

# Kansas Memory



## Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

### Section 3, Pages 61 - 90

These courtship letters were written by Arthur Edward Mattox, Turney, Missouri, and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox, McPherson, Kansas. They were married December 23, 1908, in McPherson, Kansas, and moved to Turney, Missouri, where they raised their children.

Creator: Mattox, Hulda Florence Parks

Date: April 7, 1908 - December 21, 1908

Callnumber:

KSHS Identifier: DaRT ID: 226316

Item Identifier: 226316

[www.kansasmemory.org/item/226316](http://www.kansasmemory.org/item/226316)

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

- 3 -

and then you and that girl can  
get married, ha ha

I dont think I want to get married  
yet a while I think I am too young  
yet a while By two or three years  
dont you think so? or could you  
wait that long. I dont know but  
I think I would like to live in  
Mo. how far do you live from Mo  
I mean your grand Pa?

The baby is up here playing  
around I can hardly write  
baby said Hello for her.

Hazel said Hello for ~~her~~ and  
Philo she said they would be  
back their next fall to see you  
~~but~~ if nothing happen Cecil  
said her and E. and Grand W. is

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

4

going over <sup>to</sup> victory to their ~~commen~~  
cement. No I dont think that you  
scared me too death but you  
surprise me I didn't think of that  
yet. your Birthday and mine  
is pretty close to gather.

well as news is getting scarce  
I will close Bye asping you  
to write soon so Good Bye

From Your loving  
Friend Hulda Parks

to  
Arthur Mattox

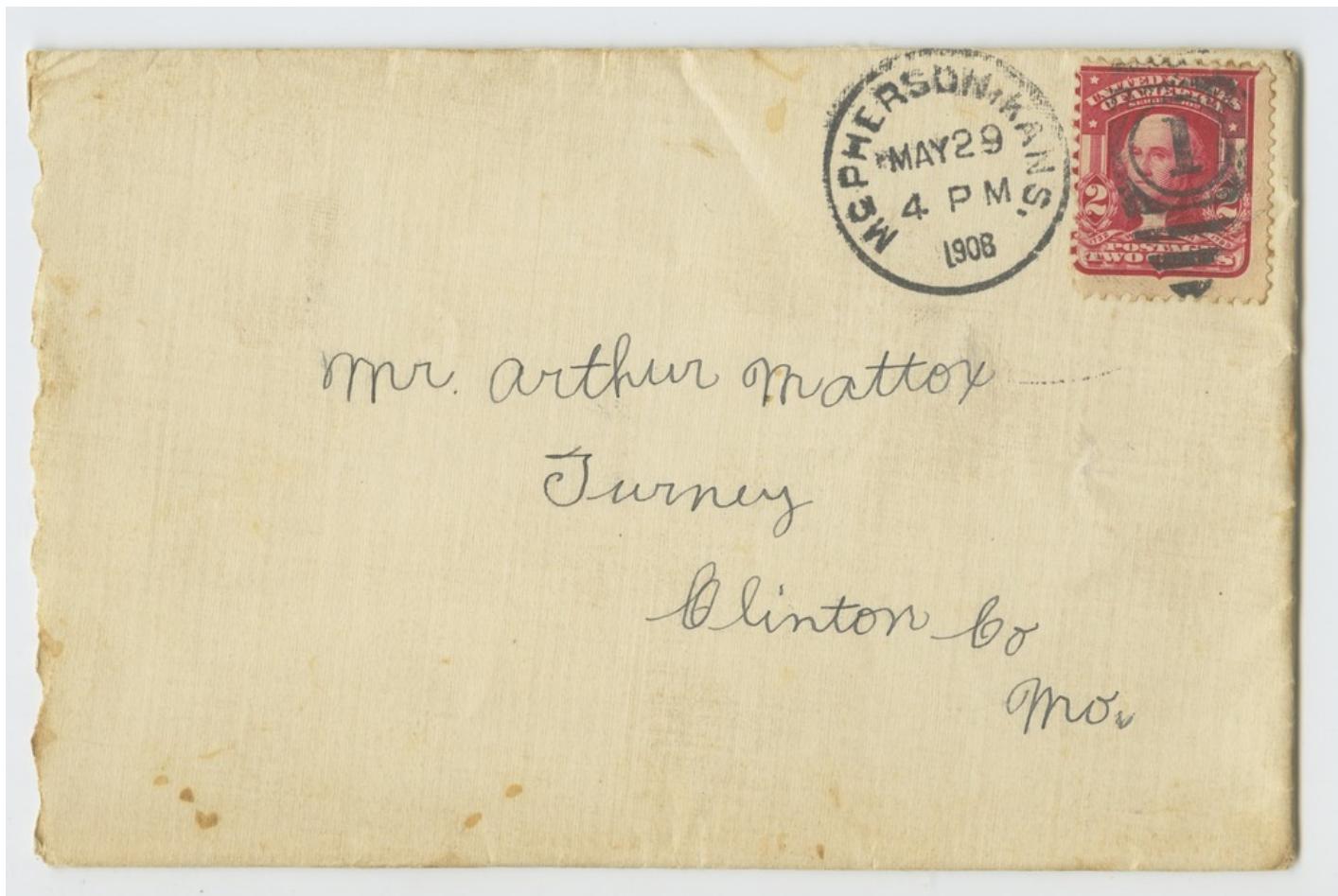
The river is wide and  
you can not step it  
I love you and you  
can not help it

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection



# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection



# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

Jerry

Mc

June 9 1908

Miss Florence Parks

MC Johnson

Kansas

My dear old girl I will try  
write you a few lines to  
let you know that I am  
still alive well I got your  
letter the other day and was  
glad to hear from you  
well I have been planning  
out & have got my Corn  
planted out well I never  
thing is looking bad I just  
think now you ask me  
how her & I lived apart  
my grandpa & I live with  
him you didn't think

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

L

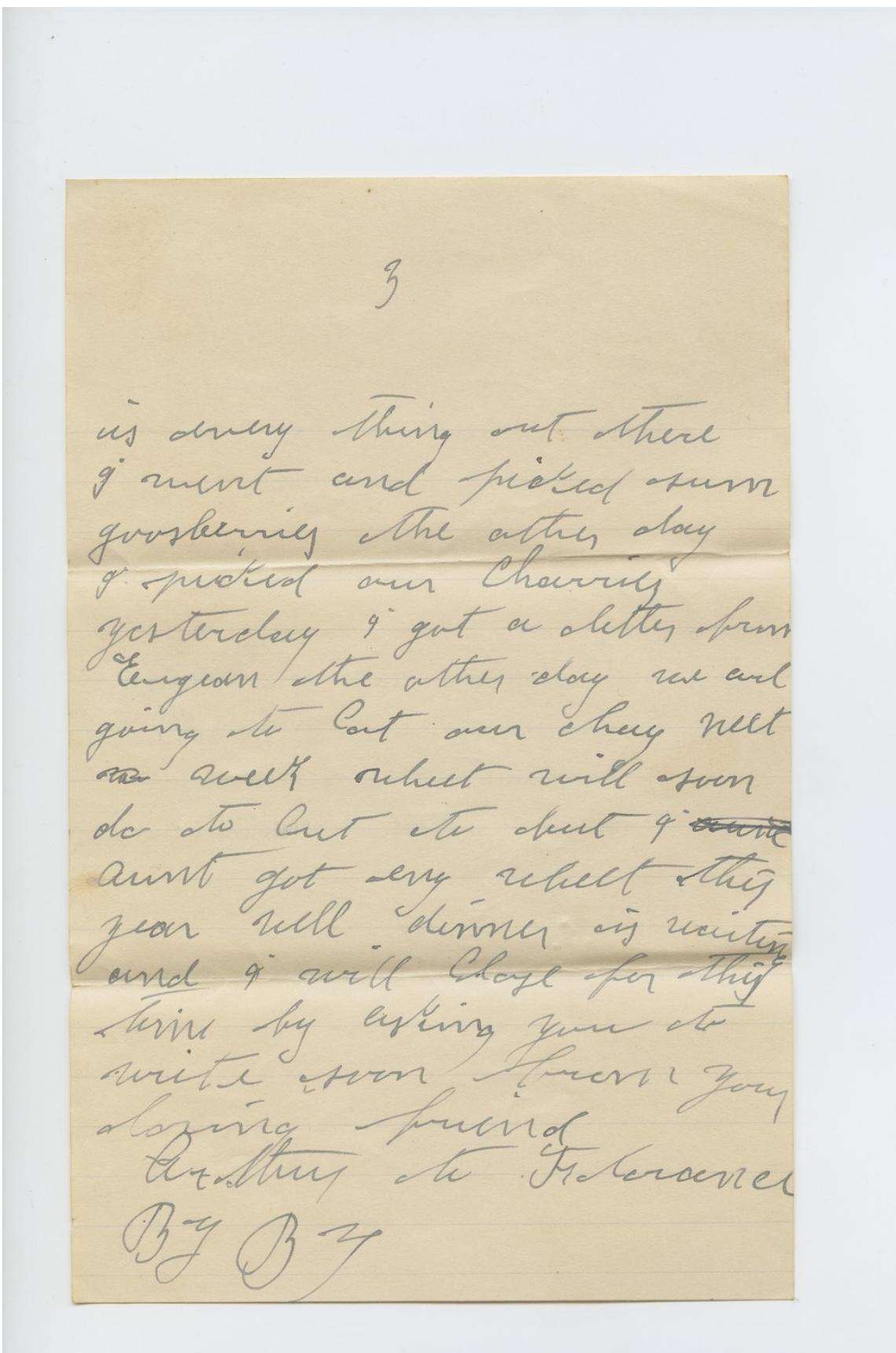
I was hatching did you if  
I was hatching & would be  
out there after you you  
ask me if I could wait 2 or  
3 years I can do my thing  
when I have to but I  
guess it would be the best  
for a us as to wait for  
we both are to young yet  
well I will finish your letter  
that I started yesterday  
I got my car all places  
over this morning we  
all went to town last  
Saturday night to a show  
it was a dinner well when  
are you going to send me  
one of your pictures show

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection



# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

Do you claim me or  
Do you not you  
state me once that  
I have ever got

8

Arthur is my name  
Turney is my station  
but I am I have  
no state education

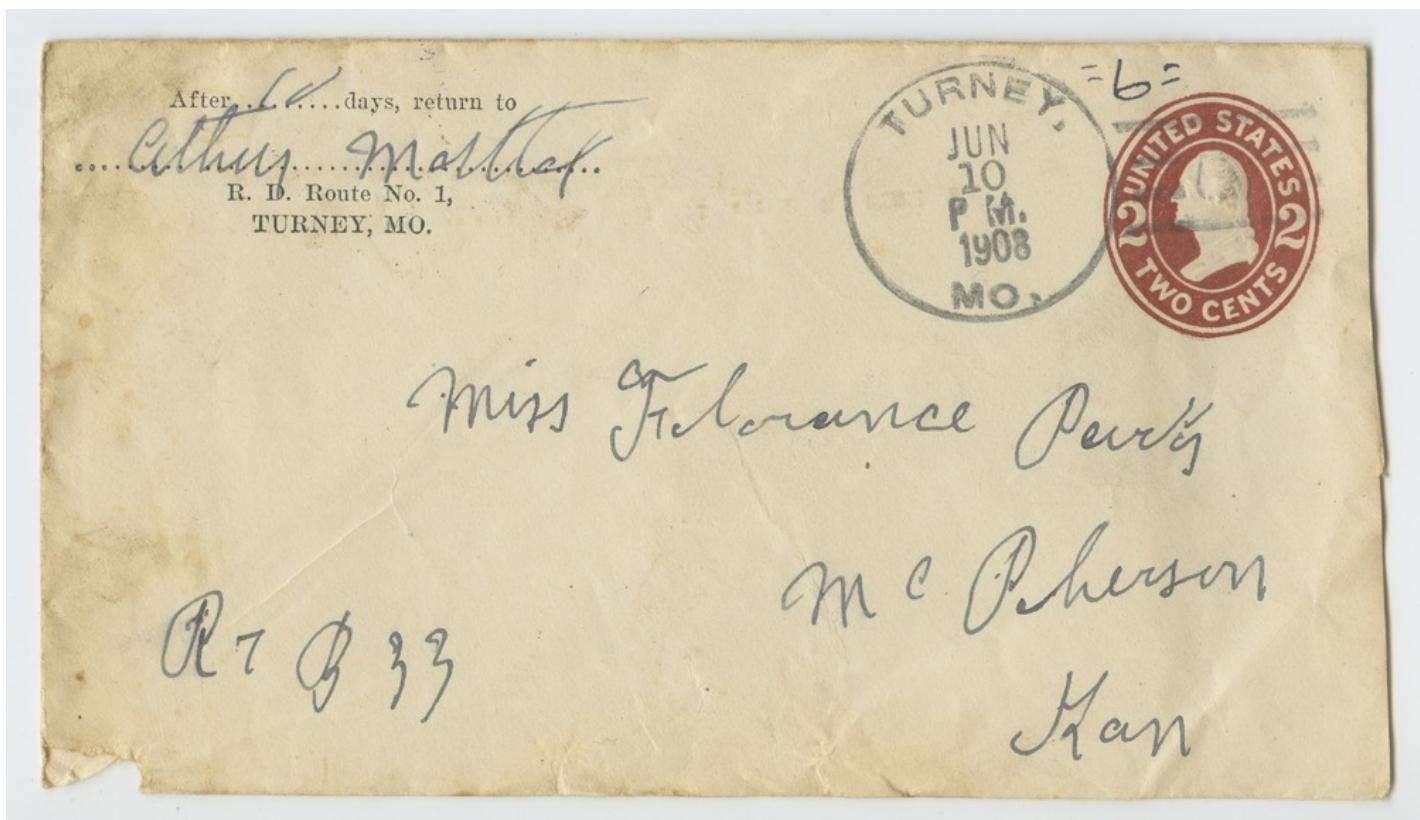
P. J. Turney  
Any day

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

## Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection



# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection



# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

-1-

McPherson Kan.  
June 14-1908.

Mr. Arthur Mattox  
Tunney Mo.

Dear Old sweet heart.

I will try too ans.

Your kind and welcom letter  
which I received a day or two  
ago and was glad to hear  
from you once more.

This leaves me well and hope  
it finds you the same.

We are having lots of rain out  
here in Kan. Pa. has got his  
hay down. maby it is a good  
thing that you havent got any  
wheat if it has been raining  
back their like it is here

over half of out wheat is down  
I dont suppose it will mount to  
very much- but our corn is doing  
fine. we have got 112 tomatoe

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

-2- some boys are good  
but you are better  
if you love me  
you will ans. my letter,

plants and 425 cabbage plants  
and about 200 of sweet-potatoes  
plants set out.

I didn't know where you was  
living but I didn't think you  
would be a batchlor as many  
girls as their is out there, hah.  
all of us and Mr H. archer  
went to the band Re-Union  
June the 10 at moundridge less  
will Cecil and Gen went in our  
carriage I went with Mr archer  
Mrs archer Wilma Baby. and  
the boys went with George W.  
Say Arthur don't you tell any  
thing that you wrote <sup>me</sup> to Eugene  
or any of them and I wont tell  
what I wrote because Cecil said

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

-3-

she was going to have gen to  
ask you if you had ask me to  
marry but dont you tell him willy for  
Jessie wants to read your letters  
every time she come up and  
Vilma came up and stayed all  
night with me last sunday a week  
she wanted to read them too  
but I told her they wasent for  
sale yet.

well I dont know when I will get  
my picture taken when I do I  
will send you one as soon as  
I get them. well I guess our  
fair is going to be later then  
ever this year Mrs archer said  
that it wont commence untill the  
20 of sept this year.

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

=4=

You say the wheat out there is not ripe yet some of our neighbor is cutting wheat now and we will cut some of our wheat before long papa and Ernest went to town Saturday I suppose you went brings you can't work in the corn field Cecile and I went down to Mr. Archers in the after noon and we played a trick on gen we went down in our cart and come back in gen cart the one he bought from you all the archer men went to town but Harold and Rose Gurne Rose is working for Phil Jessie got a letter from your brother tuck and he said that all of you boys was coming out Xmas

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

: 6 :

so you wont come out for the Fair  
will you? he said you had fine  
corn. we have got a new cream  
seperator and the first time our  
cream tested 49

well you said you was picking  
cherries I bet you eat more then  
you put in the bucket all of our  
cherries is gone Mr. Archers  
children went a goose berry  
picking last week they got a  
bout 4 gallon. You havent broke  
that new watch yet have you?  
we canned a few cherries and we  
made 5 cherry pies saturday  
and baked two cakes for today  
Mrs Robby come out with  
Mr Archers saturday.

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

## Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

= 6 =

well arthur I guess I will try to finish your letter this morning (Monday) we have been having a time we had 21 for dinner yesterday (Sunday) and we had a time their were all of mr archers willie H Philo Hazel ros g. and mr. & mrs shaw and sulv. and Paul S. come up in the after noon and that made 22 wasent that a crowd?  
O yes their is mrs Robby and her little girl. we had a time we had ice cream too we froze about 8 gallon you had jest ought of been here I laugh untill I couldnt laugh any more they came it was about ten in the morn and they left it was about 6 at eve. and we

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

-7-

got all of our work done we went down their but I was so tired I didn't care wether I went or not before we went home Vilma and I went to sleep on the floor and before I went to sleep Bill gen begin asking things about you what you tell me in them letters I told them if they didn't stop talking about you I was going to tell you.

well you wasn't here Sunday to have your time but I was thinking about you just the same your time will come after while I wish I could see you to tell you some news out here talking is easier then writting

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

:8=

this is the question you ask me.

Do you love me or  
do you not. you  
told me but I forgot.

this is the answer I give you.

Yes I love you.  
and shall forever.

You may change.  
but I shall never.

Well I guess I will close for this time  
hoping to hear from you soon  
from your loving Friend Florene  
to dearest friend

Bye Bye Arthur.

Answer soon.

Never mind the  
wind or weather  
as long as we two  
are together.

Good Bye.

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

Farmly Mc

June 20, 1898  
Miss Hulda Parks  
McPherson

Kan

My Dear old girl I will try  
to ans your letter that I got  
the other day and was glad to  
hear from you and to hear  
that you was well I am  
well at the present time  
well we are sharing shire neither  
Mr. now it has been apped out  
out here to the mo owner  
has been apped high in K.C.  
I went down to see it and  
Paula ~~had~~ boat ride in  
fifth street the parney  
eve apped what did helping out  
here with others their wait  
I have got my corn planted

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

L

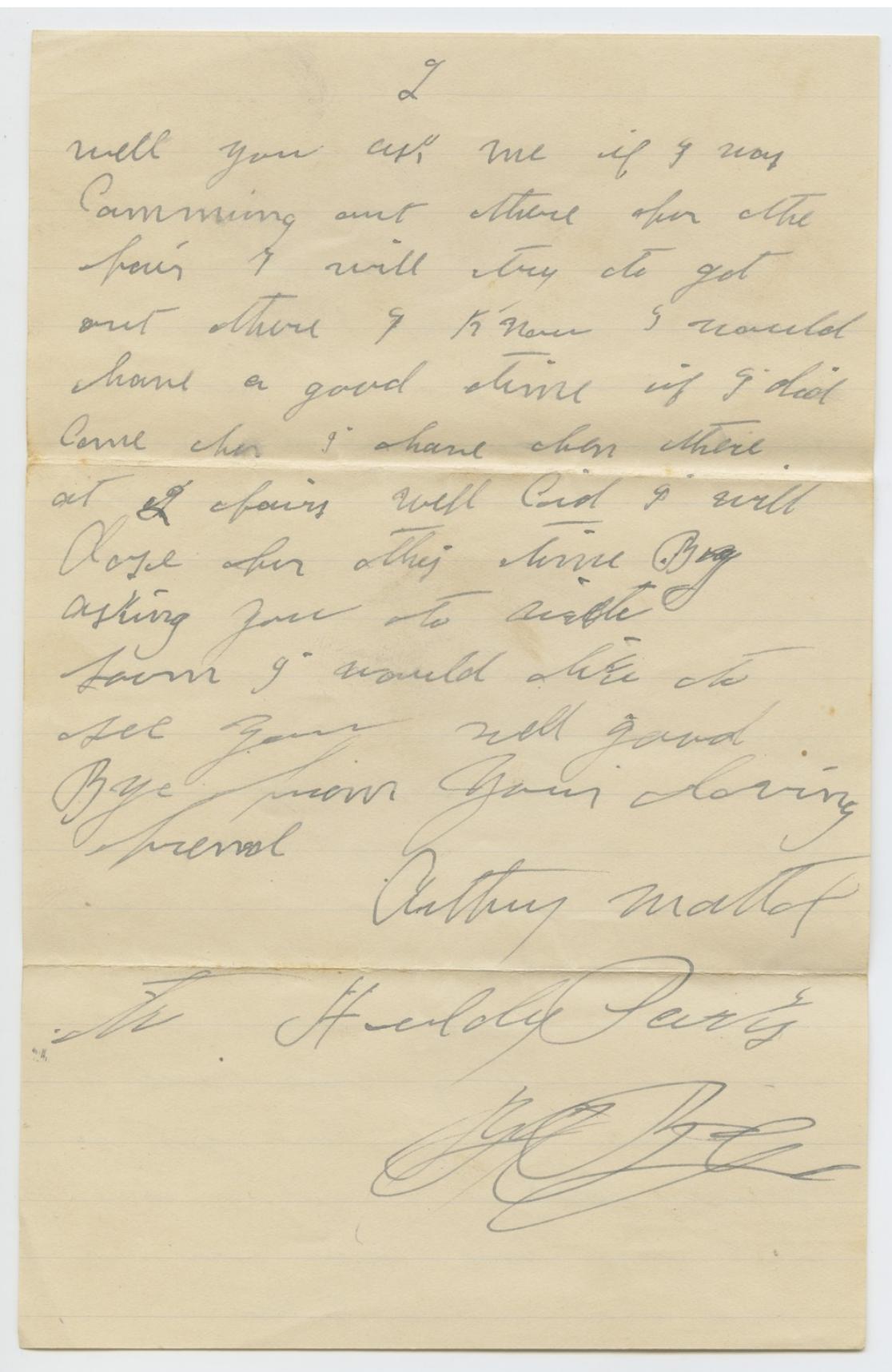
over twice and i am going  
to put up my shay next week  
if it dont rain any more  
if you wouldn't like a friend  
of me telling any thing that  
you write say tell why can't  
you tell me that in a letter  
you tell me will you & want  
tell every body and say what  
ever you do don't you let  
any body see copy of my letter  
say otherwise you will  
have to ~~letter~~ excuse me  
for not writing very much  
this time for i have got so  
much ~~time~~ to do it is an  
awful busy time and you can  
write more than i can

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

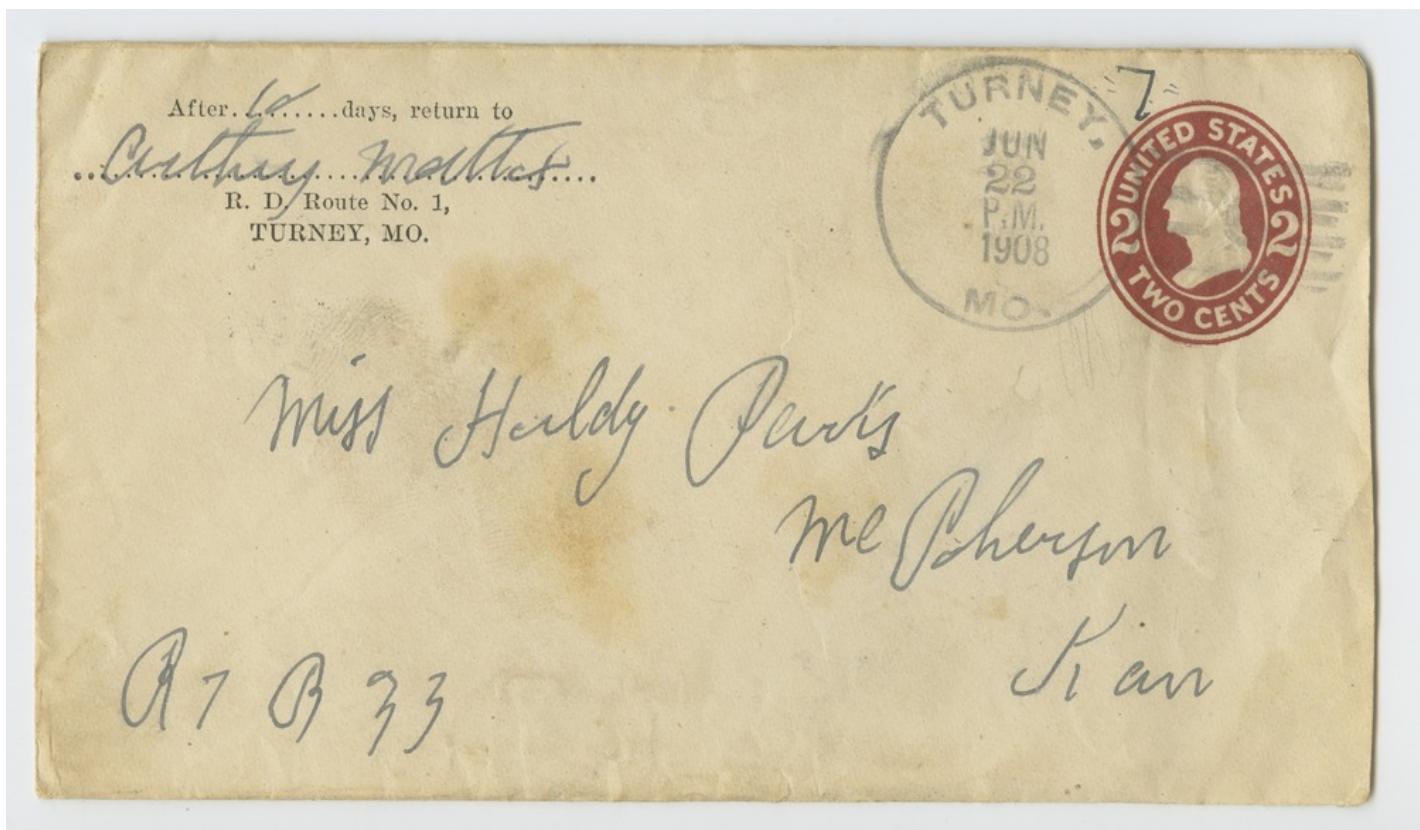


# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

## Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

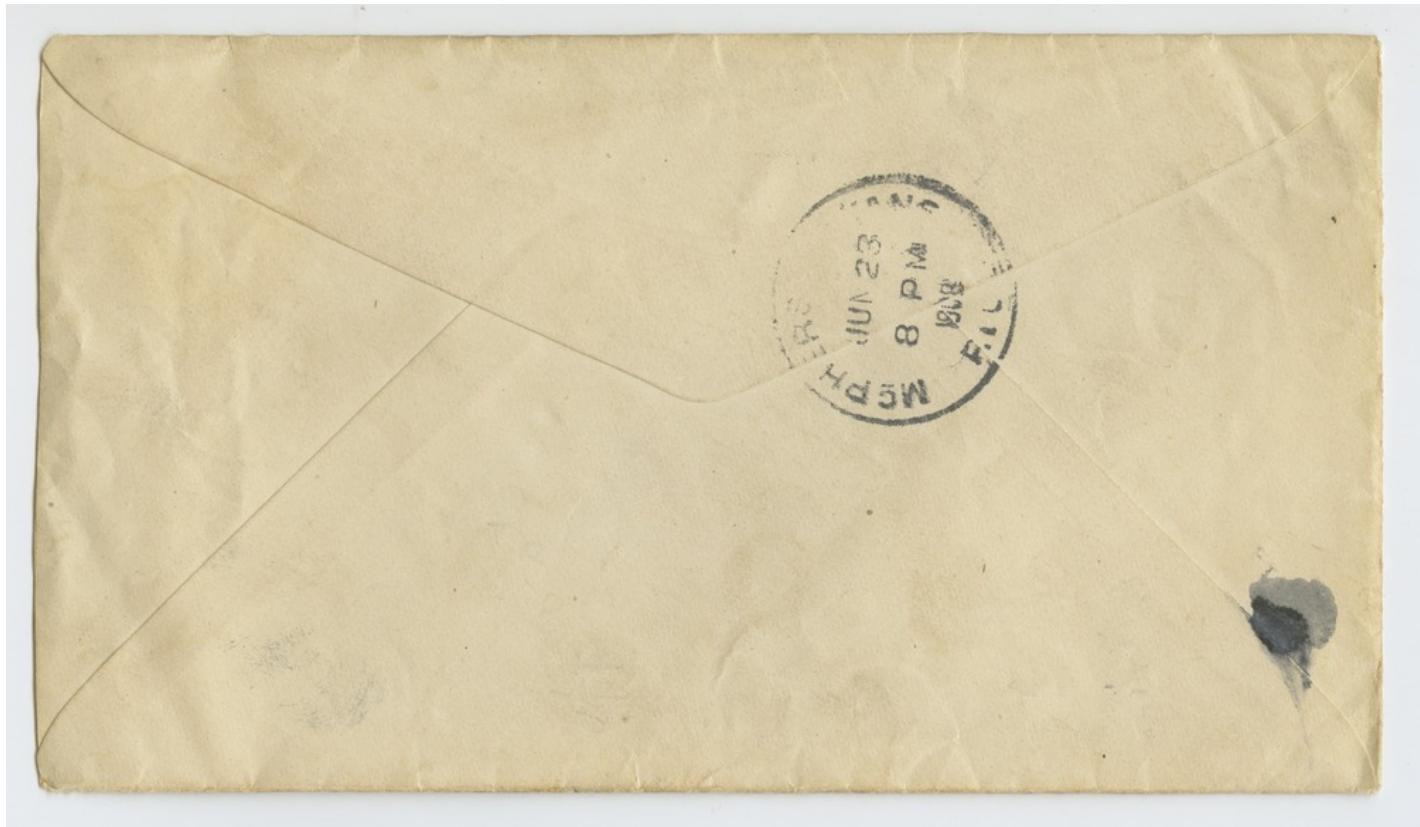


# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection



# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

McPherson Kansas

June 28-1908

Mr. Arthur Mattox

my old Dear. -

Mo.

I will try to ans your loving letter that I got last wendsdoy and was tickled to hear from you, this leaves us all well out hear excepting Sule shaw is sick well Cecil and I was over to see Hazel and Philo big girl it is a picture it will be a week old the 1 of July we are not quit done cutting wheat yet and it rained last night and is sprinkling a little now we have got 4 hands to cook for and it keeps us a hopping we have got three pretty nice hands Mr. Shaw was going to go out with his machine Monday if it hadent of rained I told you that Arline has gone her

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

mother step-father and sister came out here last Friday night a week and Saturday forenoon arline ask her mother if she could go and she said do as you please but if you leave me now you cant come back and than she didn't want to go but her stepfather made her go and she cried cause he made her go and cried all that eve and was crying Sunday morning

I and I are going over there next w. Jessie stayed with her all last week that what you wanted me to tell you is Jessie and willie is going to get married pretty soon but I dont tell when eaves hazel is the one that told me and she did not know the reason & didn't want you to tell for they may get mad no arthur I wont let any one read your letters unless they find them you will haft to excuse my writting cause I am so sleepy I can't hardly write if you was out hear talping would be

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

better than writing don't you think so?  
Paris working that horse we got from  
gen on the header and she goes a  
long as nice as the others horses,  
well I hope ~~you~~ look at the picture  
be for you read my letter so it will  
surprise you does it bring back your  
remembrance of me? or had you forgot  
I think it looks like me.

Yes I will excuse you cause you don't  
have time to write more

say they keep asking me out hear when  
you are going to get married and  
saying that you have a girl out there  
have you?

Chico told me what you told him to  
do the next time he seen me but I  
didn't believe it did you? about that  
which name of mine do you like the  
~~best~~ ~~Hulda~~ was mamma middle  
name have you a middle name?  
well as ~~now~~ now is getting scarce I

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

will clos with love from Florence  
to Arthur,

ans soon

round as a ring  
that has no end  
so is my love  
to you my friend

sweet as a peach

red as a rose  
how I love you  
nobody knows

I will close frome your  
loving friend Florence H. M.  
to

~~psd~~ Arthur Dear.  
I would loved to seeh the waters at K.C.

# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection



# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection



# Kansas Memory



KANSAS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Arthur Edward Mattox and Hulda Florence Parks Mattox collection

To my Mo

July 5 1908

Miss Florence Parks  
McPherson

Kan

Dear old girl I will try to  
write you a few lines to let  
you let you know I ~~well~~ am  
well and hope you all still stand  
well I didn't send you a postal  
card from the spgs but I had  
a fine time down there I wish  
you could of been down there  
with me I guess you had a  
good time too I have just  
got home this morning from  
the spgs and I am still  
asleep we are having fine  
weather out here now every  
thing is looking fine. &  
Jess Philo and Hazel are