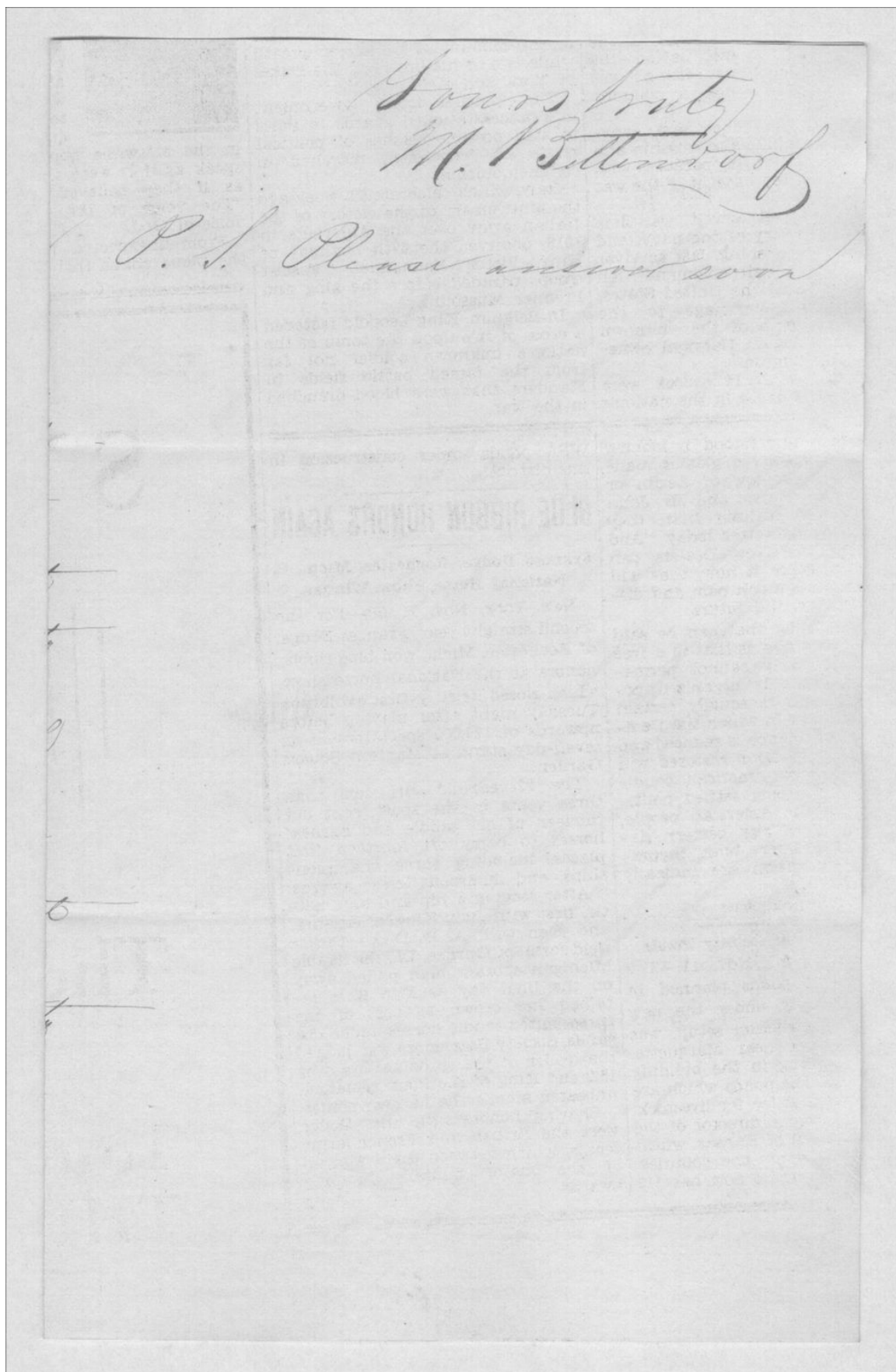
Bettendorf, Mo,

New Chicago Kans.
 March 6th 1871.
 Dear friend H. Kuhn
 Your
 letter dated February 28th 1871
 has been received and in reply
 will say that I will do anything
 and everything to save you from
 any loss on my account.
 I am willing to sell my
 property at a sacrifice to
 get rid of indebtedness to you
 reduced. The property cost me
 over 1200⁰⁰ Dollars cash and
 will take if I can sell it at
 all as I wrote you formerly
 from 8 to 10 thousand Dollars.
 On account of the severe winter
 which we have had and the scarcity
 of money business has been at

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a stand still until now, but
since about a week it has revived
and I expect of doing a fair
business this Spring and Summer.
I have replenished my stock
of Groceries, and keep besides
all kinds of eatables for travelers,
also get up meals for them
which pays better by far than
Groceries and if arrangement
can be made by selling my property
at any of the above prices
and allowed to work through
this summer I am confident
of summing out all right.
Hoping that some arrangement
can be made satisfactory to
you without taking the opportunity
from me to try and see if I
can't in the time for which my
rent is paid - 7¹/₂ months I
reclaim myself,
I am

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NEW YORK, H. L.
1/37

Laramie, Kansas
March 8, 1891

Sir,

There will be a meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Laramie Atchison & Northwestern
Railroad Company tomorrow
(Thursday) morning at 9 o'clock
to take action upon the proposition
of City Council.

Please, don't fail to attend -

Respectfully,
A. A. Krummholz

Henry Kuhn J. M.

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Mensil? Lewis

Fort Scott Kans.

March 9 '71

W. Kuhn

Dear Sir

I have hoped upon
this to make you a remittance
on my account and would shortly
have been able to do so but for
this new move. As you will
readily understand this move of
the agent throws me back and
makes all my available funds
necessary and indeed more so.
I compelled myself to ask
your further indulgence until
such time as I can again begin
to get my head above water.

Hoping this greatly my
regret will not seriously inconvenience
you and with kind regards

Believe me yrs truly
Lewis Mensil
W. K. S.

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Newman, H. L.

c/37

Leamworth H. Mar 15th 1871

Dear Sir

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the L. A. & N. W. R. R. Co at their office on Saturday Mar 11th at 9 o'clock

Your prompt attendance is earnestly requested

H. L. Newman

To

H. Kuhn Esq

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Caldwell, A

Washington, D.C.

March 11, 1871.

Mr. H. Kuhn,

Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

Sir:

I am in receipt of
your communication of the 4th inst.

I will take occasion, at an early day,
to present the matters suggested by you to the
attention of Gen. Sherman, and urge an
immediate consideration of the same.

Very Respectfully, &c.

W Caldwell



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Newman, H.L.

Leav. Mar. 11th 1871

Levi Wilcox,

Syn.

It very important that
our Co. should have
a meeting to hear of
me & to hear please
be on hand & tell
Mr Kuhn. dont fail
Truly yrs
H.L. Newman

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Griffing & Wright

LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

Leamworth Mch 13 1871

Henry Kuhn Esq
P.O. Leamworth
Kans

Dear Sir

We send
you herewith enclosed. Statement of
amount & when due of premium
of your life policy No 1207 in Laoflo

Cash
Due Mch 13 / 71

\$ 385.24

Yours Very Truly
Griffing & Wright
Managers