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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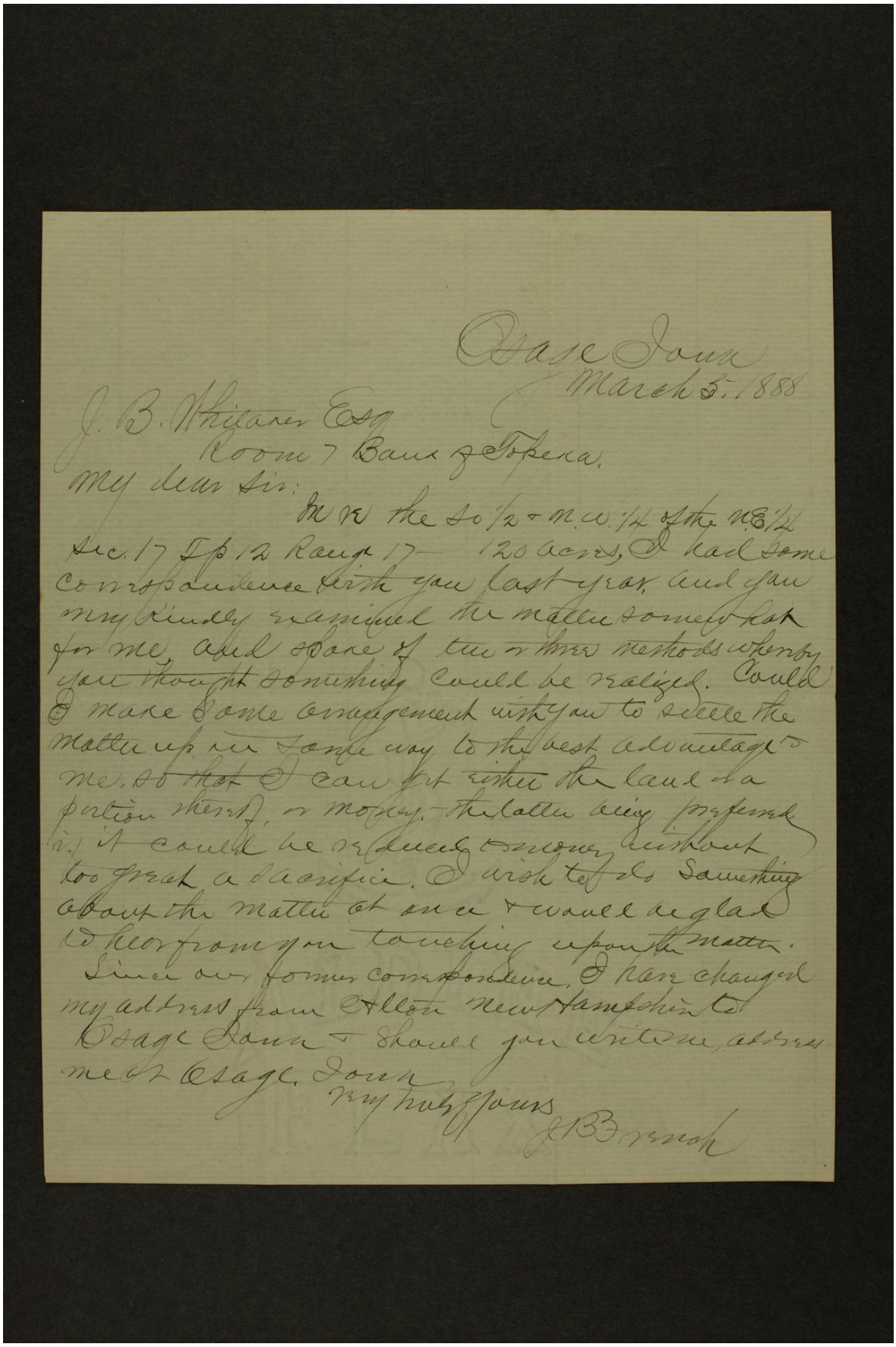
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Osage Town
March 5. 1888

J. B. Whitaker Esq
Room 7 Bank of Topeka.

My dear Sir:

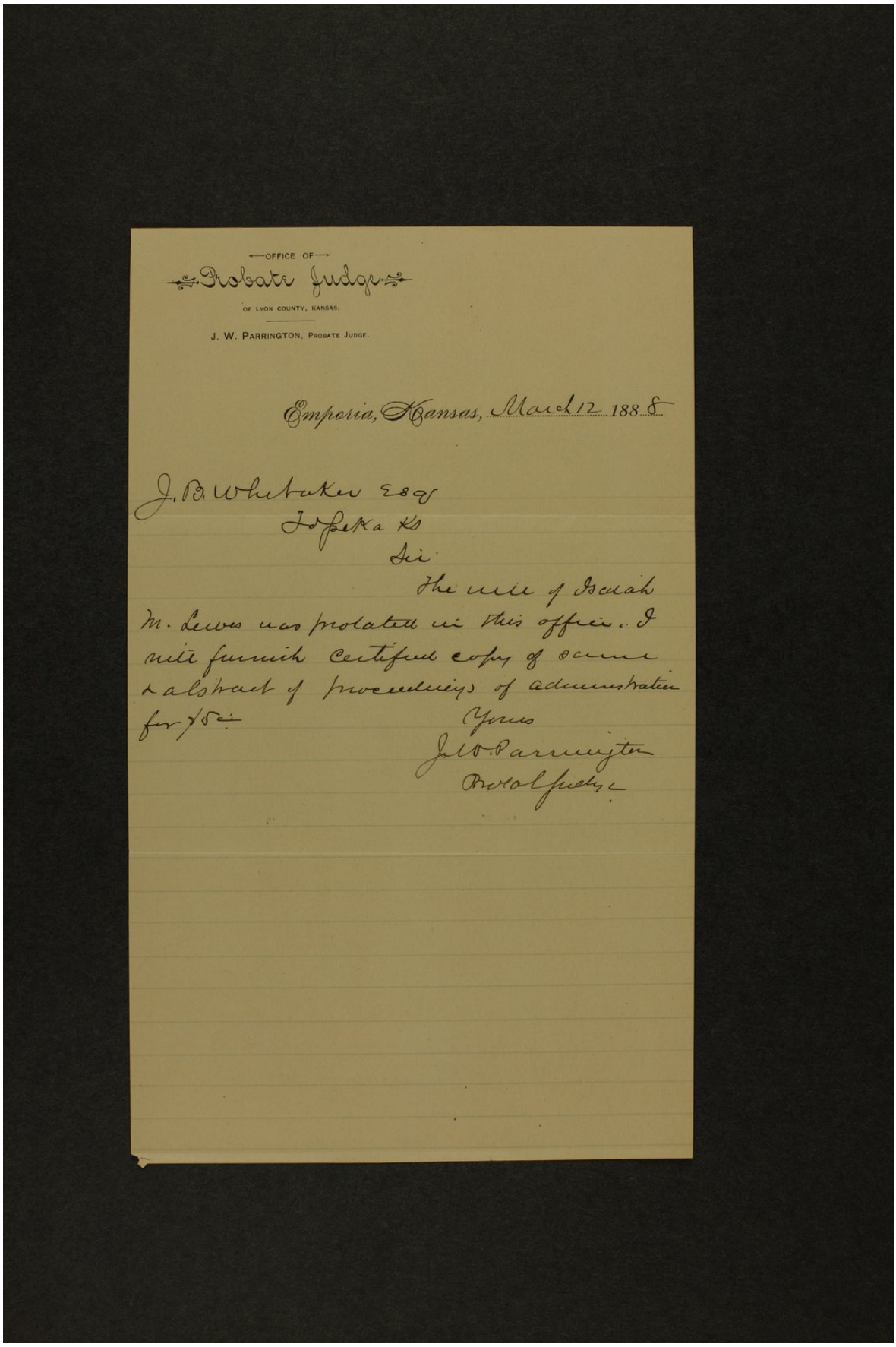
In re the So 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 & the N.E. 1/4 Sec. 17 Tp. 12 Range 17 — 120 acres, I had some correspondence with you last year, and you very kindly examined the matter some & took for me, and spoke of two or three methods whereby you thought something could be realized. Could I make some arrangement with you to settle the matter up in some way to the best advantage to me. So that I can get either the land in a portion thereof, or money. The latter being preferred if it could be realized upon without too great a sacrifice. I wish to do something about the matter at once & would be glad to hear from you touching upon the matter.

Since our former correspondence, I have changed my address from Alton New Hampshire to Osage Town & should you write me, address me at Osage Town

Very truly yours

J. B. Whitaker

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OFFICE OF
Probate Judge
OF LYON COUNTY, KANSAS.

J. W. PARRINGTON, PROBATE JUDGE.

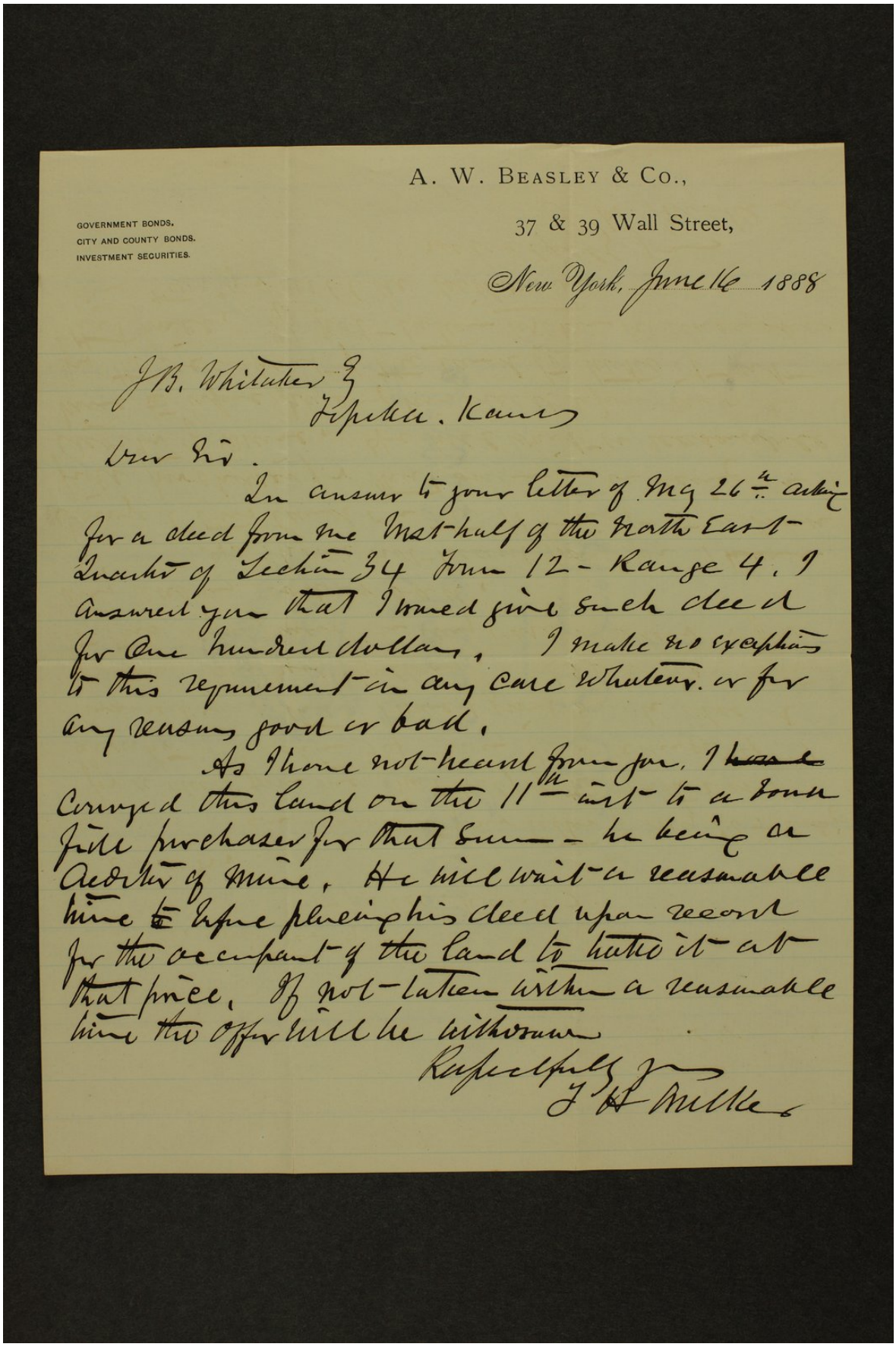
Emporia, Kansas, March 12 1888

J. B. Whitaker Esq
Topeka Ks

Sir

The will of Isaiah M. Lewis was probated in this office. I will furnish certified copy of same & abstract of proceedings of administration for $5.00

Yours
J. W. Parrington
Probate Judge



A. W. Beasley & Co.,

GOVERNMENT BONDS.
CITY AND COUNTY BONDS.
INVESTMENT SECURITIES.

37 & 39 Wall Street,

New York, June 16 1888

J B. Whitaker Esq
Topeka. Kans

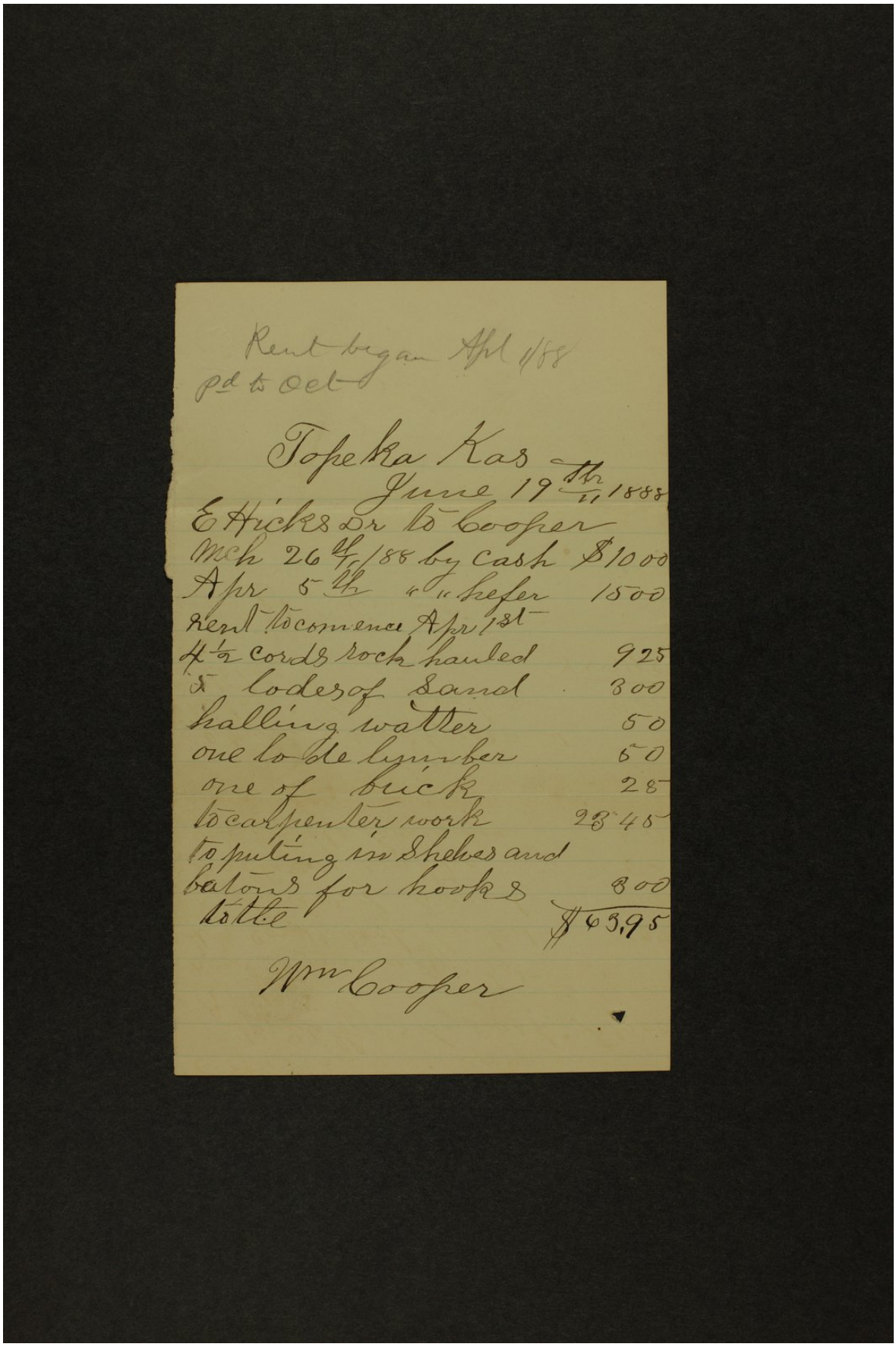
Dear Sir.

In answer to your letter of May 26th asking for a deed from me West-half of the North East-Quarter of Section 34 Town 12 - Range 4. I answered you that I would give such deed for One hundred dollars. I make no exceptions to this requirement in any case whatever. or for any reasons good or bad.

As I have not heard from you. I have conveyed this land on the 11th inst to a bona fide purchaser for that sum - he being an Acquaintance of mine. He will wait a reasonable time to have placed his deed upon record for the occupant of the land to settle it at that price. If not taken within a reasonable time the offer will be withdrawn.

Respectfully Yours
J. H. Miller

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Rent began Apl 1/88
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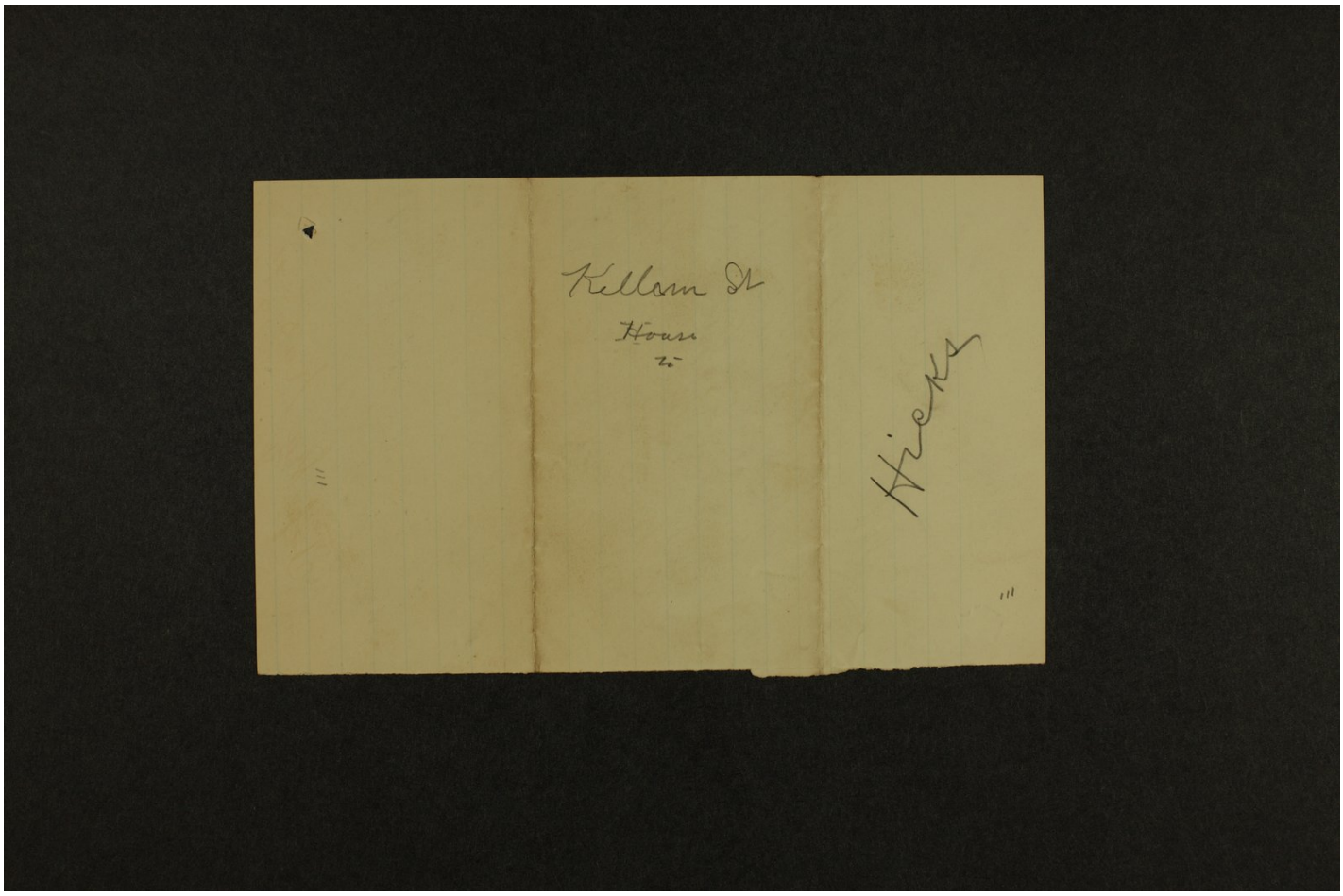
Topeka Kas June 19th 1888

E Hicks Dr to Cooper

Mch 26th/88 by cash	$10 00
Apr 5th " " Refer	15 00
Rent to comence Apr 1st	
4½ cords rock hauled	9 25
5 loads of Sand	3 00
hauling watter	50
one lo ble lumber	50
one of buck	25
to carpenter work	28 45
to puting in Shelves and	
balons for hooks	8 00
Total	$63.95

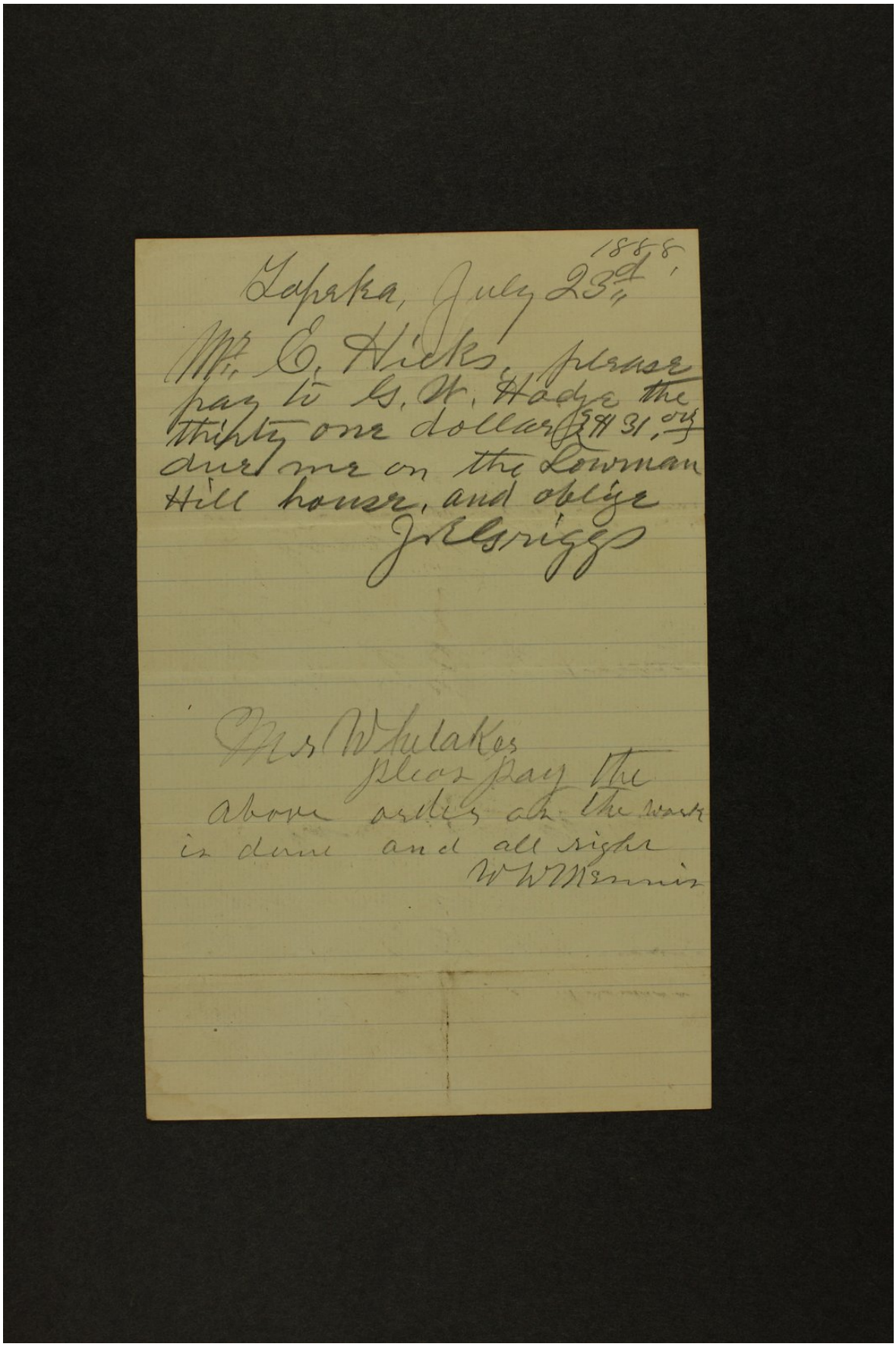
Wm Cooper

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1868

Topeka, July 23d,

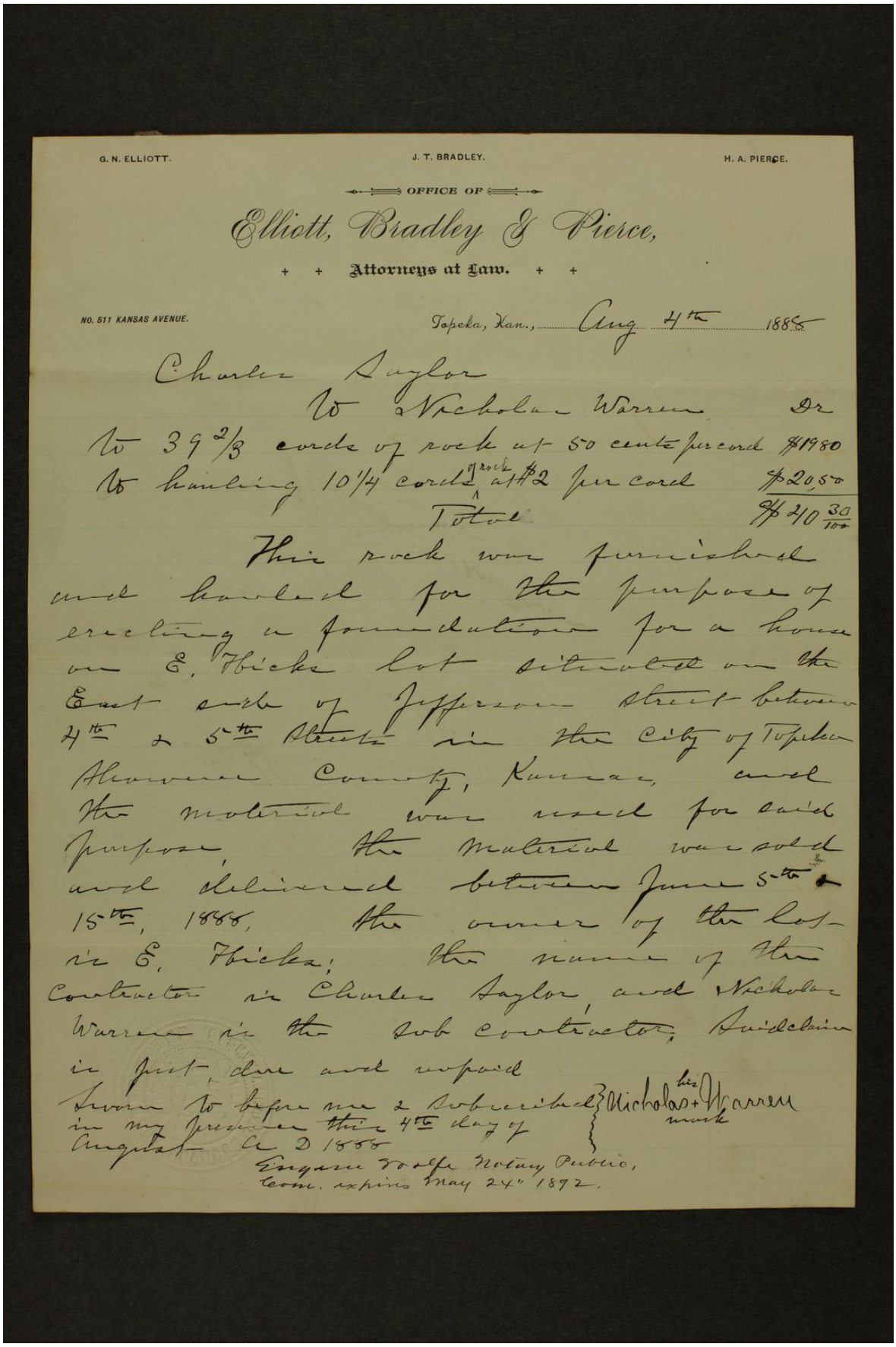
Mr. E. Hicks, please pay to S. H. Hodge the thirty one dollars $31.00 due me on the Lowman Hill house, and oblige

J. K. Griggs

Mrs. W. Lukabs

please pay the above order as the work is done and all right

W. W. Wannis



G. N. ELLIOTT. J. T. BRADLEY. H. A. PIERCE.

OFFICE OF

Elliott, Bradley & Pierce,

Attorneys at Law.

NO. 511 KANSAS AVENUE.

Topeka, Kan., Aug 4th 1888

Charles Saylor

To Nicholas Warren Dr

To 39 2/3 cords of rock at 50 cents per cord $19.80

To hauling 10 1/4 cords rock at $2 per cord $20.50

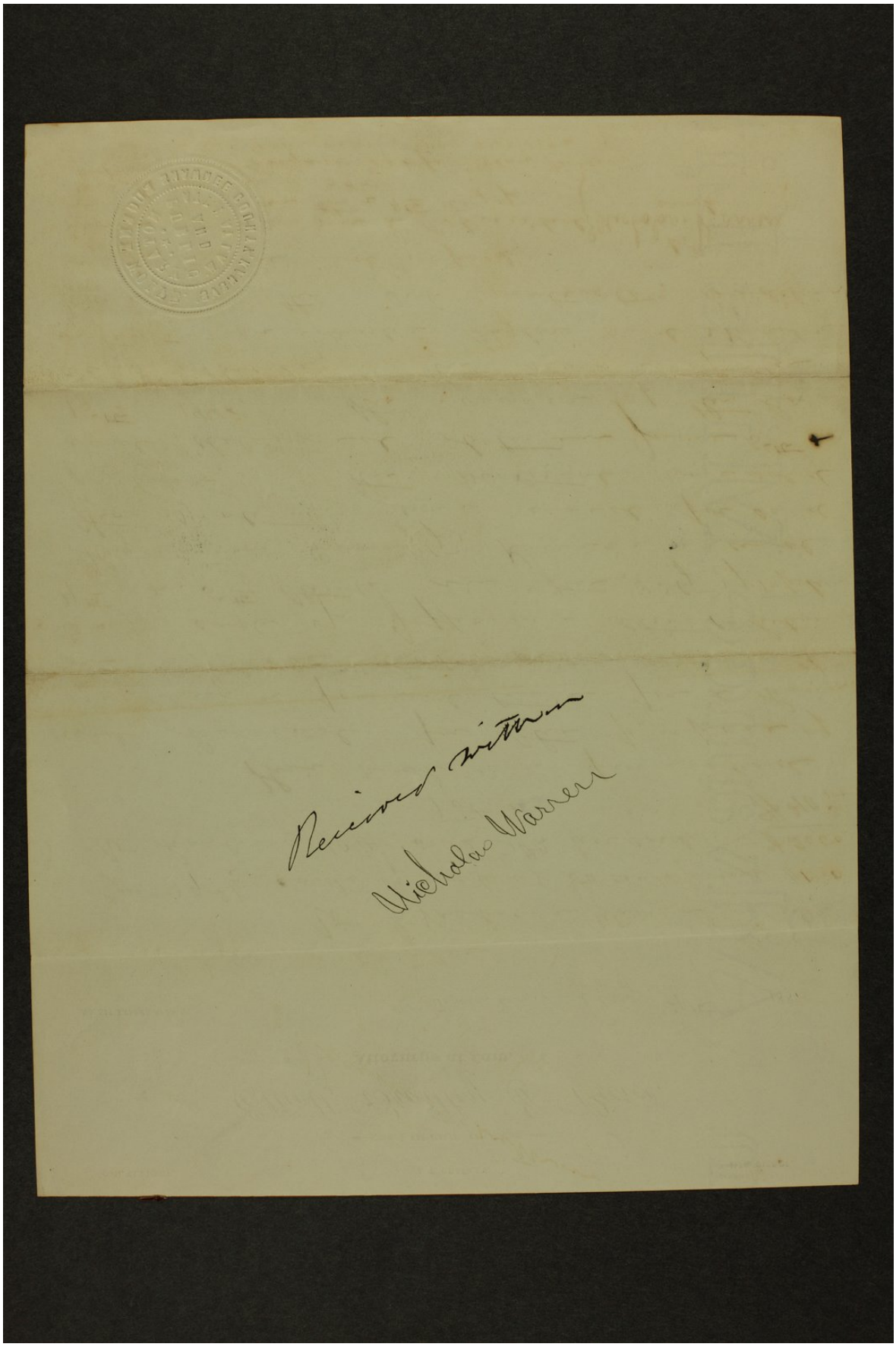
Total $40.30

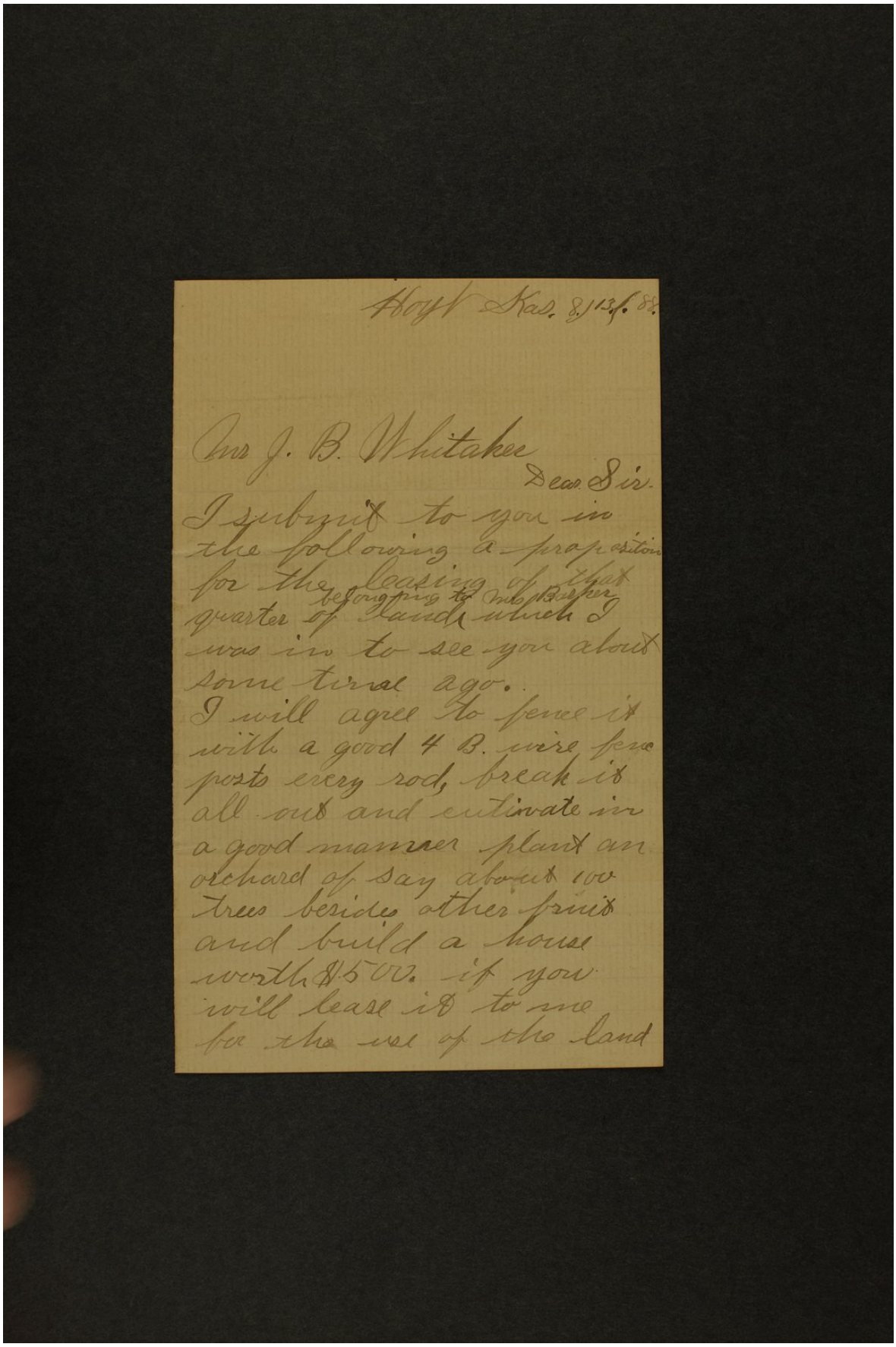
This rock was furnished and hauled for the purpose of erecting a foundation for a house on E. Hicks lot situated on the East side of Jefferson street between 4th & 5th Streets in the City of Topeka Shawnee County, Kansas, and the material was used for said purpose, the material was sold and delivered between June 5th & 15th, 1888, the owner of the lot is E. Hicks; the name of the Contractor is Charles Saylor, and Nicholas Warren is the sub contractor, Said claim is just, due and unpaid

Sworn to before me & subscribed in my presence this 4th day of August A D 1888

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Nicholas + Warren
mark

Eugene Rudge Notary Public,
Com. expires May 24th 1892.





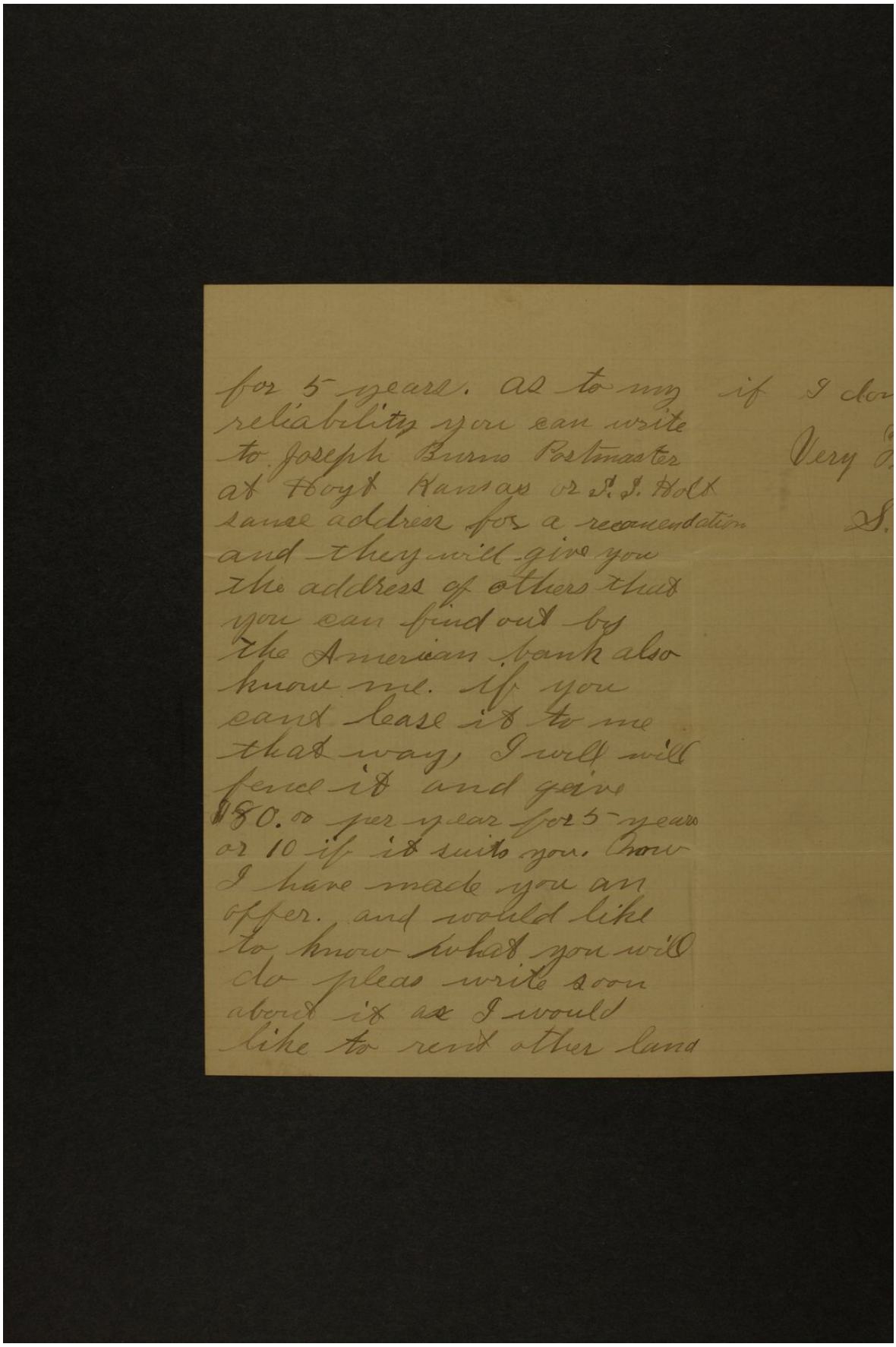
Hoyt Kas. 8/13/88

Mr J. B. Whitaker

Dear Sir.

I submit to you in the following a proposition for the leasing of that quarter of land which I was in to see you about some time ago.

I will agree to fence it with a good 4 B. wire fence posts every rod, break it all out and cultivate in a good manner plant an orchard of say about 100 trees besides other fruit and build a house worth $500. if you will lease it to me for the use of the land

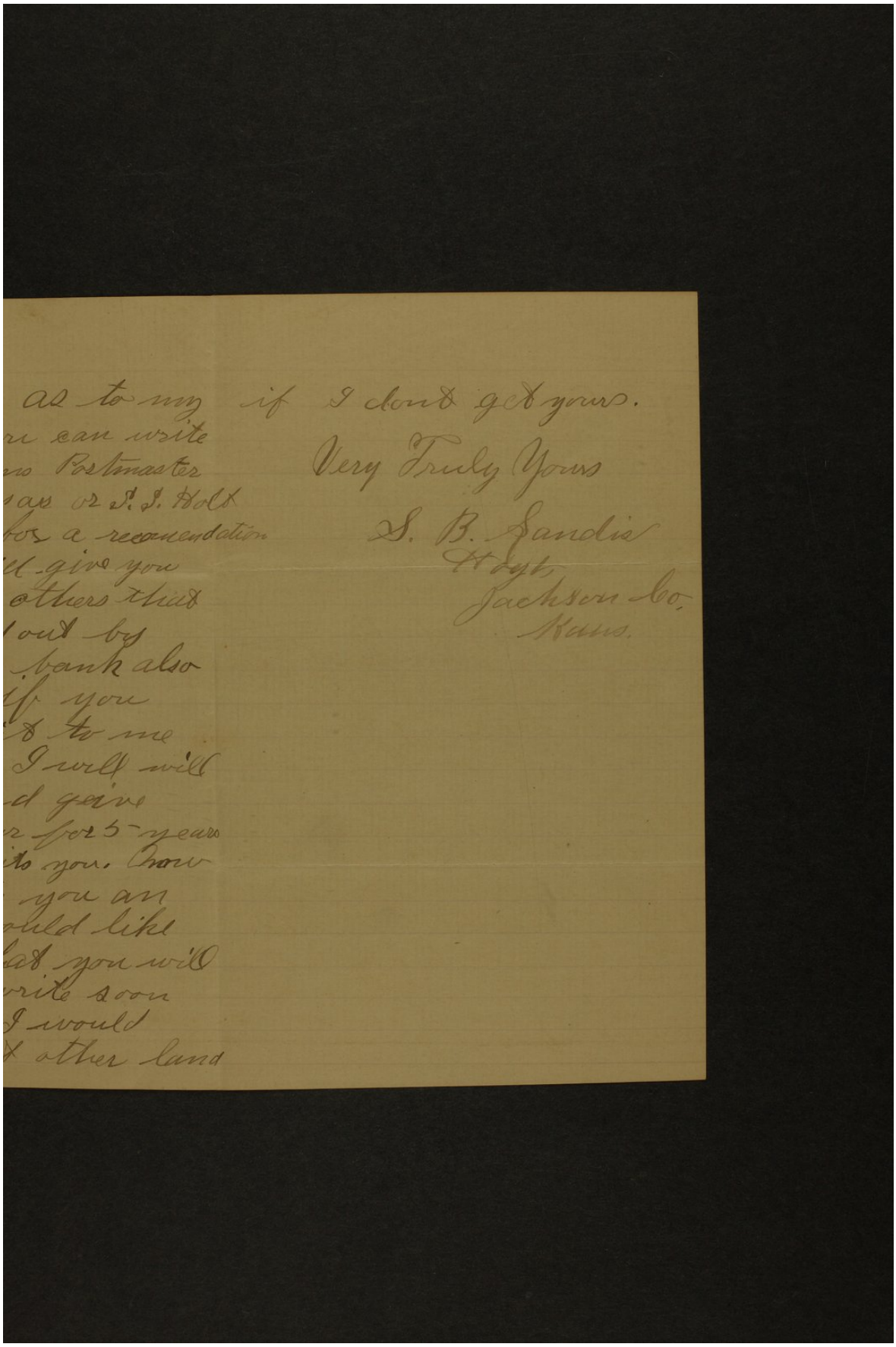


for 5 years. as to my reliability you can write to Joseph Burns Postmaster at Hoyt Kansas or J. J. Holt same address for a recomendation and they will give you the address of others that you can find out by the American bank also know me. If you cant lease it to me that way, I will will fence it and give $80.00 per year for 5 years or 10 if it suits you. Now I have made you an offer. and would like to know what you will do pleas write soon about it as I would like to rent other land if I don

Very

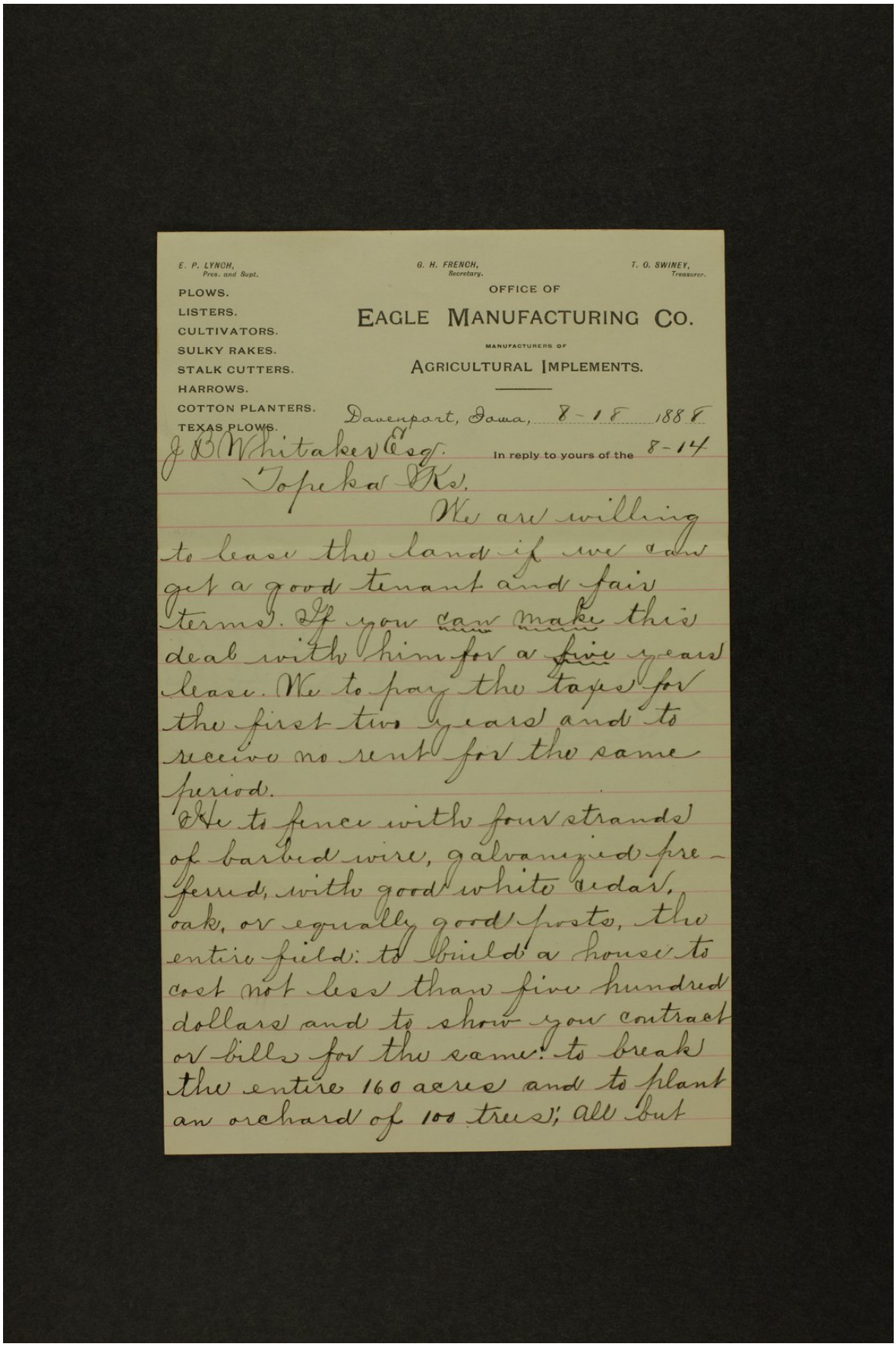
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Very Truly Yours
S. B. Sandis
Holt
Jackson Co.
Kans.



E. P. LYNCH, Pres. and Supt. G. H. FRENCH, Secretary. T. O. SWINEY, Treasurer.

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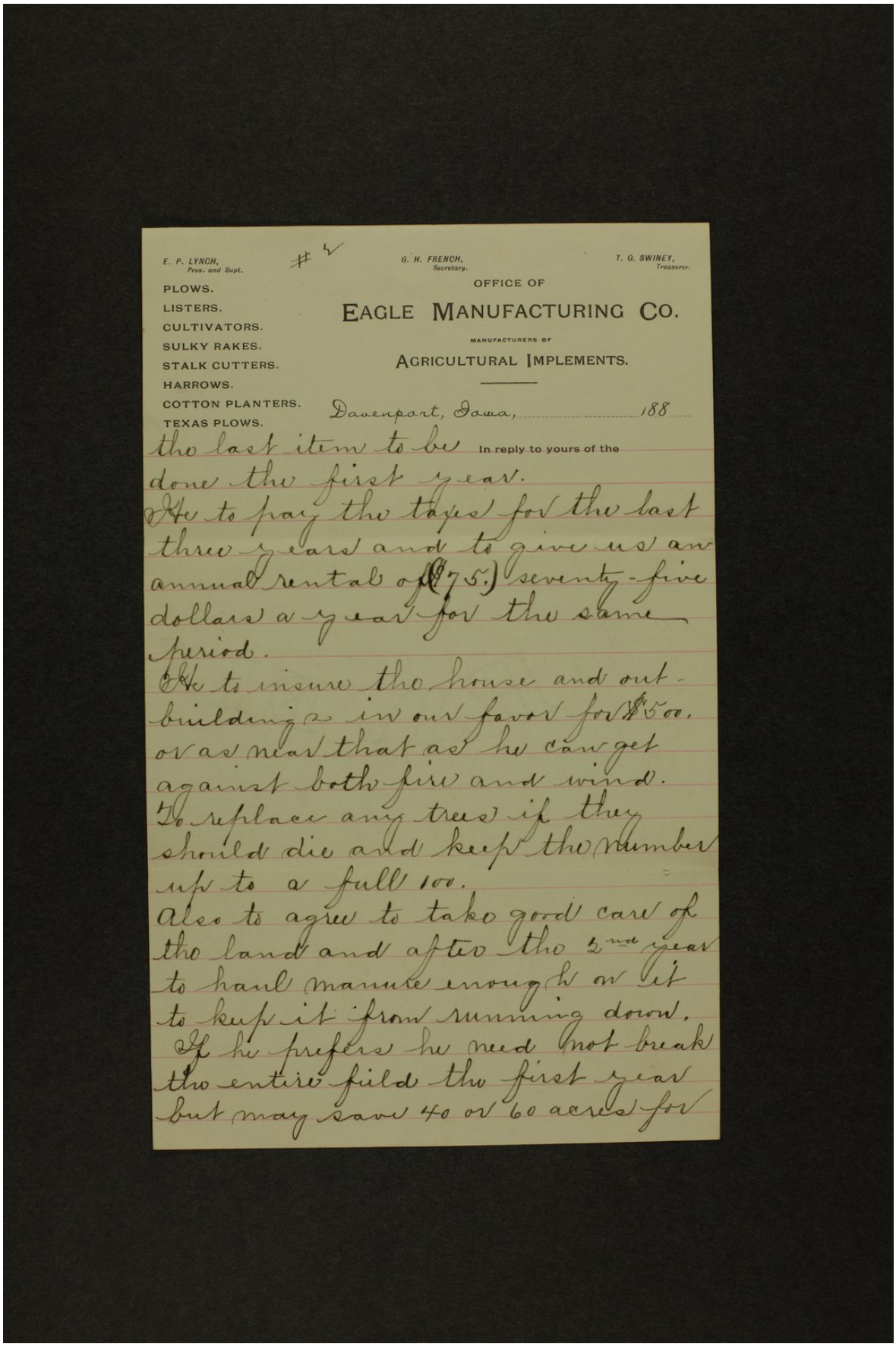
Davenport, Iowa, 8-18 1888

In reply to yours of the 8-14

J B Whitaker Esq.
Topeka Ks.

We are willing to lease the land if we can get a good tenant and fair terms. If you can make this deal with him for a five years lease. We to pay the taxes for the first two years and to receive no rent for the same period.

We to fence with four strands of barbed wire, galvanized preferred, with good white cedar, oak, or equally good posts, the entire field: to build a house to cost not less than five hundred dollars and to show you contract or bills for the same: to break the entire 160 acres and to plant an orchard of 100 trees; all but



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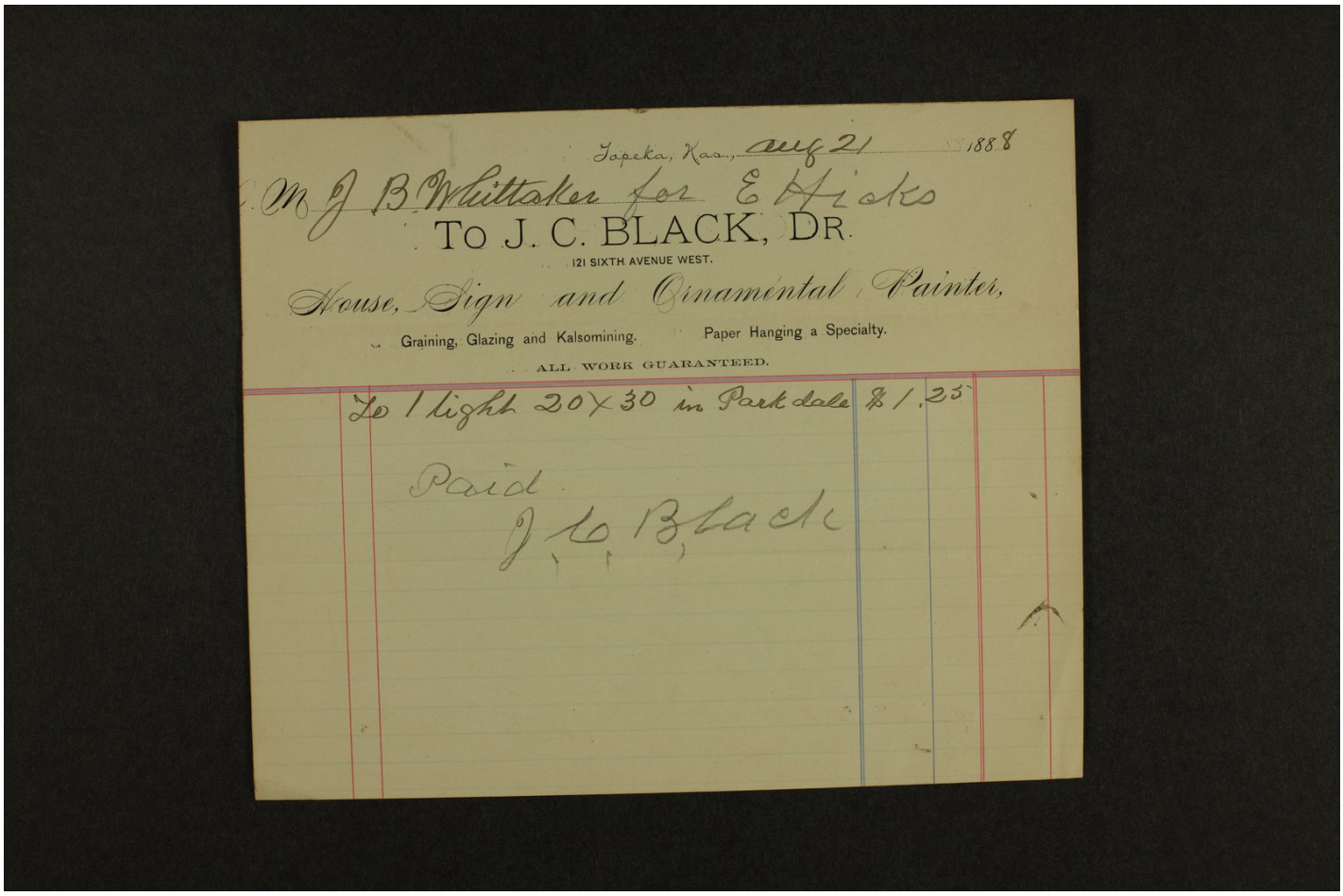
Davenport, Iowa, 188

In reply to yours of the

#4

the last item to be done the first year.
He to pay the taxes for the last three years and to give us an annual rental of ($75.) seventy-five dollars a year for the same period.
He to insure the house and out-buildings in our favor for $500. or as near that as he can get against both fire and wind.
To replace any trees if they should die and keep the number up to a full 100.
Also to agree to take good care of the land and after the 2nd year to haul manure enough on it to keep it from running down.
If he prefers he need not break the entire field the first year but may save 40 or 60 acres for

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Topeka, Kas., Aug 21 1888

M J B Whittaker for E Hicks

To J. C. BLACK, Dr.

121 SIXTH AVENUE WEST.

House, Sign and Ornamental Painter,

Graining, Glazing and Kalsomining. Paper Hanging a Specialty.

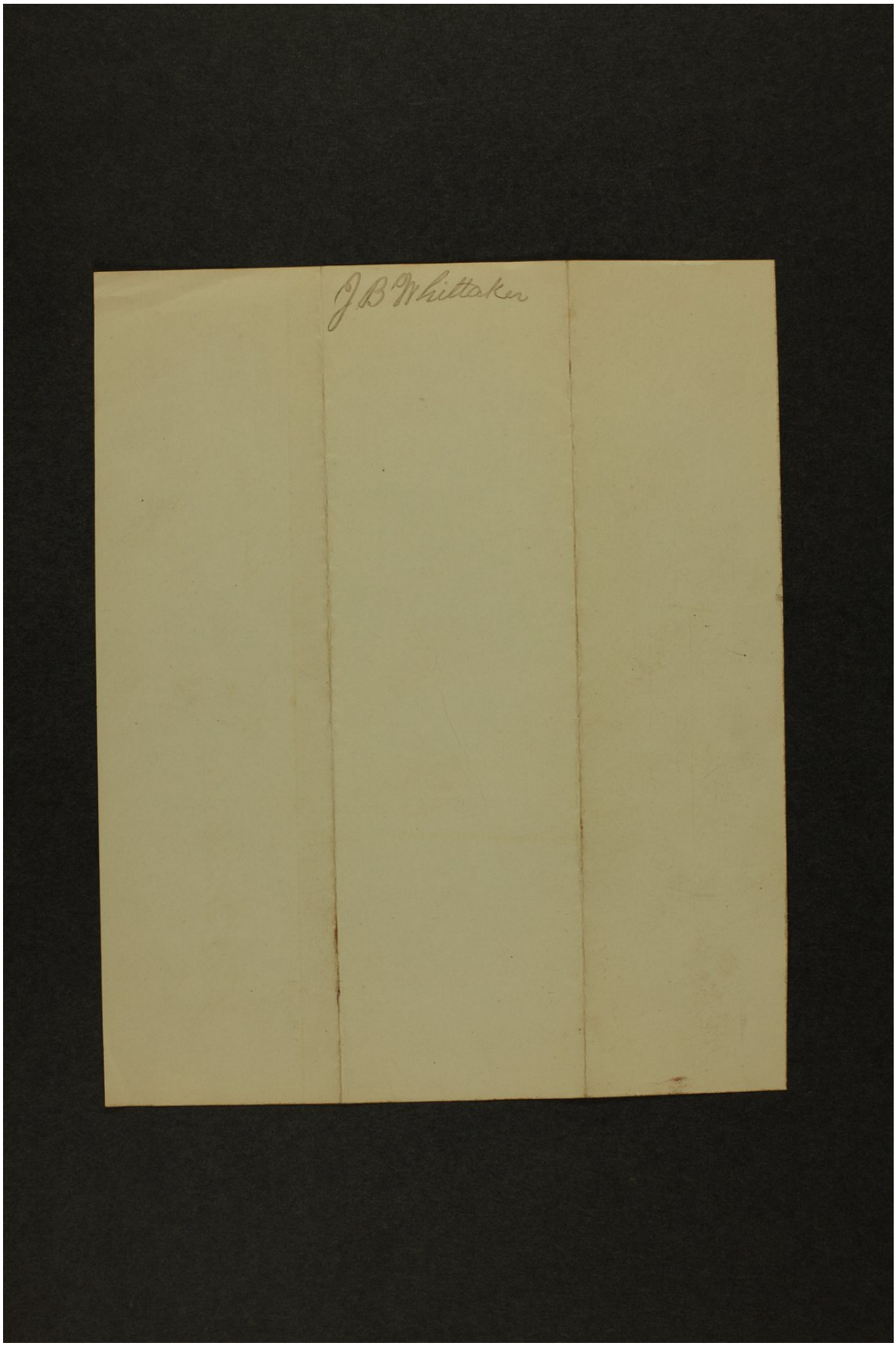
ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

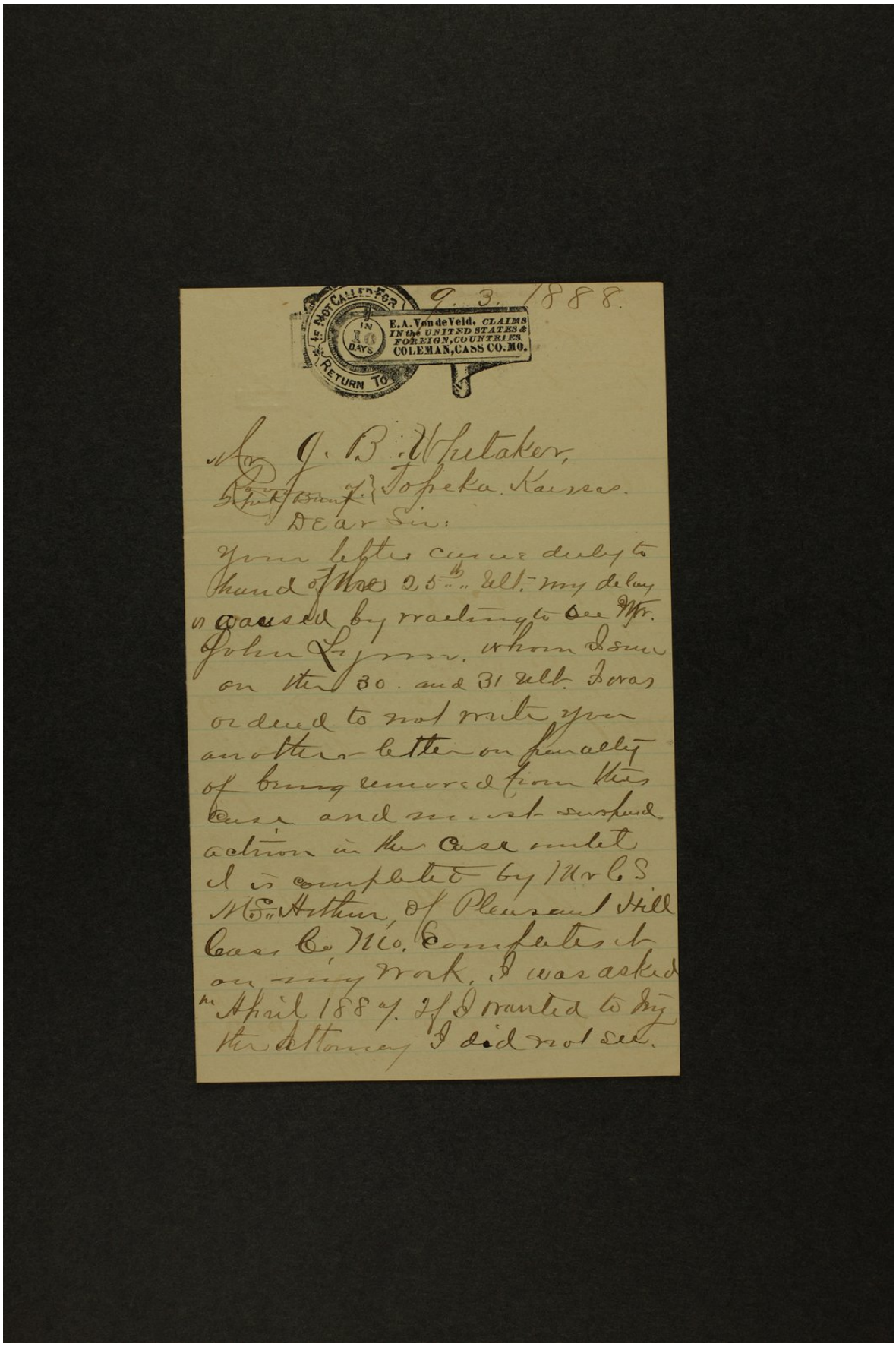
To 1 light 20×30 in Parkdale $1.25

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J. C. Black

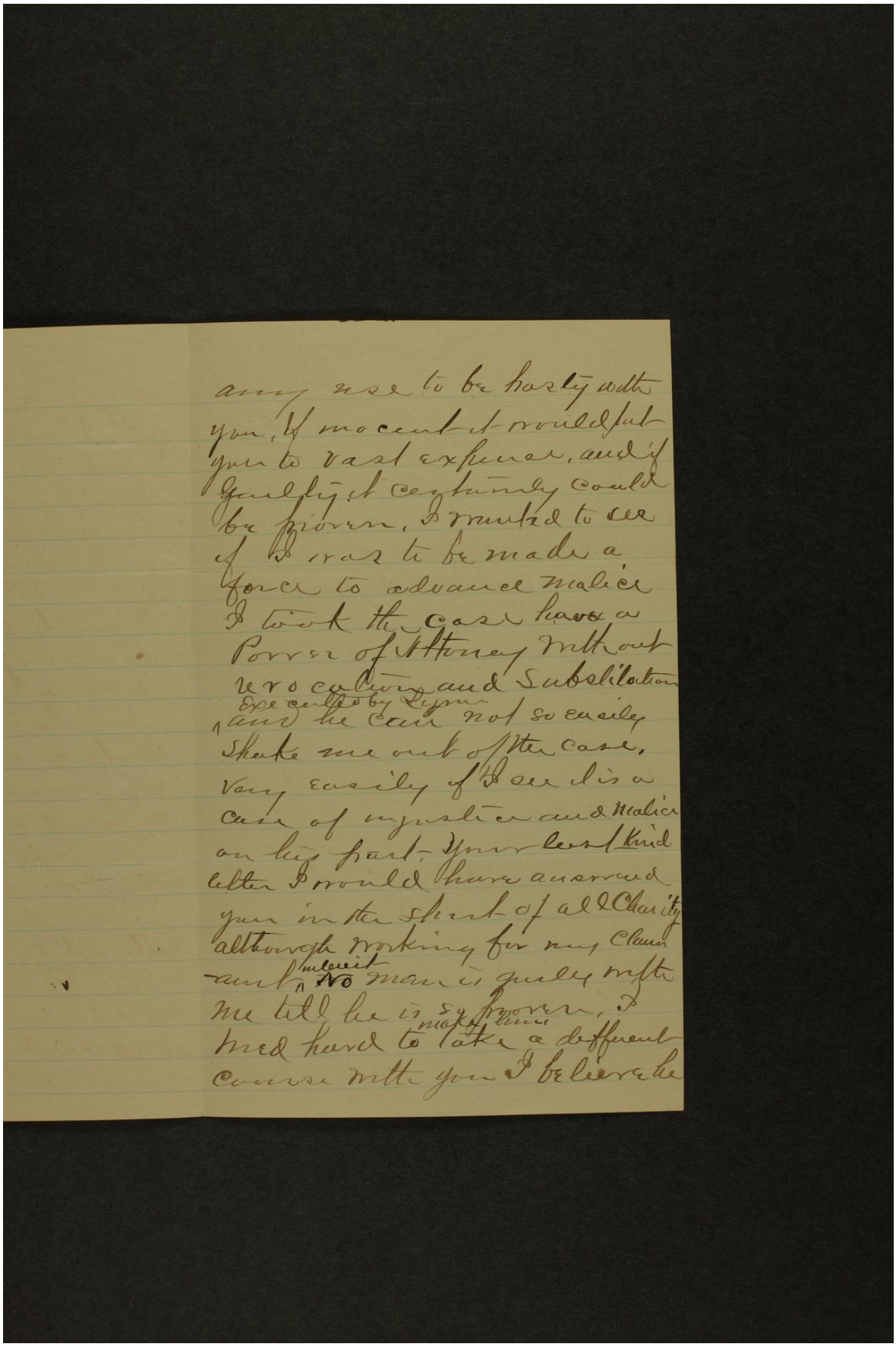
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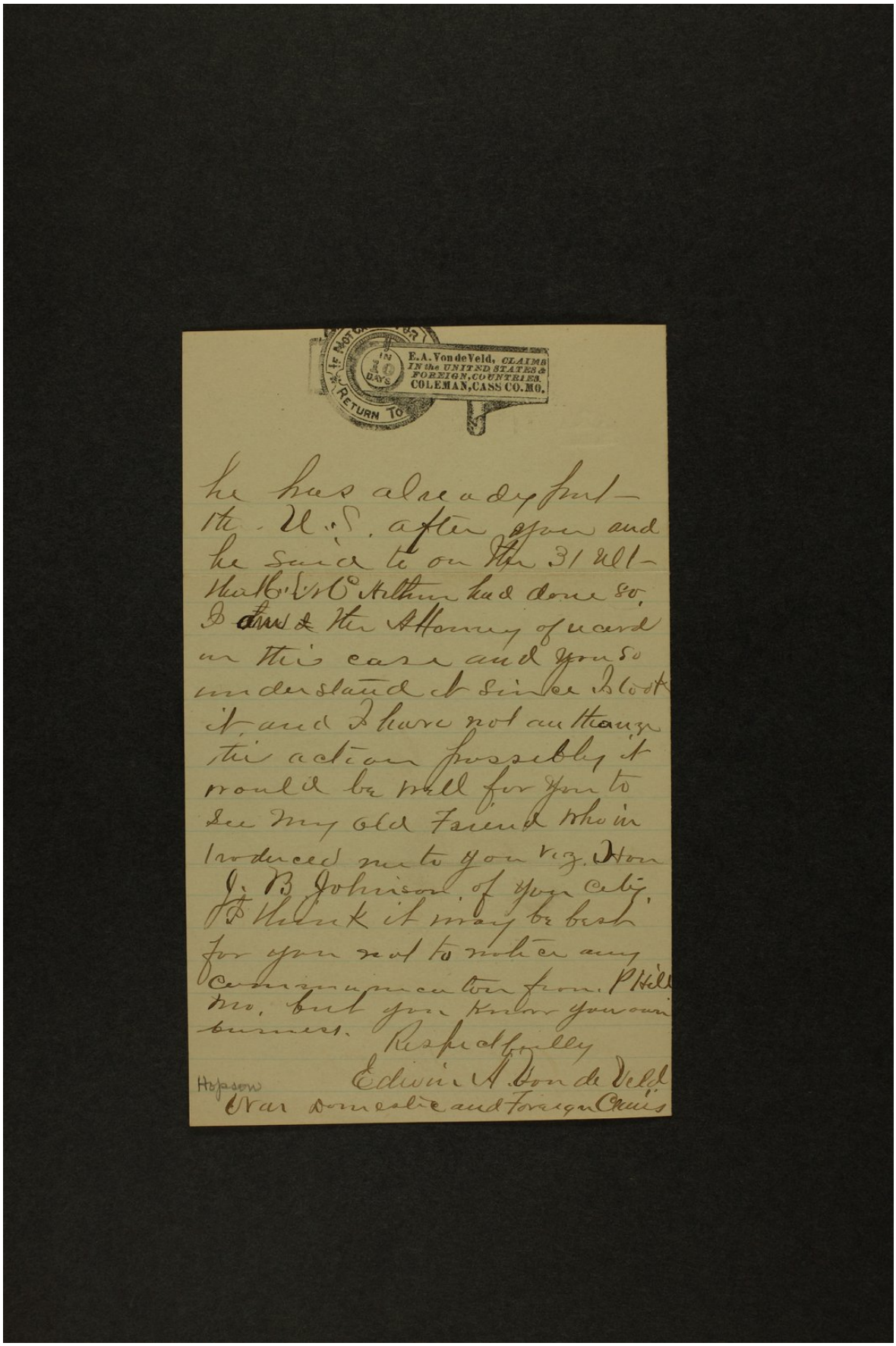
J. 3, 1888.

Mr J. B. Whitaker,
Topeka Kansas.
Dear Sir:
Your letter came duly to hand of the 25th ult. My delay was caused by waiting to see Mr. John Lyman, whom I saw on the 30. and 31 ult. I was ordered to not write you another letter on penalty of being removed from the case and must suspend action in the case until it is completed by Mr C S McArthur, of Pleasant Hill Cass Co. Mo. Completes it on my work, I was asked in April 1887. If I wanted to by the Attorney I did not sell.

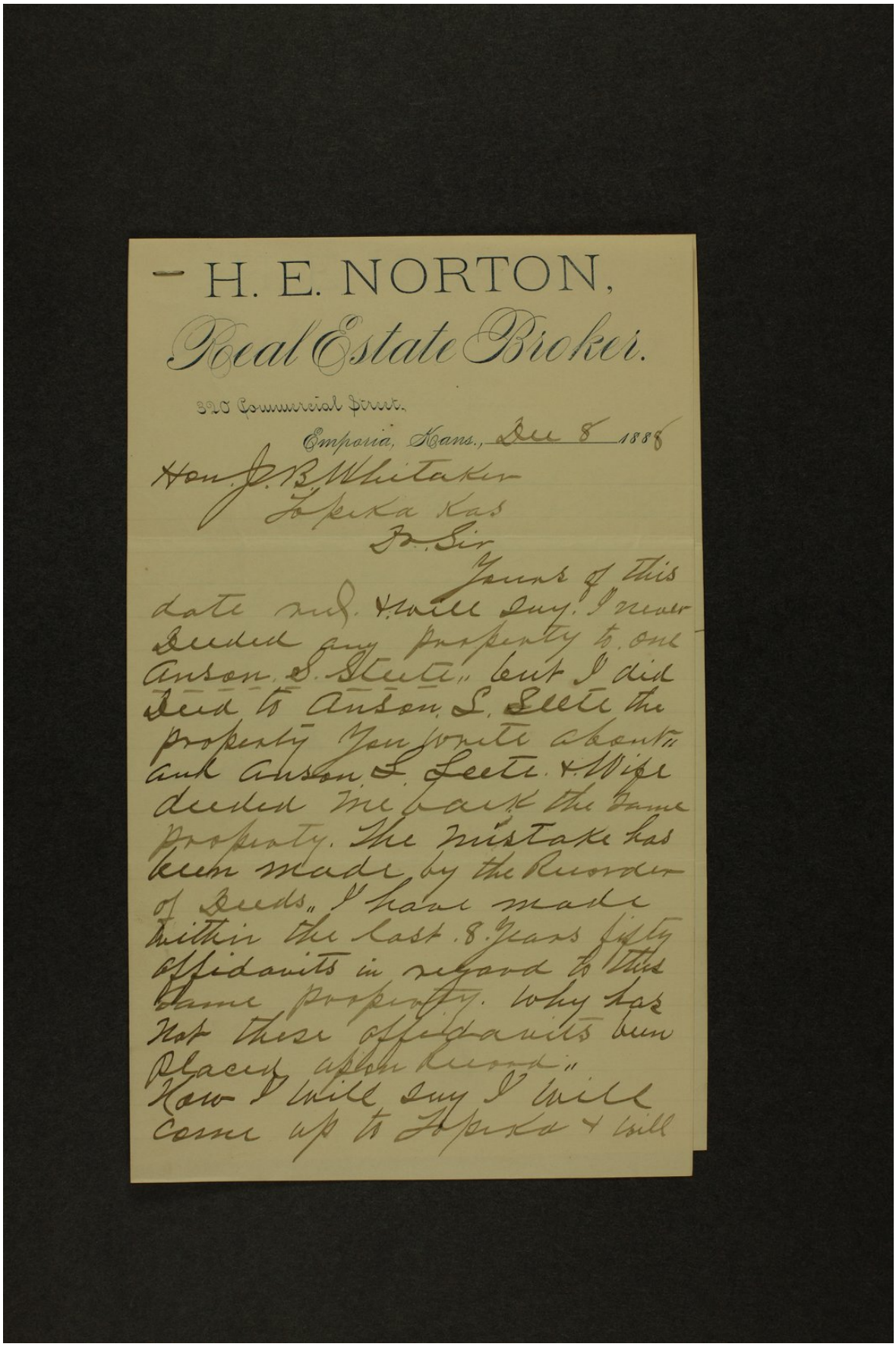


any case to be hasty with
you. If no cost it would put
you to vast expense, and if
Guilty it certainly could
be proven. I wanted to see
if I was to be made a
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I took the case have a
Power of Attorney without
Revocation and Substitution
Executed by Lynn
and he can not so easily
shake me out of the case.
Very easily if I see it is a
case of injustice and malice
on his part. Your kind
letter I would have answered
you in the Spirit of all Charity
although working for my Client
and no man is guilty with
me till he is proven. I
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course with you I believe the

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th. U. S. after you and
he said to on the 31 ult-
that C & O Arthur had done so.
D Davis & the Attorney of record
in this case and you so
understand it since I look
it and I have not authority
this action possibly it
would be well for you to
see my old friend who in
troduced me to you viz. Hon
J. B Johnson of your city.
I think it may be best
for you not to notice any
communication from Phill
Mo. but you know your own
business. Respectfully
Edwin A Von de Veld
Hopson War domestic and foreign Claims



H. E. NORTON,

Real Estate Broker.

320 Commercial Street.

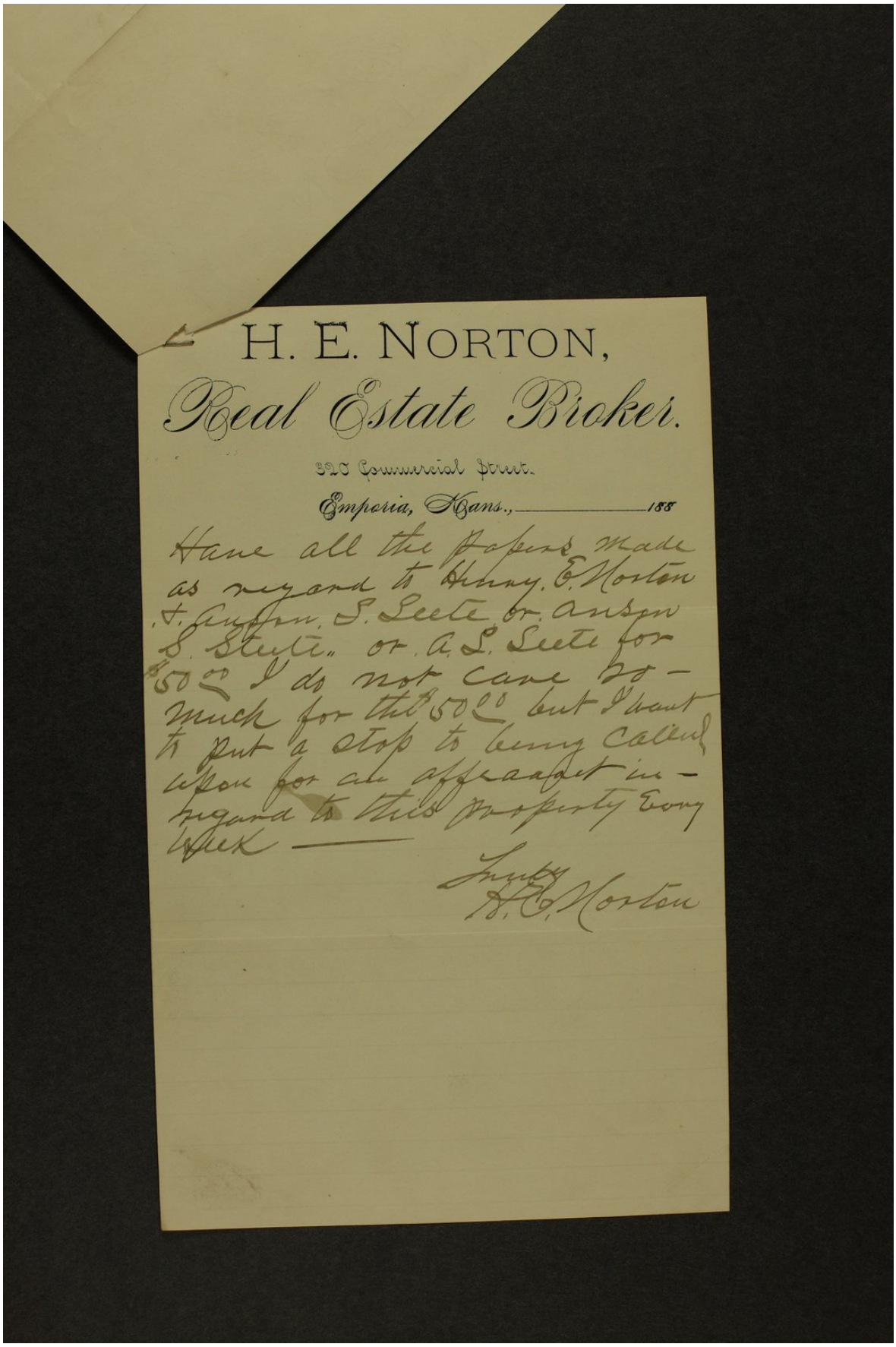
Emporia, Kans., Dec 8 1888

Hon. J. B. Whitaker
Topeka Kas

Dr. Sir

Yours of this date rec'd. & will say. I never deeded any property to one Anson. S. Steele, but I did deed to Anson L. Steele the property You write about, and Anson L. Steele & Wife deeded me back the same property. The mistake has been made by the Recorder of Deeds. I have made within the last 8 years fifty affidavits in regard to this same property. Why has not these affidavits been placed upon record. Now I will say I will come up to Topeka & will

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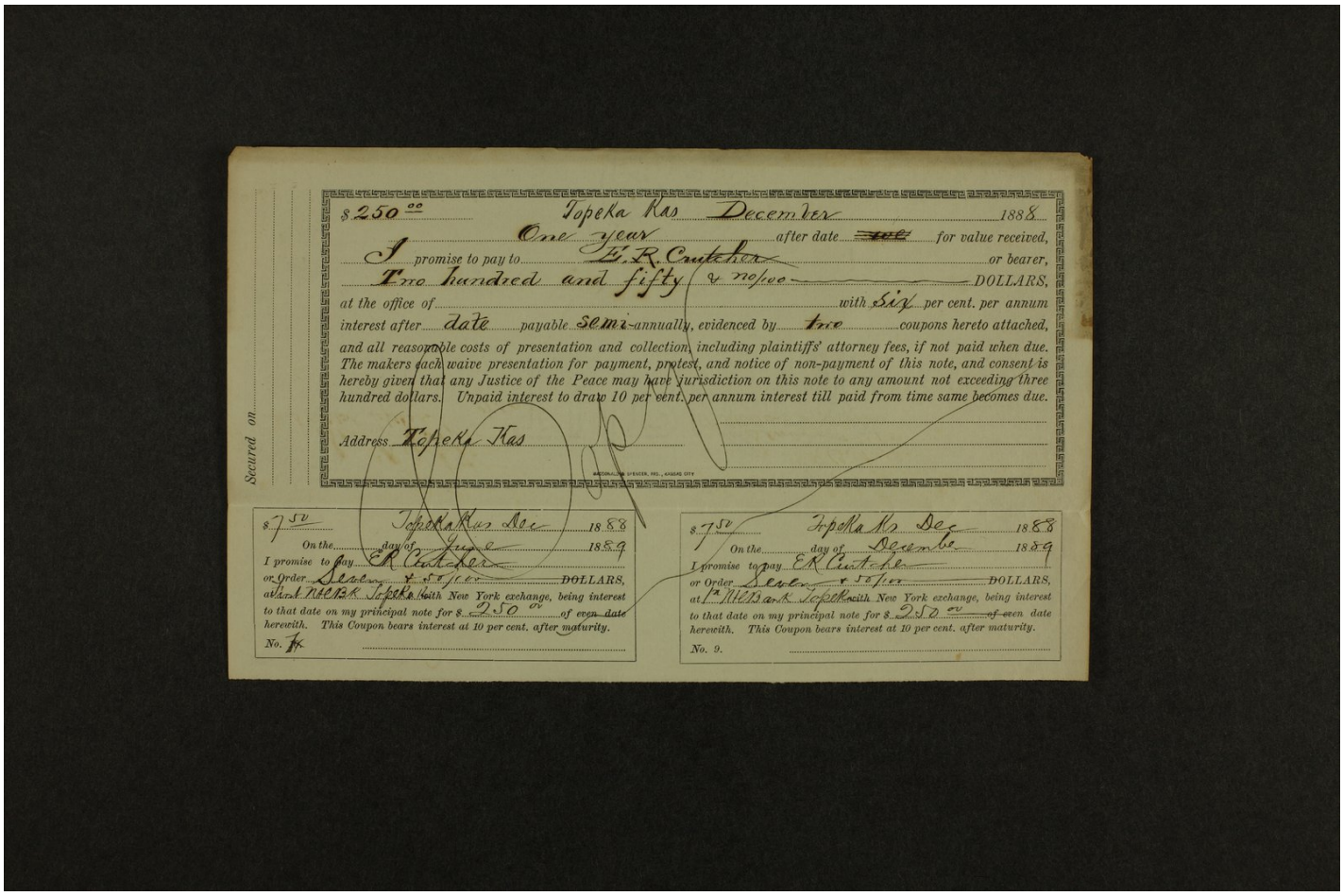
320 Commercial Street.

Emporia, Kans., _____ 188

Have all the papers made as regard to Henry E. Norton & Eugene S. Seele or Anson S. Steele or A. L. Seele for $50.00 I do not care so much for the $50.00 but I want to put a stop to Henry calling upon for an opinion in regard to this property Every week ——

Yours
H. E. Norton

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$250.00 Topeka Kas December 1888

One year after date ~~we~~ for value received,

I promise to pay to E. R. Crutcher or bearer,

Two hundred and fifty & no/100 DOLLARS,

at the office of with Six per cent. per annum

interest after date payable semi-annually, evidenced by two coupons hereto attached,

and all reasonable costs of presentation and collection, including plaintiffs' attorney fees, if not paid when due. The makers each waive presentation for payment, protest, and notice of non-payment of this note, and consent is hereby given that any Justice of the Peace may have jurisdiction on this note to any amount not exceeding three hundred dollars. Unpaid interest to draw 10 per cent. per annum interest till paid from time same becomes due.

Address Topeka Kas

Secured on

$7.50 Topeka Kas Dec 1888

On the day of June 1889

I promise to pay E R Crutcher

or Order Seven & 50/100 DOLLARS,

at 1st Nat'l Bk Topeka with New York exchange, being interest to that date on my principal note for $250.00 of even date herewith. This Coupon bears interest at 10 per cent. after maturity.

No. 1

$7.50 Topeka Kas Dec 1888

On the day of Decembe 1889

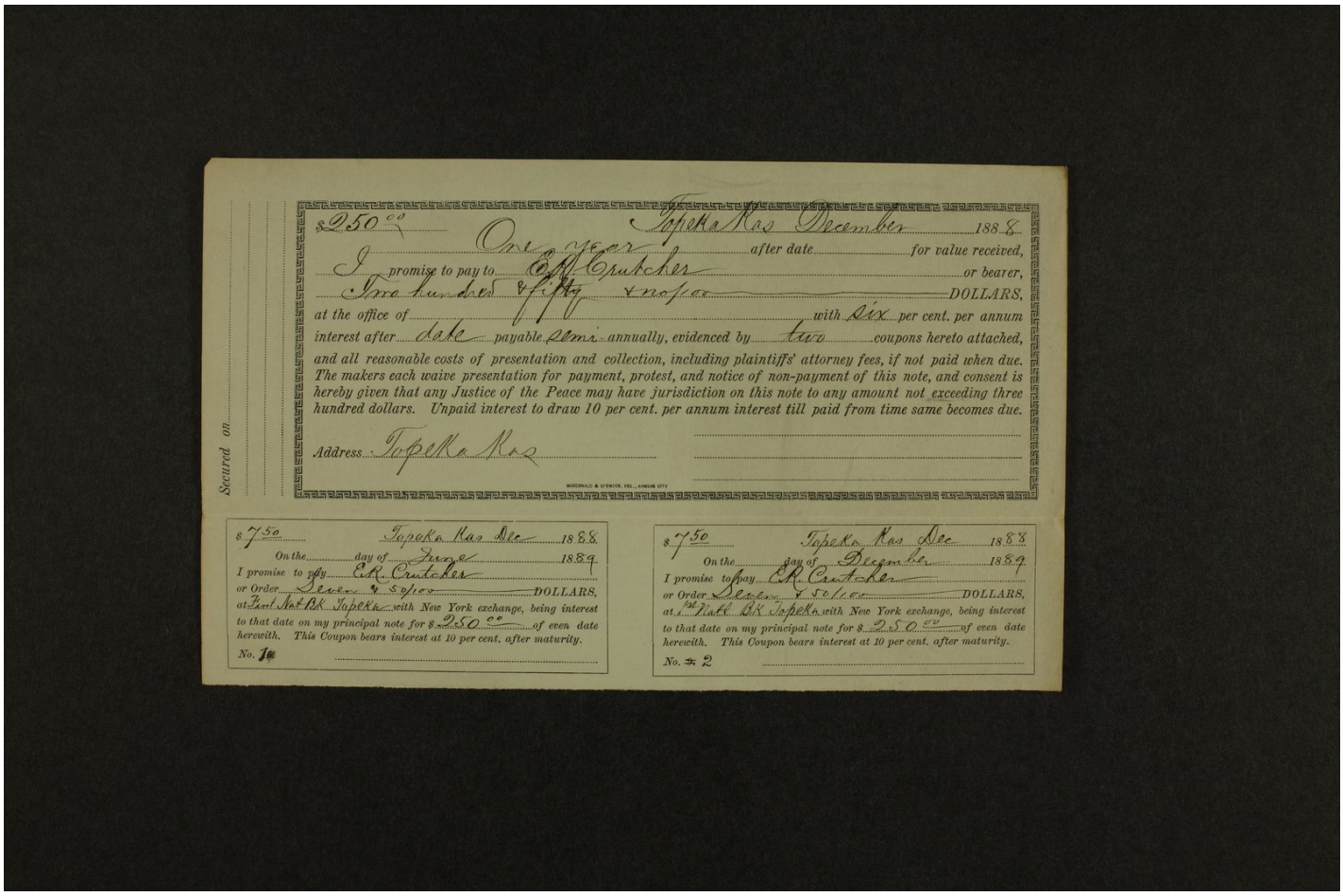
I promise to pay E R Crutcher

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Address Topeka Kas

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MACDONALD & STENCER, PRS., KANSAS CITY

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F. E. GILLETT. P. B. GILLETT. M. D. LIBBY

GILLETT BROS. & CO.,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

Office over Kingman National Bank.

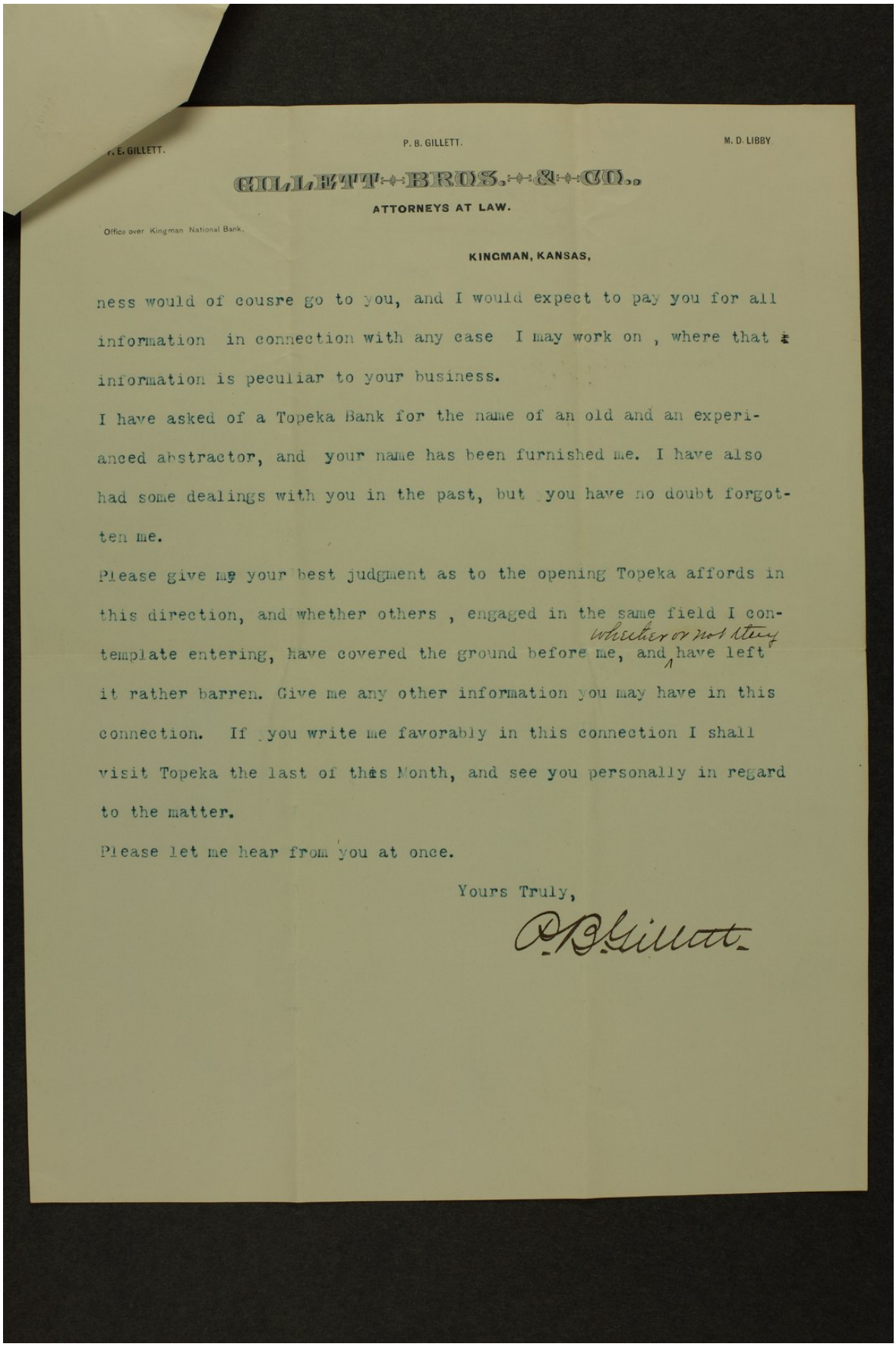
KINGMAN, KANSAS, January ~~2x~~ 15th, 189

J. B. Whitaker,
Topeka Kansas,

Dear Sir :-

For some Two years past I have been more or less engaged in the business of buying up imperfect titles to real-estate, and perfecting them by taking whatever steps the case may require. I am thoroughly posted on the business, and if Court proceedings are required I attand to my own cases. I would rather purchase the defective titles and proceed with the case myself, than to act as Attorney for any one, for the reason that there is more money in it for me, yet of course I would not miss a good case.

I am thinking of leaving Kingman, and moving to Topeka or Leavensworth and making this business a specialty, and to that end I desire to ask of you what you will take to make me a list of the titles in your City that rest on tax deeds, and have been issued since , and including the year 1885. I also desire you to let me know if there are any ~~xxxx~~ tax levies back of 1885, that are so irregular as to make a deed absolutely void, even though the Five years of limitation has run, also whether there are titles resting on such deeds. I also desire to know of any [redacted] defective titles ~~her~~ titles may be in your County, that rest on other defects than 'Tax titles'. After taking hold of a title I never let it rest until I have it perfected, or know that I cannot perfect it, and my first step is to get an abstract. All this busi-



. E. GILLETT. P. B. GILLETT. M. D. LIBBY.

GILLETT BROS. & CO.,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

Office over Kingman National Bank.

KINGMAN, KANSAS,

ness would of cousre go to you, and I would expect to pay you for all information in connection with any case I may work on , where that information is peculiar to your business.

I have asked of a Topeka Bank for the name of an old and an experianced abstractor, and your name has been furnished me. I have also had some dealings with you in the past, but you have no doubt forgotten me.

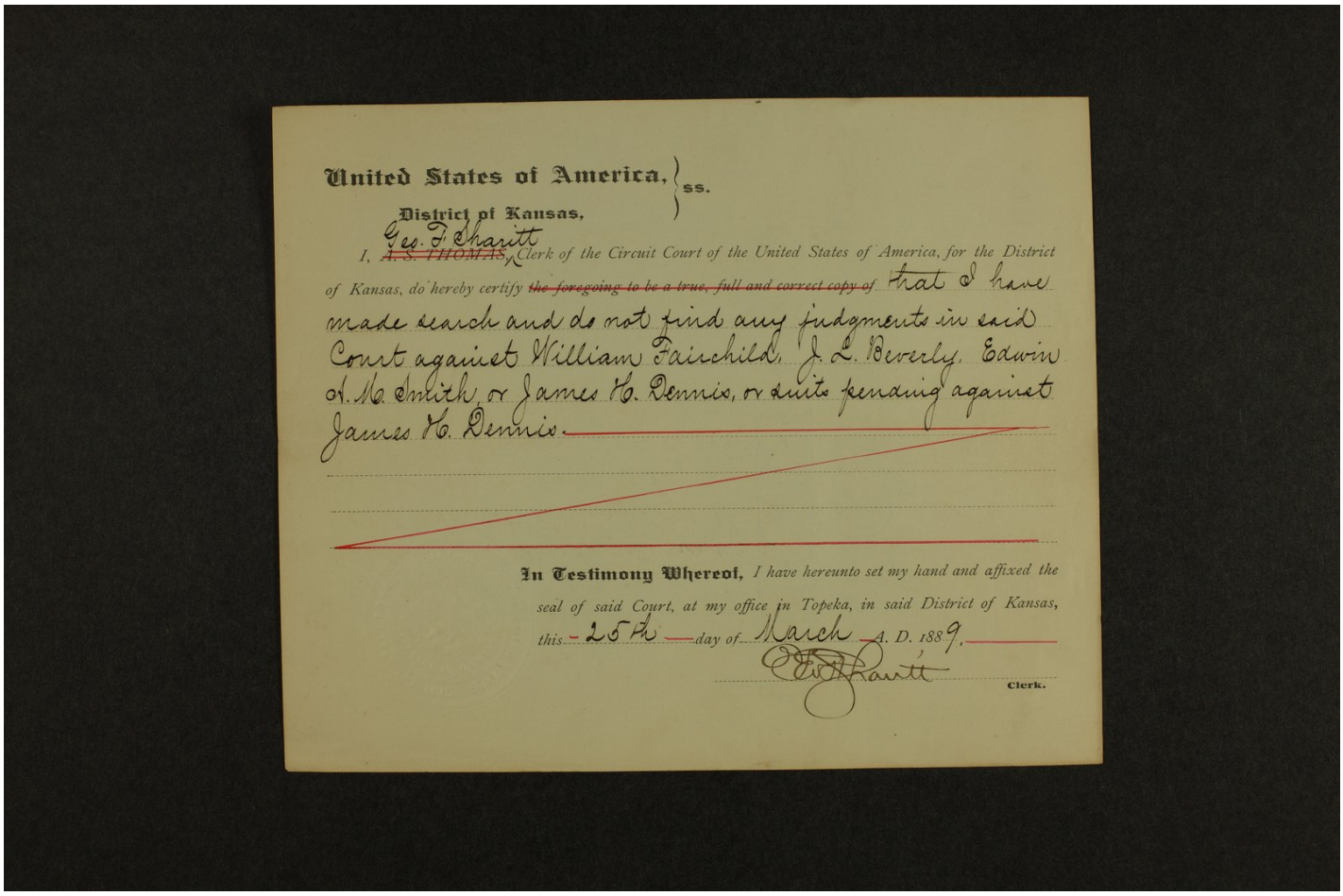
Please give me your best judgment as to the opening Topeka affords in this direction, and whether others , engaged in the same field I contemplate entering, have covered the ground before me, and whether or not they have left it rather barren. Give me any other information you may have in this connection. If you write me favorably in this connection I shall visit Topeka the last of this Month, and see you personally in regard to the matter.

Please let me hear from you at once.

Yours Truly,

P. B. Gillett

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



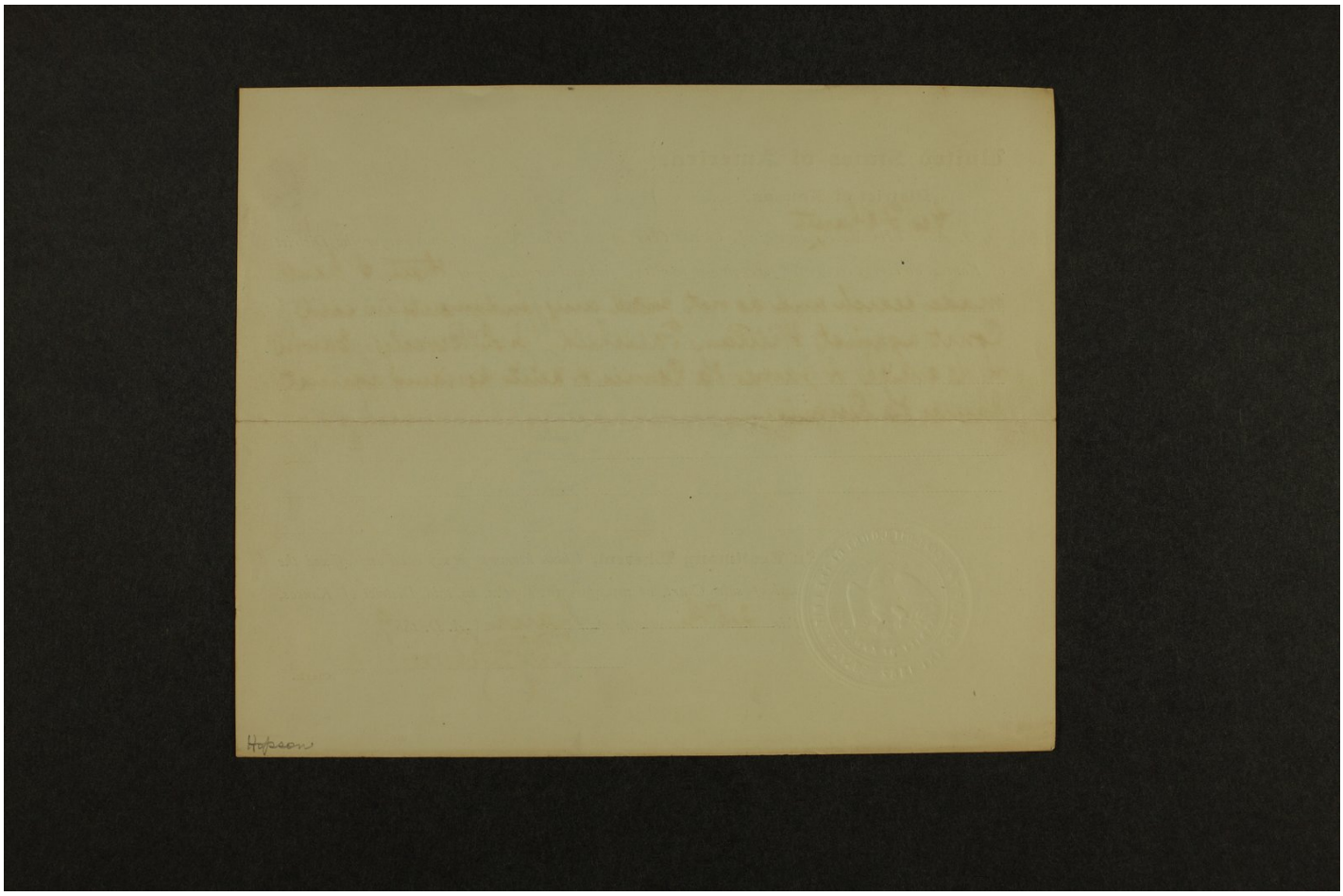
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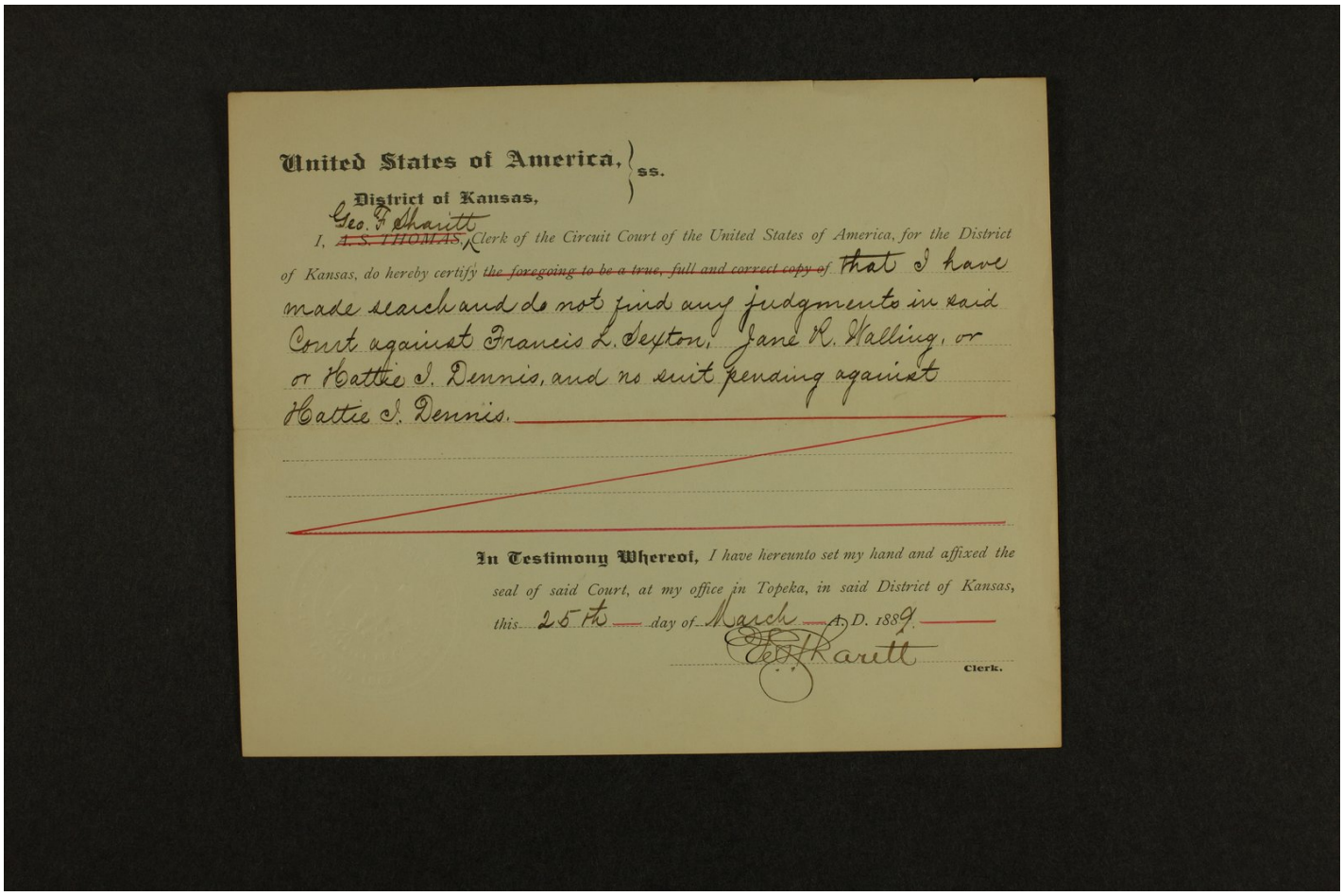
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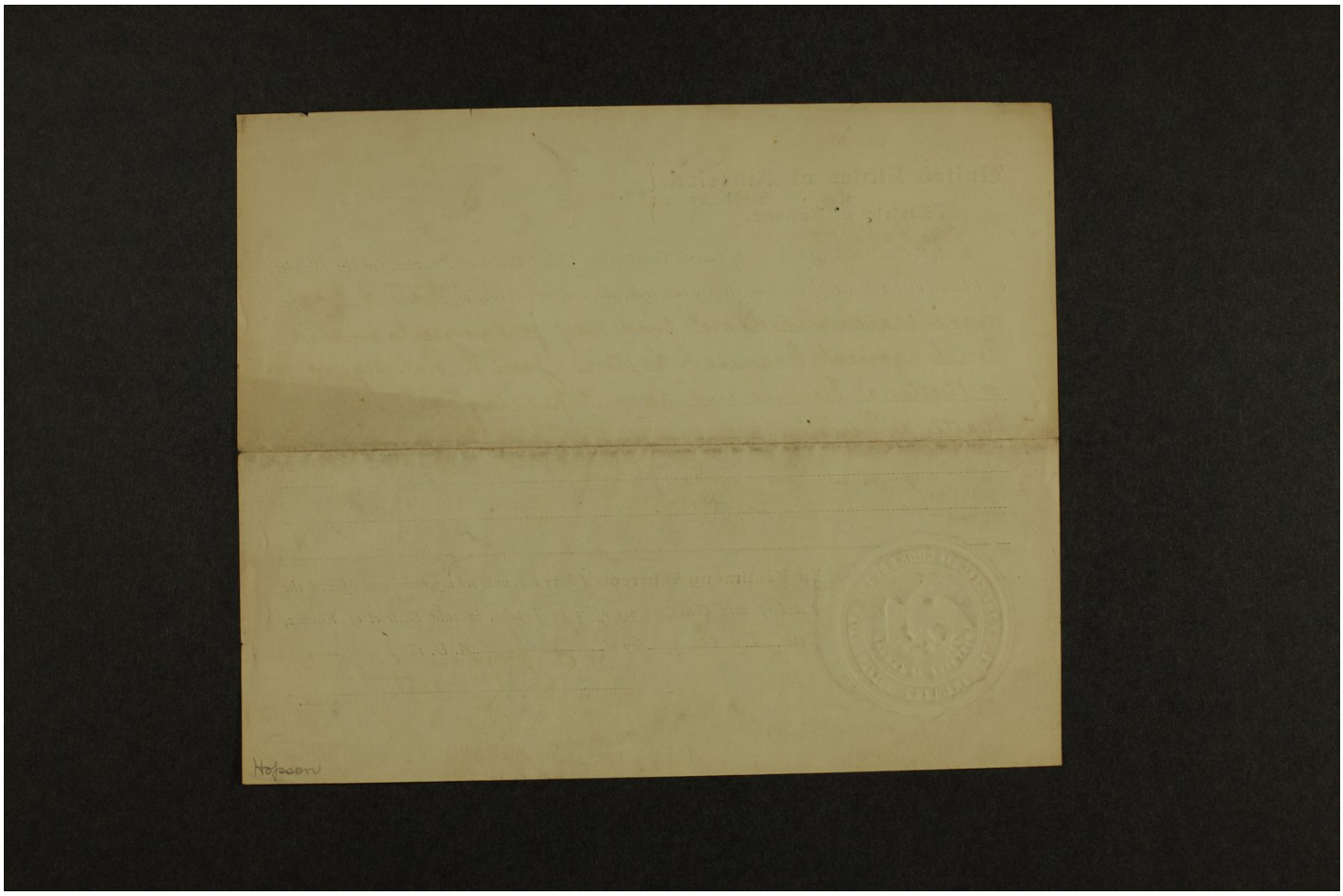
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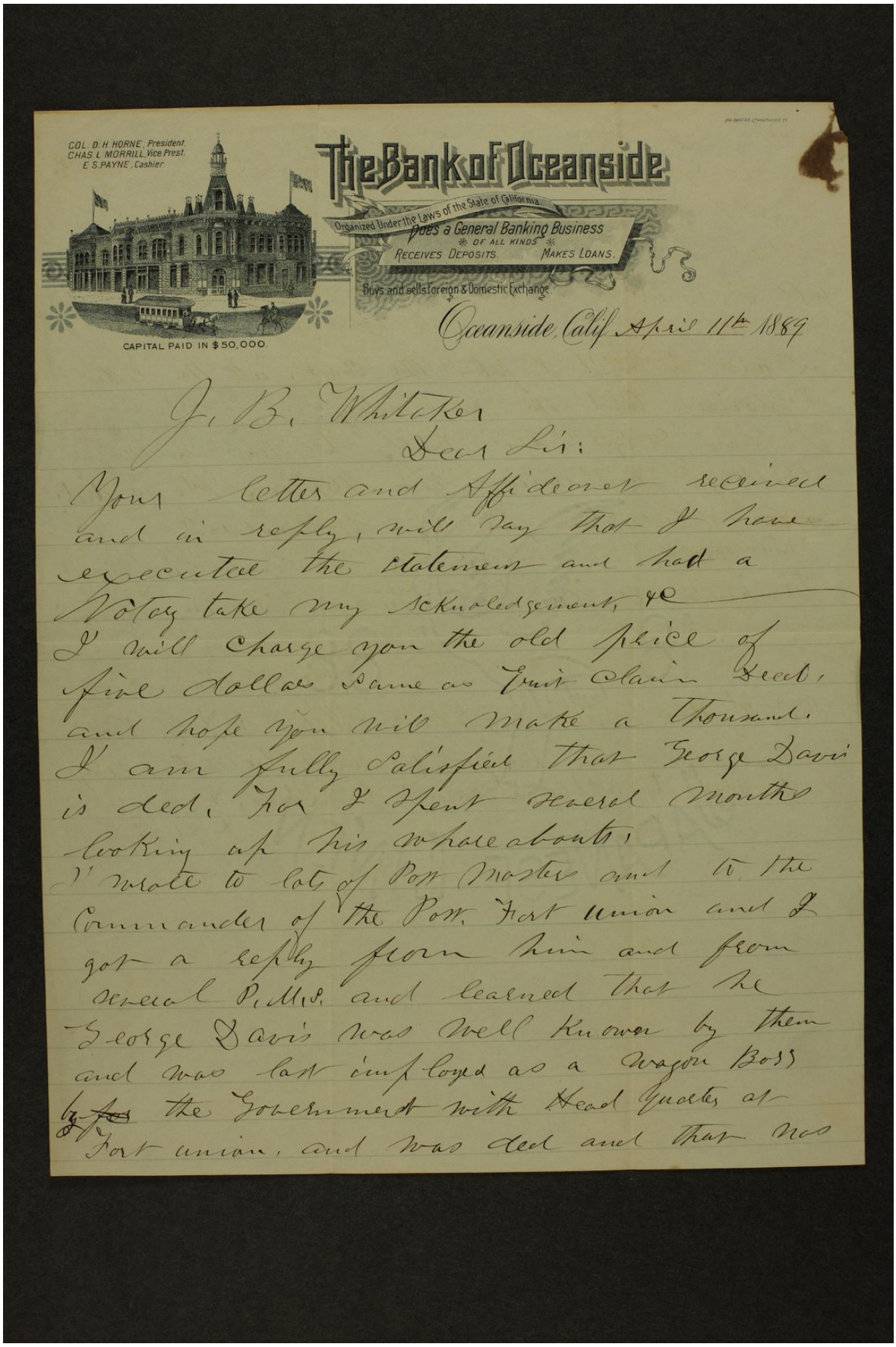
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J. B. Whitaker

Dear Sir:

Your letter and Affidavit received and in reply, will say that I have executed the statement and had a Notary take my acknowledgement, &c

I will charge you the old price of five dollars same as Quit Claim Deed, and hope you will make a thousand.

I am fully satisfied that George Davis is dead, for I spent several months looking up his whereabouts.

I wrote to lots of Post Masters and to the Commander of the Post Fort Union and I got a reply from him and from several Publics and learned that he George Davis was well known by them and was last employed as a Wagon Boss by the Government with Head Quarters at Fort union, and was dead and that Mrs