

Military Order of the Loyal Legion correspondence

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Correspondence of the Kansas Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. The correspondence is arranged chronologically and begins with an index compiled in the 1940s. The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) was organized in 1865 following the death of Abraham Lincoln and the conclusion of the Civil War as a fraternal organization primarily composed of veterans and hereditary members to memorialize the events of the Civil War. This collection includes frequent correspondence from William M. Abernathy, Edwin Peter Diehl, Samuel T. Cushing, Jefferson Brumback, James H. Gillpatrick, Ulysses S. Grant, Forrest H. Hathaway, W. P. Huxford, Merritt H. Insley, Alexander McCook, John P. Nicholson, Amos H. Plumb, W. R. Smedburg, and Eugene F. Ware, among many others.

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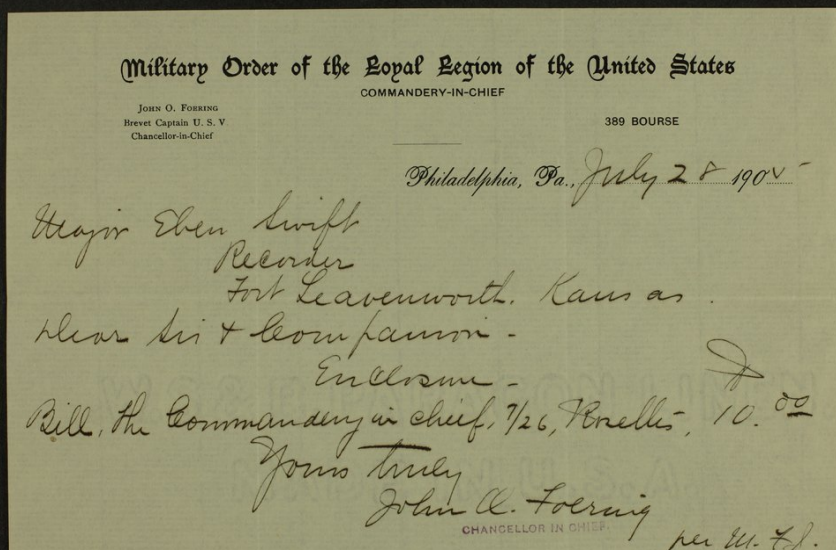
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632 Everett Ave.

Kansas City, Kansas. July 31 1905.

My dear Major:-

While in Chicago last week my old
organizational commander, Col. W. B. Keeler, U.S.V., told me
the Constitution of the M. O. L. L. U.S. had been so
amended as to admit all male lineal descendants of
those entitled to membership, by reason service in
the Army, as members of the second class.

If this is correct, I have four sons, whose names
should be entered on any application for
memberships.

Please inform me as to this matter
and oblige -

Yours sincerely,

George K. Spencer.

Capt. U.S. Army.

To Major Eben Swift U.S. Army.

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Topeka, Kans., July 31st, 1905.

Major Eben Swift,

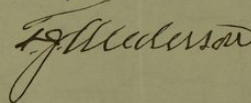
Recorder U. S. A.

Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.,

Dear Sir& Companion:--

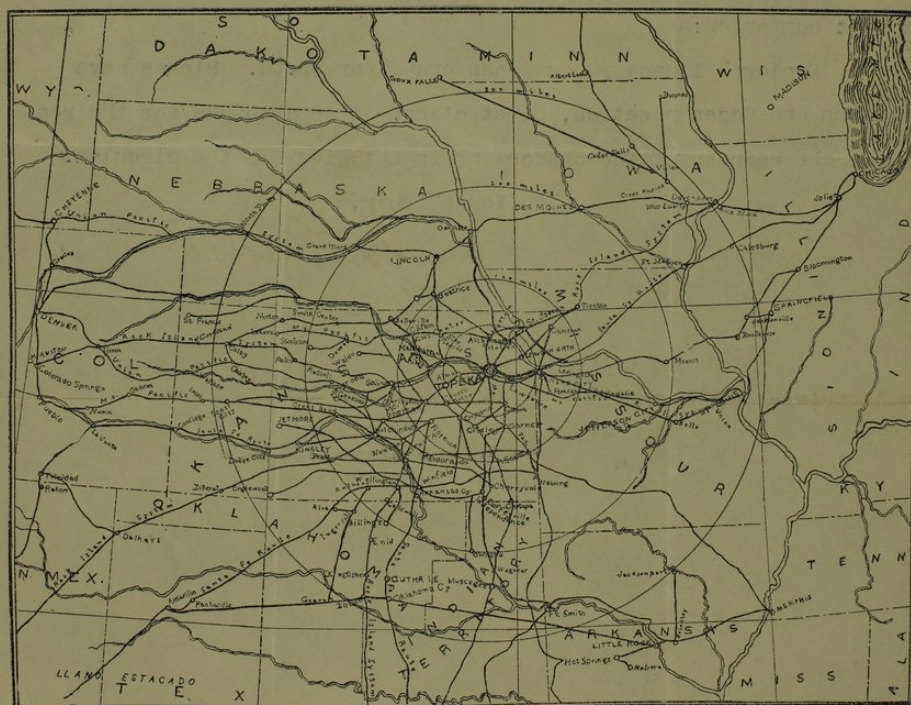
Enclosed I hand you express order for \$3.00. Please have sent to me one dozen rosettes, first class. I send to you for the reason that the address of the Chancellor is not given in the circular.

Yours truly,



(Enclosure)

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United States Postoffice,
J. R. YOUNG, POSTMASTER.

ADA, I. T., Aug 14th 1905

Col. Hon Eben Swift
Sir - I am sorry
to inform you
that our friend
~~John~~ John S. Hannes
died in this
town about 2 years
ago. I talked
with him just
a few hours be-
fore he died.
He was buried in
Ardmore, I.T.
where his widow
& two sons now
reside.

Yours Truly
J. R. Young,
ada
J.T.

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MILITARY ORDER LOYAL LEGION
OF THE UNITED STATES.

KANSAS COMMANDERY.

HENRY JACKSON, BRIG. GEN. U. S. A., RETIRED,
TREASURER.

LEAVENWORTH KANSAS.

Aug 7 1905

Wm E. Swift W.D.
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Dear Mr. Companion

Account Capt. Janning for 20 months
purchased in July received this day and
check mailed. I do not understand
this purchase as I turned over to Mr.
Sgt. Chancellor over 50 1st Class and
over 40 2nd Class passes recently.

I also turned over to him one Insignia
and Ribbon & mended

As there will be no meeting until
October I enclose three small bills
which should be paid - One (Mitschew)
left out by St. West - they are

Mitchew Printing Co.	\$1 -
St. West	2.25
Kelchman Printing	1.50

With your kindly leave them approved
and returned

Yours respectfully
Henry Jackson
over to me.

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BICKFORD, OKLAHOMA
BLAINE CO.
DAILY CAPACITY 200 TONS.

Bickford, Okla.
August, 23rd., 1905.

Major Eben Smith,
Fort Leavenworth,
Kansas.


Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 9th. received, with enclosure. I thank you for returning the application as the parties giving waivers will undoubtedly be glad to have them returned now that they are not to be used.

My address is now Bickford, Okla., and any communication to me should be sent to this point.

Very truly yours,

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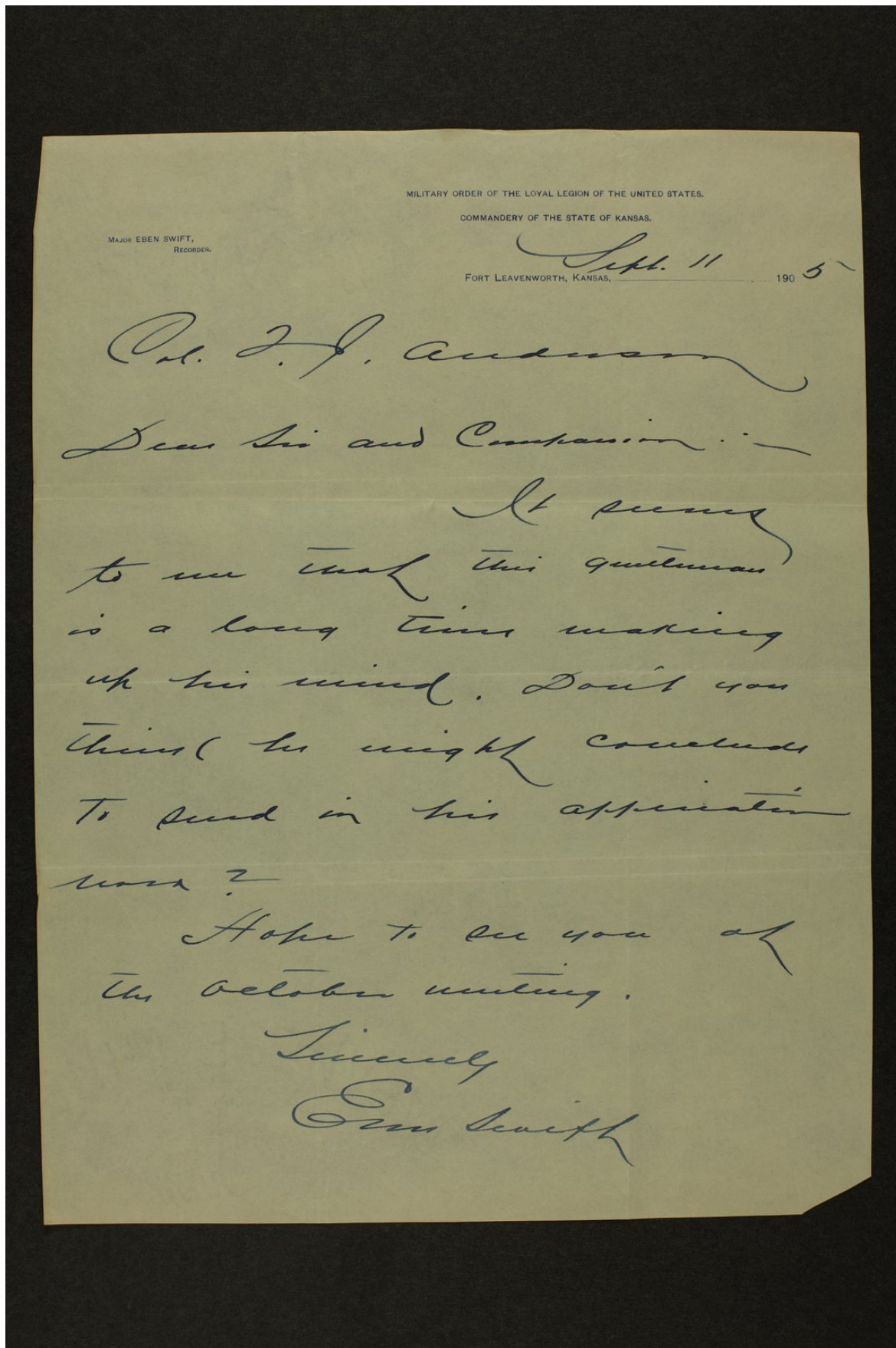
Camp Kithika, Minn. D.S.
Sept 13, 1905.

The Treasurer
Military Order Loyal Legion
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir: Please find enclosed
money order for \$5.00 my
dues for 1905.


Very respectfully,
Orin R. Dief,
Capt. or Lt.

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Sep. 15, 1905


HOTEL CECIL,
STRAND, W.C.
TELEPHONE NO. 4882 GERRARD.
TELEGRAMS: "CECELIA, LONDON."

15th Sept -
My Dr Major Swift:
Though so near
our sailing - the
16th via "St Paul" for
Southampton - I am
constrained to take the
last chance to
give you note of
Remembrance -
I enclose a slip
from the daily "News"
- Liberal of the

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morning. that may be
of some interest.

It at least shows
heat and arduousness
among our comrades
in affairs military.

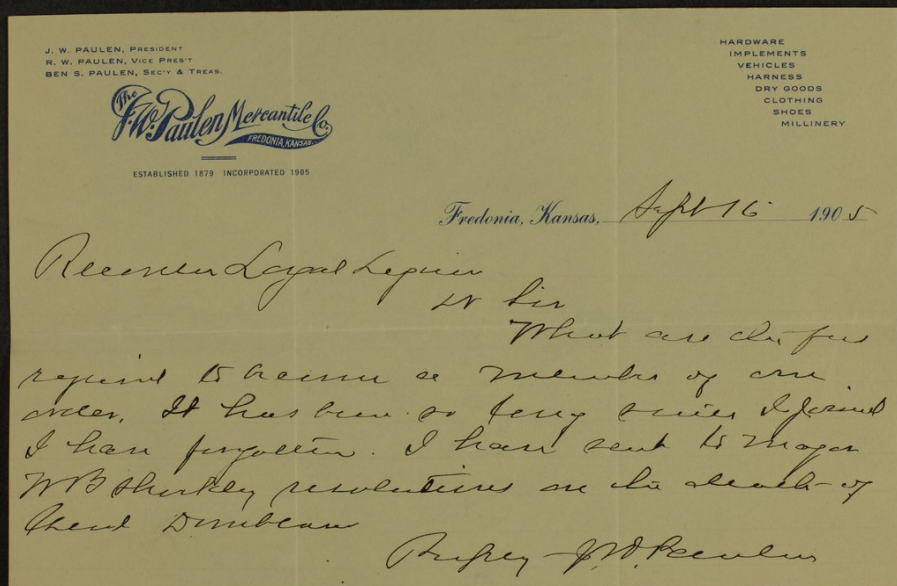
We visited St Petersburg
and the Scandinavian

peninsulae - Denmark &
can speak with pleasure
of all that country &
the hotel & transportation
facilities -

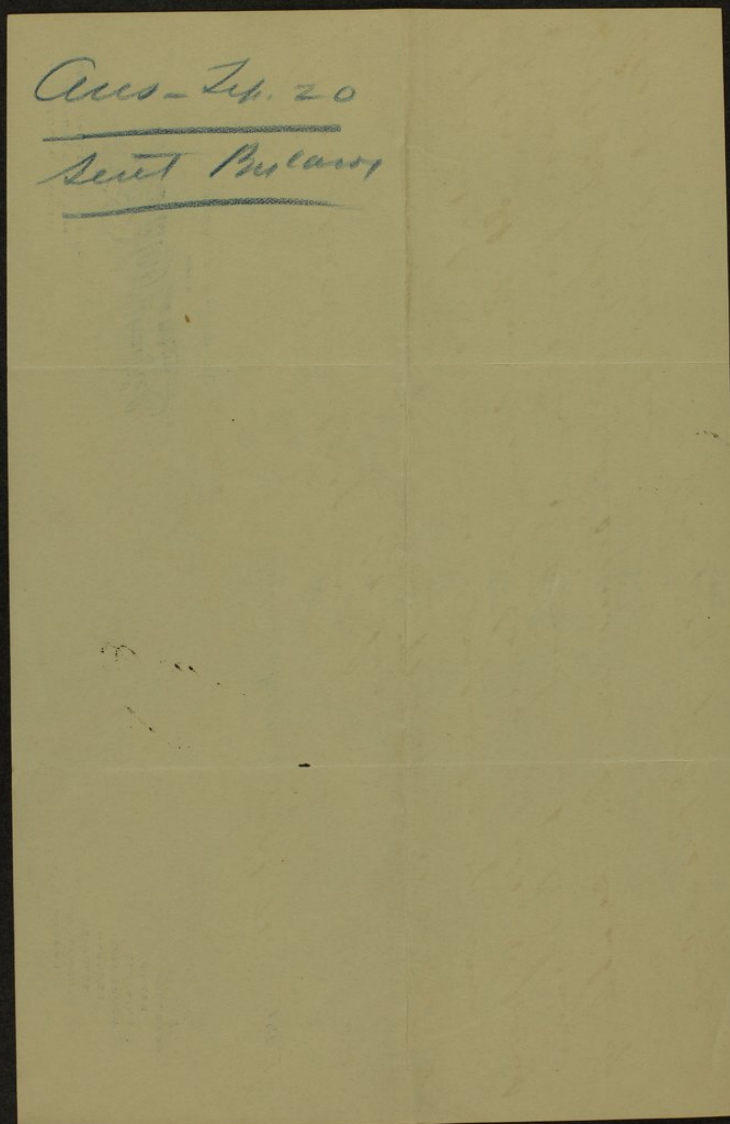
With Respects to Madame
S- I am yours:

J. H. Guernsey

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Topeka, Sept 16th, 1905.

Major Eben Swift, Recorder

Military Order Loyal Legion,

Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.,

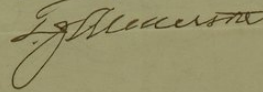
Dear Major:--

Returning herewith your letter of the 3rd inst and enclosure from Comrade Bryant, Nebraska Commandery, under date of February 5th, 1903. Mr. W. L. Dickey left this City shortly after the date of the Omaha letter and has not resided here since. I think he lives in Kansas City.

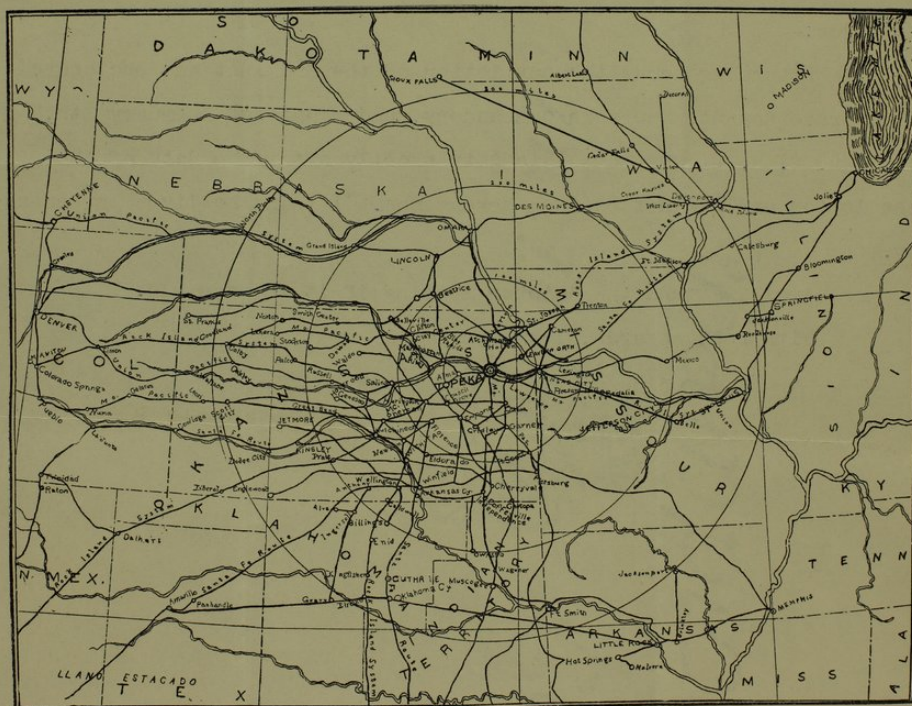
I will attend the October meeting if it is possible.

With best regards, I am.

Very truly yours,



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Richmond Va
Sept 16 1705-

Major Eben Swift
Dear Sir

In answer to your letter dated
sept 11th and directed to Antietam. I would respectfully
state that when I withdrew from the Command my
dues were paid up and I was clear of the books.
when I wrote Major Martin I was in Maryland. I
am now in Richmond and probably will not be
near a Commandery for some time. I will not
make my application at present but will consider
it later. I thank you for writing. I would be
pleased to have you remember me to Messrs
Shockey and Pearson

I am very respectfully
Frank Barrows

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AUXILIARY STATIONS,
BEAUMONT, TEXAS,
POST OFFICE BUILDING.
GALVESTON, TEXAS,
OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING.

War Department,
RECRUITING STATION, U. S. ARMY,
903 1/2 CONGRESS AVENUE,
HOUSTON, TEXAS.
MAIN STATION.

Sept. 18, 1905

Major Eben Swift, U. S. Army
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

My dear Major:-

Herewith you will find my application for membership in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, which I will thank you to examine and in case it required correction you will please so inform me as I would like to have it acted on at your meeting in October next.

You may notice that the Army Register reports me as "retired with the rank of captain 20 Feb. 91", this is the date on which my seniority entitled me to promotion and from which I take my present rank, but the order placing me on the retired list was issued February 27, 1891, and the Judge Advocate General, in an opinion rendered this year has said, very wisely, that I was retired from active service on the latter date - and I have so reported in my "Register of service".

I will send you my check for 27⁵⁰, as required by your By. Laws, at the end of the month.

Please remember me kindly to Col. Hall and say to him that I was sorry to leave Kansas City, without seeing him. I am:- Very sincerely yours.

Ernest K. Spencer

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Sanno, J. M. J.

Sep 21. 1905

Major Swift. Received
M O L L N
Wheans, worth to

As indeed you will find
P.O. No. 10 for \$10- in payment
of the following dues Jan. 1905

Genl J. M. J. Sanno	\$5-	} \$10=
W W Sanno	\$5-	

Very respectfully
J M Sanno
Maj Gen W W Sanno

over

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My PO address after 23^d
instant will be:-
114 Madison Ave
New York city.

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Form 1607 Standard)

Santa Fe.

Pueblo Colo Sept 22 1905

Maj' Eben Swift

W Leavenworth Co

Or for my Companion;

Your favor of the 15th just to hand all OK and pleased to hear from you.

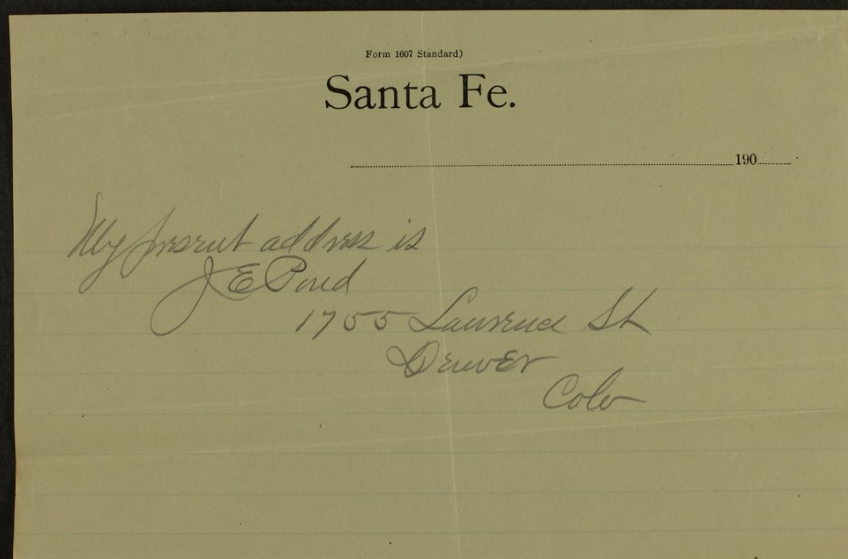
I most certainly expected to hear Father and my indebtedness all paid up ere this and I am grieved very much that I have not been able to do so.

Major: things have been coming so crossed hard that I haven't been able to spare the money. I trust that the Commandery will do something for Father for he deserves it. As for myself if they will give me that I'll pay up. I am digging out but it is slow work. Maybe I can square it before Jan'y 1st. Let me hear from you again

Very Truly Yours

Jas E Paul

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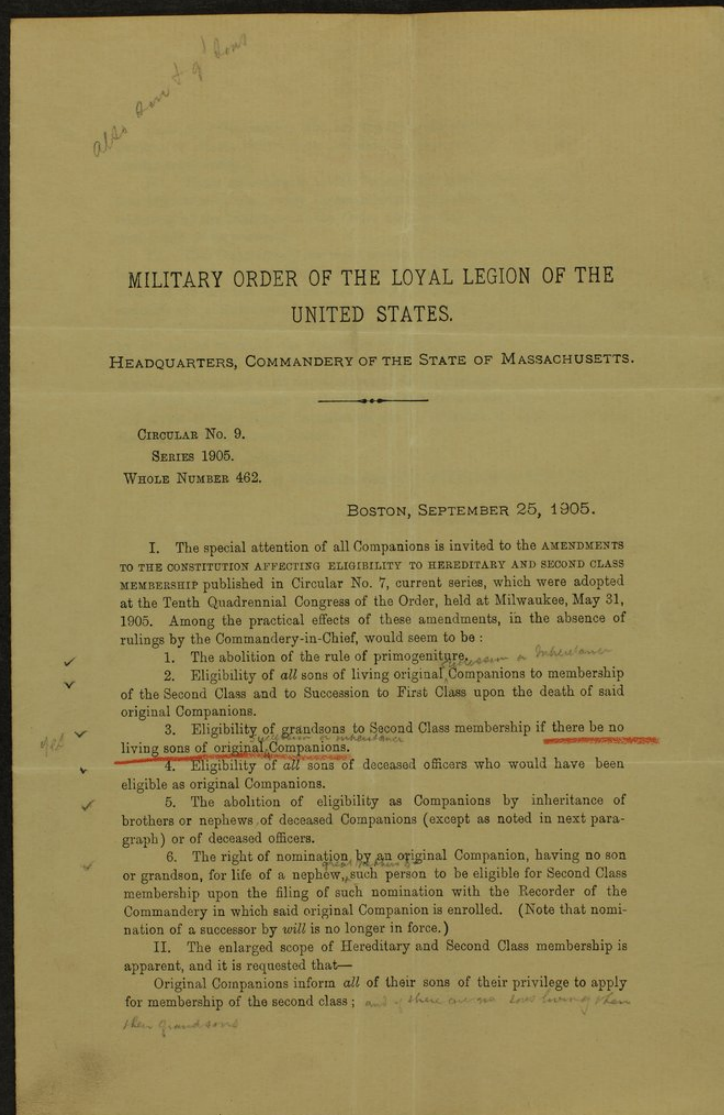
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Colonial Hotel
FIFTEENTH AND H STS. N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.
E. C. BENSON, PROPRIETOR

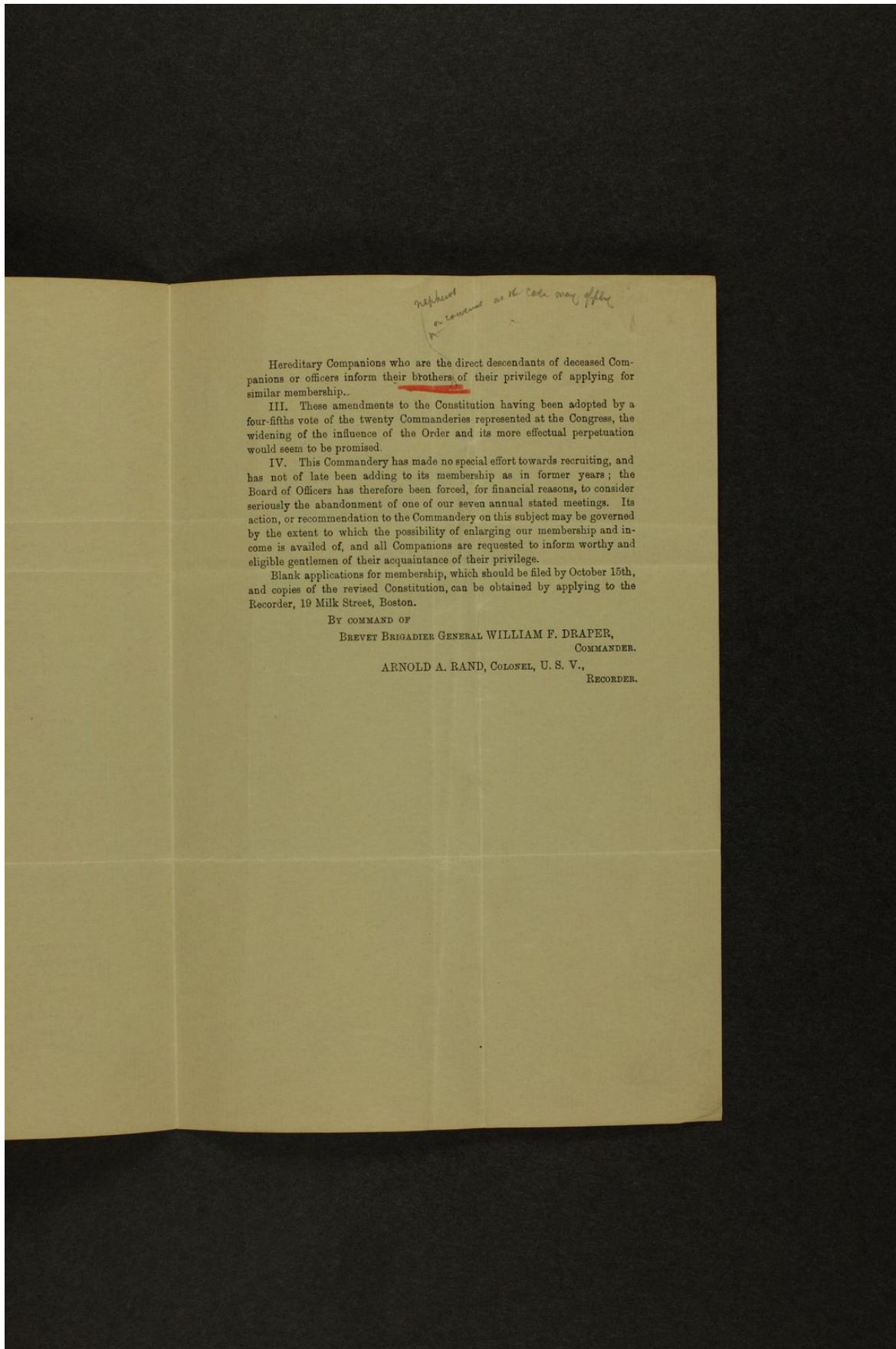
P.O. address Sept: 25th, 1906
Metropolitan Club
Washington, D.C.

Major:
I beg to hand herewith
cheque for dollars my
Commandery dues.
Kindly acknowledge.
Thanks for Register.
May I suggest, when The Register
is re-issued, that it show
my service in the order it has
rendered, as follows,
"Major 1st Kans: Vol: Infy: —
Major-General Kans: Forces, in
active service 1862", and
not as printed.
With great respect
John A. Halderman
Major 1st Regt
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Hereditary Companions who are the direct descendants of deceased Companions or officers inform their brothers of their privilege of applying for similar membership.

III. These amendments to the Constitution having been adopted by a four-fifths vote of the twenty Commanderies represented at the Congress, the widening of the influence of the Order and its more effectual perpetuation would seem to be promised.

IV. This Commandery has made no special effort towards recruiting, and has not of late been adding to its membership as in former years; the Board of Officers has therefore been forced, for financial reasons, to consider seriously the abandonment of one of our seven annual stated meetings. Its action, or recommendation to the Commandery on this subject may be governed by the extent to which the possibility of enlarging our membership and income is availed of, and all Companions are requested to inform worthy and eligible gentlemen of their acquaintance of their privilege.

Blank applications for membership, which should be filed by October 15th, and copies of the revised Constitution, can be obtained by applying to the Recorder, 19 Milk Street, Boston.

By command of

BREVET BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM F. DRAPER,
COMMANDER.

ARNOLD A. RAND, COLONEL, U. S. V.,
RECORDER.

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Admire, J. V.
OLDEST NEWSPAPER IN OKLAHOMA. LARGEST CIRCULATION IN KINGFISHER CO.
THE KINGFISHER FREE PRESS
BEST EQUIPPED JOB OFFICE IN WESTERN OKLA.
J. V. ADMIRE, PROPRIETOR. Kingfisher, Okla., *Sept 27* 1905

Major Eben Sings
Recorder M.O. L.L. U.S.
At Leavenworth, Kas
My dear Sir & Companions -
I am in receipt of an letter
20th which was received in my absence.
Some years ago my son, Ed., being a first
Lt. in the regular Army made application
for membership in Loyal Legion, Kansas
Commandery, 2^d class. My elder son
waived his preference right. The application
was acted upon favorably, insignia &c
being sent for & forwarded to
him by me, to his station in the Philippines.
Afterward, notice was received that this
action of the Kansas Commandery was
not in harmony with the Constitution,
& its action annulled. The insignia &
wallet were returned & the money
refunded. It was held that the chest
son could not waive his preference
right during the lifetime of his father.
Very truly
J. V. Admire

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903 1/2 CONGRESS AVENUE,
HOUSTON, TEXAS.
MAIN STATION.

Sept. 30, 1905-

My dear Major:-

Your favor of the 19th instant and my application for membership in the M. O. L. L. U. S., must have passed each other. I trust you found the application all right and that it will be acted on at your next meeting.

Herewith I send you my check for \$27.50 on the Commercial National Bank of Kansas City, Kansas, for membership fee &c. &c.

It's fearfully hot here and nothing much to do as every one who could get out of this place left when the yellow fever was reported as being in New Orleans, and other parts of Louisiana, and there are no people coming here or to other points where I have auxiliary stations now.

Would like to get the station at Kansas City but do not know that I can.

Keeping to hear from you soon I am:

Very truly yours,
Ernest J. Spencer

To

Major Eben Swift, U. S. Army,
Fort Leavenworth,

Kansas.

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Oct 1st 1905-

Major Swift:

Dear Sir & Companion,
I beg to state to the Commandery
that owing to complete inability
to do any thing in the way of earning,
and having lost all my means,
I am in no way capable of paying
dues. I shall leave the matter entirely
in the hands of the commander, to take
such action as seems best for all.
I am helpless with Locomotor Ataxia
and multiple neuritis.

Fraternally,

A. S. Woolhirston

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CHICAGO, OCT 7 - 1905 190

Col Edwin Wright
Recorder L.L.
Fort Leavenworth Kans

My Dear Sir

Herewith I enclose check for
\$3.00, five dollars to be applied to my
delinquent dues and 50cts for two mallets
or one as the case may be, which kindly
mail me and make a note that my present
address is 574 Wells St Chicago. I rec'd
the last Roster for which please accept
my thanks.

Tratinnally Yours
M. Stenmark

Former Lt Col 13th W. Va. Inf.

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Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

Philadelphia, Pa., October 12th, 1905

Colonel Eben Swift

Recorder

Dear Sir and Companion:-

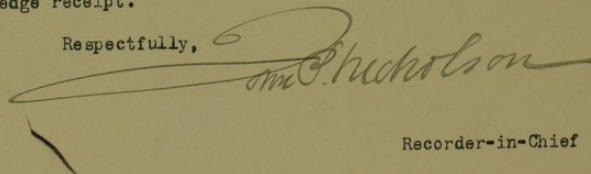
By unanimous resolution of the Board of Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief the Recorder-in-Chief was authorized to prepare a set of blanks adapted to the Revised Constitution of 1905, and, in accordance with that resolution, requests that you be pleased to transmit to Headquarters a copy of the following blanks, with suggested changes marked thereon:

- ✓ 1. Application for First Class by Inheritance from Deceased Companion or Officer
- ✓ 2. Application for Second Class
- ✓ 3. Memorandum Preliminary to Application by Inheritance
- ✓ 4. Memorandum of Future Succession
- ✓ 5. Nomination of Successor
- 6. Monthly Report

These blanks, with the suggestions of the Recorders as to the changes necessary, as demonstrated since the Revised Constitution has been in effect, should be received on or before November 1st, 1905, to insure their being utilized in the preparation of new blanks.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully,



Recorder-in-Chief

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Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

Philadelphia, Pa., October 13th, 1905.

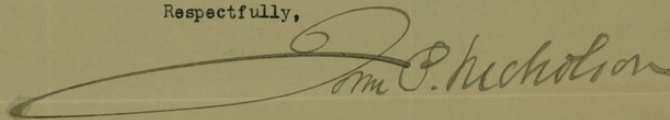
Colonel Eben Swift

Recorder

Dear Sir and Companion:-

Be pleased to forward hereafter copy of each Circular and printed communication issued by the Commandery of the State of Kansas, to the Commander-in-Chief, -
Major General John R. Brooke, U. S. A., Rosemont, Penna.

Respectfully,



Recorder-in-Chief

Circulars and communications to General Gregg, as Commander-in-Chief, are to be discontinued