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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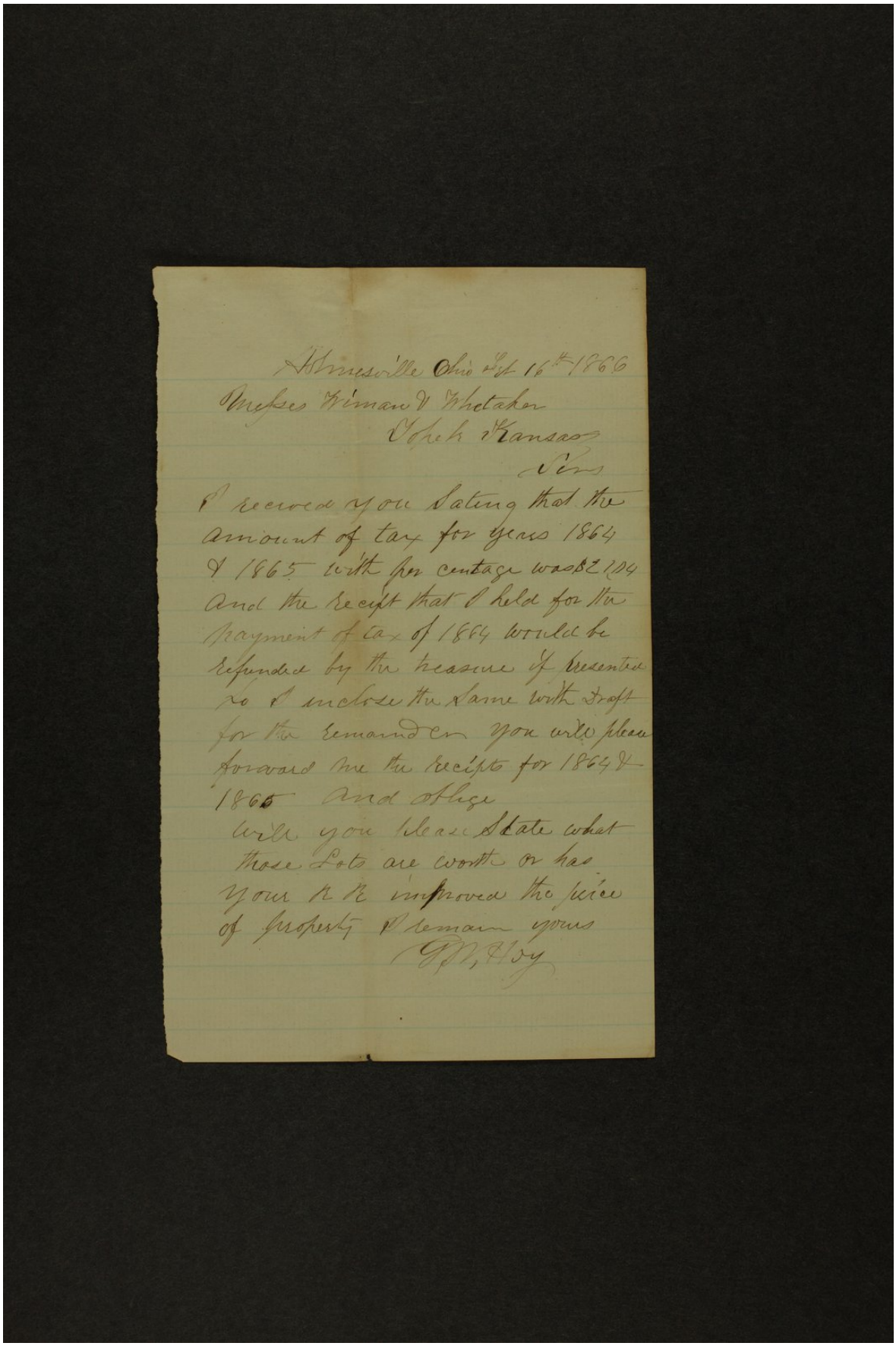
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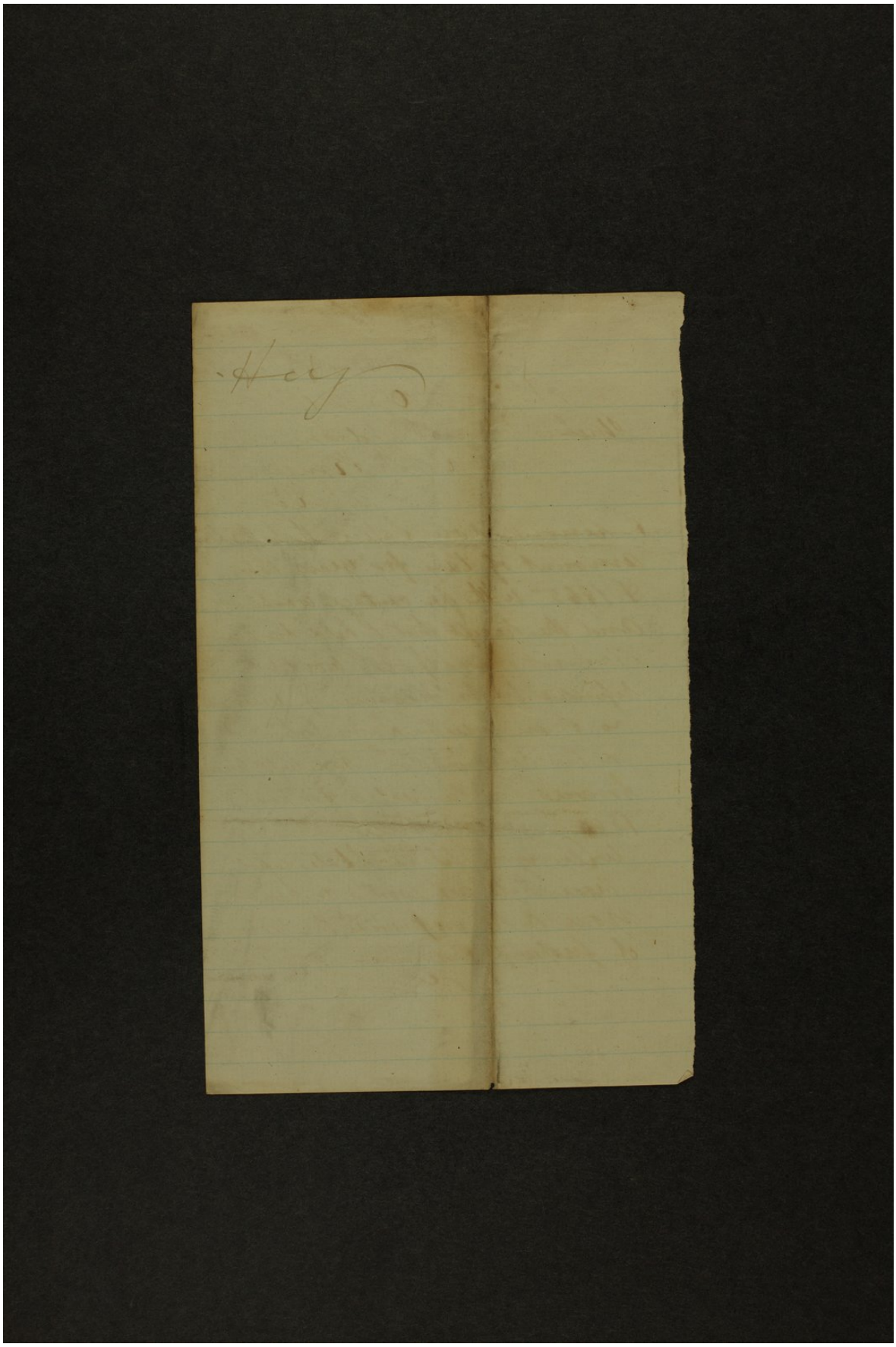
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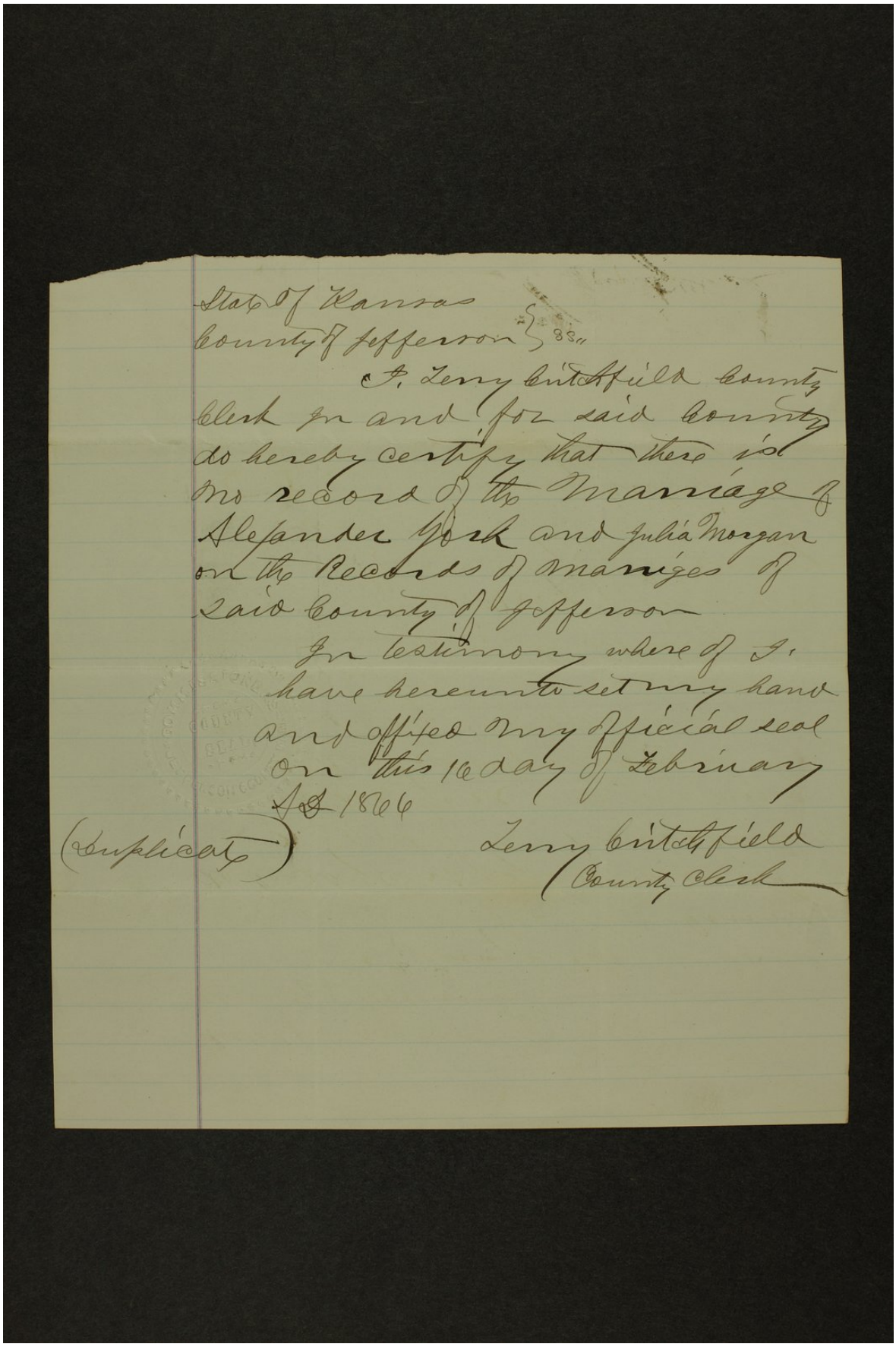
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Wilmesville Ohio Sept 16th 1866
Messrs Wiman & Whitaker
Osh Kansas
Sirs
I received yours stating that the amount of tax for years 1864 & 1865 with per centage was $2.12½ and the receipt that I held for the payment of tax of 1864 would be refunded by the treasure if presented so I inclose the same with draft for the remainder you will please forward me the receipts for 1864 & 1865 And also will you please state what those Lots are worth or has your R R improved the price of property I remain yours
G W Hoy

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State of Kansas
County of Jefferson } ss.

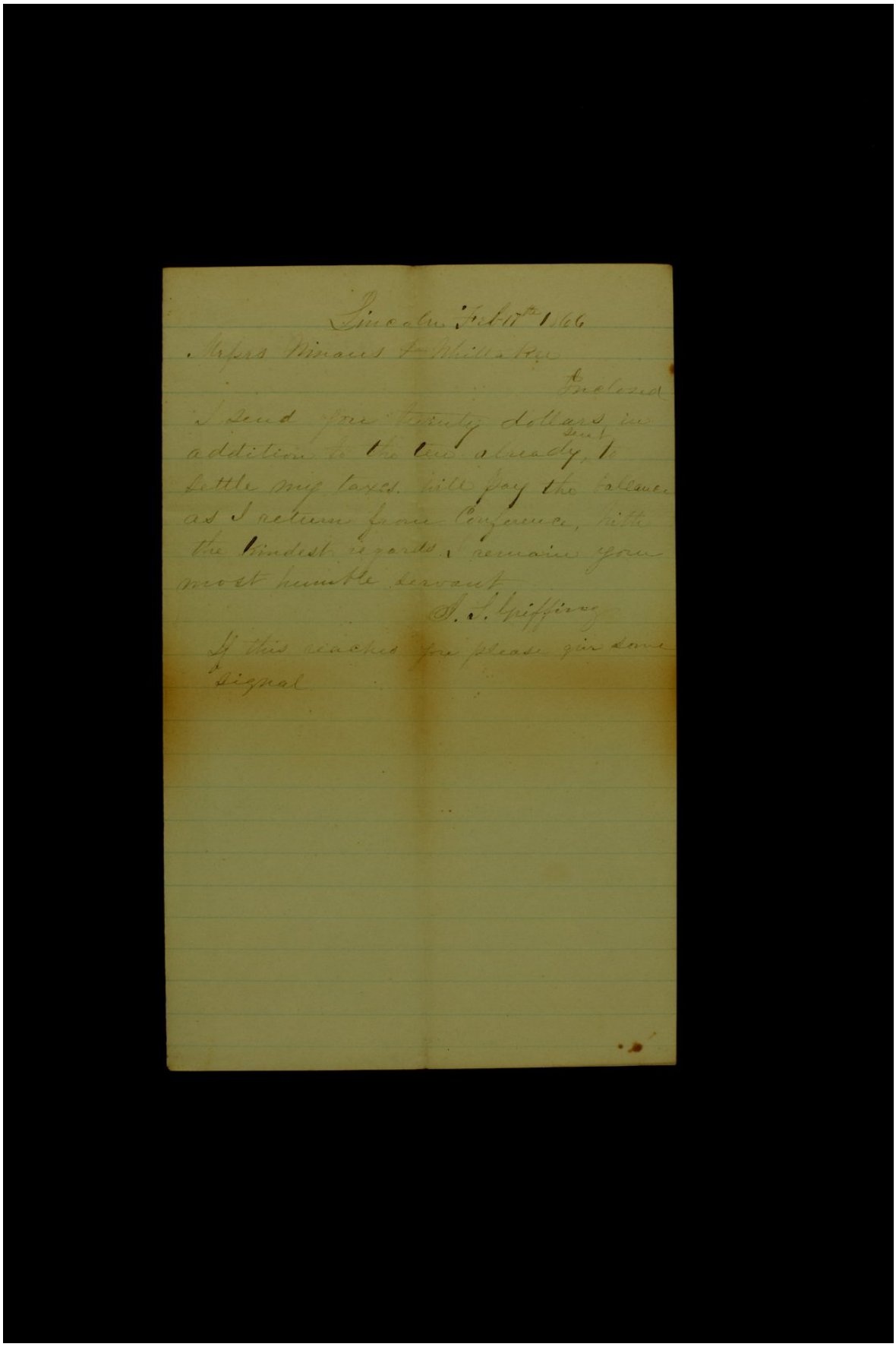
I, Leroy Critchfield County Clerk in and for said County do hereby certify that there is no record of the Marriage of Alexander York and Julia Morgan on the Records of marriges of said County of Jefferson

In testimony where of I. have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal on this 16 day of February A.D. 1866

(Duplicate)

Leroy Critchfield
County Clerk

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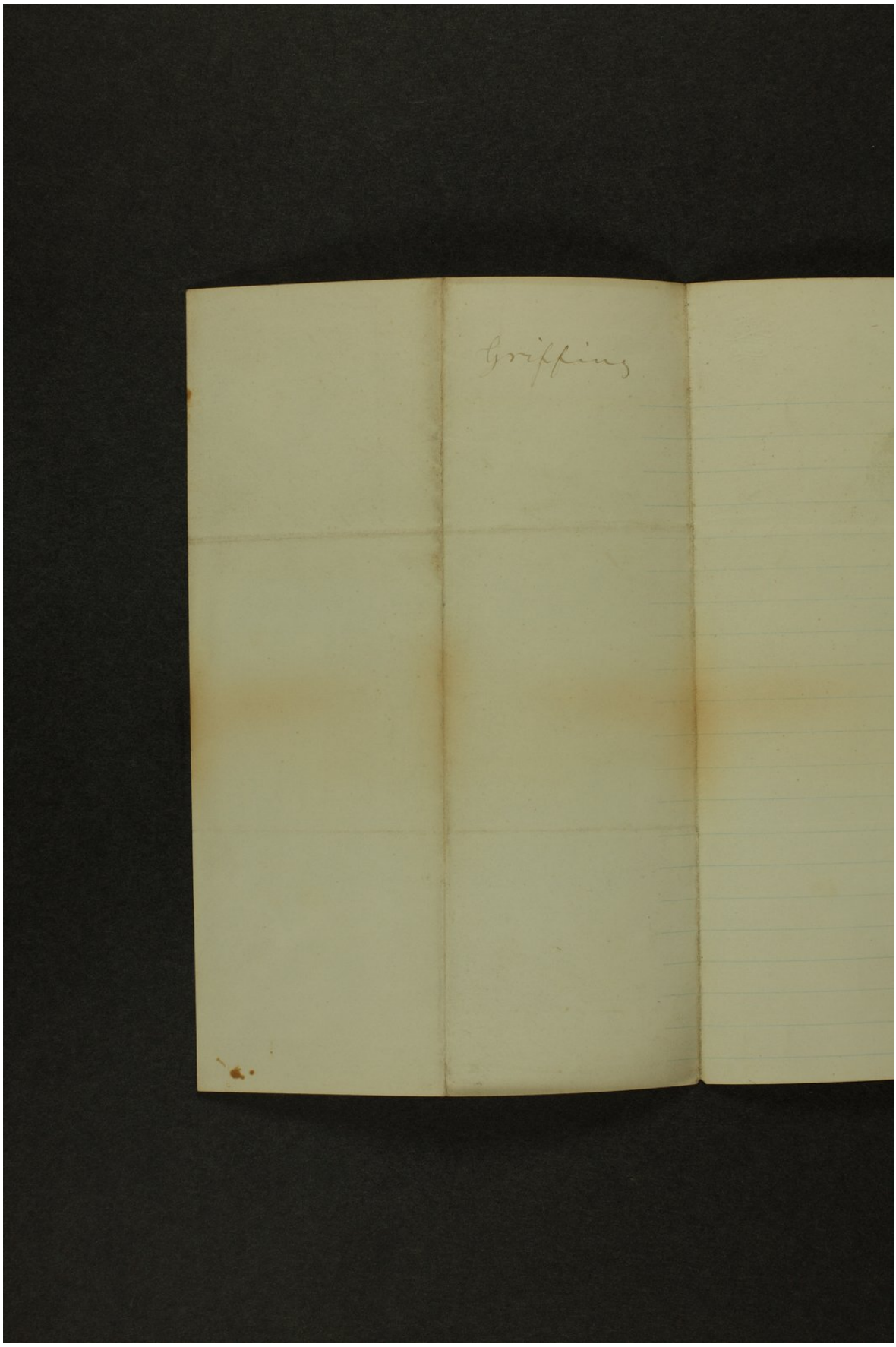
Lincoln Feb 11th 1866

Mrs Minnie F Whitaker

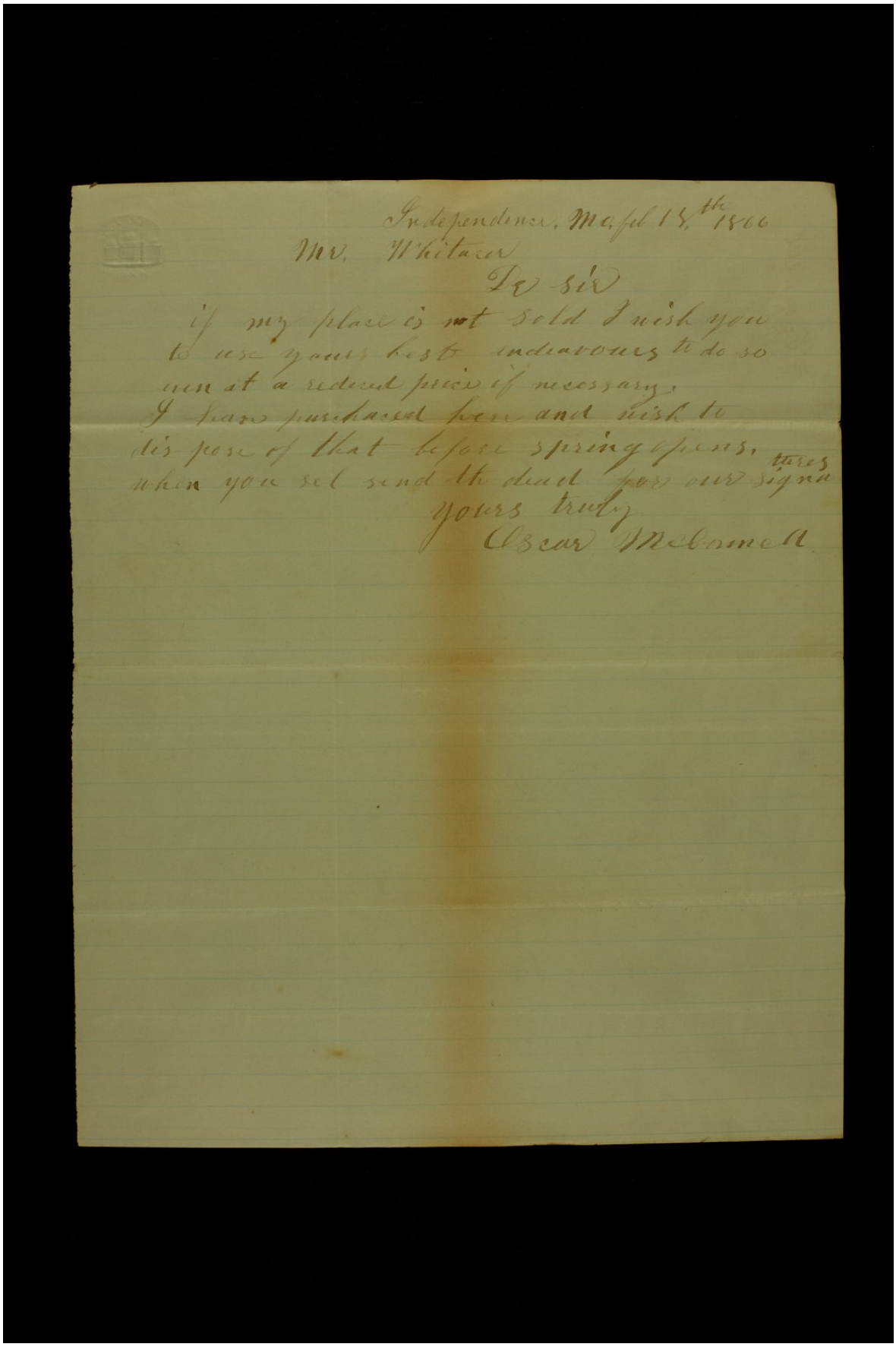
Enclosed
I send you twenty dollars in
addition to the ten already, to
settle my taxes. will pay the balance
as I return from Conference, with
the kindest regards I remain your
most humble servant

S. L. Spiffing

If this reaches you please give some
signal



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Independence, Mo. Feb 18th 1866

Mr. Whitaker

Dr Sir

if my place is not sold I wish you to use your best endeavours to do so even at a reduced price if necessary. I have purchased here and wish to dispose of that before spring opens. tures when you sel send the deed for our signa

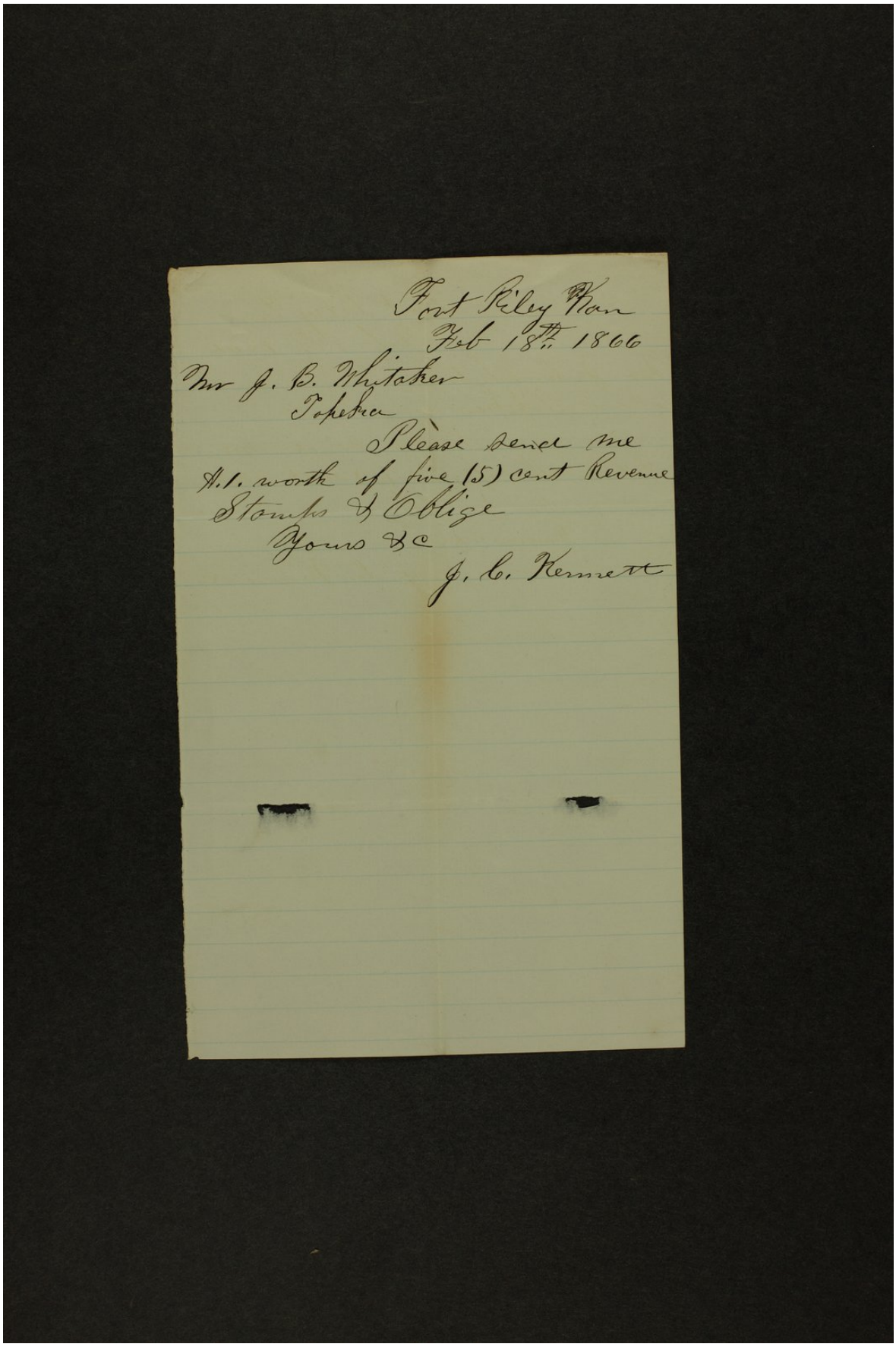
yours truly

Oscar McDonnell

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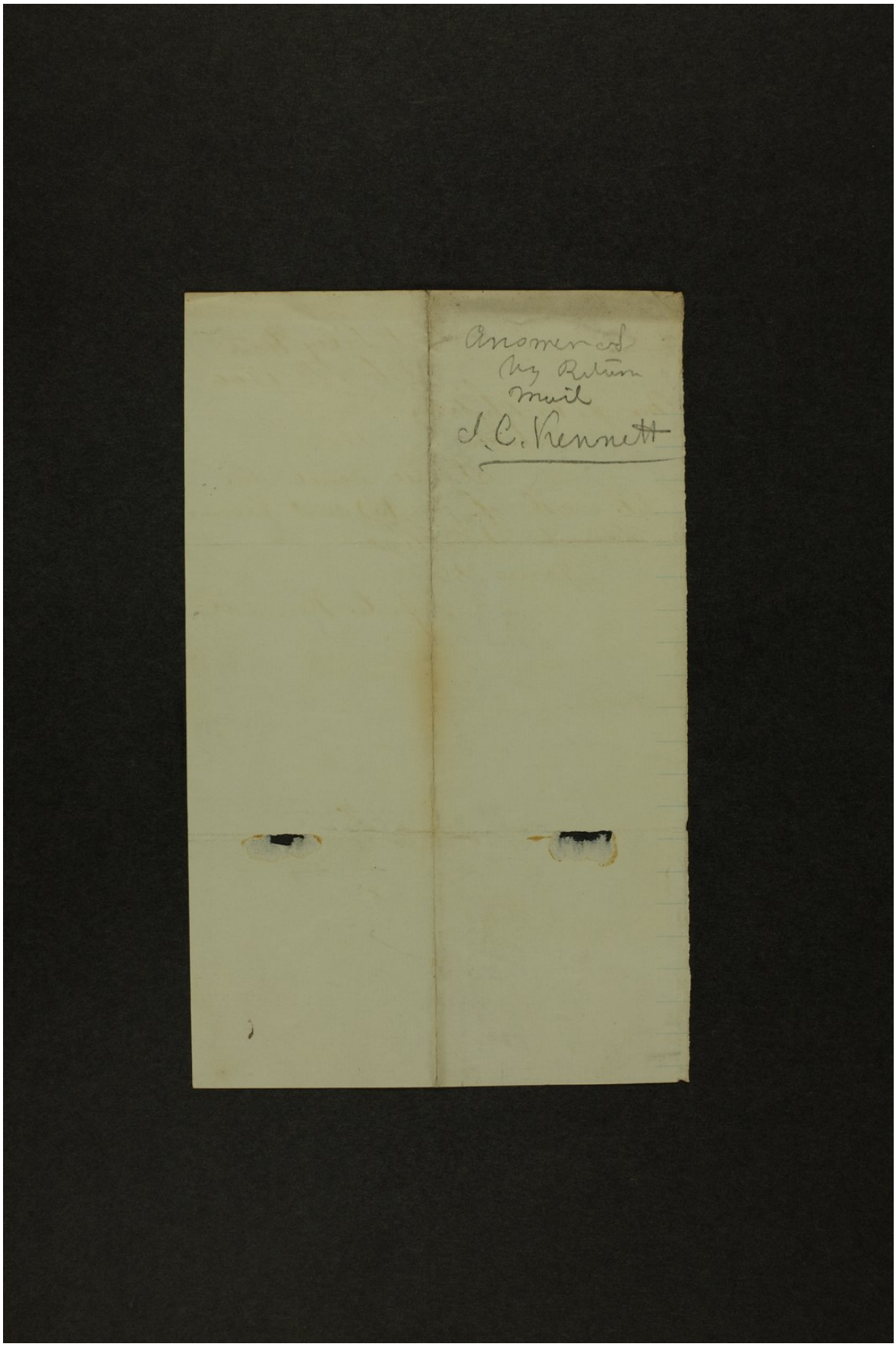


Fort Riley Kan
Feb 18th 1866

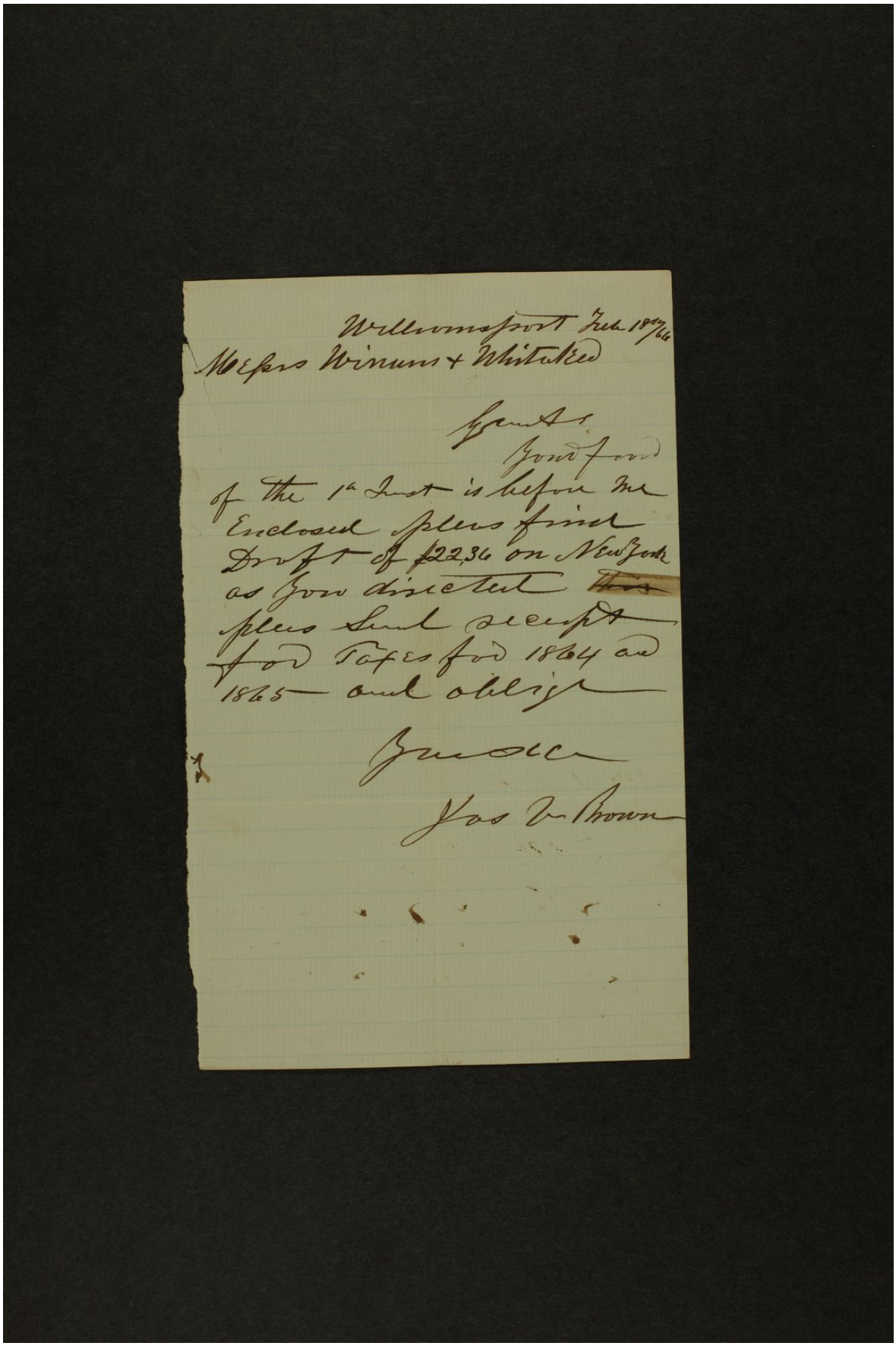
Mr J. B. Whitaker
Topeka

Please Send me
A.1. worth of five (5) cent Revenue
Stamps & Oblige
Yours &c
J. C. Kennett

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Williamsport Feb 18th 66

Messrs Winans & Whitaker

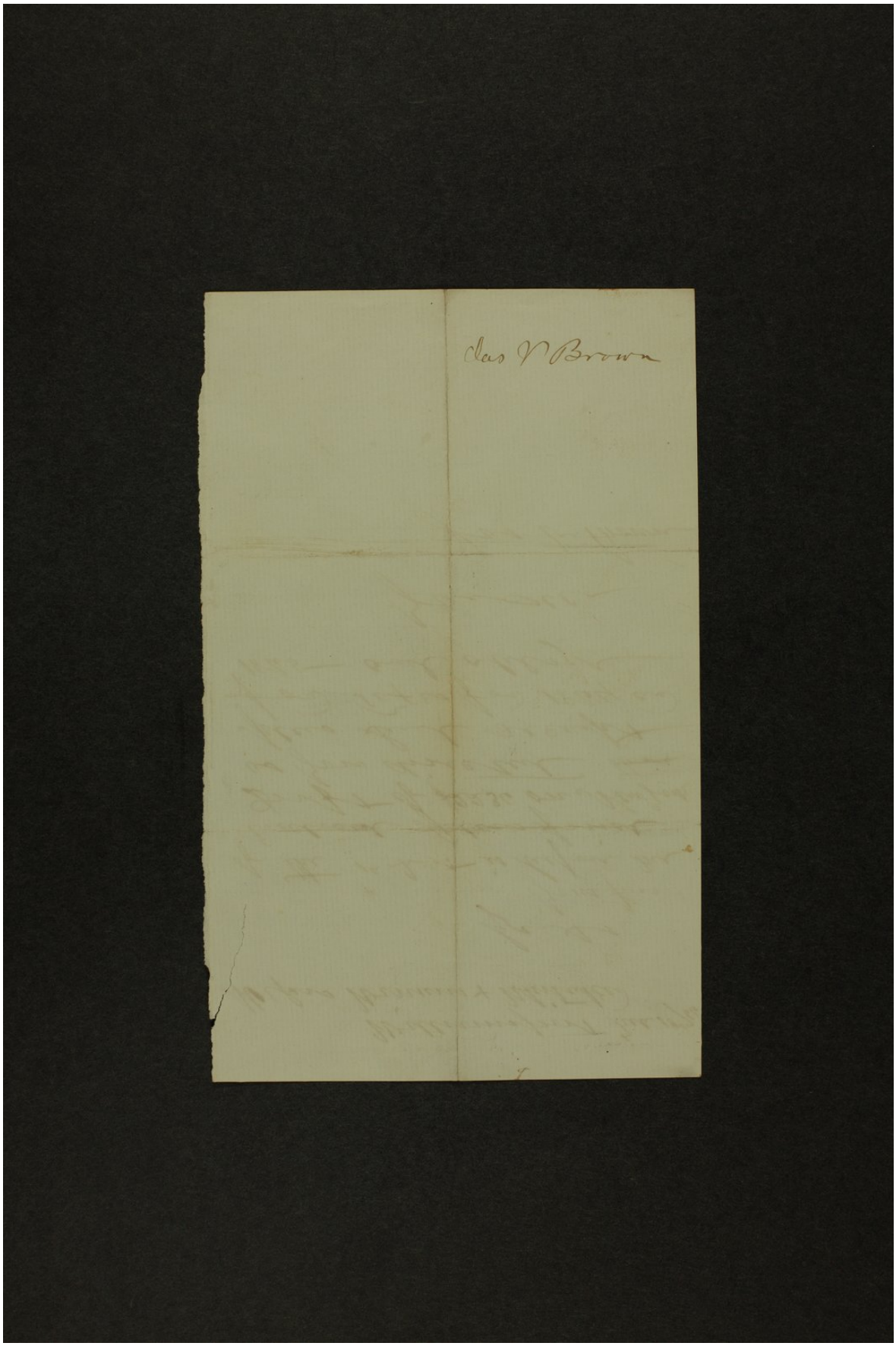
Gents

Your favor of the 1st Inst is before me Enclosed I please find Draft for $2236 on New York as you directed this I please send receipt for Tapes for 1864 and 1865 — and oblige

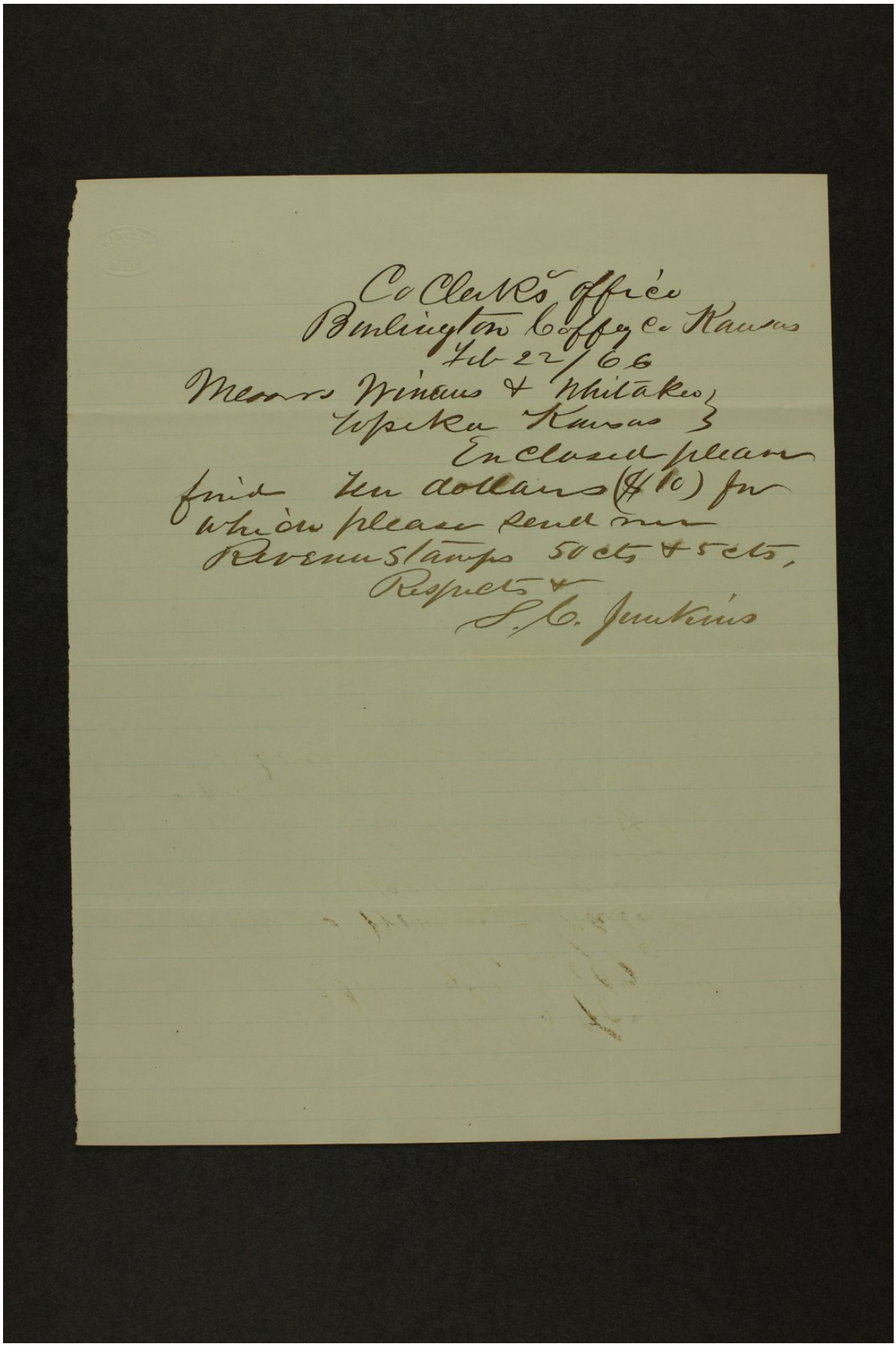
Yours &c

Jas D. Brown

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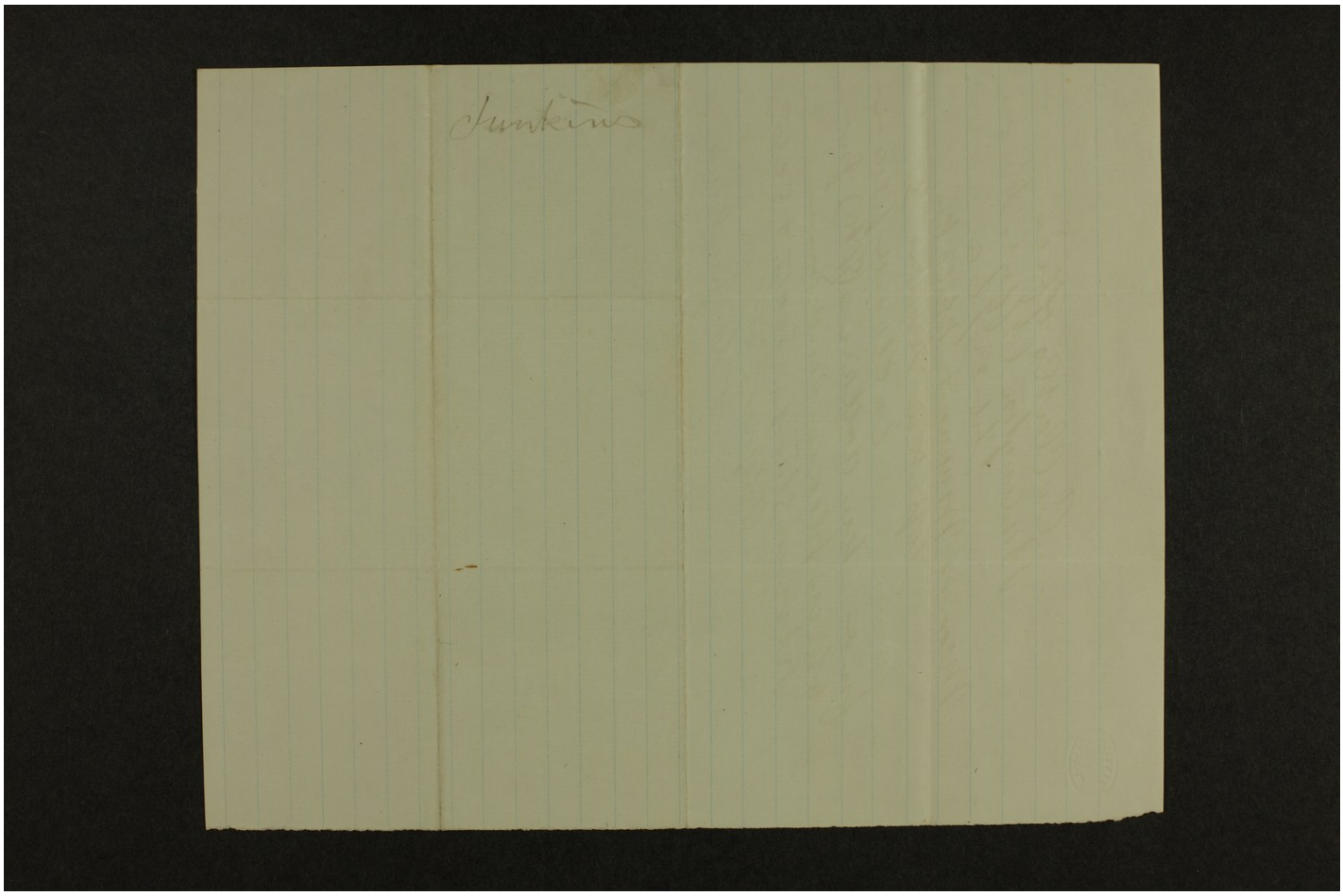


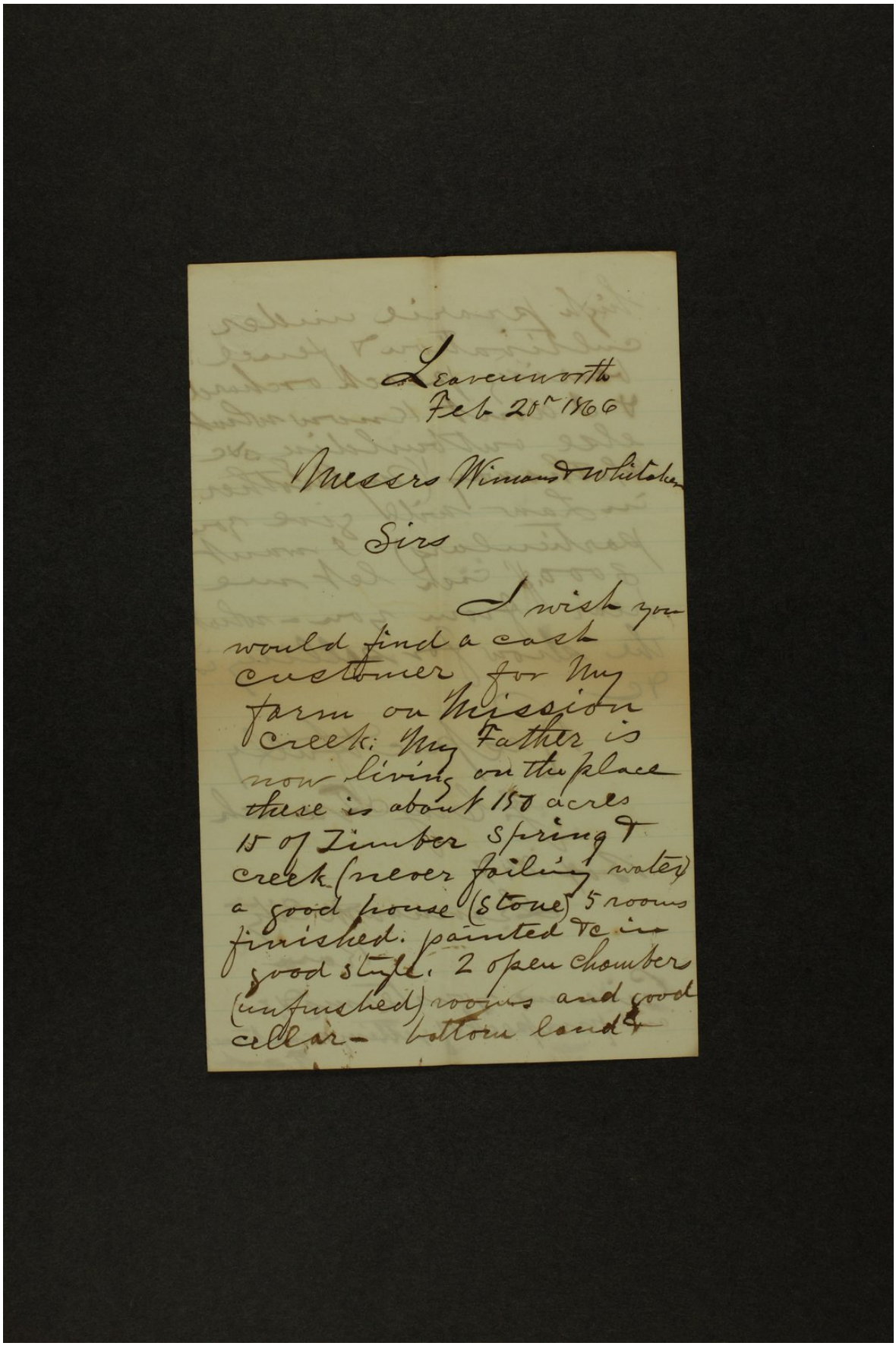
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Co Clerks Office
Burlington Coffey Co Kansas
Feb 22/66
Messrs Winans & Whitaker
Topeka Kansas
Enclosed please
find ten dollars ($10) for
which please send me
Revenue Stamps 50 cts & 5 cts,
Respects &
S. C. Jenkins

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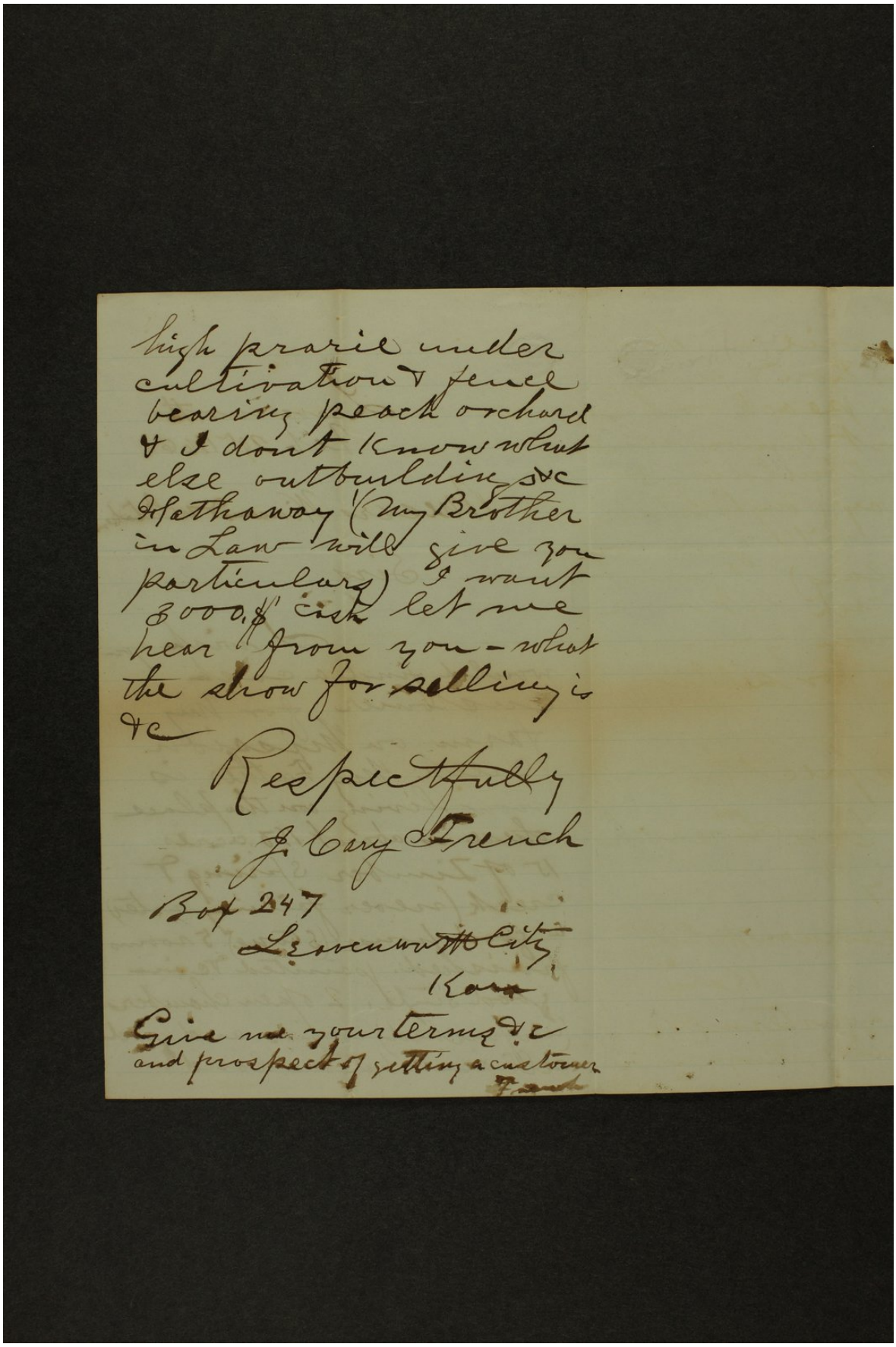


Leavenworth
Feb 20th 1866

Messers Wimans & Whitaker

Sirs

I wish you would find a cash customer for my farm on Mission creek. My Father is now living on the place there is about 150 acres 15 of Timber Spring & creek (never failing water) a good house (stone) 5 rooms finished. painted &c in good style. 2 open chamber (unfinished) rooms and good cellar - bottom land &



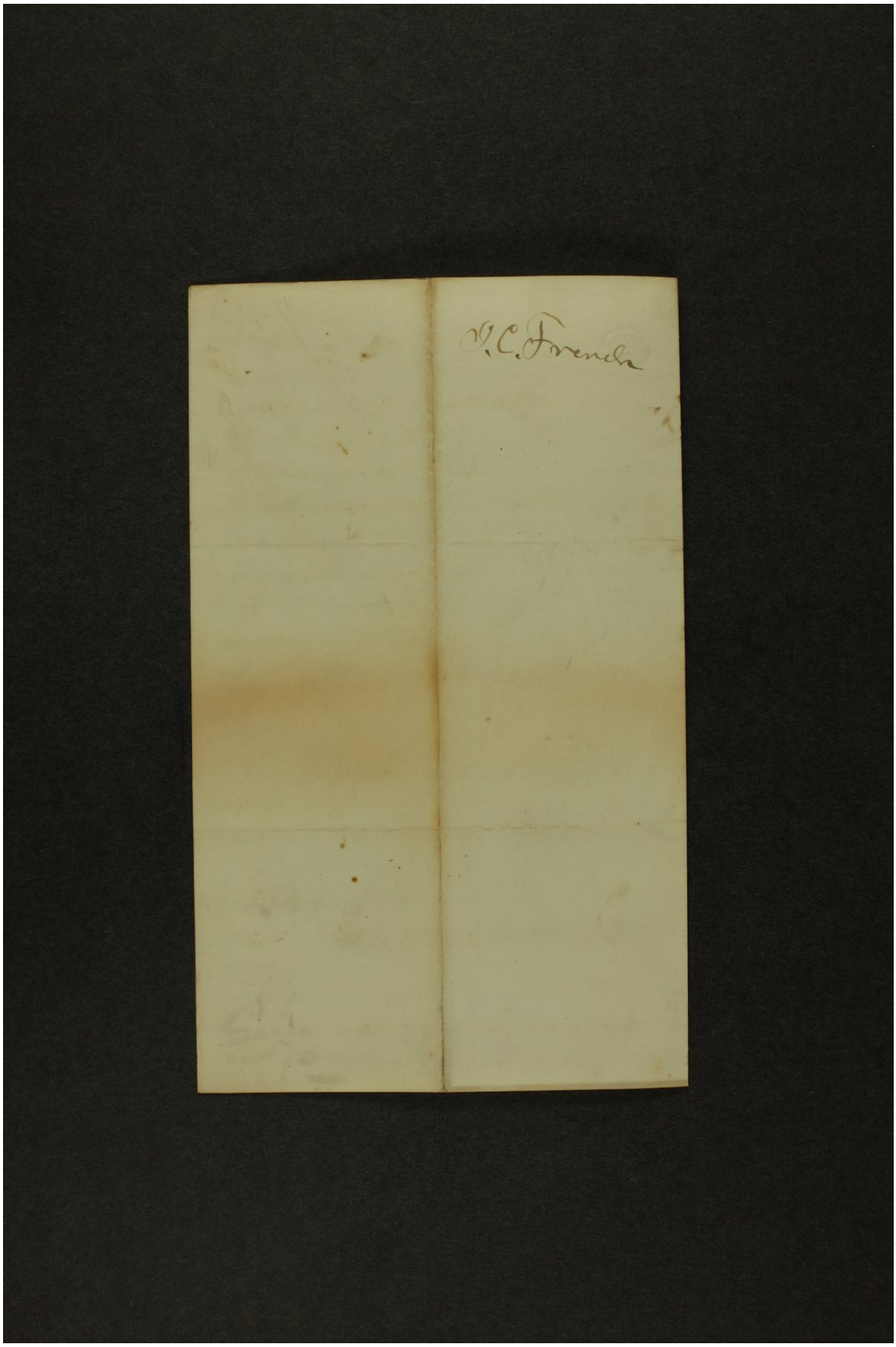
high prarie under
cultivation & fenced
bearing peach orchard
& I dont know what
else outbuilding &c
Hathaway (my Brother
in Law will give you
particulars) I want
2000.$ cash let me
hear from you - what
the show for selling is
&c

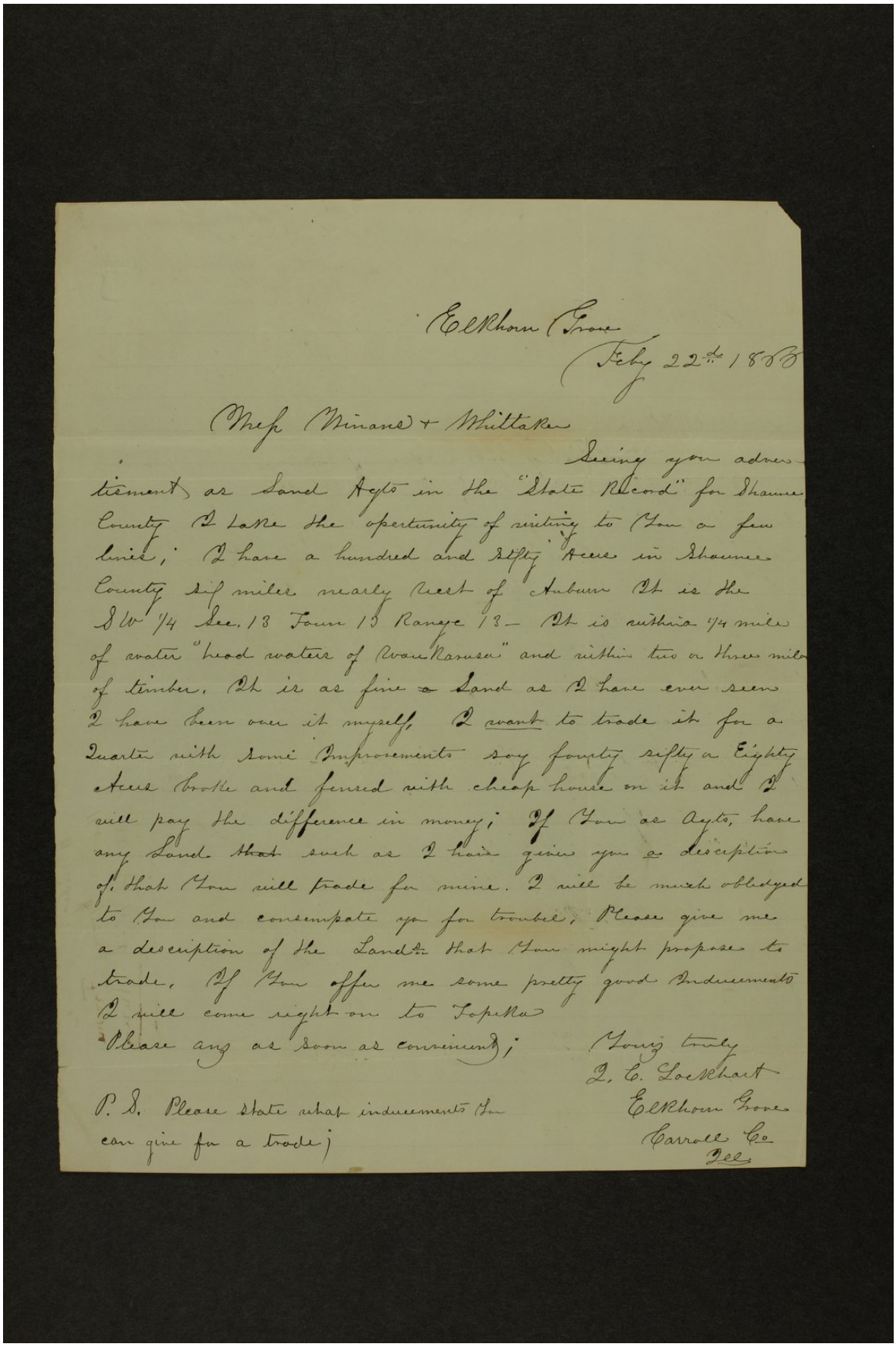
Respectfully
J. Cary French

Box 247
Leavenworth City
Kans

Give me your terms &c
and prospect of getting a customer

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Elkhorn Grove
Feby 22d 1888

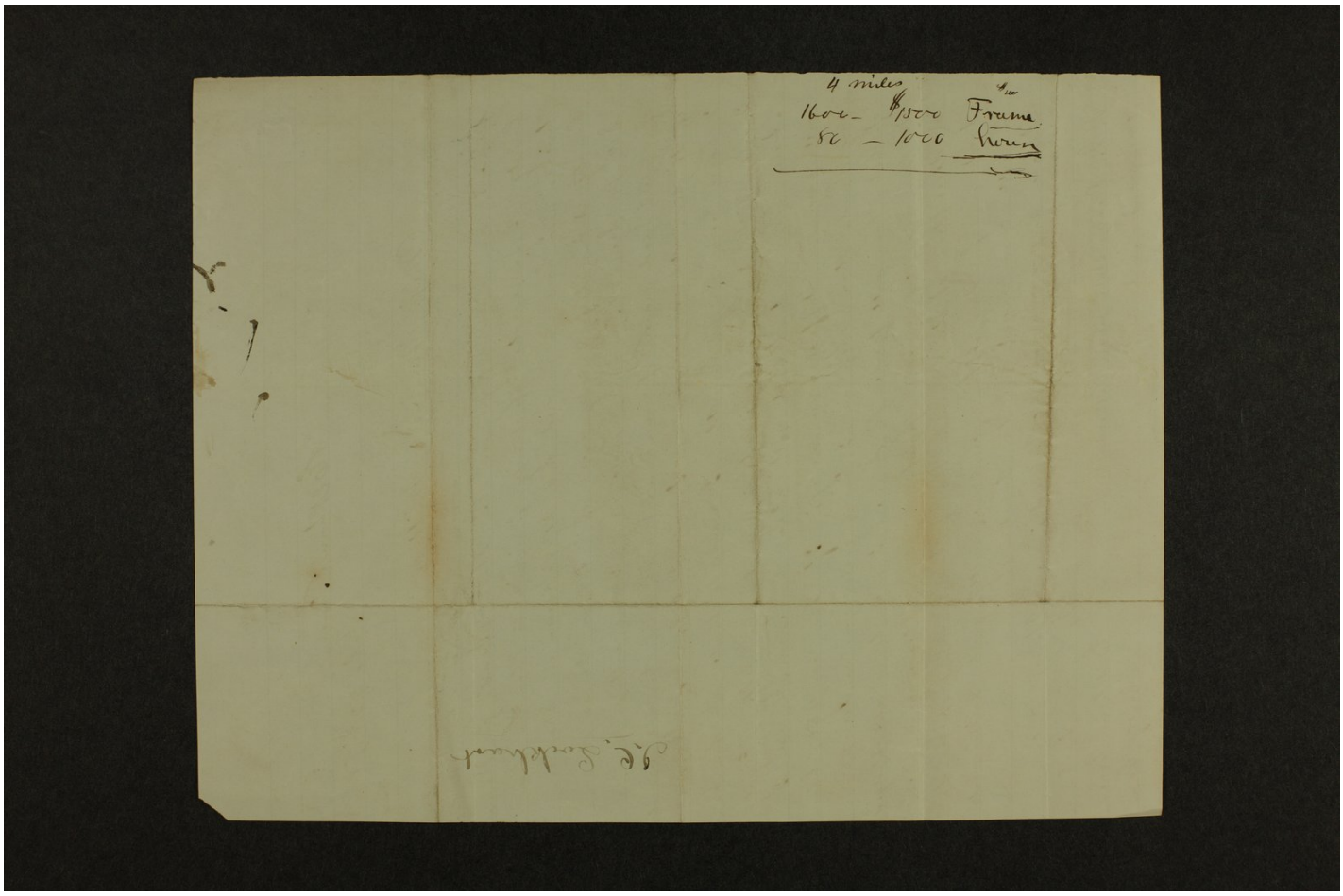
Mess Minard & Whittaker

Seeing your advertisement as Land Agts in the "State Record" for Shawnee County I take the opertunity of writing to You a few lines; I have a hundred and fifty Acres in Shawnee County six miles nearly West of Auburn It is the S W 1/4 Sec. 18 Town 13 Range 13— It is within 1/4 mile of water "head water of Wan Mausee" and within two or three miles of timber. It is as fine a Land as I have ever seen I have been over it myself I want to trade it for a Quarter with some Improvements soy fourty fifty or Eighty Acres broke and fenced with cheap house on it and I will pay the difference in money; If You as Agts, have any Land that such as I have given you a desciption of that You will trade for mine. I will be much obledged to You and consempate you for trouble; Please give me a desciption of the Lands that You might propose to trade. If You offer me some pretty good Inducements I will come right on to Topeka
Please ans as soon as convinient;

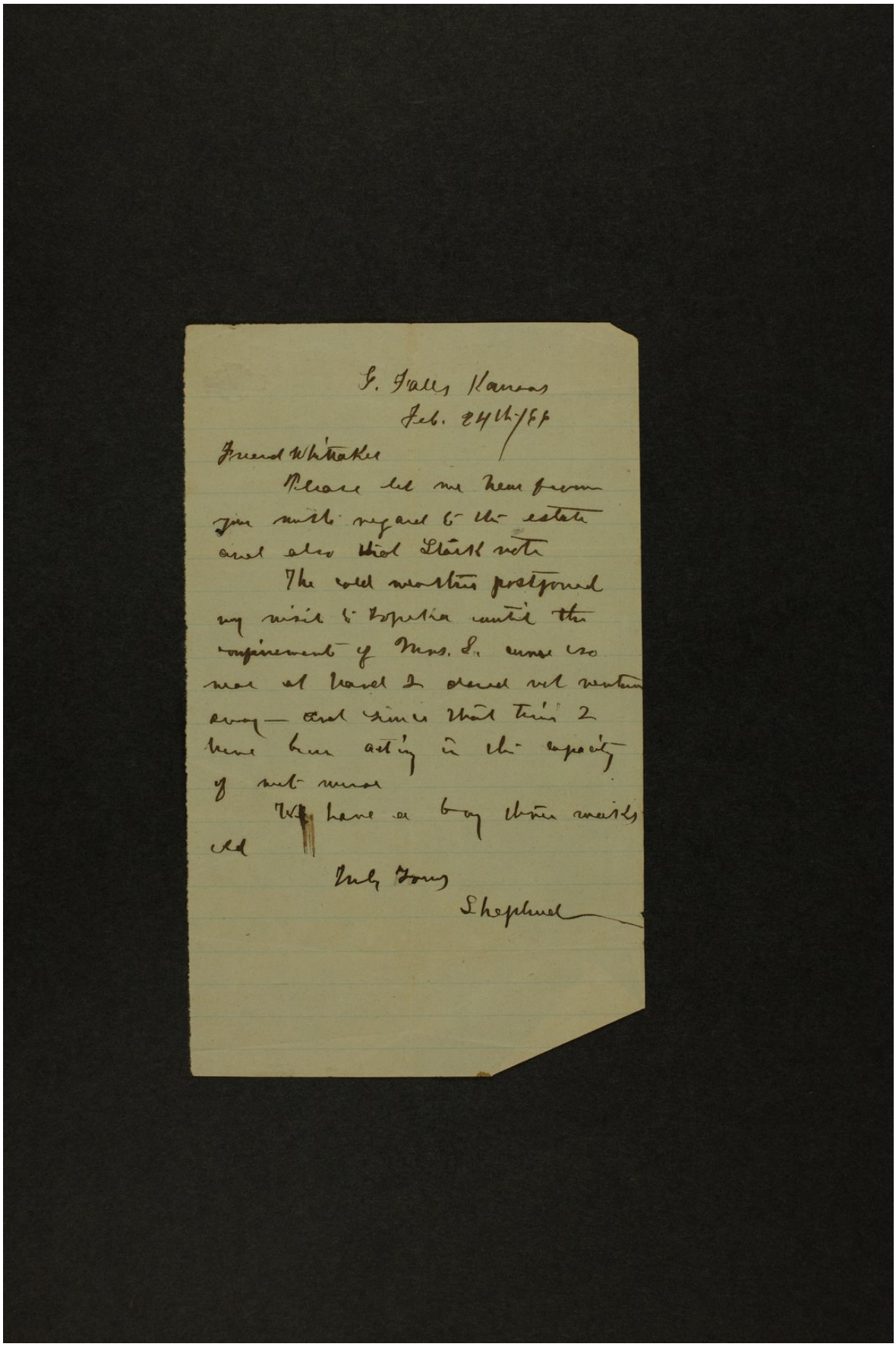
Yours truly
D. C. Lockhart
Elkhorn Grove
Carroll Co
Iowa

P. S. Please state what inducements You can give for a trade;

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L. Falls Kansas
Feb. 24th/66

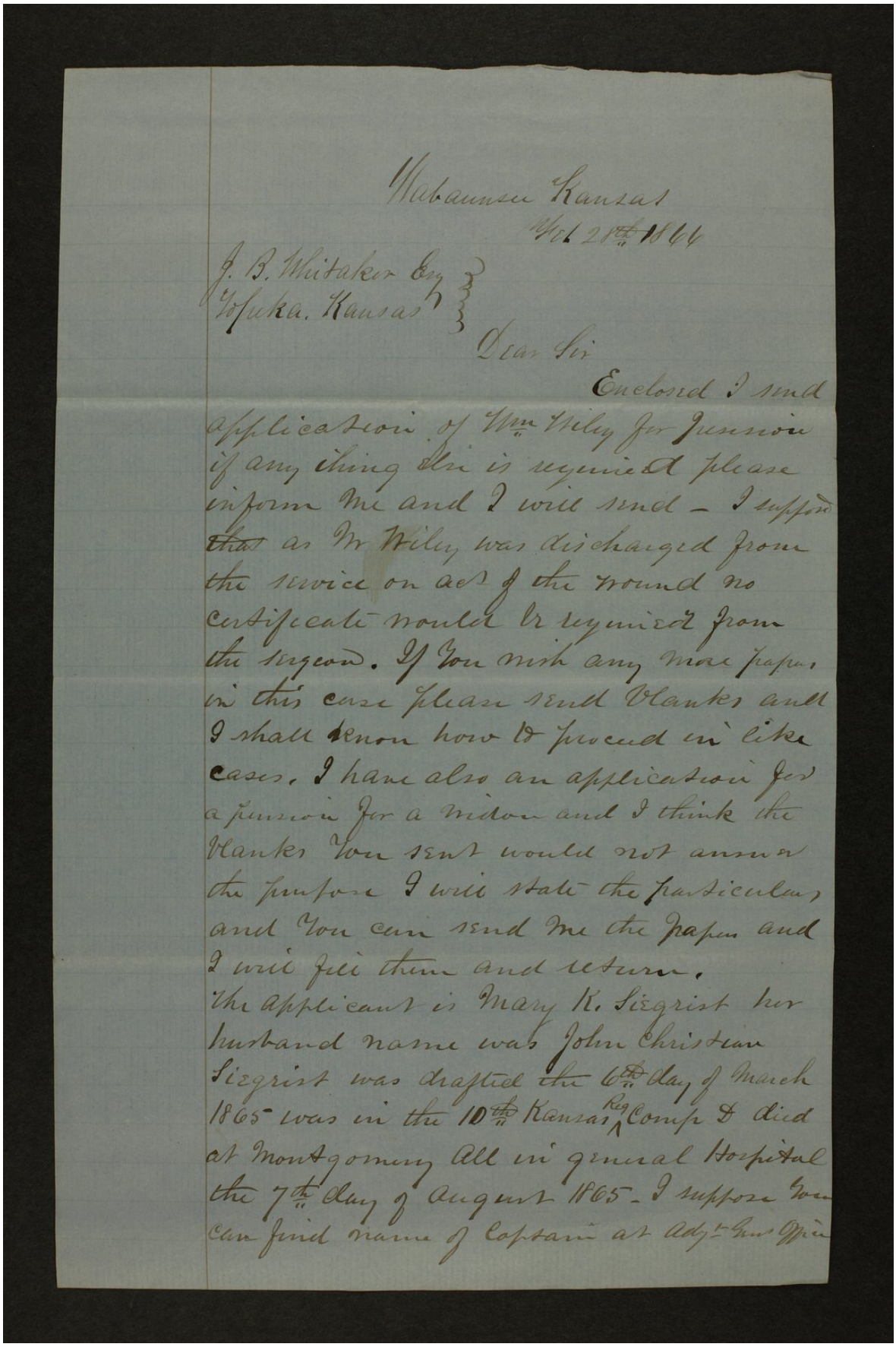
Friend Whitaker

Please let me hear from you with regard to the estate and also that Stark note

The cold weather postponed my visit to Topeka until the confinement of Mrs. S. since so much of hard to spend not venture away — and since that time I have been acting in the capacity of nurse

We have a boy three weeks old

Truly Yours
S Shepherd

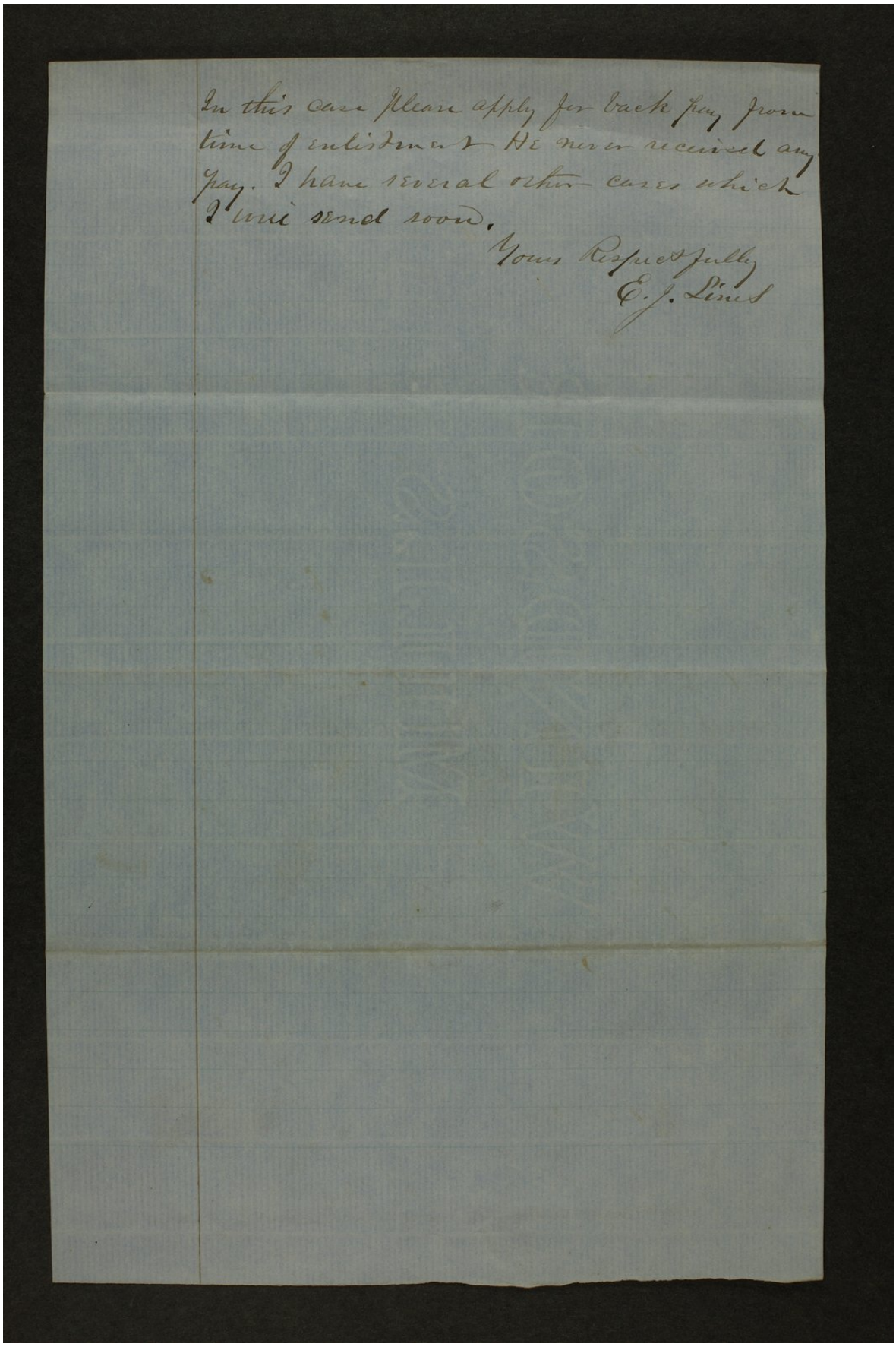


Wabaunsee Kansas
Nov 28th 1866

J. B. Whitaker Esq
Topeka. Kansas

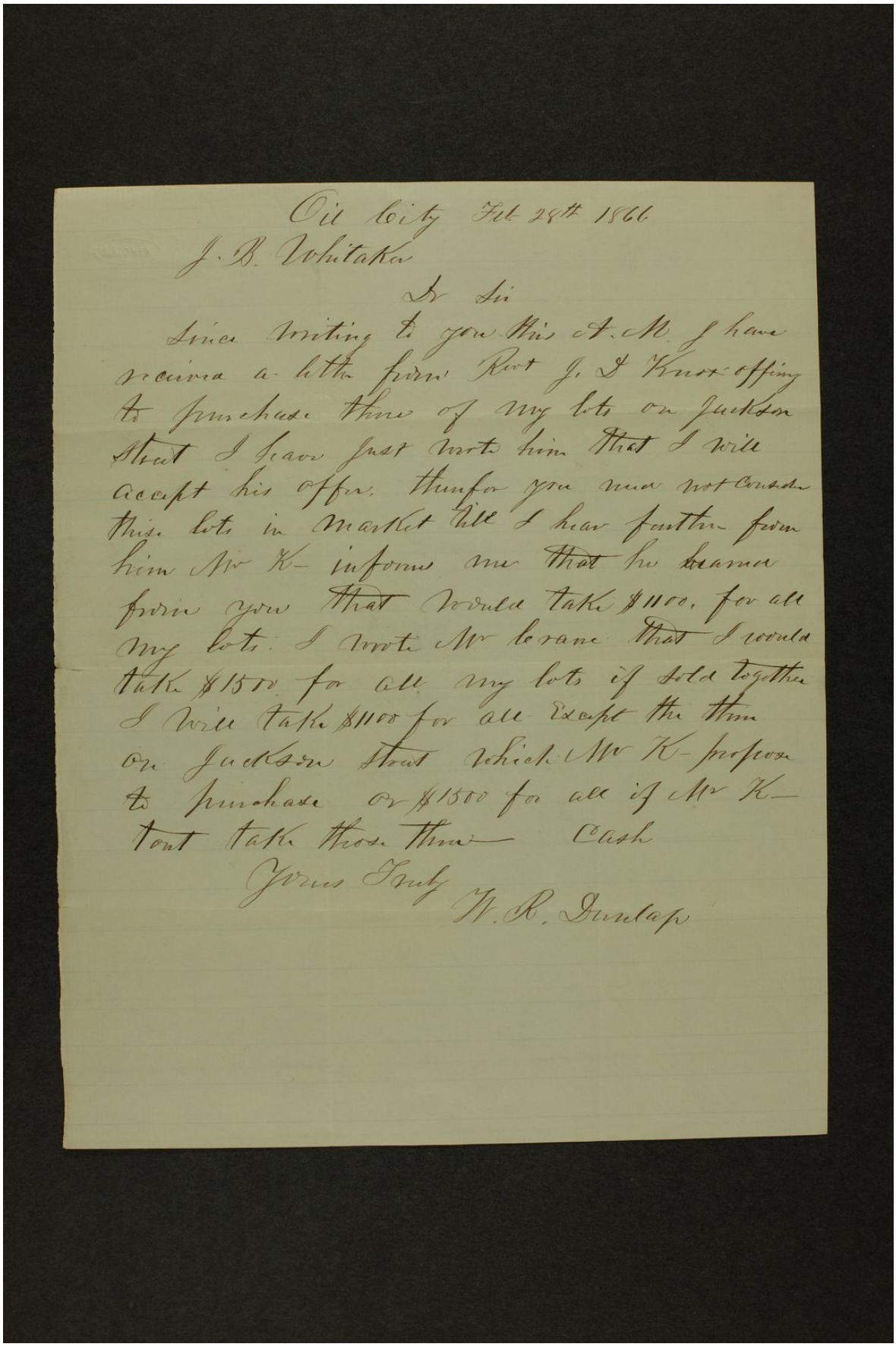
Dear Sir

Enclosed I send application of Wm Wiley for pension if any thing else is required please inform me and I will send – I suppose that as Mr Wiley was discharged from the service on acct of the wound no certificate would be required from the surgeon. If You wish any more papers in this case please send blanks and I shall know how to proceed in like cases. I have also an application for a pension for a widow and I think the blanks You sent would not answer the purpose I will state the particulars and You can send me the papers and I will fill them and return.
The applicant is Mary K. Siegrist her husband name was John Christian Siegrist was drafted the 6th day of March 1865 was in the 10th Kansas Reg Comp D died at Montgomery Ala in general Hospital the 7th day of August 1865 – I suppose You can find name of Captain at Adjt Gens Office



In this case please apply for back pay from time of enlistment. He never received any pay. I have several other cases which I will send soon.

Yours Respectfully
E. J. Lines



Oil City Feb 28th 1866

J. B. Whitaker

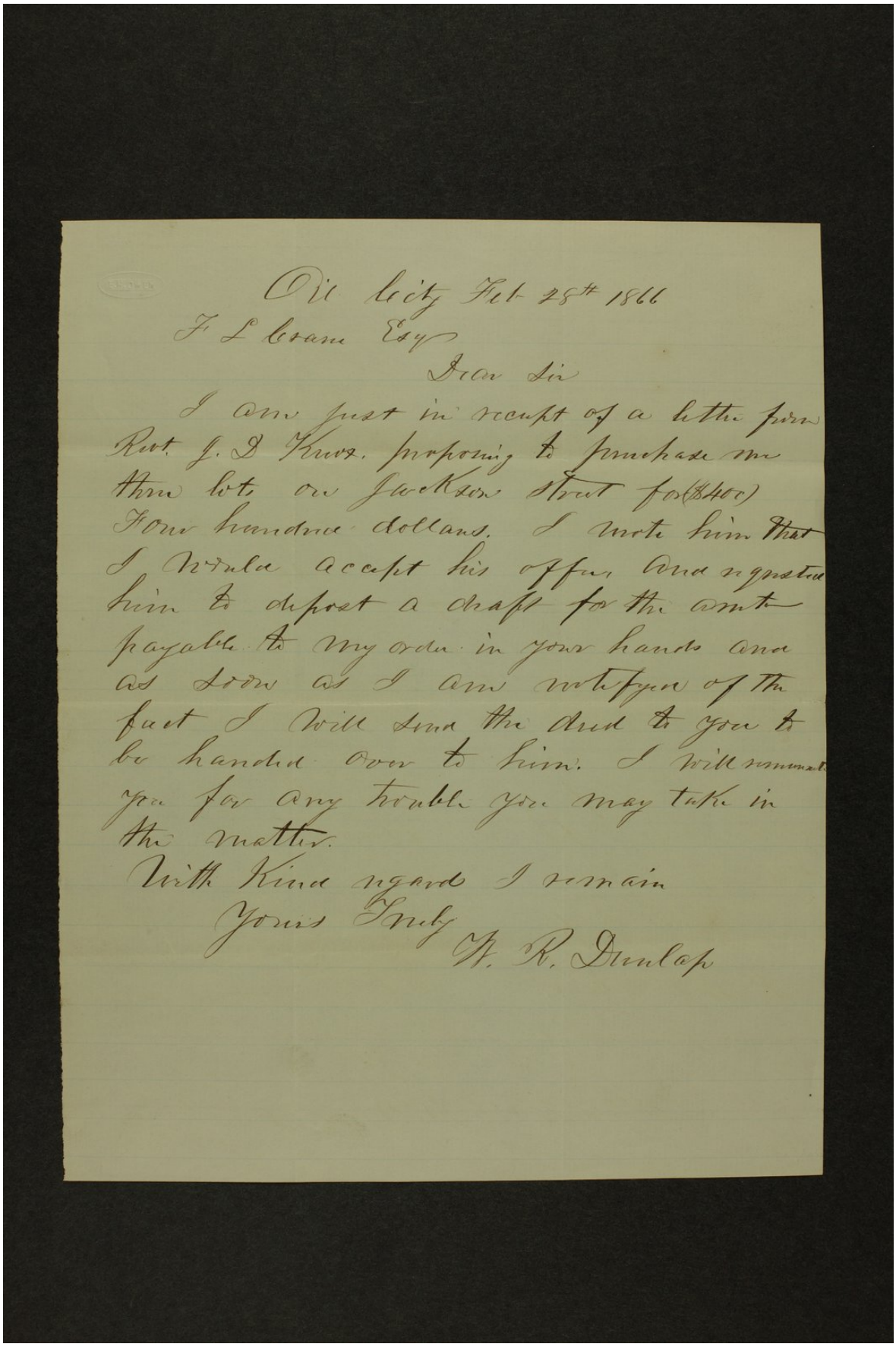
Dr Sir

Since writing to you this A.M. I have received a letter from Robt J. D Knox offering to purchase three of my lots on Jackson Street I have just wrote him that I will accept his offer. therefore you need not consider this lots in market till I hear further from him Mr K— informs me that he learned from you that would take $1100. for all my lots. I wrote Mr Kearns that I would take $1500 for all my lots if sold together I will take $1100 for all except the three on Jackson Street which Mr K— proposes to purchase or $1500 for all if Mr K— dont take those three Cash

Yours Truly

W. R. Dunlap

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Oil City Feb 28th 1866

F L Evans Esq

Dear Sir

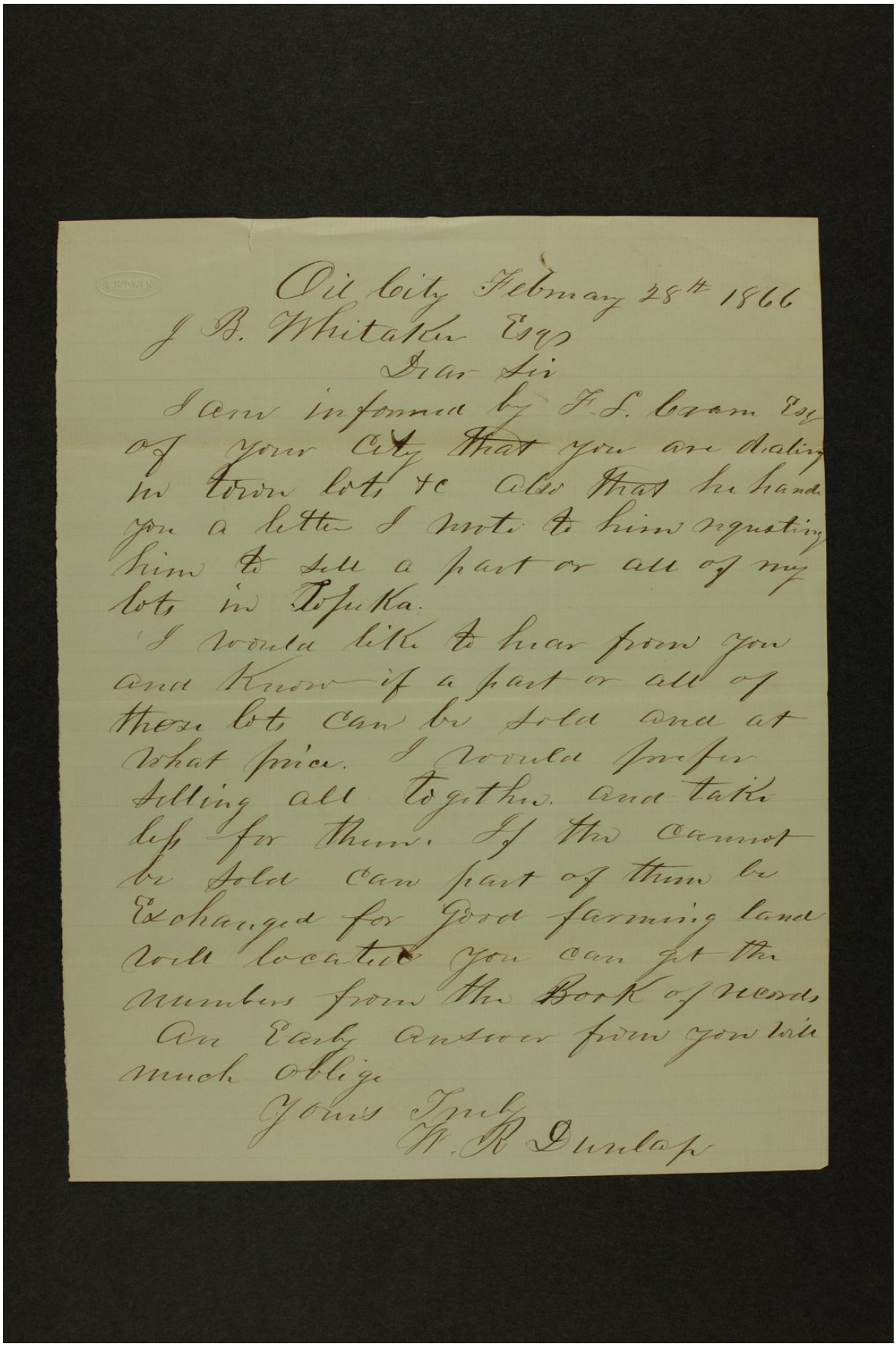
I am just in receipt of a letter from Rev. J. D Knox proposing to purchase my three lots on Jackson Street for ($1400) Four hundred dollars. I wrote him that I would accept his offer and requested him to deposit a draft for the amt payable to my order in your hands and as soon as I am notified of the fact I will send the deed to you to be handed over to him. I will remunerate you for any trouble you may take in the matter.

With Kind regard I remain

Yours Truly

W. R. Dunlap

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Oil City Febmary 28th 1866

J B. Whitaker Esq

Dear Sir

I am informed by F. L. Cram Esq of your City that you are dealing in town lots &c Also that he hand you a letter I wrote to him requesting him to sell a part or all of my lots in Topeka.

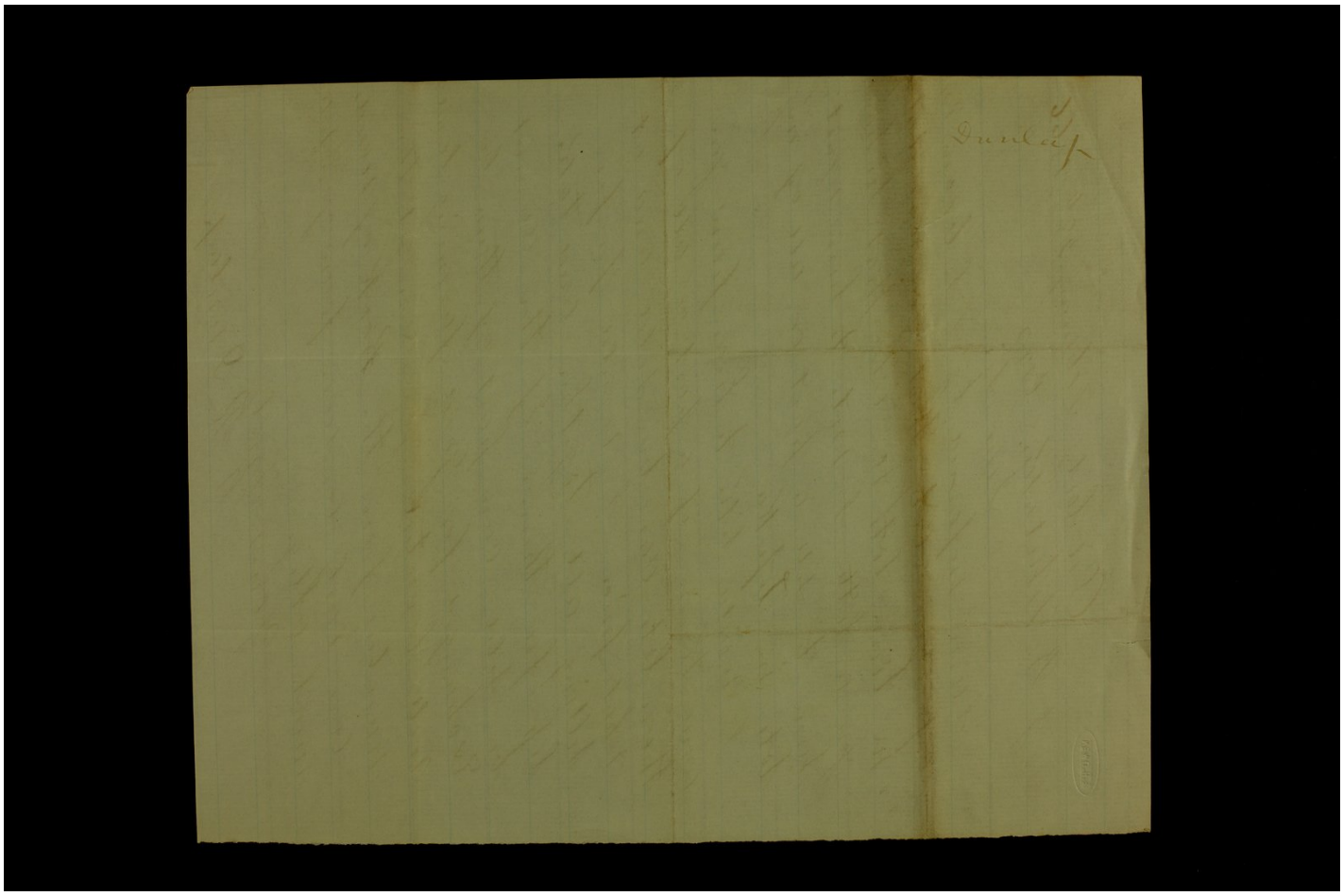
I would like to hear from you and know if a part or all of those lots can be sold and at what price. I would prefer selling all togethe. and take off for them. If the cannot be sold can part of them be Exchanged for Good farming land well located you can get the numbers from the Book of records

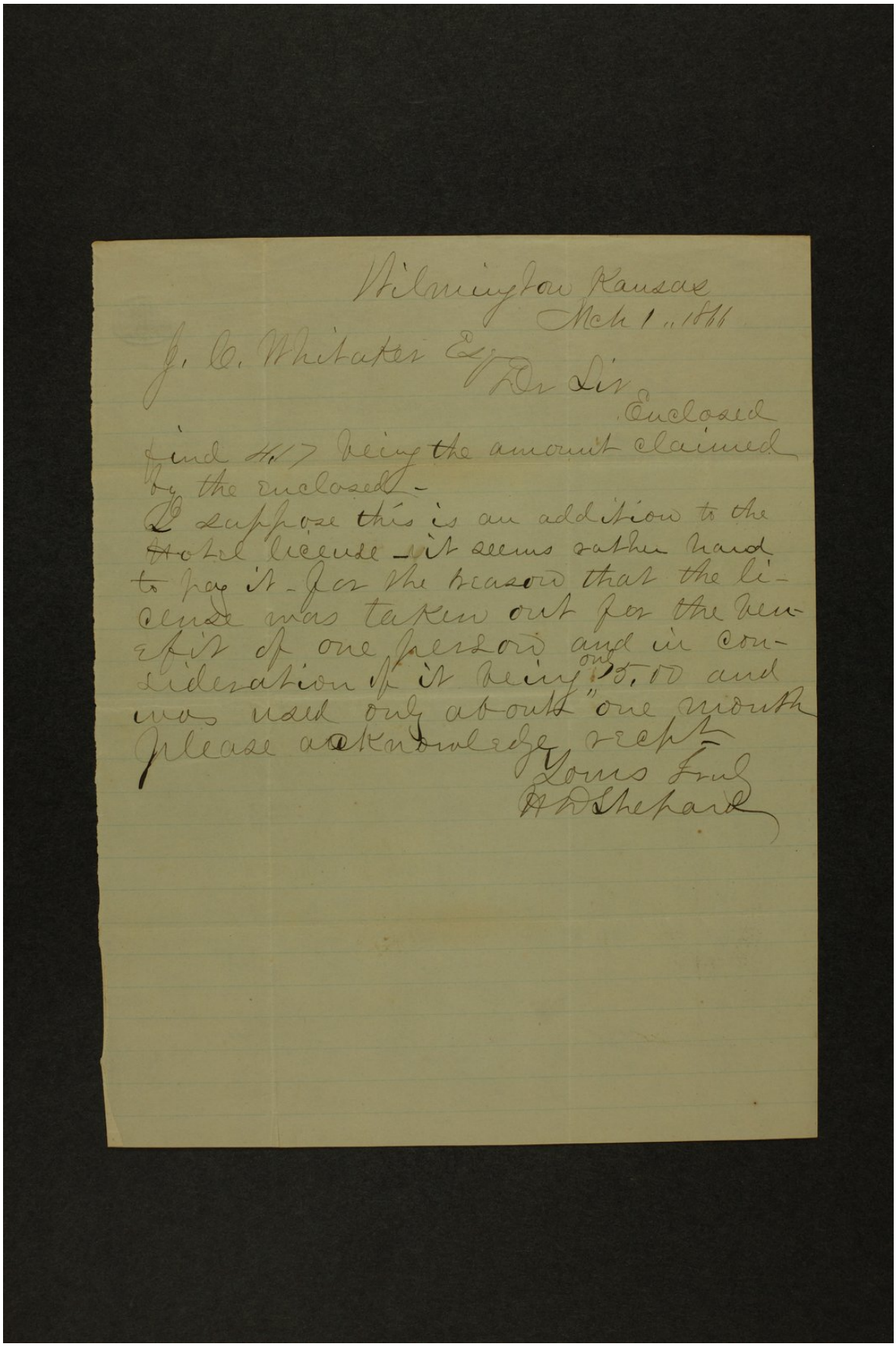
An Early answer from you will much oblige

Yours Truly

W. R Dunlap

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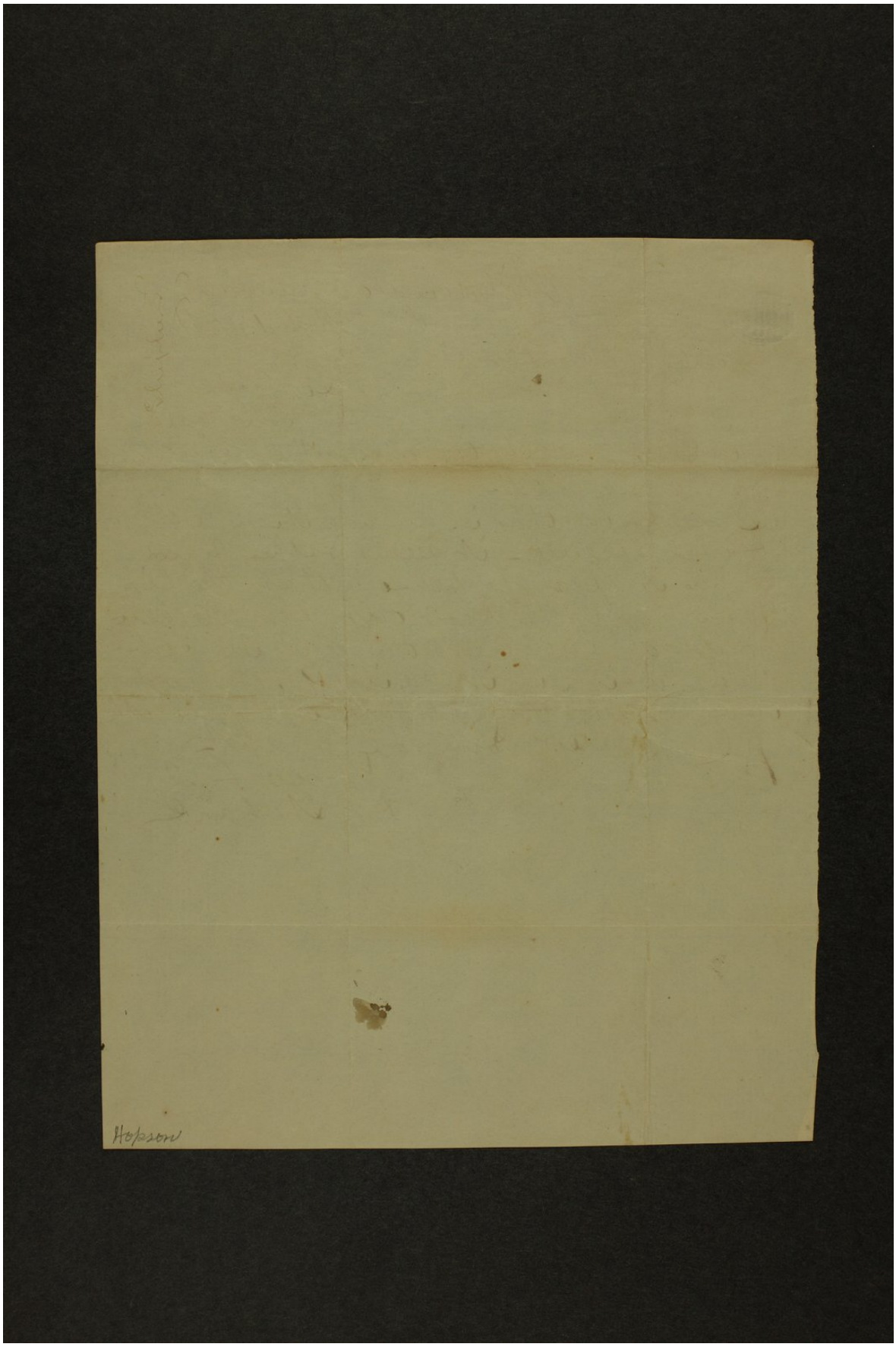


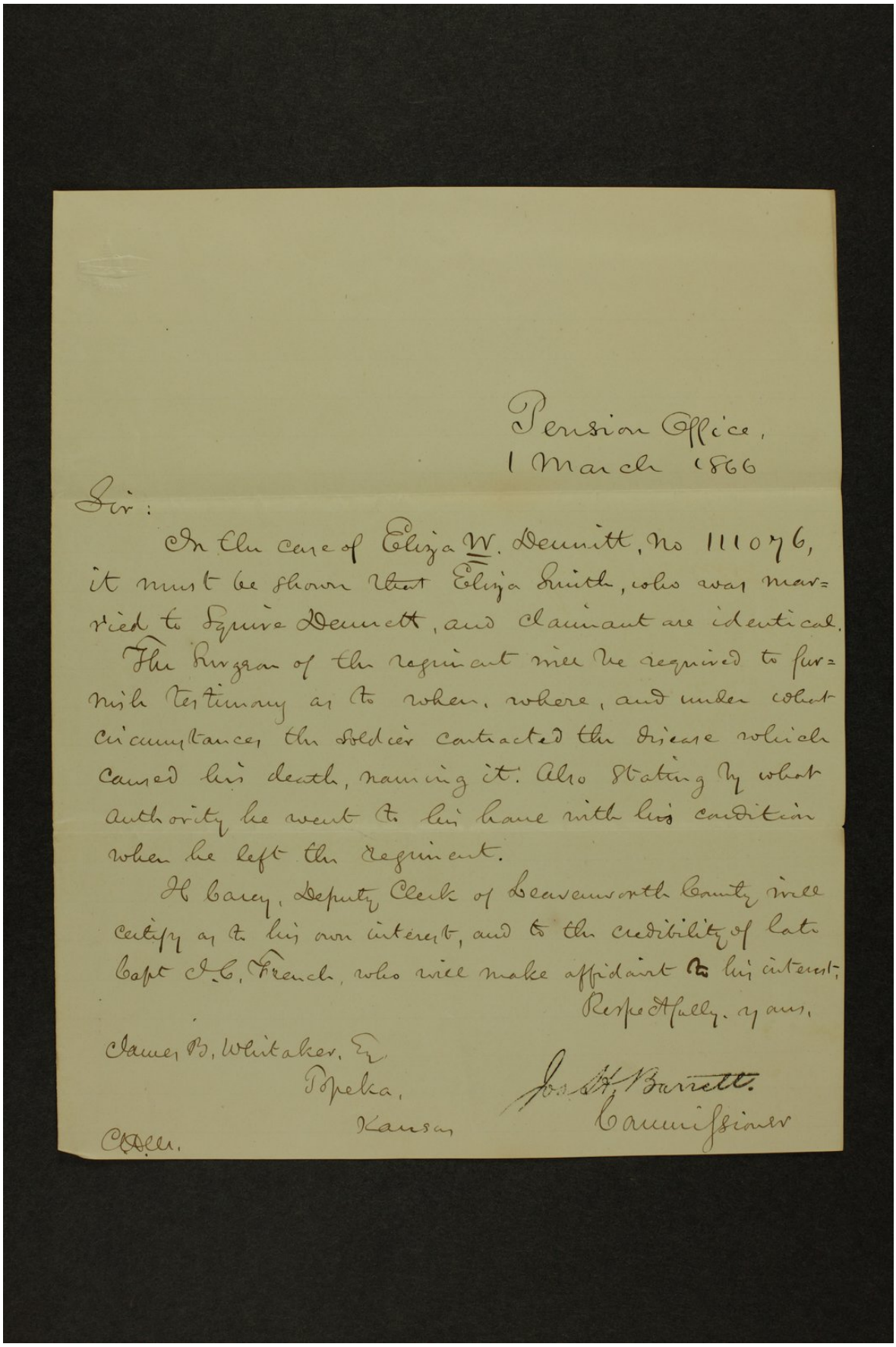


Wilmington Kansas
Mch 1 " 1911

J. B. Whitaker Esq
Dr Sir
Enclosed find $1.17 being the amount claimed by the enclosed -
I suppose this is an addition to the Hotel license - it seems rather hard to pay it - for the reason that the license was taken out for the benefit of one person and in consideration of it being on $5.00 and was used only about one month
Please acknowledge receipt -
Yours Truly
A D Shepard

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence





Pension Office,
1 March 1866

Sir:

In the case of Eliza W. Dennitt, No 111076, it must be shown that Eliza Smith, who was married to Squire Dennett, and claimant are identical.

The Surgeon of the regiment will be required to furnish testimony as to when, where, and under what circumstances the Soldier contracted the disease which caused his death, naming it. Also stating by what authority he went to his home with his condition when he left the regiment.

H Carey, Deputy Clerk of Leavenworth County will certify as to his own interest, and to the credibility of late Capt A.C. French, who will make affidavit as to his interest.

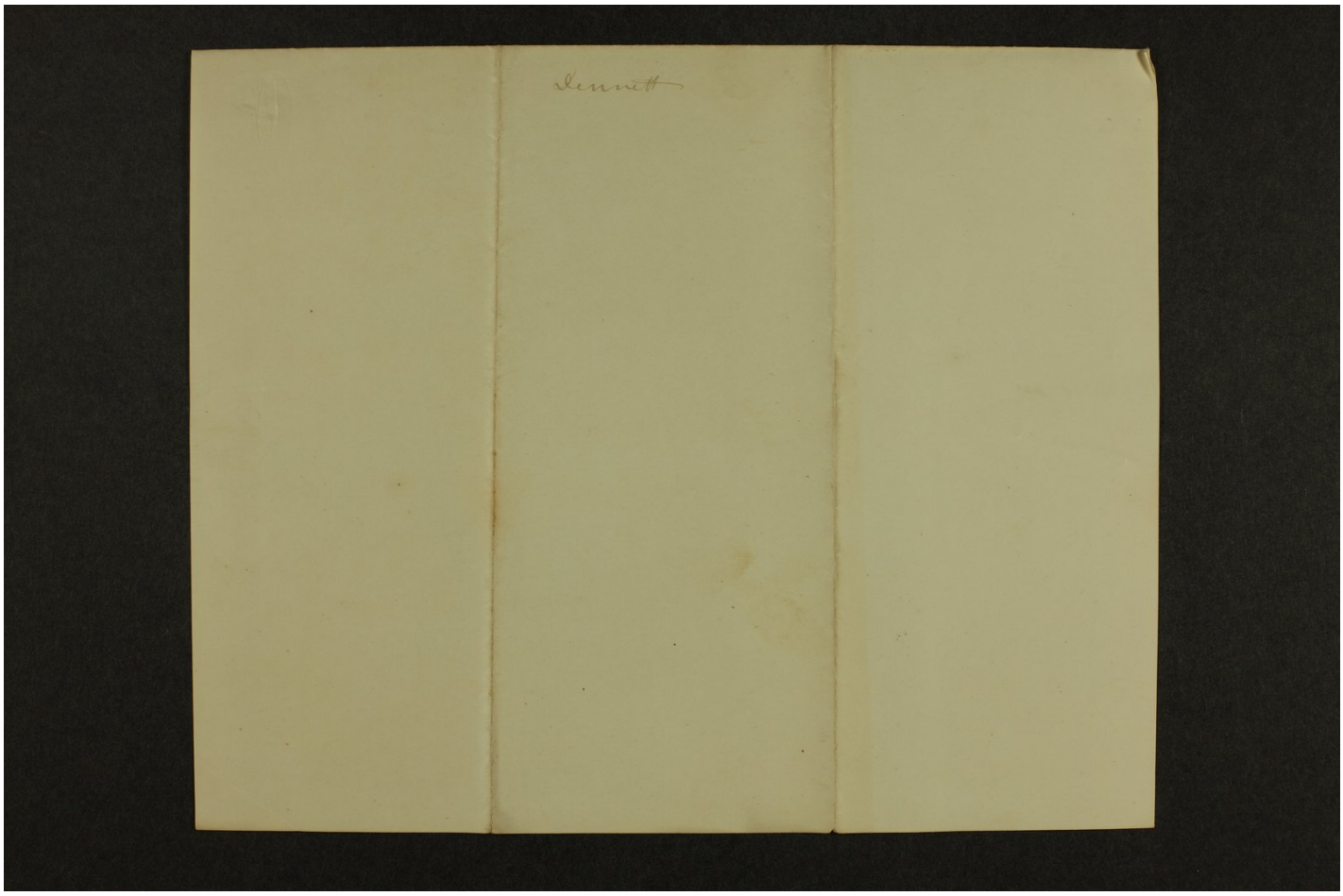
Respectfully, yours,

James B. Whitaker, Esq
Topeka,
Kansas

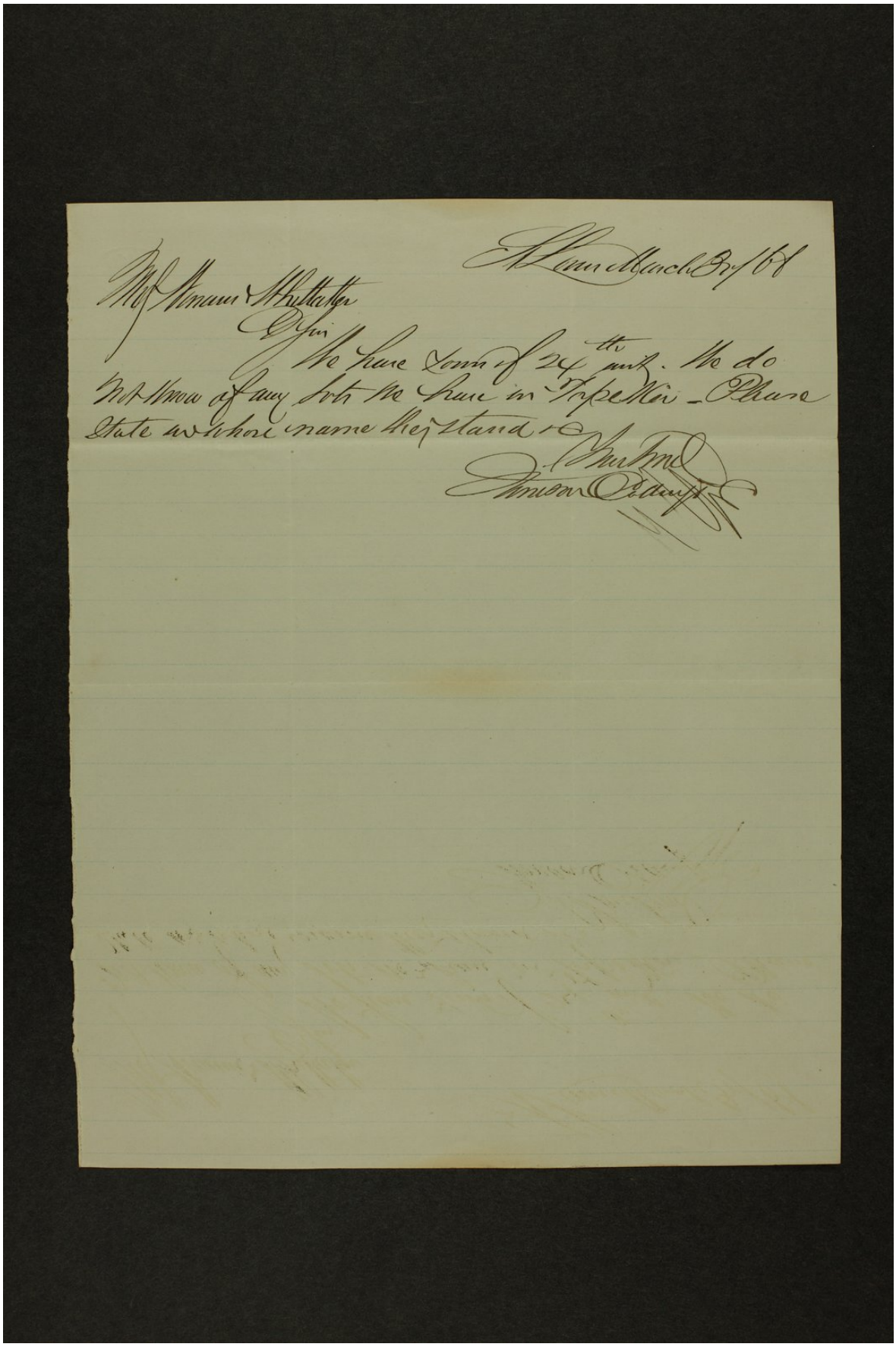
C.A.Dell.

Jos. H. Barrett
Commissioner

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Lawrence March 31st/61

Mr Simon Whitaker

Sir

We have Some of 24th inst. We do not know of any Sort we have in Pepe Nir - Please State us whose name they stand in

Yours Truly
Simon Brandt & Co