James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

Section 18, Pages 511 - 540

This collection includes materials related to all aspects of James Barnes Whitaker's professional life, including his real estate business and his legal career, particularly for the pensioners he helped. He came to Tecumseh, Shawnee County in 1856 and worked there as a surveyor. In 1857, he moved to Topeka where he remained, serving as county sheriff, surveyor, and Topeka city engineer. He owned an abstract and real estate business in Topeka and was an attorney, representing numerous Civil War veterans in obtaining disability pensions, many of whom served in Kansas units. The collection consists of Whitaker's correspondence (arranged chronologically) and Whitaker's 1857 certificate of appointment as a U.S. Deputy Marshal.

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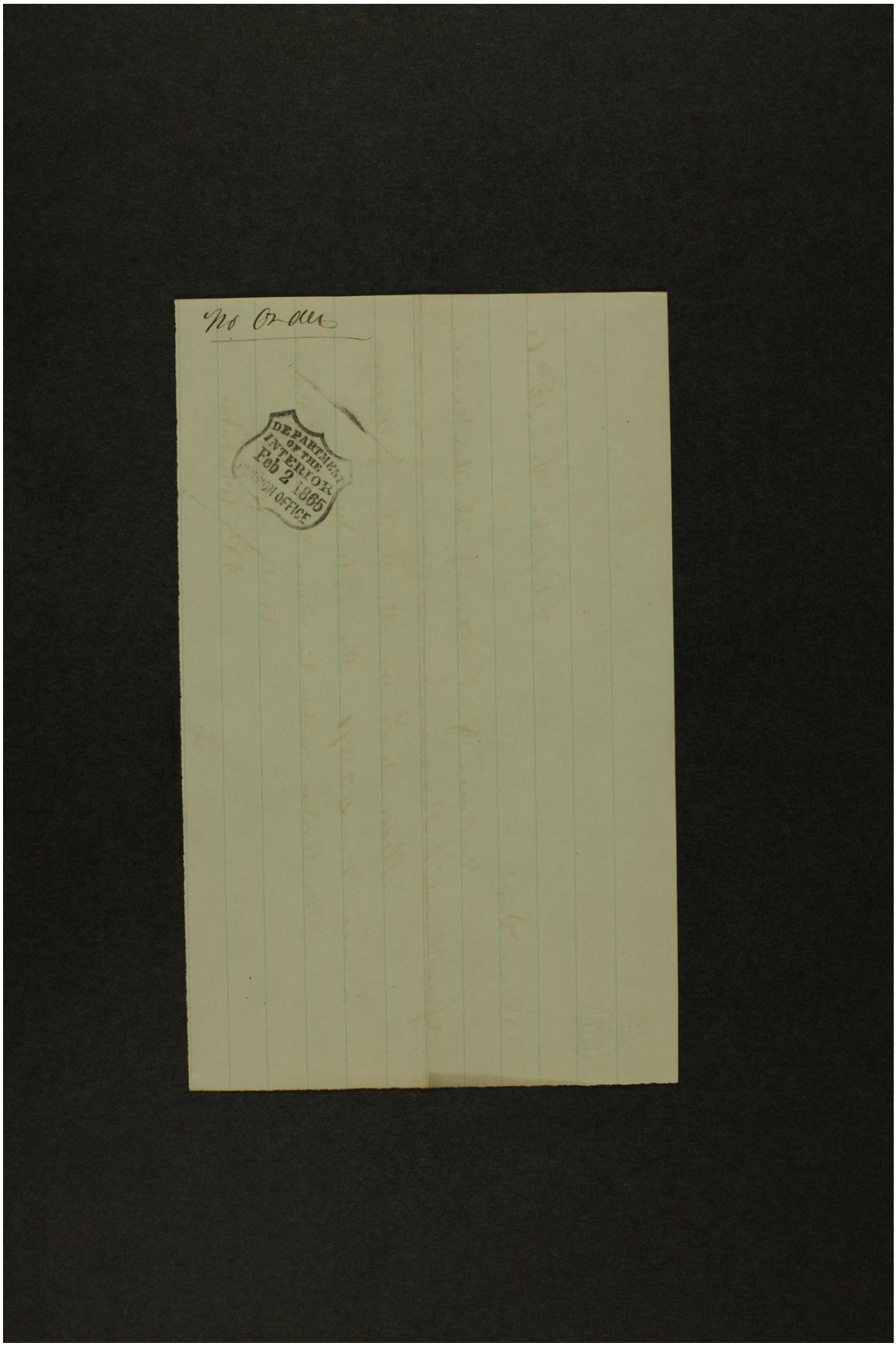
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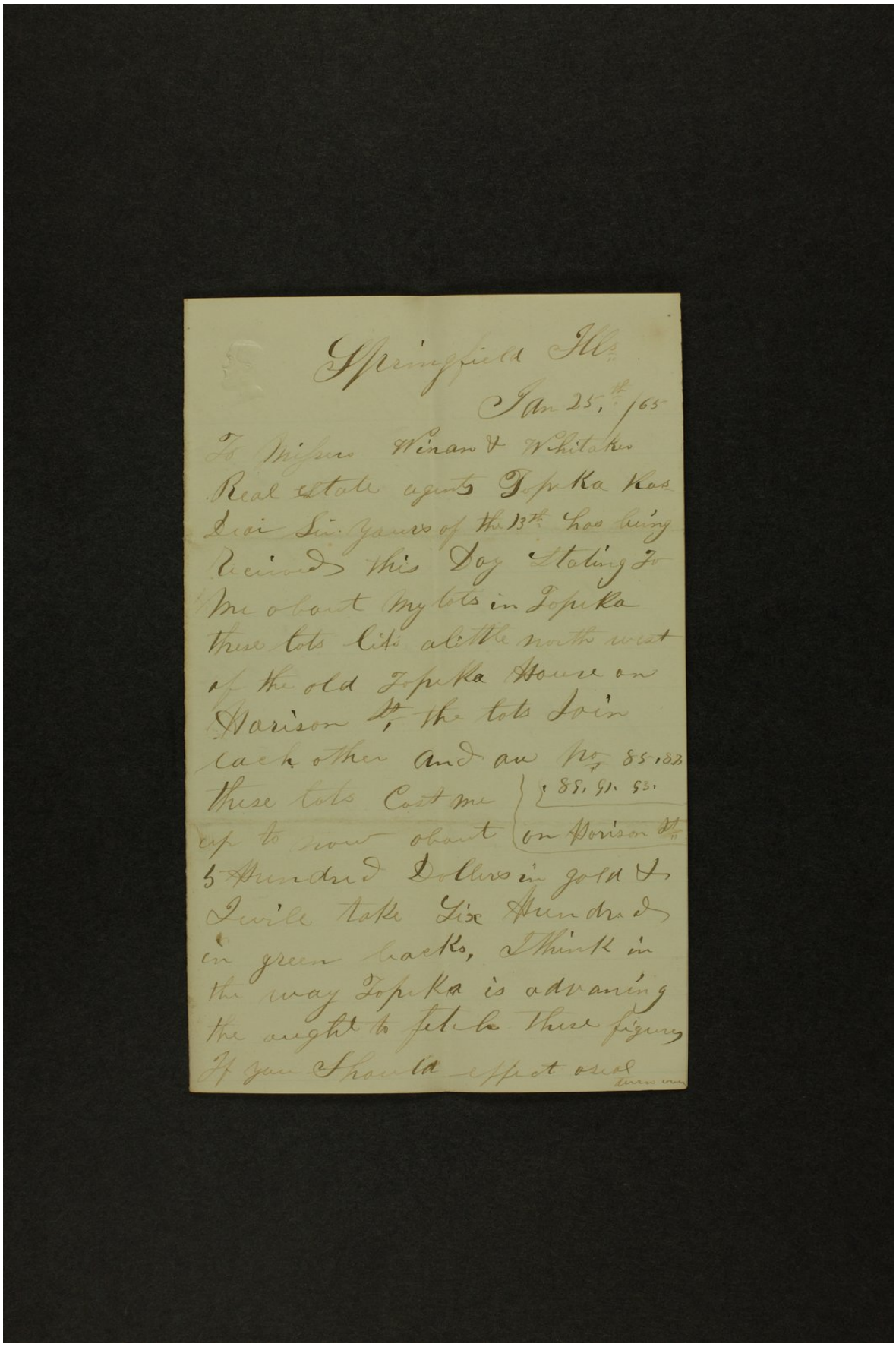
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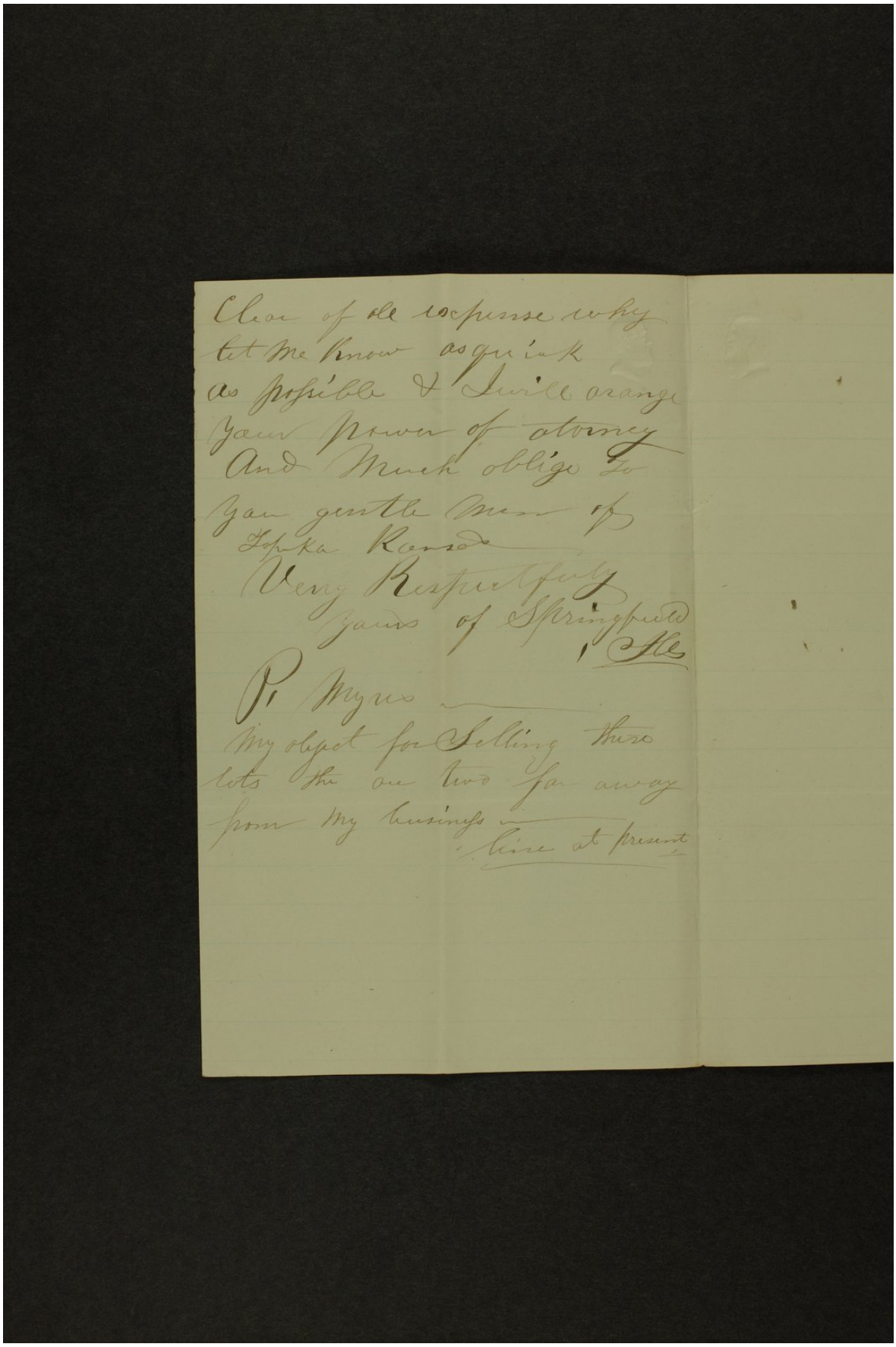


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Springfield Ills
Jan 25th 65

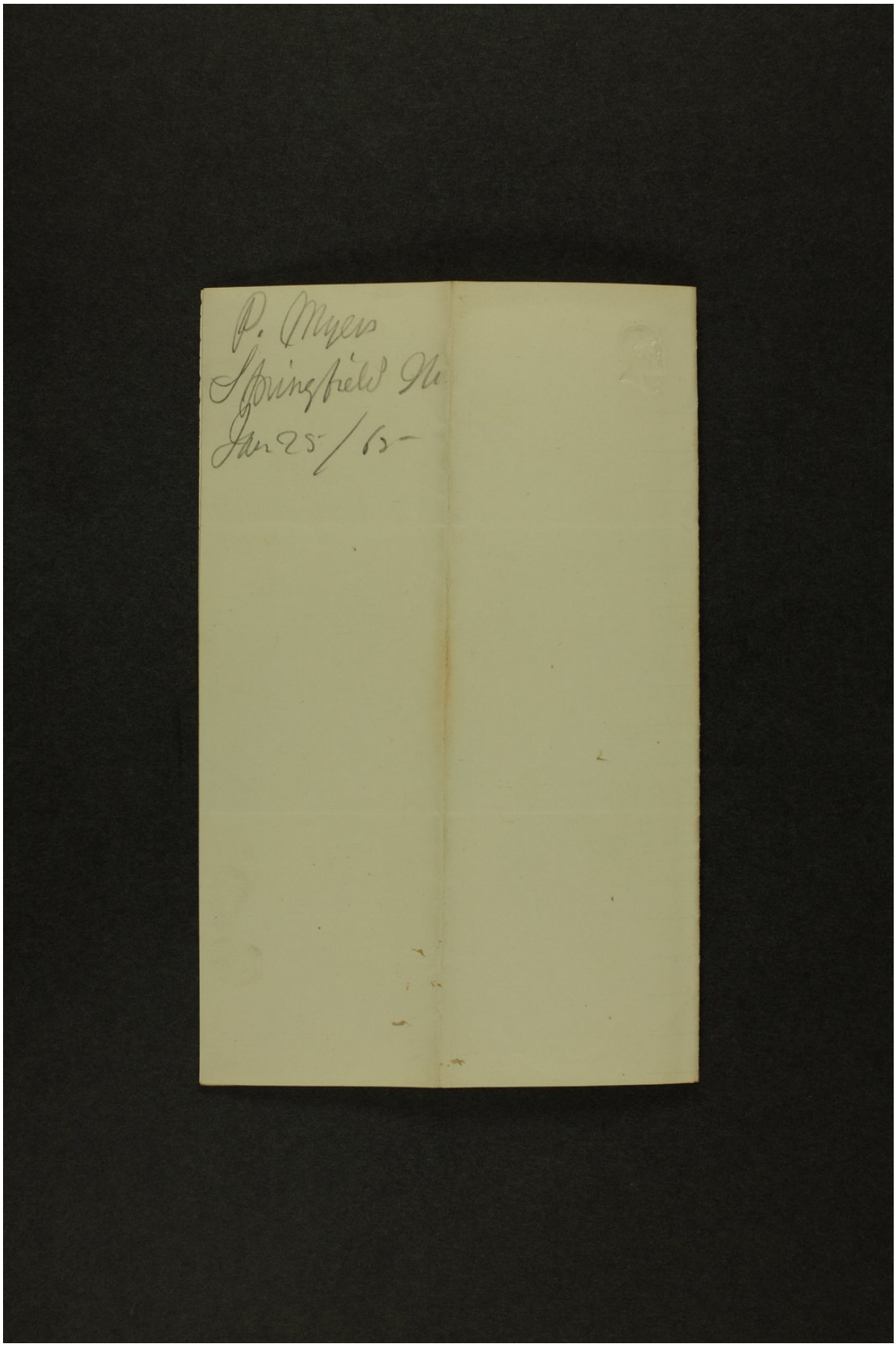
To Wilson Winans & Whitaker
Real estate agents Topeka Kas
Dear Sirs Yours of the 13th has been
Received this Dog Stating To
Me about My lots in Topeka
these lots Lies a little north west
of the old Topeka House on
Harison St the lots Join
each other and are No 85, 83
These lots Cost me } 85, 91, 93
up to now about } on Harison St
5 Hundred Dollars in gold &
I will take Six Hundred
in green backs, I think in
the way Topeka is advancing
the ought to fetch these figures
If you Should effect a sale

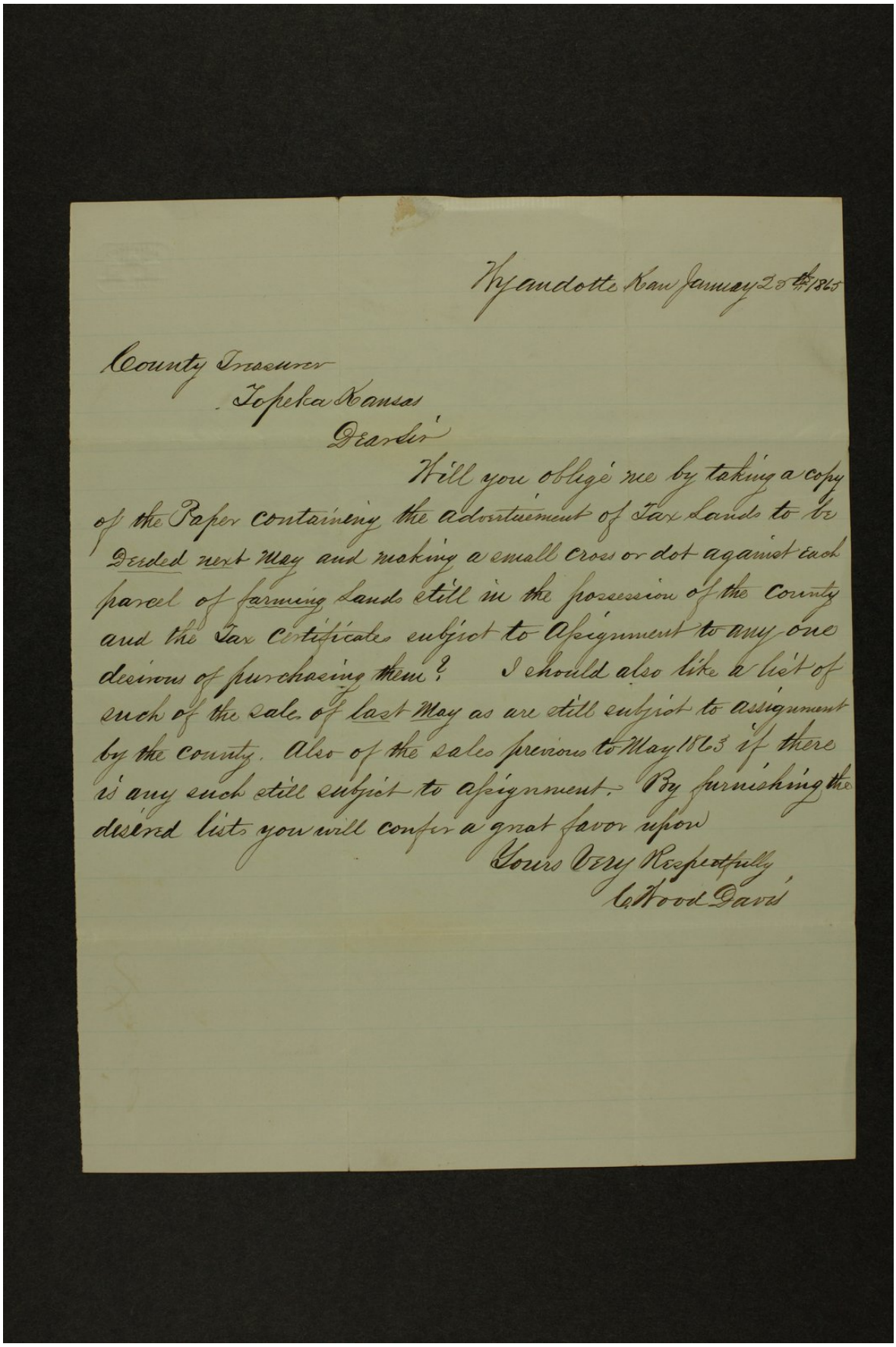


Clear of all responsibility
let me know as quick
as possible & I will arrange
your power of attorney
And much oblige Yo
Yours gentle men &
Topeka Kansas
Very Respectfully
Yours of Springfield
Ills

P. Myers
My object for selling these
lots the are two far away
from my business
Nine at present

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Wyandotte Kan January 20th 1865

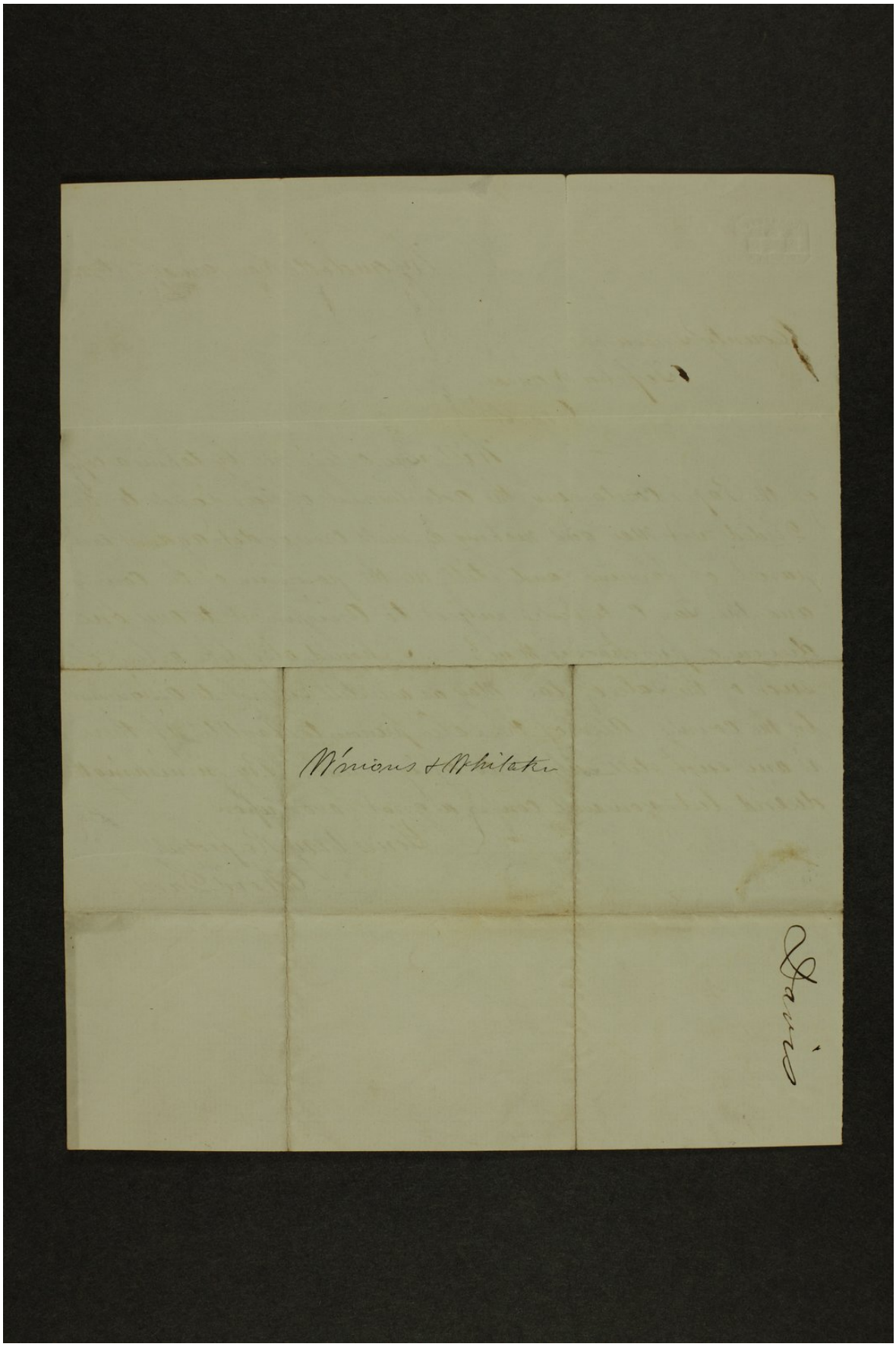
County Treasurer
Topeka Kansas

Dear Sir

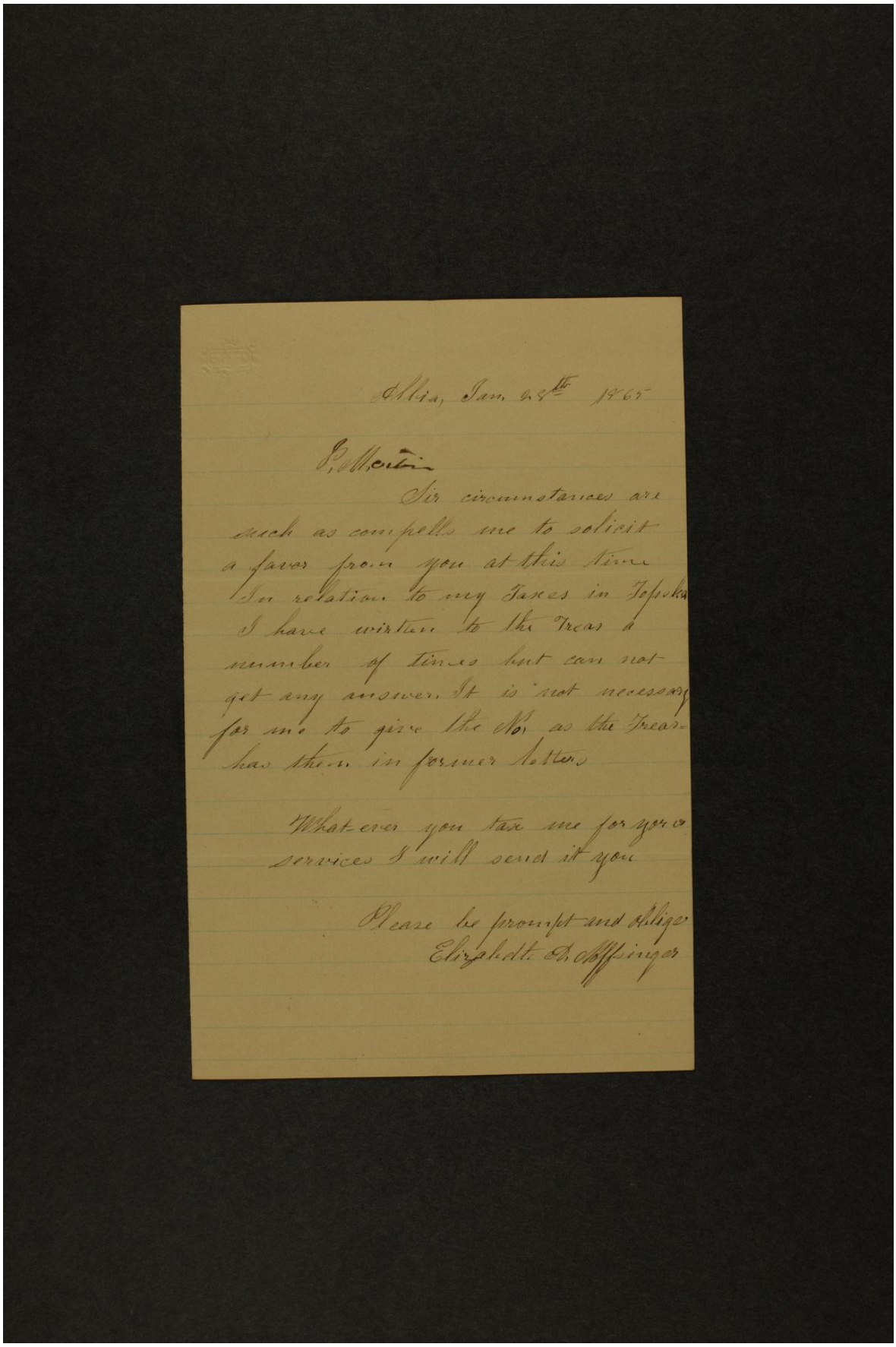
Will you oblige me by taking a copy of the Paper containing the advertisement of Tax Lands to be Deeded next May and making a small cross or dot against each parcel of farming Lands still in the possession of the County and the Tax Certificates subject to Assignment to any one desirous of purchasing them? I should also like a list of such of the sale of last May as are still subject to assignment by the County. Also of the sales previous to May 1863 if there is any such still subject to assignment. By furnishing the desired lists you will confer a great favor upon

Yours Very Respectfully
C. Wood Davis

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Abbia, Jan. 24th 1865

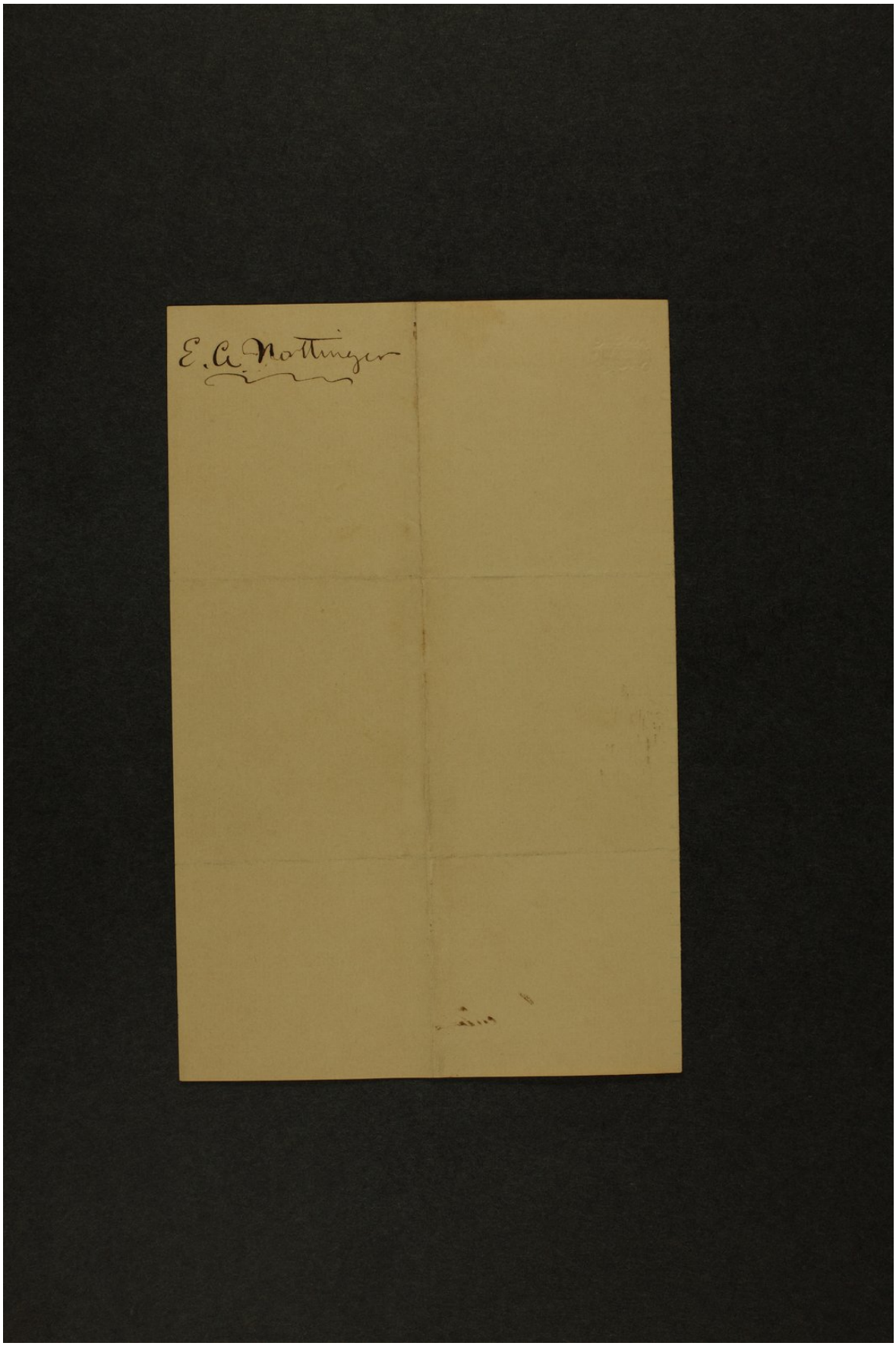
P. Martin

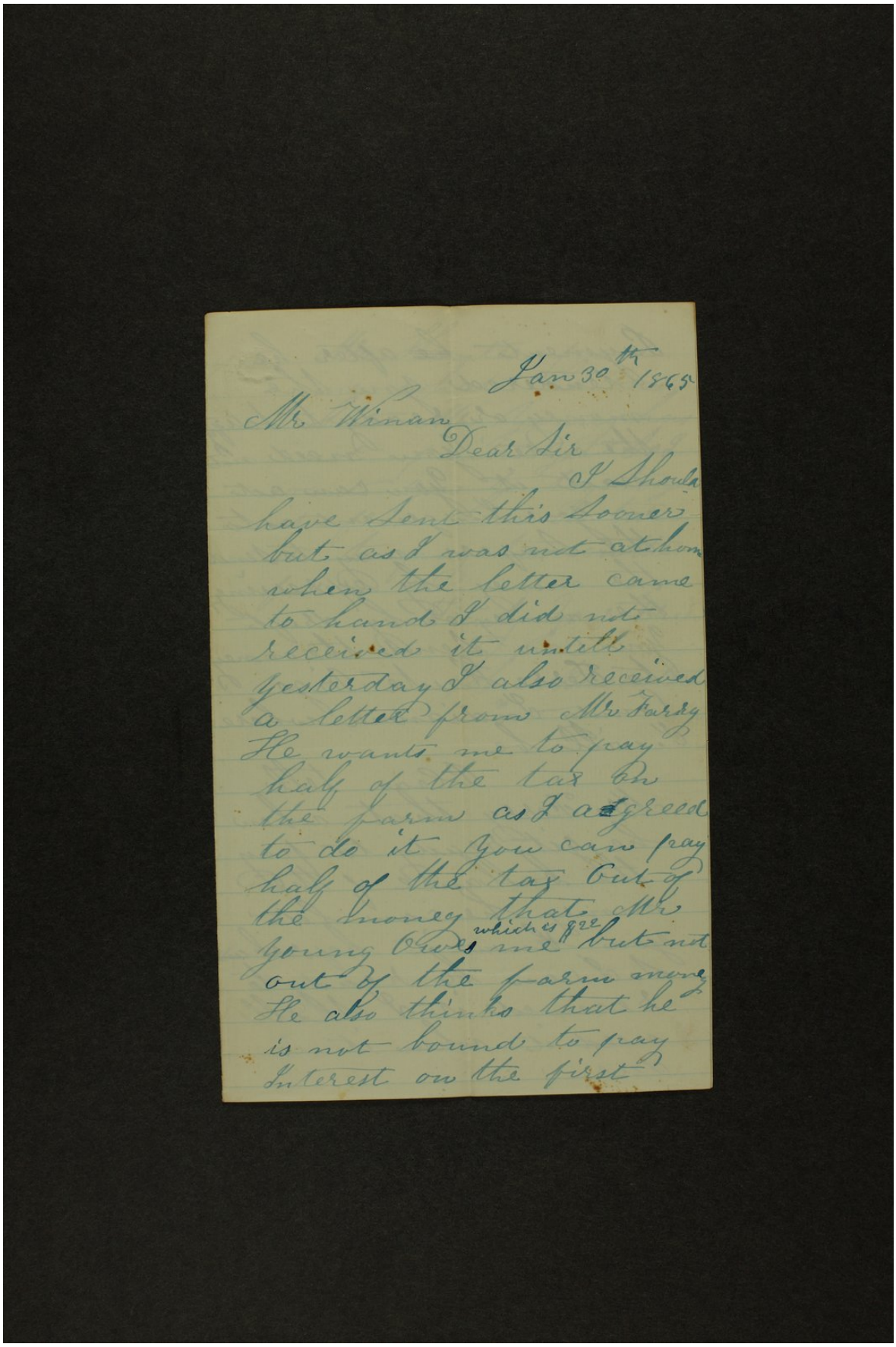
Sir circumstances are such as compells me to solicit a favor from you at this time In relation to my Taxes in Topeka I have written to the Treas a number of times but can not get any answer. It is not necessary for me to give the No as the Treas has them in former letters

Whatever you take me for your services I will send it you

Please be prompt and oblige
Elizabeth D. Offinger

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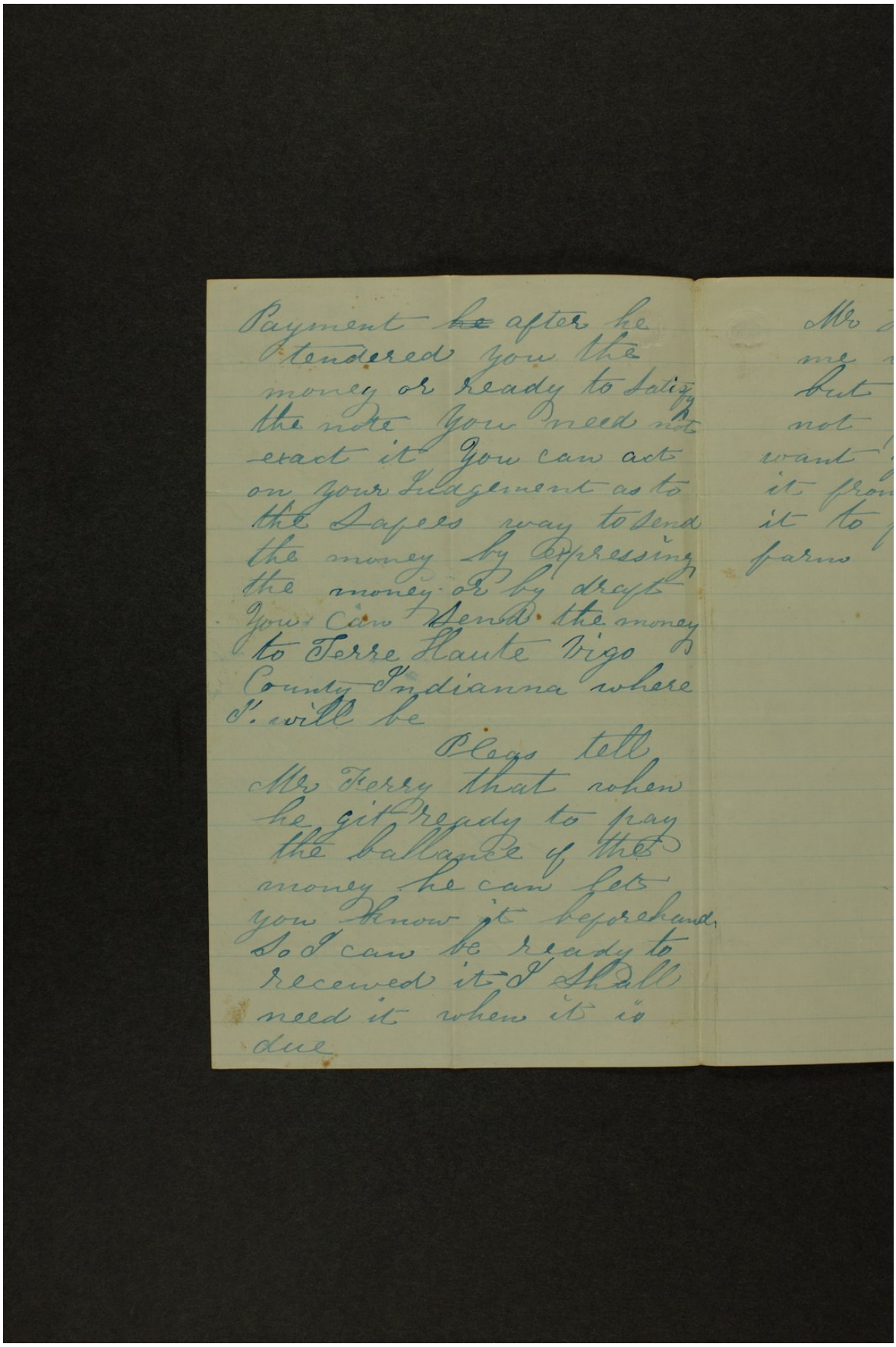


Jan 30th 1865

Mr Winan

Dear Sir

I Should have Sent this Sooner but as I was not at home when the letter came to hand I did not received it until yesterday I also received a letter from Mr Parry He wants me to pay half of the tax on the farm as I agreed to do it You can pay half of the tax Out of the money that Mr Young Owes me which is due but not out of the farm more He also thinks that he is not bound to pay Interest on the first

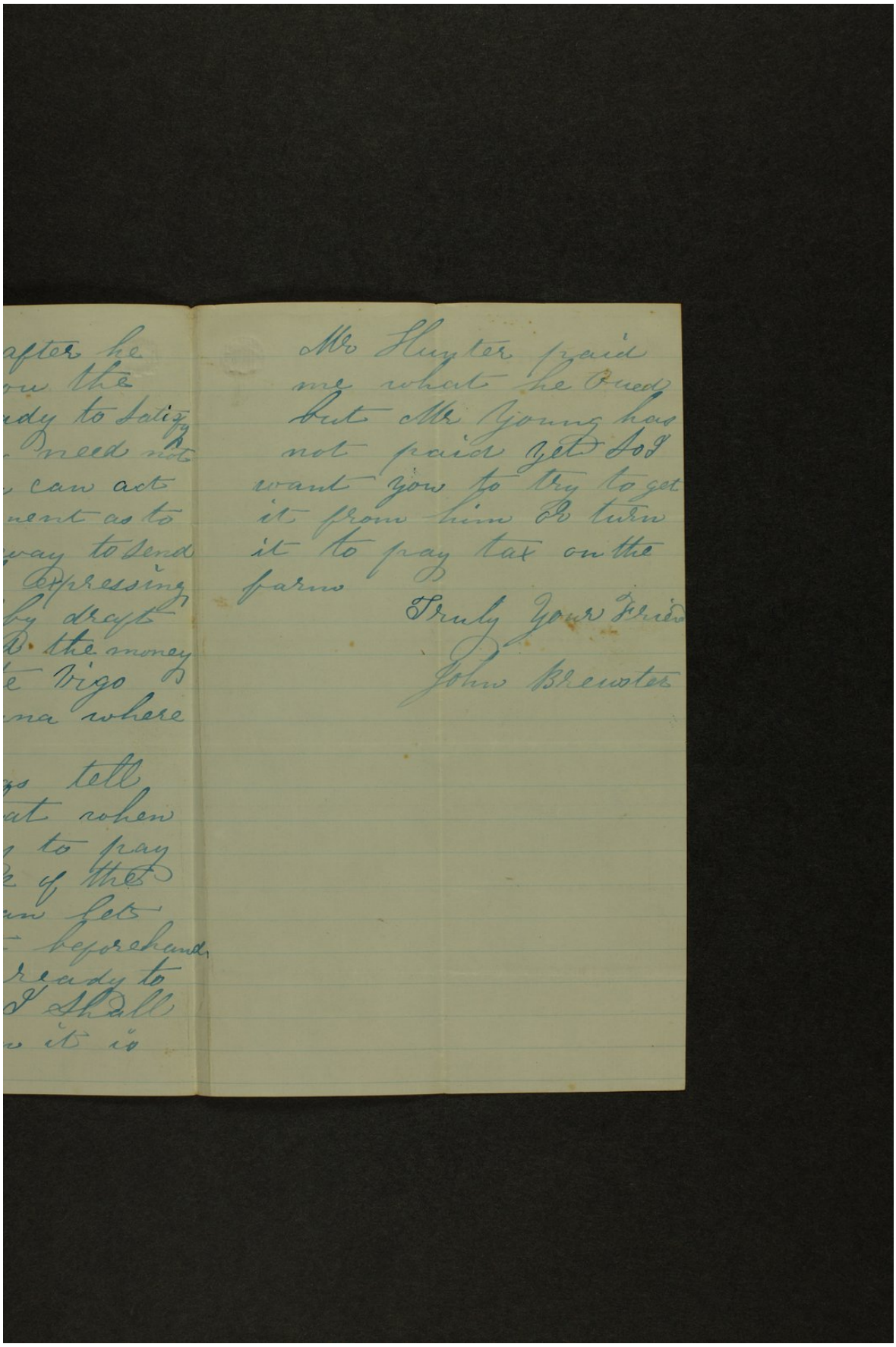


Payment ~~be~~ after he
tendered you the
money or ready to satisfy
the note You need not
exact it You can act
on your Judgement as to
the Safest way to send
the money by Expressing
the money or by draft
You can Send the money
to Terre Haute Vigo
County Indianna where
I will be

Pleas tell
Mr Ferry that when
he git ready to pay
the ballance of the
money he can let
you know it beforehand
So I can be ready to
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need it when it is
due

Mr
me
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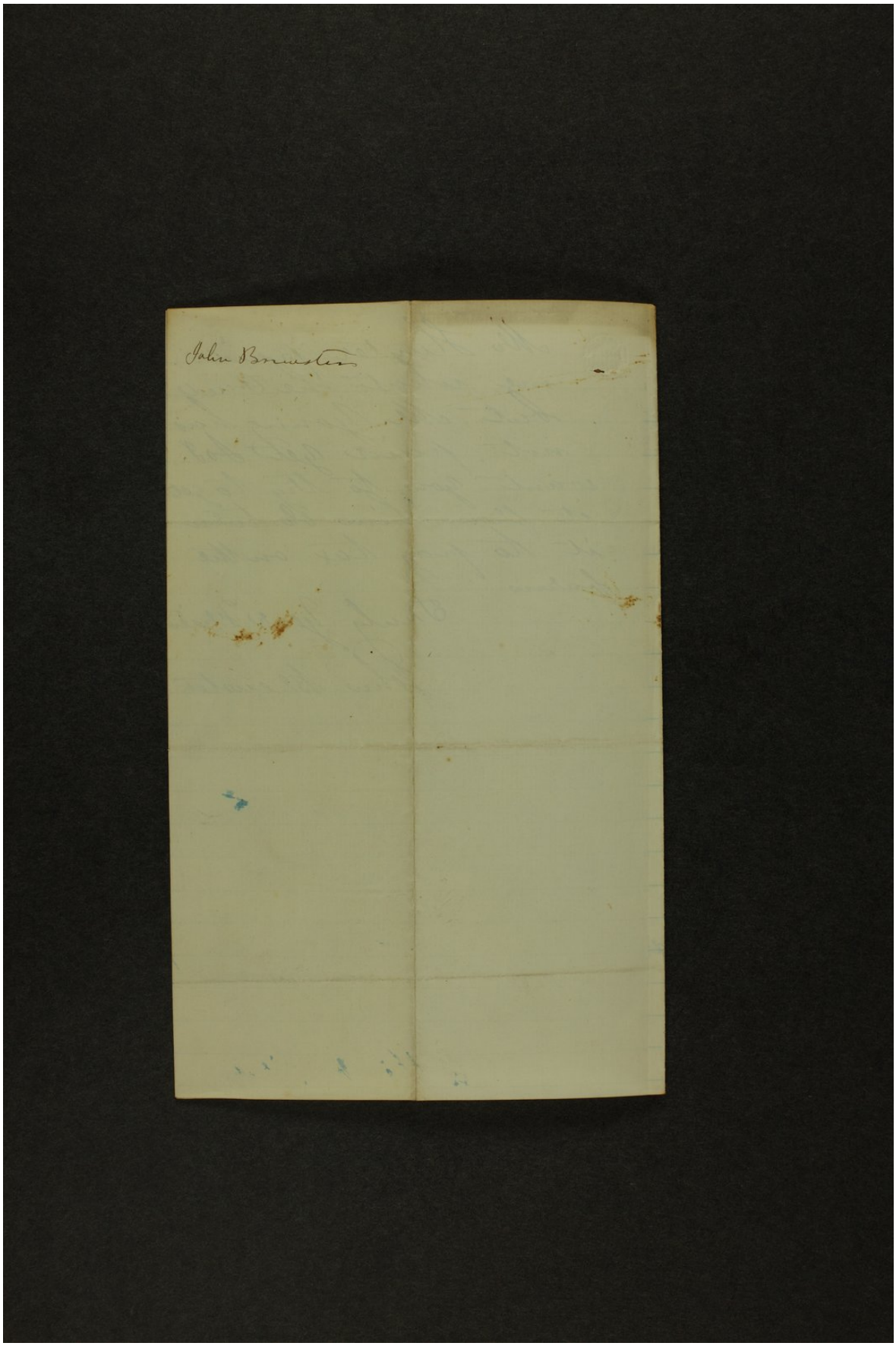
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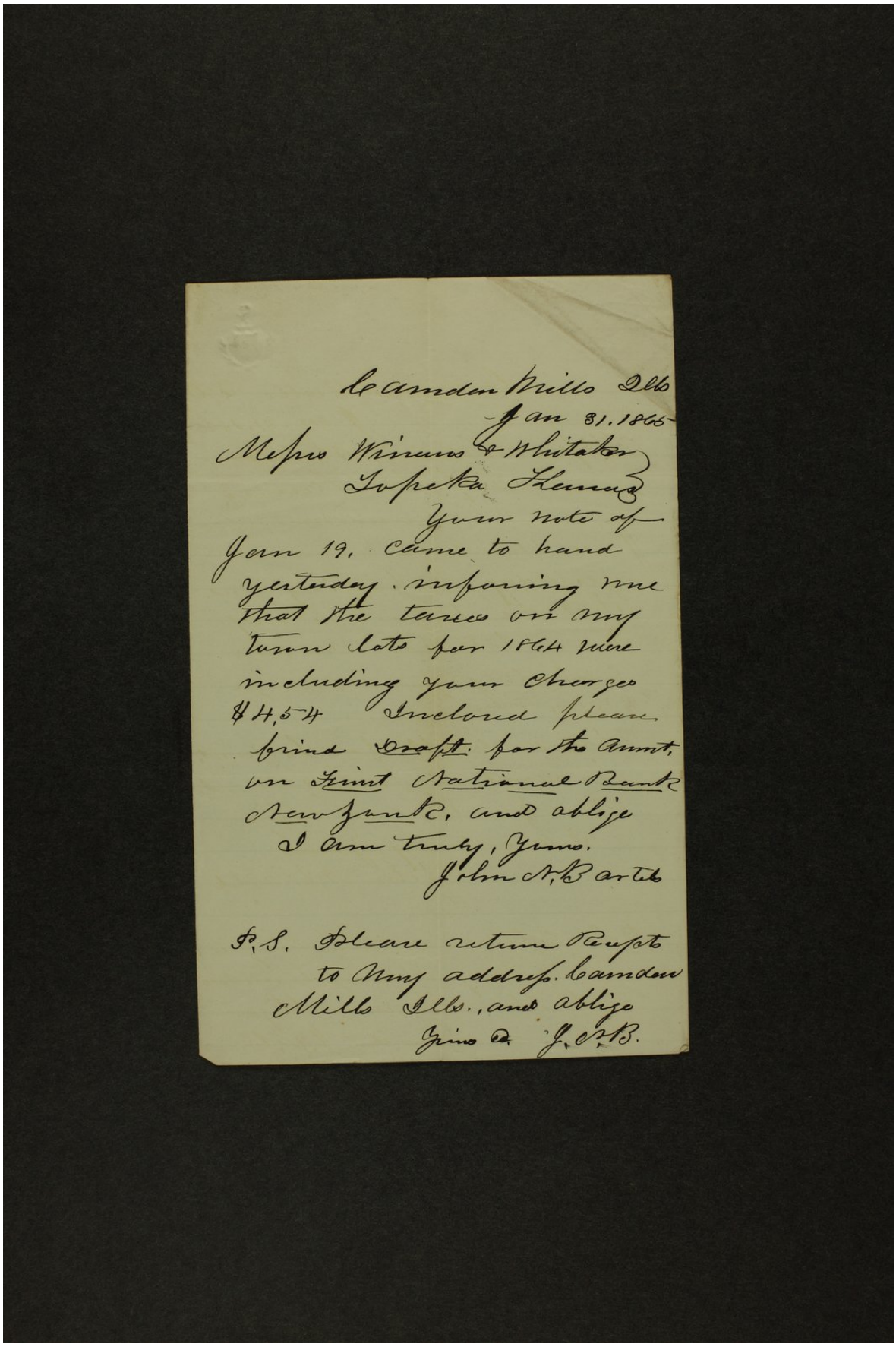
Mr Hunter paid
me what he owed
but Mr Young has
not paid yet so I
want you to try to get
it from him & turn
it to pay tax on the
farm

Truly Your Friend
John Brewster

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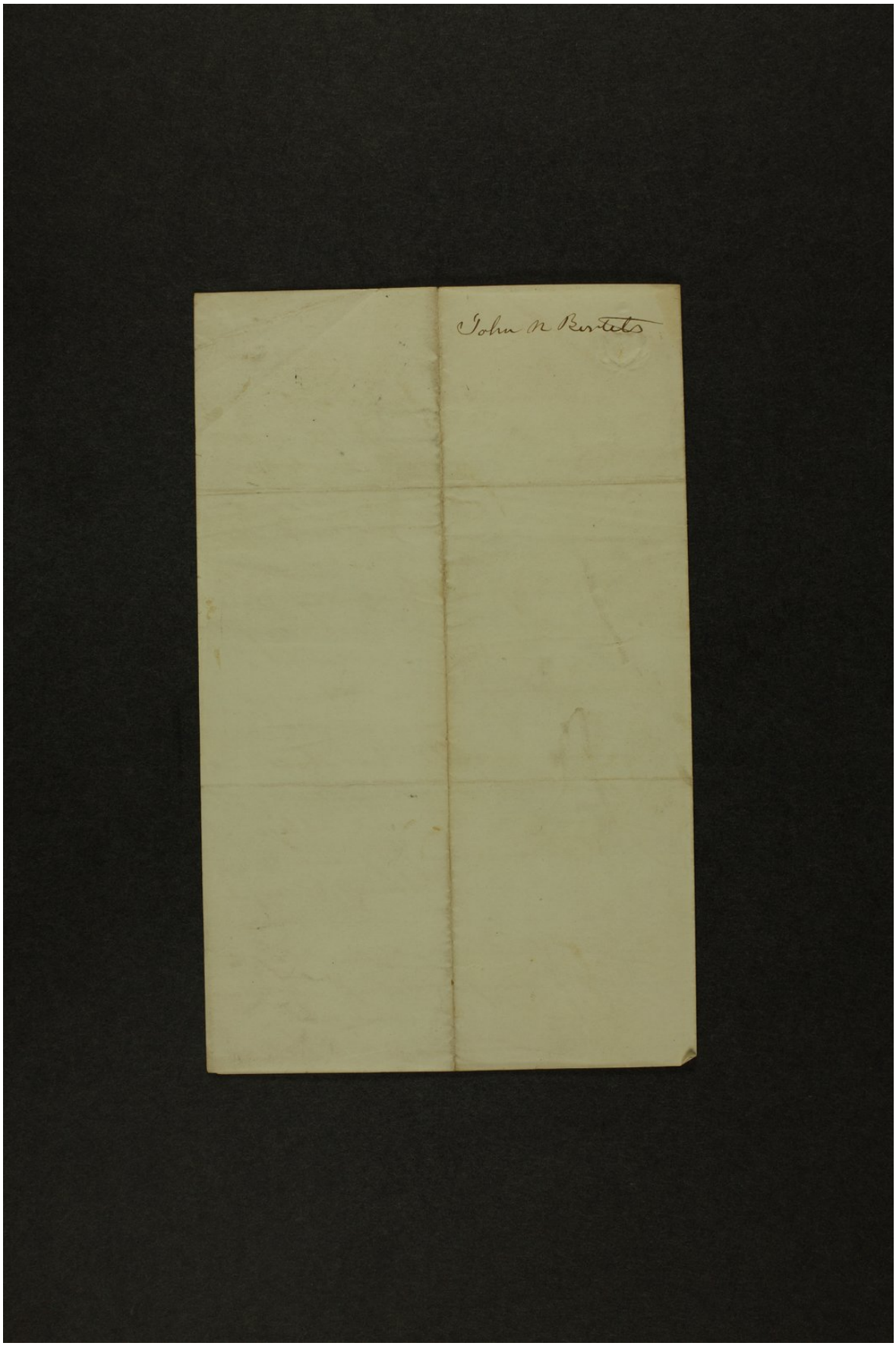
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Jan 31. 1865

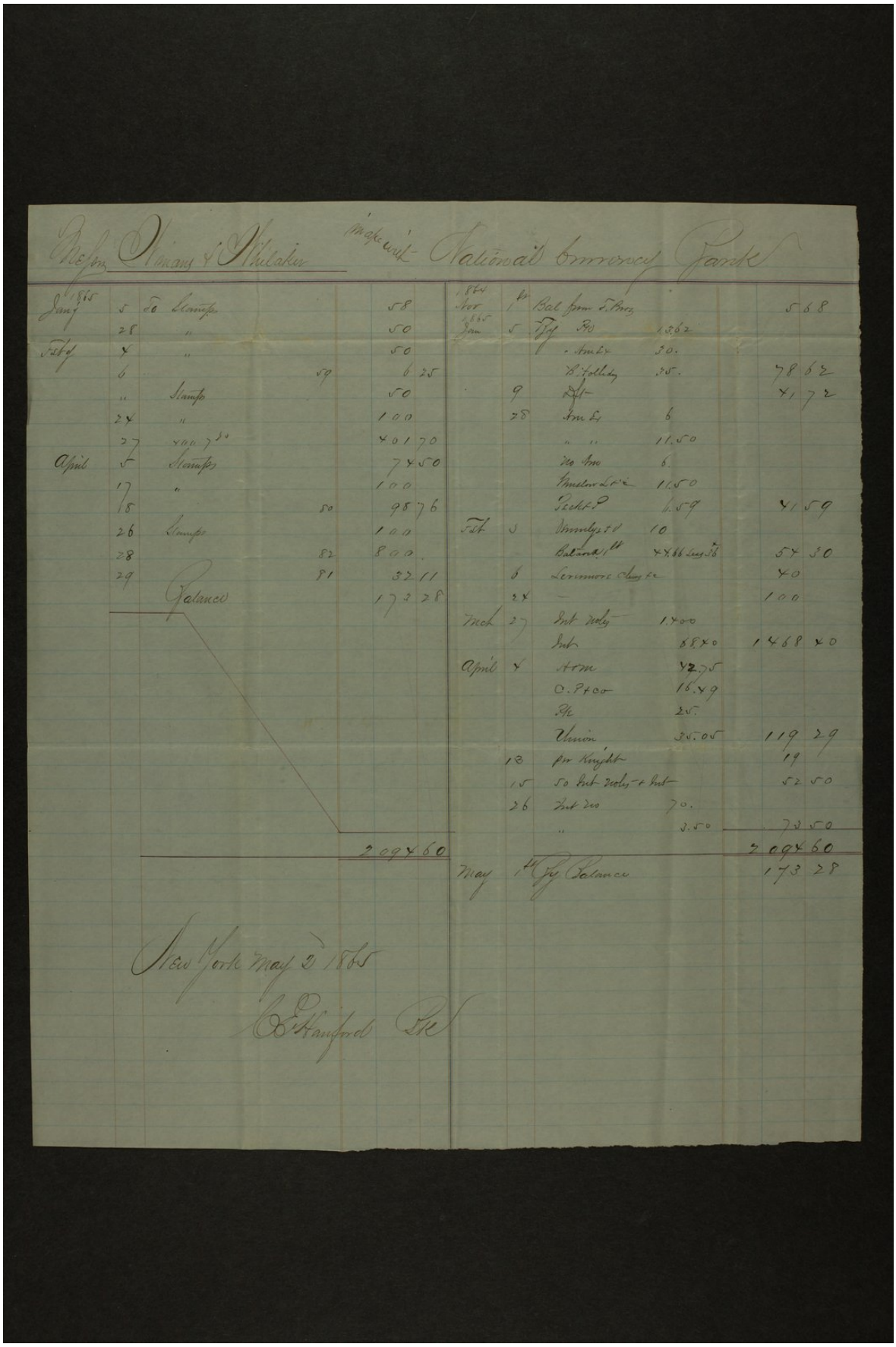
Mess Winans & Whitaker
Topeka Kansas

Your note of
Jan 19. came to hand
yesterday. informing me
that the taxes on my
town lots for 1864 were
including your charges
$14.54 Inclosed please
find Draft for the Amnt.
on First National Bank
New York, and oblige
I am truly, Yours.
John N. Barnes

P.S. Please return Receipt
to my address. Camden
Mills Ills., and oblige
Yours &c J. N. B.

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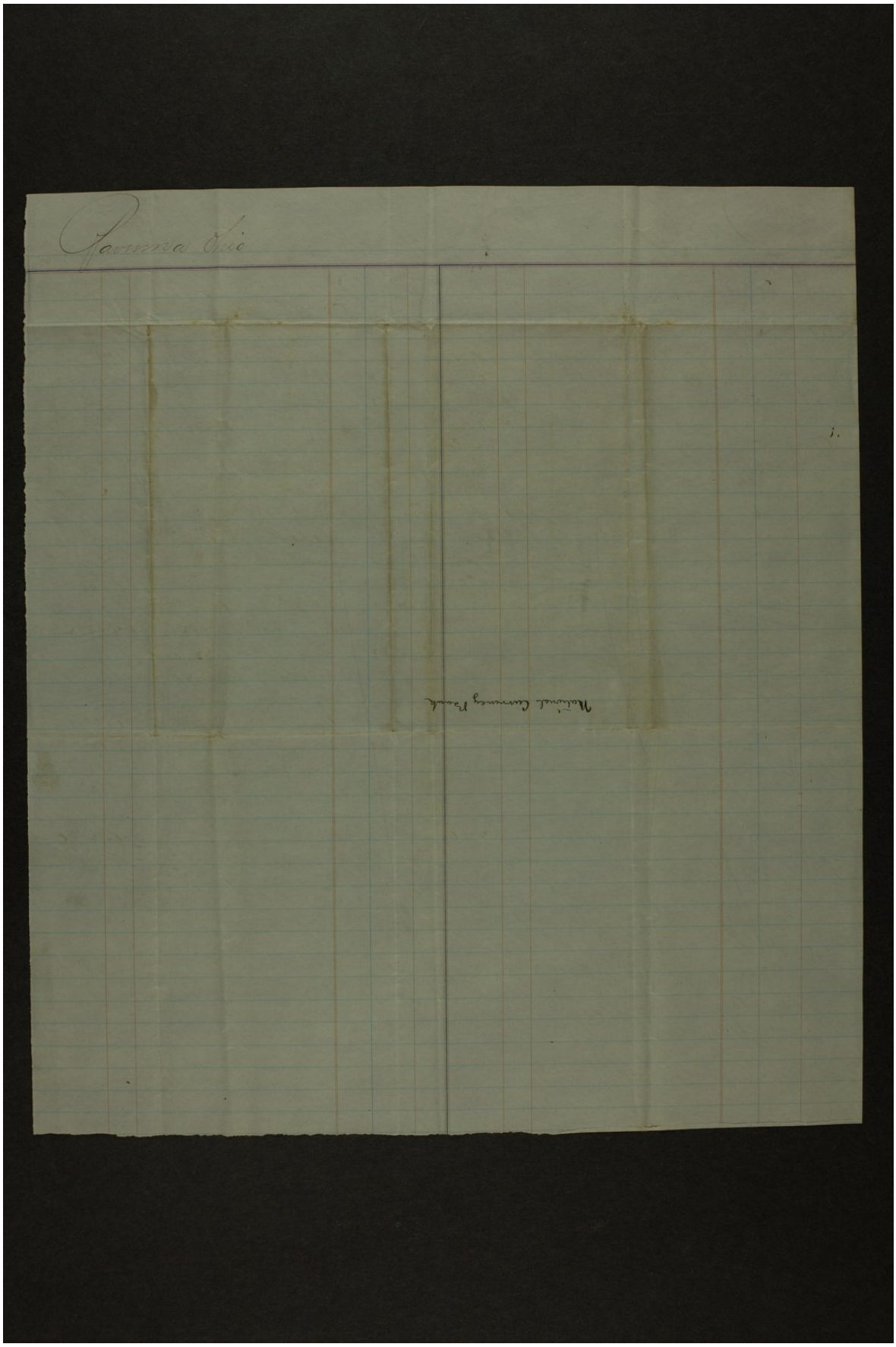
Messrs Simons & Shulakin make draft National Commercial Bank

Jany 1865	5	20	Stamps			58	1864 Nov	1	By	Bal from S. Bros			588
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	27			400	50	40170				" "	11.50		
April	5		Stamps			7450				" Acct	6.		
	17		"			100				" Meloy Draft	11.50		
	18				50	9876				" Draft	1.59		159
	26		Stamps			100	Feb	3		By Money Ord	10		
	28				82	800				" Balance	44.66 Less 50		5750
	29				81	3211		6		" Commissioners Stamps &c			40
			Balance			17328		24		"			100
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							April	4		" Acct	42.75		
										" C. P. Co	16.49		
										" Do	25.		
										" Union	35.05		11929
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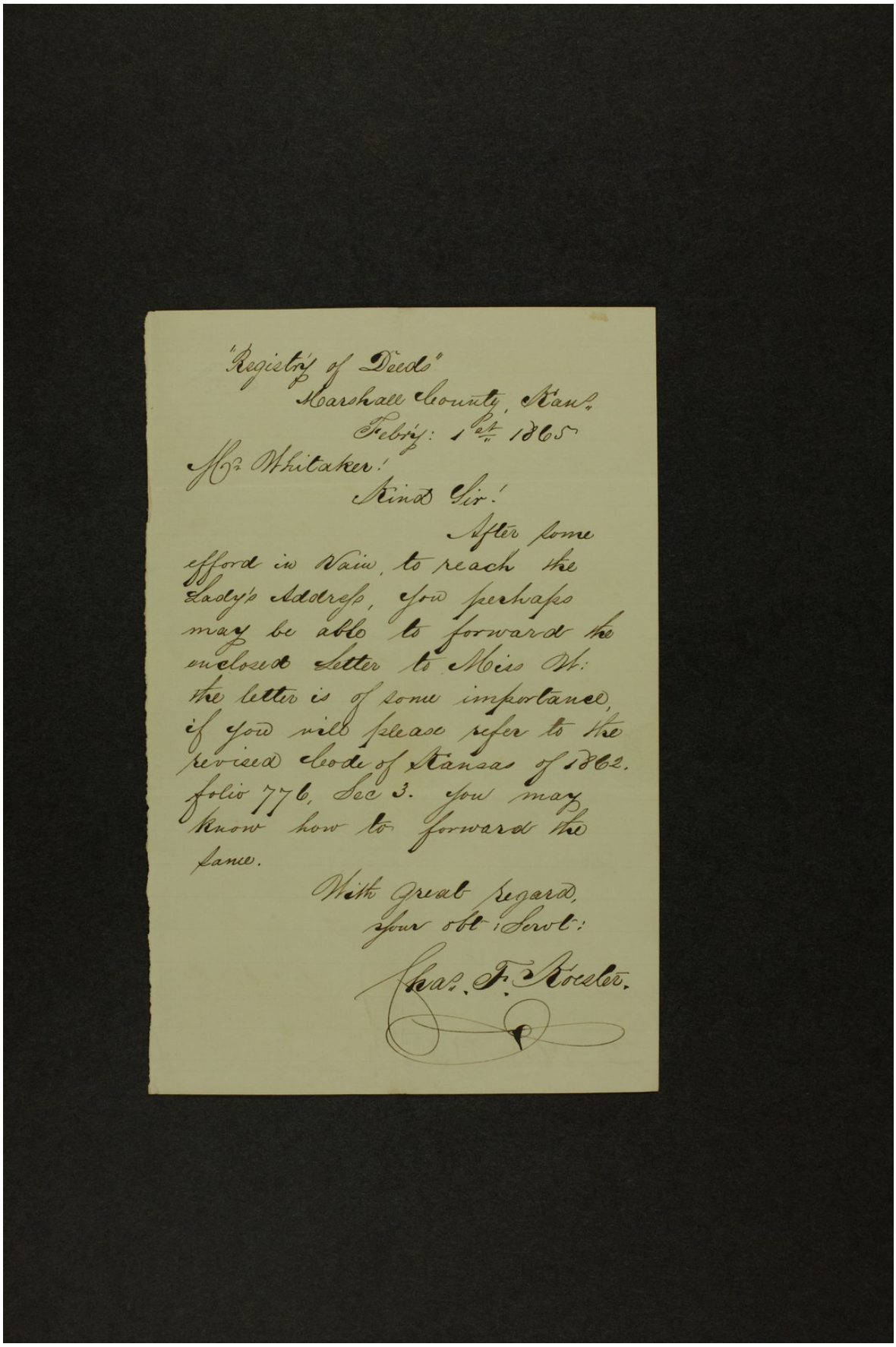
New York May 2 1865

E. Hanford Pres

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"Register of Deeds"
Marshall County, Kans.
Febry: 1st 1865

Mr Whitaker!

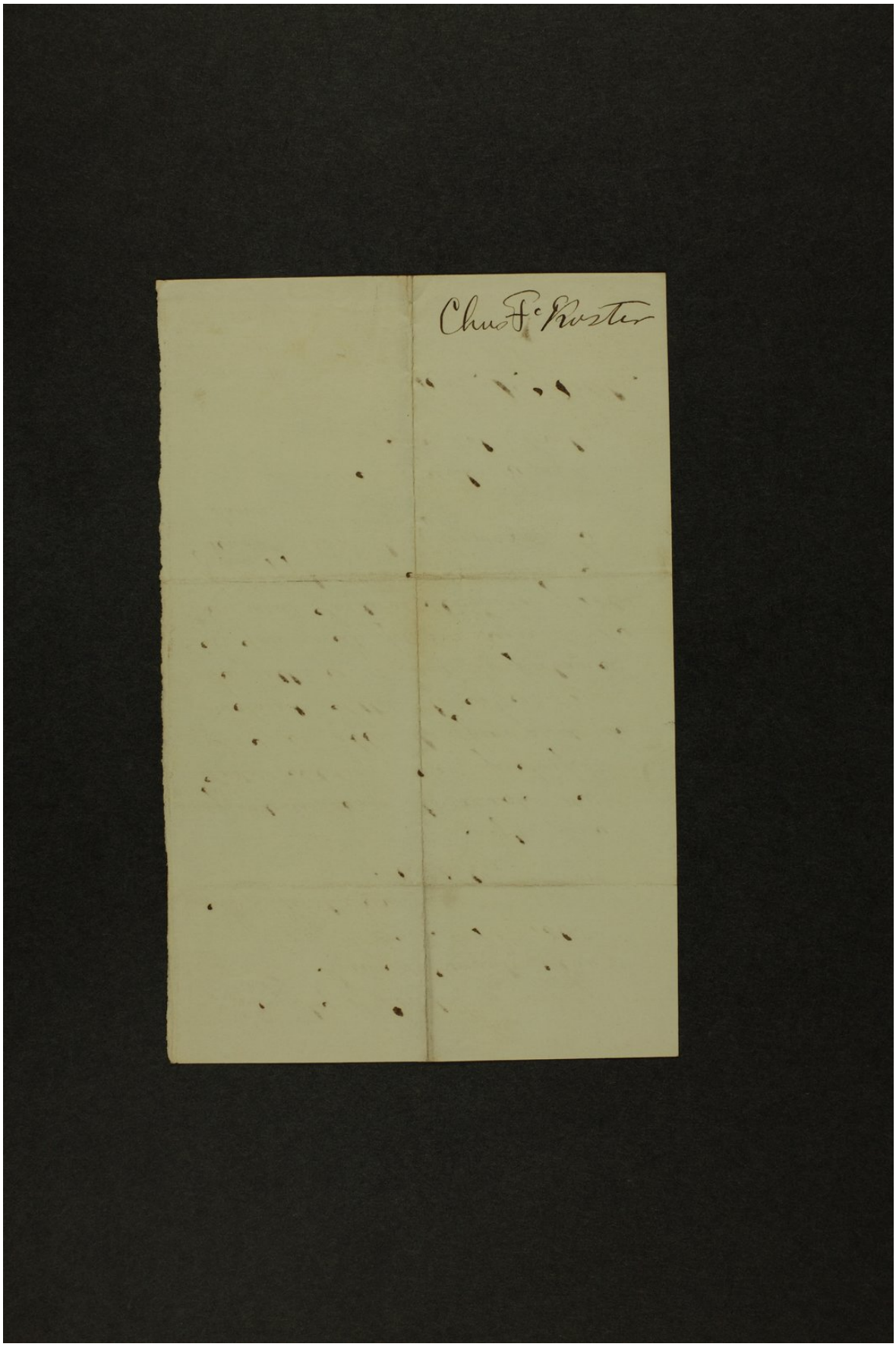
Kind Sir!

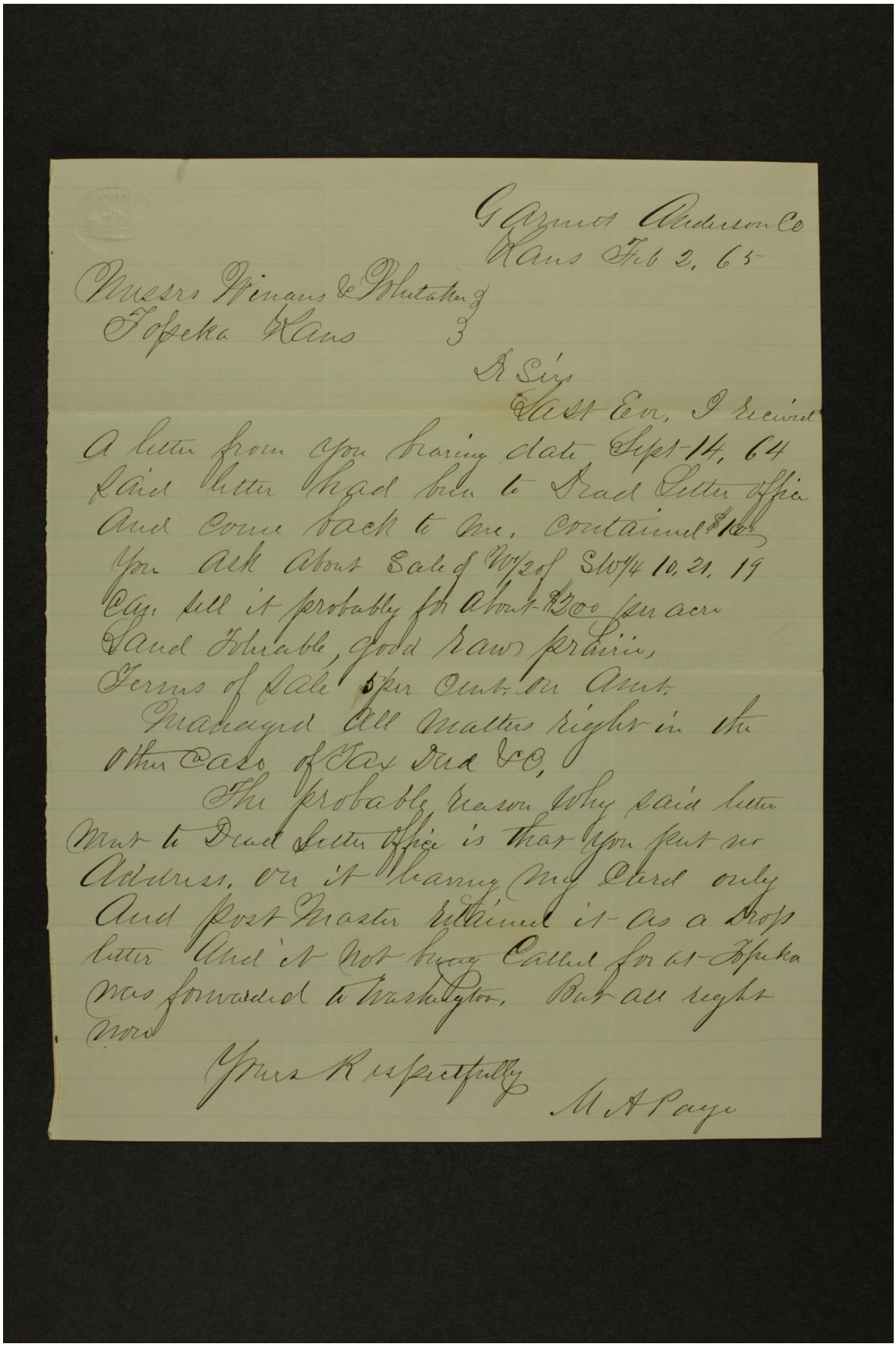
After some effort in vain, to reach the Lady's Address, you perhaps may be able to forward the enclosed letter to Miss H: the letter is of some importance, if you will please refer to the revised Code of Kansas of 1862. folio 776, Sec 3. you may know how to forward the same.

With great regard,
your obt Servt:

Chas. F. Kessler.

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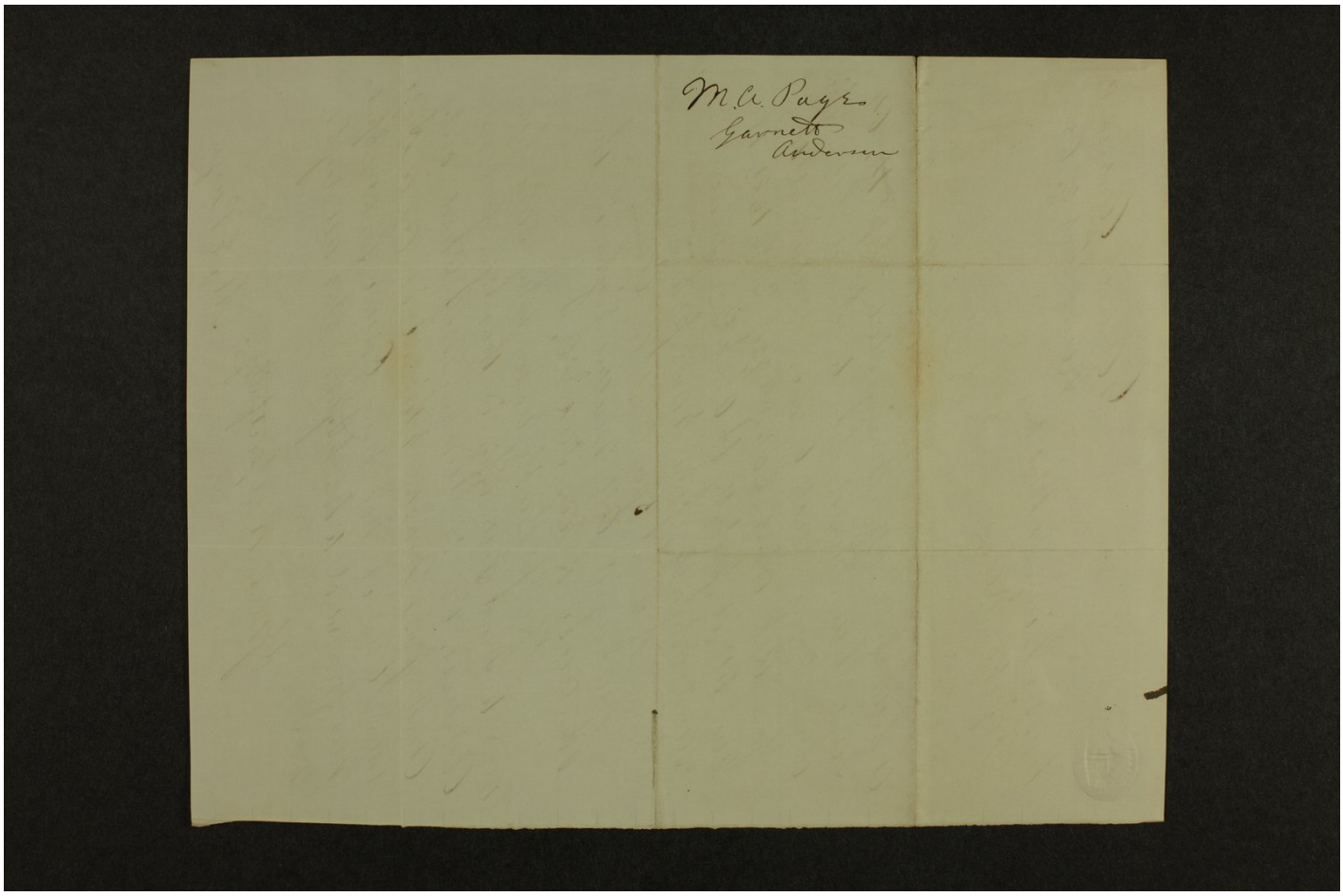
Messrs Winans & Whitaker
Topeka Kans

Sirs

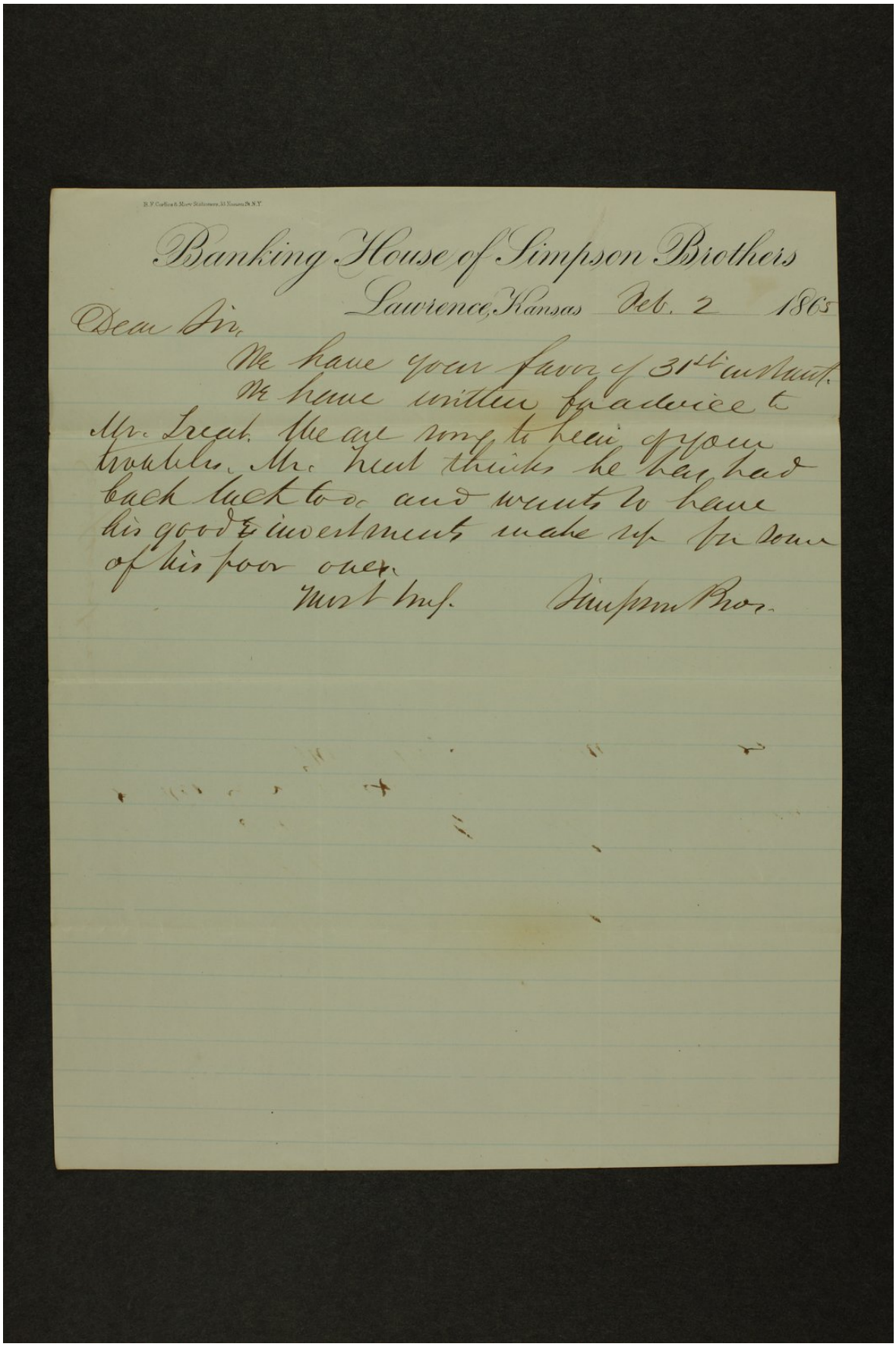
Last Eve. I received
A letter from you bearing date Sept 14. 64
Said letter Mgd here to Dead Letter Office
And come back to me. containing the
You ask about Sale of W½ of S10 T4 R20. 19
Can sell it probably for about $200 per acre
Sand Timber, Good Raw prairie,
Terms of Sale Spot Cash or Ann.
Managed all Matters right in the
Other case of Kay Dad & Co,
The probable reason why said letter
Went to Dead Letter Office is that you sent no
Address. on it Nearly my Name only
And Post Master returned it as a Dead
Letter And it not being Called for at Topeka
Was forwarded to Washington. But all right
Now

Yours Respectfully
M A Page

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Banking House of Simpson Brothers

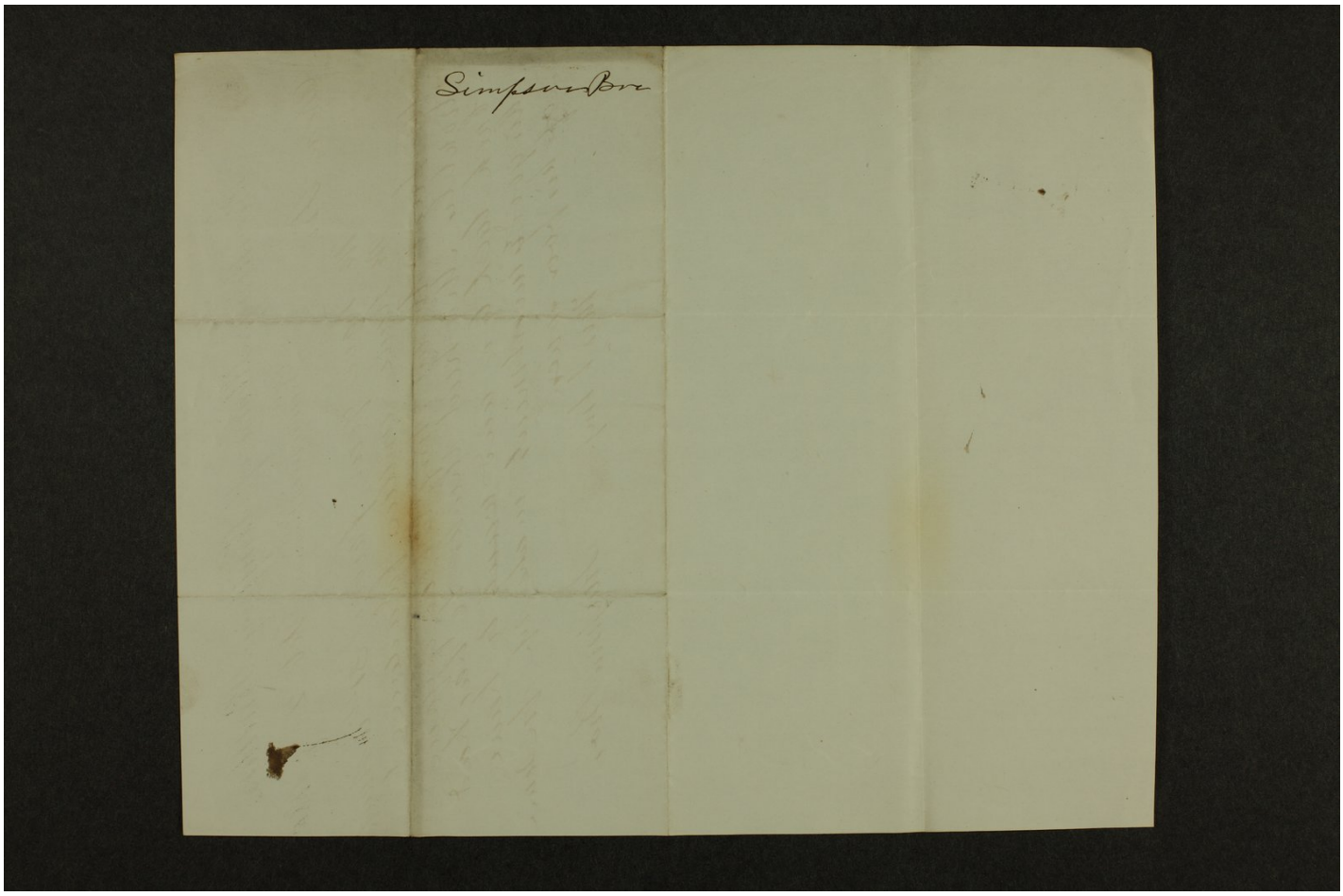
Lawrence, Kansas Feb. 2 1865

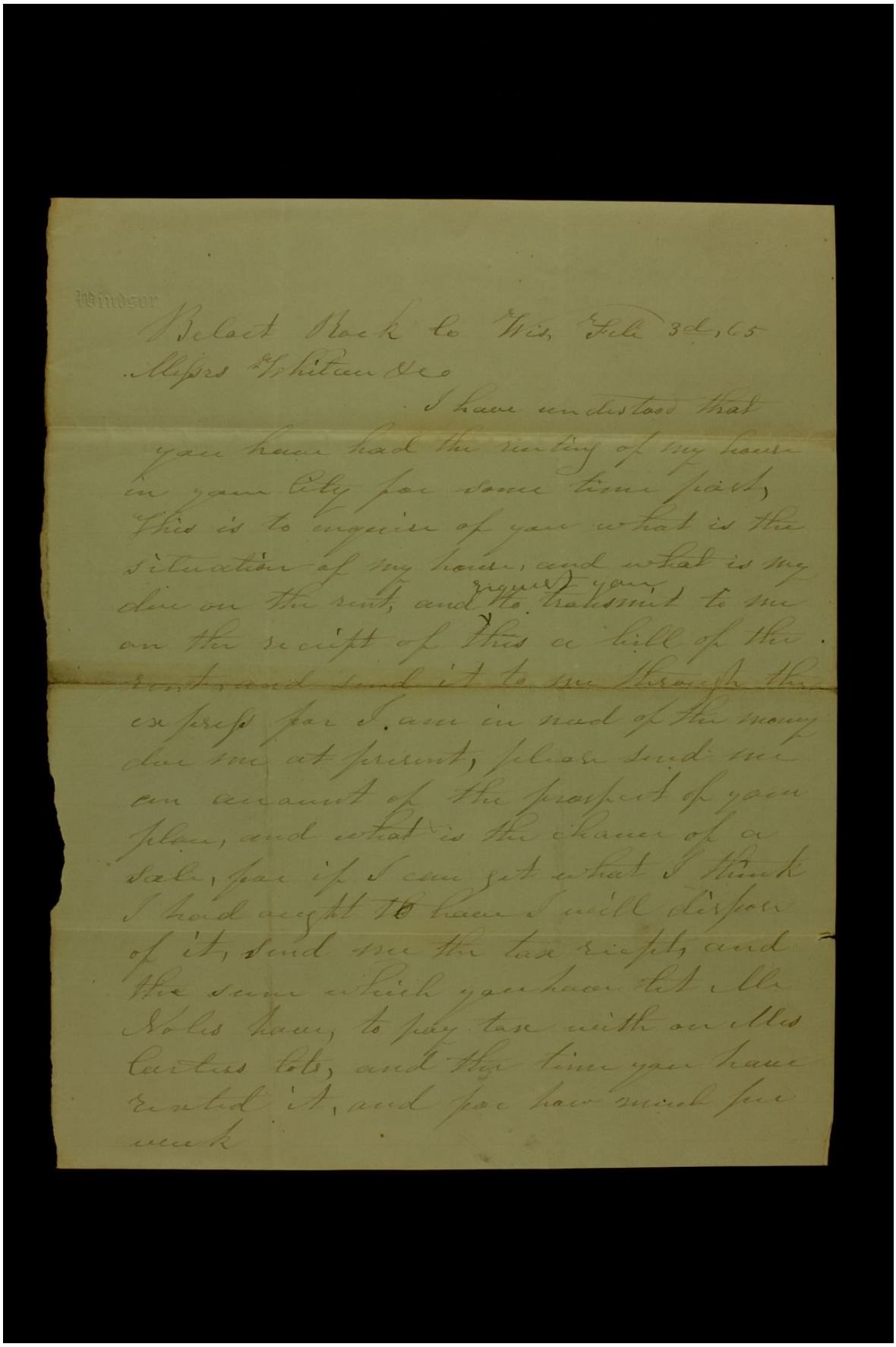
Dear Sir.

We have your favor of 31st ult.
We have written fraternice to
Mr. Treat. We are sorry to hear of your
troubles. Mr. Hunt thinks he has had
back luck too. and wants to have
his good investments make up for some
of his poor ones.

Yours truly. Simpson Bros.

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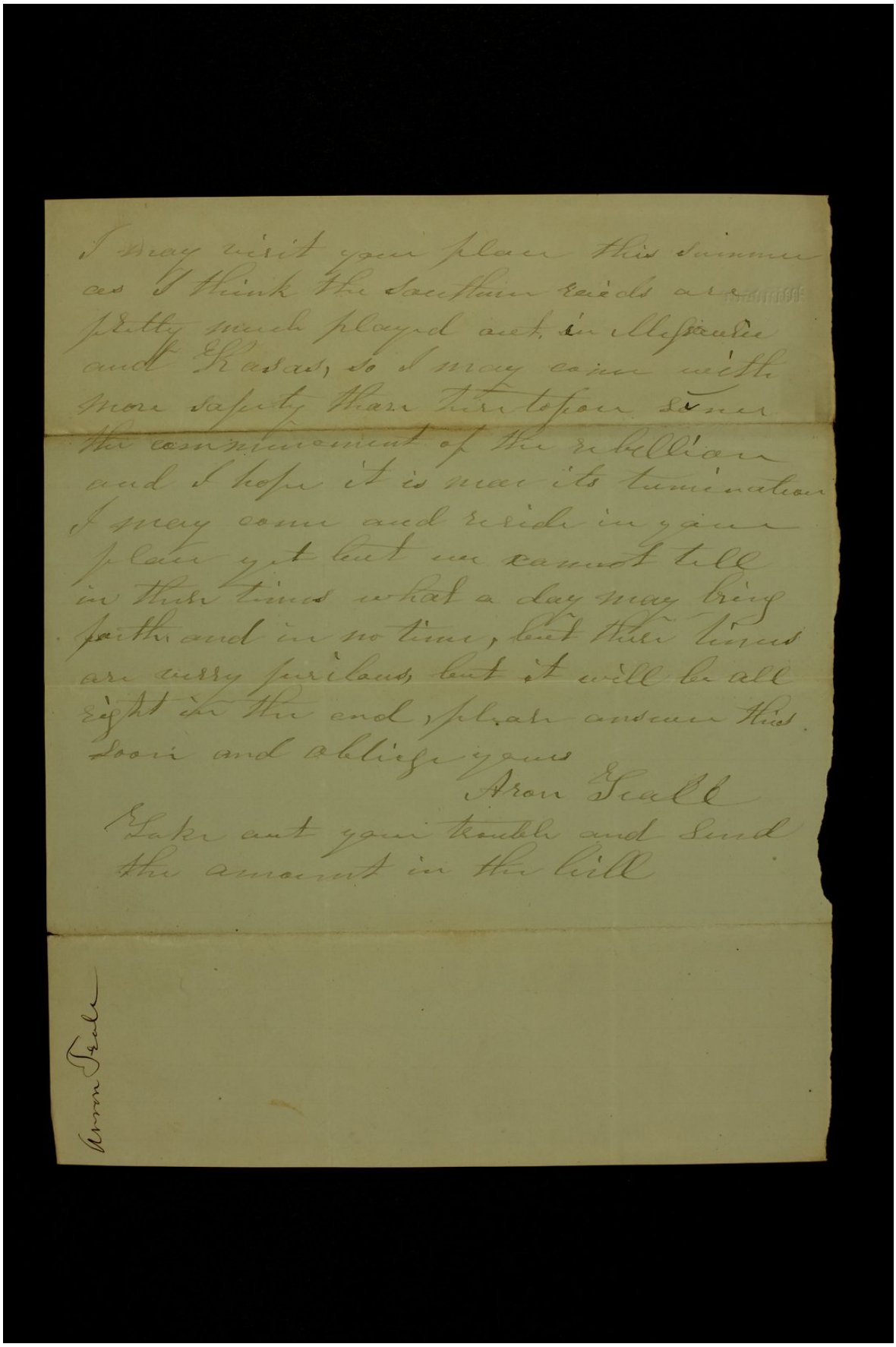


Windsor

Select Rock Co Wis. Feb 3d, 65

Messrs Whitaker & Co

I have understood that you have had the renting of my house in your city for some time past, This is to inquire of you what is the situation of my house, and what is my due on the rent, and to transmit to me on the receipt of this a bill of the same and send it to me through the express for I am in need of the money due me at present, please send me an account of the prospect of your plan, and what is the chance of a sale, for if I can get what I think I had ought to have I will dispose of it, send me the tax receipt, and the sum which you have let Mr Noble have, to pay tax with on Mrs Curtiss lots, and the time you have rented it, and for how much per week

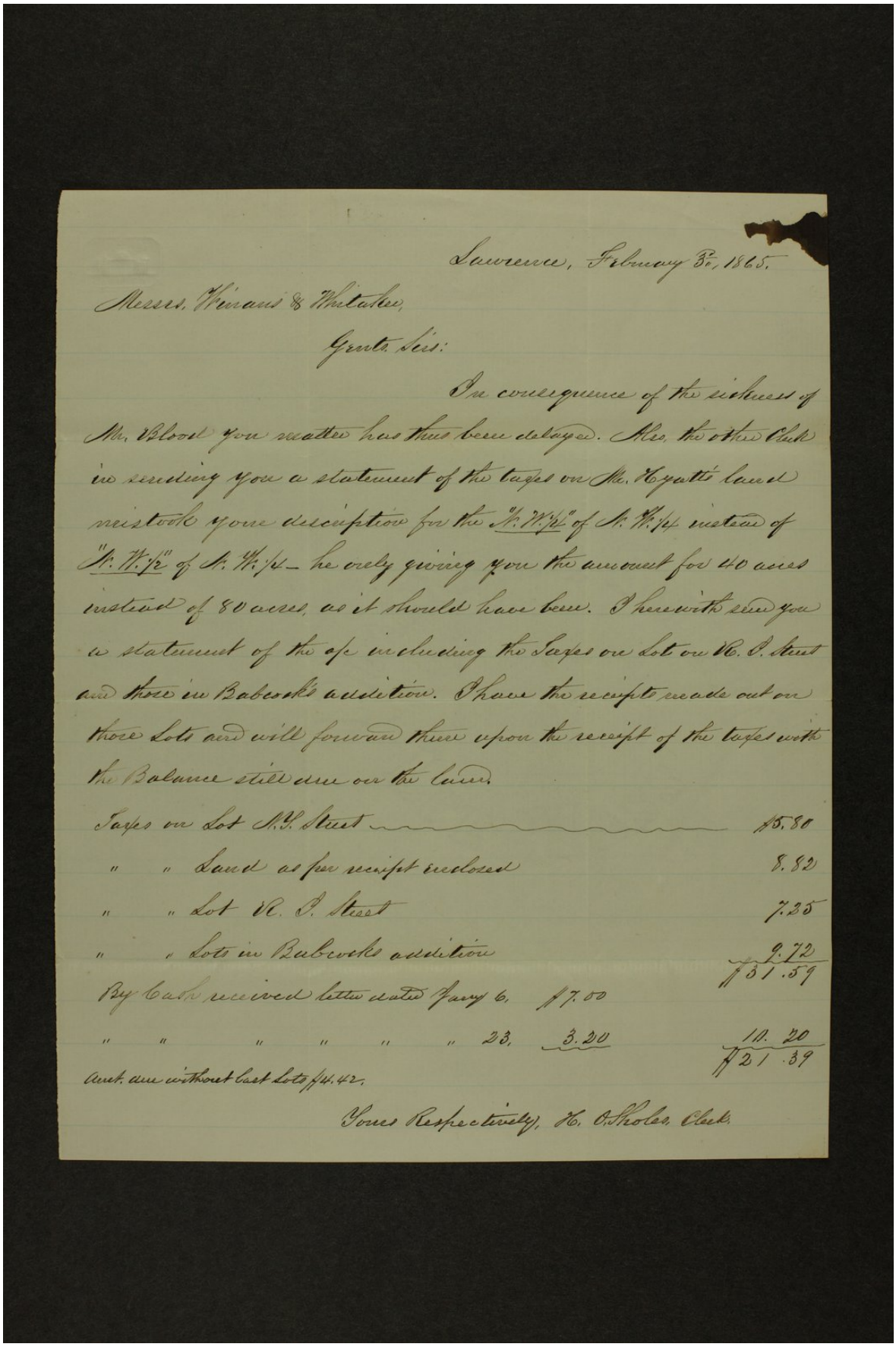


I may visit your place this summer as I think the Southern raids are pretty much played out in Missouri and Kansas, so I may come with more safety than heretofore since the commencement of the rebellion and I hope it is near its termination I may come and reside in your place yet but we cannot tell in these times what a day may bring forth and in no time, but these times are very perilous, but it will be all right in the end, please answer this soon and oblige yours

Aron Scall

Take out your trouble and send the amount in the bill

Aron Scall



Lawrence, February 3, 1865.

Messrs. Winans & Whitaker,

Gents. Sirs:

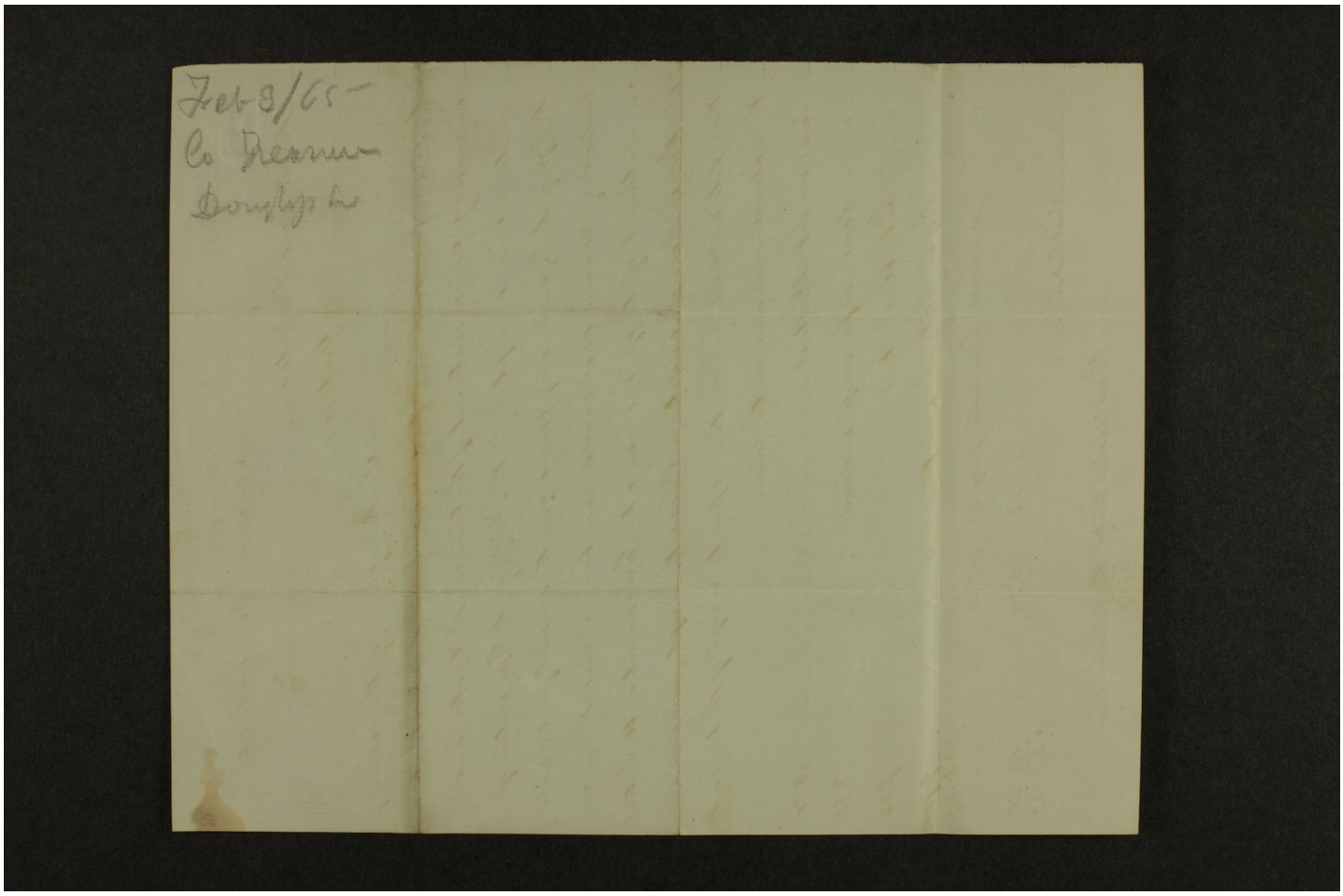
In consequence of the sickness of Mr. Blood your matter has thus been delayed. Also the other Clerk in sending you a statement of the taxes on Mr. Hyatt's land mistook your description for the "N. W¼" of S. W¼ instead of "N. W¼" of S. W¼ – he only giving you the amount for 40 acres instead of 80 acres, as it should have been. I herewith send you a statement of the a/c including the Taxes on Lot on N. P. Street and those in Babcocks addition. I have the receipts made out on those Lots and will forward them upon the receipt of the taxes with the Balance still due on the same.

Taxes on Lot N.P. Street		15.80
" " Land as per receipt enclosed		8.82
" " Lot N. P. Street		7.25
" " Lots in Babcocks addition		9.72
		$41.59
By Cash received Letter dated Jany 6.	$17.00	
" " " " " " 23.	3.20	11.20
		$21.39

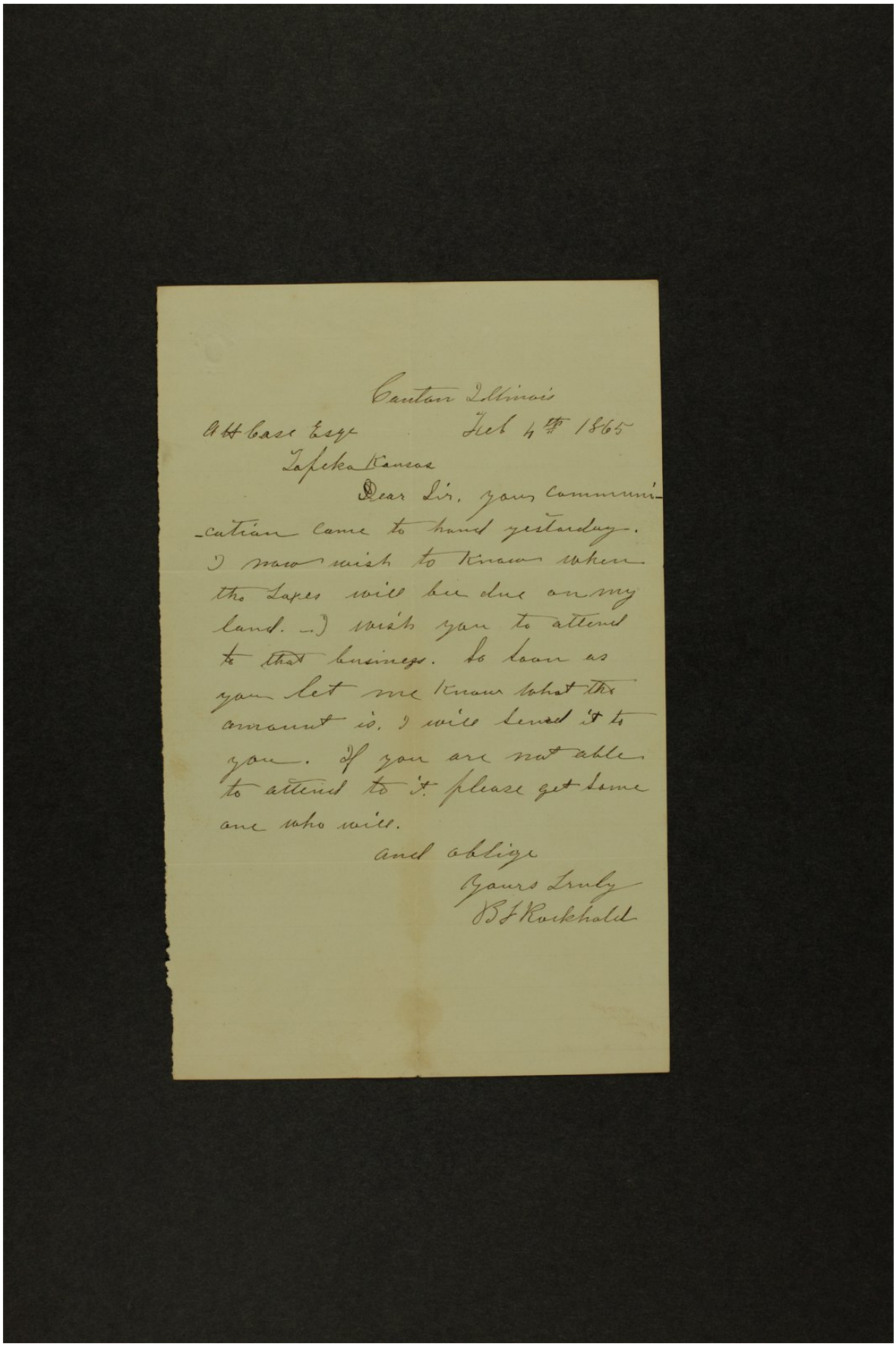
Amt. due without cost Lots $41.42.

Yours Respectively, H. O. Sholes Clerk.

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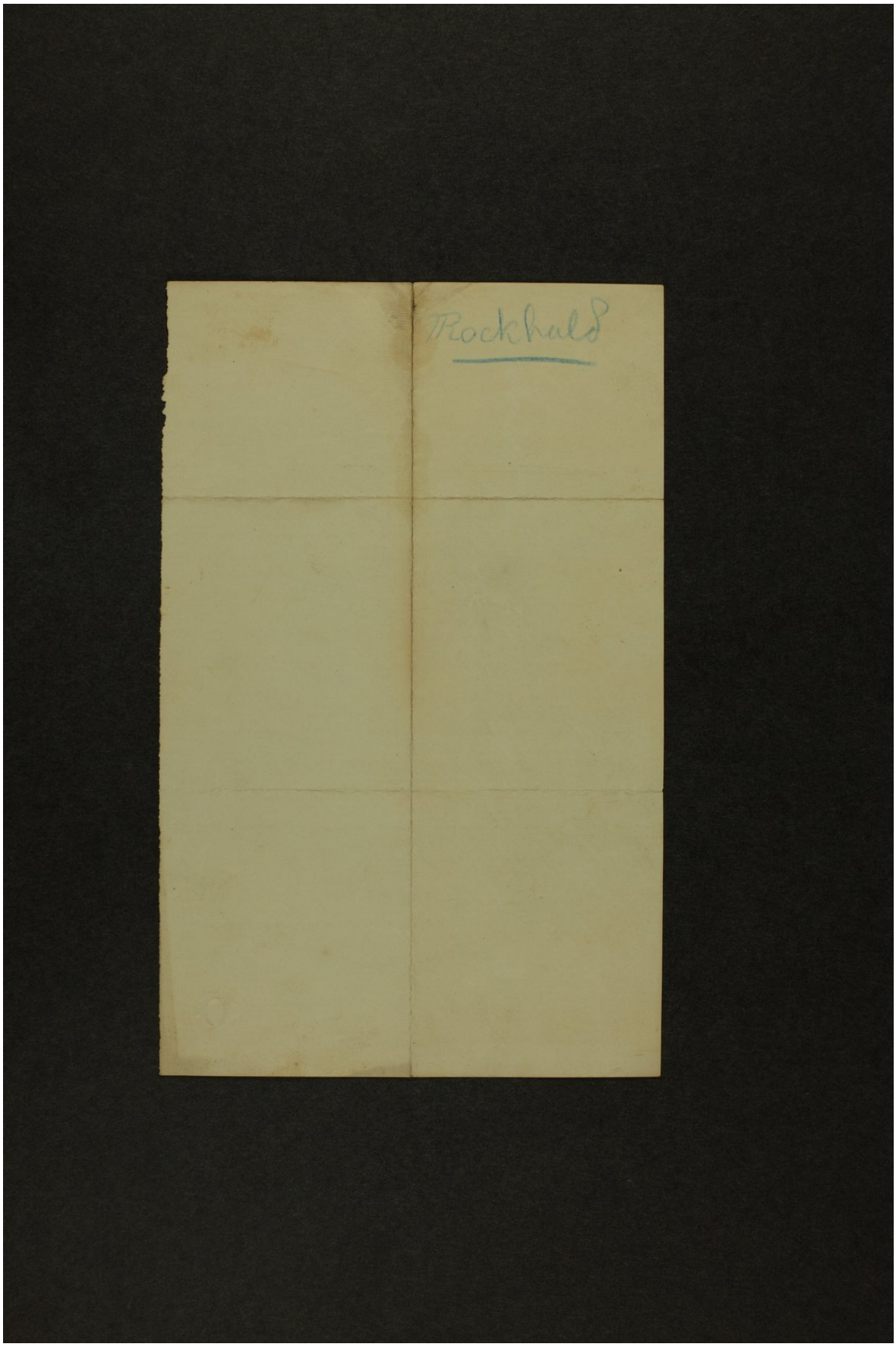


Canton Illinois
Feb 4th 1865

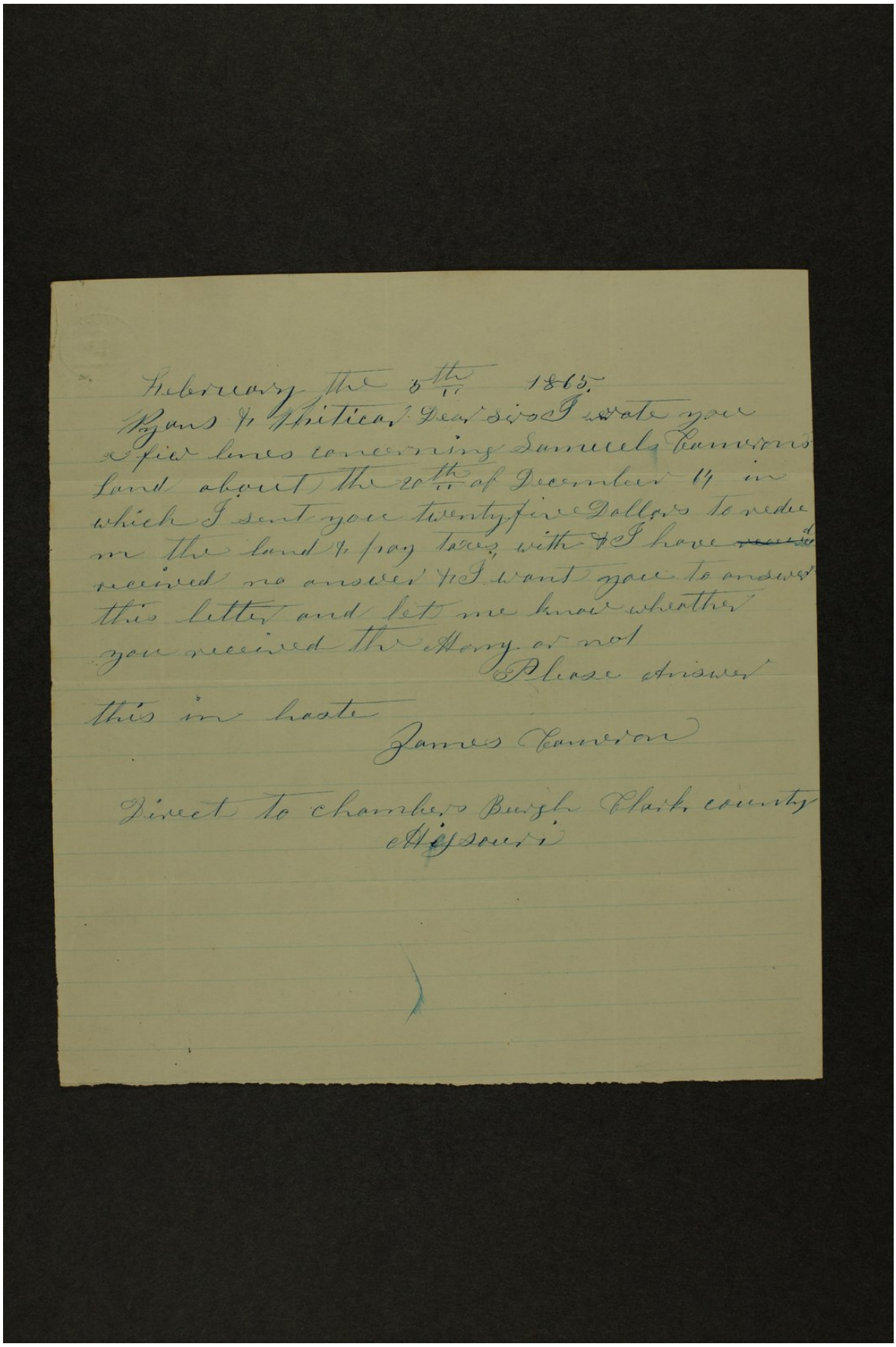
A H Case Esqr
Topeka Kansas

Dear Sir. your communication came to hand yesterday. I now wish to know when the taxes will be due on my land. I wish you to attend to that business. so soon as you let me know what the amount is. I will send it to you. If you are not able to attend to it please get some one who will.

and oblige
Yours Truly
B F Rockhold


Rockhold

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February the 6th " 1865.

Barnes & Whitaker Dear Sirs I wrote you a few lines concerning Samuels Cameons Land about the 20th of December 64 in which I sent you twenty five Dollars to redeem the land & pay taxes with & I have ~~never~~ received no answer & I want you to answer this letter and let me know whether you received the Money or not

Please answer this in haste

James Cameron

Direct to Chambers Burgh Clark county Missouri

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