

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.

Creator: Kuhn, Henry, 1830-1900

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at Lawrence I have no
means of getting at the facts
and must therefore ask
you to add me more to
the many favors I have
received from you.

I am about to start
for Louisville as member
of a board of survey
and as I may be there
for some time please
address your letter to me
there -

I am very pleasantly
situated here - and the



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people more friendly
than I expected, but
yet I would gladly return
again to the old Dept.
and this I believe is the
milk of all the 7th Co.

Please remember
me to all friends, and
with best regards to myself
and family

believe me
and truly yr
address Henry J. Kuhn
Taylor Barracks 7th Co.
Louisville Ky.



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David Auld,
PRESIDENT.

Geo. Scarborough,
VICE PRESIDENT.

J. T. Coplan,
CASHIER.



First National Bank,

ATCHISON, KAN., Sept 1[#] 1871

Henry Kuhn Esq

My dear Sir:

will you

please give me the full name of Maj
Leamy as I desire to obtain his
Certificate of

He is in the Valley. Not
Dand E. and as I do not know
just how he gets it up

Very truly yours

David Auld

I not prosperous

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[Pearce] Fred

Milwaukee Sep 9th 1871

Dear Duke

I cannot imagine why you dont write but presume you have so much to attend to, I hope you have,

We find plenty to do but we dont make any headway, the expenses are more than the profits (like Jim's Coal Business) & I mean to follow his example^{and} get out. The store is rented until May next so I have plenty of time^{and} I concluded to go at it early, but intend to quit the first favorable opportunity.

The old Gent. 'McCurtis' mill burned last night loss some \$8,000 fully insured. I think he wont build up but may perhaps.

Our youngsters are coming on finely & are a great source of enjoyment.

Jim Murfey has been doing well in his business this year. He says he wants

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no better thing than he has now,
He wanted me to come down
there & try my hand, - But Oh the
expenses!

What do you think I could do at
A. L. ? would it pay to try?

Yours Sincerely

Ed

This is confidential

Please write soon, as I am expecting
an answer.

Hawbrecker, Jacob
No. 44.

HALF RATE MESSAGES.

The Western Union Telegraph Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following **HALF RATE MESSAGE.**

O. H. PALMER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated, *Green castle Ind Sept 10th 1871*
Received at *St Louis Mo* *11:00 am 16*
To *General O Henry Kuhn*

*Give Character quality price
and unimproved lands Maryville
Marshall Kansas answer
mail*

Jacob Hawbrecker

*11 Pd
Half Rate*

In regard to the
second note payable
the 30th of Sept^r==
you will oblige me

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if you will not present
it for at least another
month, and if you
can possibly should
it, without greatly incom-
venience yourself,
till the end of the year,
30th Decr, you will do
me a great favor. for
I have had so many
unlooked for expenditures
since my arrival here
that they have upset
my calculations, and
I am necessitated to
make the request. The
I have to run now
hard as, having delayed
so long the settlement
of my acct with your
firm.

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I received your letter
in regard to the St. Louis
act and have written
to the Comptroller General and
claimed the amount
in order to recover
it from Capt. J. H. Gates to
whom it is due.

In regard to my
returned papers, which
have already given
you some trouble,
it was my intention
to have called for
them on leaving the
Dept. by Mr. but not
passing through I am
I was unable to do
so, if you will kindly
bring them up for me
and forward them
addressed to the

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Let Dr. W. A. Lammie
 with my name,
 or yours, in the corner
 of the address, will
 receive them all right,
 free of charge -

I am here on
 duty as a member of
 a board, for
 purchasing accounts
 for the Regt. and
 expect to remain till
 the end of October.

Please remember
 me to Nichols & find
 and write back
 regard to the second
 note - very truly
 Yours
 Henry L. Nowlan

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[Pearce,] Fred

Milwaukee Sep 24, 1891

Dear Duke

I got home yesterday from my tramp. I went from here to Oconomowoc, thence north 14 miles to Moshe thence 15 miles south to Ottawa then East to Genesee, Waukesha & home. Of course I did not take "bee lines" but did a great deal of walking & talking besides. Once I walked 9 miles in 1 1/2 hours but it played me out for the next day.

It was my intention, on starting, to look carefully at all the offers received & found, before making up my mind what I would settle down at. I had an ^{faint} idea of going to Kansas, because I had done so well financially there ^{and} wrote the letter to you, but, being undecided how you would treat it, I let it lay a few days before starting it.

I wrote in reply to your letter from Oconomowoc immediately on receipt of it as I thought perhaps you might do something in the "Pass" line, still, if it would put you out in any way, I trust you have written & I will try some other means, besides, I presume I could get a "Fair ticket" to the "Exposition"



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at Kansas City but that I think comes off too late to see you before you go East.

I hope soon to receive and am prepared for the Argument on the Sunday School question, also about the 4 years Searnsworth experience, I believe the next 2 years are now being worked out, but as writing is a plain & labious way of carrying on a discussion so I will "dramatize" the unpleasant reflections till we meet.

I looked around considerably but have not made up my mind what to do. When I received your letter ^{of the way matters stood in the Post,} I was sorry, but concluded you would now look around for something in company with

Yours Truly
Ind.

If you are coming East "via Chicago" if you telegraph I will meet you there.



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Fringer, T. F.

PACIFIC RAILROAD

(OF MISSOURI,)

Corner Main and Walnut Sts.,

T. F. FRINGER,
Agent.

Leavenworth, Kas. Sept 27th 1887

A. C. Buchanan
Asst. Supt. Kan. City.

Dr. Sir

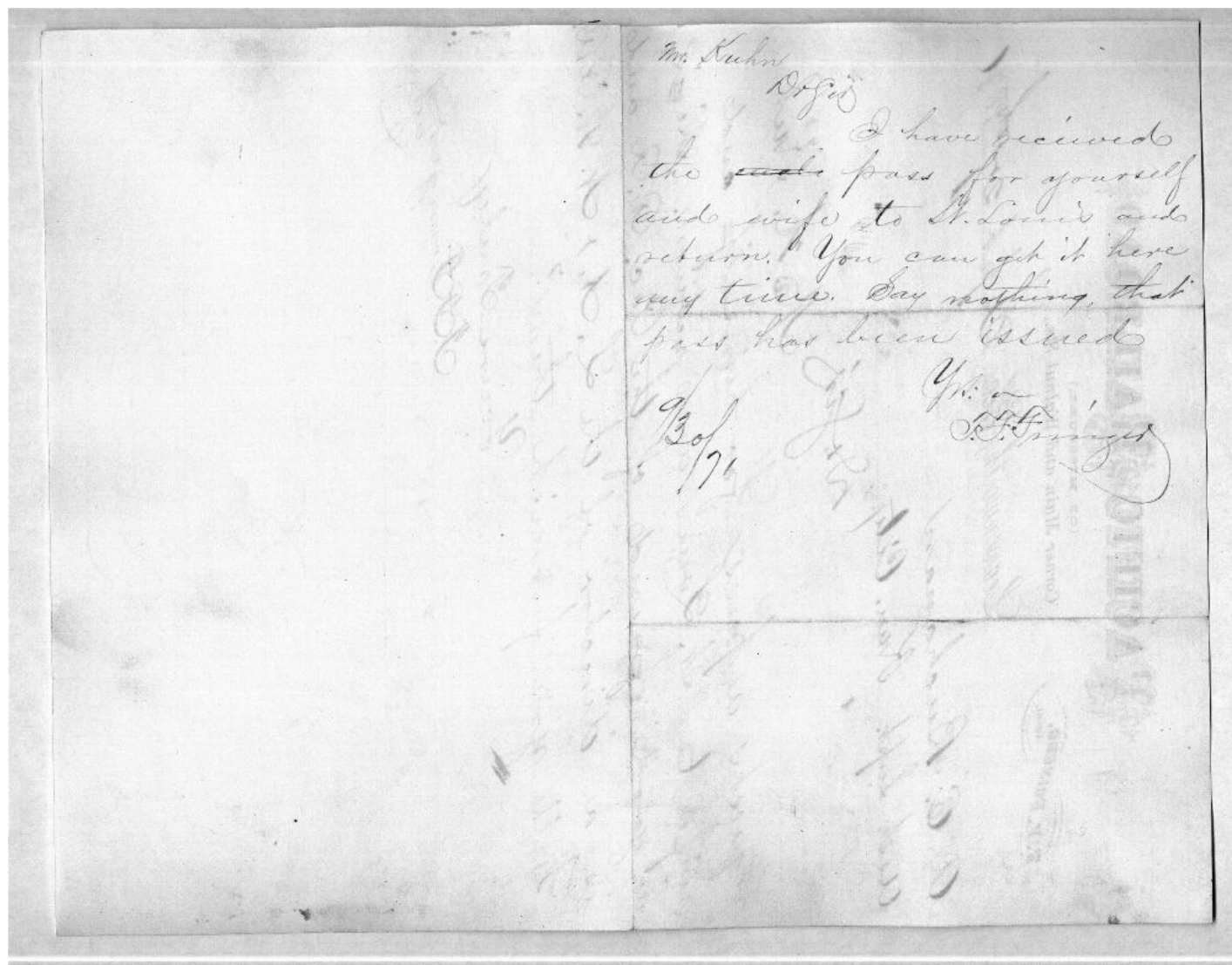
Mr. H. Kuhn
requests a pass for himself and
wife to St. Louis and return. He is
a good friend of the Pac. R.R. and
is a "director" of the L. A. & N. W. R.R.
Will you furnish them?

Yours Truly

T. F. Fringer
agh

over

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Comstock, D.A.

CAPITAL, - - \$500,000.00.

The Mutual Loan and Savings Institution,

JOHN McKEE, President.
D. J. BREWER, Vice-President.
D. A. COMSTOCK, Secretary.
PAUL E. HAVENS, Treasurer.

LEAVENWORTH, *Sept 28th* 1871

H. Kuhn Esq

At Leavenworth. Dear Sir.

Patrick Kackett's account
is as follows, being all paid up to, and
including April 1871; but not paid in
May -

<i>May dues</i>	<i>3.00</i>
<i>Fine</i>	<i>30.</i>
<i>June dues</i>	<i>3.00</i>
	<i>6.30</i>
<i>less paid</i>	<i>3.00</i>
	<i>3.30.</i>
<i>Fine</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>July dues</i>	<i>3.00</i>
	<i>6.65</i>
<i>less paid</i>	<i>3.00</i>
	<i>3.65</i>
<i>Fine</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>Aug dues</i>	<i>3.00</i>
	<i>7.00</i>
<i>less paid</i>	<i>3.00</i>
	<i>4.00.</i>
<i>Fine</i>	<i>40.</i>
<i>Sep. dues</i>	<i>3.00</i>
	<i>7.40.</i>
<i>less paid</i>	<i>3.00</i>
	<i>4.40</i>
<i>Fine</i>	<i>45</i>
<i>Oct. dues</i>	<i>3.00</i>
<i>Willow in Oct -</i>	<i>7.85</i>

Very Respectfully
Wm. Comstock
Secy

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Thompson, J.C.

A. S. KIMBALL,
Asst. Quartermaster, U. S. A.

United States Army Transportation Office,

Fort Carson, Colorado, Nov 9th, 1891.

Mr Kuhn

or Sir

I write you
sometimes since enclosing a
letter from Harry while, as I have
rec'd no answer did not know
as you rec'd it. If you did I
hope you will let me know results
as soon as possible as I am getting
quite anxious

With kindest regards to Mrs Kuhn and
family

Remember as ever

Yours truly

J. C. Thompson

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—, Fred

Hope you had a pleasant trip

Milwaukee Nov 13 1871

Dear Duke

Yours of the 7th was received this morning.

I went to the party who wanted a book keeper, and found that he had found a man who he thinks will fill his place. The only thing I lacked was not being a carpenter or acquainted with his kind of business Planing mill, Sash Door or Blind mouldings &c &c.

So you see I am open to business & my former letter will also show how little dependence I could place in the chance,

Now I expect to hear from you speedily. I am intending to go to Kansas or somewhere the Lord only knows. I have, I believe, sold out ^{am} and closing up my business. Write soon

Truly Yours Fred

Enclose you a letter recd. at the same time yours same. Please procure it



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H. D. MACKAY, President.
D. M. SWAN, Vice President.

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GEO. A. MOORE, Secretary.
J. INGRAM JONES, Ass't Secretary.

Missouri Valley Life Insurance Co.

OFFICE, No. 228 DELAWARE ST.

Policy No. 2298.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Agency, O.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Nov 14th 1871

To H. Kuhn Ft Leavenworth Mo.

Policyholder in the Missouri Valley Life Insurance Co.,

Sir: The Premium of \$288.65 upon the above Policy, will be due on the 6th day of Dec 1871

The above Policy will be entitled to a dividend of \$62.05 on the above date, provided the above premium, then due, is punctually paid. The method of declaring dividend, adopted by this Company, is the Improved Contribution Plan,—this system though very complicated and difficult of solution, is the only just method of distributing surplus.

Your dividend may be applied at your election, in the following manner:

- 1st. To the payments of Premiums.
- 2d. To an addition to the Policy of full paid insurance, payable with the Policy at maturity.

Having elected which plan of application of dividend you will adopt, it is expected that you will adhere to the same during the life of the Policy, unless the Company receive notice to the contrary.

The Officers of this Company take this opportunity of answering the question so often asked them by Policyholders, viz: "Which is the best way that I can apply my dividends?" We say in reply, emphatically, the Second method; that is, by the permanent increase of the sum assured.

As an instance of the surprising growth in value of a Policy on which the dividends were continuously applied to its increase, we present the case of Mr. Ralph Price, Vice President of the Equitable Society in London. His Policy, originally effected on \$25,000, at his death amounted to \$125,000. In this country the increase will be much more rapid, on account of the high rate of interest.

Your Premium is \$288.65

Your Dividend is \$62.05

Application of dividend by first method, reduces Premium, \$226.60

Application of dividend by second method, addition to Policy of full paid Insurance, \$150.74

The Policyholder will elect which of the foregoing methods he will adopt, by forwarding to the office of the Company, the attached request.

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THE MISSOURI VALLEY LIFE INSURANCE CO.,

Will please apply the dividend due on my Policy No. in conformity with method, until otherwise ordered.

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Kuhn, H

Chamberburg Nov 14th 71

H Kuhn Esq

Sir

Yours of
6th has been received informing
me of your safe arrival, at home
as requested I went at once to
see Mr Eyster his claim is for
eight Land Warrants \$1600 and
\$800 Cash making \$2400, with
interest for 14 or 15 years he says
he would be entitled to half
the profits but would be satisfied
with the interest consequently I could
make no compromise with him
I also went to see Mr Herty
and compromised with him
for \$500 and the costs amounting
to some five dollars, if paid
without delay, probably you
would better send me a draft

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on New York or Philadelphia
and I would have it satisfied
at once,

I have been surveying the
Mountain Lands into lots
last week and will offer them
~~for~~ at public sale on the
24th of this month as could
not sell it to advantage as a
whole, I will leave as soon
for the west after the sale
as possible

I would settle the West
claim myself, if I could get
my money from Hawbaker &
others but as that is uncertain
you had better send draft
and make sure,

I have not been able
to collect any money yet
except a few small claims
amounting to about \$200,

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I have been well since
you left and as far as heard
from all the friends a
well, hoping these lines
may reach you and all
the friends enjoying the
blessings of health
I remain your
Father

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Bettendorf, M.

Humboldt, Kans.

December 29 1891

Mr H. Kuhn
Havenworth Dear Sir:

I have
to inform you that no an-
swer to my reply to your
letter of the 16th inst. in
which I accepted the place
at Ft Wallace has been
received. Please let me
know without delay whether
I can have the place or not
and oblige

Yours truly
W Bettendorf

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Miller Fred A

Sept 29. 1874

H. Kuhn Esq
Fort

By appearance I think I got abt
4/5 of B. & B. bid. that is: myself &
a St Louis firm, A. F. Shapleigh
& Co bid alike - or rather I bid
for them on my own hook with
the understanding I permit
them to fill the bill entire - &
they take all responsibilities
whatever.

Now, it being our bids alike
for Kansas. I feel afraid,
that Col. Moore or Mr Broad-
head (Chief Clerk) may think
too small potatoes to let me
have the bid. however, this
makes a great difference to
me as well B. & B. Dept. & my
first place I receive all the
profits in this affair & have
no risk & all the bucking

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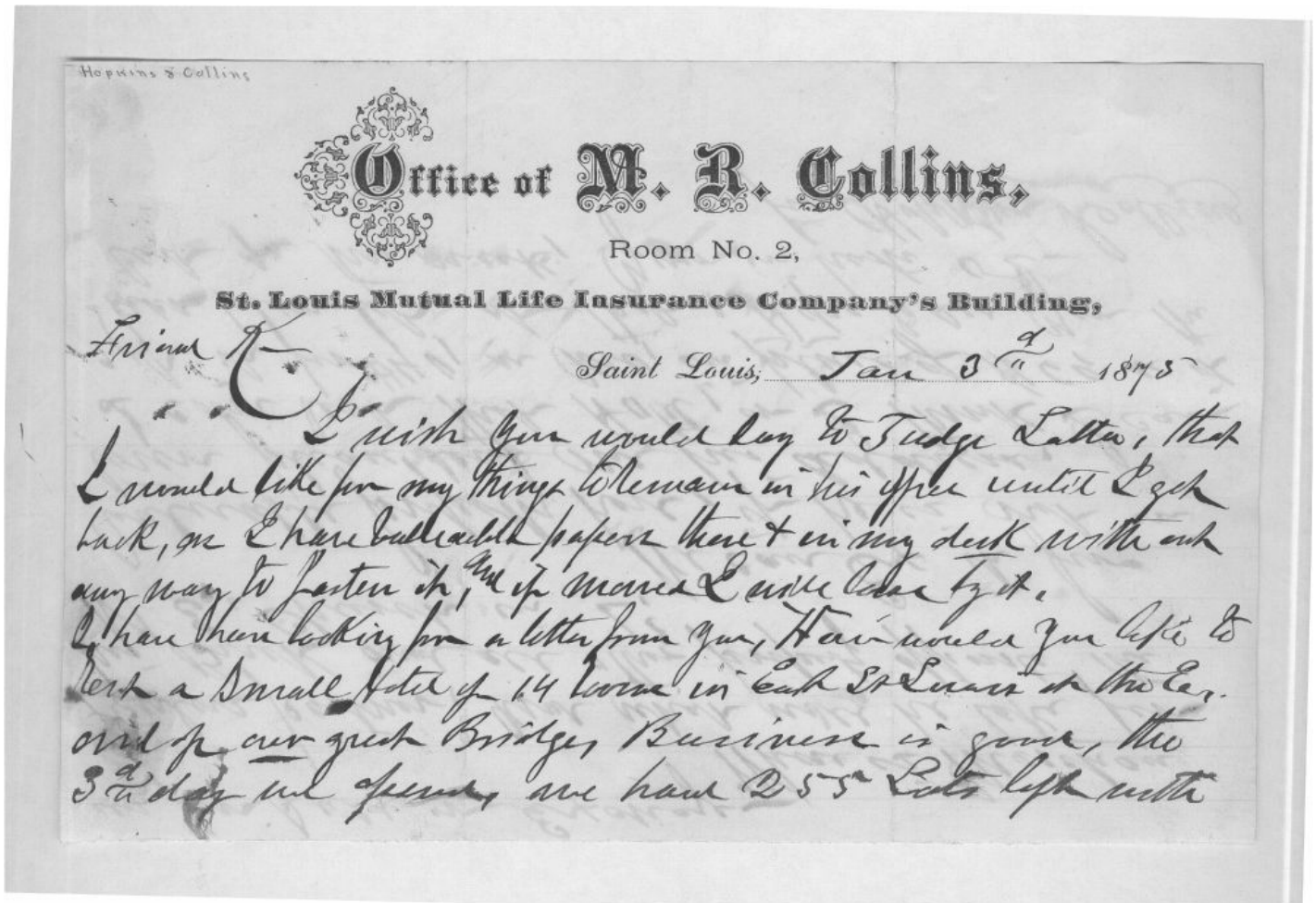
and the Department
got me handy, to assist
them in making out the
bill - which will satisfy
their requirements - I
have me in case of
something wrong, to simply
notifying me, or even, if
the bill is to be enlarged.
on hand at any moment.

All I wish is, that the
Col. will let me have the
contract, as interest, that
they shall be satisfied -
would you please, if
acquainted with the
Chief Clerk, assure them
that all is O.K. if I get the
contract, as I have one of
the strongest Hardware
houses to back me -
may I count on you?

in great
hurry

Fred McMillan

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us for sale or Exchange. What is Merchant
Faulstich's partner? And what will he take for
his Brick and all other property opposite the
M. E. Church in L.
We can Ex. it for
valuable property here, if he is not in
town please send me his address.
I can bank that Hotel, or I think I can
get the fourth of, or more, in place of \$60, as it
has been like that. Hope to see you the
last of this week; Yours in haste O. L.
for Chas. H. Collins

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Ingalls, John J.

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, Jan 6 1875.

Dear Sir:

The Texas speculation looks well and I would be very glad to take an interest with you and your friends. but owing to my recent misfortunes. if quarter sections were selling at a cent a piece I could not buy an acre on ten years time.

If I can render you any assistance call on me.

Truly Yours:

John J. Ingalls.

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Stebbins, W.R.

Atchison Ks
Jan'y 10/75

H. Kuhn

My Dear Sir

Some of
the y^{rs} I did not pr.
tell this Am & herem
find statements. The first
made Jan 1874. showing
the increase in valuation
from year to year. the next
made in May 1875. showing
the financial condition of
the County. which we think
ver, good. The increase
for 1876 will be at least
a Million, ^{so far} as they have
a road N. T. Santa Fe ^{East} calla
in the bonds. Pueblo & Salt Lake
to put on the tax roll &
the Denver & Rio Grande
South to. across this year.

The last statement was
made in 1802. & shows
the entire indebtedness
resources, rate of taxation
&c &c The bond has
30 years to run, but
at the expiration of
10 years from Oct 1774
they are obliged to buy
a tax of not less than 5 per
cent to retain them. The law
under which they are
issued is printed
with the back of each bond
Please keep all of
these statements, as
they are all ^{now} we have
Remy
G. W. C. Smith



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Varnum, J. M.

Board of Trade,

A. BEATTIE, President.
D. M. STEELE,
R. L. McDONALD, } Vice Presidents.
J. P. HAX,
J. M. VARNUM, Sec'y and Treas.

St. Joseph, Mo. Jan 18 1875.

H. Kuhn Esqr
Leavenworth Ks.
Dr Sir.

Referring to your
favor of the 17th just received
I would say that so much time
has elapsed since I submitted
the proposition referred to that
our Directors are not as favor-
able to the project as they were.
I cannot therefore offer you
any encouragement for coming
here.

Yours &c
J. M. Varnum.