# George W. Scott papers

### Section 59, Pages 1741 - 1770

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

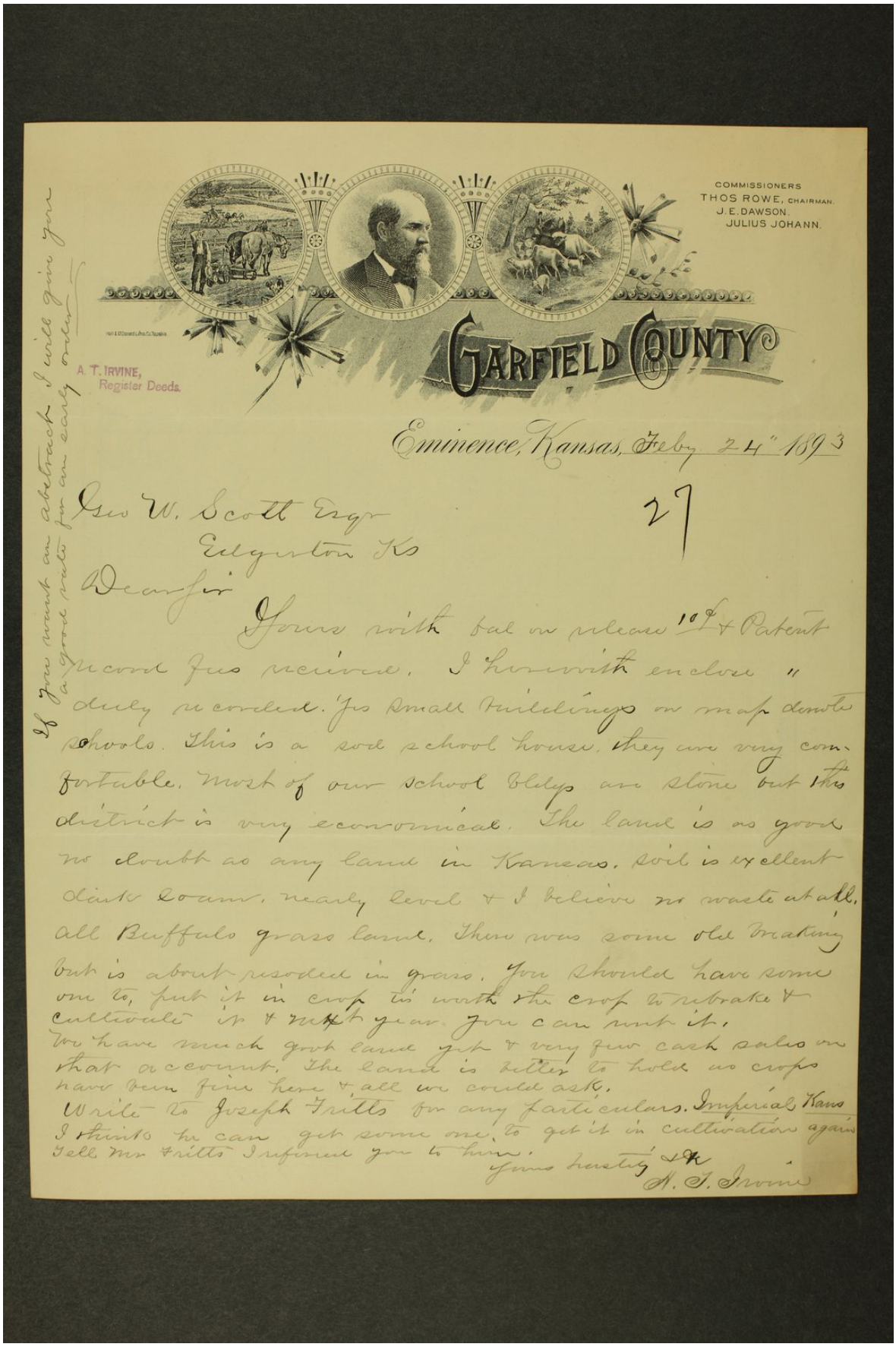
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COMMISSIONERS
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GARFIELD COUNTY

A. T. IRVINE,
Register Deeds.

If you want an abstract I will give you a good rate for an early order

Eminence, Kansas, Feby 24" 1893

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Geo W. Scott Esqr
Edgerton Ks

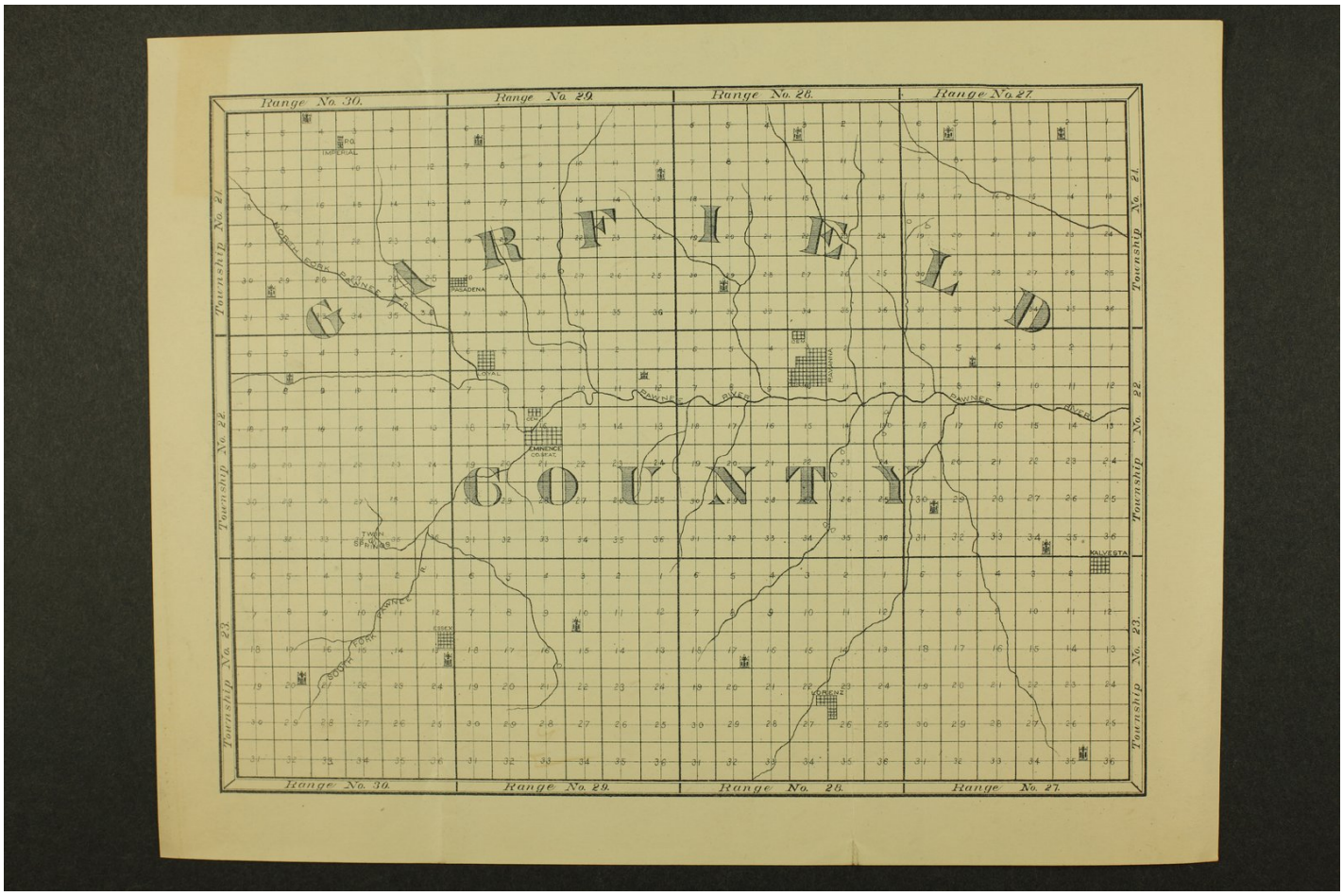
Dear Sir

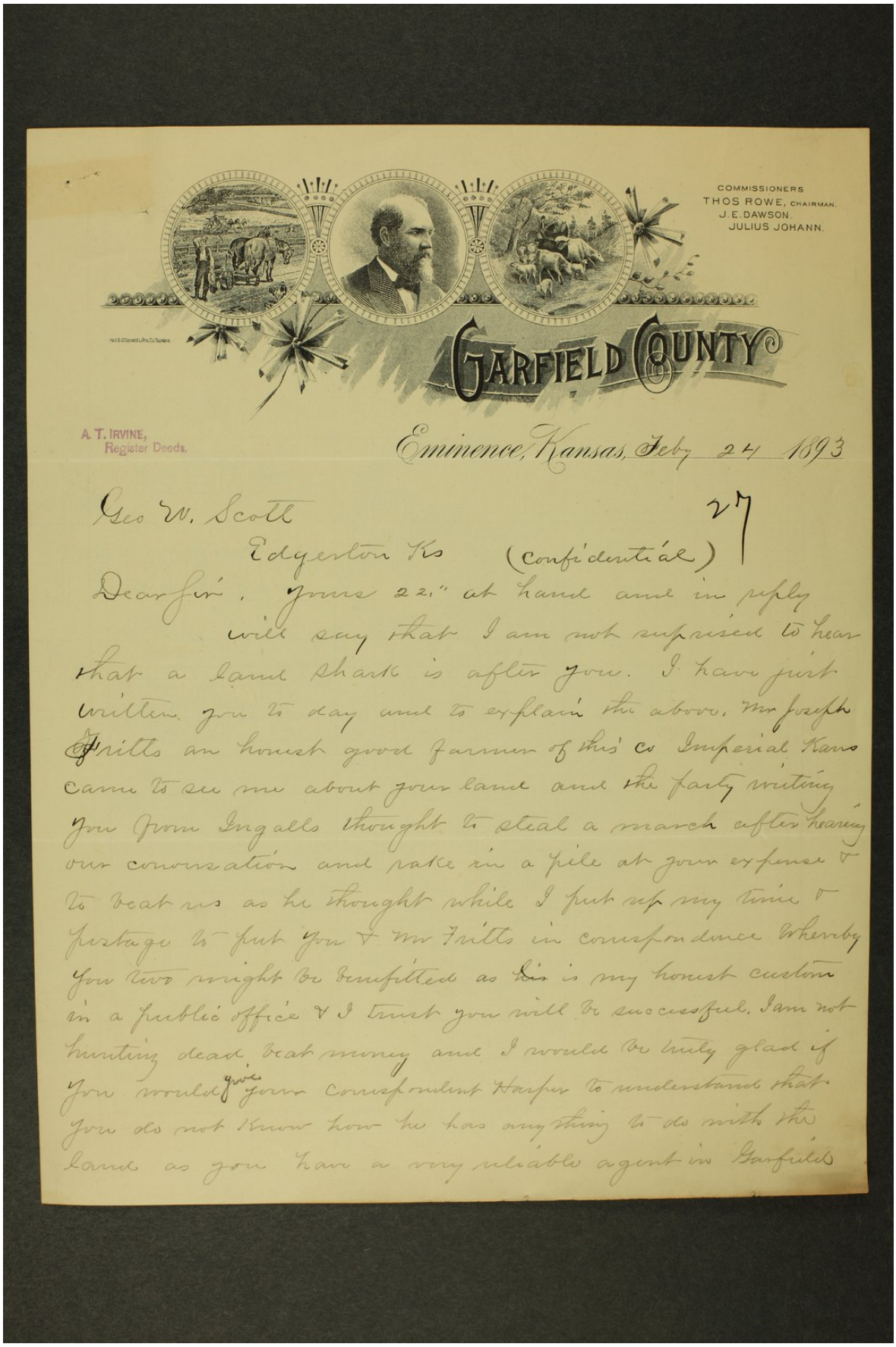
Yours with bal on pleas 10$ & Patent record has recived. I herewith enclose it duly recorded. Yes small buildings on map denote schools. This is a sod school house, they are very comfortable. Most of our school bldgs are stone but this district is very economical. The land is as good no doubt as any land in Kansas. Soil is excellent dark loam, nearly level & I believe no waste at all, all Buffalo grass land. There was some old breaking but is about resoded in grass. You should have some one to put it in crop this week the crop to cultivate & cultivate it & next year. You can rent it. We have much good land yet & very few cash sales on that account. The land is better to hold as crops have been fine here & all we could ask.

Write to Joseph Tritts for any particulars. Imperial Kans I thinks he can get some one to get it in cultivation again Tell Mr Tritts I referred you to him.

Yours truly
A. T. Irvine

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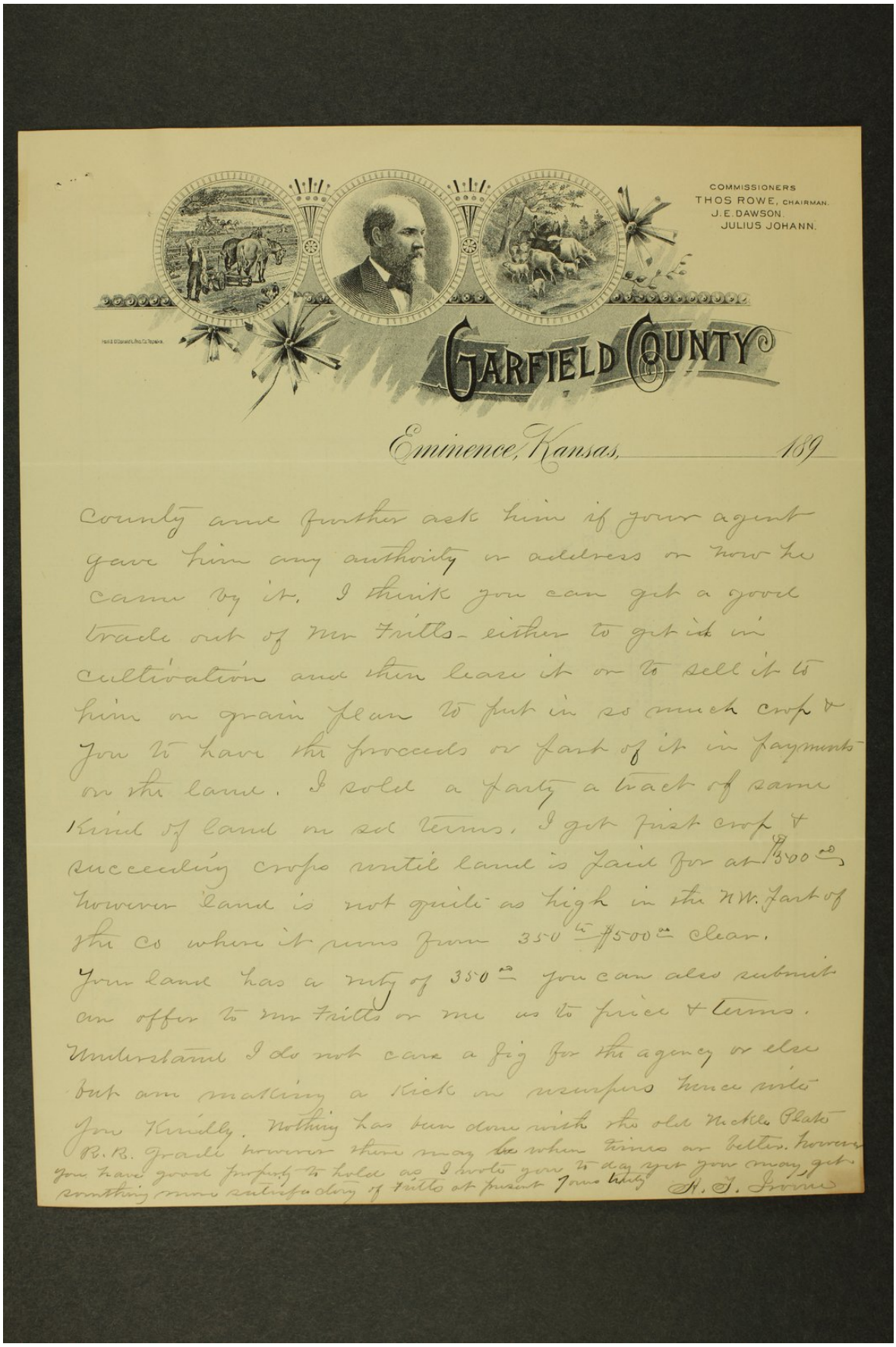
GARFIELD COUNTY

A. T. IRVINE,
Register Deeds.

Eminence, Kansas, Feby 24 1893

Geo W. Scott 27
Edgerton Ks (confidential)

Dear Sir, Yours 22d at hand and in reply will say that I am not surprised to hear that a land shark is after you. I have just written you to day and to explain the above. Mr Joseph Fritts an honest good farmer of this Co Imperial Kans came to see me about your land and the party writing you from Ingalls thought to steal a march after hearing our conversation and take in a pile at your expense & to beat us as he thought while I put up my time & postage to put you & Mr Fritts in correspondence whereby you two might be benefitted as this is my honest custom in a public office & I trust you will be successful. I am not hunting dead beat money and I would be truly glad if you would give your Correspondent Harper to understand that you do not know how he has anything to do with the lands as you have a very reliable agent in Garfield



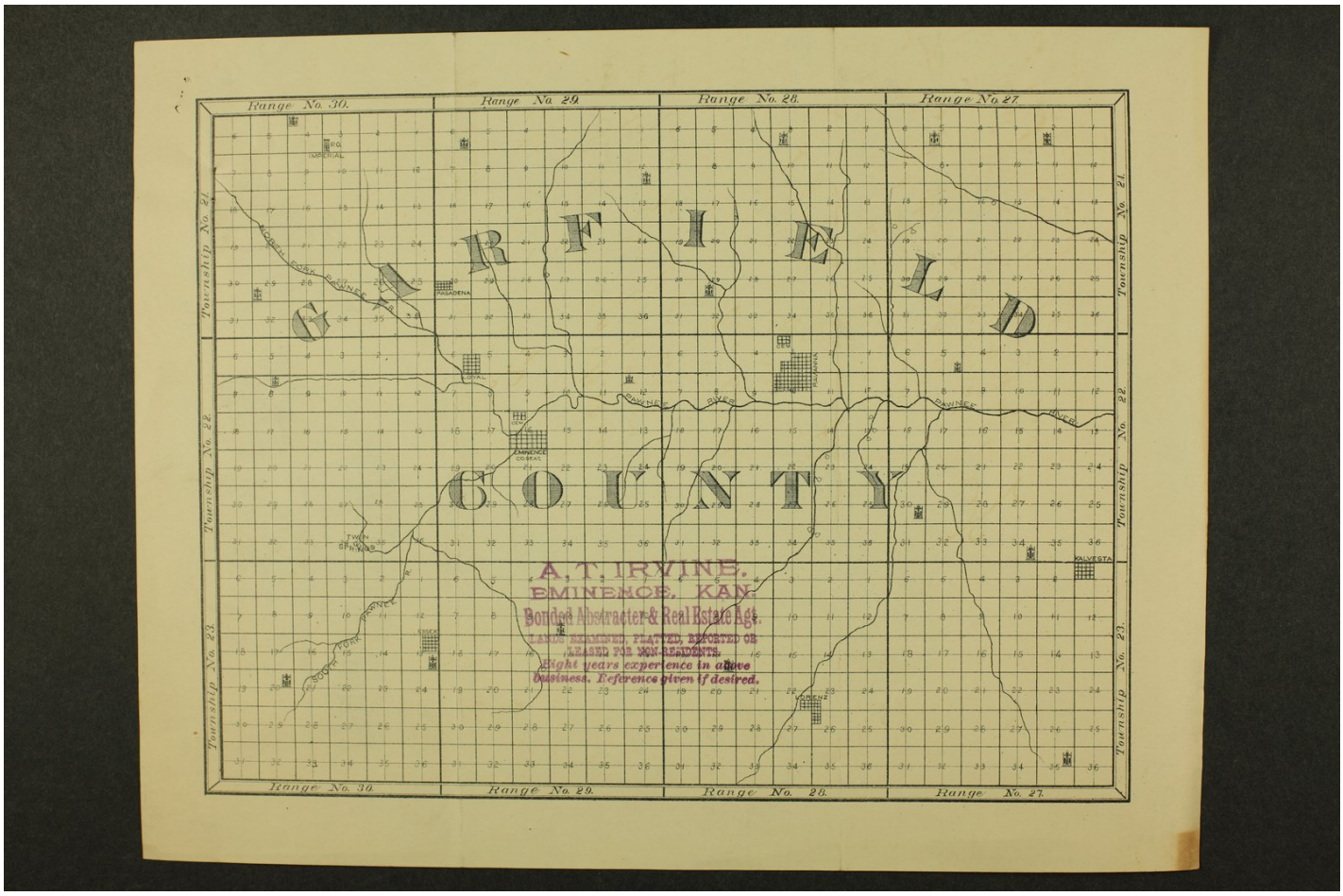
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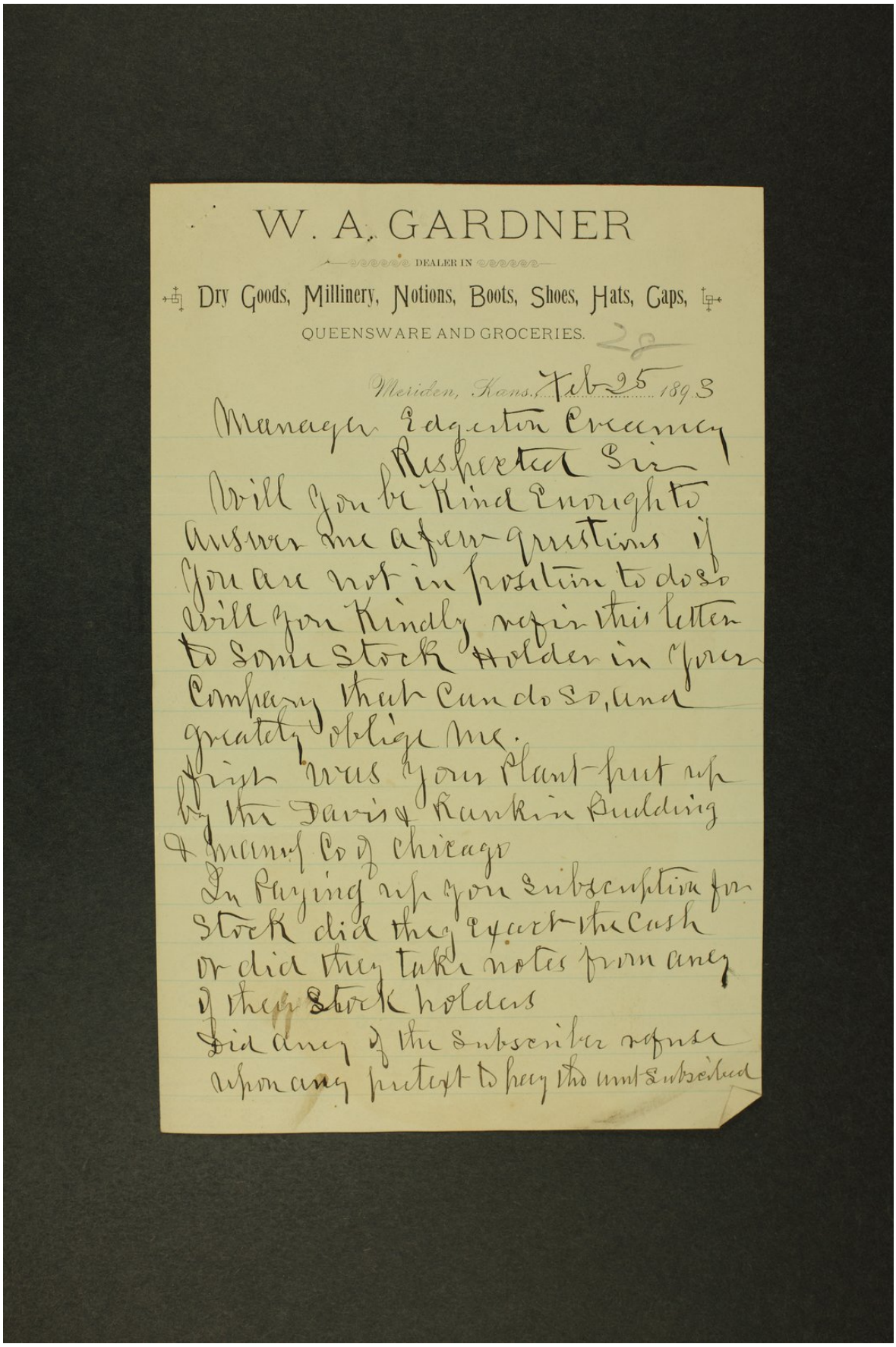
GARFIELD COUNTY

Eminence, Kansas, 189

County and further ask him if your agent gave him any authority or address or how he came by it. I think you can get a good trade out of Mr Frills - either to get it in cultivation and then lease it or to sell it to him on grain plan to put in so much crop & you to have the proceeds or part of it in payments on the land. I sold a party a tract of same kind of land on sd terms. I got first crop & succeeding crops until land is paid for at $300 00. However land is not quite as high in the N.W. part of the Co where it runs from 350 to $500 00 clear. Your land has a rate of 350 00 you can also submit an offer to Mr Frills or me as to price & terms. Understand I do not care a fig for the agency or else but am making a kick on principles hence write You Kindly. Nothing has been done with the old Nickle Plate R.R. Grade however there may be when times are better. However you have good property to hold as I wrote you to day yet you may get something more satisfactory of Frills at present Yours truly H. J. Scott

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W. A. GARDNER

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Millinery, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps,

QUEENSWARE AND GROCERIES.

Meriden, Kans. Feb 25 1893

Manager Edgerton Creamery

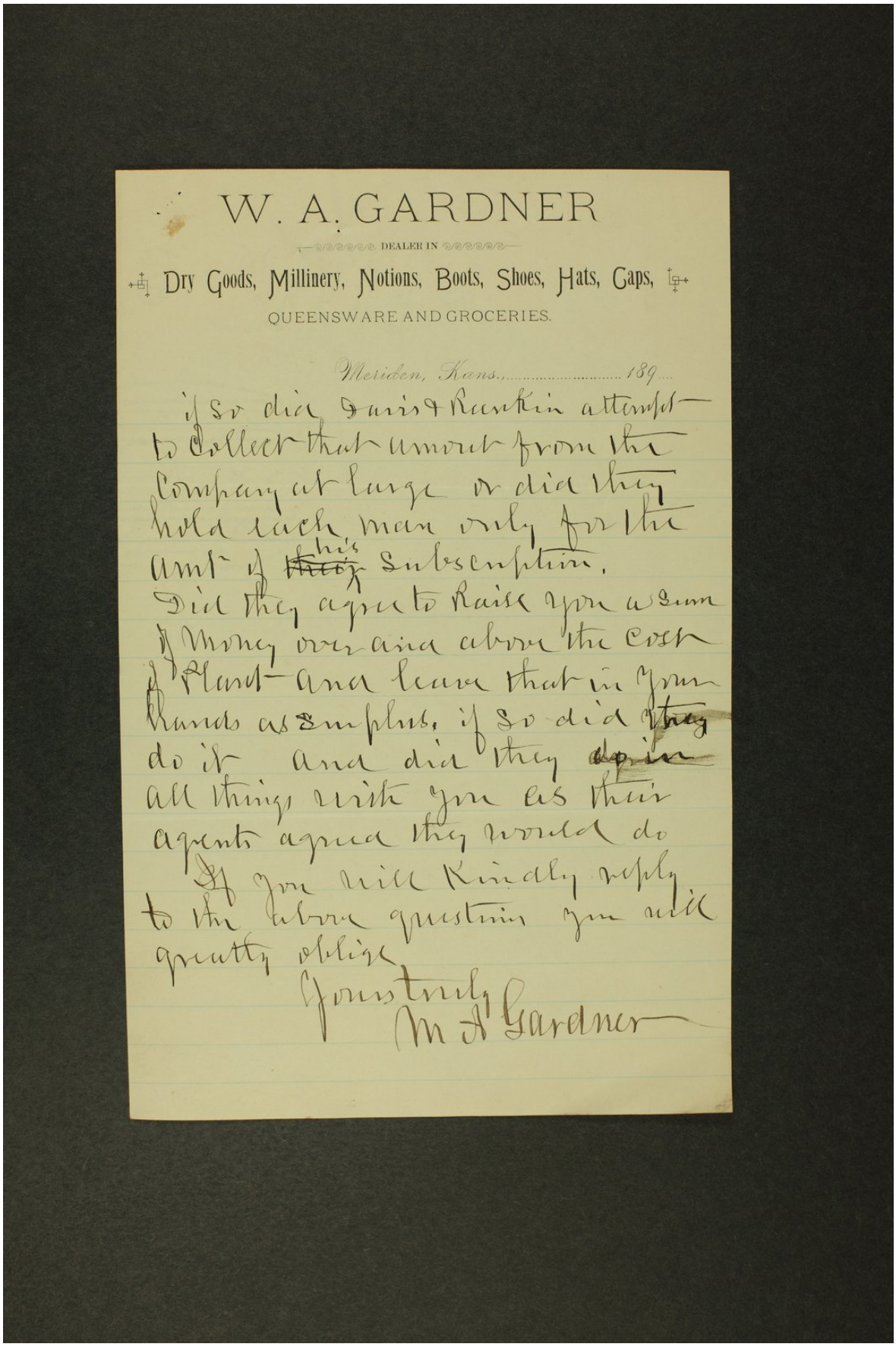
Respected Sir

Will you be Kind Enough to Answer me a few questions if you are not in position to do so will you Kindly refer this letter to some Stock Holder in your Company that Can do so, and greately oblige me.

First was your Plant put up by the Davis & Rankin Building & Manuf Co of Chicago

In Paying up your Subscription for Stock did they exact the Cash or did they take notes from any of their Stock holders

Did any of the Subscriber refuse upon any pretext to pay the amt Subscribed



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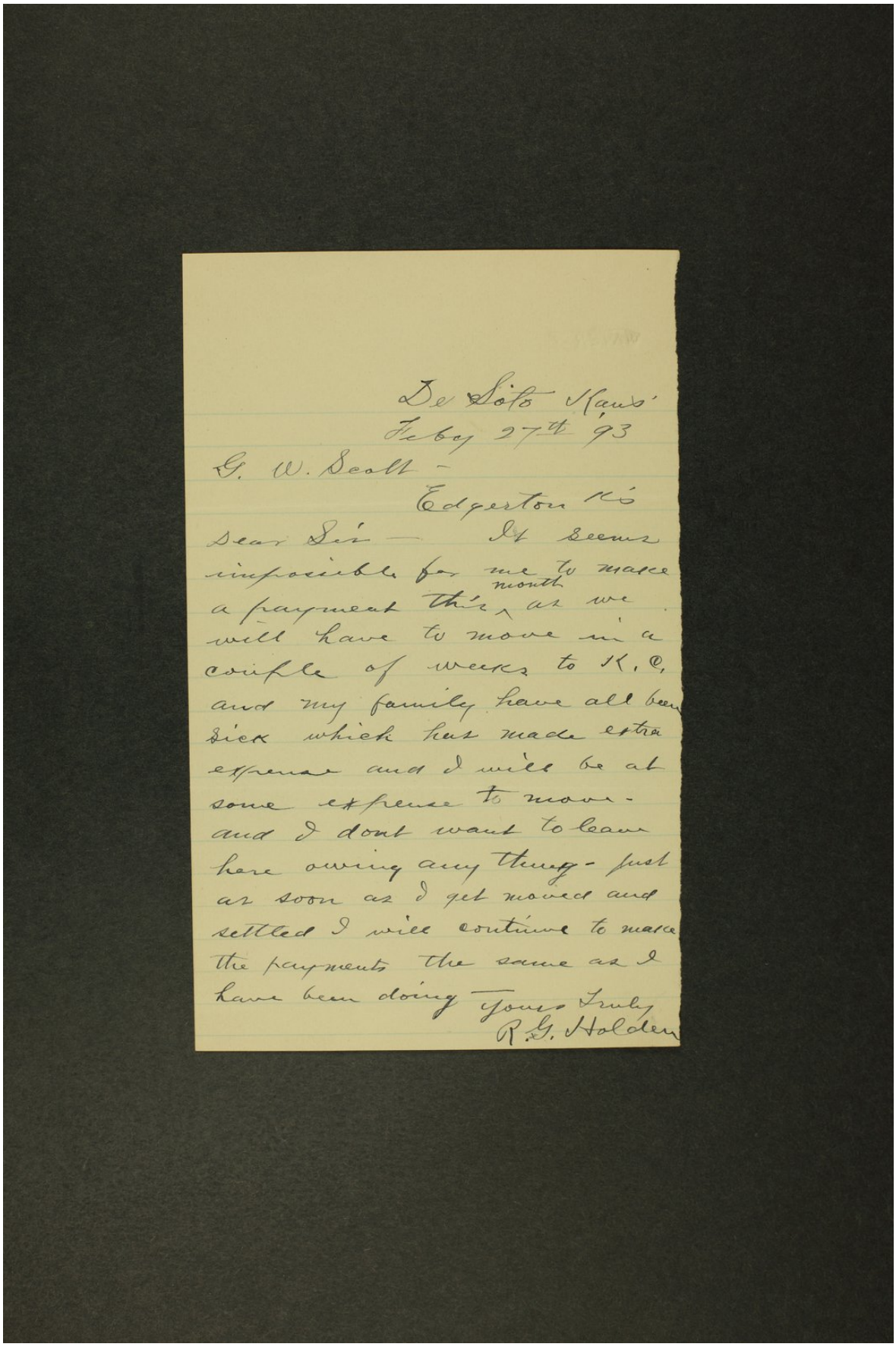
if so did Davis & Rankin attempt— to Collect that amount from the Company at large or did they hold each man only for the amt of ~~this~~ his Subscription.

Did they agree to Raise you a sum of Money over and above the Cost of Plant— and leave that in your hands as surplus, if so did they do it And did they ~~do~~ in all things with you as their agents agreed they would do

If you will Kindly reply to the above question you will greatly oblige

Yours truly

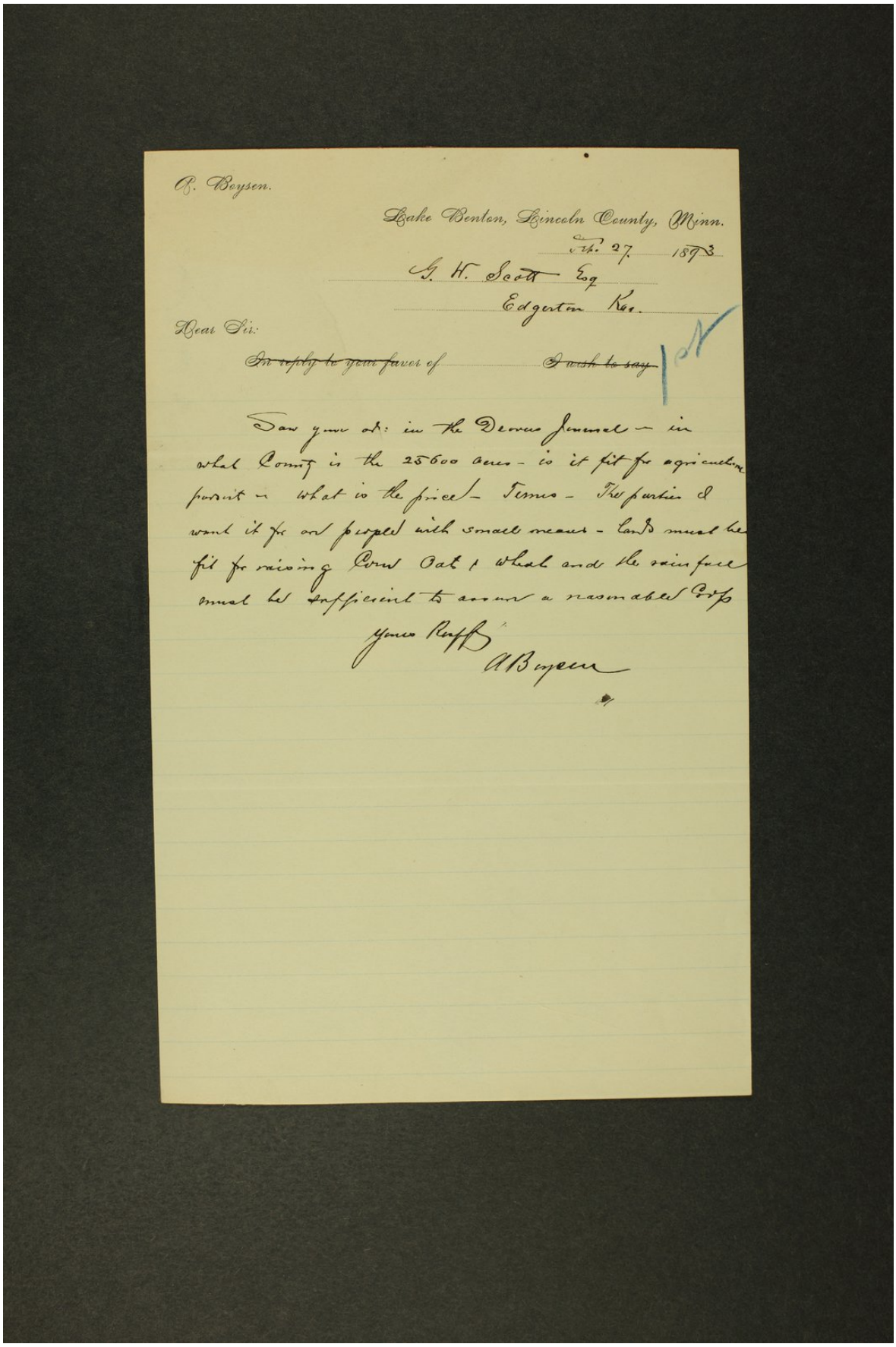
W A Gardner



De Soto Kans
Feby 27th 93

G. W. Scott -
Edgerton Ks

Dear Sir — It seems impossible for me to make a payment this month as we will have to move in a couple of weeks to K. C. and my family have all been sick which has made extra expense and I will be at some expense to move - and I dont want to leave here owing any thing - just as soon as I get moved and settled I will continue to make the payments the same as I have been doing — Yours Truly
R. G. Holden



A. Beysen.

Lake Benton, Lincoln County, Minn.

Feb. 27 1873

G. H. Scott Esq

Edgerton Kas.

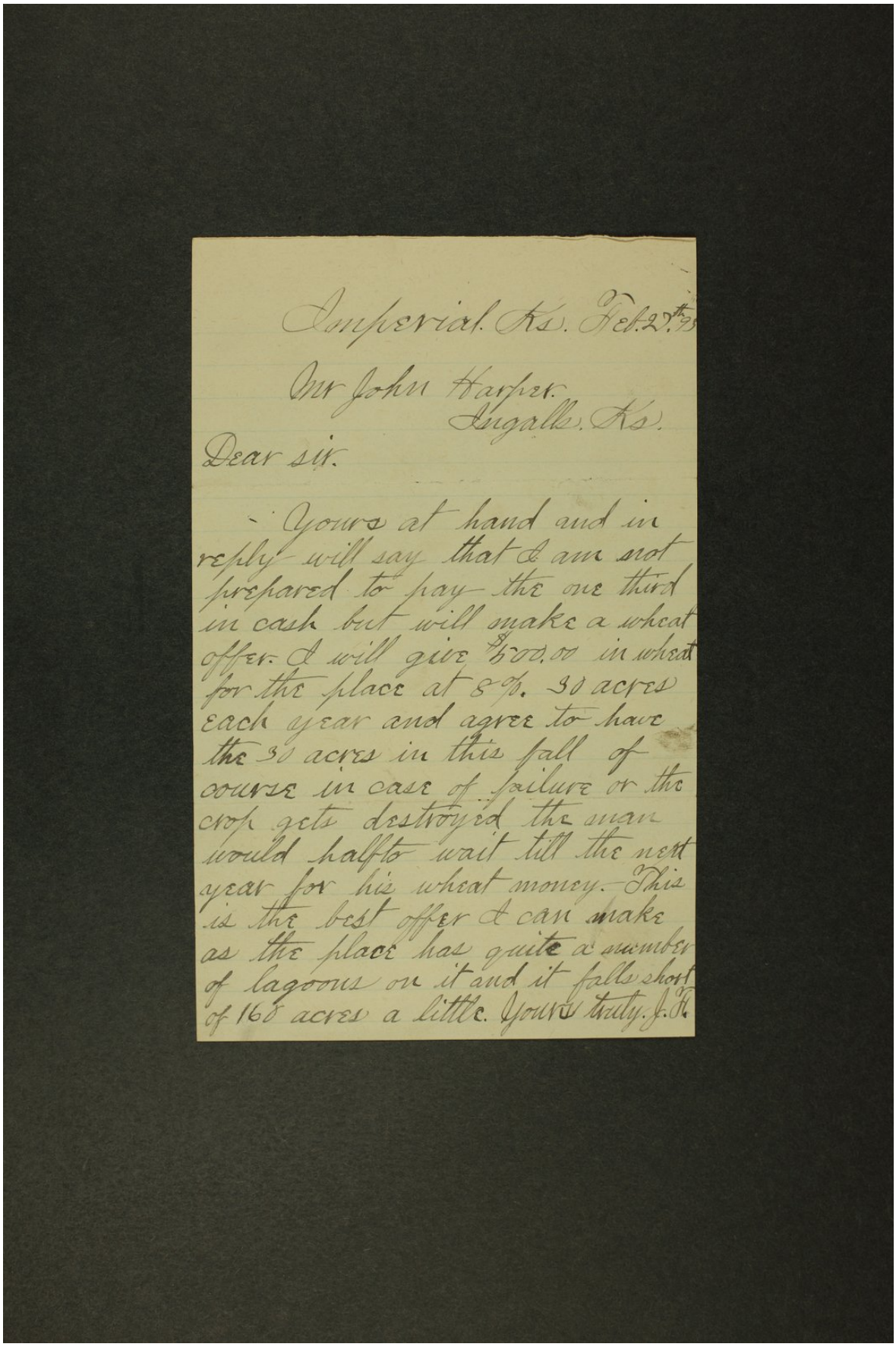
Dear Sir:

~~In reply to your favor of~~ ~~I wish to say~~

Saw your ad: in the Denver Journal — in what County is the 25600 acres — is it fit for agricultural purposes — what is the price — Terms — The parties I want it for are peopled with small means — Lands must be fit for raising Corn Oats & Wheat and the rain fall must be sufficient to assure a reasonable Crop

yours Respt

A Beysen

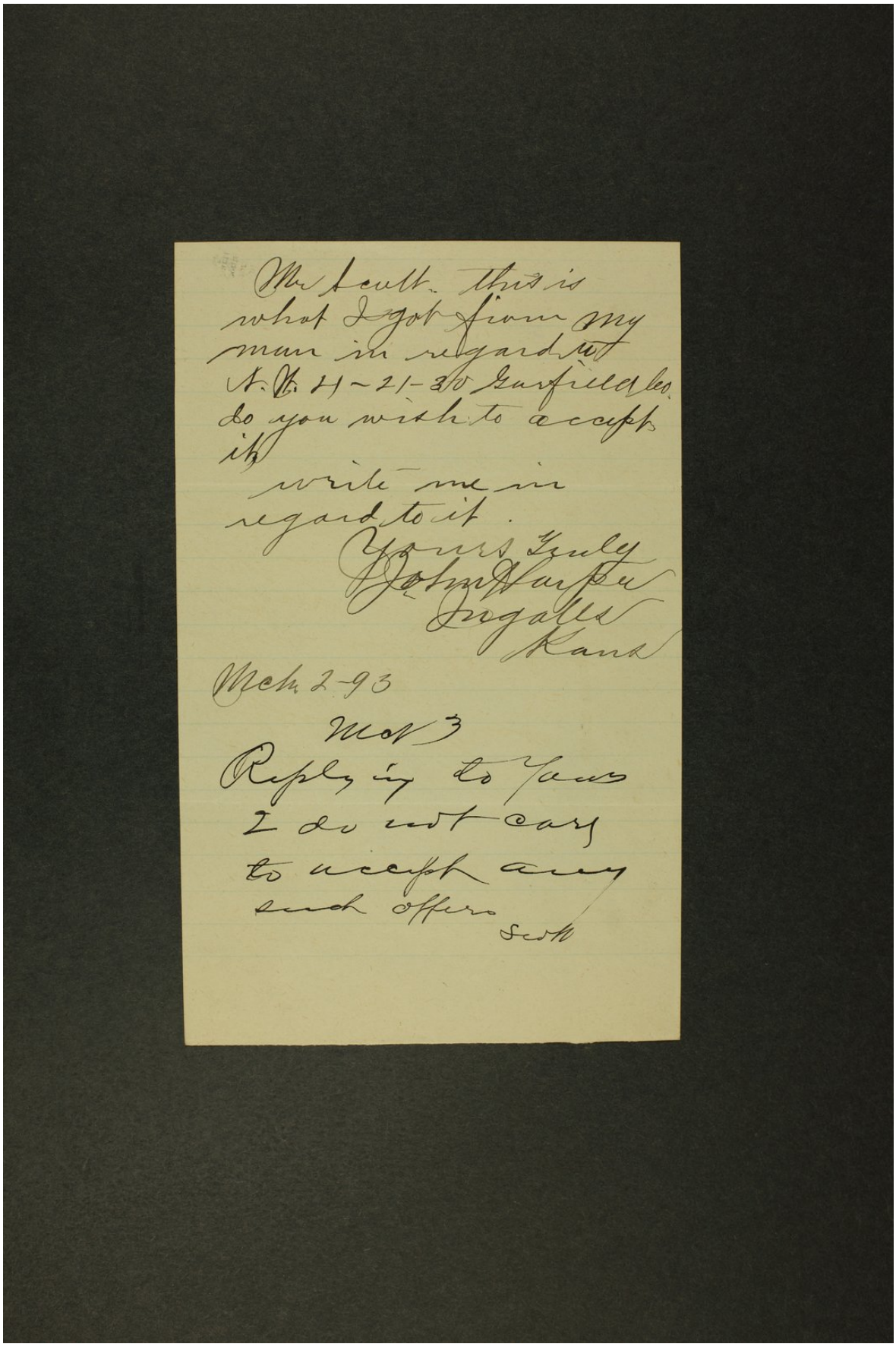


Imperial. Ks. Feb. 27th 75

Mr John Harper.
Ingalls. Ks.

Dear sir.

Yours at hand and in reply will say that I am not prepared to pay the one third in cash but will make a wheat offer. I will give $600.00 in wheat for the place at 8%. 30 acres each year and agree to have the 30 acres in this fall of course in case of failure or the crop gets destroyed the man would half to wait till the next year for his wheat money. This is the best offer I can make as the place has quite a number of lagoons on it and it falls short of 160 acres a little. Yours truly. J. S.

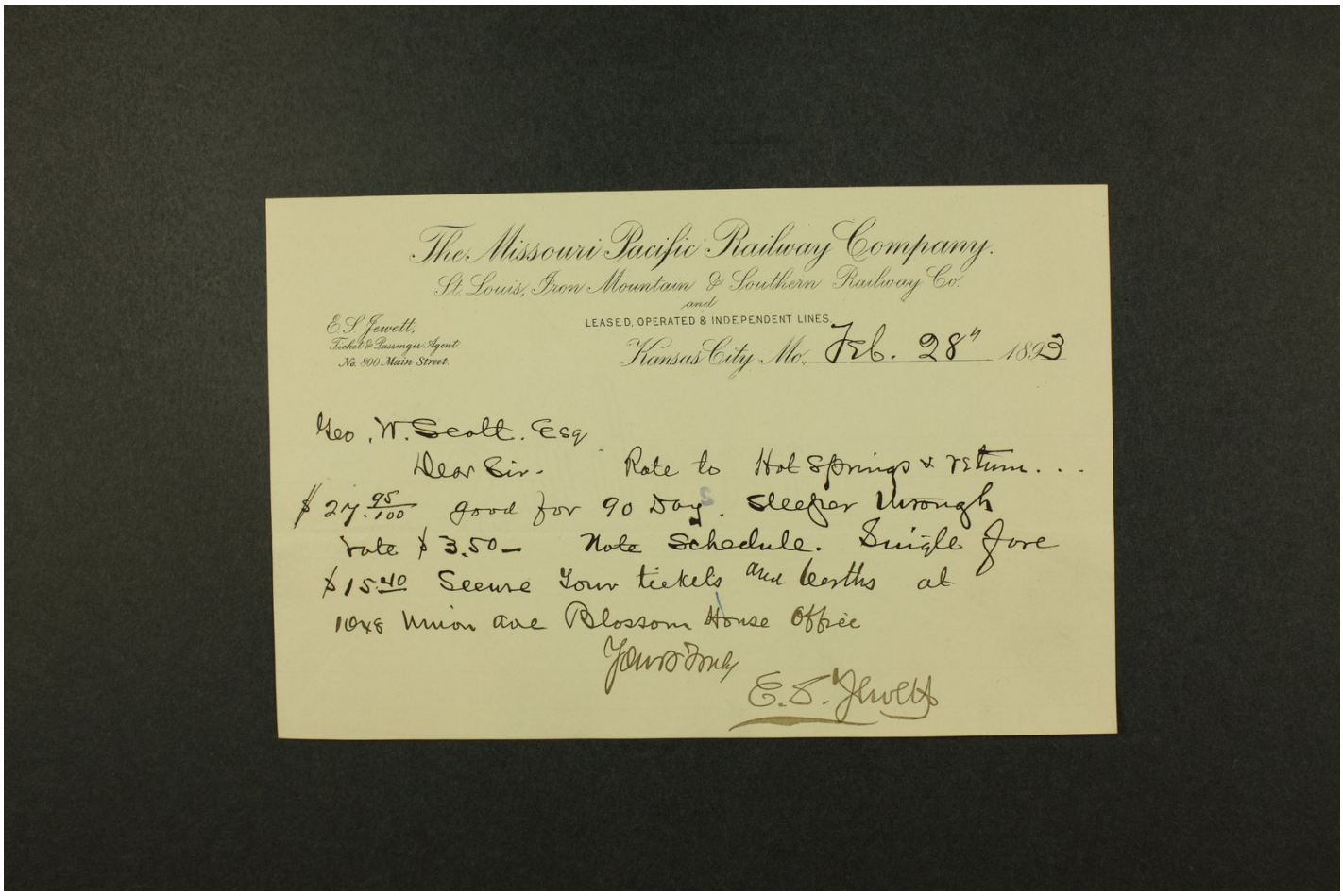


Mr Scott. this is
what I got from my
man in regard to
N. W. 14-21-30 Garfield Co.
do you wish to accept
it?
write me in
regard to it.
Yours Truly
John Harper
Ingalls
Kans

Mch 2-93

Mch 3
Replying to yours
I do not care
to accept any
such offers
Scott

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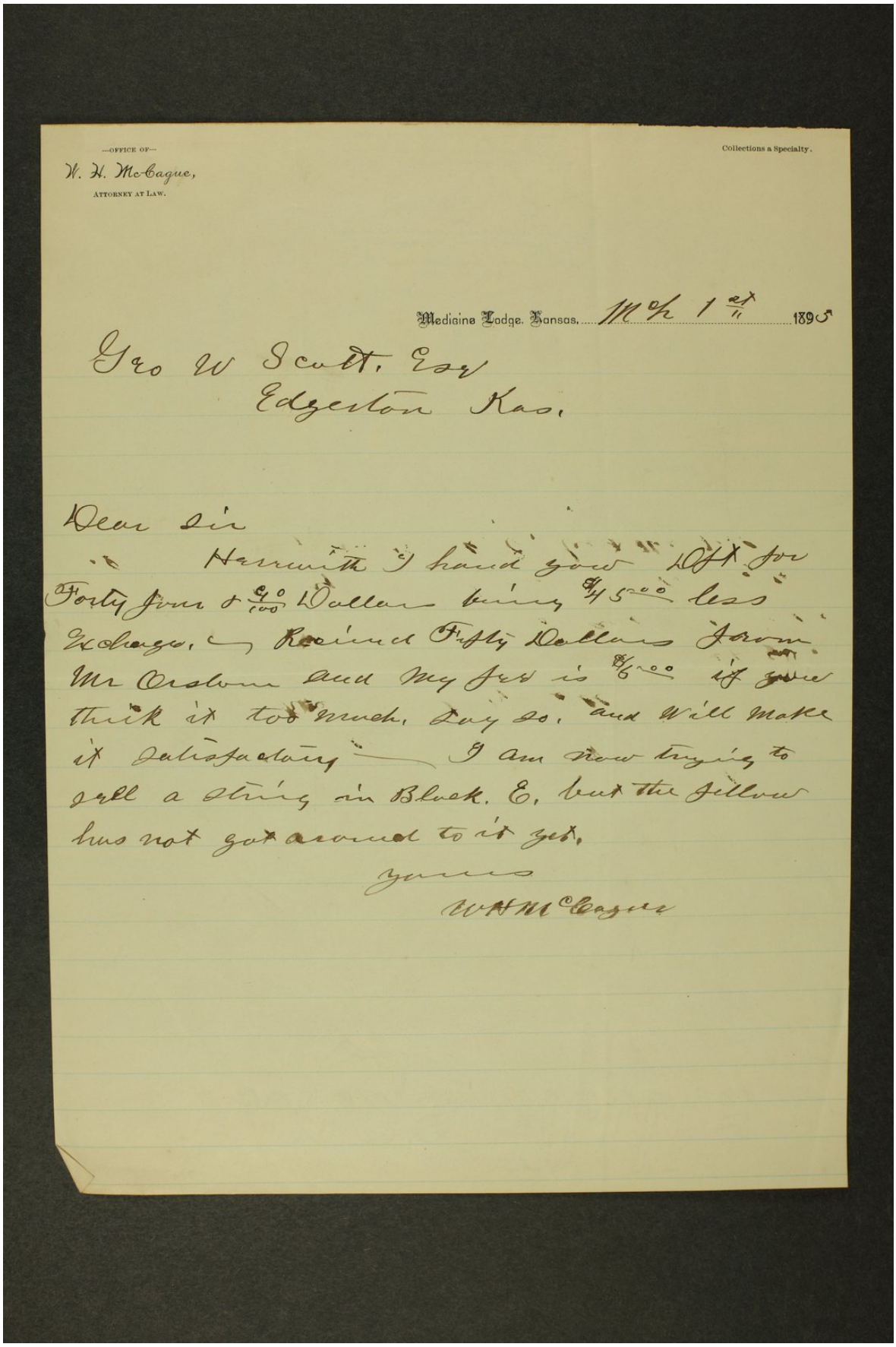


The Missouri Pacific Railway Company.
St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway Co.
and
LEASED, OPERATED & INDEPENDENT LINES.

E. S. Jewett,
Ticket & Passenger Agent.
No. 800 Main Street.

Kansas City Mo. Feb. 28" 1879

Geo. W. Scott. Esq
Dear Sir. Rate to Hot Springs & return...
$27.95/100 good for 90 Days. Sleeper through
rate $3.50 Note Schedule. Single fare
$15.40 Secure your tickets and berths at
1048 Union ave Blossom House Office
Yours Truly
E. S. Jewett



—OFFICE OF—
W. H. McCague,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Collections a Specialty.

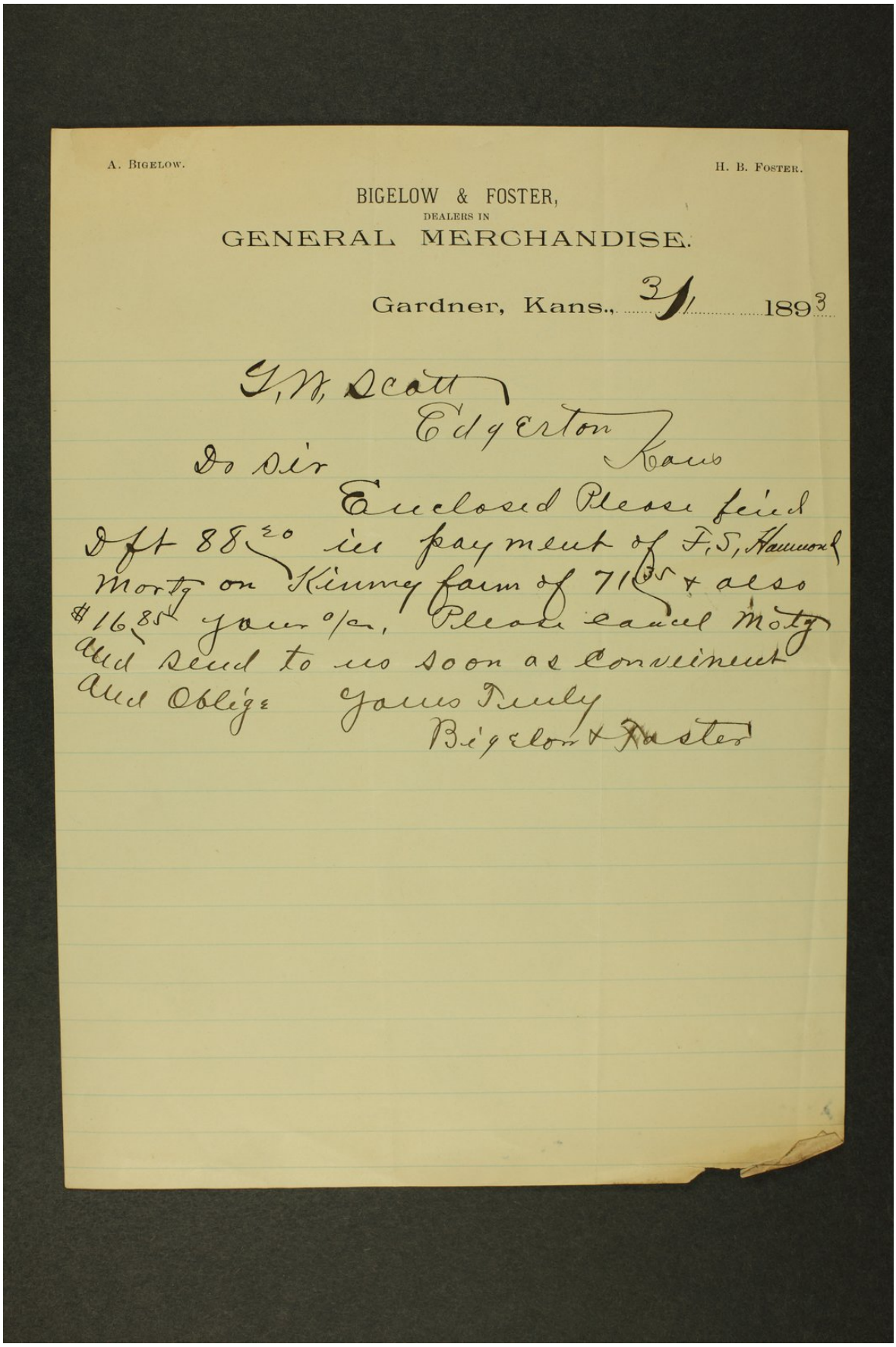
Medicine Lodge, Kansas, March 1st 1895

Geo W Scott. Esq
Edgerton Kas.

Dear Sir

Herewith I hand you draft for Forty four & 90/100 Dollars being $44.90 less Exchange. Received Fifty Dollars from Mr Osborn and my fee is $5.00 if you think it too much, say so. and will make it satisfactory — I am now trying to sell a thing in Block. E, but the fellow has not got around to it yet.

yours
W H McCague



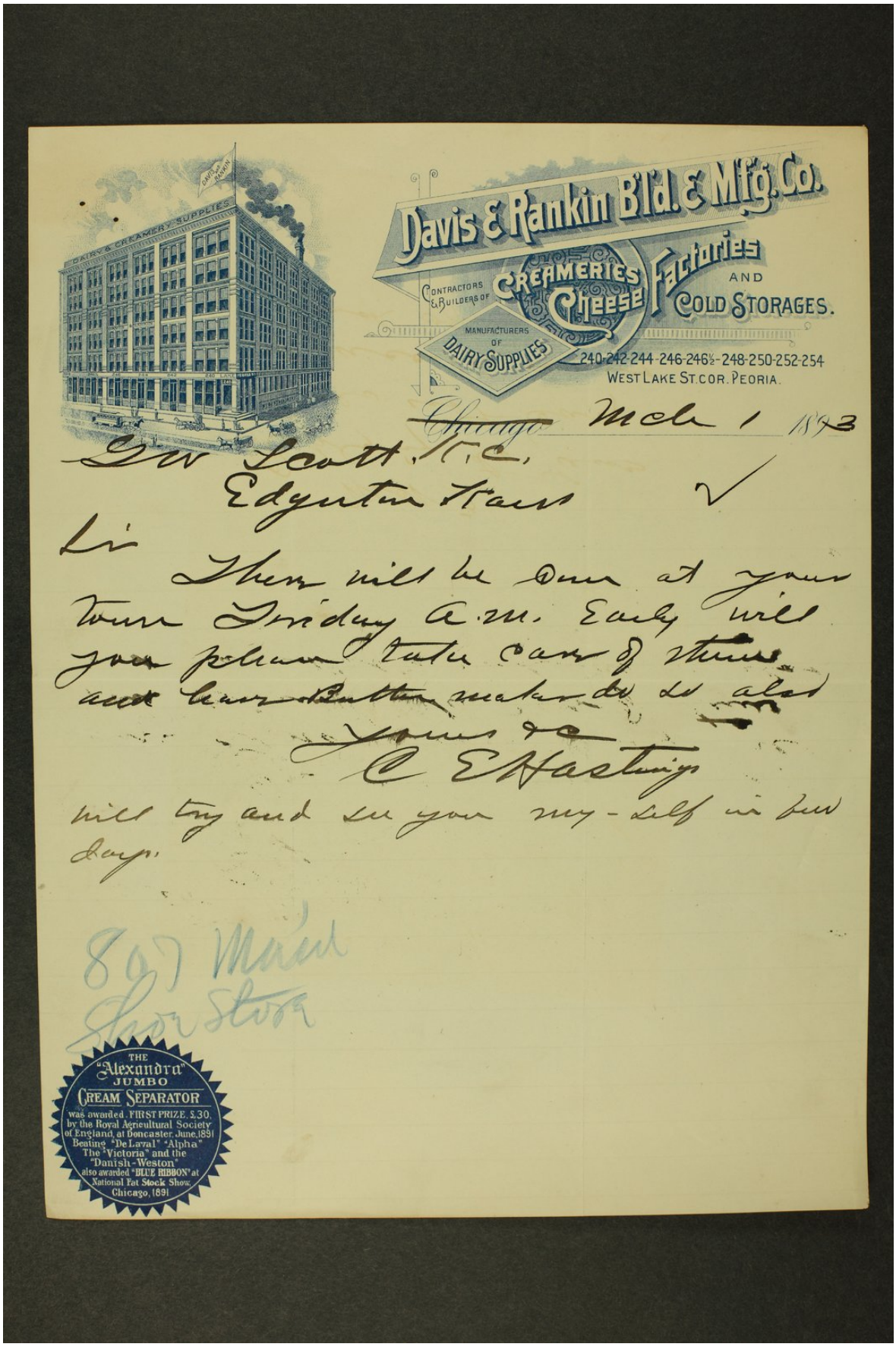
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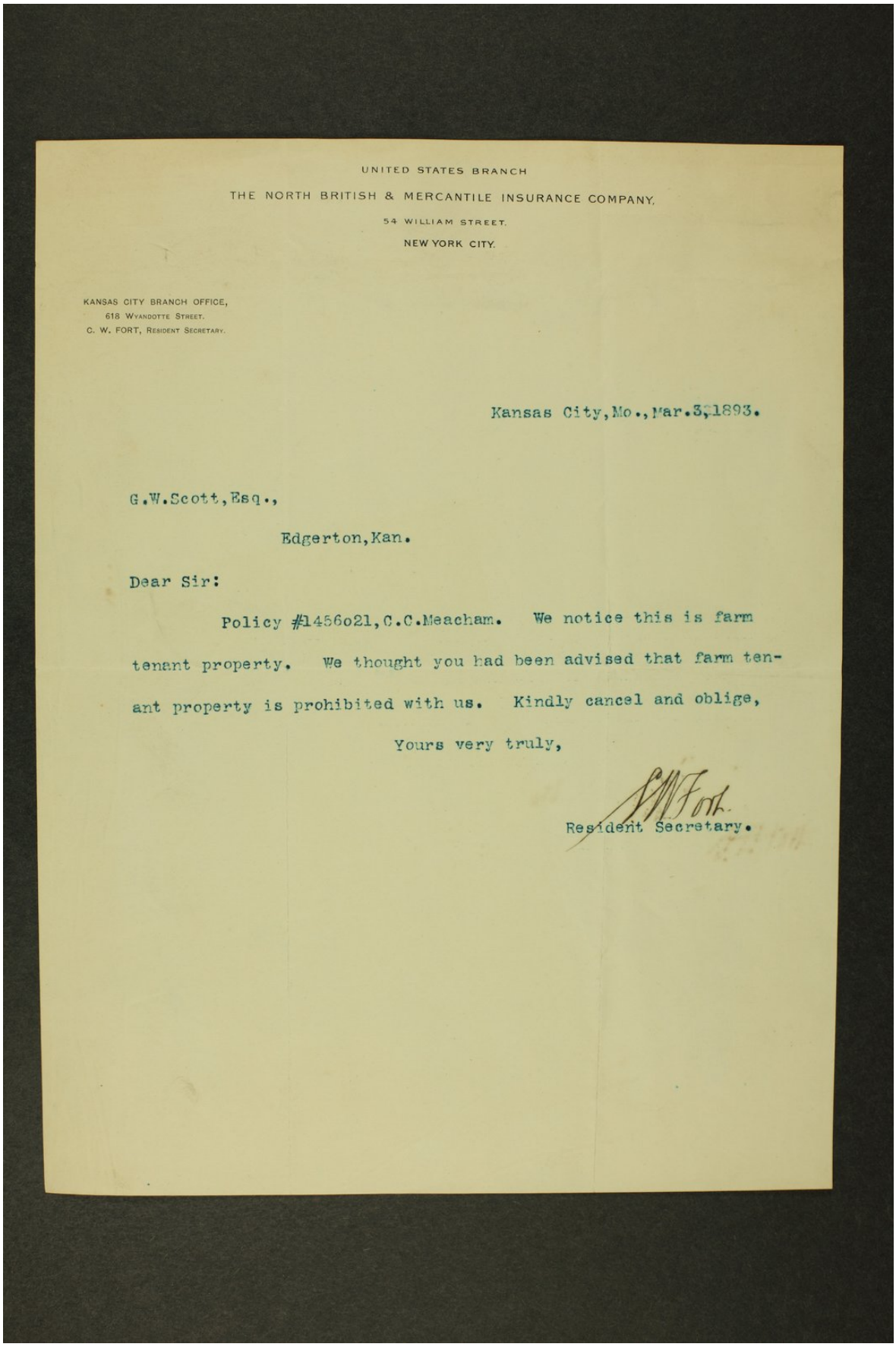
BIGELOW & FOSTER,
DEALERS IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Gardner, Kans., 3/1 1893

G. W. Scott
Edgerton Kans

Do Sir
Enclosed Please find Draft 88.20 in payment of F. S. Hammond Morty on Kinney farm of 71.85 & also $16.85 your o/a. Please cancel Morty and send to us soon as convenient
And Oblige Yours Truly
Bigelow & Foster


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DAIRY & CREAMERY SUPPLIES
Davis & Rankin Bl'd. & Mf'g. Co.
CONTRACTORS & BUILDERS OF
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Cheese Factories
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COLD STORAGES.
MANUFACTURERS OF
DAIRY SUPPLIES
240-242-244-246-246½-248-250-252-254
WEST LAKE ST. COR. PEORIA.
Chicago Mch 1 1893
Geo Scott. P.C.
Edgerton Kans
Sir
Them will be Done at your
Town Friday A.M. Early will
you please Take Care of them
and have Butter made by the time
Yours &c
C E Hastings
will try and see you my-self in few
days.
807 Main
Sour Store
THE "Alexandra" JUMBO CREAM SEPARATOR
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by the Royal Agricultural Society
of England, at Doncaster, June, 1891
Beating "De Laval" "Alpha"
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UNITED STATES BRANCH
THE NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
54 WILLIAM STREET.
NEW YORK CITY.

KANSAS CITY BRANCH OFFICE,
618 WYANDOTTE STREET.
C. W. FORT, RESIDENT SECRETARY.

Kansas City,Mo.,Mar.3,1893.

G.W.Scott,Esq.,

Edgerton,Kan.

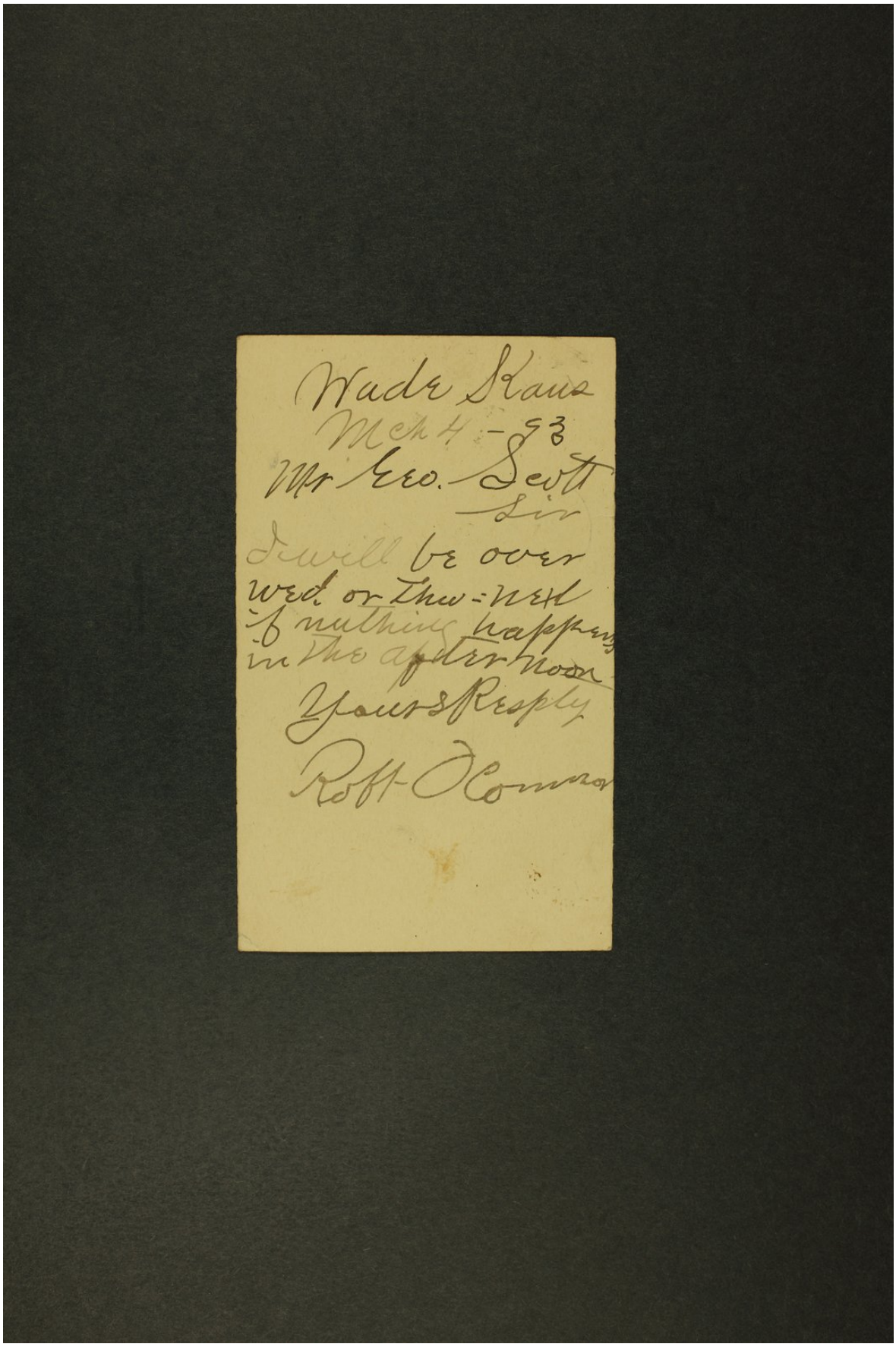
Dear Sir:

Policy #145602l,C.C.Meacham. We notice this is farm tenant property. We thought you had been advised that farm tenant property is prohibited with us. Kindly cancel and oblige,

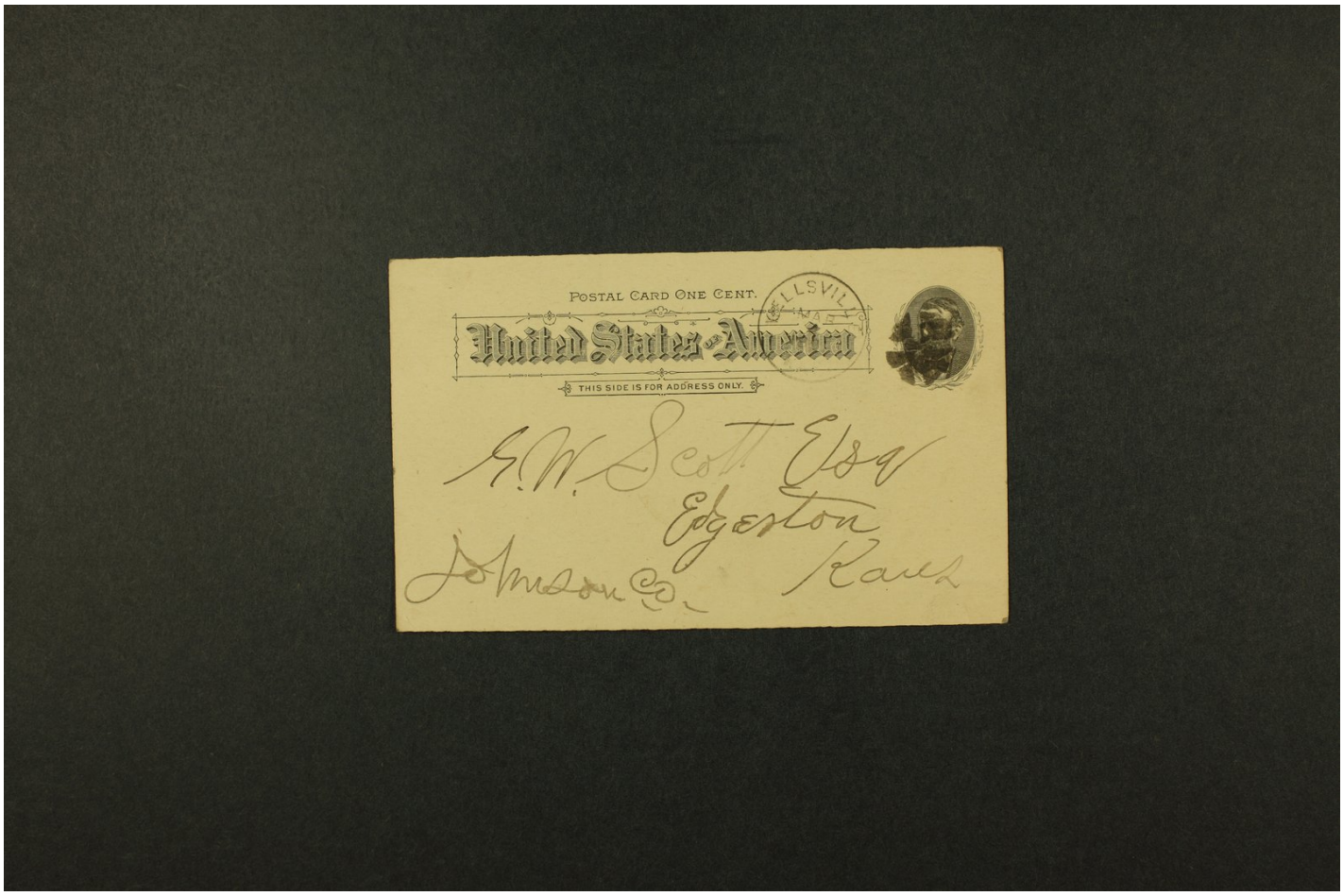
Yours very truly,

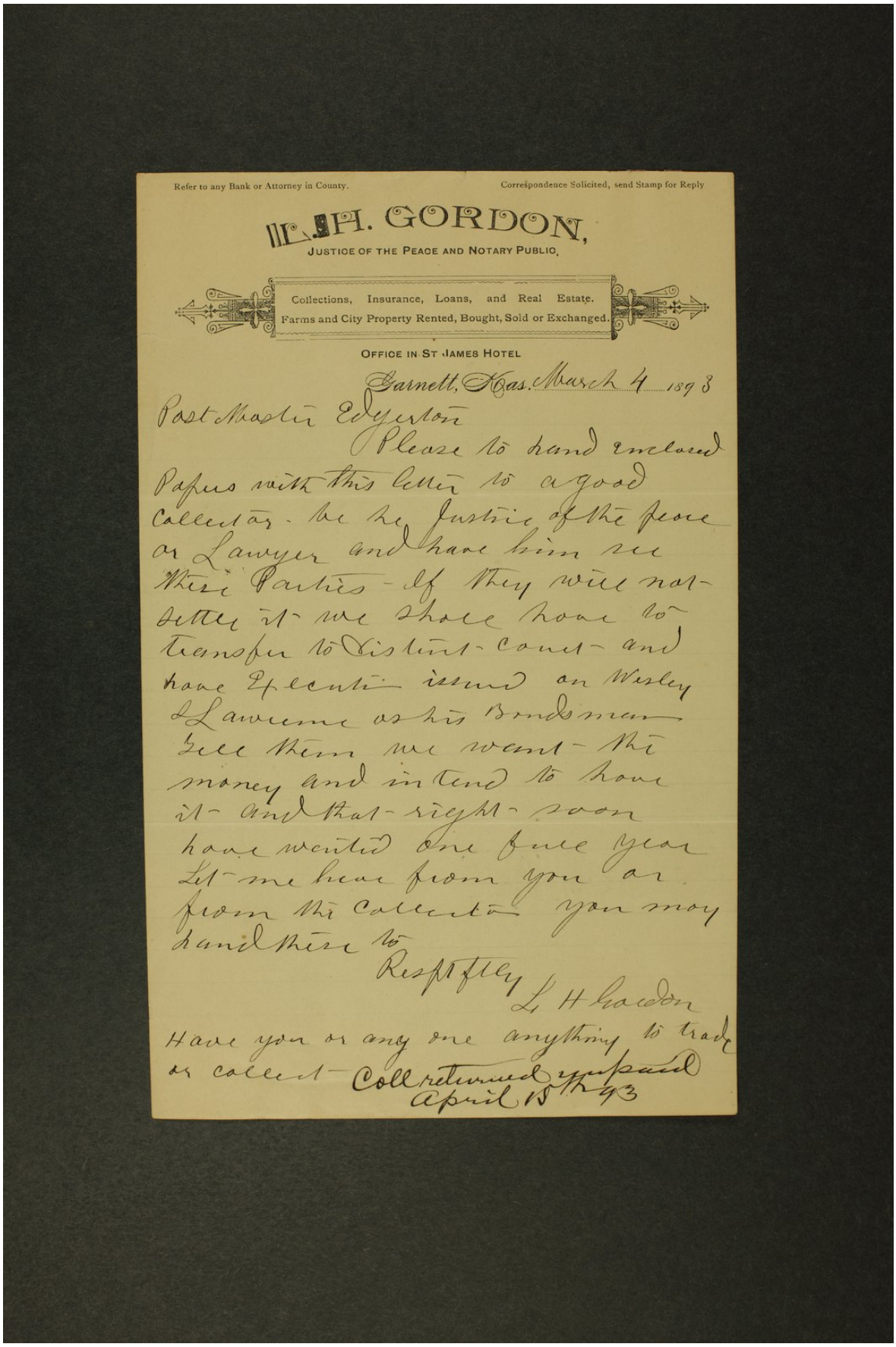
C.W.Fort.

Resident Secretary.


Wade Kans
Mch 4 - 93
Mr Geo. Scott
Sir
I will be over
Wed. or Thu - next
if nothing happens
in the afternoon
Yours Resply
Roff O'Connor

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Refer to any Bank or Attorney in County. Correspondence Solicited, send Stamp for Reply

L. H. GORDON,

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND NOTARY PUBLIC,

Collections, Insurance, Loans, and Real Estate.
Farms and City Property Rented, Bought, Sold or Exchanged.

OFFICE IN ST JAMES HOTEL

Garnett, Kas. March 4 1898

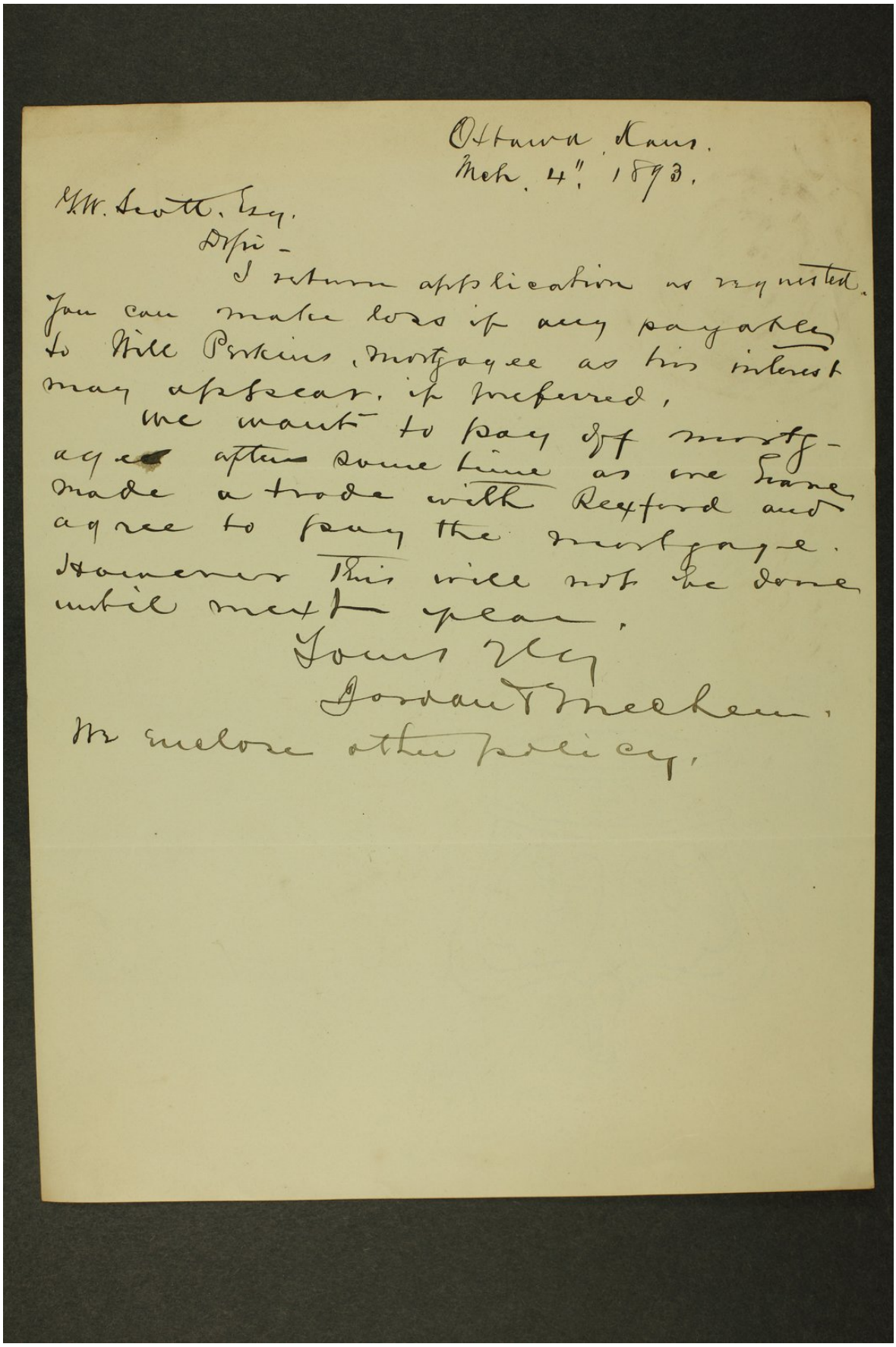
Post Master Edgerton

Please to hand enclosed Papers with this letter to a good Collector - be he Justice of the Peace or Lawyer and have him see these Parties - If they will not settle it - we shall have to transfer to District Court - and have Execution issued on Wesley Lawrence as his Bondsman See them we want - the money and intend to have it - and that - right - soon have waited one full year Let me hear from you or from the Collector you may hand them to

Respectfully
L. H Gordon

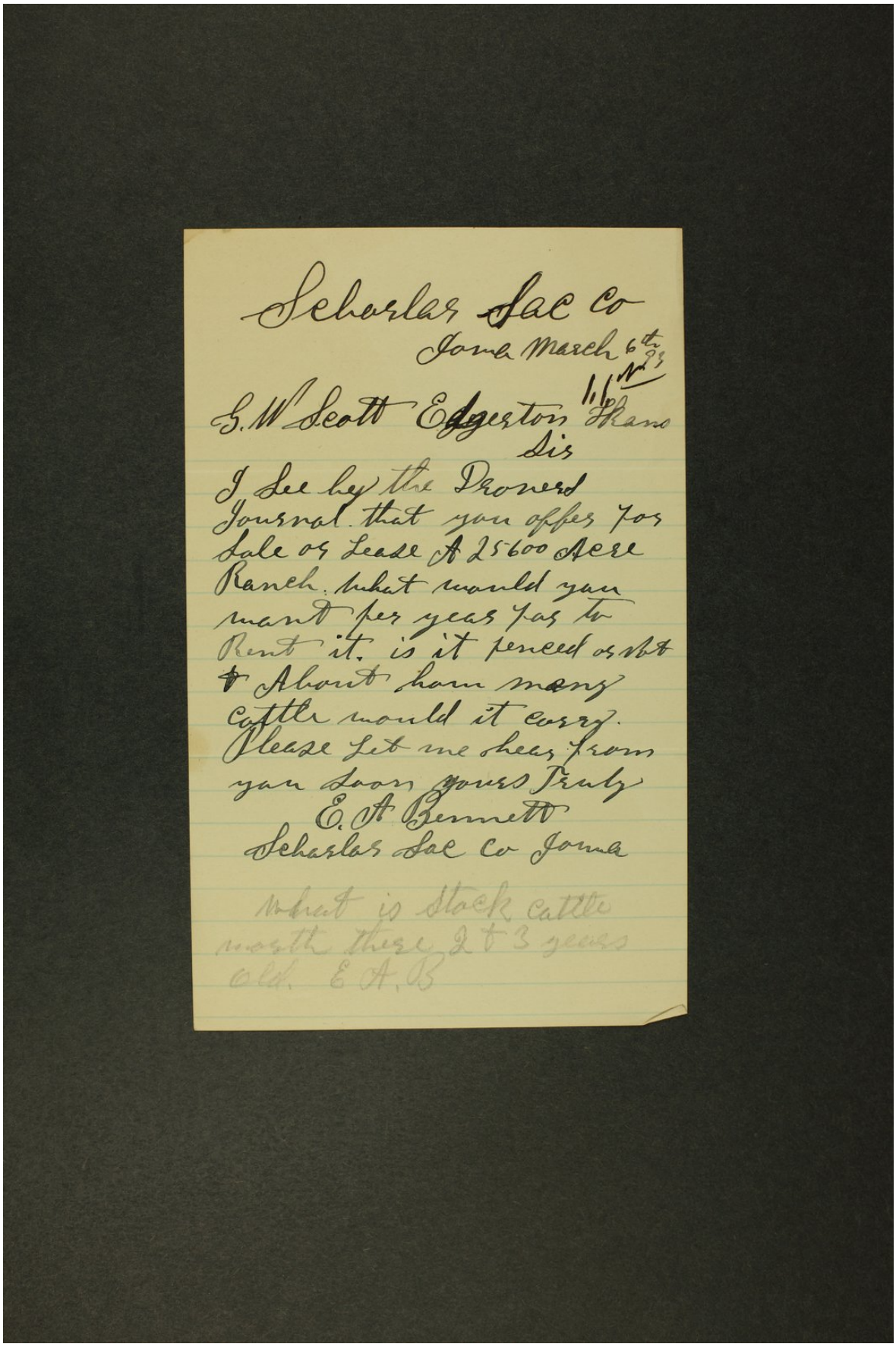
Have you or any one anything to trade or collect -

Coll returned unpaid
April 15 1898



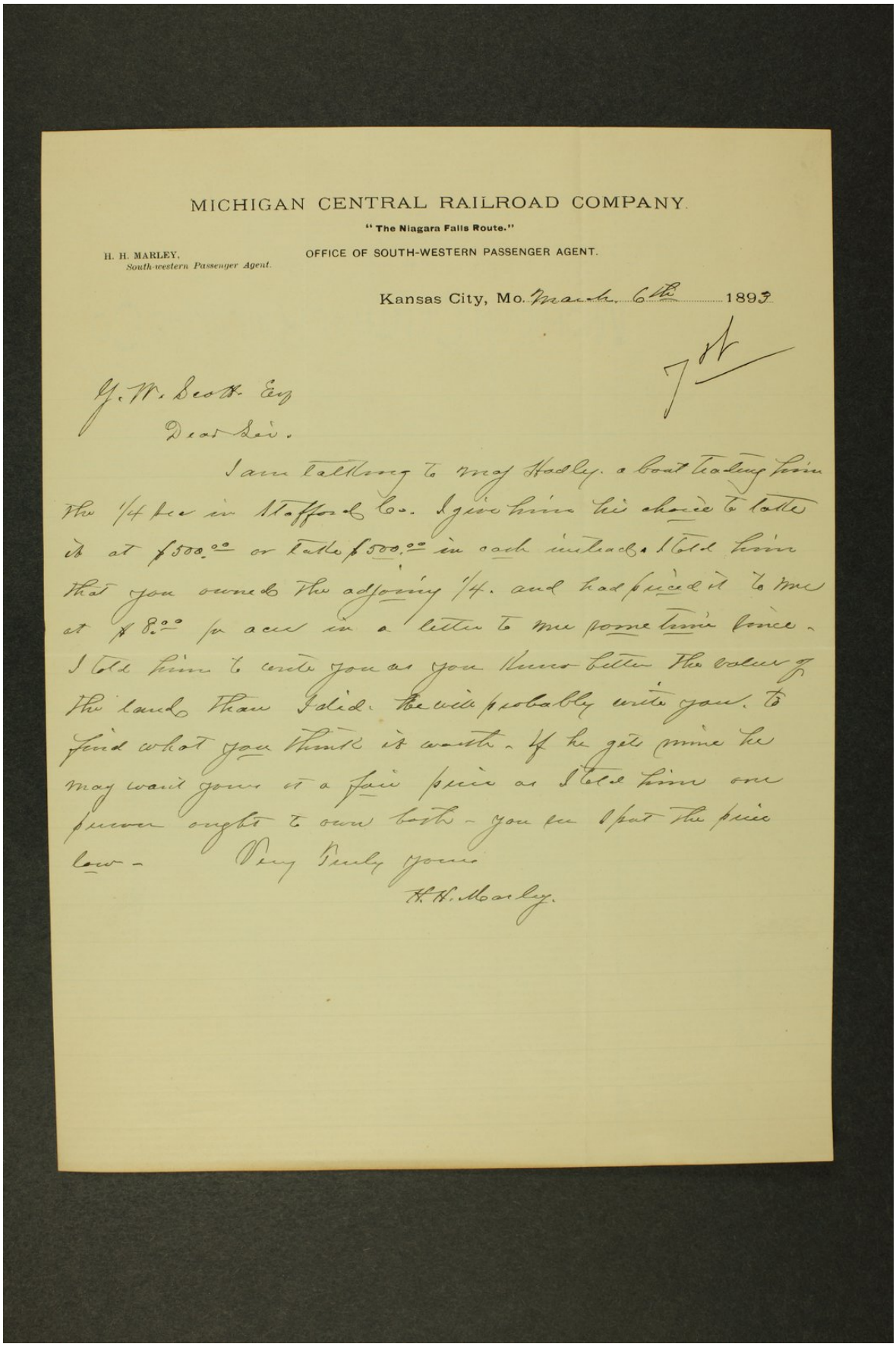
Ottawa Kans.
Mch. 4th 1893.

W.W. Scott. Esq.
Dear Sir -
I return application as requested. You can make loss if any payable to Will Perkins, mortgagee as his interest may appear. if preferred,
we want to pay off mortgage after some time as we have made a trade with Rexford and agree to pay the mortgage. However this will not be done until next year.
Yours Very
Jordan Meeker.
We enclose other policy.



Scholar Sac Co
Iowa March 6th 93
No 1
E. W. Scott Edgerton Kans
Sir
I See by the Drovers
Journal that you offer for
Sale or Lease A 2560 Acre
Ranch. what would you
want per year for to
Rent it. is it fenced or not
& About how many
Cattle would it carry.
Please Let me hear from
you Soon Yours Truly
E. A. Bennett
Scholar Sac Co Iowa

what is Stock cattle
worth these 2 & 3 years
old. E A B



MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

"The Niagara Falls Route."

H. H. MARLEY,
*South-western Passenger Agent.*

OFFICE OF SOUTH-WESTERN PASSENGER AGENT.

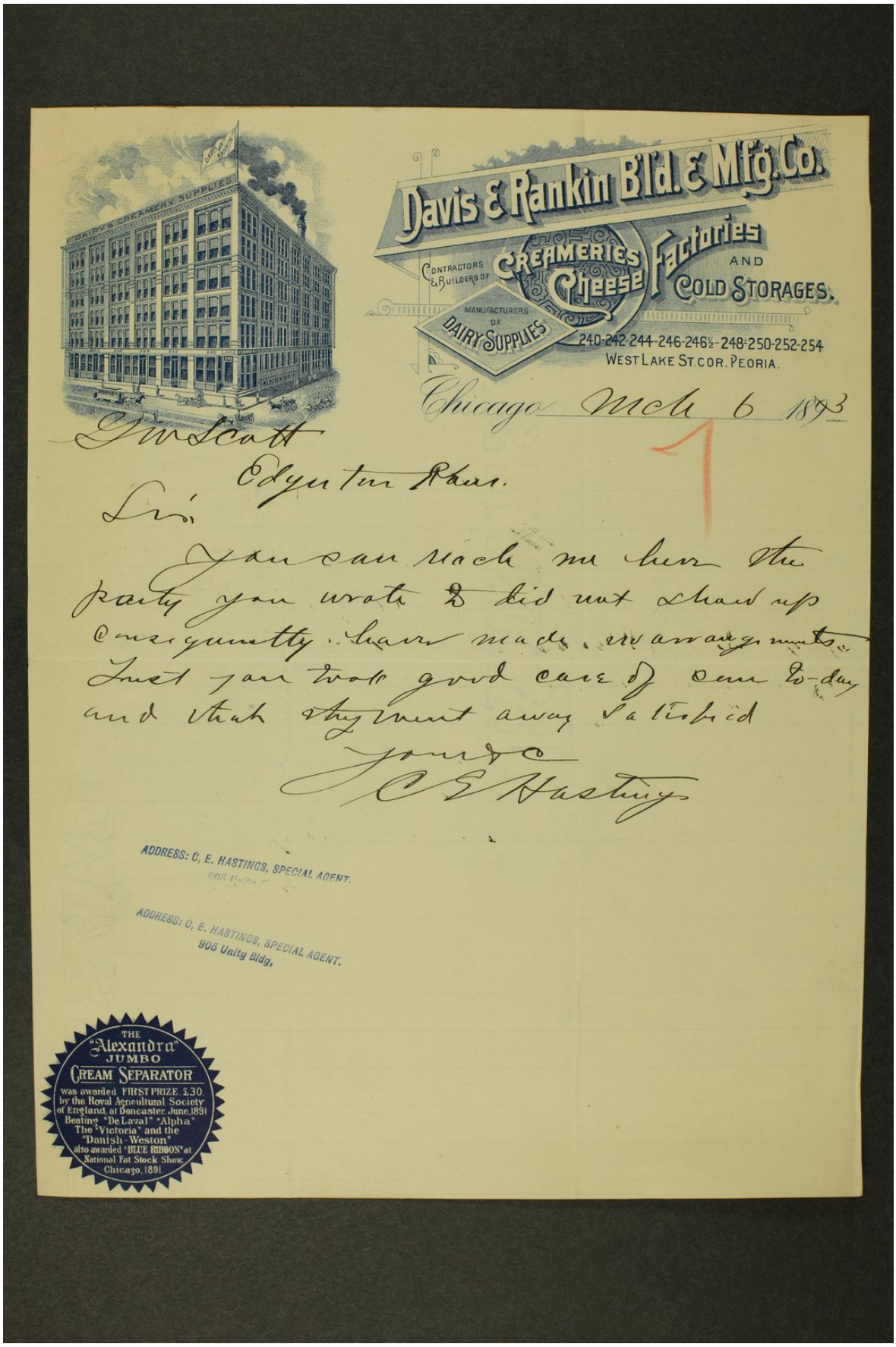
Kansas City, Mo. March 6th 1893

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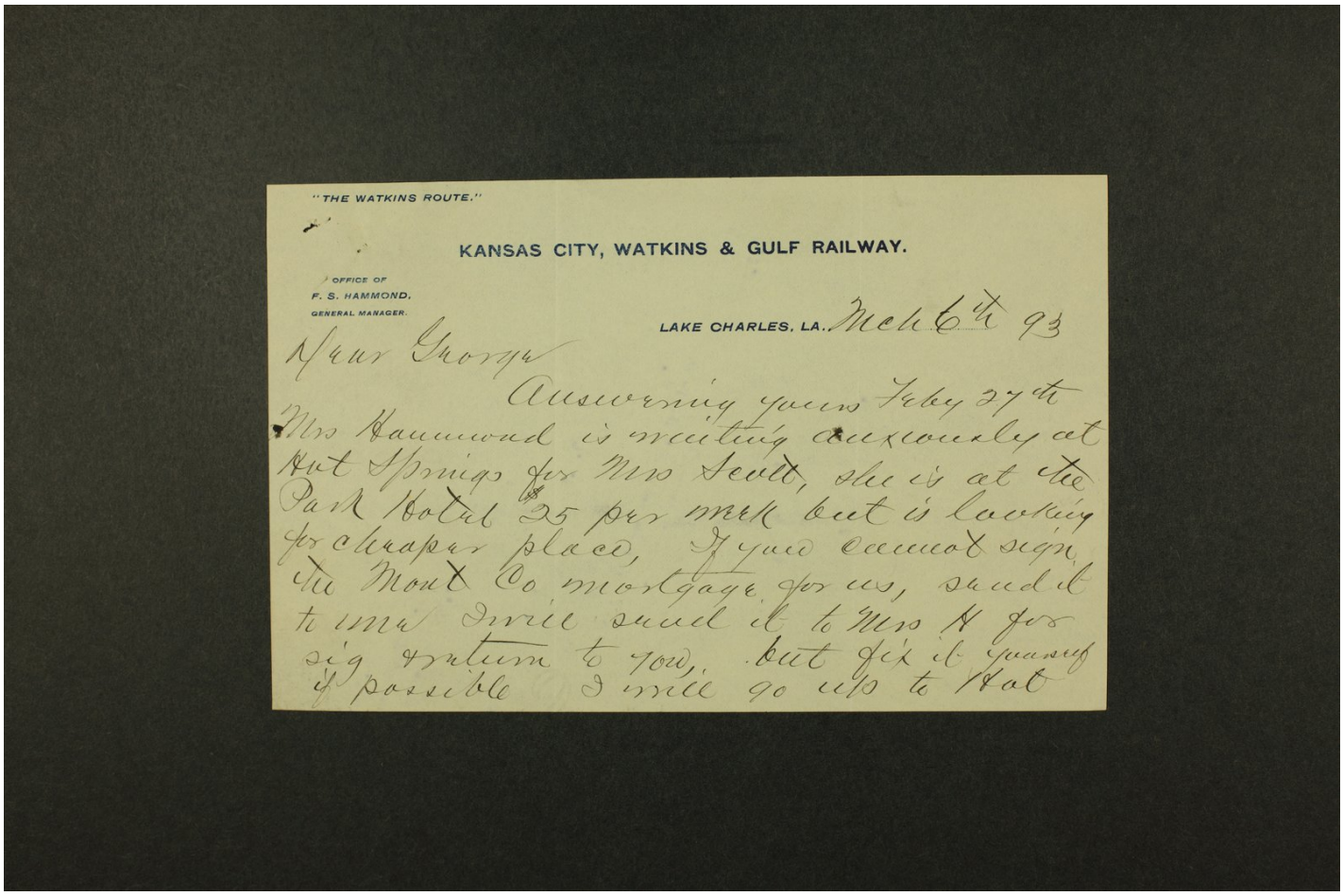
G. W. Scott Esq
Dear Sir.

I am talking to May Hadley a boot trading him the 1/4 sec in Moffat Co. I give him his choice to take it at $500.00 or take $500.00 in cash instead. I told him that you owned the adjoining 1/4. and had priced it to me at $8.00 pr acre in a letter to me some time since. I told him to write you as you knew better the value of the land than I did. he will probably write you. to find what you think it worth. If he gets mine he may want yours at a fair price as I told him one person ought to own both - you can put the price low -

Very Truly Yours
H. H. Marley.


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KANSAS CITY, WATKINS & GULF RAILWAY.

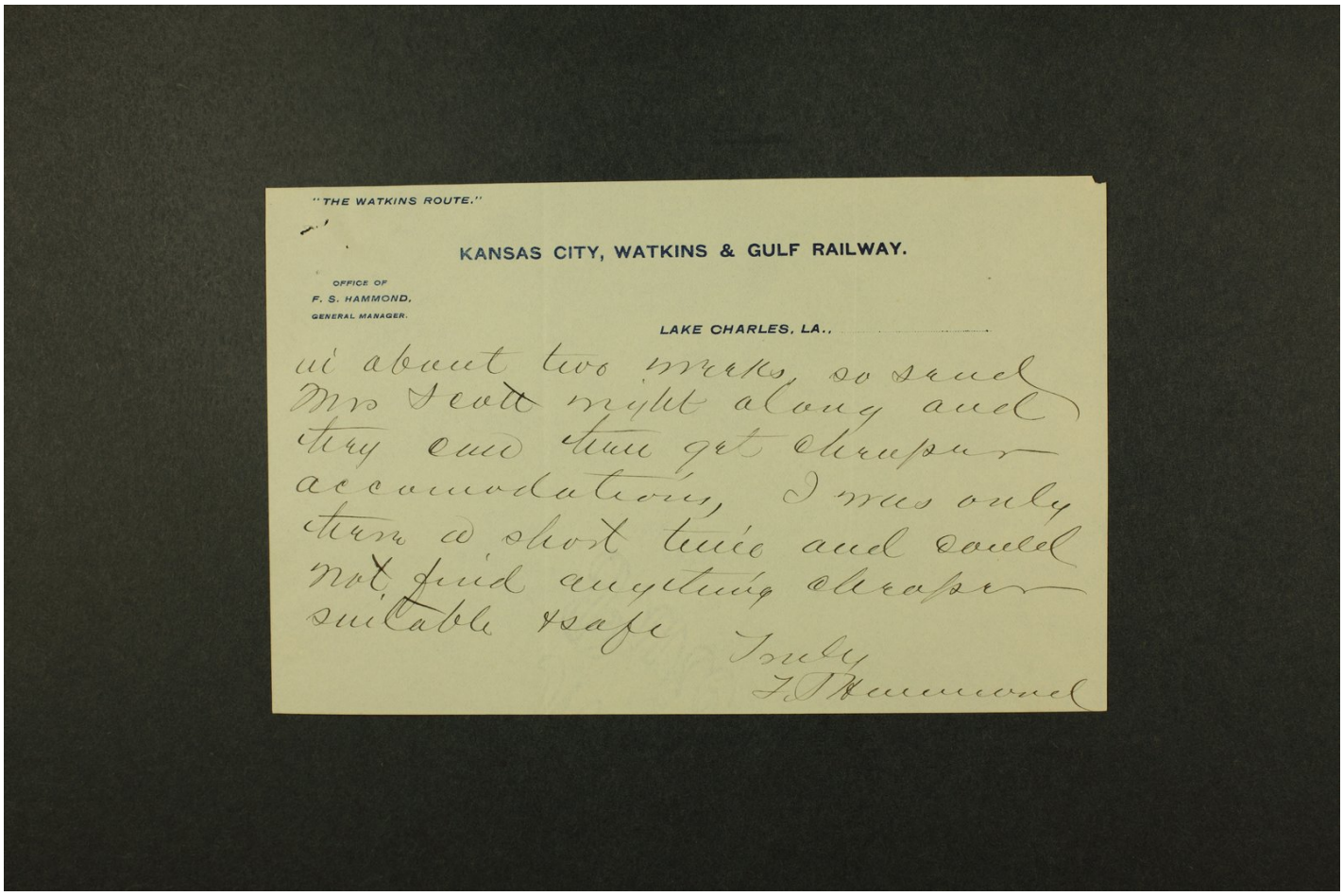
OFFICE OF
F. S. HAMMOND,
GENERAL MANAGER.

LAKE CHARLES, LA. Mch 6th 93

Dear George

Answering yours 27th Mrs Hammond is waiting anxiously at Hot Springs for Mrs Scott, she is at the Park Hotel $5 per week but is looking for cheaper place, If you cannot sign the Mont Co mortgage for us, send it to me & will send it to Mrs H for sig & return to you, but fix it yourself if possible I will go up to Hot

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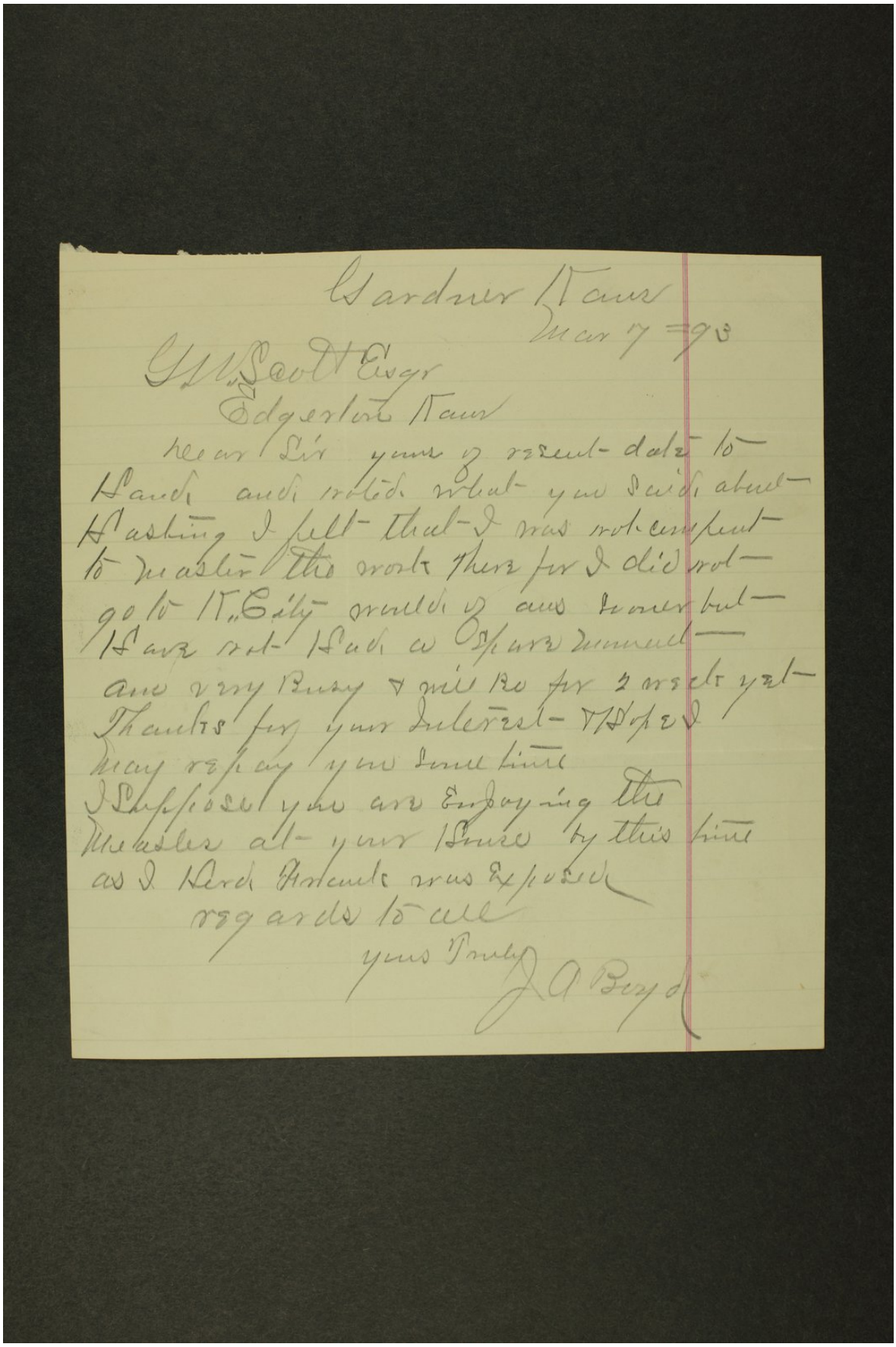
KANSAS CITY, WATKINS & GULF RAILWAY.

OFFICE OF
F. S. HAMMOND,
GENERAL MANAGER.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., .....

ie about two weeks, so send
Mrs Scott right along and
try and then get cheaper
accommodations, I was only
there a short time and could
not find anything cheaper
suitable to safe

Truly
F S Hammond



Gardner Kans
Mar 7 =90

W. W. Scott Esqr
Edgerton Kans

Dear Sir yours of recent date to hand and noted what you said about Hasting I felt that I was not competent to master the work there for I did not go to K. City would of ans sooner but have not had a spare moment — am very Busy & will be for a week yet — Thanks for your interest & Hope I may repay you some time I Supposed you are Enjoying the Meadows all your Stock by this time as I Hard Frosts was Expected

regards to all

yours Truly
J A Boyd

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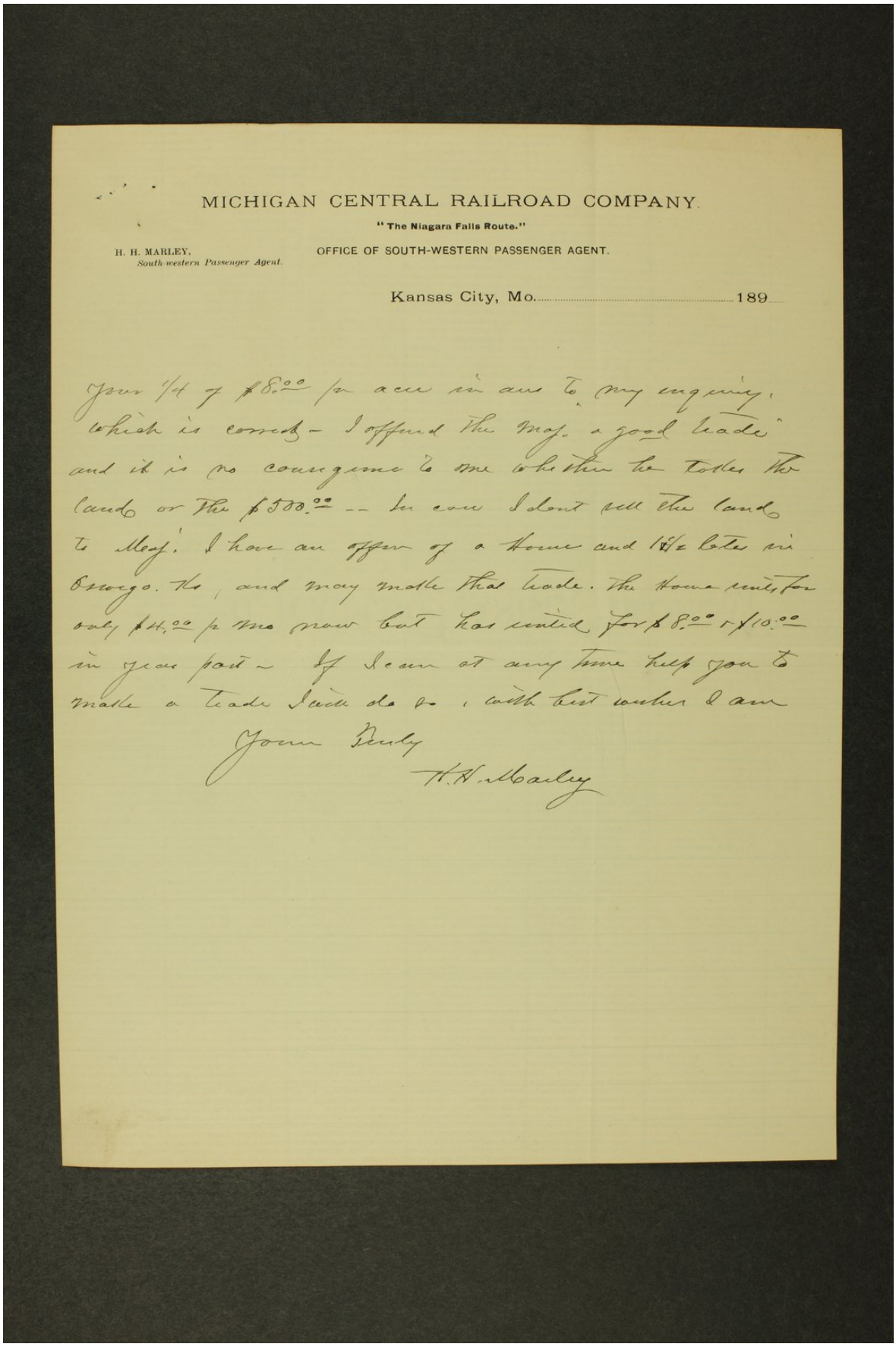
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Geo. W. Scott.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 7th at hand. I did not express or desire you should misquote the land to Major. I referred him to you because he was well acquainted with you, and I thought you was well acquainted with the land. I fixed a minimum price on the land of $500.00 by giving the Major his choice of $500.00 cash or the land at $550.00. If he takes the land in preference to $500.00 it will be because he thinks it worth more than $500.00 the price which I put on it, and in that case he could probably pay the same for yours for the same reason. As the Major and I are not trying to drive sharp bargains with each other. The fact that I fixed the land at $500.00 and gave him his choice between it and $500. cash, shows that I am dealing on the square with the Major - and you will take it any day for the $500.00 he loaned on it. For he has been offered his money on the mortgage more than once and though him I may be able to help you on yours. I simply told the Major that you had quoted me a price on



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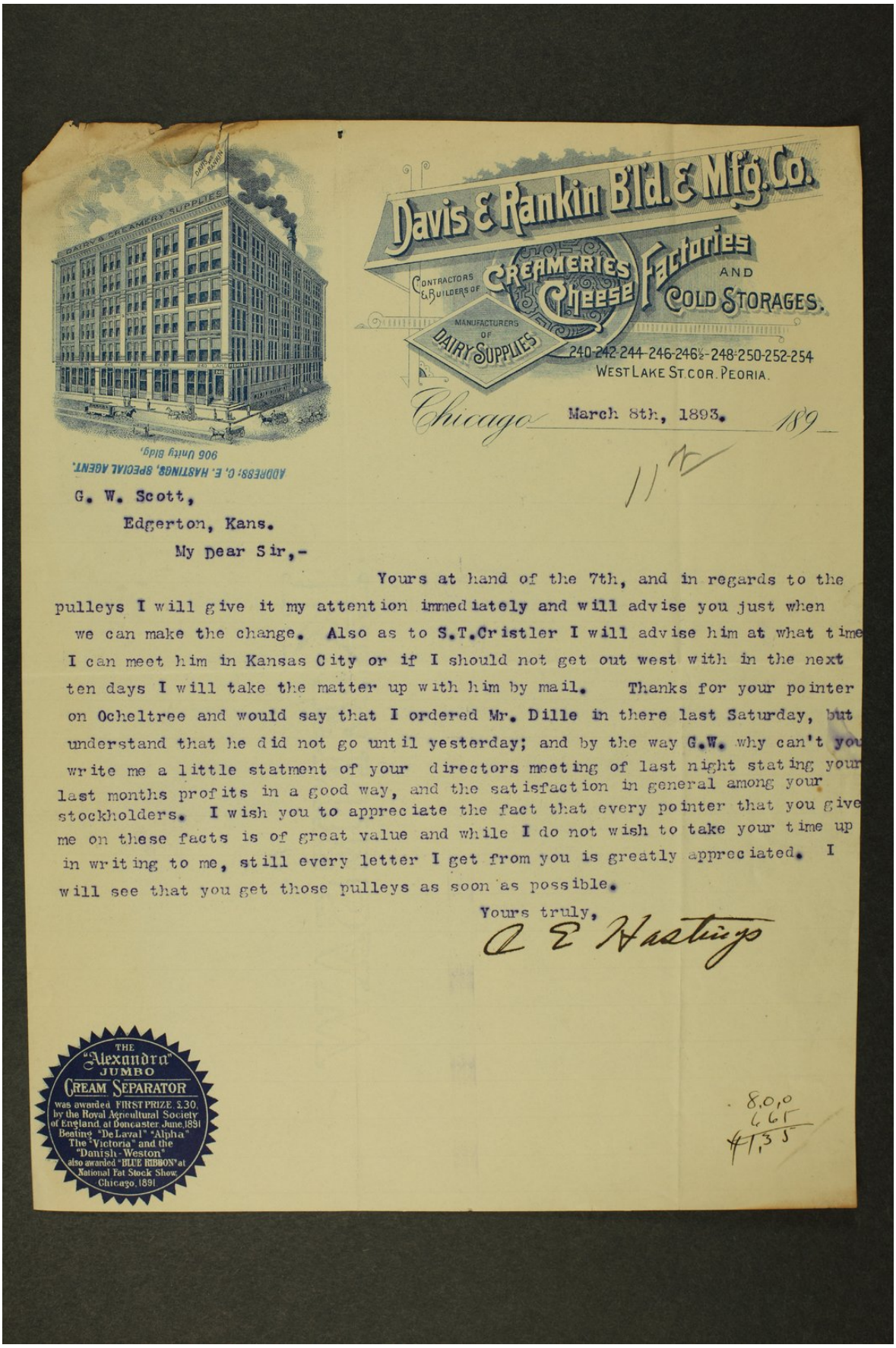
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Your 1/4 of $8.00 pr acre in ans to my inquiry, which is correct - I offered the maj. a good trade and it is no consequence to me whether he takes the land or the $330.00 -- In case I dont sell the land to Maj. I have an offer of a Home and 1½ lots in Osawgo. Ks, and may make that trade. The Home rents for only $4.00 pr mo now but has rented for $8.00 & $10.00 in year past - If I can at any time help you to make a trade I will do so - with best wishes I am

Yours Truly

H. H. Marley



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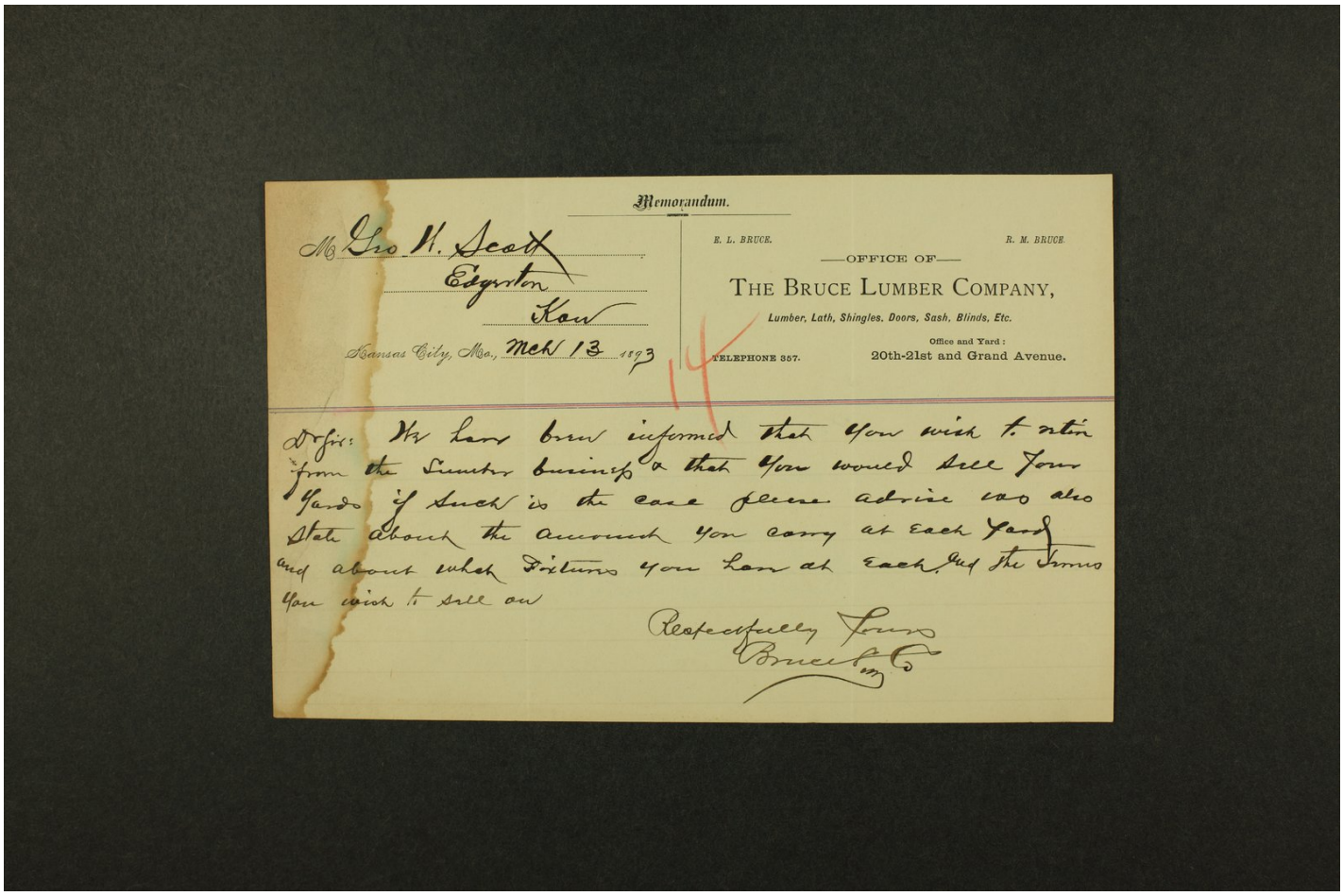
Yours at hand of the 7th, and in regards to the pulleys I will give it my attention immediately and will advise you just when we can make the change. Also as to S.T.Cristler I will advise him at what time I can meet him in Kansas City or if I should not get out west with in the next ten days I will take the matter up with him by mail. Thanks for your pointer on Ocheltree and would say that I ordered Mr. Dille in there last Saturday, but understand that he did not go until yesterday; and by the way G.W. why can't you write me a little statment of your directors meeting of last night stating your last months profits in a good way, and the satisfaction in general among your stockholders. I wish you to appreciate the fact that every pointer that you give me on these facts is of great value and while I do not wish to take your time up in writing to me, still every letter I get from you is greatly appreciated. I will see that you get those pulleys as soon as possible.

Yours truly,
C E Hastings

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Mr Geo H. Scott
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