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Copies of correspondence both received and sent by Captain Henry Kuhn dating from after the Civil War until shortly before his death in 1898. Some of the letters are illegible. Much of the correspondence regards Kuhn's banking and other financial interests, particularly in Leavenworth, as well as other business and personal affairs, including during his time as an Indian agent in the Oklahoma area. Kuhn was county surveyor and township clerk in Atchison County, Indian agent in the Indian territory, publisher of a Marion County newspaper, and was otherwise a prominent Kansas citizen of the nineteenth century.

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Fort Sill I.T. Nov 5. 1879

Lucius Baker Esq.

Dr Sir: A letter from my daughter rec'd to day gives me some indefinite information about the status of the "Appeal" and in order that you may know how to proceed I put you in possession of the following facts which can be substantiated.

The \$100<sup>00</sup> paid to Ewing at the time of the purchase and delivery of the Appeal I borrowed from my daughter temporarily with the promise to pay it back to her on the consummation of a loan which Gardner and myself intended to make of which we supposed had been secured from H. D. Scott, but which you know failed. - It then became necessary to secure her for the said money and \$47<sup>00</sup> additional which I afterwards borrowed of her making in all received from her \$237<sup>00</sup>.

He then agreed to execute a mortgage the one now on file, and to turn over to her one of the notes - \$250.<sup>00</sup> for the money held of her if possible discount the other so as to have money to commence the publication of the paper. One of the notes was then turned over to my daughter to secure her loan to me, and after failing to discount the other it was subsequently turned over to her also, she intending to advance more money, but which was rendered unnecessary from the change in the ownership of the paper. - On the 7th day of October, 2 days before the final judgment was obtained, I purchased Judge Gardner's interest in the Appeal, the consideration being the sale to him of a certain

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Contract between Col. Alexander and myself for an exchange of Real Estate which would vest the title to the Mill & Blacksmith Shop on the street at the Bridge near the New Market Square, in me or my assigns, Gardner assuming all my obligations under said Contract, and also to assume the Ewing Miller liability, and to protect me or indemnify me against payment of any part of the same, of course on the execution of all the papers necessary to carry out our agreement the lease of said Mill & Barley would be also assigned to Gardner.

After purchasing Gardiners interest on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Oct. on the following day I sold the entire interest office to P. B. Castle, subject to the payment of the Mortgage then on file, and on the 17<sup>th</sup> I was compelled to have to comply with engagements which I could not well shake off, and the result of this trial it seems has been allowed by Gardner to culminate against the Appeal - I have given you briefly the salient points in the history of the several transactions in connection with the Appeal, if there is any thing omitted necessary to aid you in protecting my daughters interest, I may be able to give you further details on any point not covered in this letter.

Very truly yours

H. C. Kuhn

Overland J. T.  
Oct. 9. 1879  
  
Sir:  
Please excuse answer of  
my "first world" for  
Gardner's work, Kansas  
First Mill. Land, Long  
distance

Enclosed you will find a copy of my answer  
to you on the 1st. asking for your  
advice, and the suggestion made will  
be of great service in connection with  
the trial of this case.

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Fort Sill. I.T.  
Nov 5. 1879

J. N. Vail Esq.  
Genl Manager  
Nat. Bell Telephone Co.

Sir: Your favor of 19<sup>th</sup> ult  
was forwarded to me at this place from Henrietta  
Texas, having been forwarded from Lawrence to  
Denison and thence to Henrietta, and received by  
me to day, which accounts for the delay in answering  
I have waited some time to hear from you and at  
length concluded you had declined to establish an  
agency at Lawrence, - I left Lawrence on the  
14<sup>th</sup> expecting to be back by the end of the month, but  
my business will detain yet a few days longer here and  
at Anadarko, this territory, but will be home in time  
to receive your answer to this, and will be ready  
to take hold of this matter at once if the conditions  
are such that give promise of success;

Address me at Lawrence Kan

Very truly yours

H. C. Kuhn

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Fort Sill, I. S.  
May 1st 1899  
C. L. Bickford Esq.  
Dear Sir:

If you have any desire to make a safe & profitable investment in a Cattle Ranch under proper authority. soon enough to Fort Sill to give an advantage in getting contracts, grain, Hay, Wood and Beef that would place you on an equal footing with those who now, on account of their location, manage to control the business at this Post. I can give you such particulars as may enable you to decide upon its merits. It will involve a partnership with a party connected with the Indian Bureau and who have a great interest.

If you are inclined that way will be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours:

H. Kuhn

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G. W. Garrison.

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sir: You delay in answering my recent  
letter is inexplicable upon any forcible  
theory that I can invent. But as it is, unless  
it may be construed as hostile & injurious  
to the plans & arguments which you make  
before Congress, I have not yet been con-  
summated but which I am ready to carry  
out on my part. I would be pleased to  
have your indication from you as to what  
you wish me to do. Very truly yours  
Nov 10. 1879 — H. Kuhn —

Fort Sill, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1880

Dr Sir: Rec<sup>d</sup> letter from E. A. C. General Manager, Washg<sup>t</sup>  
2<sup>d</sup>, dated Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, accepting "Bronx" proposition &  
requesting Certificate to be forwarded to him — Note  
Jan 31. Forwarding "Bronx" receipt for sum enclosed  
(Certificate not having been delivered) on May 25<sup>th</sup> last  
Manager writes, "Certificate was issued & forwarded to  
you but that he had written you to return the same to  
him and as soon as received, he would forward the  
amount agreed upon, on sufficient day here offered  
and no further response." I trust you will forward  
the Certificate as requested, at once if you have  
not already done so and oblige very truly yours  
H. Kuhn  
*West Liverpool Pa*

Fort Sill, I. T. Feby 28. 1880

Sir: Your favor of the 20<sup>th</sup> was rec'd, and inferred  
by extracts that I would again hear from you  
in a week or ten days — but as soon as the  
"Bronx" came a telegraph from St Louis  
which should have been in time to have  
to leave a response by return  
mail and oblige very truly yours  
H. Kuhn

E. A. C. Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Washington D. C.

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Nov 20. 9

G. W. Gardner Esq.

Dear Sir: Yours of 15<sup>th</sup> inst reached me yesterday too late for a reply by return mail, & this will not go out till the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. - I find from the tenor of your letter that you are disposed to regard the trade of the land for your interest in the Appeal as off. & your whole plan seems to be based on re-imbursement or making something out of a suit for damages against Drury and his Co-Conspirators and perhaps as an accident something out of the "Appeal", - The sale by me to Baile on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Oct, the day after you and I had agreed on the terms of our trade was as "bona fide" and as clear from any fraud as any transaction could be, though perhaps not the best that could have been made had more time been allowed me, - It was certainly the best way that I could see out of the matter, compelled as I was to leave on the 9<sup>th</sup> to meet my engagements here, as the payment of the \$500, was secured & if he succeeded with his paper, something could be realized out of the \$300. worth of advertising and if he failed to carry on the publication of the paper and to pay the \$500. when it became due, it then became available for another sale by the Mortgagor, and if Baile could not have renewed the loan or paid it off I could have done so, or sold to some other party, At all events it was placing the property in such

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Hope as to relieve me of its care, & expense which was of any great importance, & I would give me further time, in case he finally failed to carry out the conditions of the sale, besides I was not only hopeful but felt dangerous that he would be able to make a success of his paper & such debt of \$500. assumed by him was no great obstacle to a man, active, vigorous & aggressive as he is.

You do not say one word about the condition of the bushy pines but I infer that sale was made of the official property, which surprises me no little, because after we had agreed upon the terms of our trial I of course supposed that you would have appealed the suit, which I am very sure you could have done on application to Green & giving the matter prompt personal attention, but it seems you did nothing of that kind, notwithstanding it was wholly your interest to do so, or to pay the judgment; - If there had been no trade made of our bushes had stood exactly as they had been before, I should undoubtedly have wished one you attending to & taking the official in my absence, & as it <sup>was</sup> wholly to your interest to do so, I cannot understand why it was not done, Nor do you say one word 'out it' in your letter, but seem to rely on a suit against bushy, & all damages, though from all that your letter indicates, not a thing has been done to open or commence proceedings against them for that loss, or I certainly should have made some arrangement with a agent affecting the suit if I had not supposed, just, that

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You were then to attend to it & if found that you were more  
convinced concerning the correctness of my statement I would apply  
the suit to him, you must remember that the condition of our  
trade was that you assumed my half of the liability or at least  
to indemnify me against its payment, which you could only do by  
paying the judgment, or appealing the suit and defeating it.  
I was in hopes, and believed that you would be able to do the  
latter, or to repeat to the land in Howell Co. it may be that it  
will now be quite a cost in your hands, as I know it now lies  
in vain, but on the contrary a source of trouble and some little expense.

I regret that you did not write me at once on receipt of my  
first letter, as you now have done, as your statement, and all the  
~~information~~ were as well known to you then as subsequently, and the  
whole situation of affairs demanded the promptest possible action,  
so that I am at a loss to know why any thing was permitted  
to take shape according to the interests of every body else rather than  
our own, & that you remained passively indifferent, or at least  
inactive, while there was any thing to do, and while much could  
have been done to prevent the present complication.

I do not remember, as you say about our conversation at the  
train when I left, in regard to the filing action, or if I had so  
understood it I should at once have taken the necessary steps  
to have an appeal of the suit, in the absence of a positive  
declaration from you, that you would do so. - You fail to

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Note in your letter what you wish to do about the land trade, as I am led to infer since Alexander declines the mill trade that you are not satisfied with our trade, although you well know the difficulties in the way of the Alexander trade, and as we had time and again discussed these difficulties, & that it was only a remote probability that the trade could be consummated, I fail to see this as a good reason for dissatisfaction with our trade.

- I expect our trade to be carried out according to the terms agreed upon, and if you can not do this, that is if you are unable to do this, then it seems to me you ought to propose some other practicable way to close our business, as this is now imperatively necessary so far as I am concerned, because of my absence and the pressing wants of my family -

I trust that you will not regard the earnest manner of my letter as ~~suspiciously~~, or ascribe it to any unwillingness on my part to carry out faithfully every agreement and compact between us,

There is nothing to induce any one to come to this country only he has Capital to invest in Cattle or until he can get Employment and I find that men of our age can scarcely compete with the younger and more active, especially where there are such exposed and sometimes laborious duties to perform as sometimes fall to the lot of Cattle men. - I am not meeting with the success that my engagement led me to believe, and if I were at home earning a dollar a day I would be much better satisfied.

Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience  
and believe me very truly yours H. Kuhn

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Jan. 10. '50

Mr. Brauner Esq<sup>r</sup> 3  
St Louis Mo 3 Dr Sir: It is now about three  
months since I have heard from you or the Association you  
represent, in relation to the "Grouse Application". I distinctly  
stated to you in my last, that Grouse had been compelled  
to make other arrangements on account of the delay and  
that the money advanced on Certificate was expected to  
be returned as per the terms of your Circulars. I trust  
this will meet prompt attention and in order to close  
this transaction I will accept \$65<sup>00</sup> as payment  
in full, if made within ten days. The whole amount  
\$90<sup>00</sup> I never went to account for to Mr. Grouse and  
it is not asking too much to have the matter settled  
especially as the sacrifice or loss falls alone upon me.

You will at least oblige me by indicating  
by return mail what I may expect. If it is the  
purpose of your Association to further delay the  
return of the money be kind enough to say  
so and oblige very truly Yours H. Kuhn

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G. W. Gardiner Esq.

Fri. Dec. 17 Jan'y 1850

To Sir: Your several letters came duly to hand & I have been waiting to reply until I heard from Mr. Slayden in reply to mine of Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. He wrote Dec 29. which I received Dec 6. - He says in that letter "I have to day written Judge Gardiner that I would turn over to you the Co's claim against the U.S. Home "down Allo", for the \$270 it paid out upon receipt from you, a clear receipt of all claims to the Co., You also sending his two papers for \$1000 each which he claims possess merit, "also that profited stock, & then you can make any arrangement with him you care."

In this letter he informs me, the road will be sold Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. I wrote him on the 8<sup>th</sup> last, in reply that I did not know what you would be inclined to do & that I would write you on the subject.

I was then willing to pay \$50. in money for the assignment of the Co's claim to one of \$270. Notwithstanding I already had a claim against that Allo's for \$90. which I offered to the agent at St Louis for 50 cents on the dollar & which offer was not accepted, & I am very particular as ignorant as you are, about the admittance of that Allo's, or what may be obtained from that source, if any thing.

- On the 8<sup>th</sup> inst I rec'd Slayden's reply, dated Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. in which he says "By some mistake your letter of 8<sup>th</sup> inst got misplaced among my papers & to day is the first time I've seen it. I am at home sick & have been for ten days consequently I write this with pencil &c. I will get you the money

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Some other receipt if I can induce the Co to do it.  
Now then as the R.R. Co. have not yet indicated to me that it will assign that claim, you must therefore know that if my letter to you stated that I would pay you \$50. that in the absence of my qualification to the contrary, the inference would be on the Credit that the Co. would assign one that claim, as you well know the notes of stock would be worthless in my hands, & that I have no means to meet that way. However I have again written the R.R. Co. & trust my liberal offer will induce them to accept, if they are at all disposed to pay any thing at all, and until that Co. has decided what it will do I am not in a condition to do any thing - In relation to other matters contained in your several letters, I will not be able to reply in time for this day. Mail, & shall return this part for next mail on Monday by which time I trust I will have opportunity to reply as fully as I would like to.

I am lingering out a kind of existence here, undergoing privations that nothing could justify only the hope this pluck and endurance may bring some reward.

The "Irish World" is my only consolation & I scarcely get time to read that except by the dim flickering light of a cheap candle,

With kind regards to your family,  
I am very truly yours  
H. Kuhn

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S. H. Mayden Esq.  
Brook:

Enclosed 1. 2 Jan 96

Yours letter & Postal of.  
15<sup>th</sup> came & had this morning. In regard to Mr.  
Little claim, for using Continuous cord in splicing &  
closing rear car door I know nothing but would suppose  
it to be fictitious - The cars were made by C. McLaughlin  
of St. Louis, in 1872. <sup>and</sup> the Continuous Cord was attached to  
each car, then all "Bob Tails" <sup>and</sup> Mr. Little nor any one else  
ever claimed to hold exclusive rights for such device, but it  
was generally understood that Mr. Stephenson's numerous  
patents for car improvements embraced this as well as many  
others <sup>and</sup> that Manufacturers of Cars were using the various  
improvements under authority from him or the original  
patentee - I would write to Mr. Stephenson on the  
subject who can give you all necessary information -

- I do not understand the exact purport of your  
letter in this. You know I have always paid promptly when  
I promised to do so <sup>if</sup> you know when the papers come I

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will send you the \$1000 - as though there were something  
or anything in my letter to you which had you to suppose  
that I doubted for a moment that you would do just  
as you would agree to do - and the intimation of the  
paragraph in your letter to me must have been inspired  
from the tone of Gardiner's letter and not mine. In your  
letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> is the first intimation I have had that you  
would accept my proposition last sent you. - Your previous  
offer was in regard to the Claim against the Town of Denver  
and as I wrote you last, it left that proposition in an  
inchoate Condition - Gardiner wrote me finally that he  
was willing to accept \$50, but I wrote him in reply that  
until the Company made a definite offer I would be  
unable to do anything as the Stock and Notes in my hands  
would be absolutely worthless. - I shall write him to  
send you the Stock and Notes as agreed upon, and on  
their receipt by you - You can send him the \$50. direct.  
- I enclose you herewith my receipt in full  
for all claims and demands against the Company and

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On receipt of same you will please credit me a  
balance of fifteen dollars & twenty cents, so if you  
judge you can and are open minded make for  
the other, payable to my order.

I ought to know that you are experiencing  
difficulty in getting off your C. & G. and in the enterprise  
which at times looks dangerous, so consider the greater  
danger is at the time, and I trust you will be able  
to act independently on the investment, which if you do  
not grow proneness will - I think you can make an  
apology for inserting that paragraph in your letter  
unless you are able to show from any letter and cause  
to you, that you were justified -

Very truly yours, H. Kuhn

Received January 19<sup>th</sup> 1880, from L. M. Meyer, Deaderick, One  
hundred dollars in full of all claims of demands of  
whatever name or nature that I now have or ever had  
against the Saint Joseph & Lake Railroad Company, of St. Joseph  
Missouri -

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Fort Sill I. I. Jan'y 20. 1880.

G. W. Gardner Esq.

or Sir:

This morning I rec'd a letter from Hayden dated 15<sup>th</sup> inst. making a definite offer to pay you \$50. on Surrender of the Calcut Stock and the notes, & to pay me \$100. on my accepting in full of all claims and demands against the Company - I wrote him by this mail accepting his offer for myself and sending him my receipt as required, informing him that I would write to you and on your forwarding to him the stock and notes he will remit you the \$50. direct. - I enclose you two of the notes to forward with the others. - I also rec'd by same mail yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> on the same subject. - The offer made by Hayden is the first offer I have rec'd, excepting the proposition to turn over their claim against the Home of Doved Allo - I hastened to accept though at a great sacrifice, in order to dismiss the whole disagreeable subject forever from my mind - I regret to hear that your health is not good but trust you will soon be all right again - Now that this matter is disposed of, it will enable us to enter single handed into

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The Association will make arrangements  
of all the matters going out of the business  
of Boston & will be responsible for  
it, and there will be a day of the day  
I will give you the time that the payment  
will be contingent upon your acceptance of the bill  
and the amount you forward the auto bill the sum  
and payment to be made to both.

I am not in the mood for writing and  
feel as despondent as a lost dinner -

Very truly yours  
John Parker

Henry J. Lippitt  
Secretary to  
S.C.

Dart Hill. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Aug. 20. 1880.

Mall. Thank you for a copy of the present  
Army Bill - it is now or nearly so, adopted.

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Mr. Secy. of War C. M. ordered into a  
negotiation with George Colman  
for an annual salary May 10, 1863, as  
Agent of State at the West, but immediately  
upon his arrival, I was requested by the  
Post O. M. to discontinue paying to  
~~him~~ the duties of the position which  
I have been discharging now since, while  
Colman was assigned to some another  
duty elsewhere in the Post O. M. office.

Upon the Chief O. M. of the Dept.  
he advised the Contracting Council of  
Army of the contracts made with  
Colman, and which annually gave the  
amount mentioned by the date of  
January until May 1st.

Should this be the true state of  
facts, would it be possible for the  
Government to make to the effect  
any part of this can not be done, it  
will have the intention so that the  
Legal Validity, authority of the draft of  
the Army and probably will anticipate  
any opposition by a removal of

the contract with Colman, or some one  
else derived from the Chief O. M. Office.

Colman is truly unqualified to  
discharge the duties of the position  
being a man of culture & refinement  
a dramatist, Spiritualist, painter  
and author, and in any of those profes-  
sional offices, stands conspicuously high in  
his own estimation, and was sent here  
in the emergency that had presented  
at that time in Chief O. M. Office by  
a reduction of the number of clerical  
employees, under orders given to the Adj'tant  
Office, stating he could be best discharged.

Please, without great inconvenience  
you may be able to learn if the  
supposed status of the "Money"  
is true, and if so whether the  
appointment could be made to  
the effect May 1<sup>st</sup> on the expiration  
of Colman's contract.

Very Respectfully yours  
H. Kuhn

- Will thank you for a copy of the proposed  
Army Bill - as is now or may be reported -

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Sunday Aug 23rd 1896

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Rhodes

I make a little sketch every now and then of the names of relatives and, writing of course the dearest ones first, at large and small to all, since which time I have had nothing from any of you, until to day I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Lee stating that Mr. Rhodes had called there on his way back without giving any further information about the family, from which I infer that you are all well. I need not repeat at this time the regret that circumstances rendered it impossible for myself or any of my family to be present in the observance & performance of the last sad rites which the natural ties of kindred and society alone demand, but which often are a source troubling in contrast with the great sorrow which may be experienced without the outward token or expression - I think of Mother often but never without a cold shudder and heartfelt sympathy for your own lossings in the loss of whom to us was so good a Mother, but to you the companion and confidant and helpmate of a life time, so much greater, that our own losses must be insignificant compared

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with you soon... I am doing well & getting  
on about as well as you. I hope to be in  
the world with you & the world as  
long as they are here & to a good purpose  
. Being of health, the year off may be spent  
as the you may find convenient and comfortable in  
your quiet all up in the intervals between now & the  
year only season of enjoyment, with the family immediately  
around you, and under the care of Sister Martha. kind  
and good woman she will be to you and all as she always  
has been, with the protle, and joyous life of her little one to  
cheer your dull moments, and whose kindness to you may  
never be less than their mother, will ever be my wish  
and the desire of my whole family -

In the ordinary course of events, I hope to be able to  
be with you again but not sooner than next fall and  
perhaps not until Spring following -

My love to Martha & family, and  
kind regard to Mr. Myers <sup>and</sup> the Rhode Island boys.  
Affectionately yours James

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Fort Sill, Okl.

January 31, 1880.

Publisher Times

Philadelphia, Pa.

Enclosed please find

21 cents in U. S. Post Stamps, for which send  
two (2) Times Almanacs for 1880. &

H. Kuhn  
Fort Sill  
Indian Ter.

Chas. H. Kuhn  
Jan. 31, 1880.  
Albion, New York  
Enc.

Please send  
samples of your book & stationery  
printing, also samples of your  
cardbinding, also samples of your  
text, heavy, dark blue cloth for desk  
mats, samples of a few of your des-  
ignations, prints, and  
all else.

Very Respectfully Yours  
H. Kuhn

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March 25. 1890.  
John Brown  
J. H. Brown & Son  
Boston Mass.  
Dear Sir:

Your favor of Jan'y 22,  
Mr. acknowledging receipt of mine to you<sup>s</sup> of the 10th  
of this day accepting the proposition therein made  
of this day received, and in accordance with your  
request I enclose herewith the receipt which I  
gave Mr. Brown, surrendered to me on the refunding  
of his money - The "certificate" of deposit from the Am.  
was never delivered or issued so far as I know  
and Mr. Brown's letter of acknowledgment is  
the only additional evidence that the money was deposited  
with the Am.<sup>n</sup>. I trust that no other formality will  
be required of that you draft for \$65<sup>m</sup> will be  
immediately forwarded, payable by my order, on  
receipt of this, closing this transaction in full

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Enclosed find sum of One hundred  
Dollars respectfully yours etc  
H. Kuhn

Lawrence, April 15, 1879.  
Received of Henry Comee Ninety Two  
Dollars to be by me remitted to the  
United States Home of Honor Association  
as a deposit in trust for accumulation,  
in accordance with the terms of our  
Agreement to be submitted to the  
said Association therewith.

Henry Kuhn  
Agt



Fort Scott. I. I. Jan'y 31. 1860.

Dear Father: I presume that by the time this reaches you Mr. Blodow will have returned from his trip east, and it occurred to me that this would be a proper time for me to write you in reference to the quiet way action of land in the hole adjoining the Ranch provided you have not already disposed of it and also providing that the sum of a thousand dollars runs for two years or can be extended that length of time. Supposing this to be the case that is the you but yet hold it; I make you the following proposition.

I will take the land offering the liability and engage to occupy it in one year from the coming March, in the mean time to have certain improvements made preparatory to occupying it - if this or any reasonable modification would meet your approval. I would want to engage now to have the hedge trees thoroughly pruned in May or June. Also to enjoy the return of about one bushel of hay grass. If Mr. Blodow would undertake both and you could me the cash or account payment to do this I will immediately forward the funds for that purpose. Will then arrange for the building of a small house - for such other improvements as I can during the summer & fall - small this place be impractical that is if your arrangements will not admit of its execution. My purpose then is to obtain some faint south. If you on the border of the state, unless Congress should organize a government over the Indian Territory and open that for settlement in which event I could secure very desirable and valuable location here in the Territory. I am putting 100 headings on range this spring with J. J. Fisher & his herd, and possibly may arrange for 200 black, at all events by the end of the year I expect to have that number, would take them North in early spring, or as soon as grass starts - there are not less than 1000 acres of open prairie - cattle here do exceedingly well here this winter remaining yet on the range though the grass seems thoroughly dry and tattered, they range over the prairie all day. No rain here since last May, and yet the new grass is making its appearance and along the creeks and in favorable locations is presenting quite a green appearance, on the upland prairie that was burnt off last fall it is just emerging and the shrubs

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the soil is very good - the soil and it is the same  
as all the rest of the soil here that I have seen is very good  
in every respect. The bottom is a deep red clay, covering & the  
bottom in Dairy places and presenting to the eye the appearance  
of red brick, and when cut becomes about as sticky - for all that it  
is very productive. Wheat does well and all the grains. Potatoes  
will do extremely well, but then the Great Potato makes of the differ-  
ence - all this is found on Creek Indian ground - on the River  
bottom. At Park Reservation about 30 miles square there are  
no Indians allowed to settle or even to intermarry as they do with  
one other tribes - The country is well watered and quite good,  
but I fear the Malaria from the rich alluvial bottom, which  
are very wide on all the streams more than I would like. Large  
Indian - The immense growth of grass on these bottoms is very  
remarkable, and whenever the roads or trails cross, and the grass  
washes down, the tail can never take immediate possession  
and grows into a little tree six inches in Circumference in one  
summer - This Post is on a rising ground entirely surrounded  
by a valley of rich bottom land at the junction of Marion Bluff  
& Cache Creek, just at the eastern base of the Wichita Mountain.  
The Post Commander makes a special business of destroying the  
the savanna and trees can not suppress their rapid growth - He  
has the idea that they cause Malaria or poison its grape  
and hence his attempt to destroy. I do not think I would  
like this climate and therefore look forward to a location  
further North, though accepting the climate as it is there are  
many other advantages here that would go far to compensate  
for that objection -- There are two dairies here that supply  
the mill with Milk & butter. (Mill is a large Post) one has about  
50 cows the other about 75 - and both have made money out of  
the business, until now the natural increase of their herds caused  
them to either sell their young stock or the dairy - One of them  
prefers to hold on to his young cattle and go away after into  
the Panhandle of Texas or up into Kansas, and call his Dairy  
I can see no it if I had any one to take charge or to give  
personal supervision to the business my own engagements would only  
permit me to give part of my time - If Mr. Hayes has not you will  
find him another. If the house I can assure you has an attempt to fit  
its purpose, could get him 750 dollars above those from you him, additional.

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Chas. J. R. Webb, c. 1880.

Dear Father, you can assure that we shall be here in Cleveland next time you left, and is still in such a critical condition as to prevent his recovery doubtful, and of course your project on him, I have been unable to prevail - Mr. Walsh has taken hold of this story, and I told him what you requested me to do. He informs me that Houghtaling & Cleveland will be up to Cleveland (Providence) to settle up the beef business for January - and that Mr. Houghtaling and himself are going to Boston, Feb. 1st. In effect to try over what you say he had taken in care. Mr. Walsh has been and has got C. (Walsh) engaged to pursue it, preferring to wait until Houghtaling & Cleveland settle up the beef business. Then Mr. Walsh communicates to me I infer that he is disposed to bring the money only, although he indicated that you had been in charge, but that you had left without leaving any word, or telling Houghtaling & Houghtaling, of Cleveland supposed your intention for one or the other of them to look after the business - all that I felt justified in doing under these circumstances was to say to Mr. Walsh as he was directly in charge that if he would furnish me with a statement of the amount of his claim and amount paid & money received, or allow me to examine the accounts that I would forward the statement to you as required but he preferred not to take any such step, as Houghtaling would be up Monday which would be time enough, as he supposed.

Mr. Walsh is no doubt a very excellent man, but wholly without experience in this business either as a butcher or a book keeper, and as he himself says, is a job that he dislikes and it will be a task not easily undertaken by one altogether inexperienced.

I have already, perhaps, volunteered too many suggestions about this business especially as I know so very little about the relations sustained between the parties in interest, and having no personal interest in its success, only so far as I suppose your interest to go, it would seem presumptuous on my part to add any thing in this way and yet I am almost tempted to say that if Mr. Fisher has a large interest in this Contract, and he is looking to you to protect that interest as well as your own, it would be well in my judgment if you can not give it your personal attention or supervision this

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Authority be delegated to some one less competent to look after and superintend the business, and who would adopt some plan by which there would be provided a check that would furnish accurate data as to amount of beef received or delivered at the time of issue, of to whom, which at least determine what amount has been issued and what sold; as it is now as far as I have been able to learn, no one knows how much beef is delivered, only by estimating the weight and number of cattle slaughtered. - besides the system of allowing each Company to retain their orders from the Commissioners, leaving each contractor more or less independent, though until the demand is exhausted, I regard as very objectionable as I find from a very considerable experience, having tried it to my entire dissatisfaction, and believe it to be a fruitful source of discord and dissension among or less dissatisfaction, and difficulties resulting in loss to a Contractor or a man with the Company -

- And whatever opinion you may deem best, I am sure it would be to the interest of the Contractor to have some competent person to have supervision as I have indicated, unless Hennatty, Cleveland originally chose to be here in person, and perhaps Mr. Welsh is the man to do this, but if you do not intend giving him permanently & conduct the business, and if it could be agreed upon practically, I would undertake such part of the work of responsibility as would secure the objects above named, which I could arrange to do without interfering <sup>with</sup> my present duties and as long as I remain in my position as now. I could do so without charge; I am not at all anxious for the job, but if I can serve you in this way, or in any way that you may suggest, if it can be made agreeable to your Conventions I will chearfully undertake the task.

Will write you again Friday evening of further development whatever they may be.

Very truly yours J. C. Kuhn

6 P.M. Hennatty & Cleveland arrived this afternoon but I have not seen them. - Have just heard from Hall, whose condition is hopeless - He did not live over any longer than Drutton. There were four days after Hall's fit, the sick, of which time seems to be no record of anything. The shop was run by a colored man. When Drutton took charge, bought a cow for \$11.00 paid Cleveland \$10.00 and to day turned over \$34.00 to Welsh, who says there are no records of collecting up to date. - Graham reports 11,402 lbs of 50,000 lbs of 4,618 lbs and \$17,225.00 paid from Co. Comptroller - ~~by money in bank~~

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*Handwritten note from J. C. Kuhn. The following articles, belonging  
to the firm and which I consider to be the property of A. G. Kuhn & Co.  
but sold to Pequod, - I beg to send over to you in the hope that  
you will be kind enough to send back with you all other original  
of your business, and will also send with you a full set of original  
of the goods I have in mind, the time which will be  
as to be made available for you to make a full account of the articles  
which you will receive.*

3 Schools	2 Hand Axe	1 Paint brush
2 Tickets	1 Small Hatchet	, old Chair
2 Hoses	2 Ice Tongs	, New Chair
2 Molding Moulds	4 Old Chisels	, Long Ice Tong
3 Axes	1 Old Chisel	, Chair
2 Hand Axes	1 Little Hatchet	Table
1 Bag Oats	2 Blue Cases, large	Markman Gun
1 Buck Knives	2 Blue Cases, small	1 " " Hammer
2 Sounding Bells	Box Communication	10 Gal. Coal Oil
3 Long Forks	10 Jack Oats	2 Hitz Lead
1 Ashle Stock	3 Spanish Rifles	1 Water Bag
3 Large Iron Pails	2 Old "	2 Half Barrels
2 small "	1 Large Copper Pot	1 Whalbarrow
1 Lamp Glass Jar	1 Hand Face Pump	1 Feed Butter
3 Blue Lanterns	1 Oil Can	2 Black Bellows
1 Shaffron Scale	3 Large Spindles	1 Fire Pump
1 Tong of Short Steel	6 Knives (assorted set)	1 old Horse Butter
2 Paint Brushes	1 Old Cut Glasses	Drain Pipe
1 Head Towel	1 Double Dray	Fire Extinguisher
4 Harness Collars	2 Swift Trees	2 Blocks of Soap
1 Bag Linen Cloth	1 Looking Glass	20 Gal. Linseed Oil
Bamboo Ropes (various)	2 Carriage Tongs	1 Key W. Seal
1 Young Wagon Seat	1 Heavy Linen Cloth	Fire Spouting
1 Jack Plane	1 Seats "	Winders Blinds
3 Hair Combs	1 Water Cooler	Rubber Horse
2 Large Key Boxes	2 Wire W. Boxes	1 Elliptic Spring
10 Jumbo Pipes	1 Screw Driver	1 Box W. Glass
1 Black Ax	1 Small Ax	3 Ice Tongue
2 Metal Boxes	1 Saddle	2 " Hanks
100 (handwriting)	2 " Blankets	1 Carriage Broken
1 Gun	1 Bridle	2 Fly net (old)
	1 Cuppy Pole	

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St. Louis, Mo. Feb 4. 1890

Cushing, Okla. Bank  
Lawrence, Kans.

Debt:

Please find herewith  
enclosed, Last I. S. Kuhn's Draft No. 12715  
on Adm. Treas. U. S. Saint Louis Mo. payable to  
the Order of H. P. Jones, for \$100<sup>00</sup> and check  
No 459 of Kuhn and Maser, on State Savings Association  
of St. Louis, Mo. payable to my order for \$20<sup>00</sup> for  
Collection and proceeds to be placed to my credit.  
and obly. &c.

Very truly yours

H. Kuhn

Adm. Treas. U.S. \$100  
Stat. Sav. Assn. 20  
\$120

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The Committee I can readily appreciate your desire to clear your business before you leave you will be seated in time to do so - This is mainly if not wholly responsible for the shortening of your stay here as the packing or loading your car under his direction. Mr. Holton mainly and not his instructions have led him to put his affairs in order to get away as soon as possible. - Mr. Clark asks to know how the good question has been reported? The C. & H. refused to give Holton his return transportation unless specially directed by the City A.M., which allows Holton another week or until the City A.M. is heard from. - Holton offered himself to recommend or get from another Club from the City A.M. upon his return to tell him to let him out any more. Clark from City A.M. - and also told Holton that he will not give his address since he has been here and refused him transportation as a matter of equity - - When will you be down?

Haven not heard from home for over a month - last letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> ult.

Hall is improving slightly and fair chance for his recovery.

Trust you are getting pretty well though with your busy periods and your good health will take little care of you here as long as you desire.

*Very truly yours*  
J. C. Kuhn