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Around 1919, the Kansas State Historical Society and the American Legion solicited biographical information from returning veterans (primarily members of the 35th and 89th infantry divisions) and the families of those who died in service, notably from the Gold Star Mothers. Each veteran or family member was asked to provide letters, photographs, a biography, and military records. This file contains information on Paul R. Russell, Ambulance Co. 18, Medical Officers Training Corps. Russell died from pneumonia on November 4, 1918, at Camp Funston.

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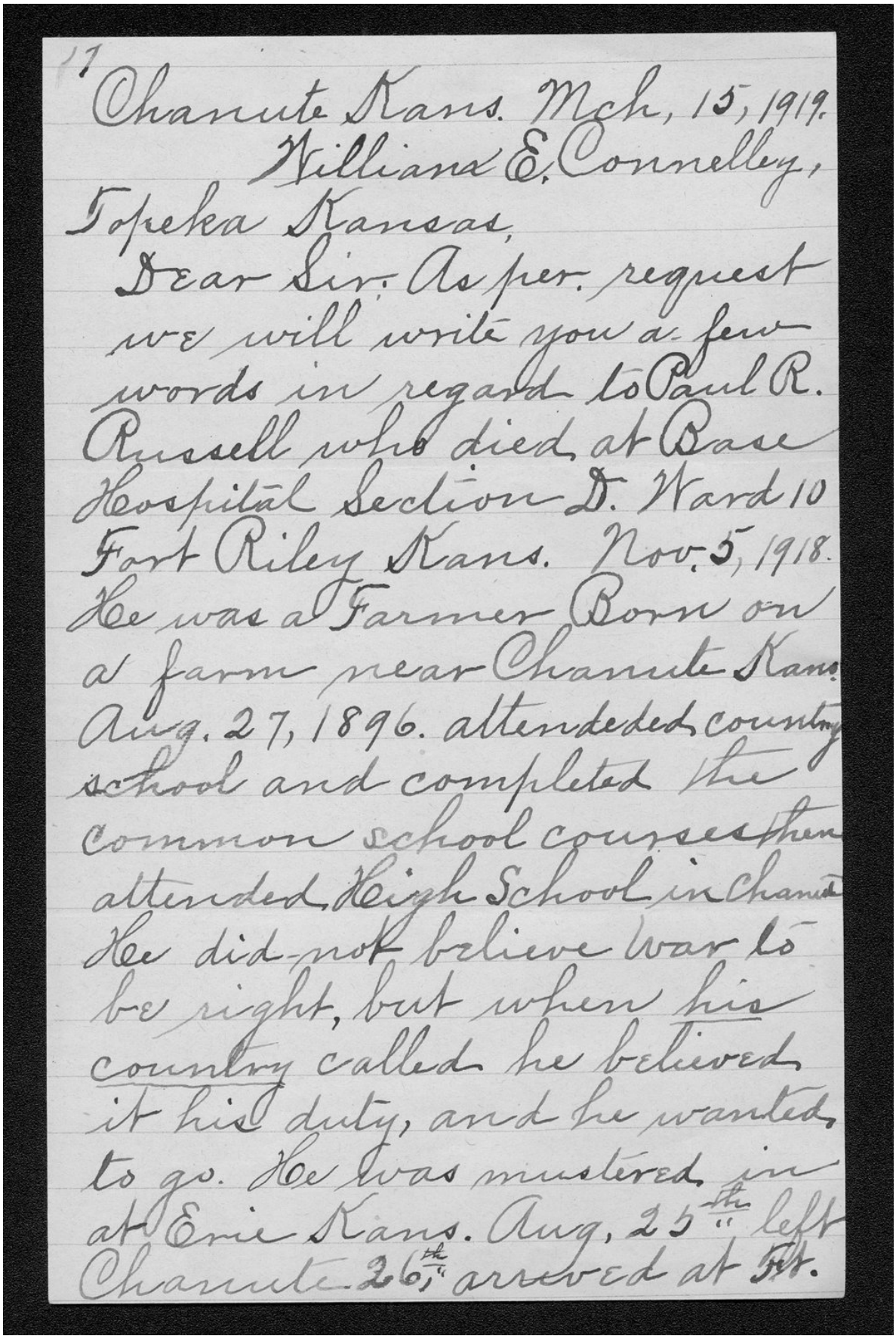
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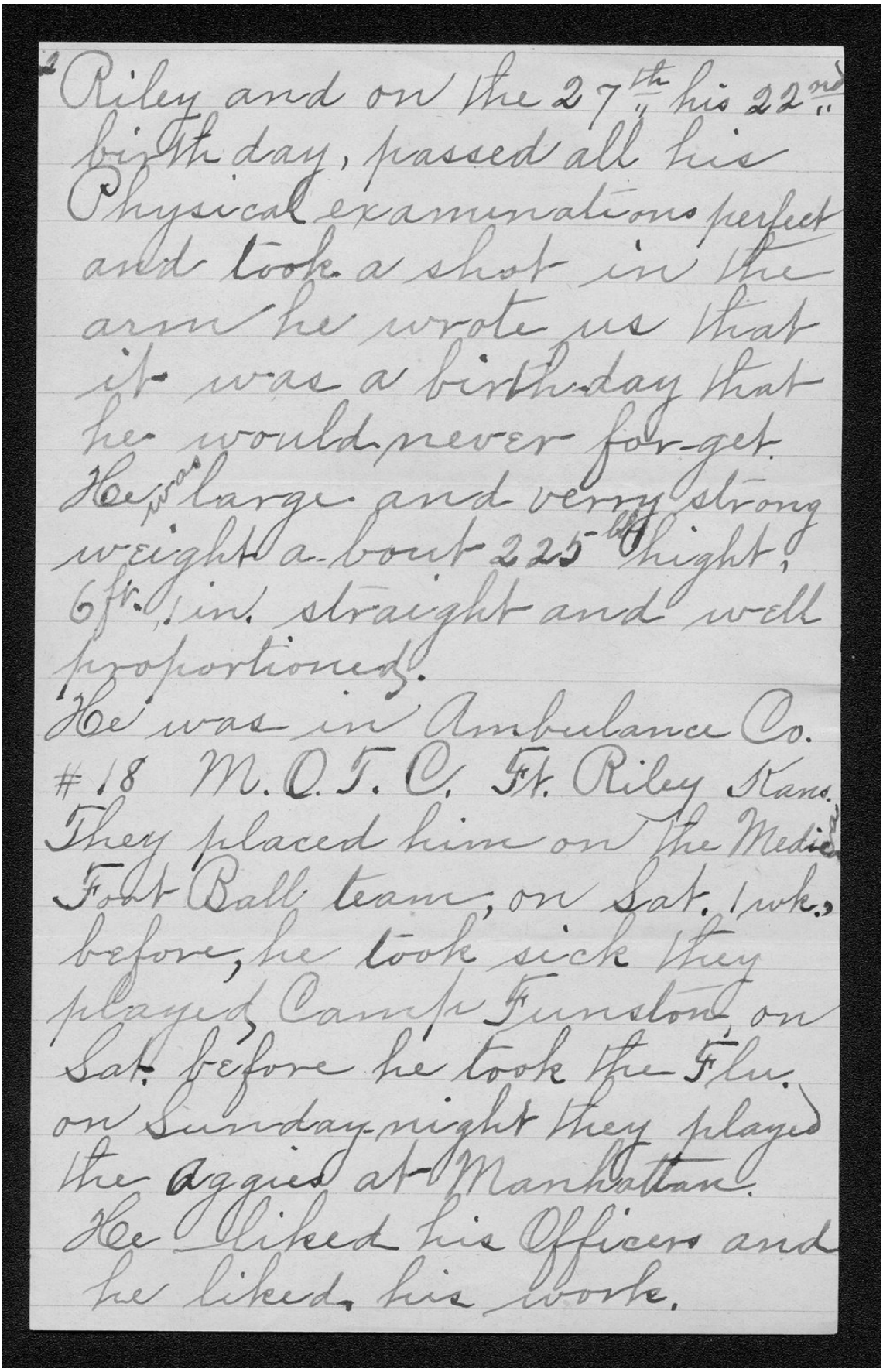
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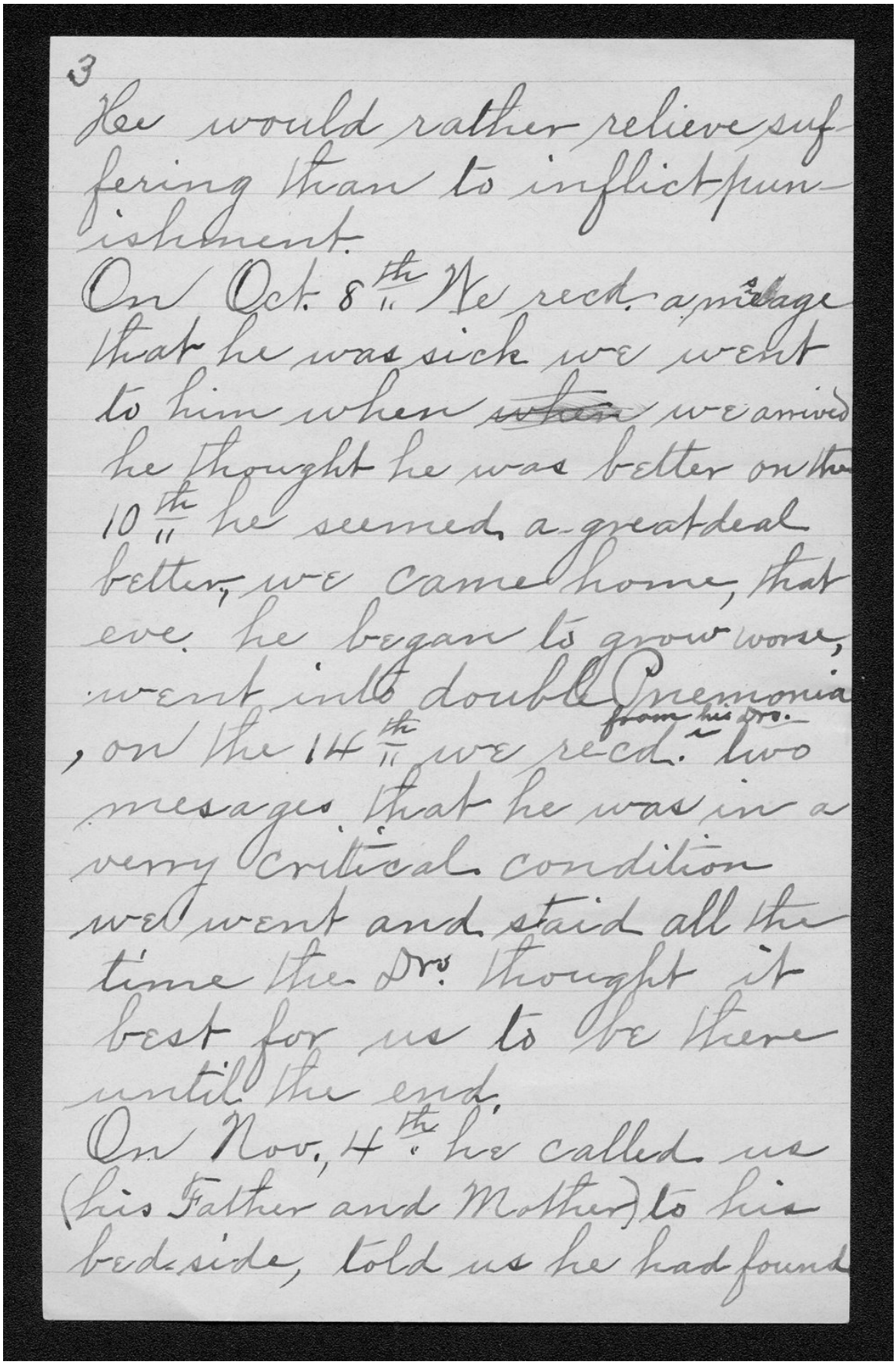
Topeka Kansas,

Dear Sir: As per. request we will write you a few words in regard to Paul R. Russell who died at Base Hospital Section D. Ward 10 Fort Riley Kans. Nov. 5, 1918. He was a Farmer Born on a farm near Chanute Kans Aug. 27, 1896. attendeded country school and completed the common school courses then attended High School in Chanute He did not believe war to be right, but when his country called he believed it his duty, and he wanted to go. He was mustered in at Erie Kans. Aug, 25th left Chanute 26th arrived at Ft.



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Riley and on the 27th his 22nd
birth day, passed all his
Physical examinations perfect
and took a shot in the
arm he wrote us that
it was a birthday that
he would never for-get.
He was large and verry strong
weight about 225 lbs hight!
6 ft. 1 in. straight and well
proportioned.
He was in Ambulance Co.
#18 M. O. T. C. Ft. Riley Kans.
They placed him on the Medic
Foot Ball team, on Sat. 1 wk.
before, he took sick they
played Camp Funston on
Sat. before he took the Flu.
on Sunday night they played
the Aggies at Manhattan.
He liked his Officers and
he liked his work.

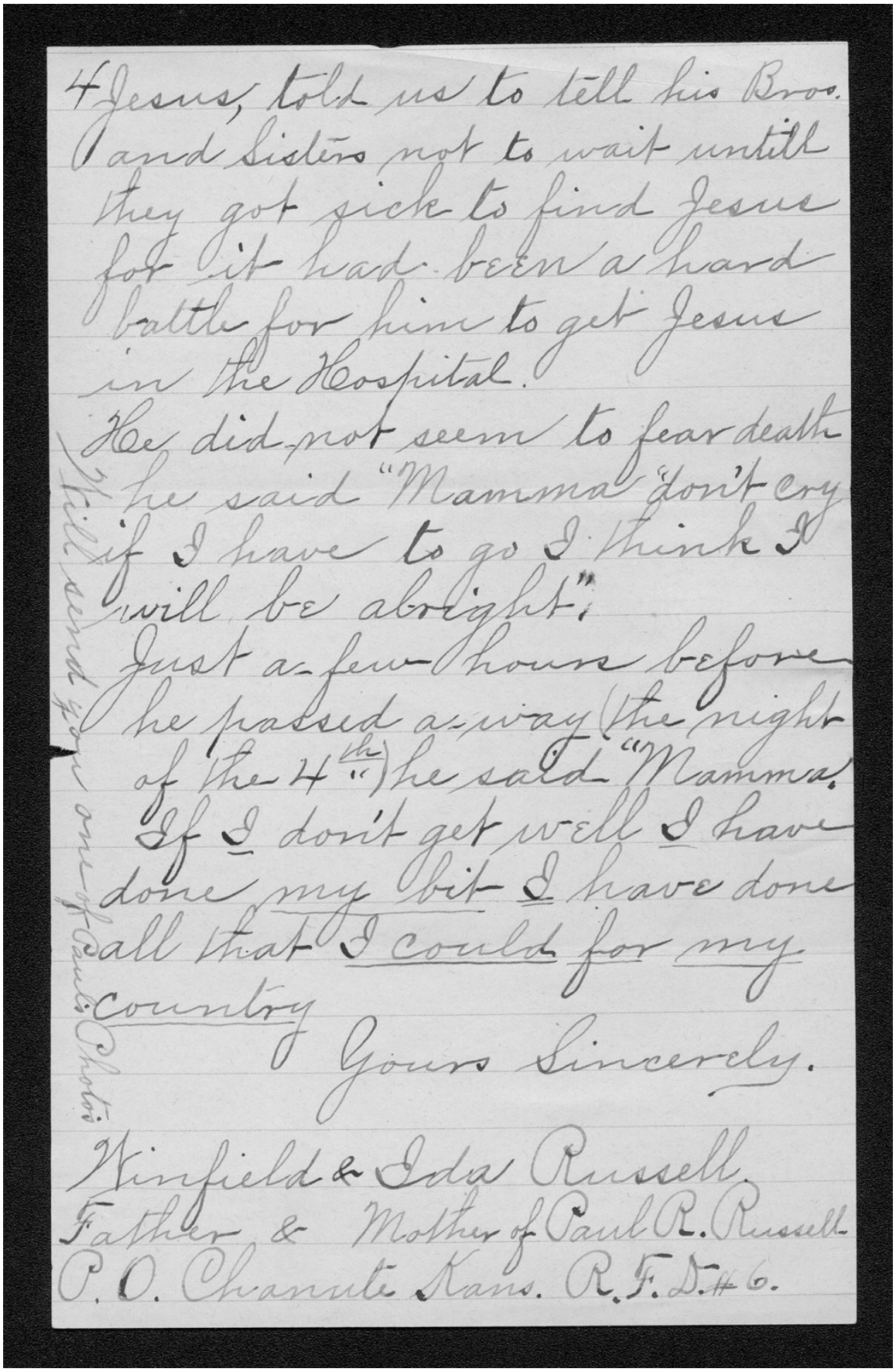


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He would rather relieve suffering than to inflict punishment.

On Oct. 8th we recd. a message that he was sick we went to him when ~~we~~ we arrived he thought he was better on the 10th he seemed a great deal better, we came home, that eve. he began to grow worse, went into double Pneumonia, on the 14th we recd. two messages from his Drs. that he was in a very critical condition we went and staid all the time the Drs thought it best for us to be there until the end.

On Nov. 4th he called us (his Father and Mother) to his bedside, told us he had found



4 Jesus, told us to tell his Bros. and Sisters not to wait untill they got sick to find Jesus for it had been a hard battle for him to get Jesus in the Hospital.

He did not seem to fear death he said "Mamma don't cry if I have to go I think I will be alright".

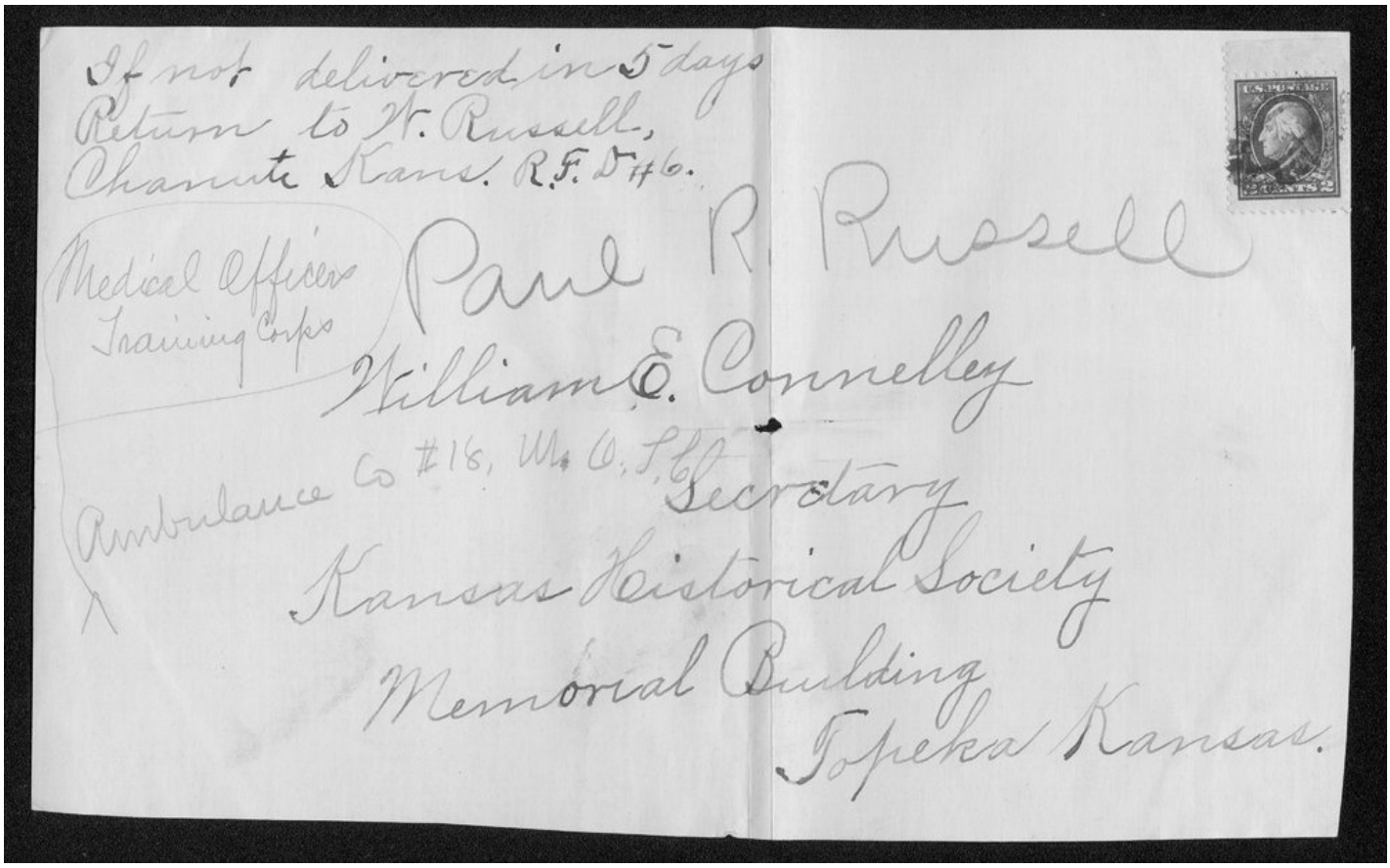
Just a few hours before he passed away (the night of the 4th") he said "Mamma. If I don't get well I have done my bit I have done all that I could for my country

Yours Sincerely.

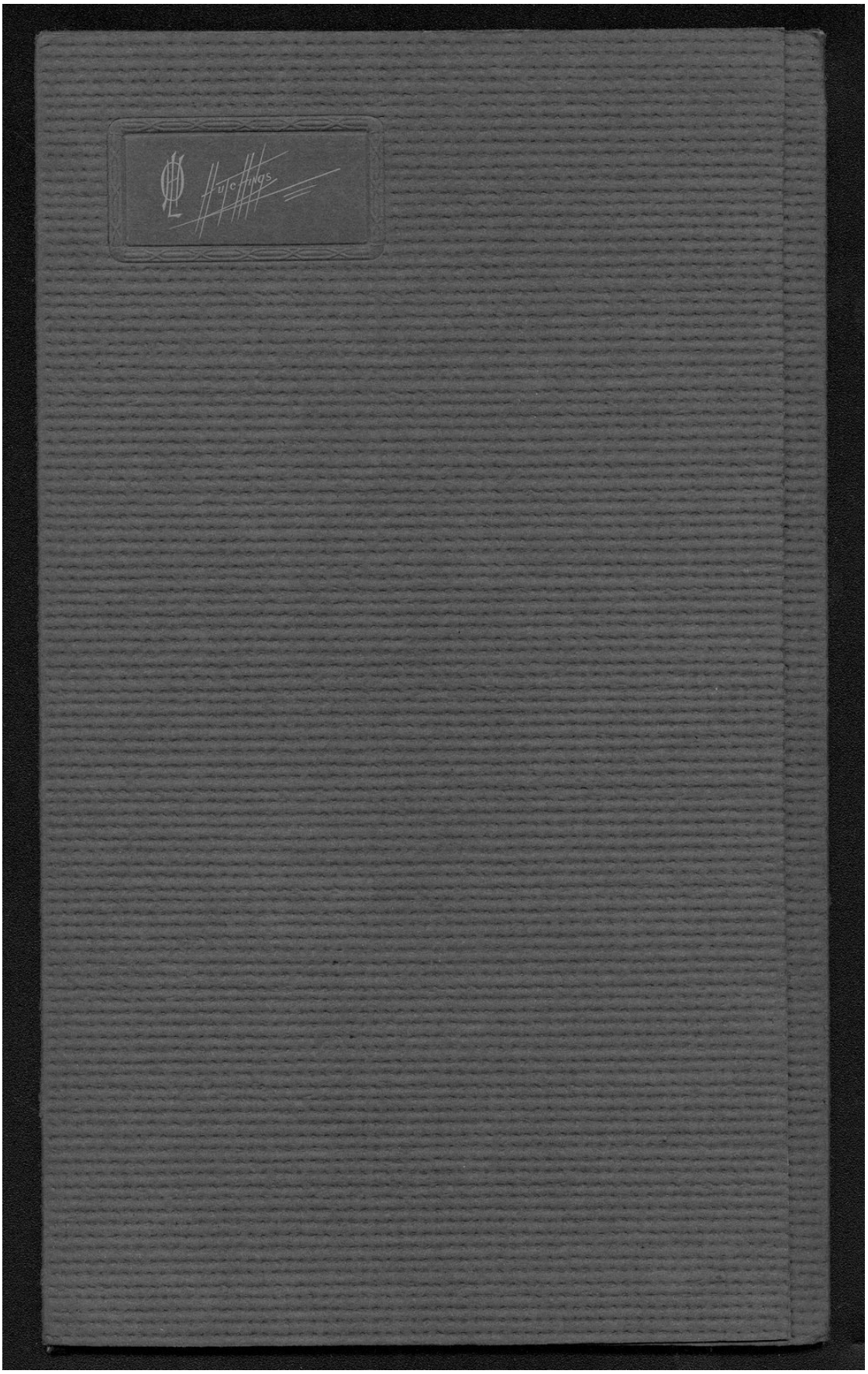
Will send you one of Paul's Photo's

Winfield & Ida Russell.
Father & Mother of Paul R. Russell.
P. O. Chanute Kans. R. F. D. # 6.

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