James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

Section 58, Pages 1711 - 1740

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.

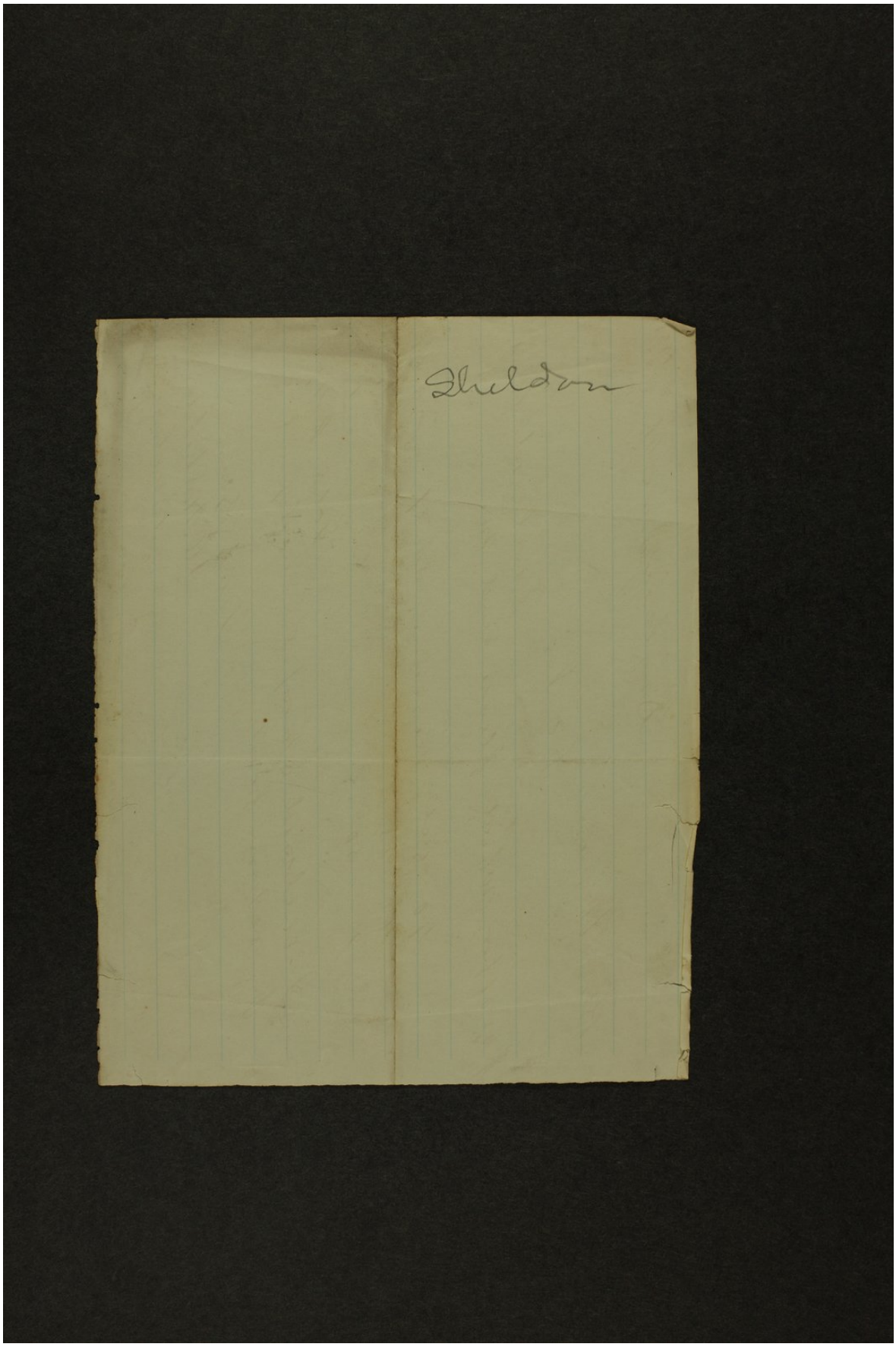
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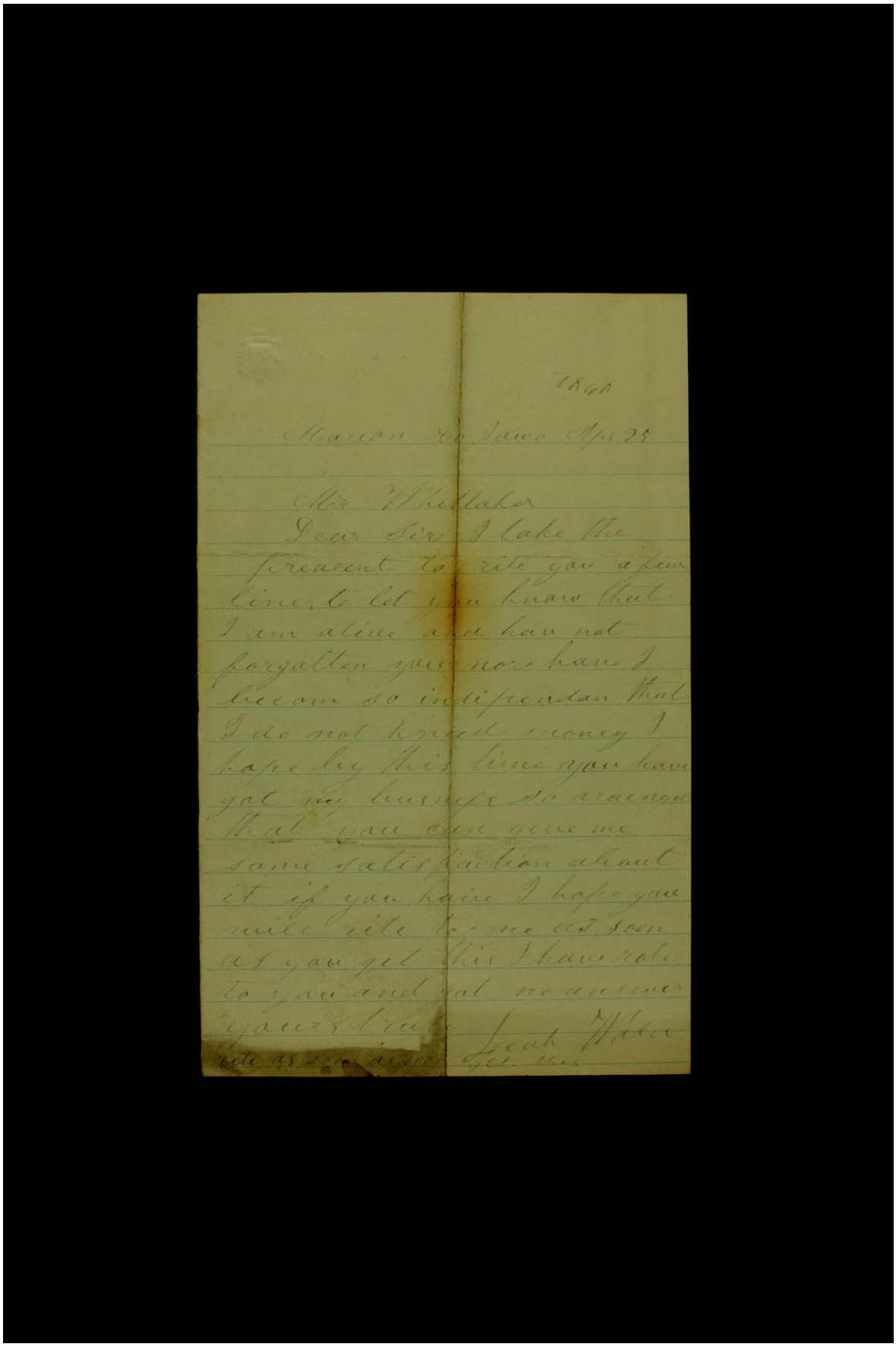
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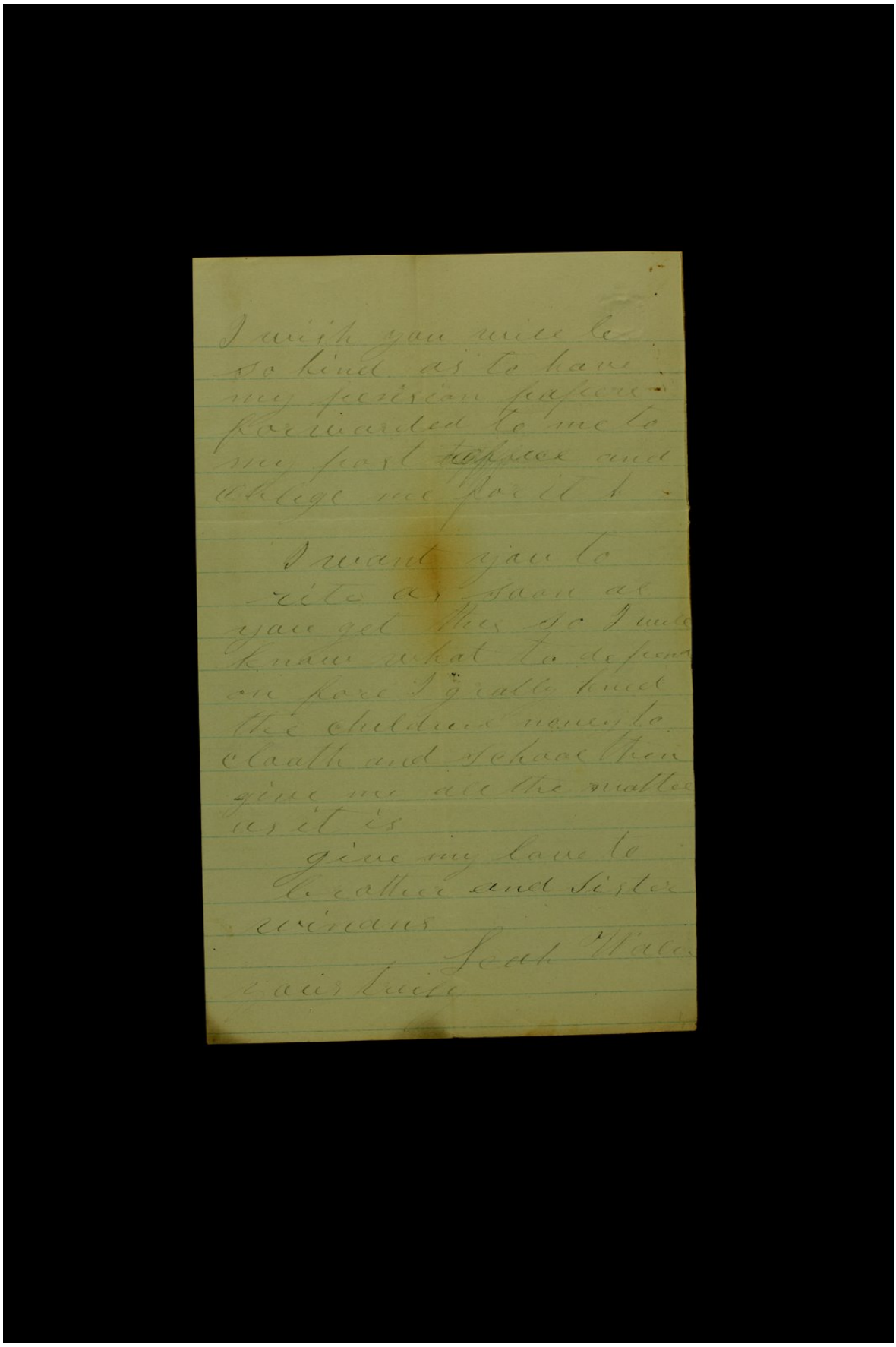
Marion Co Iowa Apr 27

Mr Whitaker

Dear Sir I take the present to rite you a few lines to let you know that I am alive and have not forgotten you nor have I become so independant that I do not kneed money I hope by this time you have got my business so arranged that you can give me some satisfaction about it if you have I hope you will rite to me as soon as you get this I have rote to you and got no answer yours truly Jack Wilson

rote as soon as I can Get me

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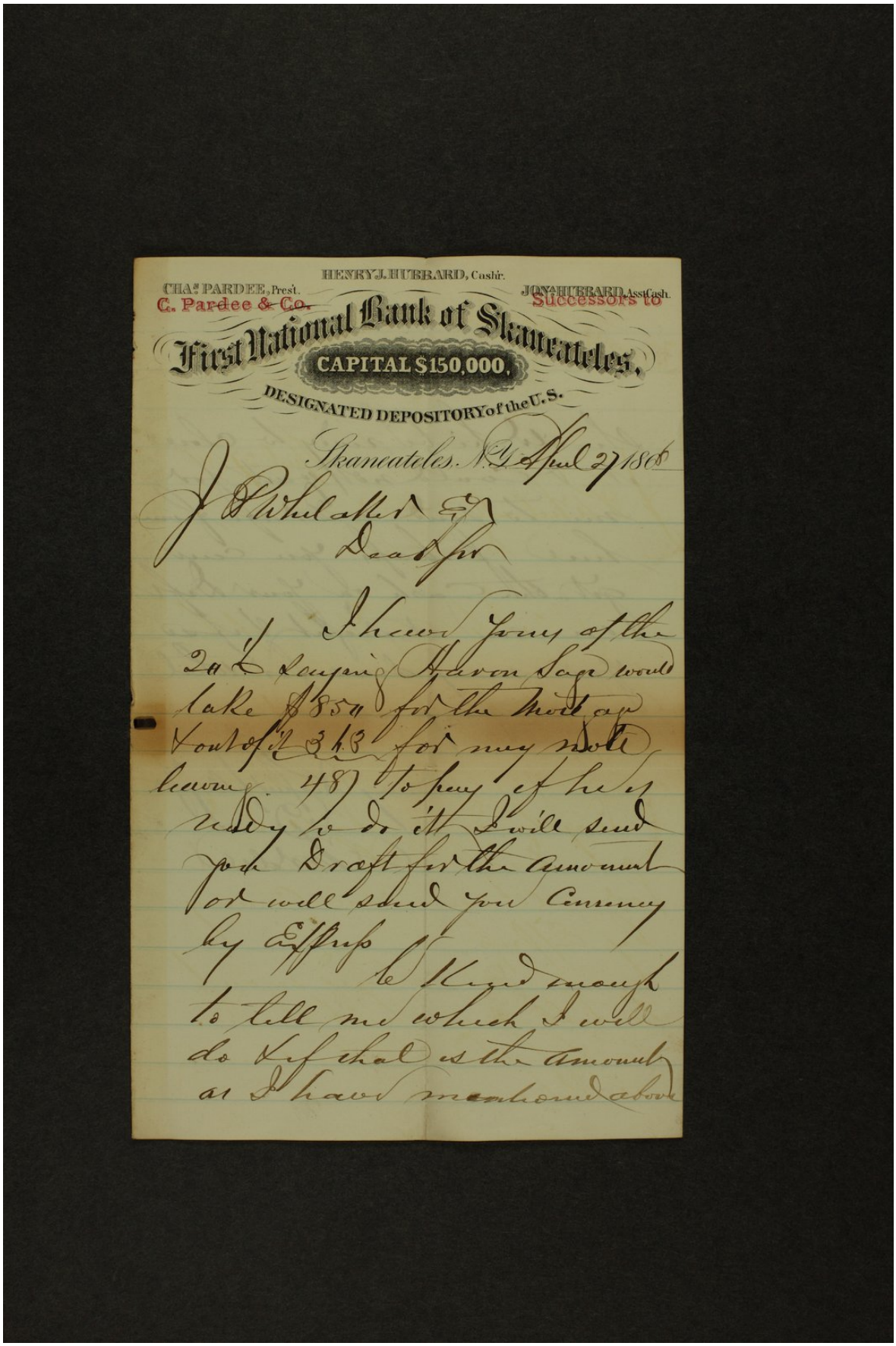
I wish you would be so kind as to have my persian papers forwarded to me to my post office and oblige me for it b

I want you to write as soon as you get this so I may know what to depend on for I shall have the children name to church and school then give me all the matter as it is

give my love to Mother and Sister & friends

Scott Whitaker

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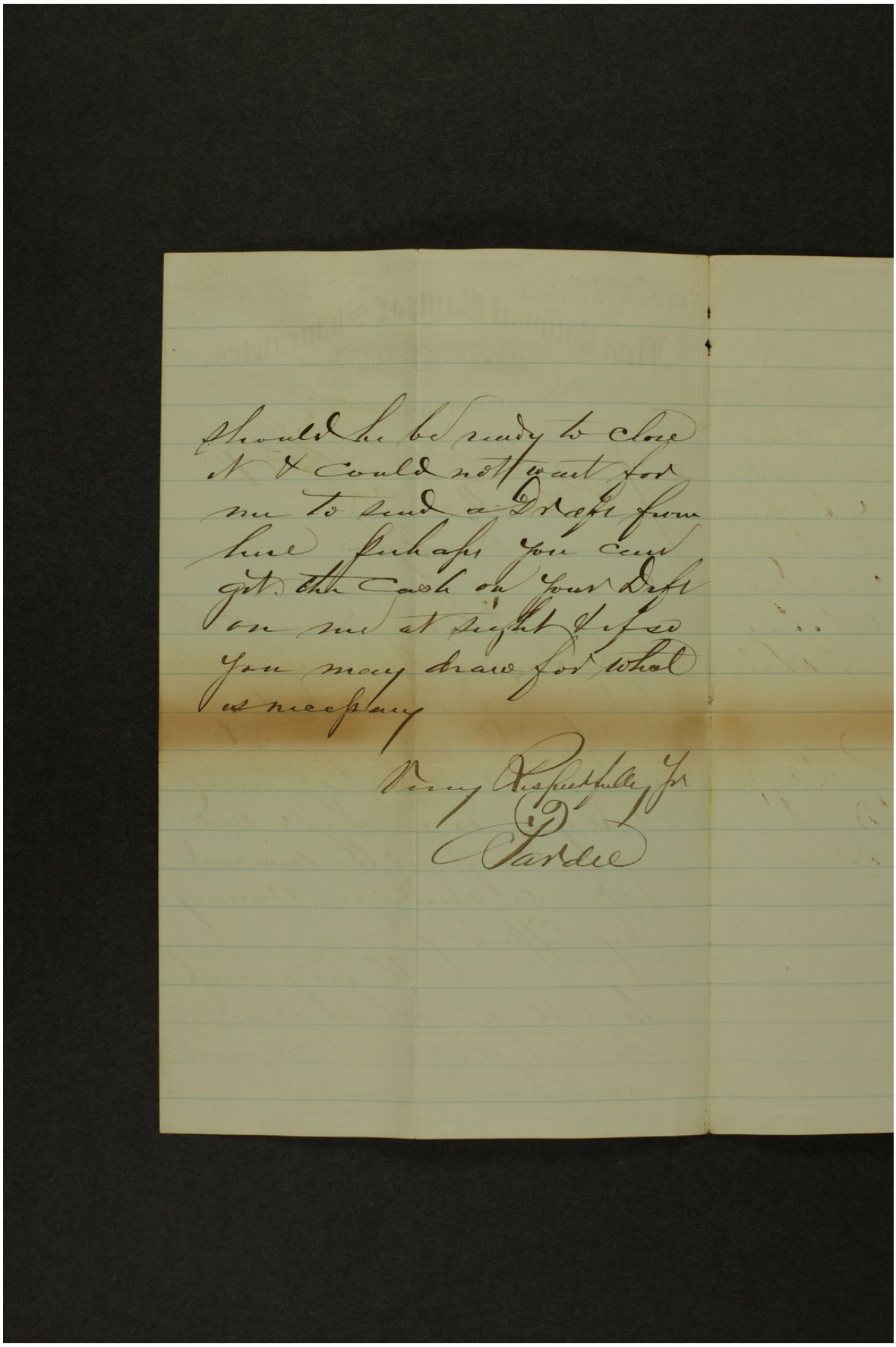


HENRY J. HUBBARD, Cash'r.
CHAS PARDEE, Pres't. C. Pardee & Co. Successors to JOHN HUBBARD, Ass't Cash.
First National Bank of Skaneateles.
CAPITAL $150,000.
DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY of the U. S.

Skaneateles. N.Y. April 27 1868

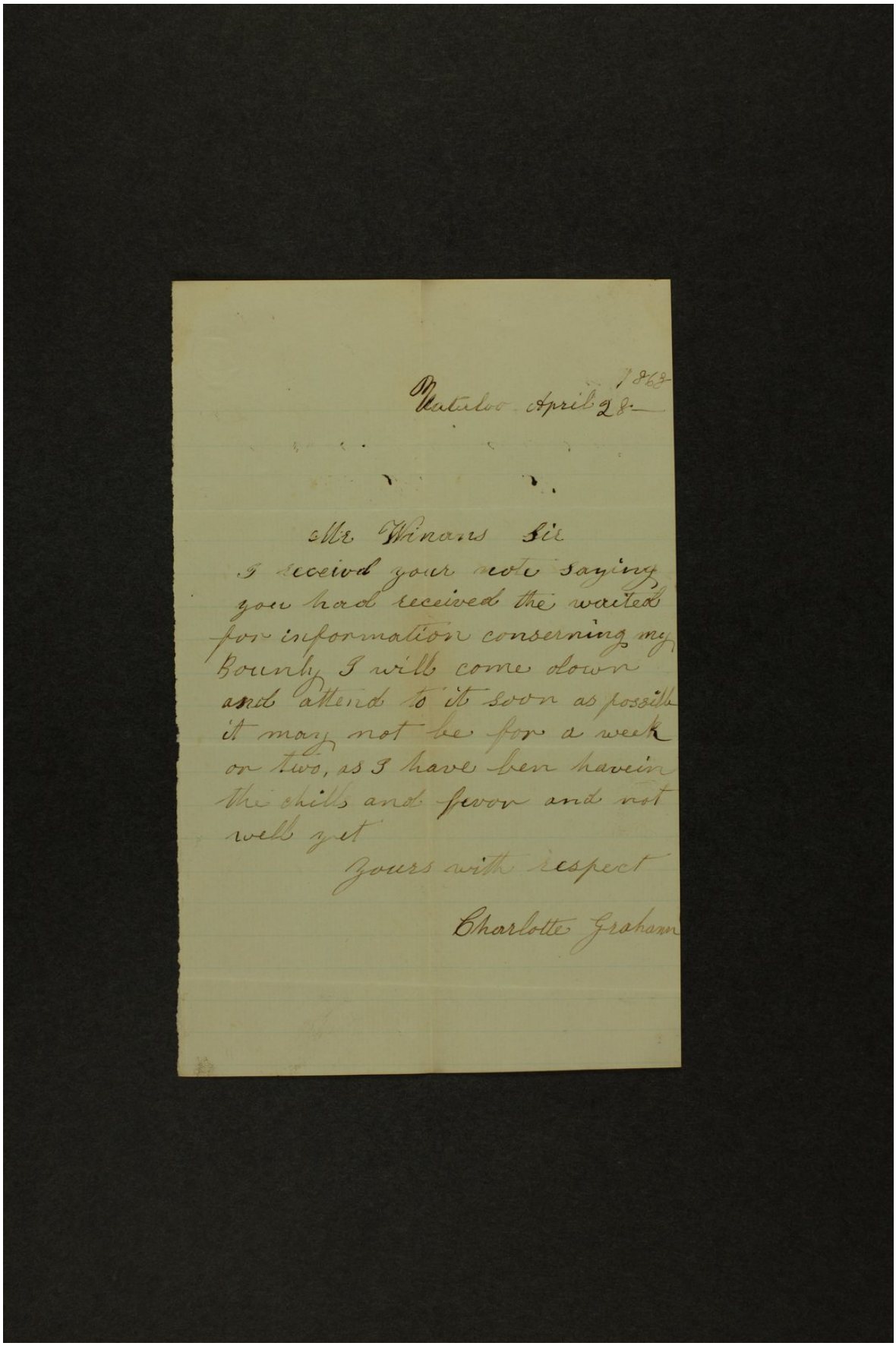
J. B. Whitaker Esq
Dear Sir

I have [illegible] of the 2a L saying Aaron Sage would take $850 for the note & [illegible] of $2 3.8 for my note leaving 48 to pay of he is ready to do it I will send you Draft for the amount or will send you Currency by Express Kind enough to tell me which I will do & that is the amount as I have mentioned above



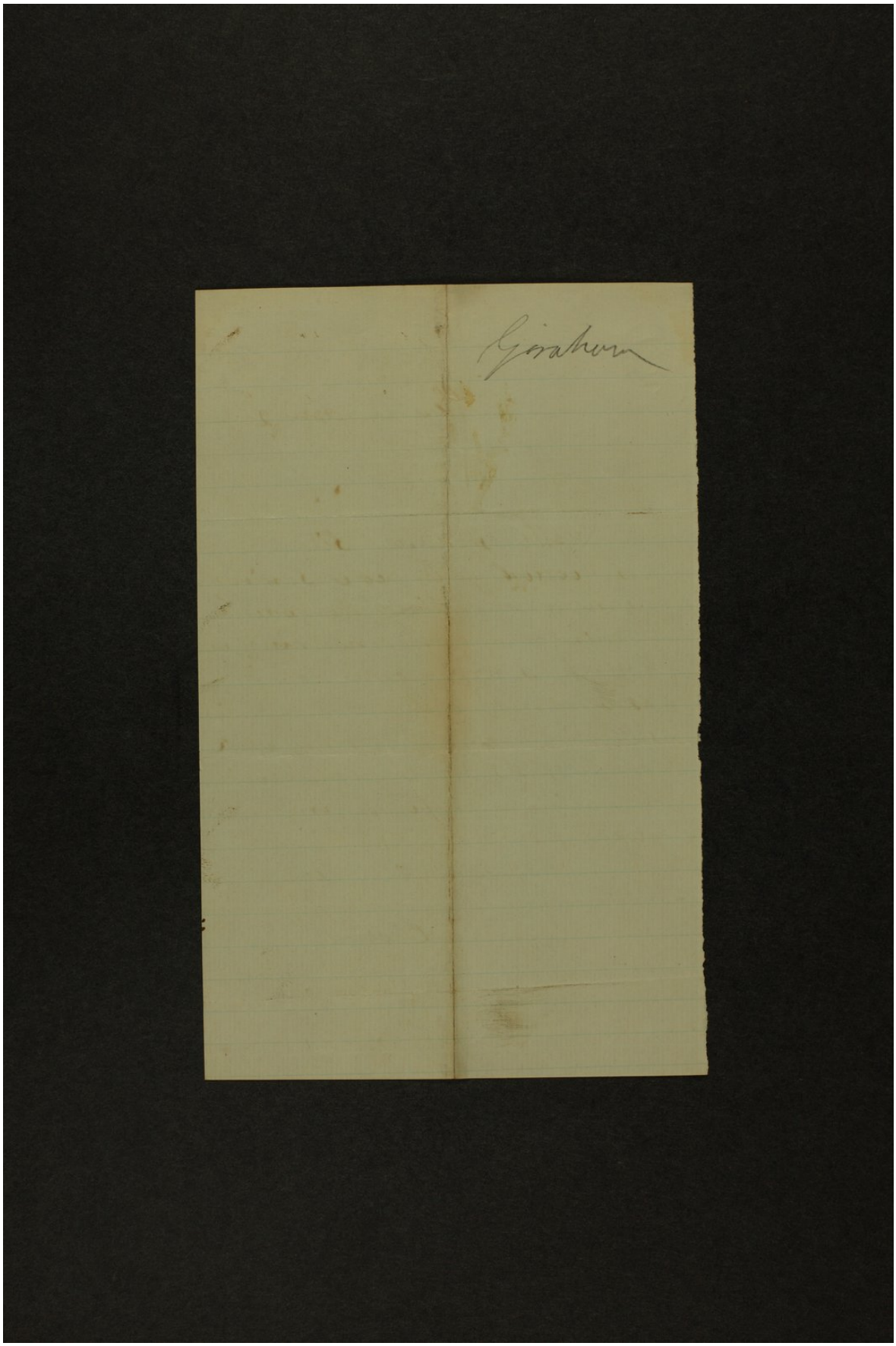
Should he be ready to close
it & could not wait for
me to send a Draft from
here perhaps you can
get the cash on your Draft
on me at sight if so
you may draw for what
is necessary

Very Respectfully Yr
D. Pardee

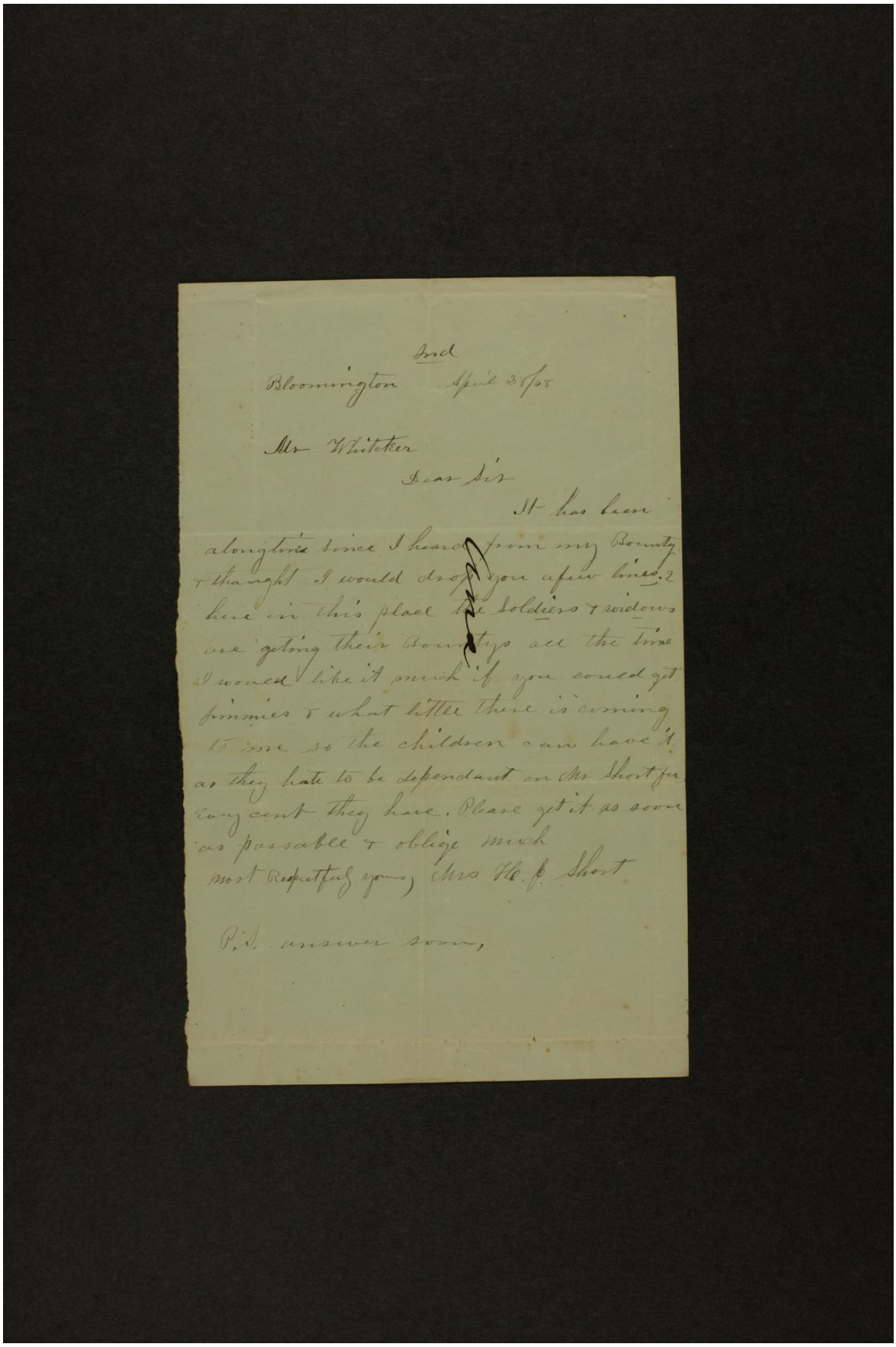


Natalbo April 28 1868

Mr Winans Sir
I received your note saying
you had received the wanted
for information concerning my
Bounty I will come down
and attend to it soon as possible
it may not be for a week
or two, as I have been having
the chills and fever and not
well yet
Yours with respect
Charlotte Graham



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Bloomington April 28/58

Mr Whitaker

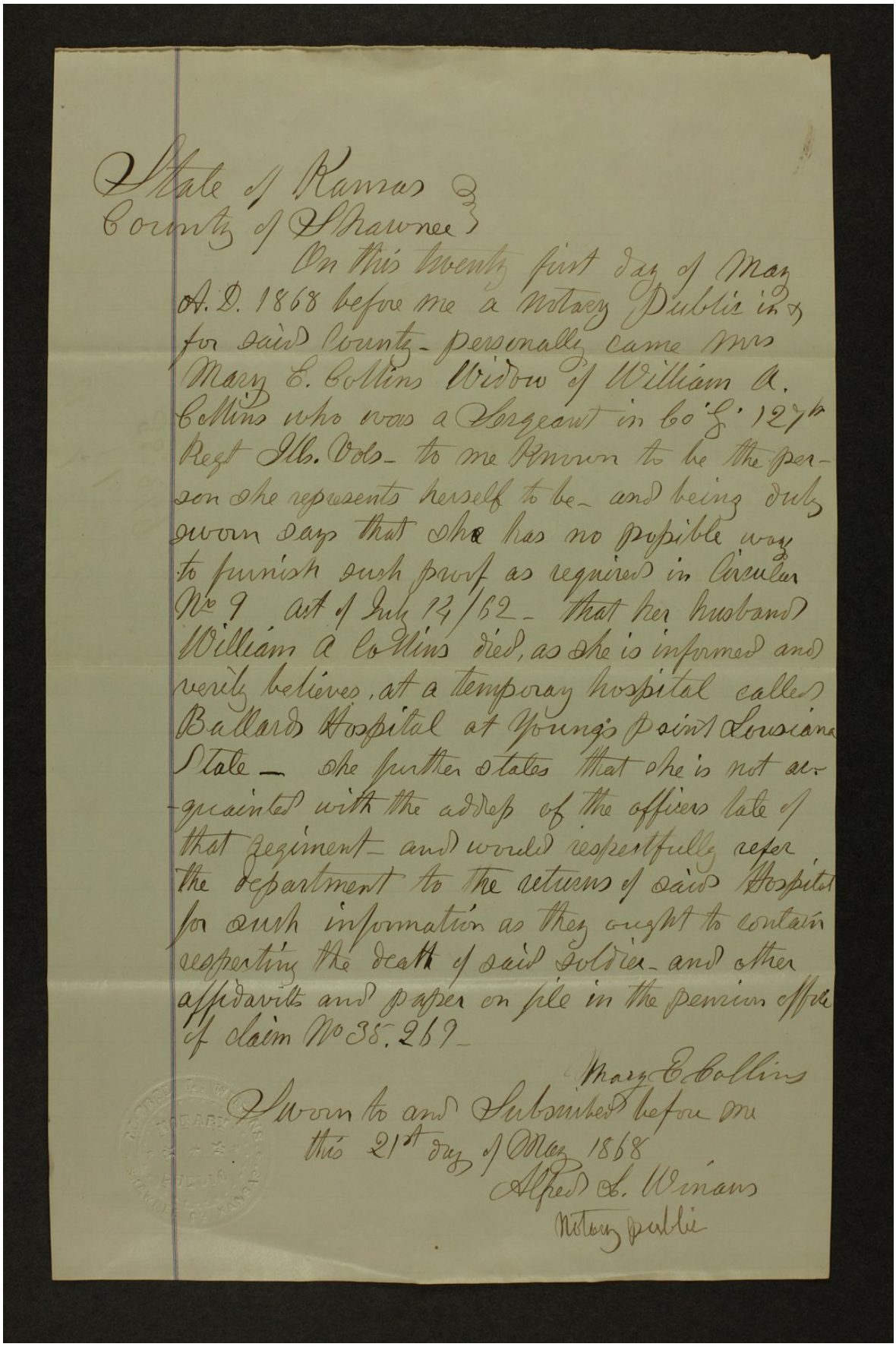
Dear Sir

It has been
along time since I heard from my Bounty
& thought I would drop you a few lines. I
here in this place the Soldiers & widows
are geting their Bounty's all the time
I would like it much if you could get
Jimmies & what little there is coming
to me so the children can have it
as they hate to be dependant on Mr Short for
every cent they have. Please get it as soon
as pasable & oblige much
Most Respectfully yours, Mrs H. P. Short

P.S. answer soon,

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State of Kansas }
County of Shawnee }

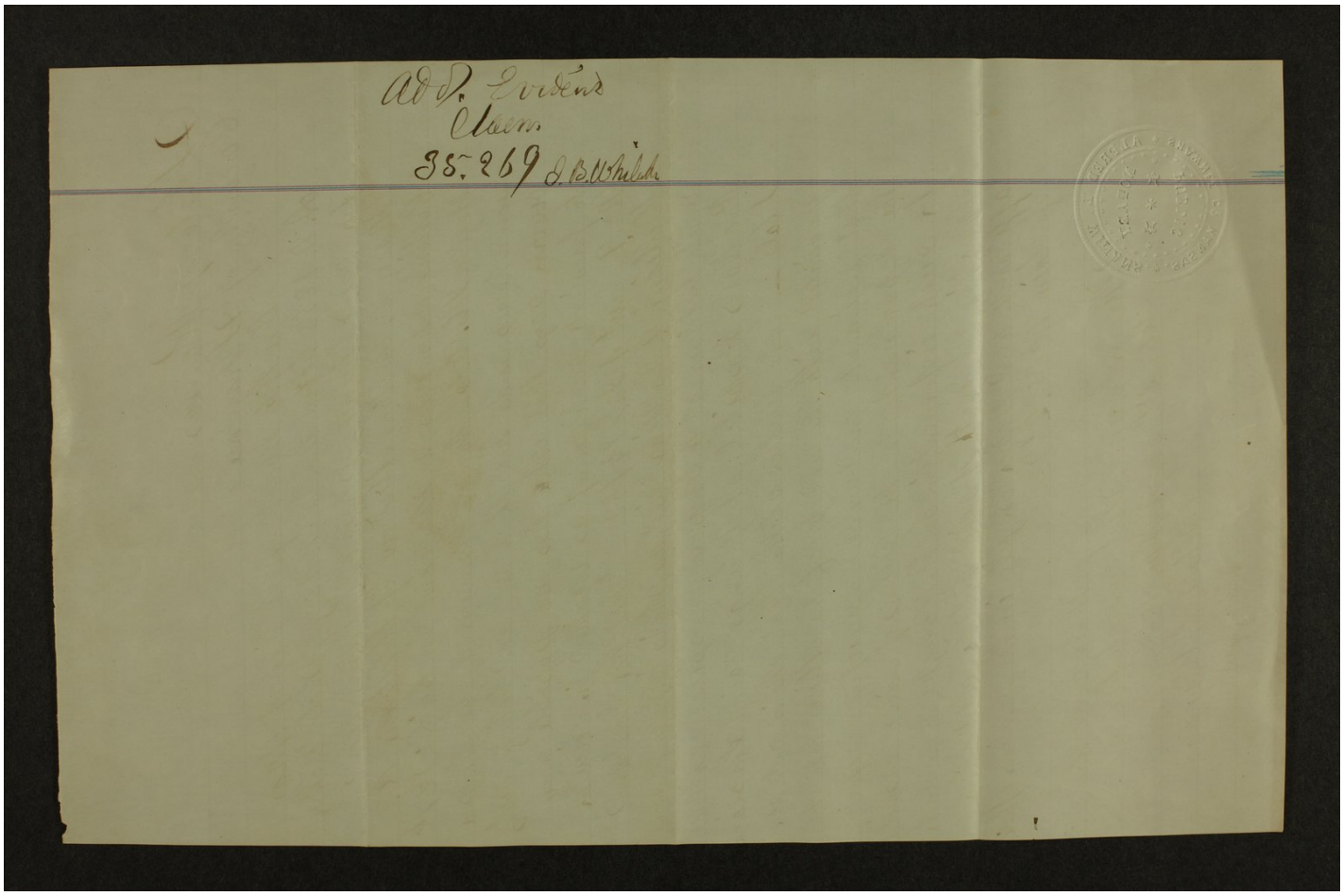
On this twenty first day of May A. D. 1868 before me a Notary Public in & for said County - personally came Mrs Mary E. Collins Widow of William A. Collins who was a Sergeant in Co "G" 127th Regt Ills. Vols - to me known to be the person she represents herself to be - and being duly sworn says that She has no possible way to furnish such proof as required in Circular No 9 act of July 14/62 - that her husband William A Collins died, as she is informed and verily believes, at a temporary hospital called Ballards Hospital at Young's point Louisiana State - She further states that she is not acquainted with the address of the officers late of that regiment - and would respectfully refer the department to the returns of said Hospital for such information as they ought to contain respecting the death of said Soldier - and other affidavits and paper on file in the pension office of claim No 35.269 -

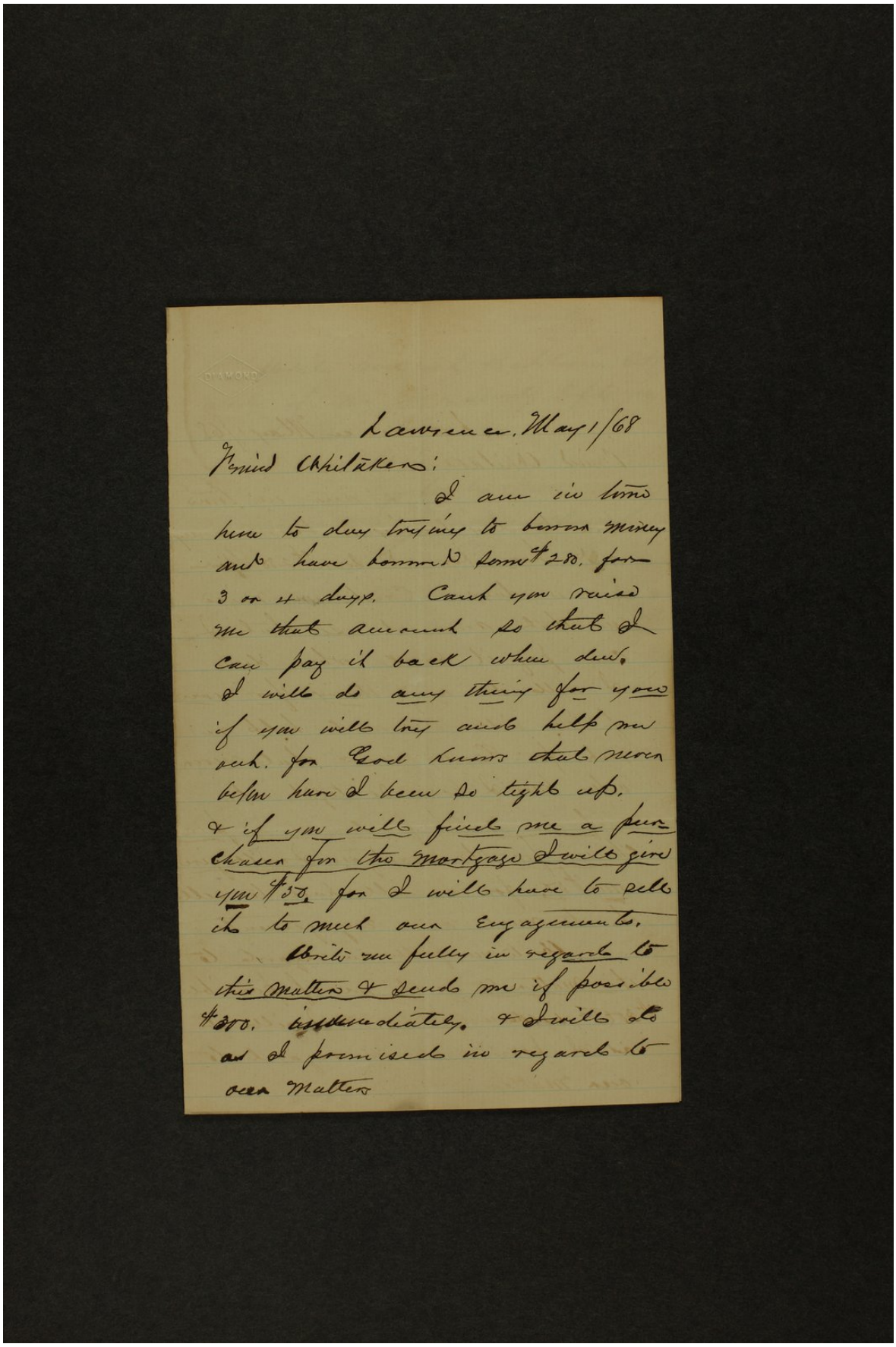
Mary E Collins

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 21st day of May 1868

Alfred L. Winans
Notary Public

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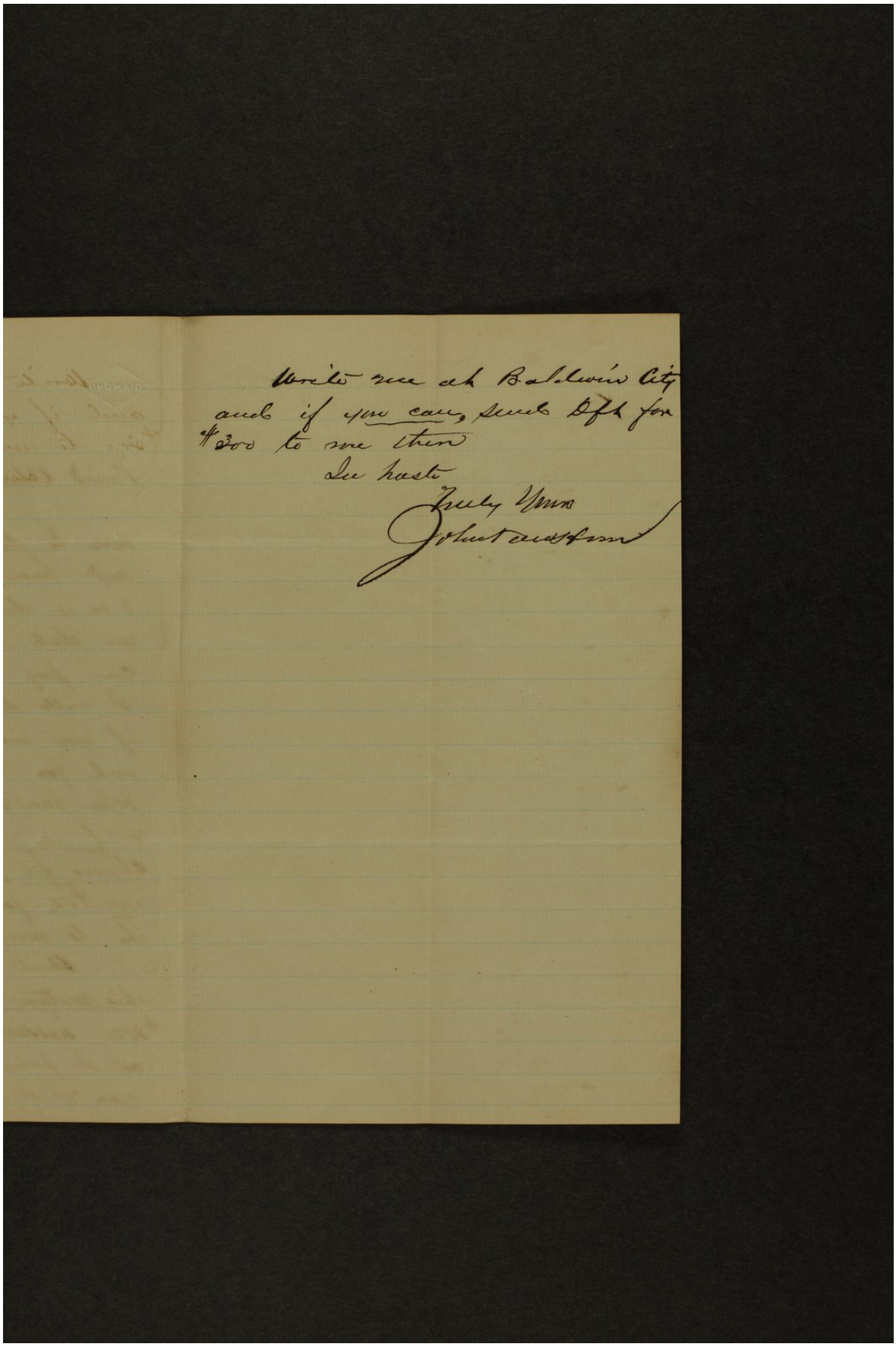


Lawrence. May 1/68

Friend Whitaker:

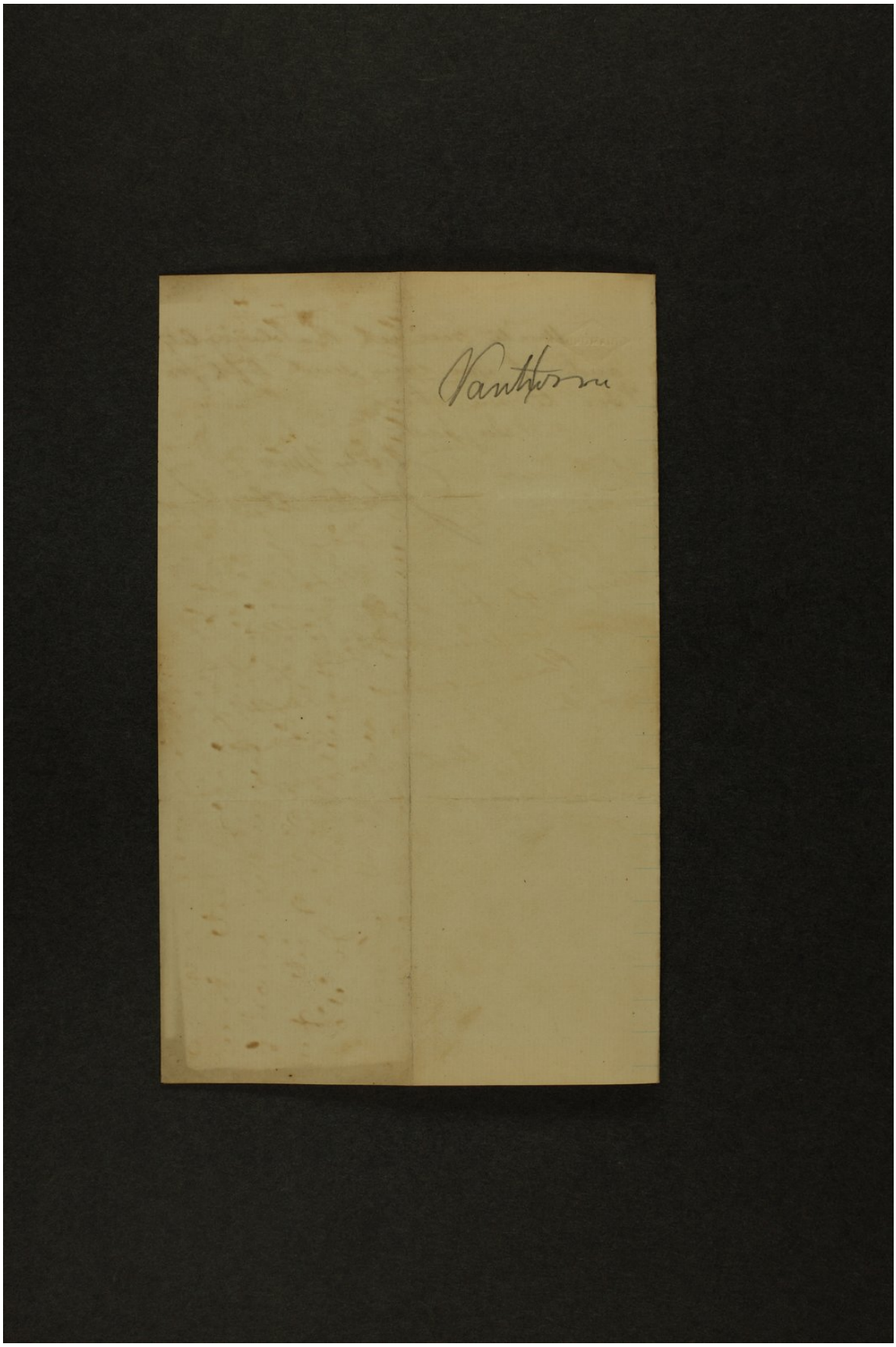
I am in this here to day trying to borrow money and have borrowed some $28. for 3 or 4 days. Could you send me that amount so that I can pay it back when due. I will do any thing for you if you will try and help me out. for God knows that never before have I been so tight up. & if you will find me a purchaser for the Mortgage I will give you $30 for I will have to sell it to meet our Engagements.

Write me fully in regards to this Matter & send me if possible $30. immediately. & I will do as I promised in regards to our Matter

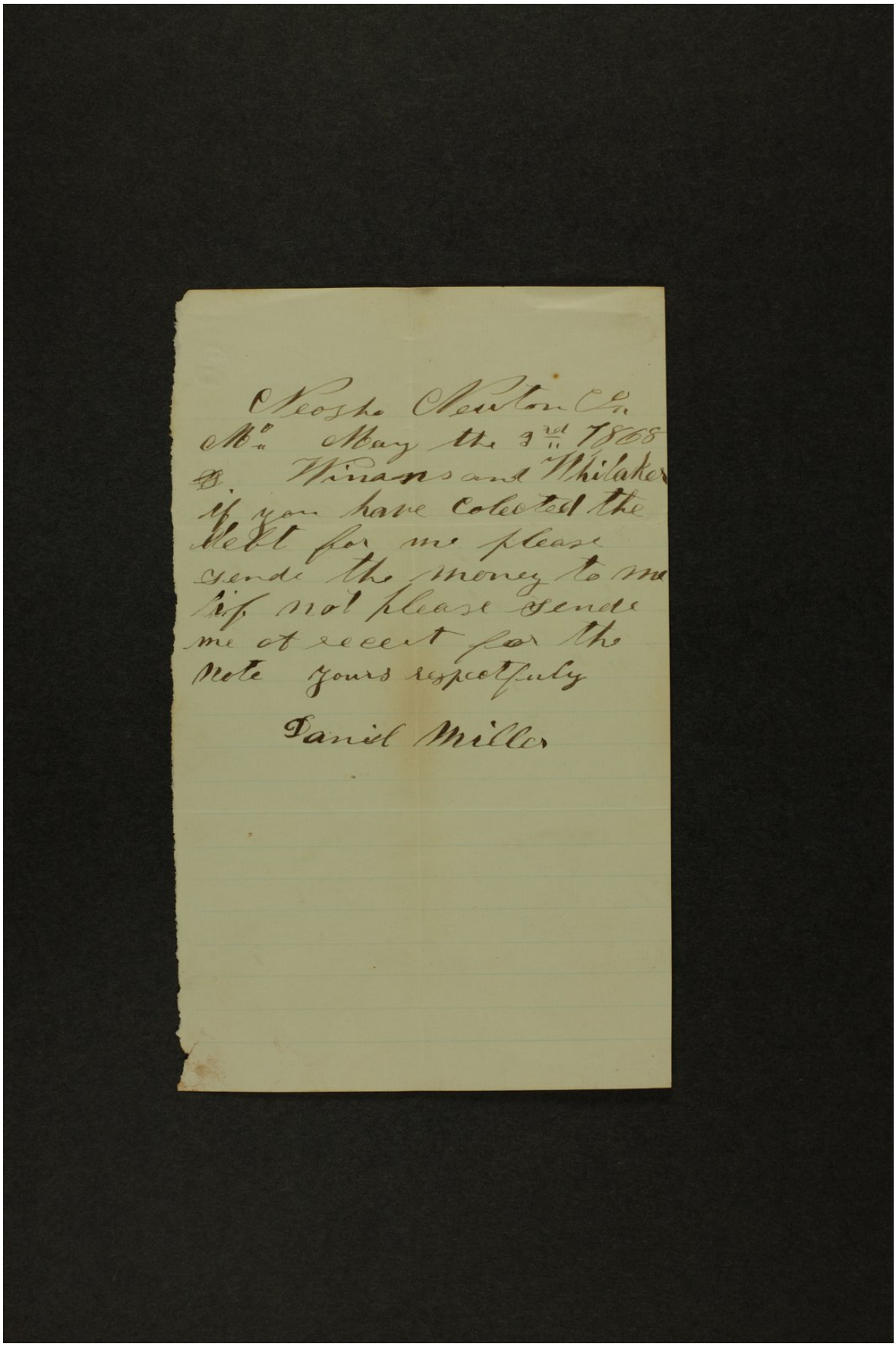


Write me at Baldwin City and if you can, send $5 for $300 to me there
In haste
Truly Yours
Johnston Whitaker

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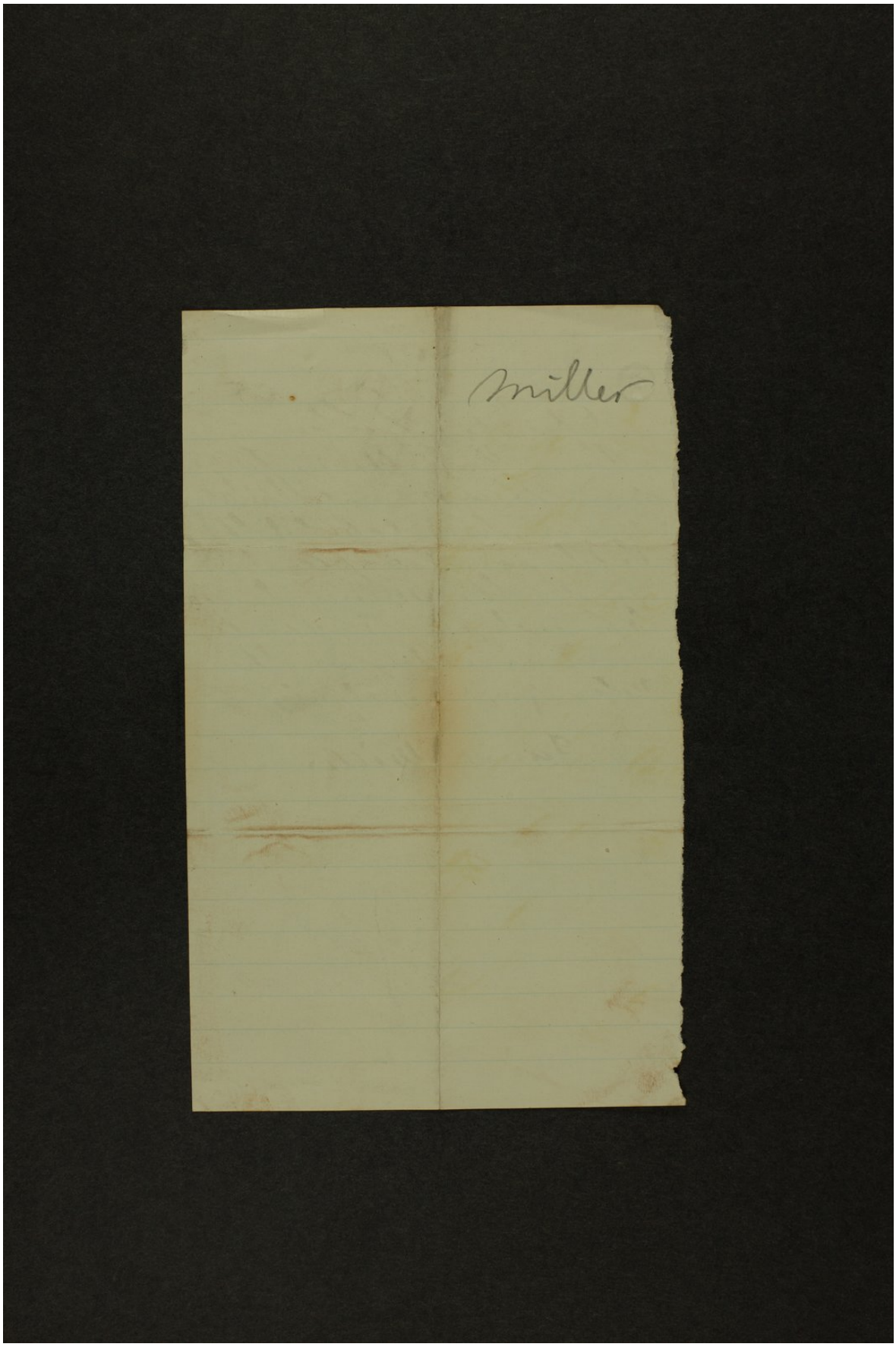
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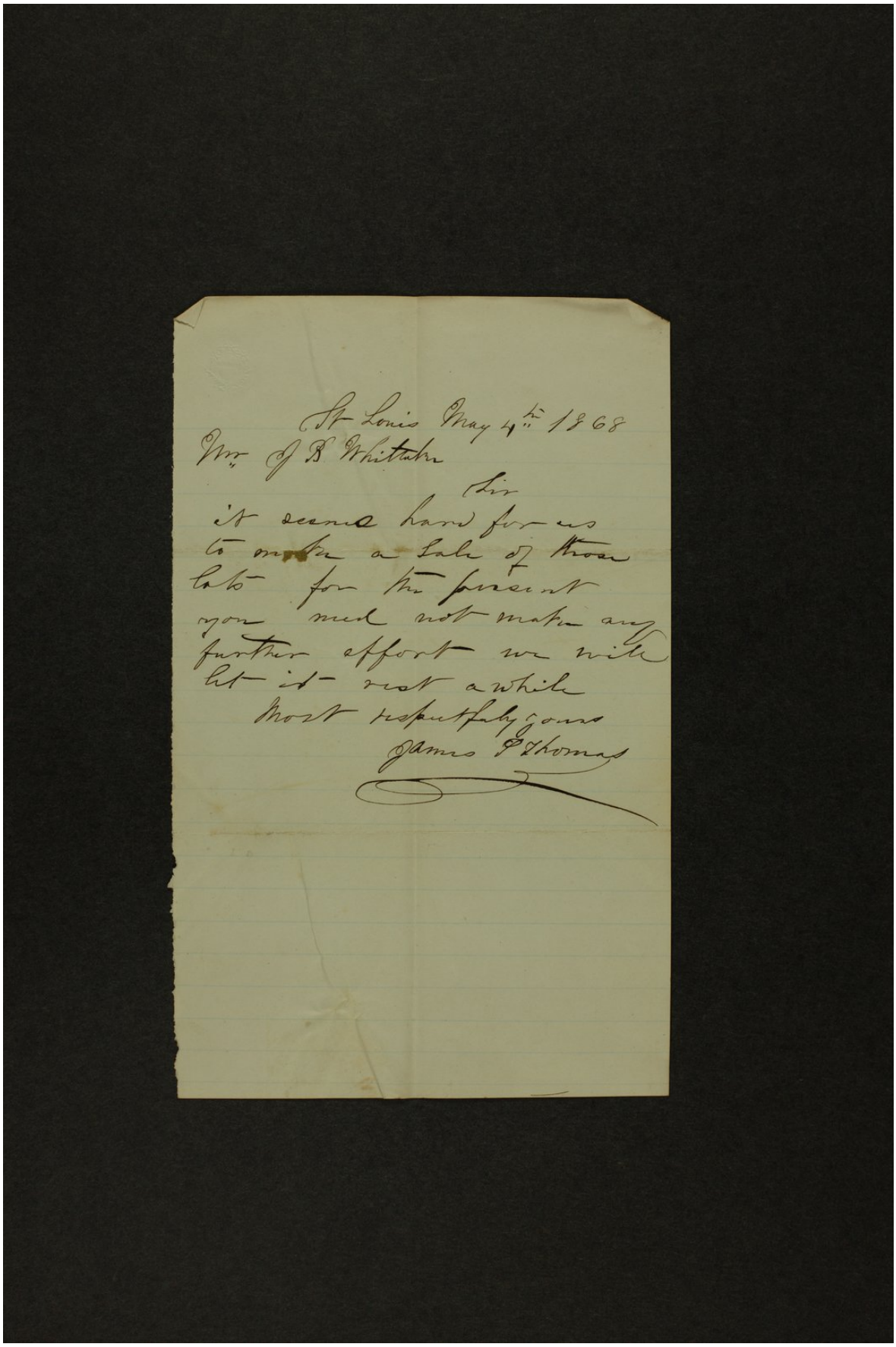
Neosho Newton Co
Mo May the 3rd 1868
D. Winans and Whitaker
if you have collected the
debt for me please
send the money to me
if not please send
me a recent for the
note yours respectfuly

Daniel Miller

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St Louis May 4th 1868

Mr J B Whitaker

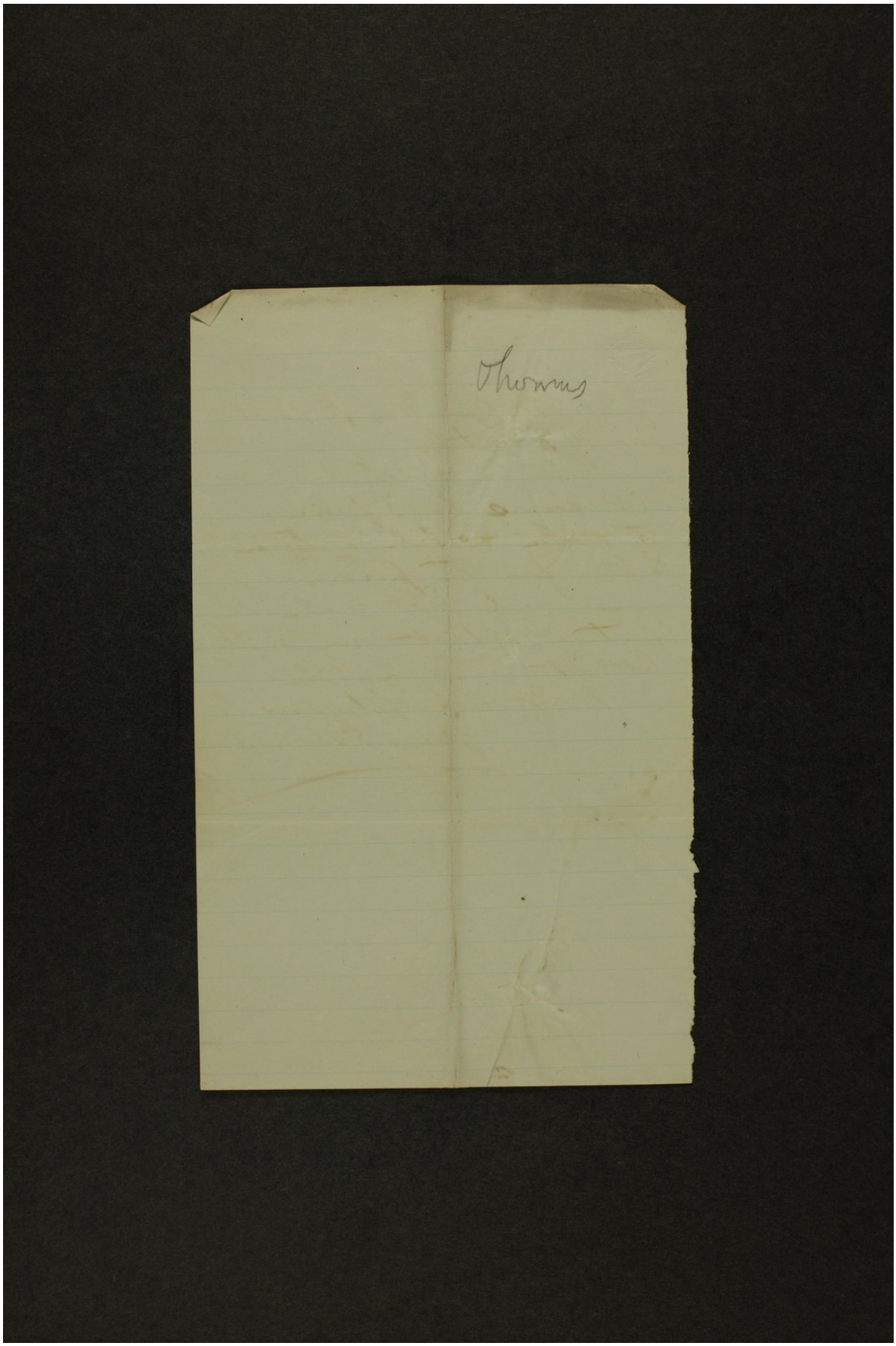
Sir

it seems hard for us to make a sale of those lots for the present you need not make any further effort we will let it rest a while

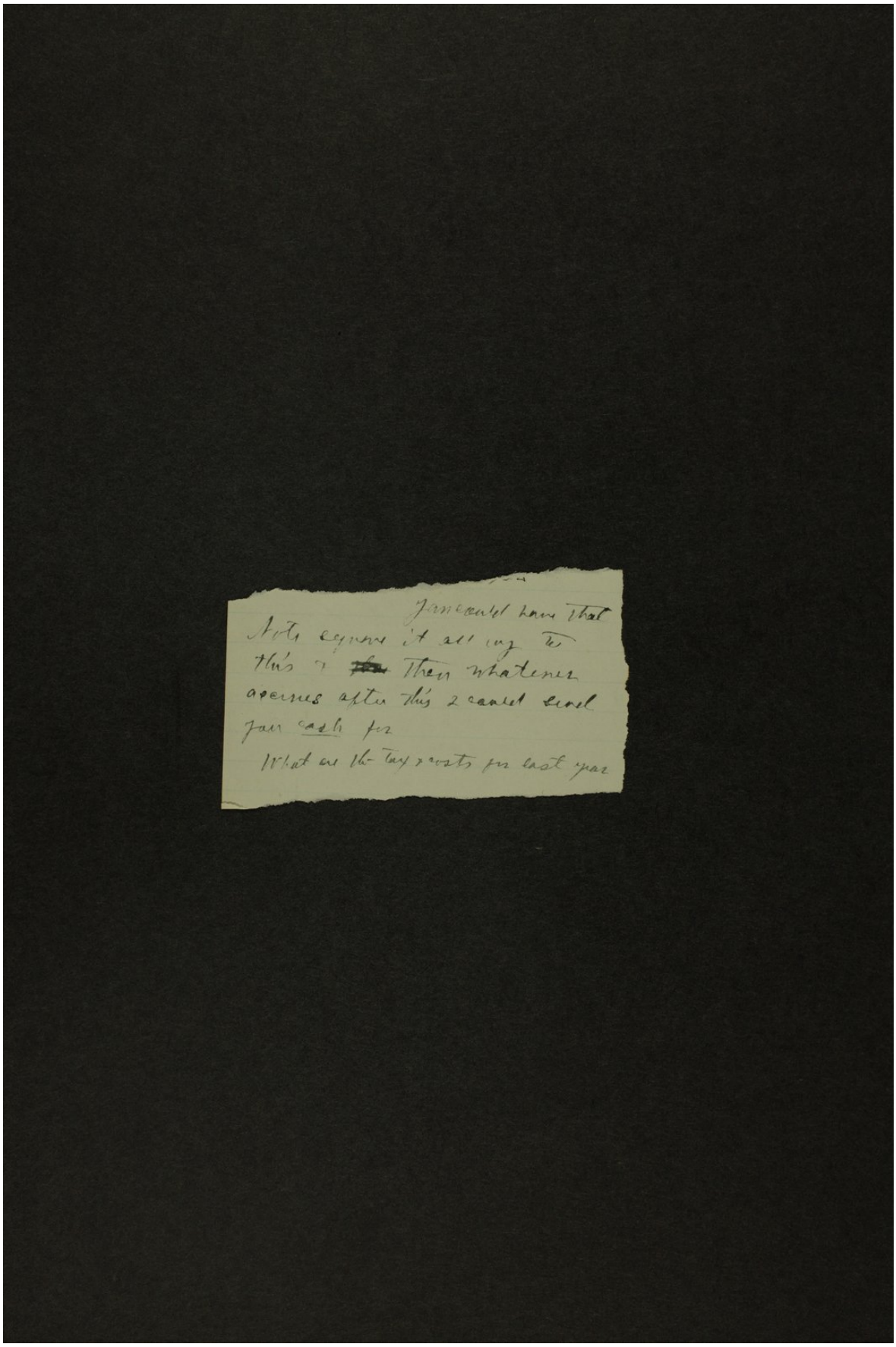
Most respectfully yours

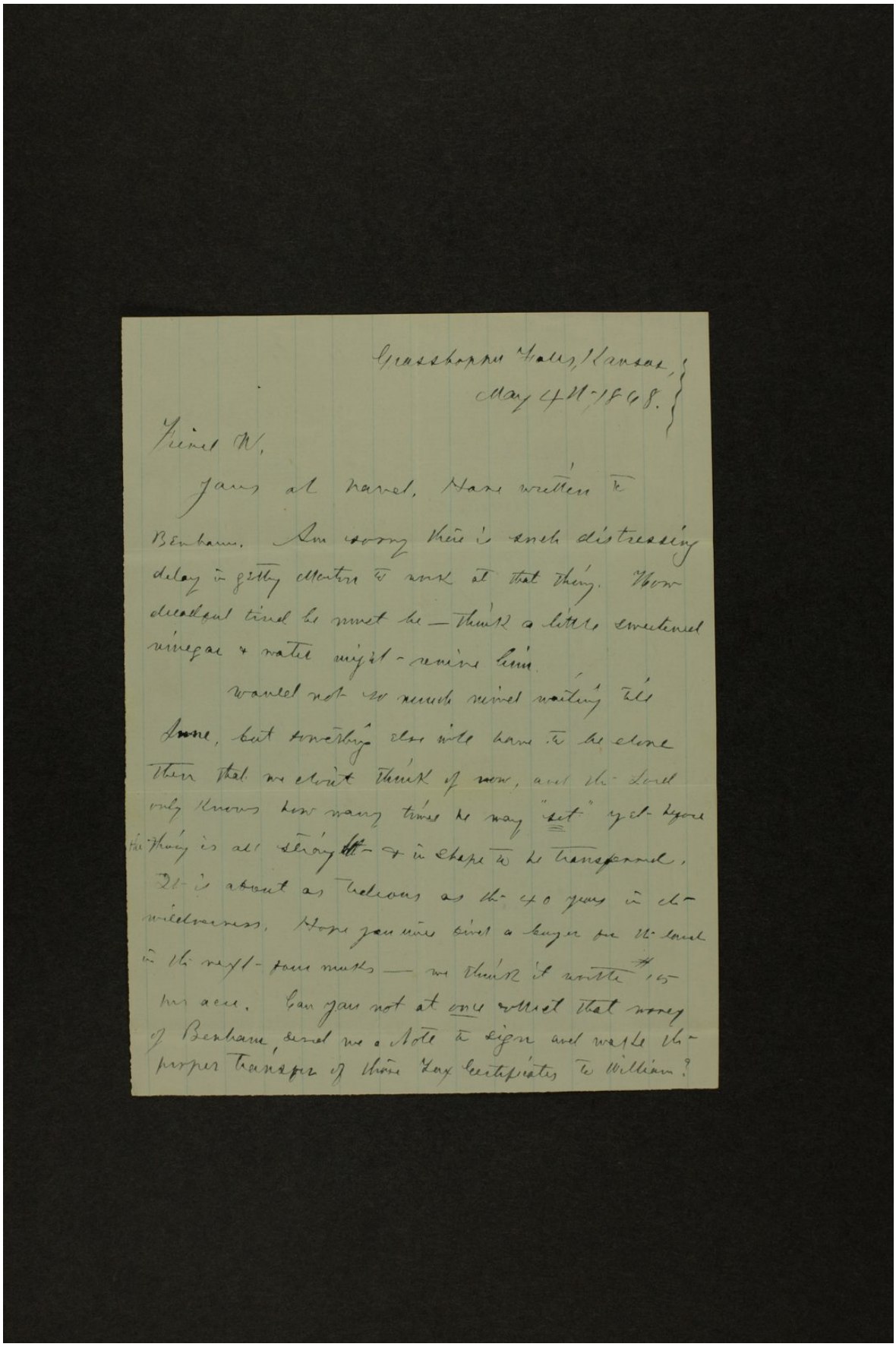
James F Thomas

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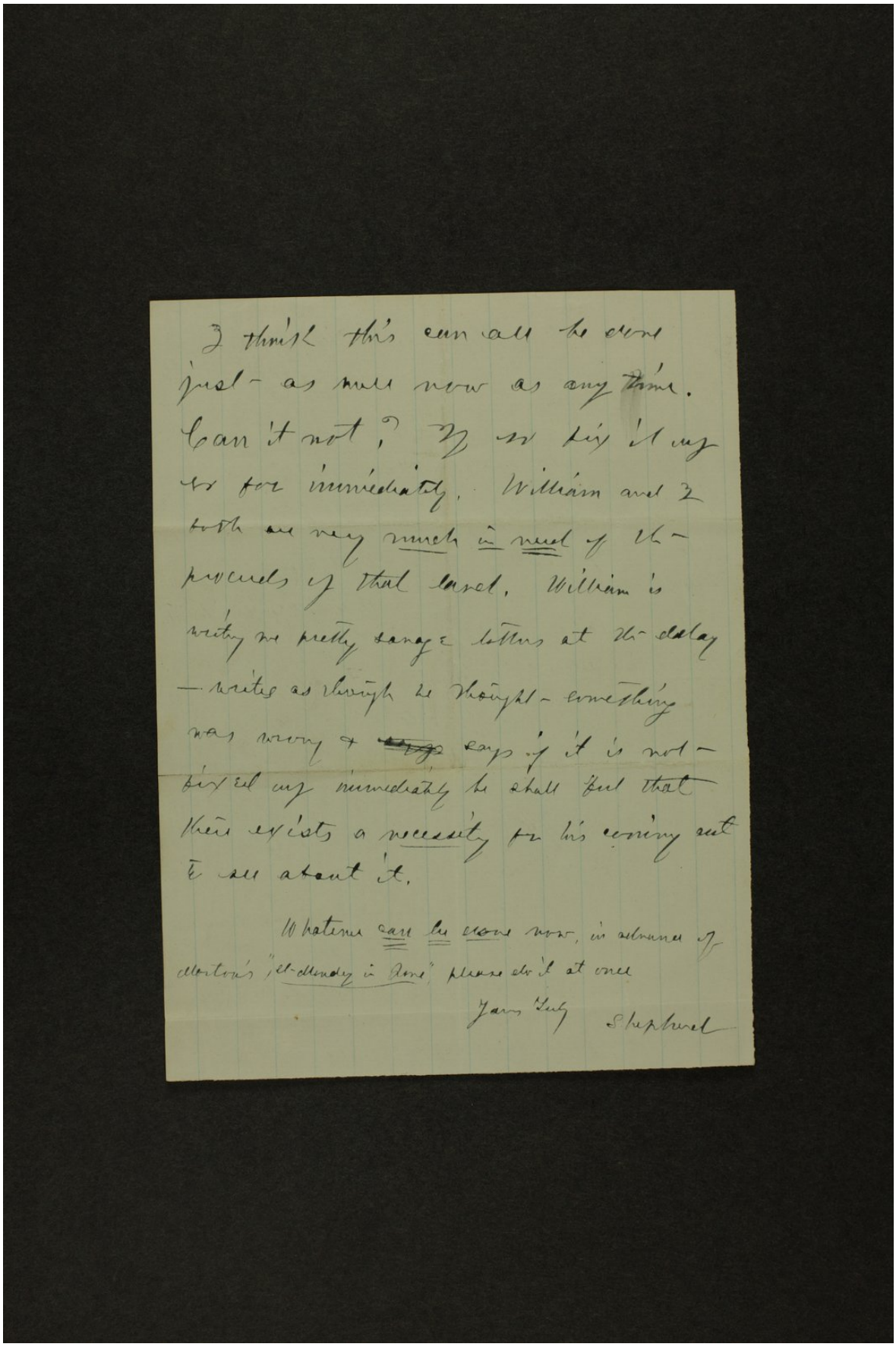


Grasshopper Falls, Kansas,
May 4th 1868.

Friend W.

Jams at Navel. Have written to Benham. Am sorry there is such distressing delay in getting matters to work at that thing. Your discomfort tired he must be — think a little sweetened vinegar & water might remove him.

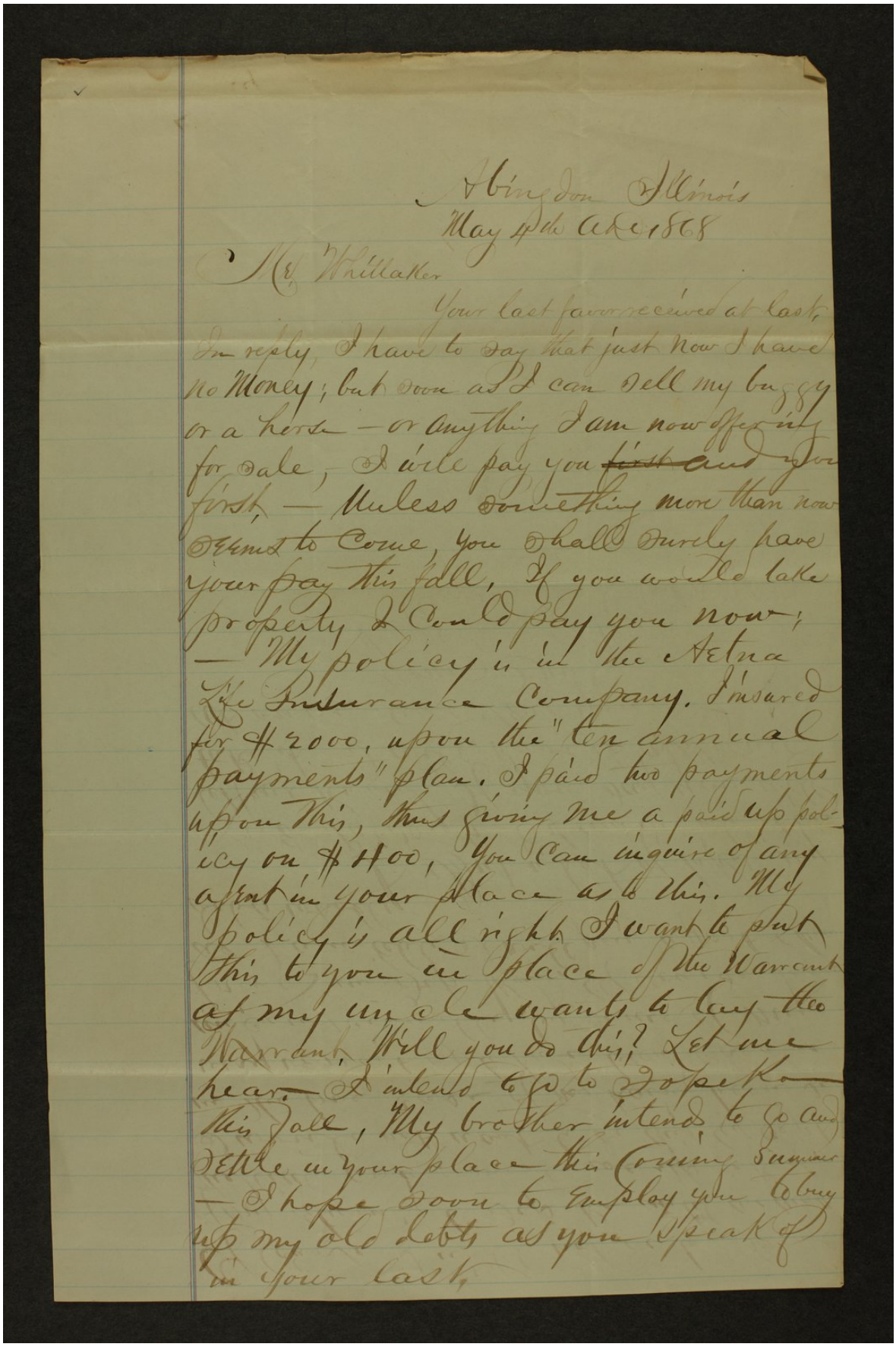
Wanted not to mention mine waiting till Jane, but something else will have to be done there that we didn't think of now, and the Lord only knows how many times he may "set" yet before the thing is all straight & in shape to be transferred. It is about as tedious as the 40 years in the wilderness. Hope you will find a buyer for the land in the next four weeks — we think it worth $15 per acre. Can you not at once collect that money of Benham, send me a Note to sign and make the proper transfer of those Tax certificates to William?



I think this can all be done just as well now as any time. Can't it not? If so let it go for immediately. William and I both are very much in need of the proceeds of that land. William is writing me pretty savage letters at the delay — writes as though he thought something was wrong & says if it is not — let it go immediately he shall feel that there exists a necessity for his coming out & see about it.

Whatever can be done now, in absence of Morton's "el-dorado in Iowa" please do it at once

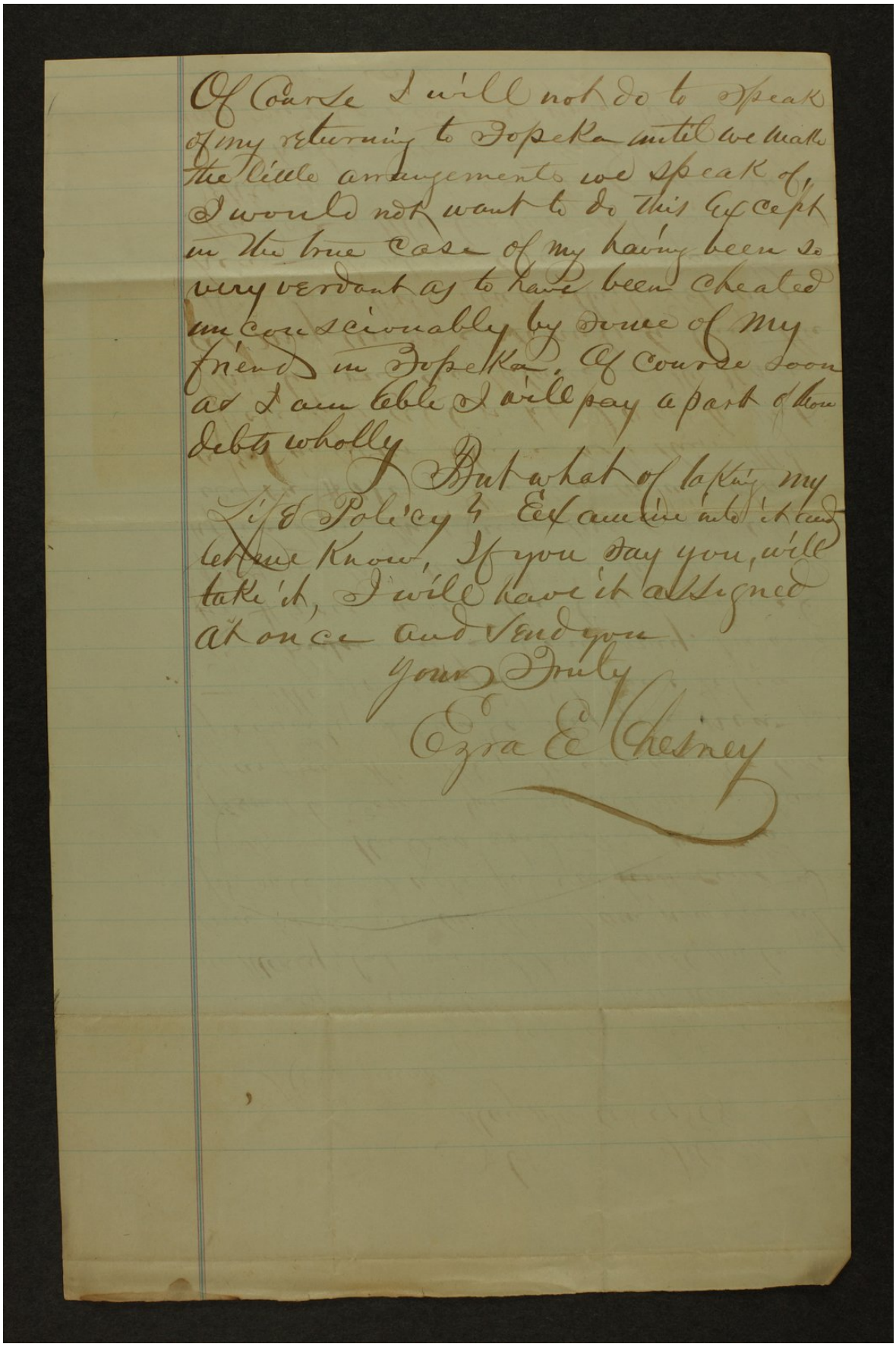
Yours truly Shepherd



Abingdon Illinois
May 4th A.D. 1868

Mr. Whittaker

Your last favor received at last, In reply I have to say that just now I have no Money; but soon as I can sell my buggy or a horse — or anything I am now offering for sale, I will pay you ~~first and~~ your first — Unless something more than now seems to come, you shall surely have your pay this fall. If you would take property I could pay you now; — My policy is in the Aetna Life Insurance Company. Insured for $2000. upon the "ten annual payments" plan. I paid two payments upon this, thus giving me a paid up policy on $400. You can inquire of any agent in your place as to this. My policy is all right. I want to put this to you in place of the Warrant of my uncle wants to buy the Warrant. Will you do this? Let me hear. I intend to go to Topeka this fall. My brother intends to go and settle in your place this Coming Summer — I hope soon to Employ you to buy up my old debts as you speak of in your last.

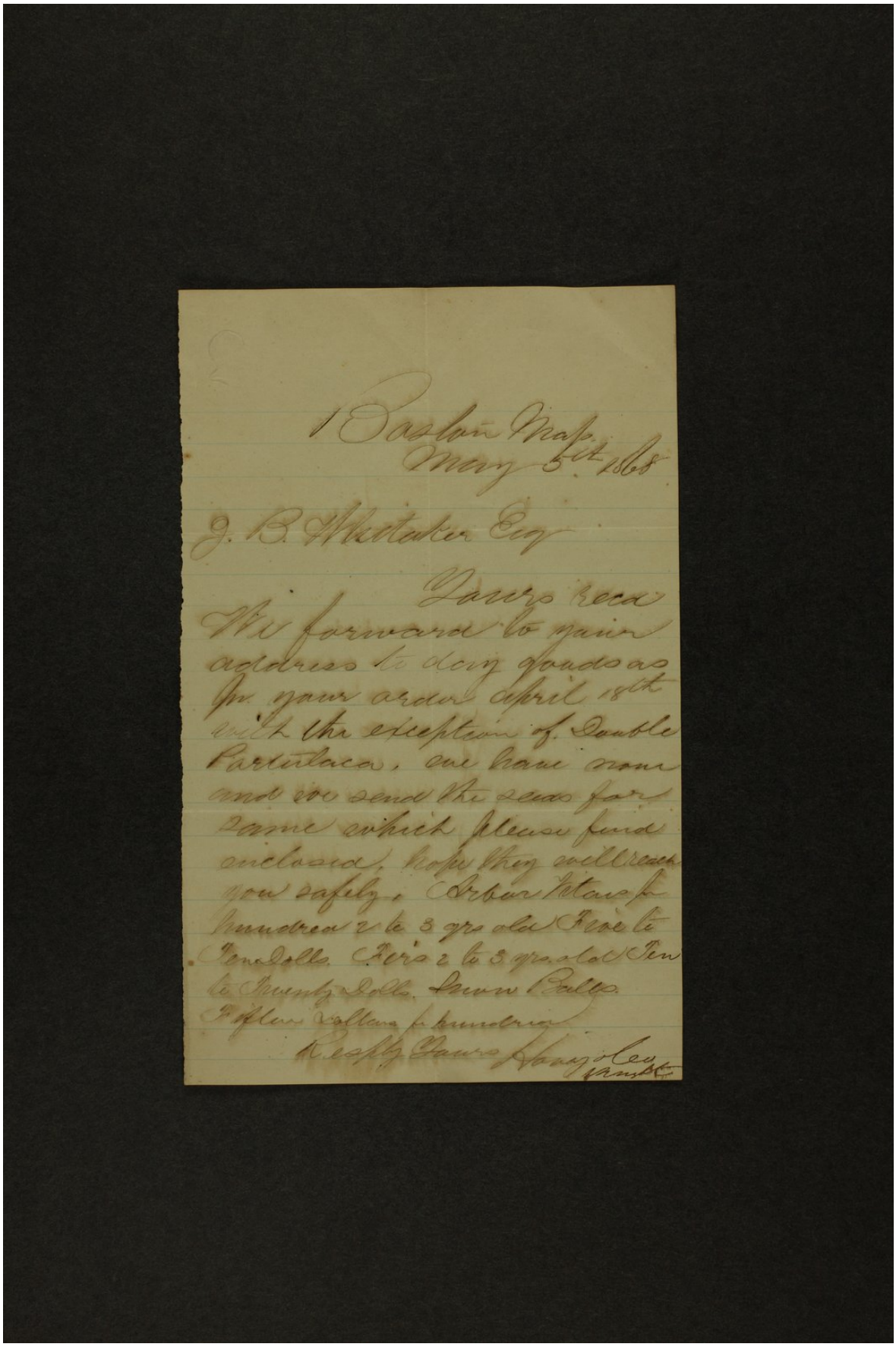


Of Course I will not do to speak of my returning to Topeka until we make the little arrangements we speak of. I would not want to do this except in the true case of my having been so very verdant as to have been cheated unconscionably by some of my friends in Topeka. Of course soon as I am able I will pay a part of these debts wholly.

But what of taking my Life Policy? Examine into it and let me know. If you say you will take it, I will have it assigned at once and send you

Yours Truly

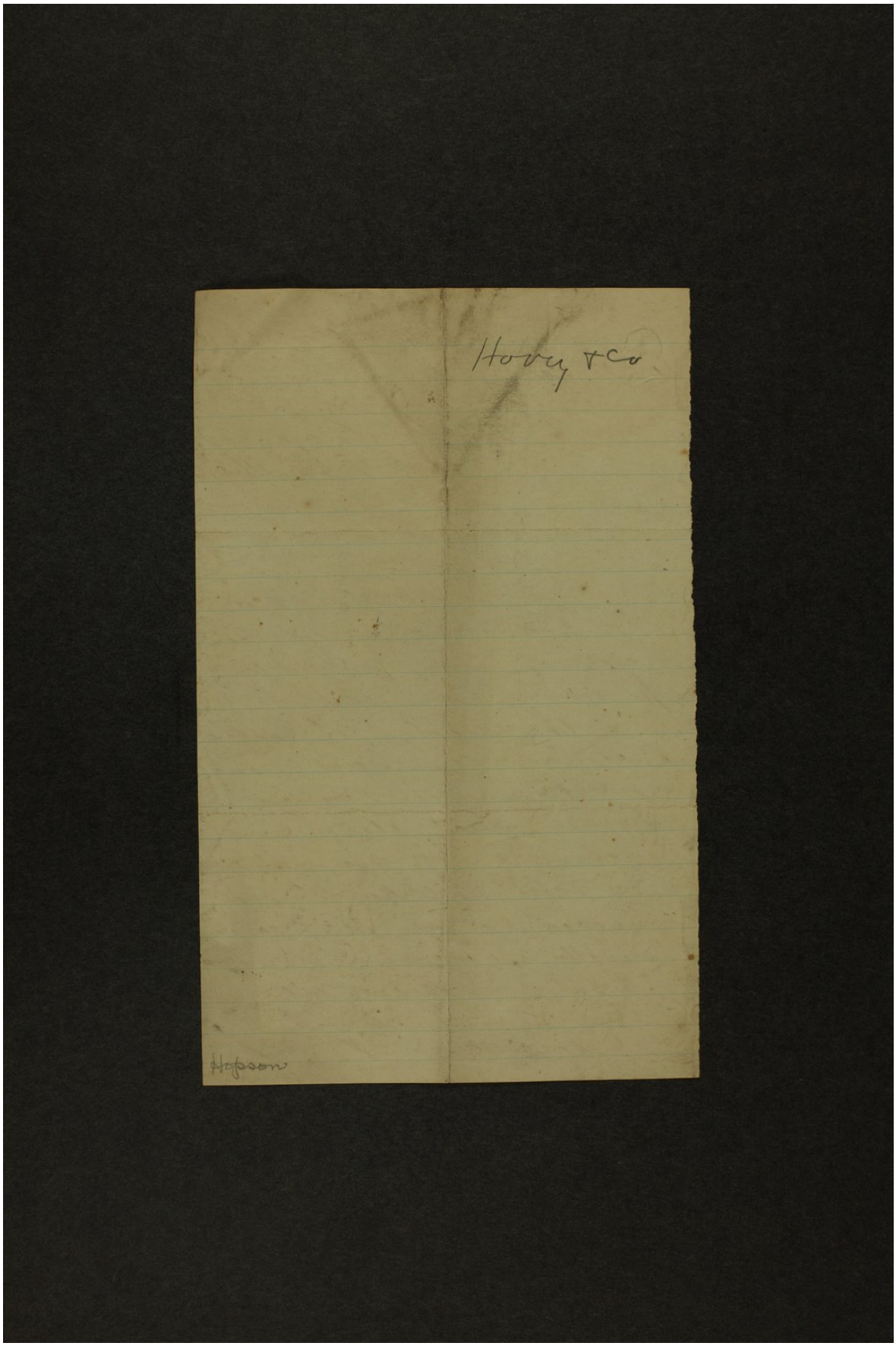
Ezra E. Chesney



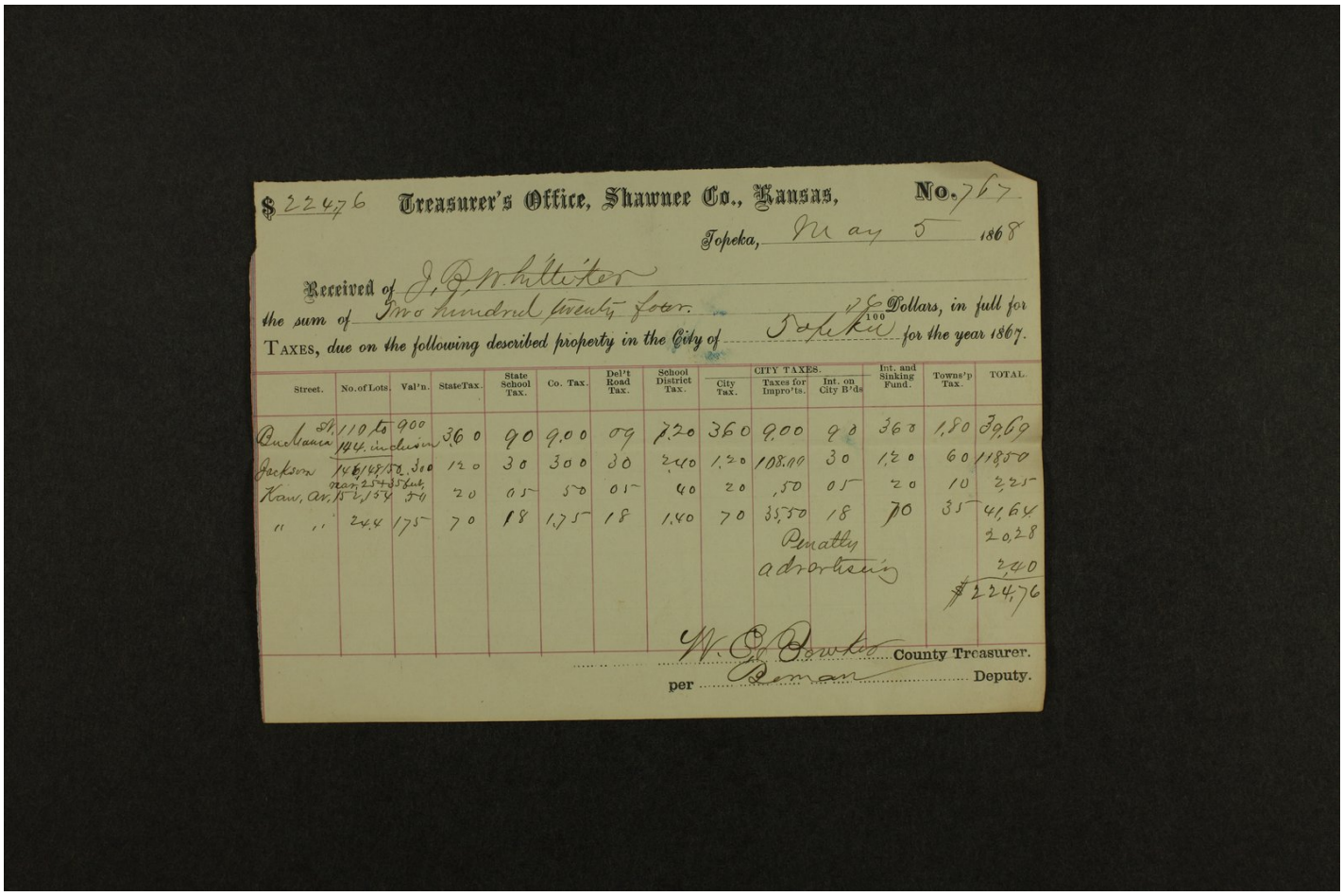
Boston Mass
May 5th 1868

J. B. Whitaker Esq

Dear Sir Recd
We forward to your
address to day goods as
per your order April 18th
with the exception of Double
Portulaca, we have none
and do not send the seeds for
same which please find
enclosed. Hope they will reach
you safely. Asters Mixed
Hundred 2 to 3 yrs old Price to
Dollar. Zinnia 2 to 3 yrs old Ten
to Twenty Dollars. Larkspur Balls
Phlox Drummondii
Respectfully Yours Hovey & Co
per [illegible]


Hodey & Co
Hopson

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$ 224 76 Treasurer's Office, Shawnee Co., Kansas, No. 767

Topeka, May 5 1868

Received of J. B. Whitaker

the sum of Two hundred twenty four 76/100 Dollars, in full for

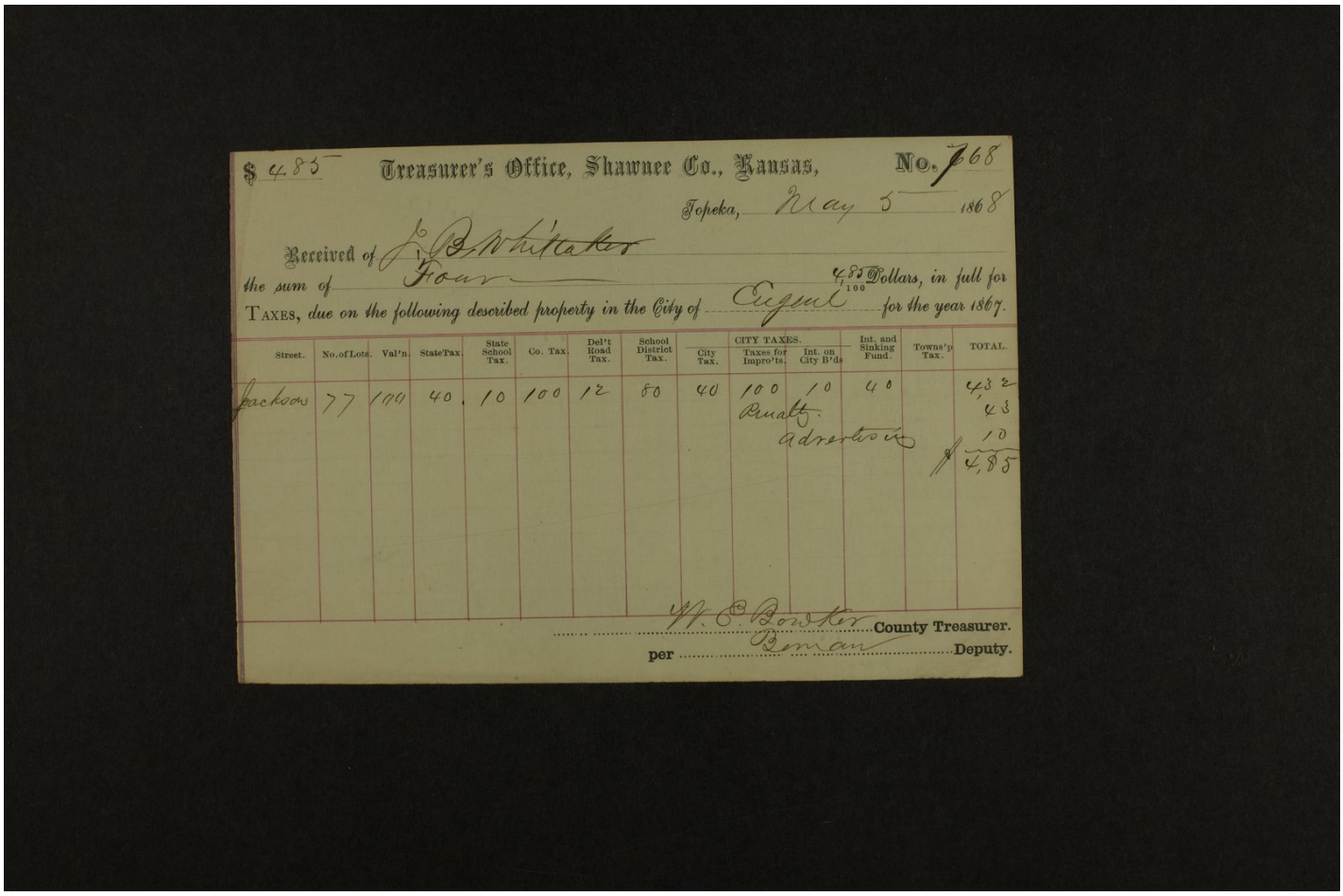
TAXES, due on the following described property in the City of Topeka for the year 1867.

Street.	No. of Lots.	Val'n.	State Tax.	State School Tax.	Co. Tax.	Del't Road Tax.	School District Tax.	CITY TAXES. City Tax.	CITY TAXES. Taxes for Impro'ts.	CITY TAXES. Int. on City B'ds	Int. and Sinking Fund.	Towns'p Tax.	TOTAL.
Buchanan St.	110 Lots 144 inclusive	900	36 0	90	9.00	09	7.20	360	9.00	90	36 0	1.80	39.69
Jackson	146/147/150	300	12 0	30	3 00	30	2.40	1.20	108.00	30	1,2 0	60	118.50
Kan. Av.	25+35 Lots nan 2,154	54	2 0	05	50	01	40	20	,50	05	20	10	2,25
" "	24.4	175	7 0	18	1,75	18	1.40	70	35,50	18	70	35	41,64
									Penalty				2,28
									advertising				2,00
													$224,76

W. G. Bowker County Treasurer.

per Doman Deputy.

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$ 4 85 Treasurer's Office, Shawnee Co., Kansas, No. 768

Topeka, May 5 1868

Received of J. B. Whitaker

the sum of Four 485/100 Dollars, in full for

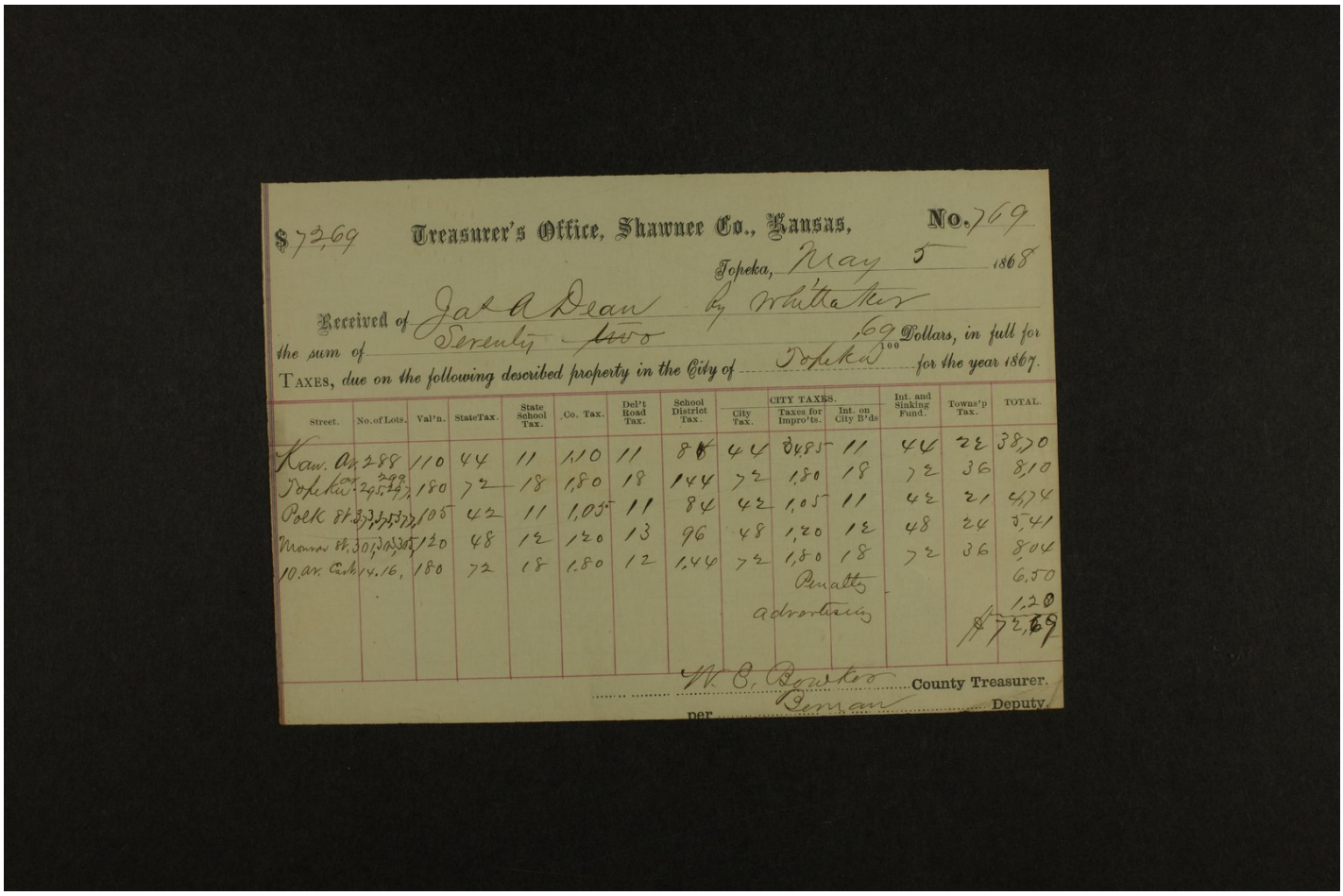
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Jackson	77	100	40	10	100	12	80	40	100	10	40		432
									Quality				43
									addition				10
													485

W. C. Border County Treasurer.

per Beman Deputy.

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$72.69 Treasurer's Office, Shawnee Co., Kansas, No. 769

Topeka, May 5 1868

Received of Jas A Dean by Whittaker

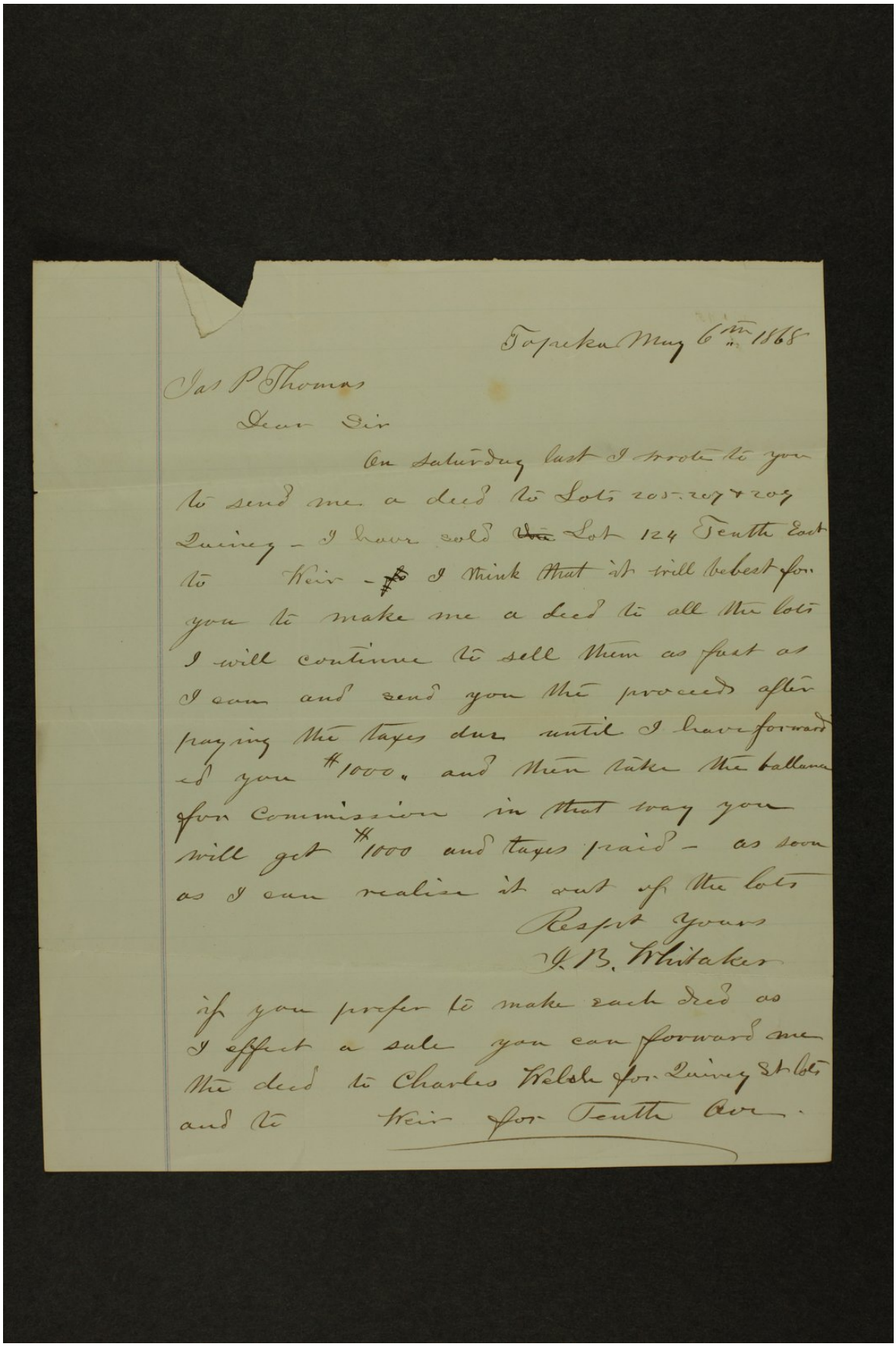
the sum of Seventy two 69/100 Dollars, in full for

TAXES, due on the following described property in the City of Topeka for the year 1867.

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Kan. Av.	288	110	44	11	1,10	11	88	44	1,85	11	44	22	38,70
Topeka	299	180	72	18	1,80	18	144	72	1,80	18	72	36	8,10
Polk St.	3 3 3 3 3 3	105	42	11	1,05	11	84	42	1,05	11	42	21	4,74
Monr St.	30 30 30 30	120	48	12	120	13	96	48	1,20	12	48	24	5,41
10 Ac. Cash	4.16,	180	72	18	1.80	12	1,44	72	1,80	18	72	36	8,04
									Penalty				6,50
									advertising				1,20
													$72,69

W. C. Parker County Treasurer.

per Berman Deputy.



Topeka May 6th 1868

Jas P Thomas

Dear Sir

On Saturday last I wrote to you to send me a deed to Lots 205-207 & 209 Quincy - I have sold ~~Lot~~ Lot 124 Tenth East to Keir - & I think that it will be best for you to make me a deed to all the lots I will continue to sell them as fast as I can and send you the proceeds after paying the taxes due until I have forwarded you #1000. and then take the balance for Commission in that way you will get #1000 and taxes paid - as soon as I can realize it out of the lots

Respt Yours
J. B. Whitaker

if you prefer to make each deed as I effect a sale you can forward me the deed to Charles Welsh for Quincy St lots and to Keir for Tenth Ave.

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

