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These letters between Remsburg and Dr. D. S. Dinsmore and Mark E. Zimmerman discuss archaeological projects and finds in Doniphan County, Kansas. This collection is an excellent source of information on the Kickapoo Indians since Remsburg concentrated mainly on that tribe in his studies. Multiple pages have been hidden from view for the protection of several archaeological sites within the county.

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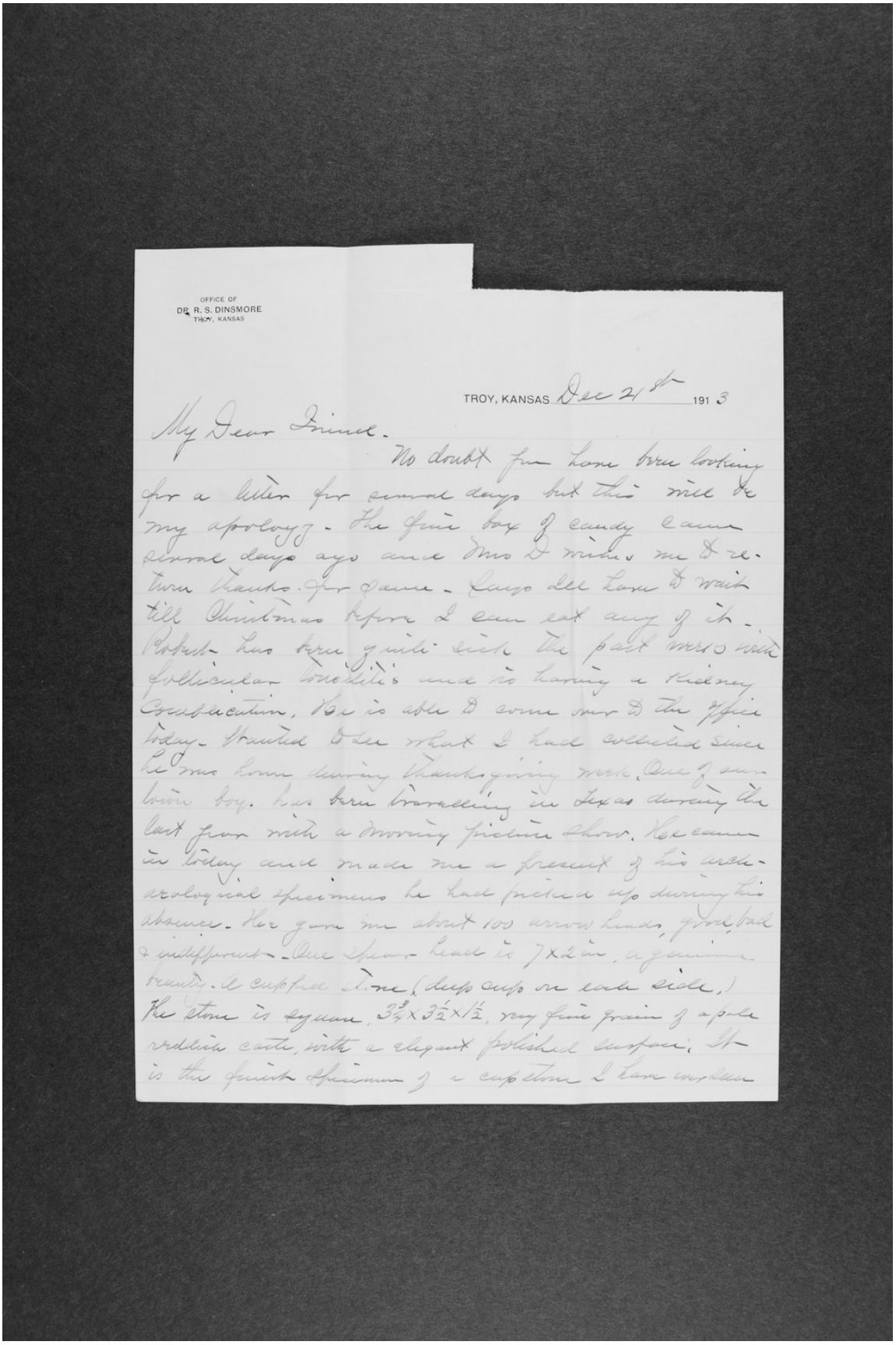
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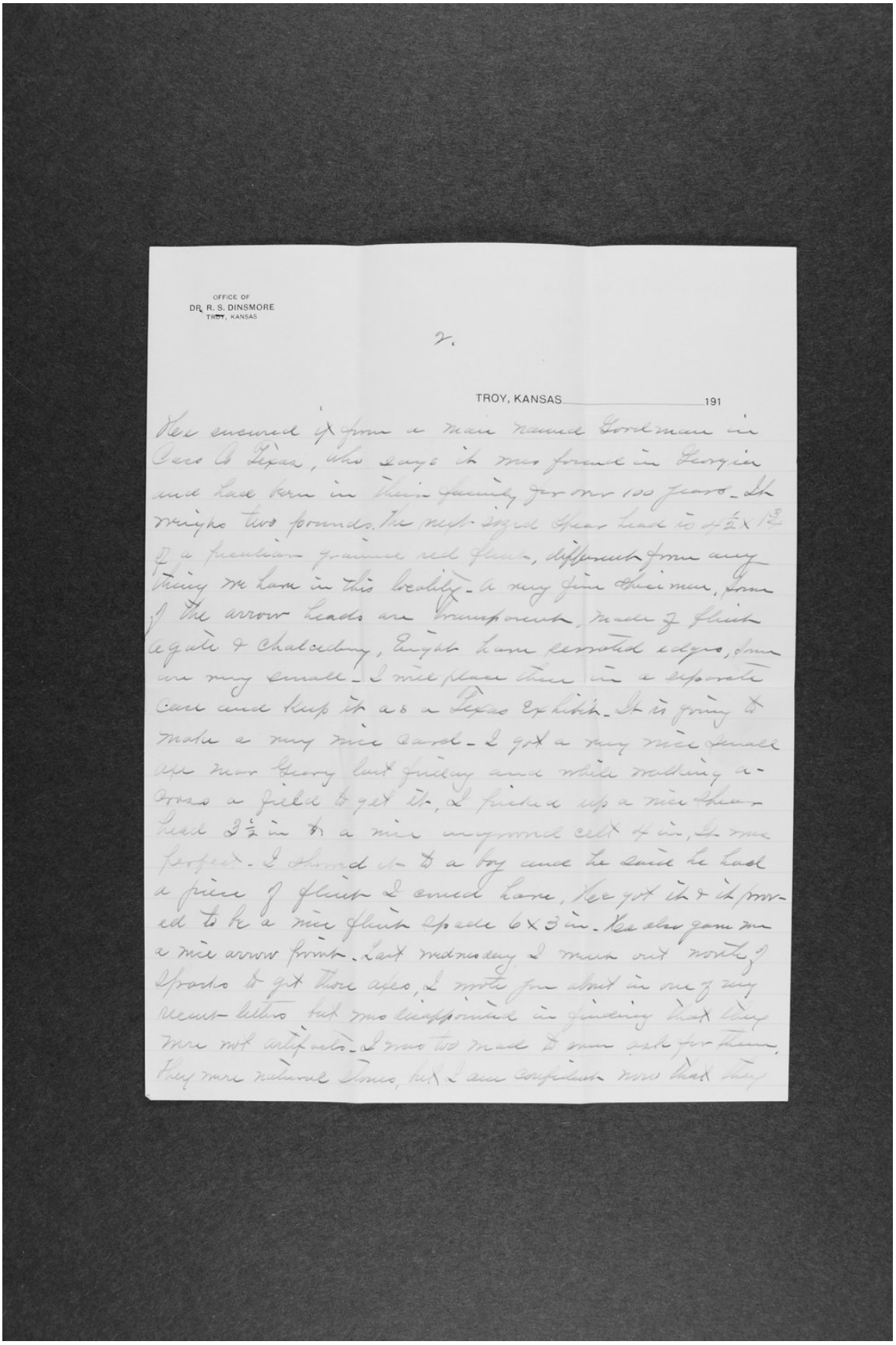
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TROY, KANSAS Dec 21st 1913

My Dear Friend.

No doubt you have been looking for a letter for several days but this will be my apology. The fine box of candy came several days ago and Mrs D wishes me to return thanks for same. Says she will have to wait till Christmas before I can eat any of it. Robert has been quite sick the past week with follicular tonsilitis and is having a kidney complication, he is able to come over to the office today. Wanted to see what I had collected since he was home during Thanksgiving week. One of our boys has been boarding in Texas during the last year with a moving picture show. He came in today and made me a present of his archeological specimens he had picked up during his absence. He gave me about 100 arrow heads, gouges, bark & milling stones. One spear head is 7x2 in, a genuine beauty. A cupped stone (deep cups on each side,) The stone is a genuine 3¾ x 3½ x ½, very fine grain of a pale reddish cast, with a elegant polished surface. It is the finest specimen of a cup stone I have ever seen

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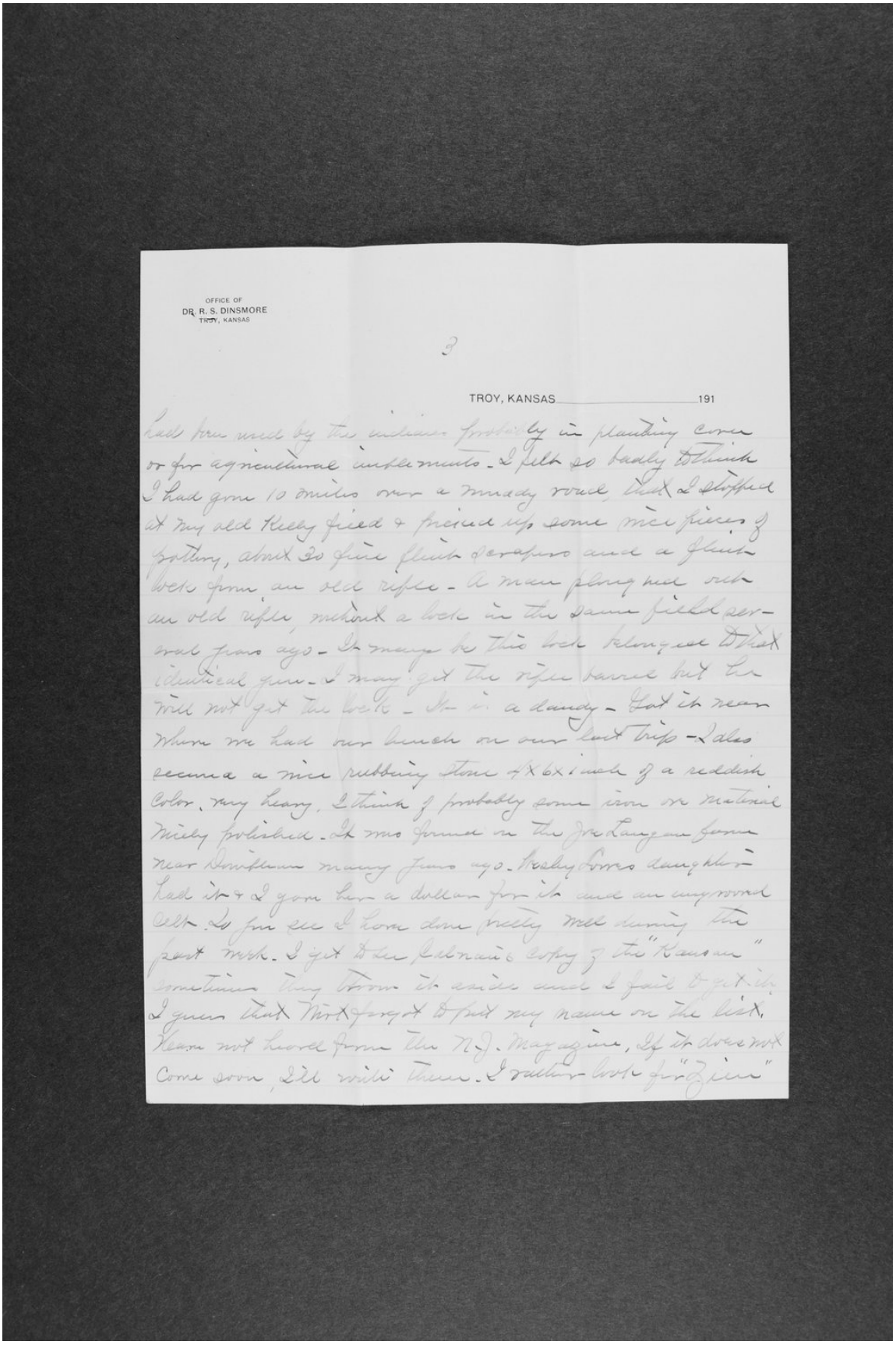
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Rec enclosed is from a man named Goodman in Cass Co Texas, who says it was found in Georgia and had been in their family for over 100 years. It weighs two pounds. The next-sized spear head is 4½ x 1¾ of a fine-grained red flint, different from any thing we have in this locality. A very fine specimen, from [illegible]. The arrow heads are triangular, made of flint agate & chalcedony, eight have serrated edges, some are very small. I will place them in a separate case and keep it as a Texas exhibit. It is going to make a very nice card. I got a very nice small spear head last Friday and while walking across a field to get it, I picked up a nice spear-head 2½ in & a nice ungrooved celt 4 in, the most perfect. I showed it to a boy and he said he had a piece of flint I could have, I got it & it proved to be a nice flint spade 6 x 3 in. He also gave me a nice arrow point. Last Wednesday I went out north of Sparks to get those axes, I wrote you about in one of my recent letters but was disappointed in finding that they were not artifacts. I was too mad to even ask for them. They were natural ones, but I am confident now that they

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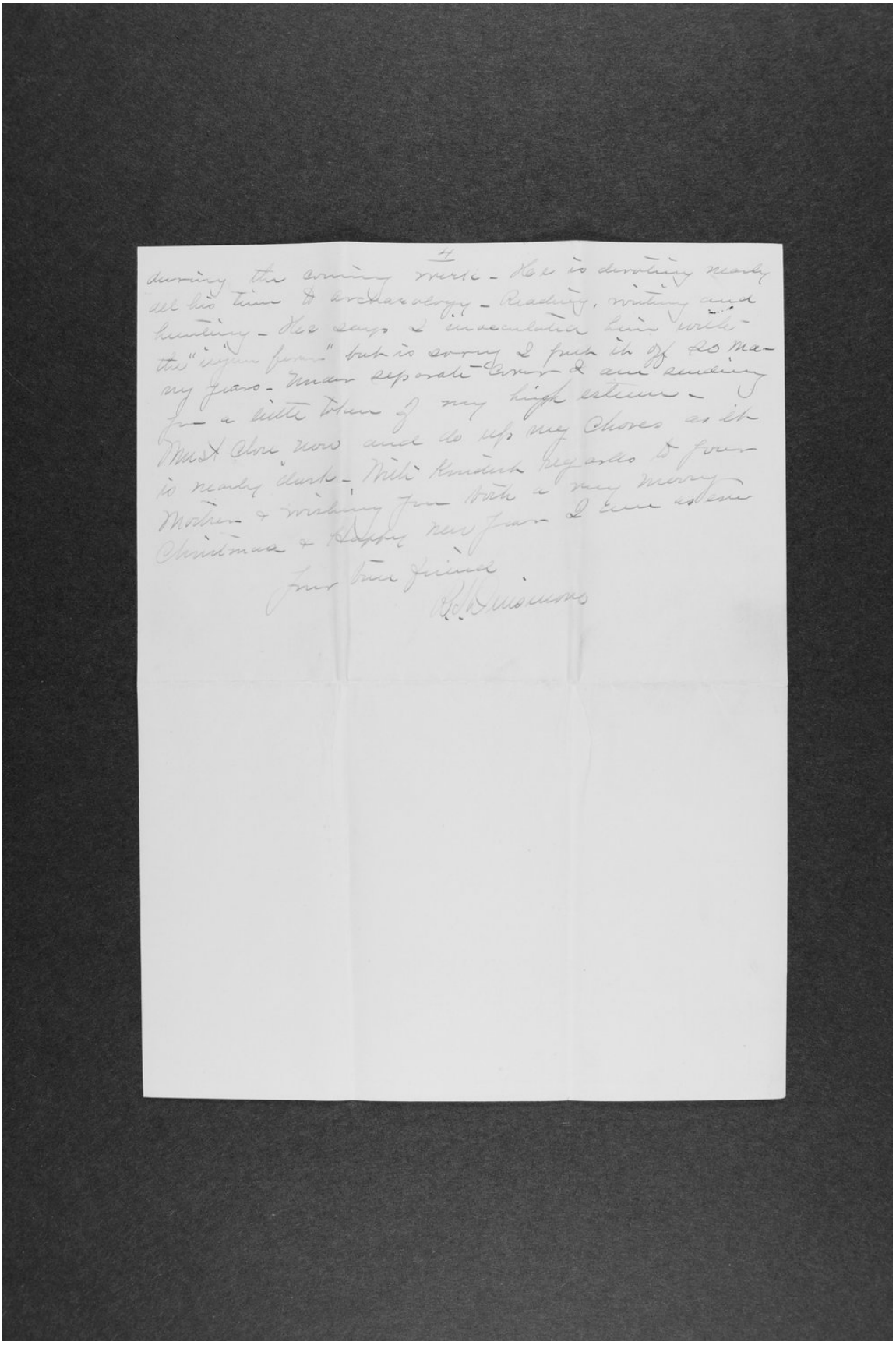
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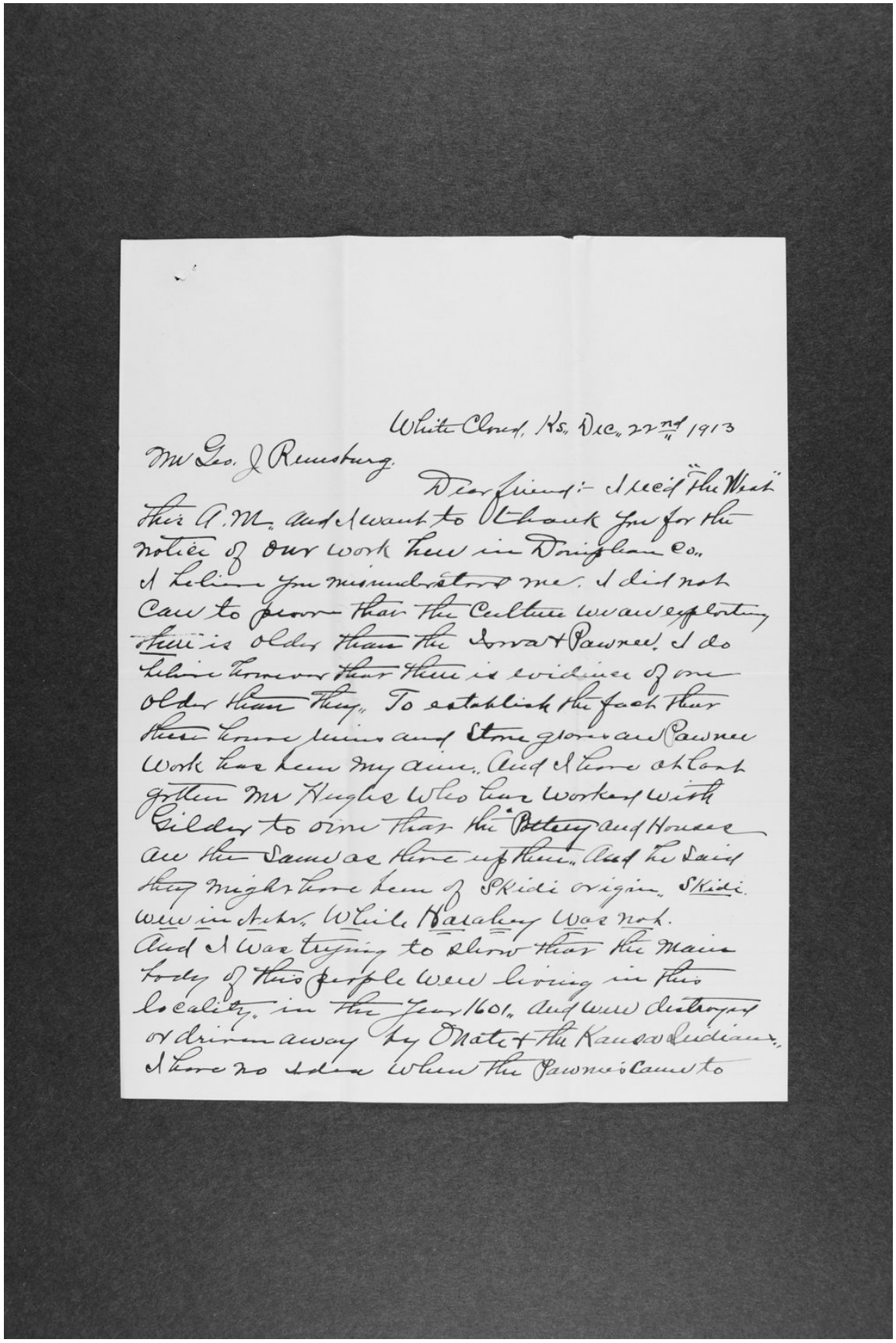
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had been used by the Indians for ~~[illegible]~~ by in planting corn or for agricultural implements - I felt so badly I think I had gone 10 miles over a muddy road that I stopped at my old Kelly field & picked up some nice pieces of pottery, about 20 fine flint scrapers and a flint bolt from an old rifle - A man plowing near with an old rifle, without a lock in the same field several years ago - It may be this lock belonged to that identical gun - I may get the rifle barrel but he will not get the lock - He is a dandy - That is near where we had our lunch on our last trip - I also secured a nice rubbing stone 4 x 6 x 1 inch of a reddish color, very heavy, I think of probably some iron or mineral likely polished - It was found on the Joe Langan farm near Wolfdale many years ago - Bobby Lowe's daughter had it & I gave her a dollar for it and an engraved elk - So far as I see I have done pretty well during the past week - I got the Indiana copy of the "Kansan" sometime ago from its ends and I fail to get it - I guess that Mrs forgot to put my name on the list - I have not heard from the N.J. Magazine, If it does not come soon, I'll write them - I rather look for "Zinn"

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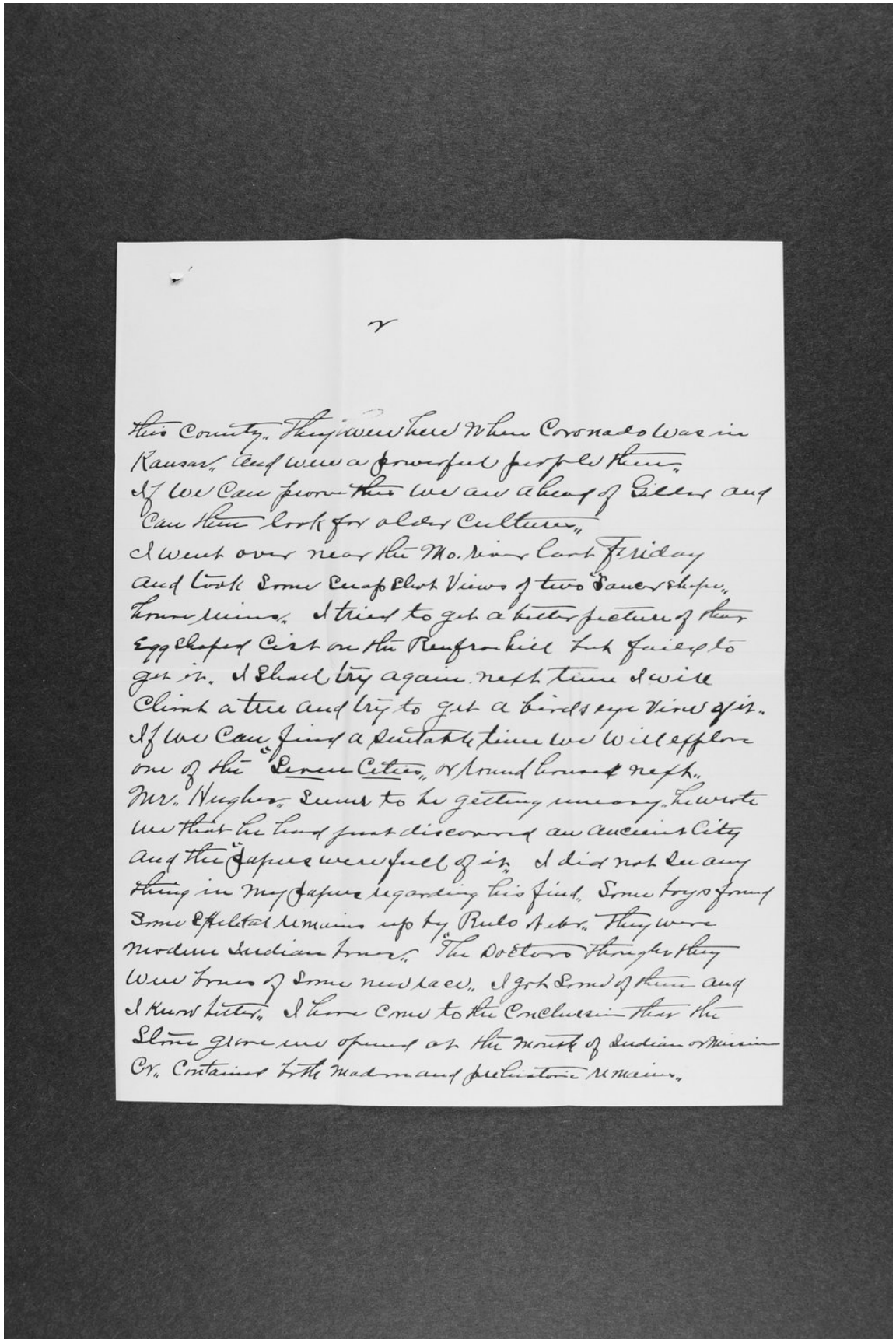


White Cloud, Ks., Dec. 22nd 1913

Mr Geo. J Remsburg.

Dear Friend:- I rec'd "the West" this A.M. and I want to thank you for the notice of our work here in Doniphan Co., I believe you misunderstood me. I did not care to prove that the Culture we are exploring here is older than the Iowa & Pawnee. I do believe however that there is evidence of one older than they. To establish the fact that there have been pipes and Stone graves and Pawnee work has been my aim. And I have almost gotten Mr Hughes who has worked with Gilder to give that the Pottery and Houses are the same as those up there. And he said they might have been of Skidi origin. Skidi were in Nebr. While Hasalay was not. And I was trying to show that the main body of this people were living in this locality in the Jan 1601, and were destroyed or driven away by Mats & the Kansas Indians. I have no idea when the Pawnees came to

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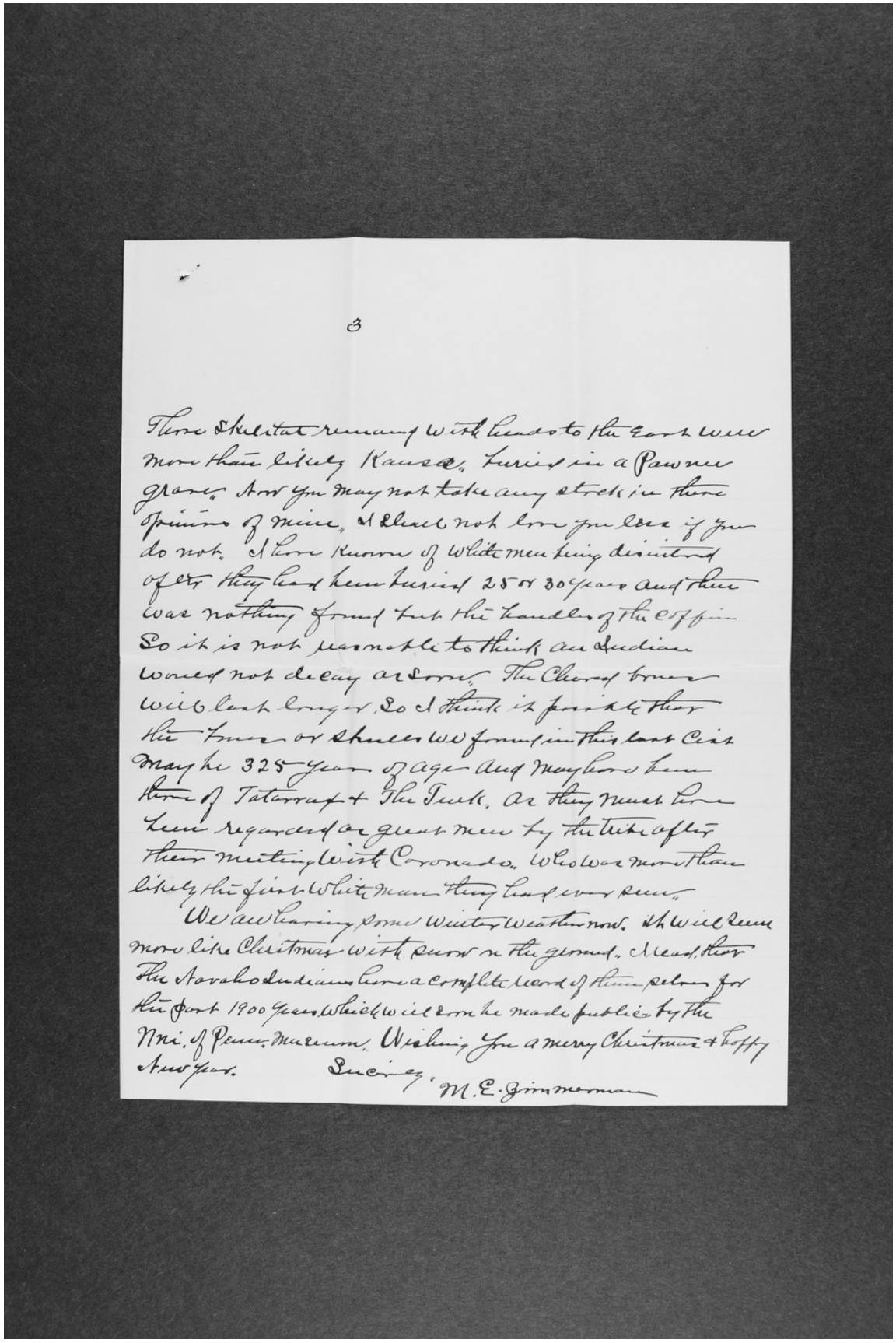


this County. They were here when Coronado was in Kansas, and were a powerful people then. If we can prove this we are ahead of Gillen and can then look for older cultures.

I went over near the Mo. River Last Friday and took some snap shot views of two saucer shaped mounds. I tried to get a better picture of them Egg shaped Cist on the Rengraskill but failed to get it. I shall try again next time I will climb a tree and try to get a birds eye view of it. If we can find a suitable time we will explore one of the "Stone Cities" or Round mound next.

Mr. Hughes seems to be getting uneasy. He wrote me that he had just discovered an ancient City and the Papers were full of it. I did not see any thing in my papers regarding his find. Some boys found some skeletal remains up by Rulo Neb. They were modern Indian bones. The Doctors thought they were bones of some negroes. I got some of them and I know better. I have come to the conclusion that the Stone Grave we opened on the mouth of Indian or Mission Cr. Contained both Mound and prehistoric remains.

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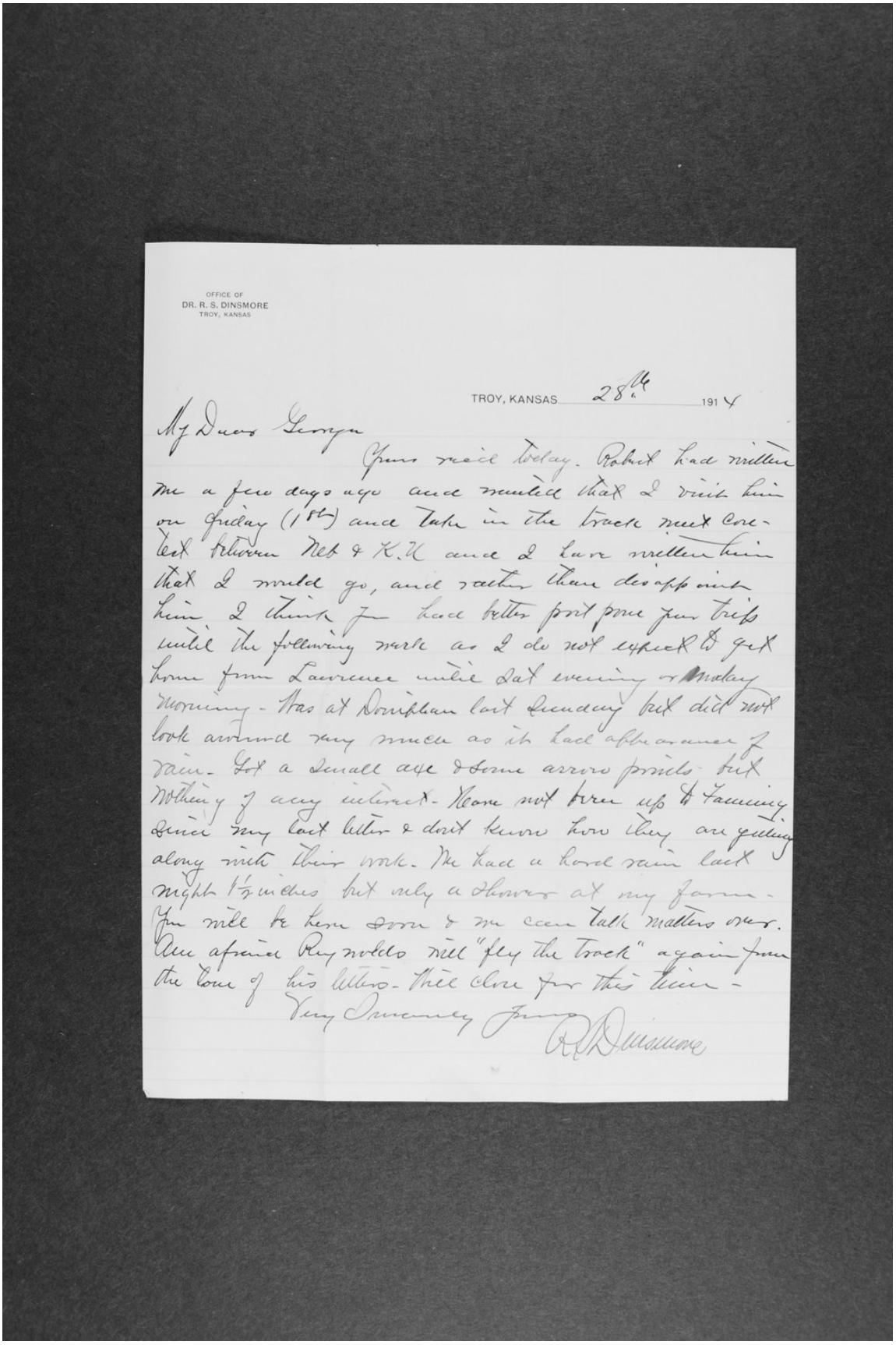
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These Skeletal remains with leads to the East were more than likely Kansas, buried in a Pawnee grave. Now you may not take any stock in these opinions of mine, I shall not lose you love if you do not. I have known of White men being disinterred after they had been buried 25 or 30 years and there was nothing found but the handles of the coffin. So it is not reasonable to think an Indian would not decay as soon. The Cherry trees will last longer. So I think it possible that the bones or skulls we found in this last Cist may be 325 years of age and may have been those of Tatarrax + the Turk, as they must have been regarded as great men by the tribe after their meeting with Coronado, who was more than likely the first White man they had ever seen.

We are having some Winter Weather now. It will seem more like Christmas with snow on the ground. I read that the Navaho Indians have a complete record of time spoken for the past 1900 years which will soon be made public by the Univ. of Penn. Museum. Wishing You a merry Christmas & happy New year.

Sincerely M.E. Zimmerman

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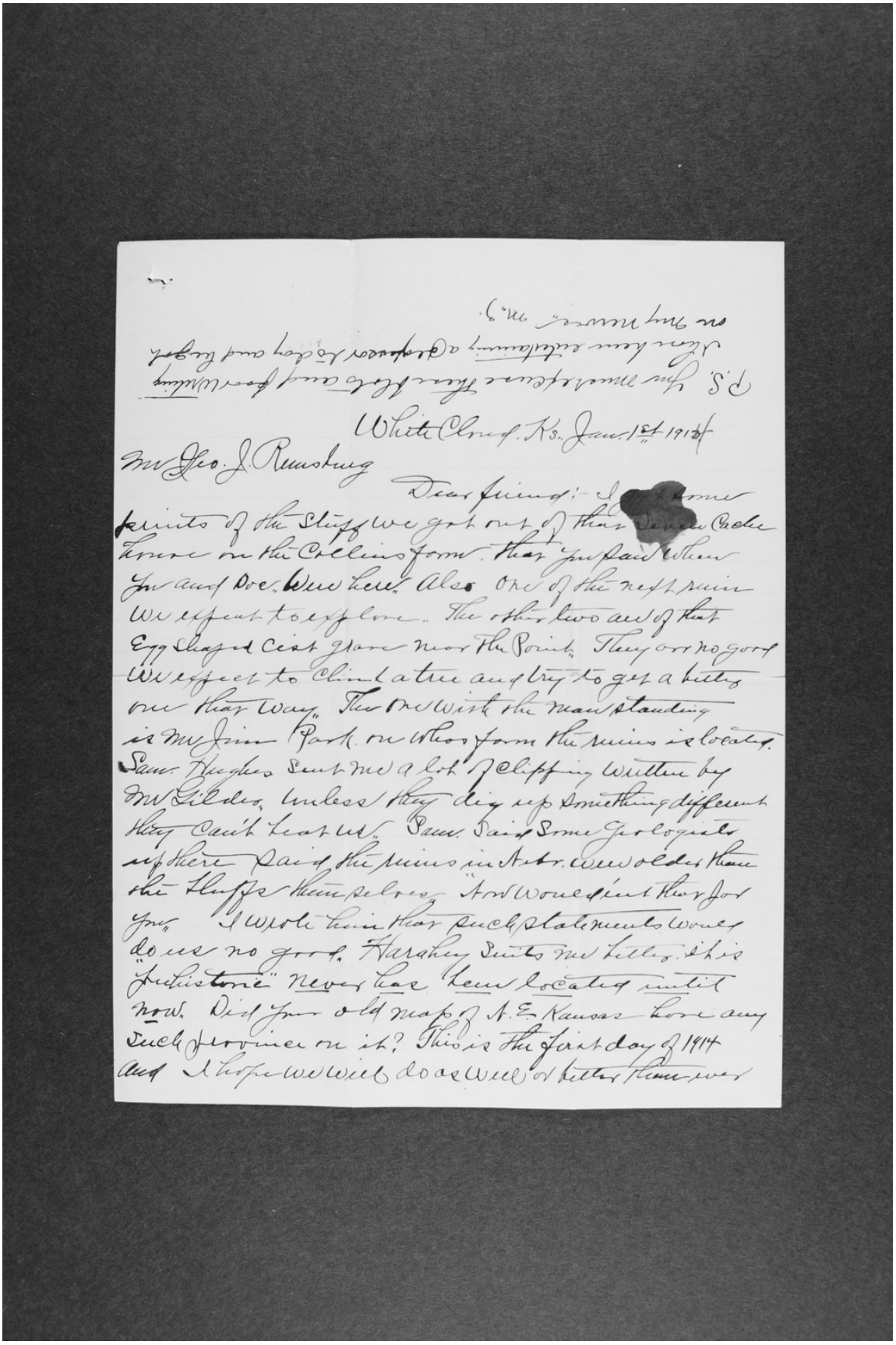
My Dear George

Yours rec'd today. Robert had written me a few days ago and wanted that I visit him on Friday (18th) and take in the track meet between Neb & K.U. and I have written him that I would go, and rather than disappoint him I think I had better put mine for this week. I do not expect to get home from Lawrence until late evening or Monday morning. Was at Doniphan last Sunday but did not look around any much as it had a appearance of rain. Got a small axe & some arrow points but nothing of any interest. Have not been up to Fanning since my last letter & don't know how they are getting along with their work. We had a hard rain last night 1½ inches but only a shower at my farm. You will be here soon & we can talk matters over. Am afraid Reynolds will "fly the track" again from the tone of his letter. Will close for this time.

Very Sincerely Yours

R. S. Dinsmore

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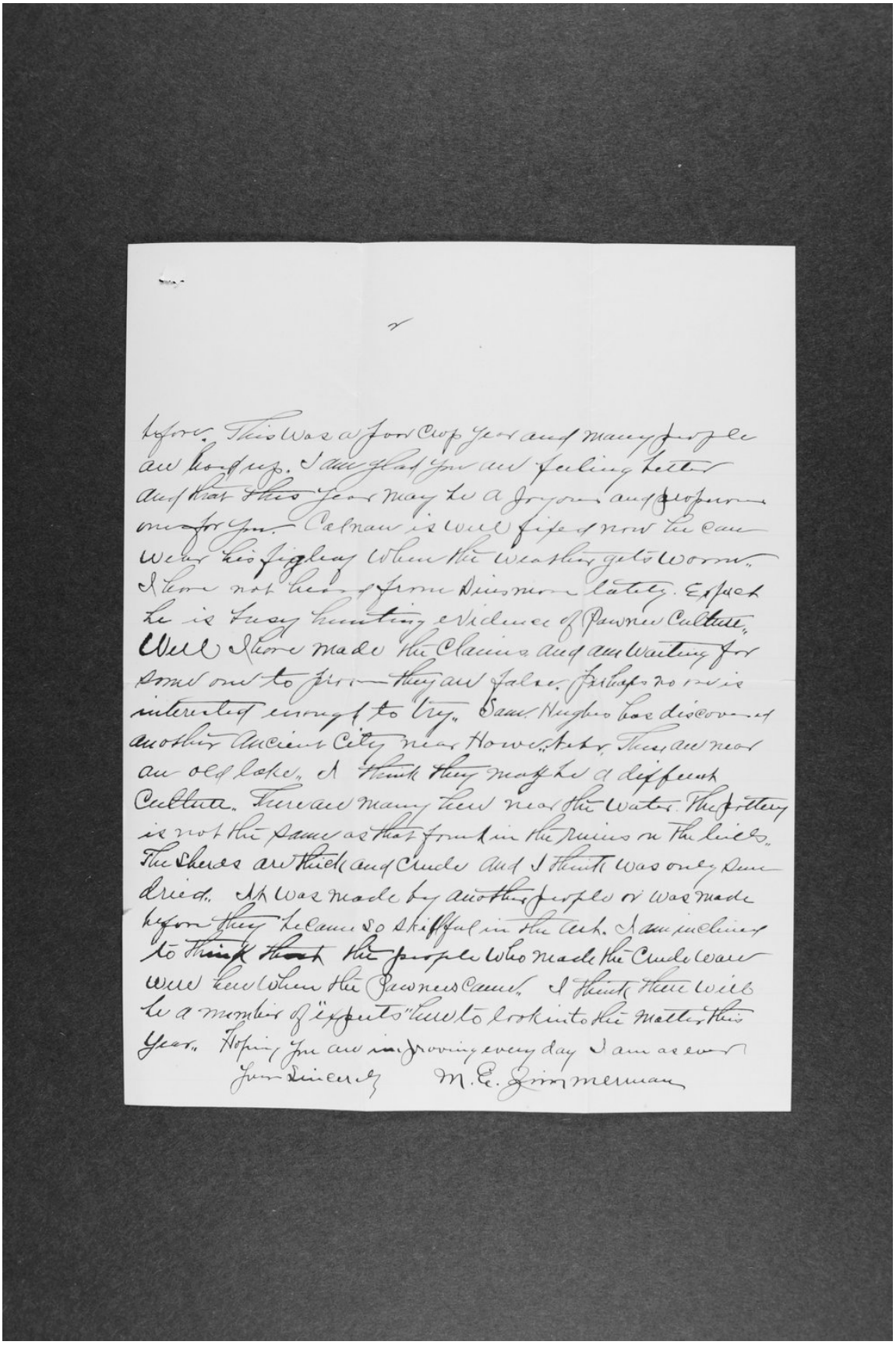
White Clouds Ks. Jan 1st 1914

Mr Geo. J. Remsburg

Dear Friend:- I [redacted] some
points of the Stuff we got out of that Seven Cache
Stone on the Collins farm. That you paid when
You and Doc. Were here. Also one of the next ruins
We expect to explore. The other two are of that
Egg shaped Cist stone near the Point. They are no good
We expect to climb a tree and try to get a better
one that way. The one with the man standing
is Mr Jim Park on whose farm the ruins is located.
Sam Hughes sent me a lot of Clipping written by
Mr Gilder, unless they dig up something different
they can't teach us. Sam said some Geologists
up there said the ruins in Arbor. were older than
the Sluffs themselves. Now would'nt that for
you. I wrote him that such statements were
do us no good. Hershey suits me better. This is
"Limestone" never has been located until
now. Did your old map of N.E. Kansas have any
such formation on it? This is the first day of 1914
and I hope we will do as well or better than we

P.S. You must return the Cache and Burial
Stone Axe Collection of Specimens to day and forget
on my part." M.)

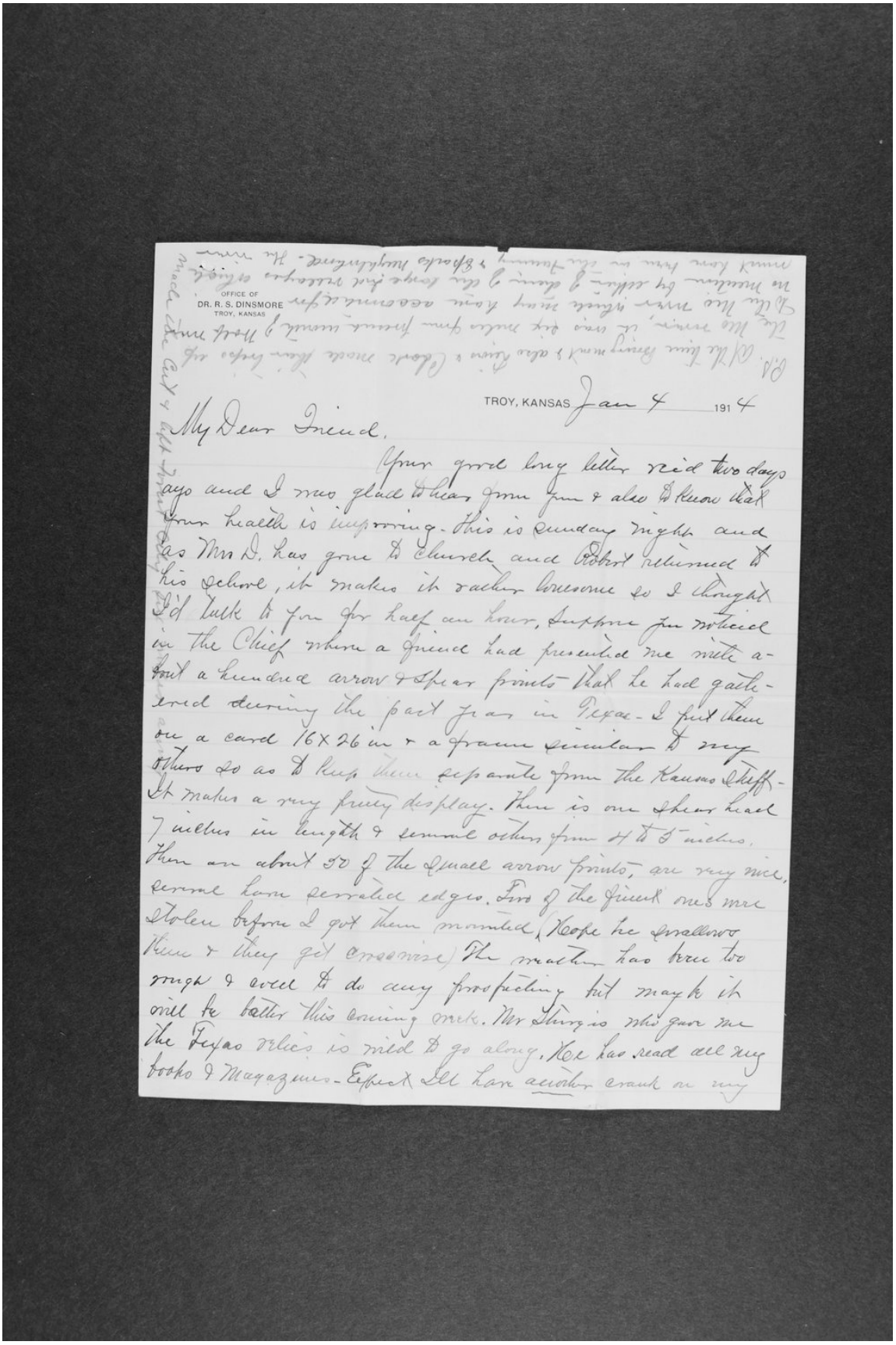
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before. This was a poor crop year and many people are hard up. I am glad you are feeling better and that this year may be a joy to you and prosperous for you. Calvin is well & fine & now he can wear his jiggley when the weather gets warm. I have not heard from Simmons lately. Expect he is busy hunting evidence of Pawnee Culture. Well I have made the claims and am waiting for some one to jump them as false. Perhaps no one is interested enough to try. Sam Hughes has discovered another Ancient City near Howe's Lake. They are near an old lake. I think they may be a different Culture. They are many feet near the water. The pottery is not the same as that found in the ruins on the hills. The sherds are thick and crude and I think was only sun dried. It was made by another people or was made before they became so skillful in the art. I am inclined to think that the people who made the crude ware were few when the Pawnees came. I think there will be a number of "experts" here to look into the matter this year. Hoping you are improving every day I am as ever

Yours Sincerely M. E. Zimmerman

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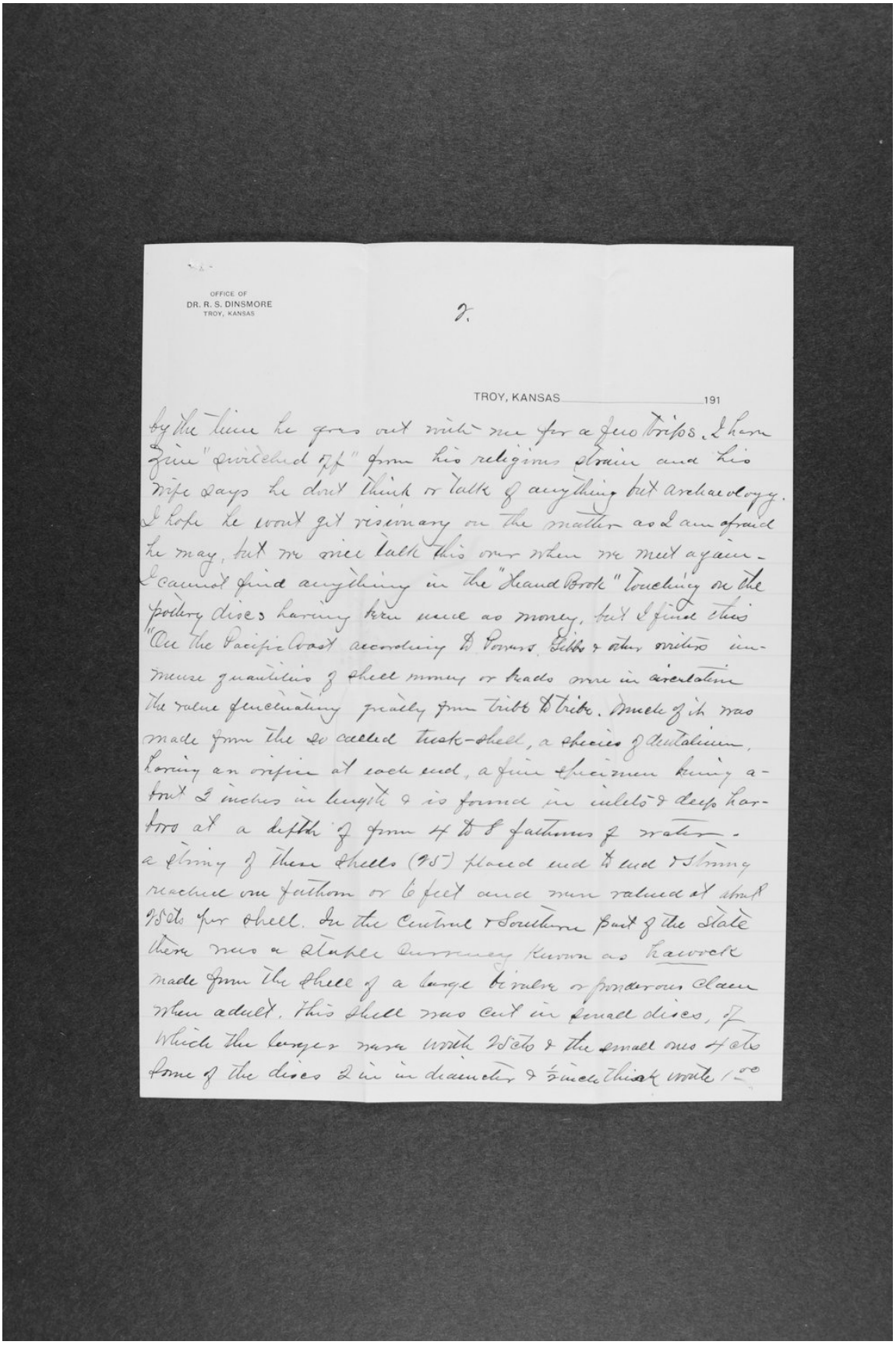


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My Dear Friend.

Your good long letter rec'd two days ago and I was glad to hear from you & also to know that your health is improving. This is Sunday night and as Mrs D. has gone to Church and Robert returned to his school, it makes it rather lonesome so I thought I'd talk to you for half an hour. Enclose you noticed in the Chief where a friend had presented me with about a hundred arrow & spear points that he had gathered during the past year in Texas. I put them on a card 16 X 26 in & a frame similar to my others so as to keep them separate from the Kansas stuff. It makes a very pretty display. There is one three head 7 inches in length & several others from 4 to 5 inches. There are about 50 of the small arrow points, are very nice, several have serrated edges. Two of the finest ones were stolen before I got them mounted, Hope he swallows them & they get crosswise. The weather has been too rough & cold to do any prospecting but mayb it will be better this coming week. Mr Thorpe who gave me the Texas relics is mad to go along. He has read all my books & Magazines. Expect I'll have another crank on my



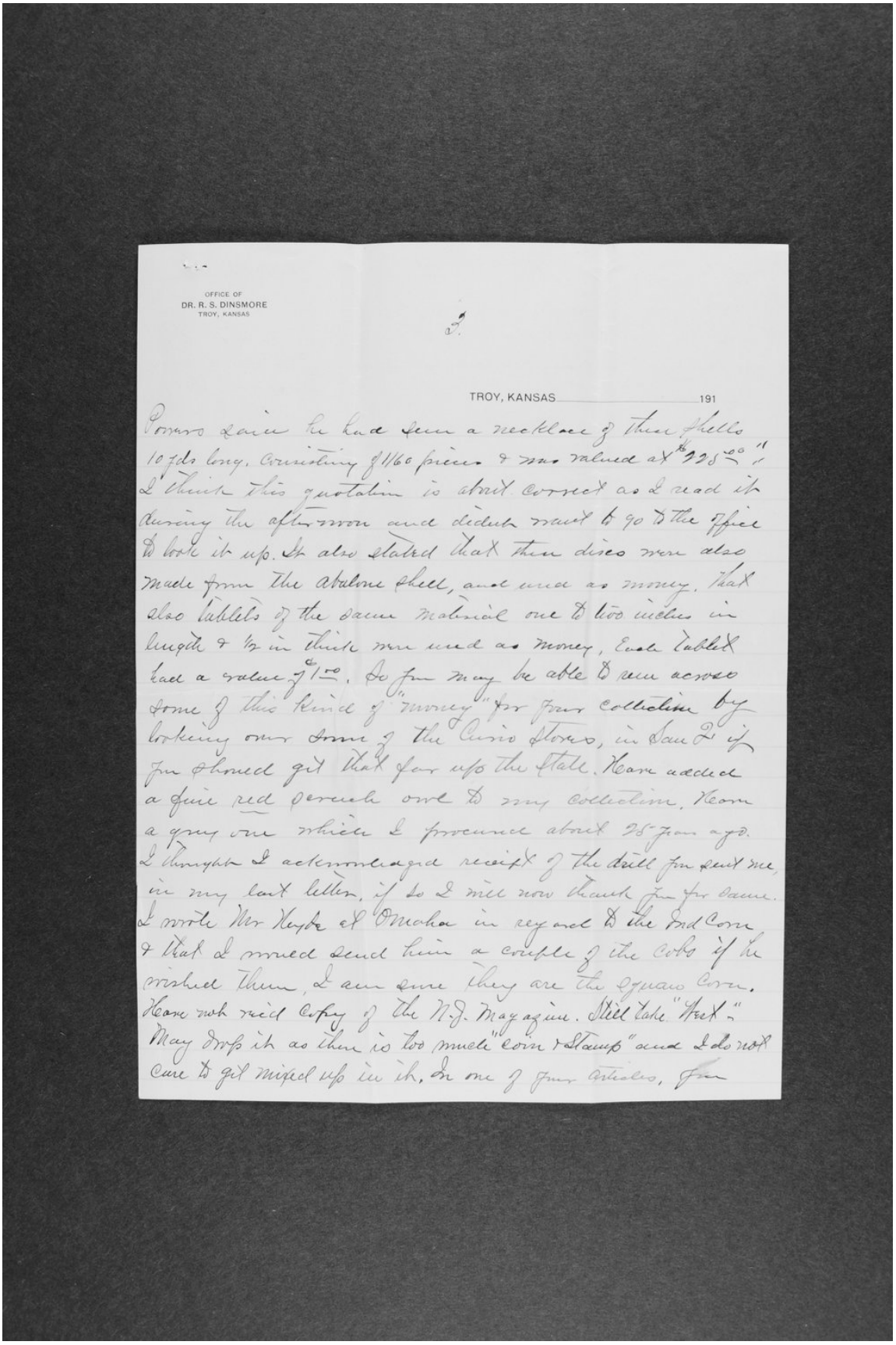
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by the time he goes out with me for a few trips. I have given "privileged of" from his religious strain and his wife says he don't think or talk of anything but archaeology. I hope he won't get visionary on the matter as I am afraid he may, but we will talk this over when we meet again - I cannot find anything in the "Hand Book" touching on the pottery discs having been used as money, but I find this "On the Pacific Coast according to Powers, Gibbs & other writers immense quantities of shell money or beads were in circulation the value fluctuating greatly from tribe to tribe. Much of it was made from the so called tusk-shell, a species of dentalium, having an orifice at each end, a fine specimen being about 2 inches in length & is found in inlets & deep harbors at a depth of from 4 to 8 fathoms of water. a string of these shells (95) placed end to end & string reached one fathom or 6 feet and were valued at about 95 cts per shell. In the Central & Southern part of the State there was a shaped currency known as hawock made from the shell of a large bivalve or ponderous clam when adult. This shell was cut in small discs, of which the longer were worth 95 cts & the small ones 45 cts some of the discs 2 in in diameter & ½ inch thick were 1.50

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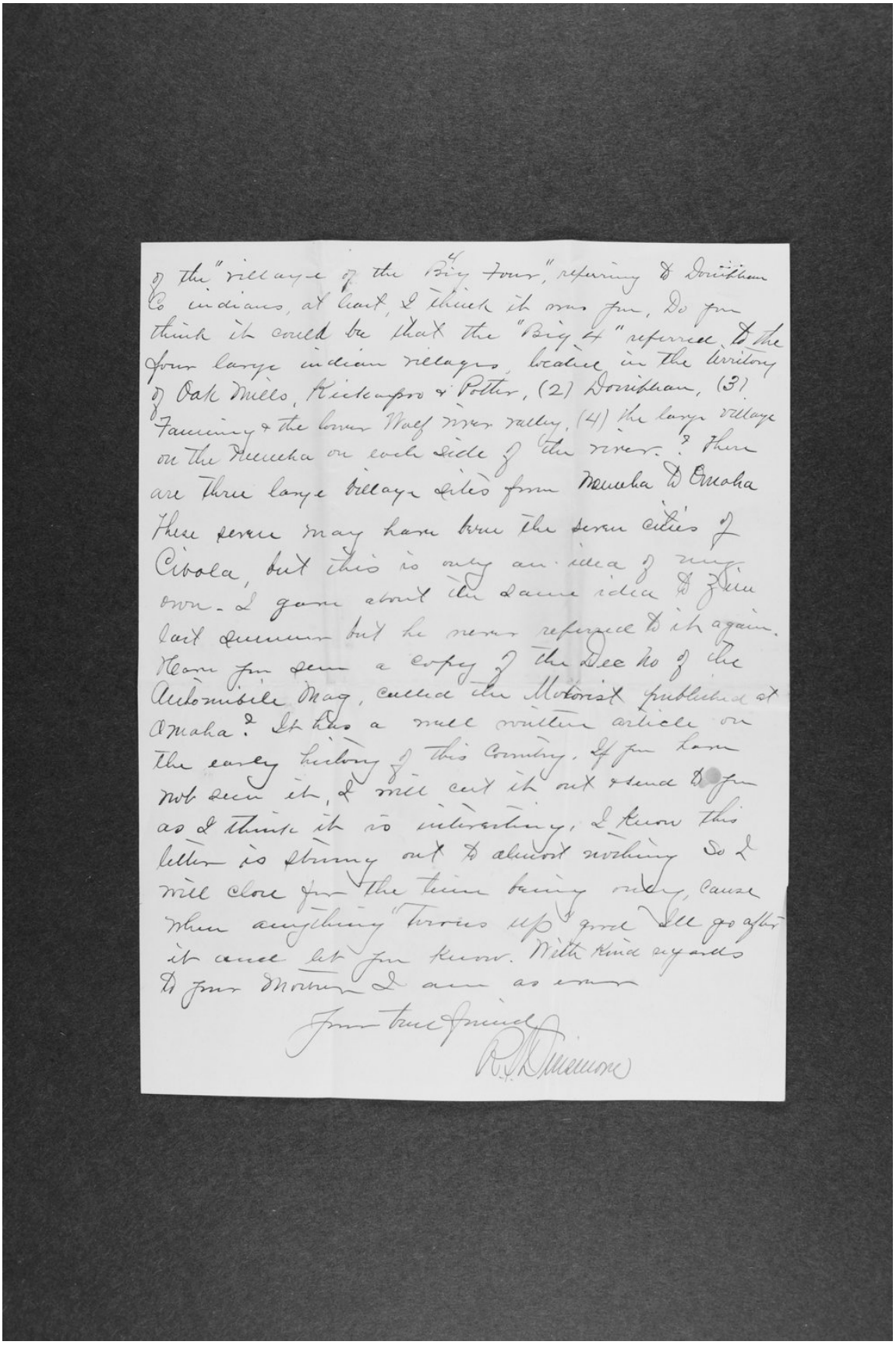


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Powers claim he had seen a necklace of these shells 10 fds long, consisting of 1160 pieces & was valued at $325.00 "
I think this quotation is about correct as I read it during the afternoon and didnt want to go to the office to look it up. It also stated that these discs were also made from the abalone shell, and used as money, that also tablets of the same material one & two inches in length & ½ in thick were used as money, Each tablet had a value of $1.00. So you may be able to see across some of this kind of "money" for your collection by looking over some of the Curio stores, in San Fr if you should get that far up the State. Have added a fine red peruch one to my collection, Have a grey one which I presume about 28 years ago.
I thought I acknowledged receipt of the drill you sent me, in my last letter, if so I will now thank you for same.
I wrote Mr Keyte of Omaha in regard to the 2nd Corn & that I would send him a couple of the cobs if he wished them, I am sure they are the square corn.
Have not received copy of the N.J. Magazine. Still take "Hoe."
May drop it as there is too much "corn & stamp" and I do not care to get mixed up in it, In one of your articles, You

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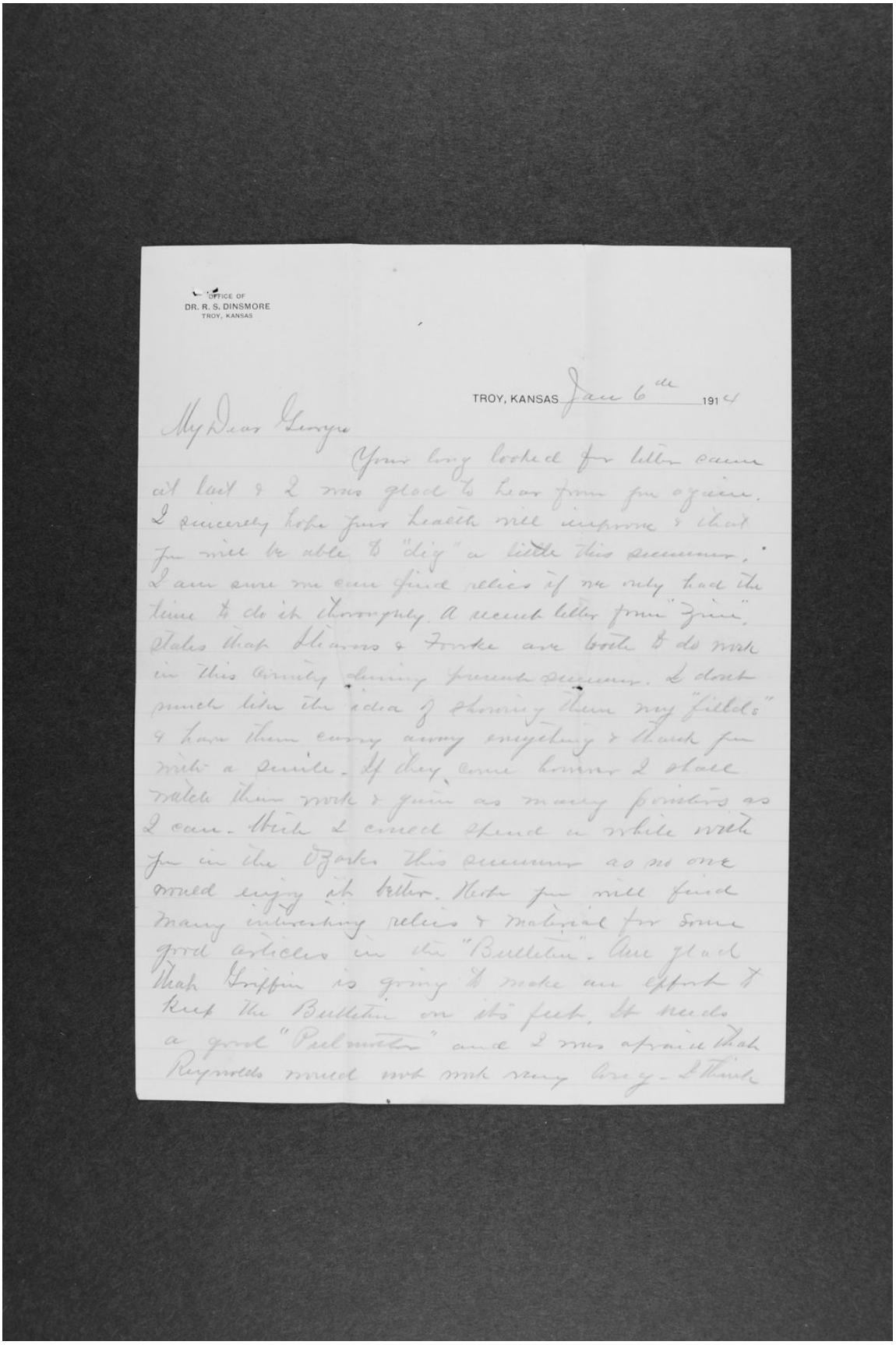


of the "villages of the Big Four," referring to Doniphan Co indians, at last I think it was you. Do you think it could be that the "Big 4" referred to the four large indian villages located in the vicinity of Oak Mills, Kickapoo & Potter, (2) Doniphan, (3) Fanning & the lower Wolf River valley, (4) the large village on the Missouri on each side of the river. There are three large village sites from Nemaha to Omaha. These seven may have been the seven cities of Cibola, but this is only an idea of my own. I gave about the same idea to Jim last summer but he never referred to it again. Have you seen a copy of the Dec No of the Automobile Mag, called the Motorist published at Omaha? It has a well written article on the early history of this country. If you have not seen it, I will cut it out & send to you as I think it is interesting. I know this letter is skimpy out & about nothing so I will close for the time being only, cause when anything turns up good I'll go after it and let you know. With kind regards to your Mother I am as ever

Your true friend

R. J. Remsburg

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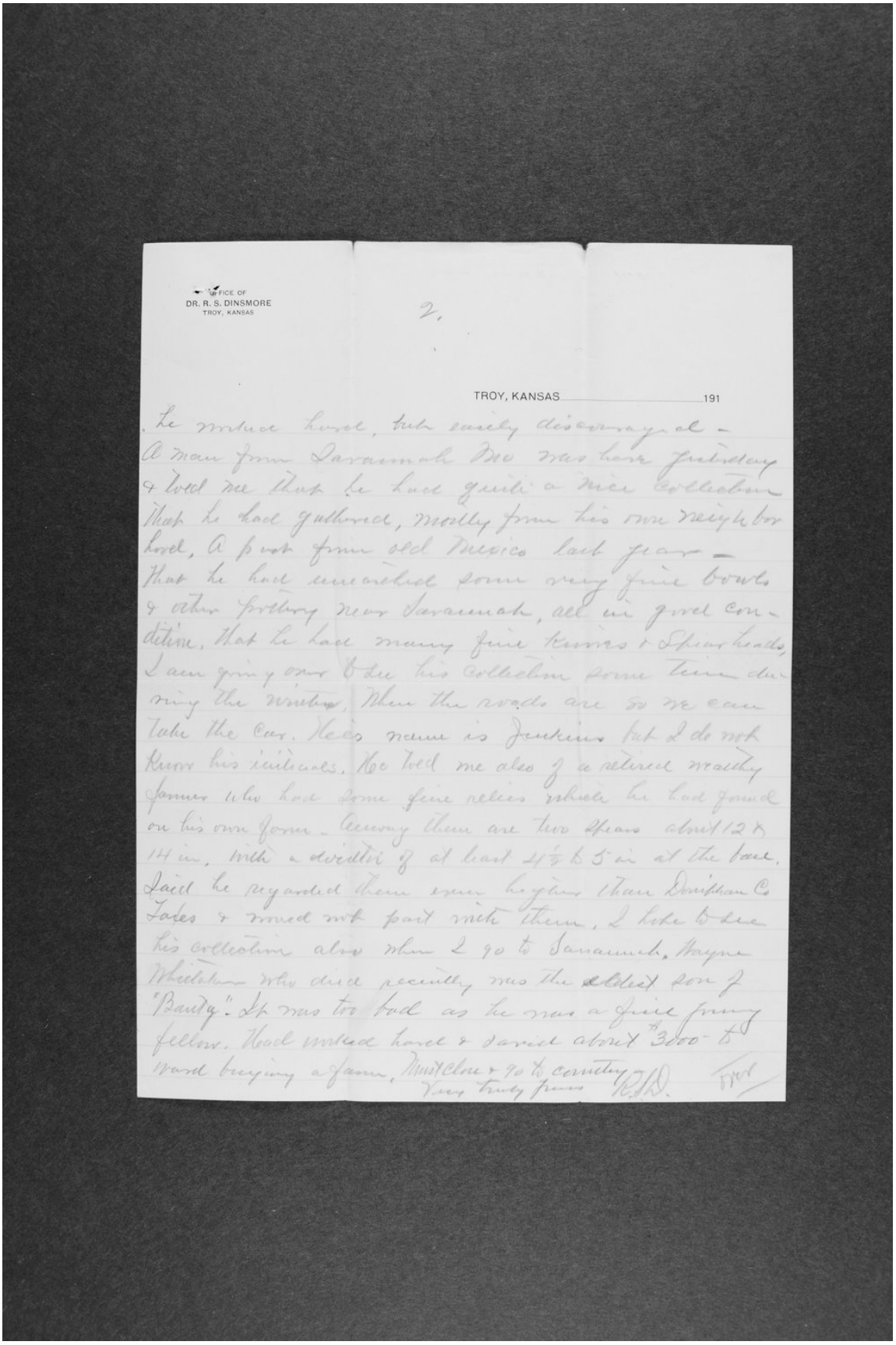
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My Dear George

Your long looked for letter came at last & I was glad to hear from you again. I sincerely hope your health will improve & that you will be able to "dig" a little this summer. I am sure we can find relics if we only had the time & do it thoroughly. A recent letter from "Jim" states that Adams & Funke are both to do work in this county during present summer. I don't much like the idea of showing them my "fields" & have them carry away anything & thank you with a smile. If they come homes I shall watch them work & gain as many pointers as I can. Wish I could stand in while with you in the Ozarks this summer so no one would enjoy it better. Next you will find many interesting relics & material for some good articles in the "Bulletin". Am glad that Griffin is going to make an effort to keep the Bulletin on its feet. It needs a good "Pulmotor" and I was afraid that Reynolds would not work very long. I think

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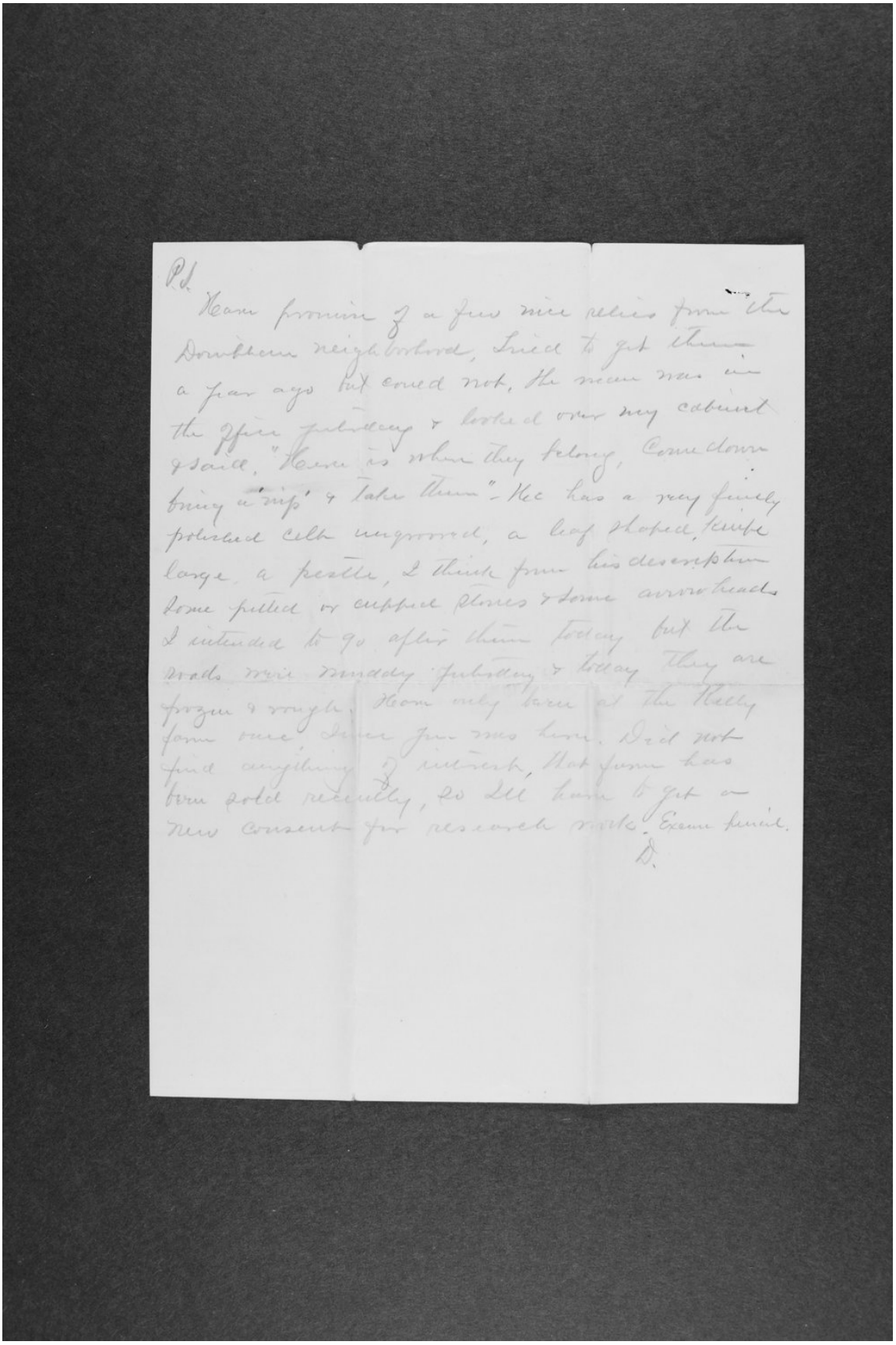
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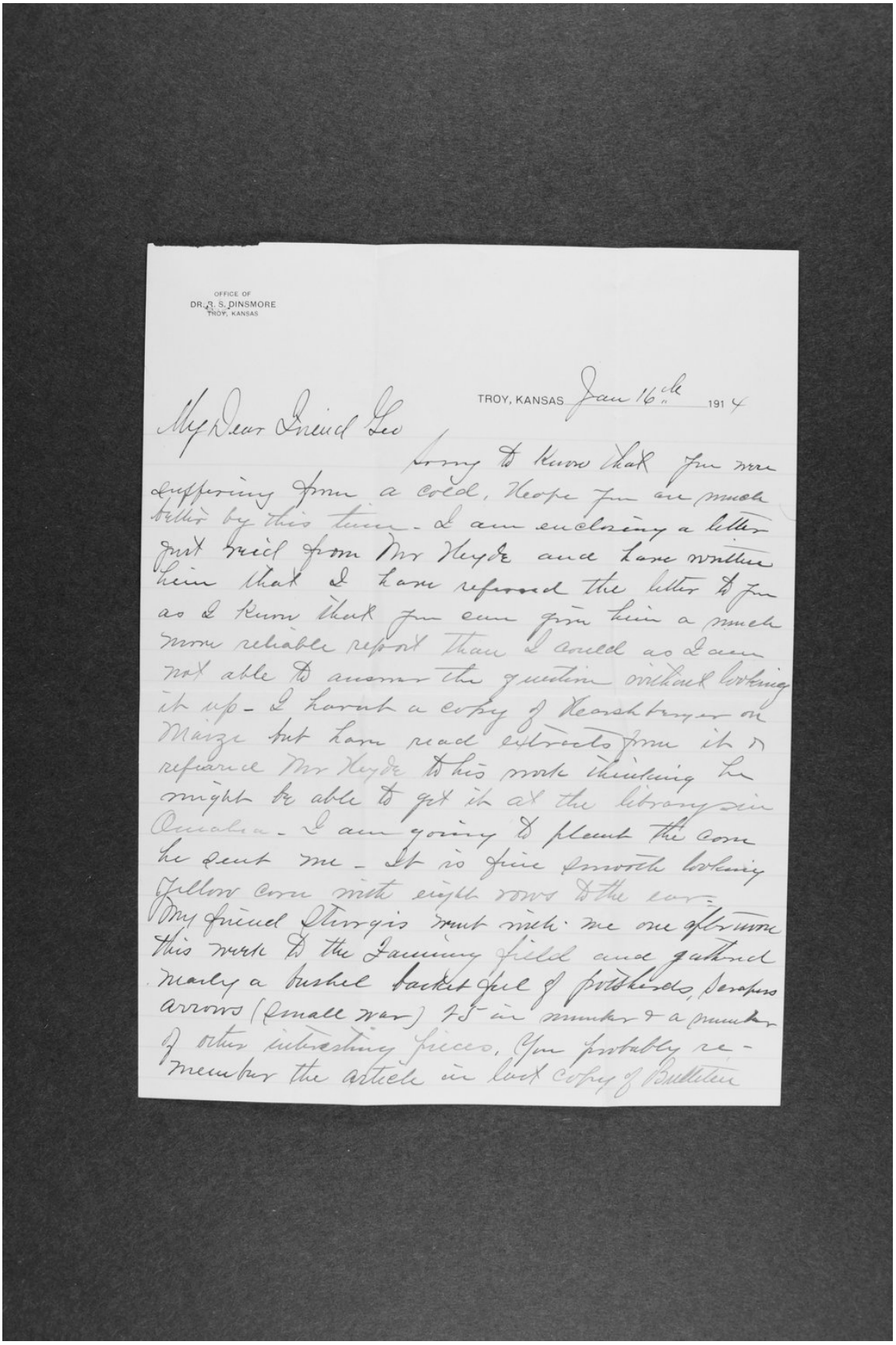
...he mentioned himself, but greatly discouraged at -
A man from Savannah Ga was here yesterday
& told me that he had quite a nice collection
that he had gathered, mostly from his own neighbor
hood, & post from old Mexico last year -
That he had unearthed some very fine bowls
& other pottery near Savannah, all in good con-
dition. That he had many fine knives & Spear heads,
I am going over & see his collection some time dur-
ing the winter, when the roads are so we can
take the car. His name is Jenkins but I do not
know his initials. He told me also of a retired merchy
farmer who had some fine relics which he had found
on his own farm - Among them are two Spears about 12 &
14 in. with a circlet of at least 4½ & 5 in at the base.
Said he regarded them even higher than Doniphan Co
Jades & would not part with them. I like to see
his collection also when I go to Savannah. Wayne
Whitehorn who died recently was the eldest son of
"Banty". He was too bad as he was a fine young
fellow. Had worked hard & saved about $3000 & he
was buying a farm. Must close & go to country
Very truly yours R.S.D. Fred

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P.S.
Have promise of a few nice relics from the Doubleday neighborhood. Tried to get them a few days but could not. The next time in the office yesterday I looked over my cabinet & said, "Here is where they belong. Come down bring a "nip" & take them." He has a very finely polished celt ungrooved, a leaf shaped, tube large, a pestle, I think from his description some pitted or cupped stones & some arrowheads I intended to go after them today but the roads are muddy yesterday & today they are frozen & rough. Have only been at the Kelly farm once since you were here. Did not find anything. I think that farm has been sold recently, so will have to get a new consent for research work. Examine mine.
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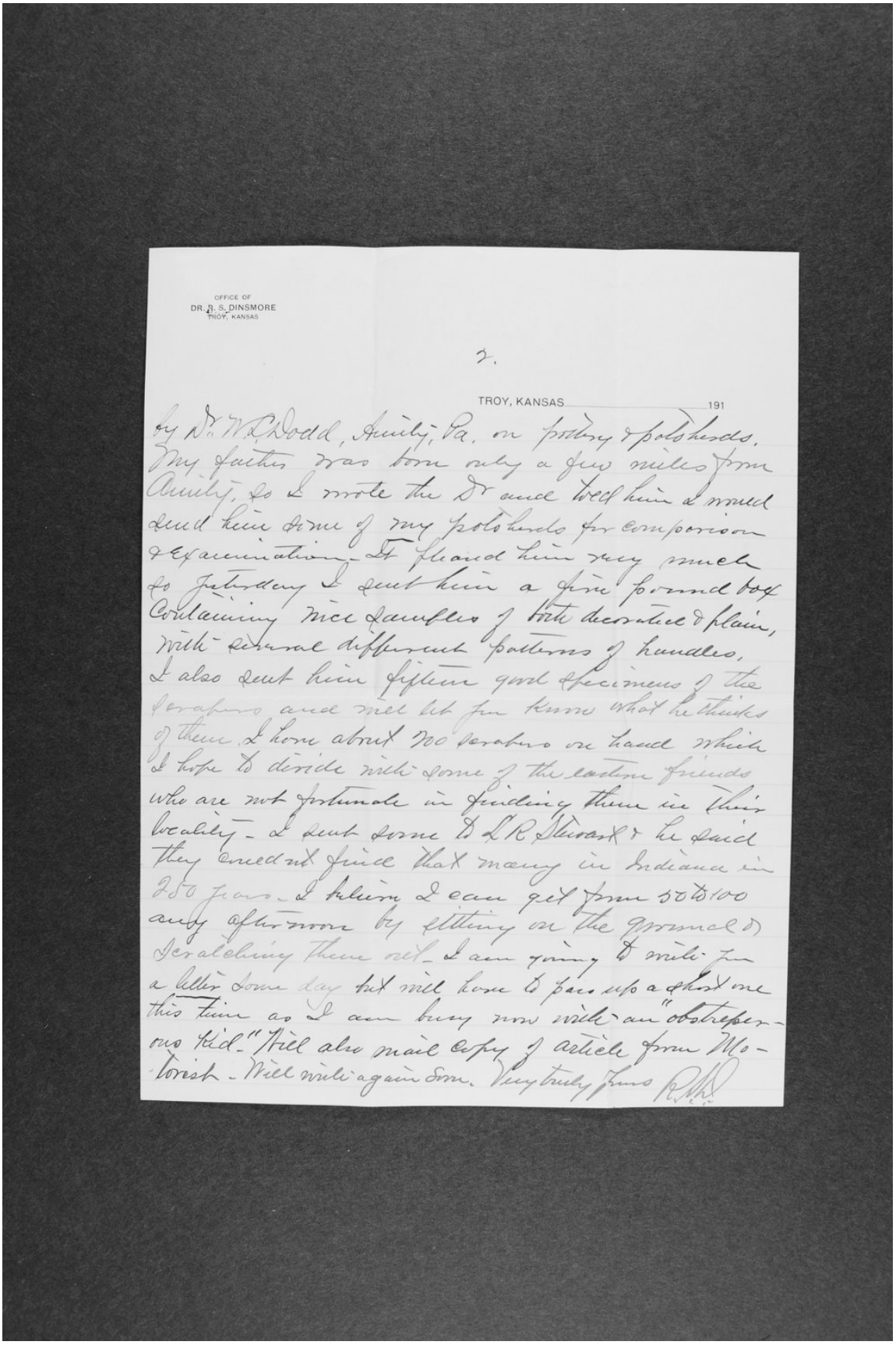
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TROY, KANSAS Jan 16th 1914

My Dear Friend Lee

Sorry to know that Jim was suffering from a cold. Hope Jim are much better by this time. I am enclosing a letter just recd from Mr Hyde and have written him that I have referred the letter to Jim as I know that Jim can give him a much more reliable report than I could as I am not able to answer the question without looking it up. I have a copy of Hornaday on Maize but have read extracts from it in reference Mr Hyde & his note thinking he might be able to get it at the library in Omaha. I am going to plant the corn he sent me. It is fine smooth looking Yellow corn with eight rows to the ear.
My friend Thurgis went with me one afternoon this week to the Jamming field and gathered nearly a bushel basket full of projectiles, scrapers arrows (small war) 75 in number & a number of other interesting pieces. You probably remember the article in last copy of Bulletin

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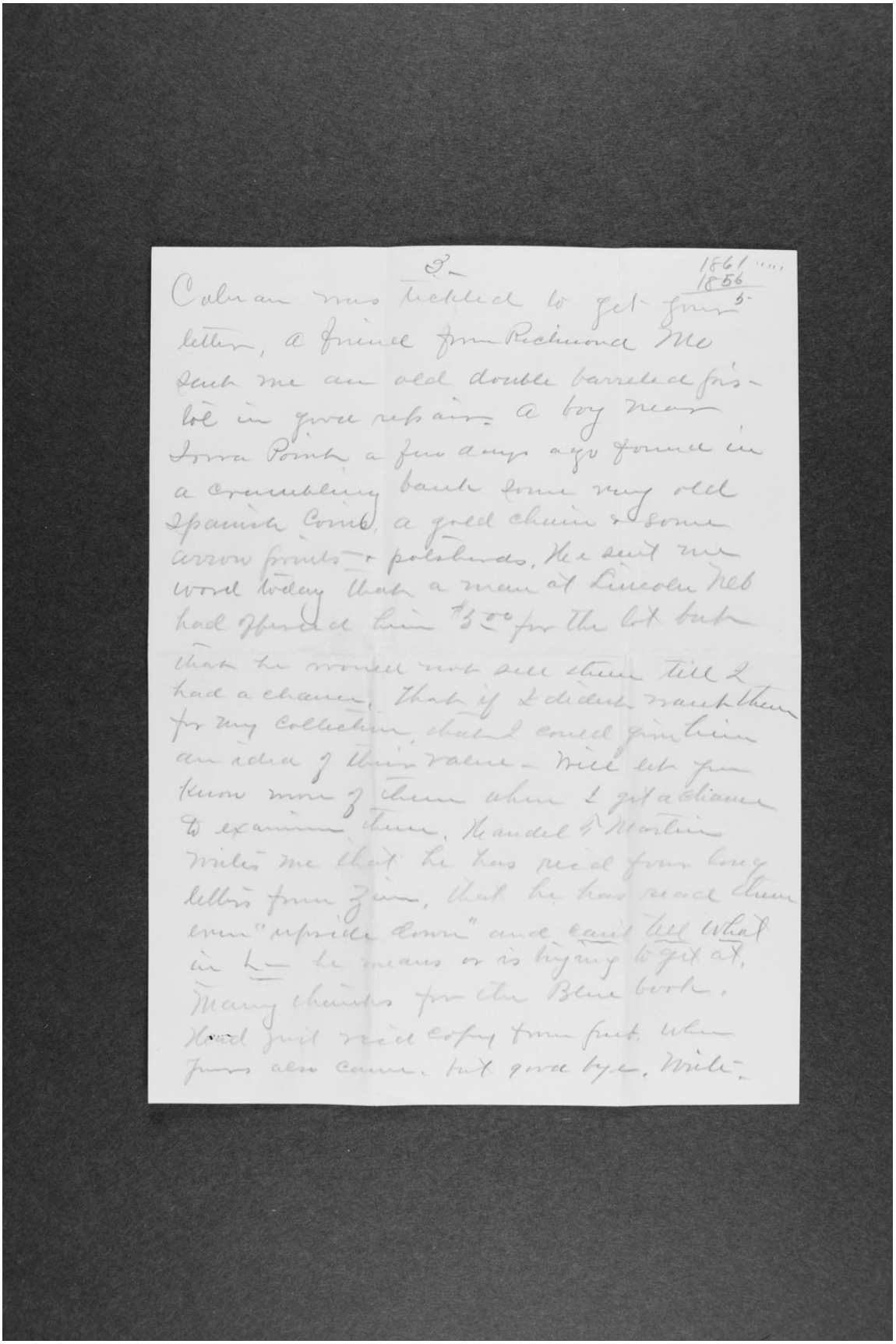
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by Dr. W. L. Dodd, Amity, Pa. on pottery & potsherds. My father was born only a few miles from Amity, so I wrote the Dr and told him I would send him some of my potsherds for comparison & examination. He pleased him very much so Saturday I sent him a tin pound box containing nice samples of both decorated & plain, with several different patterns of handles. I also sent him fifteen good specimens of the scrapers and will let you know what he thinks of them. I have about 700 scrapers on hand which I hope to divide with some of the eastern friends who are not fortunate in finding them in this locality - I sent some to L. R. Stewart & he said they owed not since that many in Indiana in 250 years. I think I can get from 500 to 100 any afternoon by sitting on the ground & scratching them out. I am going to write you a letter some day but will have to pass up a short one this time as I am busy now with an "obstreperous kid." Will also mail copy of article from Motorist - Will write again soon. Very truly Yours R. S. D.

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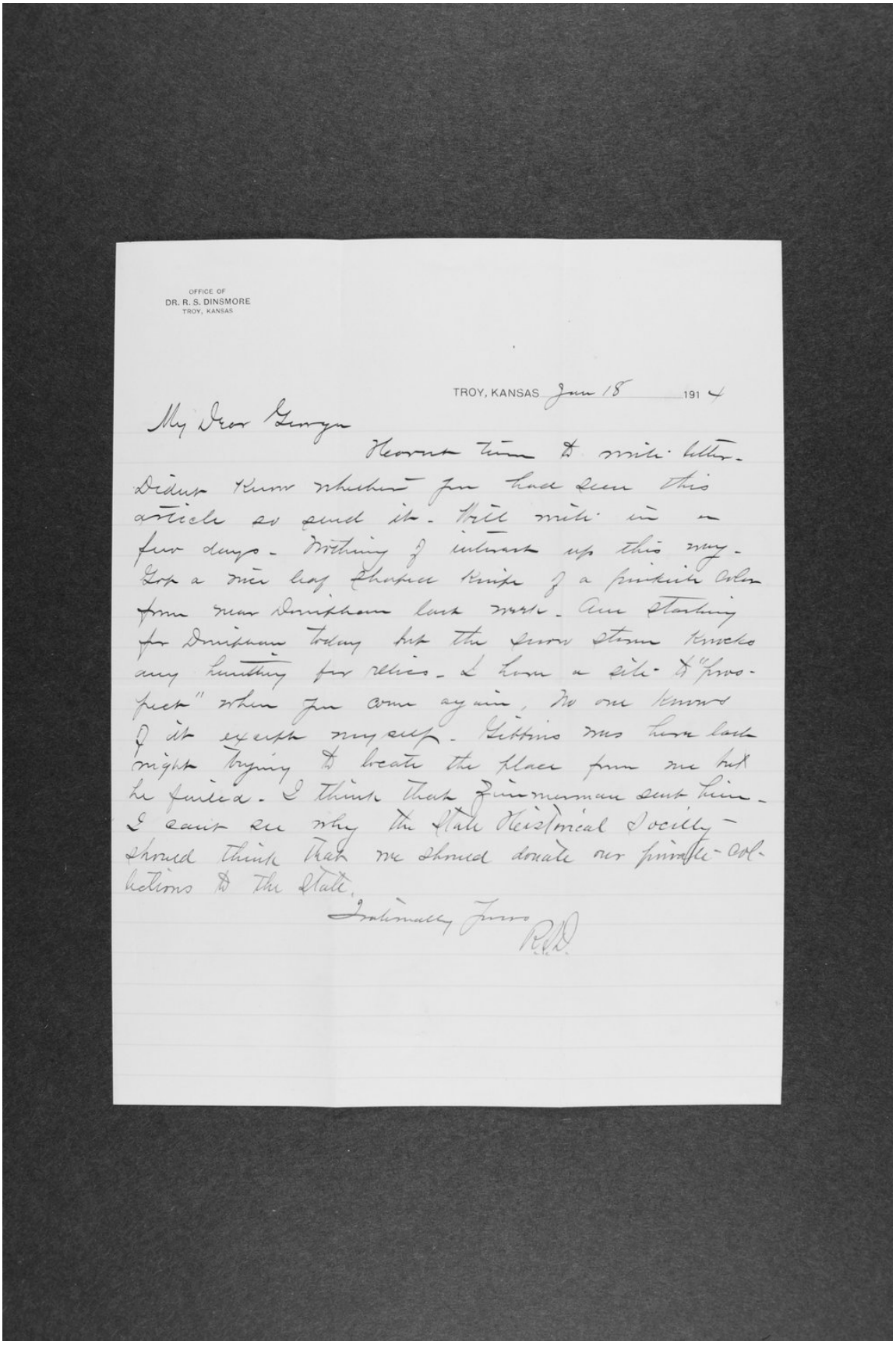


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Coleman was tickled to get [illegible]
letter, a friend from Richmond Mo
sent me an old double barreled pis-
tol in good repair. A boy near
Iowa Point a few days ago found in
a crumbling bank some very old
Spanish coins, a gold chain & some
arrow points & polishers. He sent me
word today that a man at Lincoln Neb
had offered him $3.00 for the lot but
that he would not sell them till I
had a chance. That if I didn't want them
for my collection, that I could give him
an idea of their value. Will let you
know more of them when I get a chance
to examine them. Randel & Martin
write me that he has read from long
letters from Zuni, that he has read them
even "upside down" and can't tell what
in h— he means or is trying to get at.
Many thanks for the Blue book.
Have just read copy from print, when
proofs are come, but good bye. Mile.

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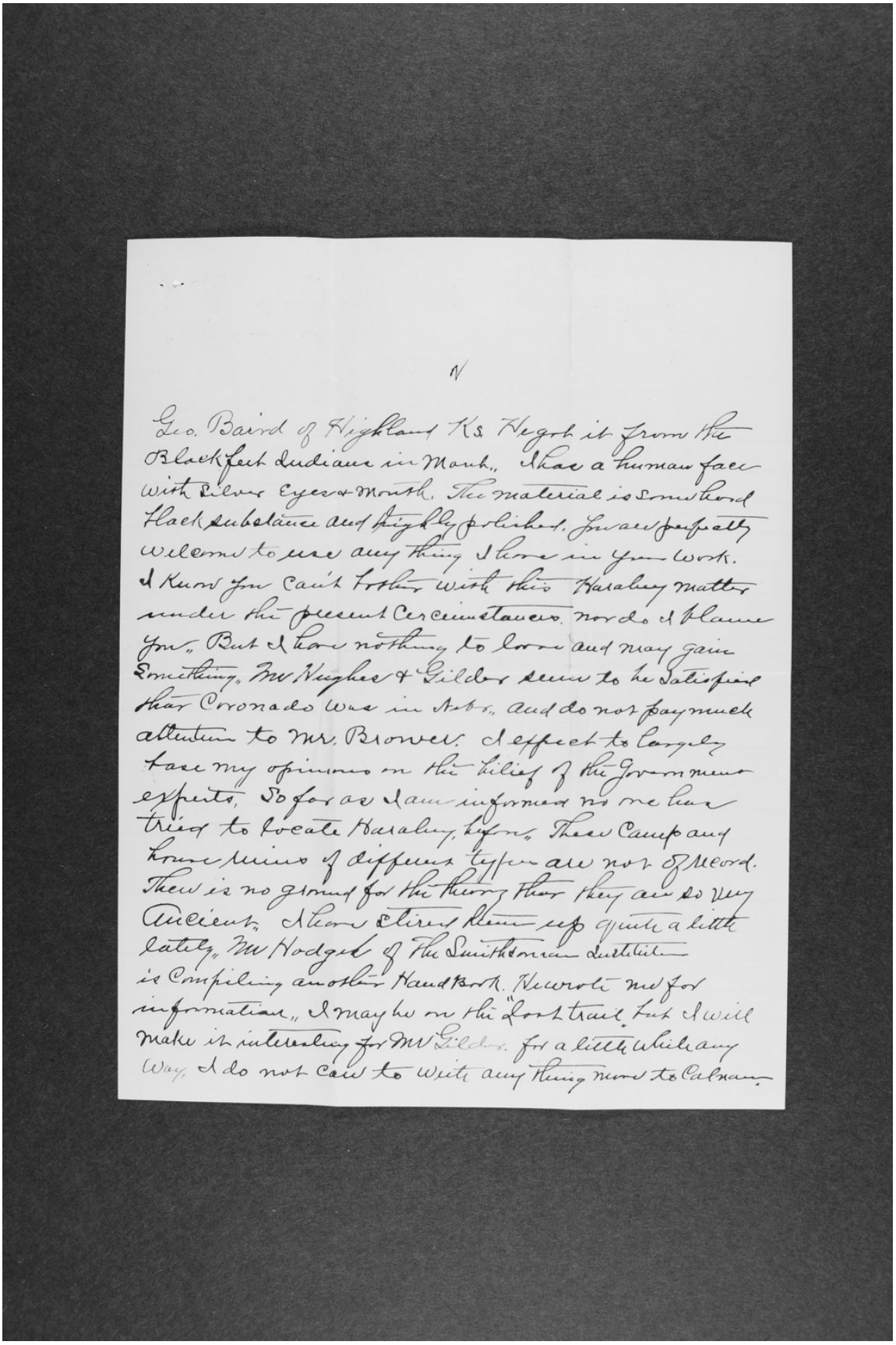
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My Dear George

Received time & write letter. Didn't know whether you had seen this article as send it. Will write in a few days. Nothing of interest up this way. Got a nice bag Chapter knife of a pinkish color from near Doniphan last week. Are starting for Doniphan today but the snow storm knocks any hunting for relics. I have a site of "Prospect" when you come again, no one knows of it except my self. Getting mss here last night trying to locate the place from me but he failed. I think that Zimmerman sent him. I can't see why the State Historical Society should think that we should donate our private collections to the State.

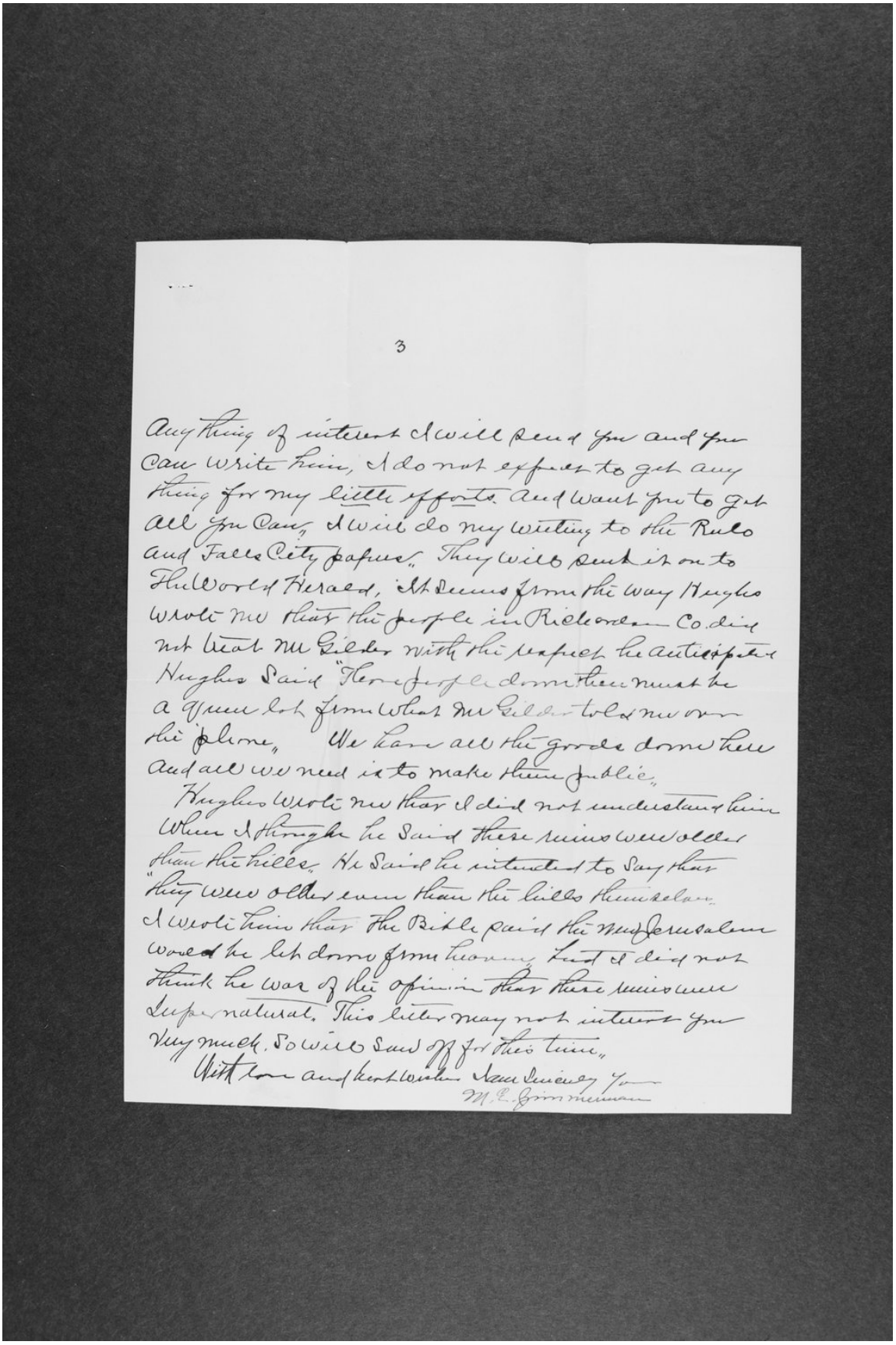
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Geo. Baird of Highland Ks. Regrets it from the Blackfeet Indians in Mont., Has a human face with silver eyes & mouth. The material is smoothed black substance and highly polished. You are perfectly welcome to use any thing I have in your work. I know you can't bother with this Haraley matter under the present circumstances. nor do I blame you. But I have nothing to loose and may gain Something. Mr Hughes & Gilder seem to be Satisfied that Coronado was in Neb., and do not pay much attention to Mr. Brower. I expect to largely base my opinions on the Relief of the Government experts. So far as I am informed no one has tried to locate Haraley, Lyons, Theis Camp and Some mines of different types are not of Record. There is no ground for the theory that they are so very Ancient. Mexicans stirred them up quite a little lately, Mr Hodges of the Smithsonian Institution is Compiling another Hand Book. He wrote me for information, I may be on the "Lost trail" but I will make it interesting for Mr Gilder. for a little while any Way. I do not care to write any thing more to Putnam

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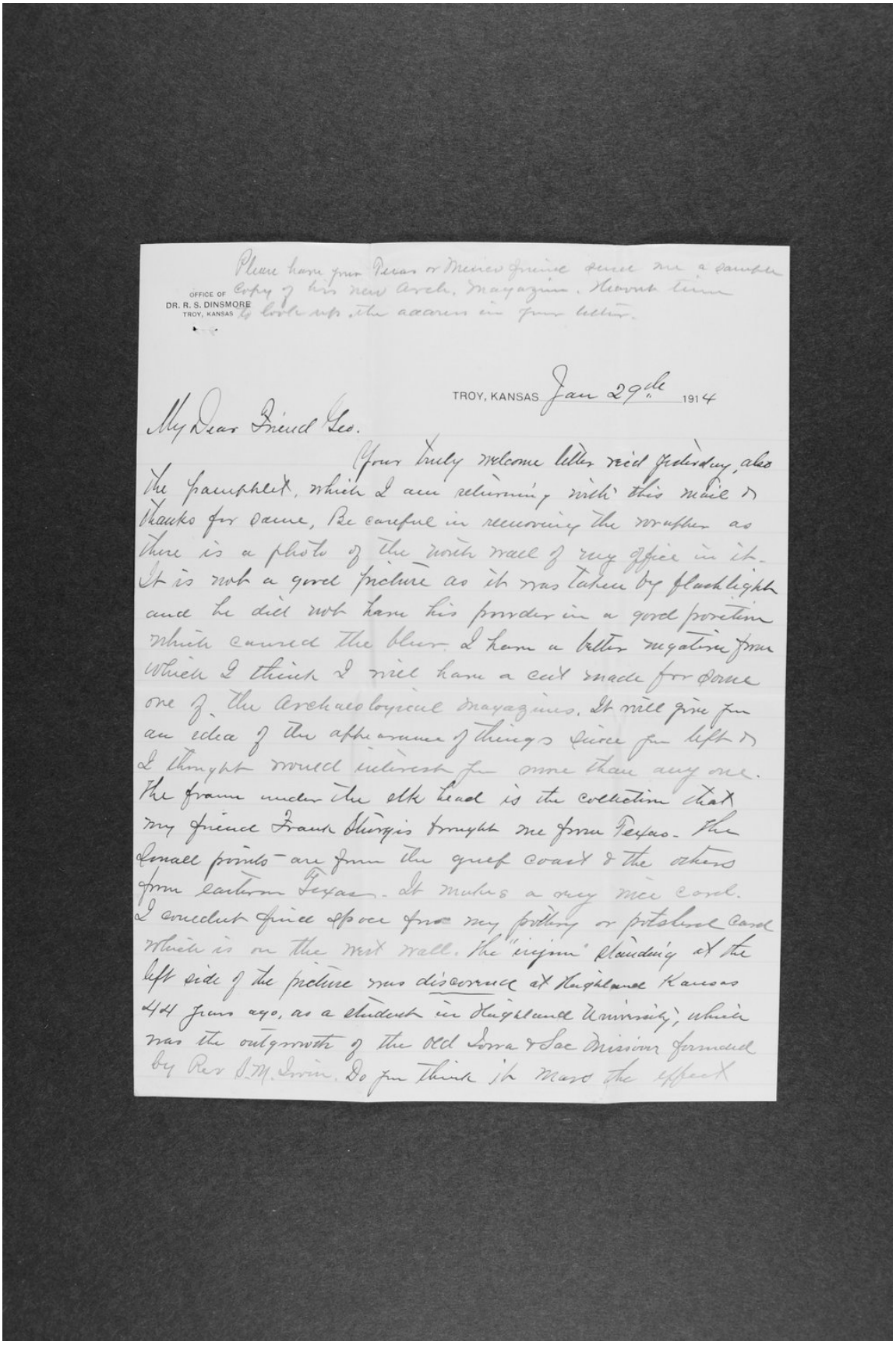
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Anything of interest I will send you and you can write him, I do not expect to get any thing for my little efforts. And want you to get all you can, I will do my writing to the Rulo and Falls City papers. They will send it on to the World Herald, It seems from the way Hughes wrote me that the people in Richardson Co. did not treat Mr Gilder with the respect he anticipated Hughes said "Here people down there must be a queer lot from what Mr Gilder told me over the phone," We have all the goods down here and all we need is to make them public,"

Hughes wrote me that I did not understand him When I thought he said there mounds were older than the hills, He said he intended to say that they were older even than the hills themselves. I wrote him that the Bible said the mts Jerusalem were as he let down from heaven, but I did not think he was of the opinion that there mounds were supernatural. This letter may not interest you very much, So will send off for this time,

With love and best wishes Sincerely Yours
M. C. Grimmeman

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Please have your Texas or Mexico friend send me a sample copy of his new Arch. Magazine. Never time to look up the address in your letter.

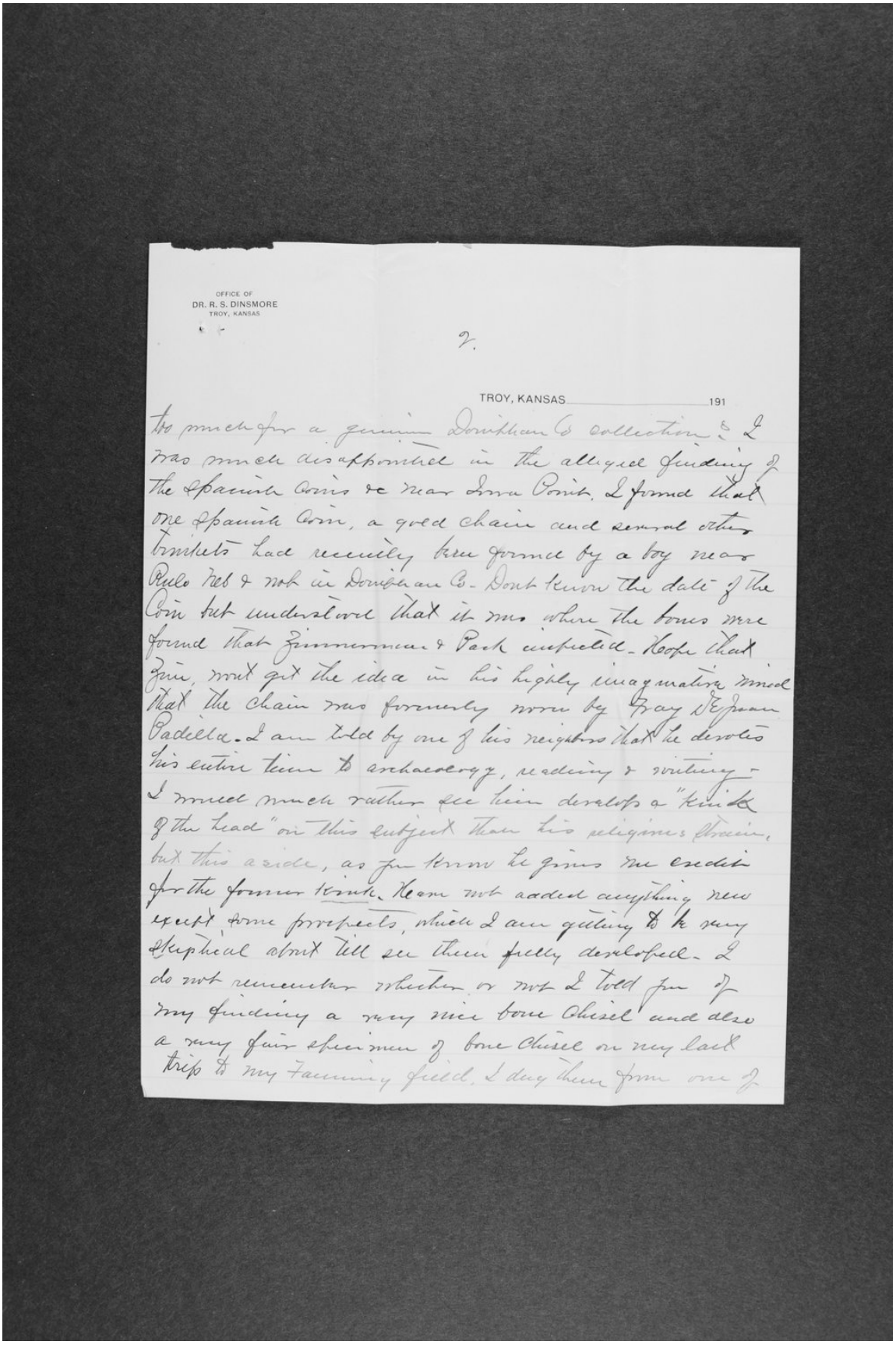
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My Dear Friend Geo.

Your truly welcome letter rec'd yesterday, also the pamphlet, which I am returning with this mail. Thanks for same. Be careful in removing the wrapper as there is a photo of the north wall of my office in it. It is not a good picture as it was taken by flash light and he did not have his powder in a good position which caused the blur. I have a better negative from which I think I will have a cut made for some one of the Archaeological magazines. It will give an idea of the appearance of things since you left. I thought would interest you more than any one. The frame under the elk head is the collection that my friend Frank Skiggis brought me from Texas. The small points are from the gulf coast & the others from eastern Texas. It makes a very nice card. I conclude since space from my writing on pictured card which is on the west wall. The "sign" standing at the left side of the picture was discovered at Highland Kansas 44 years ago, as a student in Highland University, which was the outgrowth of the old Iowa & Sac Mission founded by Rev S. M. Irwin. Do you think it mars the effect

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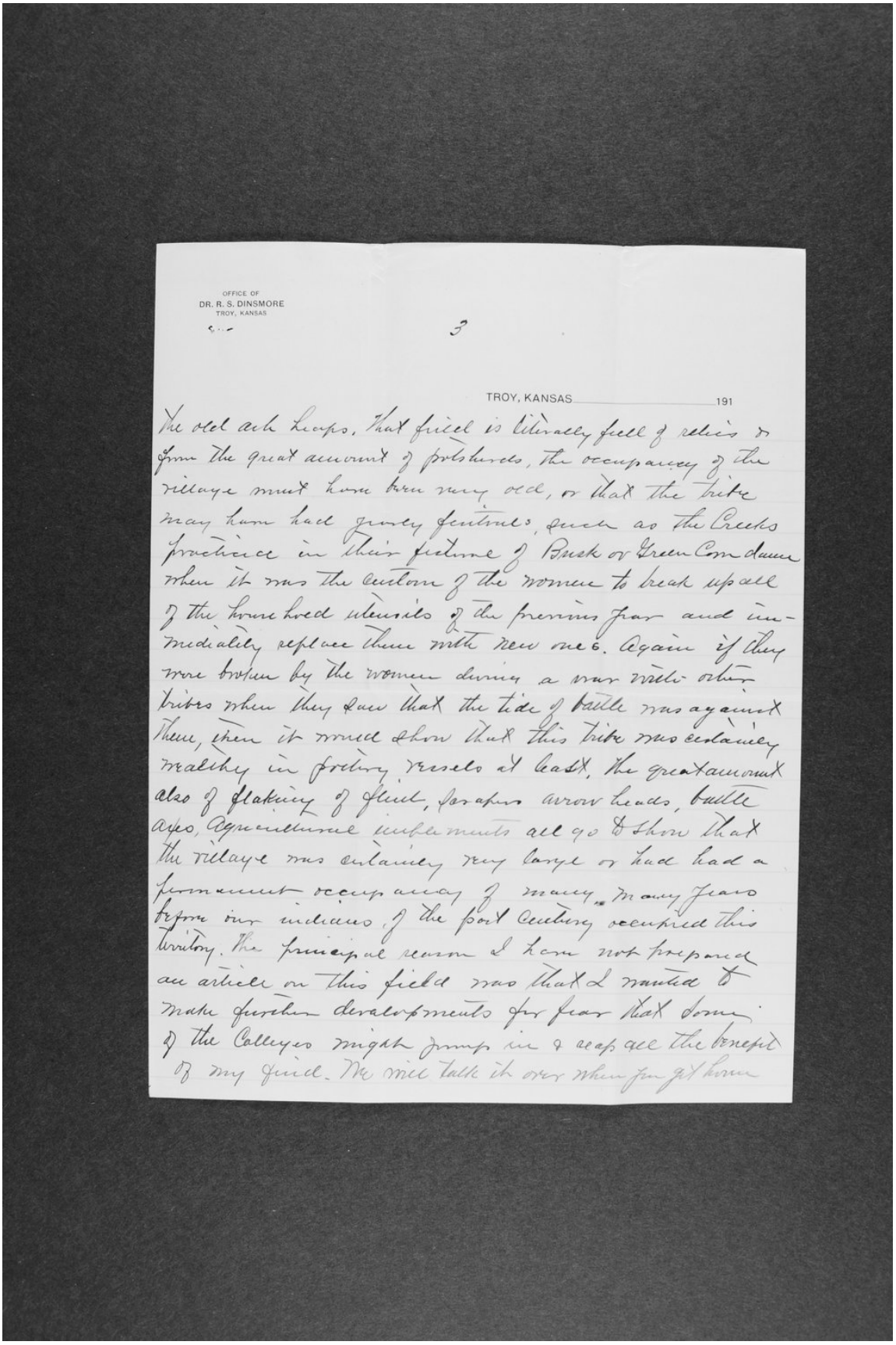


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too much for a genuine Doniphan Co collection. I
was much disappointed in the alleged finding of
the Spanish coins &c near Iowa Point. I found that
one Spanish coin, a gold chain and several other
trinkets had recently been formed by a boy near
Rulo Neb & not in Doniphan Co. Don't know the date of the
Coin but understood that it was when the bones were
formed that Zimmerman & Park unearthed. Hope that
Zim. will get the idea in his highly imaginative mind
that the chain was formerly worn by Fray De Jesus
Padella. I am told by one of his neighbors that he devotes
his entire time to archaeology, reading & writing -
I would much rather see him develops a "kink
of the head" on this subject than his religious theories,
but this aside, as far I know he gives me credit
for the former trip. I am not added anything new
except some prospects, which I am going to & my
Stepbrother will see them fully developed. I
do not remember whether or not I told you of
my finding a very nice bone chisel and also
a very fair specimen of bone chisel on my last
trip to my Fanning field. I dug them from one of



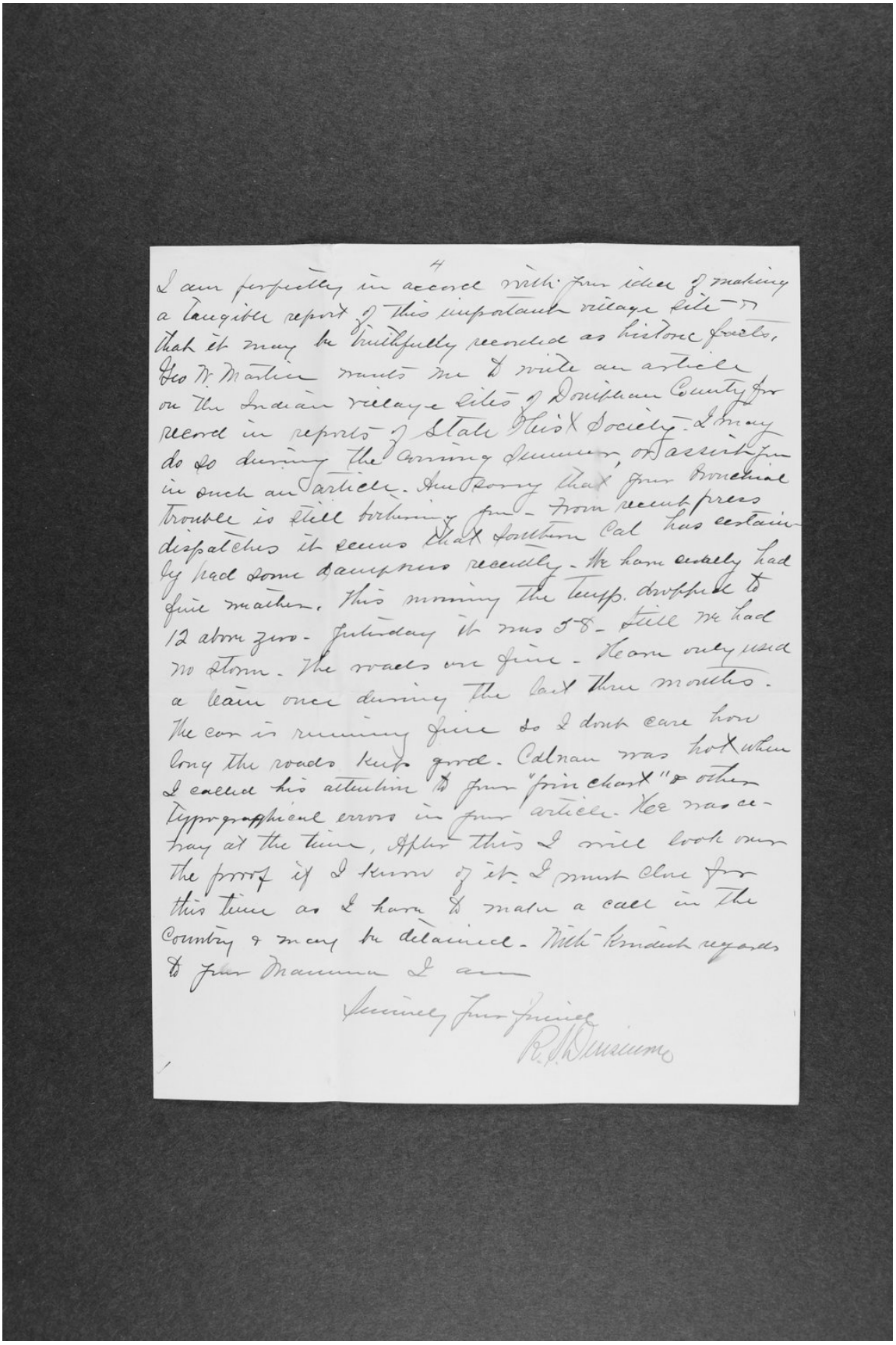
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the old ash heaps. That field is literally full of relics & from the great amount of potsherds, the occupancy of the village must have been very old, or that the tribe may have had yearly festivals, such as the Creeks practice in their feasts of Busk or Green Corn dance when it was the custom of the women to break up all of the household utensils of the previous year and immediately replace them with new ones. Again if they were broken by the women during a war with other tribes when they saw that the tide of battle was against them, then it would show that this tribe was certainly wealthy in pottery vessels at least. The great amount also of flaking of flint, scrapers arrow heads, battle axes, agricultural implements all go to show that the village was certainly very large or had had a permanent occupancy of many, many years before our Indians of the 19th Century occupied this territory. The principal reason I have not prepared an article on this field was that I wanted to make further developments for fear that some of the Colleges might jump in & reap all the benefit of my find. We will talk it over when you get home

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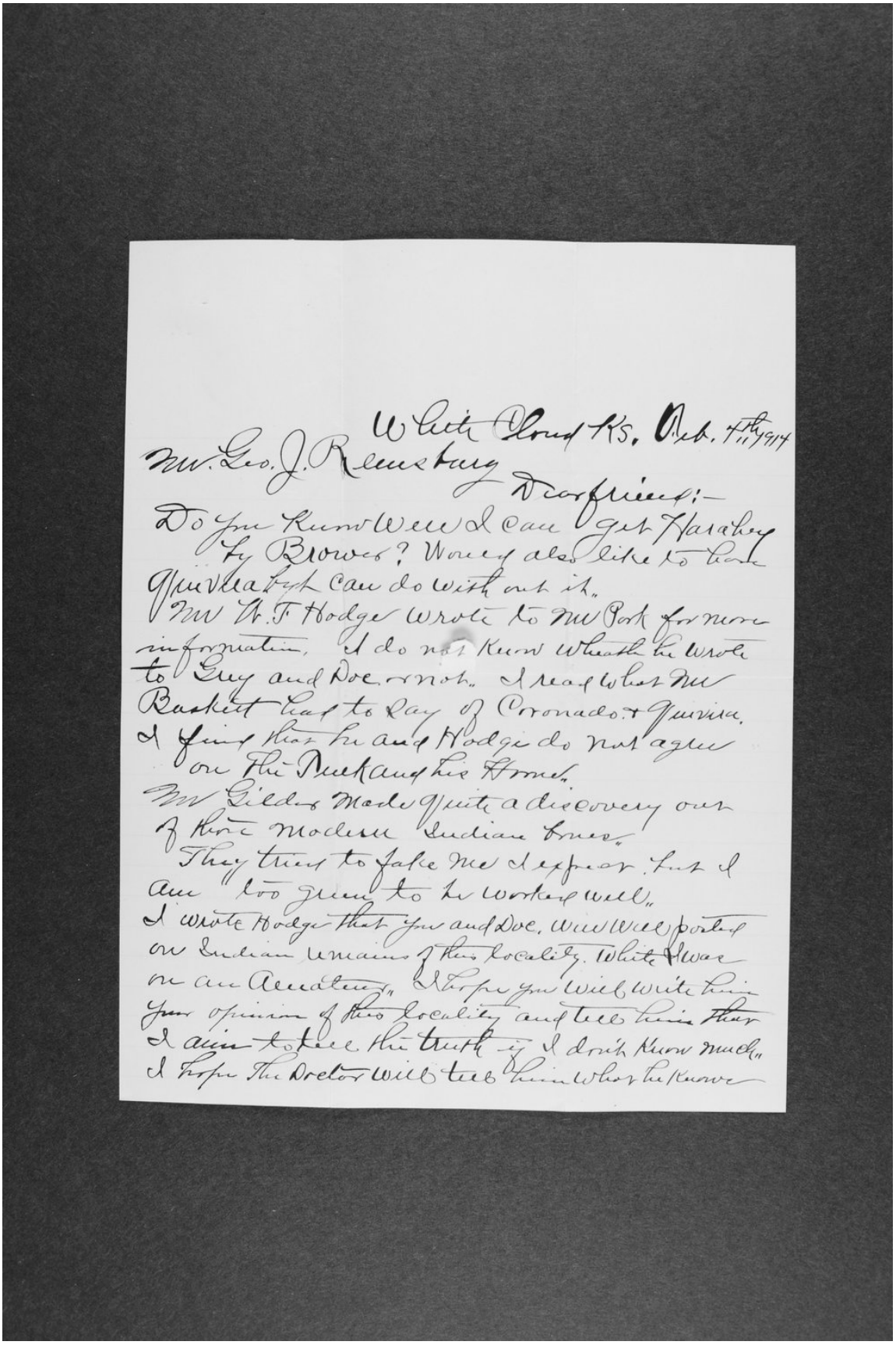
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I am perfectly in accord with your idea of making a tangible report of this important village site — so that it may be faithfully recorded as historic facts. Geo. F. Marlin wants me to write an article on the Indian village sites of Doniphan County for record in reports of State Hist. Society. I may do so during the coming summer, or assist you in such an article. I am sorry that your bronchial trouble is still bothering you. From recent press dispatches it seems that Southern Cal has certainly had some dampness recently. We have really had fine weather. This morning the temp. dropped to 12 above zero. Saturday it was 58 — still we had no storm. The roads are fine. We have only used a team once during the last three months. The car is running fine so I don't care how long the roads keep good. Colman was hot when I called his attention to your "pin chart" & other typographical errors in your article. He was away at the time. After this I will look over the proof if I know of it. I must close for this time as I have to make a call in the country & may be detained. With kindest regards to your Mamma I am

Sincerely Your Friend

R. J. Remsburg

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White Cloud Ks. Oct. 7th 1914

Mr. Geo. J. Remsburg

Dear Friend:-

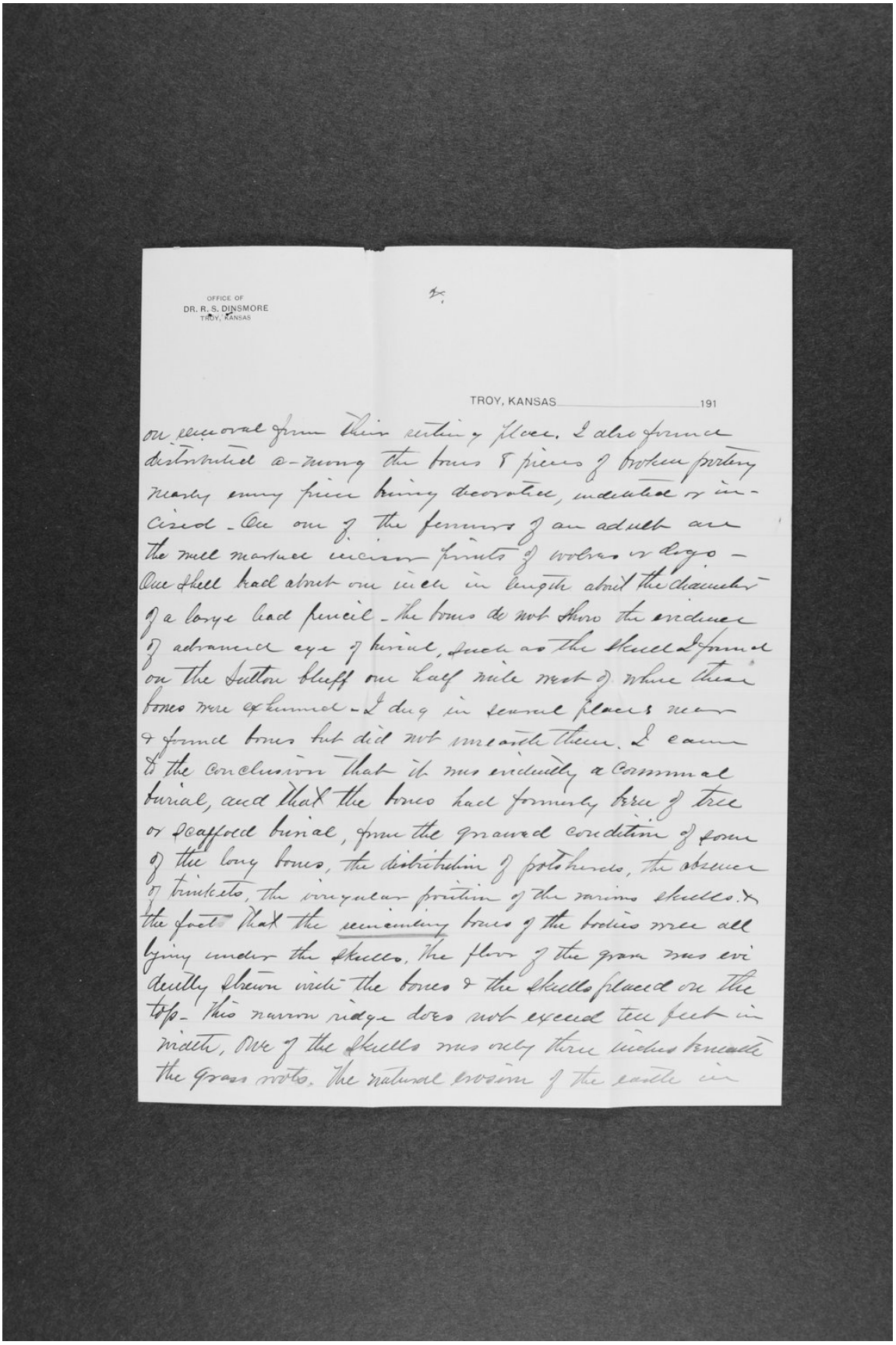
Do you know well I can get Hanaberry by Brown? Would also like to have Quackenbush can do with out it.

Mr A. F. Hodge wrote to Mr Park for more information. I do not know what he wrote to Guy and Doc. or not. I read what Mr Baskett had to say of Coronado & Quivira. I find that he and Hodge do not agree on the Pueblo and his Home.

Mr Gilder made quite a discovery over of Kirk Modern Indian bones.

They tried to fake me I expect. But I am too green to be worked well.

I wrote Hodge that you and Doc. Will Will [illegible] on Indian remains of this locality. White I was on an Aviation. I hope you will write him your opinion of this locality and tell him that I am to see the truth if I don't know much. I hope the Doctor will tell him what he knows

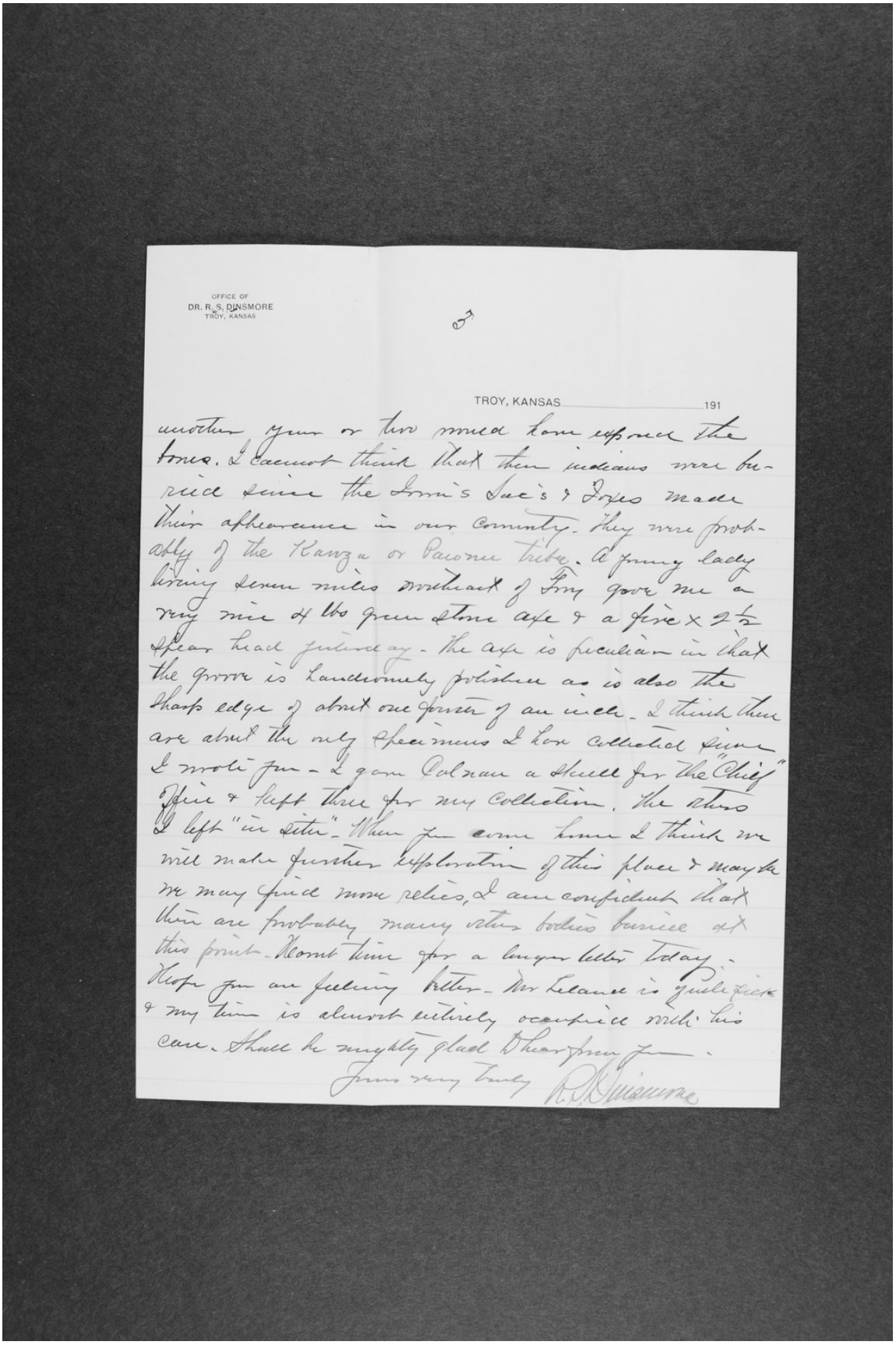


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on removal from their resting place. I also found distributed among the bones 8 pieces of broken pottery nearly every piece being decorated, indented or incised. On one of the femurs of an adult are the well marked incisor prints of wolves or dogs. One shell had about one inch in length about the diameter of a large lead pencil. The bones do not show the evidence of advanced age of burial, such as the skull found on the Sutton bluff one half mile west of where these bones were exhumed. I dug in several places near found bones but did not unearth them. I came to the conclusion that it was evidently a communal burial, and that the bones had formerly been of tree or scaffold burial, from the gnawed condition of some of the long bones, the distribution of potsherds, the absence of trinkets, the irregular position of the various skulls & the fact that the remaining bones of the bodies were all lying under the skulls. The floor of the grave was evidently shown with the bones & the skulls placed on the top. This narrow ridge does not exceed ten feet in width, one of the skulls was only three inches beneath the grass roots. The natural erosion of the earth in

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another year or two would have effaced the
traces. I cannot think that the Indians were bu-
ried since the Iowa's Sac's & Foxes made
their appearance in our country. They were prob-
ably of the Kansa or Paonee tribe. A young lady
living seven miles southeast of Troy gave me a
very nice 4 lbs grass stone axe & a fine 7 x 2½
spear head yesterday. The axe is peculiar in that
the groove is handsomely polished as is also the
sharp edge of about one fourth of an inch. I think these
are about the only specimens I have collected since
I wrote you - I gave Colman a skull for the "Chief"
office & kept three for my collection. The others
I left "in situ". When you come home I think we
will make further exploration of this place & maybe
we may find more relics, I am confident that
there are probably many other bodies buried at
this point. Must hurry for a lawyer letter today.
Hope you are feeling better. Mr Leland is quite sick
& my time is almost entirely occupied with his
case. Shall be mighty glad to hear from you.

Yours very truly R. S. Dinsmore