George W. Scott papers

Section 60, Pages 1771 - 1800

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

Date: 1889-1899

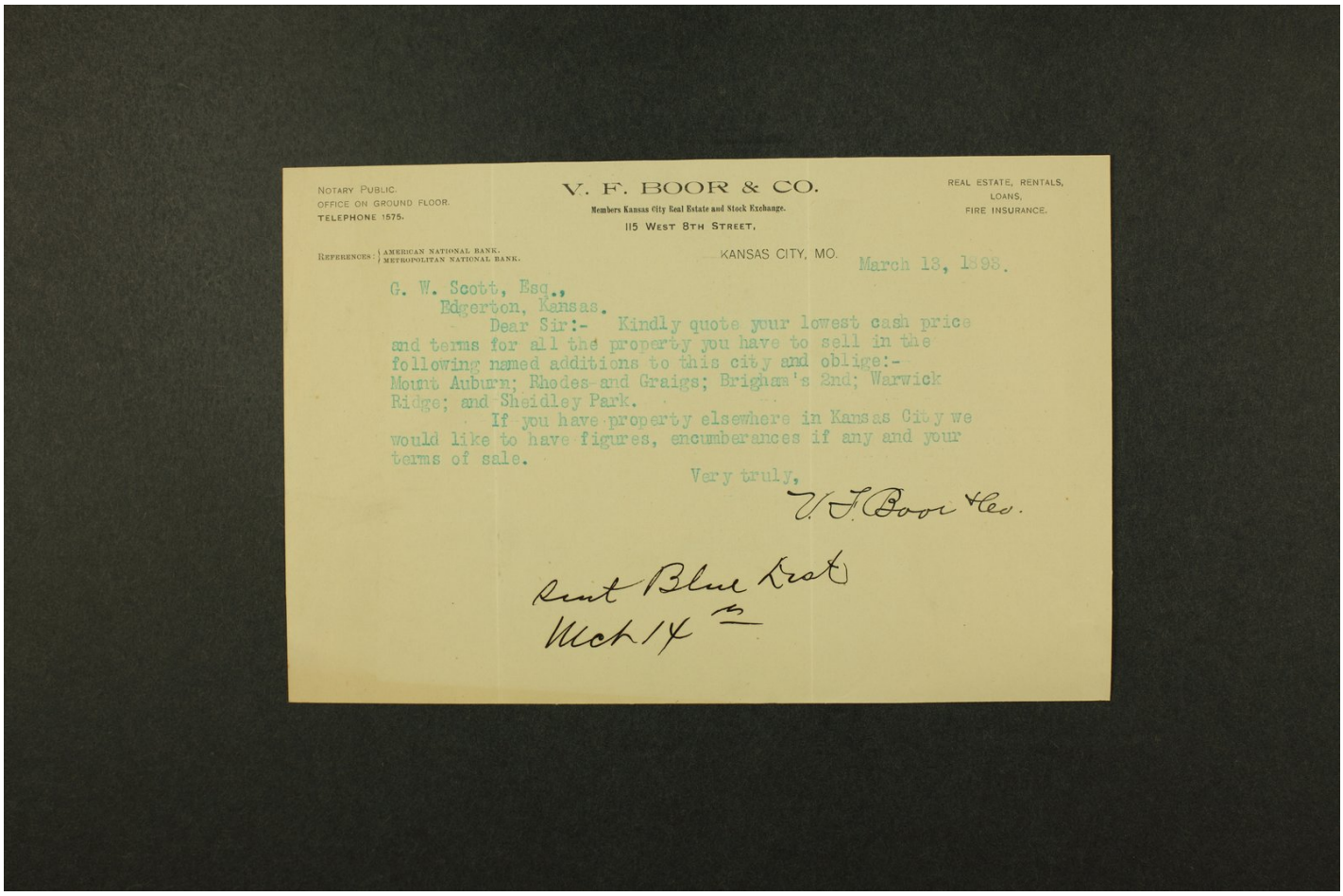
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V. F. BOOR & CO.
Members Kansas City Real Estate and Stock Exchange.
115 WEST 8TH STREET,

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KANSAS CITY, MO. March 13, 1893.

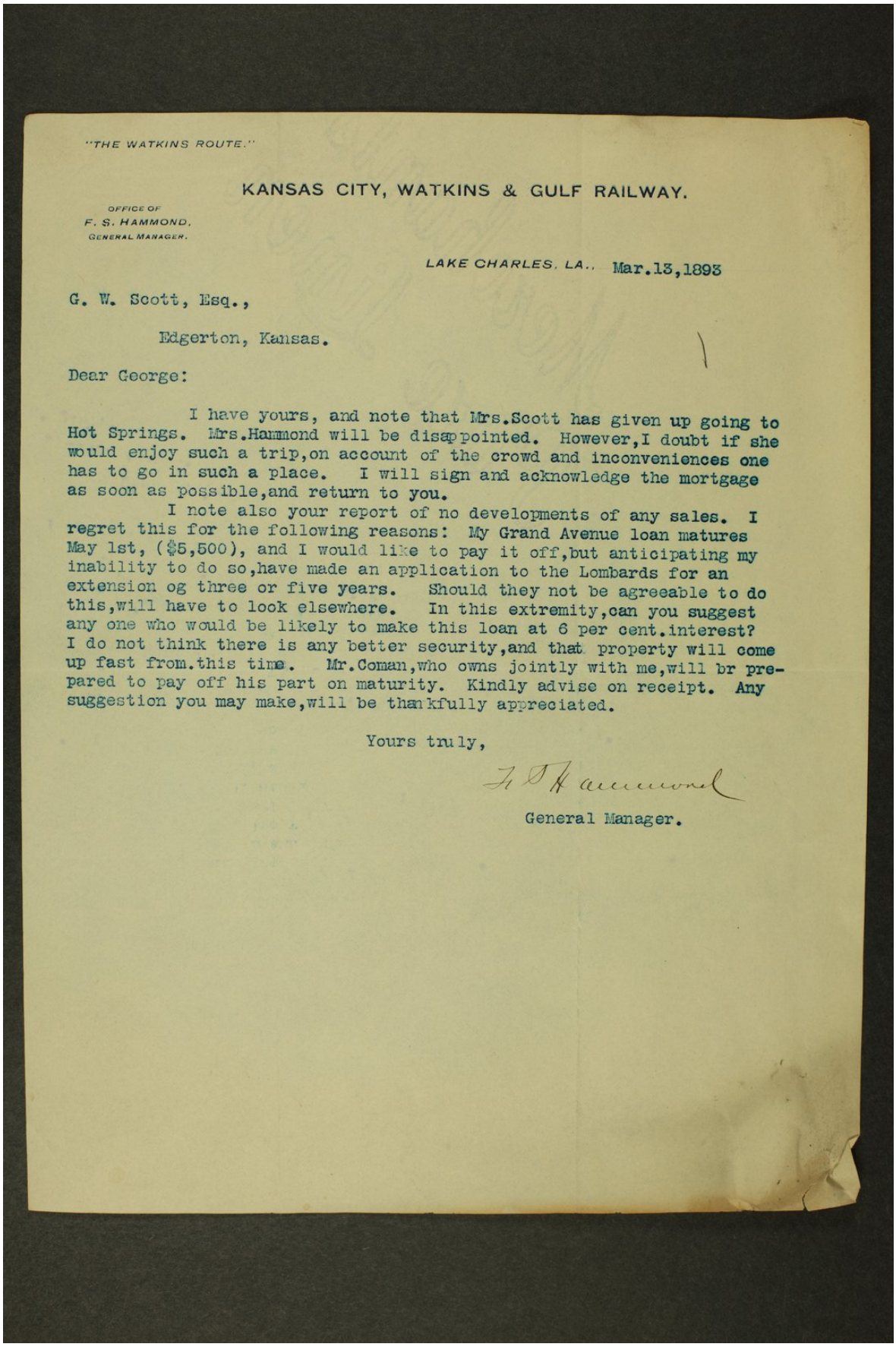
G. W. Scott, Esq.,
Edgerton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:- Kindly quote your lowest cash price and terms for all the property you have to sell in the following named additions to this city and oblige:- Mount Auburn; Rhodes and Graigs; Brigham's 2nd; Warwick Ridge; and Sheidley Park.

If you have property elsewhere in Kansas City we would like to have figures, encumberances if any and your terms of sale.

Very truly,
V. F. Boor & Co.

Rent Blue Dot
Mch 14



"THE WATKINS ROUTE."

KANSAS CITY, WATKINS & GULF RAILWAY.

OFFICE OF
F. S. HAMMOND,
GENERAL MANAGER.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., Mar.13,1893

G. W. Scott, Esq.,

Edgerton, Kansas.

Dear George:

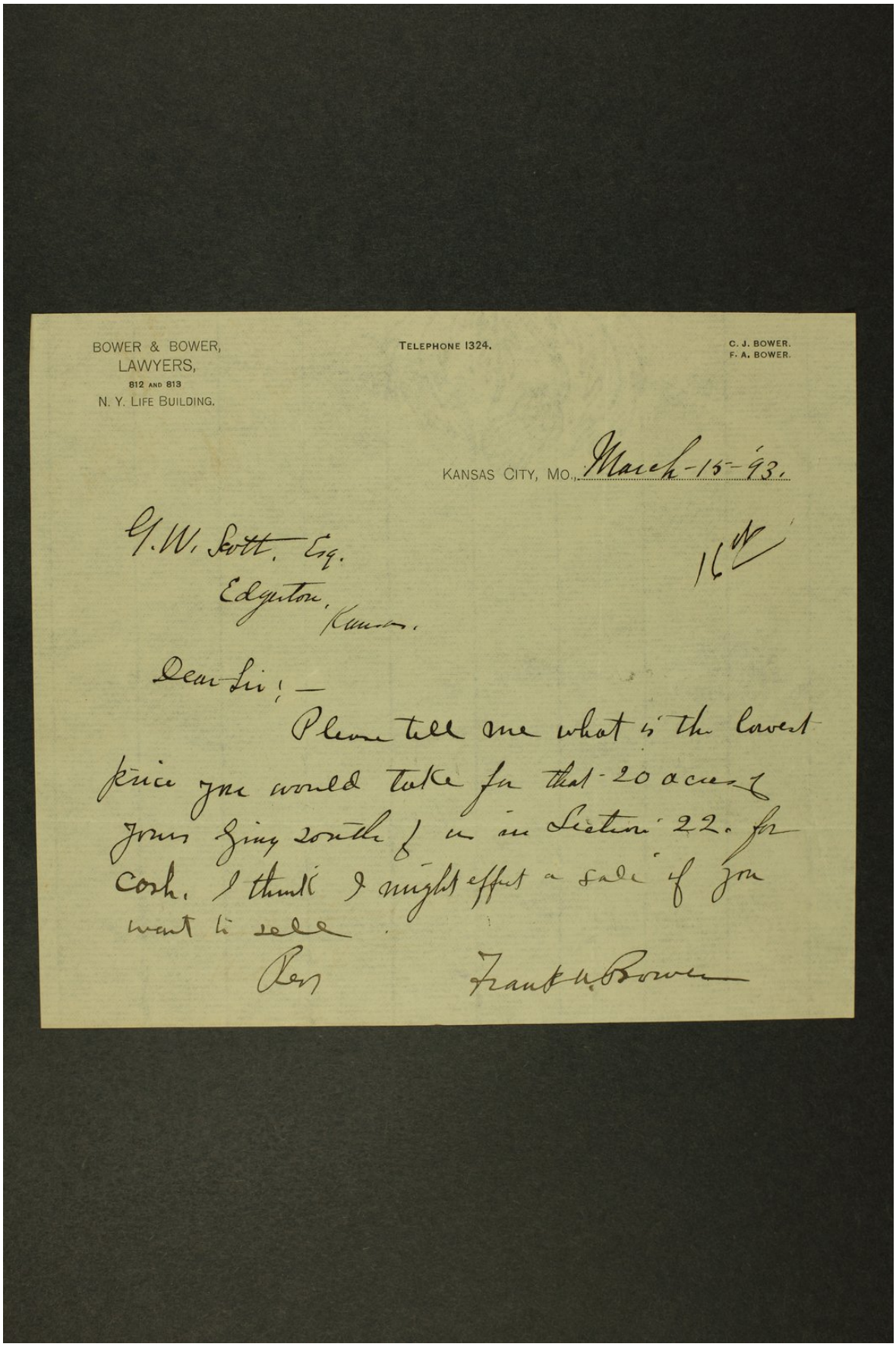
I have yours, and note that Mrs.Scott has given up going to Hot Springs. Mrs.Hammond will be disappointed. However,I doubt if she would enjoy such a trip,on account of the crowd and inconveniences one has to go in such a place. I will sign and acknowledge the mortgage as soon as possible,and return to you.

I note also your report of no developments of any sales. I regret this for the following reasons: My Grand Avenue loan matures May 1st, ($5,500), and I would like to pay it off,but anticipating my inability to do so,have made an application to the Lombards for an extension og three or five years. Should they not be agreeable to do this,will have to look elsewhere. In this extremity,can you suggest any one who would be likely to make this loan at 6 per cent.interest? I do not think there is any better security,and that property will come up fast from.this time. Mr.Coman,who owns jointly with me,will br prepared to pay off his part on maturity. Kindly advise on receipt. Any suggestion you may make,will be thankfully appreciated.

Yours truly,

F S Hammond

General Manager.



BOWER & BOWER,
LAWYERS,
812 AND 813
N. Y. LIFE BUILDING.

TELEPHONE 1324.

C. J. BOWER.
F. A. BOWER.

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 15 93.

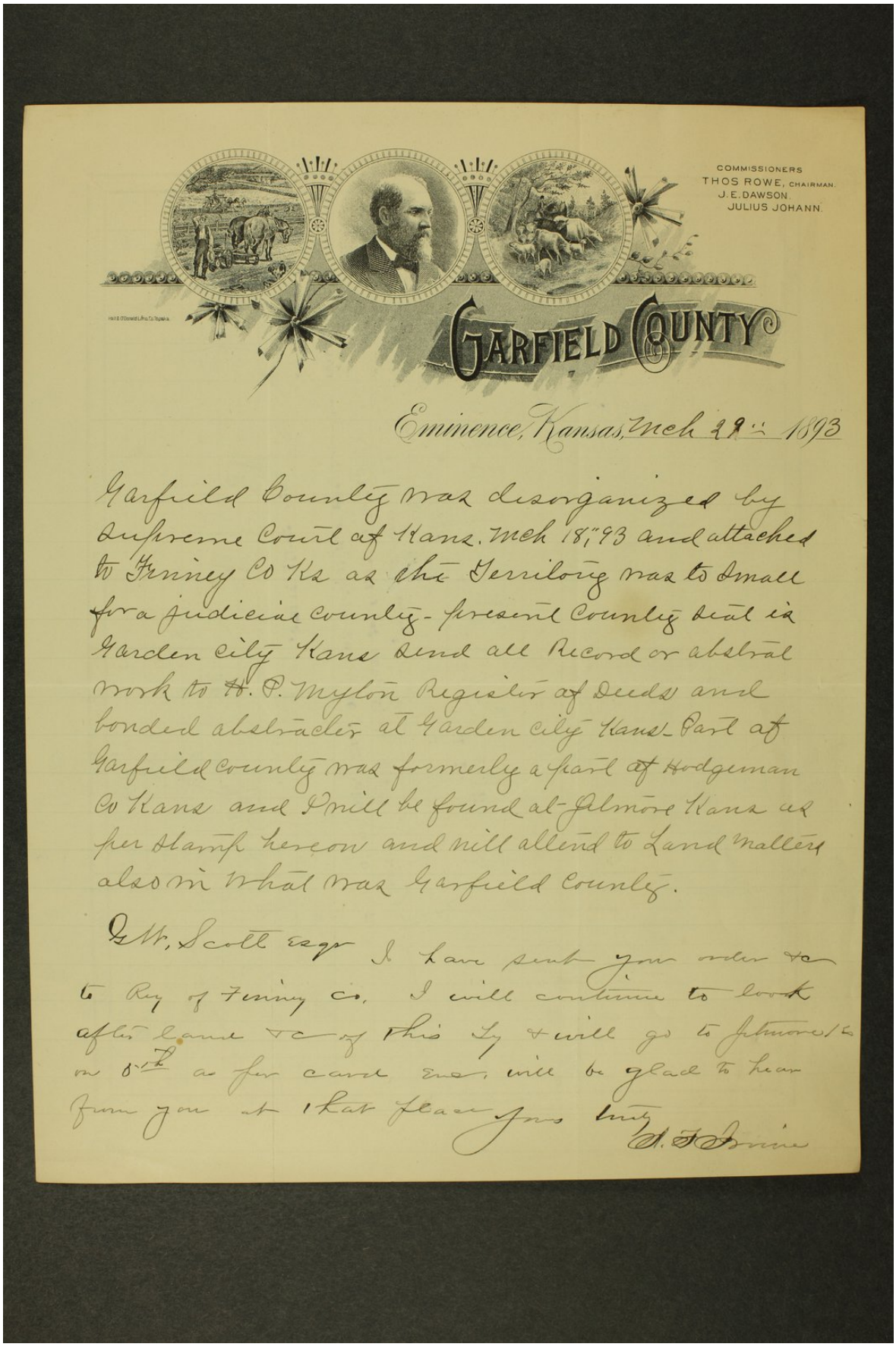
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G. W. Scott, Esq.
Edgerton,
Kans.

Dear Sir:—

Please tell me what is the lowest price you would take for that 20 acres of yours lying south of us in Section 22. for cash. I think I might effect a sale if you want to sell.

Yours Frank H. Bower



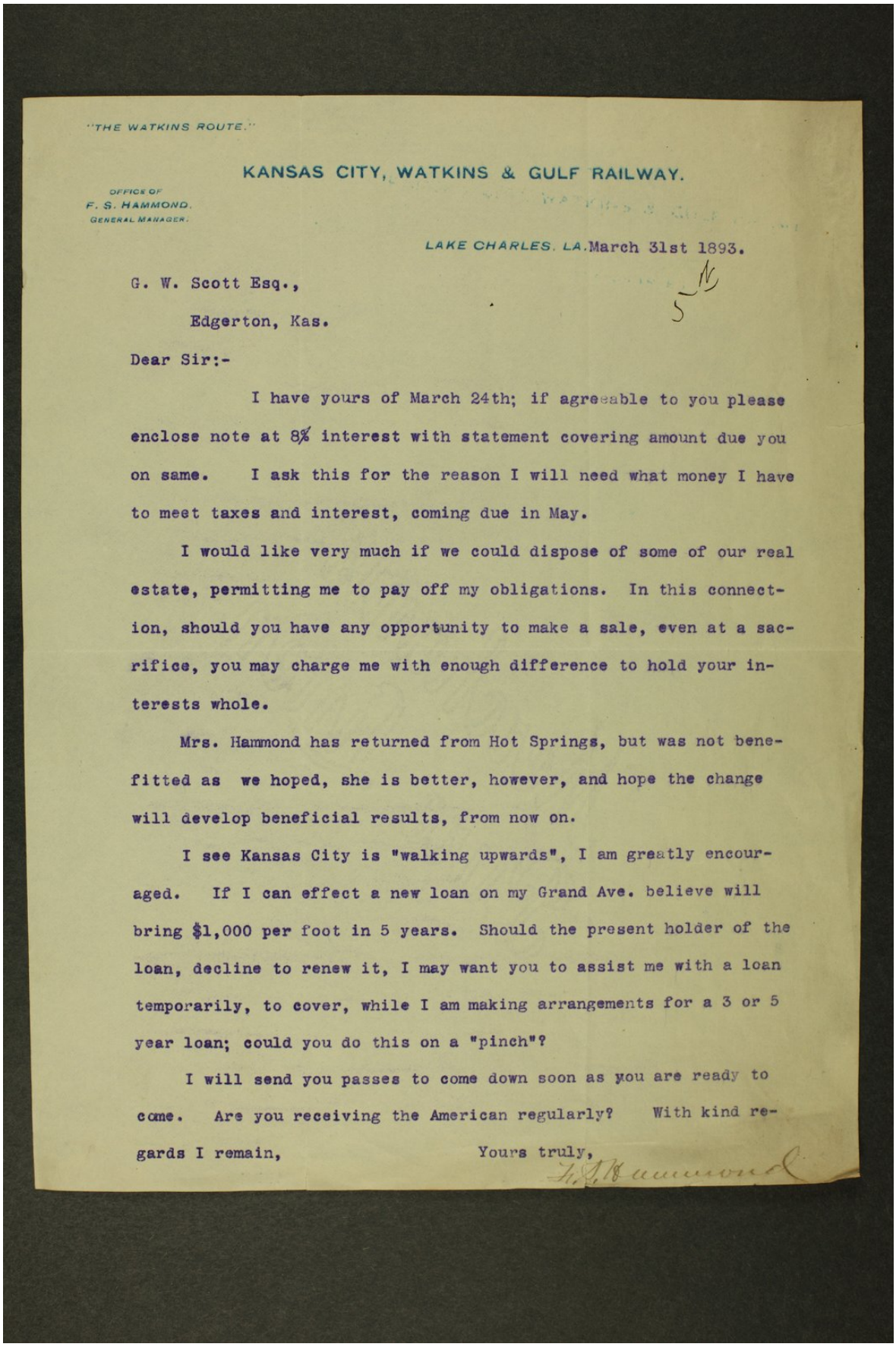
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JULIUS JOHANN.

GARFIELD COUNTY

Eminence, Kansas, Mch 29 1893

Garfield County was disorganized by Supreme Court of Kans. Mch 18, '93 and attached to Finney Co Ks as the Territory was to small for a judicial county - present County Seat is Garden City Kans and all Record or abstract work to H. P. Myton Register of Deeds and bonded abstracter at Garden City Kans. Part of Garfield County was formerly a part of Hodgeman Co Kans and I will be found at Jetmore Kans as per stamp hereon and will attend to Land Matters also in what was Garfield County.

Gen. Scott Esqr Sir I have sent your order to to Reg of Finney Co. I will continue to look after same &c of this Ty & will go to Jetmore & on 8th as per card and will be glad to hear from you at that place Yours truly H. F. Irvine



"THE WATKINS ROUTE."

KANSAS CITY, WATKINS & GULF RAILWAY.

OFFICE OF
F. S. HAMMOND,
GENERAL MANAGER.

LAKE CHARLES, LA. March 31st 1893.

G. W. Scott Esq.,

Edgerton, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of March 24th; if agreeable to you please enclose note at 8% interest with statement covering amount due you on same. I ask this for the reason I will need what money I have to meet taxes and interest, coming due in May.

I would like very much if we could dispose of some of our real estate, permitting me to pay off my obligations. In this connection, should you have any opportunity to make a sale, even at a sacrifice, you may charge me with enough difference to hold your interests whole.

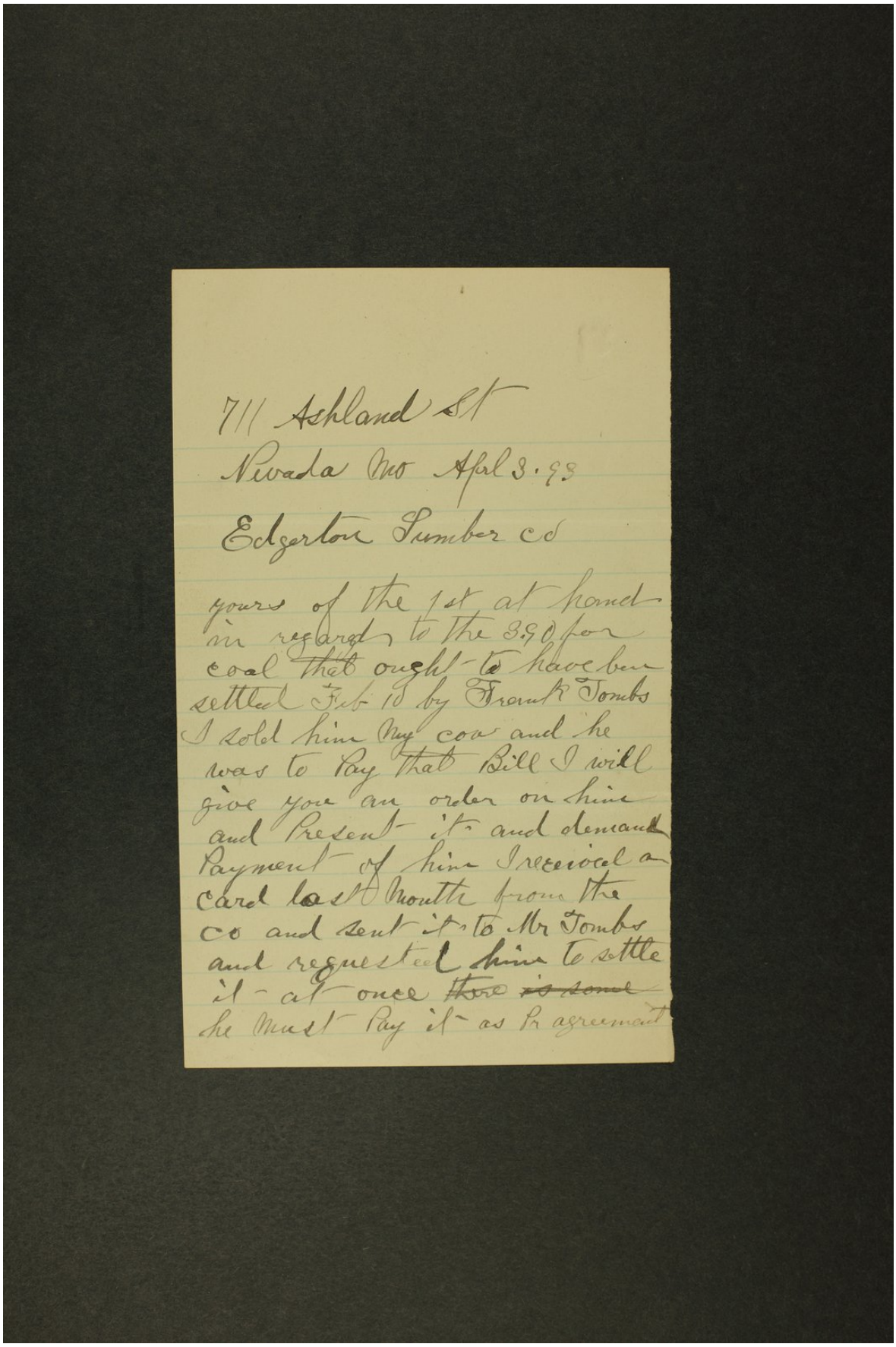
Mrs. Hammond has returned from Hot Springs, but was not benefitted as we hoped, she is better, however, and hope the change will develop beneficial results, from now on.

I see Kansas City is "walking upwards", I am greatly encouraged. If I can effect a new loan on my Grand Ave. believe will bring $1,000 per foot in 5 years. Should the present holder of the loan, decline to renew it, I may want you to assist me with a loan temporarily, to cover, while I am making arrangements for a 3 or 5 year loan; could you do this on a "pinch"?

I will send you passes to come down soon as you are ready to come. Are you receiving the American regularly? With kind regards I remain,

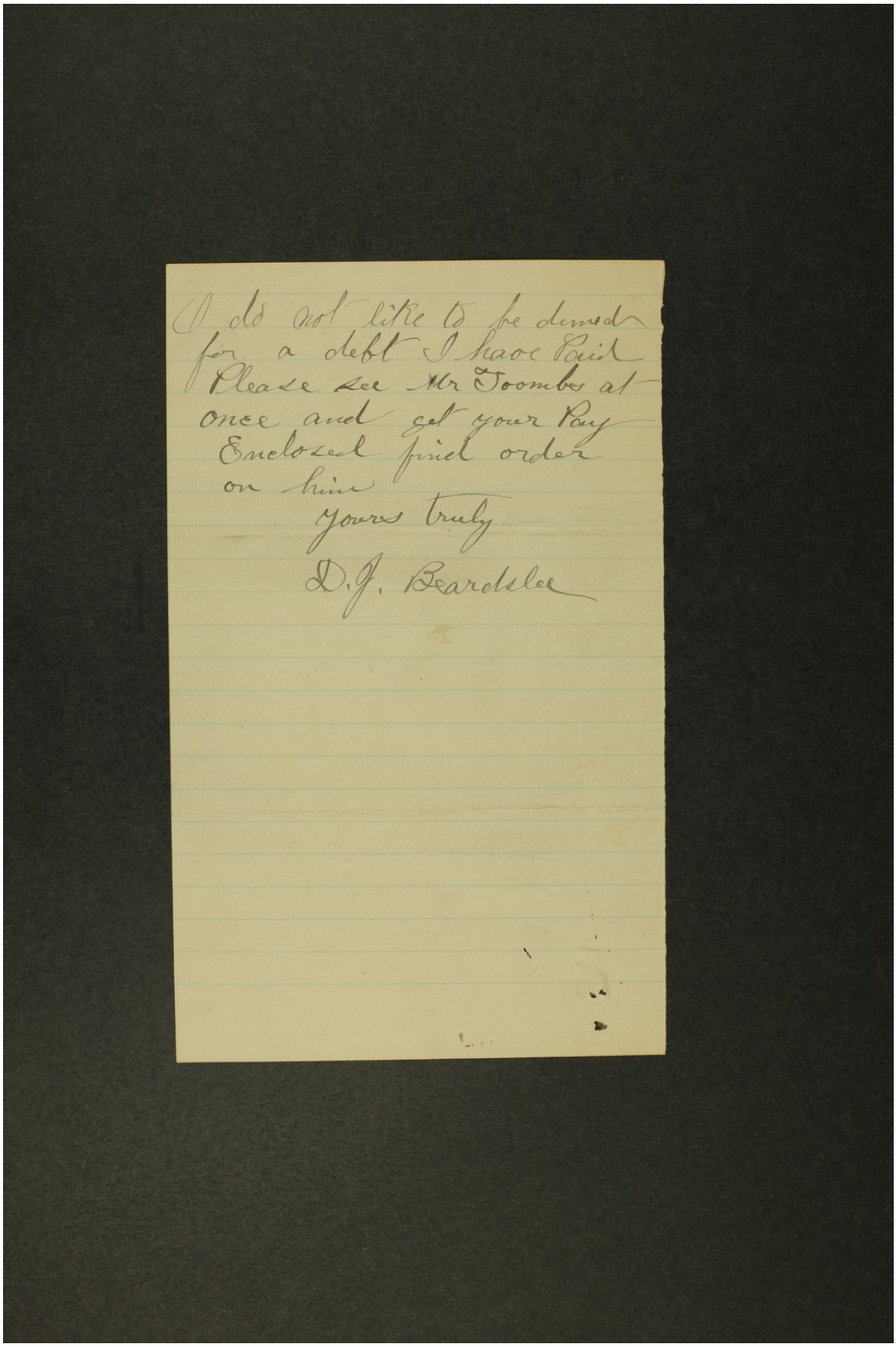
Yours truly,

F. S. Hammond

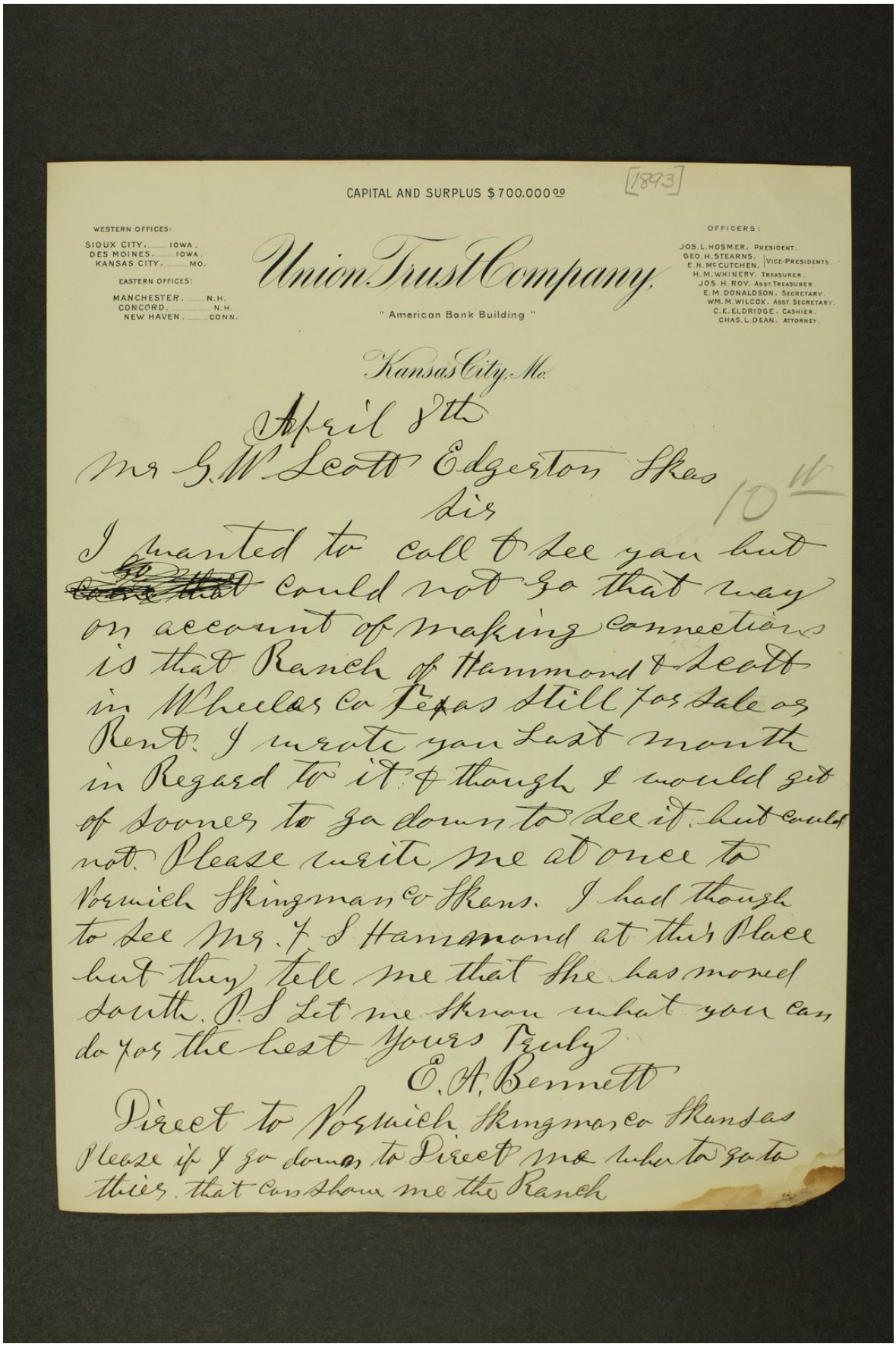


711 Ashland St
Nevada Mo Apl 3. 93
Edgerton Lumber co

yours of the 1st at hand in regard to the 3.90 for coal that ought to have been settled Feb 10 by Frank Tombs I sold him my cow and he was to pay that Bill I will give you an order on him and present it and demand Payment of him I received a card last Monday from the co and sent it to Mr Tombs and requested him to settle it at once ~~there is some~~ he must pay it as pr agreement



I do not like to be dunned
for a debt I have Paid
Please see Mr Toombs at
once and get your Pay
Enclosed find order
on him
yours truly
D. J. Beardslee



CAPITAL AND SURPLUS $700.000 00

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Kansas City, Mo.

April 8th

Mr G. W. Scott Edgerton Kas

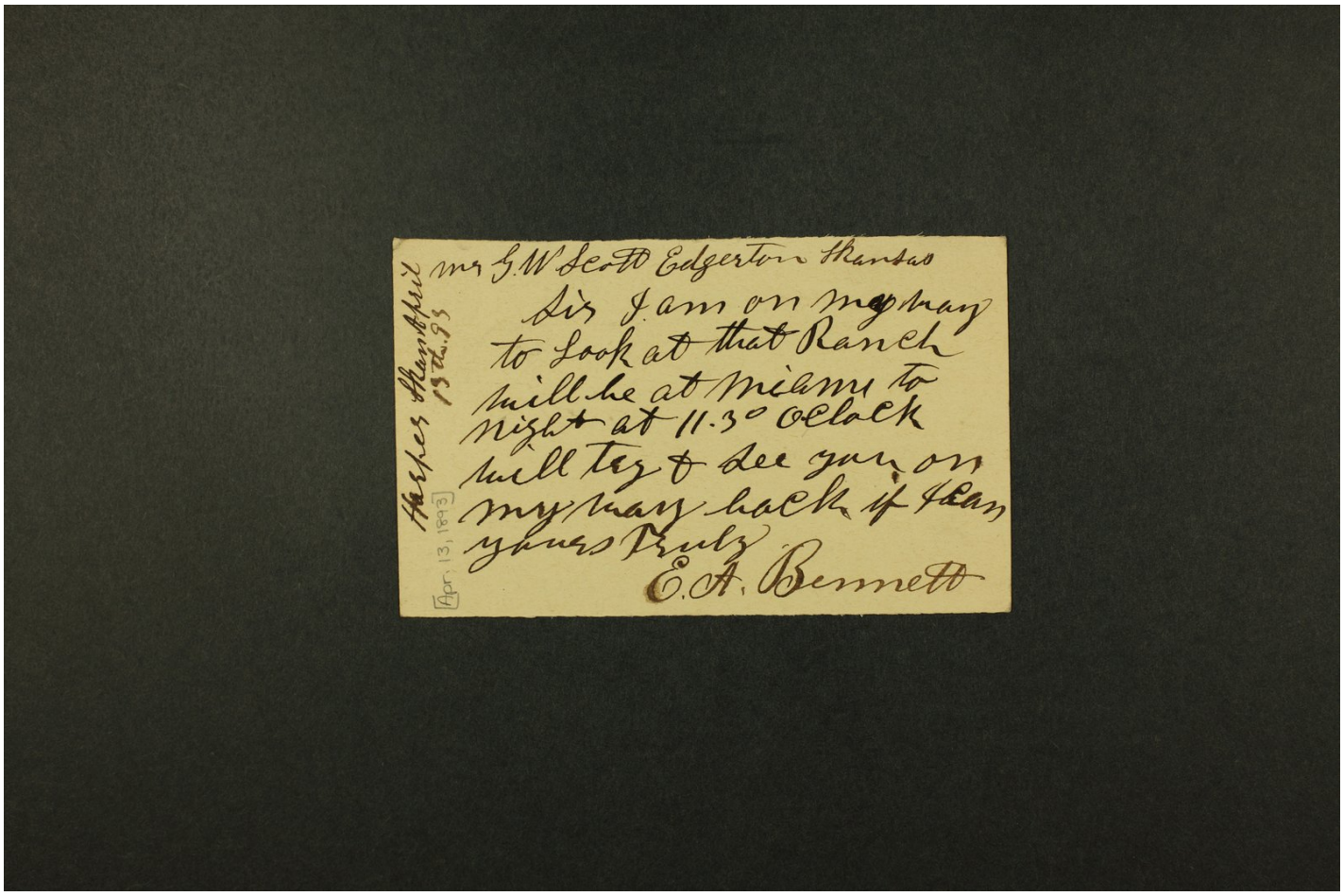
Sir

I wanted to call & see you but could not go that way on account of making connections is that Ranch of Hammond & Scott in Wheelas Co Texas still for Sale or Rent. I wrote you last month in Regard to it & though I would get of sooner to go down to see it. but could not. Please write me at once to Norwich Kingman Co Kans. I had though to see Mr. J. S Hammond at this Place but they tell me that She has moved South. P.S Let me know what you can do for the best Yours Truly

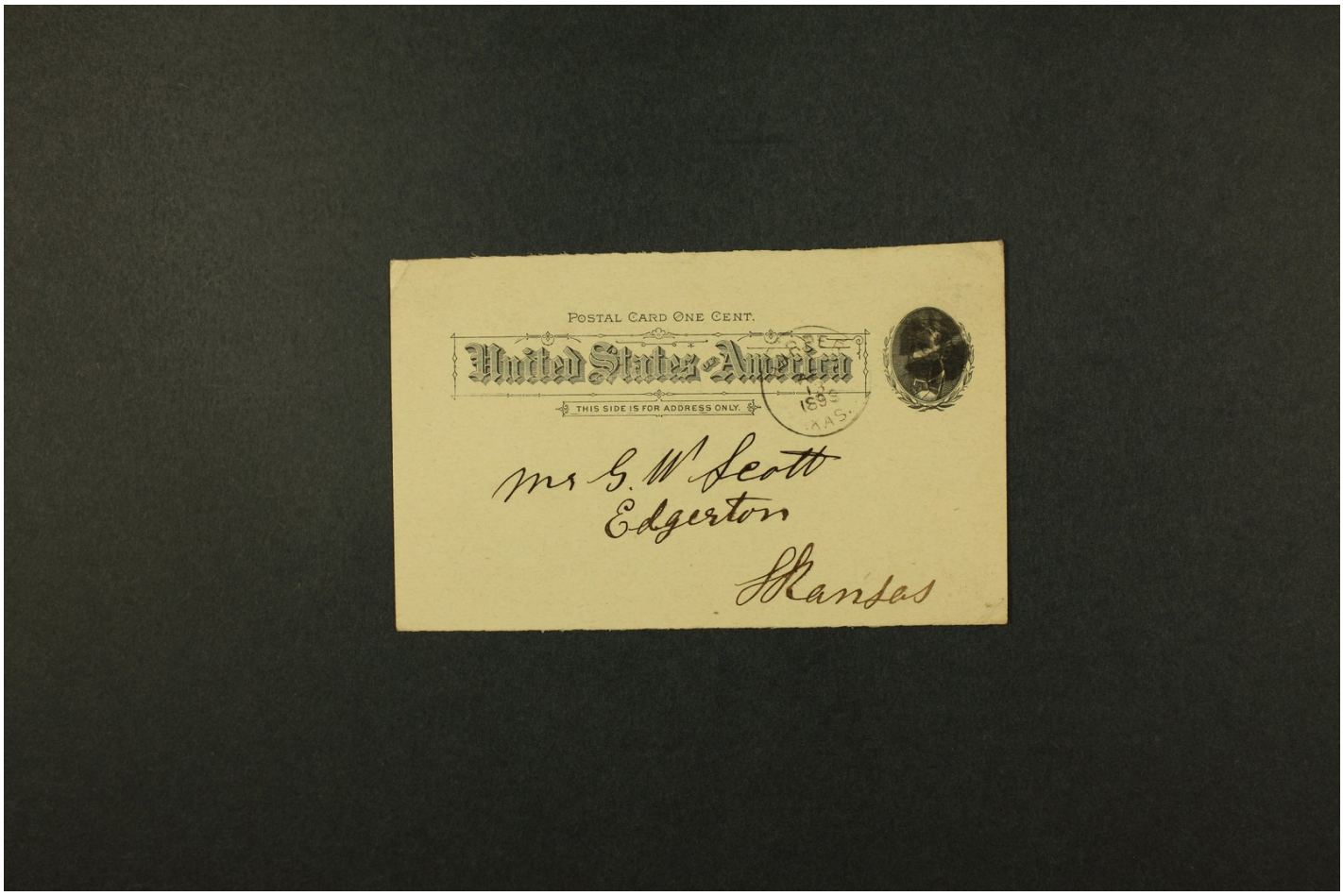
E. A. Bennett

Direct to Norwich Kingman Co Kansas Please if I go down to Direct me what to go to there. that can show me the Ranch

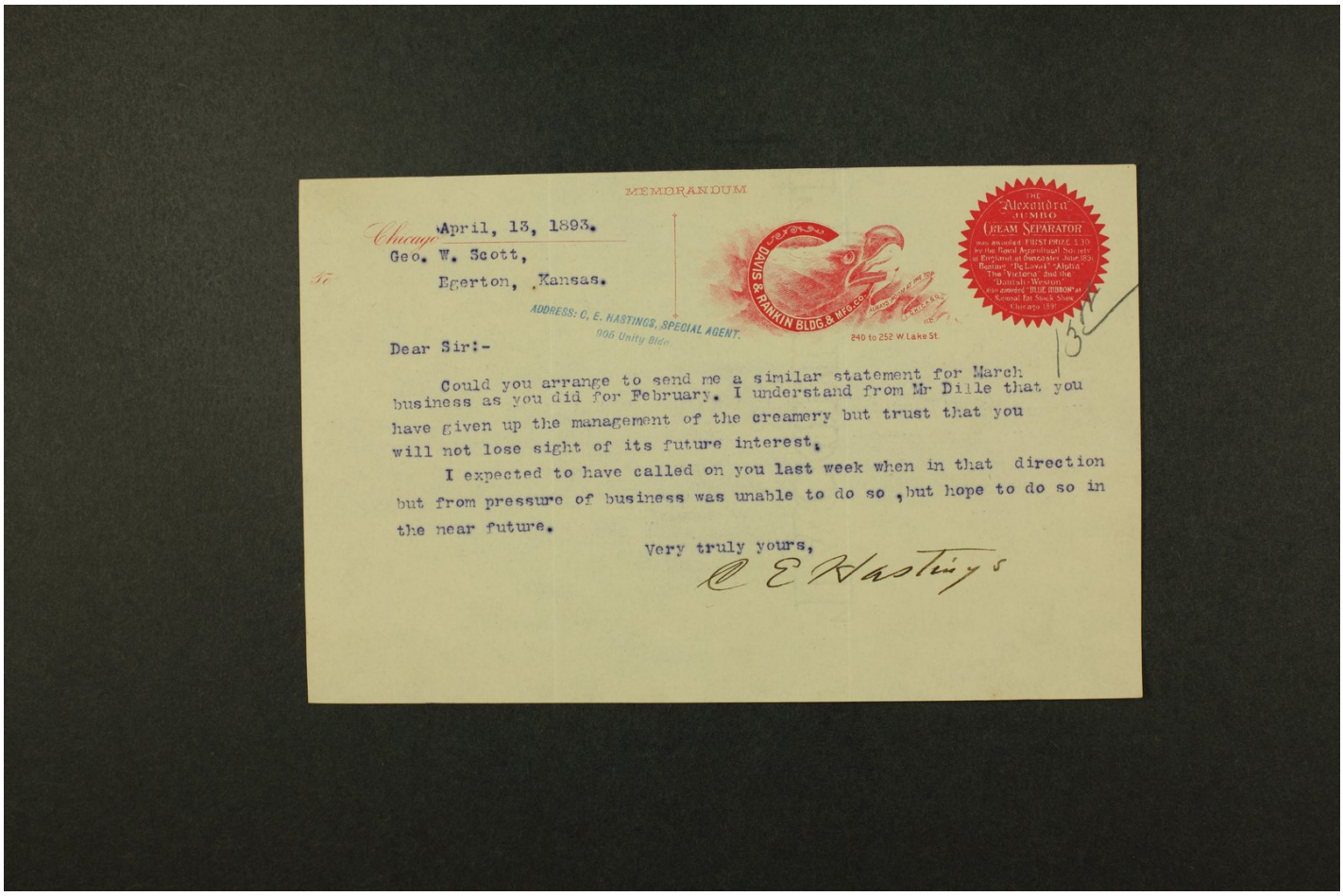
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MEMORANDUM

Chicago April, 13, 1893.

Geo. W. Scott,

To Egerton, Kansas.

DAVIS & RANKIN BLDG. & MFG. CO.

ADDRESS: C. E. HASTINGS, SPECIAL AGENT.
906 Unity Bldg.

240 to 252 W. Lake St.

THE Alexandra JUMBO CREAM SEPARATOR

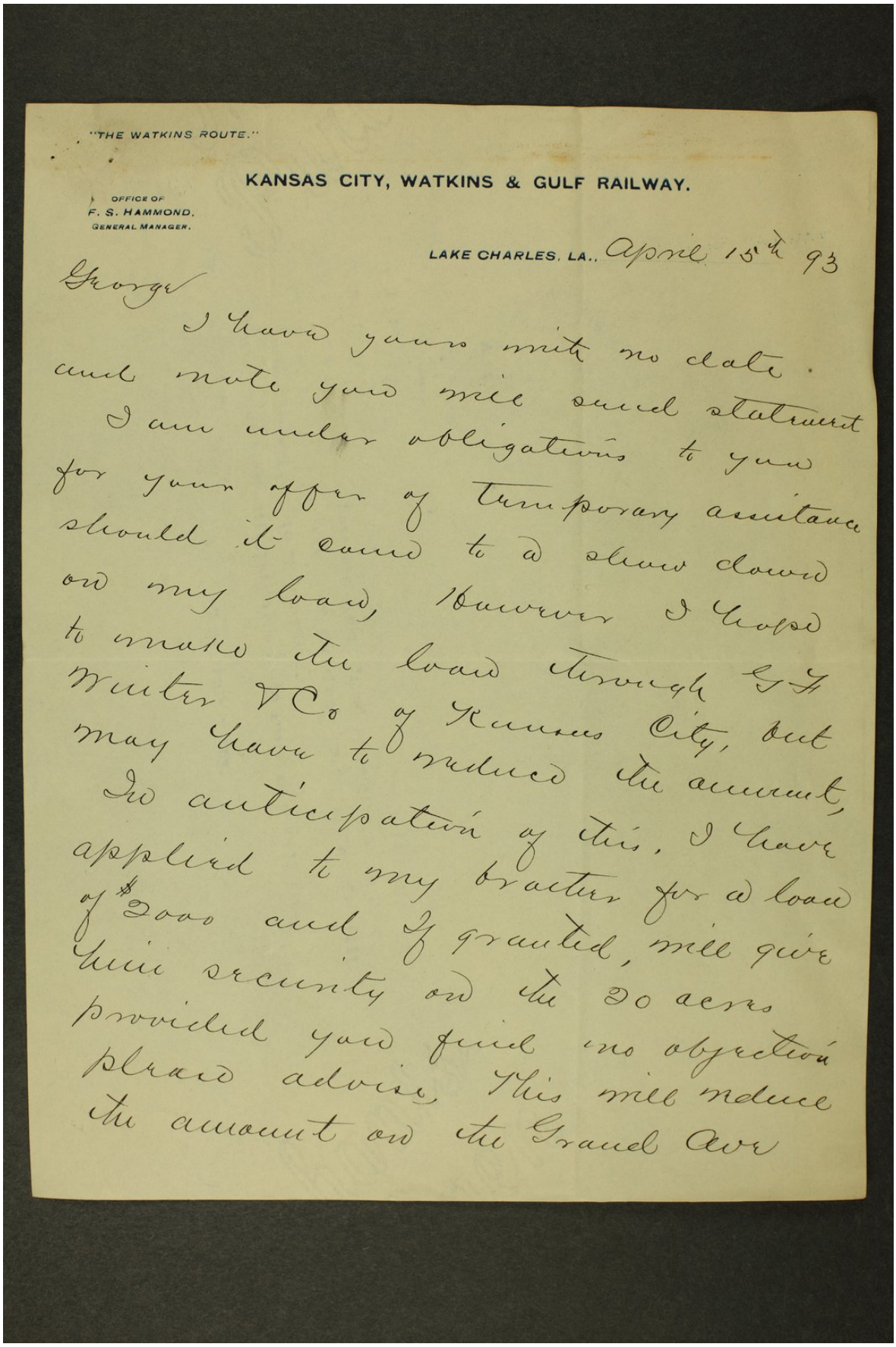
Dear Sir:-

Could you arrange to send me a similar statement for March business as you did for February. I understand from Mr Dille that you have given up the management of the creamery but trust that you will not lose sight of its future interest.

I expected to have called on you last week when in that direction but from pressure of business was unable to do so, but hope to do so in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C E Hastings



"THE WATKINS ROUTE."

KANSAS CITY, WATKINS & GULF RAILWAY.

OFFICE OF
F. S. HAMMOND,
GENERAL MANAGER.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., April 15th 93

George

I have yours with no date. and note your mill owned statement I am under obligations to you for your offer of temporary assistance should it come to a show down on my load, however I hope to make the load through G H Walter & Co of Kansas City, but may have to reduce the amount, In anticipation of this, I have applied to my bracture for a loan of $2000 and if granted, will give this security on the 20 acres provided you find no objection plead advise, This will reduce the amount on the Grand Ave

"THE WATKINS ROUTE."

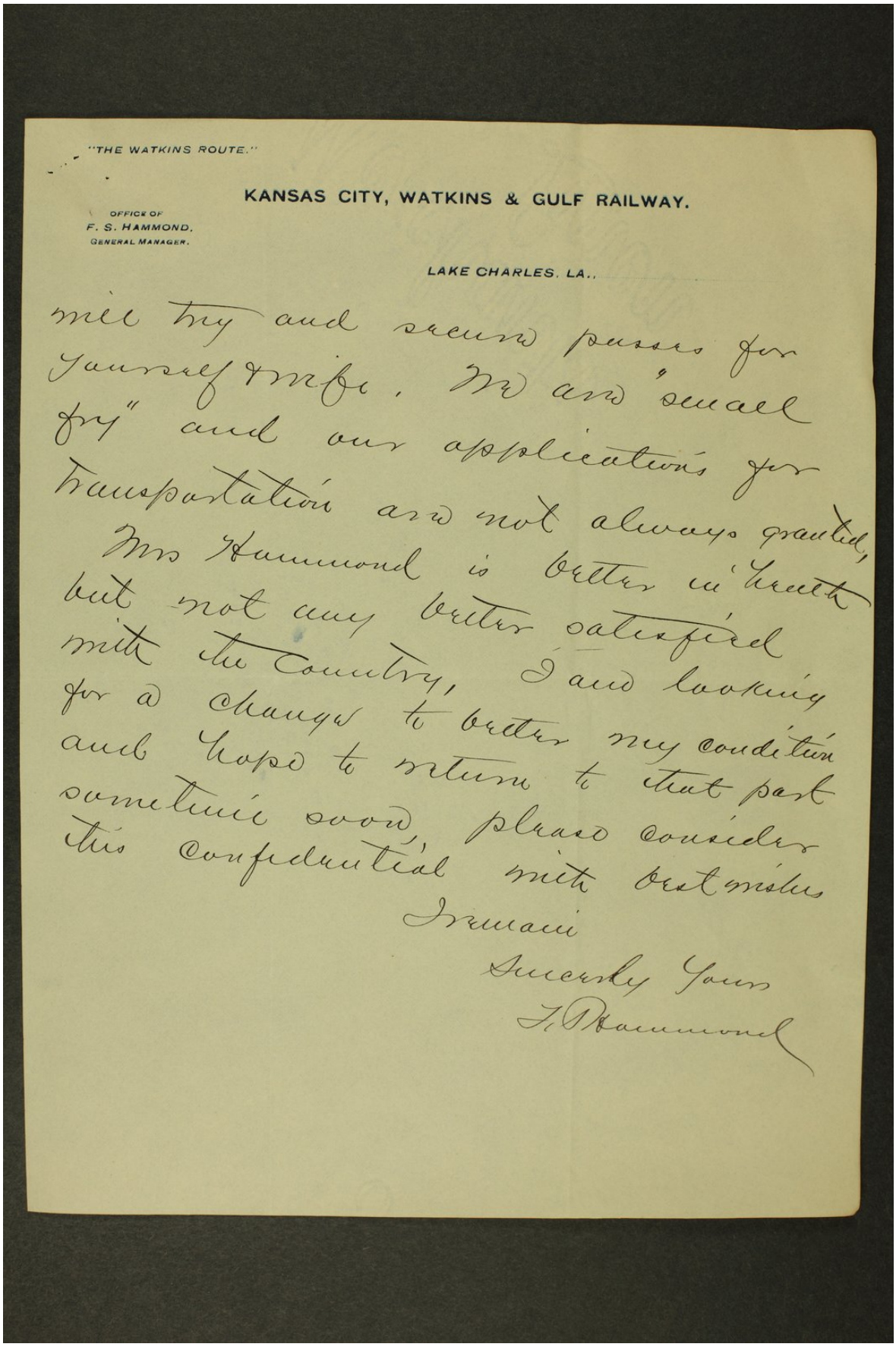
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OFFICE OF
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GENERAL MANAGER.

LAKE CHARLES, LA.,

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to $3,500 and as my brother will be easy think with this arrangement and swing it, I am glad you are about over "the fence", I am not so confident we can pull through whole on our land holdings, money for real estate investments are tight and confidence in western investments badly shaken, I am afraid JB is in a hole he has an enormous amount of cash to raise now, our earnings do not pay operating expenses although we have cut down to the last nickle, Let me know about the time you wish to visit Chicago and if I and then



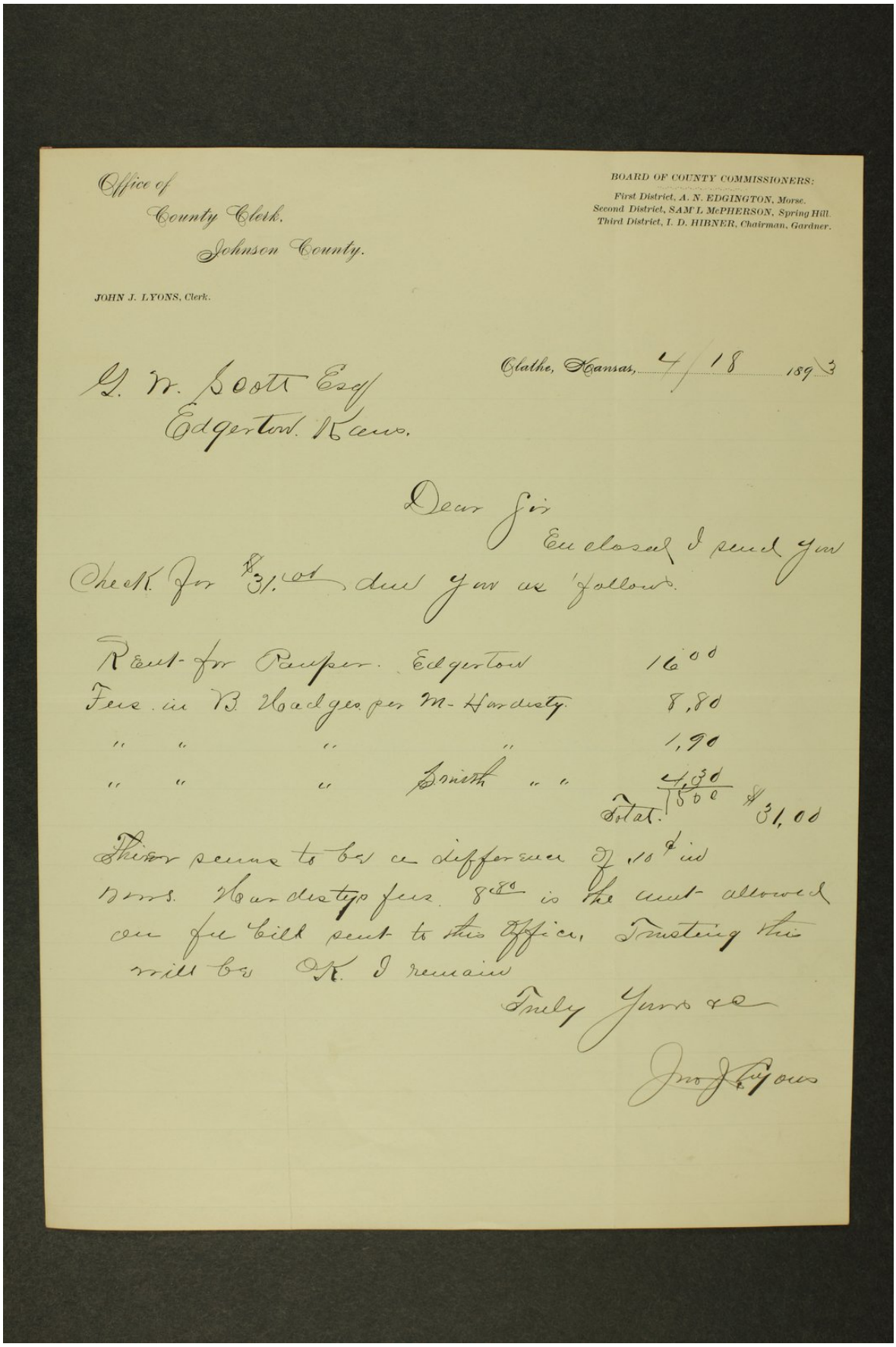
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GENERAL MANAGER.

LAKE CHARLES, LA.,

will try and secure passes for
yourself & wife. Mr and "small
fry" and our applications for
transportation are not always granted,
Mrs Hammond is better in health
but not any better satisfied
with the country, I and looking
for a change to better my condition
and hope to return to that part
sometime soon, please consider
this confidential with best wishes
I remain
Sincerely Yours
F. Hammond



Office of
County Clerk.
Johnson County.

JOHN J. LYONS, Clerk.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
First District, A. N. EDGINGTON, Morse.
Second District, SAM'L McPHERSON, Spring Hill.
Third District, I. D. HIBNER, Chairman, Gardner.

Olathe, Kansas, 4/18 1893

G. W. Scott Esq
Edgerton. Kans.

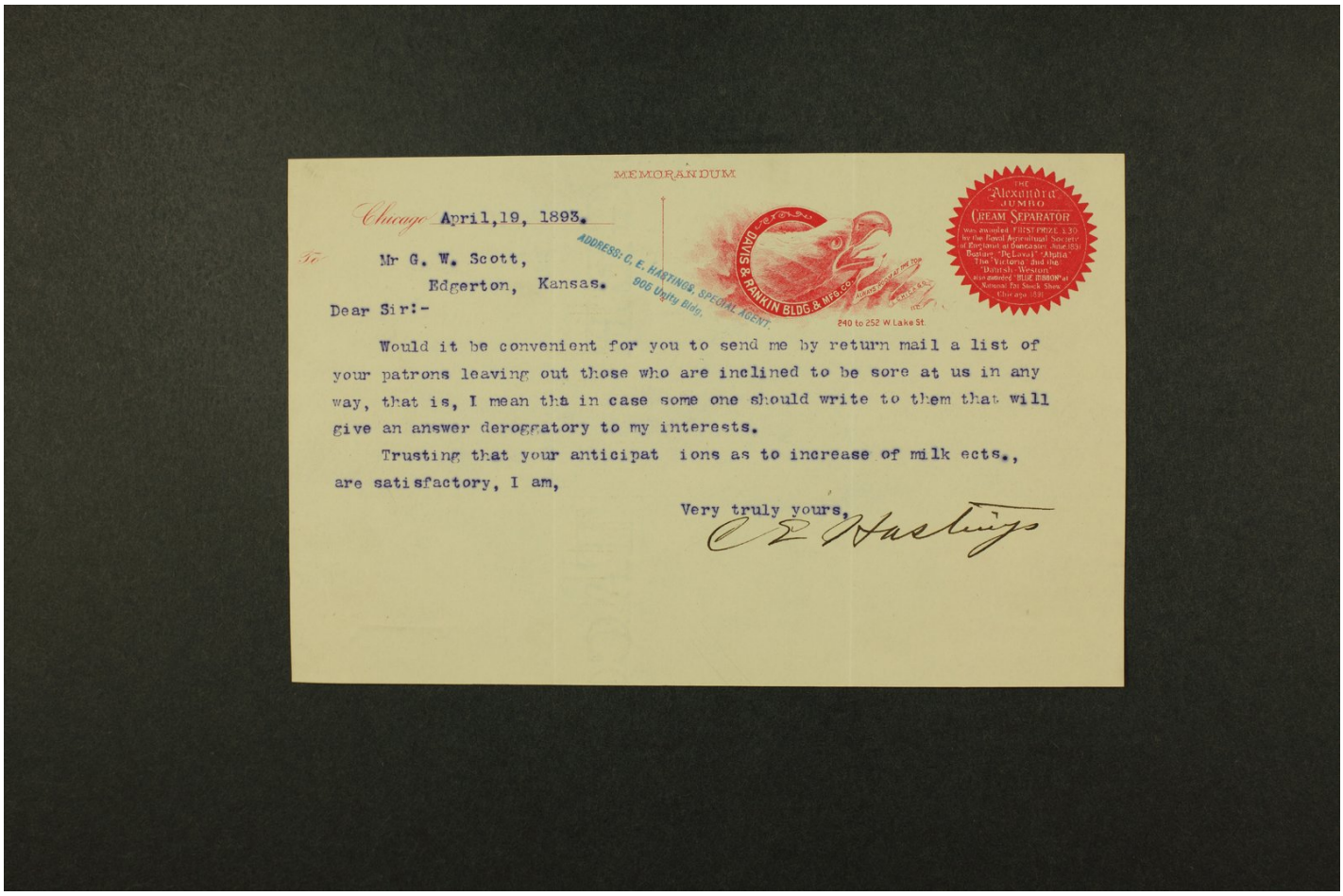
Dear Sir
Enclosed I send you Check for $31.00 due you as follows.

Rent for Pauper. Edgerton		16.00
Fees in B. Hadges per M. Hardesty		8,80
" " " "		1,90
" " " Smith " "	4.30 / 1.00	
Total.		$31,00

There seems to be a difference of 1.10 in Bros. Hardesty fees. 8.80 is the amt allowed on fee bill sent to this office. Trusting this will be O.K. I remain

Truly Yours &c
Jno J Lyons

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MEMORANDUM

Chicago April,19, 1893.

Mr G. W. Scott,
Edgerton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Would it be convenient for you to send me by return mail a list of your patrons leaving out those who are inclined to be sore at us in any way, that is, I mean tha in case some one should write to them that will give an answer deroggatory to my interests.

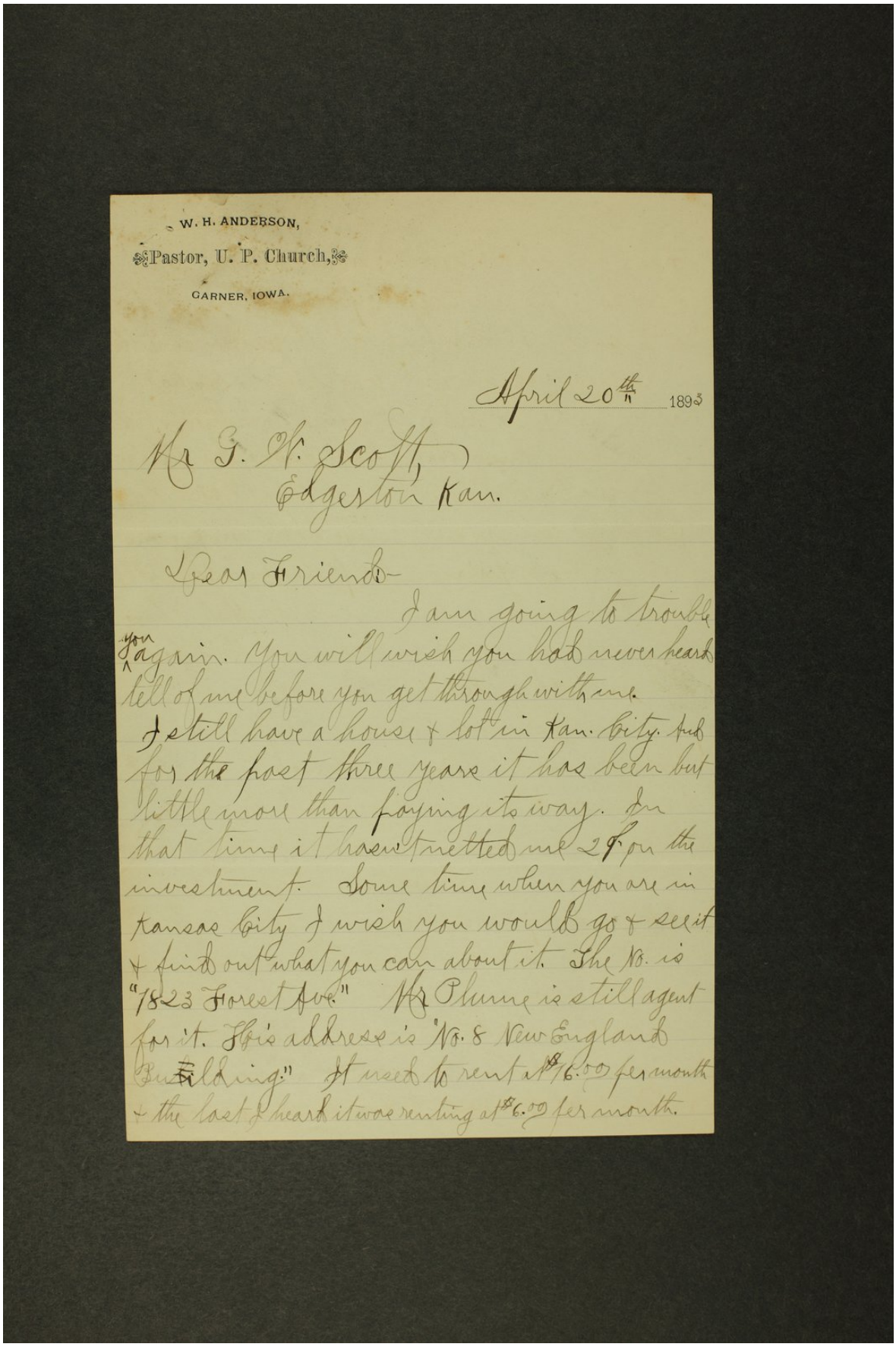
Trusting that your anticipat ions as to increase of milk ects., are satisfactory, I am,

Very truly yours,
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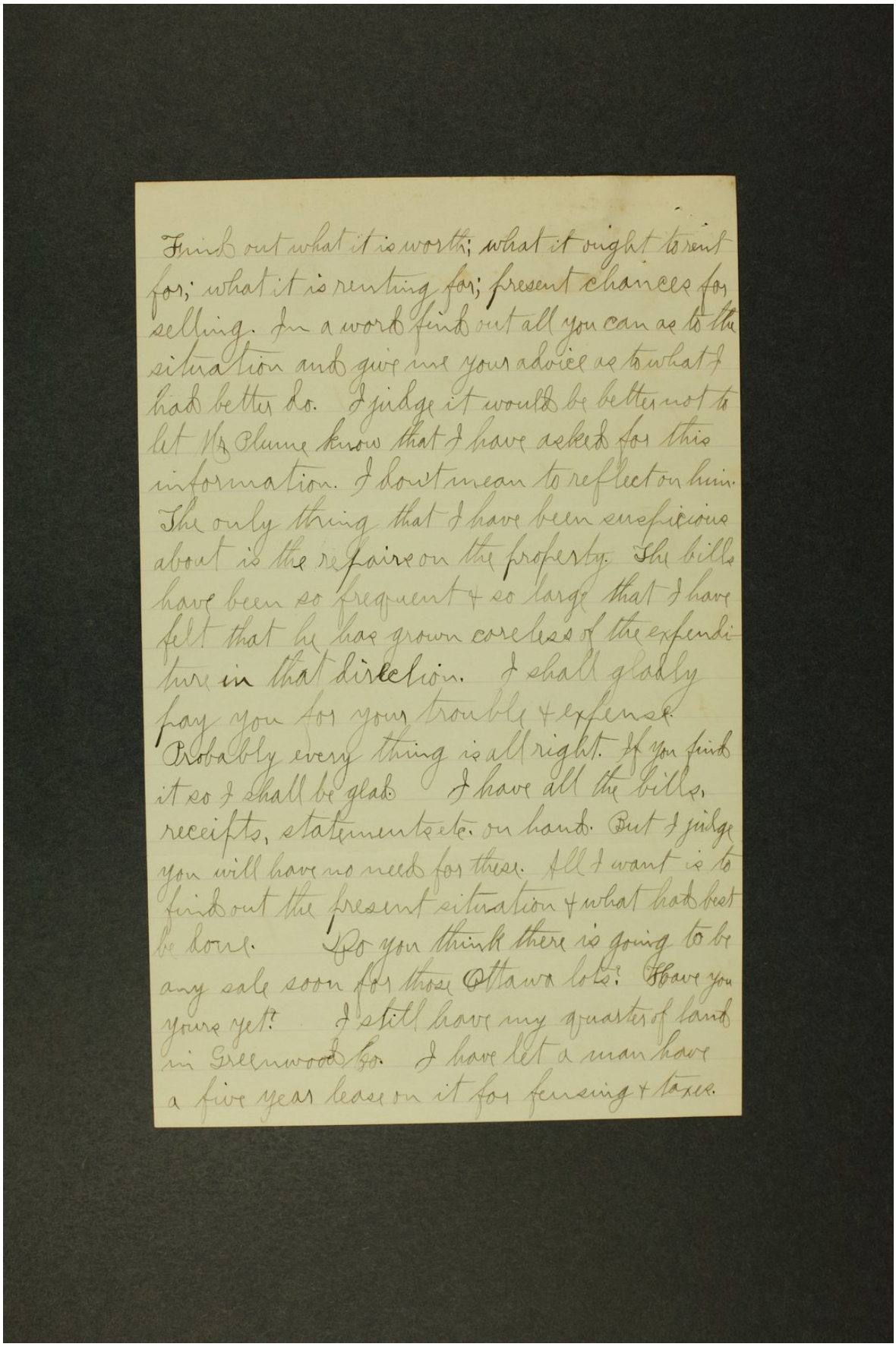
W. H. ANDERSON,
Pastor, U. P. Church,
GARNER, IOWA.

April 20th 1893

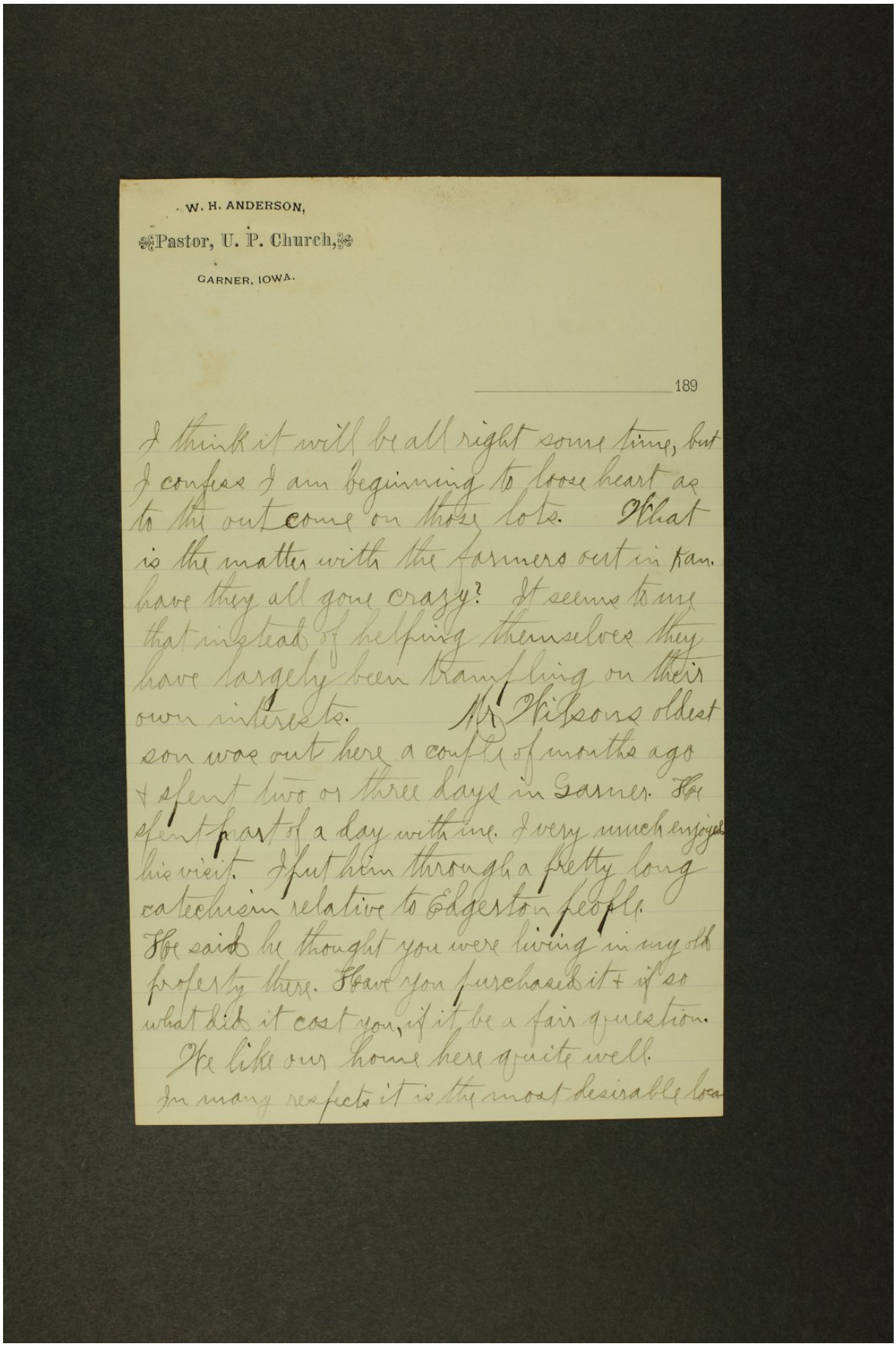
Mr G. W. Scott,
Edgerton Kan.

Dear Friend-

I am going to trouble you again. You will wish you had never heard tell of me before you get through with me.
I still have a house & lot in Kan. City. but for the past three years it has been but little more than paying its way. In that time it has netted me 2% on the investment. Some time when you are in Kansas City I wish you would go & see it & find out what you can about it. The No. is "1823 Forest Ave." Mr Plume is still agent for it. His address is "No. 8 New England Building." It used to rent at $16.00 per month & the last I heard it was renting at $6.00 per month.



Find out what it is worth; what it ought to rent for; what it is renting for; present chances for selling. In a word find out all you can as to the situation and give me your advice as to what I had better do. I judge it would be better not to let Mr Plume know that I have asked for this information. I don't mean to reflect on him. The only thing that I have been suspicious about is the repairs on the property. The bills have been so frequent & so large that I have felt that he has grown careless of the expenditure in that direction. I shall gladly pay you for your trouble & expense. Probably every thing is all right. If you find it so I shall be glad. I have all the bills, receipts, statements etc. on hand. But I judge you will have no need for these. All I want is to find out the present situation & what had best be done. Do you think there is going to be any sale soon for those Ottawa lots? Have you yours yet? I still have my quarter of land in Greenwood Co. I have let a man have a five years lease on it for fencing & taxes.

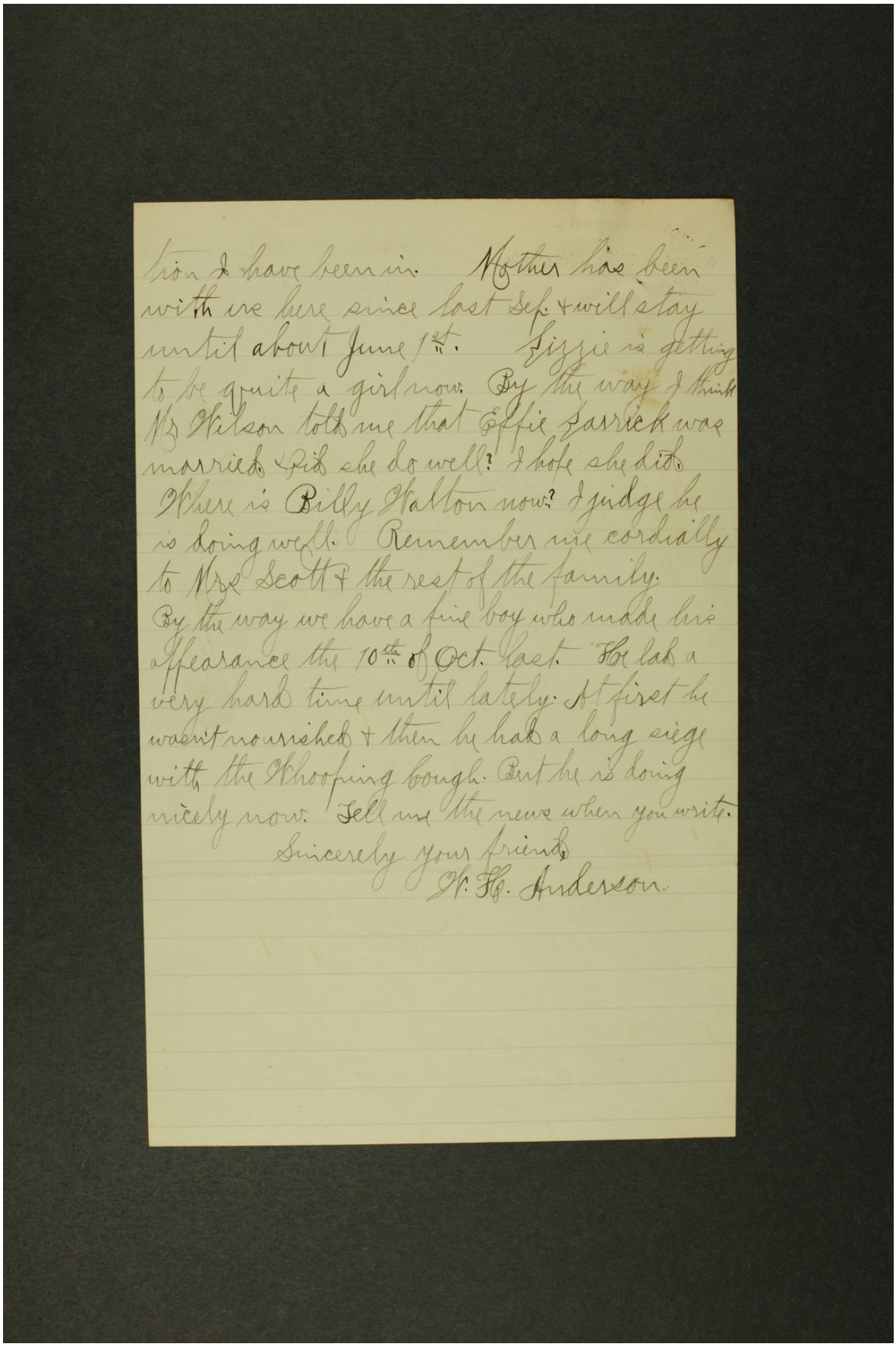


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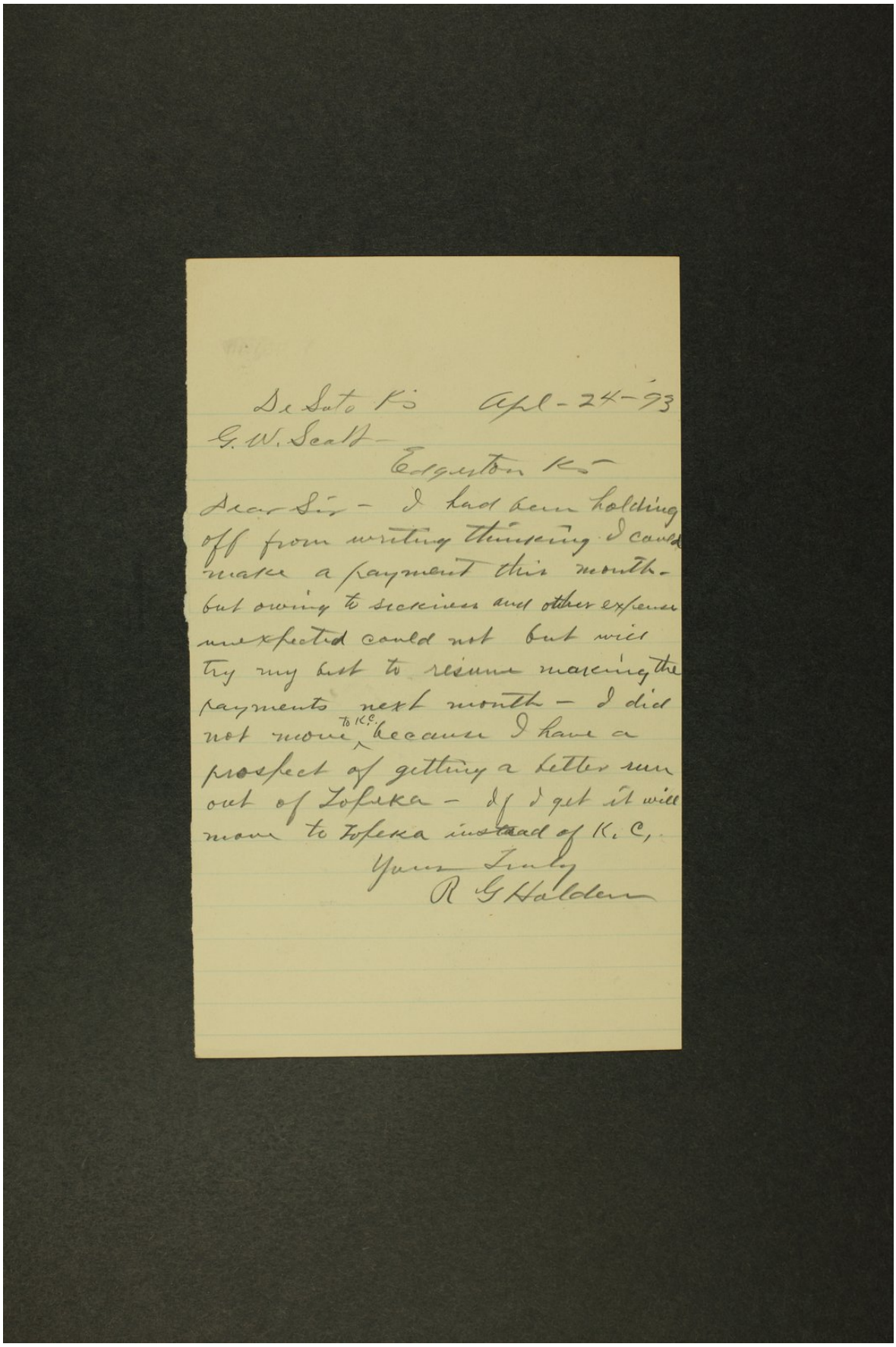
I think it will be all right some time, but I confess I am beginning to loose heart as to the out come on those lots. What is the matter with the farmers out in Kan. have they all gone crazy? It seems to me that instead of helping themselves they have largely been trampling on their own interests. Mr Wilsons oldest son was out here a couple of months ago & spent two or three days in Garner. He spent part of a day with me. I very much enjoyed his visit. I put him through a pretty long catechism relative to Edgerton people. He said he thought you were living in my old property there. Have you purchased it & if so what did it cost you, if it be a fair question.

We like our home here quite well. In many respects it is the most desirable loca



tion I have been in. Mother has been with me here since last Sep. & will stay until about June 1st. Lizzie is getting to be quite a girl now. By the way I think Mr Nelson told me that Effie Garrick was married. Did she do well? I hope she did. Where is Billy Walton now? I judge he is doing well. Remember me cordially to Mrs Scott & the rest of the family. By the way we have a fine boy who made his appearance the 10th of Oct. last. He had a very hard time until lately. At first he wasn't nourished & then he had a long siege with the Whooping bough. But he is doing nicely now. Tell me the news when you write.

Sincerely your friend
W. H. Anderson.

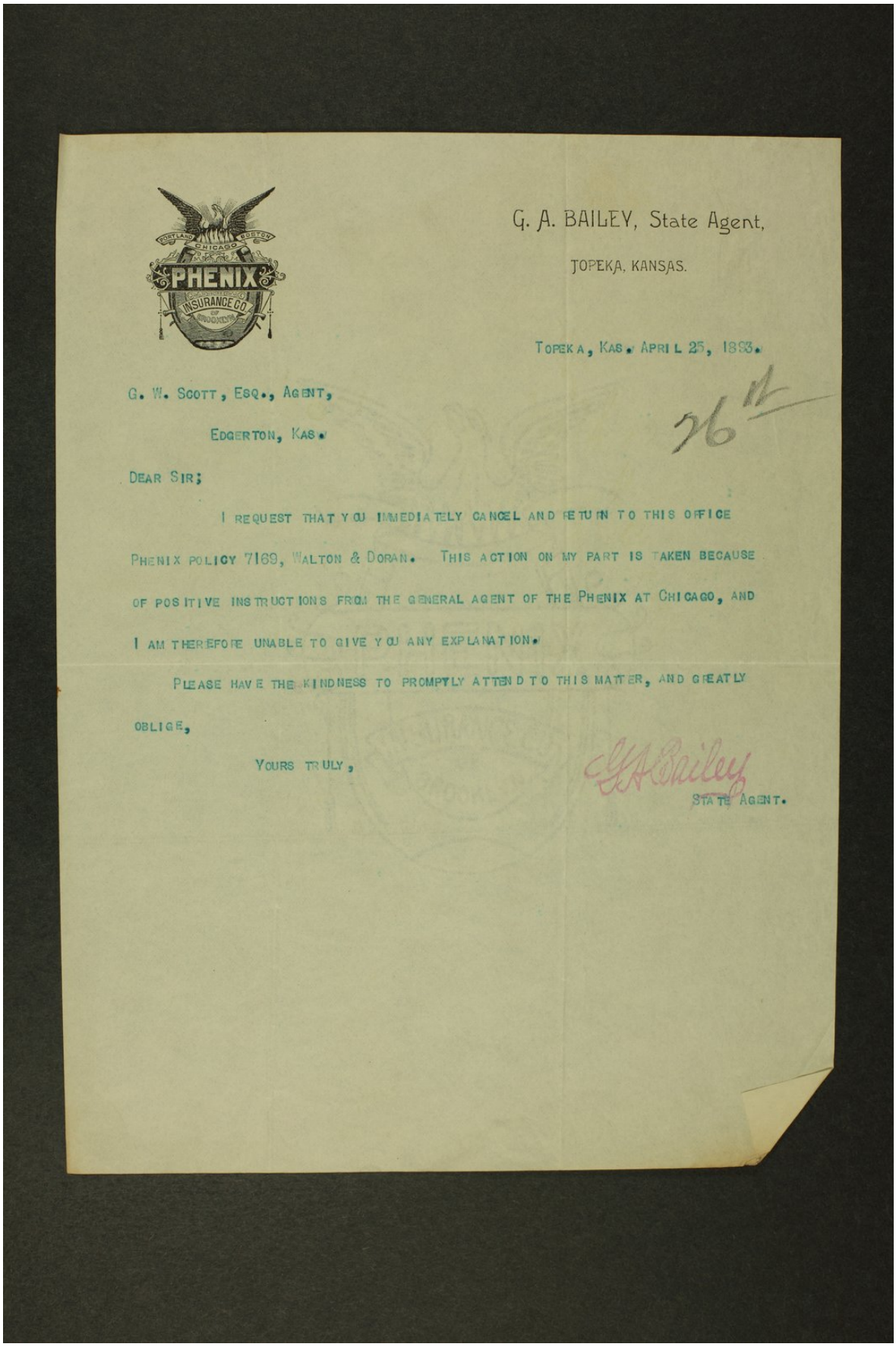


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G. W. Scott—
Edgerton Ks

Dear Sir— I had been holding off from writing thinking I could make a payment this month— but owing to sickness and other expenses unexpected could not but will try my best to resume making the payments next month— I did not move to K.C. because I have a prospect of getting a letter sent out of Topeka— if I get it will move to Topeka instead of K. C.

Yours Truly
R G Halden



G. A. BAILEY, State Agent,

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

TOPEKA, KAS., APRIL 25, 1893.

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G. W. SCOTT, ESQ., AGENT,

EDGERTON, KAS.

DEAR SIR;

I REQUEST THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY CANCEL AND RETURN TO THIS OFFICE PHENIX POLICY 7169, WALTON & DORAN. THIS ACTION ON MY PART IS TAKEN BECAUSE OF POSITIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GENERAL AGENT OF THE PHENIX AT CHICAGO, AND I AM THEREFORE UNABLE TO GIVE YOU ANY EXPLANATION.

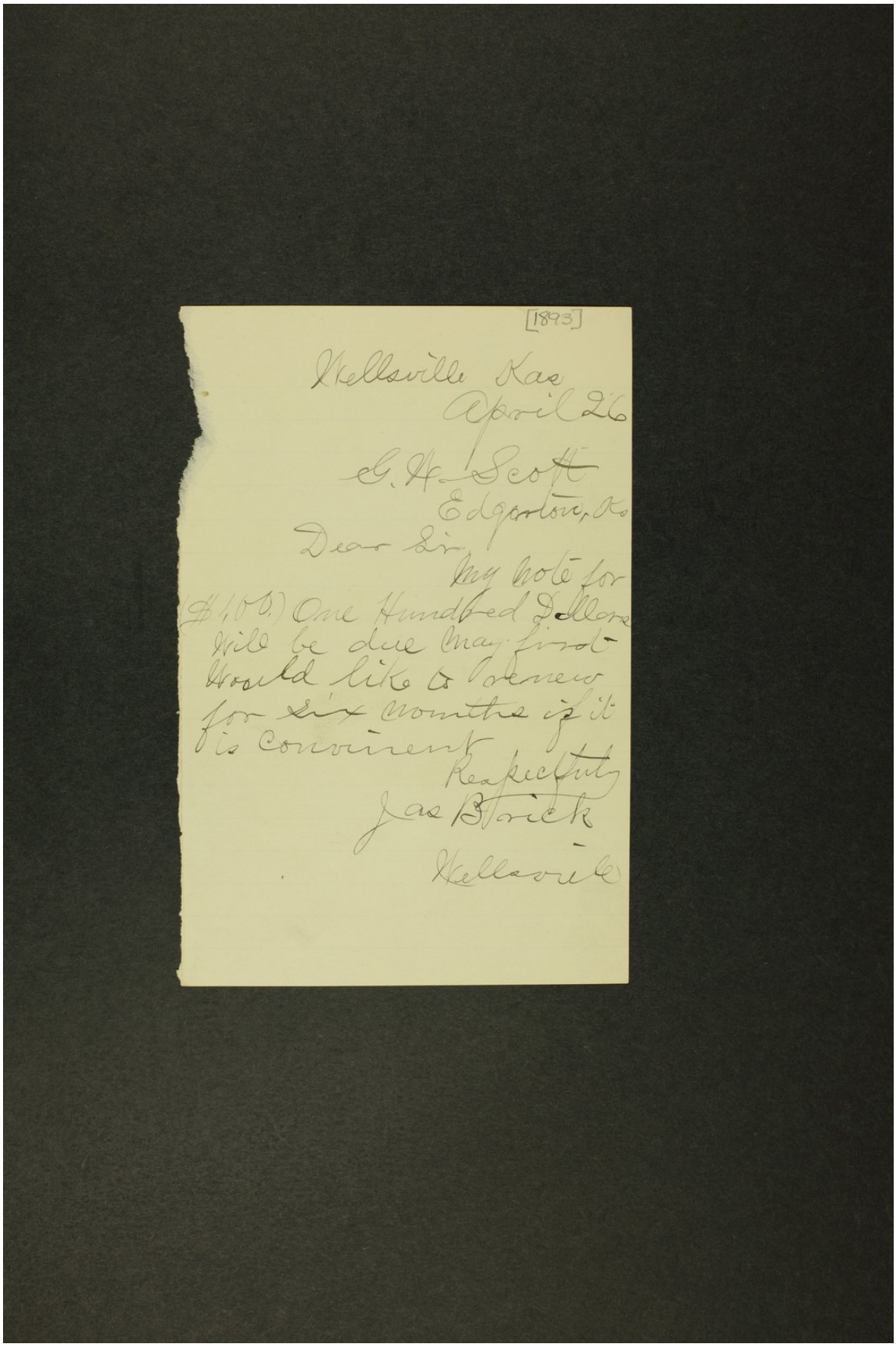
PLEASE HAVE THE KINDNESS TO PROMPTLY ATTEND TO THIS MATTER, AND GREATLY OBLIGE,

YOURS TRULY,

G. A. Bailey

STATE AGENT.

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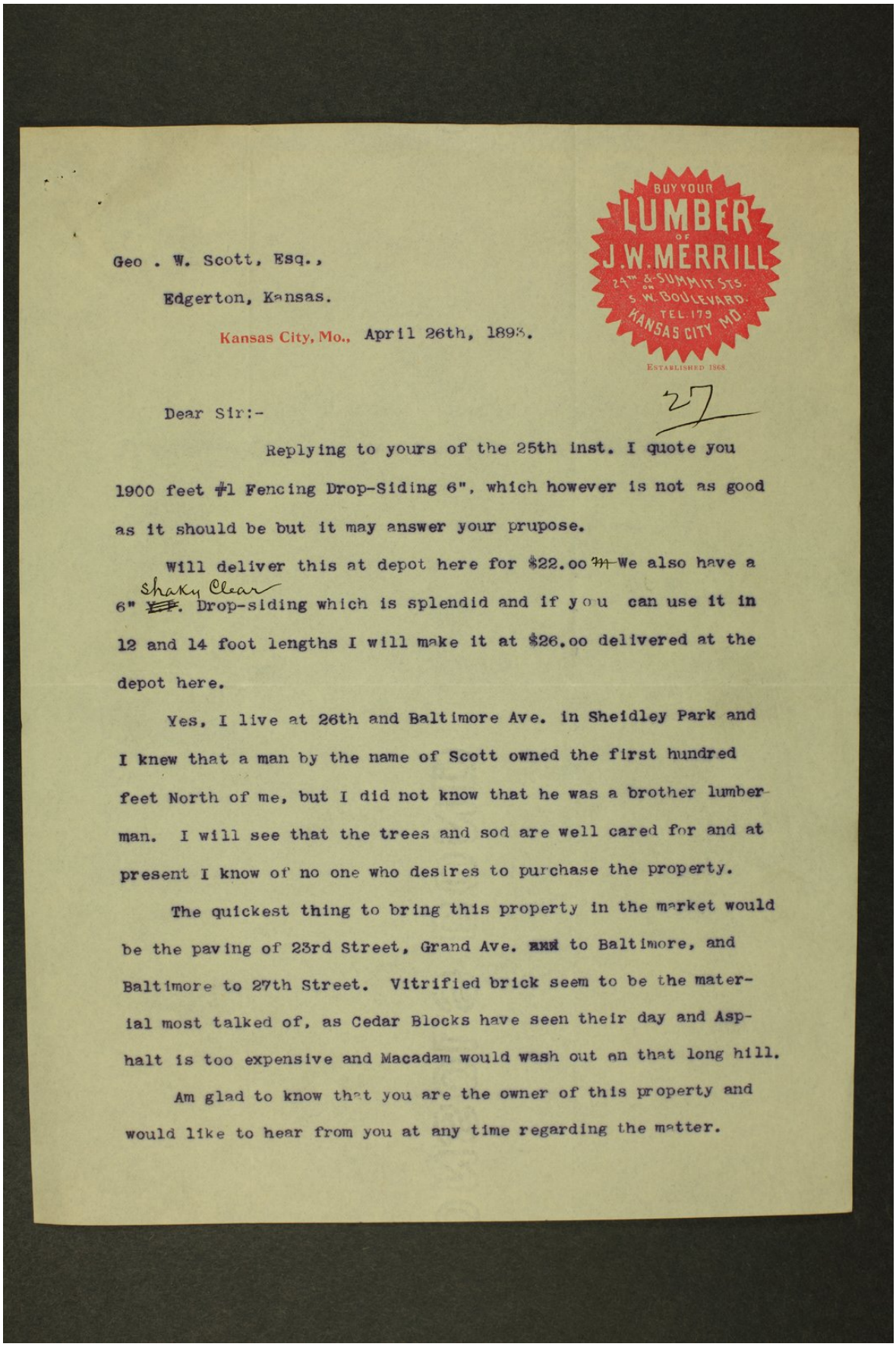


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Kellsville Kas
April 26

G. H. Scott
Edgerton, Ks

Dear Sir
My note for
($100.) One Hundred Dollars
will be due May first
would like a renew
for six months if it
is convinent
Respectfully
Jas Brick
Kellsville



BUY YOUR LUMBER OF J.W.MERRILL 24TH & SUMMIT STS. S.W. BOULEVARD. TEL. 179 KANSAS CITY MO. ESTABLISHED 1868

Geo . W. Scott, Esq.,

Edgerton, Kansas.

Kansas City, Mo., April 26th, 1893.

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Dear Sir:-

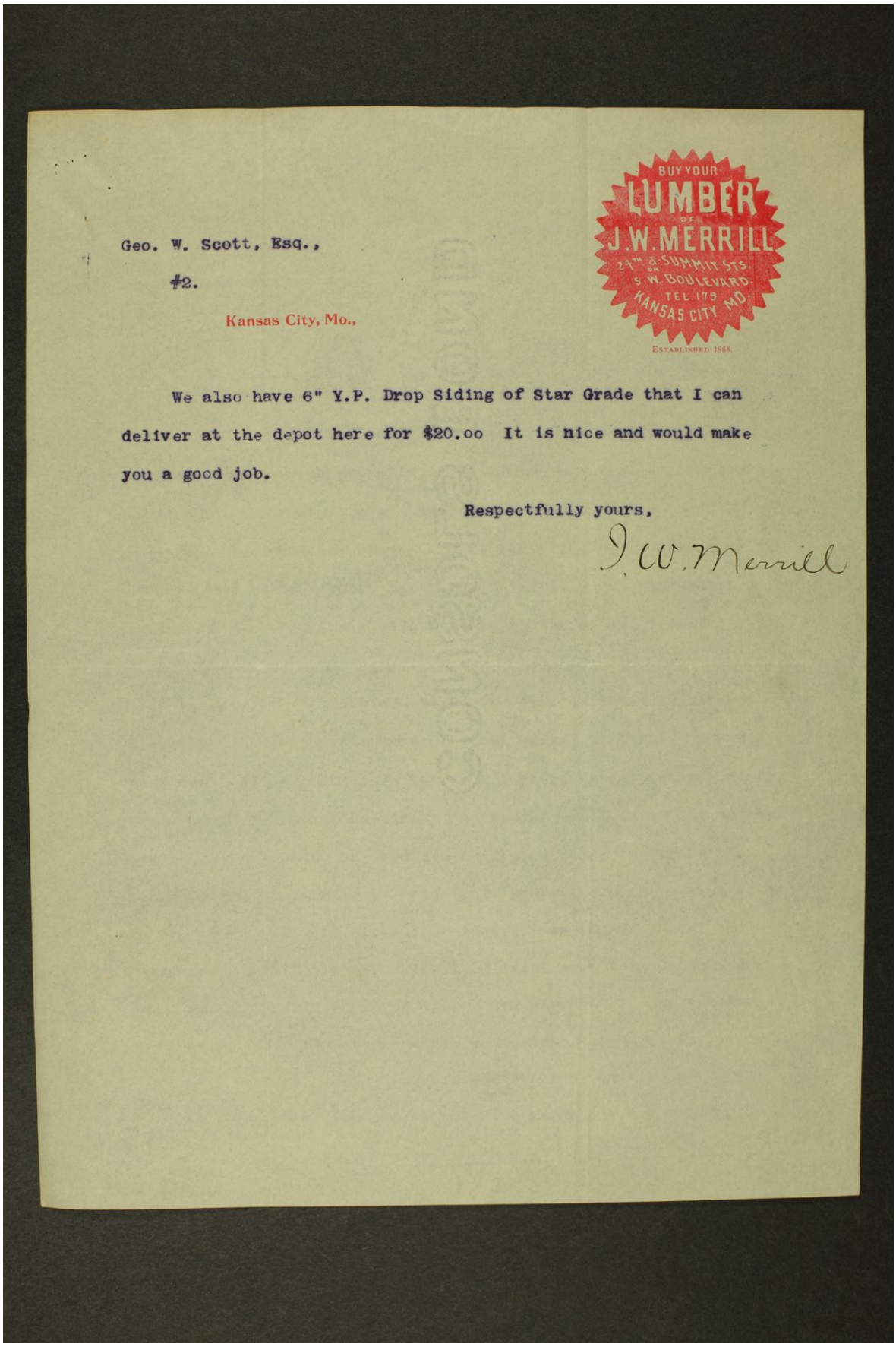
Replying to yours of the 25th inst. I quote you 1900 feet #1 Fencing Drop-Siding 6", which however is not as good as it should be but it may answer your prupose.

Will deliver this at depot here for $22.00 ~~??~~ We also have a 6" Shaky Clear ~~Fencing~~. Drop-siding which is splendid and if you can use it in 12 and 14 foot lengths I will make it at $26.00 delivered at the depot here.

Yes, I live at 26th and Baltimore Ave. in Sheidley Park and I knew that a man by the name of Scott owned the first hundred feet North of me, but I did not know that he was a brother lumberman. I will see that the trees and sod are well cared for and at present I know of no one who desires to purchase the property.

The quickest thing to bring this property in the market would be the paving of 23rd Street, Grand Ave. ~~xxx~~ to Baltimore, and Baltimore to 27th Street. Vitrified brick seem to be the material most talked of, as Cedar Blocks have seen their day and Asphalt is too expensive and Macadam would wash out on that long hill.

Am glad to know that you are the owner of this property and would like to hear from you at any time regarding the matter.



BUY YOUR LUMBER OF J.W.MERRILL
24TH & SUMMIT STS ON S.W. BOULEVARD
TEL. 179
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Geo. W. Scott, Esq.,

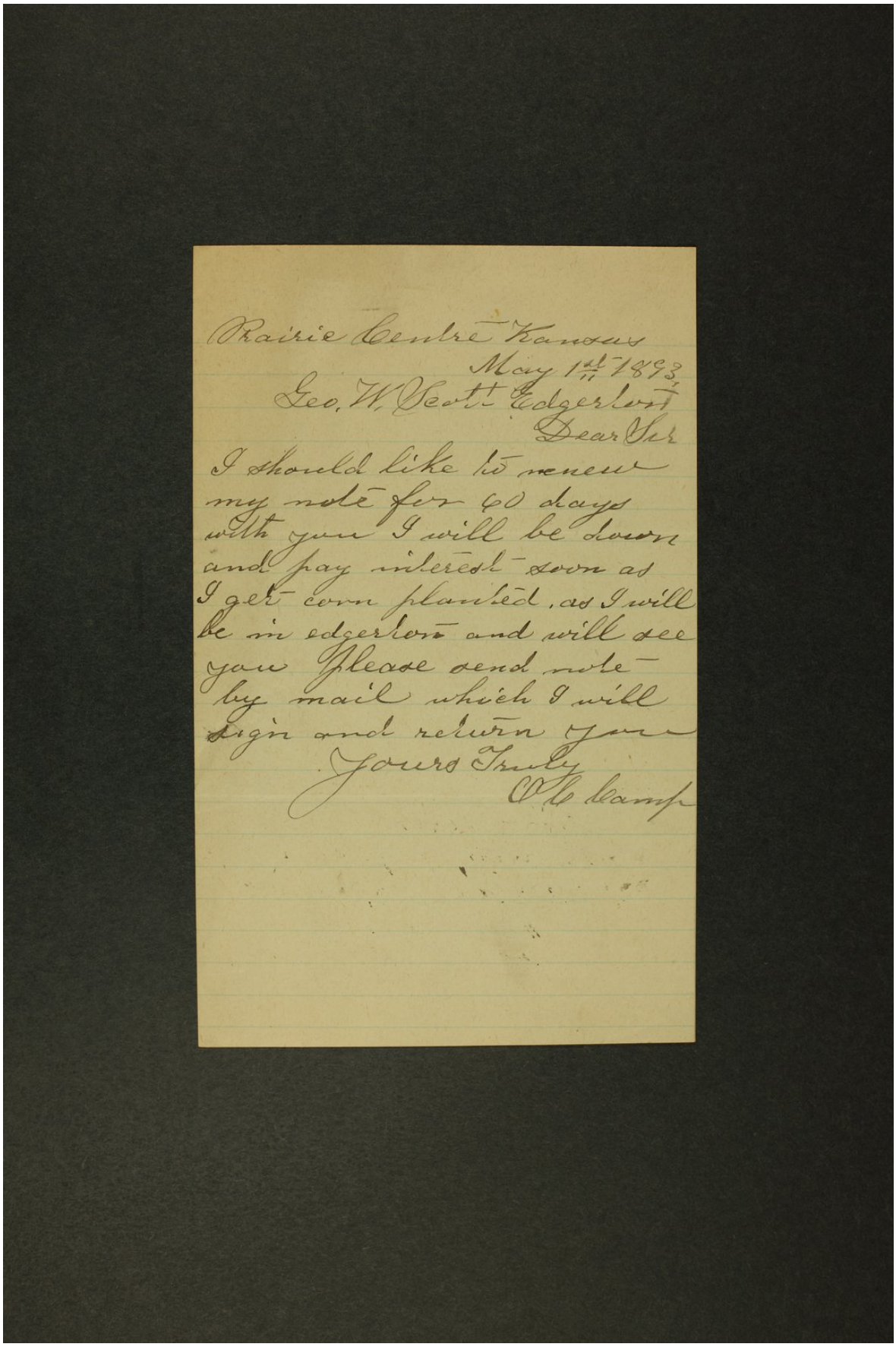
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Kansas City, Mo.,

We also have 6" Y.P. Drop Siding of Star Grade that I can deliver at the depot here for $20.00 It is nice and would make you a good job.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. Merrill



Prairie Centre Kansas
May 1st 1893.
Geo. W. Scott Edgerton
Dear Sir
I should like to renew
my note for 60 days
with you I will be down
and pay interest soon as
I get corn planted, as I will
be in edgerton and will see
you Please send note
by mail which I will
sign and return you
Yours Truly
O. C. Lamp

W. O. McKINSTRY.

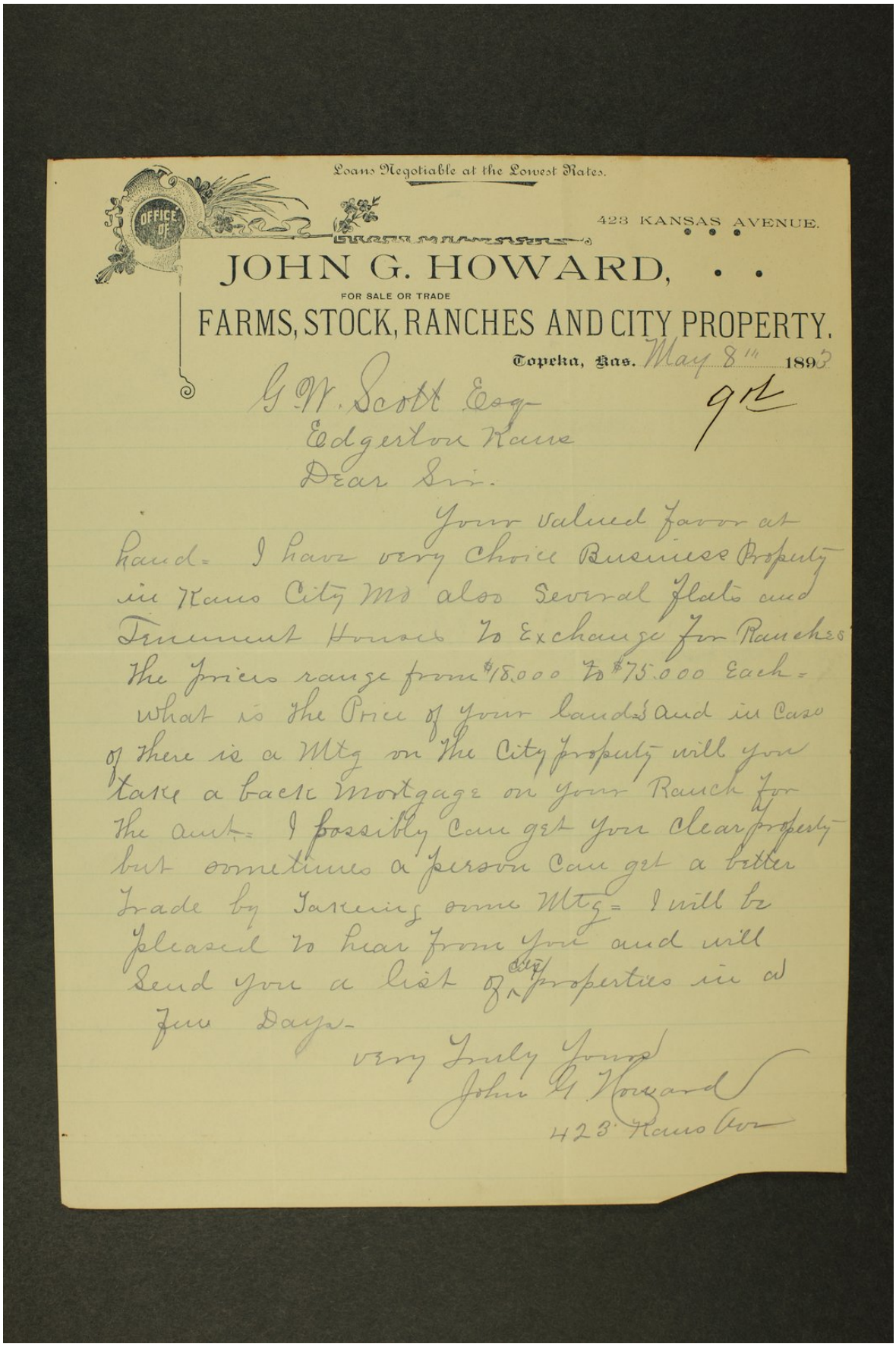
Halls Summit, Kansas, May 3rd 1893

George Scott
Edgerton Kas

Dear Sir

Yours favor of April 29th is at hand and contents noted; in regard to the Studebaker house I would not feel at liberty to authorize the building of a summer kitchen or making very expensive improvements. As my time as Executor expires the first of Sept then I shall be released. and to give a person the right to make such improvements they might make them to expensive I want every thing all settled up at the time my time expires I hope you can rent it; keep a tenant in it if you can I may be at your place before long as I have business in Atchison if I can make connection will come up to Edgerton the money you have on hand you can remit to me or hold it for the present.

Yours &c
W. O. McKinstry



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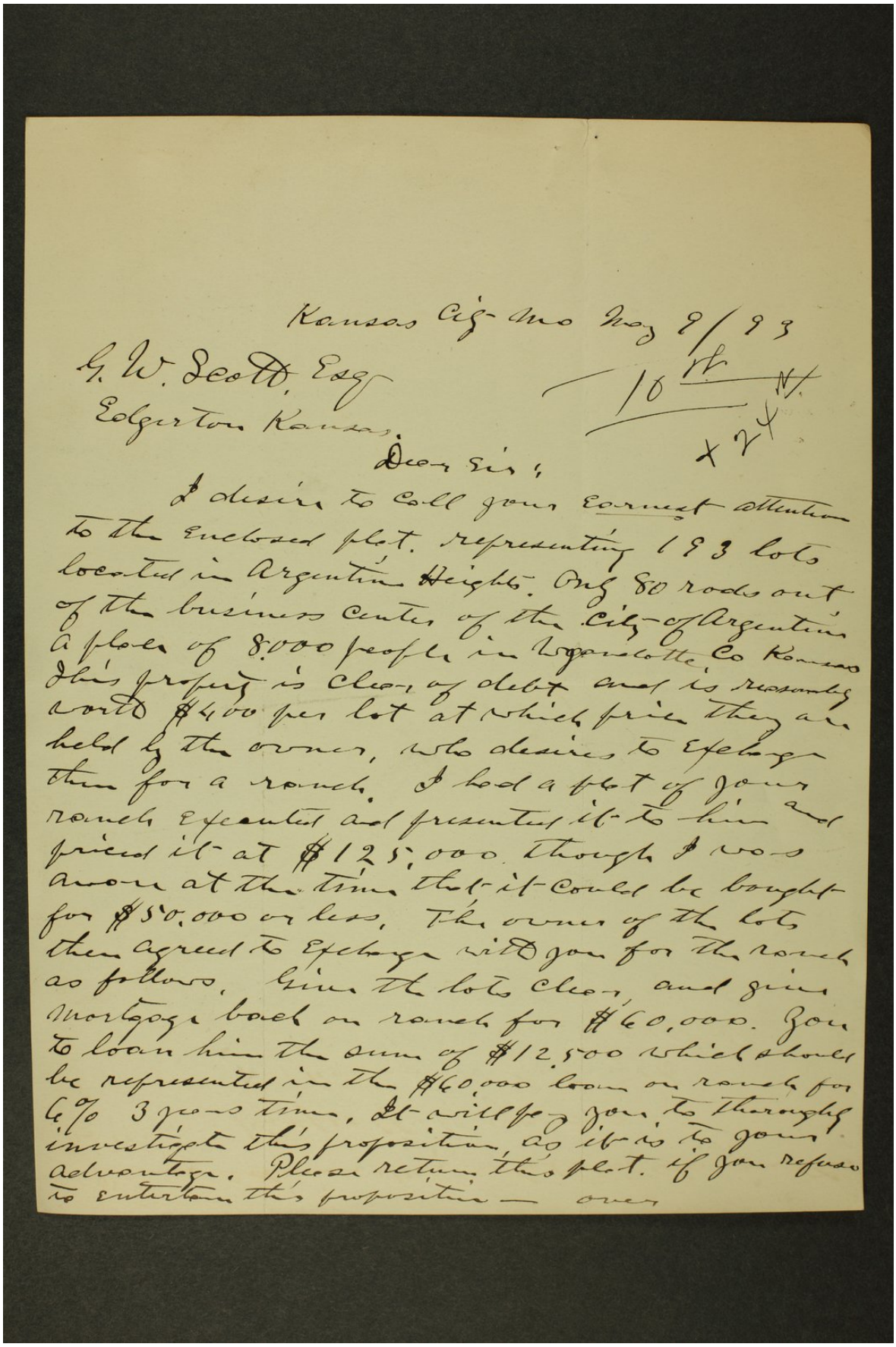
FARMS, STOCK, RANCHES AND CITY PROPERTY.

Topeka, Kas. May 8th 1893

G W. Scott Esq
Edgerton Kans
Dear Sir.

Your valued favor at hand. I have very Choice Business Propety in Kans City Mo also Several Flats and Tenement Houses To Exchange for Ranches The prices range from $15.000 To $75.000 Each. What is the Price of your lands and in case of there is a Mtg on the City propety will you take a back Mortgage on your Ranch for the amt. I possibly Can get you clear propety but ommetimes a person Can get a better Trade by Taking ome Mtg. I will be pleased to hear from you and will Send you a list of my properties in a few Days.

very Truly Yours
John G. Howard
423 Kans Ave



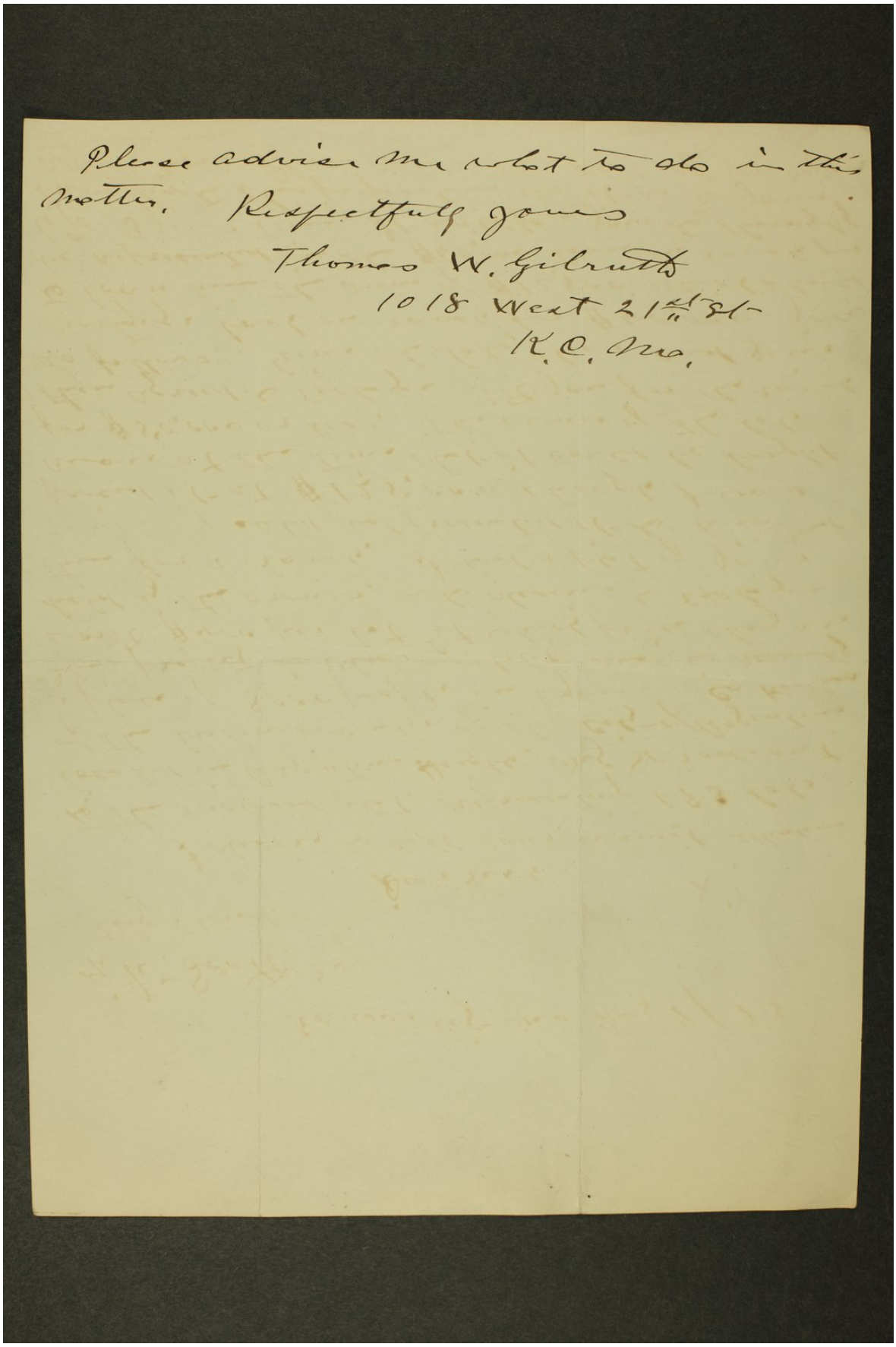
Kansas City Mo May 9/93

G. W. Scott Esq
Edgerton Kansas.

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x 7 4 M.

Dear Sir;

I desire to call your earnest attention to the enclosed plat, representing 193 lots located in Argentine Heights. Only 80 rods out of the business center of the City of Argentine a place of 8,000 people in Wyandotte Co Kansas This property is clear of debt and is reasonably worth $400 per lot at which price they are held by the owner, who desires to exchange them for a ranch. I had a plat of your ranch executed and presented it to him and priced it at $125,000 though I was aware at the time that it could be bought for $80,000 or less. The owner of the lots then agreed to exchange with you for the ranch as follows. Give the lots clear, and give mortgage back on ranch for $60,000. You to loan him the sum of $12,500 which should be represented in the $60,000 loan on ranch for 6% 3 years time. It will pay you to thoroughly investigate this proposition, as it is to your advantage. Please return this plat. If you refuse to entertain this proposition — over



Please advise me what to do in this matter. Respectfully yours
Thomas W. Gilruth
1018 West 21st St
K. C. Mo.