James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

Section 36, Pages 1051 - 1080

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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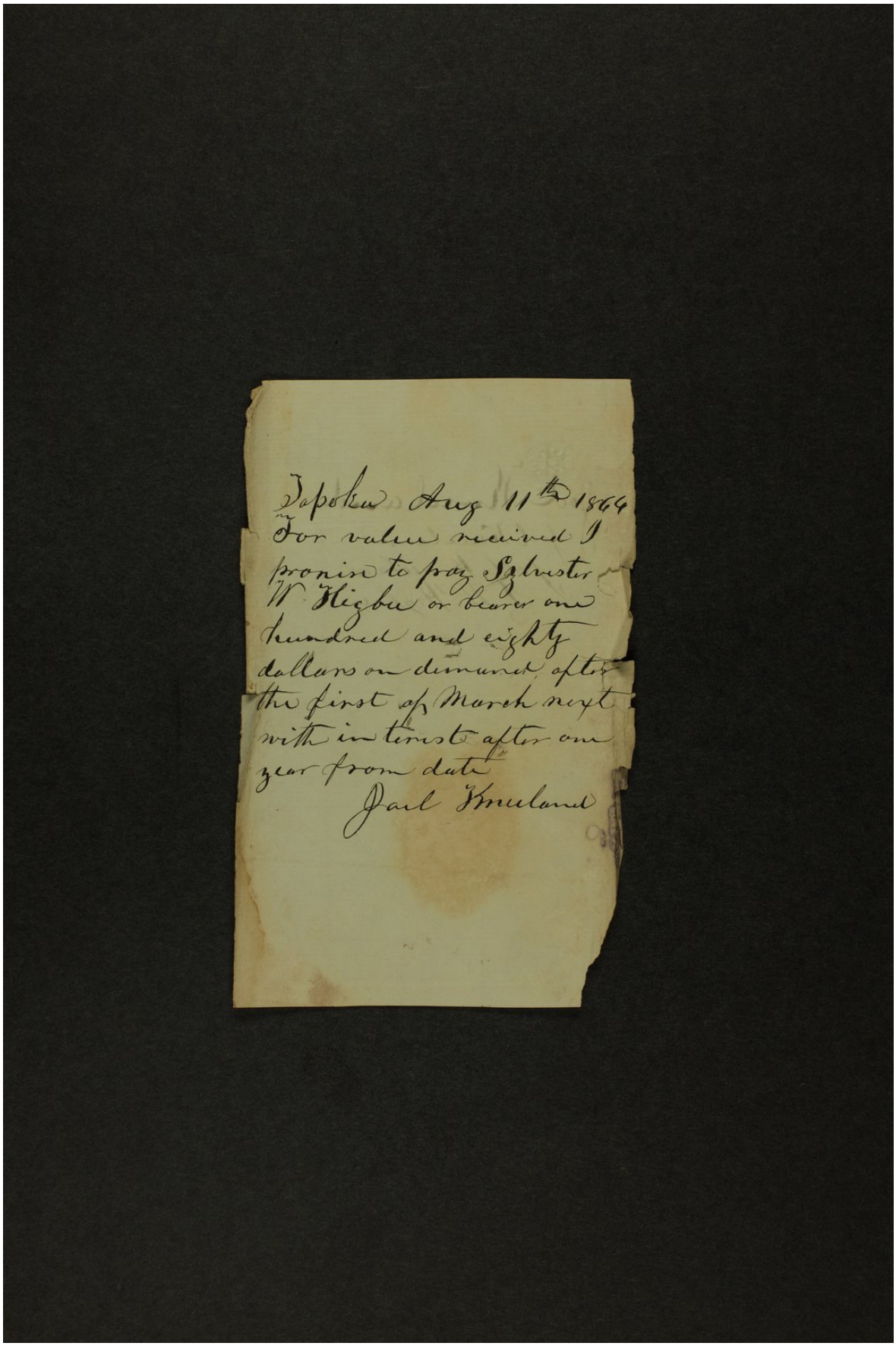
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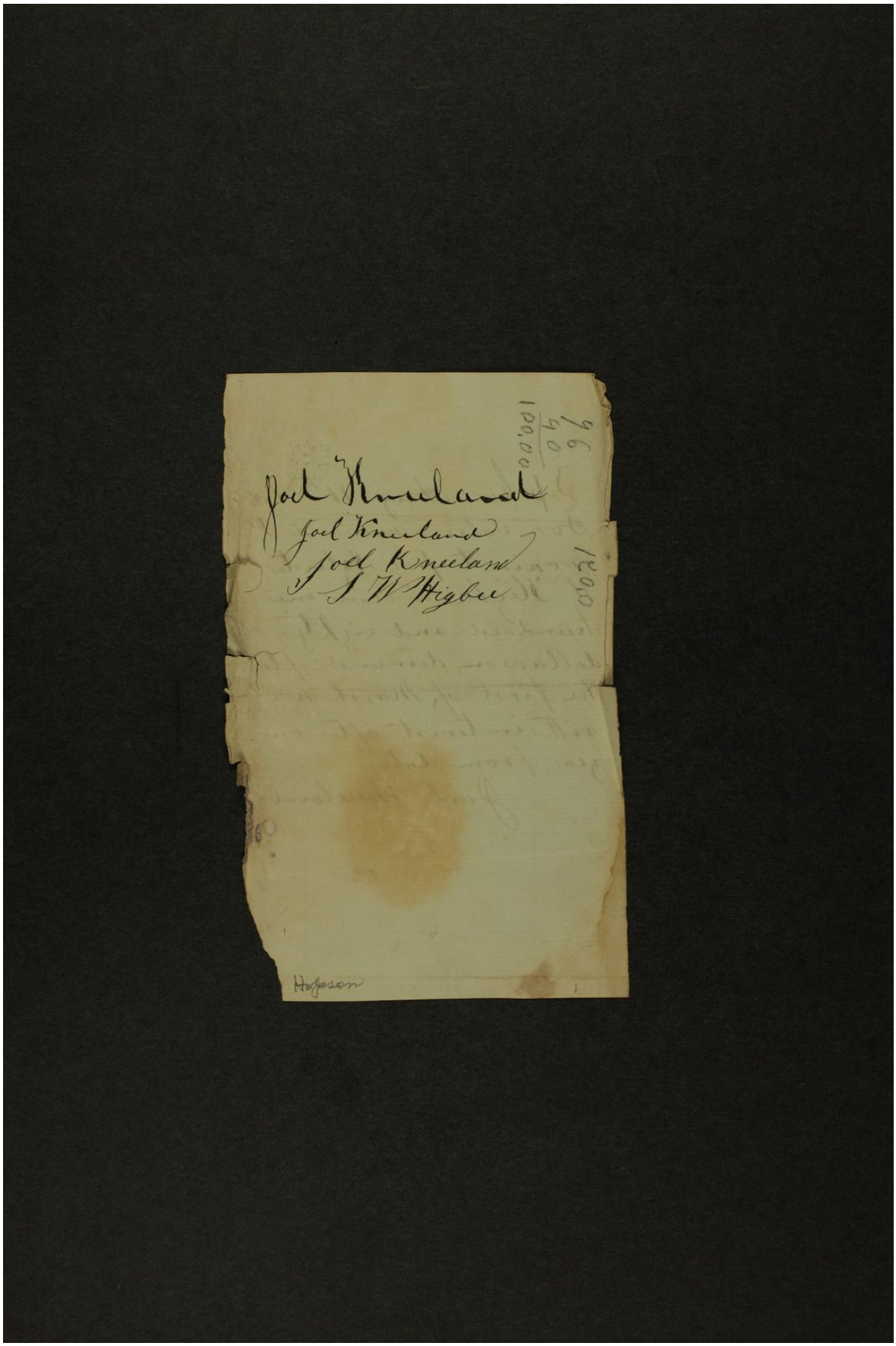
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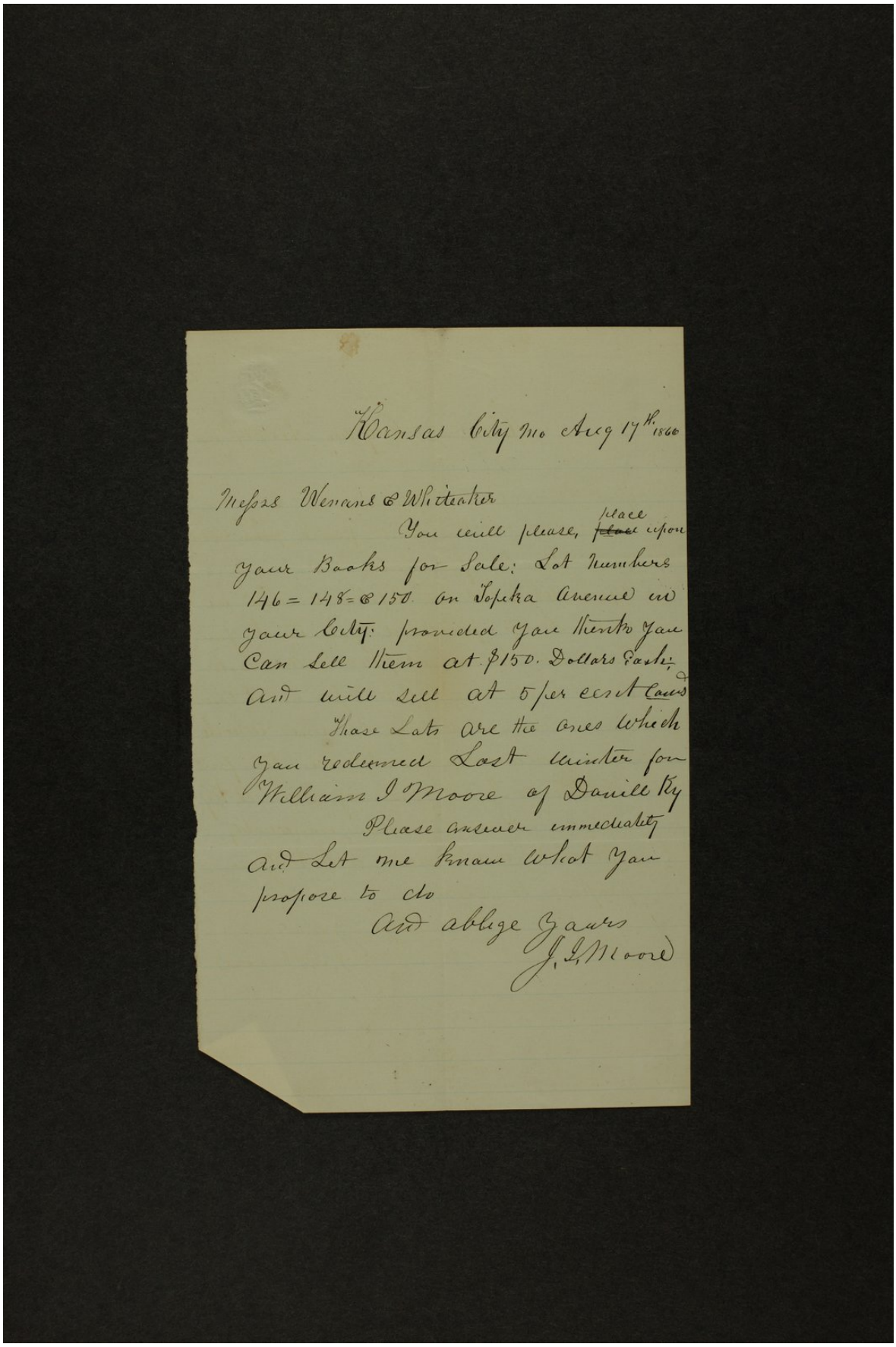


Topeka Aug 11th 1864
For value received I
promise to pay Sylvester
W Higbee or bearer one
hundred and eighty
dollars on demand after
the first of March next
with interest after one
year from date
Jael Knuland

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Kansas City Mo Aug 17th 1860

Messrs Wevans & Whitaker

You will please, ~~place~~ place upon your Books for Sale: Lot Numbers 146 = 148 = & 150 on Topeka Avenue in your City. provided you think you Can Sell them at $150. Dollars Cash, & and will sell at 5 per cent Cash

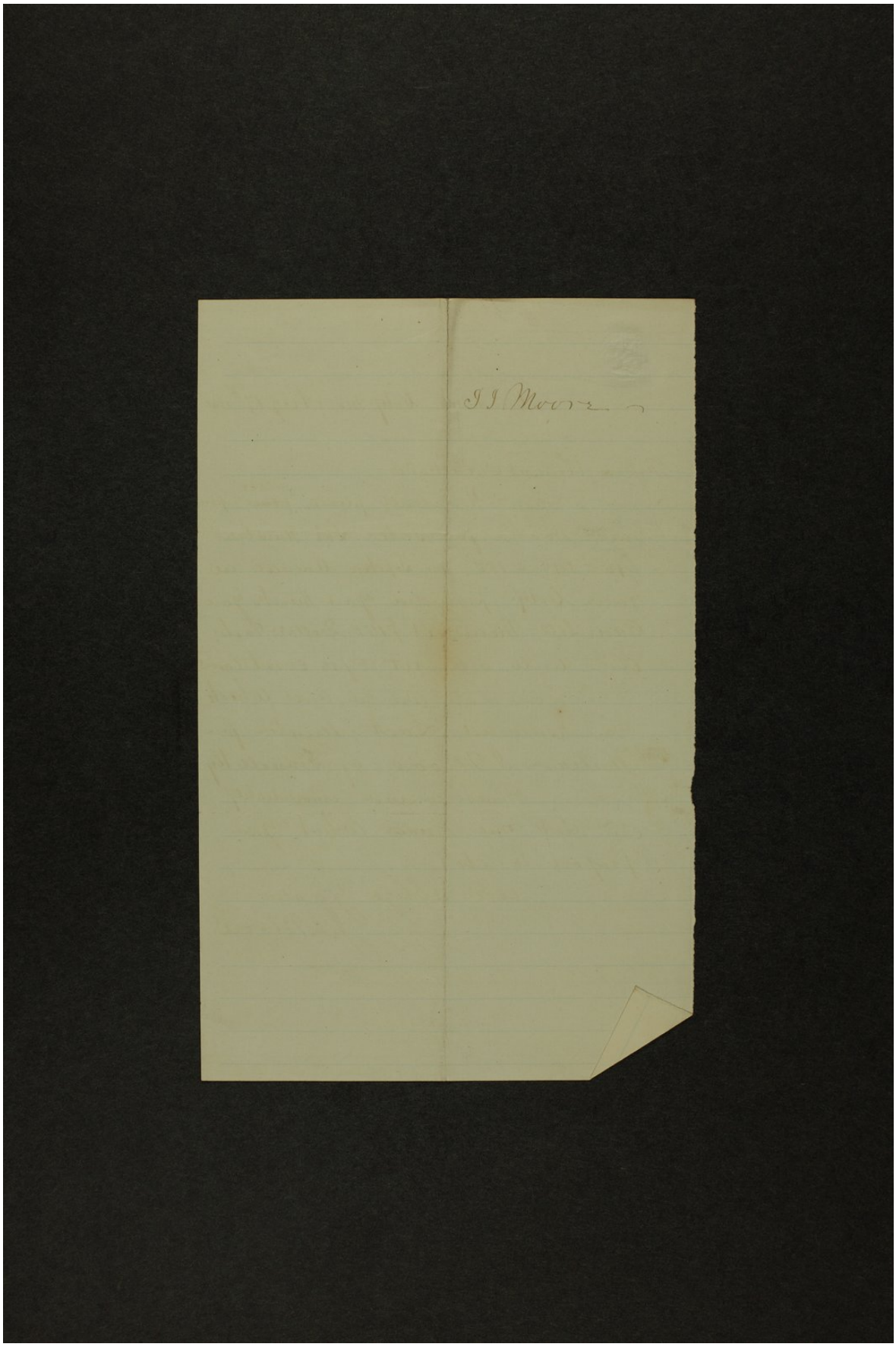
Those Lots are the ones which you redeemed Last winter for William I Moore of Daniell Ky

Please answer immediately And Let me know what you propose to do

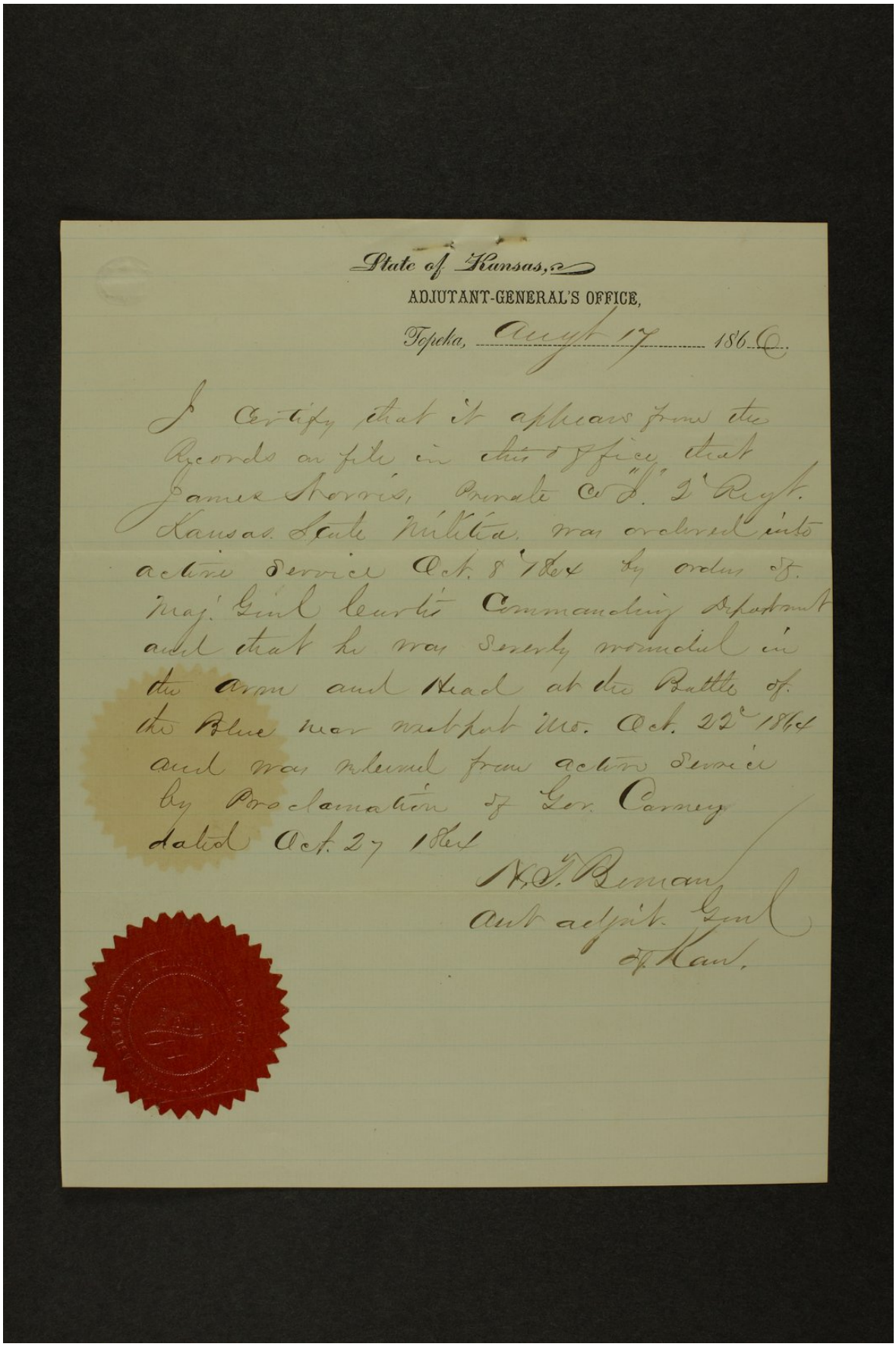
And oblige Yours

J. I. Moore

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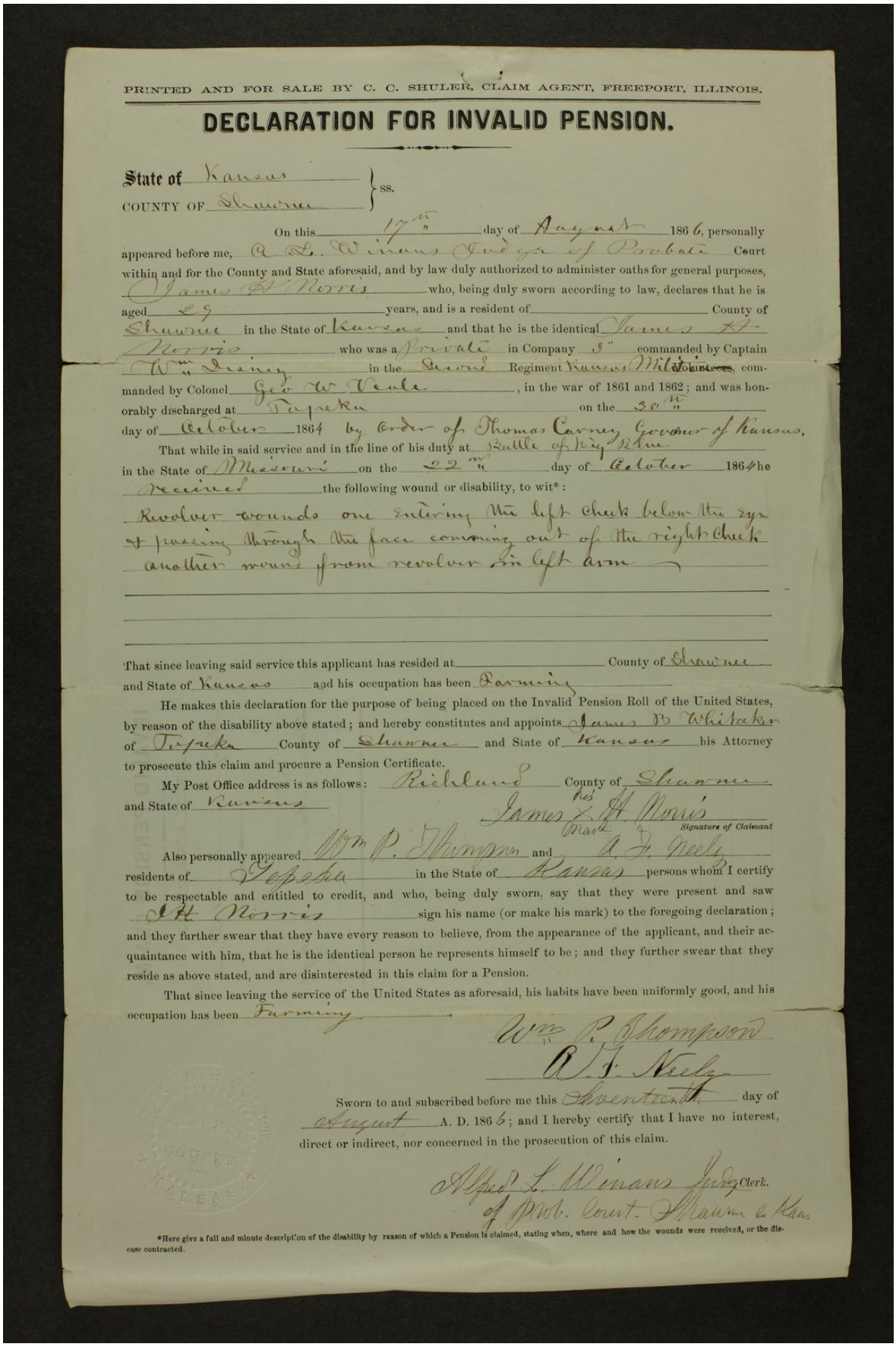
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State of Kansas,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Topeka, Augst 17 186 C.

I Certify that it appears from the Records on file in this Office that James Norris, Private Co "I" 2d Regt. Kansas State Militia, was ordered into active Service Oct. 8 1864 by order of Maj. Genl Curtis Commanding Department and that he was severly wounded in the arm and Head at the Battle of the Blue near Mine Creek Oct. 22d 1864 and was mustered from active Service by Proclamation of Gen. Carney dated Oct. 27 1864

W. S. Berman
Asst adjt. Genl
of Kans.



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DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

State of Kansas }
COUNTY OF Shawnee } ss.

On this 17th day of August 1866, personally appeared before me, A. L. Winans Judge of Probate Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, and by law duly authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, James H. Norris who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is aged 29 years, and is a resident of _____ County of Shawnee in the State of Kansas and that he is the identical James H. Norris who was a Private in Company I commanded by Captain Wm Dining in the Second Regiment Kansas Militia Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Geo W Veale, in the war of 1861 and 1862; and was honorably discharged at Topeka on the 30th day of October 1864 by Order of Thomas Carney Governor of Kansas.

That while in said service and in the line of his duty at Battle of Big Blue in the State of Missouri on the 22nd day of October 1864 he received the following wound or disability, to wit*:

Revolver wounds one entering the left cheek below the eye & passing through the face comming out of the right cheek another wound from revolver in left arm

That since leaving said service this applicant has resided at _____ County of Shawnee and State of Kansas and his occupation has been Farming

He makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the Invalid Pension Roll of the United States, by reason of the disability above stated; and hereby constitutes and appoints James B Whitaker of Topeka County of Shawnee and State of Kansas his Attorney to prosecute this claim and procure a Pension Certificate.

My Post Office address is as follows: Richland County of Shawnee and State of Kansas

James H. Norris
his mark
Signature of Claimant

Also personally appeared Wm P. Thompson and A. F. Neely residents of Topeka in the State of Kansas persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw J H Norris sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant, and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and they further swear that they reside as above stated, and are disinterested in this claim for a Pension.

That since leaving the service of the United States as aforesaid, his habits have been uniformly good, and his occupation has been Farming

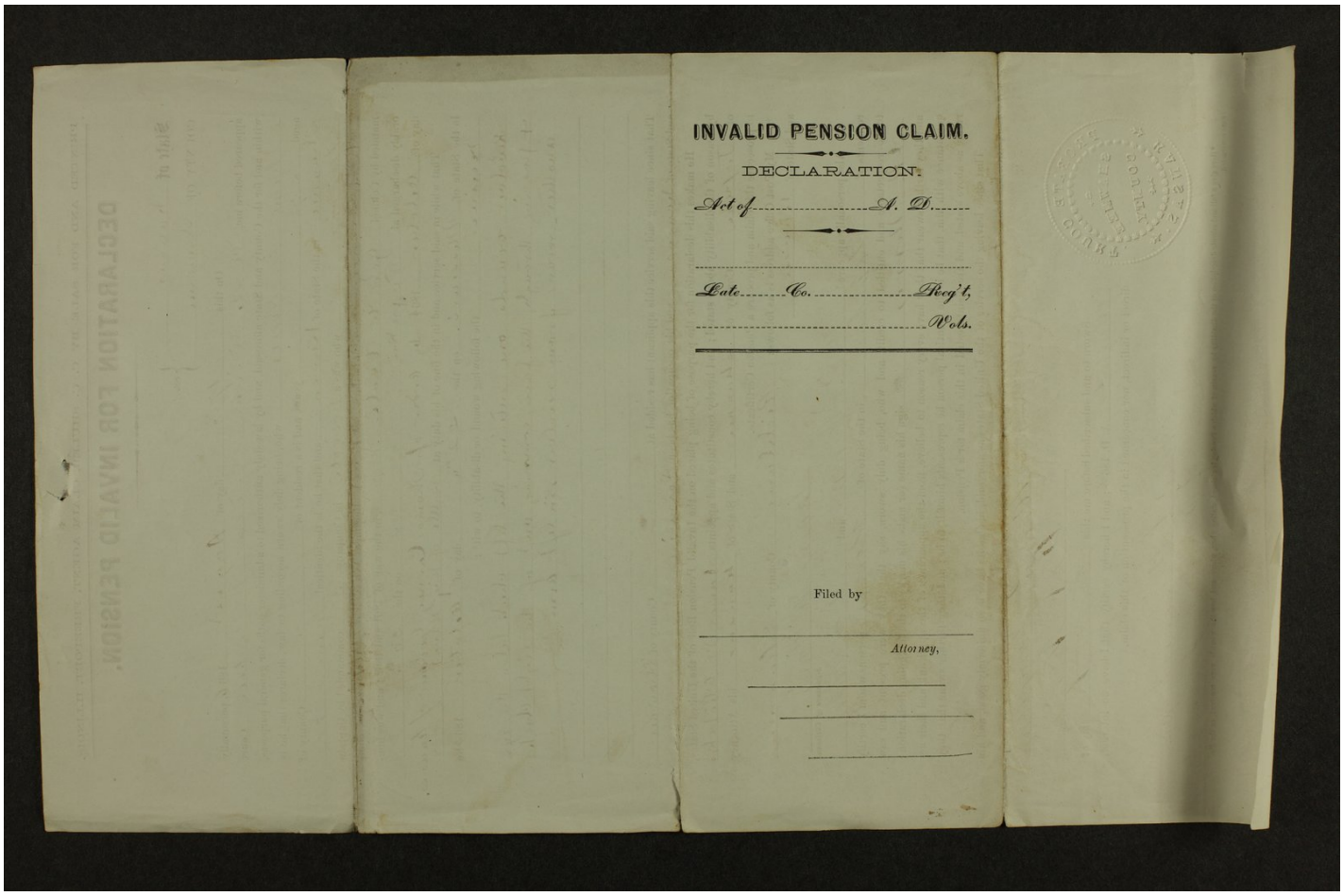
Wm P. Thompson
A. F. Neely

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Seventeenth day of August A. D. 1866; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, nor concerned in the prosecution of this claim.

Alfred L. Winans Judge Clerk.
of Prob. Court Shawnee Co Kans

*Here give a full and minute description of the disability by reason of which a Pension is claimed, stating when, where and how the wounds were received, or the disease contracted.

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INVALID PENSION CLAIM.

DECLARATION.

Act of ..... *A. D.* .....

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Late ..... *Co.* ..... *Reg't,*

..... *Vols.*

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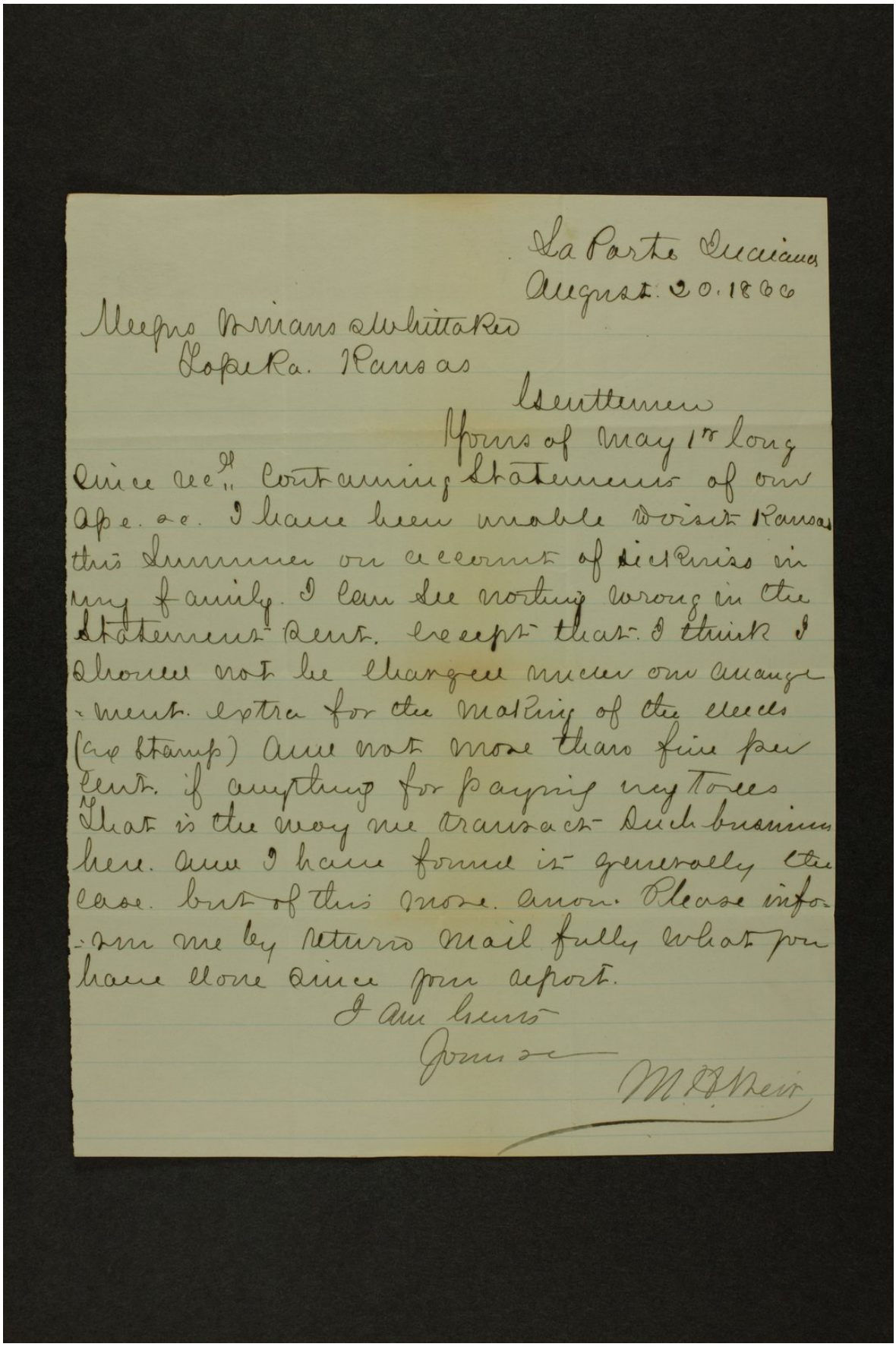
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Attorney,

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La Porte Indiana
August 20. 1866

Messrs Williams & Whittaker
Topeka. Kansas

Gentlemen

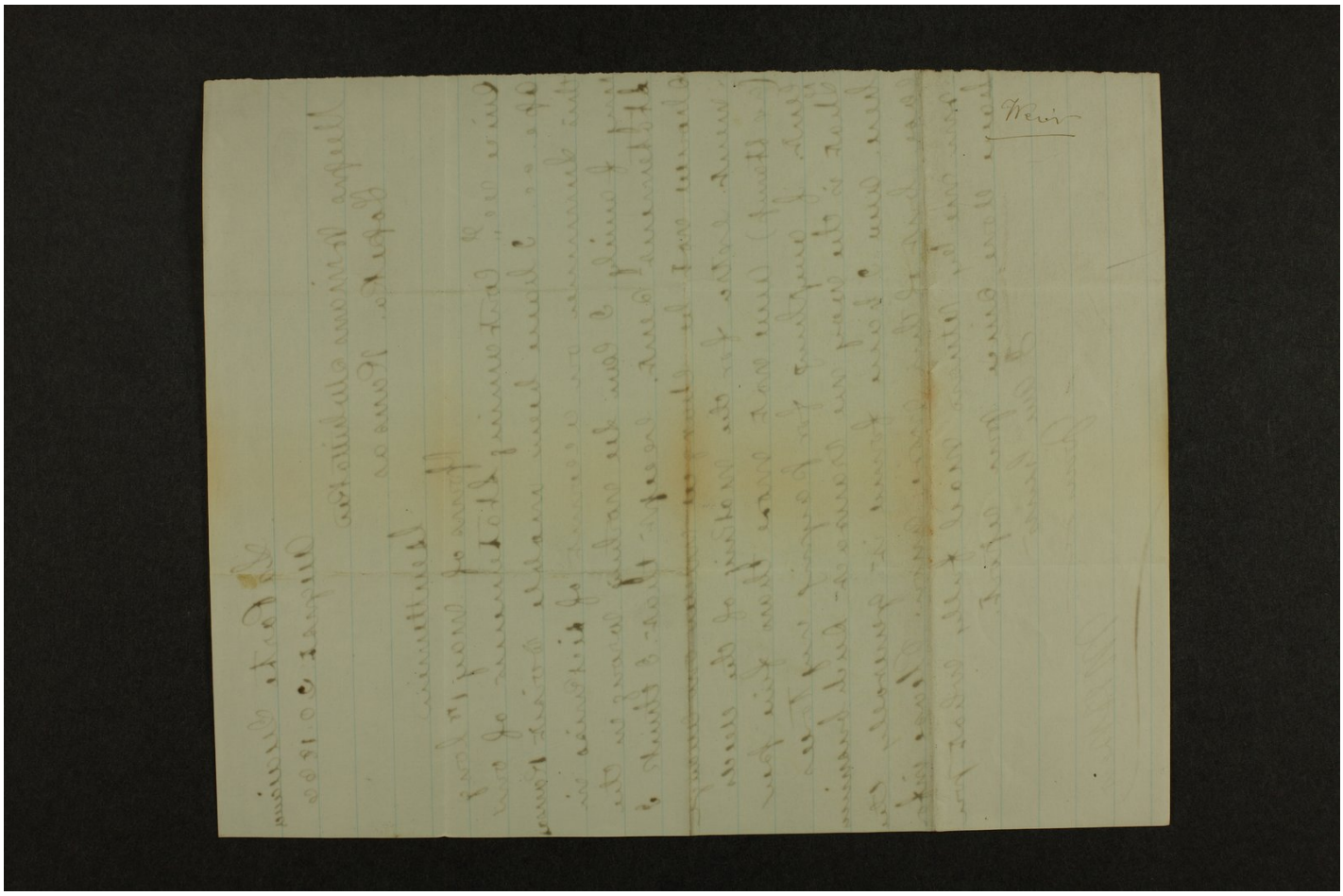
Yours of May 1st long since rec'd. containing statements of our Ag'e. &c. I have been unable to visit Kansas this Summer on account of sickness in my family. I can see nothing wrong in the statements sent. except that I think I should not be charged under our arrangements extra for the making of the deeds (or stamps) and not more than five per cent. if anything for paying my taxes. That is the way we transact such business here. and I have found it generally the case. but of this more anon. Please inform me by return mail fully what you have done since your report.

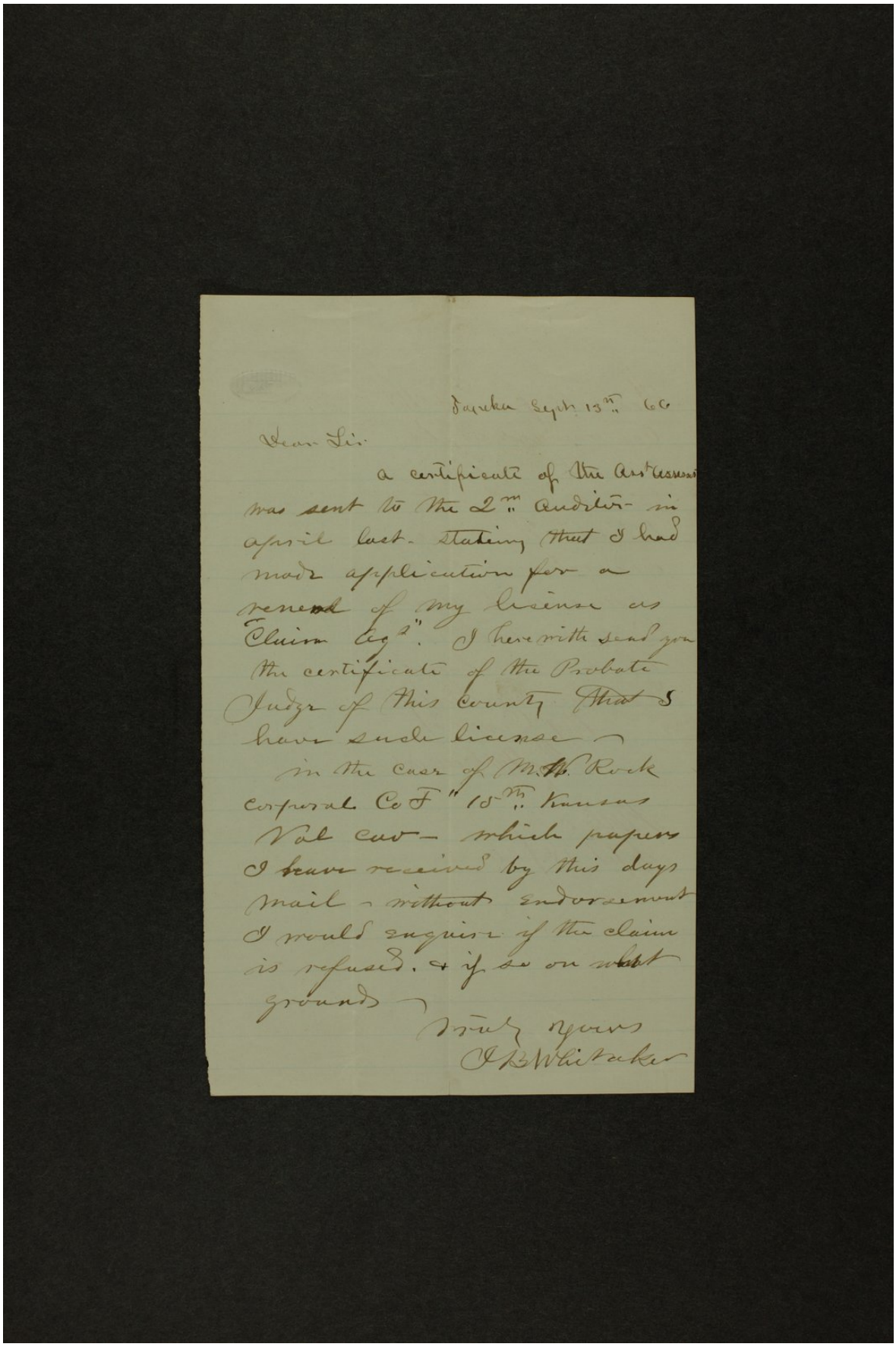
I am Yours

Yours &c

M. A. Weir

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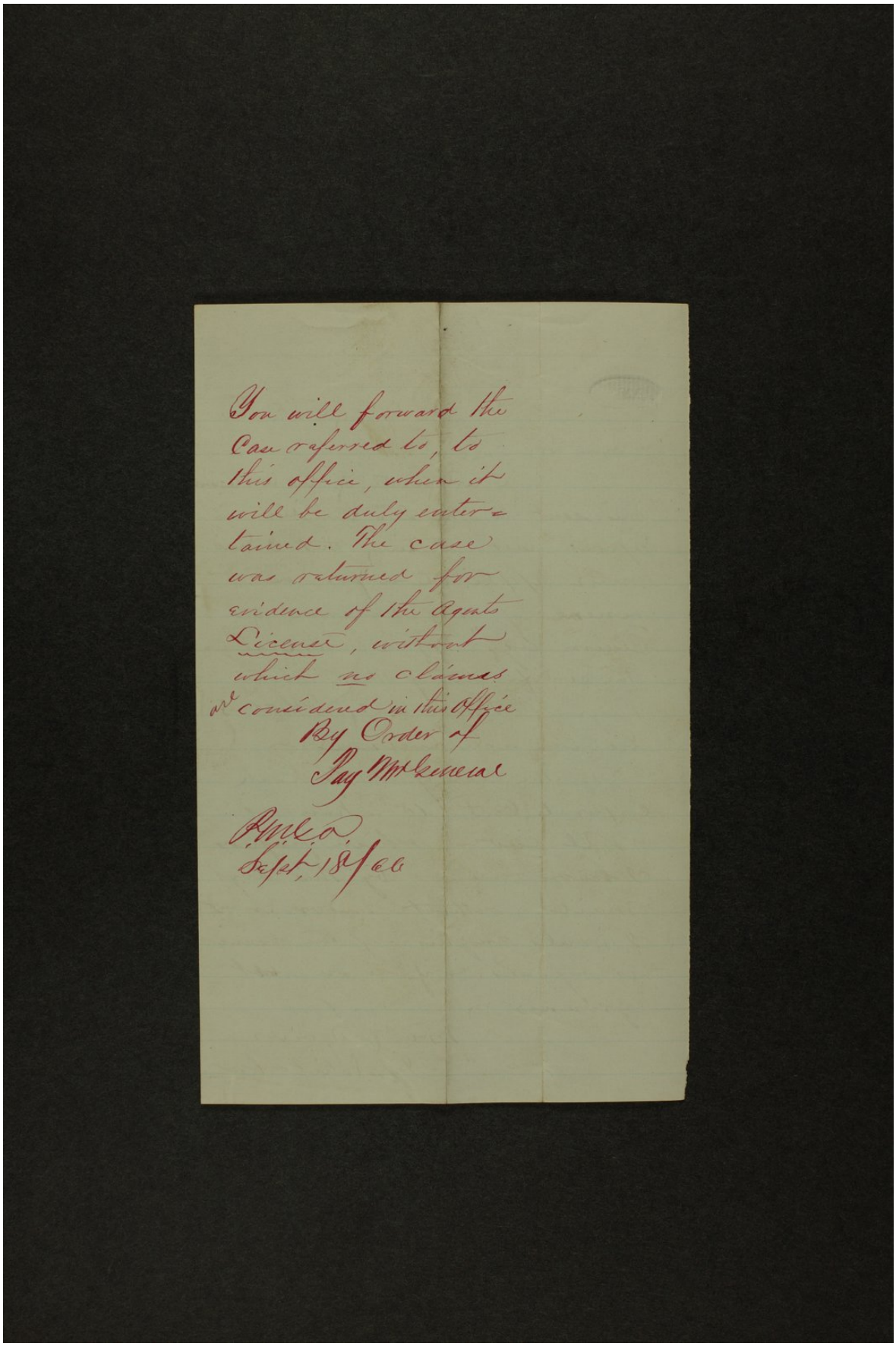


Topeka Sept. 13th 66

Dear Sir

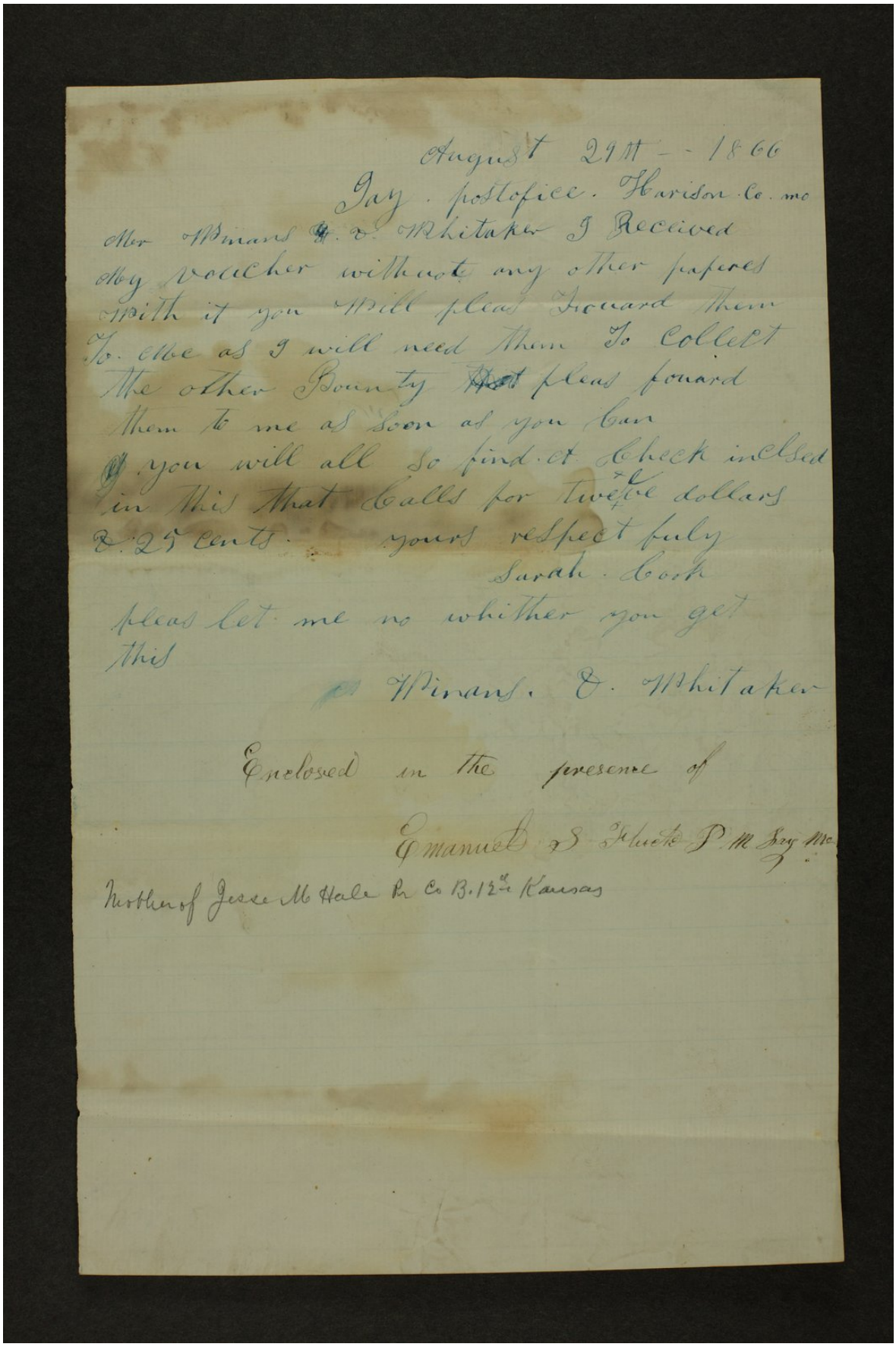
a certificate of the Asst Assessor was sent to the 2nd Auditor in april last stating that I had made application for a renewal of my license as Claim Agt. I herewith send you the certificate of the Probate Judge of this County that I have such license in the case of M. H. Rock Corporal Co F 15th Kansas Vol cav which papers I have received by this days mail without endorsement I would enquire if the claim is refused & if so on what grounds

Truly yours
J B Whitaker



You will forward the
Case referred to, to
this office, when it
will be duly entertained. The case
was returned for
evidence of the Agents
License, without
which no claims
will be considered in this Office
By Order of
Jay McKeever
A.M.L.O.
Sept. 18/66

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



August 29th - - 1866

Jay . postofice . Harison Co . mo

Mr Winans B. D. Whitaker I Received
thy voucher without any other papers
With it you Will plea Foward them
To. me as I will need them To Collect
The other Bounty ~~that~~ pleas foward
them to me as Soon as you can
you will all So find a check inclsed
in this that Calls for Twelve dollars
& 25 cents. yours respect fuly
Sarah . Cook

pleas let me no whither you get
this

Winans . D . Whitaker

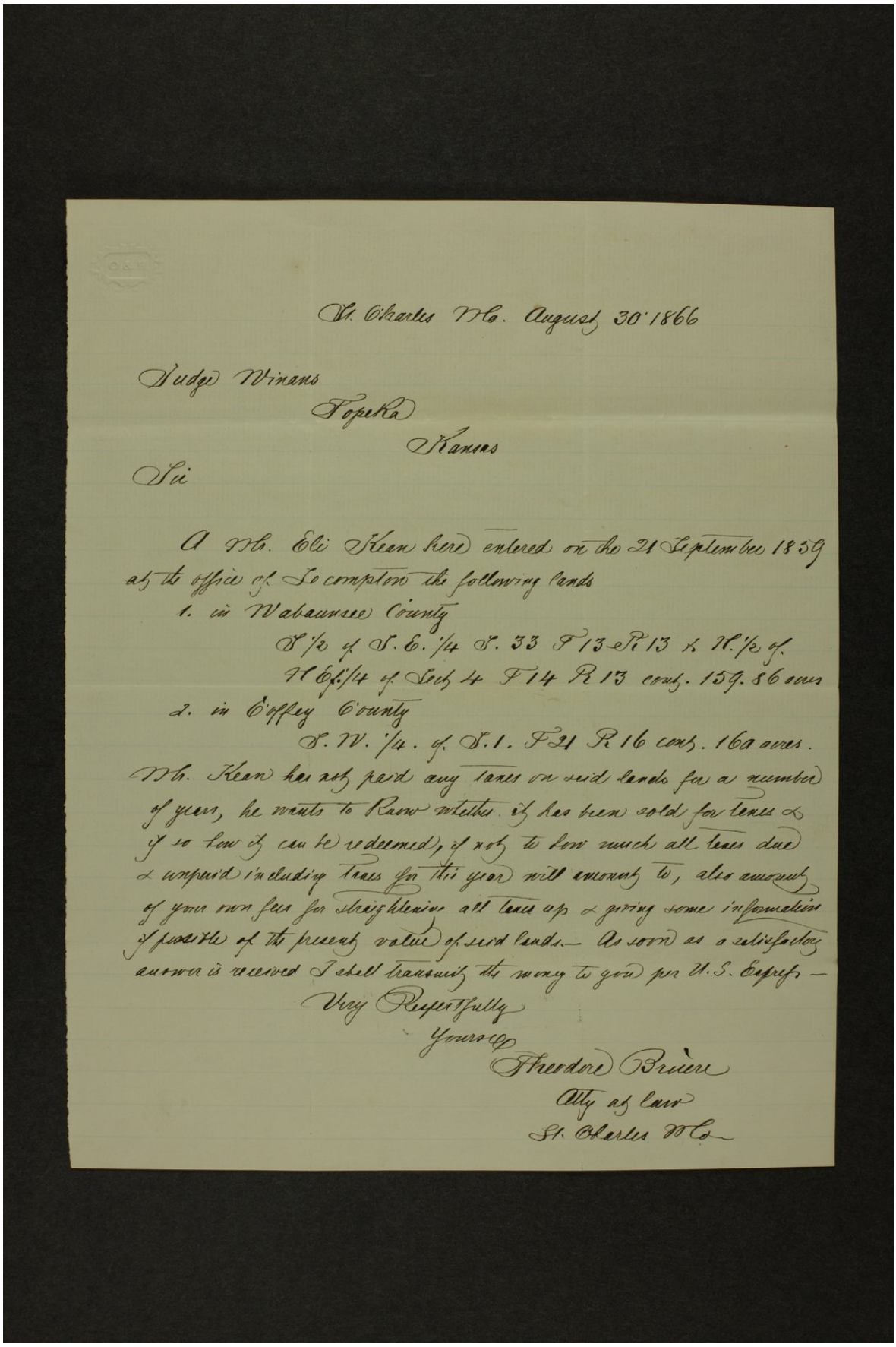
Enclosed in the presence of

Emanuel D Schuck P M Jay Mo

Mother of Jesse M Hale Pr Co B. 12th Kansas

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St. Charles Mo. August 30 1866

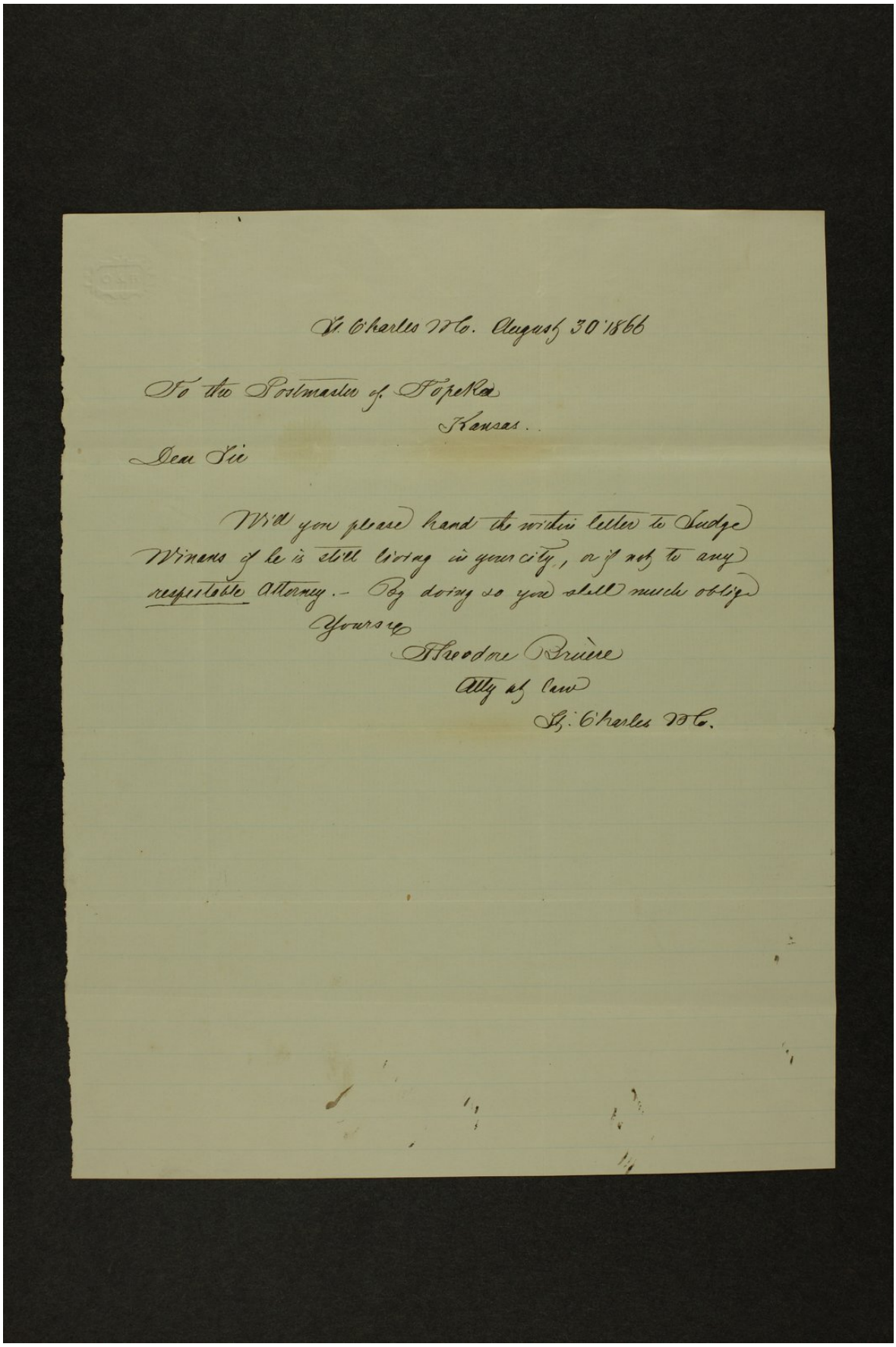
Judge Minans
Topeka
Kansas

Sir

A Mr. Eli Kean here entered on the 21 September 1859 at the office of Lecompton the following lands
1. in Wabaunsee County
S ½ of S. E. ¼ S. 33 T 13 R 13 & N. ½ of
N E ¼ of Sec 4 T 14 R 13 cons. 159.86 acres
2. in Coffey County
S. W. ¼. of S. 1. T 21 R 16 cons. 160 acres.
Mr. Kean has not paid any taxes on said lands for a number of years, he wants to know whether it has been sold for taxes & if so how it can be redeemed, if not to how much all taxes due & unpaid including taxes for this year will amount to, also amount of your own fees for straightening all taxes up & giving some information if possible of the present value of said lands — As soon as a satisfactory answer is received I shall transmit the money to you per U. S. Express —

Very Respectfully
Yours
Theodore Brière
Atty at Law
St. Charles Mo —

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



St. Charles Mo. August 30 1866

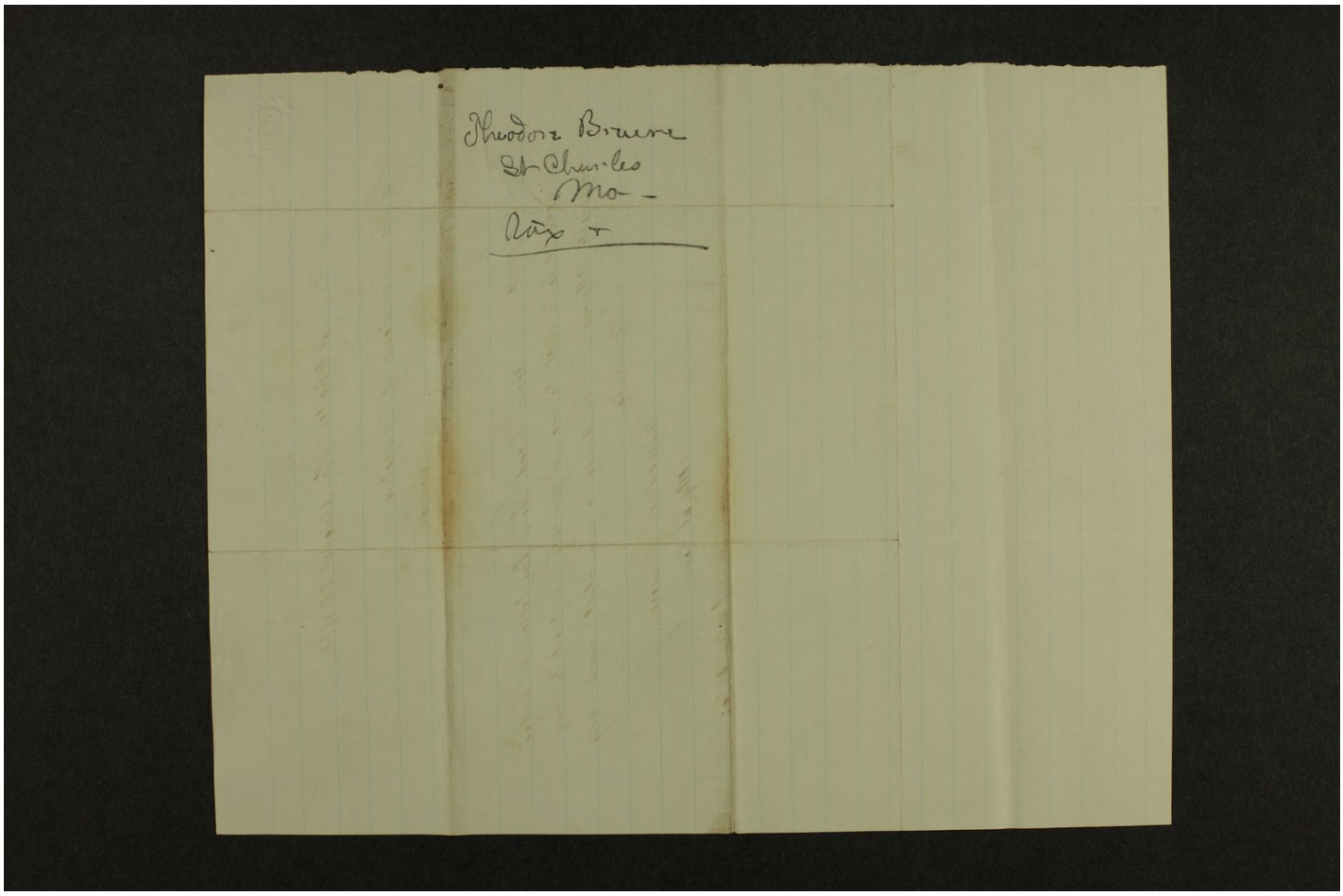
To the Postmaster of Topeka
Kansas.

Dear Sir

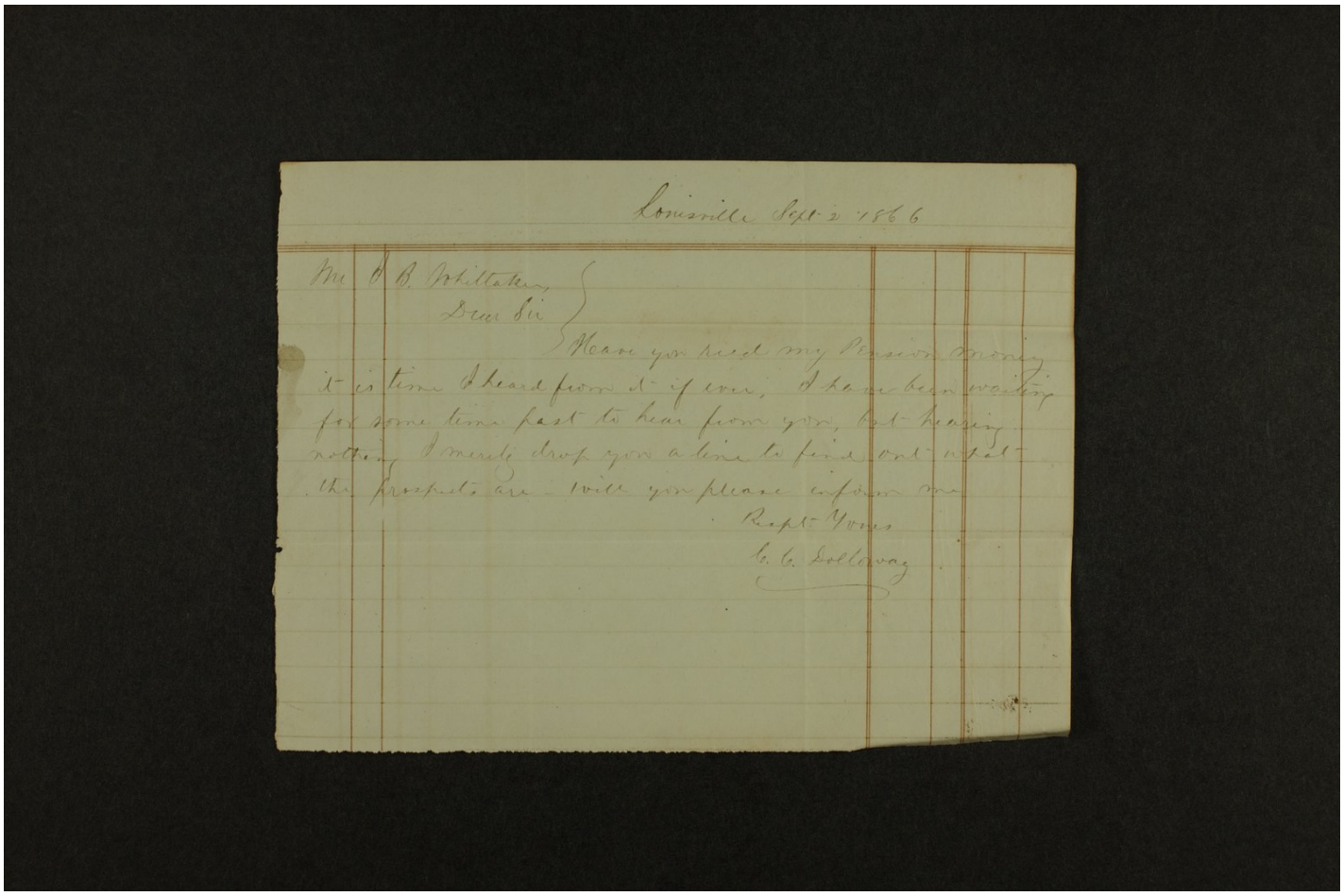
Will you please hand the written letter to Judge Winans if he is still living in your city, or if not to any respectable Attorney. By doing so you shall much oblige

Yours &c
Theodore Brière
Atty at Law
St. Charles Mo.

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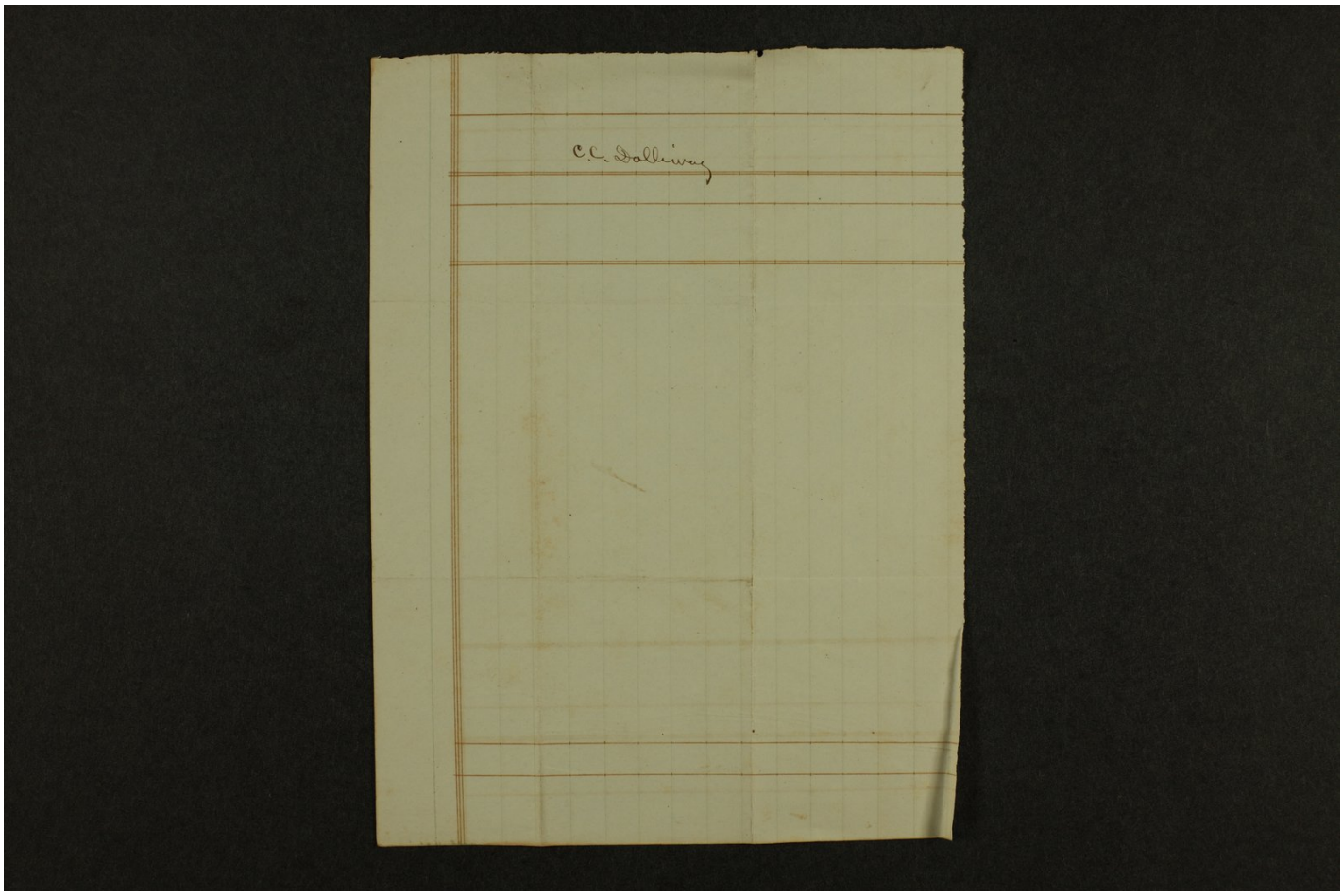
Louisville Sept 2 1866

Mr J B. Whittaker,
Dear Sir

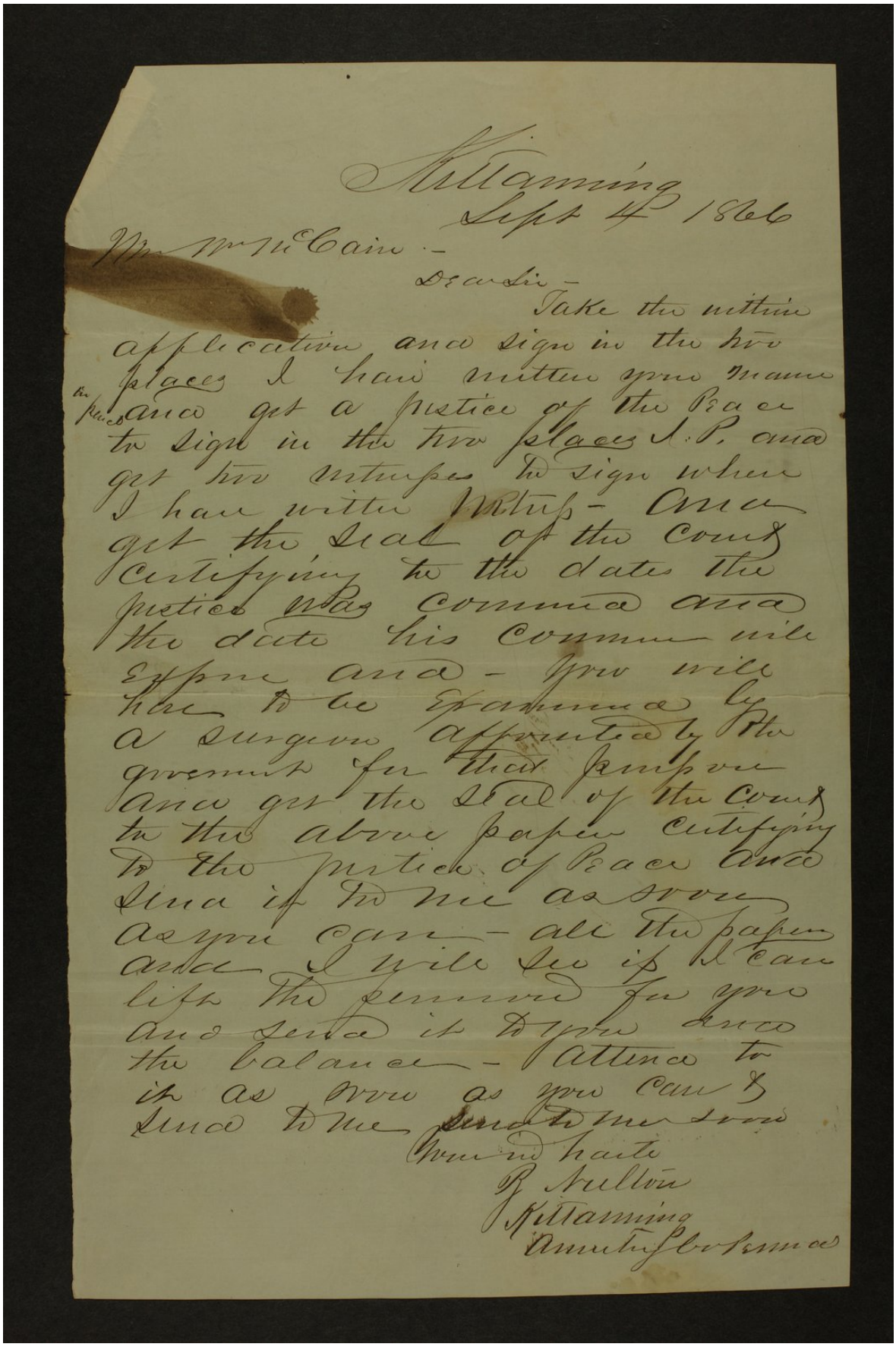
Have you rec'd my Pension money
it is time I heard from it if ever, I have been waiting
for some time past to hear from you, but hearing
nothing I merely drop you a line to find out what
the prospects are - will you please inform me

Respt Yours
C. C. Dolloway

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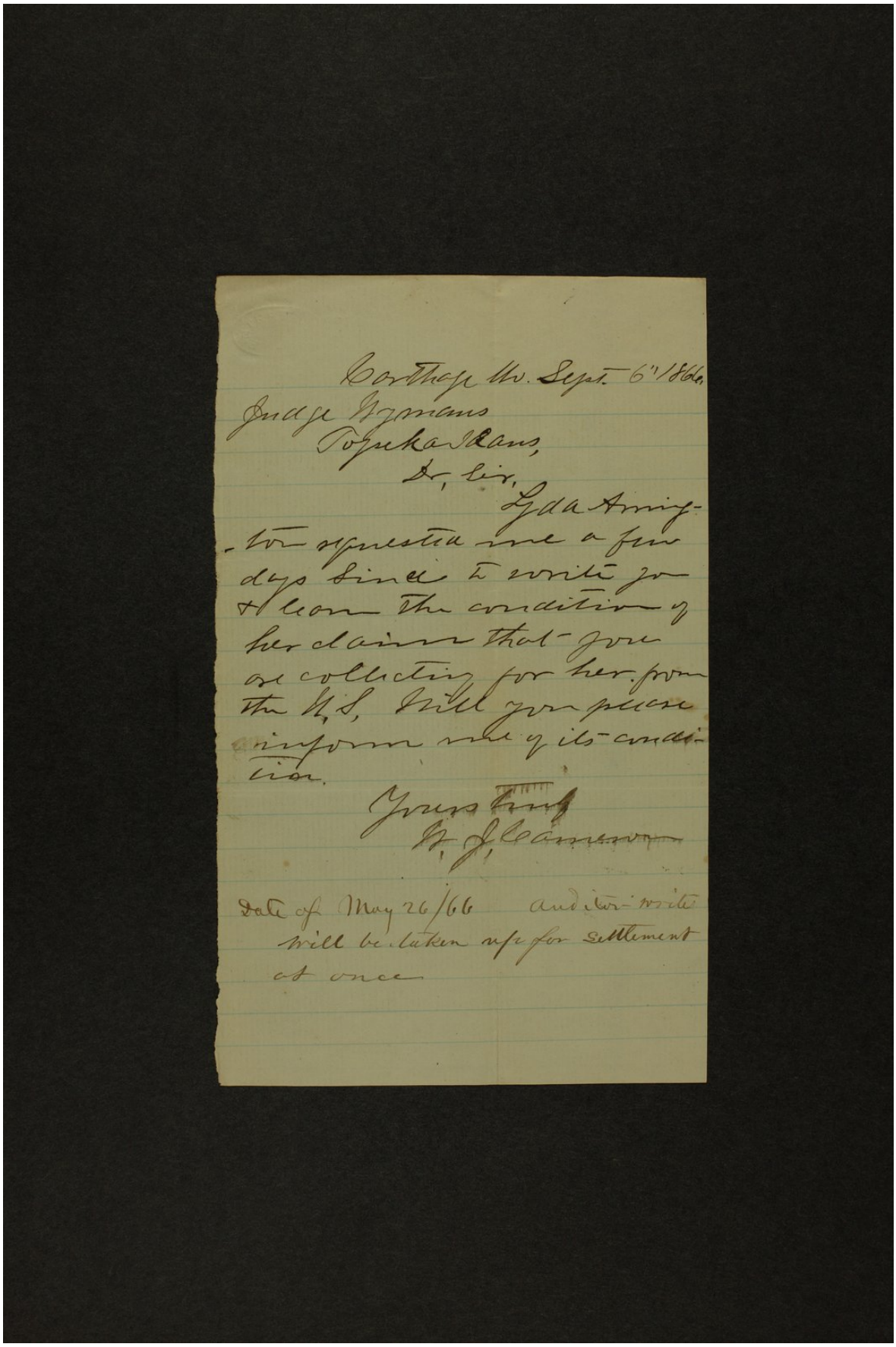
Fallaming
Sept 4th 1866

Mr Wm McCain -

Dear Sir -

Take the within application and sign in the two places I have written your name and get a Justice of the Peace to sign in the two places I.P. and get two witnesses to sign where I have written Wits - and get the Seal of the Court Certifying to the date the Justice was commissioned and the date his commission will Expire and - You will then be Examined by a Surgeon appointed by the government for that purpose and get the Seal of the Court to the above papers certifying to the Justice of Peace and send it to me as soon as you can - all the papers and I will see if I can Get the Pension for you and send it to you and the balance - Attend to it as soon as you can & send to me Send to me from Your friend Waite

R Sullivan
Fallaming
Annuity Claim Agent



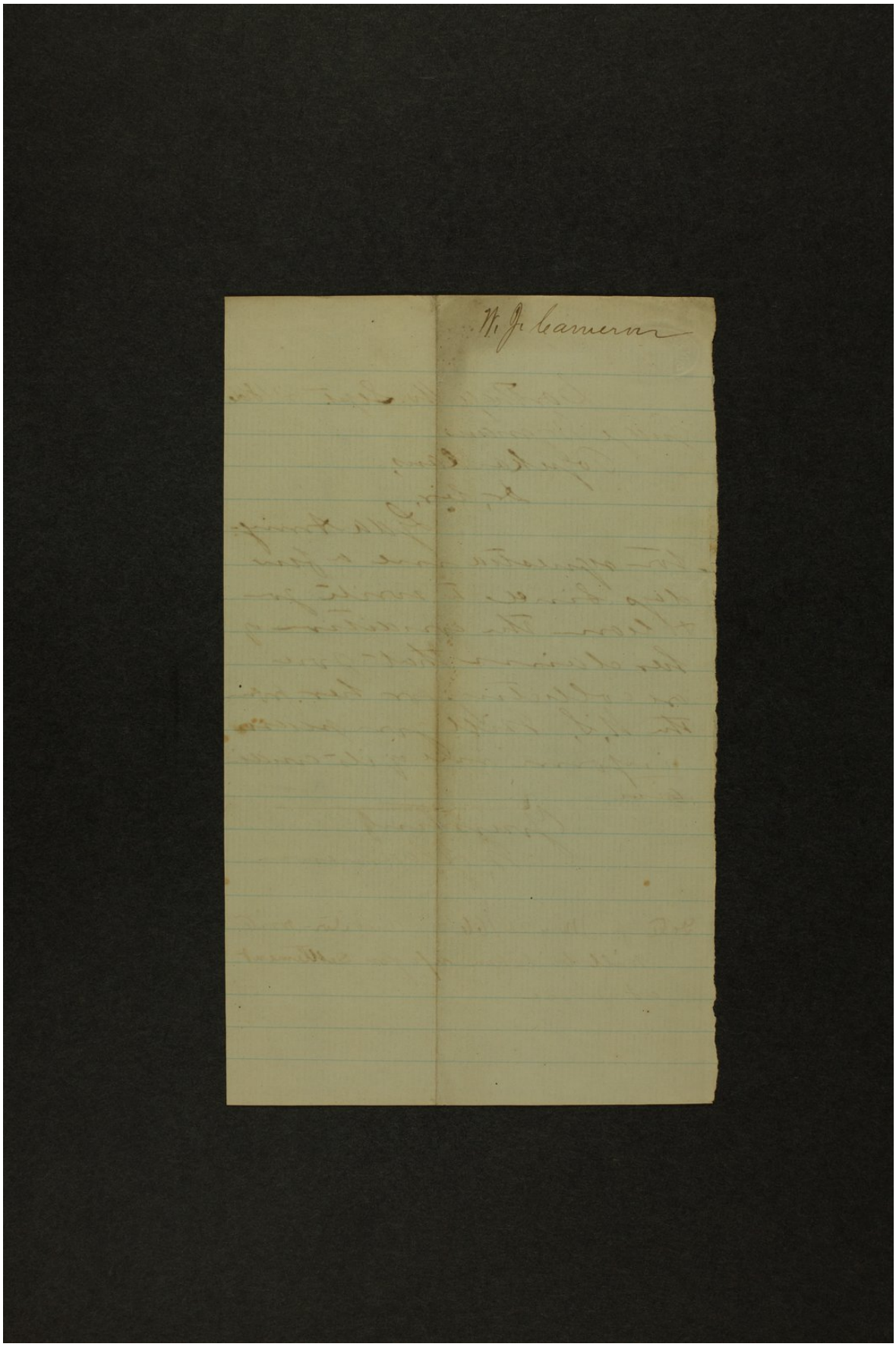
Carthage Mo. Sept. 6th 1866.

Judge Hyman
Topeka Kans,
Dr, Sir,

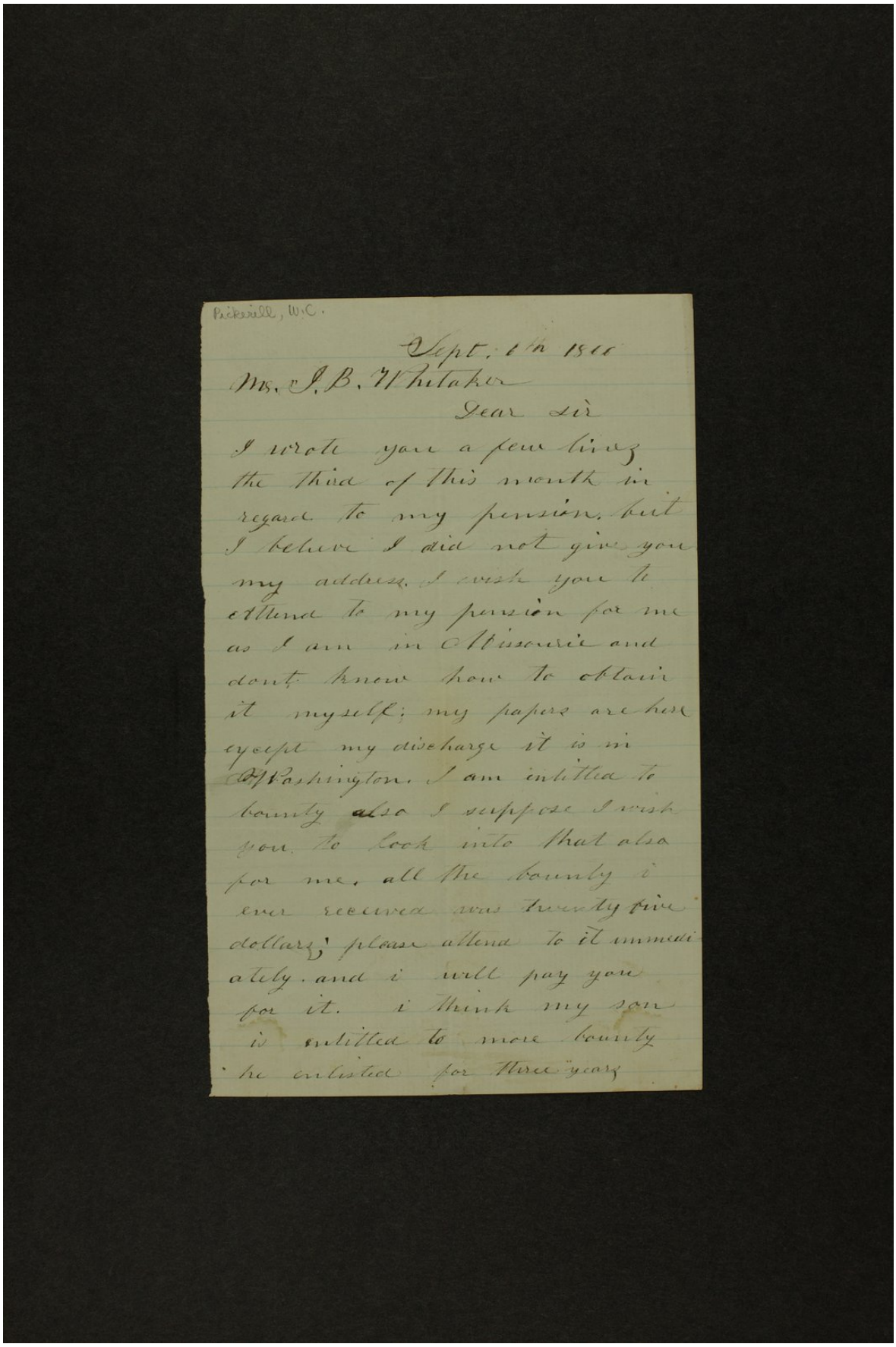
I do not request me a few days since to write you & learn the condition of her claim that you are collecting for her from the U.S. Will you please inform me of its condition.

Yours truly
W. J. Cameron

Date of May 26/66 and your write will be taken up for settlement at once



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Pickerell, W.C.

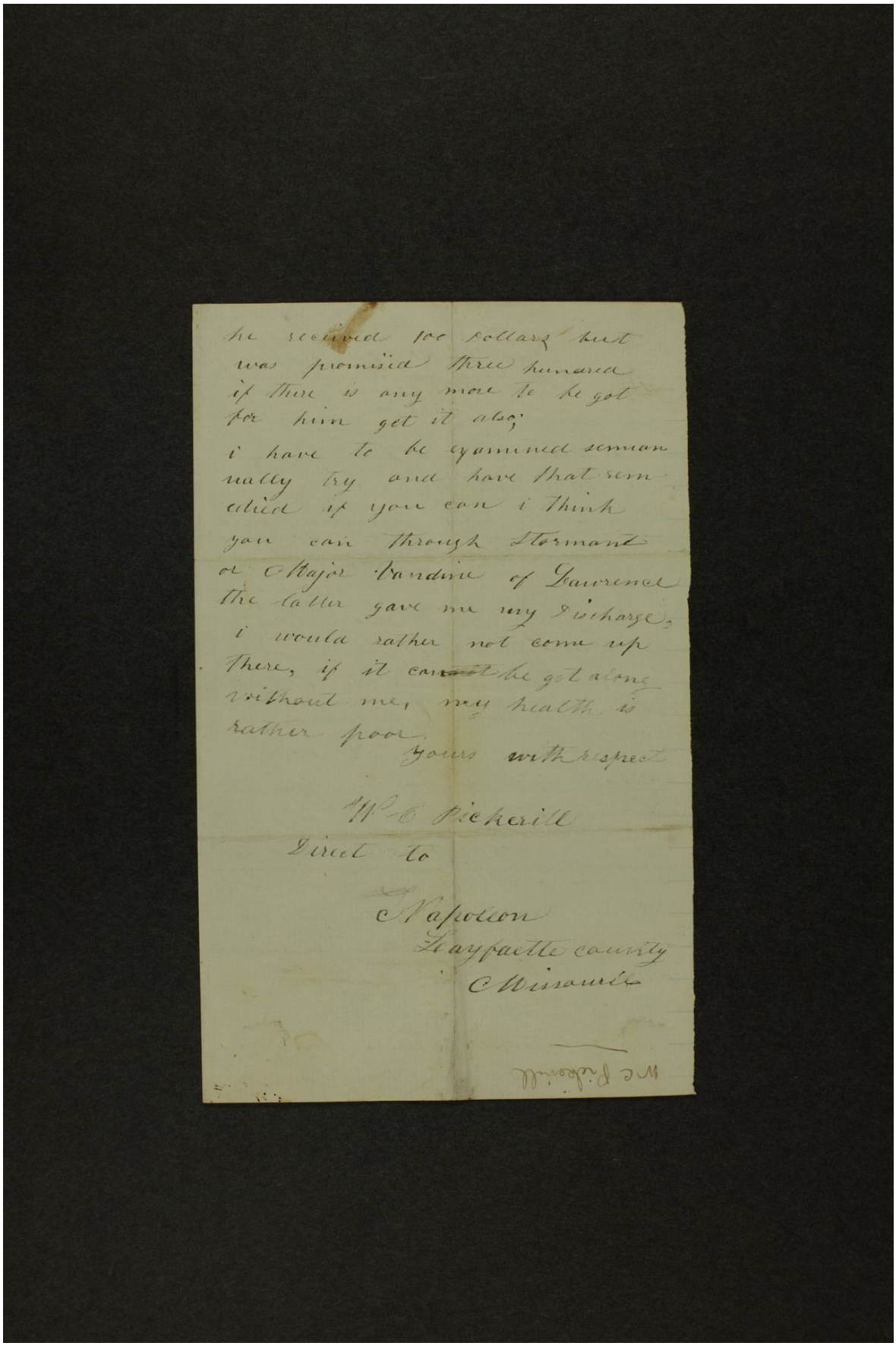
Sept. 6th 1866

Ms. J.B. Whitaker

Dear Sir

I wrote you a few lines the third of this month in regard to my pension, but I believe I did not give you my address. I wish you to attend to my pension for me as I am in Missouri and dont know how to obtain it myself; my papers are here except my discharge it is in Washington. I am intitled to bounty also I suppose I wish you to look into that also for me, all the bounty I ever received was twenty five dollars, please attend to it immediately. and I will pay you for it. I think my son is intitled to more bounty he enlisted for three years

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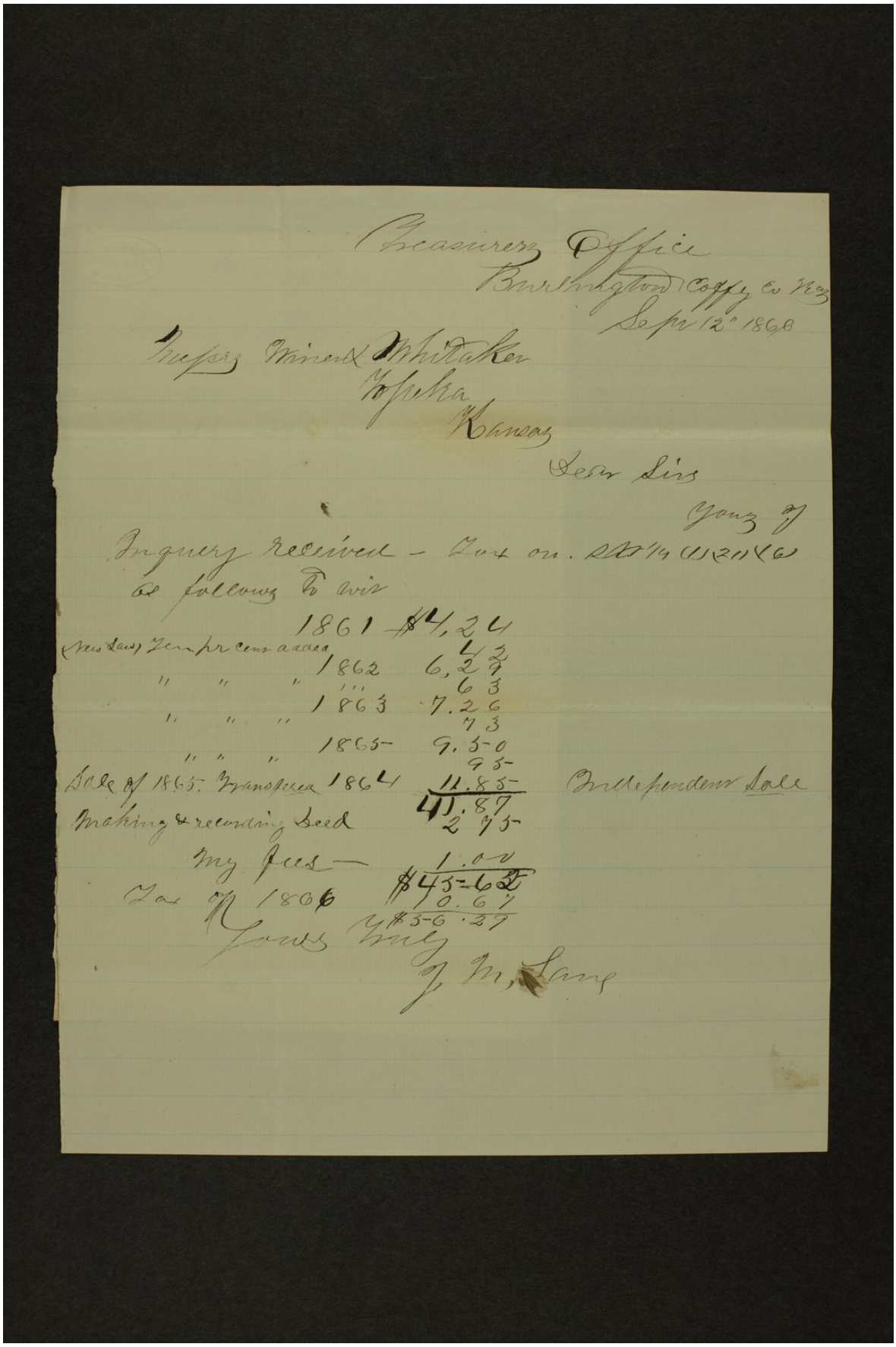
he received 100 dollars but was promised three hundred if there is any more to be got for him get it also;
i have to be examined semiannually try and have that remedied if you can i think you can through Stormant or Major Vandine of Lawrence the latter gave me my discharge;
i would rather not come up there, if it cannot be got along without me, my health is rather poor.

Yours with respect

W. C. Pickerill

Direct to

Napoleon
Lafayette county
Missouri



Treasurers Office
Washington City D.C.
Sept 12th 1866

Hon. James Barnes Whitaker
Topeka
Kansas

Dear Sir

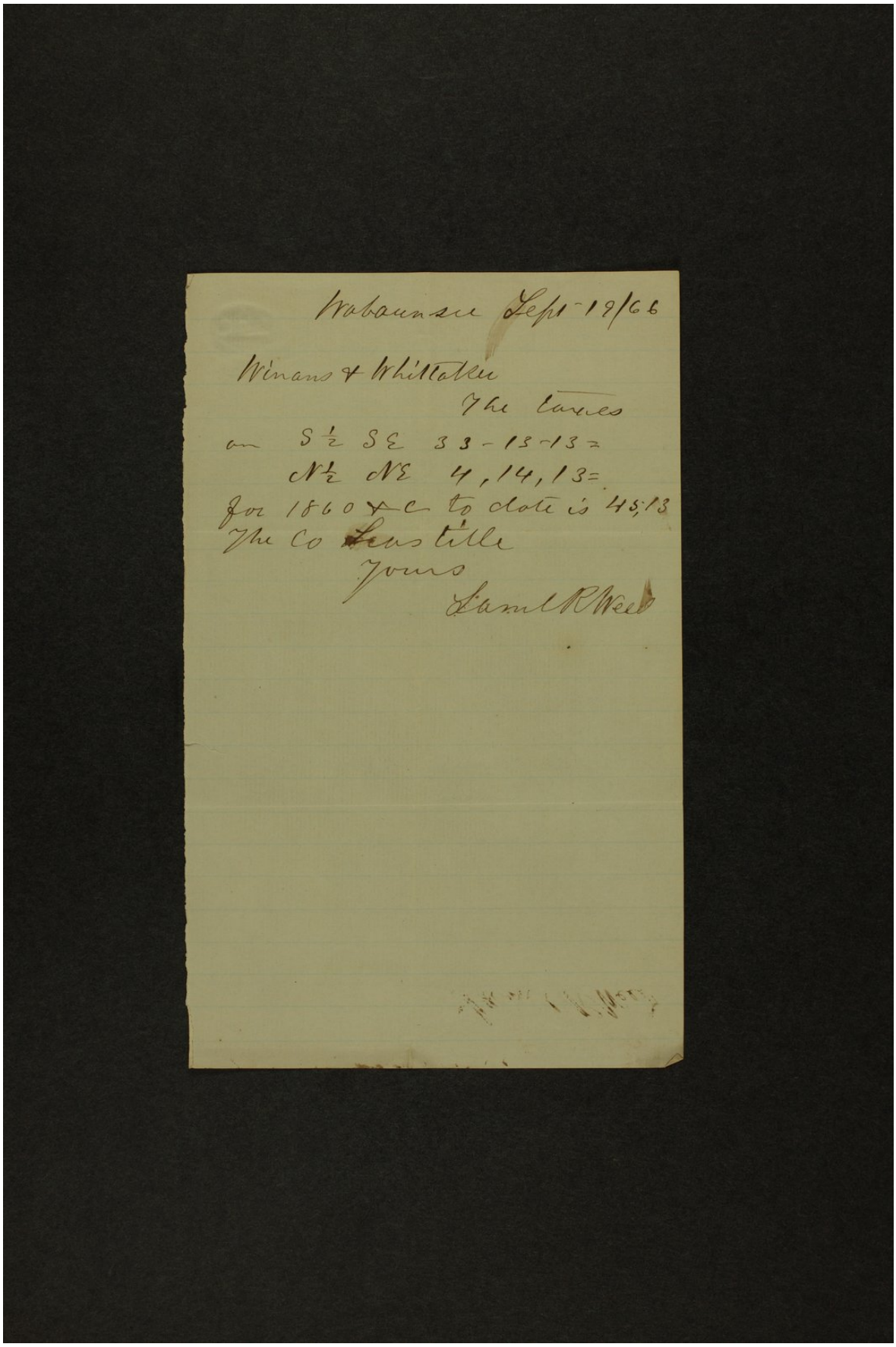
Yours of
Inquiry received - Tax on. SE¼ NW¼ 21 X 6
as follows to wit

	1861	$4.24
(New Laws) Ten pr cent added		4 2
" " "	1862	6.24
		6 3
" " "	1863	7.26
		7 3
" " "	1865	9.30
		9 5
Sale of 1865 Transferred	1864	11.85
		41.87
Making & recording Deed		2 75
My fees —		1.00
		$45.62
Tax of 1866		0.67
		$45.29

Yours truly
J. M. Sang

Independent Sale

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Winans & Whittaker

The taxes

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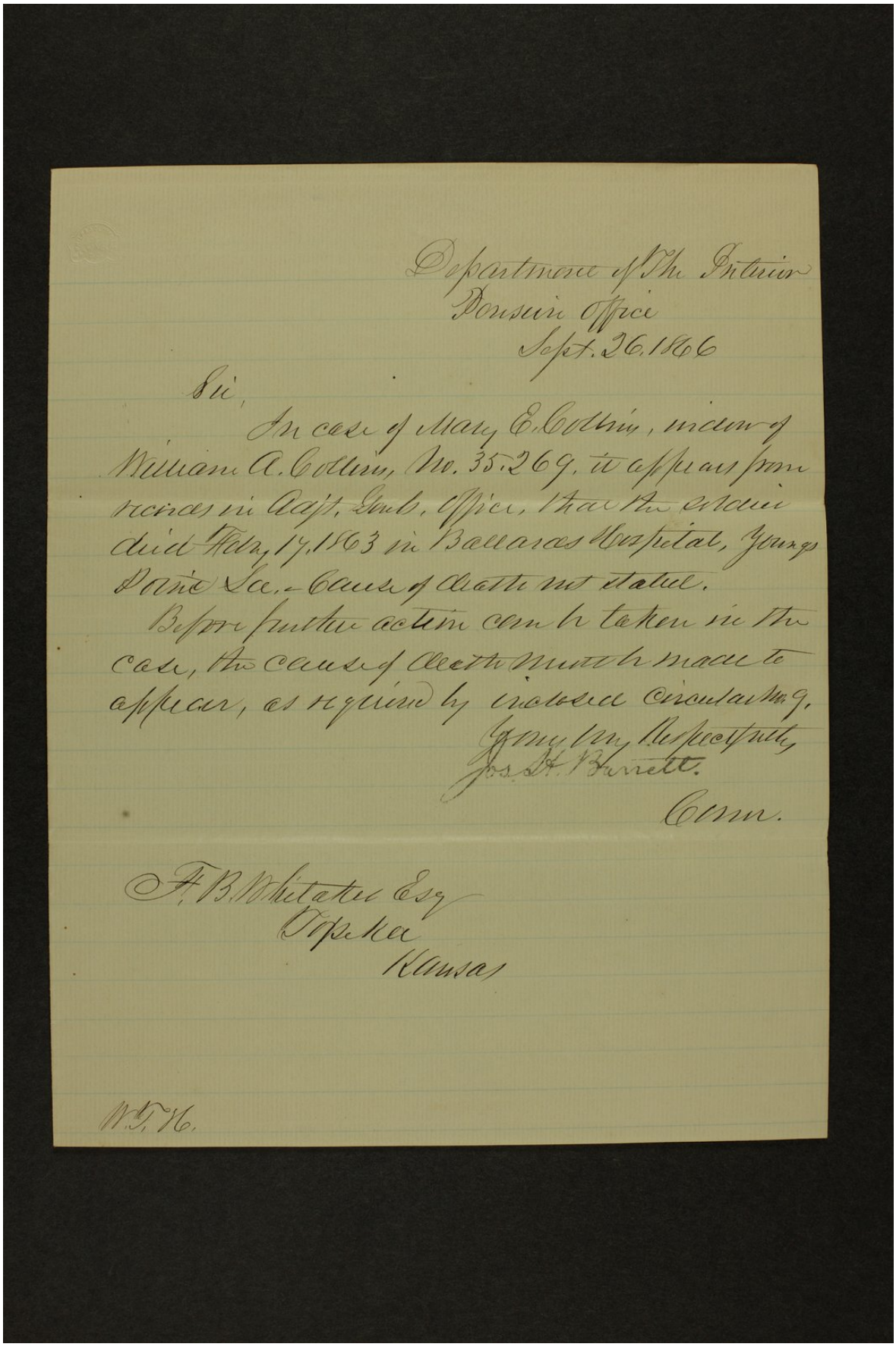
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for 1860 & c to date is 45.13

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Yours

Saml R Reed



Department of The Interior
Pension Office
Sept. 26, 1866

Sir,

In case of Mary E. Collins, widow of William A. Collins, No. 35.269, it appears from records in Adjt. Gnl's. Office, that the soldier died May 17, 1863 in Ballards Hospital, Young's Point La. - Cause of death not stated.

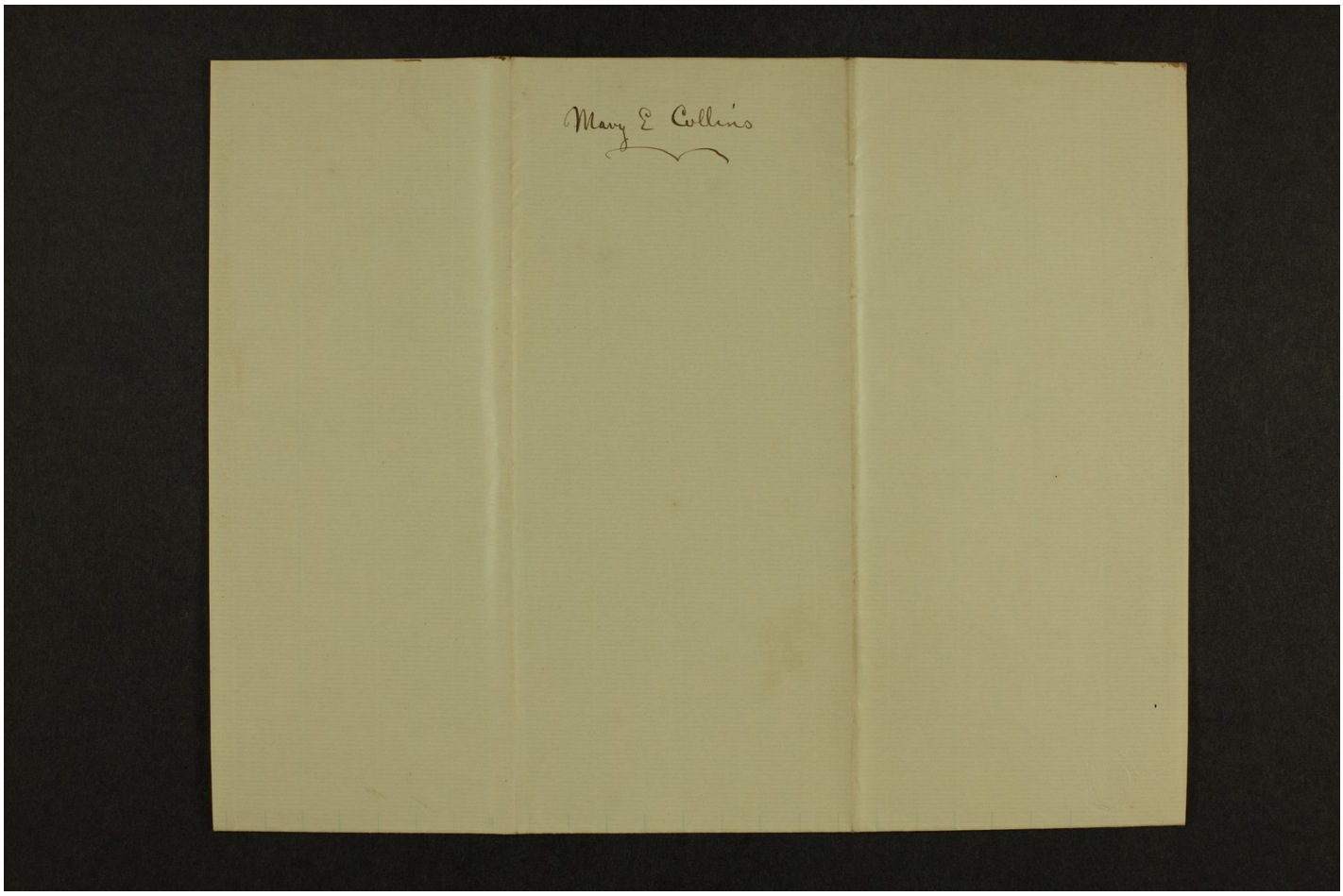
Before further action can be taken in the case, the cause of death must be made to appear, as required by enclosed circular No. 9.

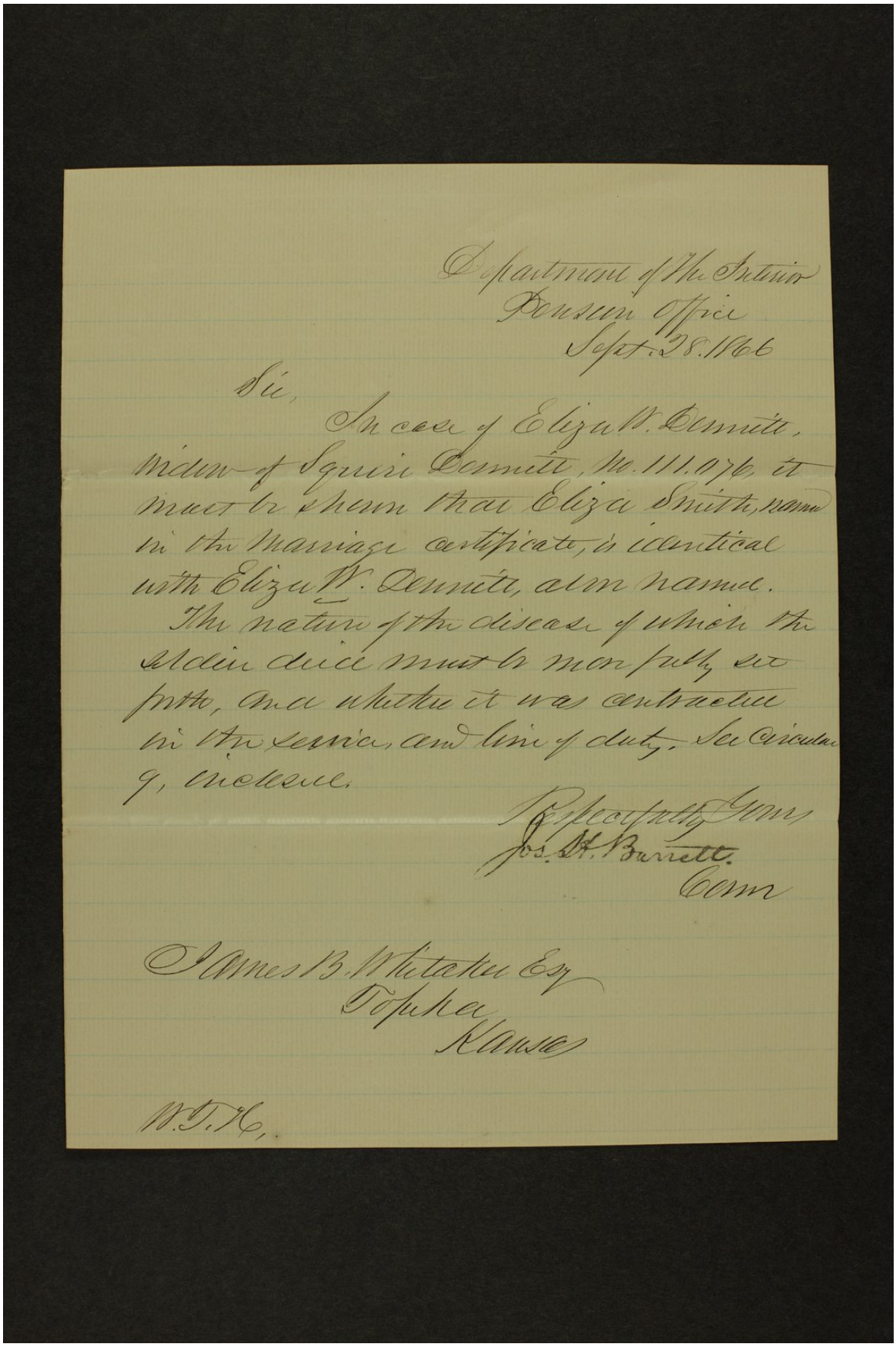
I am, very respectfully,
Jos. H. Barrett.
Comr.

A. B. Whitaker Esq
Topeka
Kansas

W. E. 76.

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence





Department of the Interior
Pension Office
Sept. 28. 1866

Sir,

In case of Eliza W. Barnett, widow of Squire Barnett, No. 111.076, it must be shown that Eliza Smith, named in the marriage certificate, is identical with Eliza W. Barnett, also named.

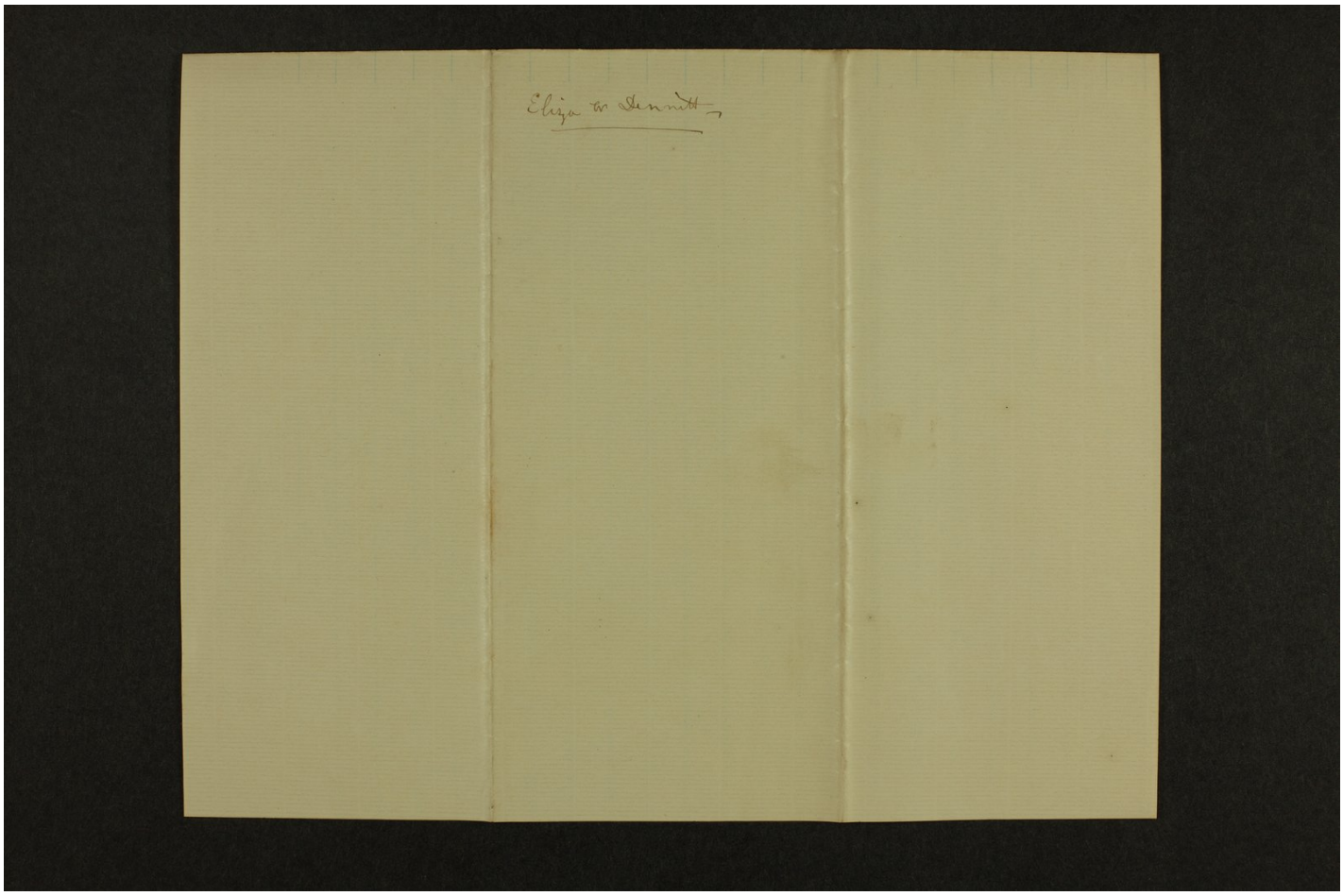
The nature of the disease of which the soldier died must be more fully set forth, and whether it was contracted in the service, and line of duty. See Circular 9, inclosed.

Respectfully Yours
Jos. H. Barnett.
Comr

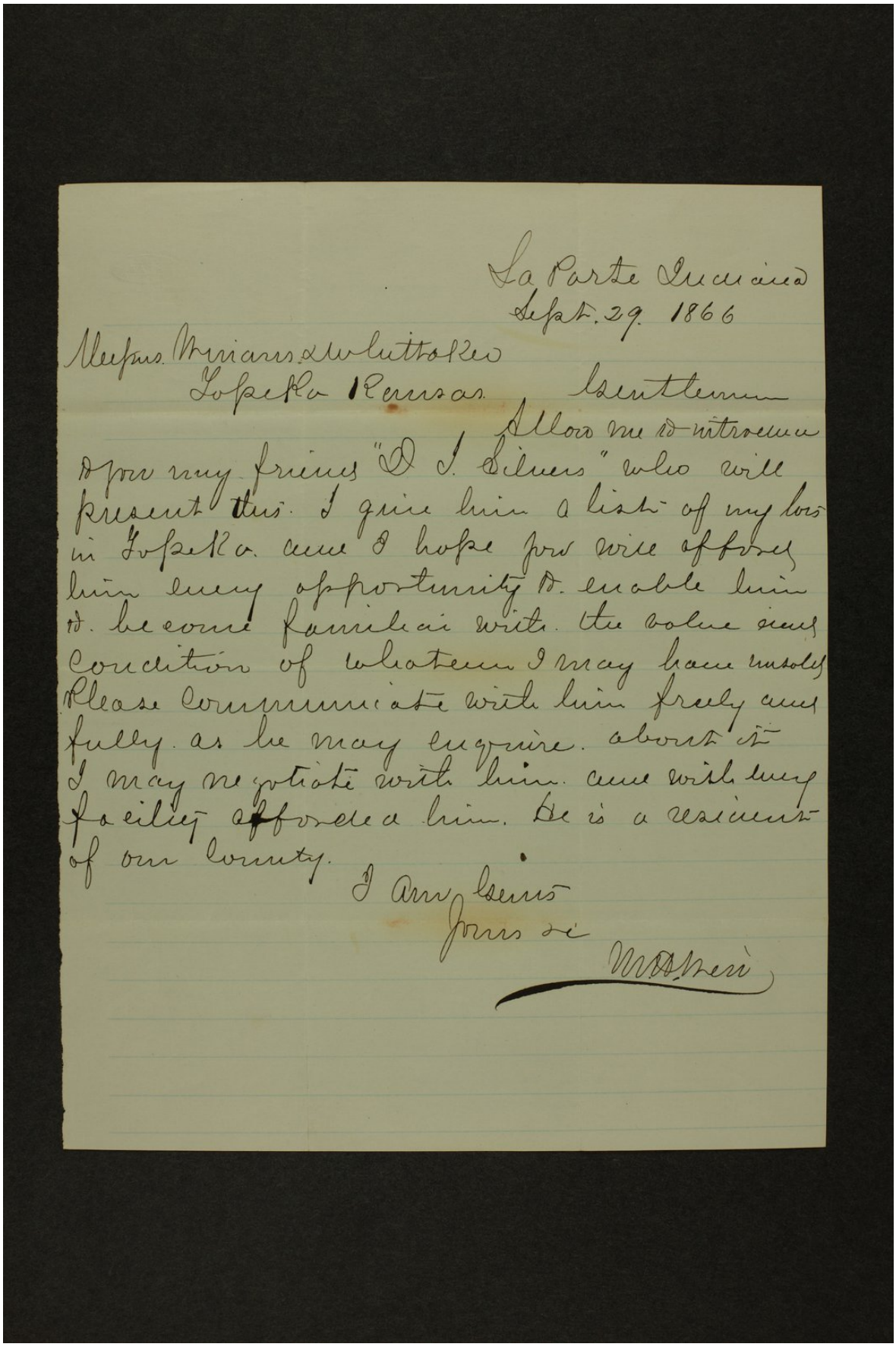
James B. Whitaker Esq
Topeka
Kansas

W.D.H.

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La Porte Indiana
Sept. 29. 1866

Messrs. Williams & Whittaker
Topeka Kansas.

Gentlemen

Allow me to introduce
Hon my friend "D. T. Silvers" who will
present this. I give him a list of my lots
in Topeka. and I hope you will afford
him every opportunity to enable him
to become familiar with the value and
condition of whatever I may have untold
Please communicate with him freely and
fully as he may enquire. about it
I may negotiate with him. and with any
facility afforded a him. He is a resident
of our County.

I Am Gentlemen
Yours &c

M. A. Barnes