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.

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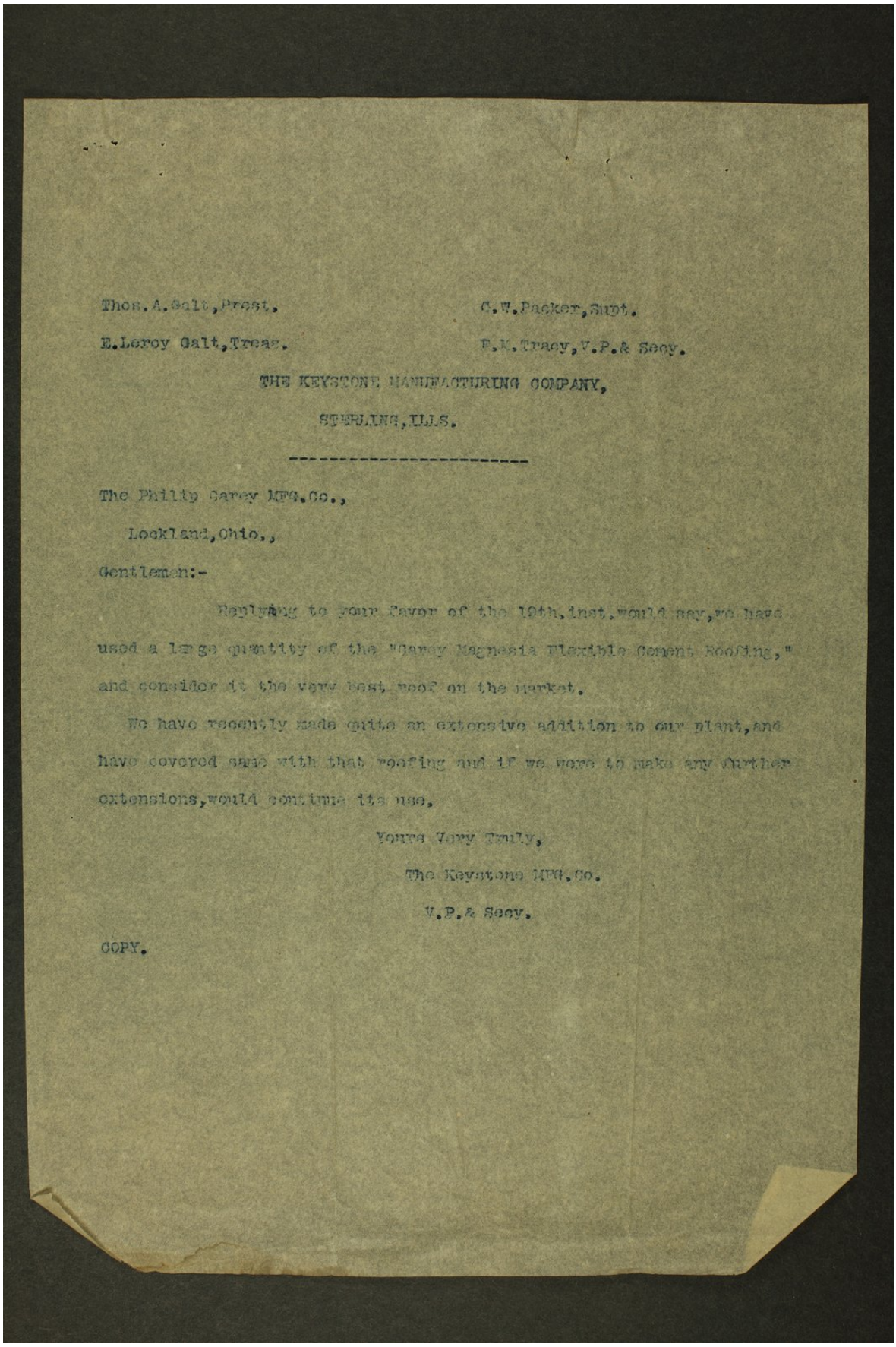
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THE KEYSTONE MANUFACTURING COMPANY,

STERLING,ILLS.

The Philip Carey MFG.Co.,

Lockland,Ohio.,

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your favor of the 10th.inst.would say,we have used a large quantity of the "Carey Magnesia Flexible Cement Roofing," and consider it the very best roof on the market.

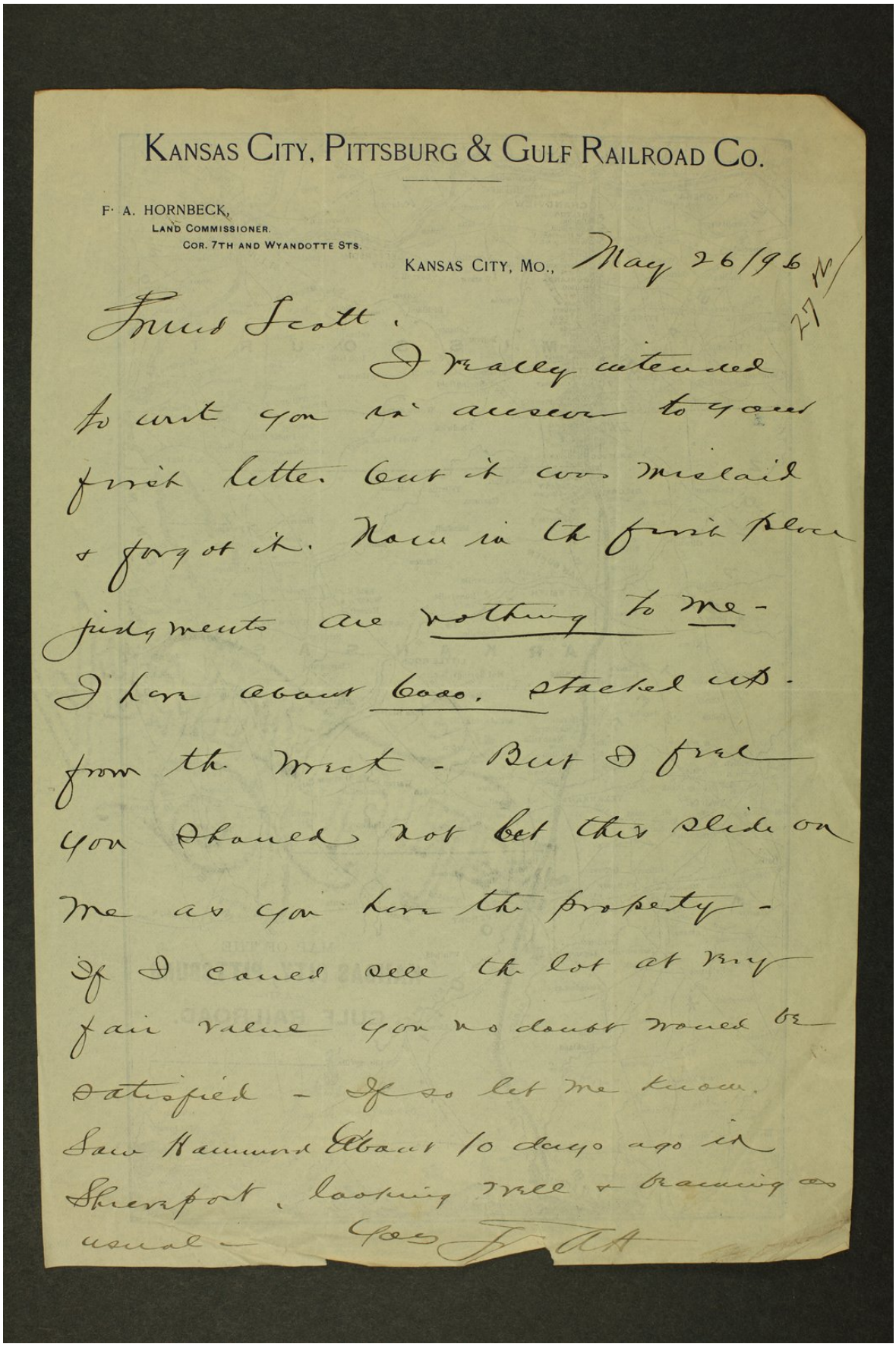
We have recently made quite an extensive addition to our plant,and have covered same with that roofing and if we were to make any further extensions,would continue its use.

Yours Very Truly,

The Keystone MFG.Co.

V.P.& Secy.

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KANSAS CITY, PITTSBURG & GULF RAILROAD CO.

F. A. HORNBECK,
LAND COMMISSIONER.
COR. 7TH AND WYANDOTTE STS.

KANSAS CITY, MO., May 26/96

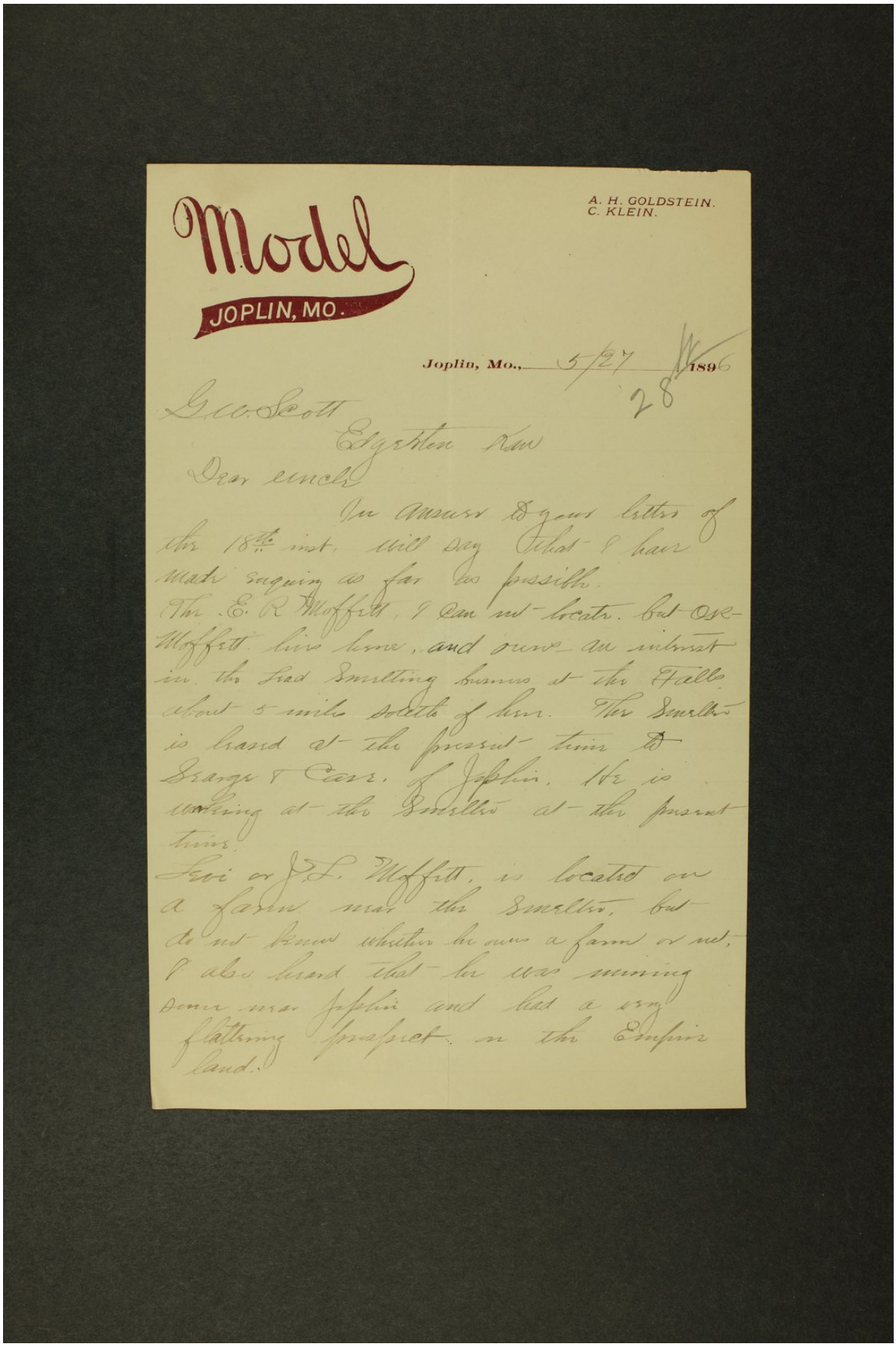
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Friend Scott.

I really intended to write you in answer to your first letter. But it was mislaid & forgot it. Now in the first place judgments are nothing to me - I have about 6000. stacked up. from the mint - But I feel you should not let this slide on me as you have the property - If I could sell the lot at my fair value you no doubt would be satisfied - If so let me know. Saw Hammond about 10 days ago in Shreveport, looking well & running as usual -

Yours Truly


MAP OF THE
KANSAS CITY, PITTSBURG
— AND —
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KANSAS CITY
TOPEKA
GRANDVIEW
FT. SCOTT
PITTSBURG
JOPLIN
LEAD & ZINC
SPRINGFIELD
JEFFERSON CITY
ST. LOUIS
MISSOURI
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OKLAHOMA
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LITTLE ROCK
FT. SMITH
MEMPHIS
TEXARKANA
SHREVEPORT
HOUSTON
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Gulf of Mexico
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A. H. GOLDSTEIN.
C. KLEIN.

Joplin, Mo., 5/27 1896

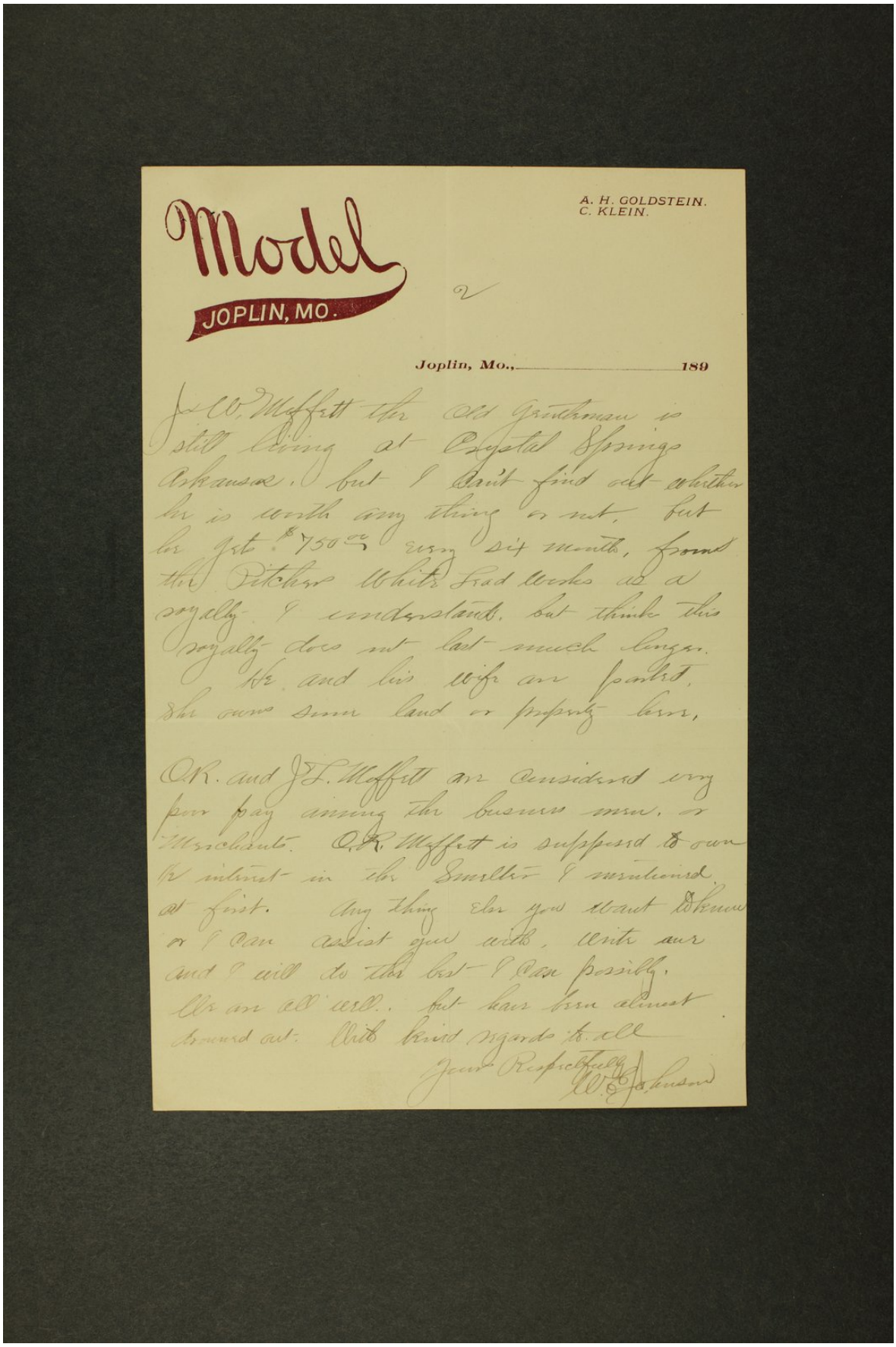
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G. W. Scott
Edgerton Kan

Dear uncle

In answer to your letter of the 18th inst. will say that I have made enquiry as far as possible. The E. R Moffett, I can not locate. But Ole Moffett lives here, and owns an interest in the lead Smelting Works at the Falls about 5 miles south of here. The Smelter is leased at the present time to Strange & Carr, of Joplin. He is working at the Smelter at the present time.

Levi or J. L. Moffett, is located on a farm near the Smelter, but do not know whether he owns a farm or not. I also heard that he was running down near Joplin and had a very flattering prospect in the Empire land.



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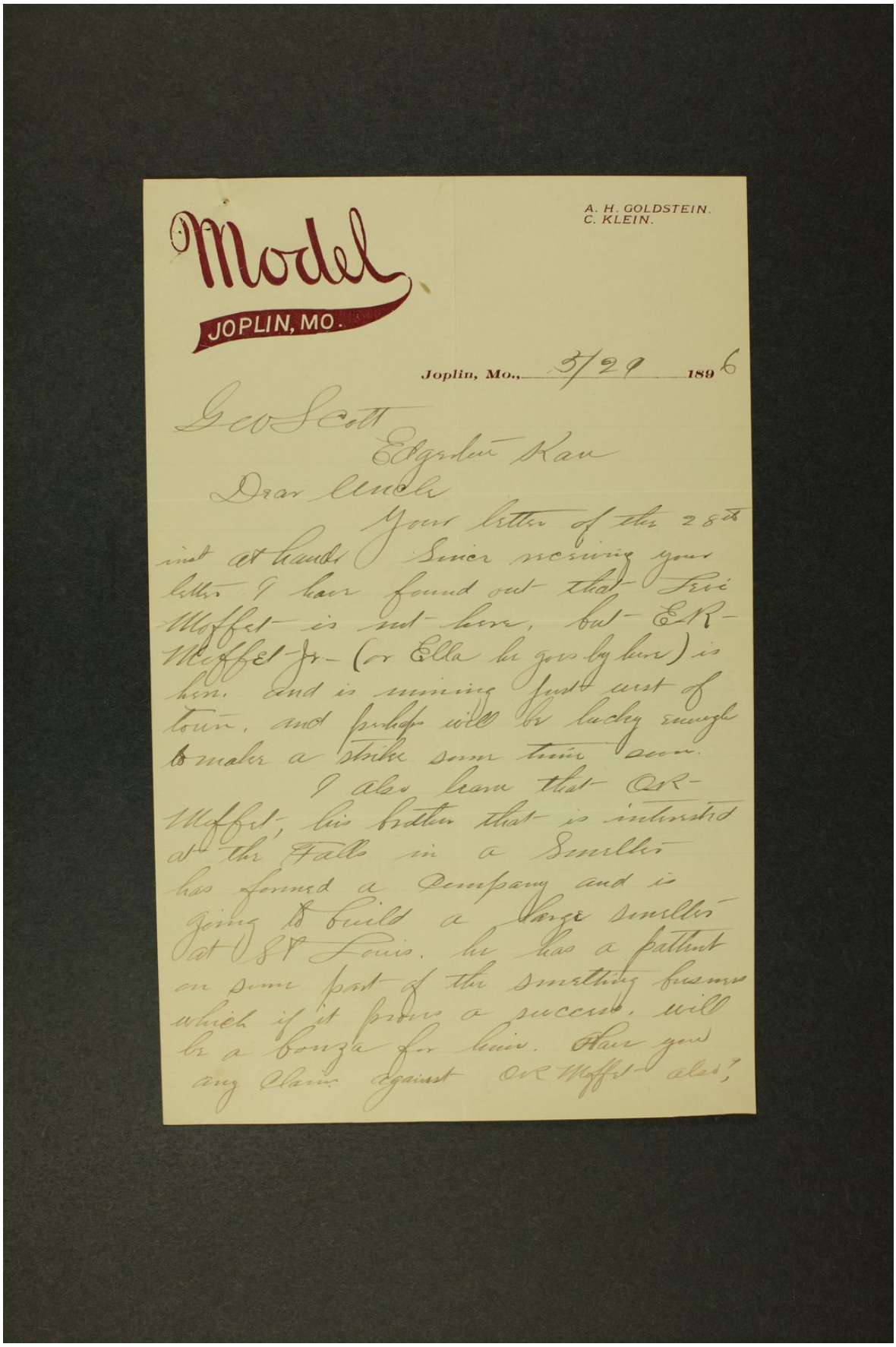
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Joplin, Mo., 189

Jas O. Moffett the old Gentleman is still living at Crystal Springs Arkansas. but I dont find out whether he is worth any thing or not. but he gets $750 every six month, from the Pitcher Whitt Lead Works as a royalty I understand. but think this royalty does not last much longer. He and his wife are parted. She owns some land or property here,

O.K. and J.F. Moffett are considered very poor pay among the business men. or Merchants. O.K. Moffett is supposed to own an interest in the Smelter I mentioned at first. Any thing else you want to know or I can assist you with, write me and I will do the best I can possibly. We are all well. but have been almost drowned out. With kind regards to all

Yours Respectfully
W. E. Johnson



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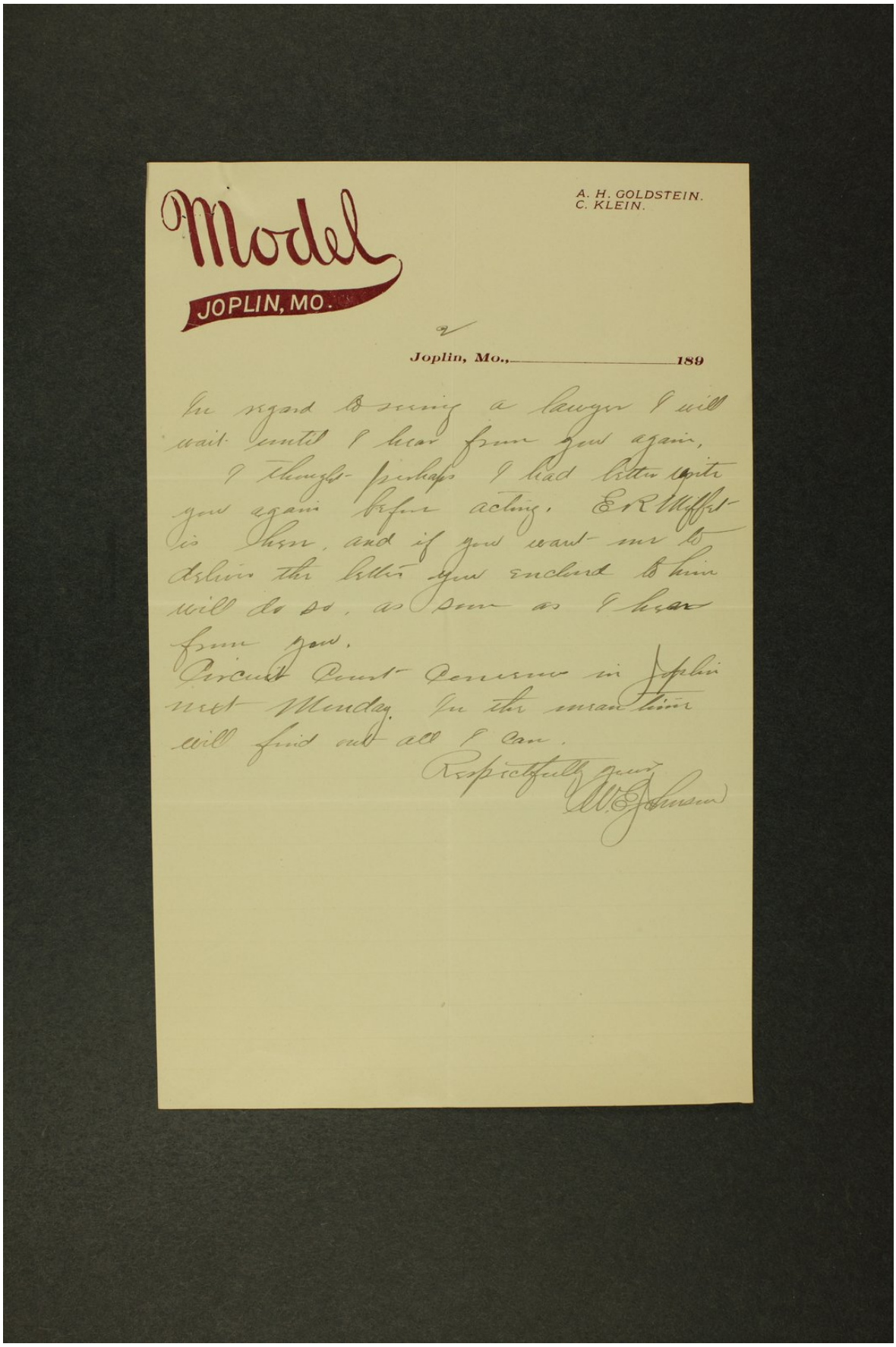
Joplin, Mo., 3/29 1896

Geo Scott
Edgerton Kan

Dear Uncle

Your letter of the 28th inst at hands. Since receiving your letter I have found out that Fred Moffet is not here, but E R Moffet Jr (or Ella he goes by here) is here. and is mining just east of town, and perhaps will be lucky enough to make a strike some time soon.

I also learn that O R Moffet, his brother that is interested at the Falls in a Smelter has formed a Company and is going to build a large smelter at St Louis. he has a patent on some part of the smelting busines which if it proves a success, will be a bonza for him. Have you any claim against O R Moffet also?



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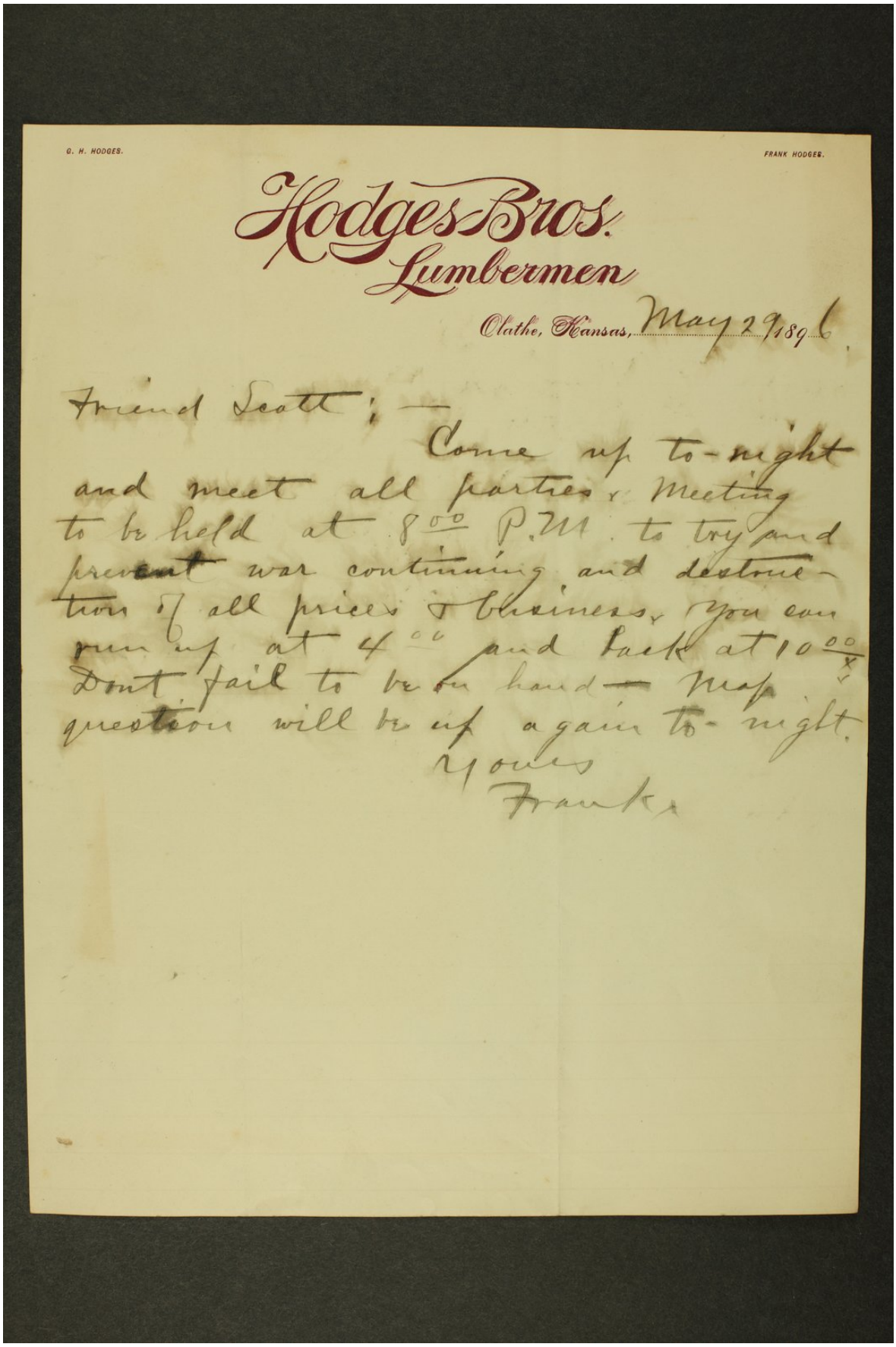
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In regard to suing a lawyer I will wait until I hear from you again.

I thought perhaps I had better write you again before acting. E R Moffett is here, and if you want me to deliver the letter you enclosed to him will do so, as soon as I hear from you.

Circuit Court convenes in Joplin next Monday. In the meantime will find out all I can.

Respectfully yours
W. E. Johnson



G. H. HODGES. FRANK HODGES.

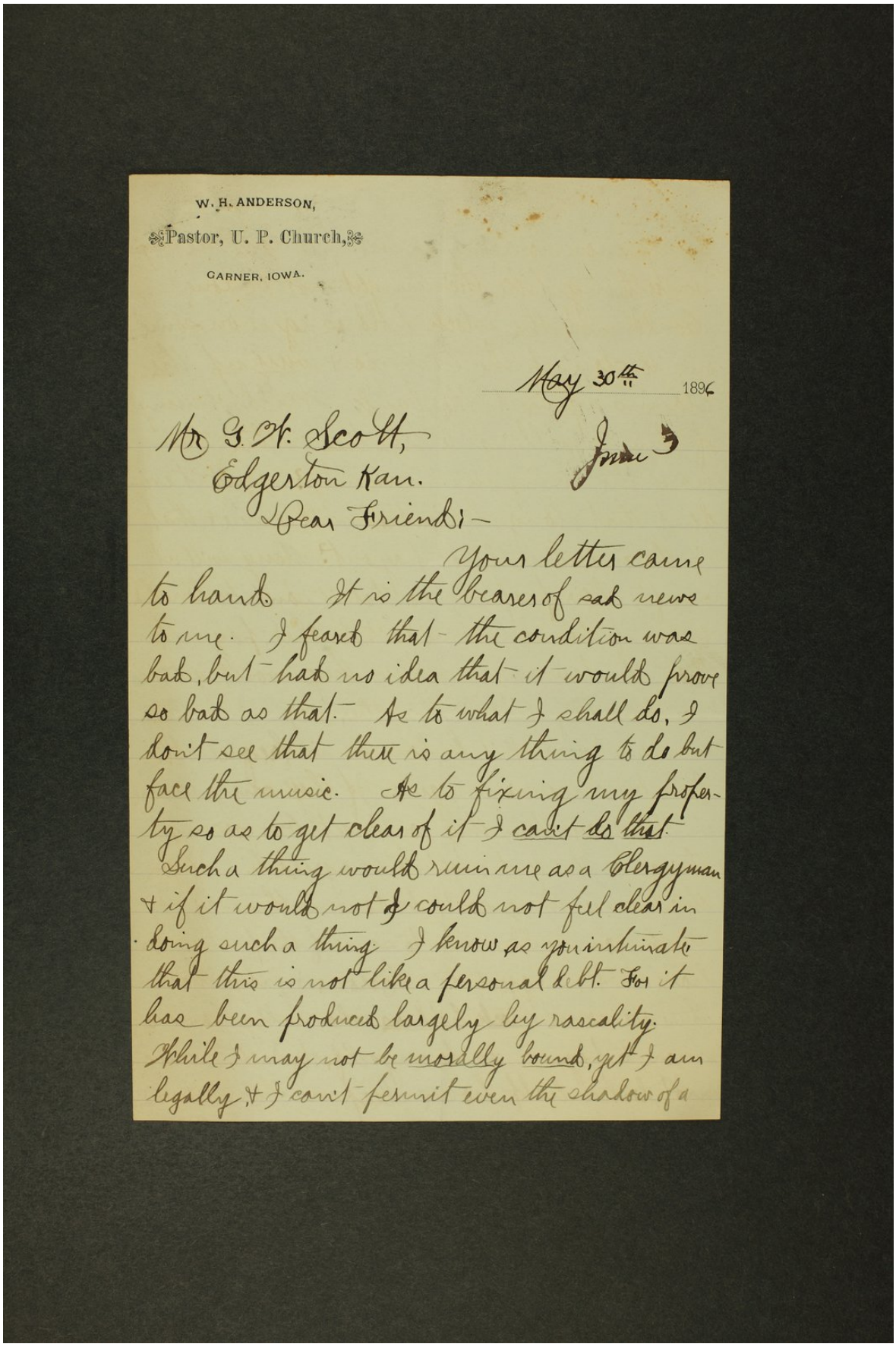
Hodges Bros.
Lumbermen

Olathe, Kansas, May 29 1896.

Friend Scott; —

Come up to-night and meet all parties. Meeting to be held at 8^00 P.M. to try and prevent war continuing and destruction of all prices & business. You can run up at 4^00 and back at 10^00. Dont fail to be on hand — Map questions will be up again to-night.

Yours
Frank.



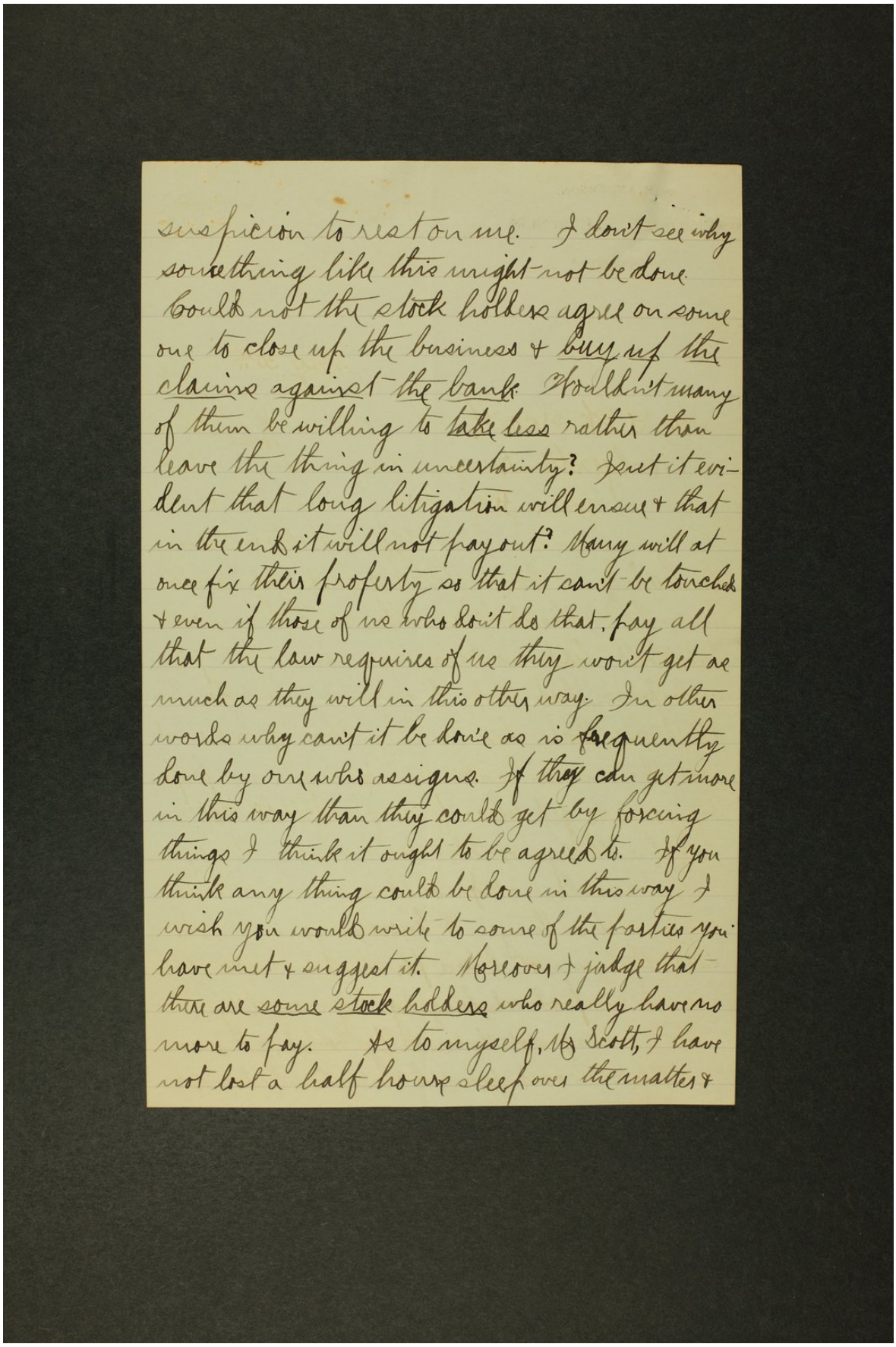
W. H. ANDERSON,
Pastor, U. P. Church,
GARNER, IOWA.

May 30th 1896

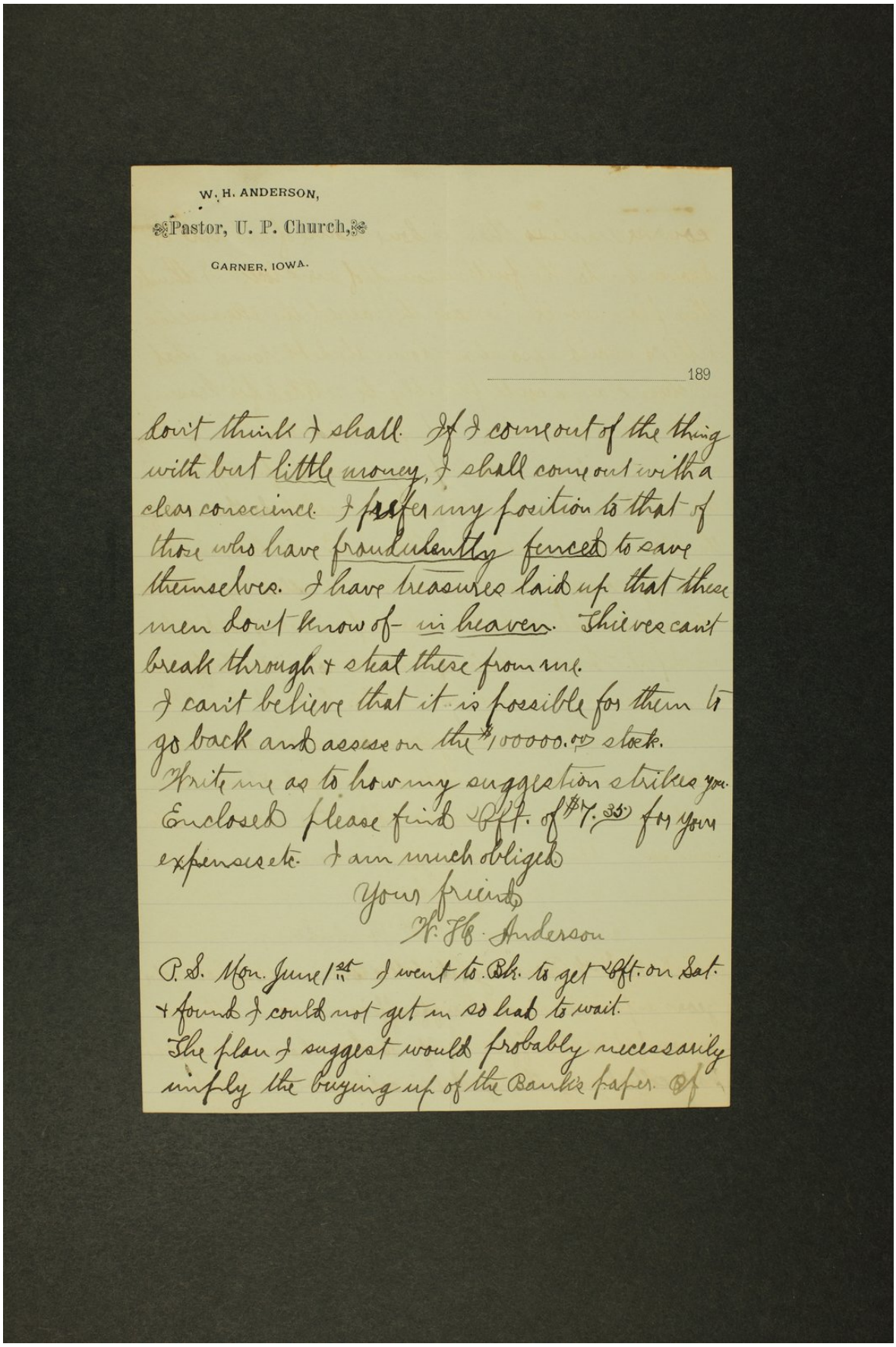
Mr G. W. Scott,
Edgerton Kan.

Dear Friend:—

Your letter came to hand. It is the bearer of sad news to me. I feared that the condition was bad, but had no idea that it would prove so bad as that. As to what I shall do, I don't see that there is any thing to do but face the music. As to fixing my property so as to get clear of it I can't do that. Such a thing would ruin me as a Clergyman & if it would not I could not feel clear in doing such a thing. I know as you intimate that this is not like a personal debt. For it has been produced largely by rascality. While I may not be morally bound, yet I am legally, & I can't permit even the shadow of a



suspicion to rest on me. I don't see why something like this might not be done. Could not the stock holders agree on some one to close up the business & buy up the claims against the bank. Wouldn't many of them be willing to take less rather than leave the thing in uncertainty? Isn't it evident that long litigation will ensue & that in the end it will not pay out? Many will at once fix their property so that it can't be touched & even if those of us who don't do that, pay all that the law requires of us they won't get as much as they will in this other way. In other words why can't it be done as is frequently done by one who assigns. If they can get more in this way than they could get by forcing things I think it ought to be agreed to. If you think any thing could be done in this way I wish you would write to some of the parties you have met & suggest it. Moreover I judge that there are some stock holders who really have no more to pay. As to myself, Mr Scott, I have not lost a half hours sleep over the matter &

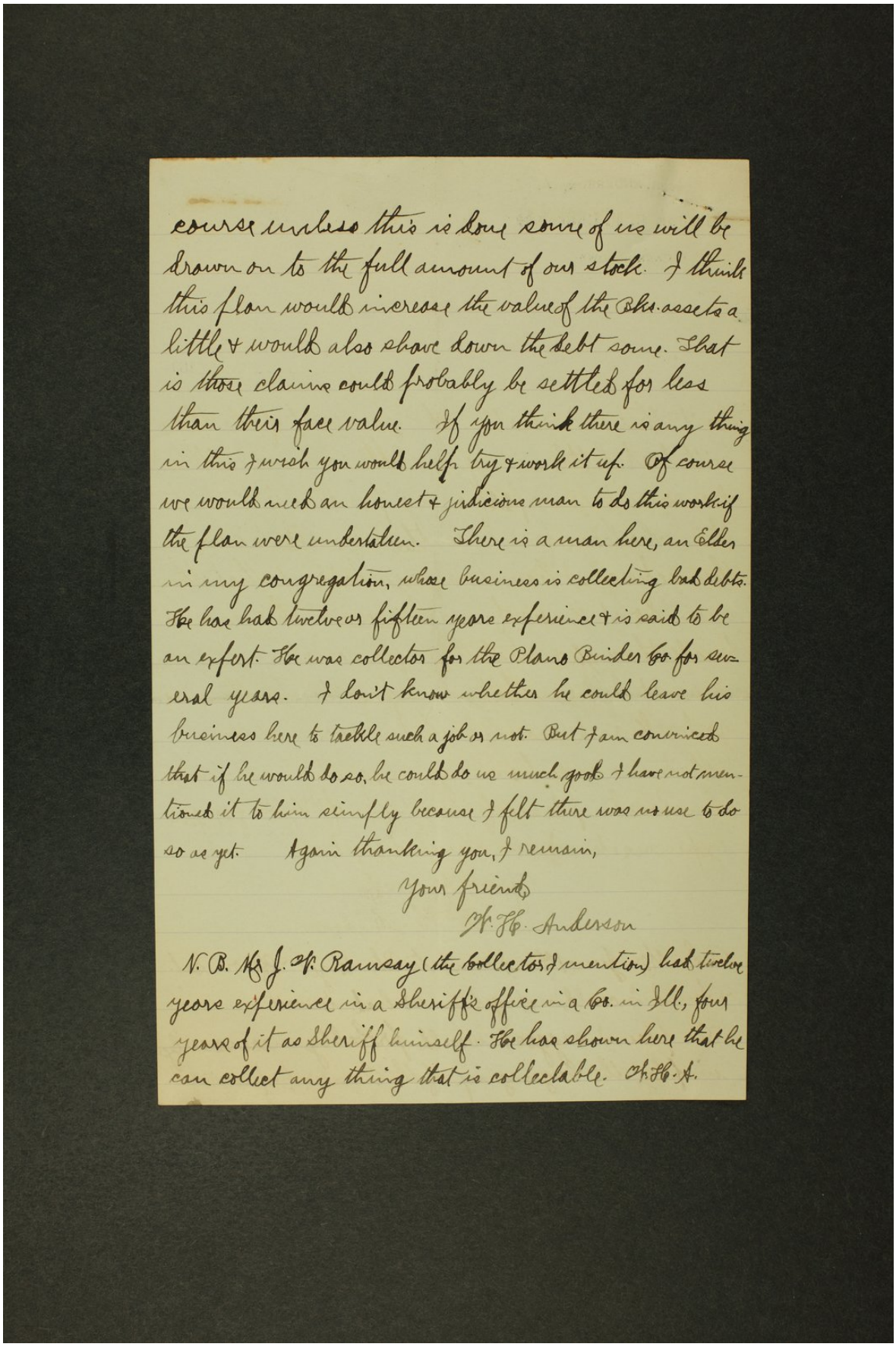


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don't think I shall. If I come out of the thing with but little money, I shall come out with a clear conscience. I prefer my position to that of those who have fraudulently fenced to save themselves. I have treasures laid up that these men don't know of- in heaven. Thieves can't break through & steal these from me.
I can't believe that it is possible for them to go back and assess on the $100000.00 stock.
Write me as to how my suggestion strikes you.
Enclosed please find Off. of $7.35 for your expenses etc. I am much obliged
Yours friend,
W. H. Anderson

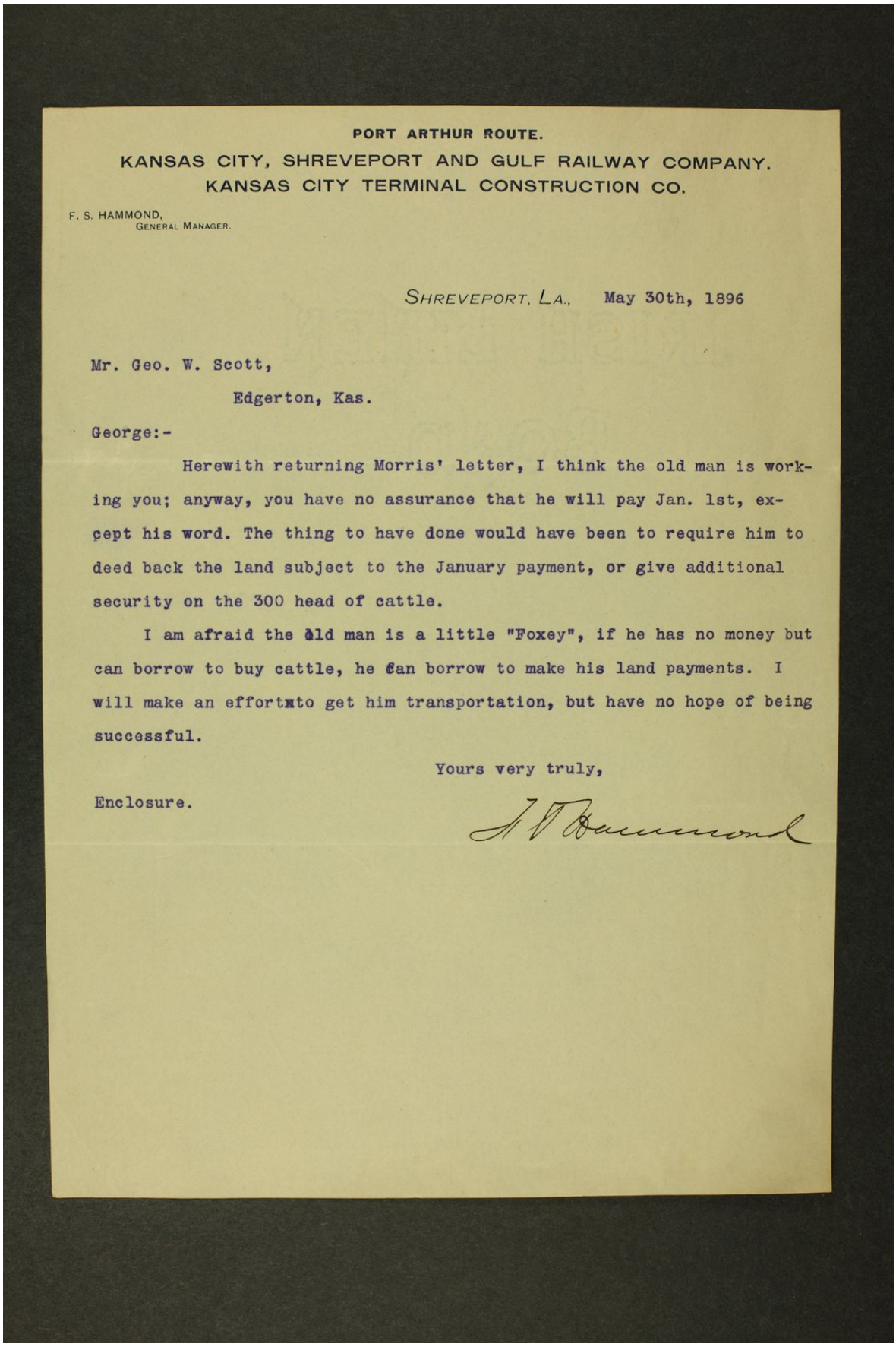
P. S. Mon. June 12th I went to Bk. to get Off. on Sat. & found I could not get in so had to wait.
The plan I suggest would probably necessarily imply the buying up of the Banks paper. Of



course unless this is done some of us will be drawn on to the full amount of our stock. I think this plan would increase the value of the Okla. assets a little & would also shave down the debt some. That is those claims could probably be settled for less than their face value. If you think there is any thing in this I wish you would help try & work it up. Of course we would need an honest & judicious man to do this work if the plan were undertaken. There is a man here, an Elder in my congregation, whose business is collecting bad debts. He has had twelve or fifteen years experience & is said to be an expert. He was collector for the Plano Binder Co. for several years. I don't know whether he could leave his business here to tackle such a job or not. But I am convinced that if he would do so, he could do us much good. I have not mentioned it to him simply because I felt there was no use to do so as yet. Again thanking you, I remain,

Yours friend
W. H. Anderson

N. B. Mr J. F. Ramsay (the collector I mention) had twelve years experience in a Sheriff's office in a Co. in Ill., four years of it as Sheriff himself. He has shown here that he can collect any thing that is collectable. W. H. A.



PORT ARTHUR ROUTE.

KANSAS CITY, SHREVEPORT AND GULF RAILWAY COMPANY.
KANSAS CITY TERMINAL CONSTRUCTION CO.

F. S. HAMMOND,
GENERAL MANAGER.

SHREVEPORT, LA., May 30th, 1896

Mr. Geo. W. Scott,

Edgerton, Kas.

George:-

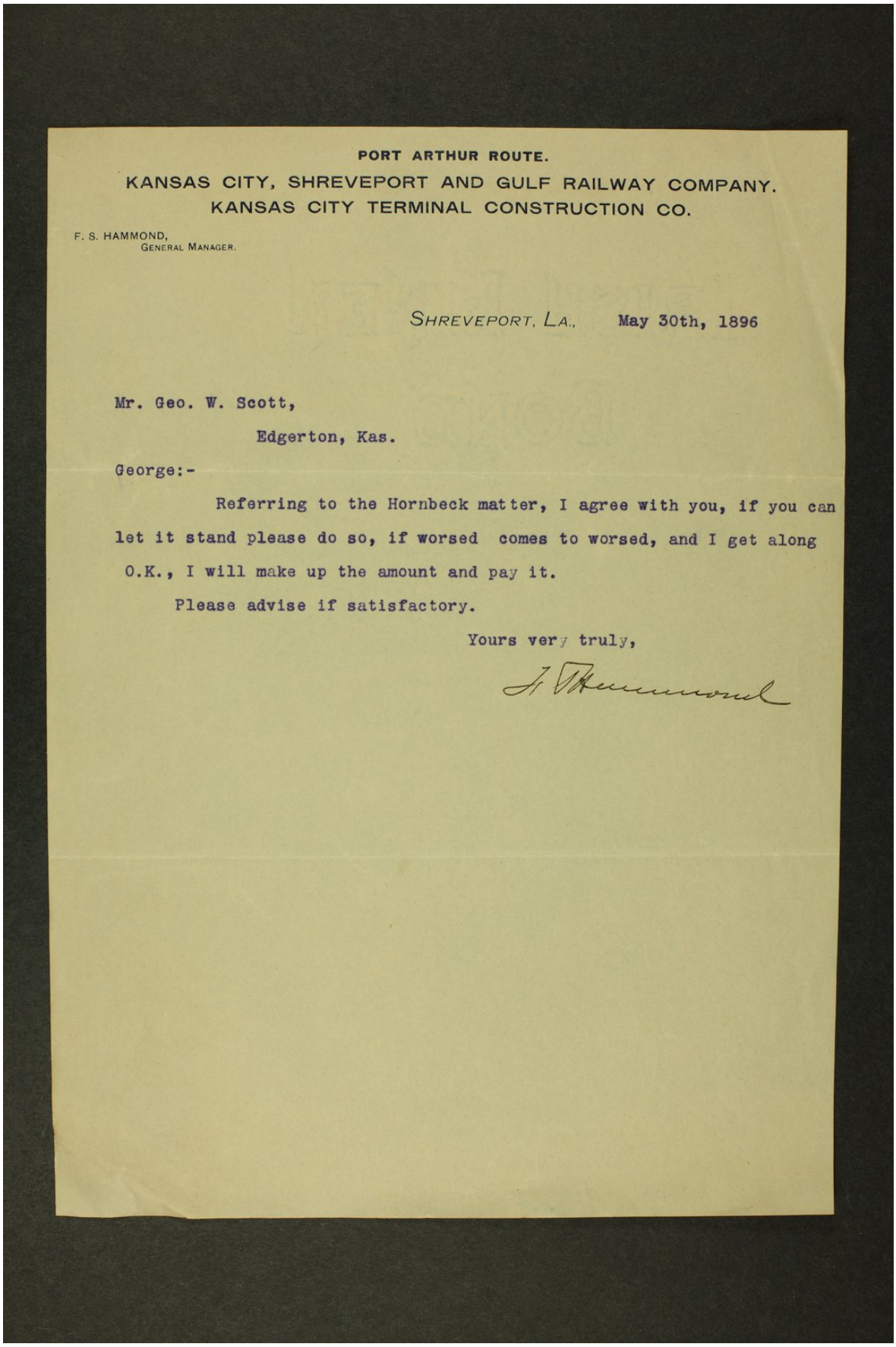
Herewith returning Morris' letter, I think the old man is working you; anyway, you have no assurance that he will pay Jan. 1st, except his word. The thing to have done would have been to require him to deed back the land subject to the January payment, or give additional security on the 300 head of cattle.

I am afraid the old man is a little "Foxey", if he has no money but can borrow to buy cattle, he can borrow to make his land payments. I will make an effort to get him transportation, but have no hope of being successful.

Yours very truly,

F. S. Hammond

Enclosure.



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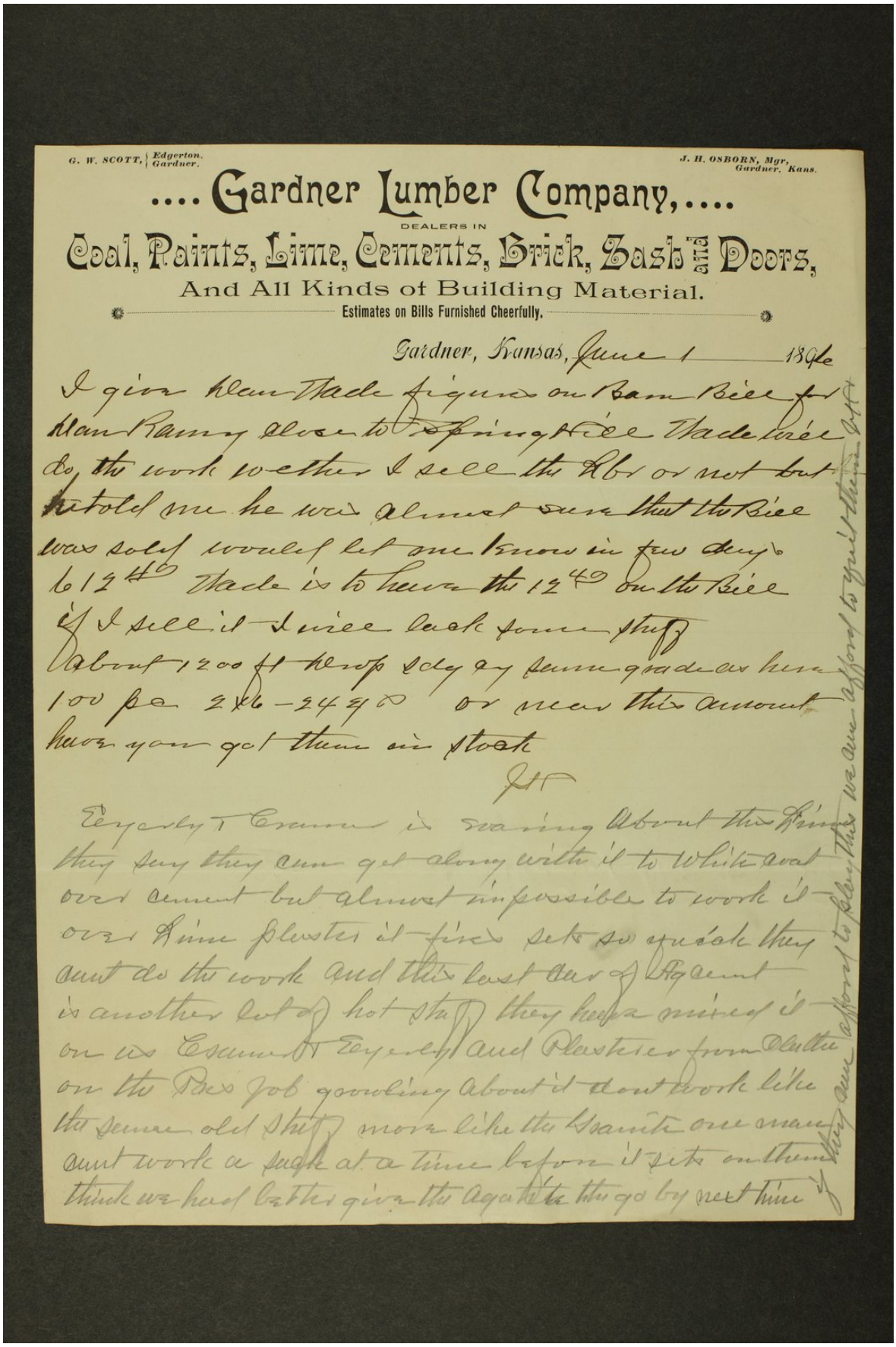
George:-

Referring to the Hornbeck matter, I agree with you, if you can let it stand please do so, if worsed comes to worsed, and I get along O.K., I will make up the amount and pay it.

Please advise if satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

F. S. Hammond



G. W. SCOTT, Edgerton. Gardner.

J. H. OSBORN, Mgr, Gardner, Kans.

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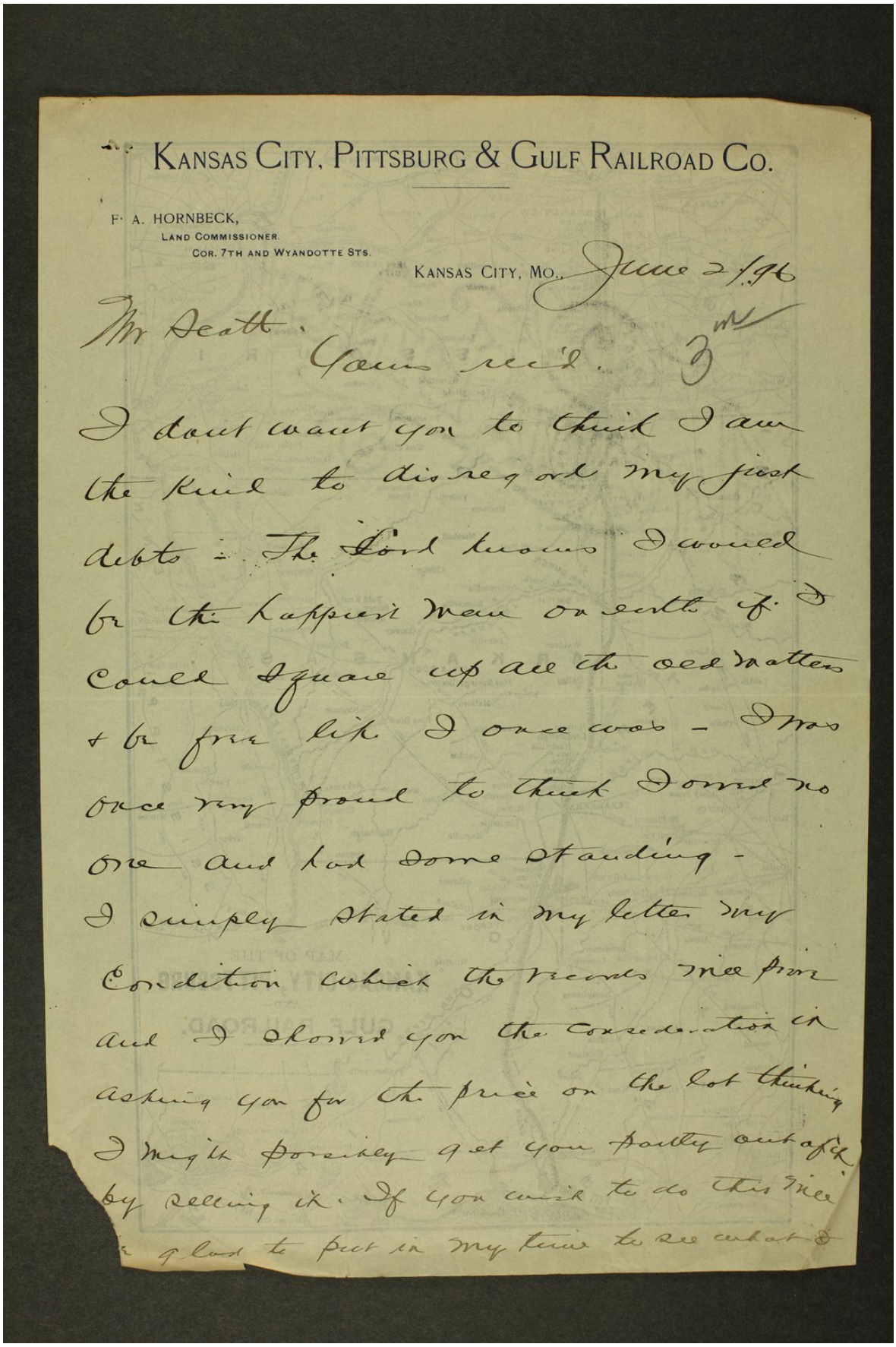
Estimates on Bills Furnished Cheerfully.

Gardner, Kansas, June 1 1896

I give Alan Wade figures on Barn Bill for Alan Ramy also to Springhill Wade tried to do the work weather I sell the Lbr or not but he told me he was almost sure that the Bill was sold would let me know in few days 6 12 4D Wade is to have the 12 4D on the Bill if I sell it I will look some stuff about 1200 ft Hemlock 2 by 4 some good as here 100 pc 2x6-2400 or near this amount have you got them in stock

Jst

Everybody Crane is roaring about the Lime they say they can get along with it to White coat over cement but almost impossible to work it over Lime plaster it sets so quick they cant do the work and this last car of Portland is another lot of hot stuff they have mixed it on us Crane & Everybody and Plasterers from Olathe on the Rock Job growling about it dont work like the same old stuff more like the Granite one man cant work a batch at a time before it sets on them I think we had better give the Agents the go by next time if they can afford to play this we can afford to quit them Jst



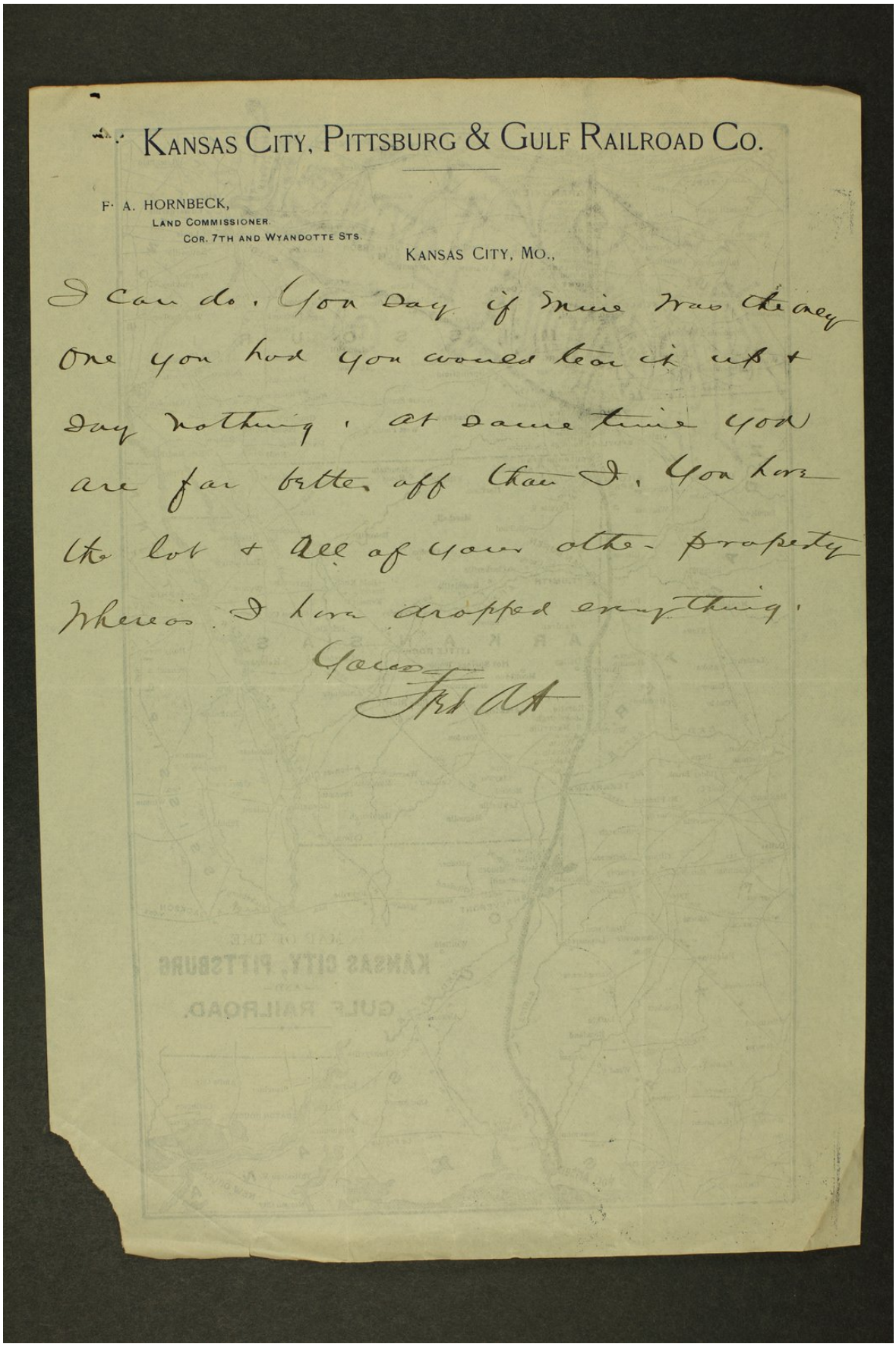
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KANSAS CITY, MO., June 2/96

Mr Death.
Yours rec'd. 3rd

I dont want you to think I am the kind to disregard my just debts - The Lord knows I would be the happiest man on earth if I could square up all the old matters & be free like I once was - I was once very proud to think I owed no one and had some standing -
I simply stated in my letter my condition which the records will show and I showed you the consideration in asking you for the price on the lot thinking I might possibly get you hastily out of it by selling it. If you wish to do this will be glad to put in my time to see what I



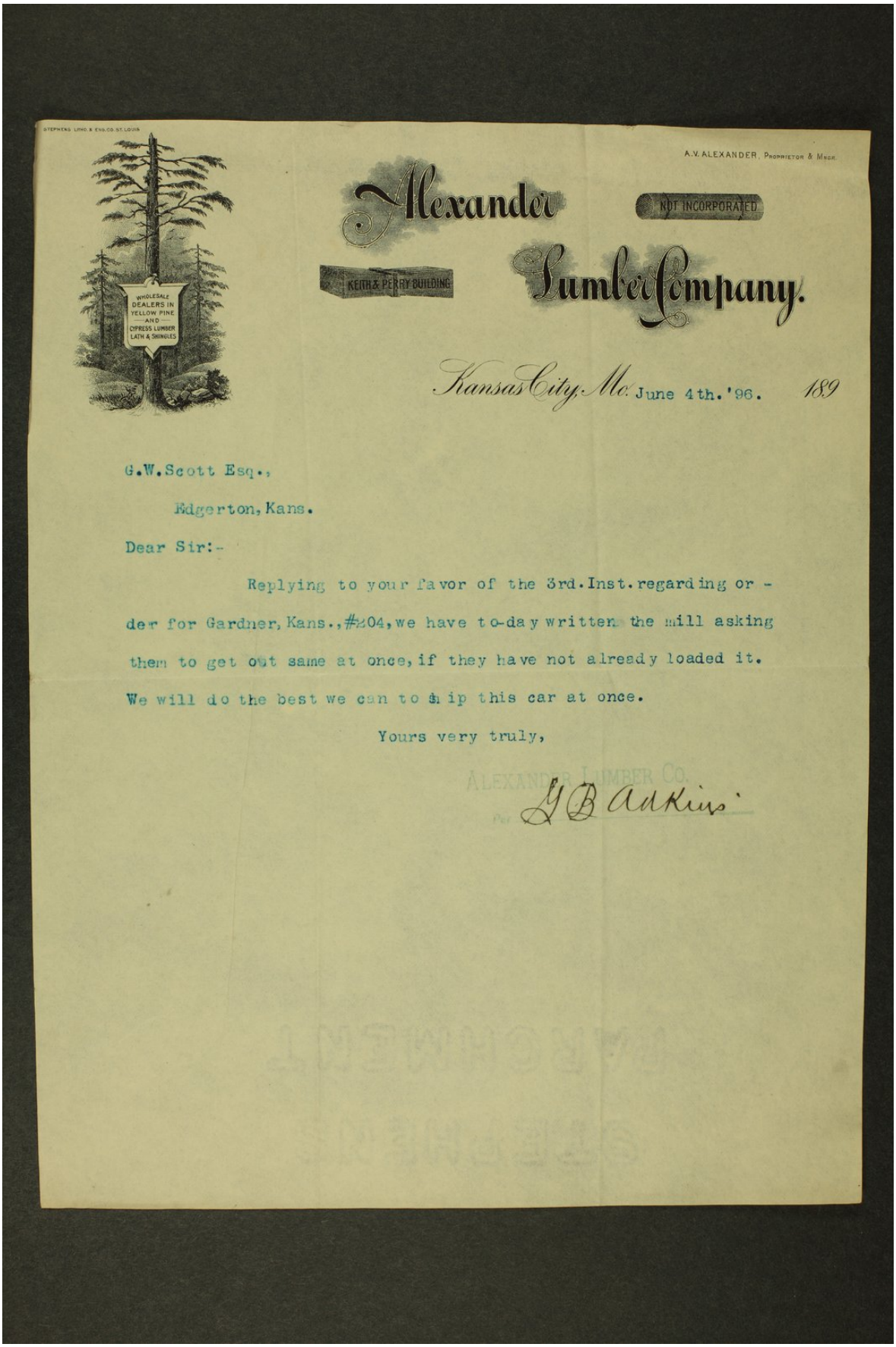
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KANSAS CITY, MO.,

I can do. You say if mine was the only one you had you would tear it up & say nothing. At same time you are far better off than I. You have the lot & all of your other property whereas I have dropped everything.

Yours
Frd A



STEPHENS LITHO. & ENG. CO. ST. LOUIS

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Lumber Company.

Kansas City, Mo. June 4th. '96. 189

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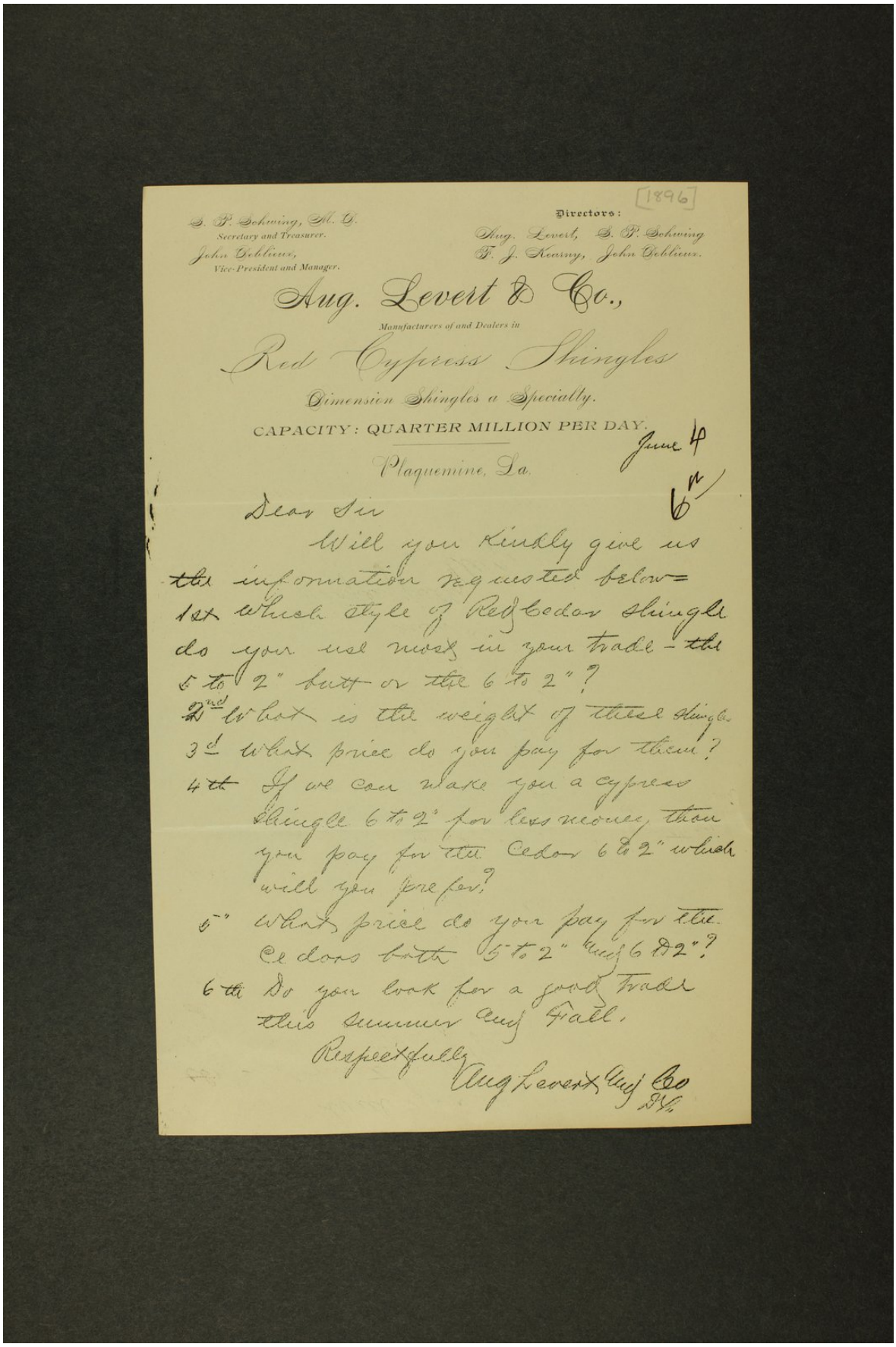
Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 3rd. Inst. regarding order for Gardner, Kans., #4204, we have to-day written the mill asking them to get out same at once, if they have not already loaded it. We will do the best we can to ship this car at once.

Yours very truly,

ALEXANDER LUMBER CO.

G B Adkins



[1896]

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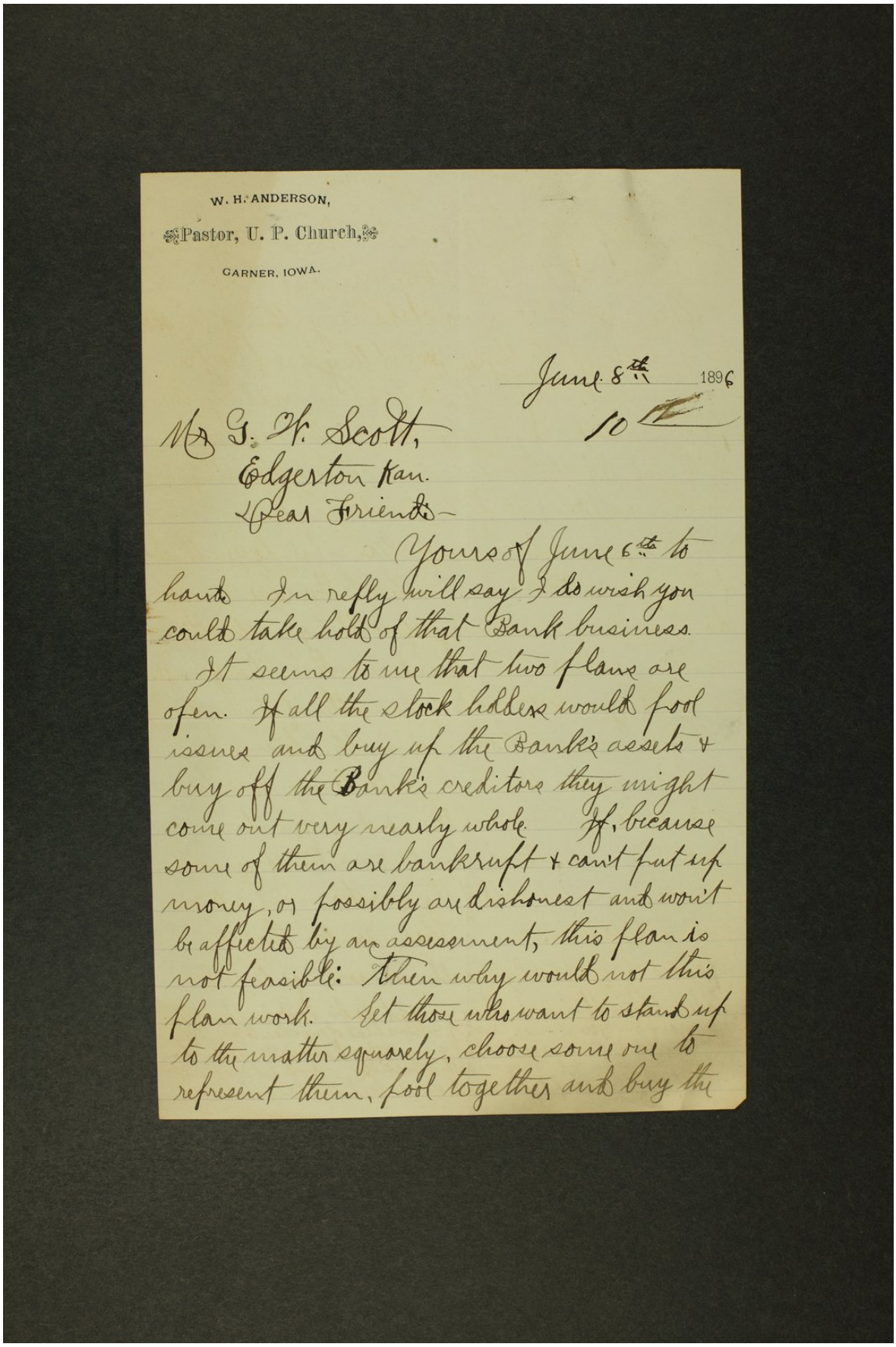
Plaquemine, La.

June 4
6th

Dear Sir

Will you kindly give us the information requested below=
1st which style of Red Cedar shingle do you use most in your trade - the 5 to 2" butt or the 6 to 2"?
2nd what is the weight of these shingles
3d what price do you pay for them?
4th If we can make you a cypress shingle 6 to 2" for less money than you pay for the Cedar 6 to 2" which will you prefer?
5th what price do you pay for the Cedars both 5 to 2" and 6 to 2"?
6th Do you look for a good trade this summer and Fall.

Respectfully
Aug Levert & Co
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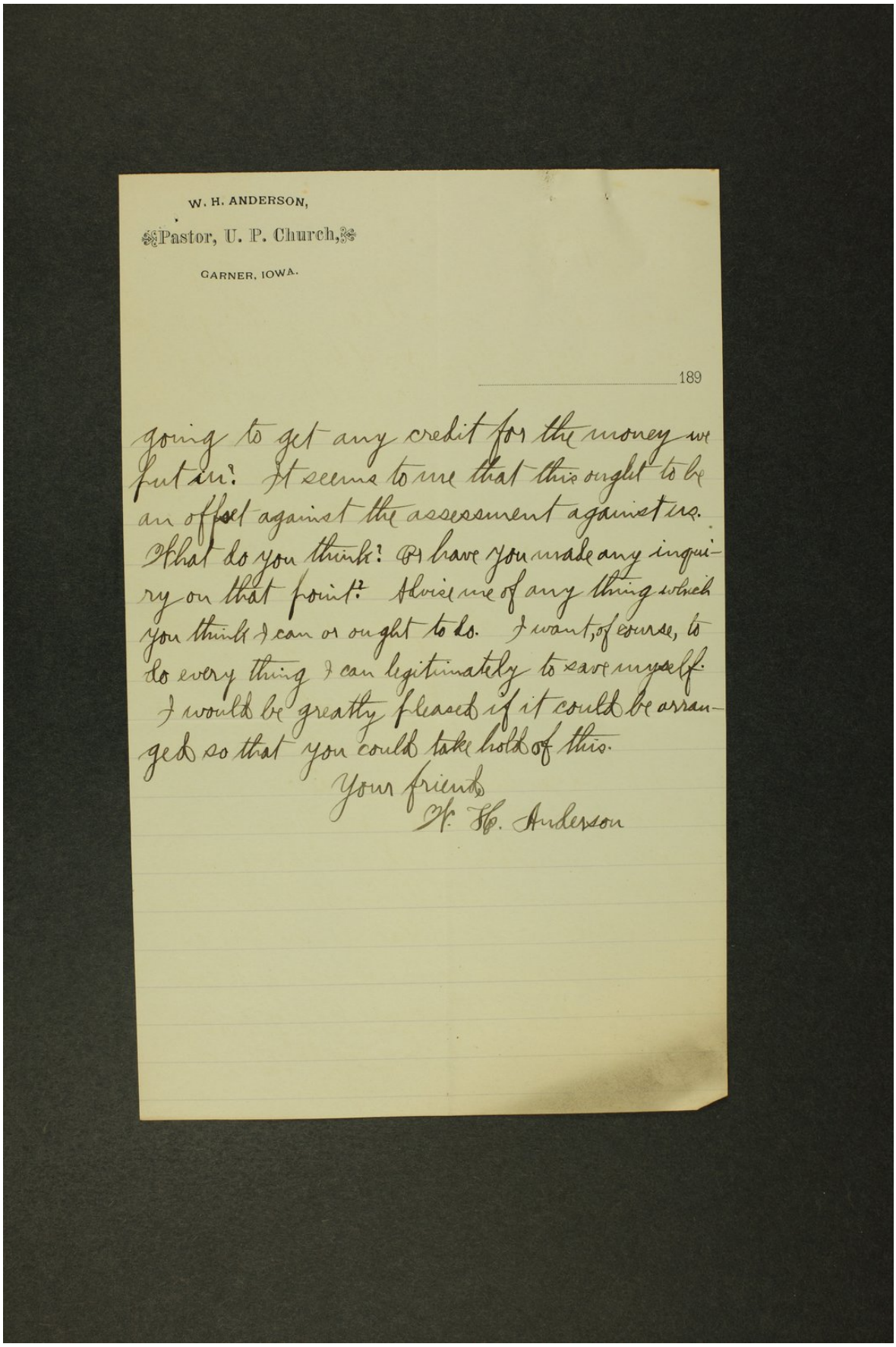
June 8th 1896

Mr G. W. Scott,
Edgerton Kan.
Dear Friend:-

Yours of June 6th to hand. In reply will say I do wish you could take hold of that Bank business.

It seems to me that two plans are open. If all the stock holders would pool issues and buy up the Bank's assets & buy off the Bank's creditors they might come out very nearly whole. If, because some of them are bankrupt & can't put up money, or possibly are dishonest and won't be affected by an assessment, this plan is not feasible: then why would not this plan work. Let those who want to stand up to the matter squarely, choose some one to represent them, pool together and buy the

Bank's fafer on the best terms they can and then get what they can out of it.
Those who can't or won't do any thing, ought not to object to this. For if they are free from assessment (being out of the way of the law) they will do just as well by this plan as by any. My idea in this case would be to just let the assessment come & then try & cover ourselves out of the Bank's assets.
If I have made myself clear, what do you think of this plan? Of course in this latter case we might do something in the way of settling with the Bank's creditors if we found ourselves strong enough.
Could you take hold of the matter if it were arranged? I have not written to any one as yet. Do you think it would do any good for me to write to Mr Townsend? And if you think I ought to write, what should I write? If you would be willing to take hold of the matter ought I to suggest that to him? That Banker that he speaks of certainly could not arrange to look after the affairs as they ought to be, looked after. Let me hear from you at once. Rev J. G. Morehead of our church owns this is interested to the same extent as I am. Mr Potter has 200 shares stock. I have not written them yet. They are both accessible. And let me ask are those who kept the bank on its feet the last time not



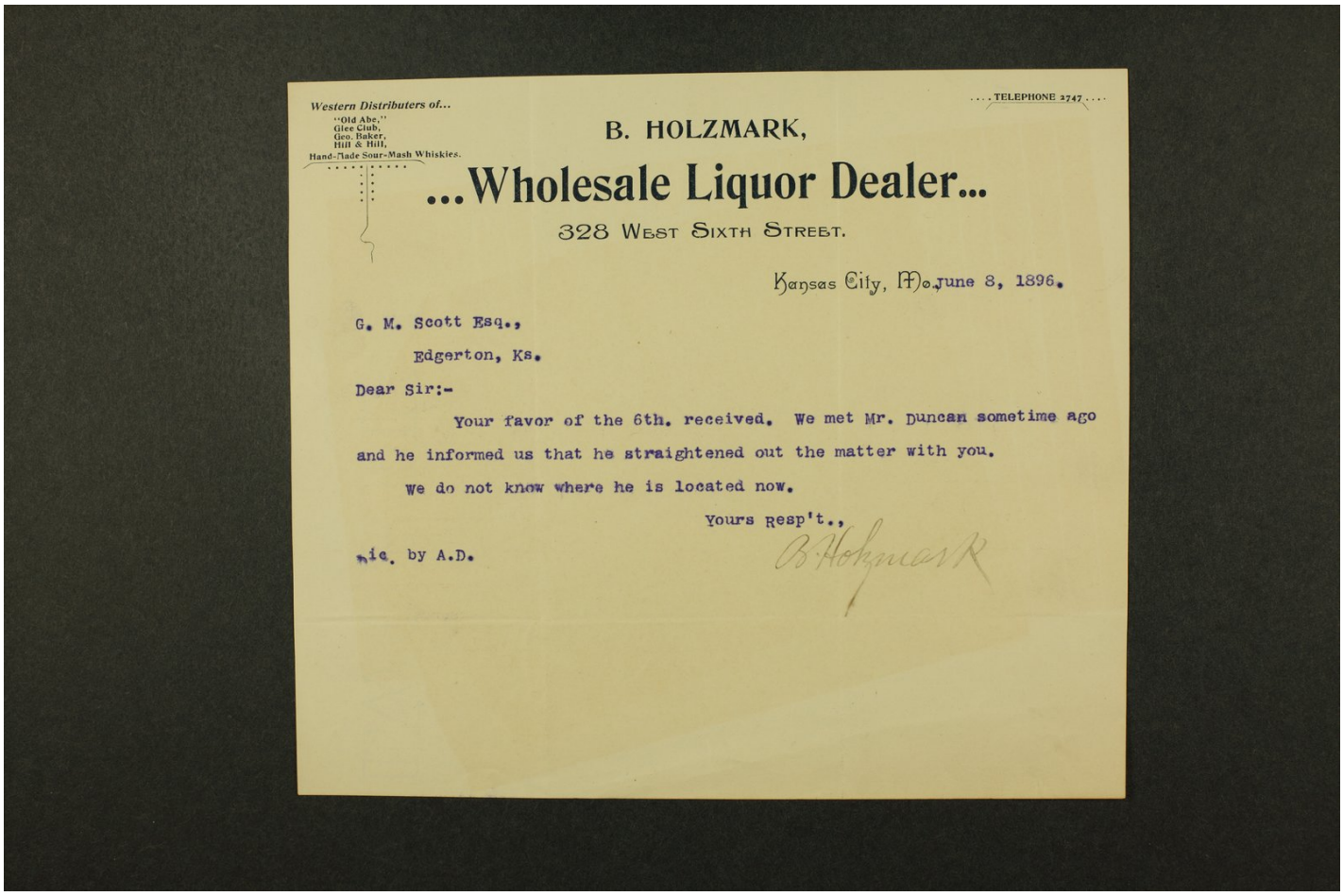
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going to get any credit for the money we put in? It seems to me that this ought to be an offset against the assessment against us. What do you think? Have you made any inquiry on that point? Advise me of any thing which you think I can or ought to do. I want, of course, to do every thing I can legitimately to save myself. I would be greatly pleased if it could be arranged so that you could take hold of this.

Your friend
W. H. Anderson

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Kansas City, Mo. June 8, 1896.

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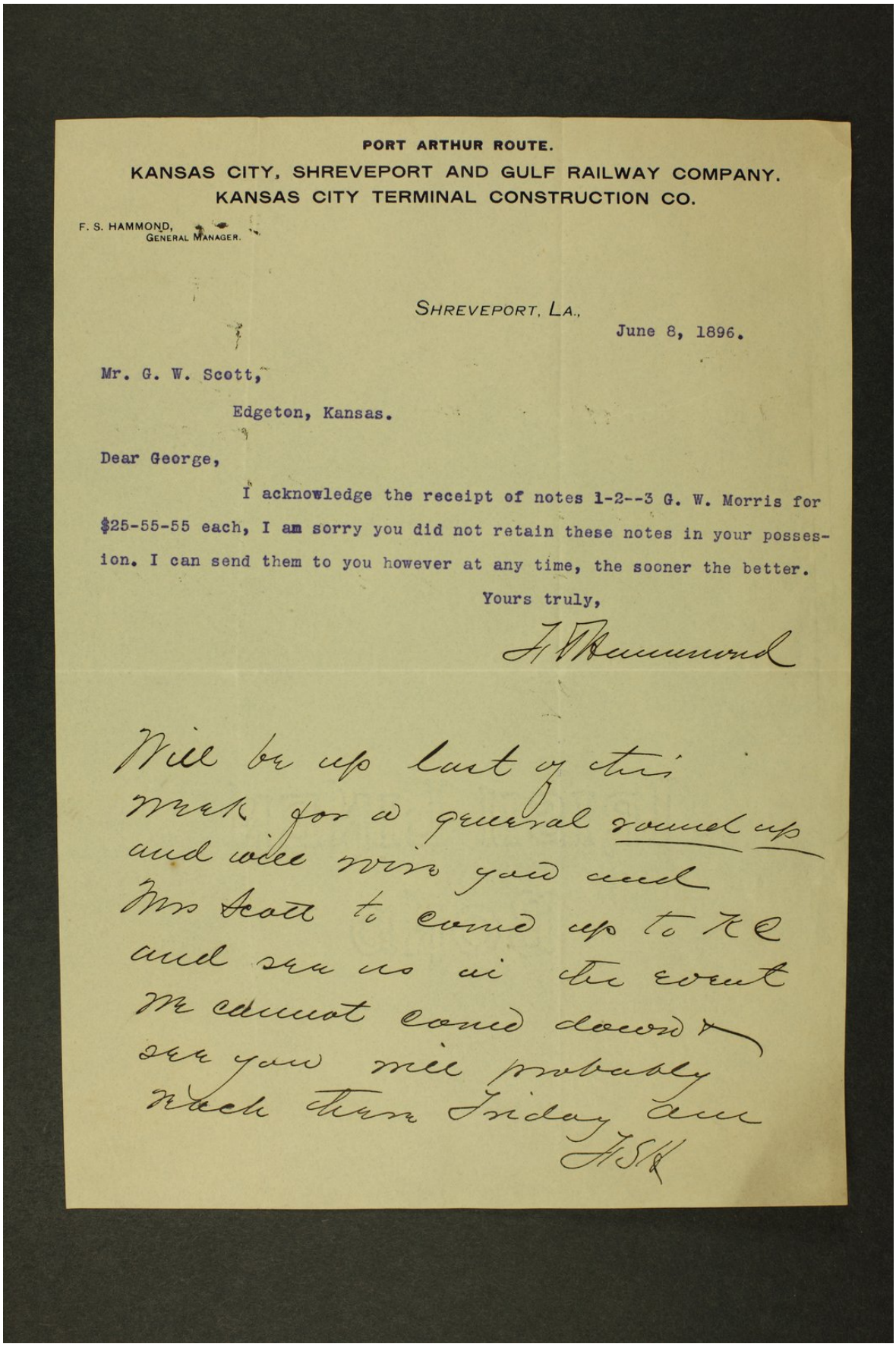
Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 6th. received. We met Mr. Duncan sometime ago and he informed us that he straightened out the matter with you.

We do not know where he is located now.

Yours Resp't.,
B. Holzmark

dic. by A.D.



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F. S. HAMMOND,
GENERAL MANAGER.

SHREVEPORT, LA.,
June 8, 1896.

Mr. G. W. Scott,

Edgeton, Kansas.

Dear George,

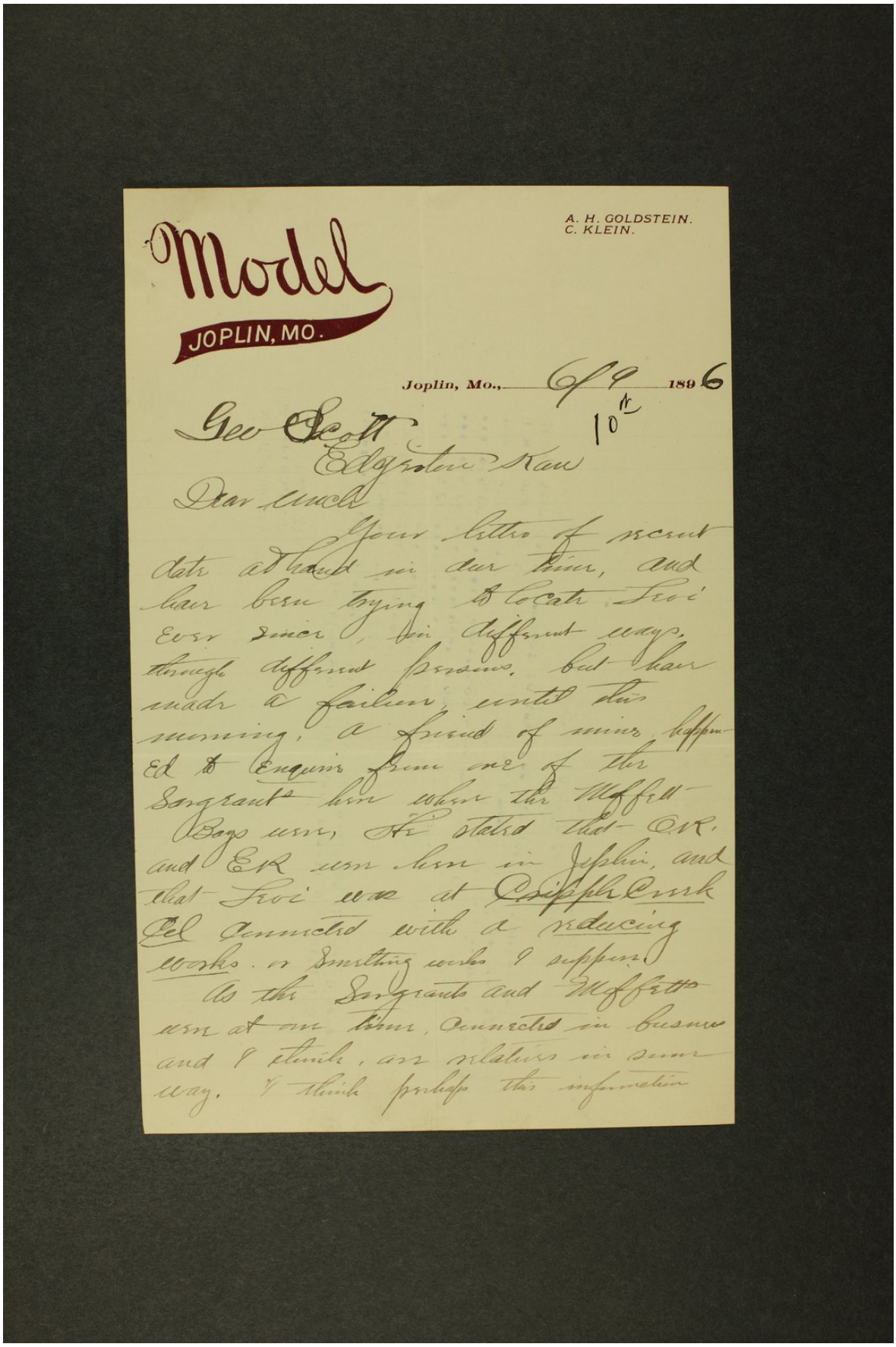
I acknowledge the receipt of notes 1-2--3 G. W. Morris for $25-55-55 each, I am sorry you did not retain these notes in your possession. I can send them to you however at any time, the sooner the better.

Yours truly,

F. S. Hammond

Will be up last of this week for a general round up and will see you and Mrs Scott to come up to KC and see us if the event we cannot come down & see you will probably reach there Friday am

F.S.H.



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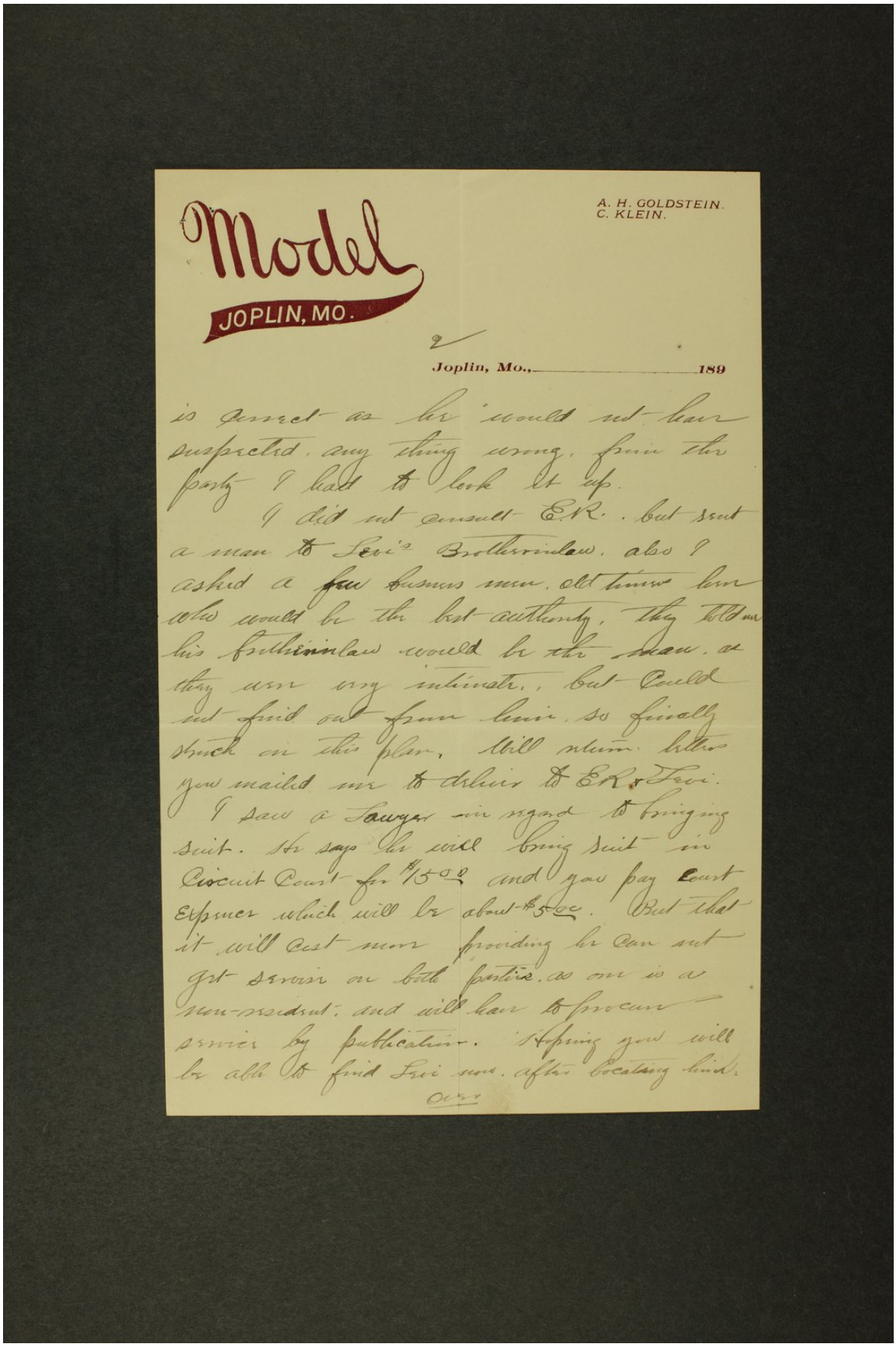
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Geo Scott 10th
Edgerton Kan

Dear Uncle

Your letter of recent date at hand in due time, and have been trying to locate Frei ever since, in different ways, through different persons, but have made a failure, until this morning, a friend of mine happened to enquire from one of the Sergeants here where the Moffetts boys were, he stated that O.K. and E.R. were here in Joplin, and that Frei was at Cripple Creek Col connected with a reducing works. or Smelting works I suppose.

As the Sergeants and Moffetts are at one time, connected in business and I think, are relatives in some way. I think perhaps this information



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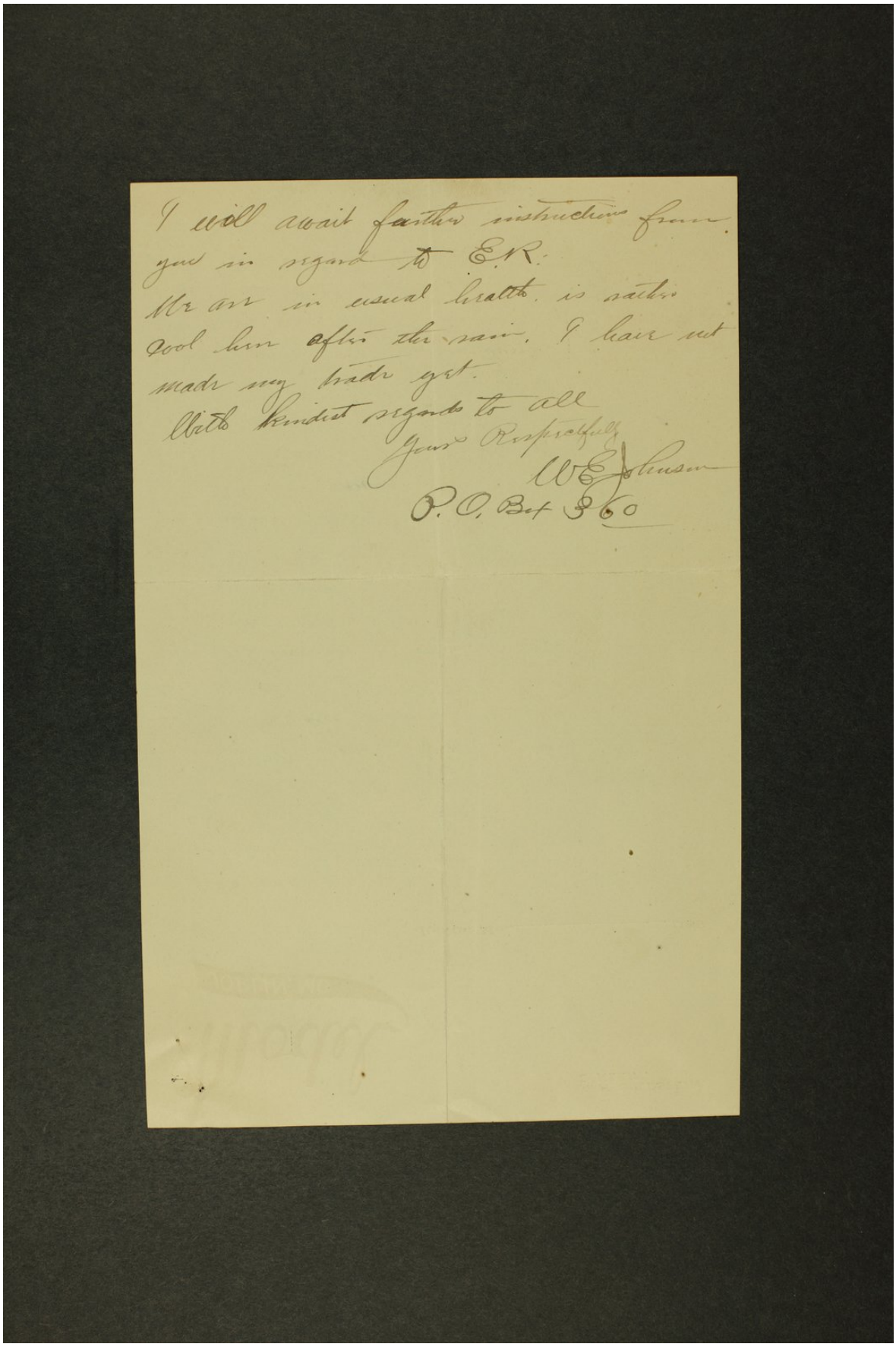
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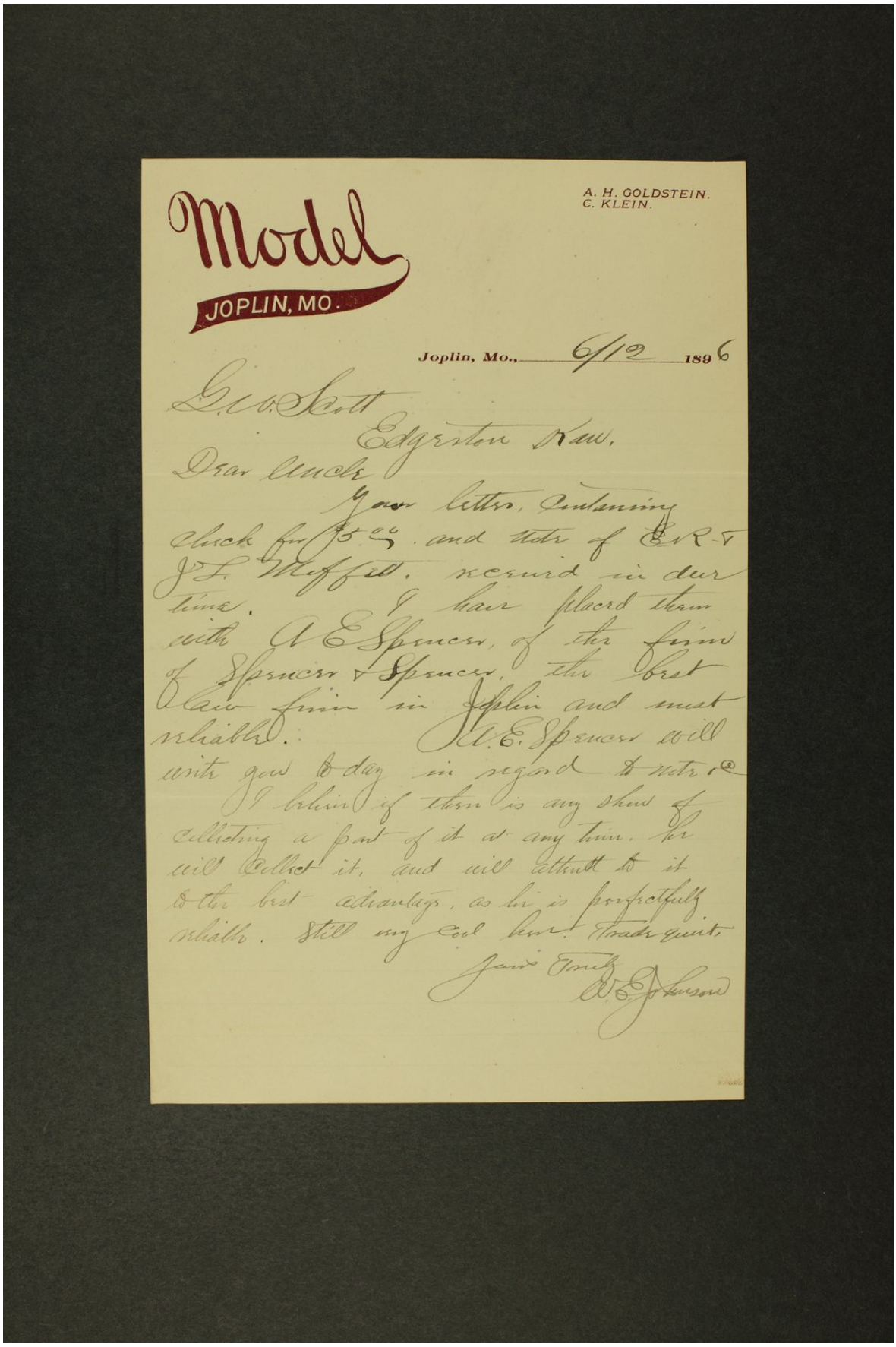
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is correct as he would not have
suspected any thing wrong from the
party I had to look it up.
I did not consult E.K. but sent
a man to Levi's Brotherinlaw. also I
asked a few business men. old timers here
who would be the best authority, they told me
his brotherinlaw would be the man. as
they were very intimate, but could
not find out from him. so finally
struck on this plan. Will return letter
you mailed me to Arthur & E.K. & Levi.
I saw a Lawyer in regard to bringing
suit. He says he will bring suit in
Circuit Court for $150.00 and you pay Court
Expenses which will be about $5.00. But that
it will cost more providing he can not
get service on both parties. as one is a
non-resident: and will have to procure
service by publication. Hoping you will
be able to find Levi soon. after locating him.

Over



I will await farther instructions from
you in regard to E.R.
We are in usual health. is nothing
good here after the rain. I have not
made my trade yet.
With kindest regards to all
Yours Respectfully
W E Johnson
P. O. Box 360



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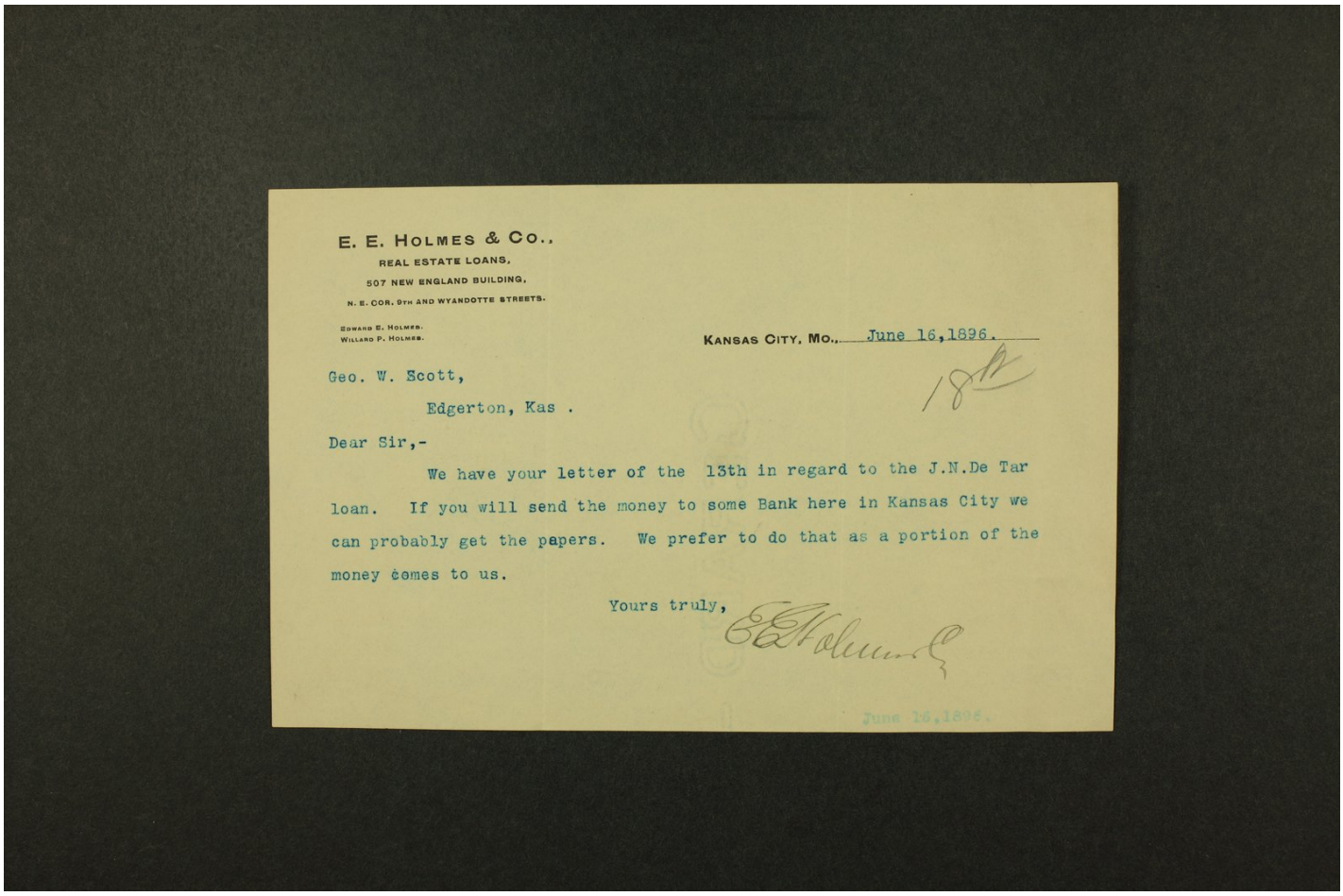
G. W. Scott
Edgerton Kan.

Dear Uncle

Your letter, containing check for $5.00 and note of C. R. & J. L. Moffett, received in due time. I have placed them with A. E. Spencer, of the firm of Spencer & Spencer, the best law firm in Joplin and most reliable. A. E. Spencer will write you today in regard to note. I believe if there is any show of collecting a part of it at any time, he will collect it, and will attend to it to the best advantage, as he is perfectly reliable. Still my end here. Trade quiet.

Yours truly
W. E. Johnson

George W. Scott papers



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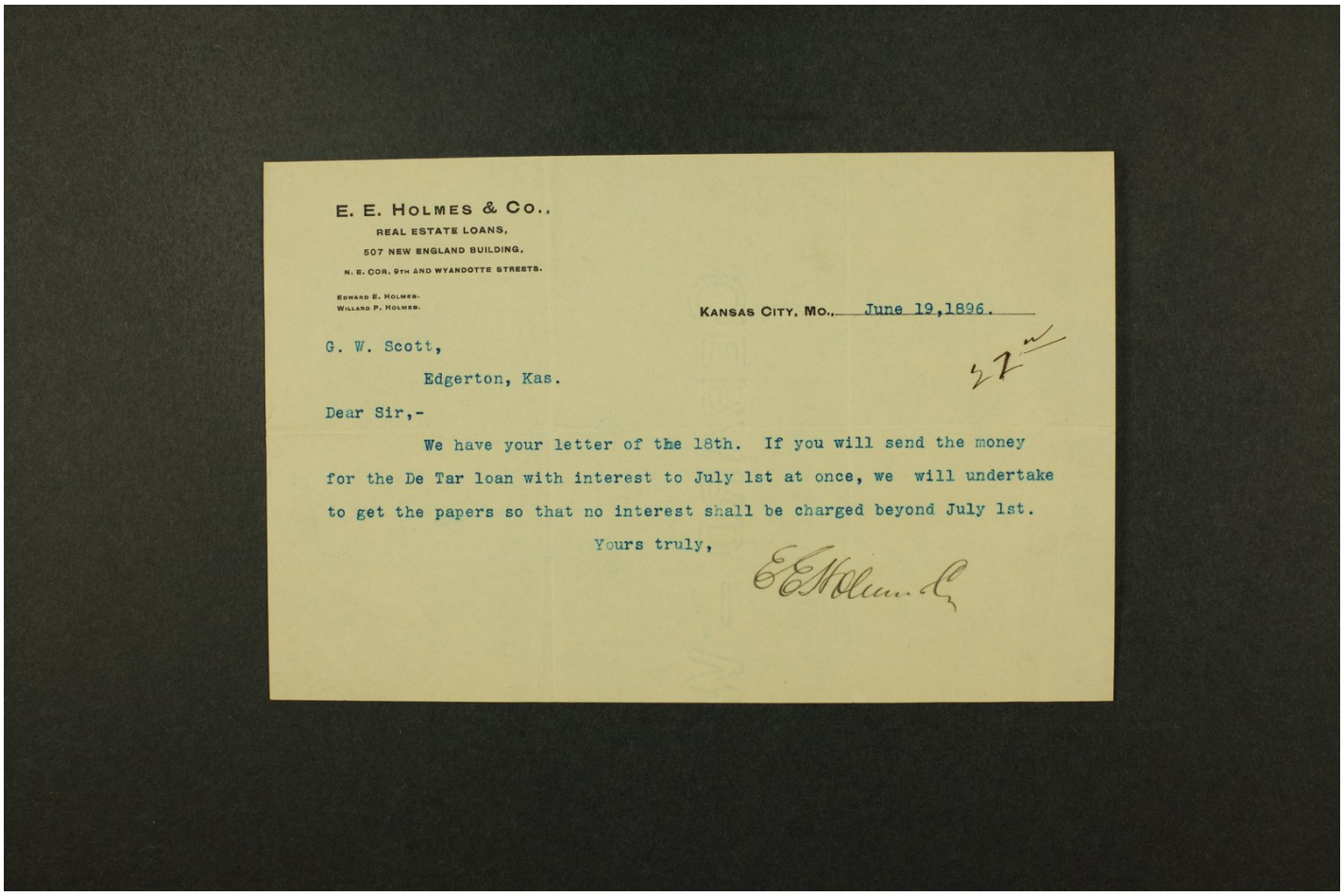
Dear Sir,-

We have your letter of the 13th in regard to the J.N.De Tar loan. If you will send the money to some Bank here in Kansas City we can probably get the papers. We prefer to do that as a portion of the money comes to us.

Yours truly,
E E Holmes

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KANSAS CITY, MO., June 19, 1896.

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G. W. Scott,
Edgerton, Kas.

Dear Sir,-

We have your letter of the 18th. If you will send the money for the De Tar loan with interest to July 1st at once, we will undertake to get the papers so that no interest shall be charged beyond July 1st.

Yours truly,

E E Holmes & Co