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

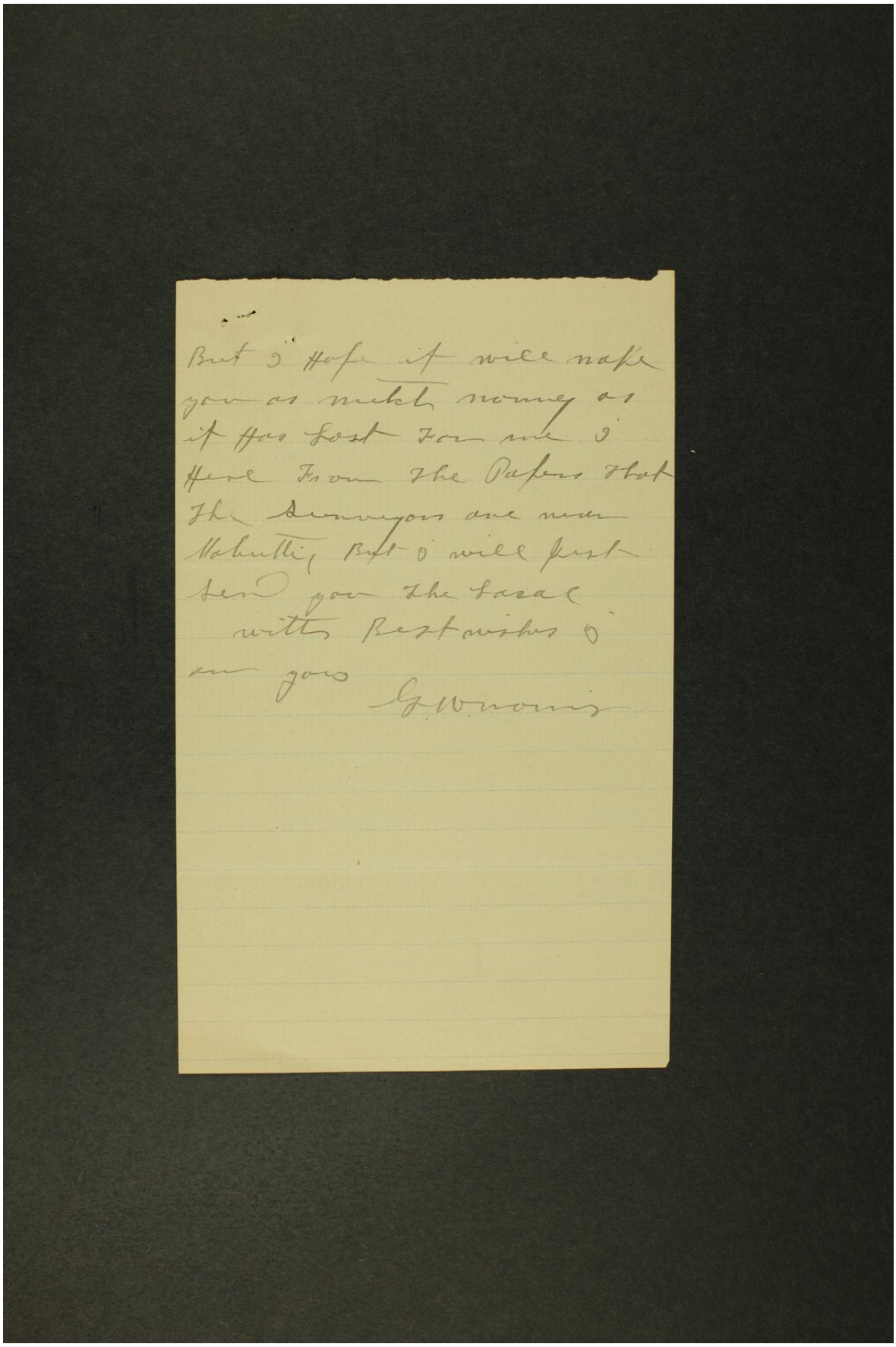
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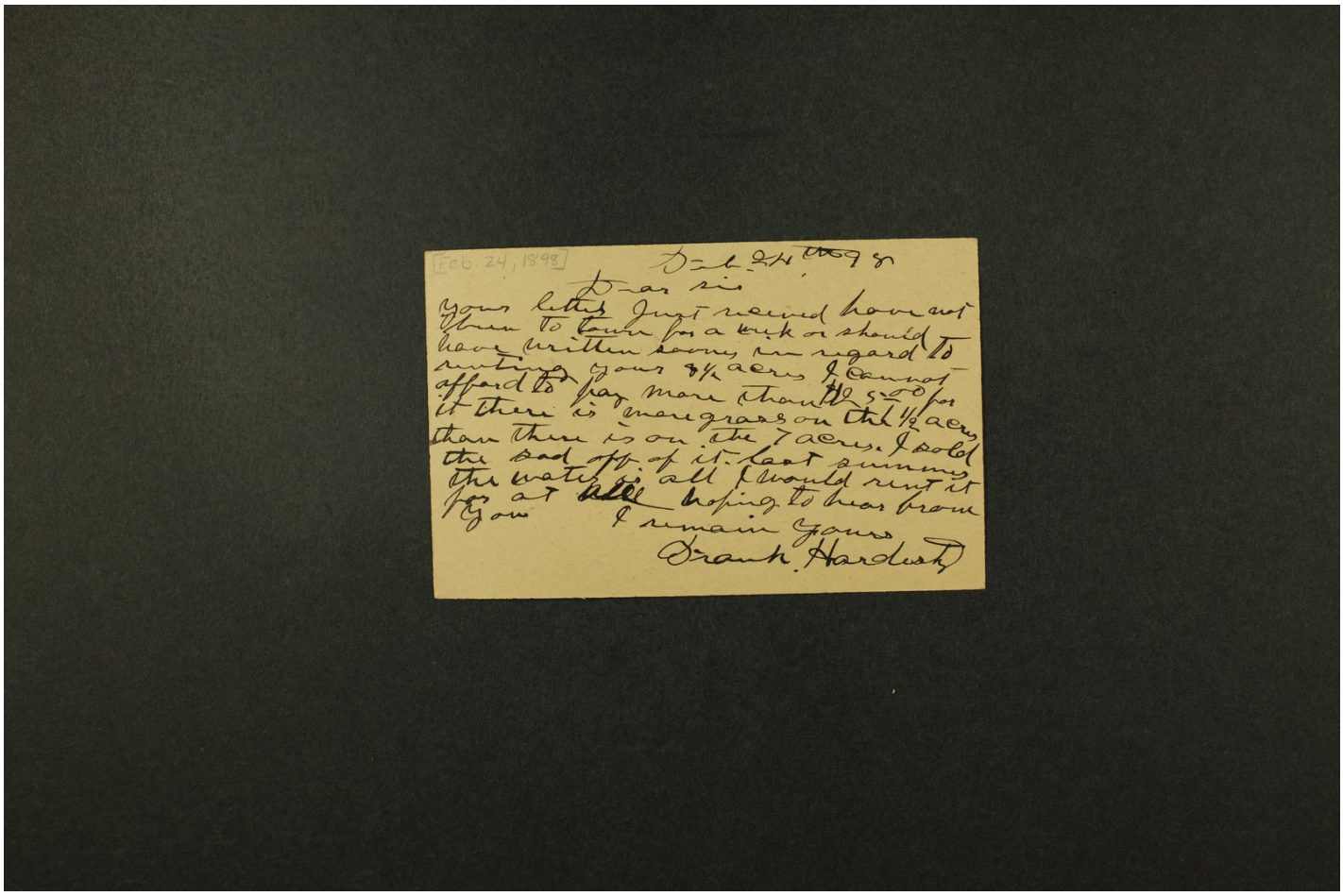
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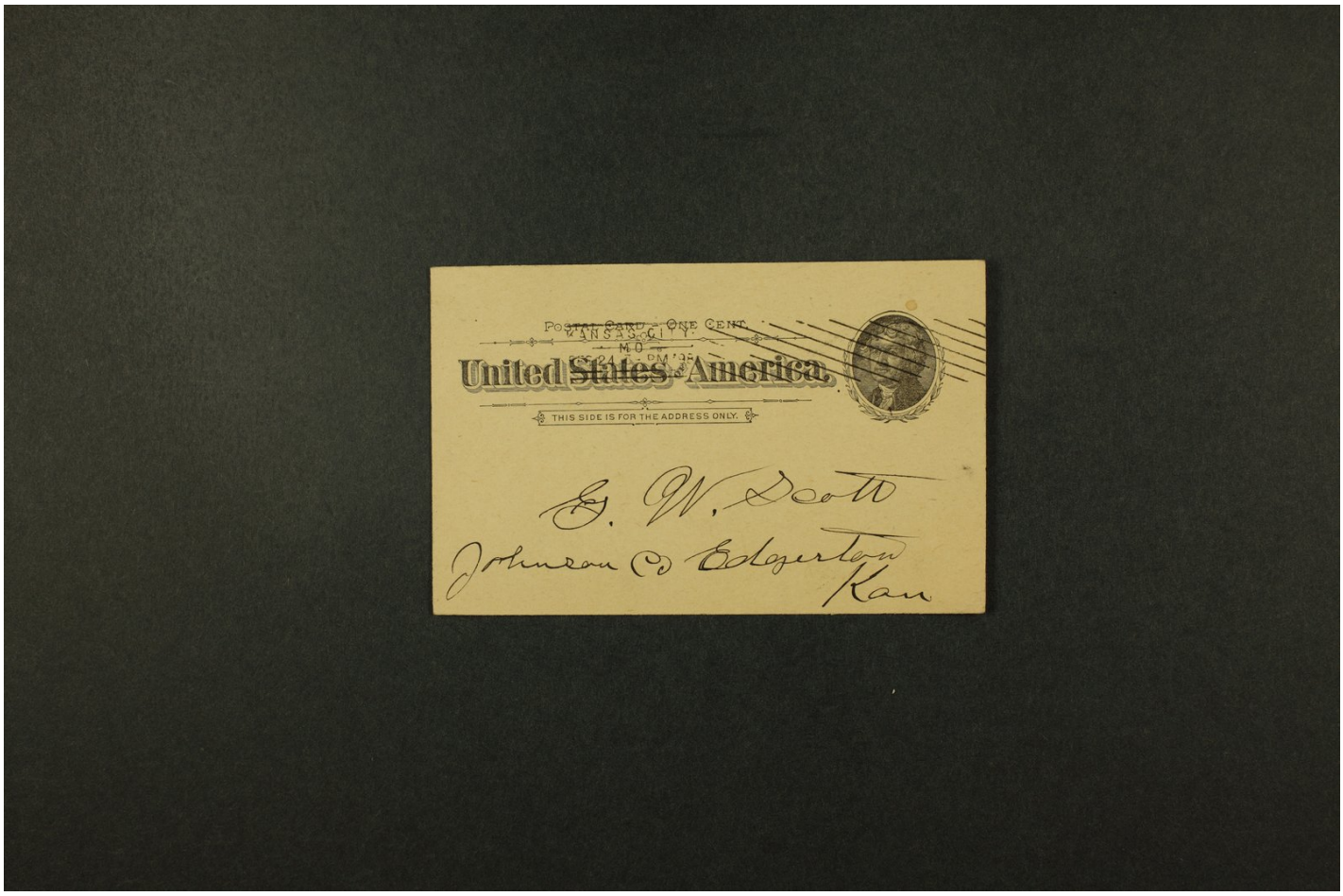


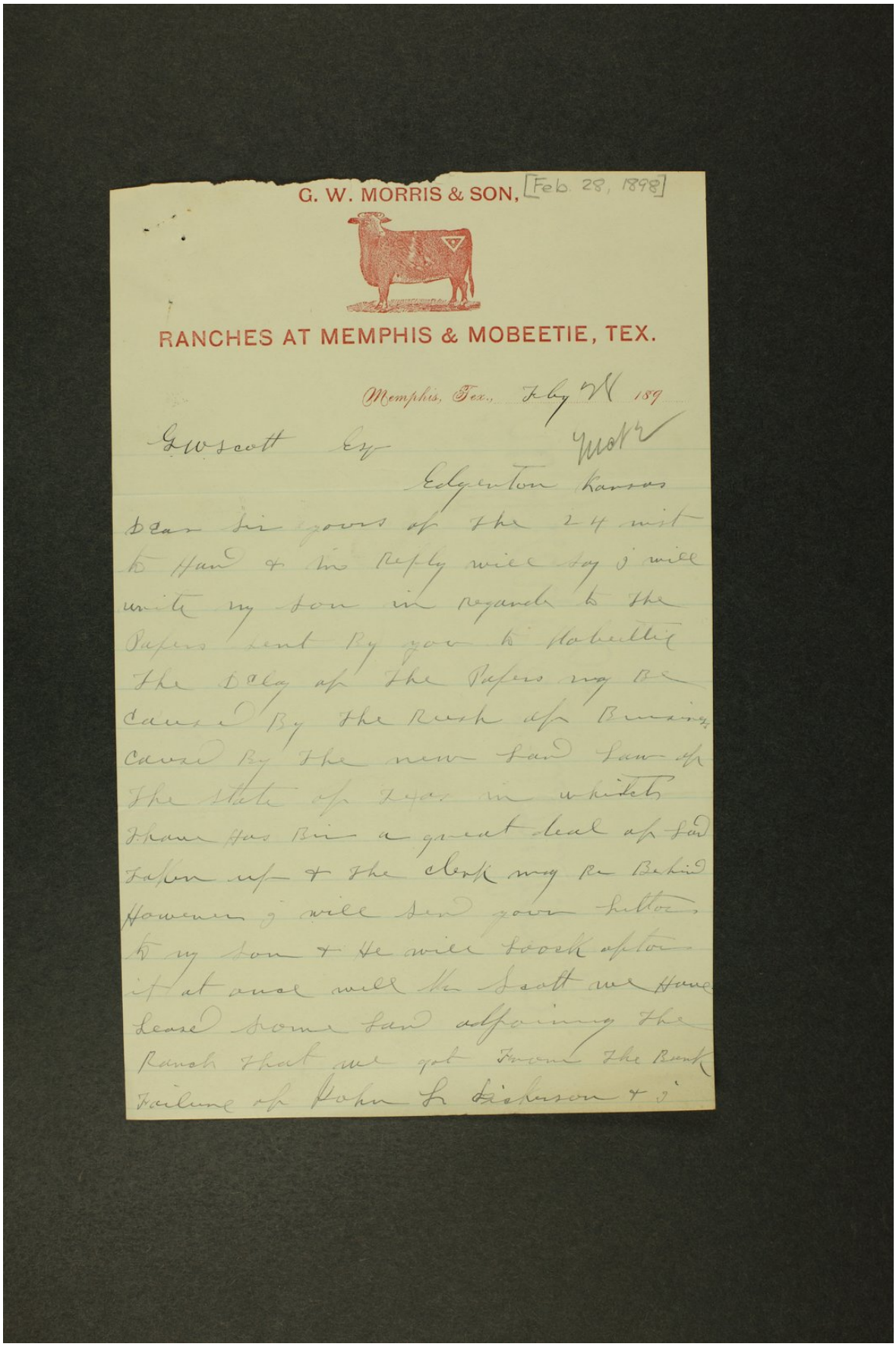
But I Hope it will make
you as much money as
it has cost me I
Here From the Papers that
the Surveyors are near
Nobuttig But I will Just
send you the Sasal
with Best wishes I
am yours
G. W. Scott

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G. W. MORRIS & SON, [Feb. 28, 1898]

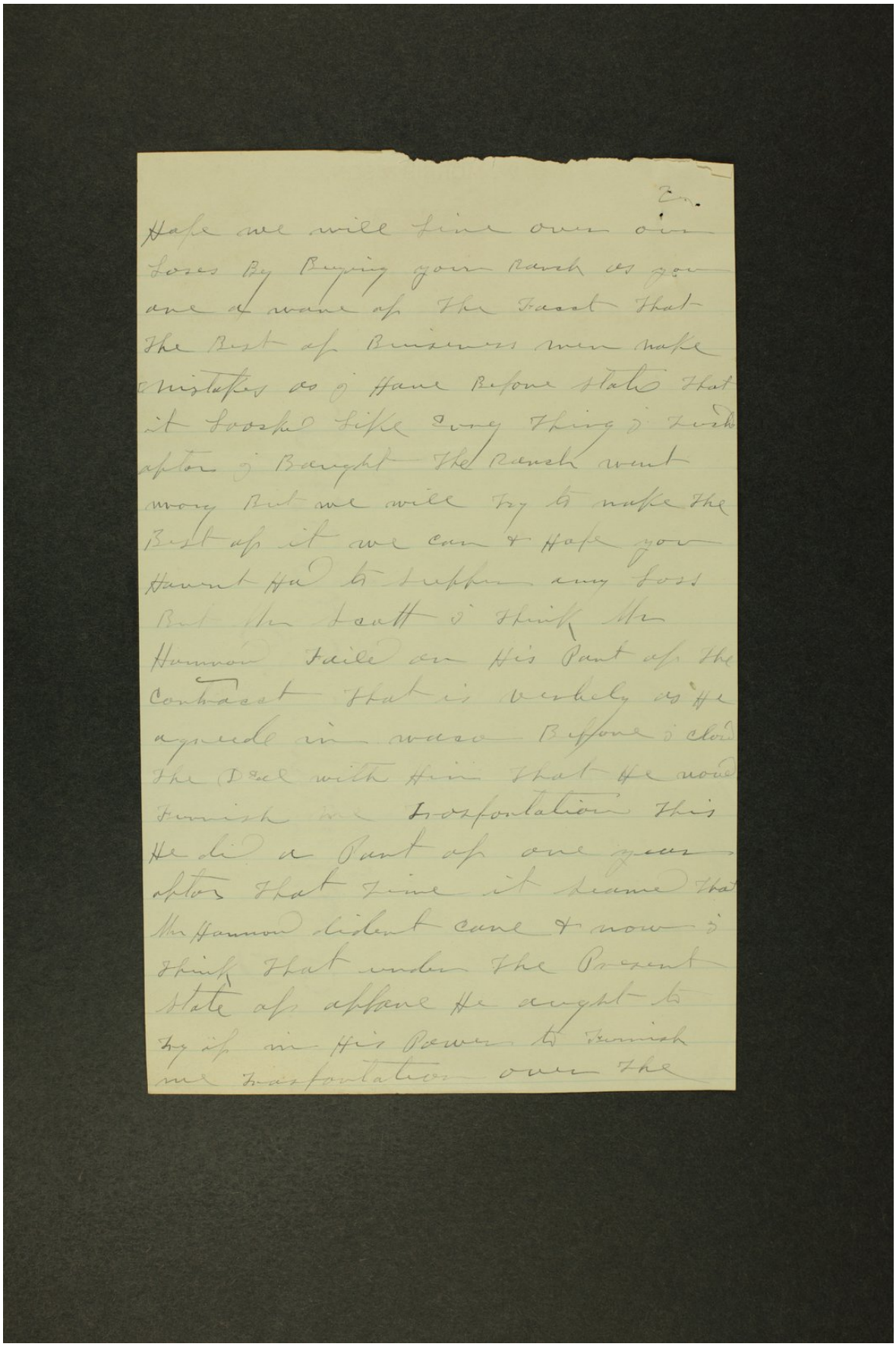
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G W Scott Esq

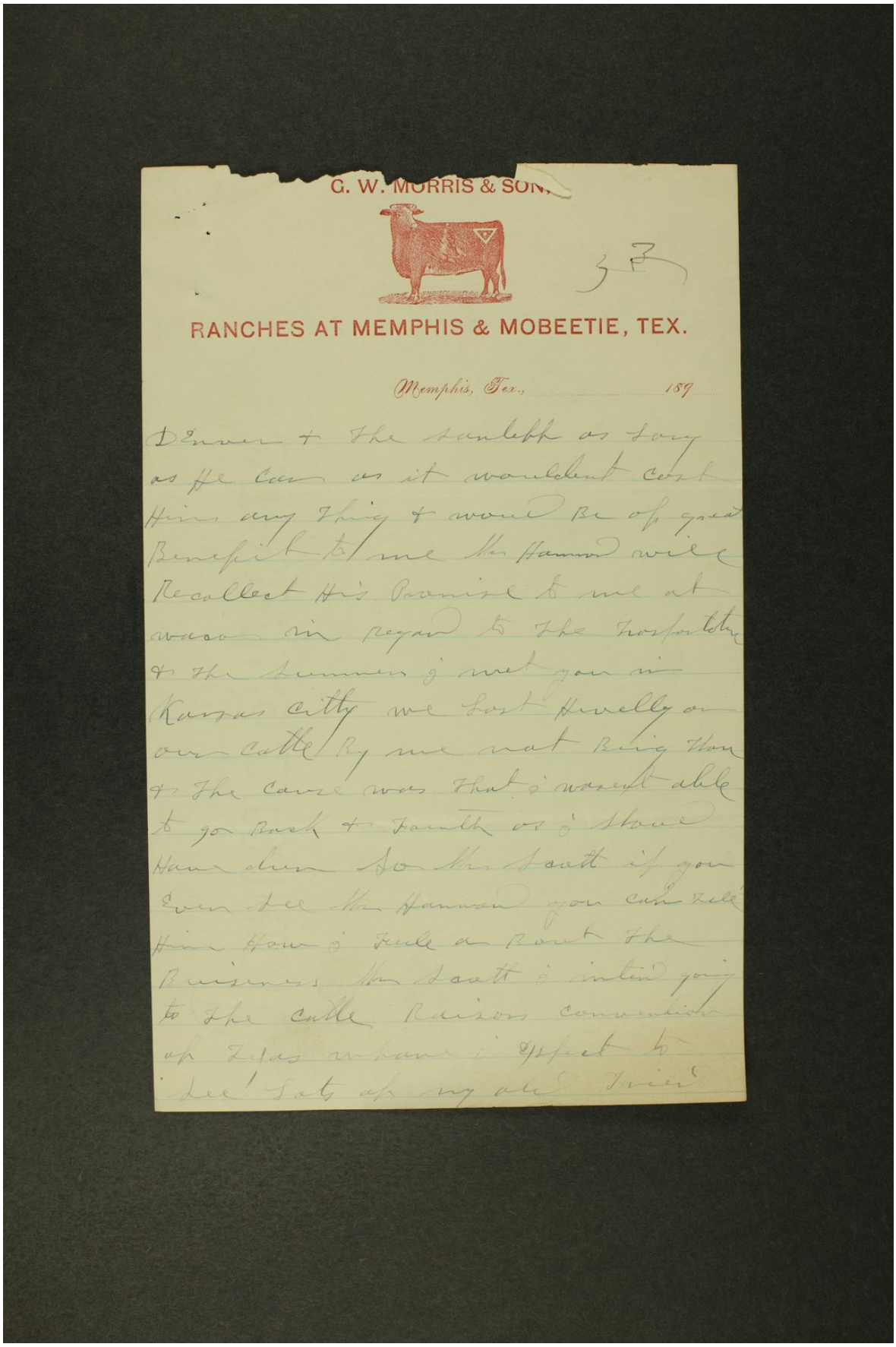
Edgerton Kansas

Dear Sir yours of the 24 inst
to hand & in reply will say I will
write my son in regards to the
Papers sent By you & Rabellie
the Delay of the Papers may Be
Caused By the Rush of Business
Caused By the new land Law of
the State of Texas in which
there has Been a great deal of Land
Taken up & the clerk may Be Behind
However I will send your letter
to my son & he will look after
it at once will Mr Scott our Home
Lease some land adjoining the
Ranch that we got From The Bank
Failure of John L Dickerson & I



En.

Hope we will Find our
Loses By Buying your Ranch as you
are aware of The Fact That
The Best of Business men make
mistakes as I Have Before Stated That
it looked like Every Thing I Took
after I Bought The Ranch went
wrong But we will try to make the
Best of it we can & Hope you
Haven't Had to Suffer any Loss
But the truth I think Mr
Hannon Failed on His Part of the
Contract That is verbely as He
agreed in case Before I close
The Deal with him that He would
Furnish the Transportation This
He did a Part of one year
after That time it seemed that
Mr Hannon dident care & now I
think That under the Present
State of affairs he ought to
try if in his Power to Furnish
me Transportation over the

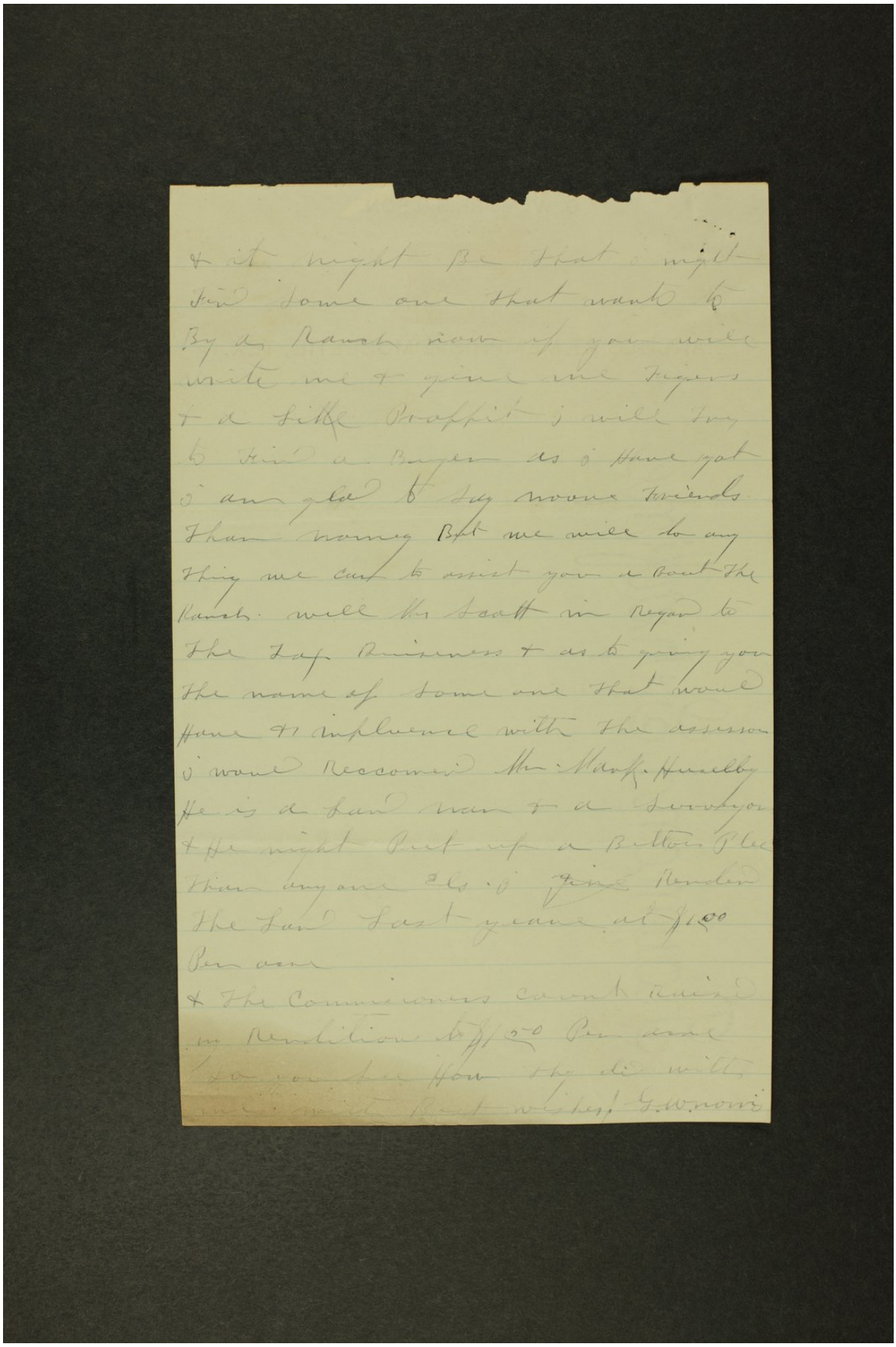


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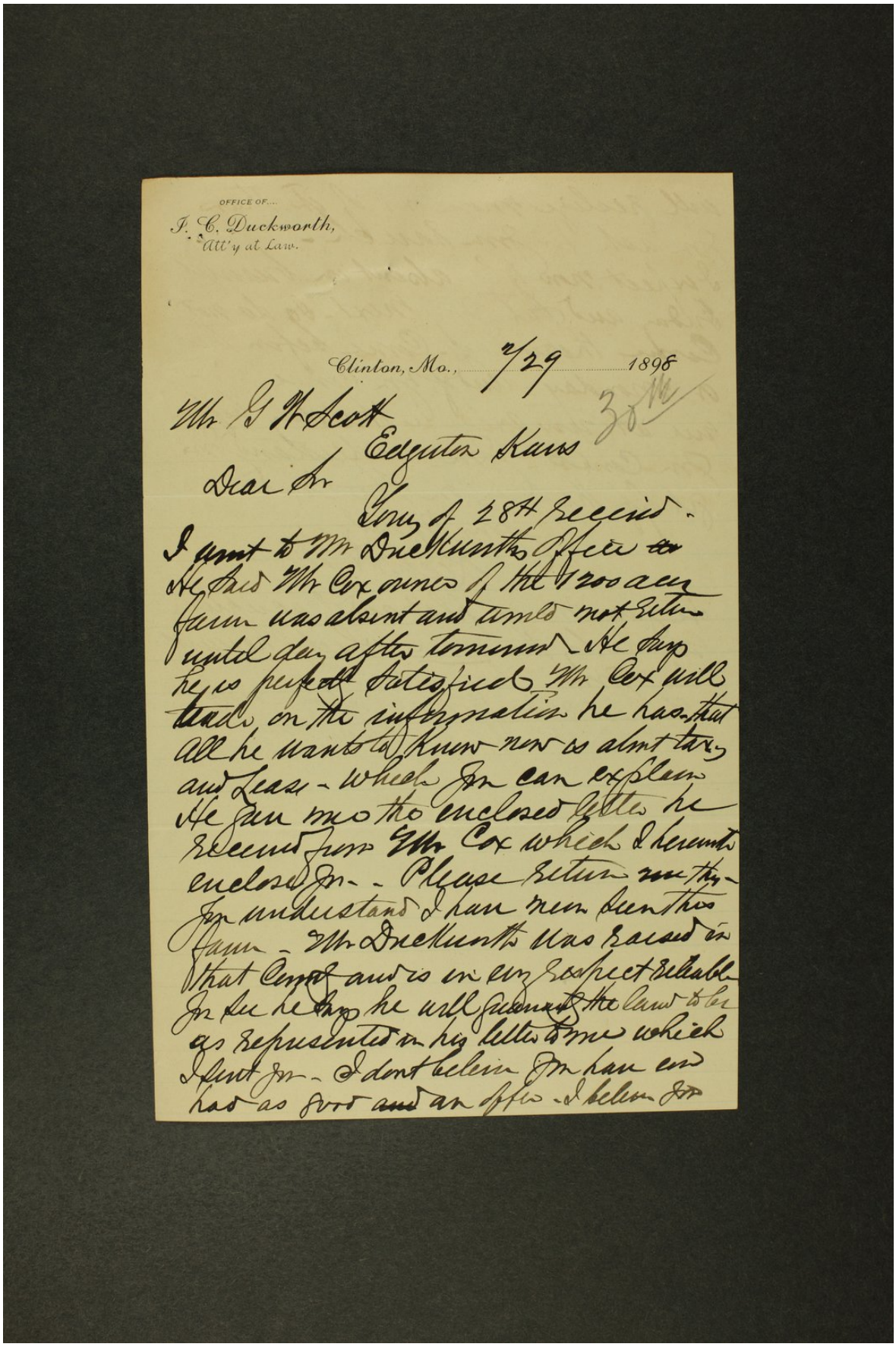
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Dear Friend & Brother as long as he can as it wouldent cost him any thing & would be of great benefit to me the Hannon will recollect his promise to me at once in regard to the trespassers & the summer I met you in Kansas city we lost heavily on our cattle by me not being there & the cause was that I wasnt able to go back & forth as I have been so the last if you ever see the Hannon you can tell him how I feel about the business the last I intend going to the cattle raisers convention up Texas and have a speech to deliver Lots of my old friends



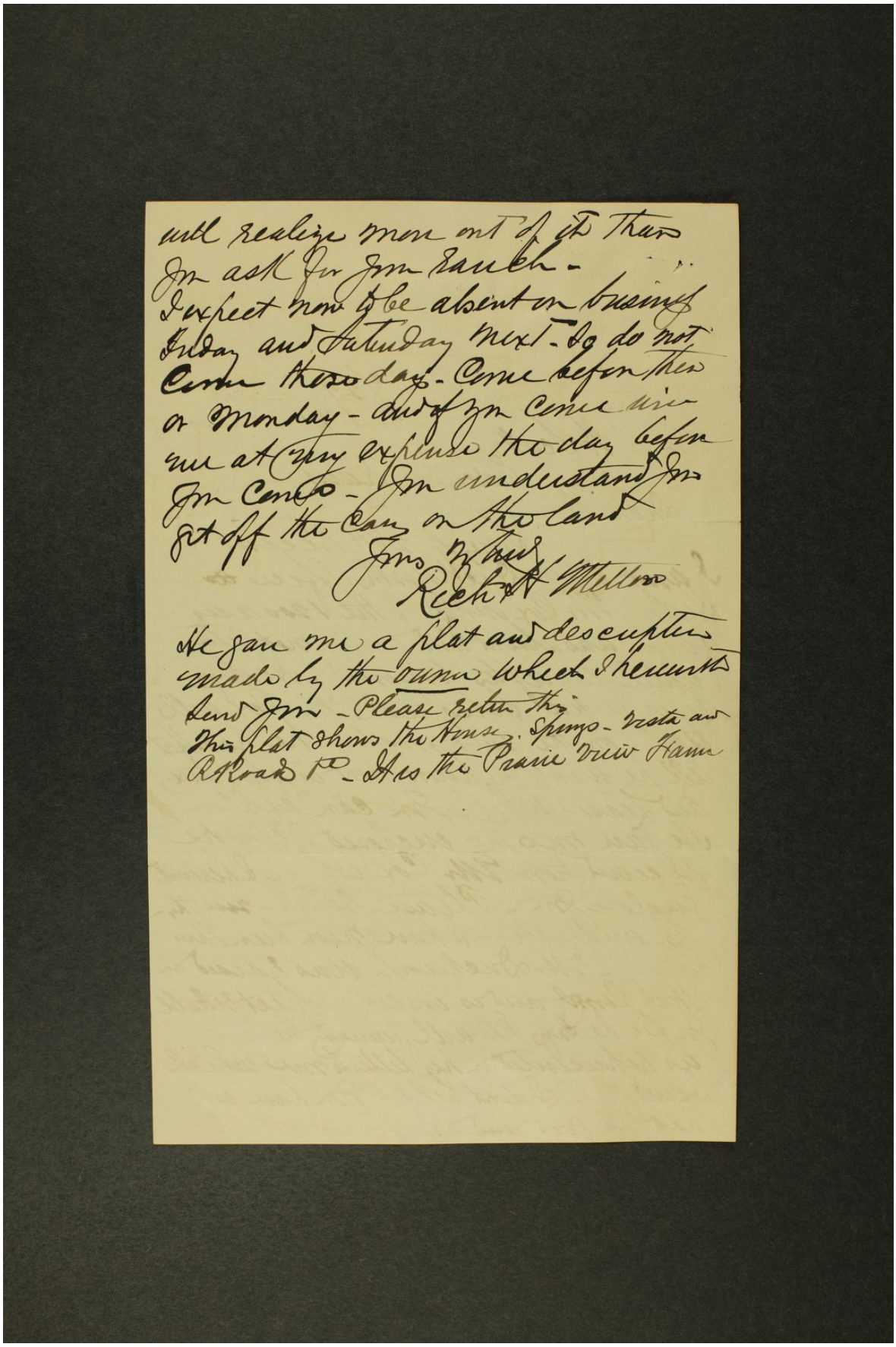
& it might be that i might find some one that want to By a Ranch now if you will write me & give me figers & a little Profit i will try to find a Buyer as i have got i am glad to say more friends than money But me will do any thing me can to assist you a bout the Ranch. will Mr Scott in Regard to the Law Business & as to giving you the name of some one that would have a influence with the assessor i would Recomend Mr Mark. Hanby He is a Land man & a Surveyor & he might Put up a better Plea than any one else. i have Rented the Land last year at $1.00 Per acre & the Commissioners Court raised it Rendition to $1.50 Per acre I do not see how they do with [illegible] Best wishes G.W. Scott



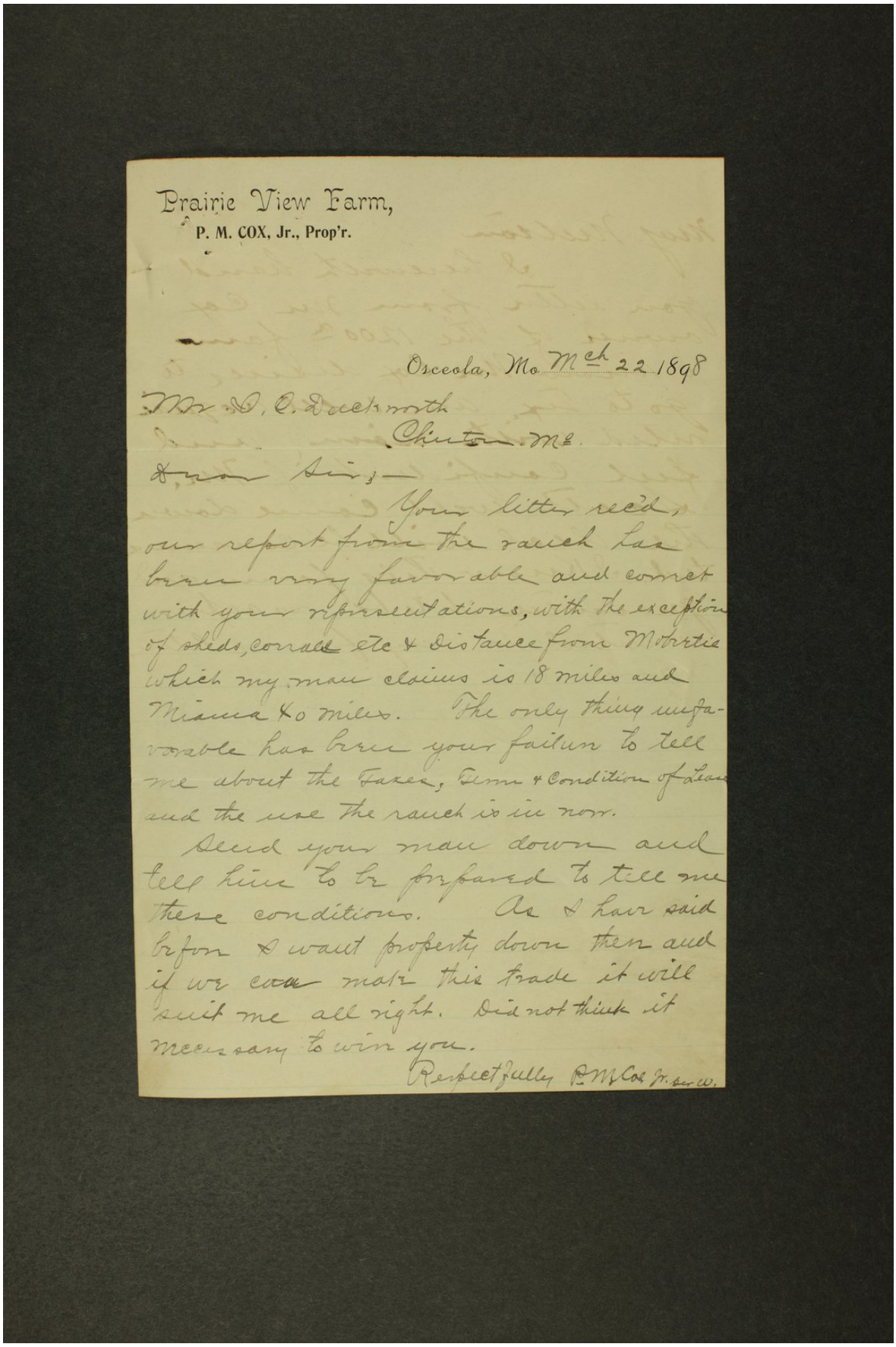
OFFICE OF...
J. C. Duckworth,
Att'y at Law.

Clinton, Mo., 7/29 1898

Mr G W Scott
Edgerton Kans
Dear Sir
Yours of 28th received.
I sent to Mr Dieckmanns office as he said Mr Cox owned the 200 acre farm was absent and would not return until day after tomorrow. He says he is perfectly satisfied Mr Cox will trade on the information he has that all he wants to know now is about taxes and Leas - which you can explain. He gave me the enclosed letter he received from Mr Cox which I herewith enclose you. - Please return me the - You understand I have never seen this farm - Mr Dieckmanns was raised in that County and is in every respect reliable. You see he says he will guarantee the land to be as represented in his letter to me which I sent you. - I dont believe you have ever had as good and an offer - I believe you



will realize more out of it than
you ask for your Ranch -
I expect now to be absent on business
Friday and Saturday next - so do not
come those days - Come before then
or Monday - and if you come drive
me at your expense the day before
you come - You understand you
get off the cars on the land
Yours Truly
Richard Mellon
He gave me a plat and description
made by the owner which I herewith
send you - Please return this
This plat shows the House - Spring - roads and
R Road P.O. - Also the Prairie View Farm



Prairie View Farm,
P. M. COX, Jr., Prop'r.

Osceola, Mo March 22 1898

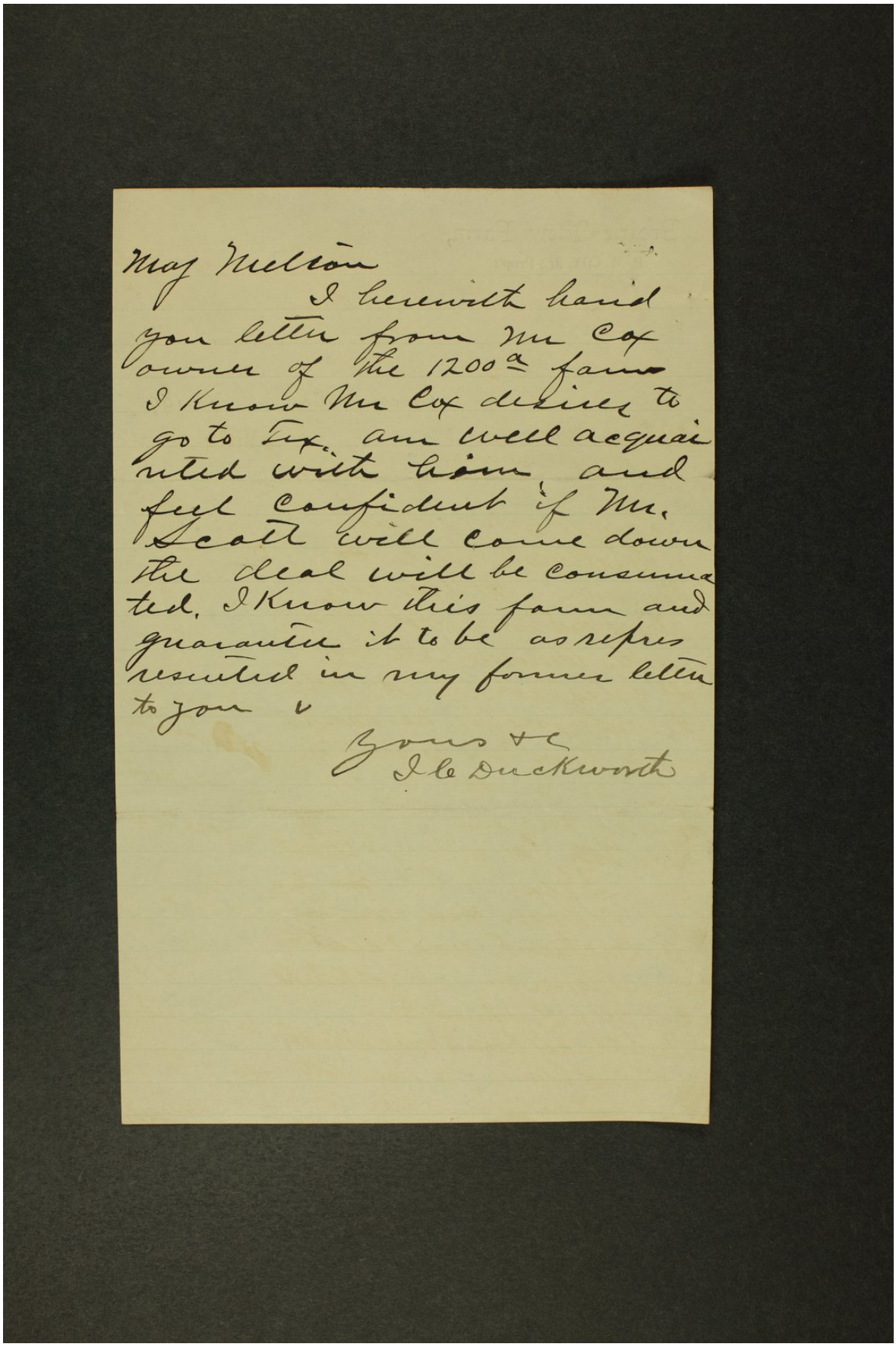
Mr. A. C. Duckworth
Clinton Mo.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter rec'd, our report from the ranch has been very favorable and correct with your representations, with the exception of sheds, corrals etc & distance from Morris which my man claims is 18 miles and Miama 40 miles. The only thing unfavorable has been your failure to tell me about the Taxes, Title & Condition of lease and the use the ranch is in now.

Send your man down and tell him to be prepared to tell me these conditions. As I have said before I want property down there and if we can make this trade it will suit me all right. Did not think it necessary to write you.

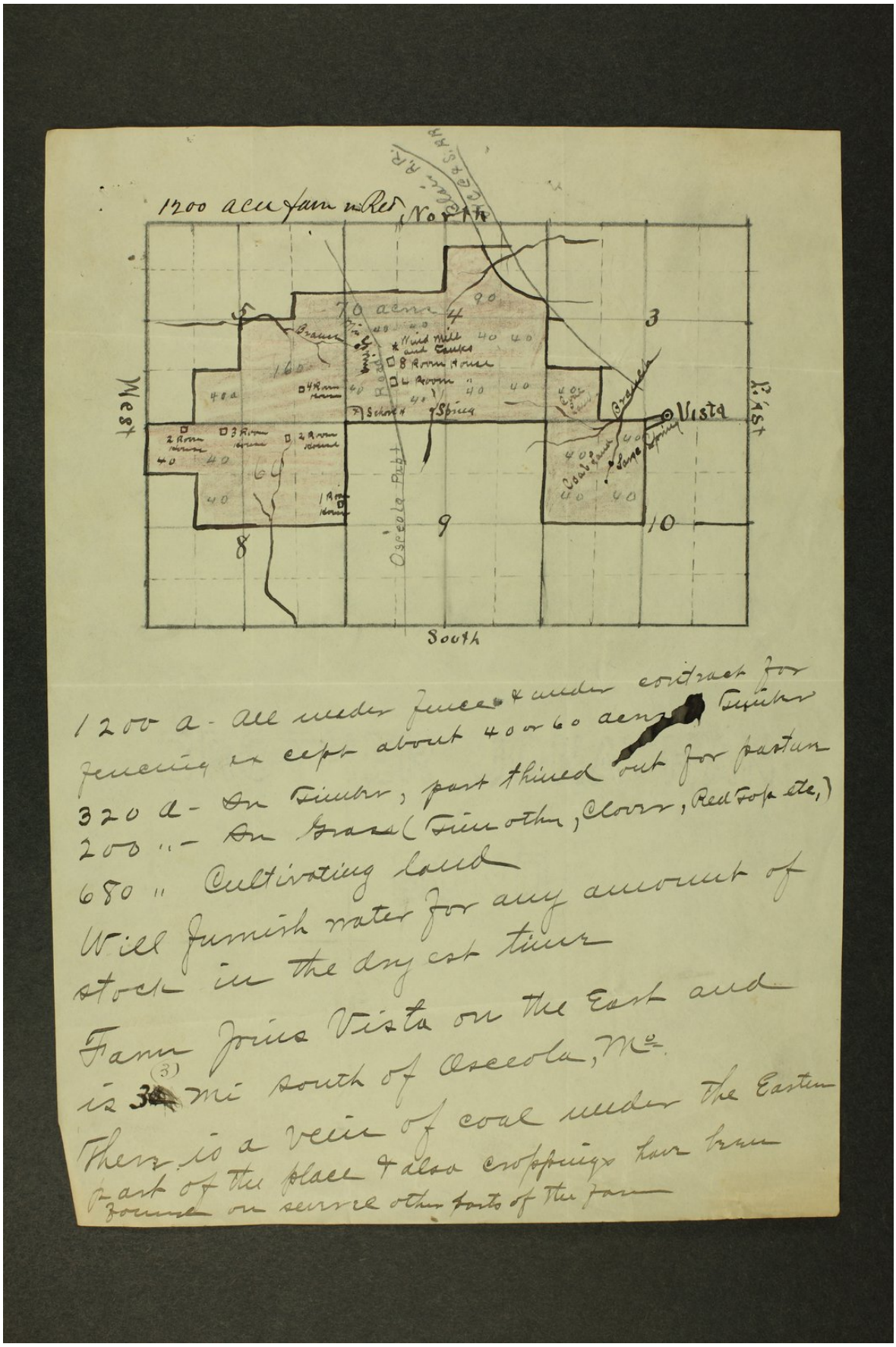
Respectfully P. M. Cox Jr. per W.



May Nelson

I herewith hand you letter from Mr Cox owner of the 1200a farm I know Mr Cox desires to go to Tex. am well acquainted with him and feel confident if Mr. Scott will come down the deal will be consummated. I know this farm and guarantee it to be as represented in my former letter to you

Yours &c
I L Duckworth



1200 a - All under fence & under contract for fencing except about 40 or 60 acres Timber
320 a - On Timber, part thined out for pasture
200 " - On Grass (Timothy, Clover, Red Top etc,)
680 " Cultivating land
Will furnish water for any amount of stock in the dryest time
Farm joins Vista on the East and is 3 (3) mi south of Osceola, Mo.
There is a vein of coal under the Eastern part of the place & also croppings have been found on several other parts of the farm

G. W. MORRIS & SON,



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Memphis, Tex., March 1 1898

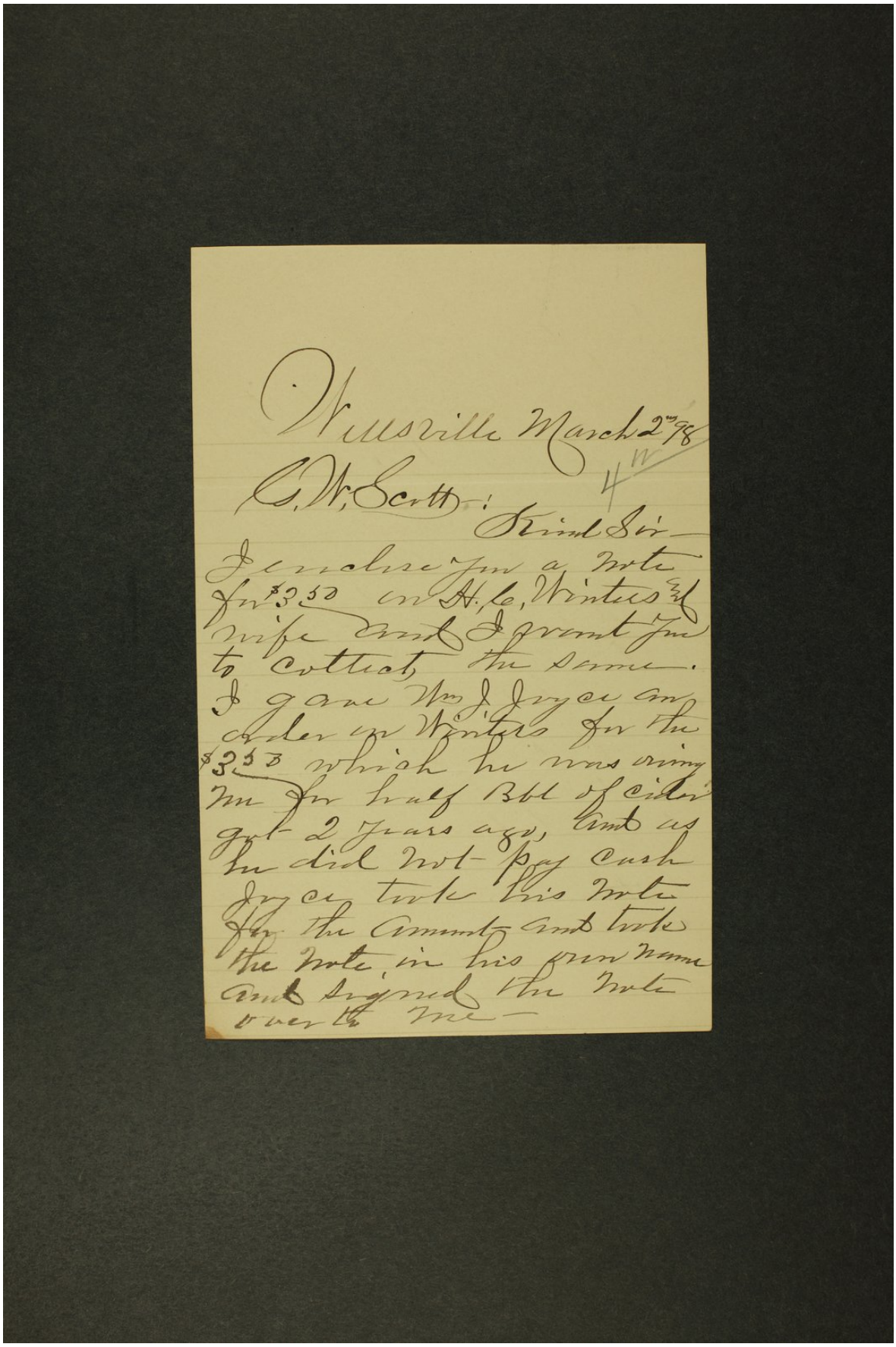
Mr G.W.scott

Edgerton Kansas

I am in yours of the 24 Feb
to hand containing county Clerks
Letter & in reply will say it
is very seldom that Business
Matters are Lost in the Mail
& I guess the Papers Have Bin
Carelessly Handled I sent your
last Letter to My Son & Request
Him to Look after the Business
But Havent Hird from Him I
guess the Papers was Lost his
Says & that they will find them
all right. Please find Letters
Inclosed

Respectfully

G.W.morris

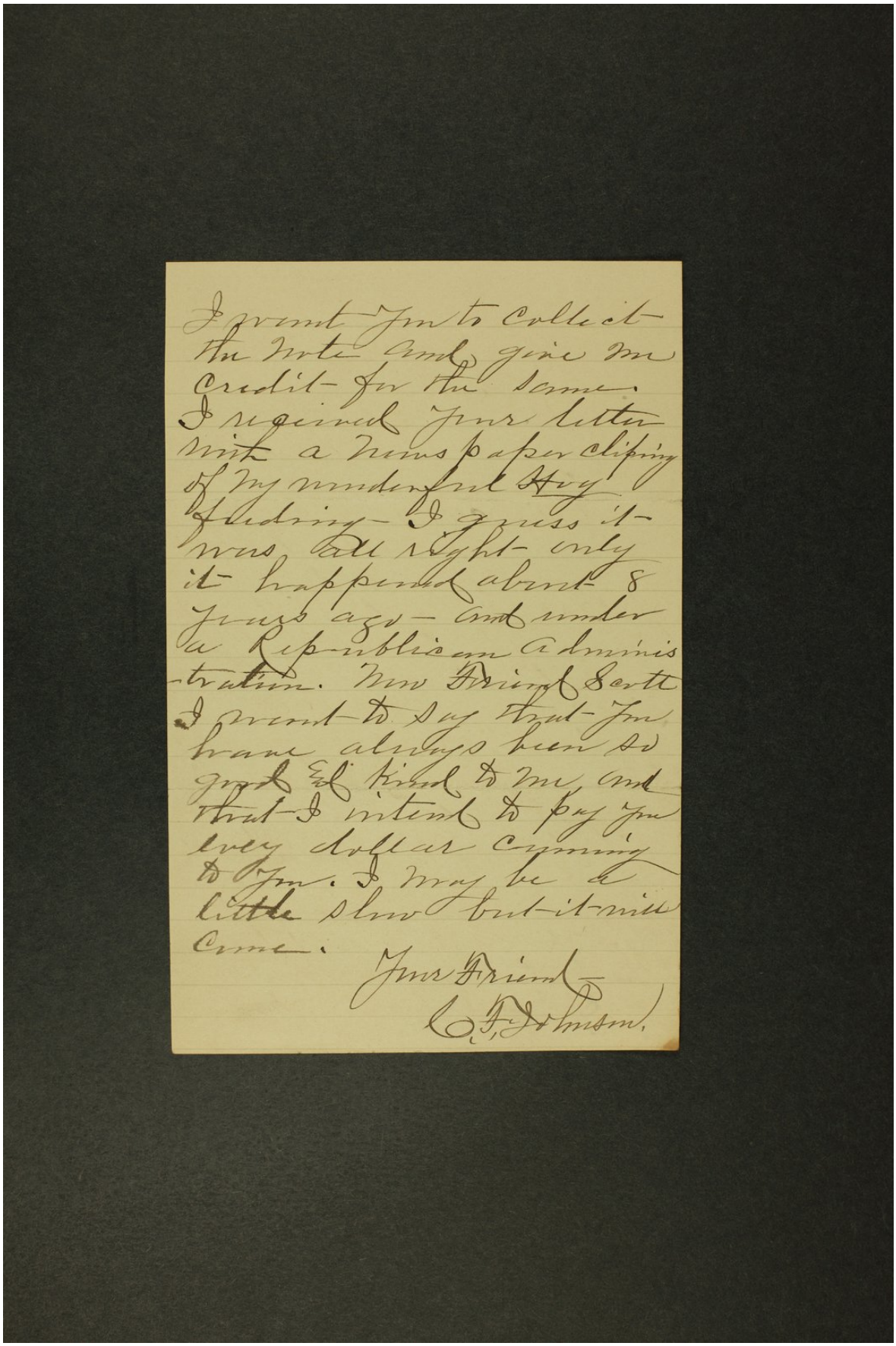


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G. W. Scott:

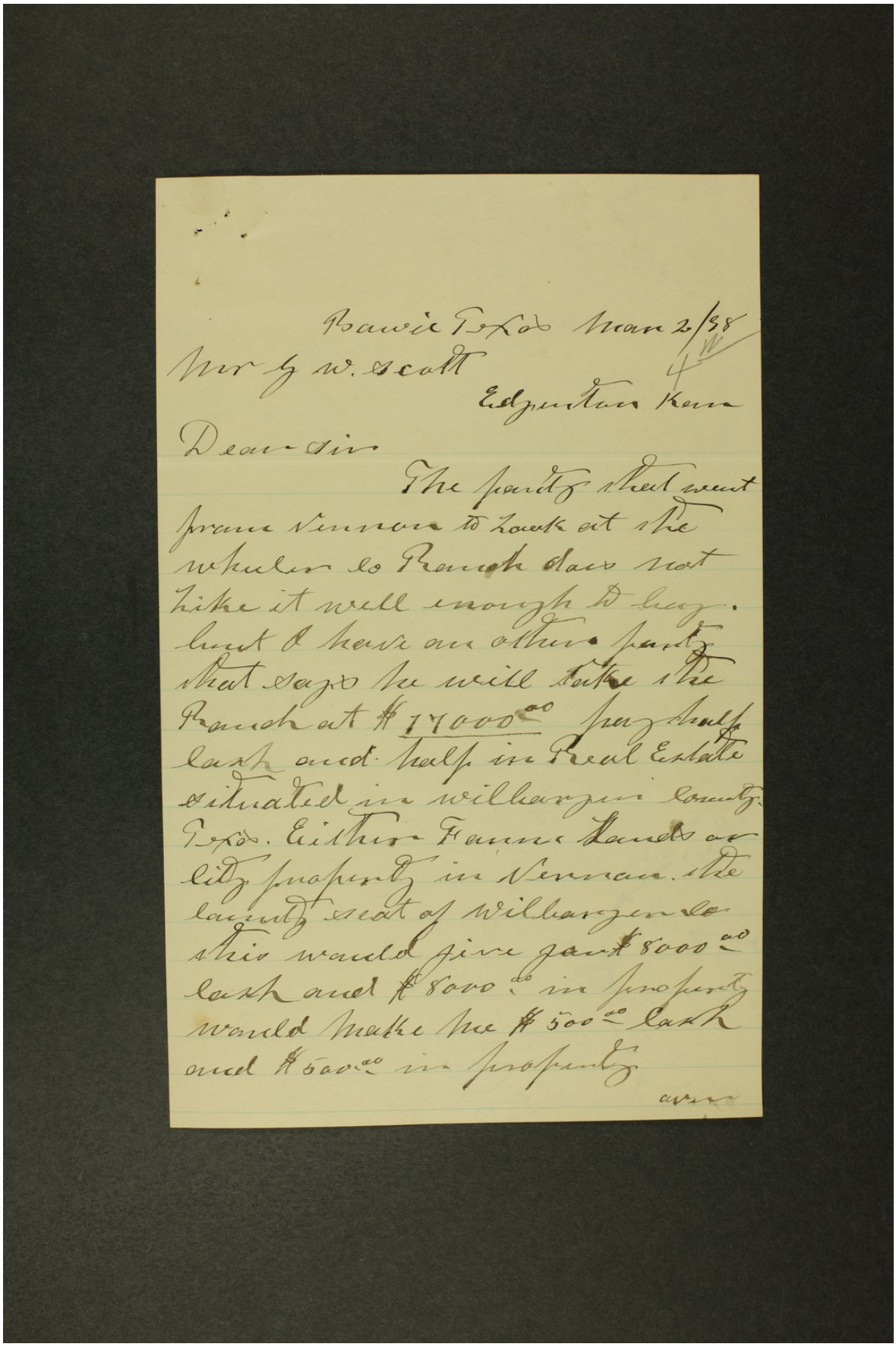
Kind Sir—

I enclose you a Note for $3.50 on H. C. Winters and wife and I grant you to collect the same. I gave Wm Dwyer an order on Winters for the $3.50 which he was owing me for half Bbl of cider got 2 years ago, and as he did not pay cash Dwyer took his Note for the Amount and took the Note in his own name and signed the Note over to me—



I grant Jim to collect the note and give me credit for the same. I received your letter with a newspaper clipping of my undersuit Hog finding. I guess it was all right only it happened about 8 years ago — and under a Republican Administration. Now Friend Scott I grant to say that Jim have always been so good & kind to me, and that I intend to pay you every dollar coming to Jim. I may be a little slow but it will come.

Yours Friend
C. F. Johnson.



Bowie Texas Mar 2/98

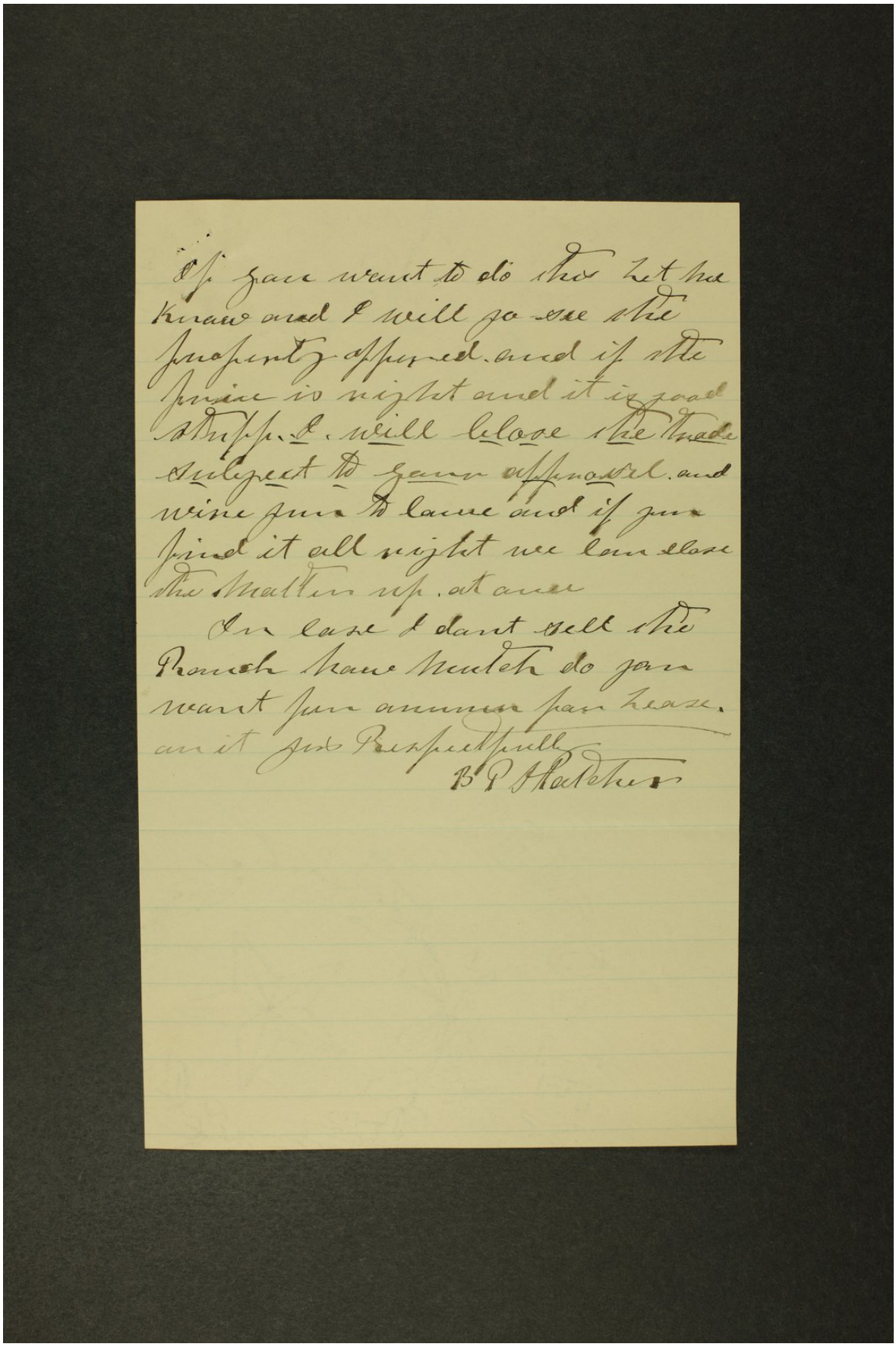
Mr G W. Scott

Edgerton Kans

Dear Sir

The party that went from Vinson to look at the Wheeler & Ranch does not like it well enough to buy. but I have an other party that says he will take the Ranch at $17000.00 pay half cash and half in Real Estate situated in Williamson County Texas. Either Farm Lands or City property in Vinson. the County seat of Williamson so this would give you $8000.00 cash and $8000.00 in property would make me $500.00 cash and $500.00 in property

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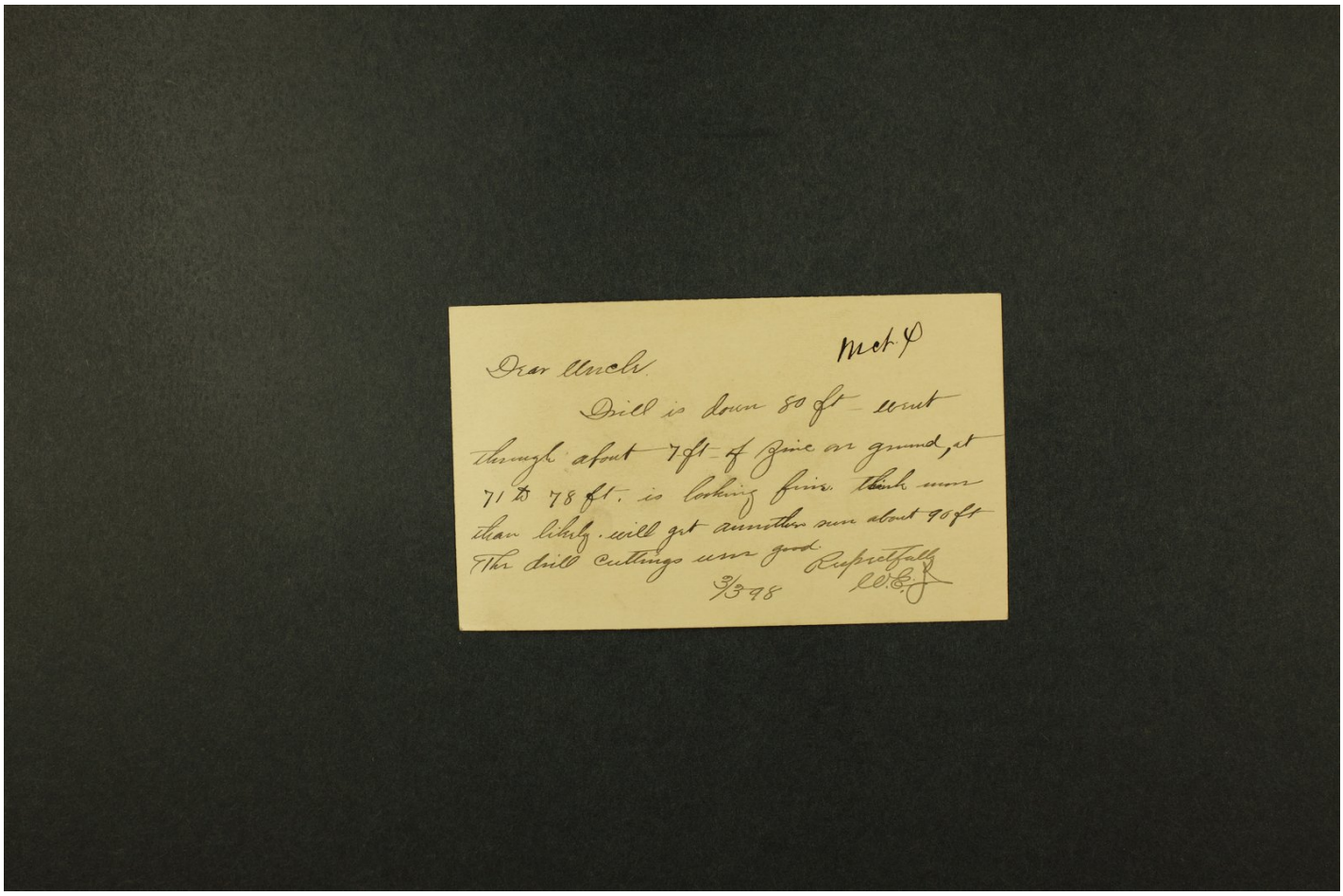


If you want to do this let me know and I will go see the property appraised and if the price is right and it is good title I will close the trade subject to your approval and wire you to come and if you find it all right we can close the matter up at once

In case I dont sell the Ranch how would you do you want your ammount per lease. or it

Yours Respectfully
B F Shelton

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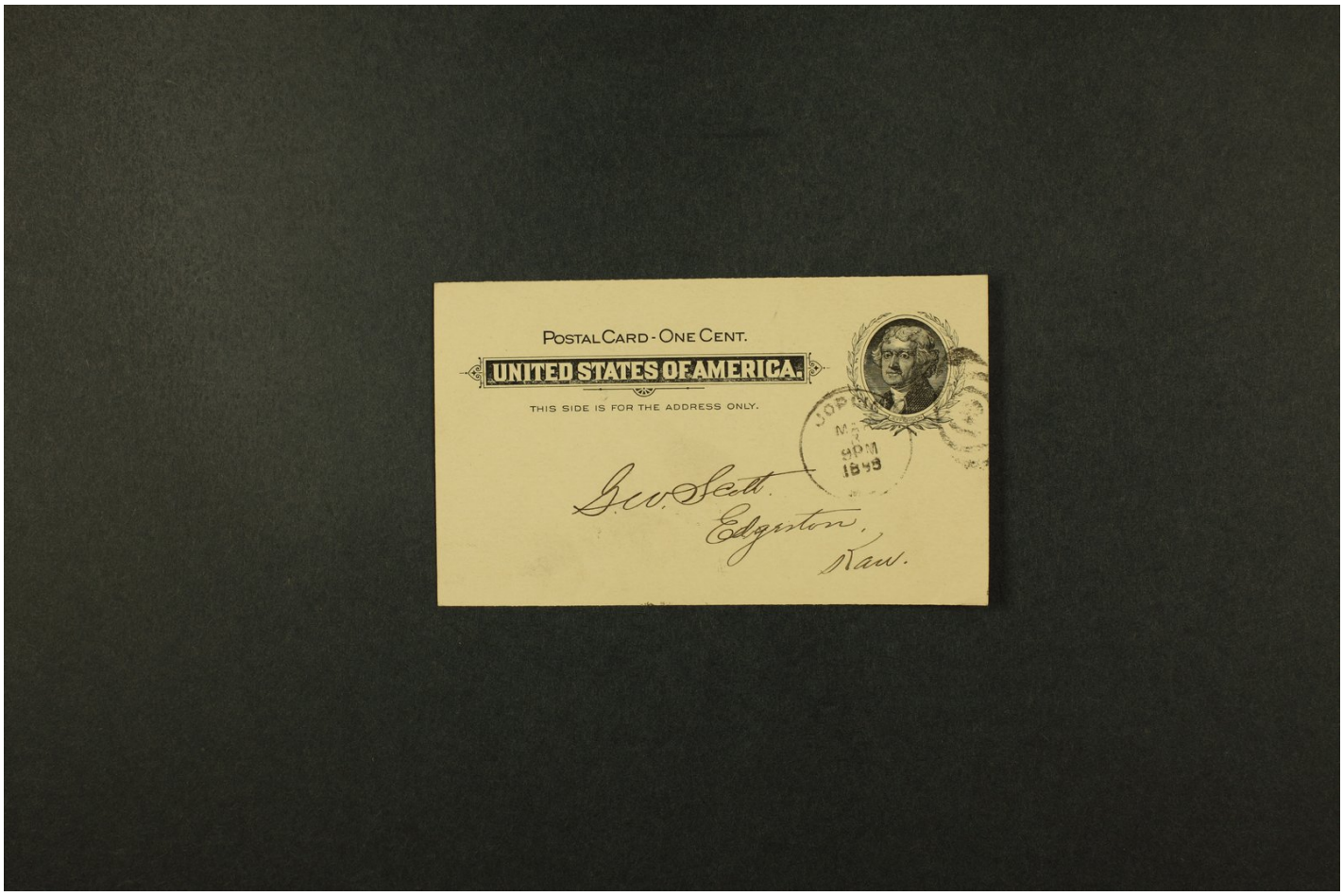
Dear Uncle

Drill is down 80 ft went through about 7 ft of gyp on ground, at 71 to 78 ft. is looking fine. think more than likely will get another run about 90 ft The drill cuttings were good.

Respectfully
W.G.S.

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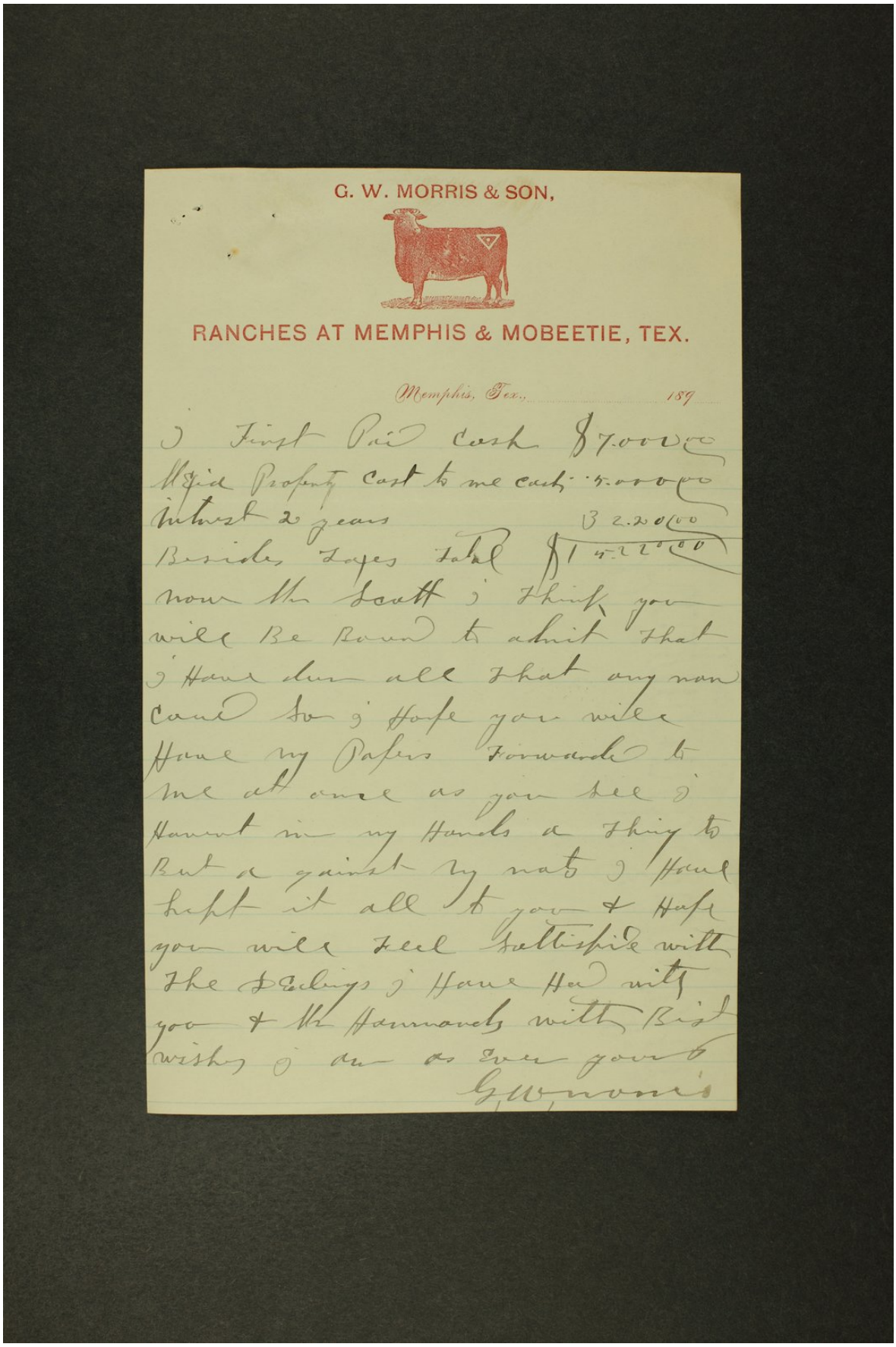
RANCHES AT MEMPHIS & MOBEETIE, TEX.

Memphis, Tex., March 7th 1894

G. W. Scott

Edgerton Kansas

Dear Sir
Yours of the 2nd to hand & not your remarks a But translated By Mr Hammond & will leave this for his consideration. Just had a letter from my son at Mobeetie & he states to me that the county Clerk told him that he didnt think Thane had ever Bin any Papers Recieved at that office Yett the Deed that i gave you now Mr Scott i will give you the cash figers that i have paid you & the Ranch Book which is i think worth 20 $ more now than when i got it

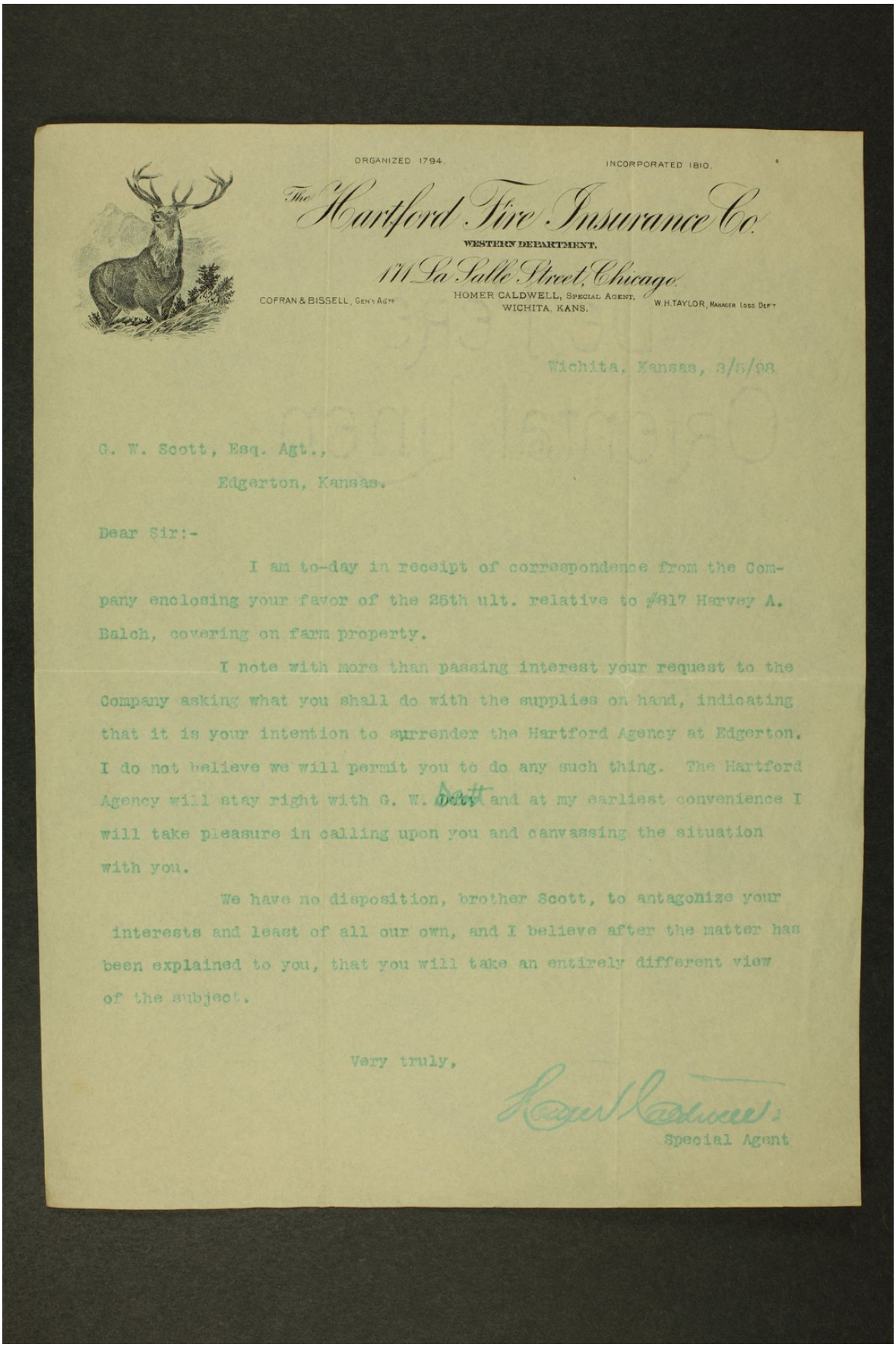


G. W. MORRIS & SON,

RANCHES AT MEMPHIS & MOBEETIE, TEX.

Memphis, Tex., 189

I First Paid Cash $7.000.00
Mfid Property Cast to me cash 7.000.00
Interest 2 years $2.240.00
Besides Taxes Total $16.240.00
now Mr Scott I think you
will Be Bound to admit that
I Have done all that any man
Could do I Hope you will
Have my Papers Forwarded to
me at once as you See I
Haven't in my Hands a Thing to
But a gainst my note I Have
left it all to you & Hope
you will Feel Satisfied with
The Dealings I Have Had with
you & Mr Hammonds with Best
wishes I am as Ever yours to
G W Morris



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Wichita, Kansas, 3/5/98

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

Dear Sir:-

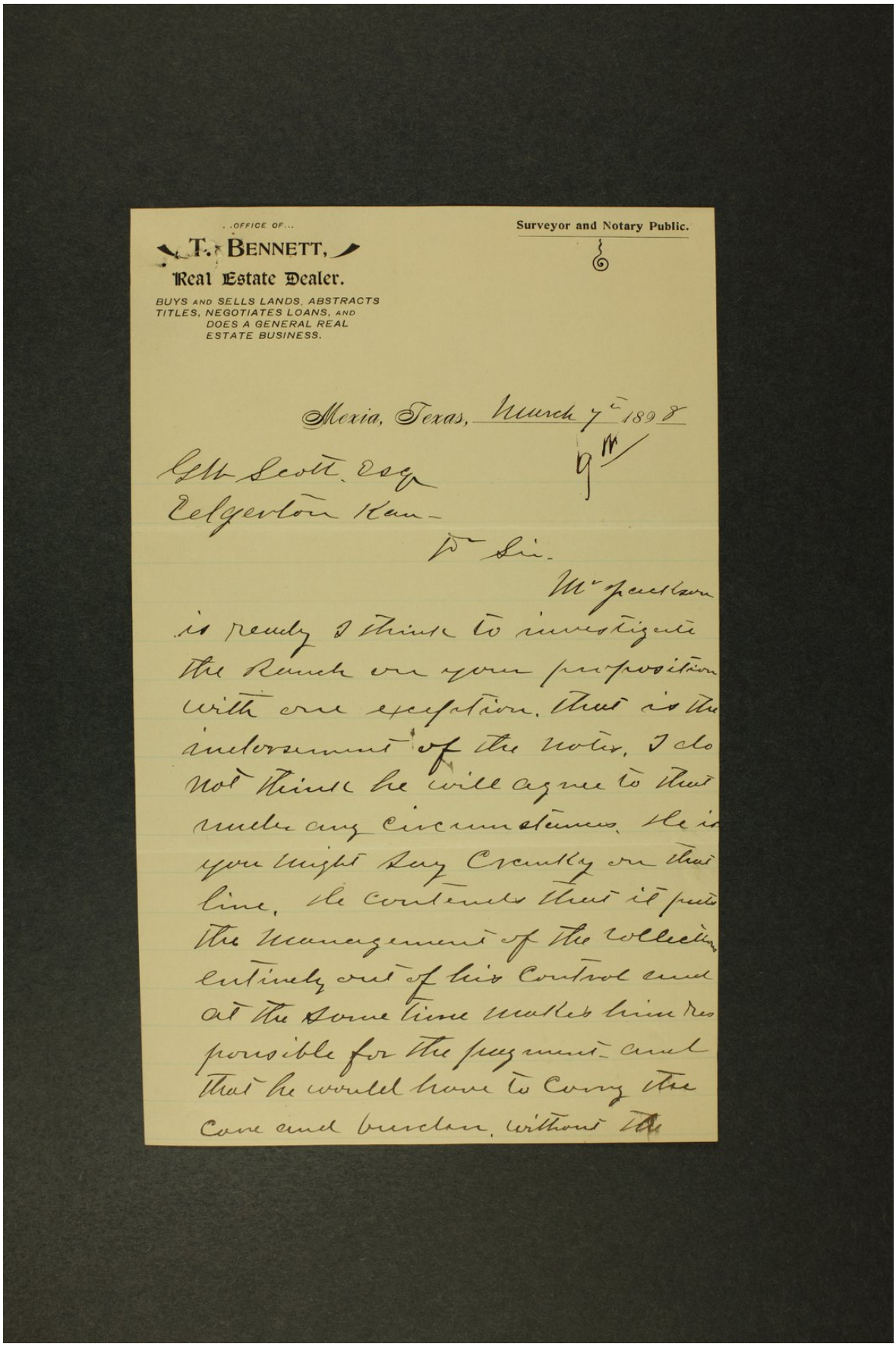
I am to-day in receipt of correspondence from the Company enclosing your favor of the 25th ult. relative to #817 Harvey A. Balch, covering on farm property.

I note with more than passing interest your request to the Company asking what you shall do with the supplies on hand, indicating that it is your intention to surrender the Hartford Agency at Edgerton. I do not believe we will permit you to do any such thing. The Hartford Agency will stay right with G. W. Scott and at my earliest convenience I will take pleasure in calling upon you and canvassing the situation with you.

We have no disposition, brother Scott, to antagonize your interests and least of all our own, and I believe after the matter has been explained to you, that you will take an entirely different view of the subject.

Very truly,

Special Agent



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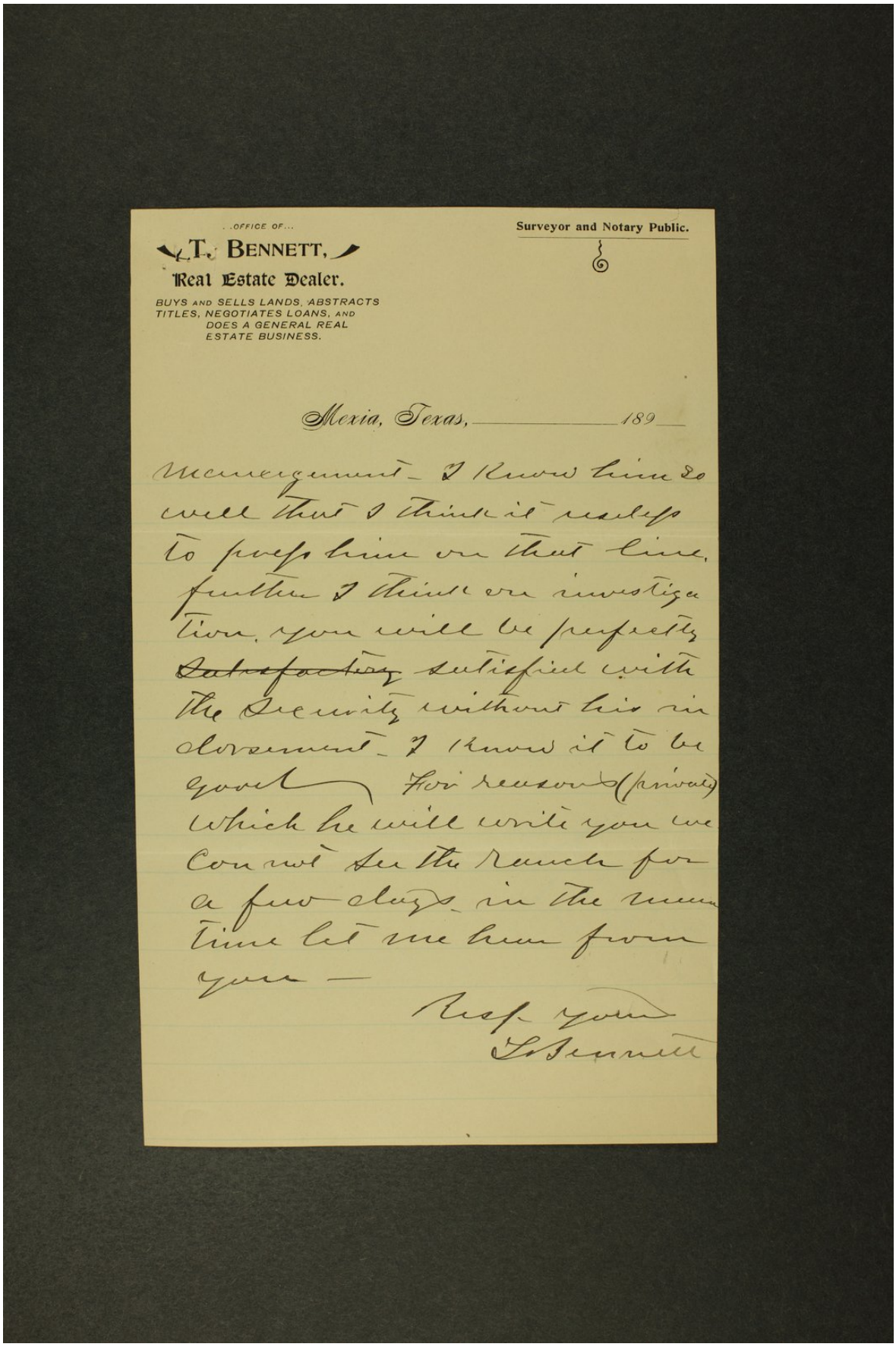
Surveyor and Notary Public.

Mexia, Texas, March 7th 1898

Gth Scott. Esq
Edgerton Kan-

Dr Sir.

Mr Jenkins is ready I think to investigate the Ranch on your proposition with one exception. That is the indorsement of the notes. I do not think he will agree to that under any circumstances. He is you might say crankly on that line. He contends that it puts the management of the collection entirely out of his control and at the same time makes him responsible for the payment and that he would have to carry the case and burden without the



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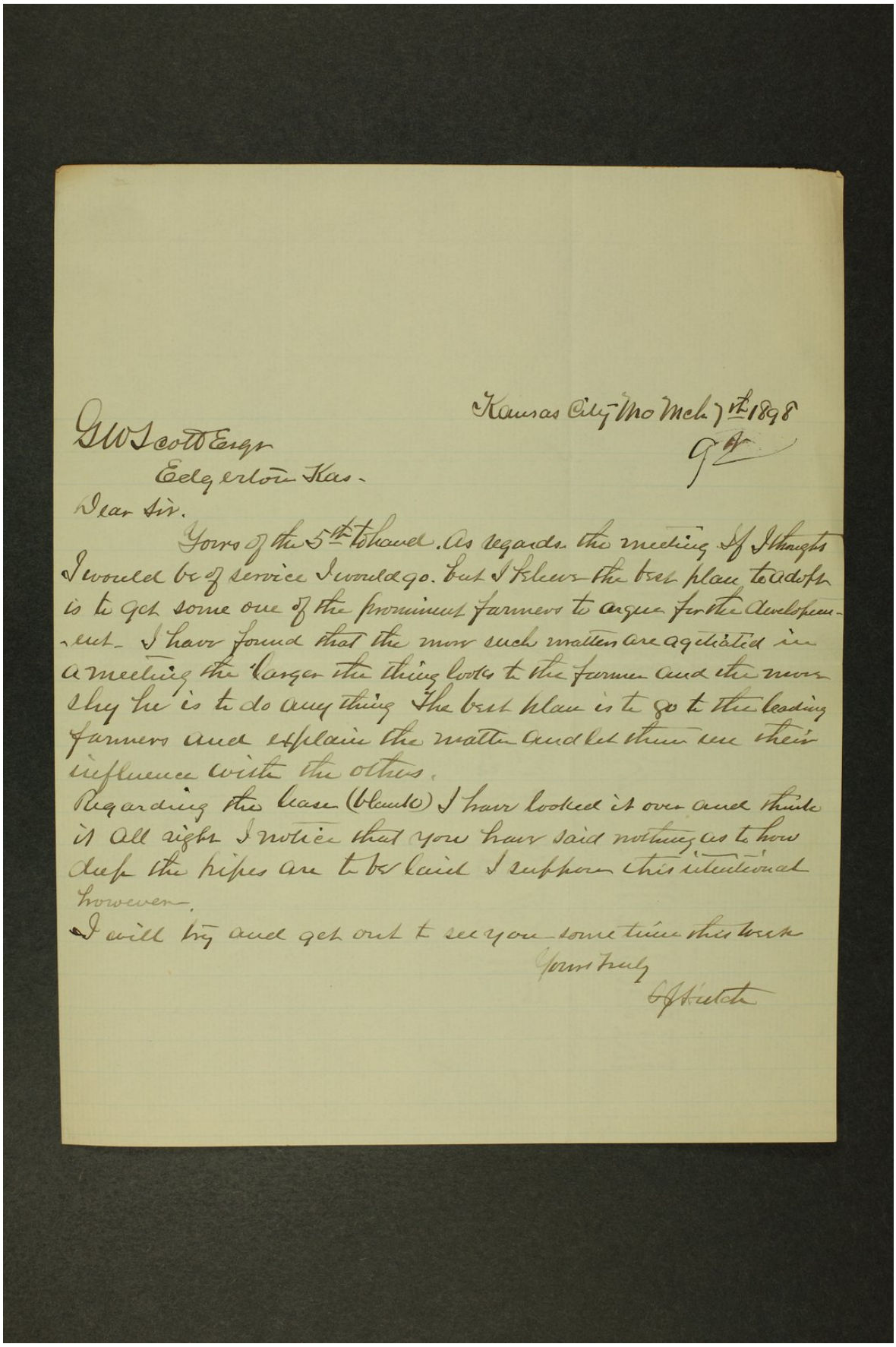
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Mexia, Texas, _____ 189__

Mcmurgument - I know him so well that I think it useless to press him on that line. further I think on investigation you will be perfectly ~~Satisfactory~~ satisfied with the Security without his indorsement - I know it to be good ~~—~~ For reasons (private) which he will write you we cannot see the Ranch for a few days in the mean time let me hear from you —

Resp yours
T Bennett



Kansas City Mo March 7th 1898

G W Scott Esqr
Edgerton Kas.

Dear Sir.

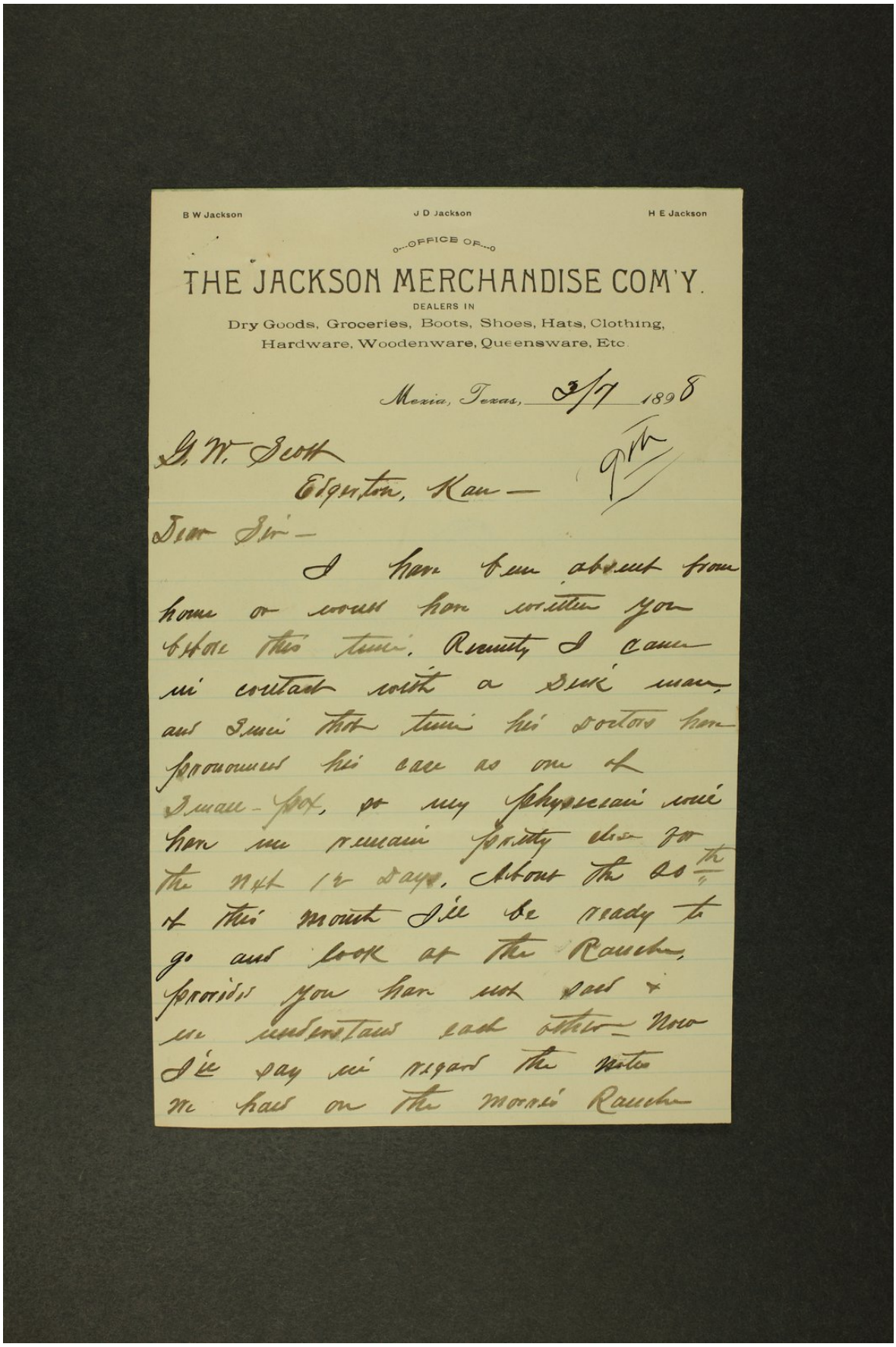
Yours of the 5th to hand. As regards the meeting I thought I would be of service I would go. But I believe the best plan to adopt is to get some one of the prominent farmers to argue for the development. I have found that the more such matters are agitated in a meeting the larger the thing looks to the farmer and the more shy he is to do any thing The best plan is to go to the leading farmers and explain the matter and let them use their influence with the others.

Regarding the lease (blank) I have looked it over and think it all right I notice that you have said nothing as to how deep the pipes are to be laid I suppose this intentional however.

I will try and get out to see you some time this week

Yours truly

G J Hulett



B W Jackson J D Jackson H E Jackson

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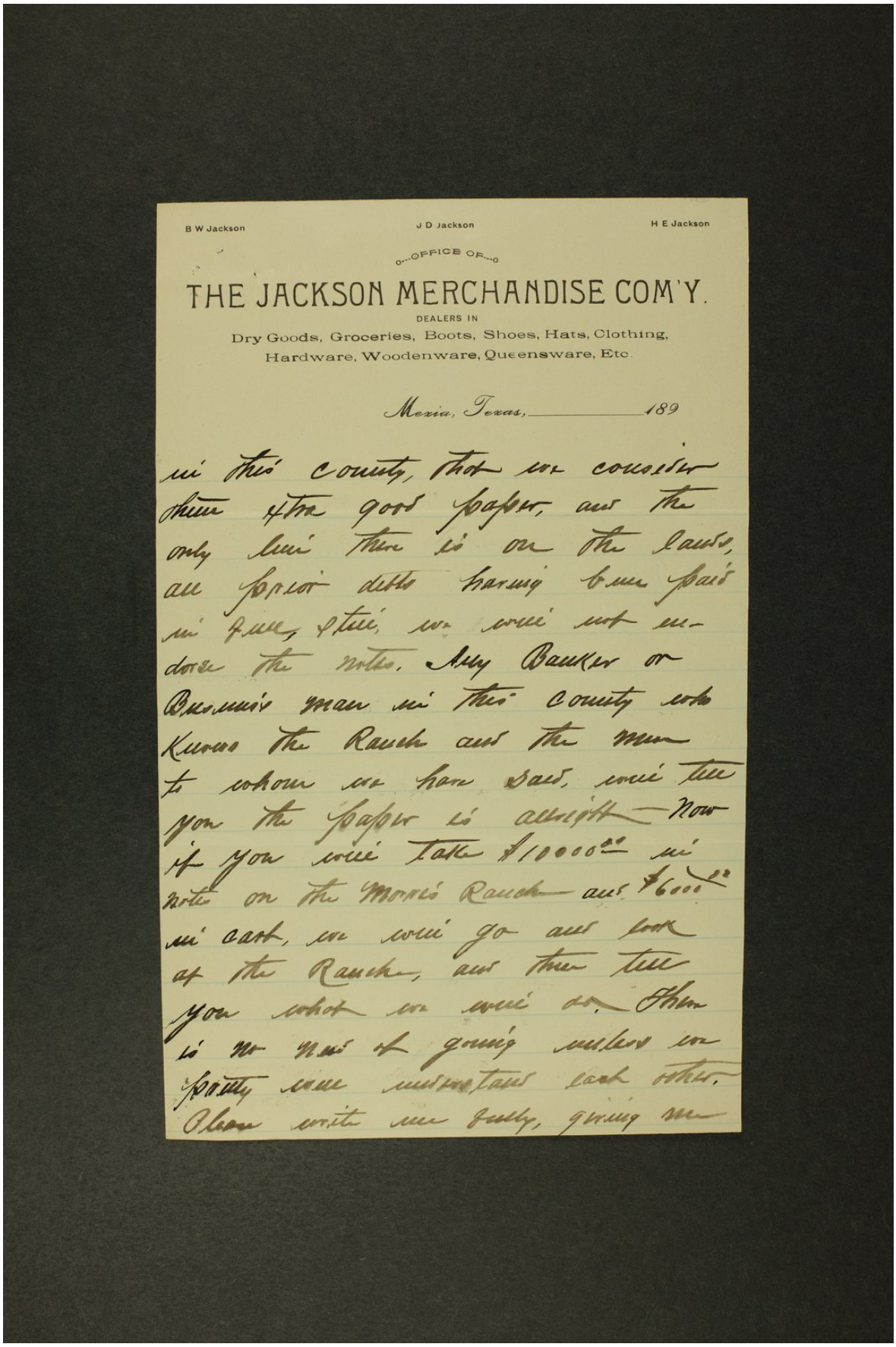
Mexia, Texas, 2/7 1898

G. W. Scott
Edgerton, Kan—

9th

Dear Sir—

I have been absent from home or would have written you before this time. Recently I came in contact with a sick man, and since that time his doctors have pronounced his case as one of Small-pox, so my physician will have me remain pretty close for the next 12 days. About the 25th of this month I'll be ready to go and look at the Ranches, provided you have not sold it we understand each other. Now I'll say in regard the notes we have on the Morris Ranches



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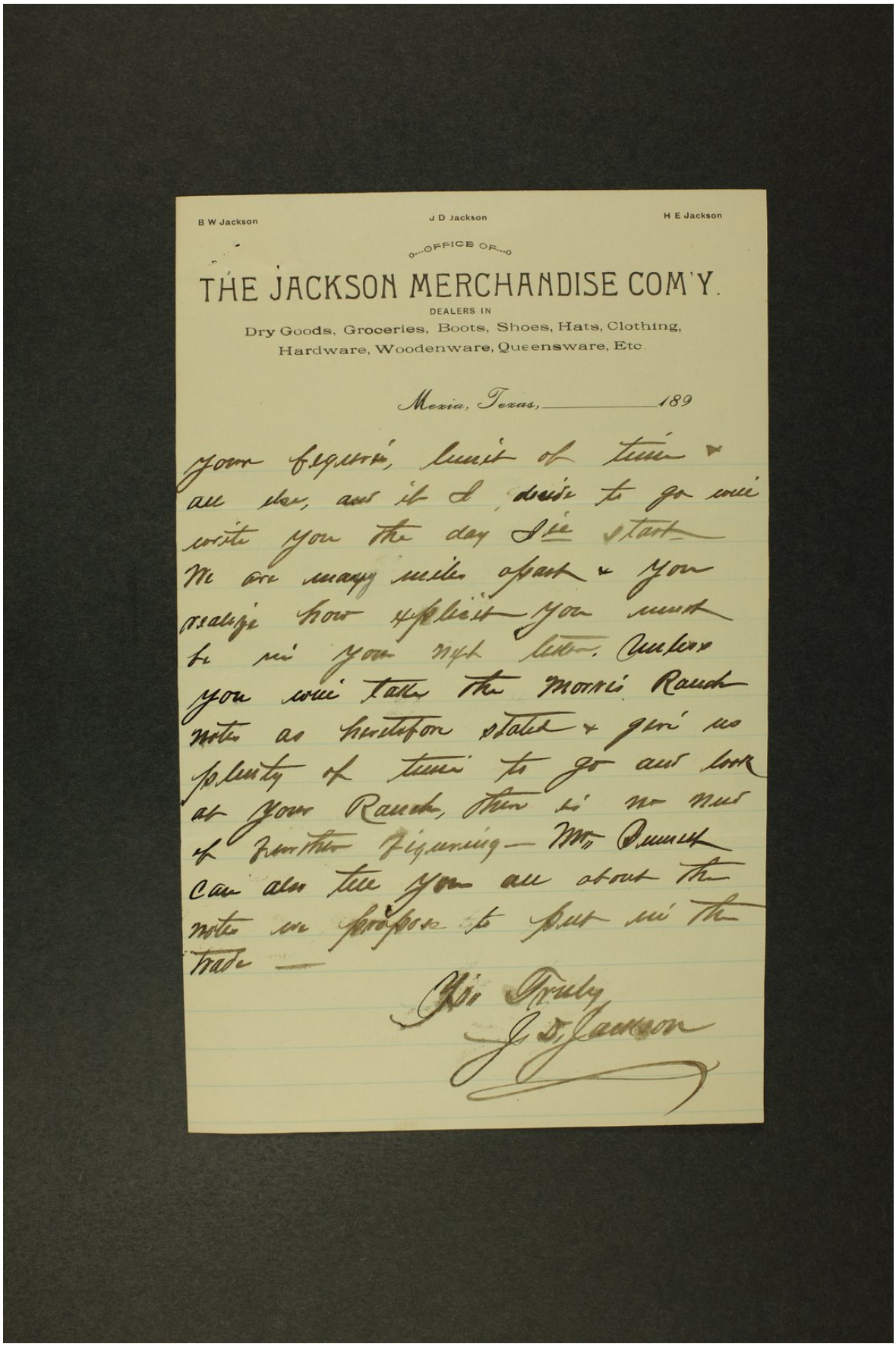
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in this County, that we consider them the good paper, and the only one there is on the land, all prior debts having been paid in full, & that we will not endorse the notes. Any Banker or Business man in this County who knows the Ranch and the men to whom we have sold, will tell you the paper is allright — Now if you will take $10000.00 in notes on the Morris Ranch and $6000.00 in cash, we will go and look at the Ranch, and then tell you what we will do. There is no man of going unless we pretty near understand each other. Please write me fully, giving me



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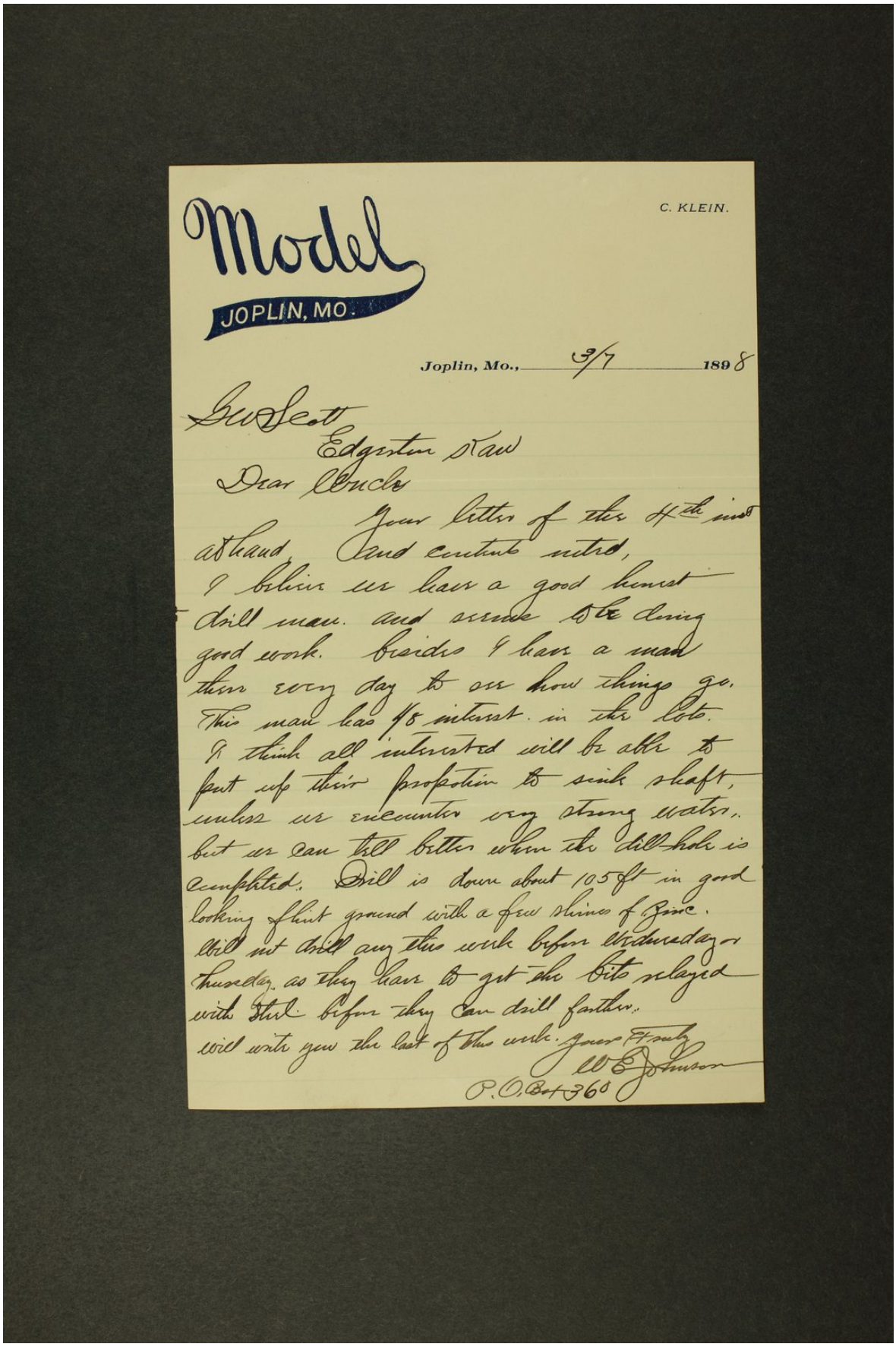
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your figures, limit of time
all clear, and if I decide to go will
write you the day I start.
We are many miles apart & you
realize how explicit you must
be in your next letter. Under
you will take the Morris Ranch
notes as heretofore stated & give us
plenty of time to go and look
at your Ranch, then is no need
of further figuring — Mr Dennis
can also see you all about the
notes we propose to put in the
trade —

Yours Truly
J. D. Jackson



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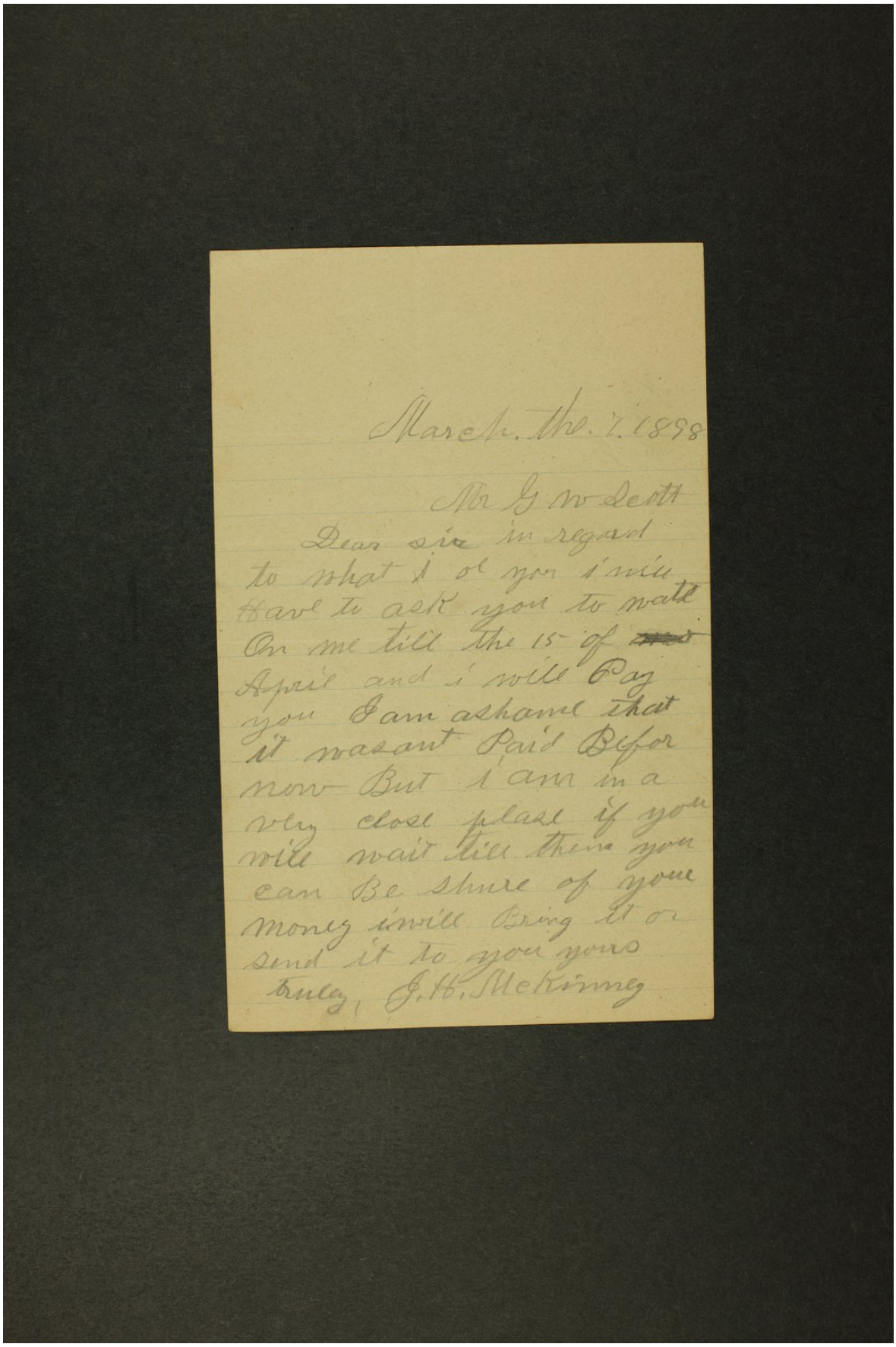
Gu Scott
Edgerton Kan

Dear Uncle

Your letter of the 4th inst at hand, and contents noted, I believe we have a good honest drill man. and outside of being good work. besides I have a man there every day to see how things go. This man has 1/8 interest in the lots. I think all interested will be able to put up their proportion to sink shaft, unless we encounter very strong water. but we can tell better when the drill-hole is completed. Drill is down about 105 ft in good looking flint ground with a few shines of Zinc. will not drill any this week before Wednesday or Thursday. as they have to get the bits relayed with steel before they can drill further. will write you the last of the week. Yours Truly

W B Johnson

P. O. Box 360



March the 7. 1898

Mr G W Scott

Dear sir in regard to what I ow you I will have to ask you to wait On me till the 15 of ~~March~~ April and I will Pay you I am ashame that it wasant Paid Befor now But I am in a very close place if you will wait till then you can Be shure of your money I will Bring it or send it to you yours truly, J. H. McKinney