James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

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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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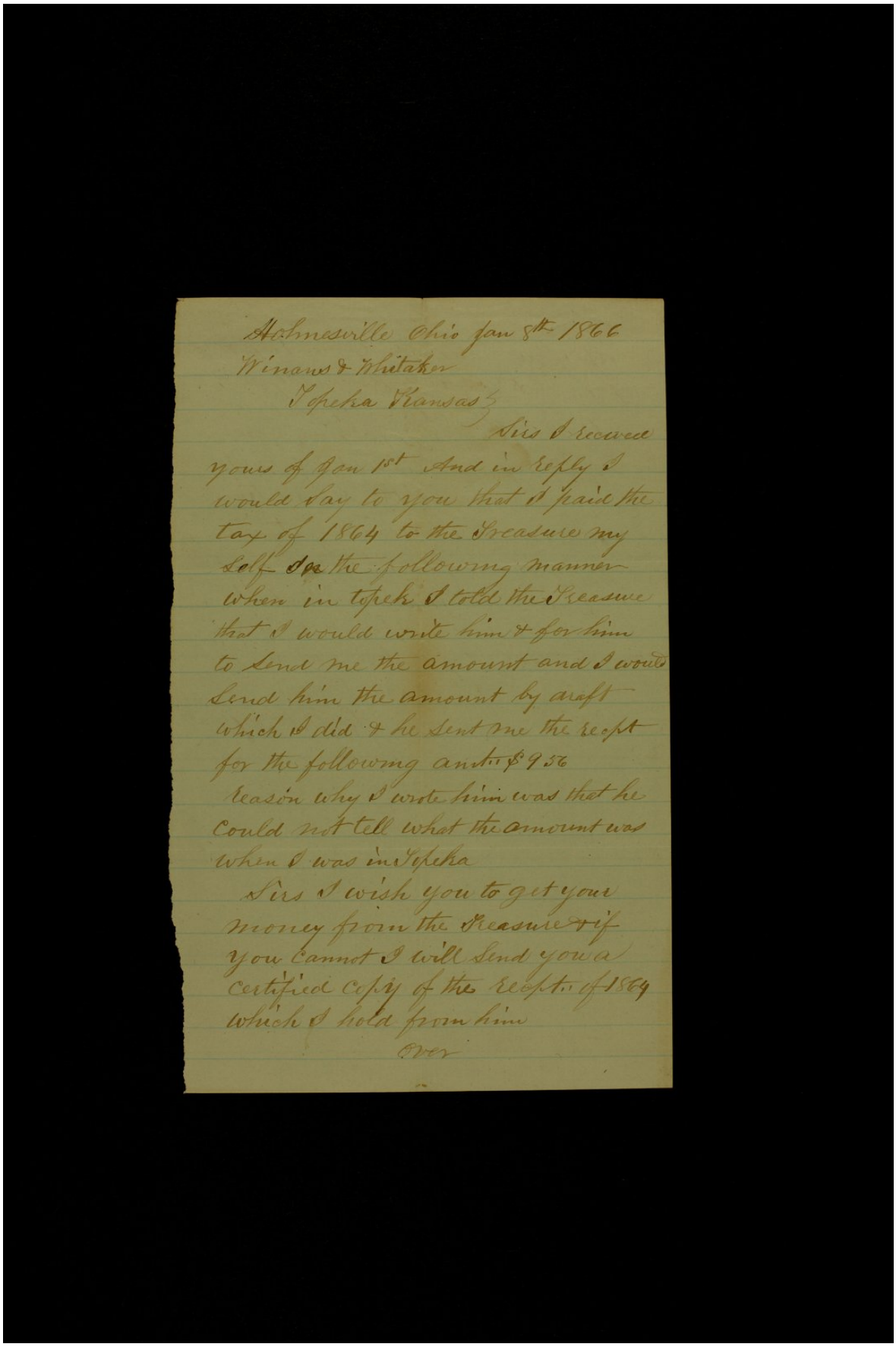
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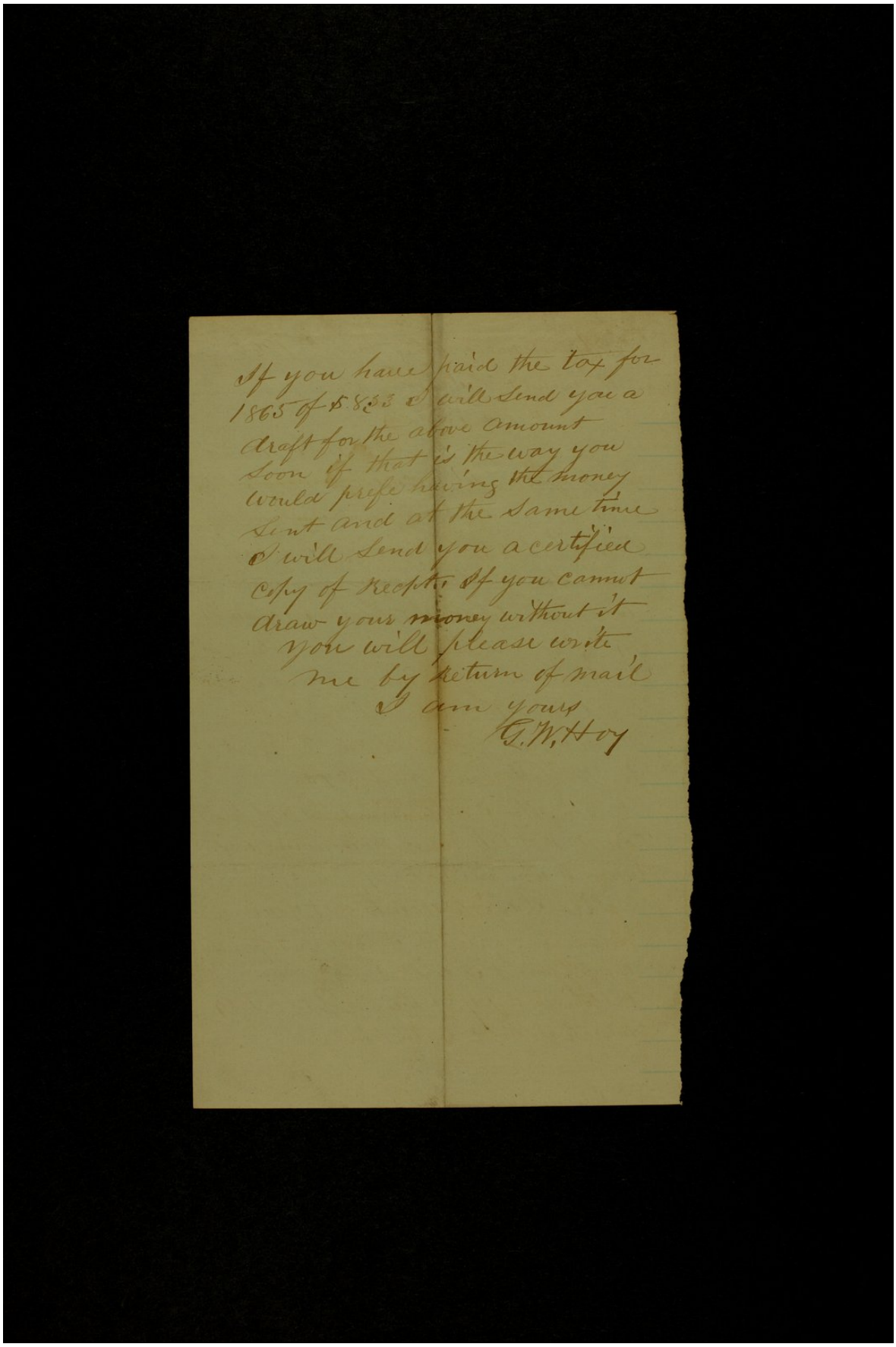
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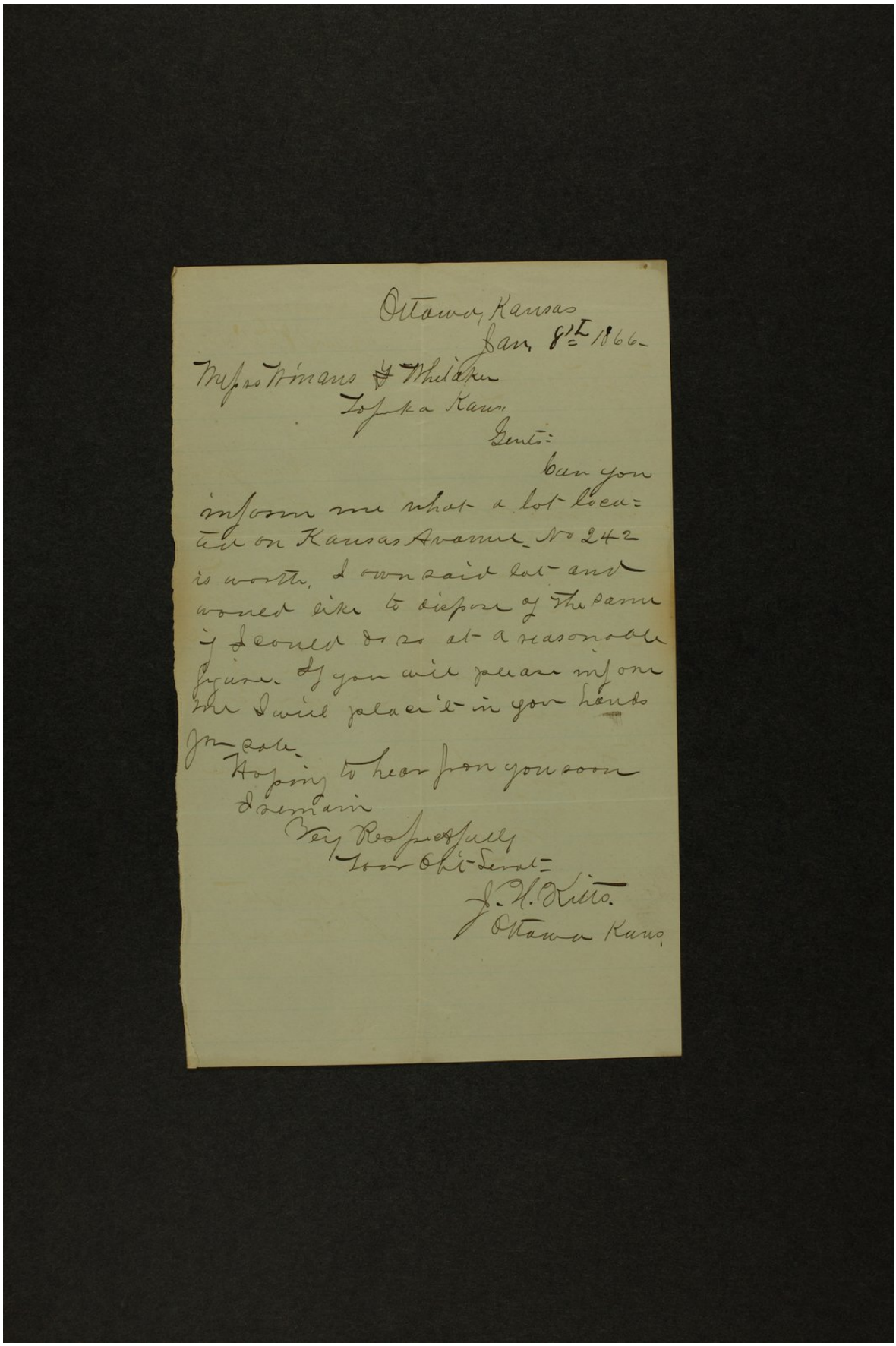


Atchesville Ohio jan 8th 1866
Winans & Whitaker
Topeka Kansas
Sirs I received
yours of Jan 1st And in reply I
would say to you that I paid the
tax of 1864 to the Treasure my
self & the following manner
when in topek I told the Treasure
that I would write him & for him
to send me the amount and I would
send him the amount by draft
which I did & he sent me the recpt
for the following amt. $9.56
reason why I wrote him was that he
could not tell what the amount was
when I was in Topeka
Sirs I wish you to get your
money from the Treasure if
you cannot I will send you a
certified copy of the recpt. of 1864
which I hold from him
Over



If you have paid the tax for
1865 of $8.33 I will send you a
draft for the above amount
soon if that is the way you
would prefe having the money
sent and at the same time
I will send you a certified
copy of Receipt. If you cannot
draw your money without it
you will please write
me by return of mail
I am yours
G. W. Hoy

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Ottawa, Kansas
Jan. 8th 1866

Messrs Timans & Whitaker
Topeka Kans.

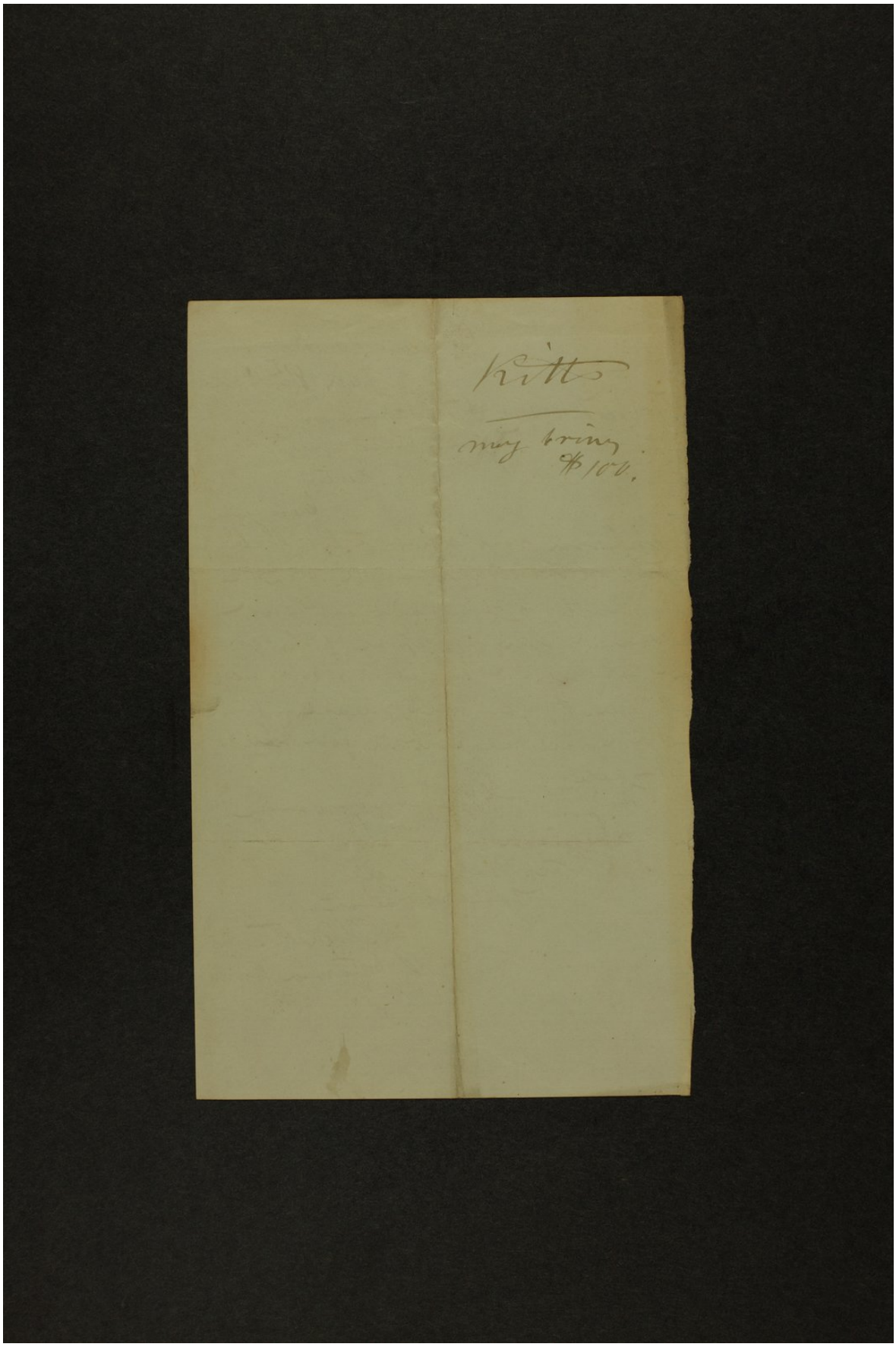
Gents:

Can you inform me what a lot located on Kansas Avenue No 242 is worth. I own said lot and would like to dispose of the same if I could do so at a reasonable figure. If you will value me one I will value it in your hands for sale.

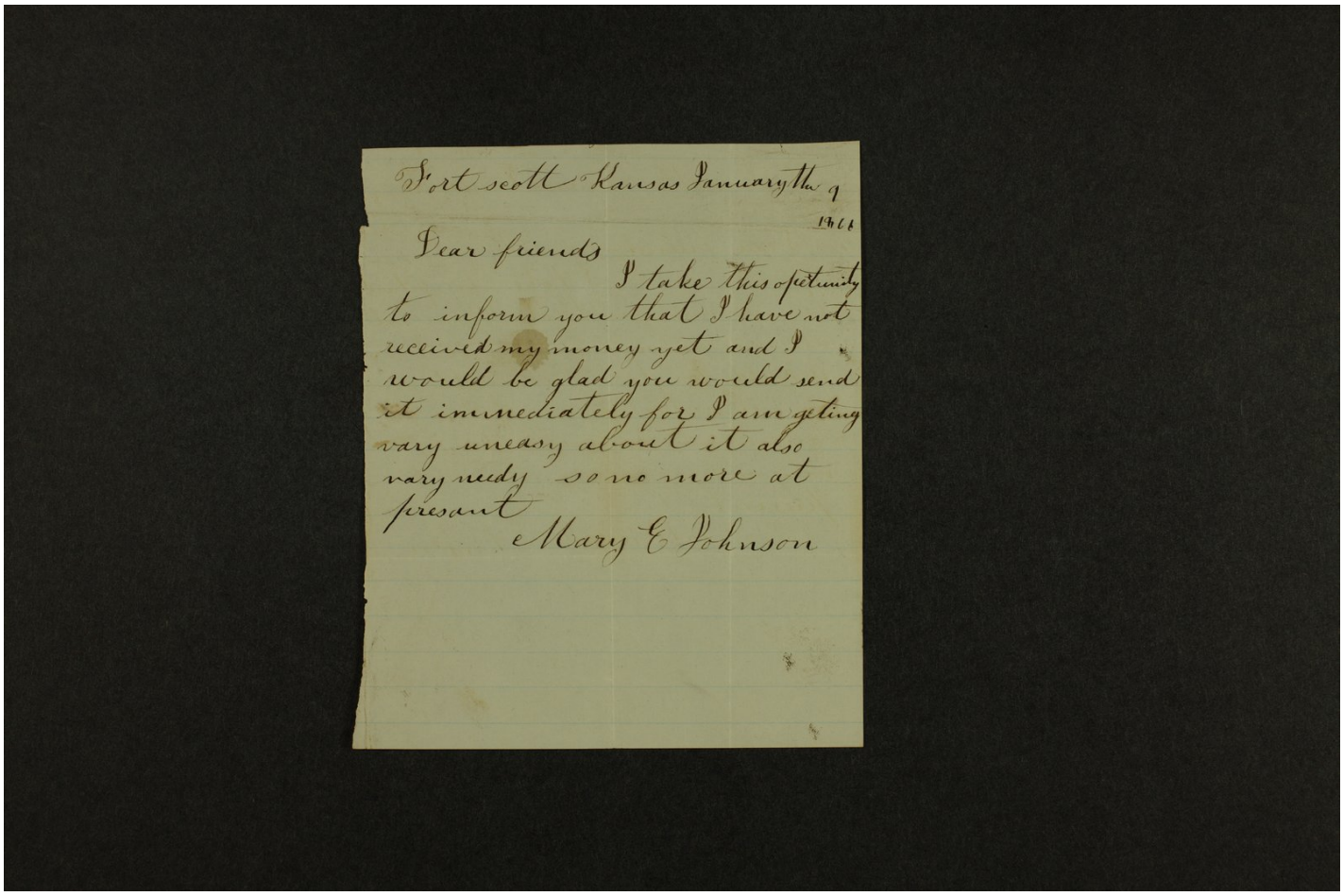
Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. H. Kitts.
Ottawa Kans.

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



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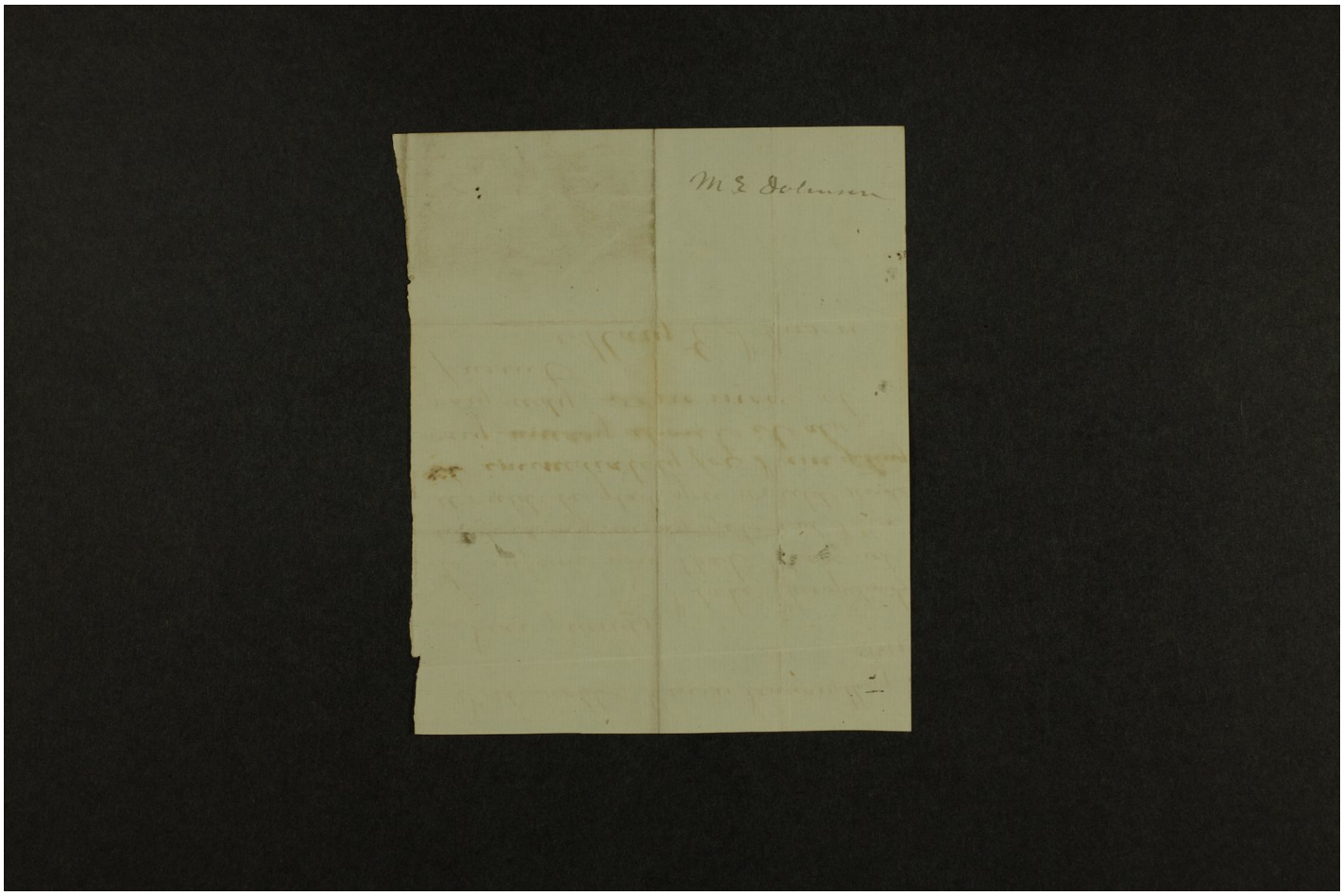
Fort scott Kansas January the 9
1864

Dear friends

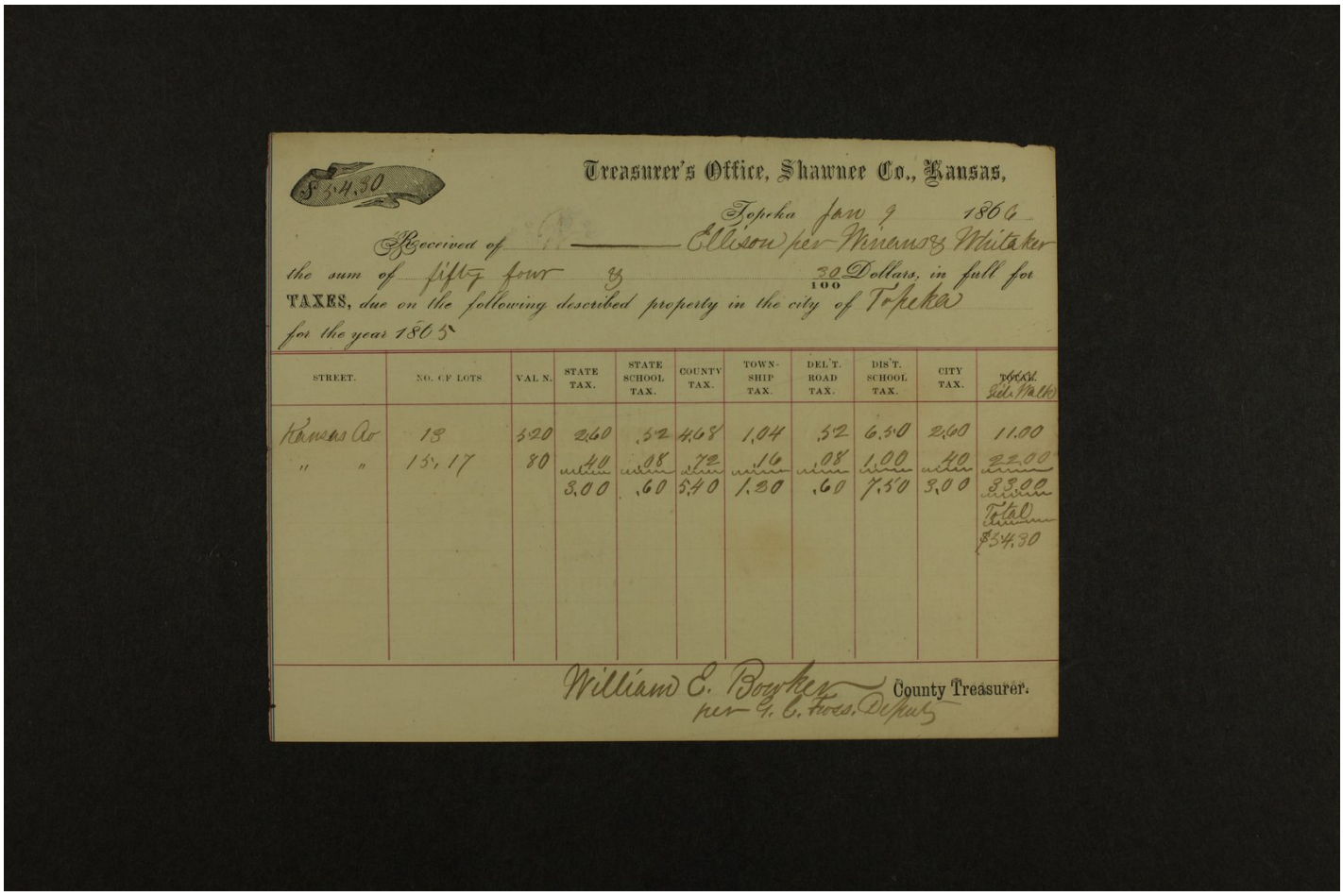
I take this opertunity to inform you that I have not received my money yet and I would be glad you would send it immediately for I am geting vary uneasy about it also vary needy so no more at present

Mary E Johnson

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$54.30

Treasurer's Office, Shawnee Co., Kansas,

Topeka Jan 9 1866

Received of ——— Ellison per Winans & Whitaker

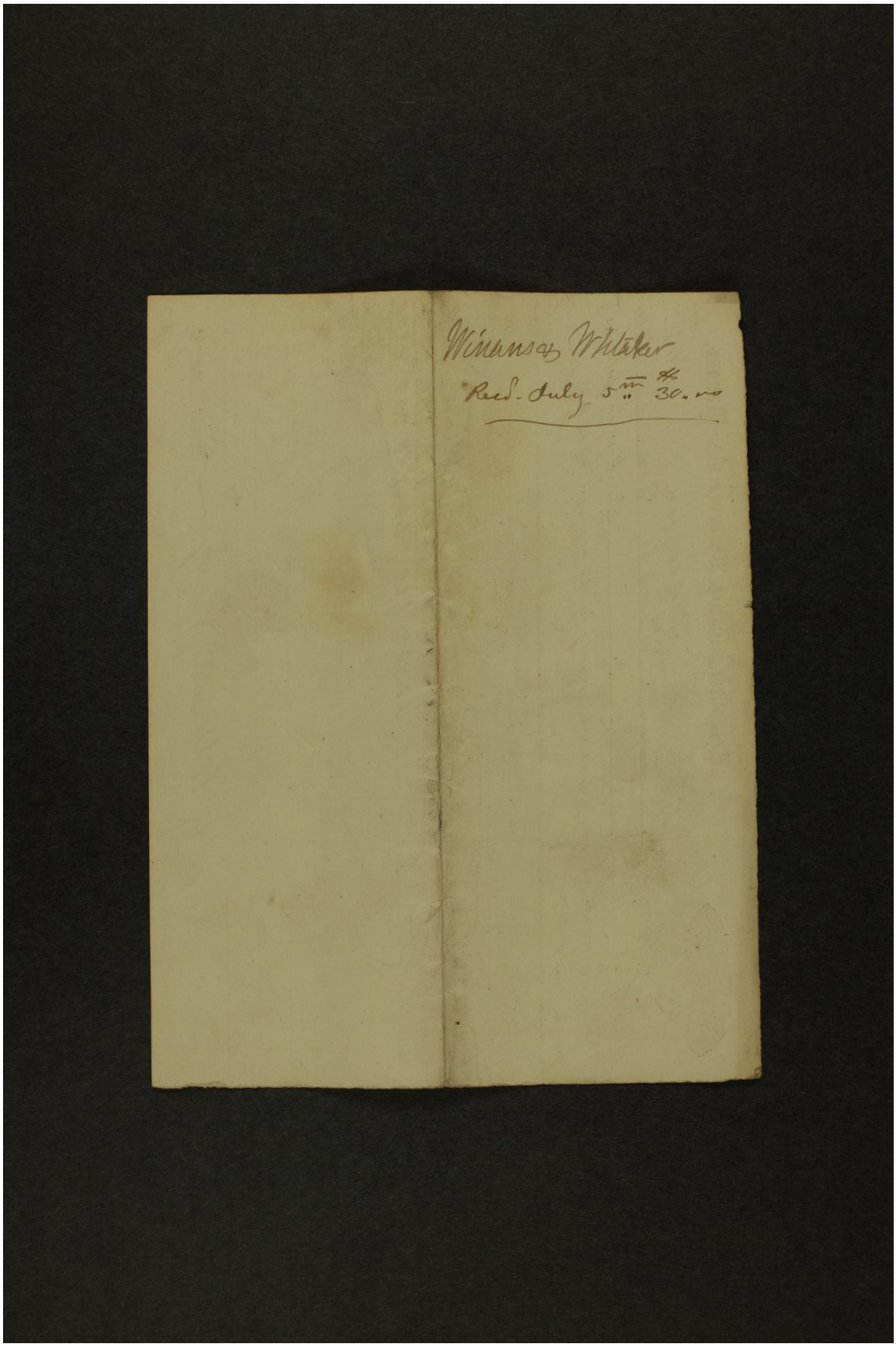
the sum of fifty four 30/100 Dollars, in full for

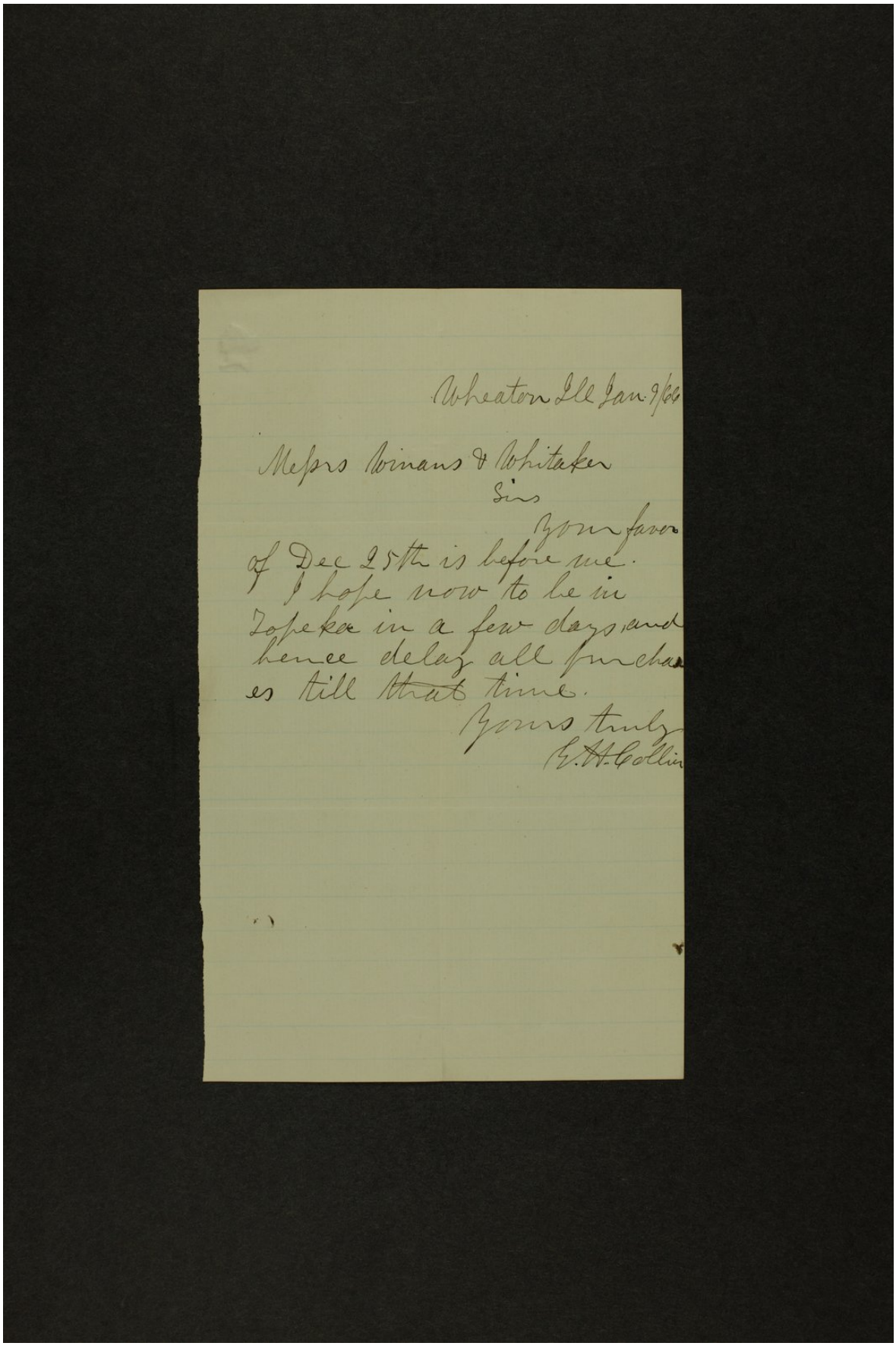
TAXES, due on the following described property in the city of Topeka

for the year 1865

STREET.	NO. OF LOTS	VAL'N.	STATE TAX.	STATE SCHOOL TAX.	COUNTY TAX.	TOWN-SHIP TAX.	DEL'T. ROAD TAX.	DIS'T. SCHOOL TAX.	CITY TAX.	TOTAL.
Kansas Av	18	320	2.60	.32	4.08	1.04	.32	6.50	2.60	11.00
" "	15, 17	80	.40	.08	.72	.16	.08	1.00	.40	2.00
			3.00	.60	5.40	1.20	.60	7.50	3.00	23.00
										Total $54.30

William C. Boyken per G. C. Foos, Deputy — County Treasurer.


Wm Barnes Whitaker
Recd. July 5th 1/4 30. mo



Wheaton Ills Jan. 9/66

Messrs Winans & Whitaker

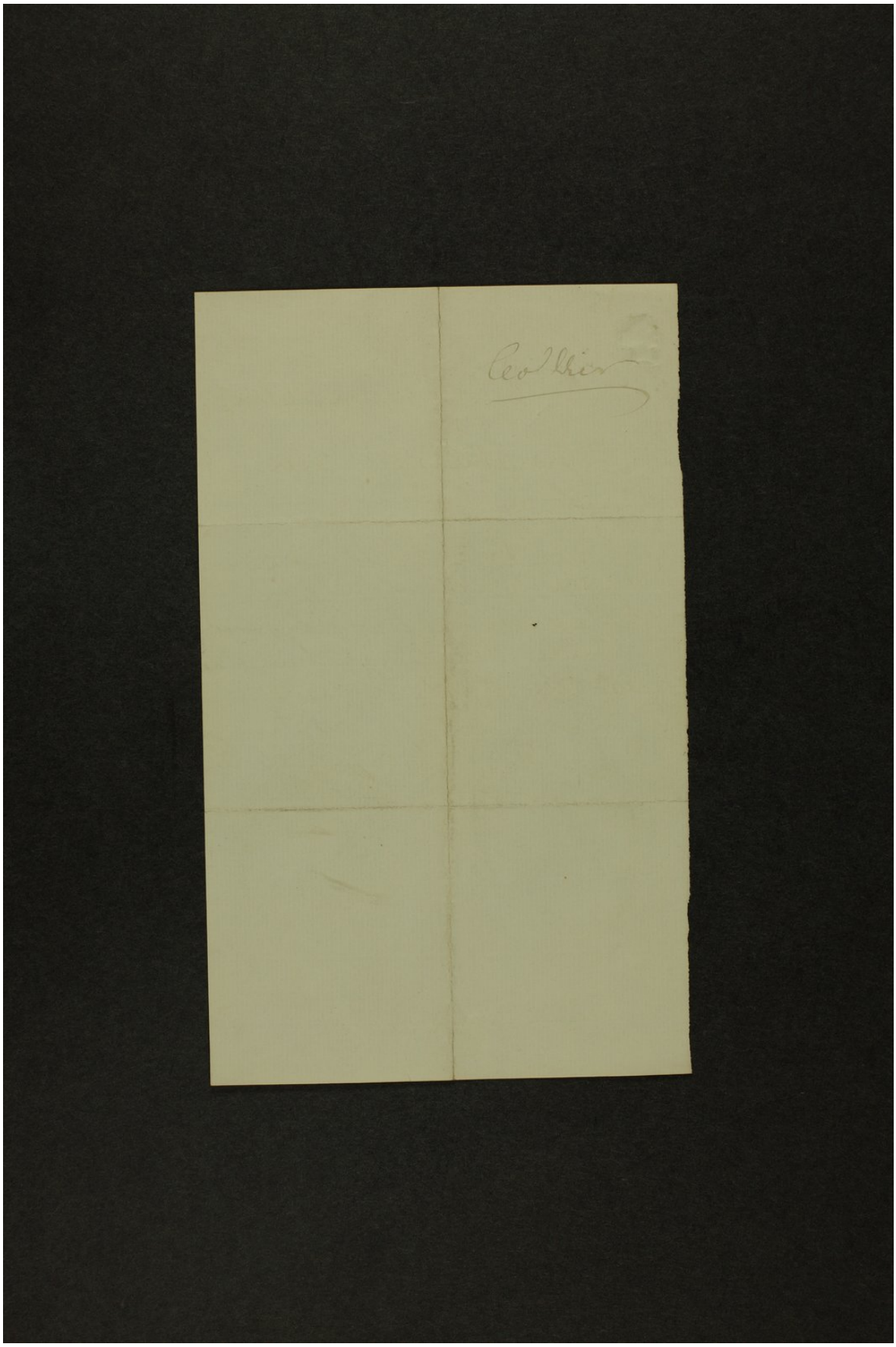
Sirs

Yours favor of Dec 25th is before me. I hope now to be in Topeka in a few days and hence delay all purchases till that time.

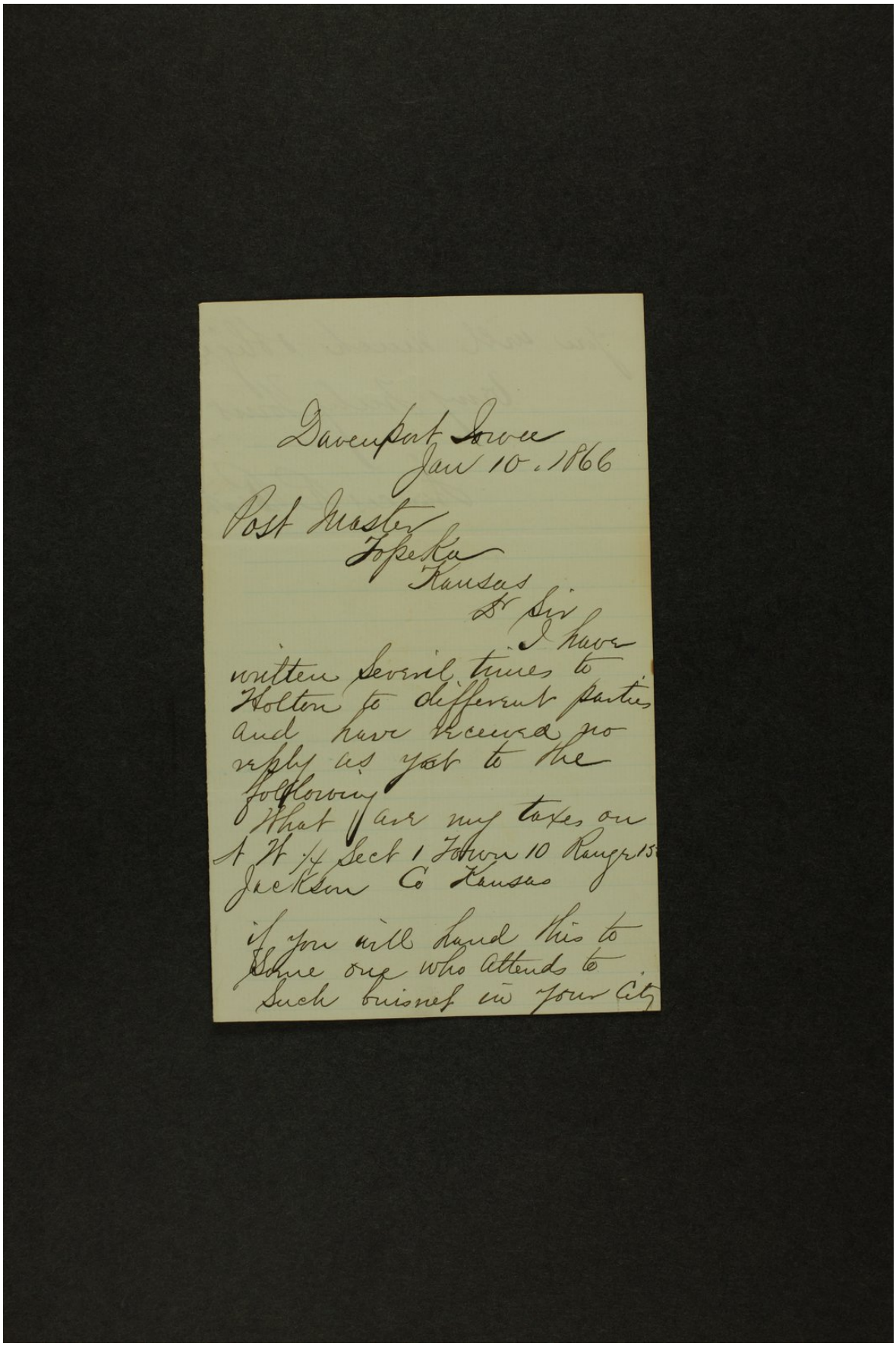
Yours truly

E. H. Collins

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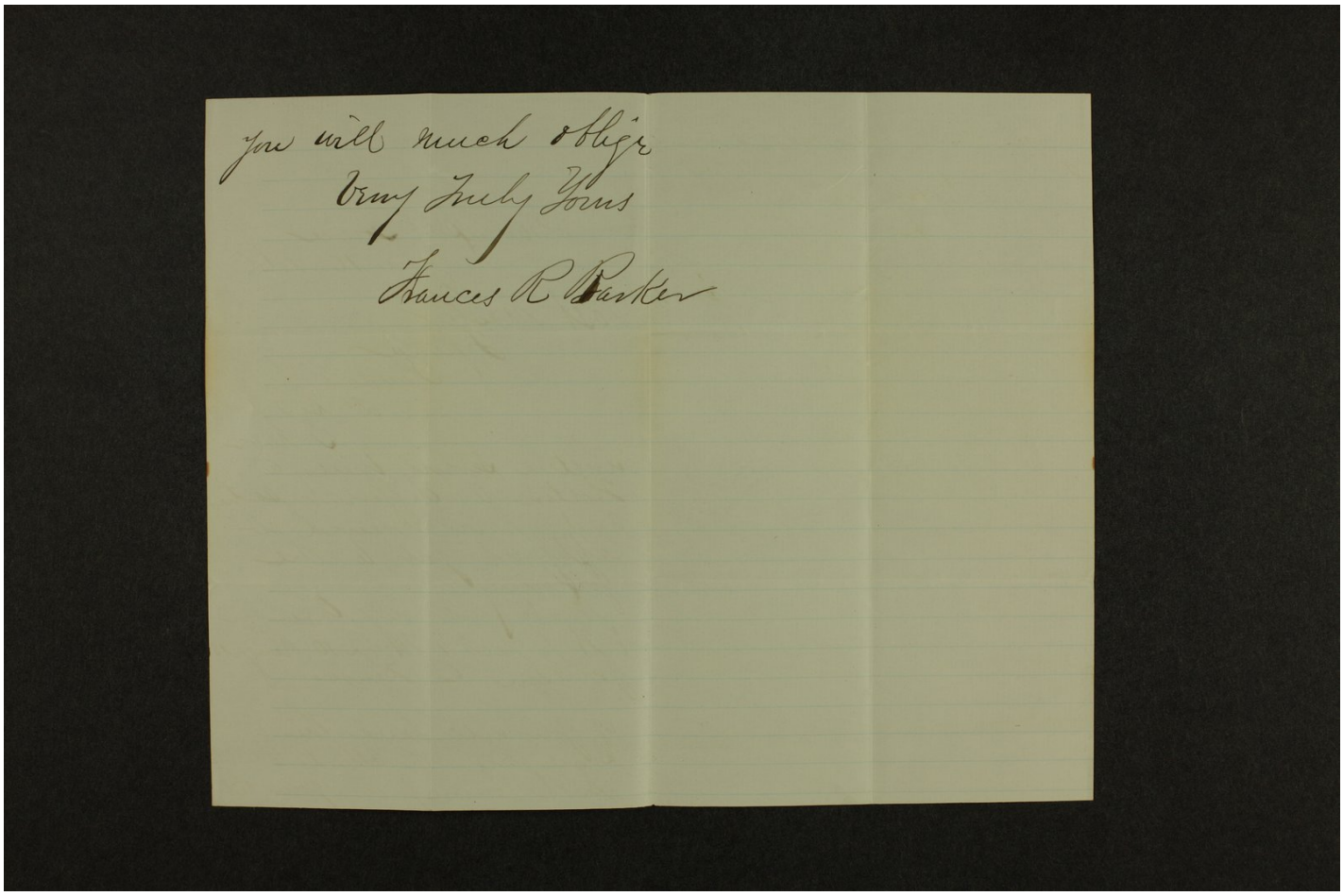
Davenport Iowa
Jan 10. 1866

Post Master
Topeka
Kansas

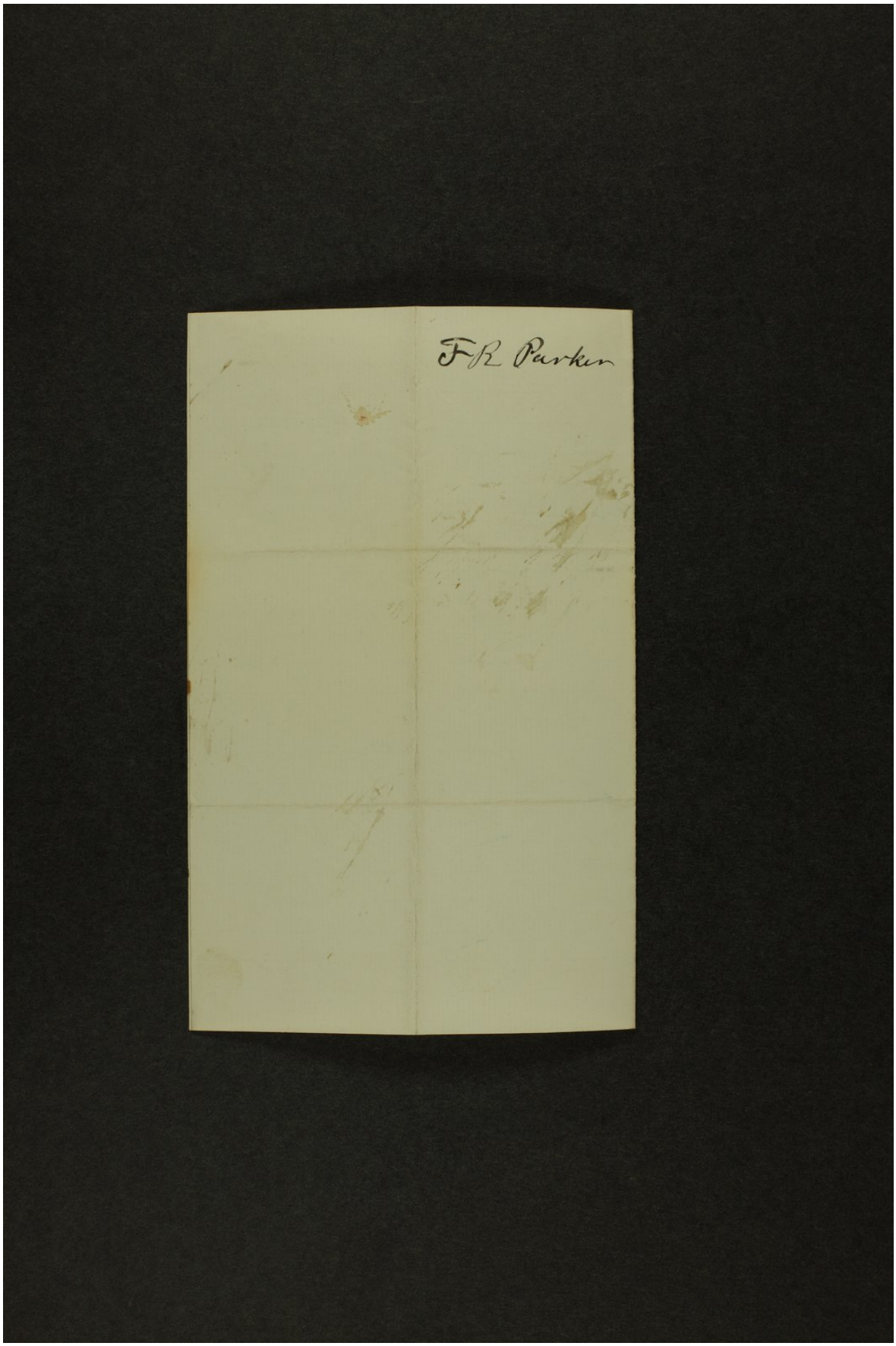
Dr Sir I have written Several times to Holton to different parties and have recevd no reply as yet to the following
What are my taxes on
S ½ ¼ Sect 1 Town 10 Range 15
Jackson Co Kansas

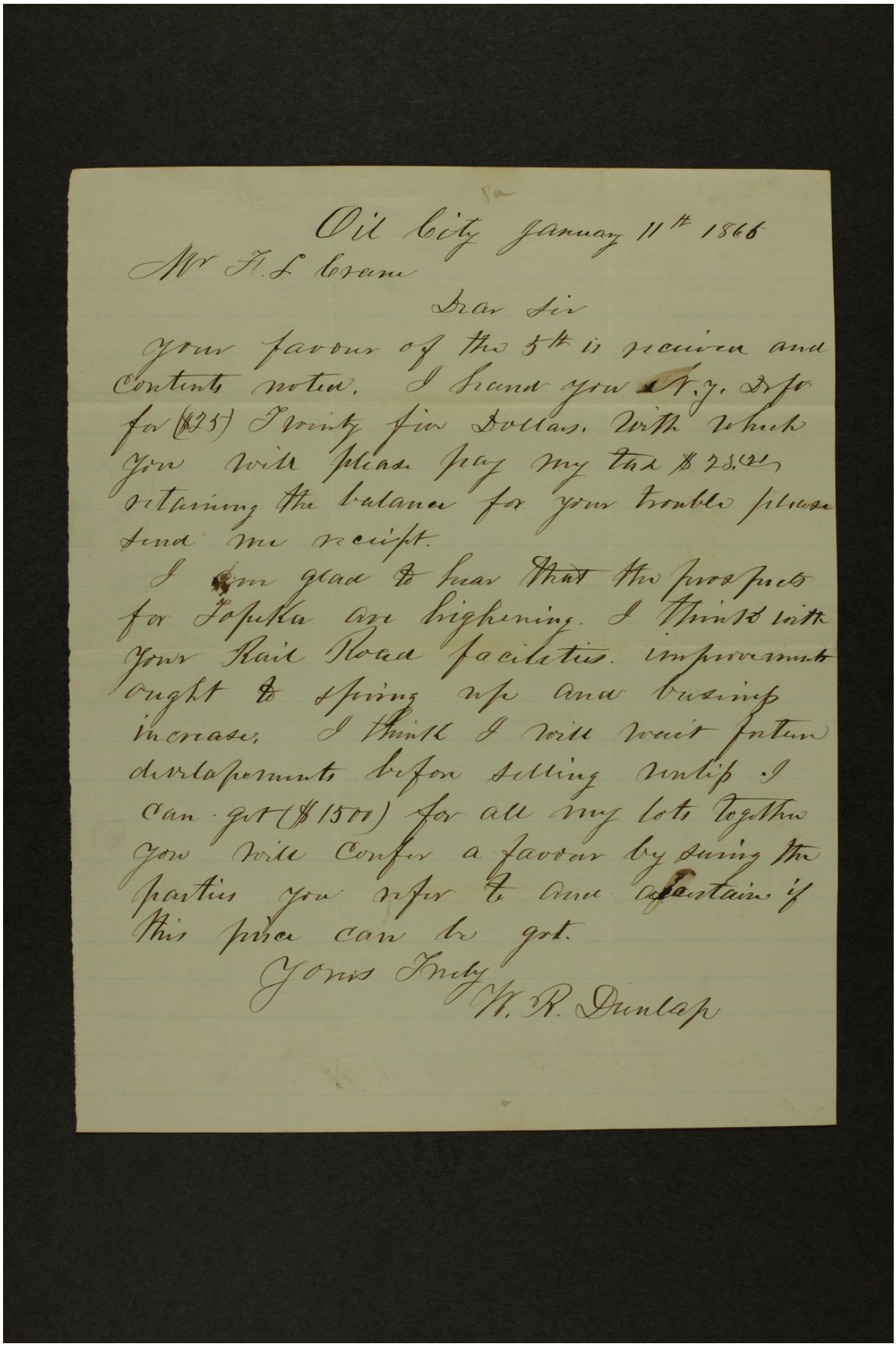
if you will hand this to Some one who attends to Such buisnes in your city

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



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Oil City January 11th 1866

Mr F. L. Crane

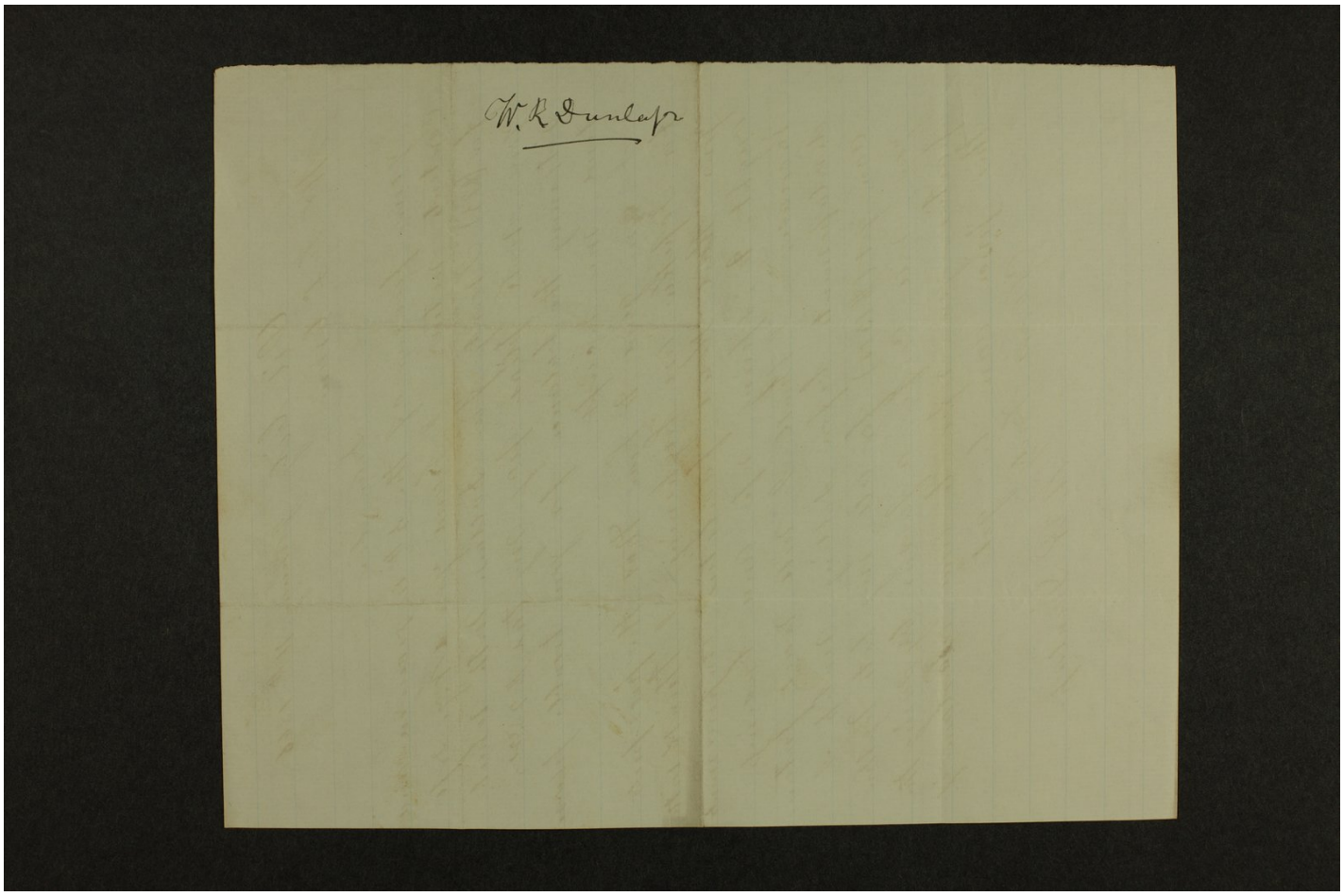
Dear Sir

Your favour of the 5th is received and contents noted. I found your N. J. Bill for ($25) Twenty five Dollars. With which you will please pay my Bill $23.00 retaining the balance for your trouble please send me receipt.

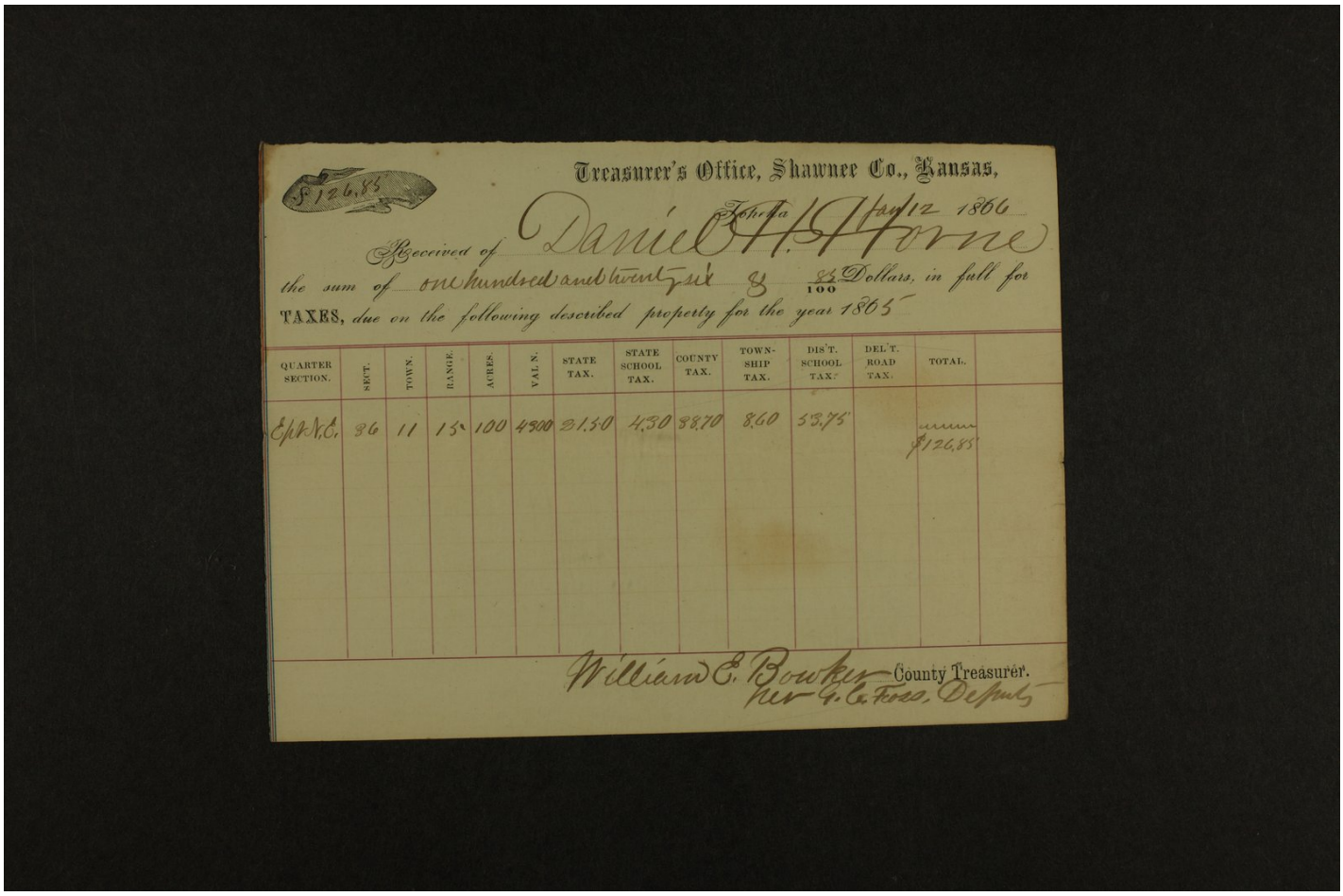
I am glad to hear that the prospects for Topeka are brightening. I think with your Rail Road facilities. improvements ought to spring up and business increase. I think I will wait future developments before selling unless I can get ($1500) for all my lots together you will confer a favour by seeing the parties you refer to and ascertain if this price can be got.

Yours Truly W. R. Dunlap

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



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Treasurer's Office, Shawnee Co., Kansas,

$126,85

Received of Daniel H. Horne

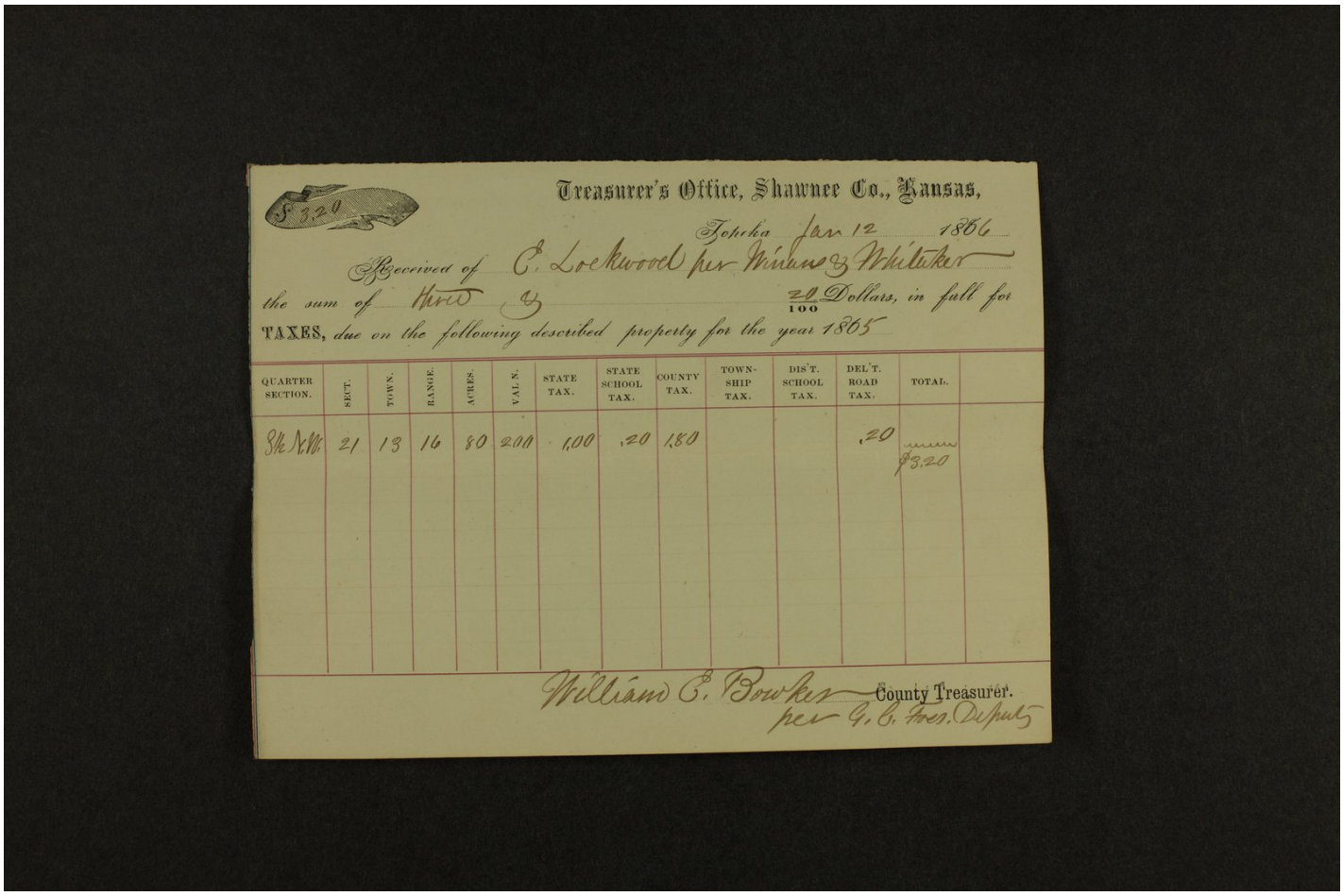
the sum of one hundred and twenty six 85/100 Dollars, in full for

TAXES, due on the following described property for the year 1865

QUARTER SECTION.	SEC'T.	TOWN.	RANGE.	ACRES.	VAL'N.	STATE TAX.	STATE SCHOOL TAX.	COUNTY TAX.	TOWNSHIP TAX.	DIS'T. SCHOOL TAX.	DEL'T. ROAD TAX.	TOTAL.
E½ N.E.	36	11	15	100	4300	21.50	4.30	88.70	8.60	53.75		$126,85

William C. Bowker County Treasurer.
per G. C. Foss, Deputy

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



Treasurer's Office, Shawnee Co., Kansas,

$3.20

Topeka Jan 12 1866

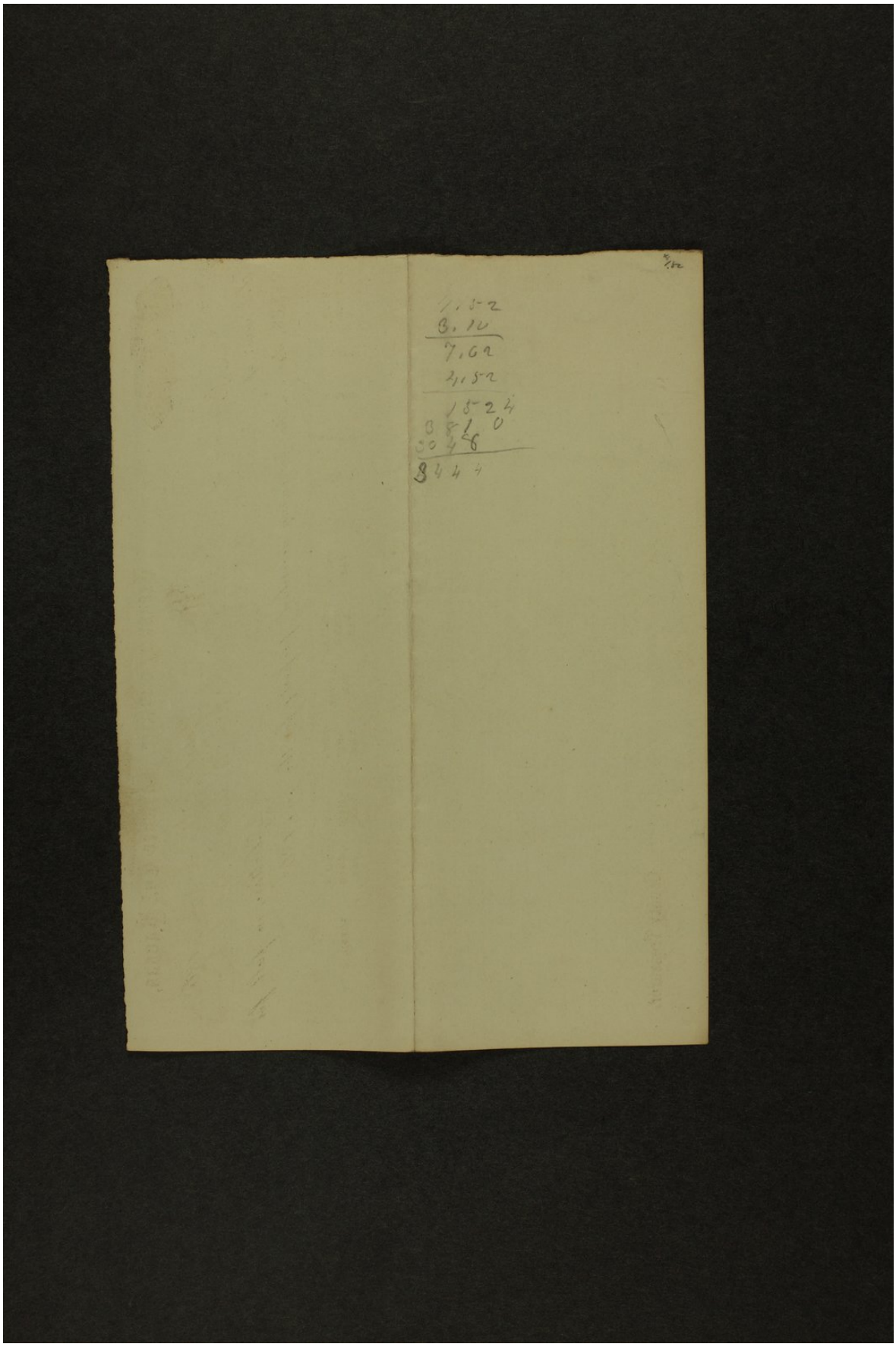
Received of C. Lockwood per Mrs. J. B. Whitaker

the sum of Three 20/100 Dollars, in full for

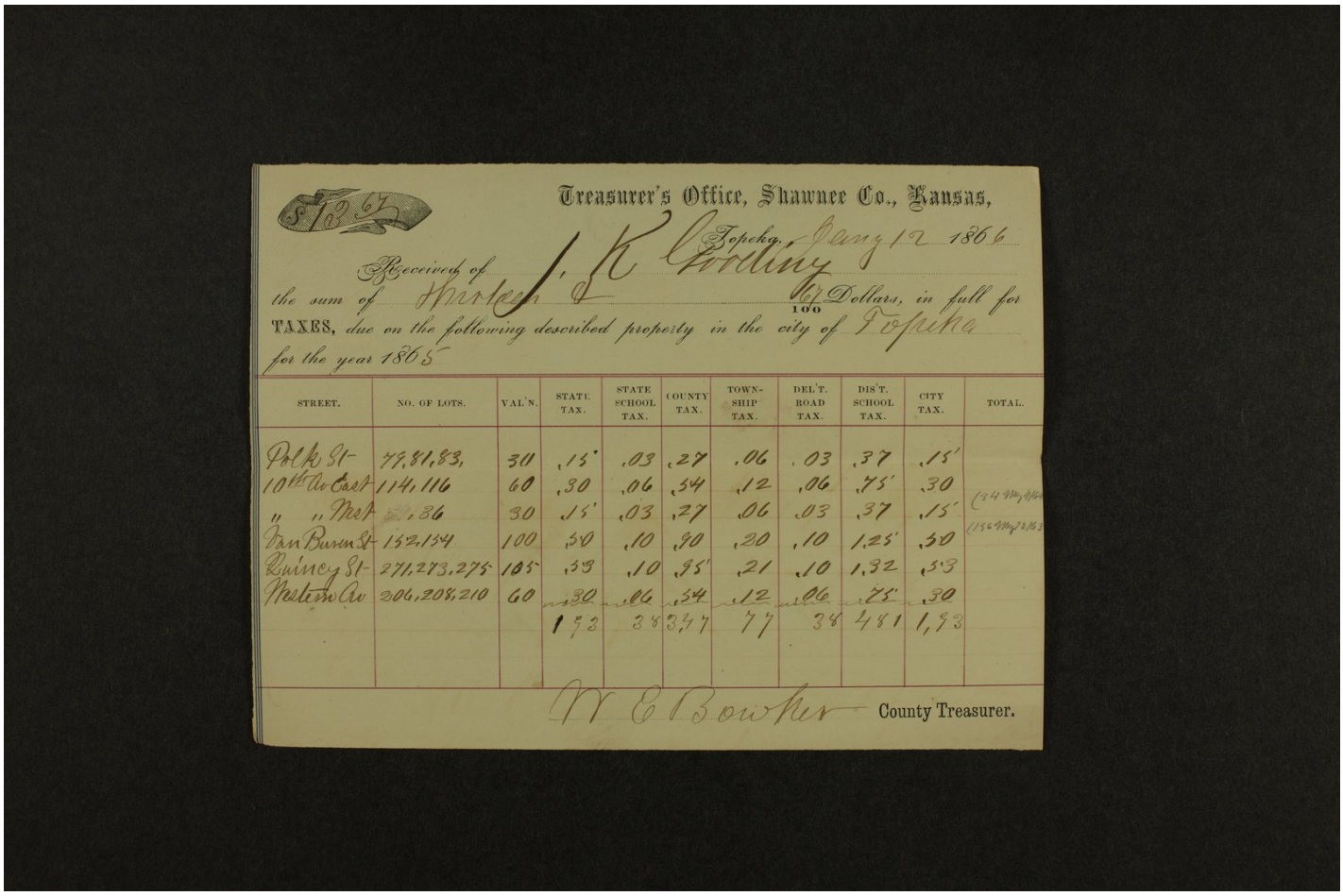
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QUARTER SECTION.	SECT.	TOWN.	RANGE.	ACRES.	VAL'N.	STATE TAX.	STATE SCHOOL TAX.	COUNTY TAX.	TOWNSHIP TAX.	DIS'T. SCHOOL TAX.	DEL'T. ROAD TAX.	TOTAL.
SE¼ NW¼	21	13	16	80	200	1,00	.20	1,80			.20	$3.20

William C. Bowker County Treasurer.
per G. C. Foos. Deputy



James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



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Treasurer's Office, Shawnee Co., Kansas,

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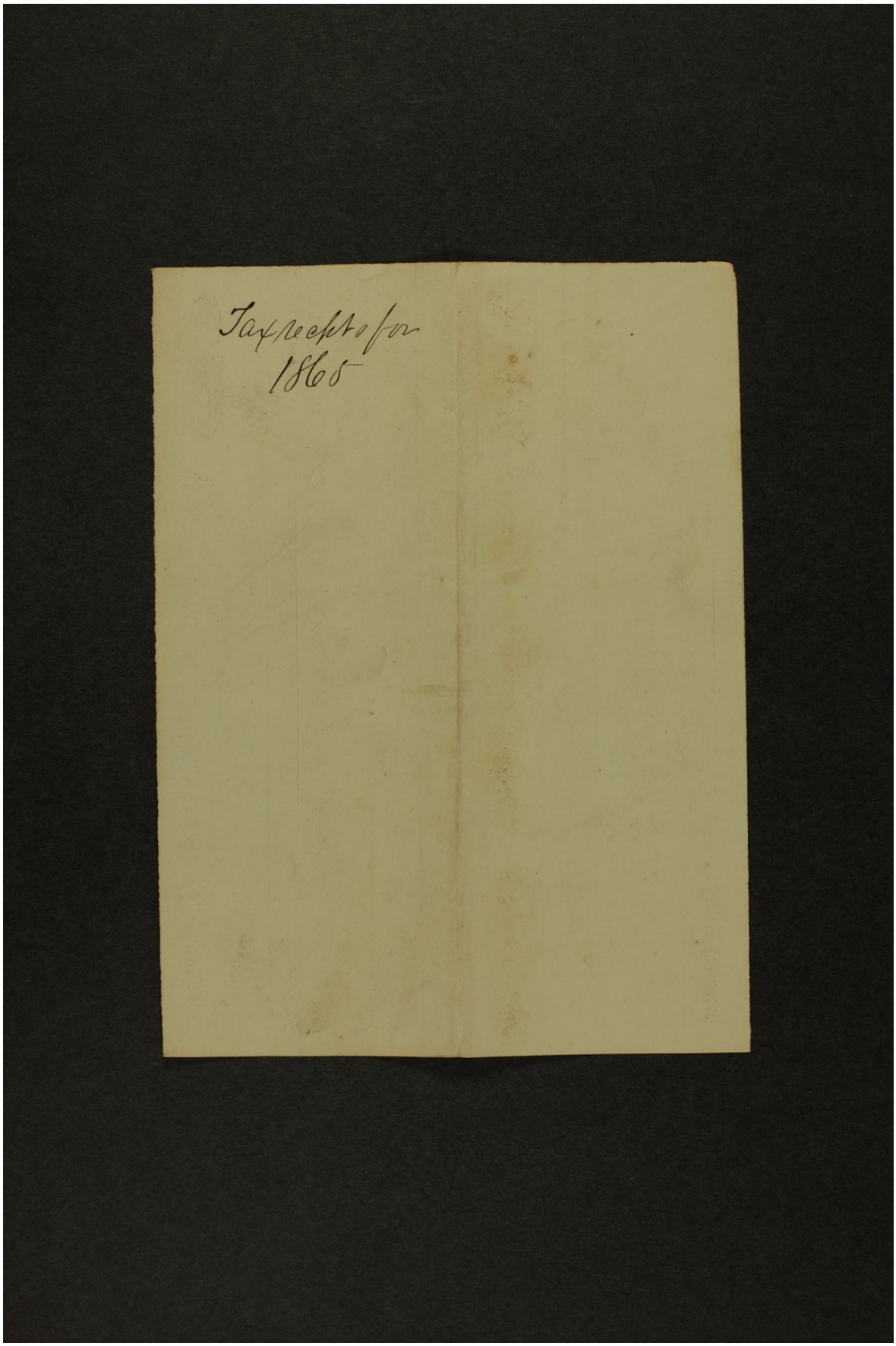
Received of J. K. Goodin

the sum of Thirteen 62/100 Dollars, in full for TAXES, due on the following described property in the city of Topeka for the year 1865

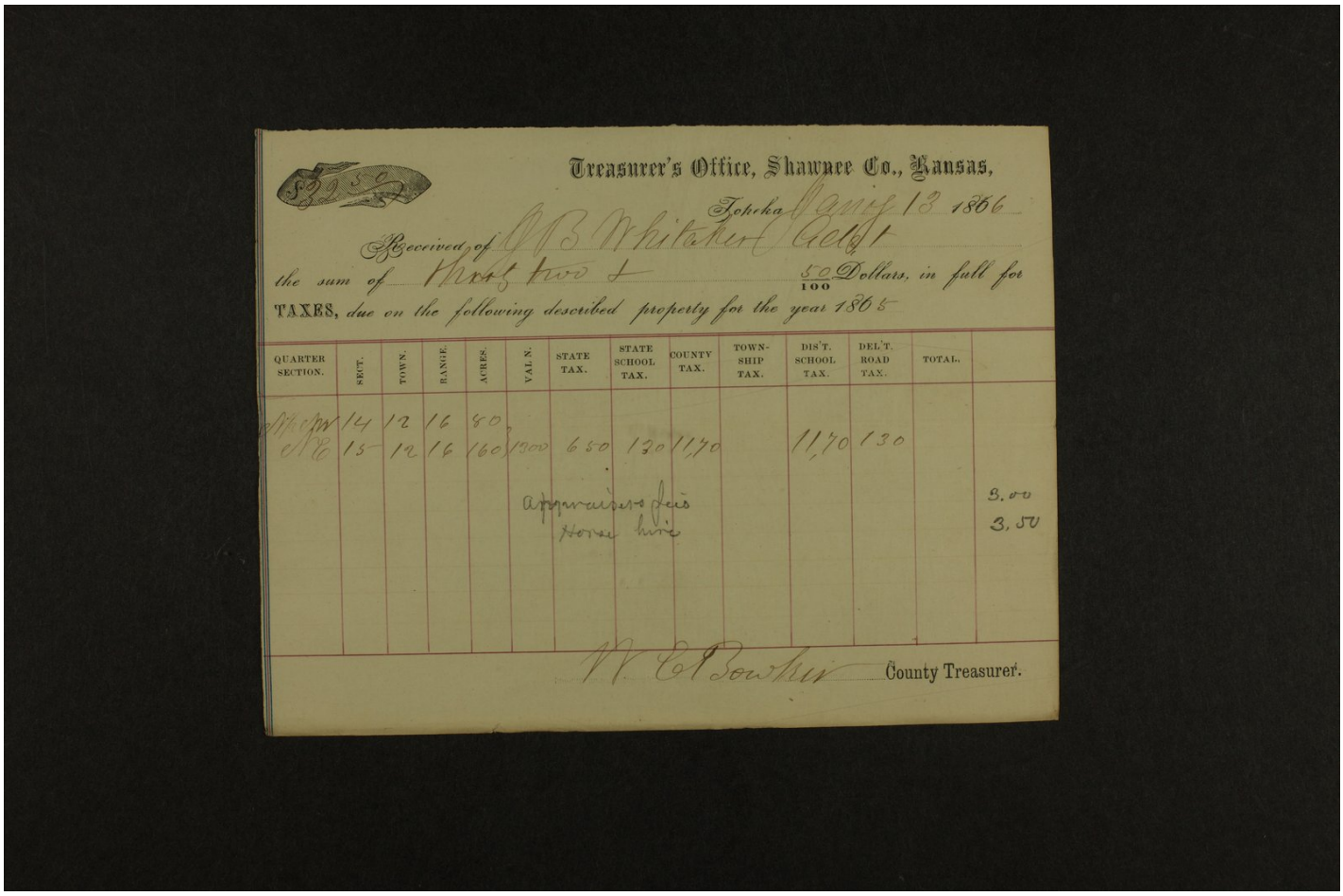
STREET.	NO. OF LOTS.	VAL'N.	STATE TAX.	STATE SCHOOL TAX.	COUNTY TAX.	TOWN-SHIP TAX.	DEL'T. ROAD TAX.	DIS'T. SCHOOL TAX.	CITY TAX.	TOTAL.
Polk St	79,81,83,	30	,15	,03	,27	,06	,03	,37	,15	
10th Av East	114,116	60	,30	,06	,54	,12	,06	,75	,30	
" " West	[illegible]36	30	,15	,03	,27	,06	,03	,37	,15	
Van Buren St	132,134	100	,50	,10	,90	,20	,10	1,25	,50	
Quincy St	271,273,275	105	,53	,10	,95	,21	,10	1,32	,53	
Western Av	206,208,210	60	,30	,06	,54	,12	,06	,75	,30	
			1,73	,38	3,47	,77	,34	4,81	1,93	

W E Bowker County Treasurer.

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



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Treasurer's Office, Shawnee Co., Kansas,

Topeka January 13 1866

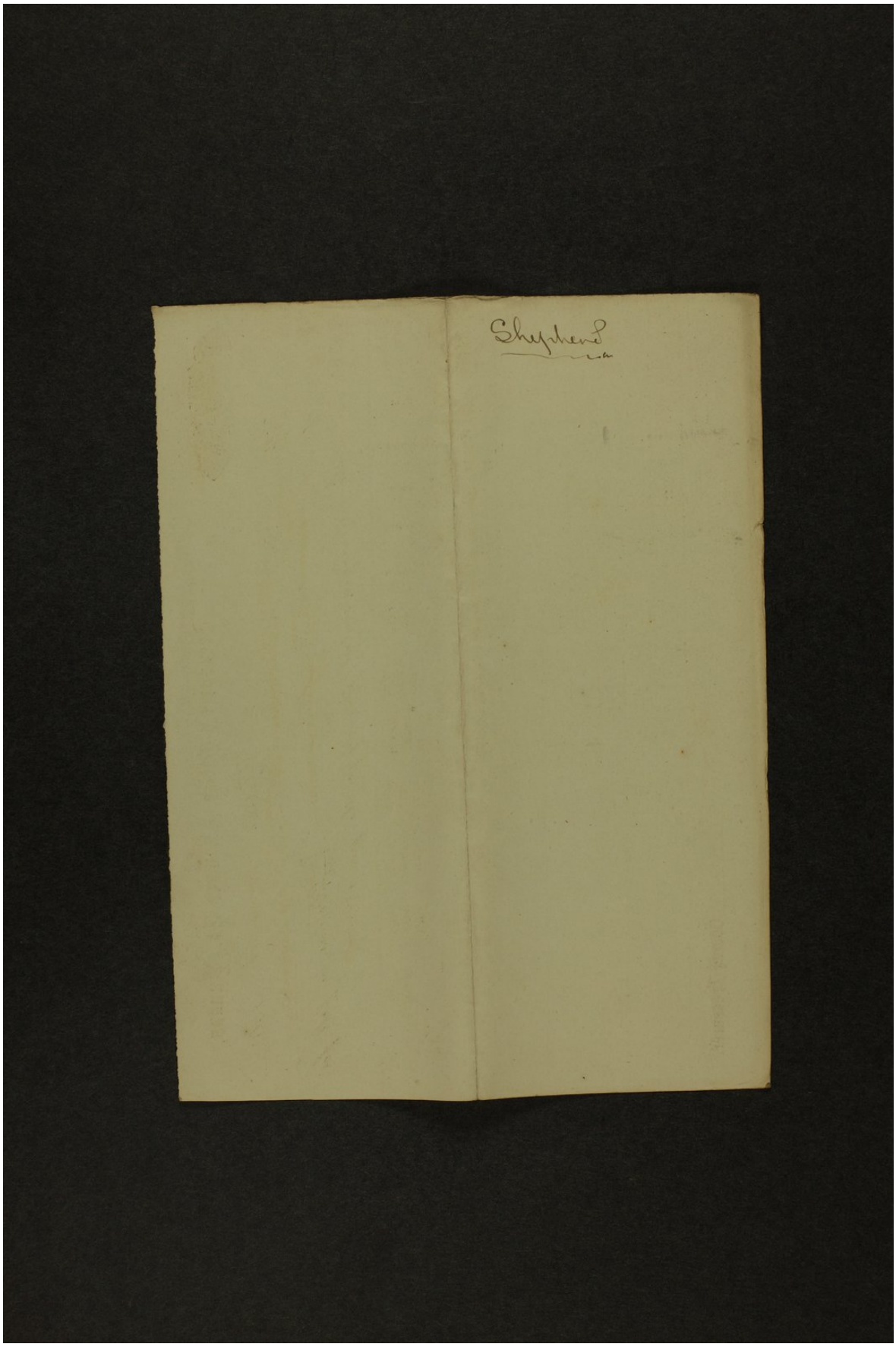
Received of J B Whitaker Adjt

the sum of Three two & 50/100 Dollars, in full for

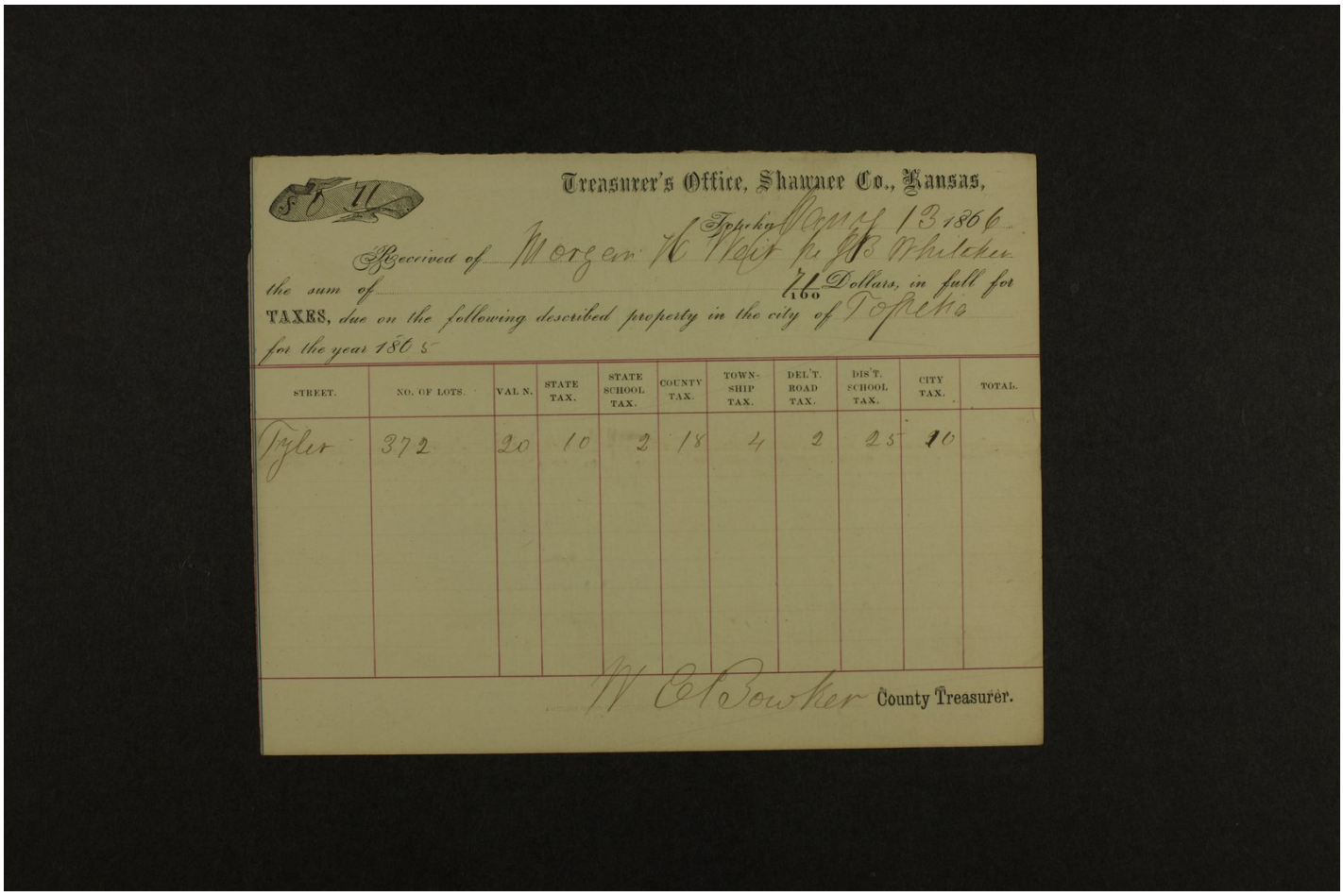
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NW	14	12	16	80									
NE	15	12	16	160	1300	6 50	1 30	11 70		11 70	1 30		
						Appraisers fees							3. 00
						Horse hire							3. 50

W. C. Bowker County Treasurer.


Shepherd

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



Treasurer's Office, Shawnee Co., Kansas,

Topeka Dec 13 1866

Received of Morgan M Platt by J B Whitaker

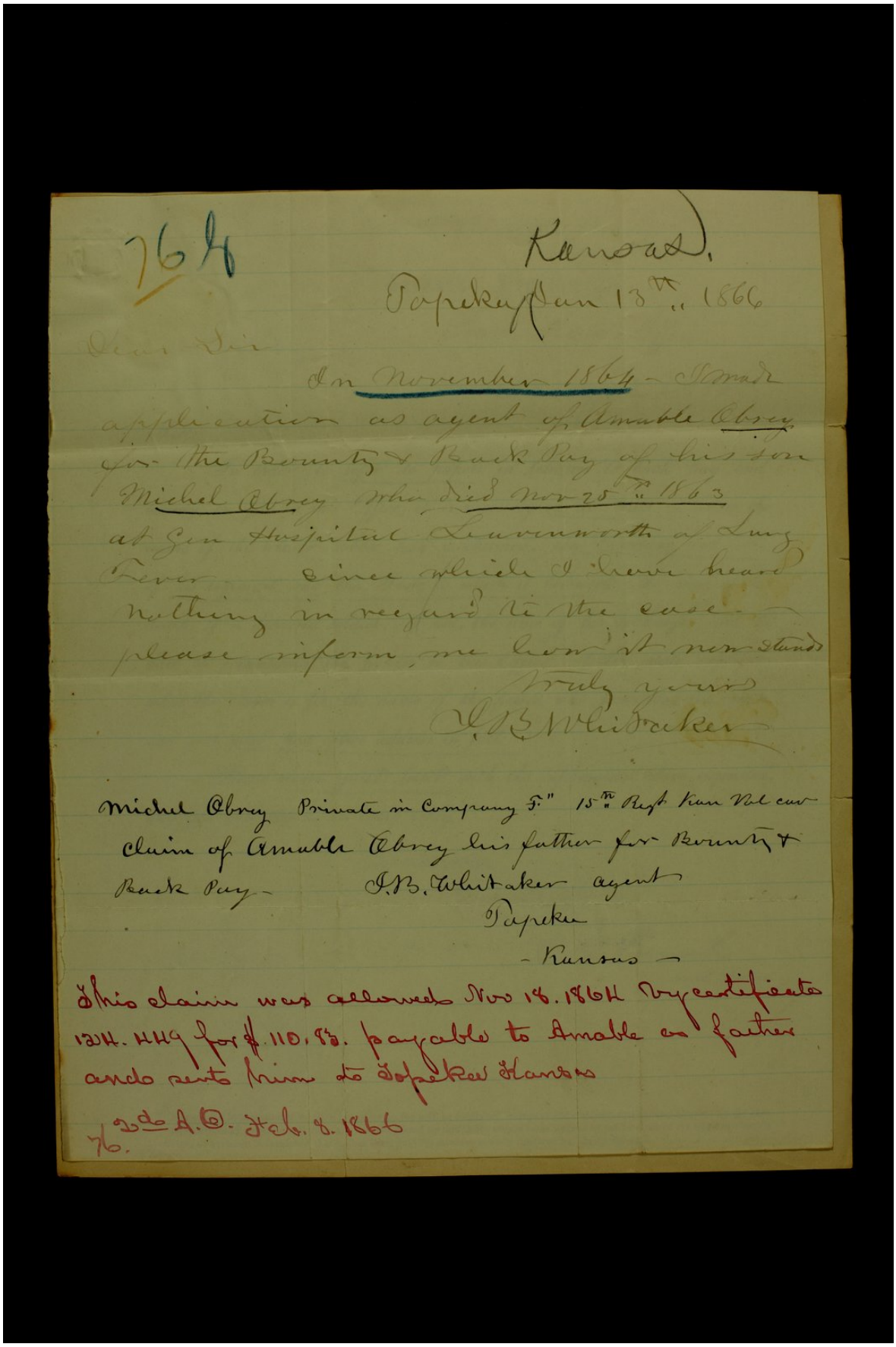
the sum of 71/100 Dollars, in full for

TAXES, due on the following described property in the city of Topeka

for the year 1865

STREET.	NO. OF LOTS.	VAL'N.	STATE TAX.	STATE SCHOOL TAX.	COUNTY TAX.	TOWN-SHIP TAX.	DEL'T. ROAD TAX.	DIS'T. SCHOOL TAX.	CITY TAX.	TOTAL.
Tyler	372	20	10	2	18	4	2	25	10	

W C Bowker County Treasurer.



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Kansas.

Topeka Jan 13th 1866

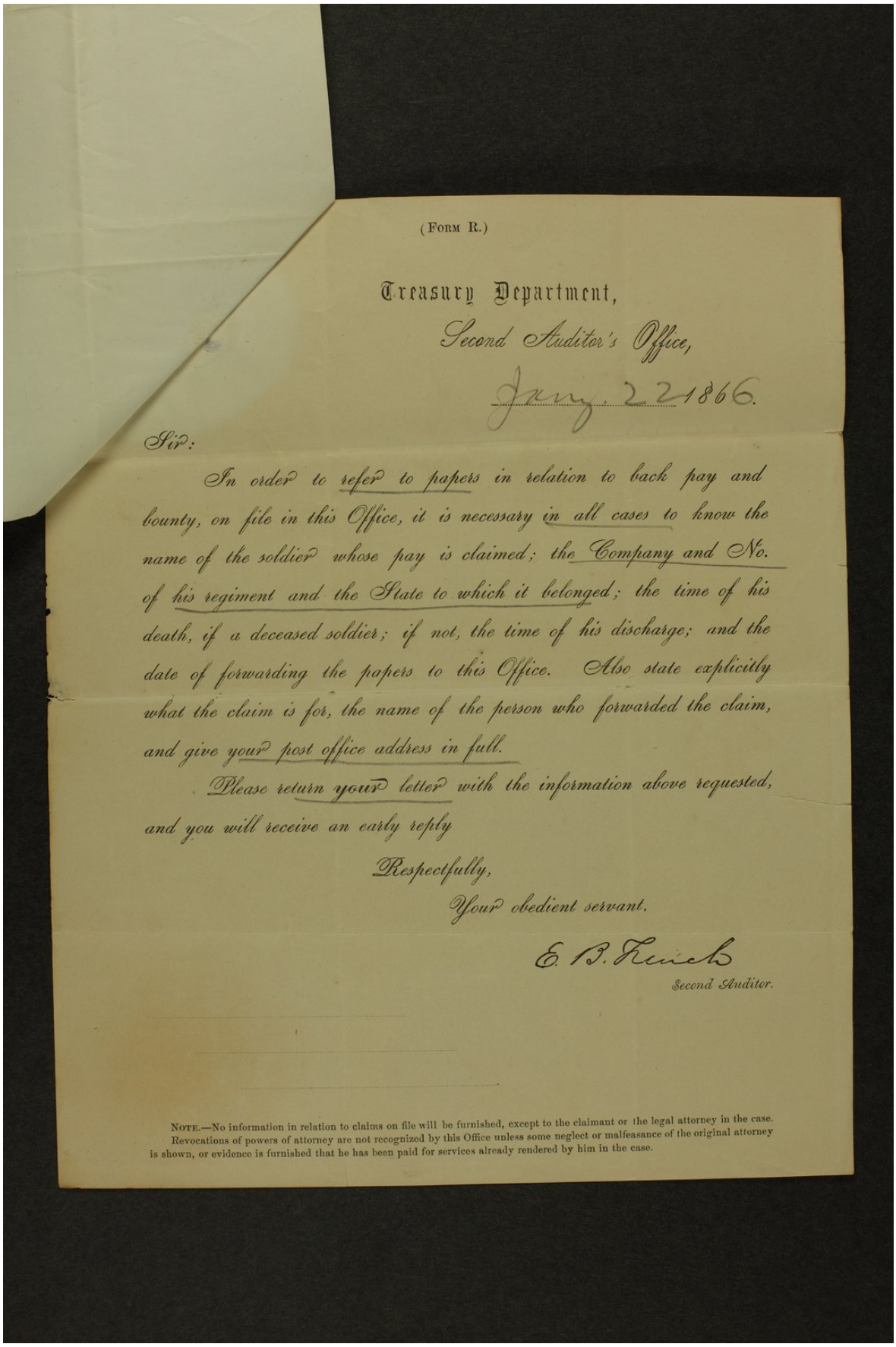
Dear Sir

In November 1864 - I made application as agent of Amable Abrey for the Bounty & Back Pay of his son Michel Abrey who died Nov 20th 1863 at Gen Hospital Leavenworth of Lung Fever since which I have heard nothing in regard to the case please inform me how it now stands

Truly yours
J. B. Whitaker

Michel Abrey Private in Company F. 15th Regt Kan Vol cav
Claim of Amable Abrey his father for Bounty & Back Pay -
J.B. Whitaker agent
Topeka
- Kansas -

This claim was allowed Nov 14. 1864 by certificate 13214. 4449 for $. 110.83. payable to Amable as father and sent him to Topeka Kansas
2d A.G. Feb. 9. 1866
76.



(Form R.)

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

July 22 1866.

Sir:

In order to refer to papers in relation to back pay and bounty, on file in this Office, it is necessary in all cases to know the name of the soldier whose pay is claimed; the Company and No. of his regiment and the State to which it belonged; the time of his death, if a deceased soldier; if not, the time of his discharge; and the date of forwarding the papers to this Office. Also state explicitly what the claim is for, the name of the person who forwarded the claim, and give your post office address in full.

Please return your letter with the information above requested, and you will receive an early reply

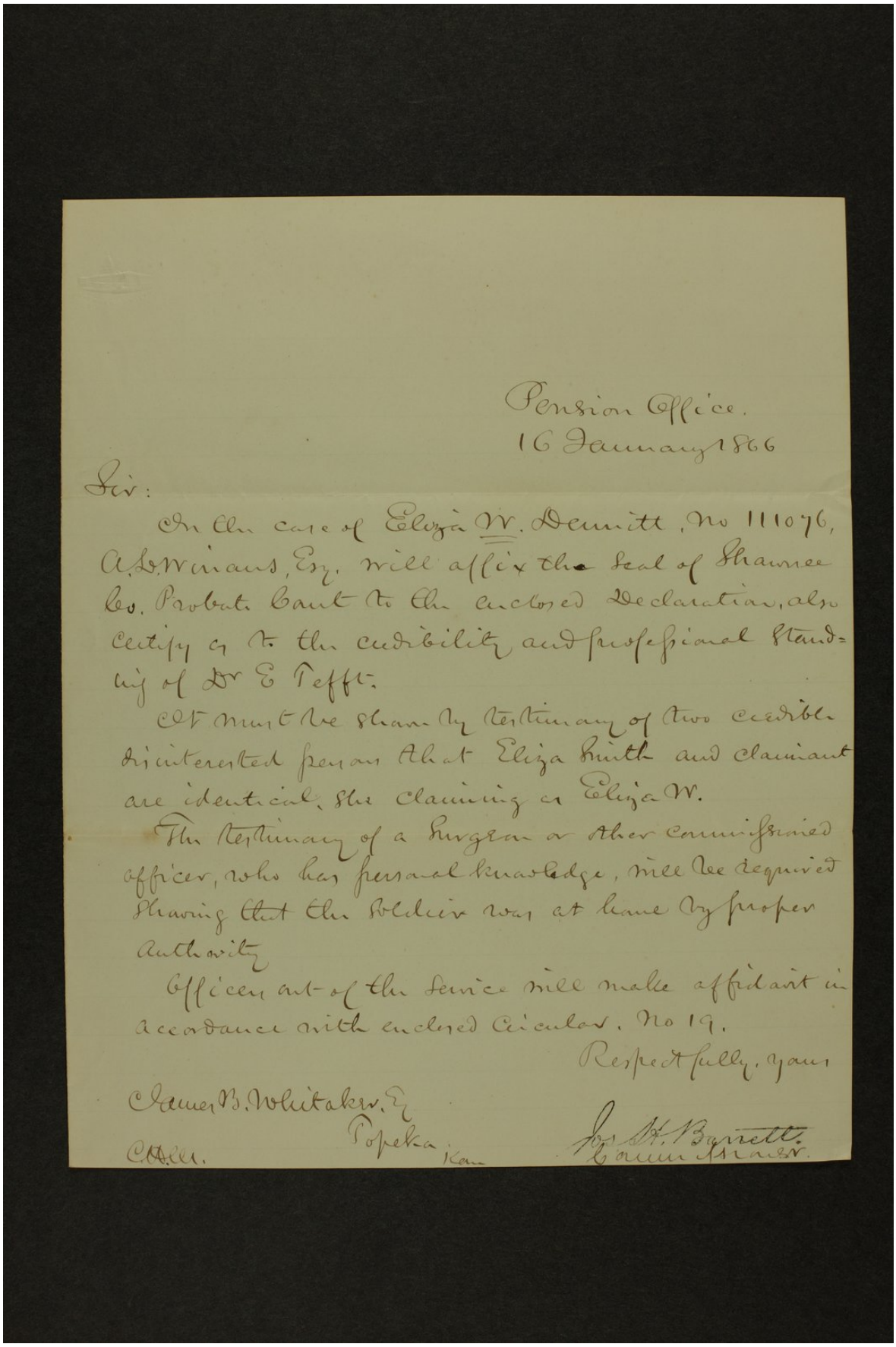
Respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

E. B. Finch

Second Auditor.

Note.—No information in relation to claims on file will be furnished, except to the claimant or the legal attorney in the case. Revocations of powers of attorney are not recognized by this Office unless some neglect or malfeasance of the original attorney is shown, or evidence is furnished that he has been paid for services already rendered by him in the case.



Pension Office.
16 January 1866

Sir:

In the case of Eliza W. Demitt, No 111076, A. D. Winans, Esq. will affix the seal of Shawnee Co. Probate Court to the enclosed Declaration, also certify as to the credibility and professional standing of Dr E Tefft.

It must be shown by testimony of two credible disinterested persons that Eliza Smith and claimant are identical, she claiming as Eliza W.

The testimony of a Surgeon or other commissioned officer, who has personal knowledge, will be required showing that the Soldier was at home by proper authority

Officers out of the Service will make affidavit in accordance with enclosed Circular. No 19.

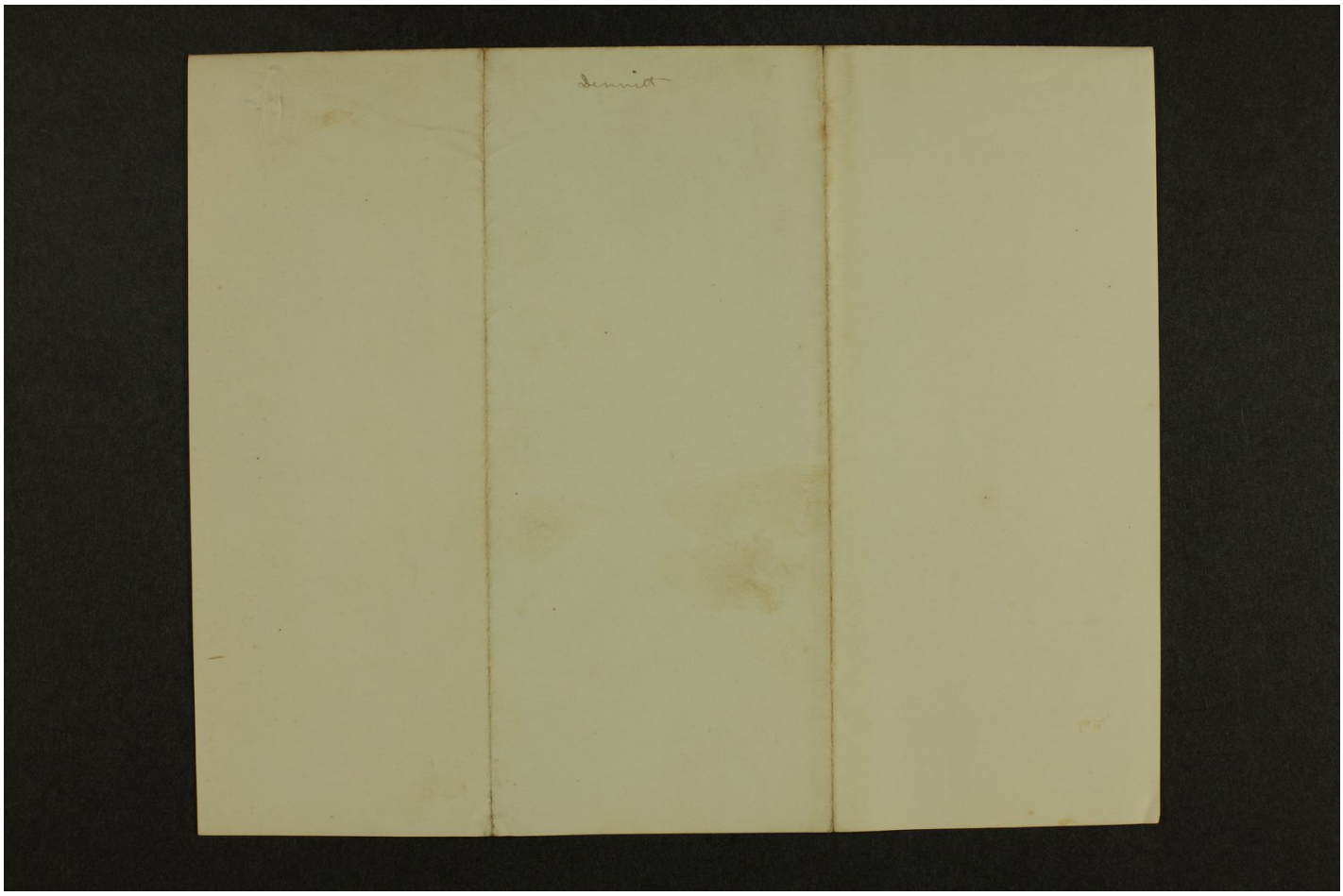
Respectfully, Yours

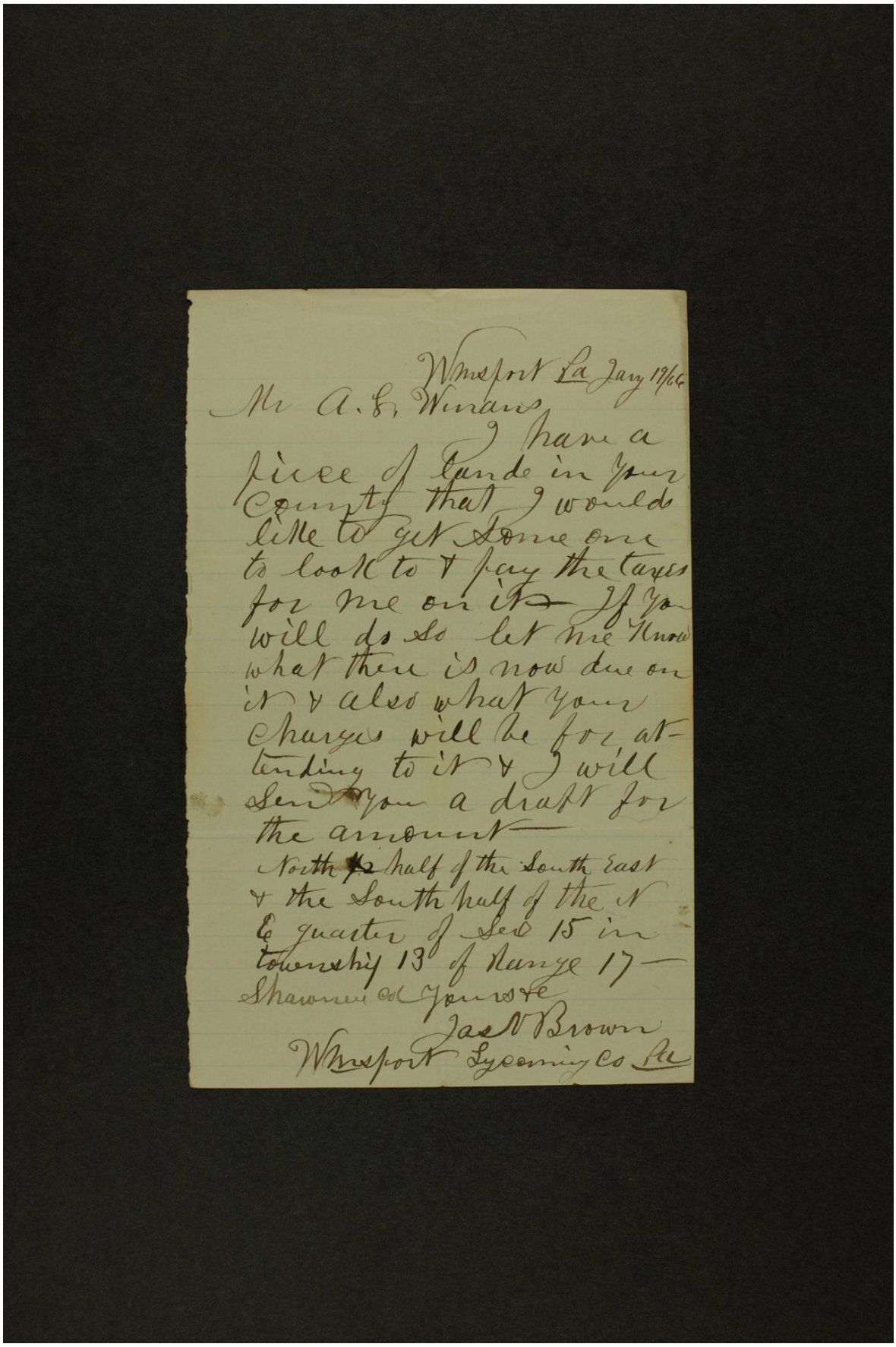
James B. Whitaker, Esq
Topeka
Kan

Chas. Mills.

for H. Barrett
Commissioner.

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence





Wmsport La Jany 19/64

Mr A. B. Winans

I have a piece of land in your County that I would like to get some one to look to & pay the taxes for me on it— If you will do so let me know what there is now due on it & also what your charges will be for attending to it & I will send you a draft for the amount—

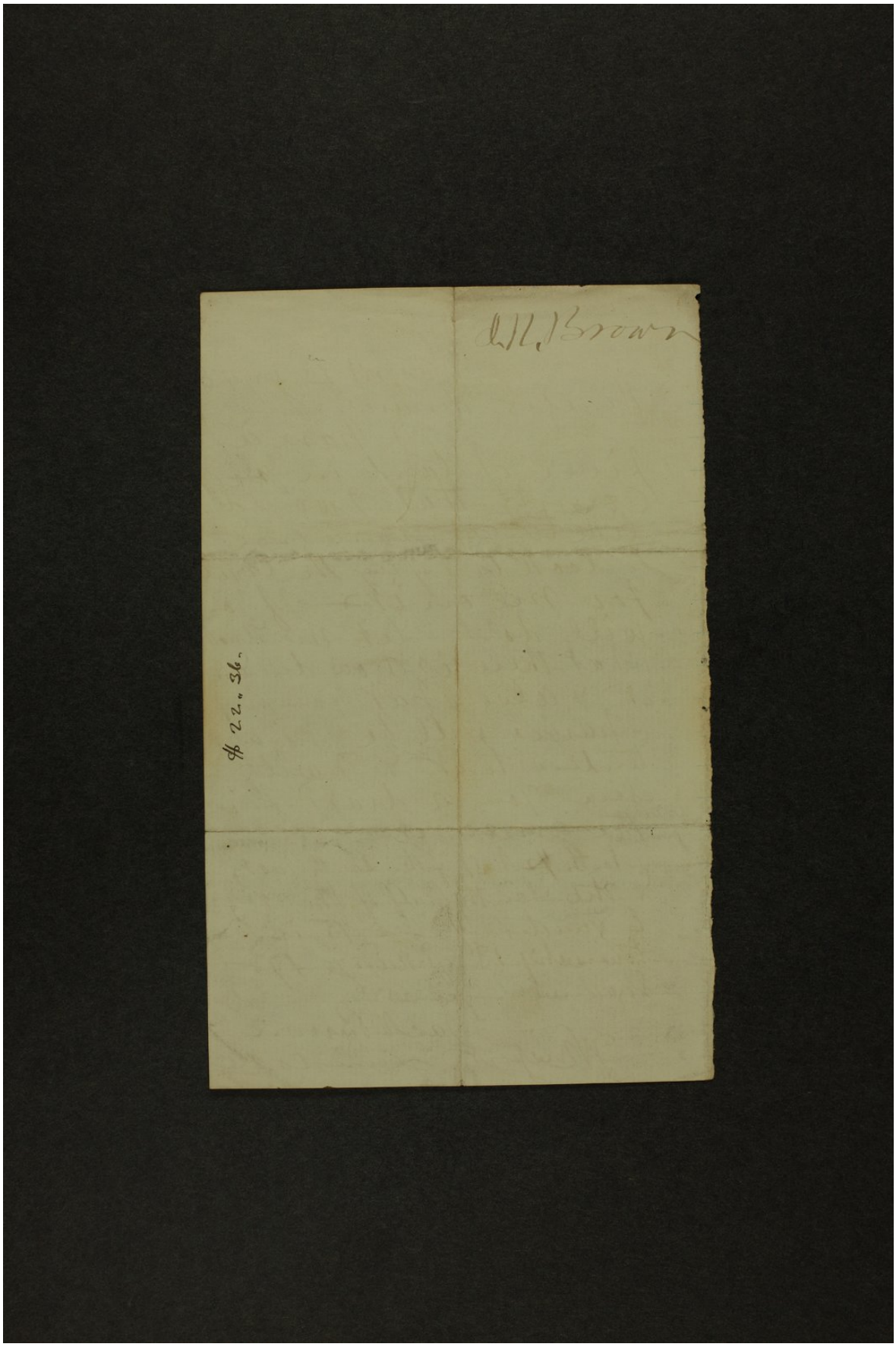
North ½ half of the South East & the South half of the N E quarter of Sec 15 in township 13 of Range 17— Shawnee Co Kansas

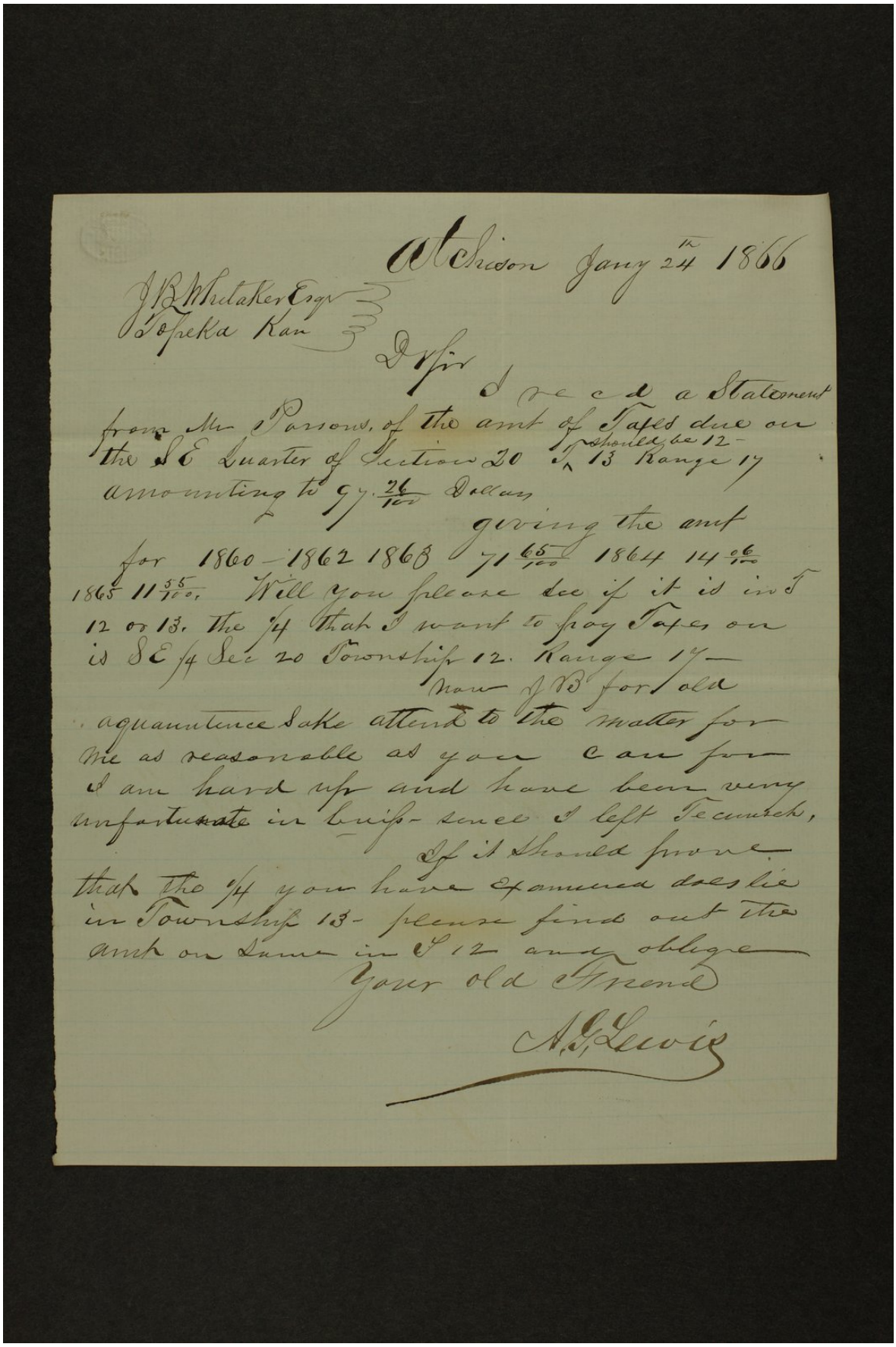
Yours &c

Jas N Brown

Wmsport Lycoming Co Pa

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence





Atchison Jany 24th 1866

J B Whitaker Esqr
Topeka Kan

Dr Sir

I rec'd a Statement from Mr Parsons, of the amt of Taxes due on the SE Quarter of Section 20 (should be 12-) 13 Range 17 amounting to 97.26/100 Dollars giving the amt for 1860 - 1862 1863 71.65/100 1864 14.06/100 1865 11.55/100. Will you please see if it is in 12 or 13. The 1/4 that I want to pay Taxes on is SE 1/4 Sec 20 Township 12. Range 17 — Now J B for old aquaintence Sake attend to the matter for me as reasonable as you can for I am hard up and have been very unfortunate in business since I left Tecumseh, If it should prove that the 1/4 you have examined does lie in Township 13- please find out the amt on same in T 12 and oblige

Your old Friend

A J Lewis