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In order for an unorganized county to be recognized by the state of Kansas, a certain number of householders/legal electors had to petition the governor. The governor would appoint a census taker. Initially, unorganized counties were required to document that they had at least 600 inhabitants in order to be recognized as a county by the state legislature. Over time the number of residents needed to organize a county changed to 1500 and later to 2500 residents. The census was submitted to the governor who then issued a proclamation indicating that the requirements had been met, appointing county commissioners and a county clerk, and naming a county seat. Not all of these documents are available for each county.

Included in this file is an 1872 Smith County census, the memorial to the governor, and the proclamation appointing county officials and designating Ceaderville the temporary county seat.

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Date: 1872

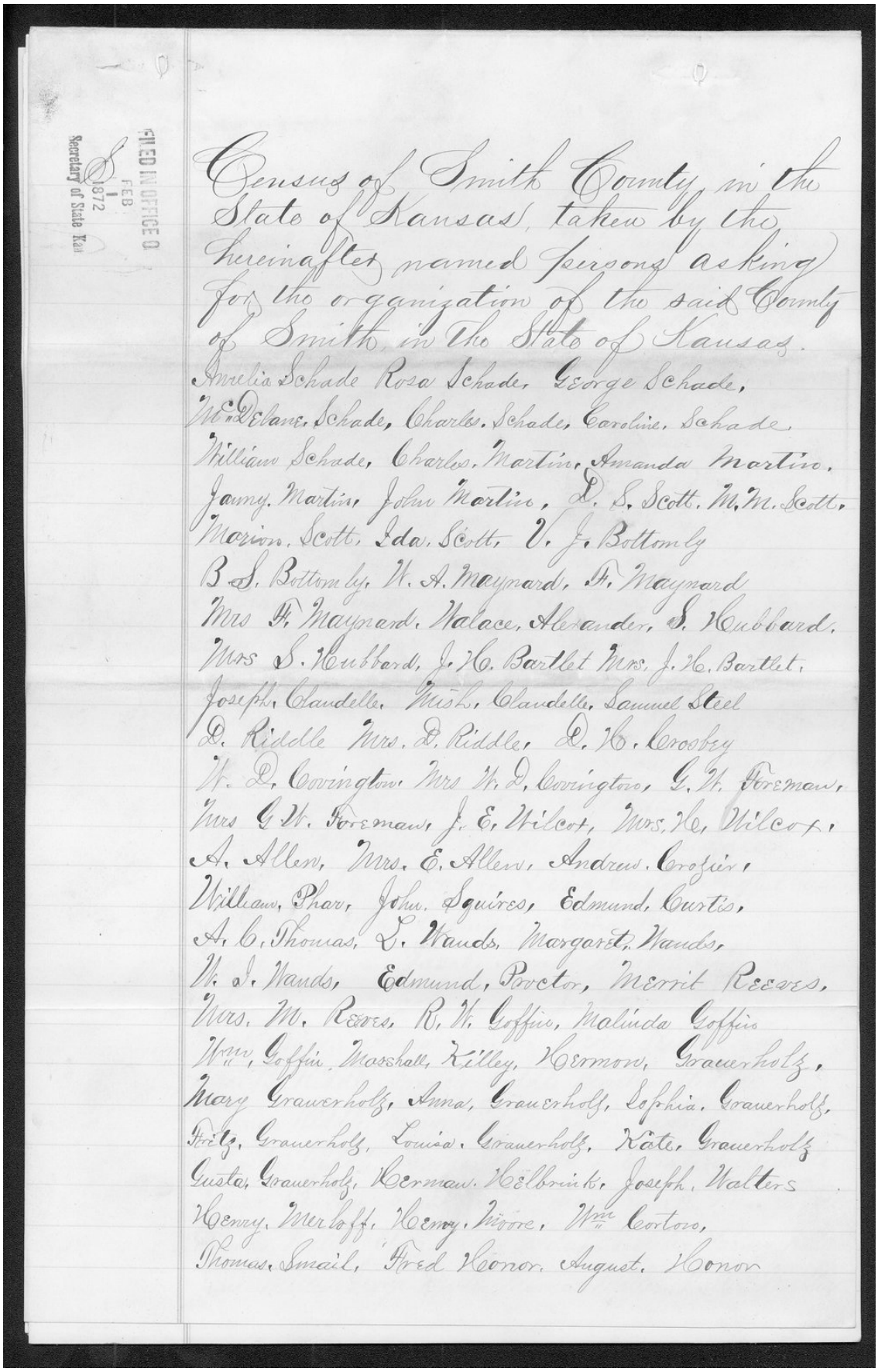
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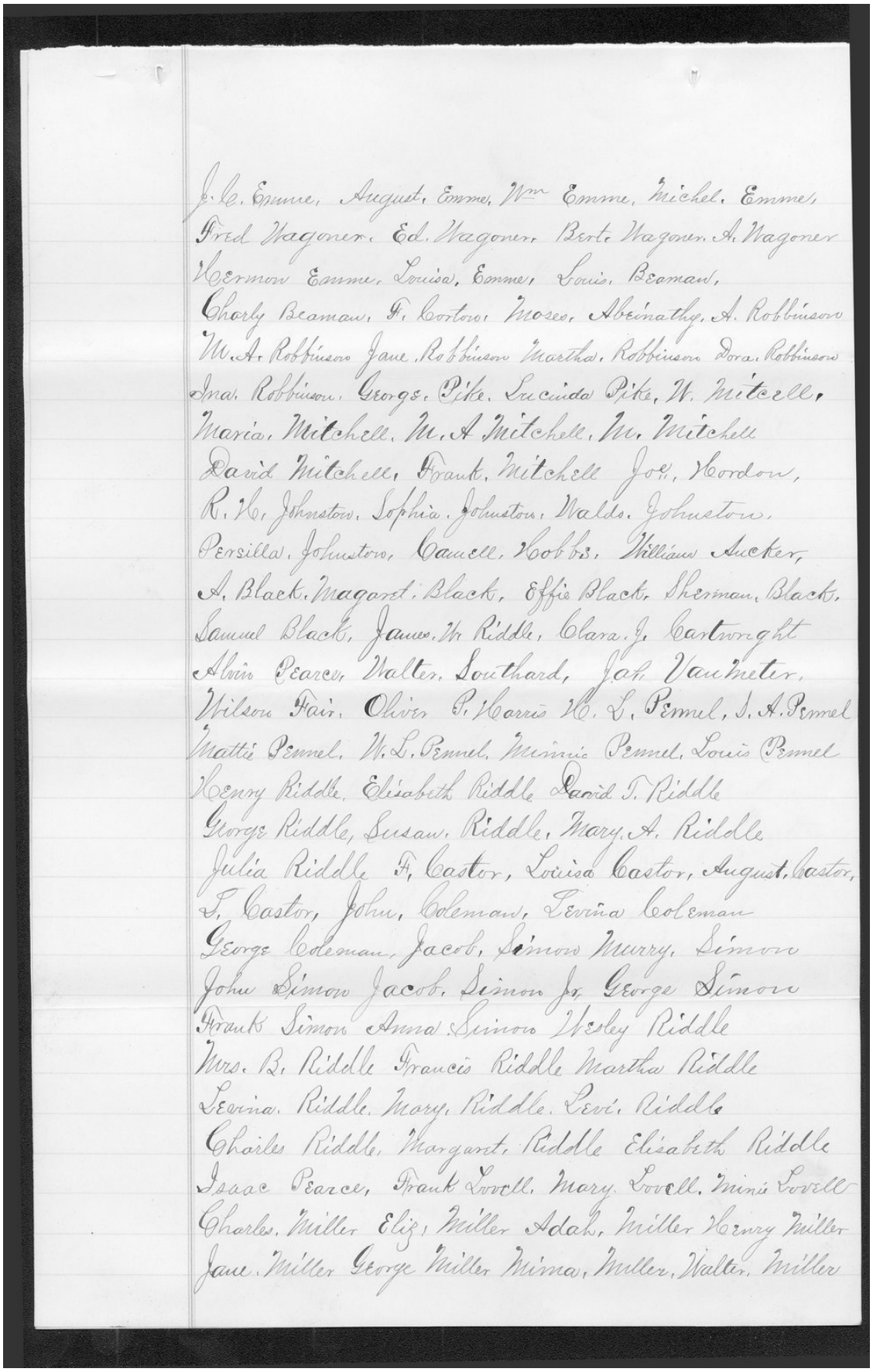
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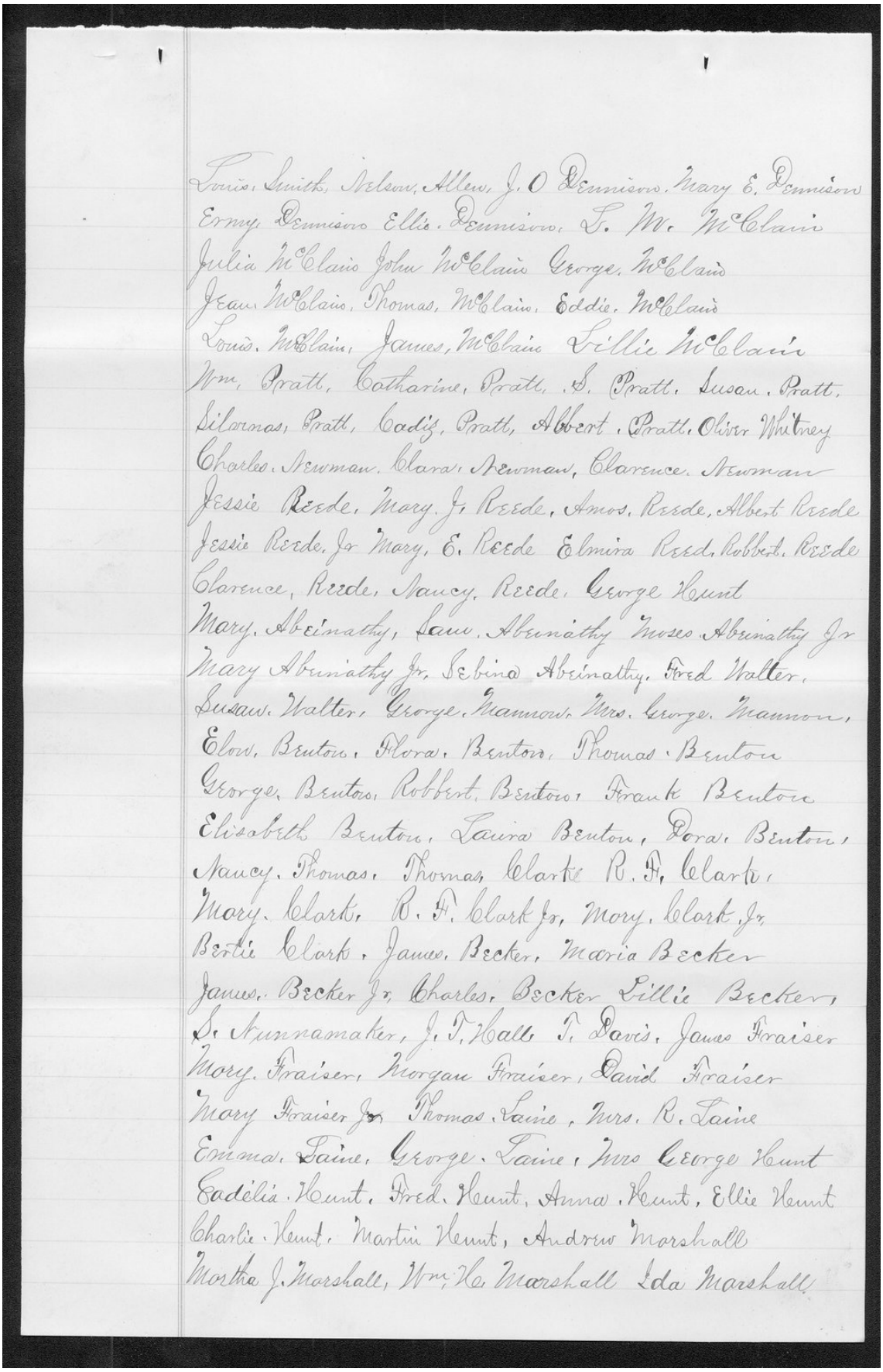
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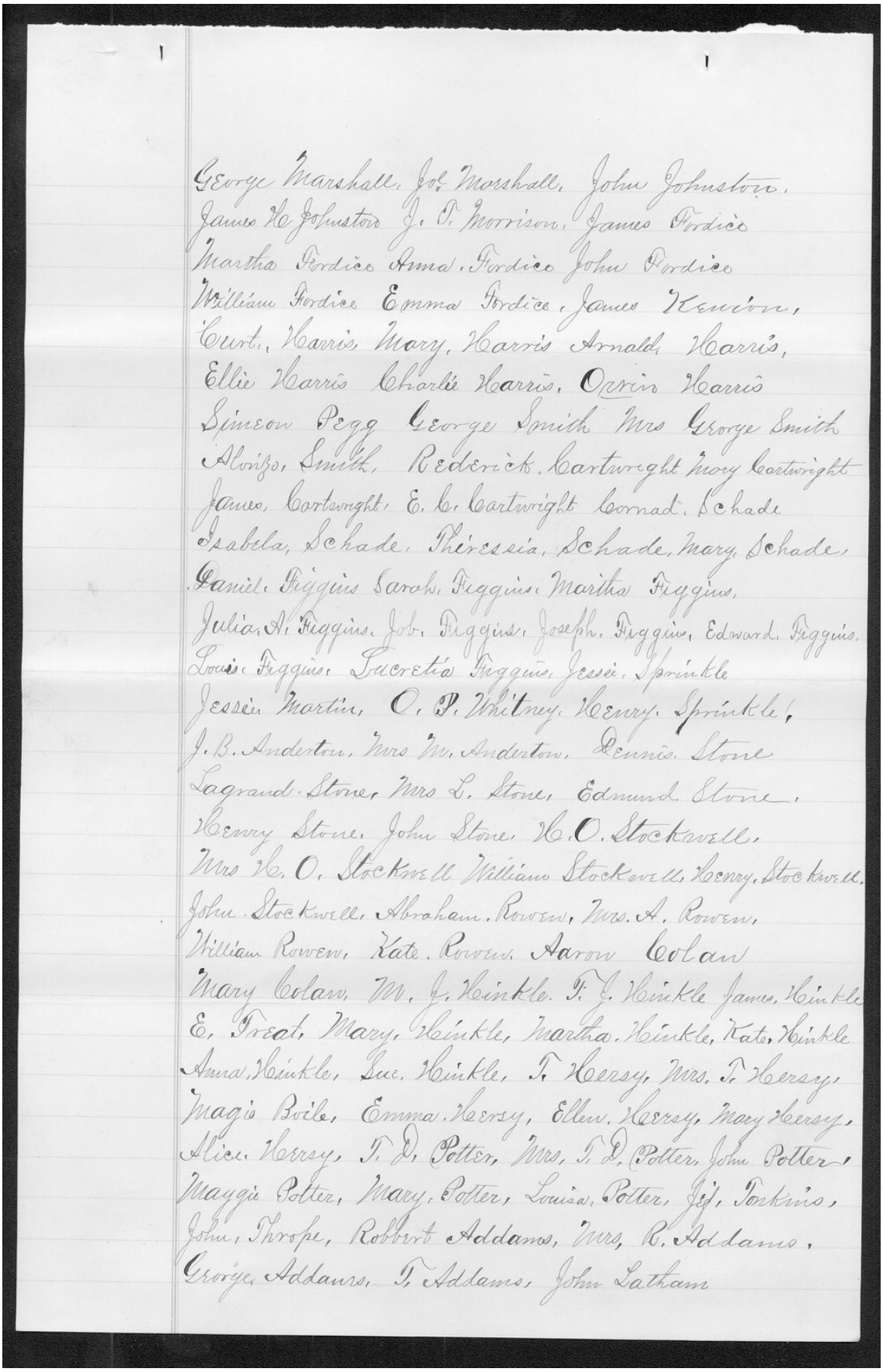
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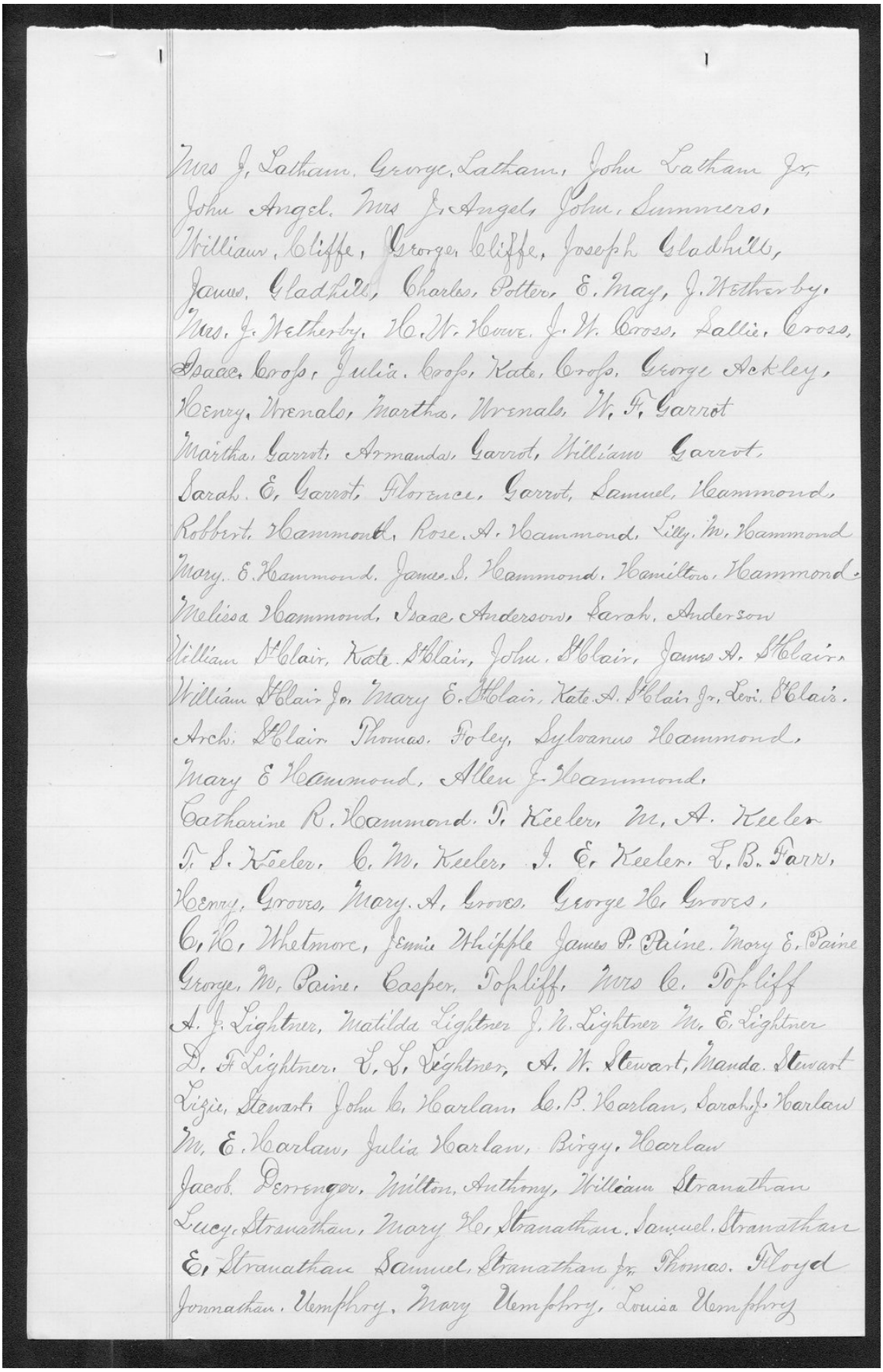
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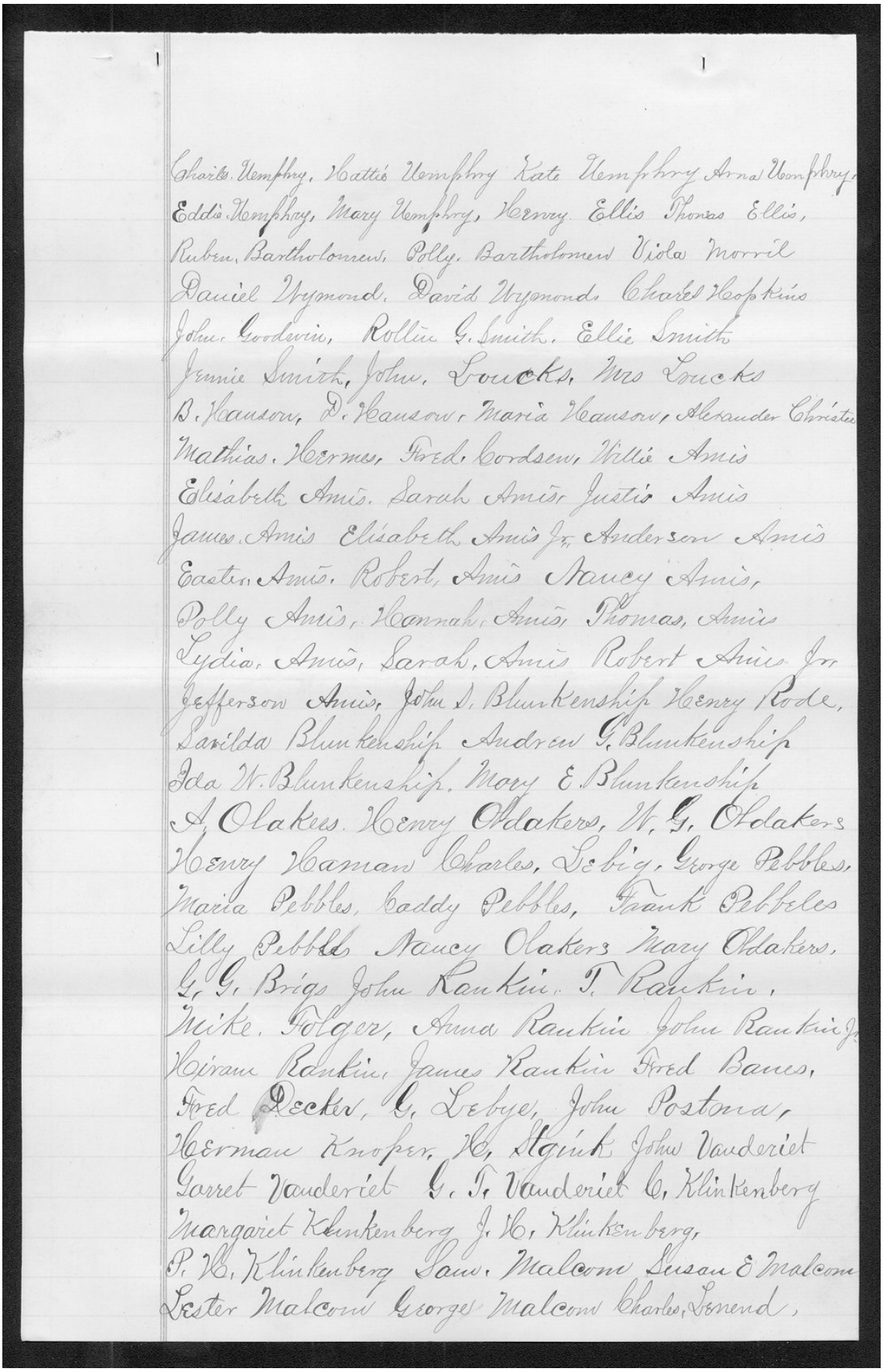


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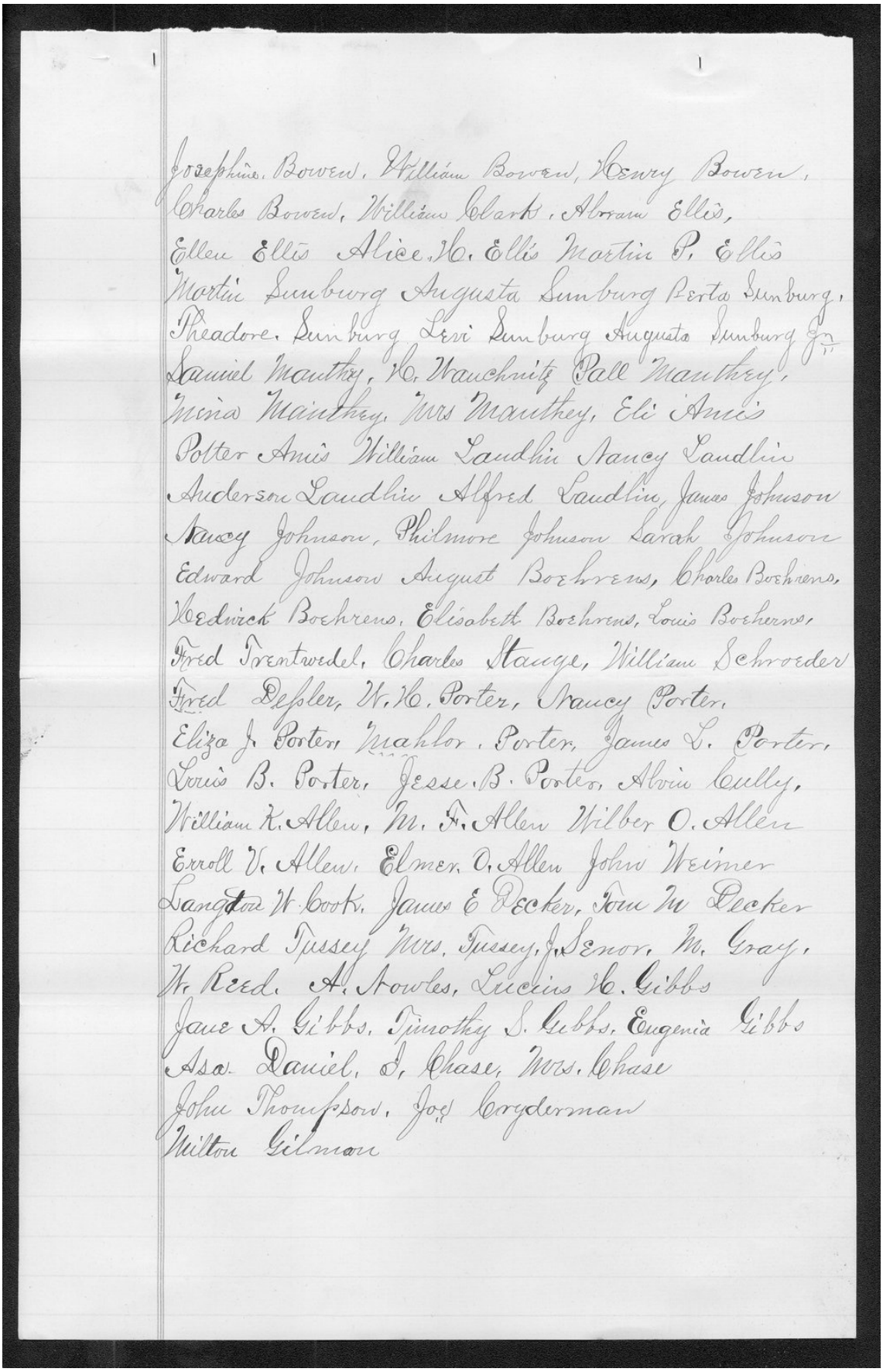
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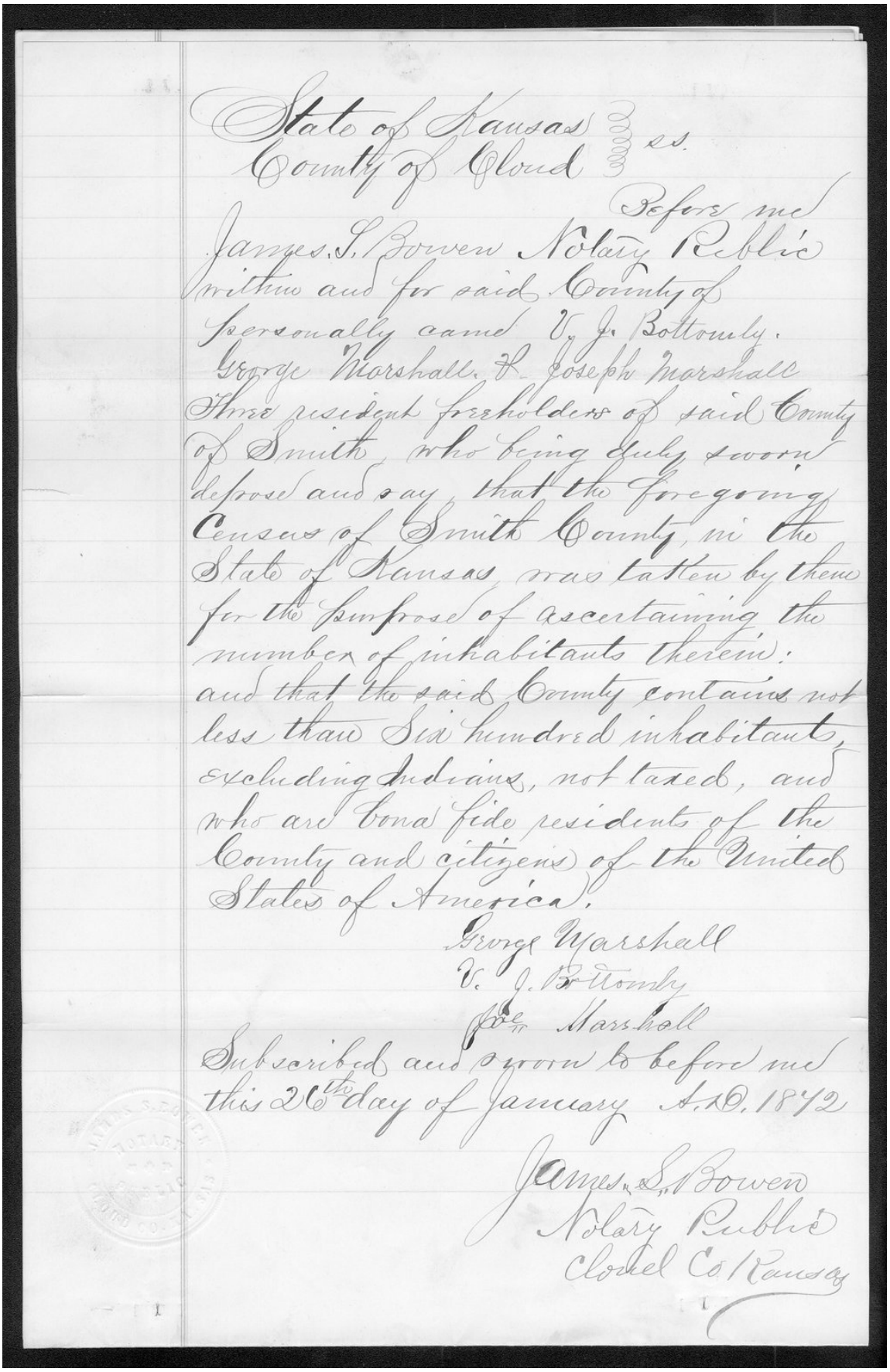


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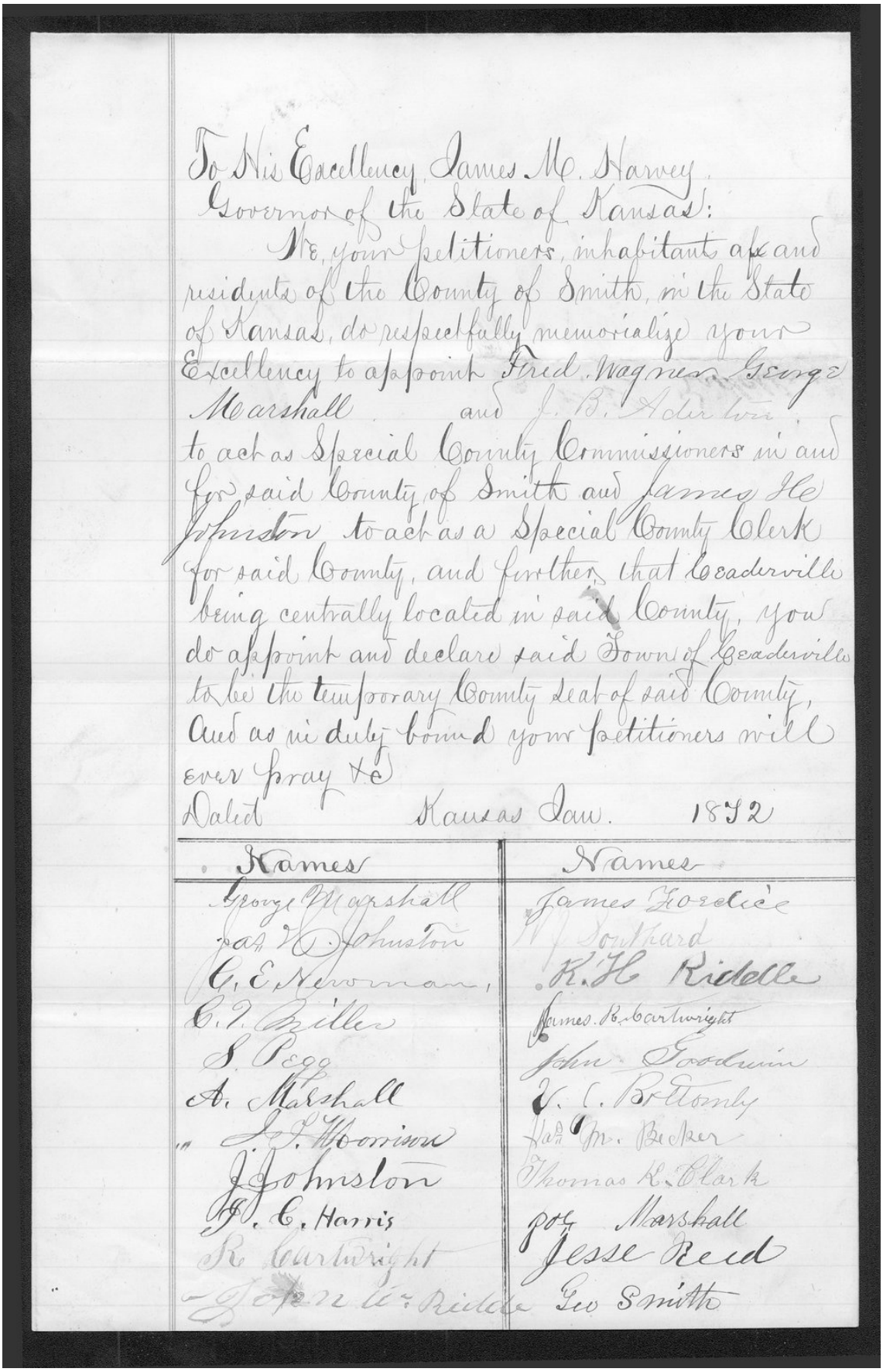
State of Kansas }
County of Cloud } ss.

Before me
James. S. Bowen Notary Public
within and for said County of
personally came V. J. Bottomly.
George Marshall & Joseph Marshall
three resident freeholders of said County
of Smith, who being duly sworn
deprose and say, that the foregoing
Census of Smith County, in the
State of Kansas, was taken by them
for the purpose of ascertaining the
number of inhabitants therein:
and that the said County contains not
less than Six hundred inhabitants,
excluding Indians, not taxed, and
who are bona fide residents of the
County and citizens of the United
States of America.

George Marshall
V. J. Bottomly
Joe Marshall

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 26th day of January A.D. 1872

James S. Bowen
Notary Public
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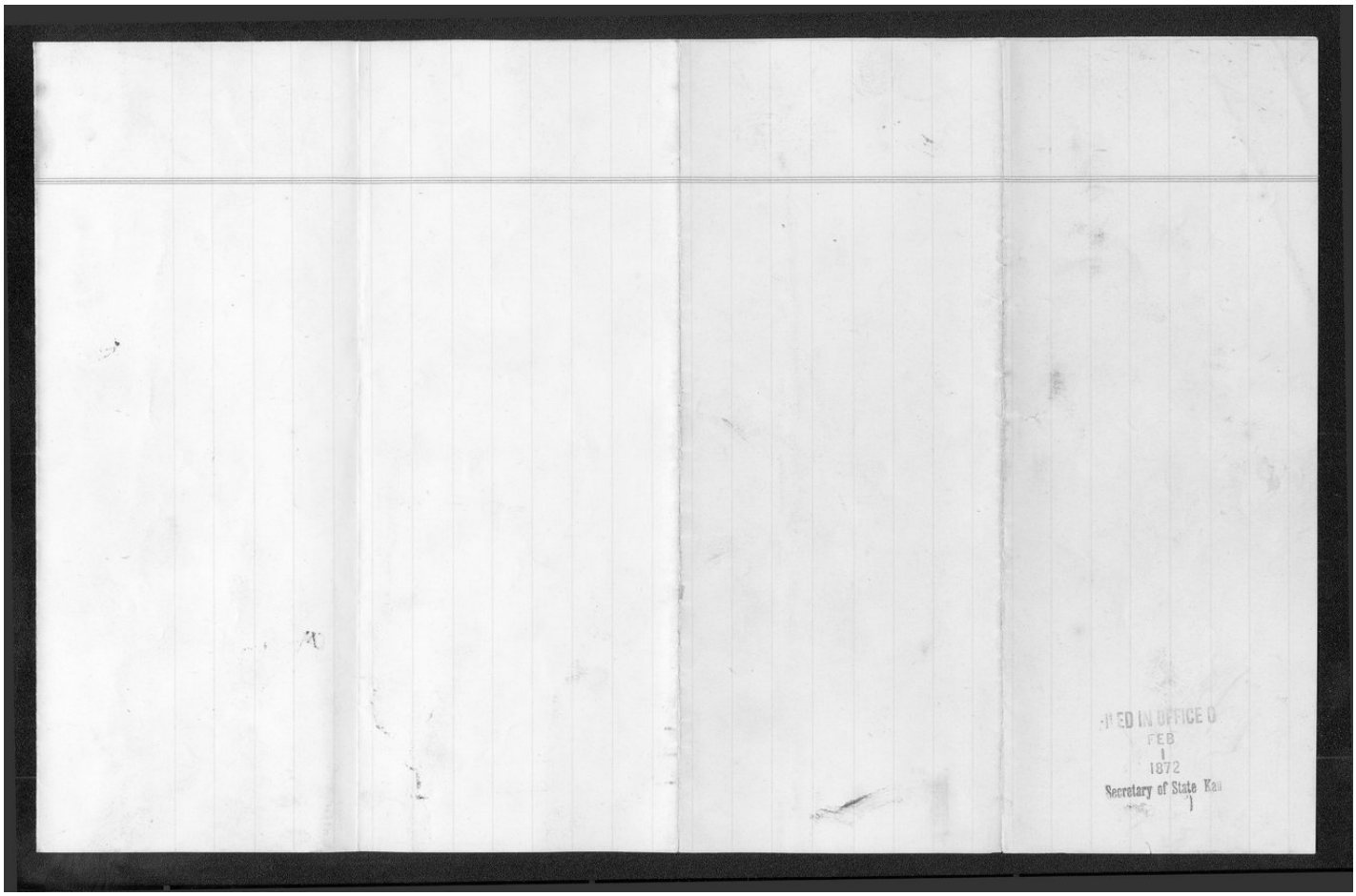
To His Excellency, James M. Harvey,
Governor of the State of Kansas:

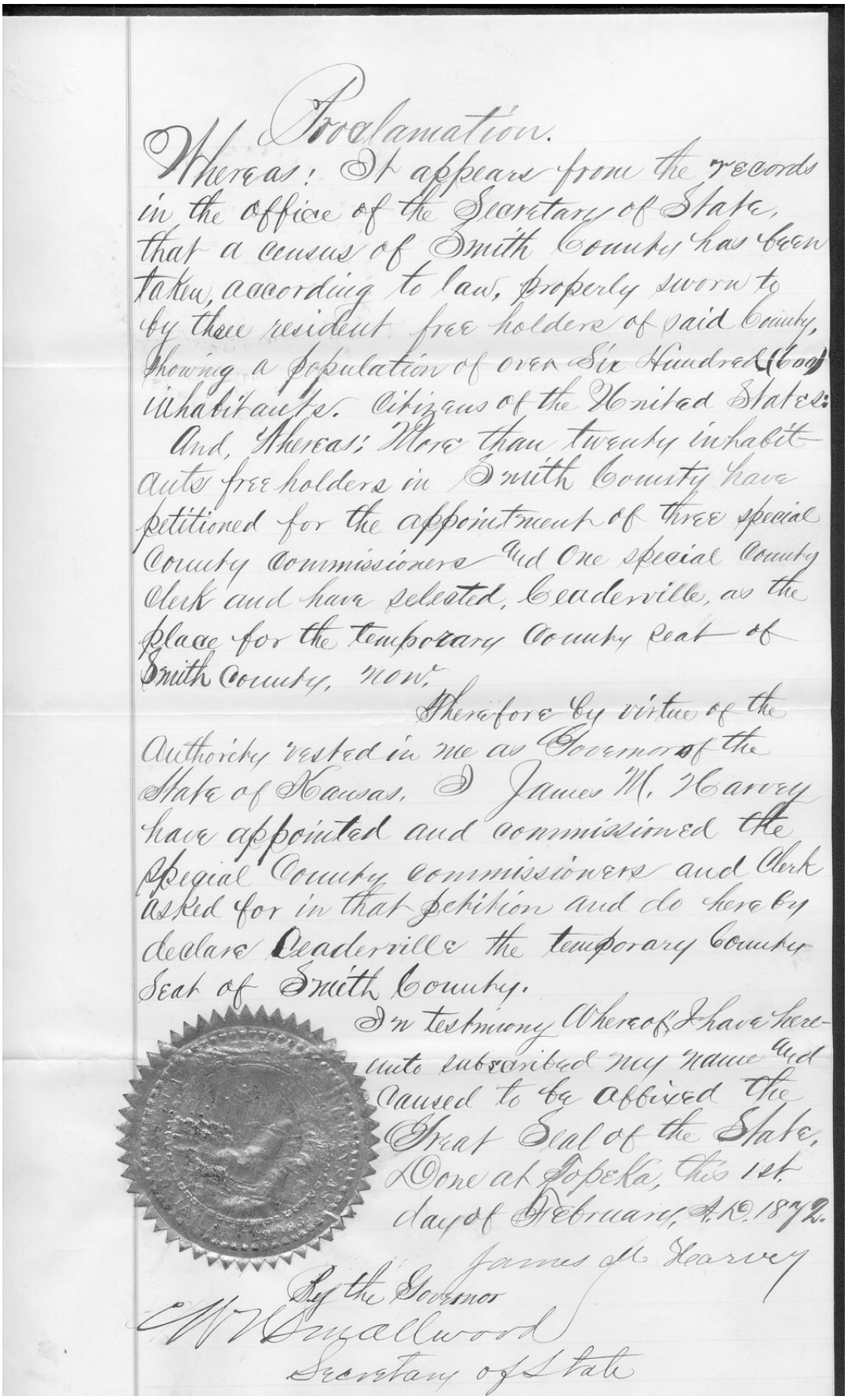
We, your petitioners, inhabitants of and residents of the County of Smith, in the State of Kansas, do respectfully memorialize your Excellency to appoint Fred. Wagner, Geo. Marshall and J. B. Adkinson to act as Special County Commissioners in and for said County of Smith and James M. Johnson to act as a Special County Clerk for said County, and further, that Cedarville being centrally located in said County, you do appoint and declare said Town of Cedarville to be the temporary County Seat of said County. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray &c

Dated Kansas Jan. 1872

Names	Names
George Marshall	James Forelice
Jas V. Johnston	W. Southard
G. E. Newman	R. H. Riddle
C. T. Miller	James B. Cartwright
S. Pegg	John Goodwin
A. Marshall	V. C. Brittonly
J. S. Morrison	Jas M. Becker
J. Johnston	Thomas L. Clark
J. C. Harris	Jos Marshall
R. Cartwright	Jesse Reed
Joseph L. Riddle	Geo Smith

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Proclamation.

Whereas: It appears from the records in the office of the Secretary of State, that a census of Smith County has been taken, according to law, properly sworn to by three resident free holders of said County, showing a population of over Six Hundred (600) inhabitants. Citizens of the United States:

And, Whereas: More than twenty inhabitants free holders in Smith County have petitioned for the appointment of three special County Commissioners and One special County Clerk and have selected, Leaderville, as the place for the temporary County seat of Smith County, now:

Therefore by virtue of the Authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I James M. Harvey have appointed and commissioned the Special County commissioners and Clerk asked for in that petition and do hereby declare Leaderville the temporary County Seat of Smith County.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State. Done at Topeka, this 1st day of February, A.D. 1872.

James M Harvey

By the Governor

W W Ingalls

Secretary of State