George W. Scott papers

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Business correspondence, arranged chronologically, of George W. Scott, one of the first residents of Edgerton, Kansas. A large portion of the collection is correspondence between Scott and Frank S. Hammond, Scott's partner in a 20,000 acre ranch in the Texas panhandle. Much of the correspondence deals with their attempts to raise cattle, lease the land, and sell or trade the property. Hammond worked as a general manager for several railroads (Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad Company; Kansas City, Shreveport, and Gulf Railway Company; and the Kansas City, Watkins, and Gulf Railway Company) that were in the process of expanding their lines, and mentioned these activities in his letters. Due to their real estate investments in Texas, many letters come from banks, insurance agents, and land surveyors in the panhandle. Scott also served as secretary for the Johnson County Fair Association and owned the Gardner Lumber Company. Scott frequently corresponded with creameries, dairy farmers, wholesale dry goods retailers and seed merchants, including the Kansas Seed House owned by Frederick W. Barteldes in Lawrence. Also included are invoices, checks, contracts, and inventory lists from various businesses.

Creator: Scott, George W., 1850-1920

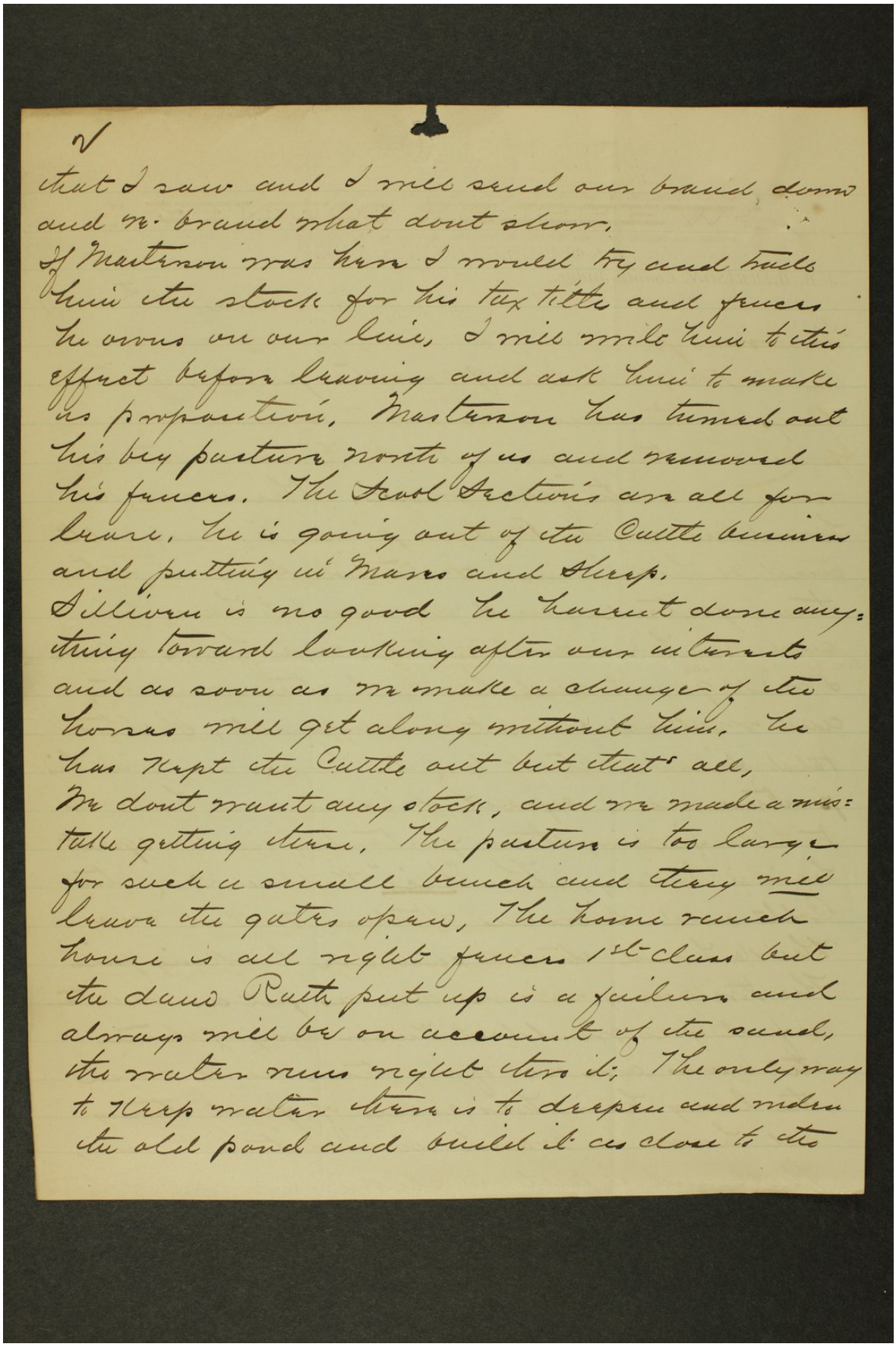
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that I saw and I will send our brand down and the brand what dont show.
If Masterson was here I would try and trade him the stock for his tax title and fences he owns on our line, I will write him to this effect before leaving and ask him to make us proposition. Masterson has turned out his big pasture north of us and removed his fences. The Scott factors are all for here. He is going out of the Cattle business and putting in Mares and Sheep.
Dillon is no good he hasn't done anything toward looking after our interests and as soon as we make a change of the horses will get along without him. He has kept the Cattle out but that's all.
We dont want any stock, and we made a mistake getting them. The pasture is too large for such a small bunch and they will leave the gates open, The home ranch house is all right fences 1st class but the dam Ruth put up is a failure and always will be on account of the sand, the water runs right thru it. The only way to keep water there is to deepen and widen the old pond and build it as close to the

STATE OF TEXAS

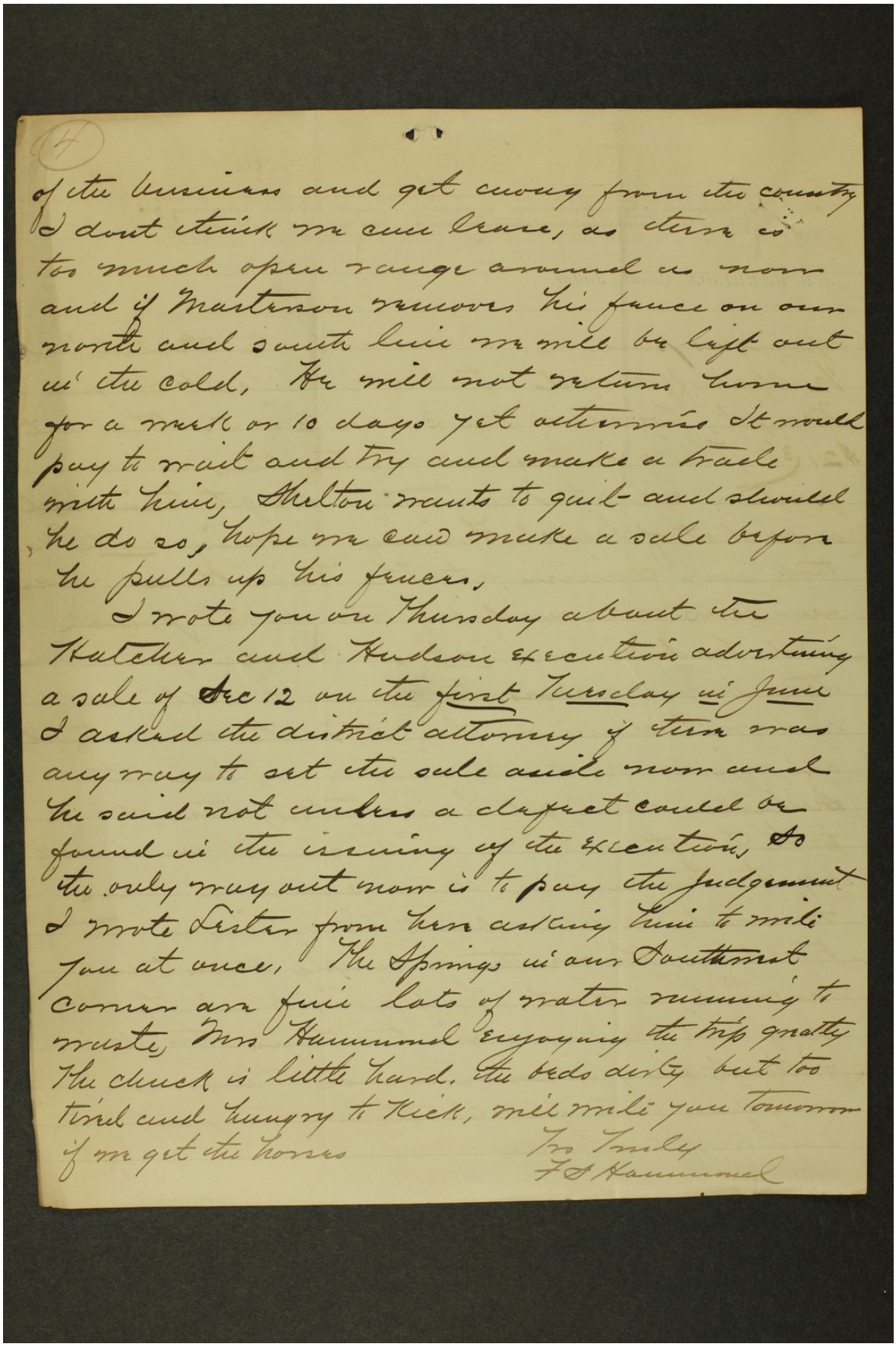
WHEELER COUNTY.

OFFICE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

J. B. HARRISON, County Judge.

Mobeetie, Texas 189

spring as possible. I bought the Section and 1/2 Sheriff deeds that we didnt get from Wright, Vo all of Sec 3 and 1/2 of 5. total cost $2,38 This gives us all the tank Hills in our pasture except Masterson, We got Tenn and a basket of lunch Friday morning early and took our dinner at The Home Ranch under our own vine and fig tree on the porch and had a bone "cat" for company. We then drove across the ranch to Salt Creek and met down on Sweet Water and stayed all night. next morning drove back to Sullivans and got him started, then drove to the Southwest Cor of the ranch and back by the house and then came in Here we made in all about 65 miles in the two days. The mutton is simply beautiful no mud or dust, had a big rain the 1st day and we drove for two hours on it without any inconvenience, The grass is very fine but few cattle in this part of the country, everybody seems to want to get

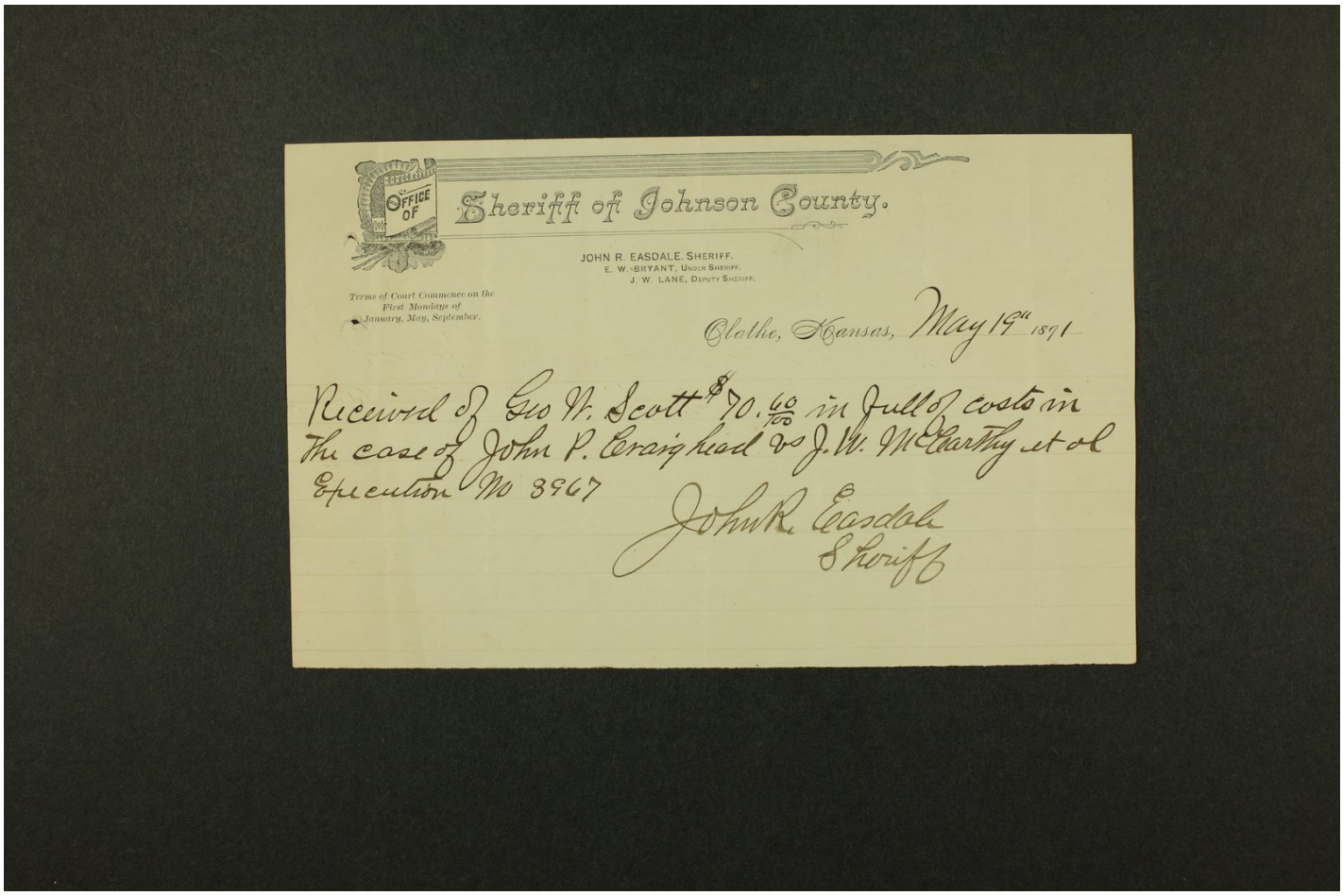


of the business and get away from the county I dont think we can leave, as there is too much open range around us now and if Masterson moves his fence on our north and south line we will be left out in the cold, He will not return home for a week or 10 days yet otherwise it would pay to wait and try and make a trade with him, Shelton wants to quit and should he do so, hope we can make a sale before he pulls up his fences.

I wrote you on Thursday about the Hutchison and Hudson execution advertising a sale of Sec 12 on the first Tuesday in June I asked the district attorney if there was any way to set the sale aside now and he said not unless a defect could be found in the issuing of the execution, So the only way out now is to pay the judgement I wrote Lester from here asking him to write you at once, The Springs in our Southwest corner are fine lots of water running to waste, Mrs Hammond enjoying the trip greatly The check is little hard, the beds dirty but too tired and hungry to kick, will write you tomorrow if we get the horses

Yours Truly
F S Hammond

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OFFICE OF

Sheriff of Johnson County.

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E. W. BRYANT, UNDER SHERIFF.
J. W. LANE, DEPUTY SHERIFF.

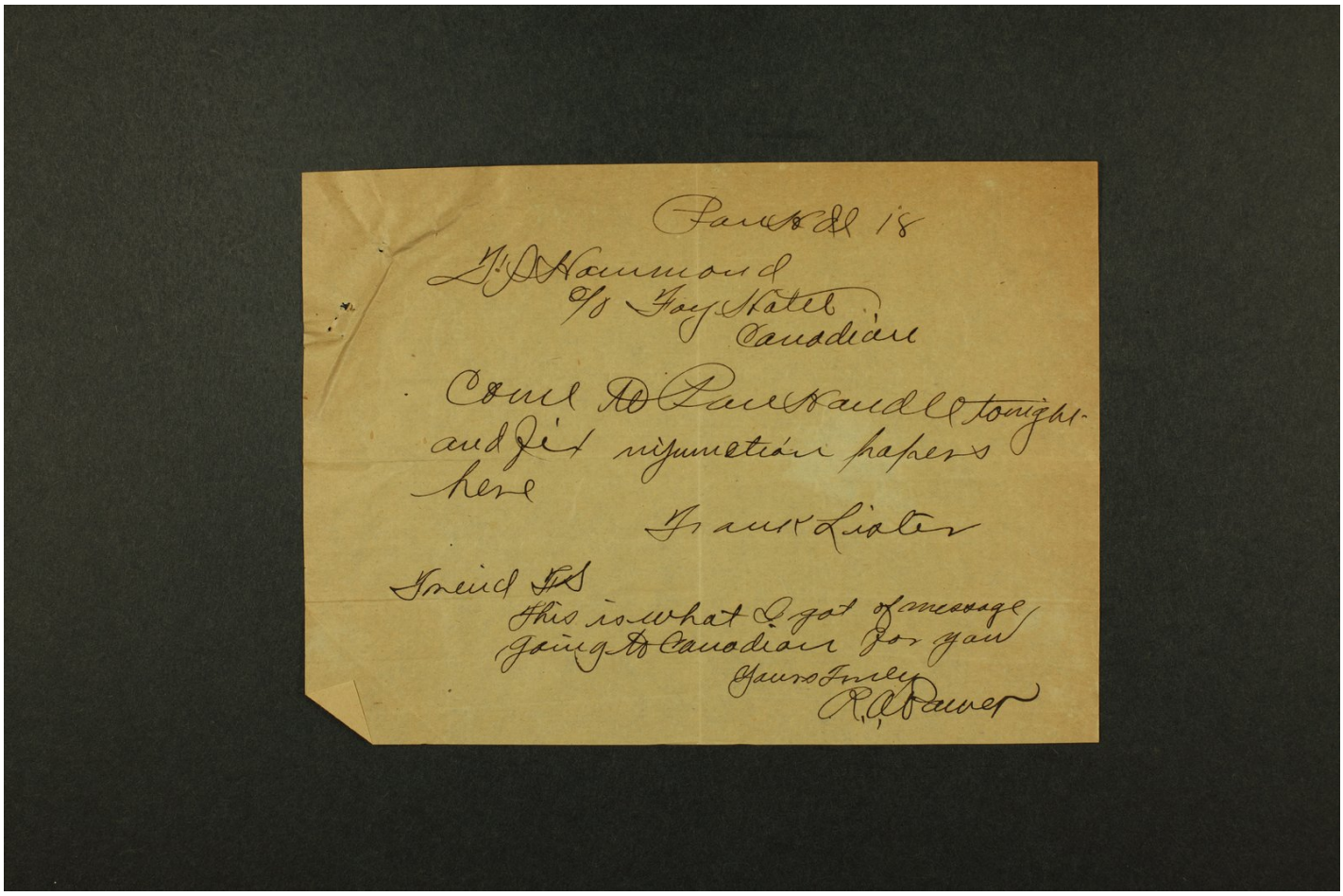
Terms of Court Commence on the
First Mondays of
January, May, September.

Olathe, Kansas, May 19th 1891

Received of Geo W. Scott $70.40/100 in full of costs in the case of John P. Craighead vs J. W. McCarthy et al Execution No 3967

John R. Easdale
Sheriff

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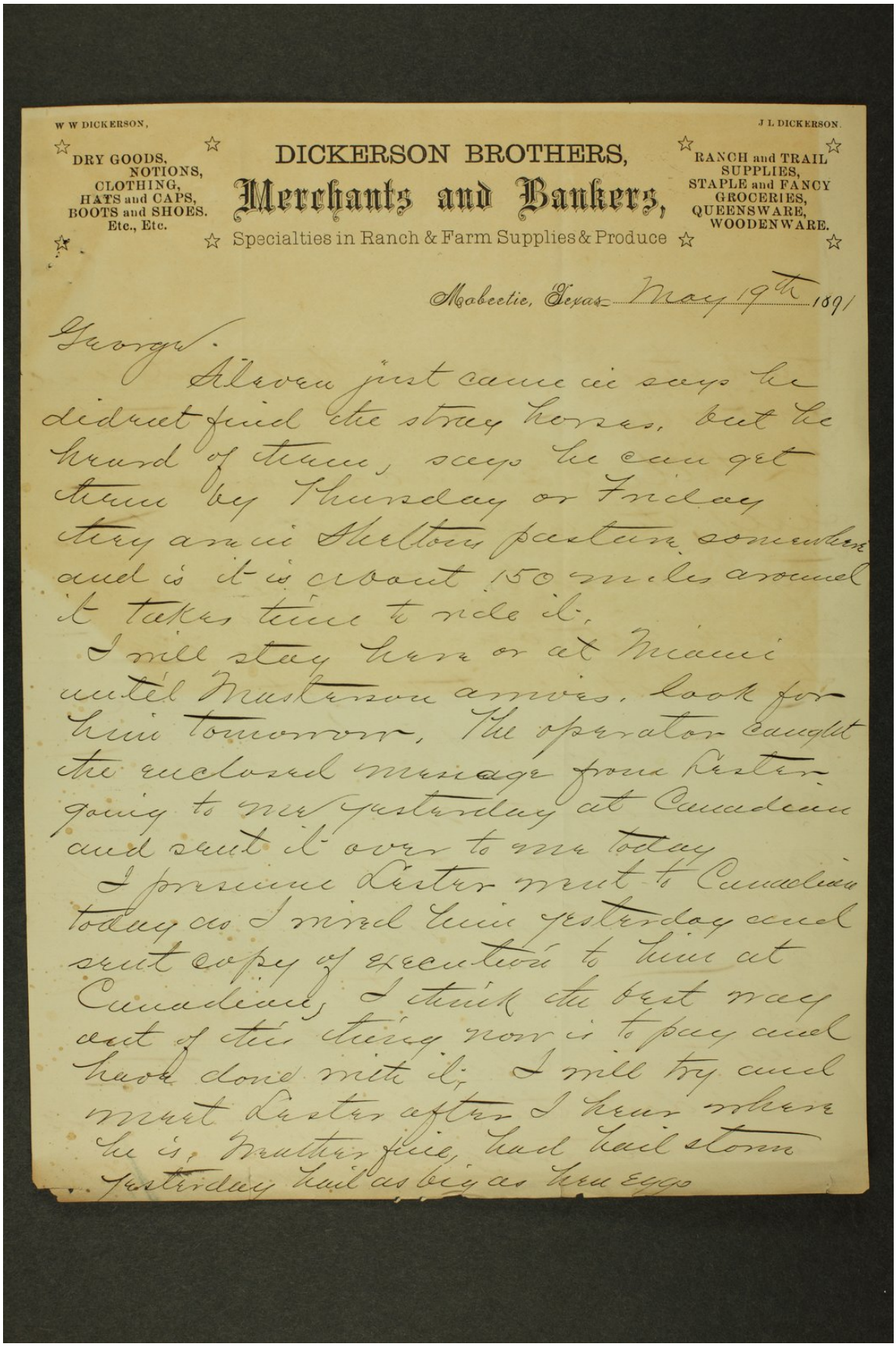

Paris Ill 18

W. D. Hammond
c/o Gay Hotel
Canadian

Come to Paris Randall tonight and get nomination papers here

Yours Truly
R. A. Power

Send $5
This is what I got of message going to Canadian for you
Yours Truly
R. A. Power



W W DICKERSON, J L DICKERSON.

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, HATS and CAPS, BOOTS and SHOES. Etc., Etc.

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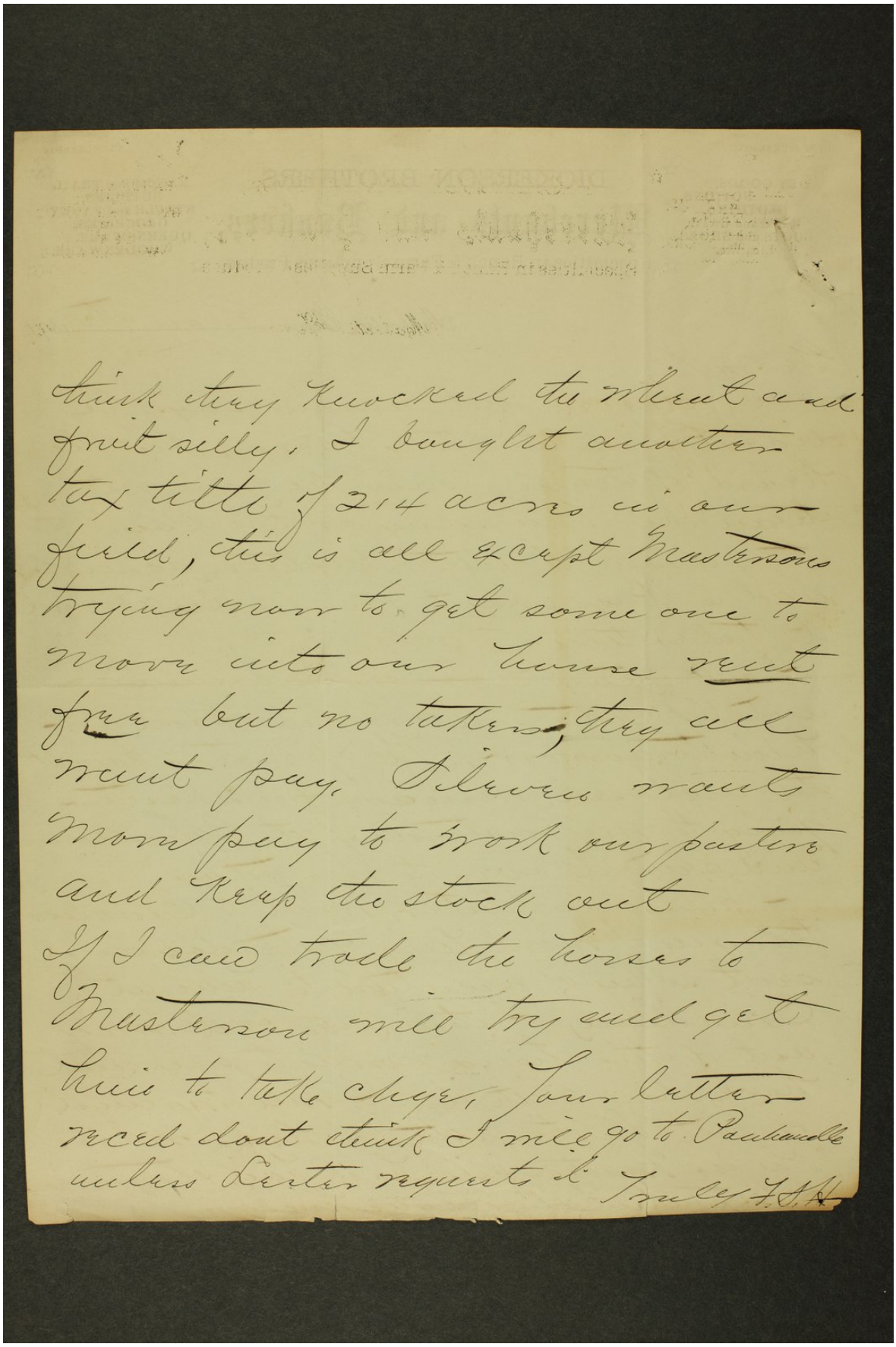
Mabeetie, Texas May 19th 1891

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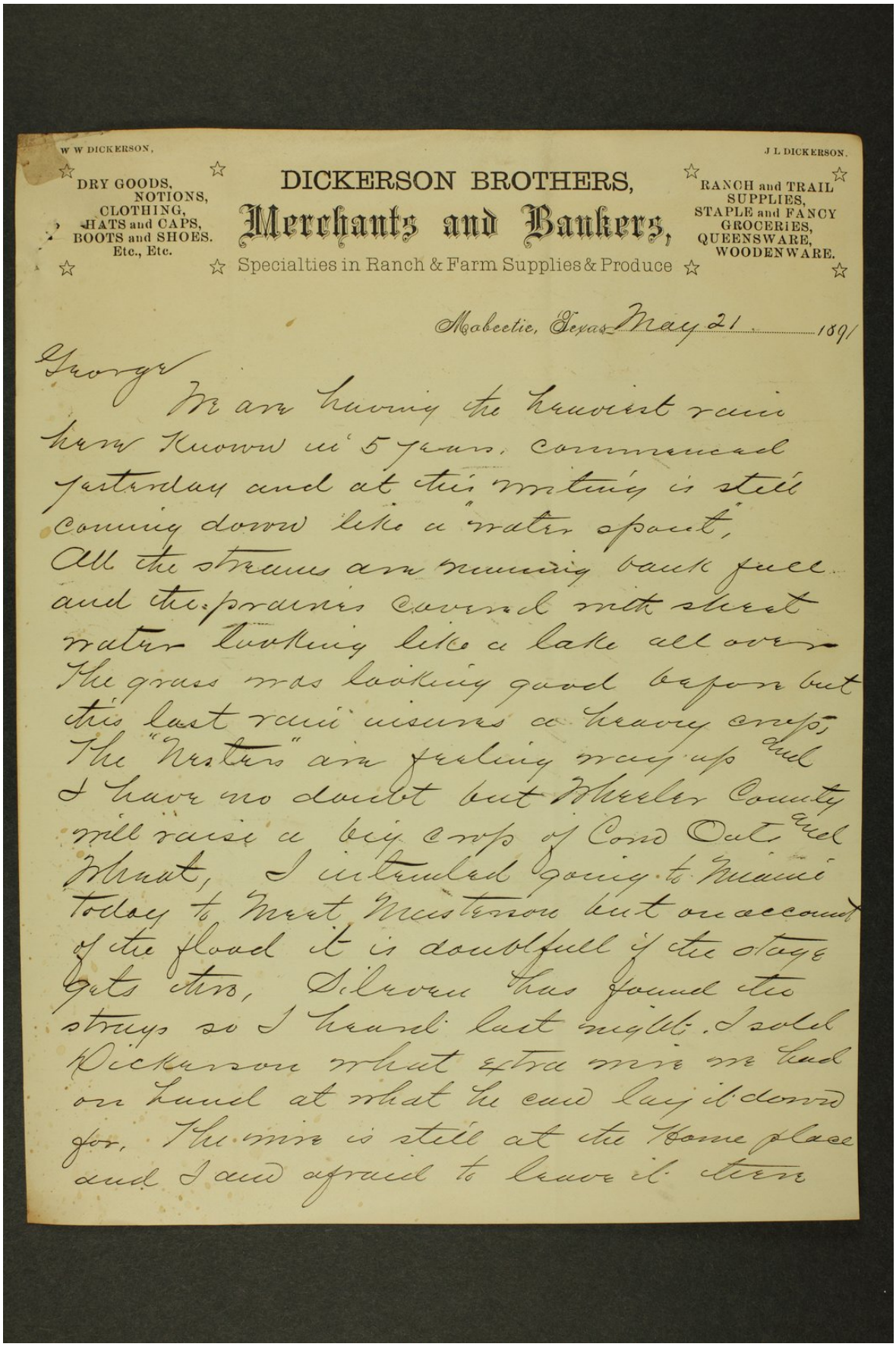
Alvon just came in says he didnt find the stray horses, but he heard of them, says he can get them by Thursday or Friday they are in Shelton pasture somewhere and is it is about 150 miles around it takes time to ride it.

I will stay here or at Miami until Masterson arrives. look for him tomorrow. The operator caught the enclosed message from Carter going to me yesterday at Canadian and sent it over to me today.

I presume Carter went to Canadian today as I wired him yesterday and sent copy of execution to him at Canadian, I think the best way out of the thing now is to pay and have done with it, I will try and meet Carter after I hear where he is, Masterson fine, had hail storm yesterday hail as big as hen eggs



think they knocked the wheat and fruit silly. I bought another tax title of 214 acres in our field, this is all except Masterson trying now to get some one to move into our house rent free but no takers; they all want pay. Silvers wants more pay to work our pasture and keep the stock out If I can trade the horses to Masterson will try and get him to take them. Jim Latimer need dont think I will go to Pawhuska unless Latimer wants it. Truly J. S. H.



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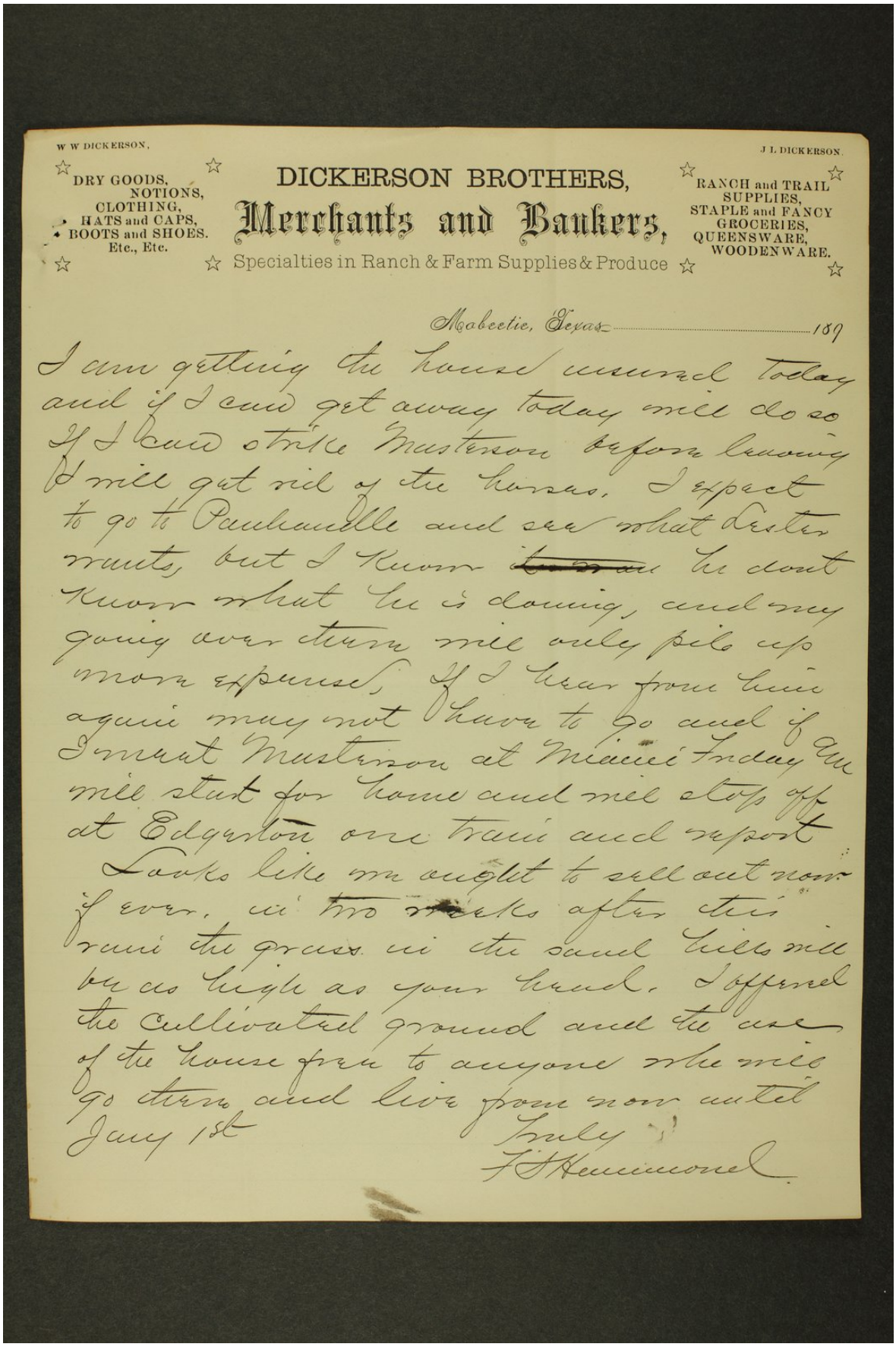
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Mobeetie, Texas May 21 1891

George

We are having the heaviest rain here known in 5 years. commenced yesterday and at this writing is still coming down like a "water spout", All the streams are running bank full and the prairie covered with sheet water looking like a lake all over. The grass was looking good before but this last rain insures a heavy crop. The "Nesters" are feeling very up and I have no doubt but Wheeler County will raise a big crop of Corn Oats and Wheat, I intended going to Miami today to meet Mustangs but on account of the flood it is doubtfull if the stage gets thro, Dilworth has found the strays so I heard last night. I sold Dickerson what extra mix we had on hand at what he said lay it down for. The mix is still at the Home place and I am afraid to leave it there



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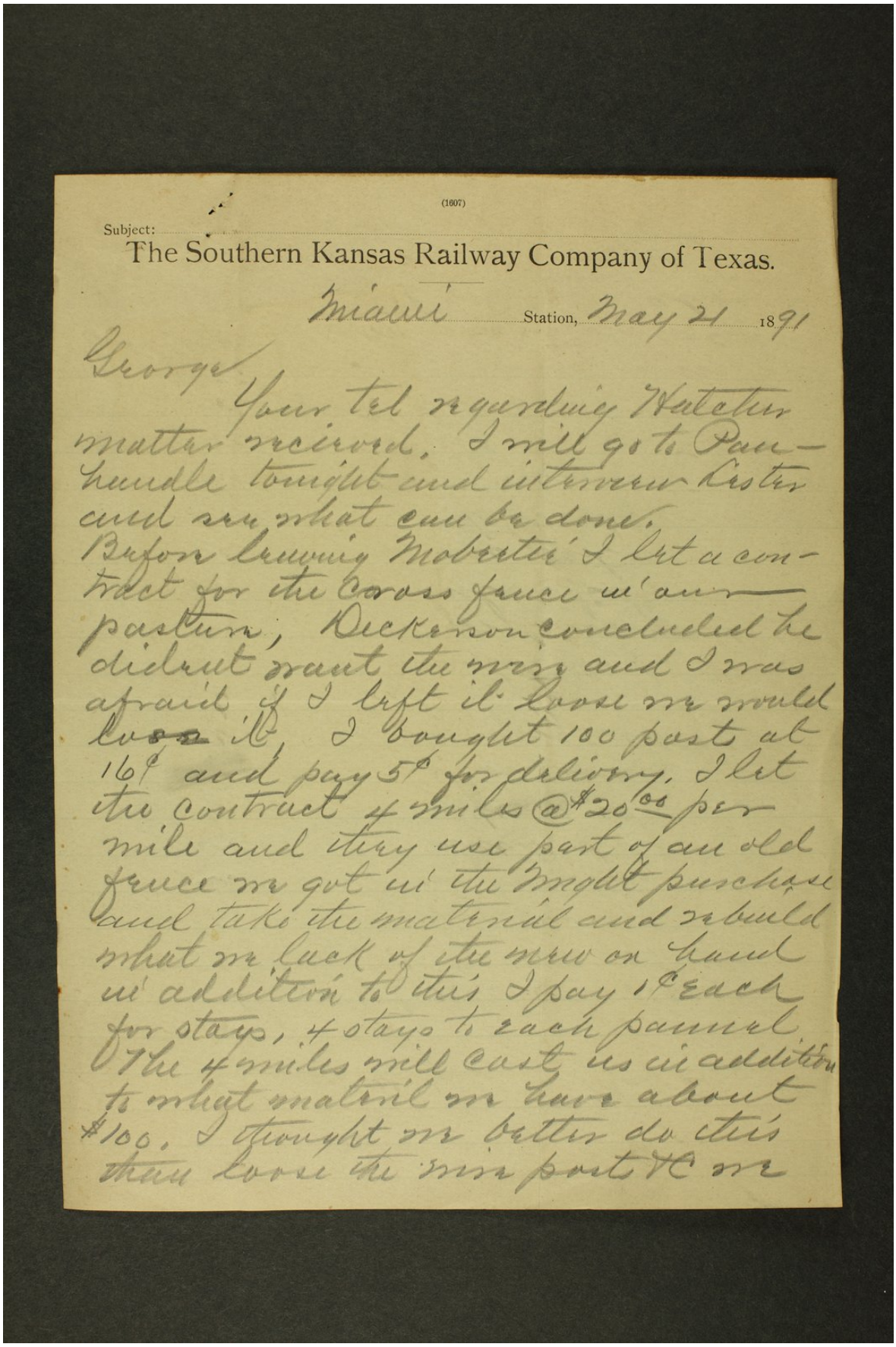
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I am getting the horses around today and if I can get away today will do so If I can strike Masterson before leaving I will get rid of the horses. I expect to go to Panhandle and see what Lester wants, but I know ~~I can~~ he dont know what he is doing, and my going over there will only pile up more expense, If I hear from him again may not have to go and if I meet Masterson at Miami Friday am will start for home and will stop off at Edgerton one train and report Looks like we ought to sell out now if ever. in two weeks after this rain the grass in the sand hills will be as high as your head. I offered the cultivated ground and the use of the house free to anyone who will go there and live from now until Jany 1st

Truly
F. J. Hemmonds



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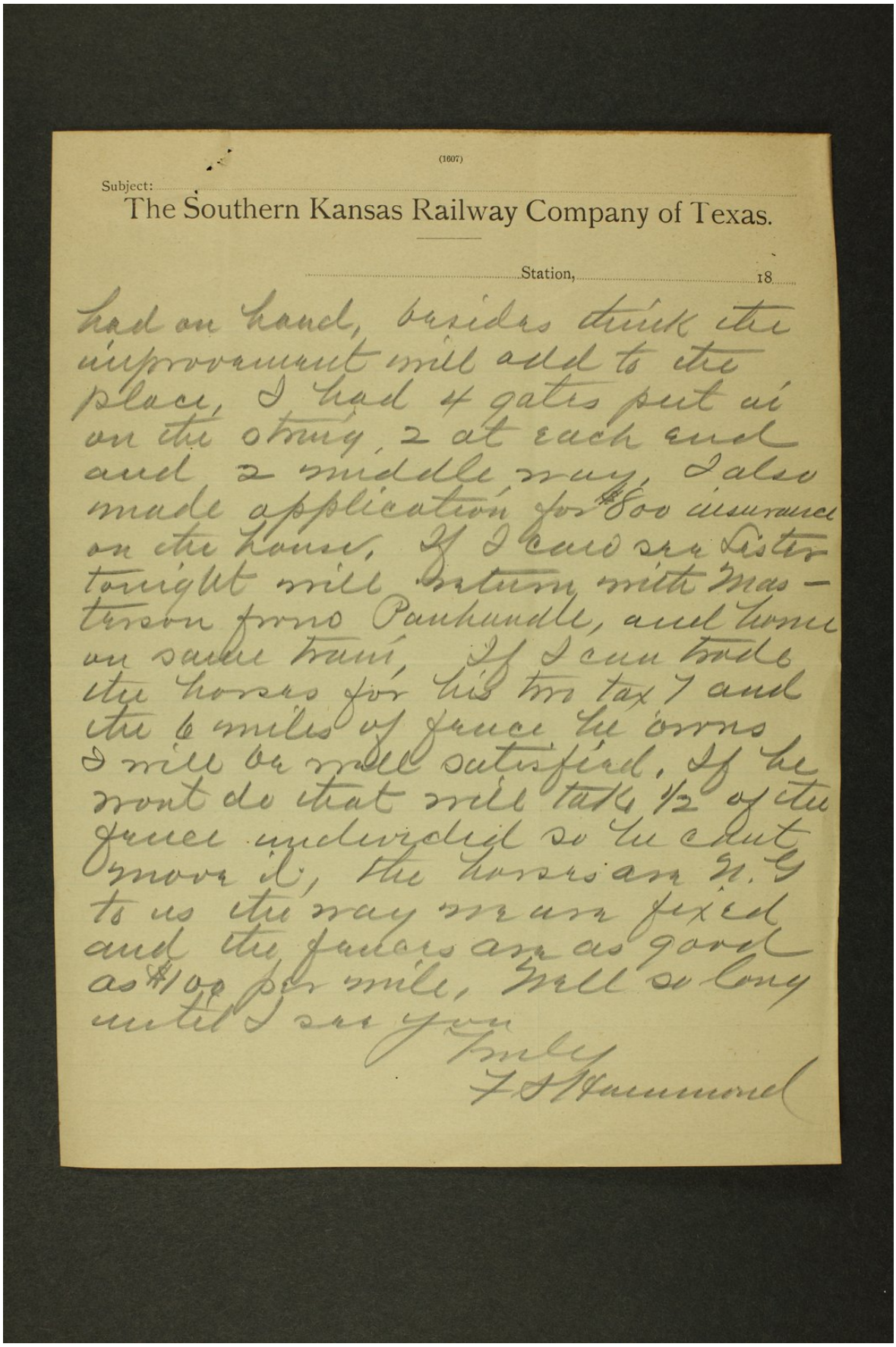
Subject:

The Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas.

Miami Station, May 21 1891

George

Your tel regarding Watchen matter recived. I will go to Panhandle tonight and interview Listen and see what can be done. Befor leaving Mobrtie I let a contract for the Cross fence in Ames pasture, Dickenson concluded he didnt want the wire and I was afraid if I left it loose we would lose it, I bought 100 post at 16¢ and pay 5¢ for delivery. I let the contract 4 miles @ $20.00 per mile and they use part of an old fence we got in the Night purchase and take the material and rebuild what we lack of the new on hand in addition to this I pay 1¢ each for stays, 4 stays to each panel The 4 miles will cost us in addition to what material we have about $100. I thought we better do this than loose the wire post &c we



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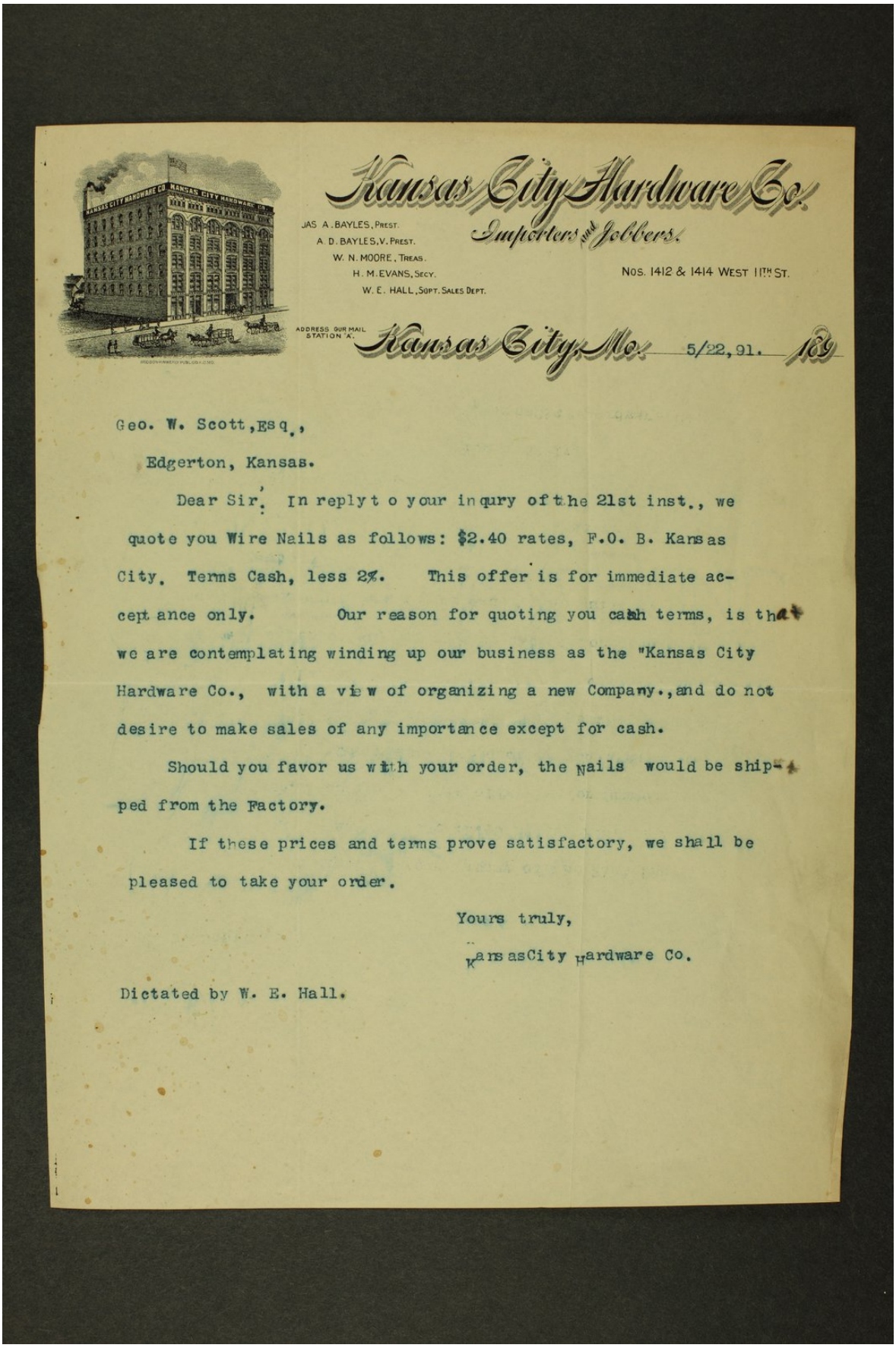
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Station, 18

had on hand, besides what the improvement will add to the place, I had 4 gates put up on the stray, 2 at each end and 2 middle way, I also made application for $600 insurance on the house, If I can see Lister tonight will return with Masterson from Panhandle, and home on same train, If I can trade the horses for his tax 7 and the 6 miles of fence he owns I will be well satisfied, If he wont do that will take 1/2 of the fence individual so he can move it, the horses are G. G. to us the way we run fixed and the fences are as good as $100 per mile, Will so long until I see you

Truly
T. S. Hammond



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Geo. W. Scott, Esq.,

Edgerton, Kansas.

Dear Sir. In reply to your inqury of the 21st inst., we quote you Wire Nails as follows: $2.40 rates, F.O. B. Kansas City. Terms Cash, less 2%. This offer is for immediate acceptance only. Our reason for quoting you cash terms, is that we are contemplating winding up our business as the "Kansas City Hardware Co., with a view of organizing a new Company., and do not desire to make sales of any importance except for cash.

Should you favor us with your order, the Nails would be shipped from the Factory.

If these prices and terms prove satisfactory, we shall be pleased to take your order.

Yours truly,

KansasCity Hardware Co.

Dictated by W. E. Hall.



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LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS,

May 11" 1891

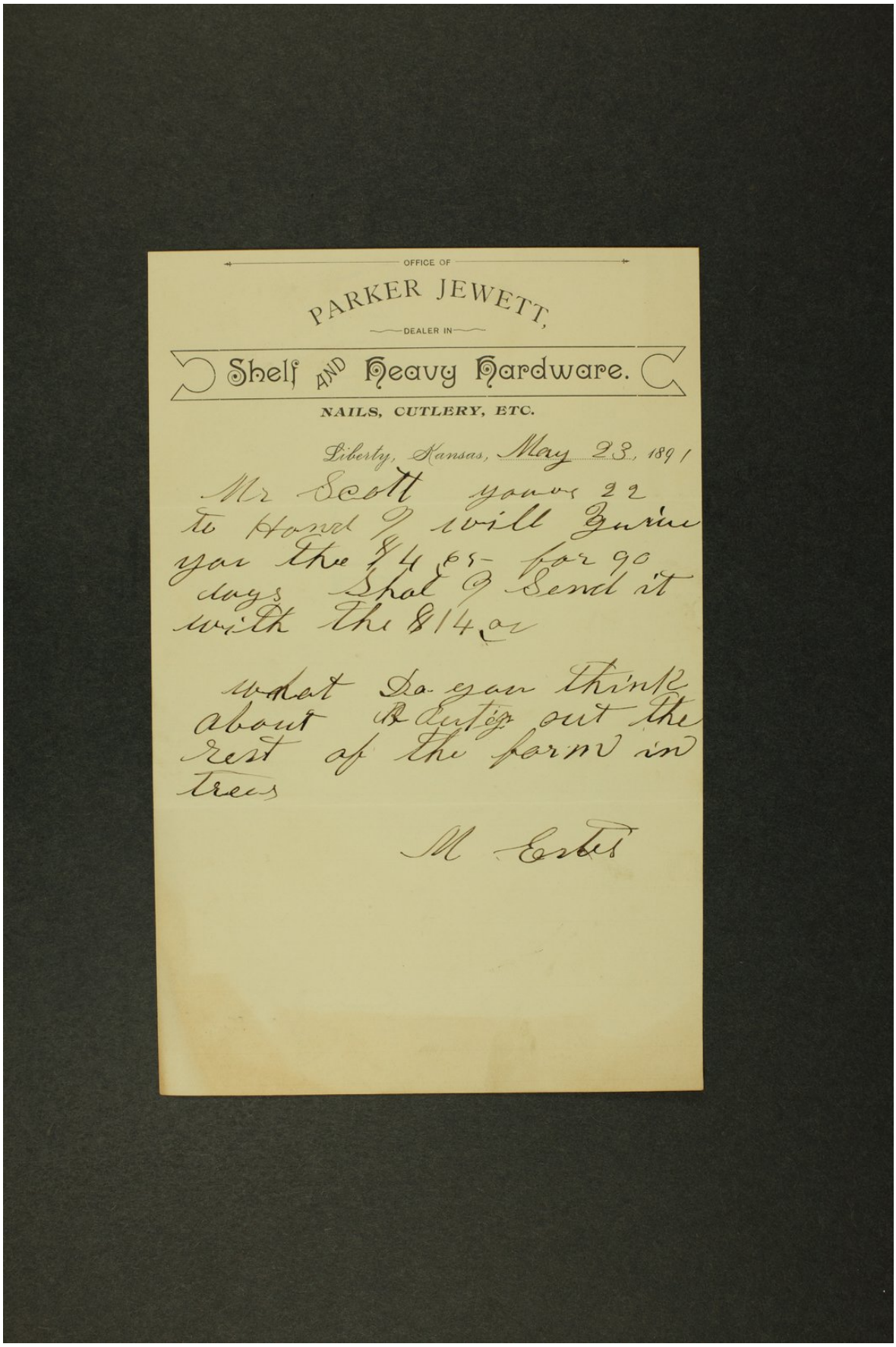
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Edgerton, Kan.

Dear Sir & Bro-

Your valued order for By Laws just recind and shall have our prompt attention. Will ship Monday or Tuesday next.

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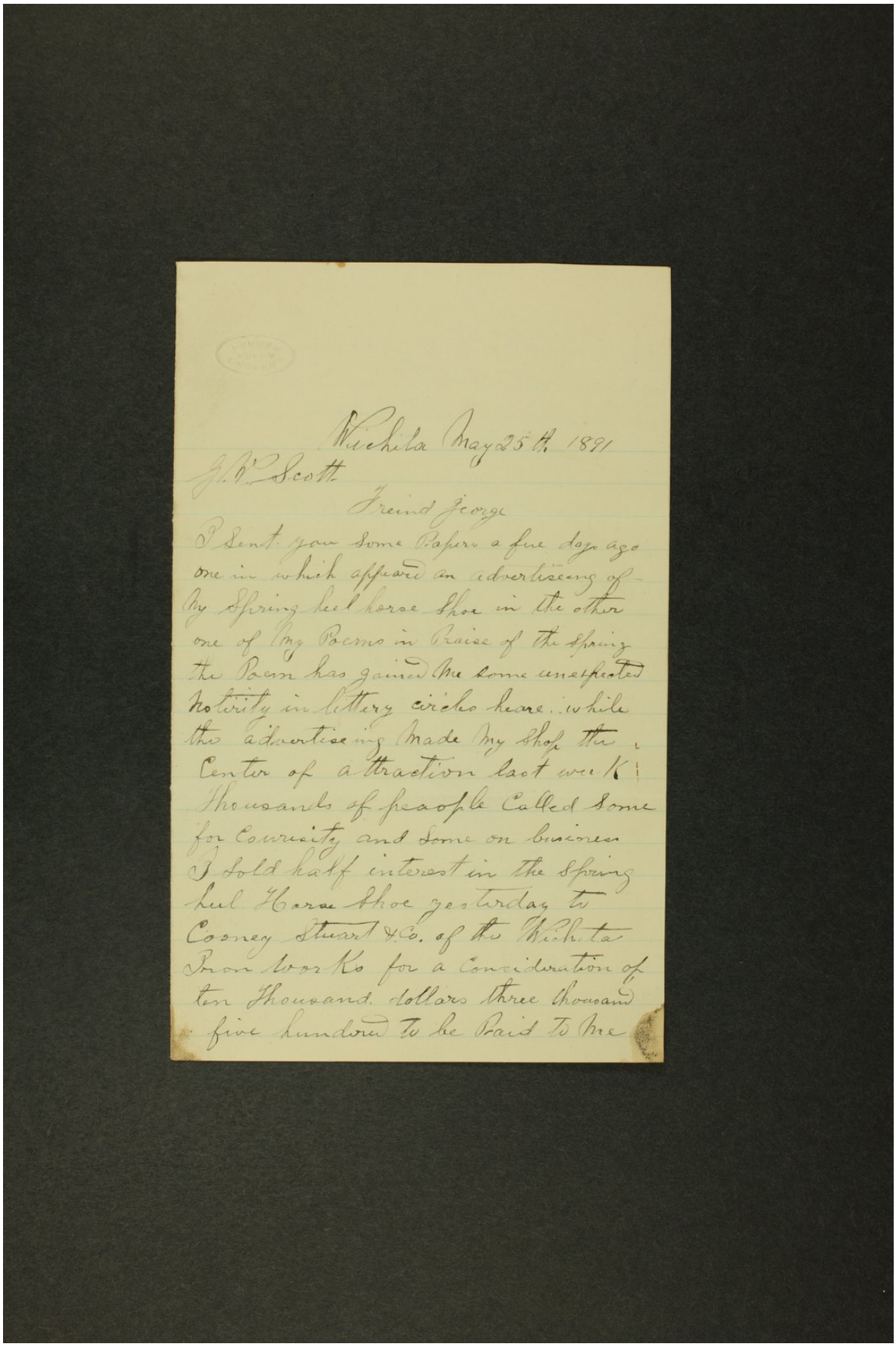
NAILS, CUTLERY, ETC.

Liberty, Kansas, May 23, 1891

Mr Scott yours 22 to hand I will Insure you the $4.65 for 90 days Shall I send it with the $14.00

what Do you think about Cutting out the rest of the farm in trees

M Estes

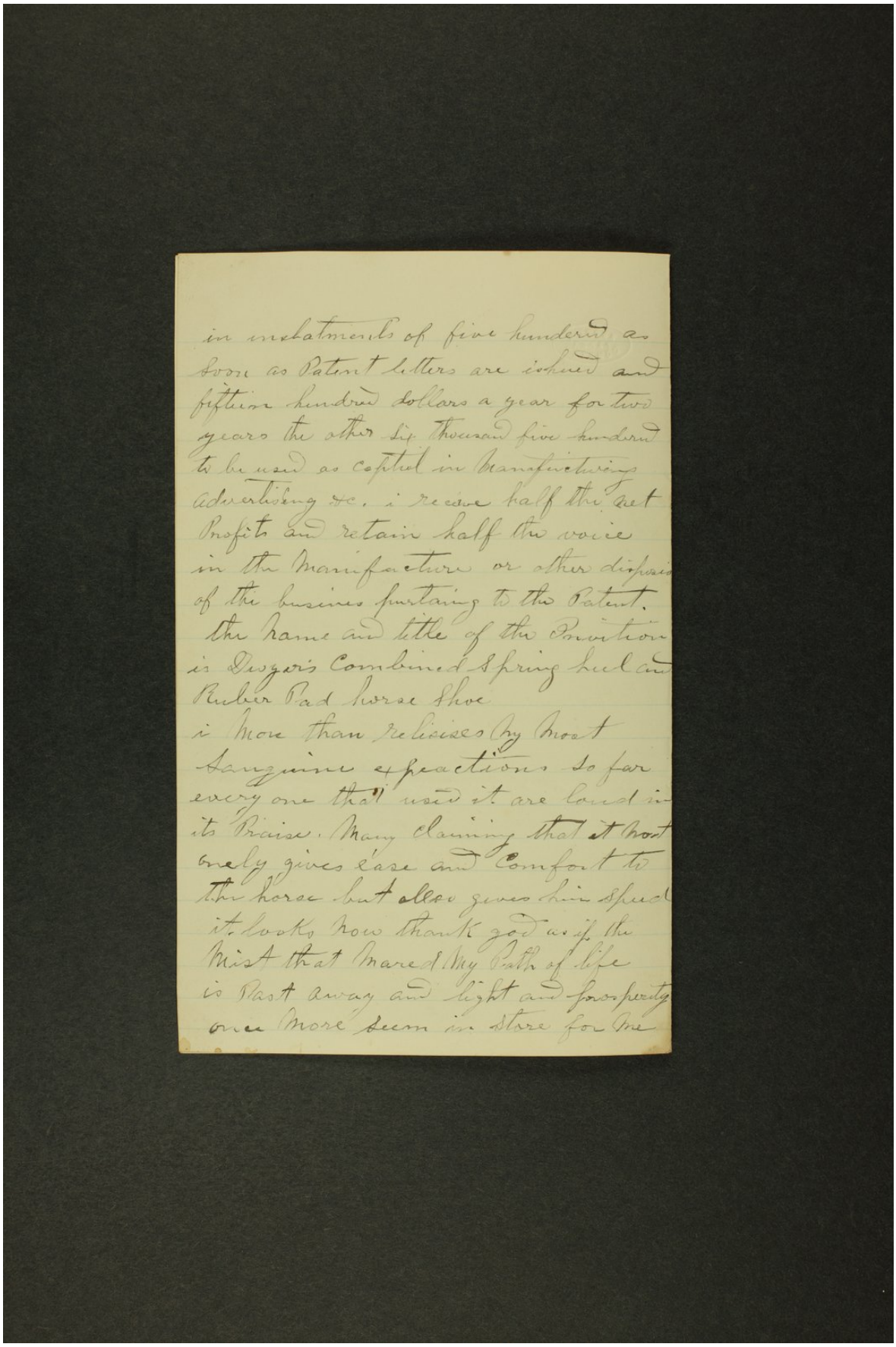


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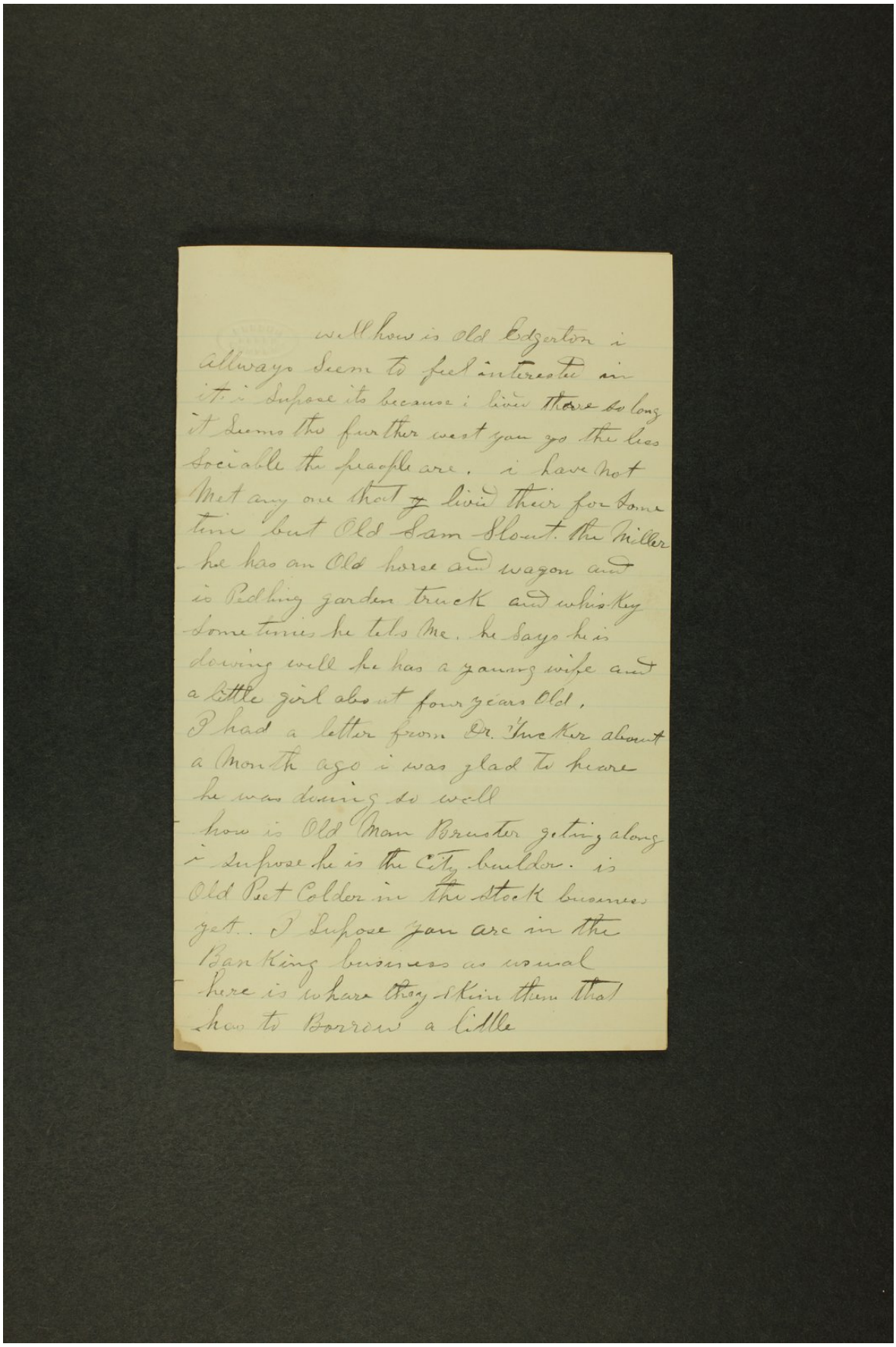
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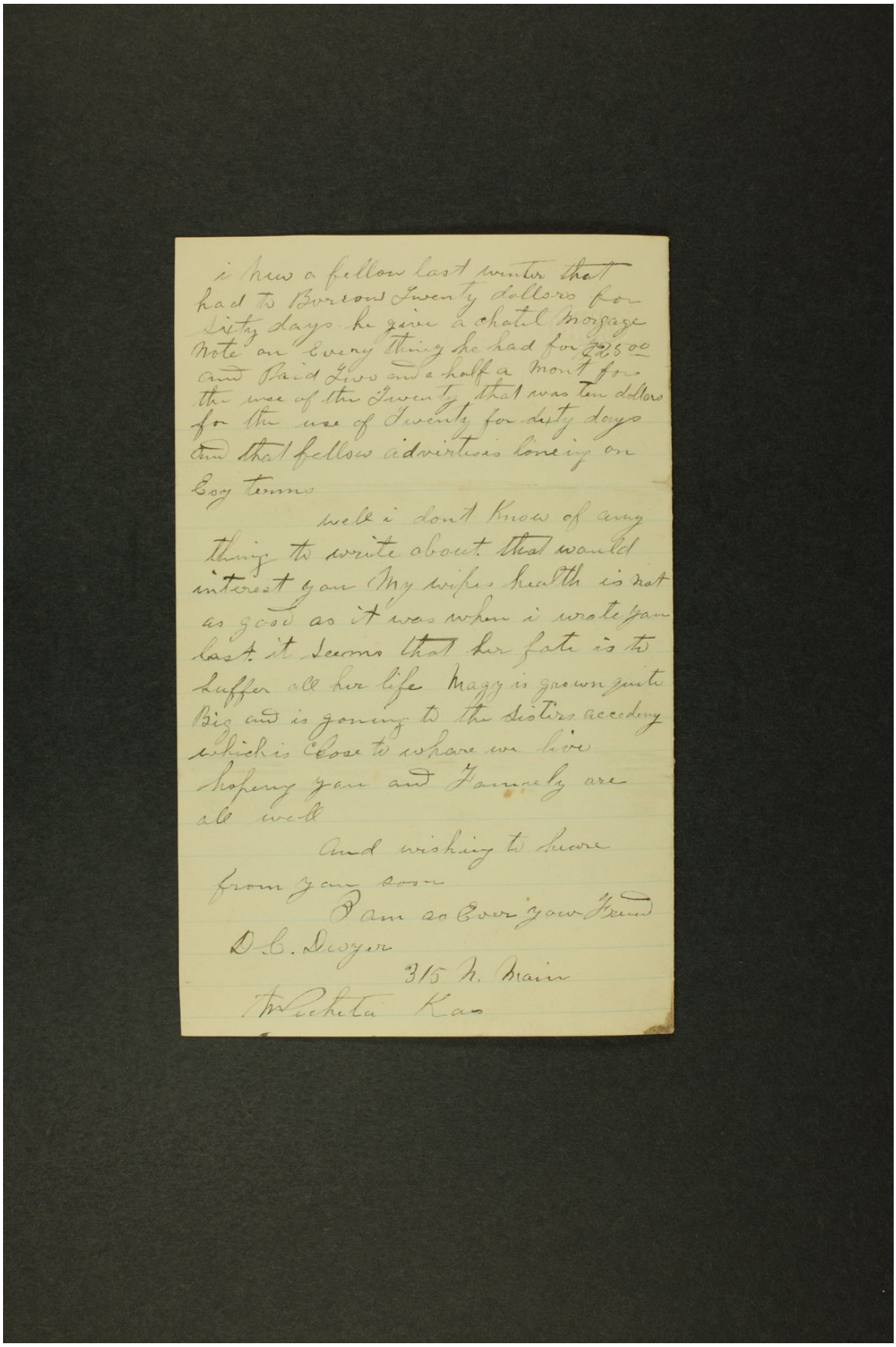
I Sent you some Papers a fue days ago one in which appeared an advertiseing of My Spring heel horse Shoe in the other one of My Poems in Praise of the Spring the Poem has gained Me some unexpected notority in Literary circles heare. while the advertiseing made My Shop the Center of attraction last week Thousands of people Called Some for Curiosity and Some on business I Sold half interest in the Spring heel Horse Shoe yesterday to Cooney Stuart & Co. of the Wichita Iron Works for a Consideration of ten Thousand dollars three thousand five hundred to be Paid to Me



in instalments of five hundred as
soon as Patent Letters are issued and
fifteen hundred dollars a year for two
years the other Six thousand five hundred
to be used as capital in Manufacturing
Advertising &c. i receive half the net
Profits and retain half the voice
in the Manufacture or other disposal
of the business pertaining to the Patent.
the name and title of the Invention
is Dwyer's Combined Spring Leaf and
Rubber Pad horse Shoe
it more than realizes my most
Sanguine expectations so far
every one that used it are loud in
its Praise. Many claiming that it most
nearly gives ease and comfort to
the horse but also gives him speed
it looks now thank god as if the
Mist that Marred My Path of life
is Past away and light and prosperity
once more seem in store for me



well how is old Edgerton i allways seem to feel interested in it. i Supose its because i livid there so long it seems the further west you go the less sociable the people are. i have not met any one that I livid their for some time but Old Sam Slout the Miller he has an Old horse and wagon and is Peddling garden truck and whiskey sometimes he tels me. he says he is doing well he has a young wife and a little girl about four years Old. I had a letter from Dr. Thacker about a Month ago i was glad to heare he was doing so well how is Old Mose Brewster geting along i Supose he is the City builder. is Old Pete Calder in the stock business yet. I Supose you are in the Banking business as usual here is where they skin them that how to Borrow a little



i knew a fellow last winter that had to Borrow Twenty dollars for Sixty days. he gave a chatel Morgage Note on Every thing he had for $25.00 and Paid Five and a half a Month for the use of the Twenty that was ten dollars for the use of Twenty for sixty days and that fellow advertises loaning on Easy terms

well i dont know of any thing to write about that would interest you My wifes health is not as good as it was when i wrote you last it seems that her fate is to Suffer all her life Maggy is grown quite Big and is gowing to the Sisters academy which is close to where we live Hoping you and Family are all well

And wishing to heare from you soon

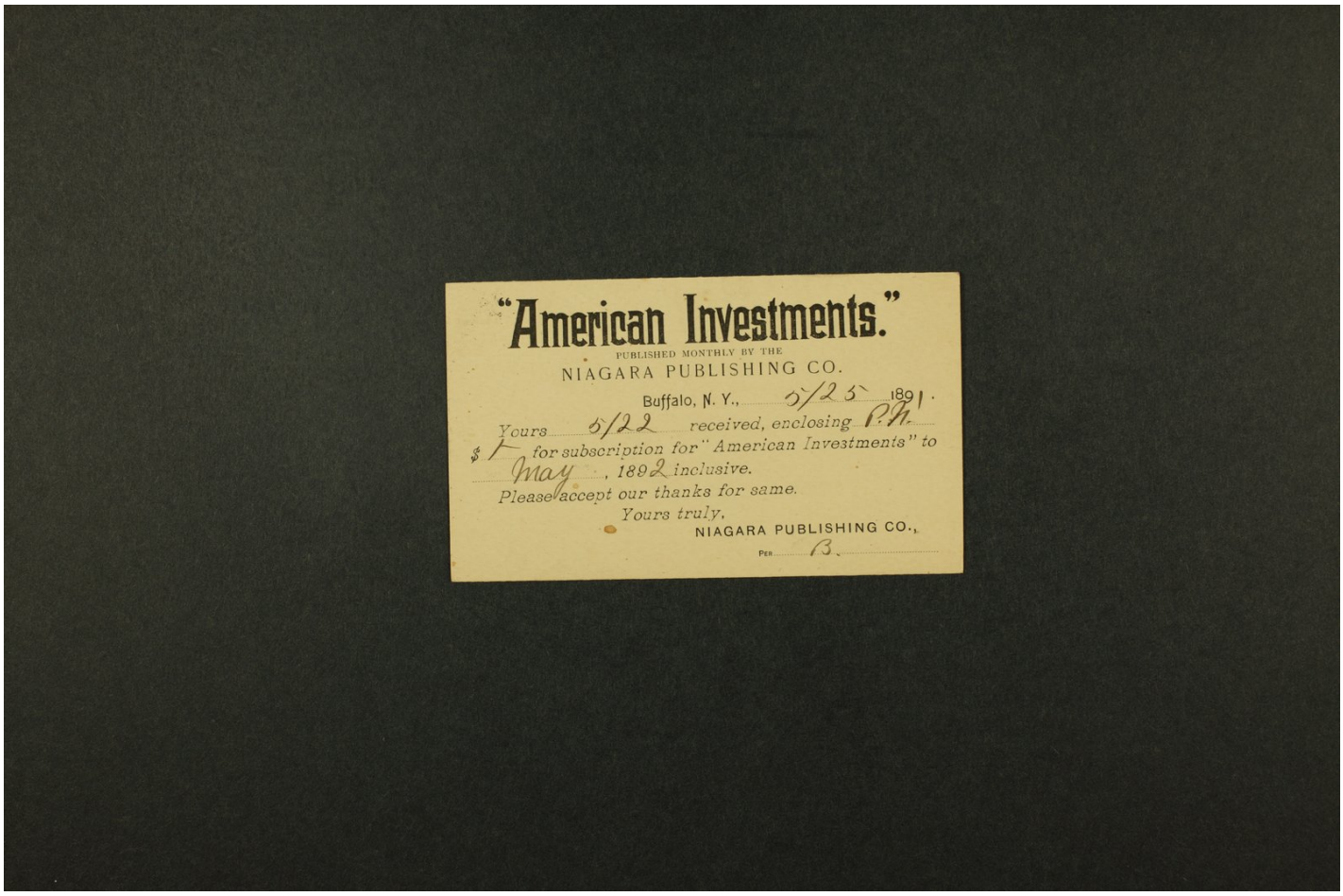
I am as Ever your Friend

D. C. Dwyer

315 N. Main

Wichita Kas

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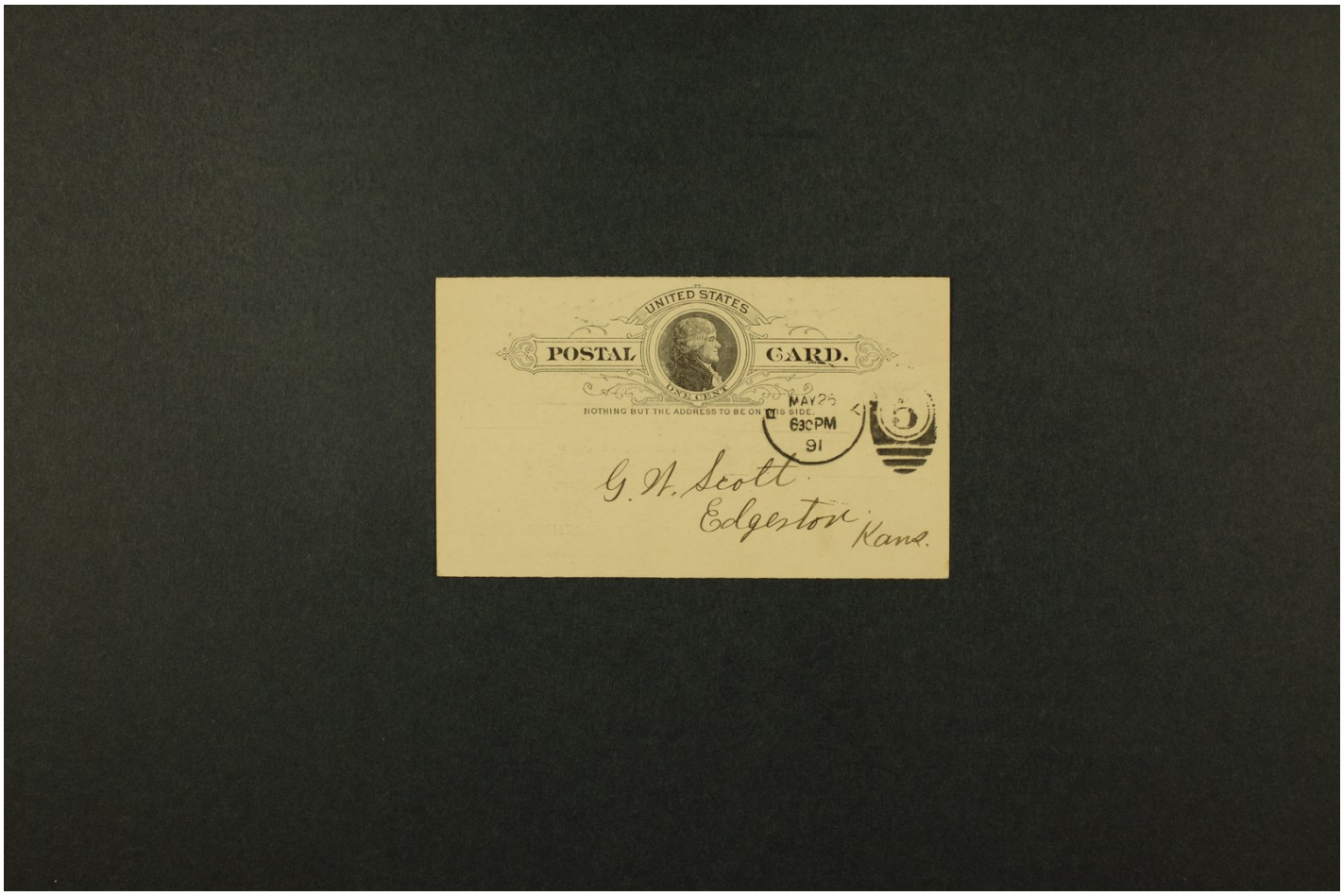


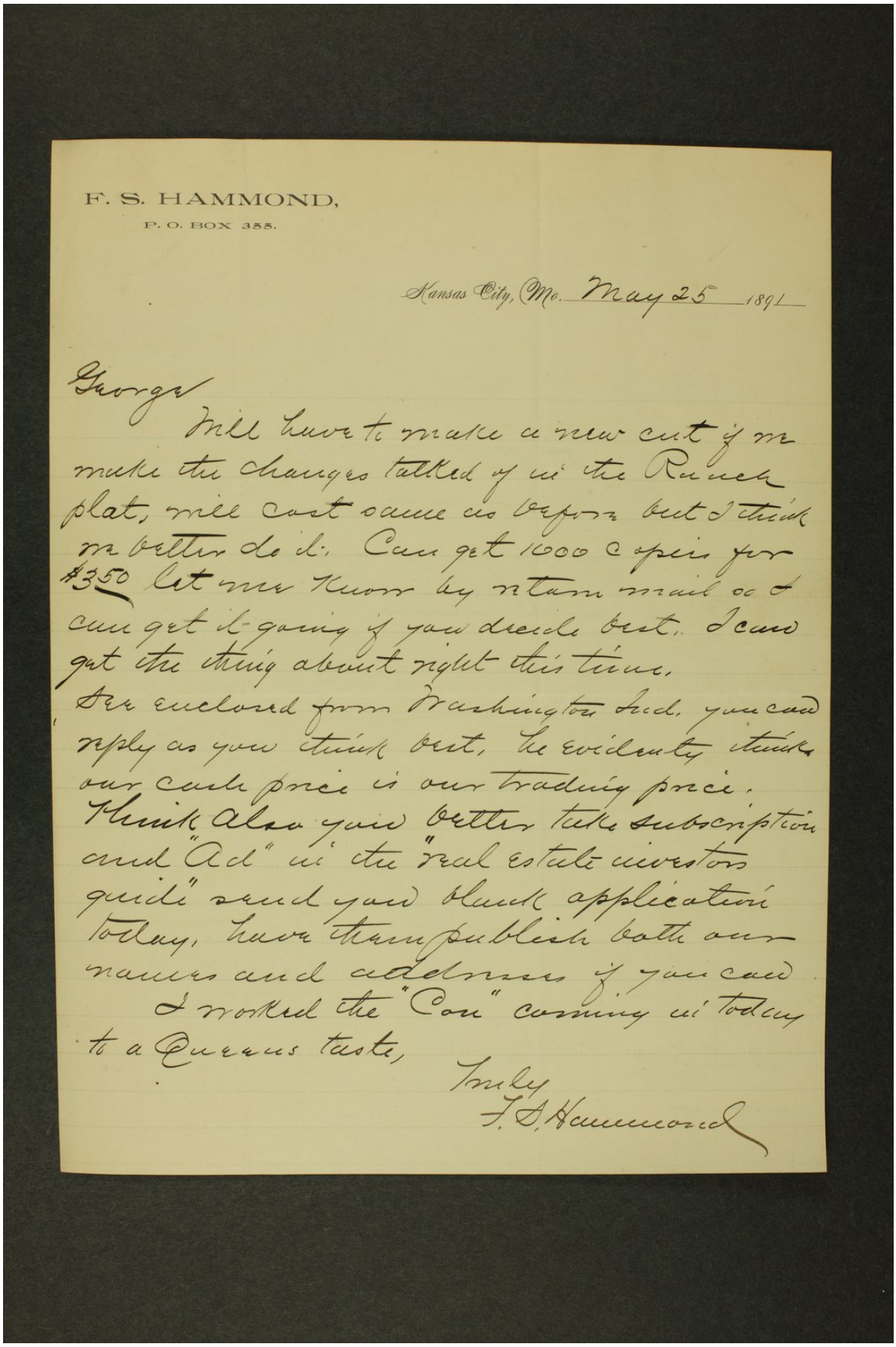
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Buffalo, N. Y., 5/25 1891.

Yours 5/22 received, enclosing P.N.
$1 for subscription for "American Investments" to
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Please accept our thanks for same.
Yours truly,
NIAGARA PUBLISHING CO.,
Per B.

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F. S. HAMMOND,
P. O. BOX 355.

Kansas City, Mo. May 25 1891

George

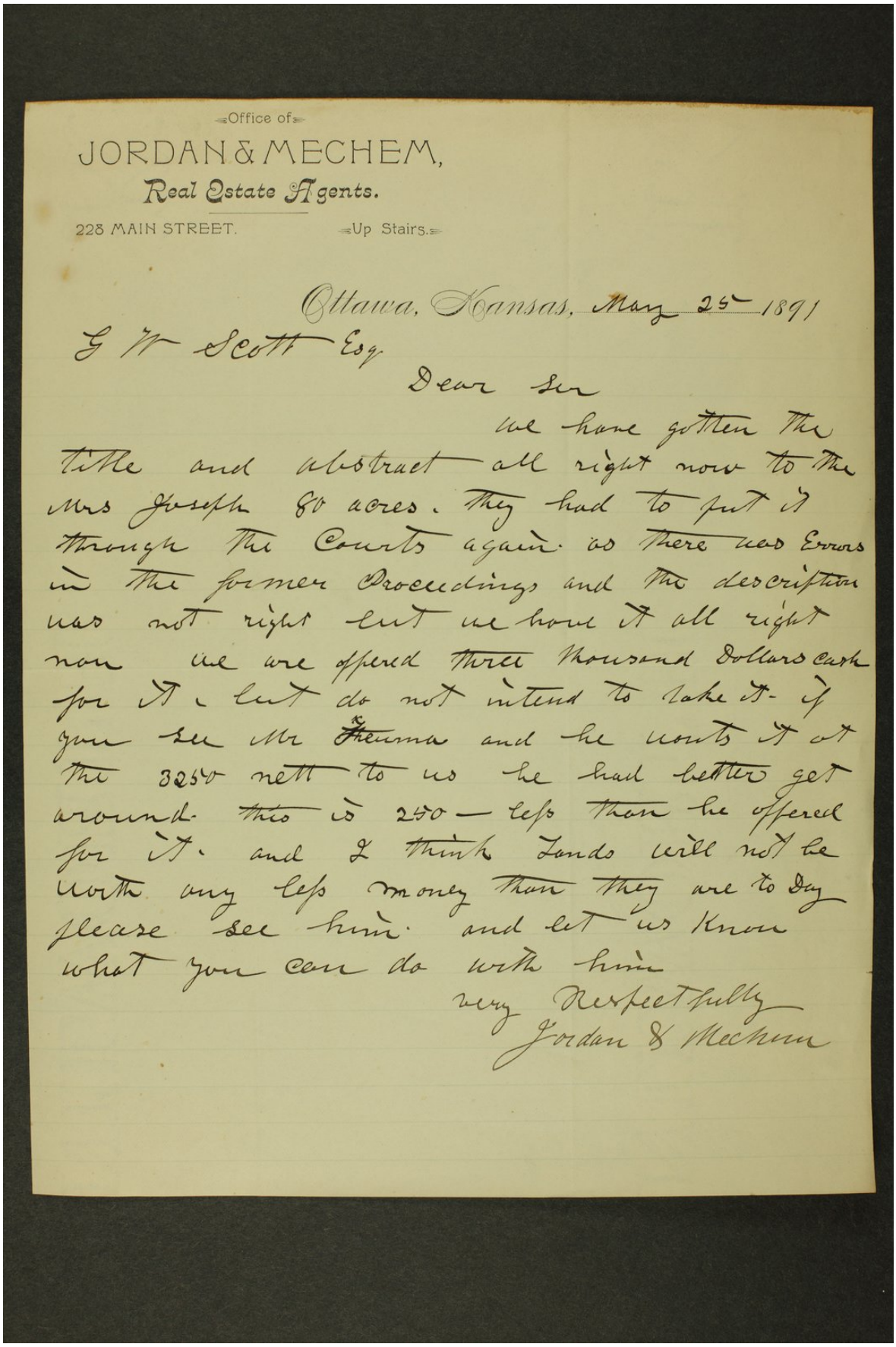
Will have to make a new cut if we make the changes talked of in the Ranch plat, will cost same as before but I think we better do it. Can get 1000 copies for $3.50 Let me know by return mail so I can get it going if you decide best. I can get the thing about right this time.

See enclosed from Washington Ind. you can reply as you think best, he evidently thinks our cash price is our trading price.

Think also you better take subscription and "Ad" in the "real estate investors guide" send you blank application today, have them publish both our names and addresses if you can.

I worked the "Con" coming in today to a Queens taste,

Truly
F. S. Hammond



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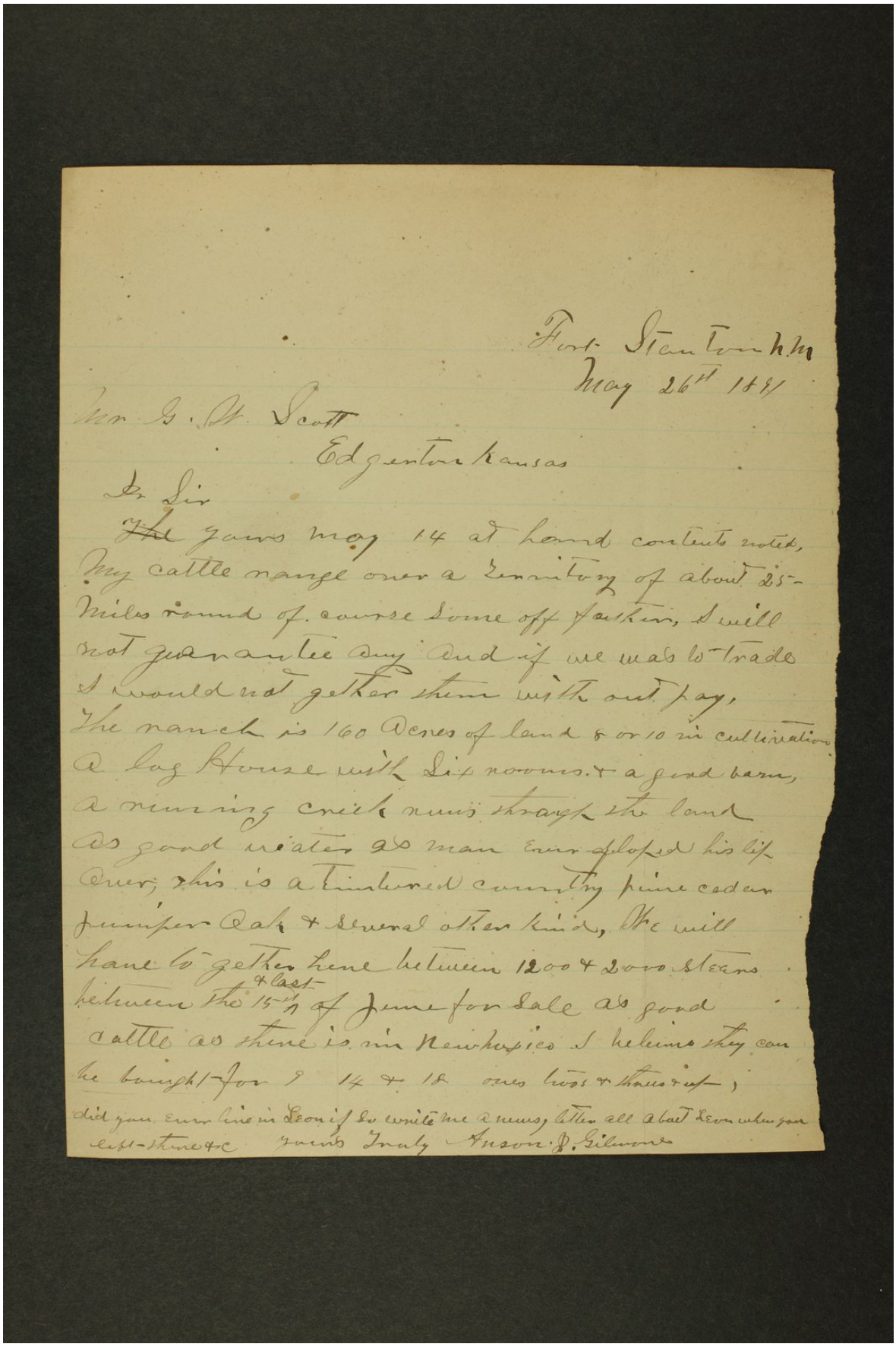
Ottawa, Kansas, May 25th 1891

G W Scott Esq

Dear Sir

we have gotten the title and abstract all right now to the Mrs Joseph 80 acres. they had to put it through the Courts again as there was Errors in the former Proceedings and the description was not right but we have it all right now we are offered three thousand dollars cash for it, but do not intend to take it. if you see Mr Thomas and he wants it at the 3250 nett to us he had better get around. this is 250 — less than he offered for it. and I think Lands will not be worth any less money than they are to day please see him and let us know what you can do with him

very Respectfully
Jordan & Mechem



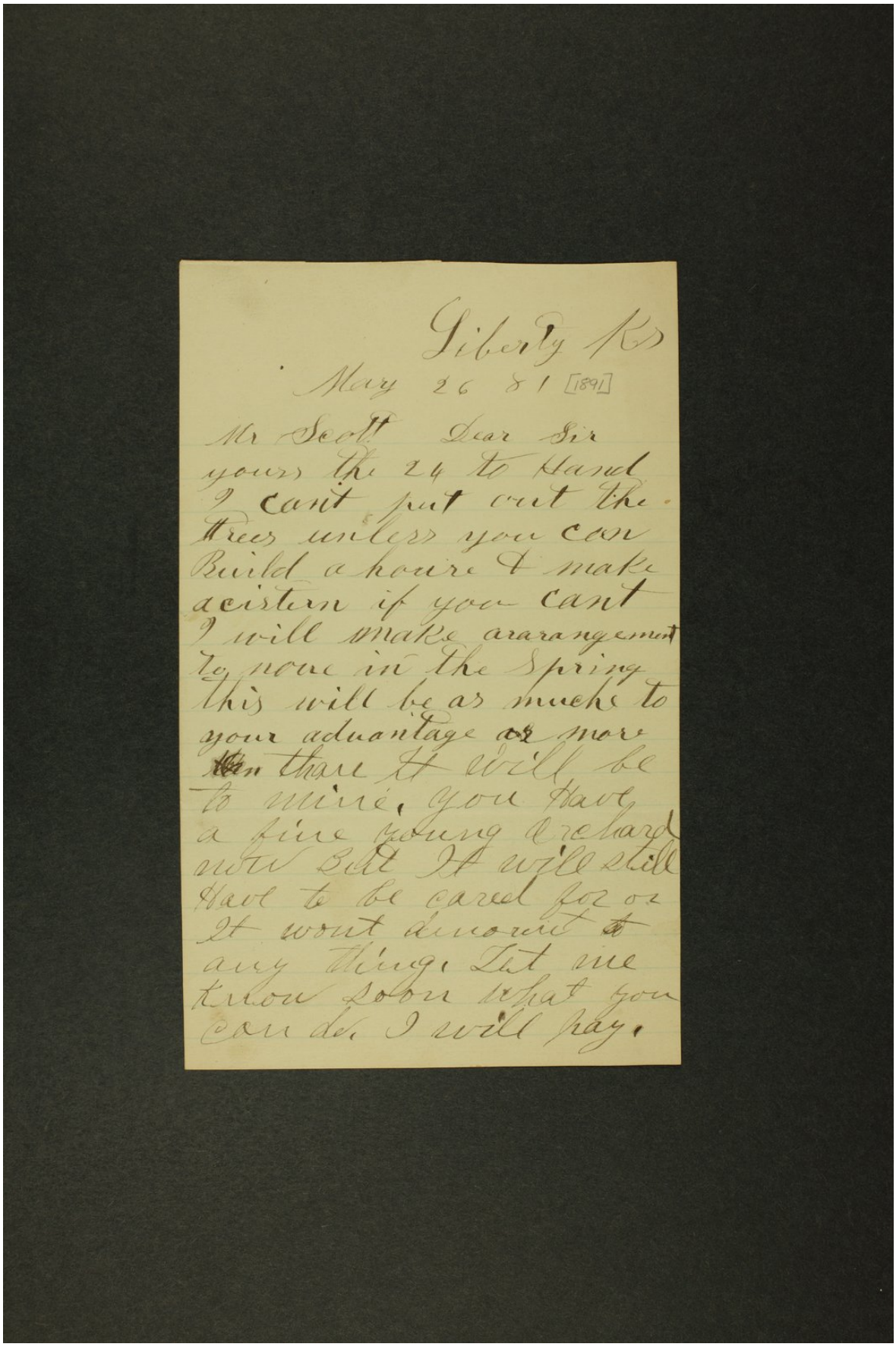
Fort Stanton N.M.
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Wm G. St. Scott
Edgerton Kansas

Dr Sir

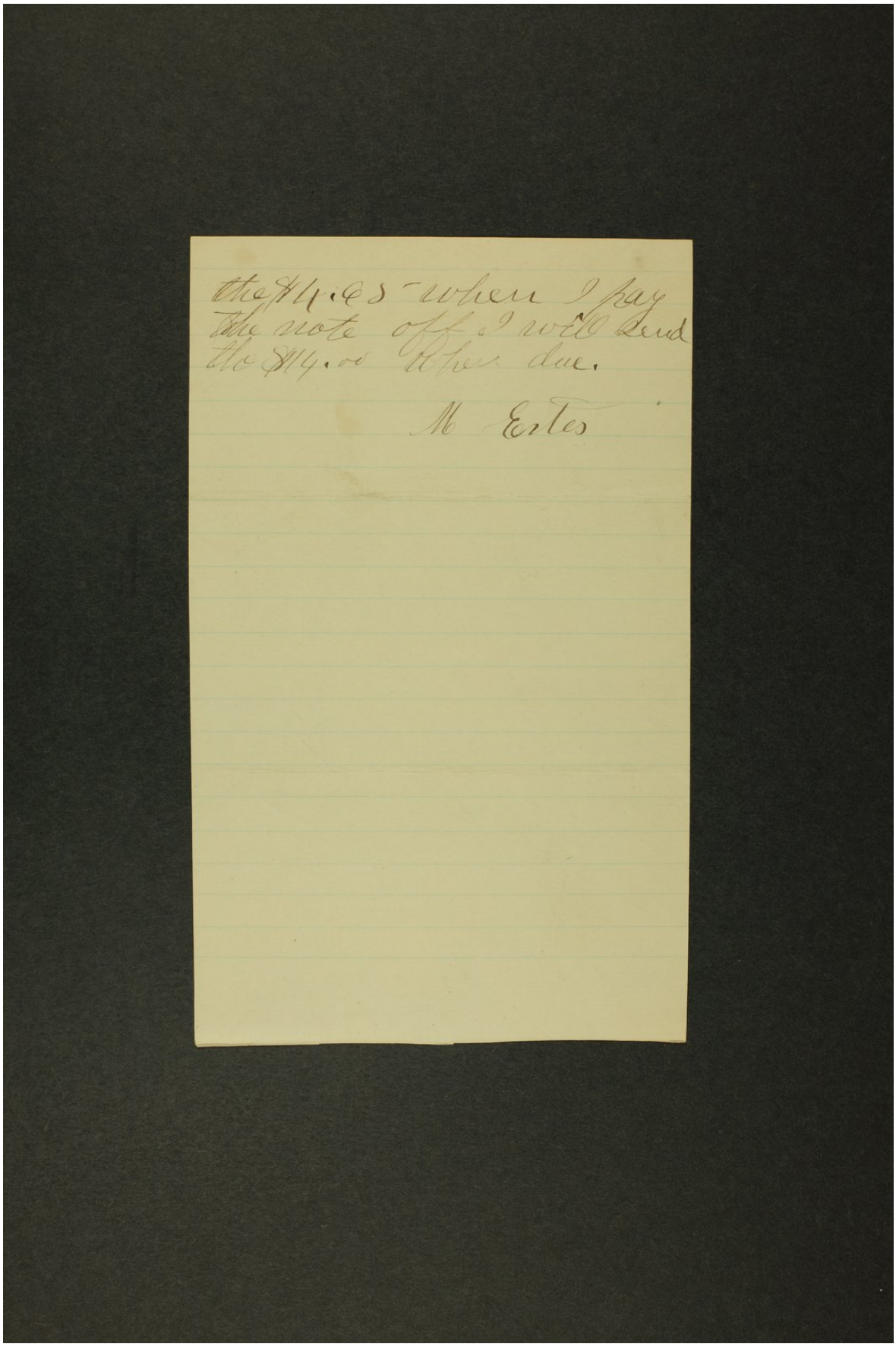
~~The~~ yours may 14 at hand contents noted, My cattle range over a territory of about 25- Miles round of. course some off strikers, I will not guarantee any: And if we was to trade I would not geather them with out pay, The ranch is 160 Acres of land 8 or 10 in cultivation A log House with Six rooms. & a good barn, a running creek runs thrugh the land as good water as man ever slopped his lip over; this is a timbered country pine cedar juniper Oak & Several other kinds, We will have to gether here between 1200 & 2000 steers between the 15th & last of June for Sale as good cattle as there is in New Mexico I believe they can be bought for $ 14 & 18 ones twos & threes & up-;

did you ever live in Leon if so write me a news letter all about Leon when you left- there &c Yours Truly Fenson S. Gilmore



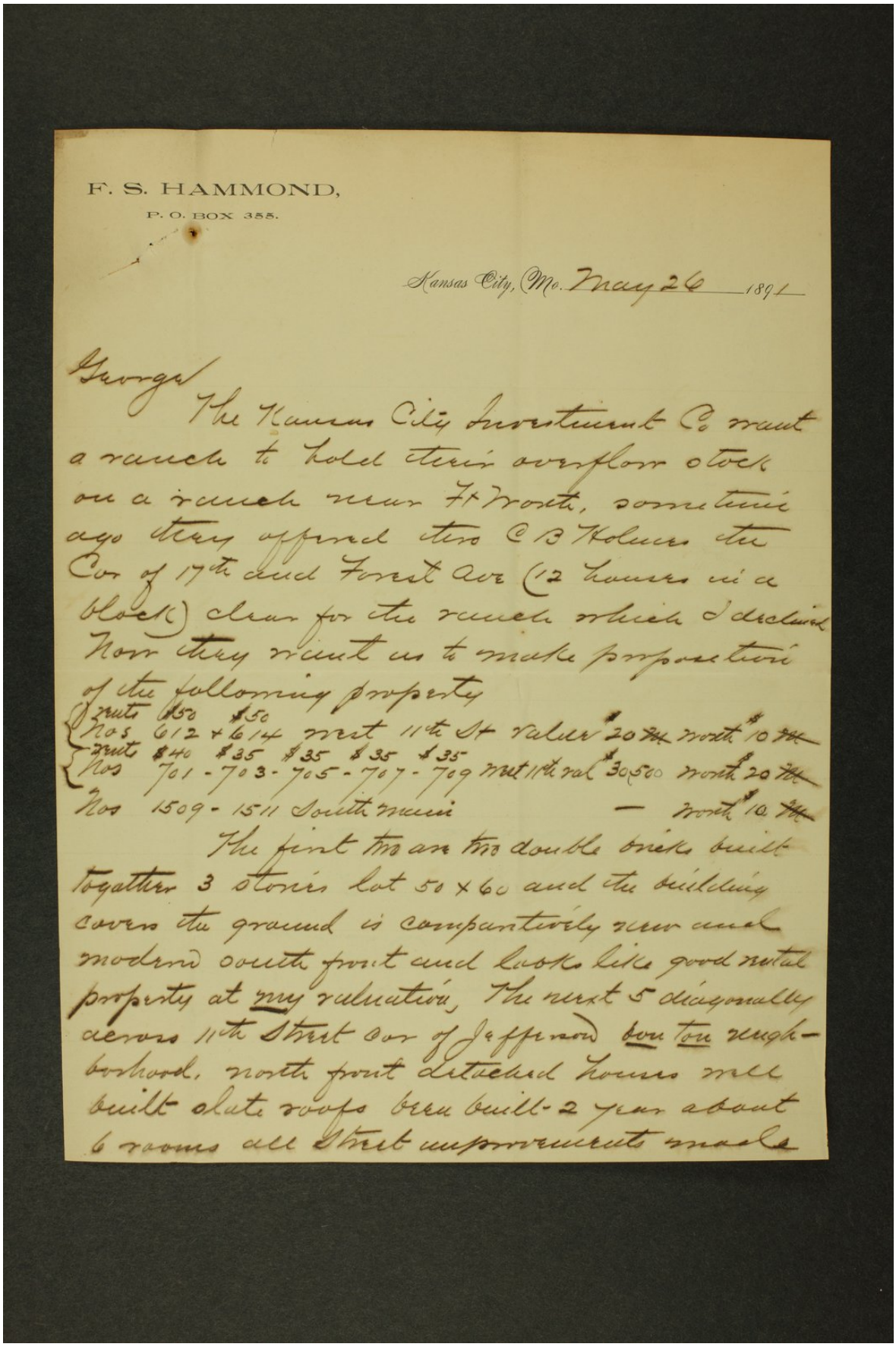
Liberty Ks
May 26 81 [1891]

Mr Scott Dear Sir
yours the 24 to Hand
I cant put out the
trees unless you can
Build a house & make
a cistern if you cant
I will make ararangement
to move in the Spring
this will be as much to
your advantage or more
than there it will be
to mine, you have
a fine young Orchard
now But it will still
Have to be cared for or
it wont amount to
any thing Let me
know soon what you
can do I will pay.



the $14.25 when I pay the note off I will send the $14.00 then due.

M Estes



F. S. HAMMOND,
P. O. BOX 355.

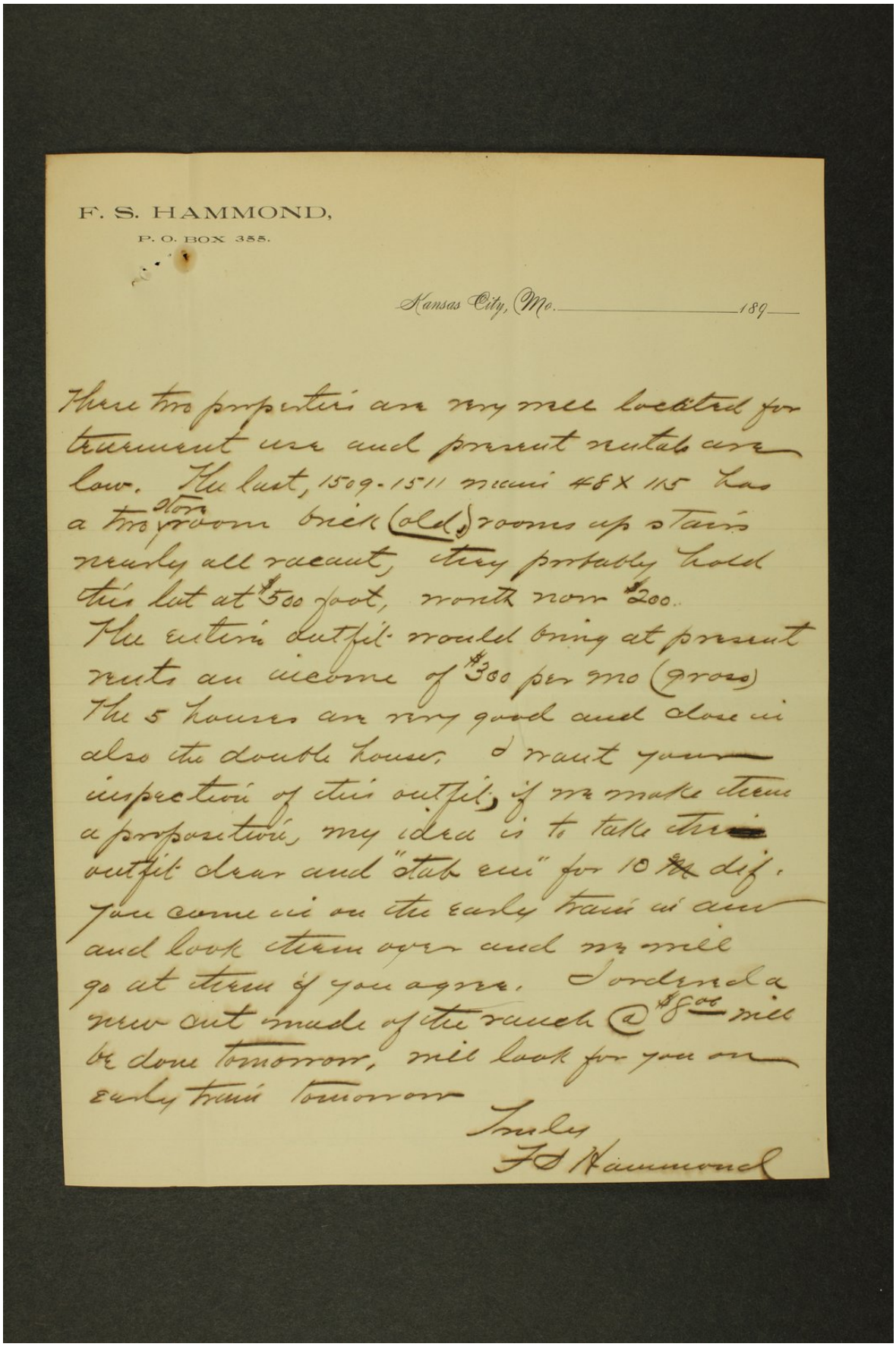
Kansas City, Mo. May 26 1891

George

The Kansas City Investment Co want a ranch to hold their overflow stock on a ranch near Ft Worth, sometime ago they offered me C B Holmes the Cor of 17th and Forest Ave (12 lots in a block) clear for the ranch which I declined Now they want us to make proposition of the following property

Lots $50 $50
Nos 612 + 614 mst 11th St value $20 M north $10 M
Lots $40 $35 $35 $35 $35
Nos 701 - 703 - 705 - 707 - 709 mst 11th val $30,500 north $20 M
Nos 1509 - 1511 South main — north $10 M

The first two are two double bricks built together 3 stories lot 50 x 60 and the building covers the ground is comparatively new and modern south front and looks like good rental property at my valuation, The next 5 diagonally across 11th Street cor of Jefferson are in neighborhood, north front detached houses well built - date roofs been built - 2 year about 6 rooms all first improvements made



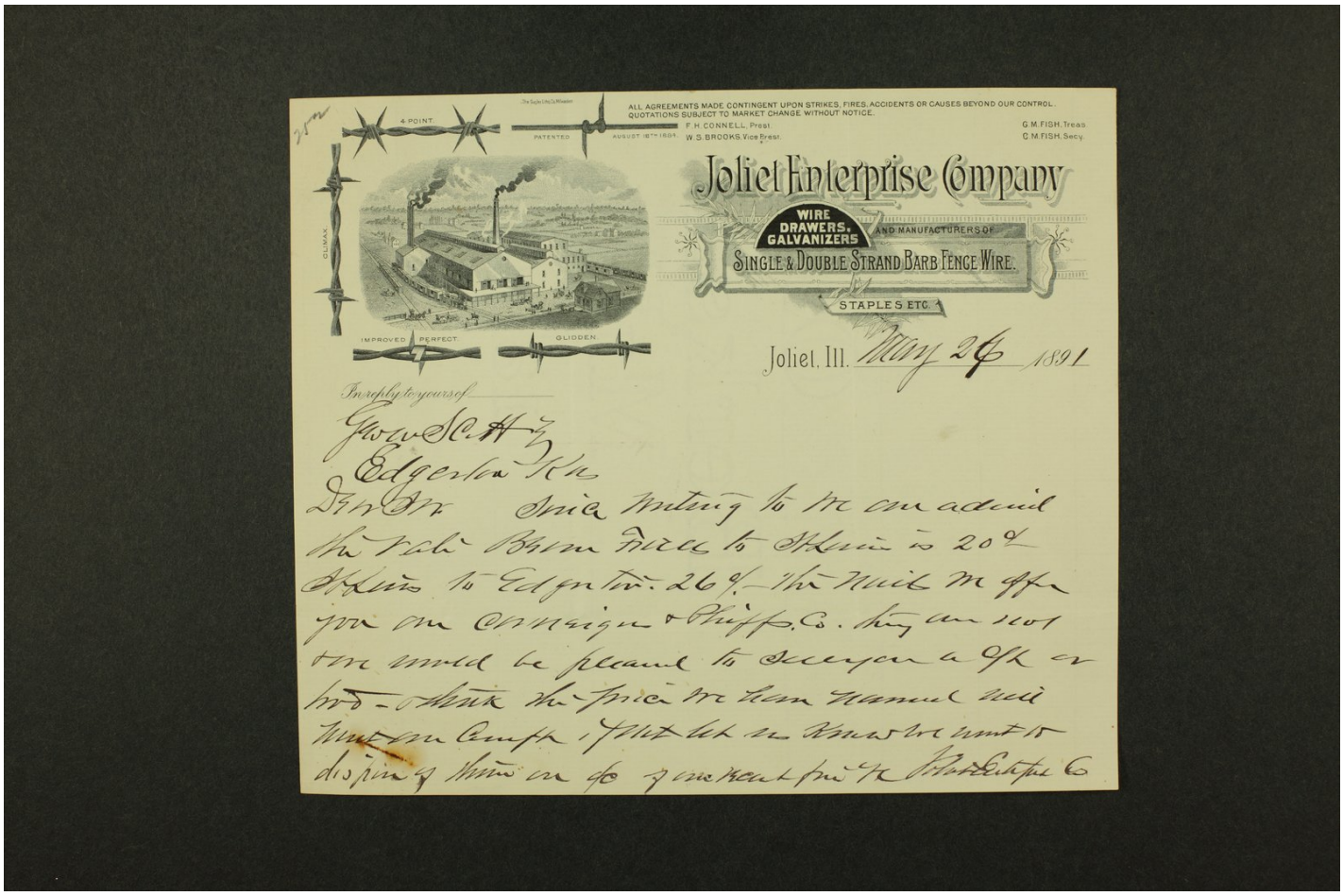
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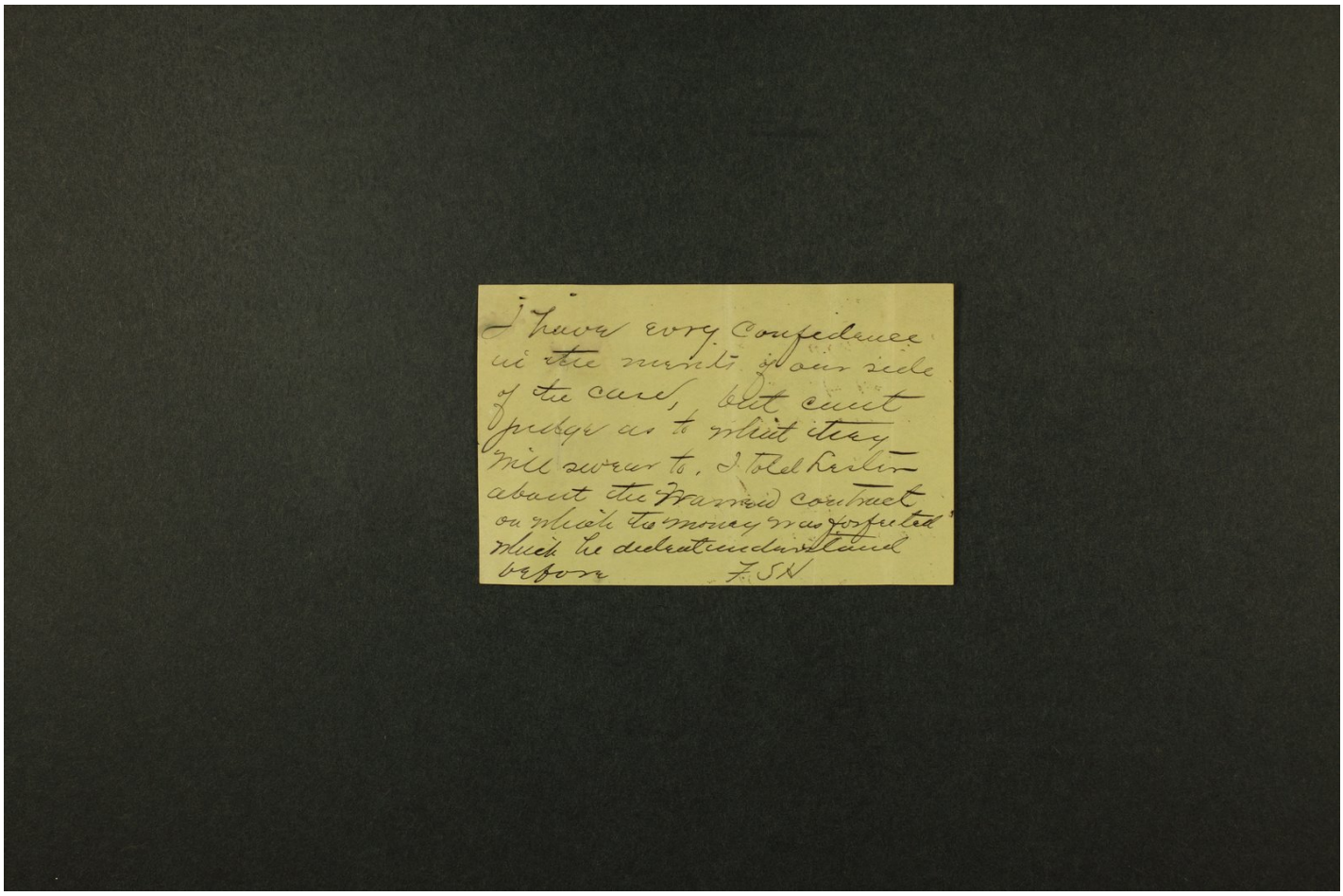
There two properties are my mill located for transient use and present rentals are low. The last, 1509-1511 Main #8 x 115 has a two story room brick (old) rooms up stairs nearly all vacant, they probably hold this lot at $500 foot, worth now $200.
The entire outfit would bring at present rents an income of $300 per mo (gross) The 5 houses are very good and close in also the double house. I want your inspection of this outfit, if we make them a proposition, my idea is to take the outfit clear and "stab em" for 10 pr ct dif. You come in on the early train in am and look them over and we will go at them if you agree. I ordered a new cut made of the ranch @ $8.00 will be done tomorrow, will look for you on early train tomorrow

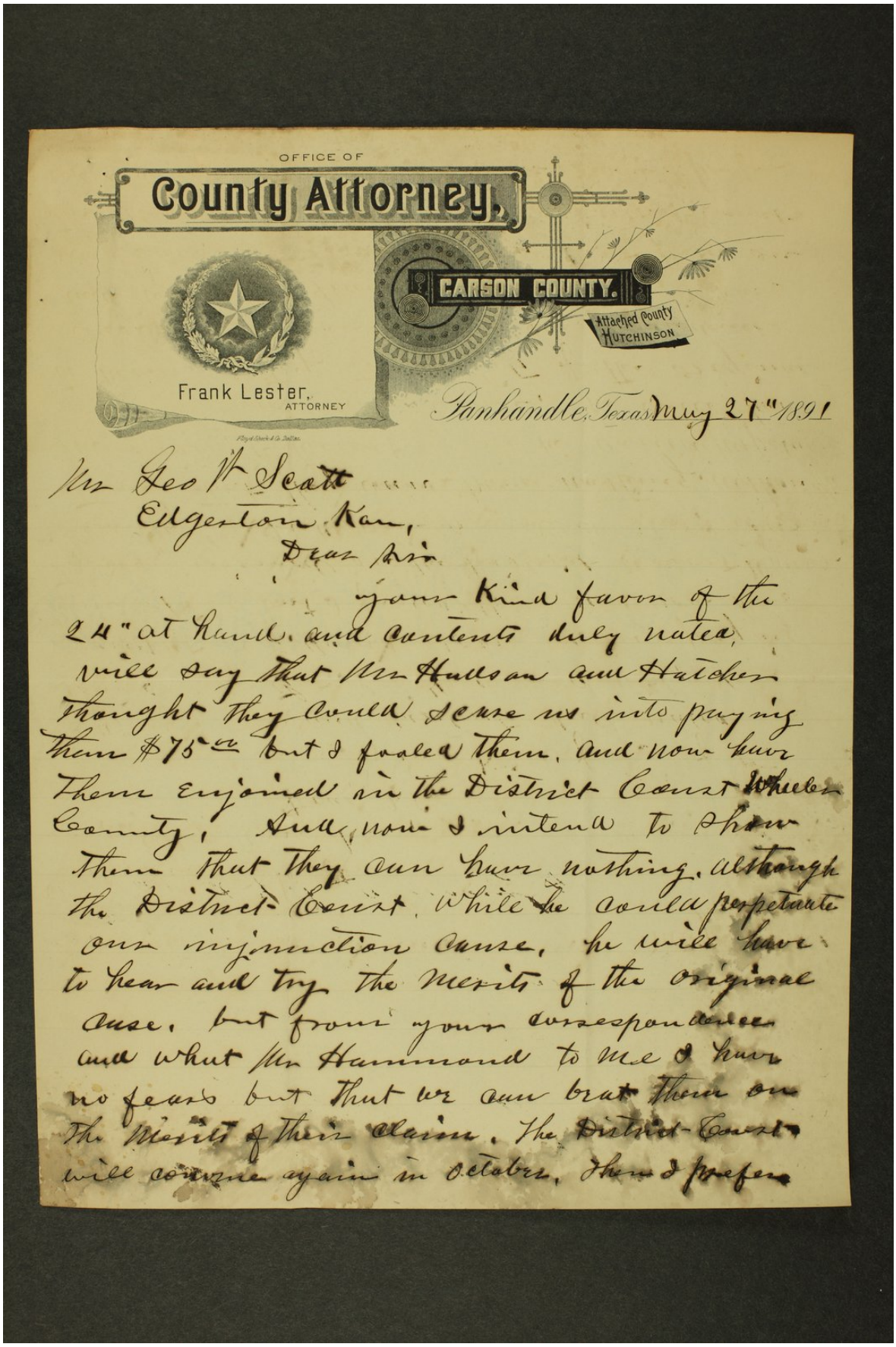
Truly
F S Hammond

George W. Scott papers



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I have every confidence in the merits of our side of the case, but cant judge as to what they will swear to. I told Kerlin about the fraudulent conduct on which to many was forfeited which he did not understand before F.S.N



OFFICE OF
County Attorney,
CARSON COUNTY.
Attached County
HUTCHINSON
Frank Lester,
ATTORNEY

Panhandle, Texas May 27th 1891

Mr Geo W Scott
Edgerton Kan,
Dear Sir

your Kind favor of the 24th at hand and contents duly noted, will say that Mr Hudson and Hatcher thought they could scare us into paying them $75.00 but I foaled them, and now have them enjoined in the District Court Wheeler County, And now I intend to show them that they can have nothing, although the District Court while he could perpetuate our injunction cause, he will have to hear and try the Merits of the original cause, but from your correspondence and what Mr Hammond told me I have no fears but that we can beat them on the Merits of their claim, The District Court will convene again in October, then I prefer