James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

Section 32, Pages 931 - 960

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.

Date: 1855-1909

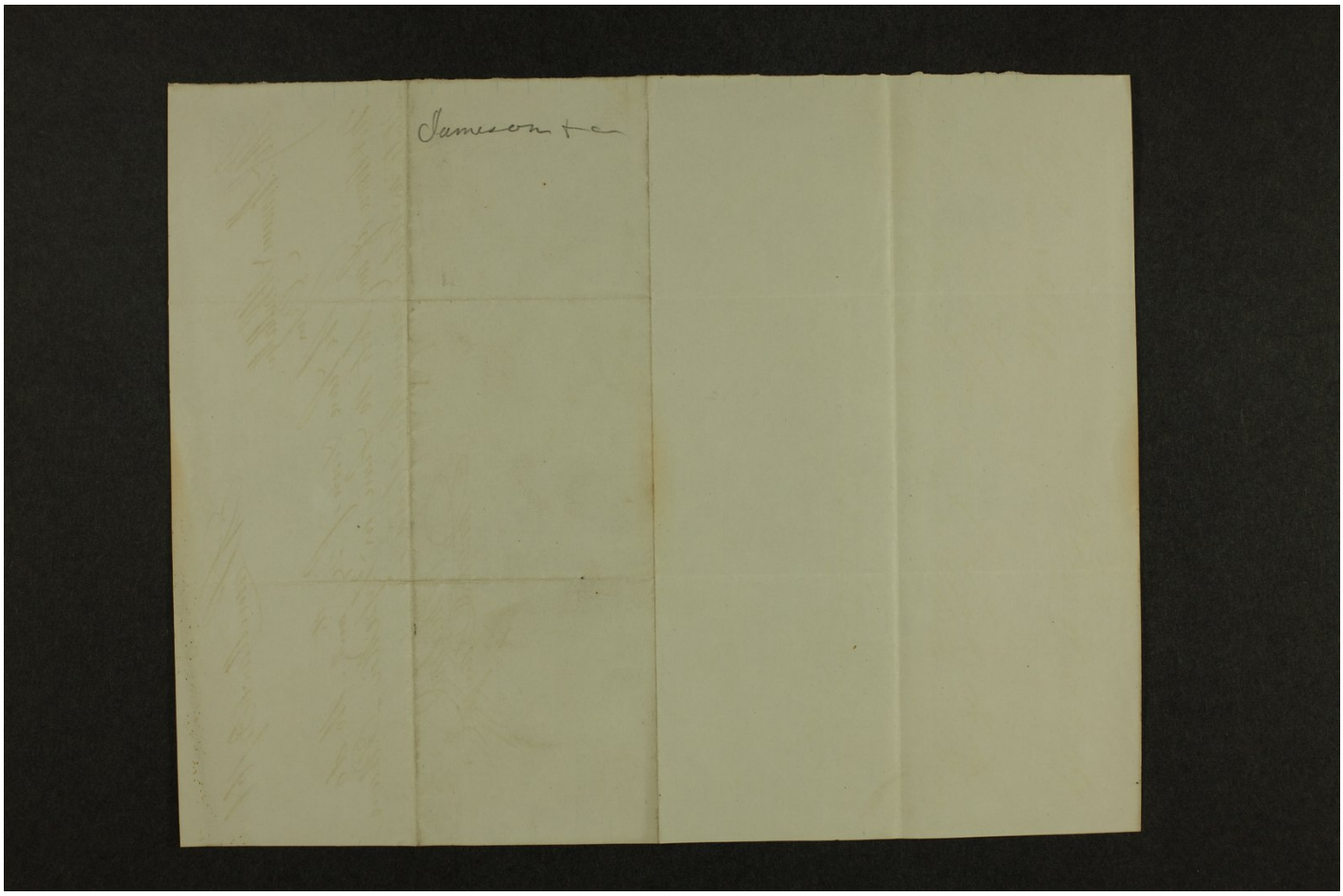
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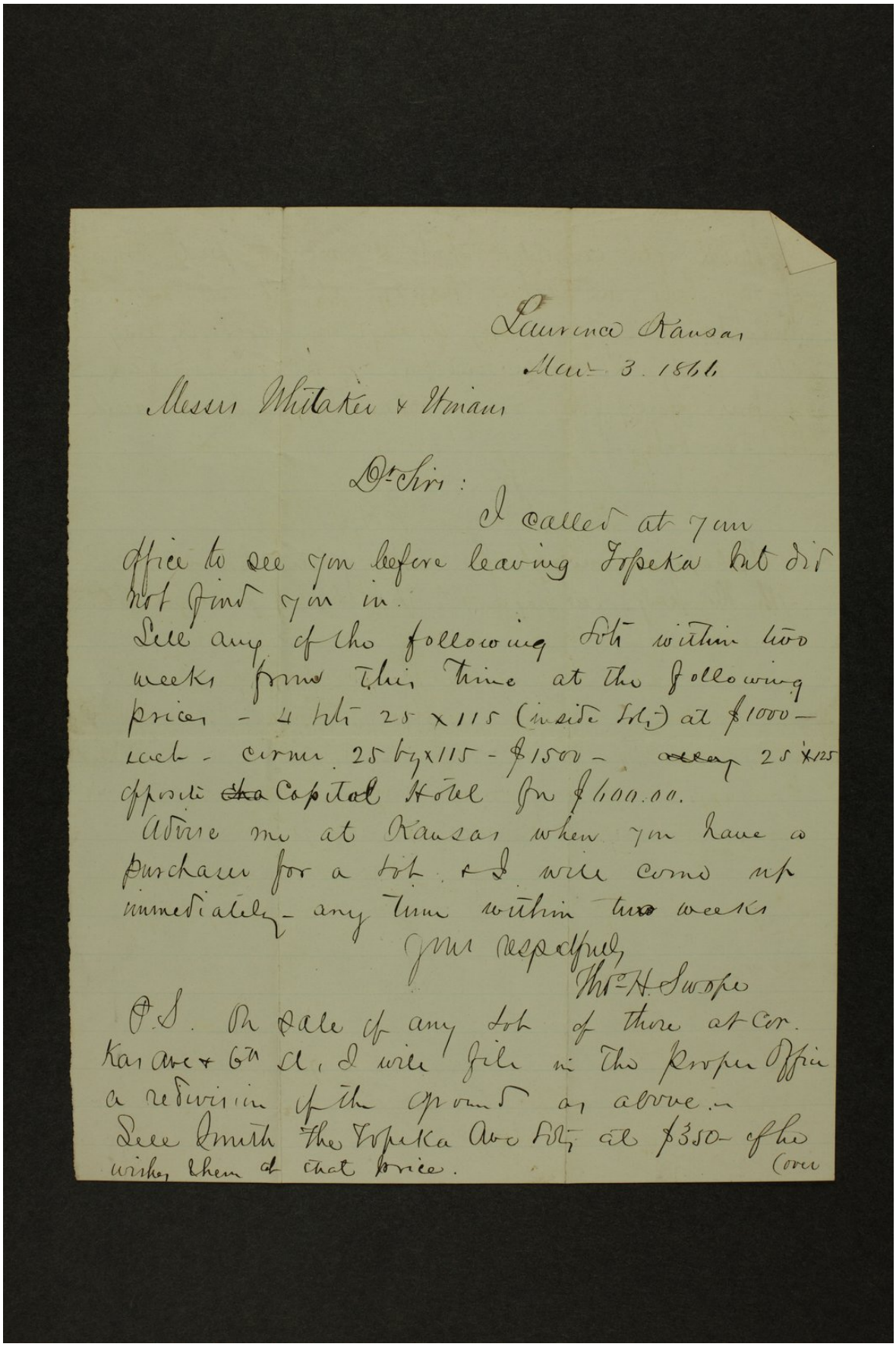
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Laurence Kansas
Mar 3. 1866

Messrs Whitaker & Ulman

Dr Sirs:

I called at your office to see you before leaving Topeka but did not find you in.

Sell any of the following lots within two weeks from this time at the following prices - 4 lots 25 x 115 (inside lots) at $1000— each - corner 25 by x 115 - $1500 - ~~any~~ 25 x 125 opposite ~~the~~ Capital Hotel for $600.00.

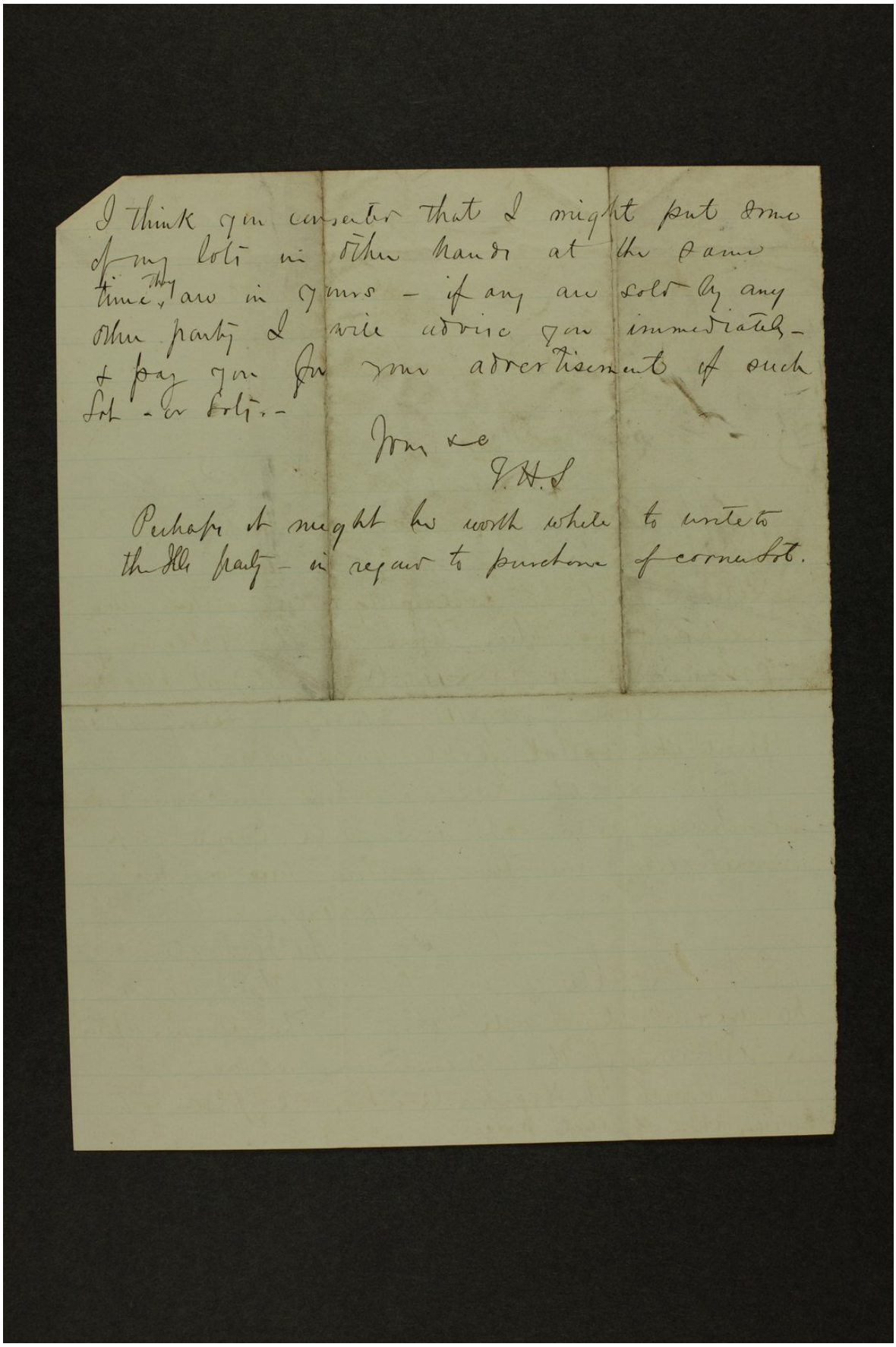
Advise me at Kansas when you have a purchaser for a lot & I will come up immediately - any time within two weeks

Yours respectfully
Thos H Swope

P.S. In sale of any lots of those at Cor. Kansas Ave & 6th St, I will file in the proper Office a revision of the grounds as above.

Sell Smith the Topeka Ave lots at $350 if he wishes them at that price.

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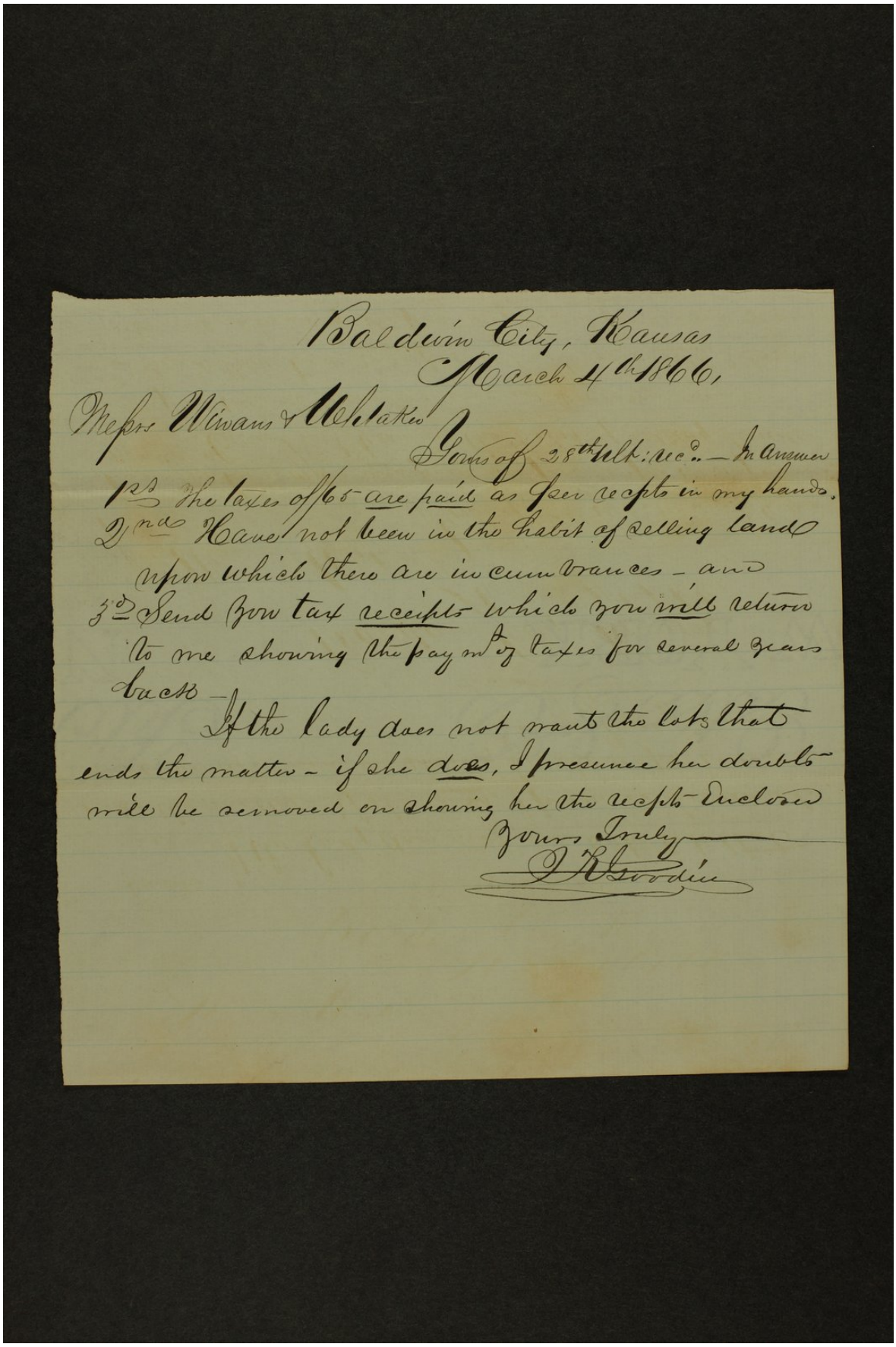


I think you consider that I might put some of my lots in other hands at the same time they are in yours – if any are sold by any other party I will advise you immediately & pay you for your advertisement of such lot – or lots.–

Yours &c
J. B. W.

Perhaps it might be worth while to write to the old party – in regard to purchase of corner lot.

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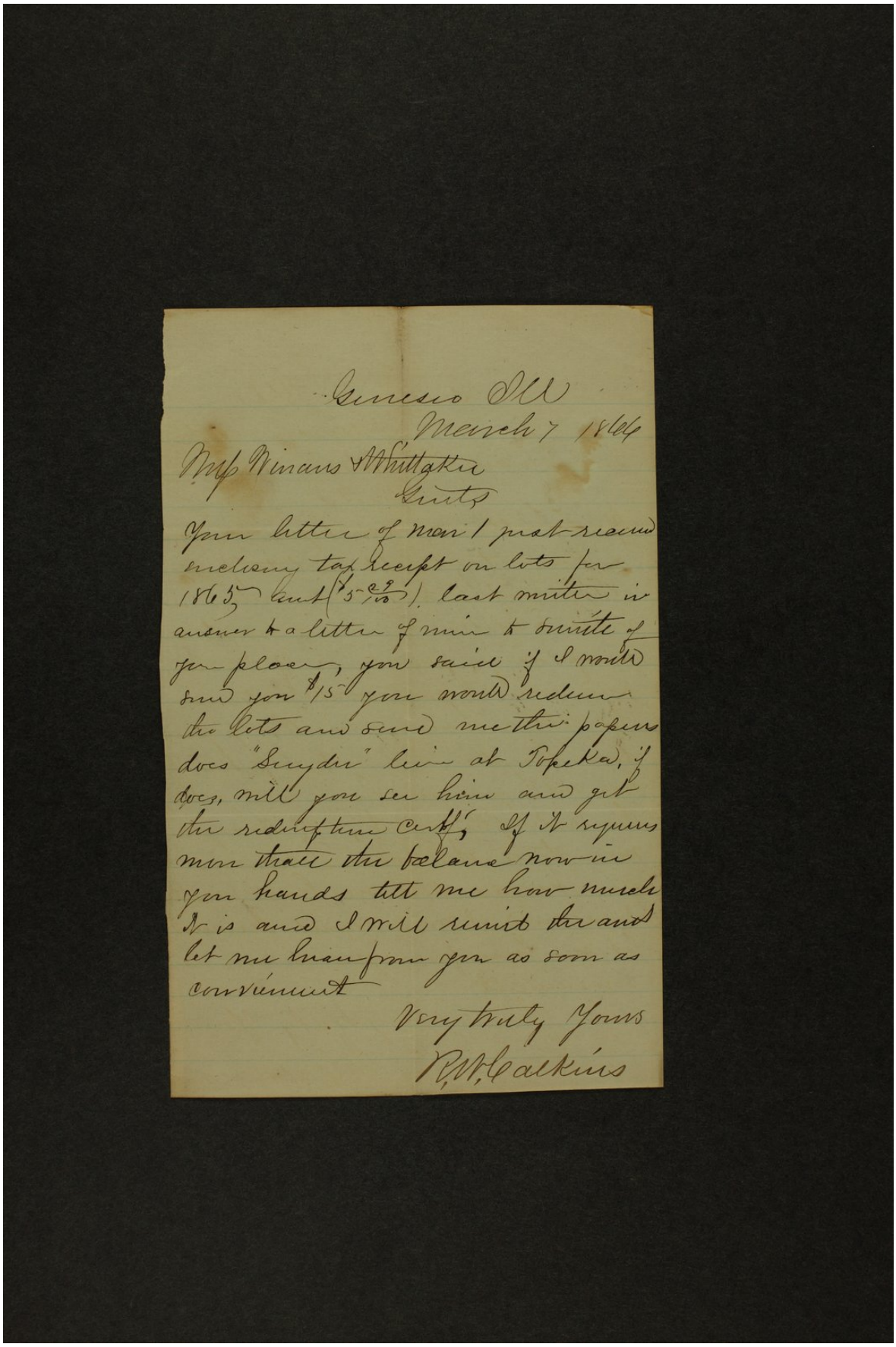
Baldwin City, Kansas
March 4th 1866,

Messrs Wivans & Whitaker

Yours of 28th ult: rec'd. — In answer
1st The taxes of 65 are paid as per recpts in my hands.
2nd Have not been in the habit of selling land
upon which there are incumbrances — and
3d Send you tax receipts which you will return
to me showing the paym't of taxes for several years
back —

If the lady does not want the lots that
ends the matter — if she does, I presumee her doubts
will be removed on showing her the recpts Enclosed

Yours Truly
D. K. Goodin



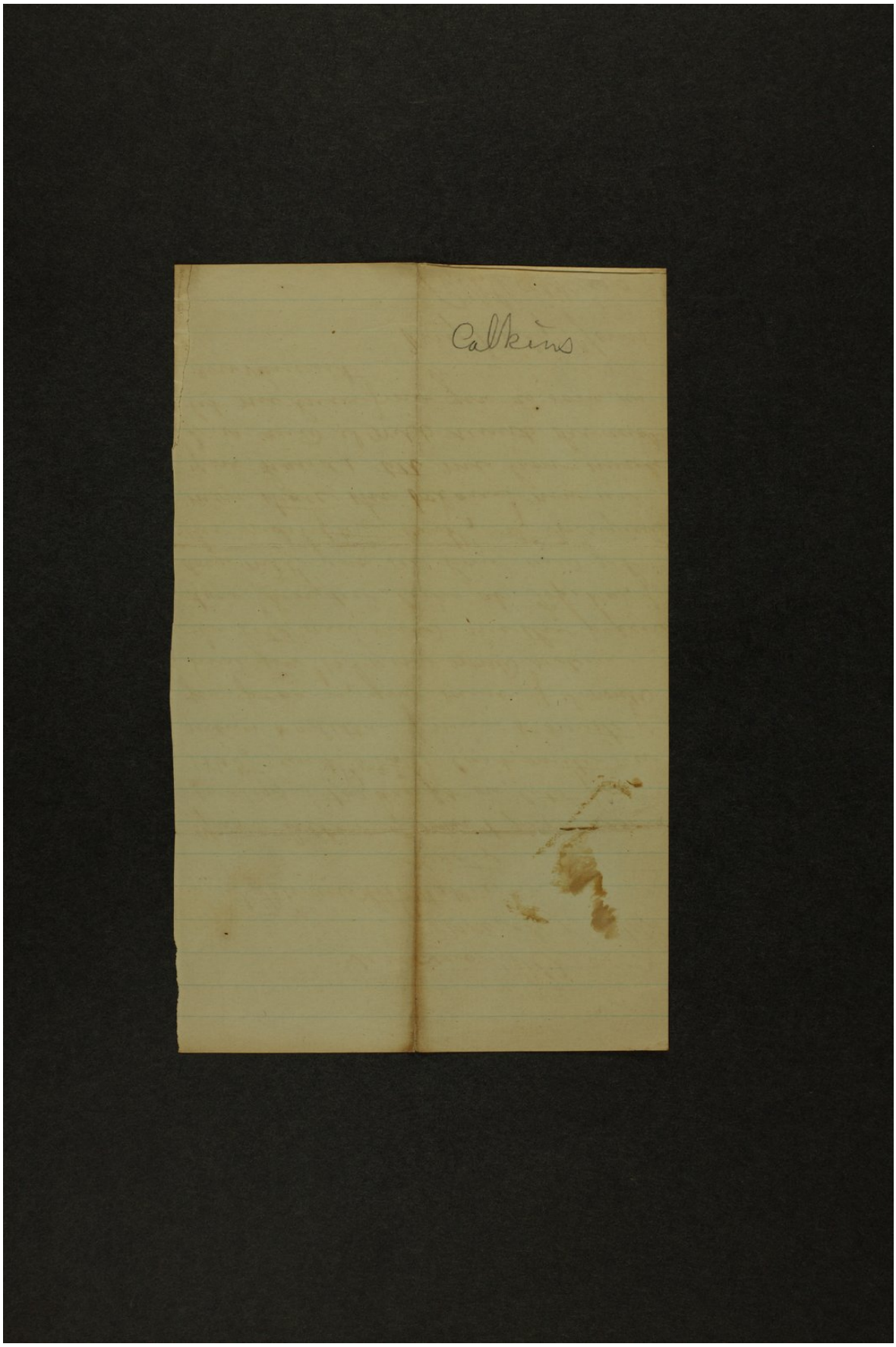
Geneseo Ills
March 7 1864

Mrs Minerva A Whittaker
Lucas

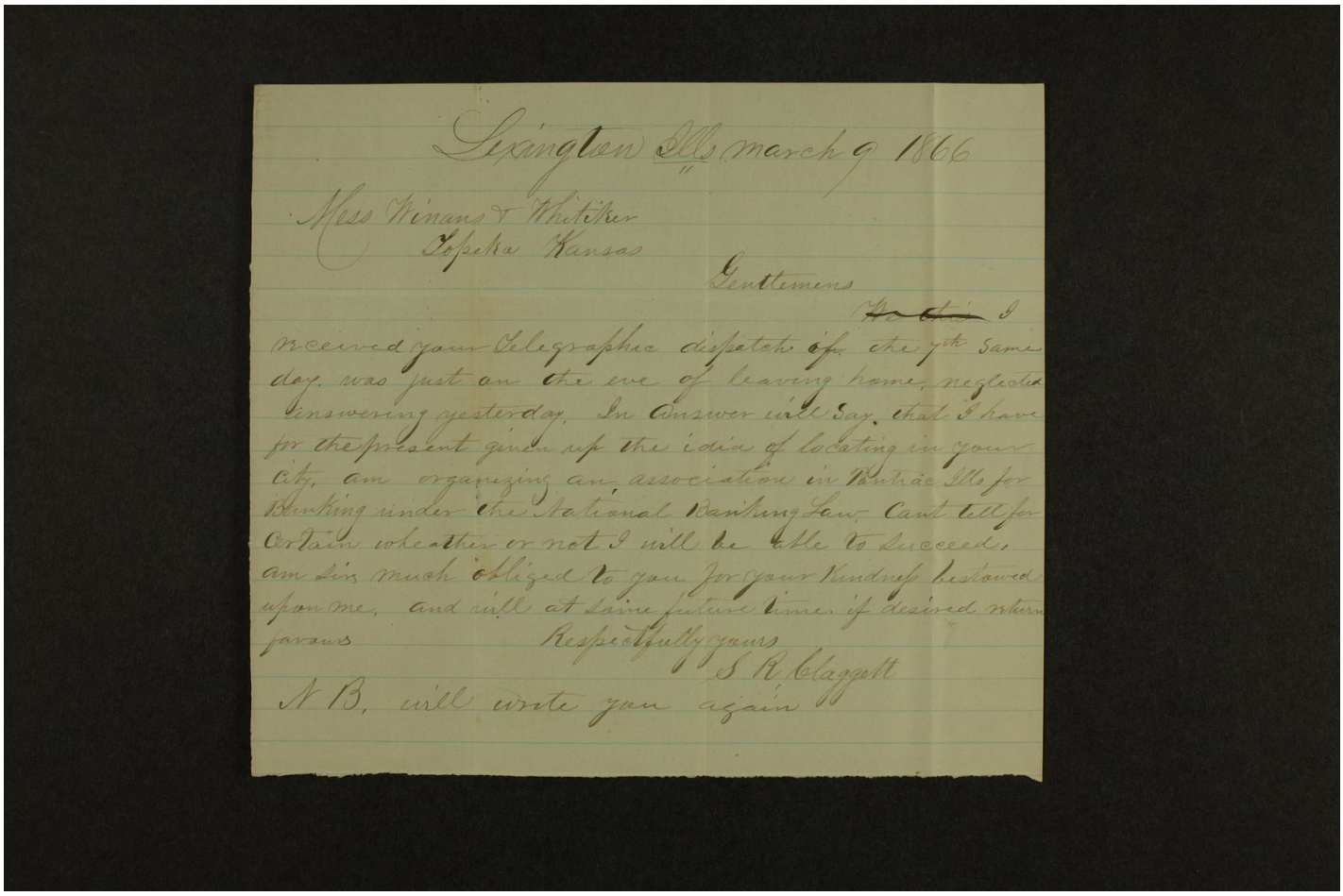
Your letter of Mar 1 just received inclosing tax receipt on lots for 1863 Lucas (7-5-22/100) last winter in answer to a letter of mine to Lucas of you please, you said if I would send you $15 you would redeem the lots and send me the papers does "Snyder" live at Topeka, if does, will you see him and get the redemption certf. If it requires more than the balance now in your hands tell me how much it is and I will remit the and let me hear from you as soon as convenient

Very truly Yours
R W Calkins

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Lexington Ills March 9 1866

Mess Winans & Whitaker
Topeka Kansas

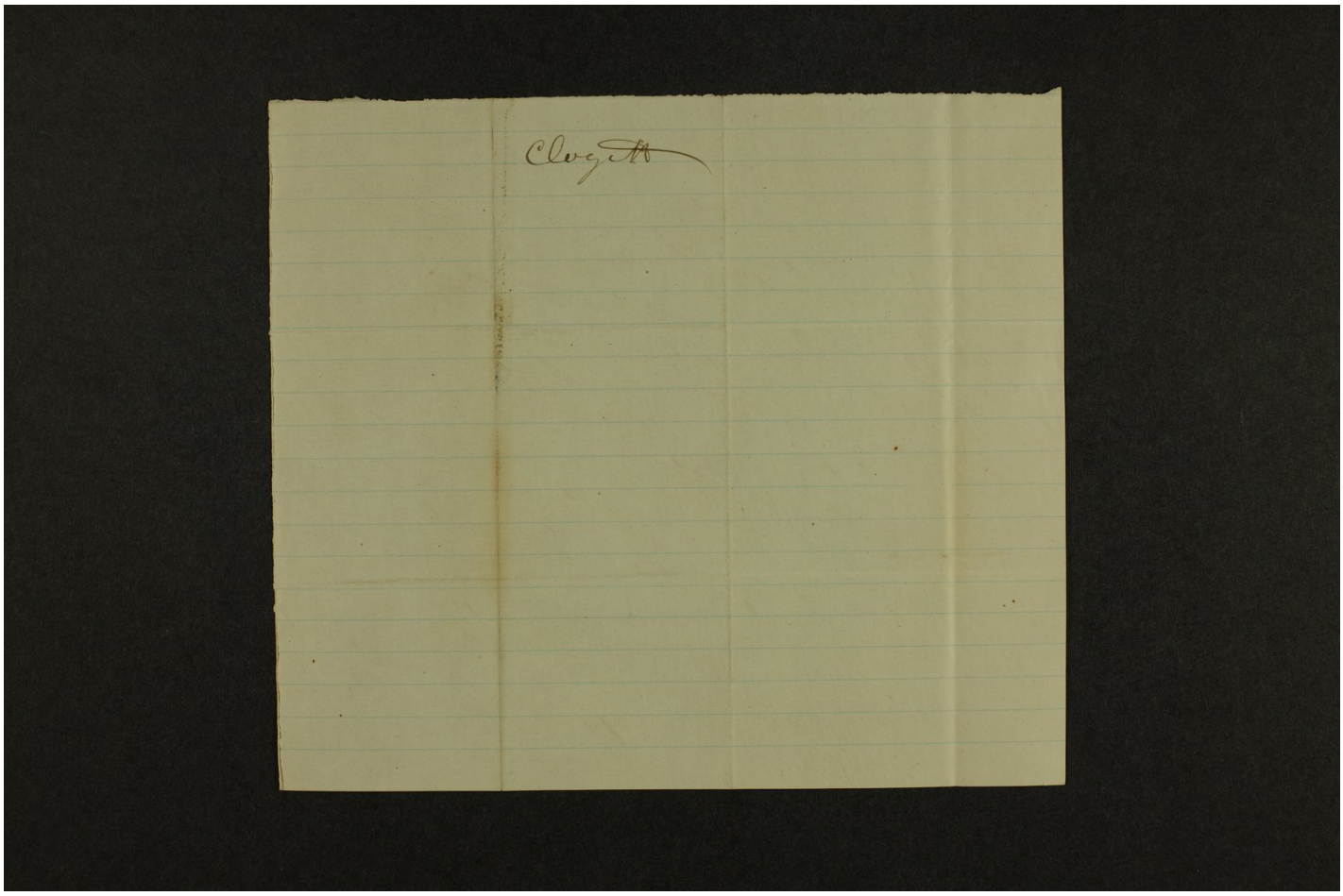
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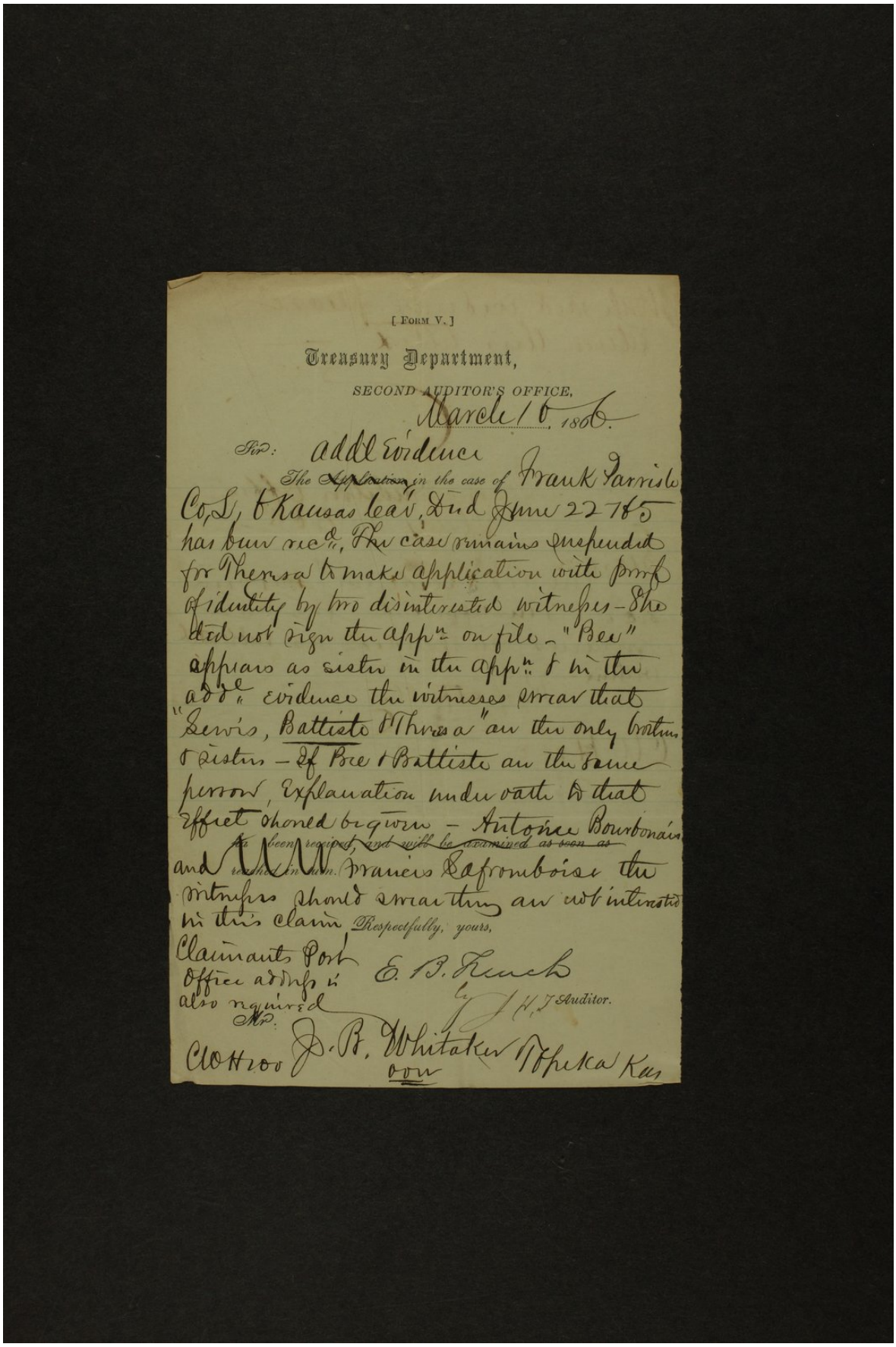
~~Sir~~ I received your Telegraphic dispatch of the 7th Same day. was just on the eve of leaving home, neglected answering yesterday. In Answer will Say, that I have for the present given up the idea of locating in your city, am organizing an association in Pontiac Ills for Banking under the National Banking Law. Cant tell for Certain whether or not I will be able to Succeed, am Sir much obliged to you for your kindness bestowed upon me, and will at Some future time if desired return favours

Respectfully yours
S R Claggett

N B. will write you again

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[FORM V.]

Treasury Department,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

March 10, 1866.

Sir: addl Evidence

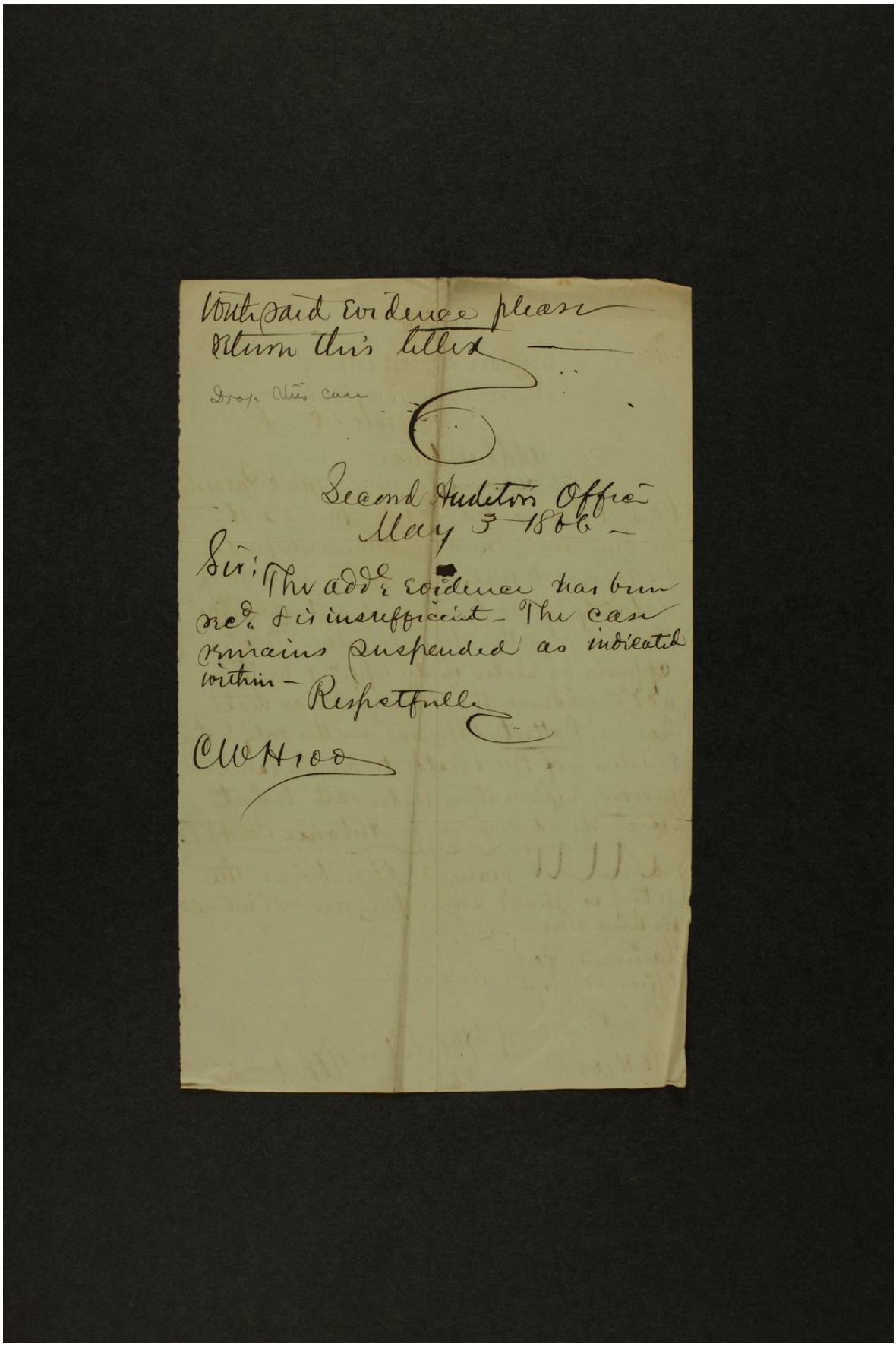
The ~~Application~~ in the case of Frank Parrish Co L, 6 Kansas Cav, Died June 22 1865 has been rec'd. The case remains suspended for Theresa to make application with proof of identity by two disinterested witnesses - She did not sign the app'n on file - "Bee" appears as sister in the app'n & in the addl evidence the witnesses swear that "Lewis, Battiste & Theresa" are the only brothers & sisters - & Bee & Battiste are the same person, Explanation under oath to that effect should be given - Antoine Bourbonais ~~has been required, and will be examined as soon as~~ and ~~XXXX~~ Francis Lafromboise the witnesses should swear they are not interested in this claim Respectfully, yours,

Claimants Post Office address is also required

E. B. French
by H. J. Auditor.

Mr.

Clothier J. B. Whitaker Topeka Kas
Box



Without said evidence please
Return this letter

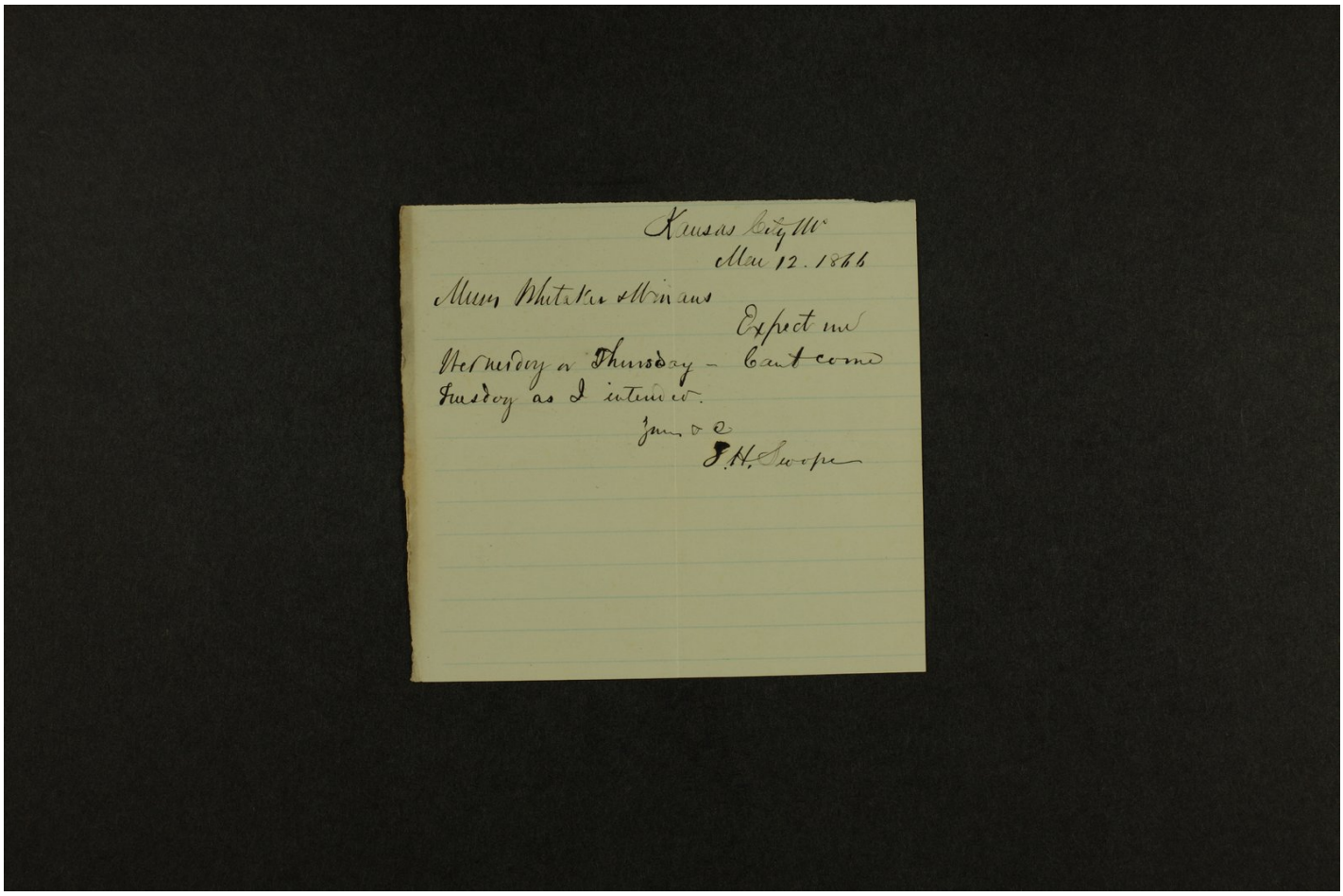
Drop this case

Second Auditors Office
May 3 1866

Sir: The addl evidence has been
rec'd & is insufficient. The case
remains suspended as indicated
within. Respectfully

C W Hood

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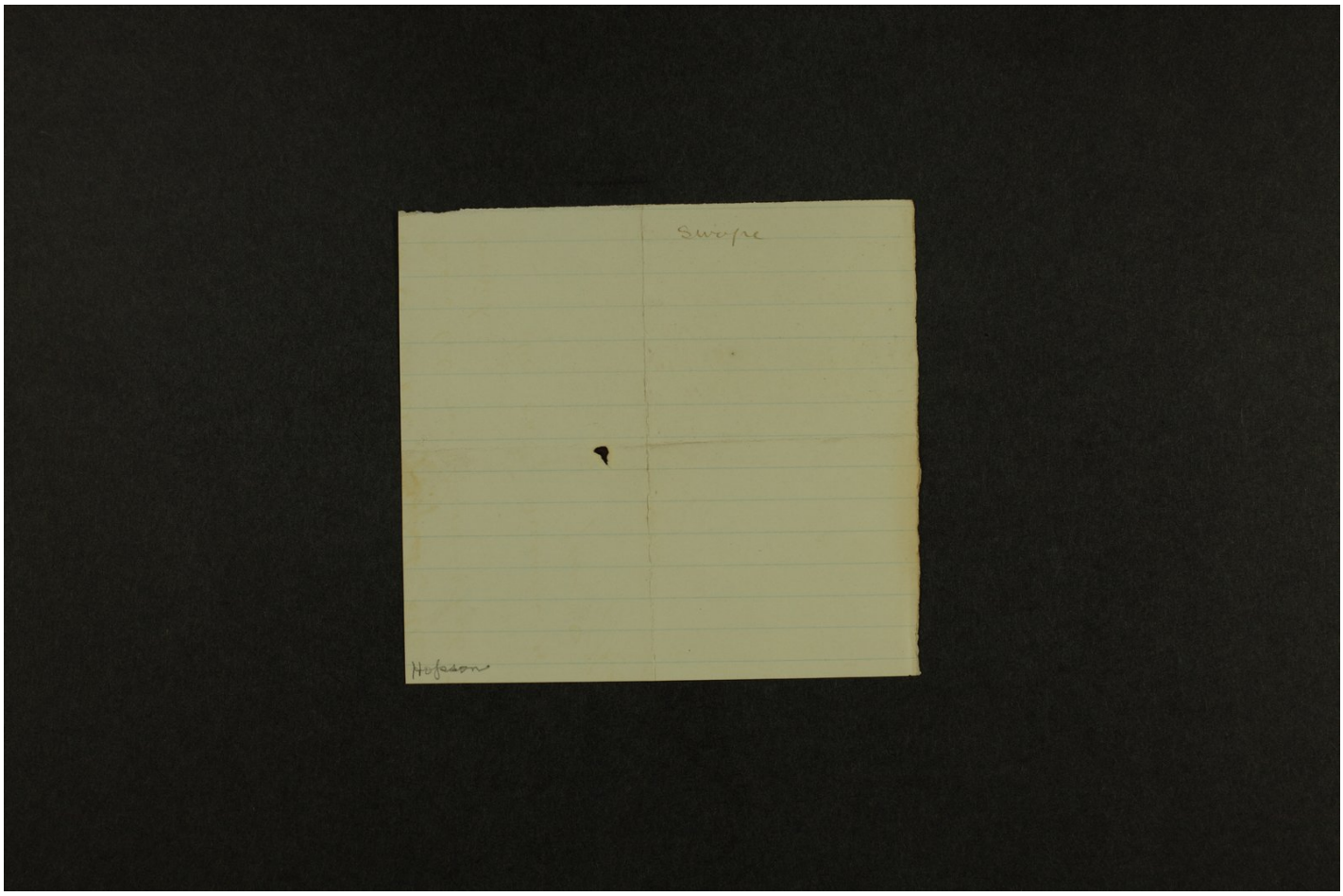
Kansas City Mo
Mar 12. 1866

Mssrs Whitaker & Williams

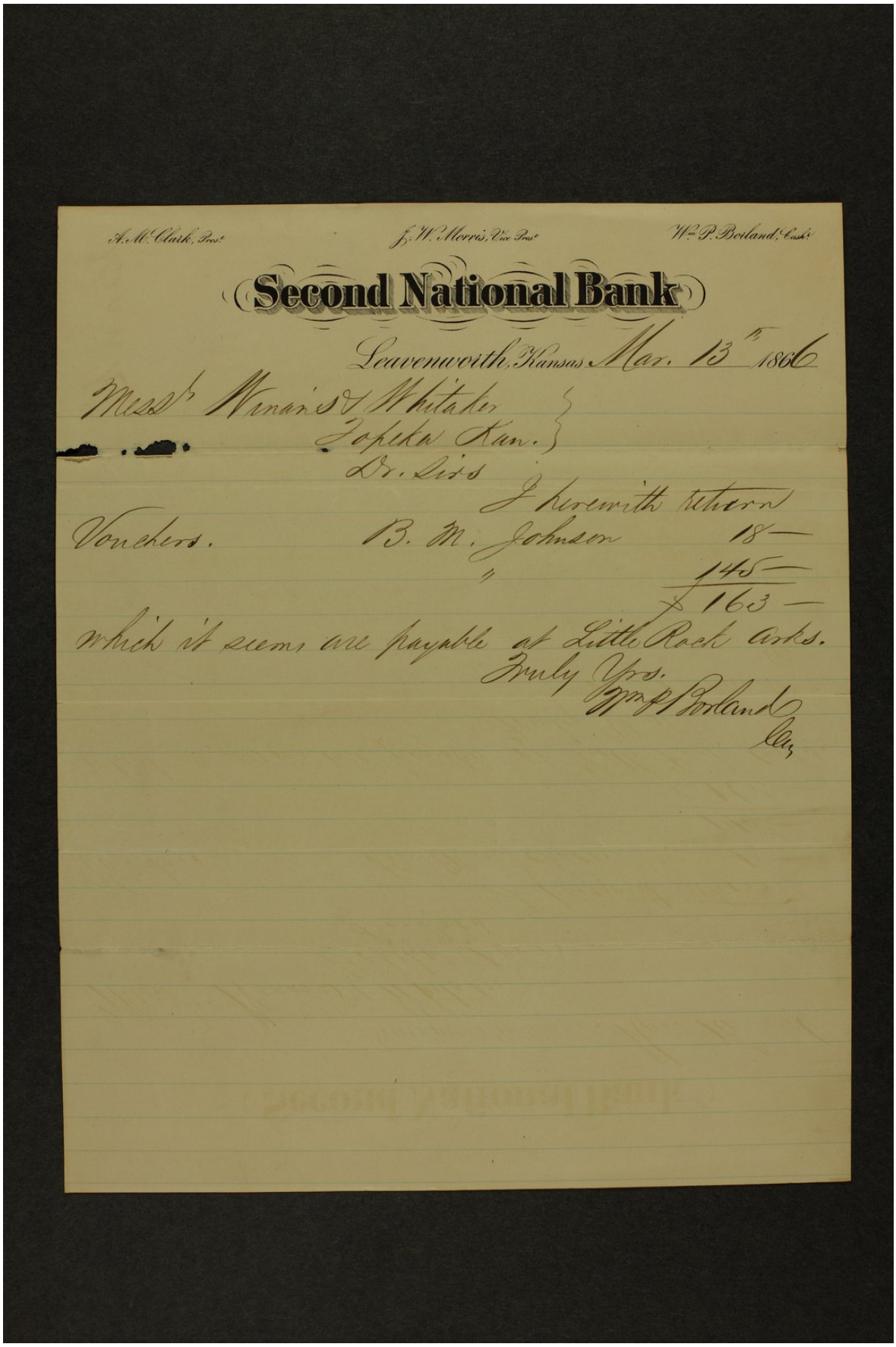
Expect me
Wednesday or Thursday – Can't come
Tuesday as I intended.

Yours &c
S. H. Swope

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A. M. Clark, Pres't F. W. Morris, Vice Pres't Wm P. Borland, Cash'r

Second National Bank

Leavenworth, Kansas Mar. 13th 1866

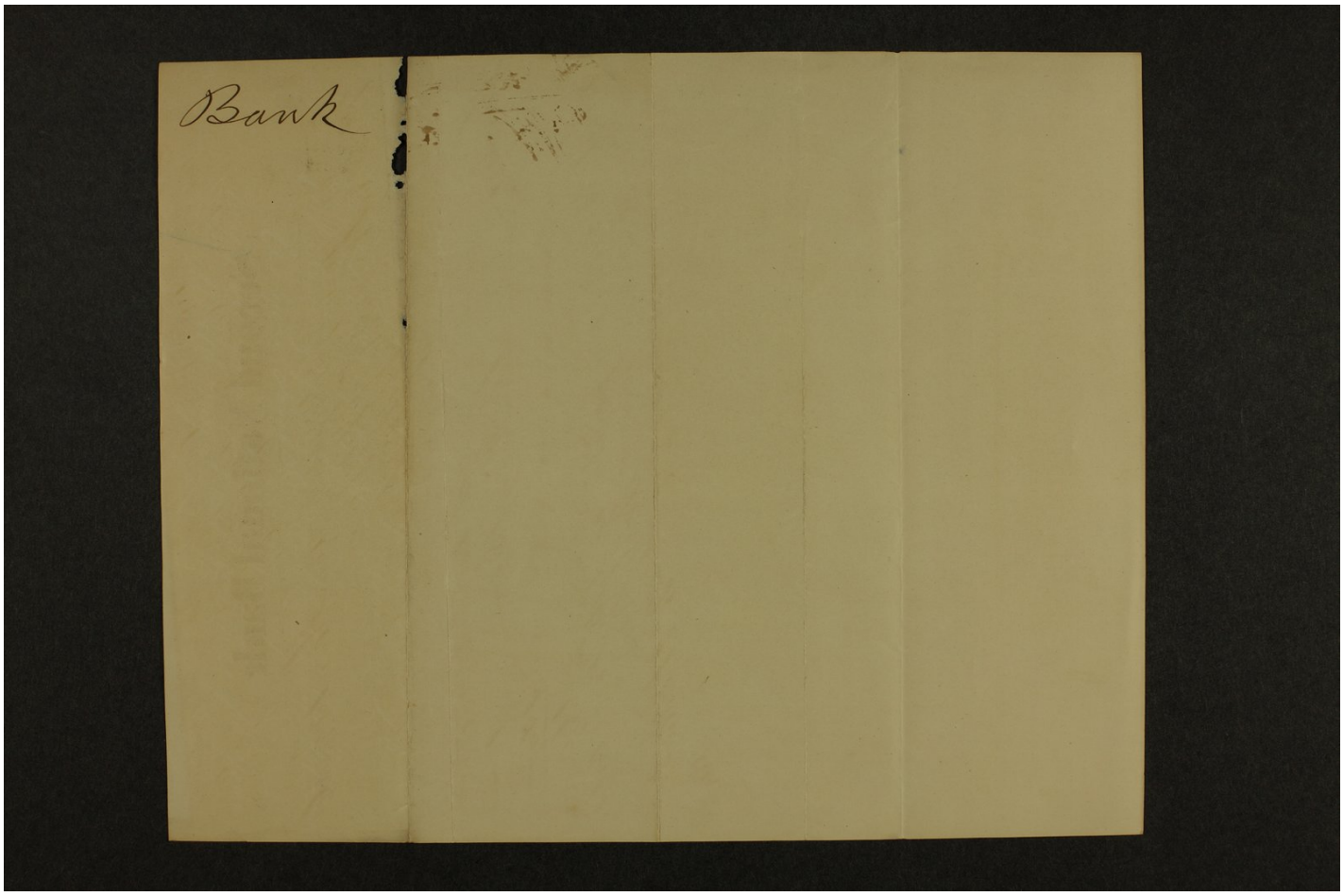
Mess'rs Wm. & J. Whitaker
Topeka Kan.
Dr. Sirs

I herewith return Vouchers. B. M. Johnson 18—
" 145—
$163—

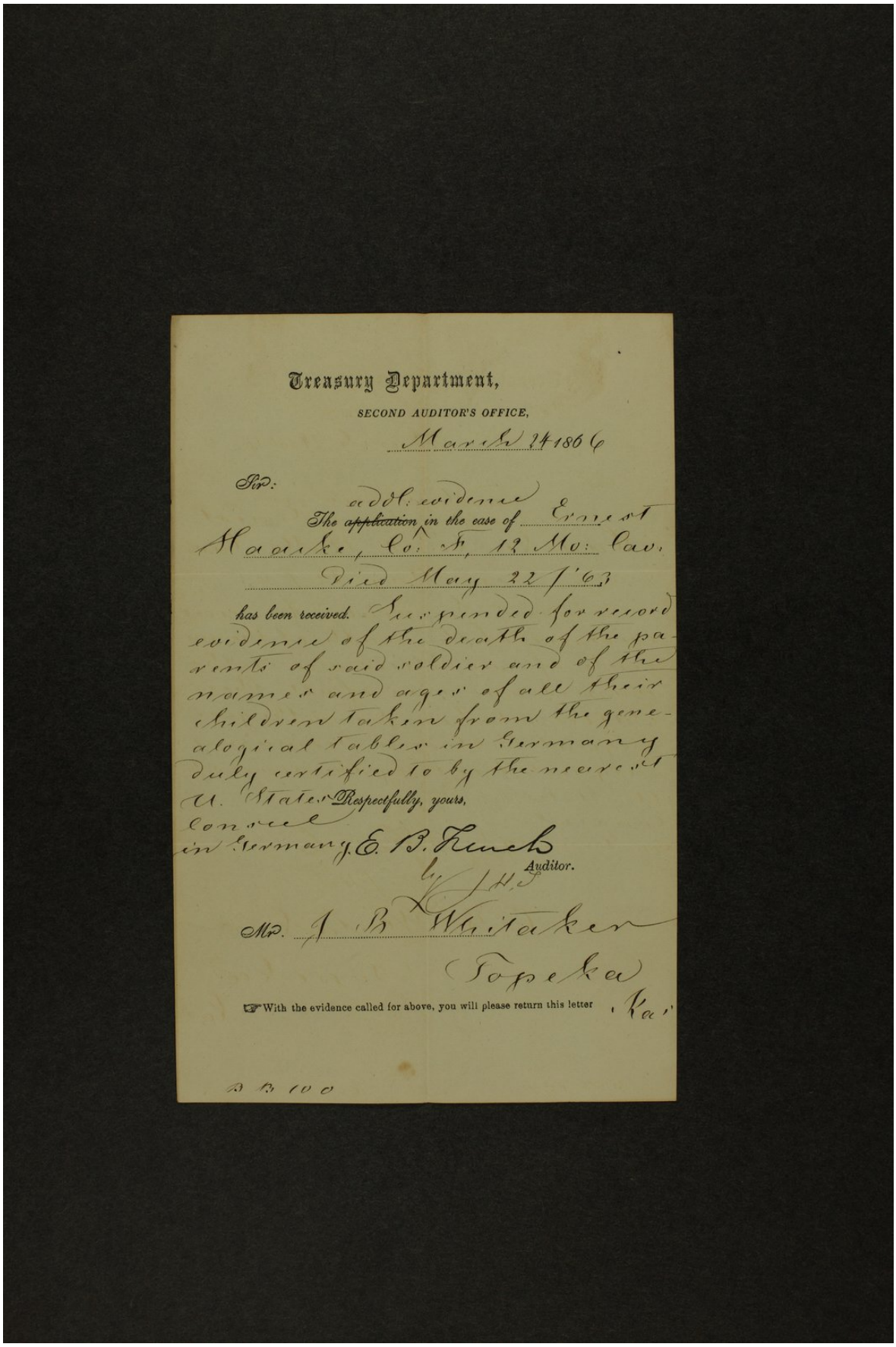
which it seems are payable at Little Rock Ark's.

Truly Yrs.
Wm P. Borland
Cash'r

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Treasury Department,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

March 14 1866

Sir:

The application in the case of Ernest Hauske, Co. F, 12 Mo. Cav. addl. evidence Died May 22 '63 has been received. Suspended for record evidence of the death of the parents of said soldier and of the names and ages of all their children taken from the genealogical tables in Germany duly certified to by the nearest U. States Consul in Germany.

Respectfully, yours,

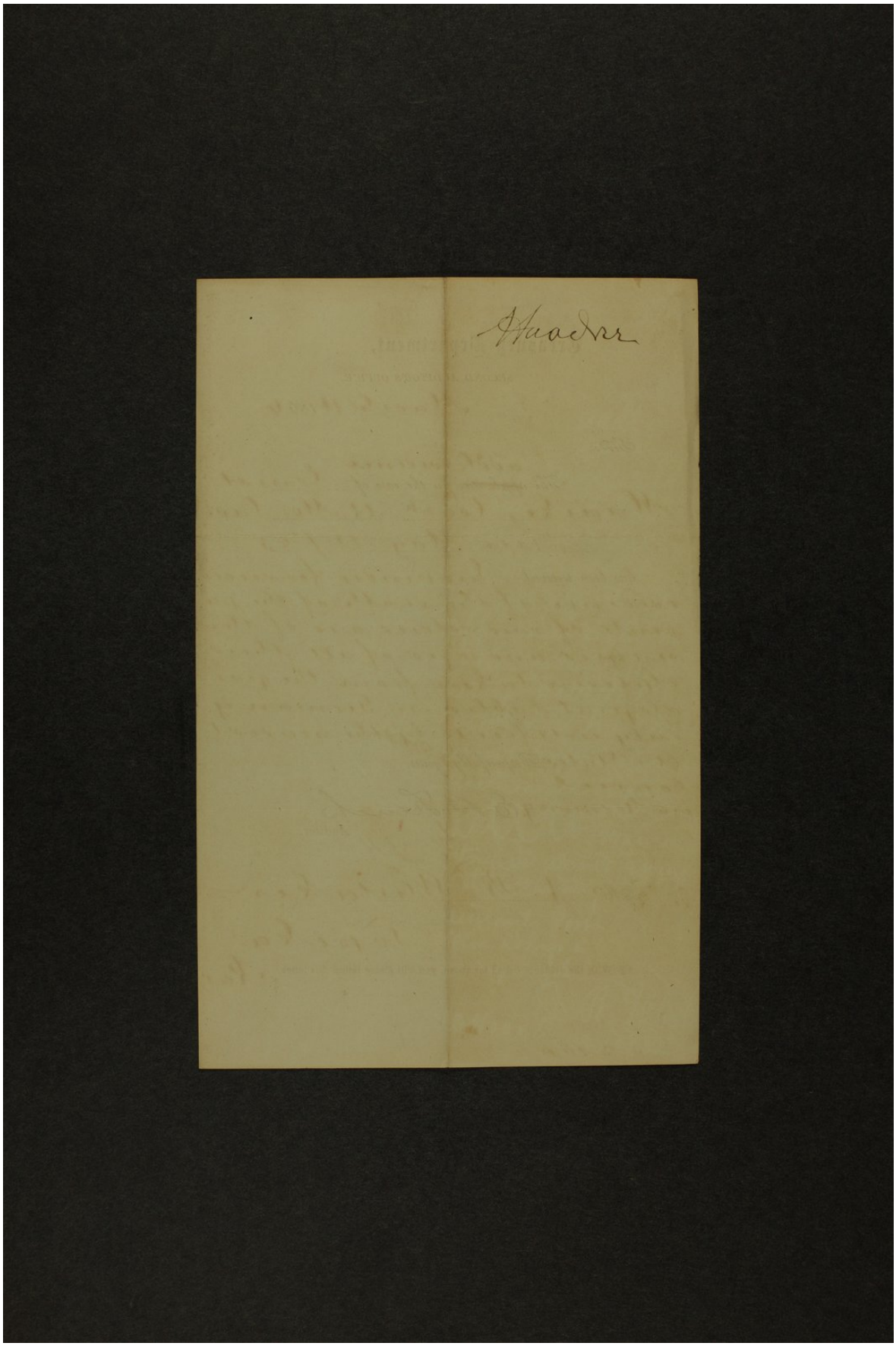
E. B. Tuck
Auditor.

by J H S

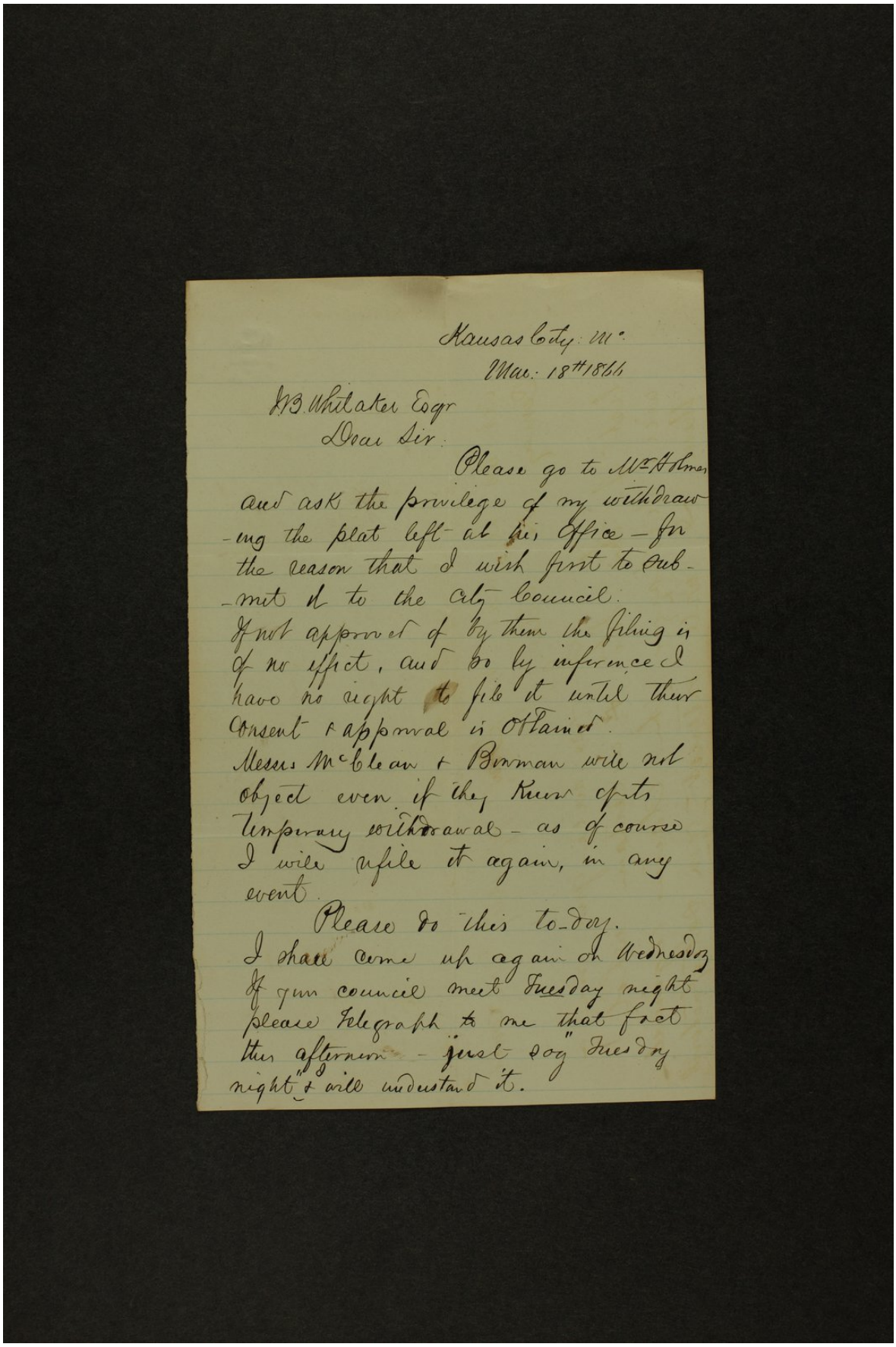
Mr. J B Whitaker
Topeka
Kas

☞With the evidence called for above, you will please return this letter

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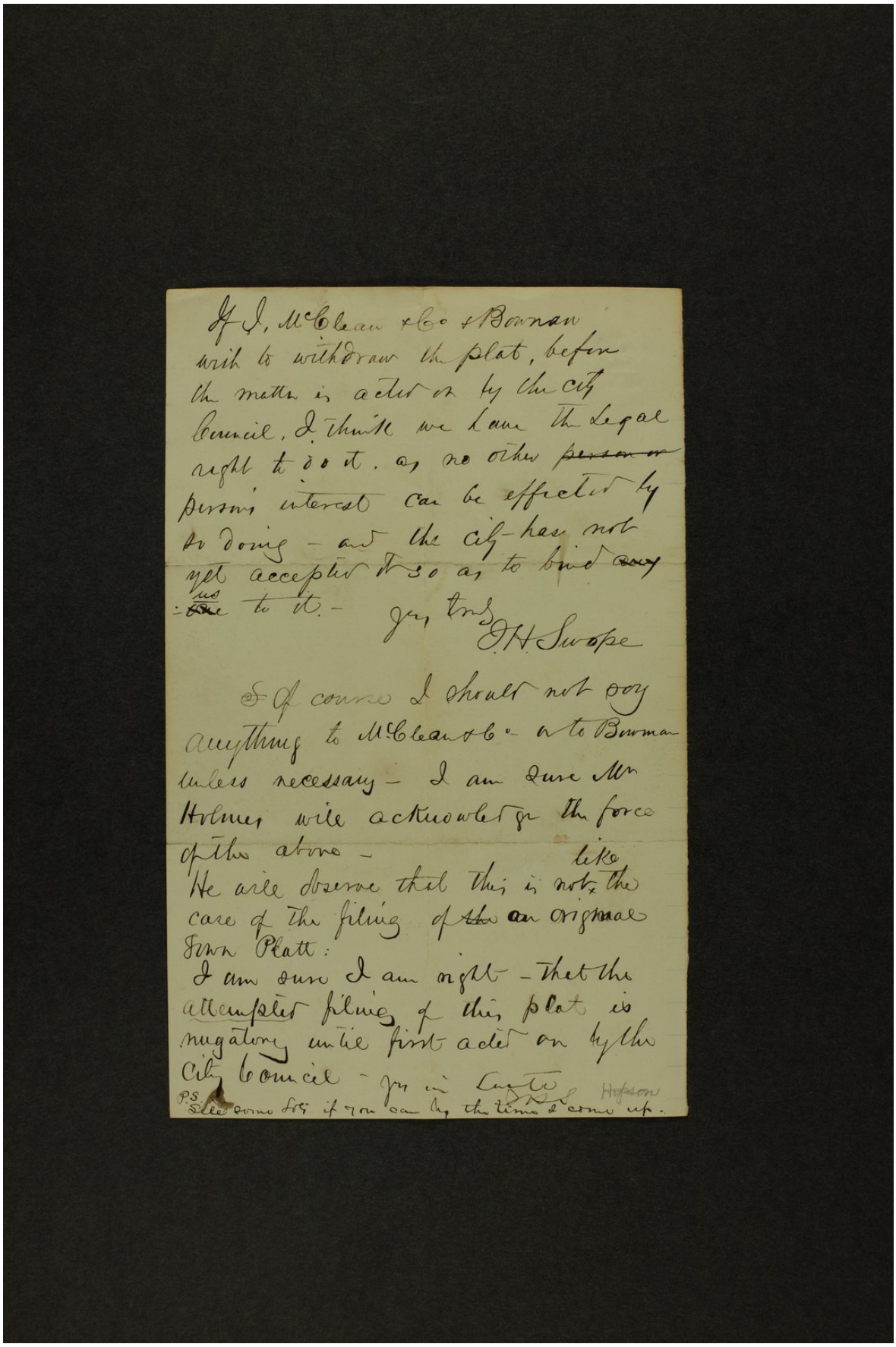


Kansas City Mo
May 18th 1864

J B Whitaker Esqr
Dear Sir

Please go to Mr Holmes and ask the privilege of my withdrawing the plat left at his Office — for the reason that I wish first to submit it to the City Council. If not approved of by them the filing is of no effect, and so by informed have no right to file it until their Consent & approval is obtained. Messrs McClean & Bowman will not object even if they know of its temporary withdrawal — as of course I will refile it again, in any event.

Please do this to-day. I shall come up again on Wednesday If your council meet Tuesday night please Telegraph to me that fact this afternoon — just say "Tuesday night" & will understand it.



If I, McClean & Co & Bowman wish to withdraw the plat, before the matter is acted on by the City Council, I think we have the legal right to do it. as no other person or persons interest can be effected by so doing - and the city has not yet accepted it so as to bind us to it. -

yrs truly
J. H. Swope

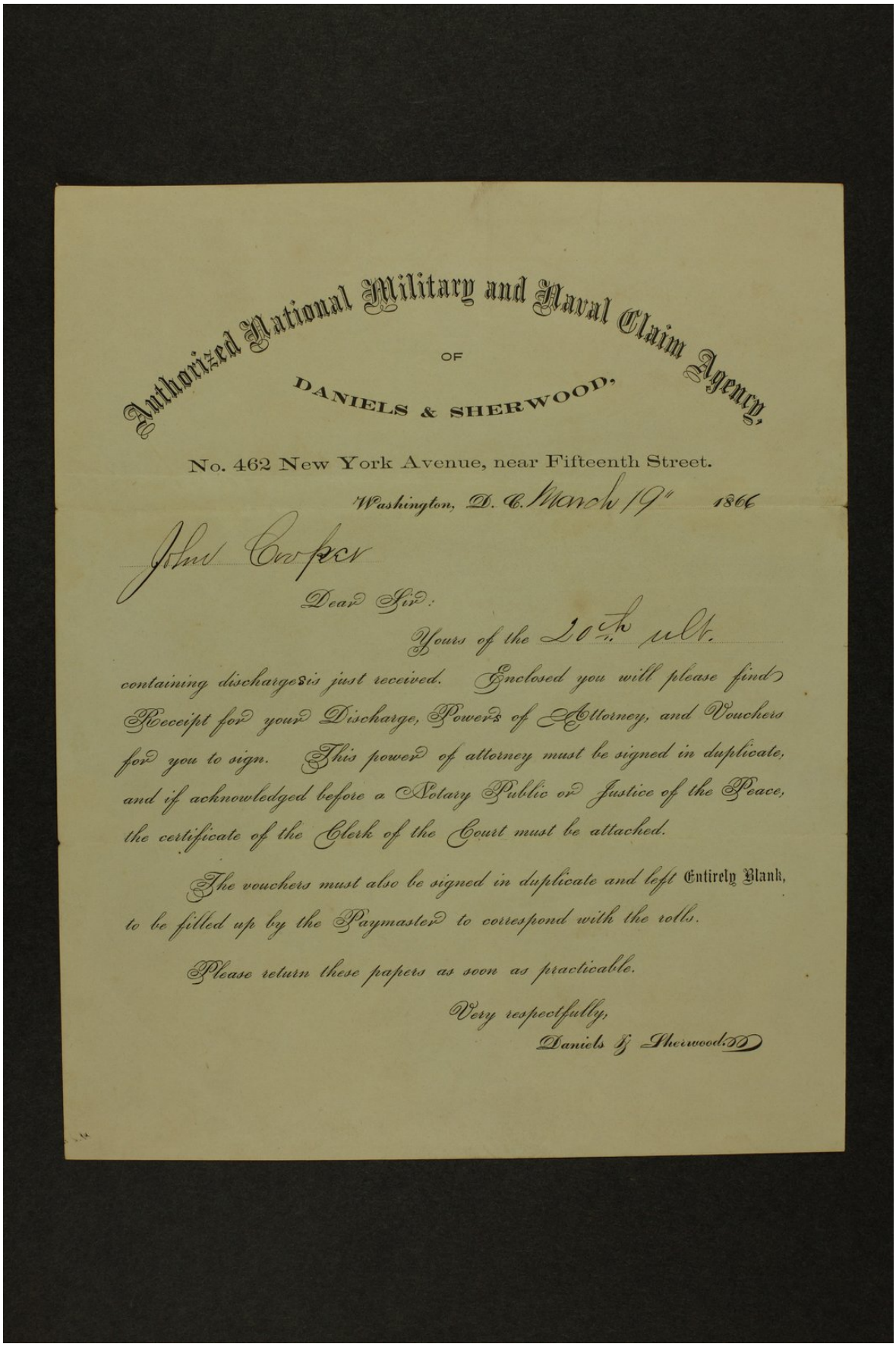
Of course I should not say anything to McClean & Co - or to Bowman unless necessary - I am sure Mr Holmes will acknowledge the force of the above -

He will observe that this is not like the case of the filing of the original Town Platt:

I am sure I am right - that the attempted filing of this plat is negatory until first acted on by the City Council - yrs in haste J. H. Swope

P.S. See some Lot if you can by the time I come up.

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



Authorized National Military and Naval Claim Agency,

OF

DANIELS & SHERWOOD,

No. 462 New York Avenue, near Fifteenth Street.

Washington, D. C. March 19th 1866

John Cooper

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 20th ult.

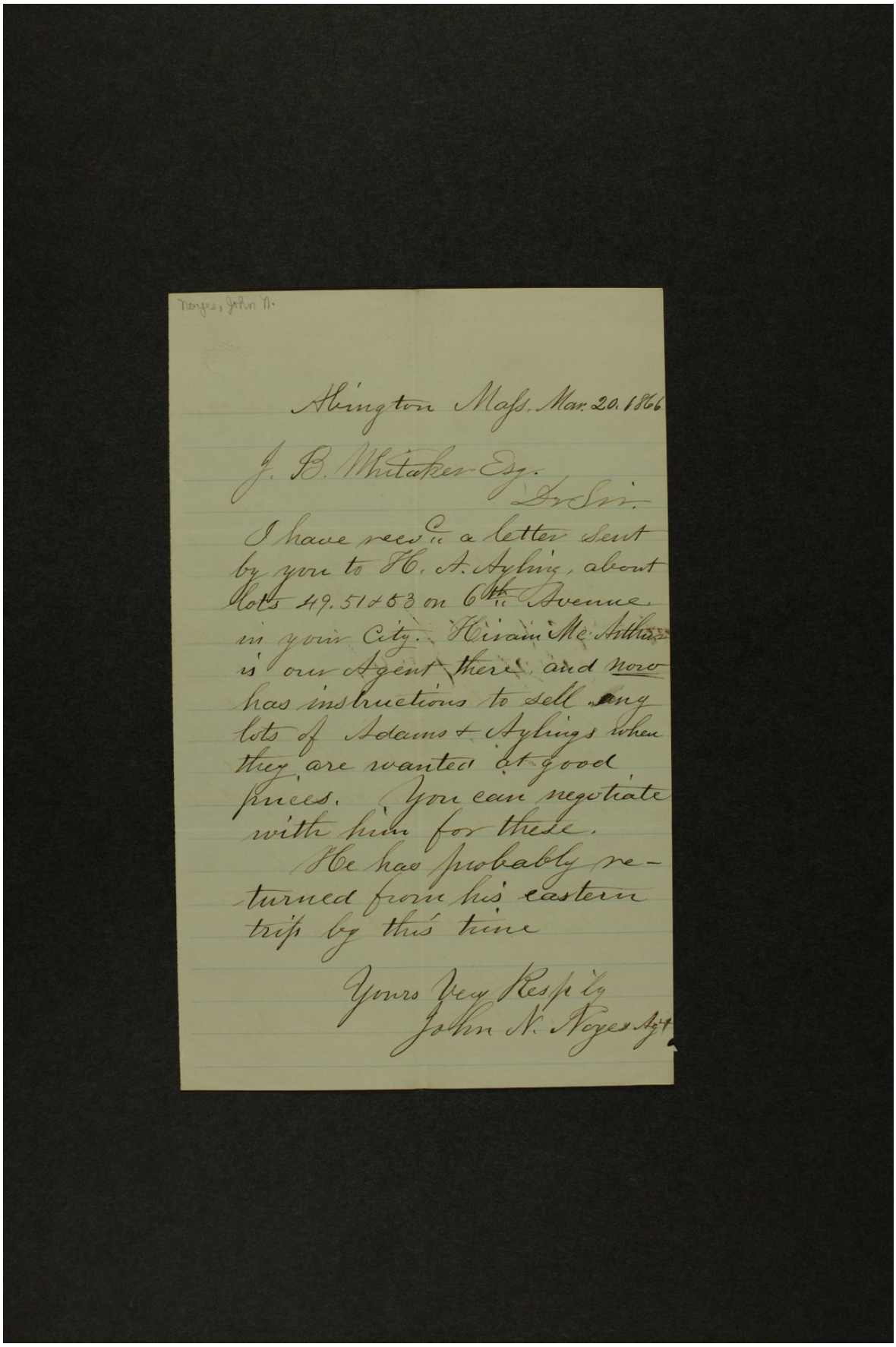
containing discharges is just received. Enclosed you will please find Receipt for your Discharge, Powers of Attorney, and Vouchers for you to sign. This power of attorney must be signed in duplicate, and if acknowledged before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, the certificate of the Clerk of the Court must be attached.

The vouchers must also be signed in duplicate and left Entirely Blank, to be filled up by the Paymaster to correspond with the rolls.

Please return these papers as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Daniels & Sherwood



Noyes, John N.

Abington Mass. Mar. 20. 1866

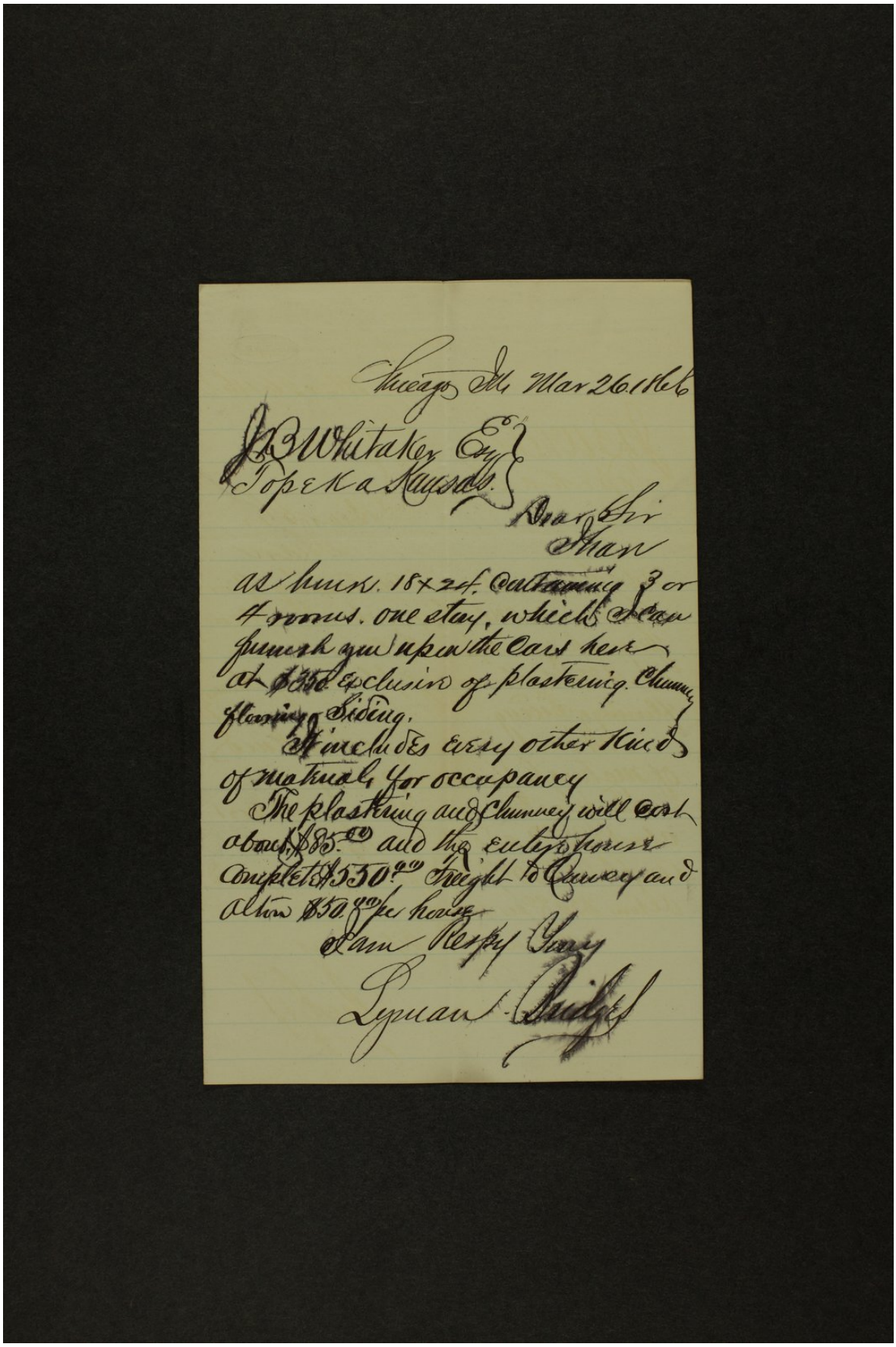
J. B. Whitaker Esq.

Dr Sir.

I have recv'd a letter sent by you to H. A. Ayling, about lots 49. 51 & 53 on 6th Avenue in your City. Hiram McArthur is our Agent there, and now has instructions to sell any lots of Adams + Aylings when they are wanted at good prices. You can negotiate with him for these.

He has probably returned from his eastern trip by this time

Yours Very Resp'ly
John N. Noyes Ag't



Chicago Ill. Mar 26 1866

J. B. Whitaker Esq
Topeka Kansas

Dear Sir

I can build you a house 18 x 24 ft. containing 3 or 4 rooms. one story, which I can furnish you upon the cars here at $350 exclusive of plastering. Chimney flooring & Siding.

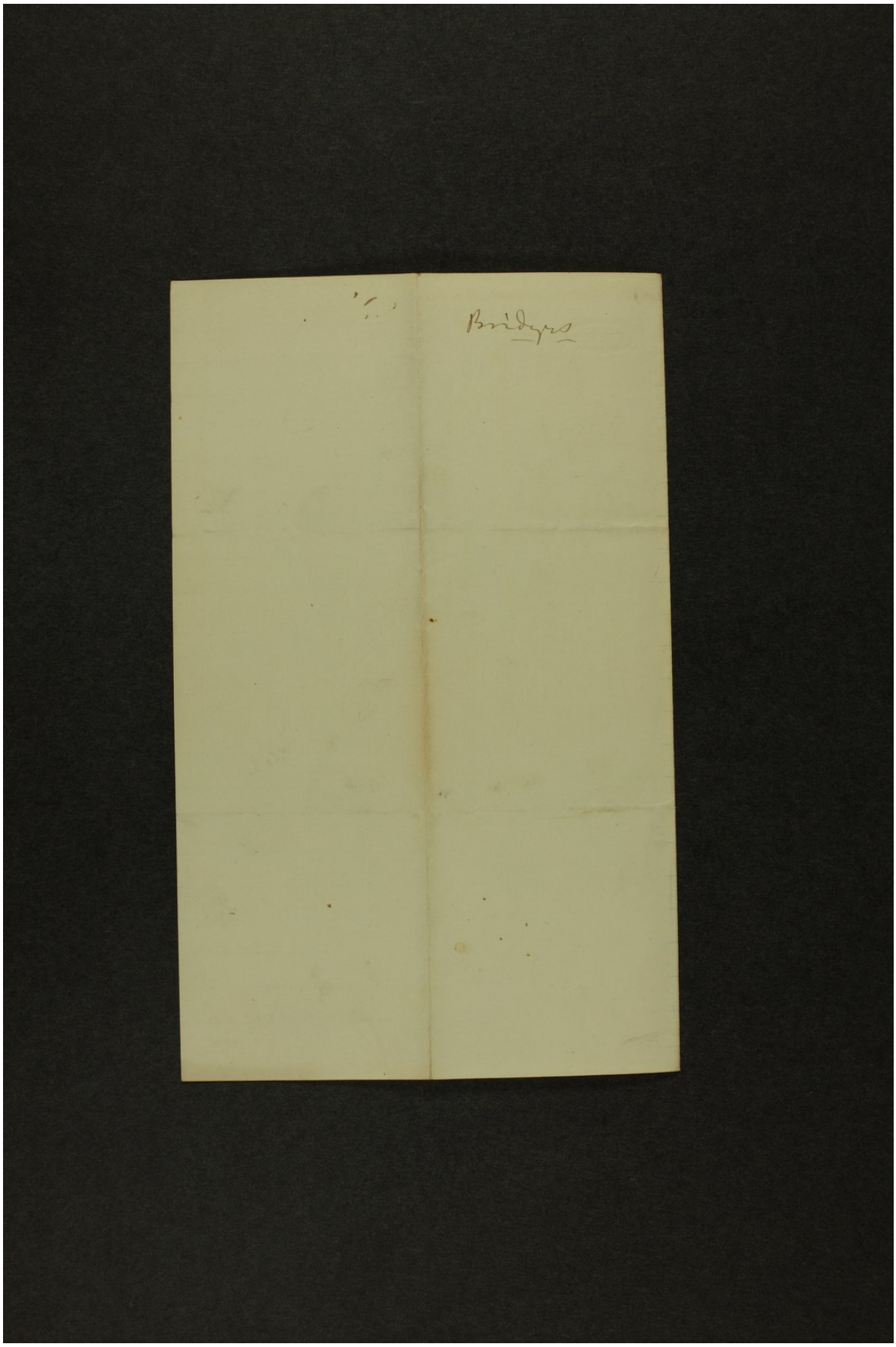
I includes every other kind of material for occupancy

The plastering and Chimney will cost about $85.00 and the entire house complete $530.00 Freight to Quincy and about $50.00 per house

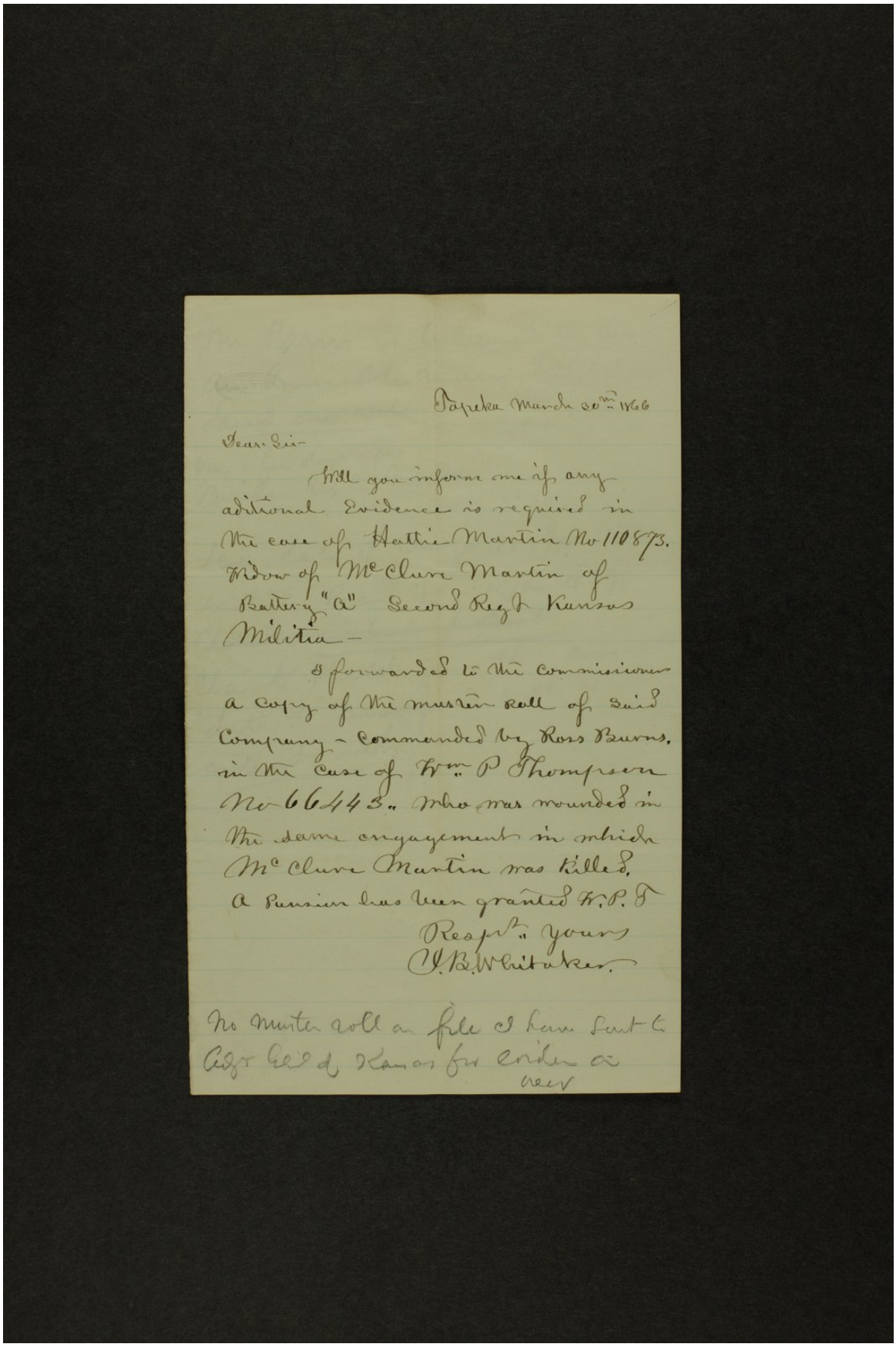
Please Reply Yours

Lyman Bridges

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Topeka March 30th 1866

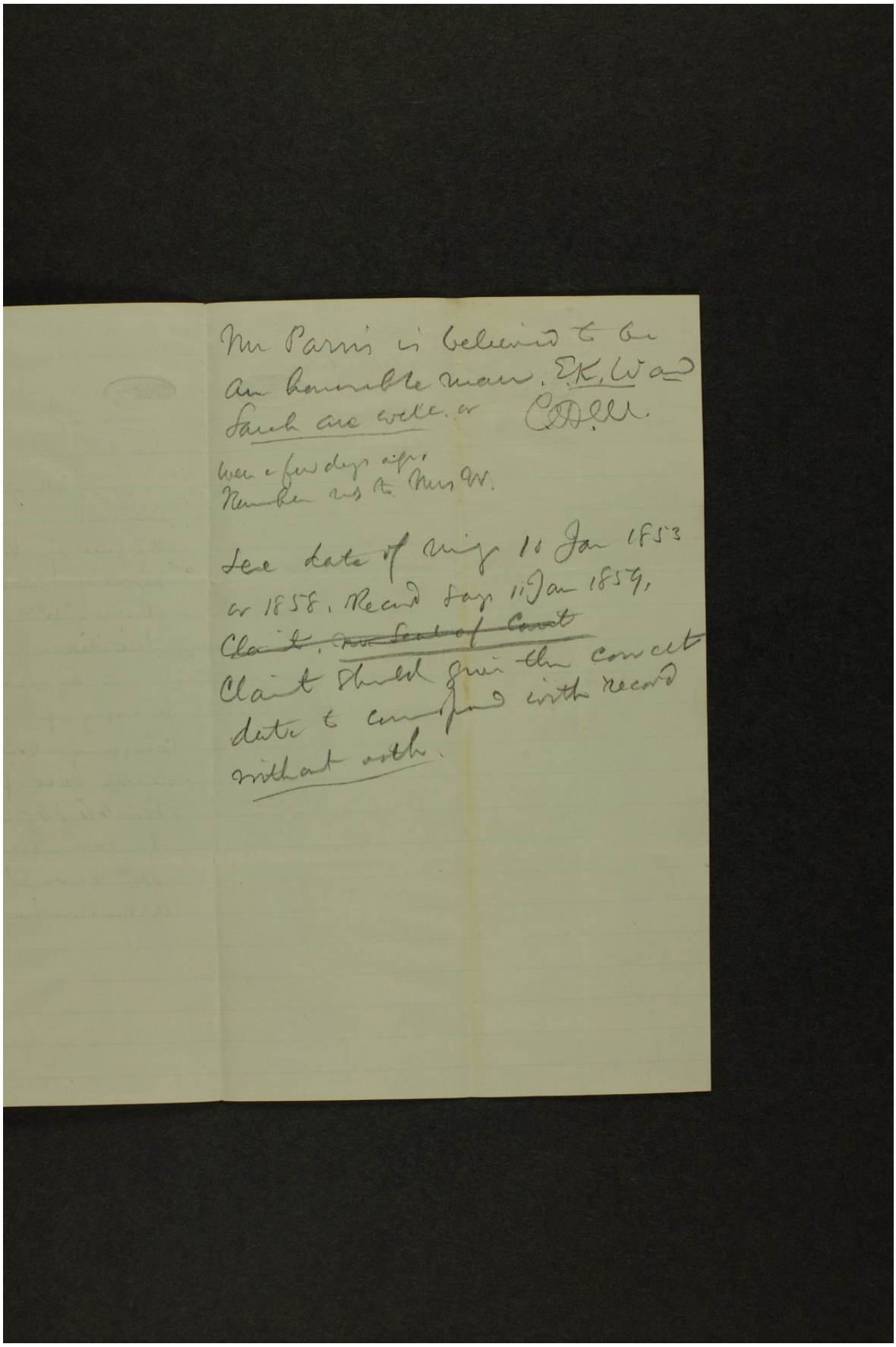
Dear Sir

Will you inform me if any additional Evidence is required in the case of Hattie Martin No 110873. Widow of McClure Martin of Battery "A" Second Regt Kansas Militia—

I forwarded to the Commissioner a copy of the muster Roll of said Company - commanded by Ross Burns. in the Case of Wm P Thompson No 66443. who was wounded in the same engagement in which McClure Martin was killed. A Pension has been granted W. P. T

Respt. Yours
C. B. Whitaker

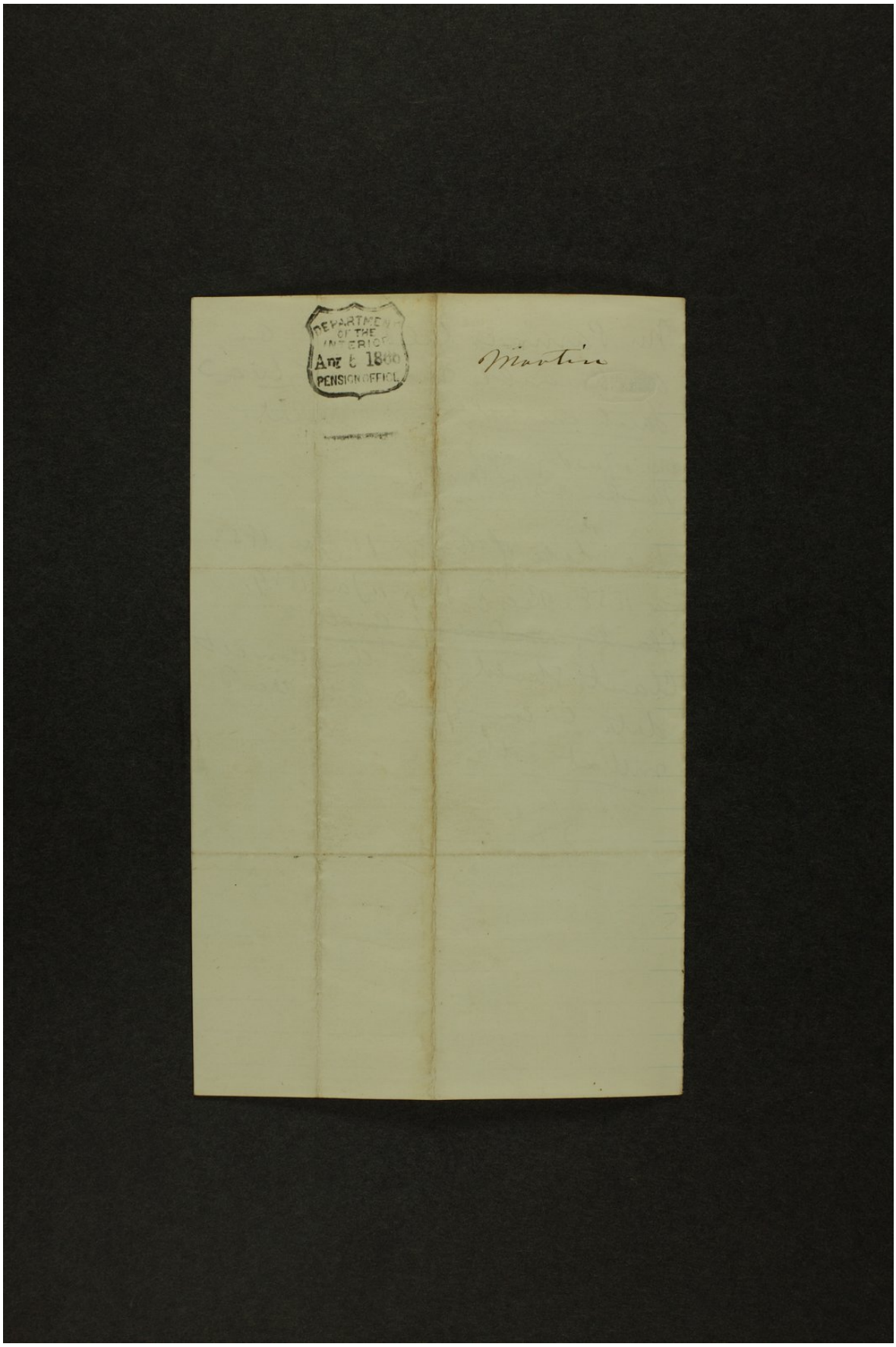
No muster roll on file I have sent to Adjt Genl of Kansas for order or



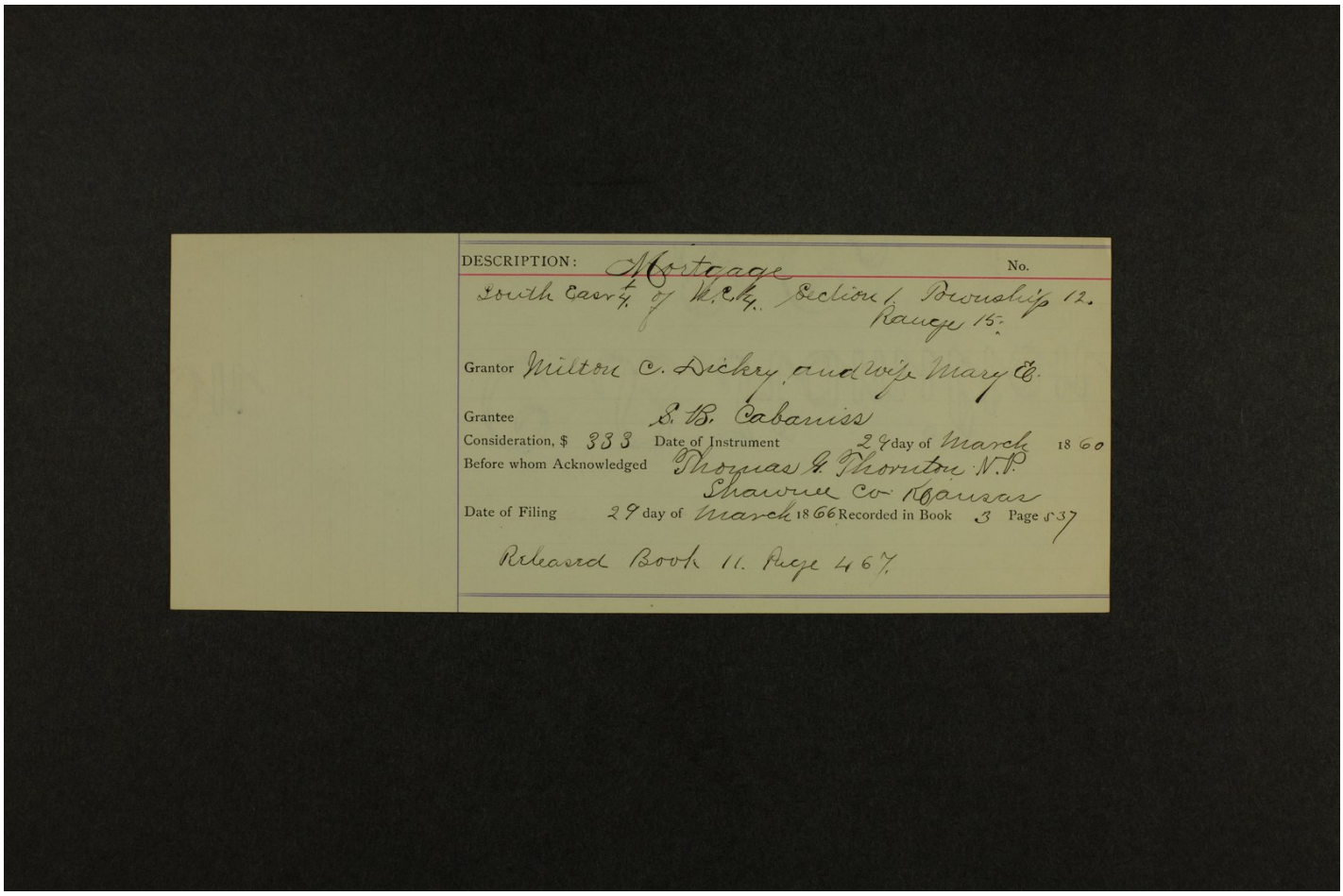
Mr Parris is believed to be
an honorable man. E.K. Ward
Lamb are with. a
been a few days ago.
Remember me to Mrs W.

See date of orig 11 Jan 1853
or 1858. Record says 11 Jan 1859.
~~Claim. Seal of Court~~
Claim should give the correct
date & correspond with record
without oath.

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DESCRIPTION: Mortgage No.

South East ¼ of N.E.¼ Section 1 Township 12. Range 15.

Grantor Milton C. Dickey, and wife Mary E.

Grantee S. B. Cabaniss

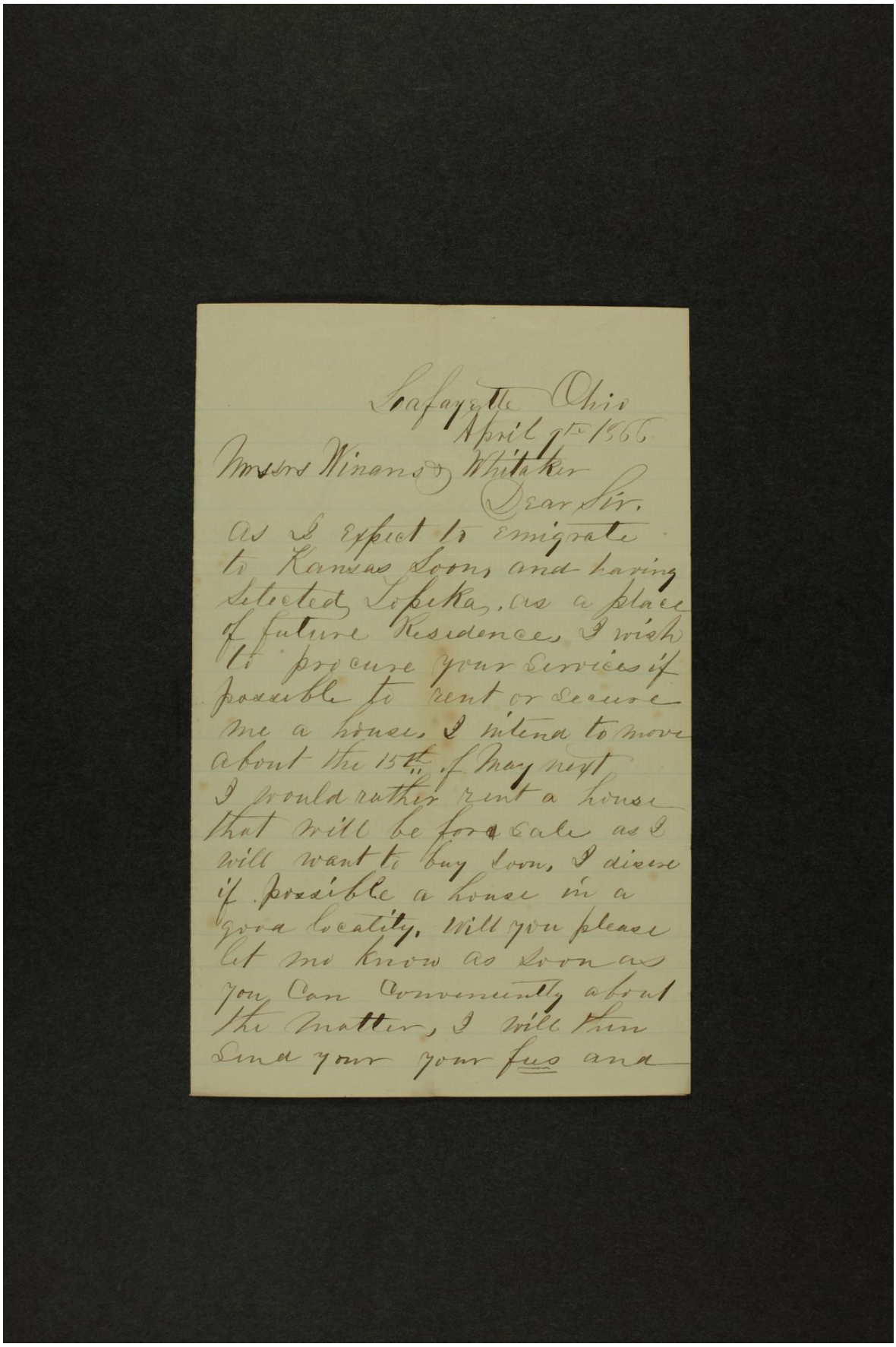
Consideration, $ 333 Date of Instrument 29 day of March 18 60

Before whom Acknowledged Thomas G. Thornton N.P. Shawnee Co Kansas

Date of Filing 29 day of March 18 66 Recorded in Book 3 Page 537

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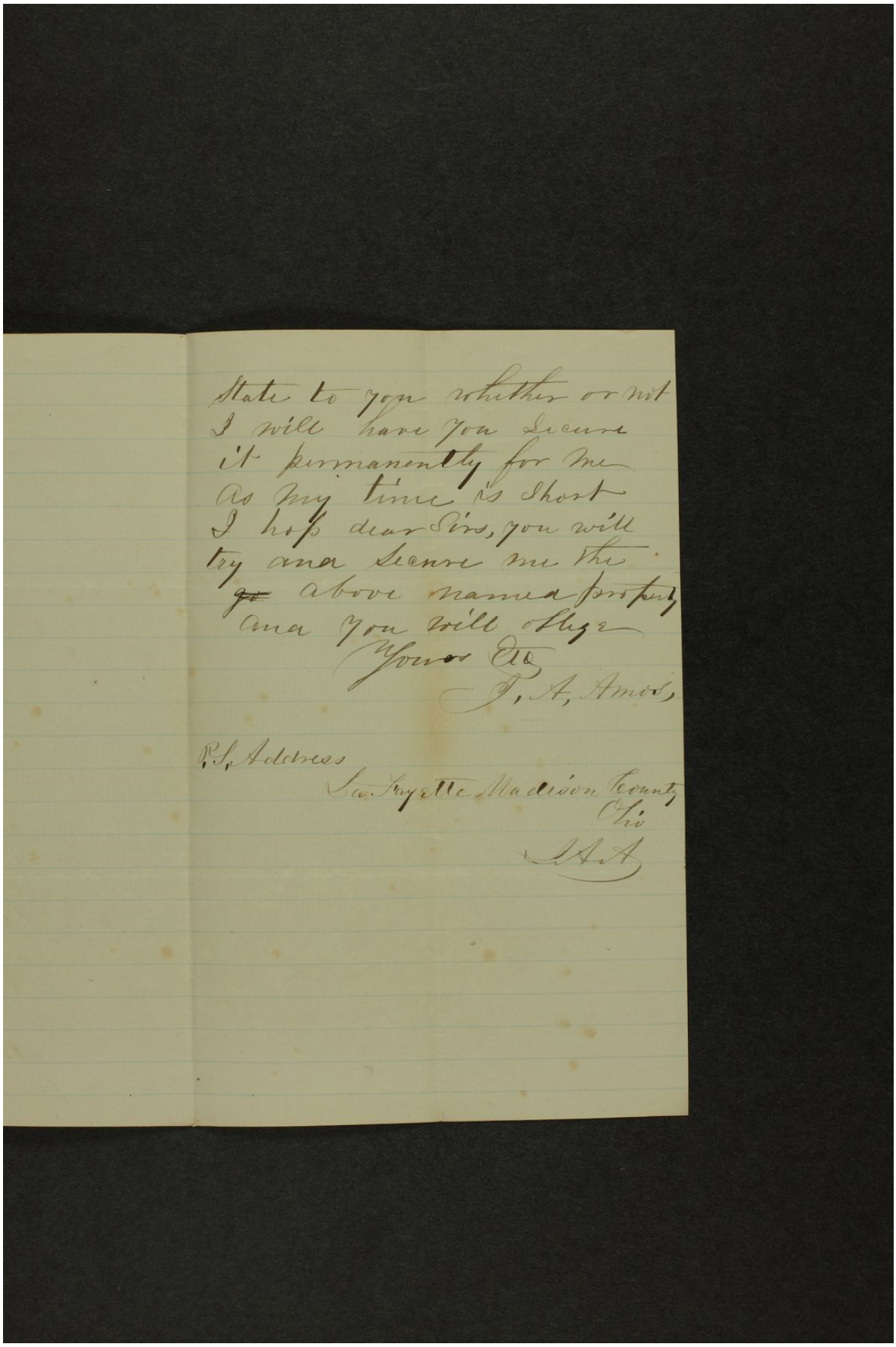


Lafayette Ohio
April 9th 1866

Messrs Winans & Whitaker

Dear Sir.

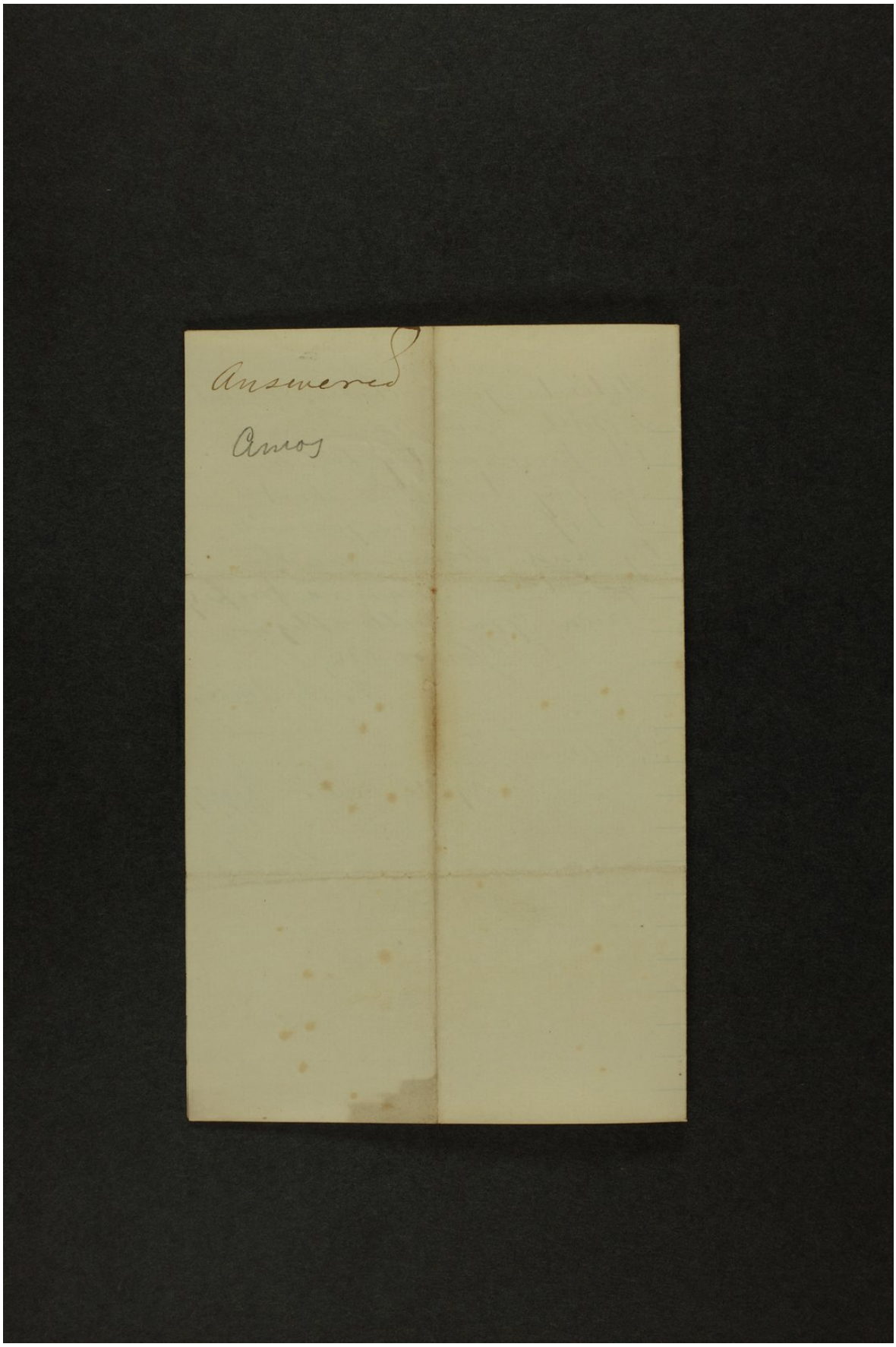
As I expect to emigrate to Kansas Soon and having selected Topeka, as a place of future Residence I wish to procure your services if possible to rent or secure me a house. I intend to move about the 15th inst. of May next I would rather rent a house that will be for sale as I will want to buy Soon. I desire if possible a house in a good locality. Will you please let me know as Soon as you can conveniently about the matter, I will then send you your fee and

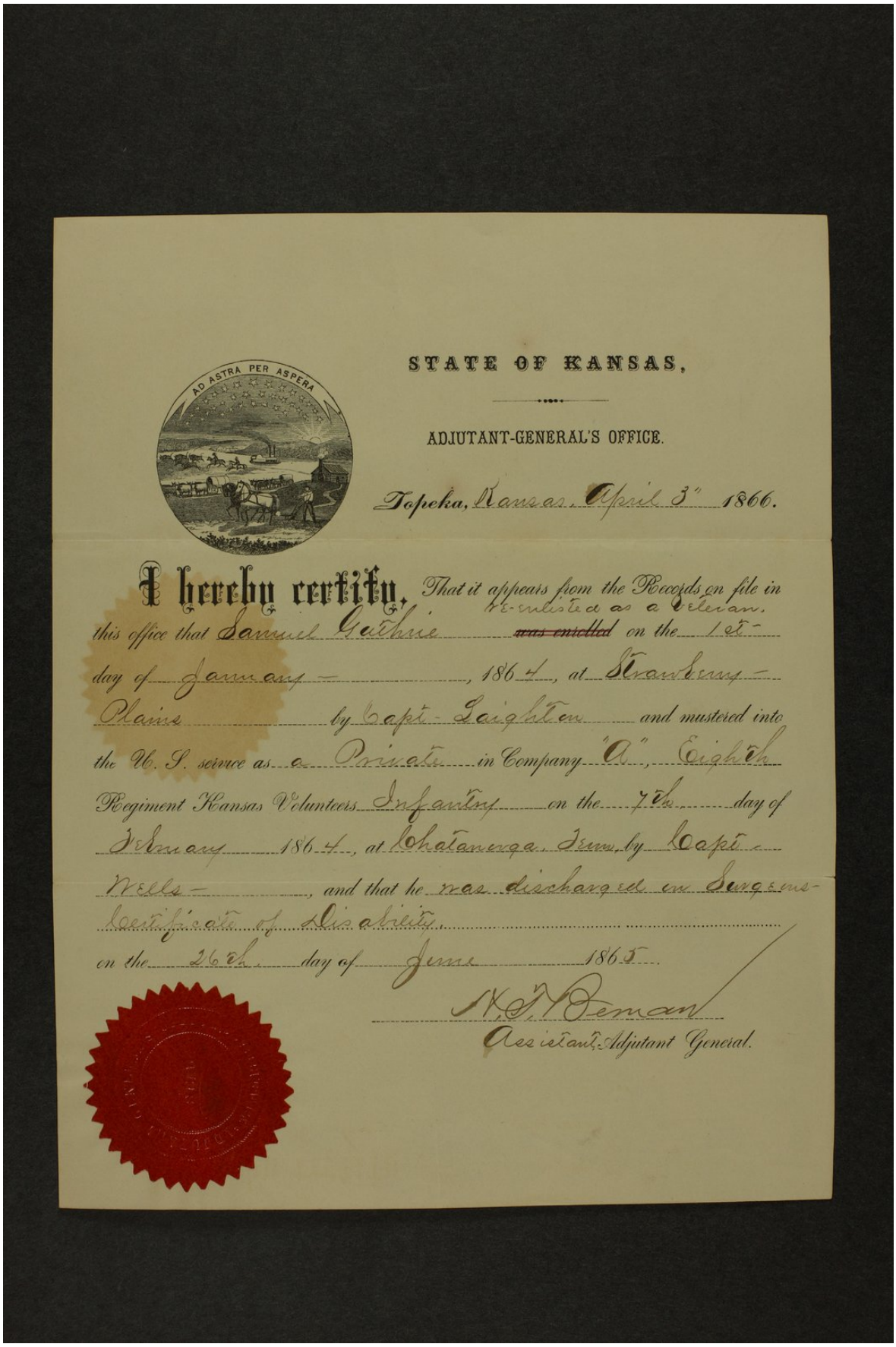


State to you whether or not
I will have you secure
it permanently for me
As my time is short
I hop dear Sirs, you will
try and secure me the
~~y~~ above named pension
and you will oblige
Yours &c
T. A. Amos,

P.S. Address
Co. Fayette Madison County
Ohio
T A A

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence





STATE OF KANSAS,

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Topeka, Kansas, April 3" 1866.

I hereby certify, That it appears from the Records on file in this office that Samuel Gathers ~~was enrolled~~ re-enlisted as a Veteran. on the 1st day of January, 1864, at Fort Leavenworth Plains by Capt. Leighton and mustered into the U. S. service as a Private in Company "A", Eighth Regiment Kansas Volunteers Infantry on the 7th day of February 1864, at Chattanooga Tenn. by Capt. Wells, and that he was discharged on Surgeons Certificate of Disability on the 26th day of June 1865.

A. J. Beman
Assistant Adjutant General.