George W. Scott papers

Section 97, Pages 2881 - 2910

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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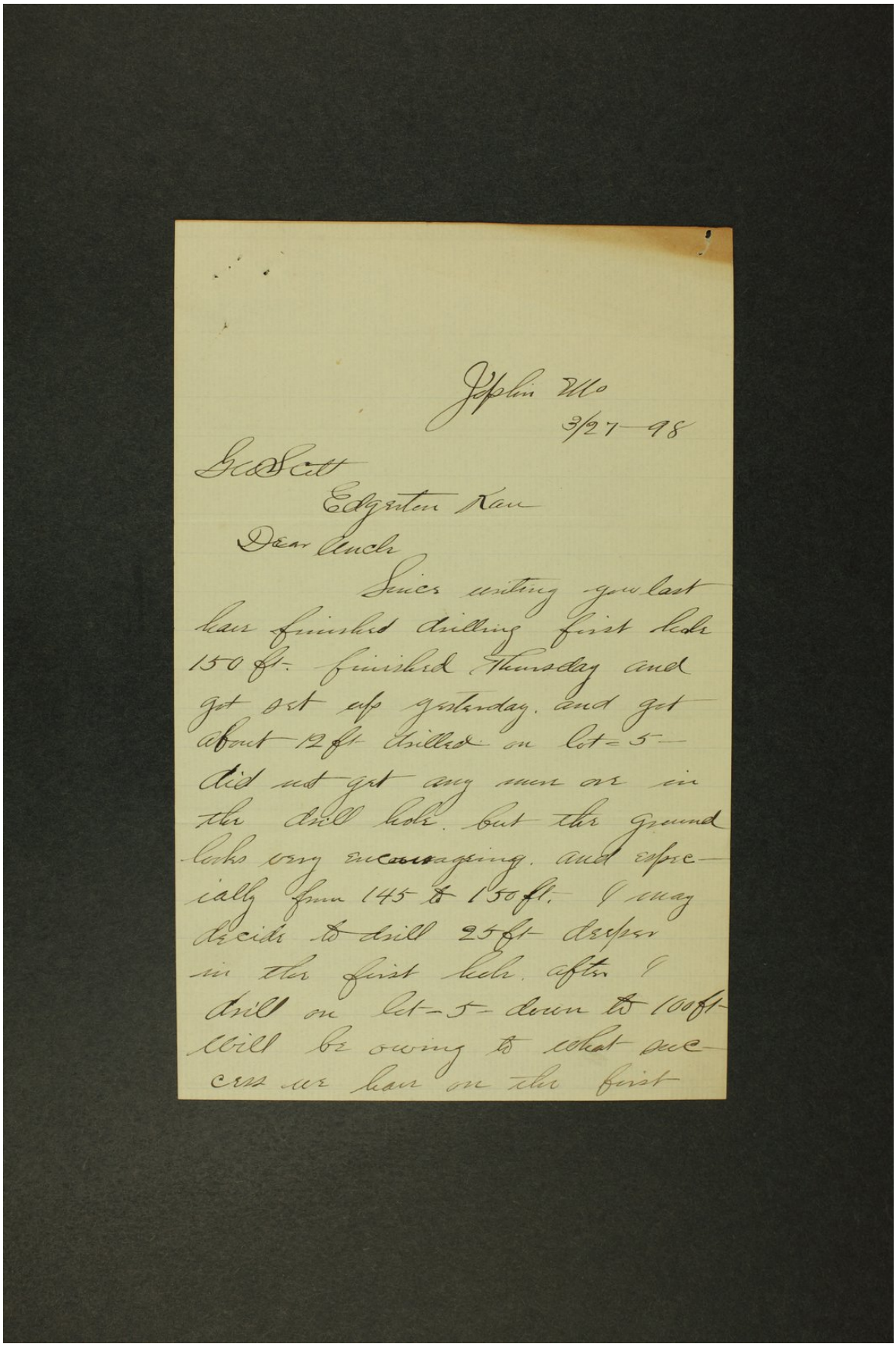
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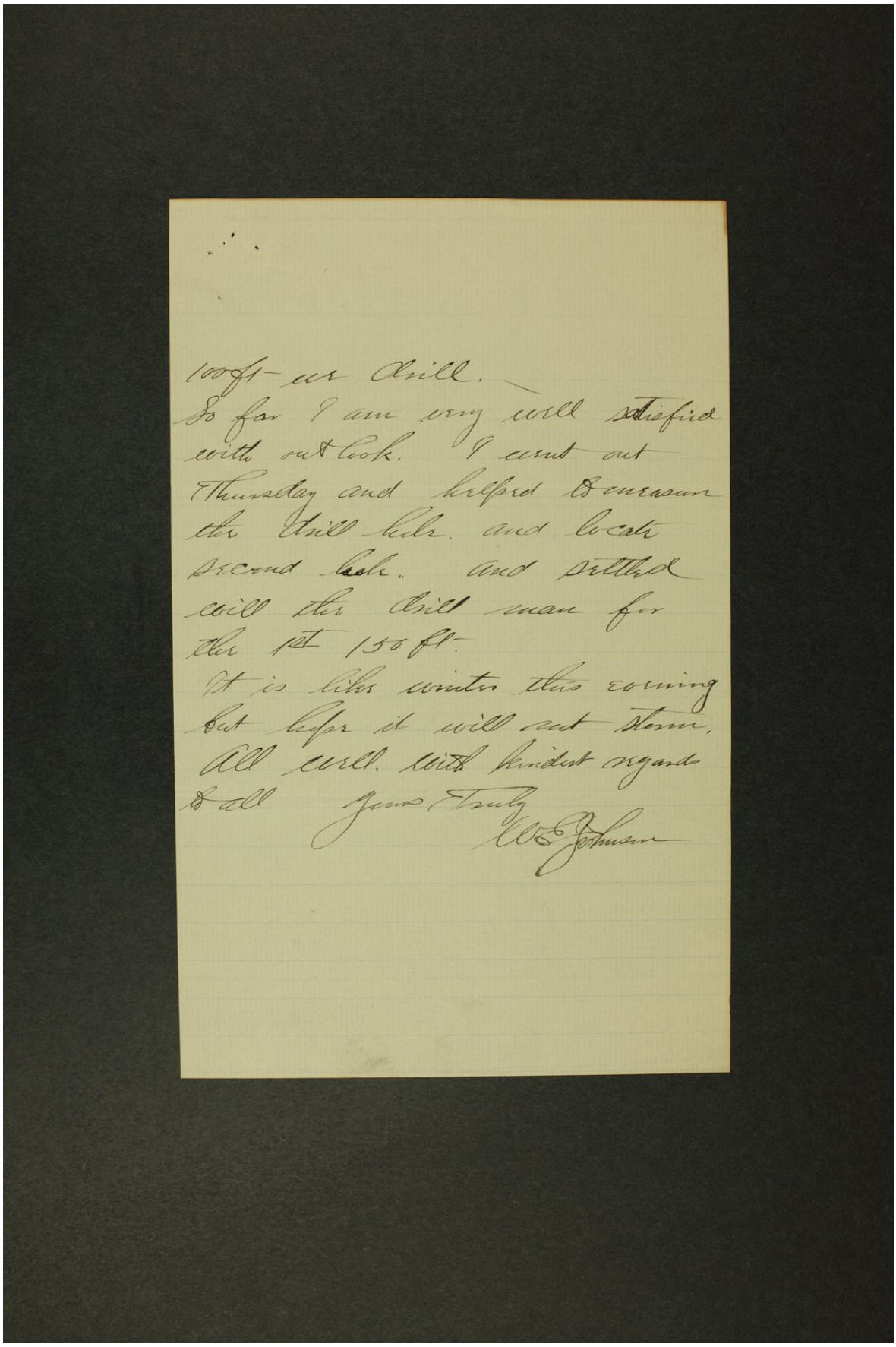


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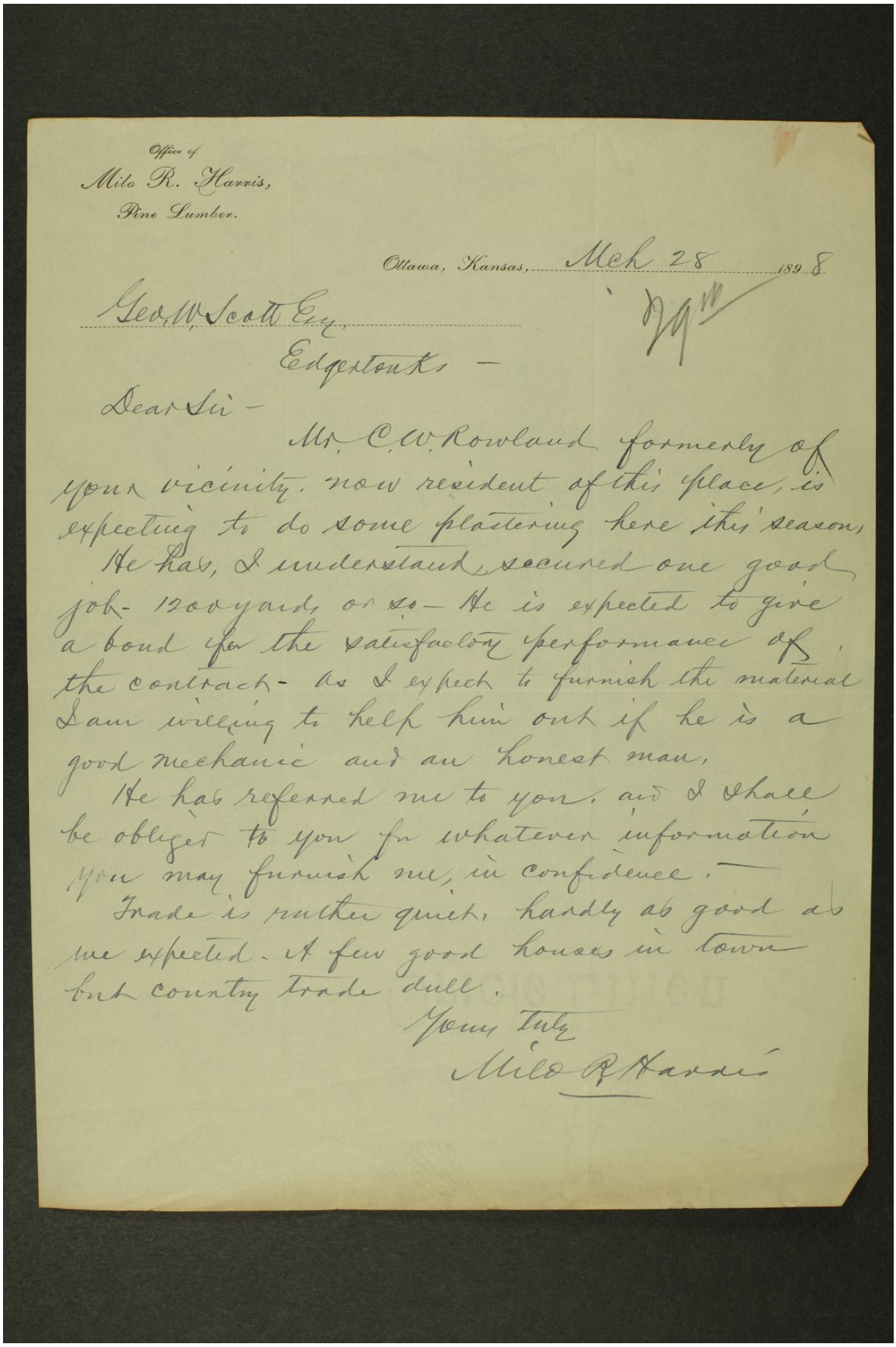
Geo Scott
Edgerton Kan

Dear Uncle

Since writing you last have finished drilling first hole 150 ft. finished Thursday and got out up yesterday. and got about 12 ft drilled on lot-5- did not get any more or in the drill hole. but the ground looks very encouraging. and especially from 145 to 150 ft. I may decide to drill 25 ft deeper in the first hole. after I drill on lot-5- down to 100 ft will be owing to what success we have on the first



100 ft- on drill.
So far I am very well satisfied with our luck. I went out Thursday and helped Emerson the drill hole. and Locate second hole. and settled with the drill man for the 1st 150 ft.
It is like winter this evening but hope it will not storm.
All well. With kindest regards to all Yours Truly
W. O. Johnson



Office of
Milo R. Harris,
Pine Lumber.

Ottawa, Kansas, Mch 28 1898

Ans

Geo. W. Scott Esq,
Edgerton Ks —

Dear Sir —

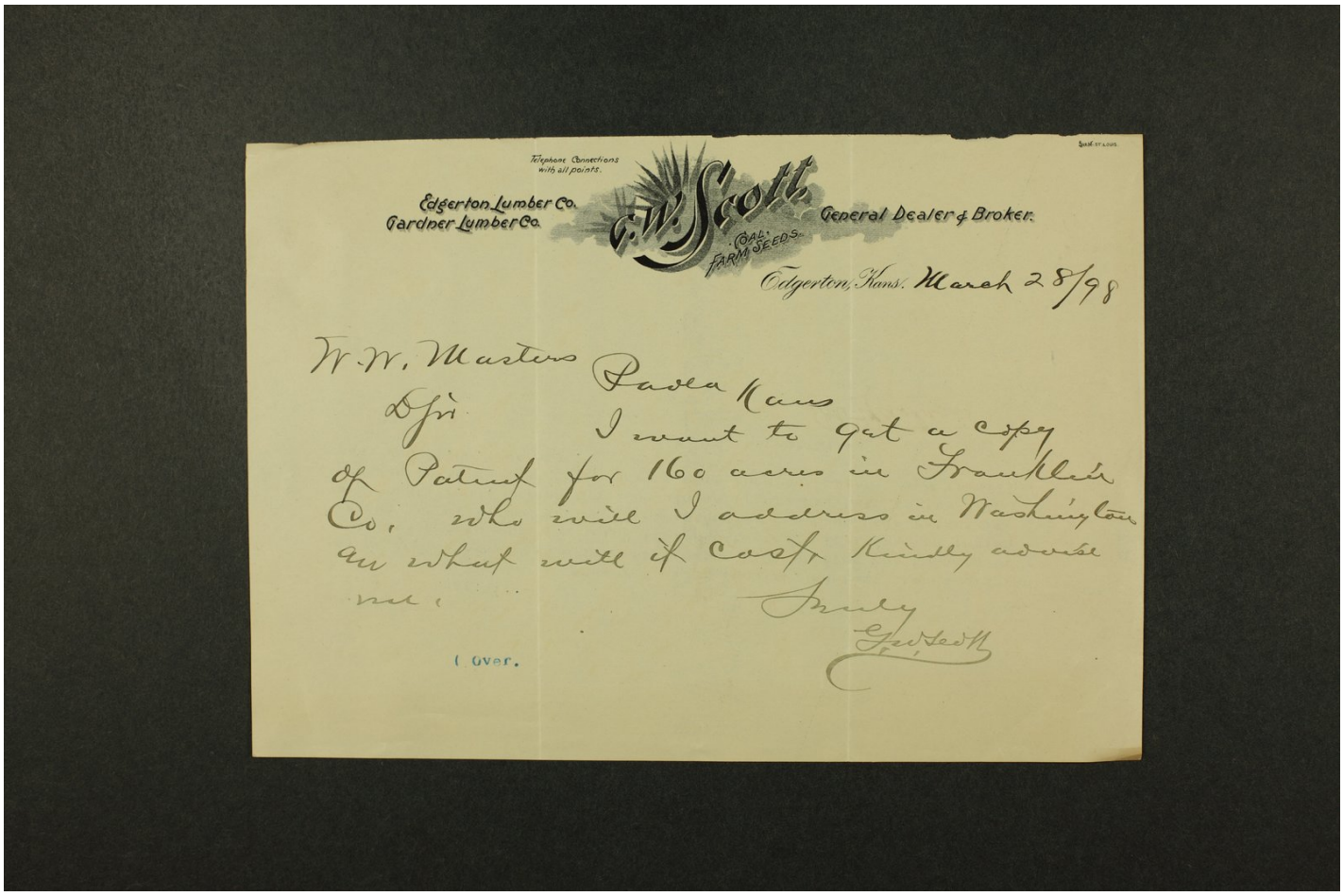
Mr. C. W. Rowland formerly of your vicinity, now resident of this place, is expecting to do some plastering here this season. He has, I understand, secured one good job — 1200 yards or so — He is expected to give a bond for the satisfactory performance of the contract — as I expect to furnish the material I am willing to help him out if he is a good mechanic and an honest man.

He has referred me to you, and I shall be obliged to you for whatever information you may furnish me, in confidence. —

Trade is rather quiet, hardly as good as we expected. A few good houses in town but country trade dull.

Yours Truly
Milo R Harris

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Telephone Connections with all points.

Edgerton Lumber Co.
Gardner Lumber Co.

G. W. Scott
COAL
FARM SEEDS

General Dealer & Broker.

Edgerton, Kans. March 28/98

W. W. Masters
Dear Sir

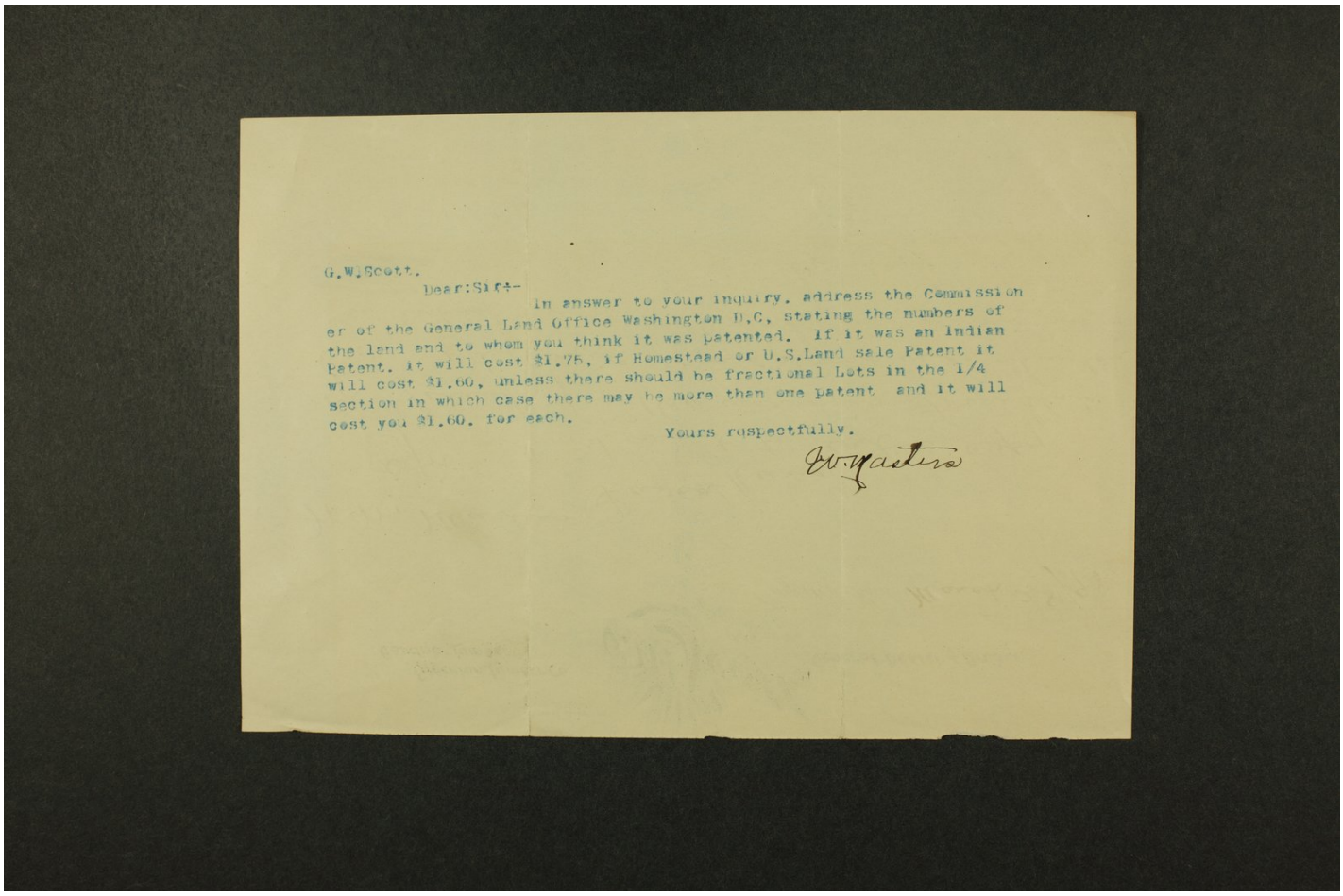
Paola Kans

I want to get a copy of Patent for 160 acres in Franklin Co. who will I address in Washington or what will it cost. Kindly advise me.

Yours truly
G. W. Scott

Over.

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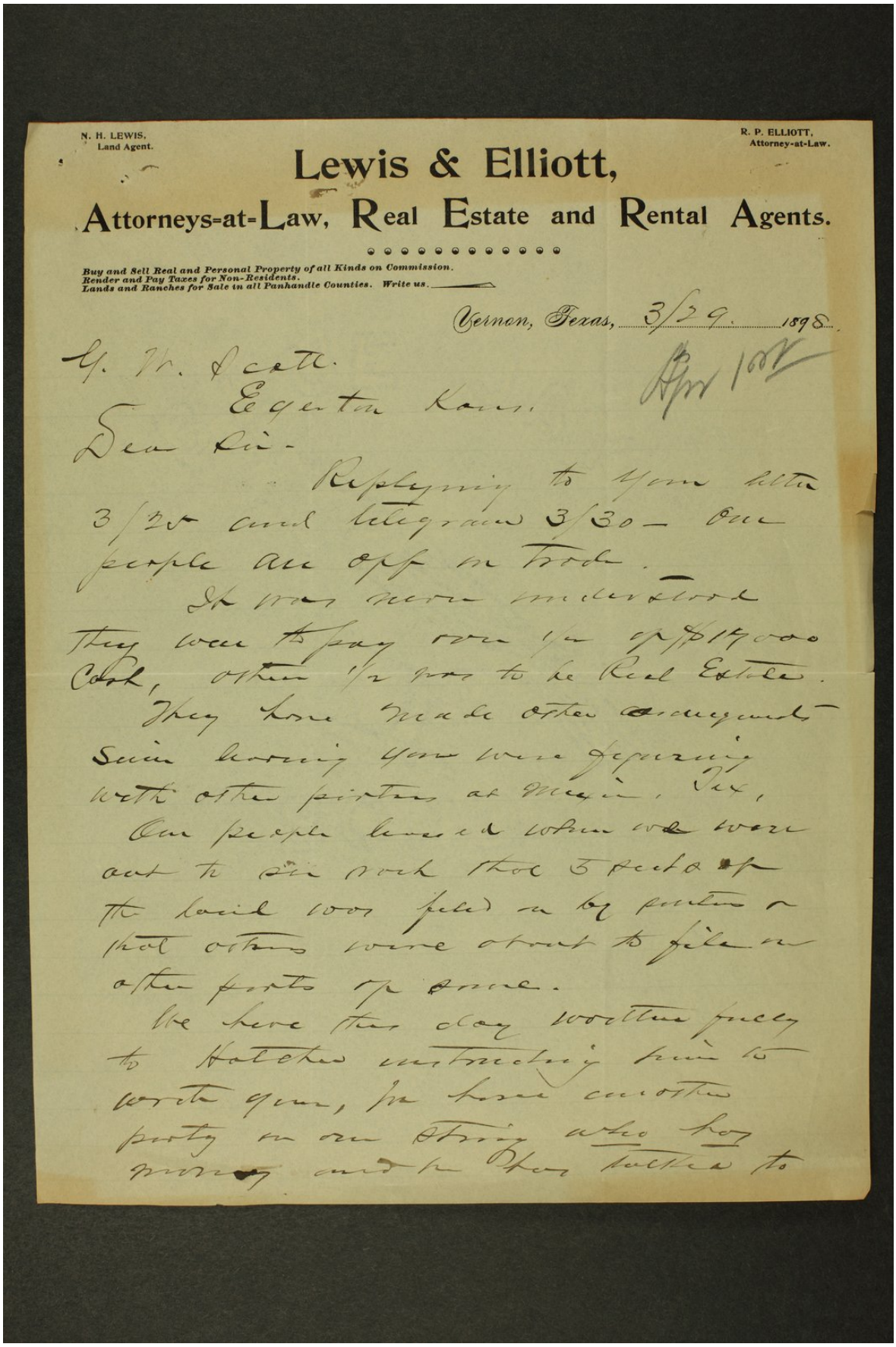


G.W.Scott.

Dear:Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry, address the Commissioner of the General Land Office Washington D.C, stating the numbers of the land and to whom you think it was patented. If it was an Indian Patent, it will cost $1.75, if Homestead or U.S.Land sale Patent it will cost $1.60, unless there should be fractional Lots in the 1/4 section in which case there may be more than one patent and it will cost you $1.60. for each.

Yours respectfully.



N. H. LEWIS.
Land Agent.

R. P. ELLIOTT,
Attorney-at-Law.

Lewis & Elliott,

Attorneys-at-Law, Real Estate and Rental Agents.

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Vernon, Texas, 3/29. 1898.

Ans 1st

G. W. Scott.
Egerton Kans.

Dear Sir-

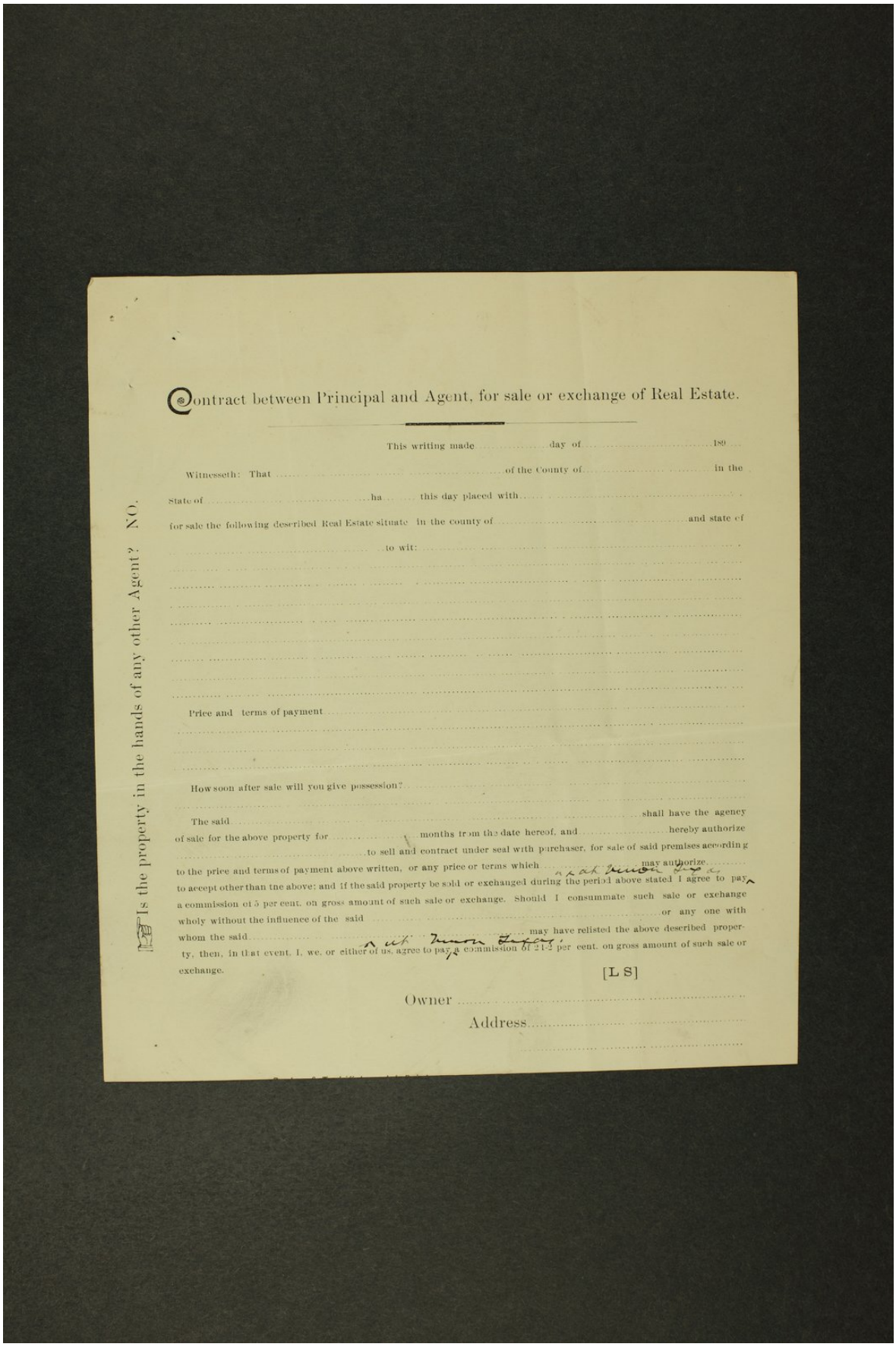
Replying to your letter 3/28 and telegram 3/30— our people are opposed to both.

It was never understood they were to pay over $14000 Cash, other $2 was to be Real Estate.

They have made other arrangements since hearing you were figuring with other painters at Mexia, Tex,

Our people learned when we were out to sit work that Scott & Co the land was filed on by parties & that others were about to file on other parts of same.

We have this day written fully to Hatcher instructing him to write you, he has another party on our string who has money and he often tackles to



Contract between Principal and Agent, for sale or exchange of Real Estate.

This writing made ..... day of ..... 189....

Witnesseth: That ..... of the County of ..... in the state of ..... ha..... this day placed with ..... for sale the following described Real Estate situate in the county of ..... and state of ..... to wit: .....

Price and terms of payment .....

How soon after sale will you give possession? .....

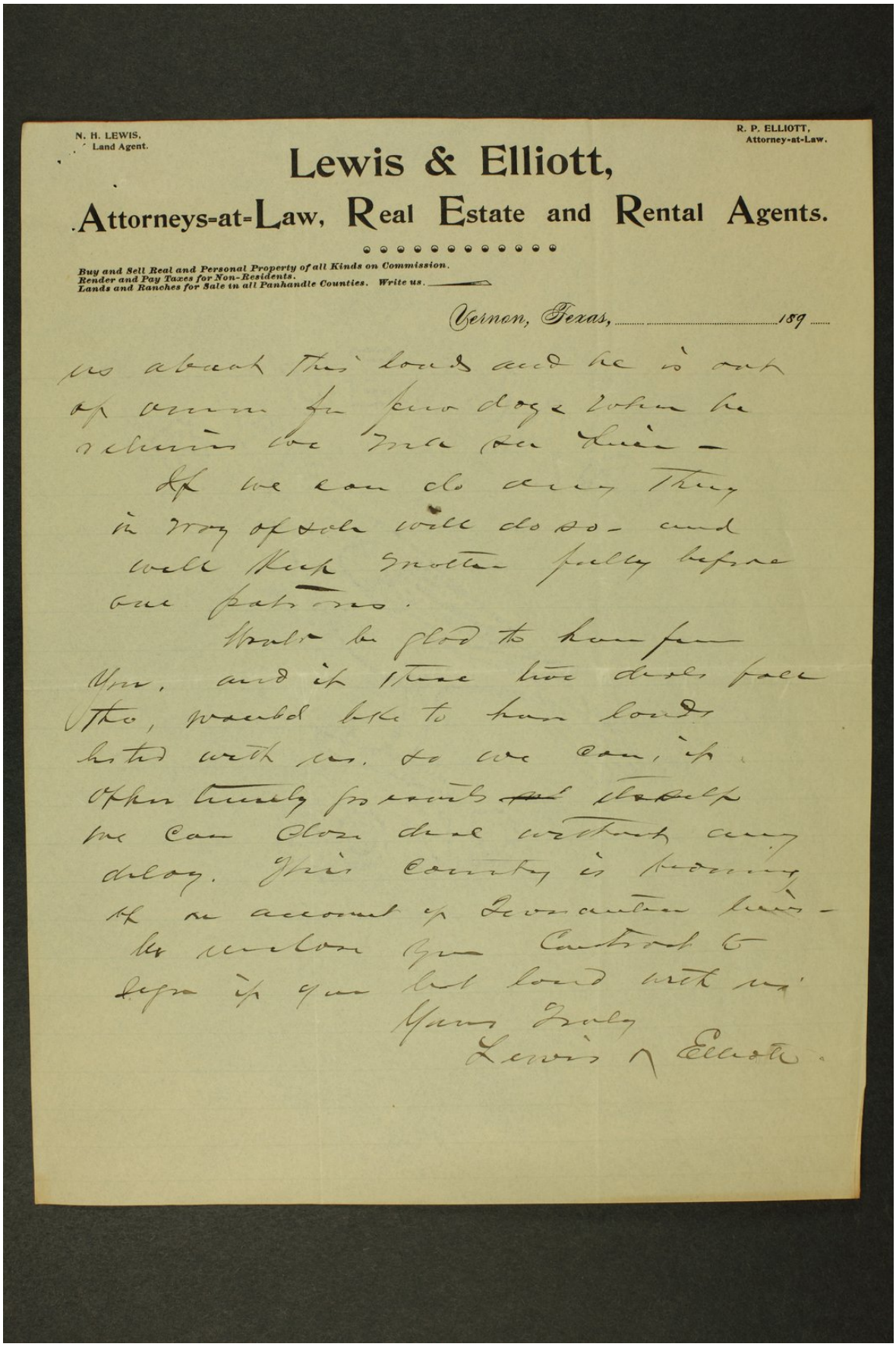
The said ..... shall have the agency of sale for the above property for ..... months from the date hereof, and ..... hereby authorize ..... to sell and contract under seal with purchaser, for sale of said premises according to the price and terms of payment above written, or any price or terms which ..... may authorize ..... to accept other than the above; and if the said property be sold or exchanged during the period above stated I agree to pay a commission of 5 per cent. on gross amount of such sale or exchange. Should I consummate such sale or exchange wholy without the influence of the said ..... or any one with whom the said ..... may have relisted the above described property, then, in that event, I, we, or either of us, agree to pay a commission of 2½ per cent. on gross amount of such sale or exchange.

[L S]

Owner .....

Address .....

Is the property in the hands of any other Agent? NO.



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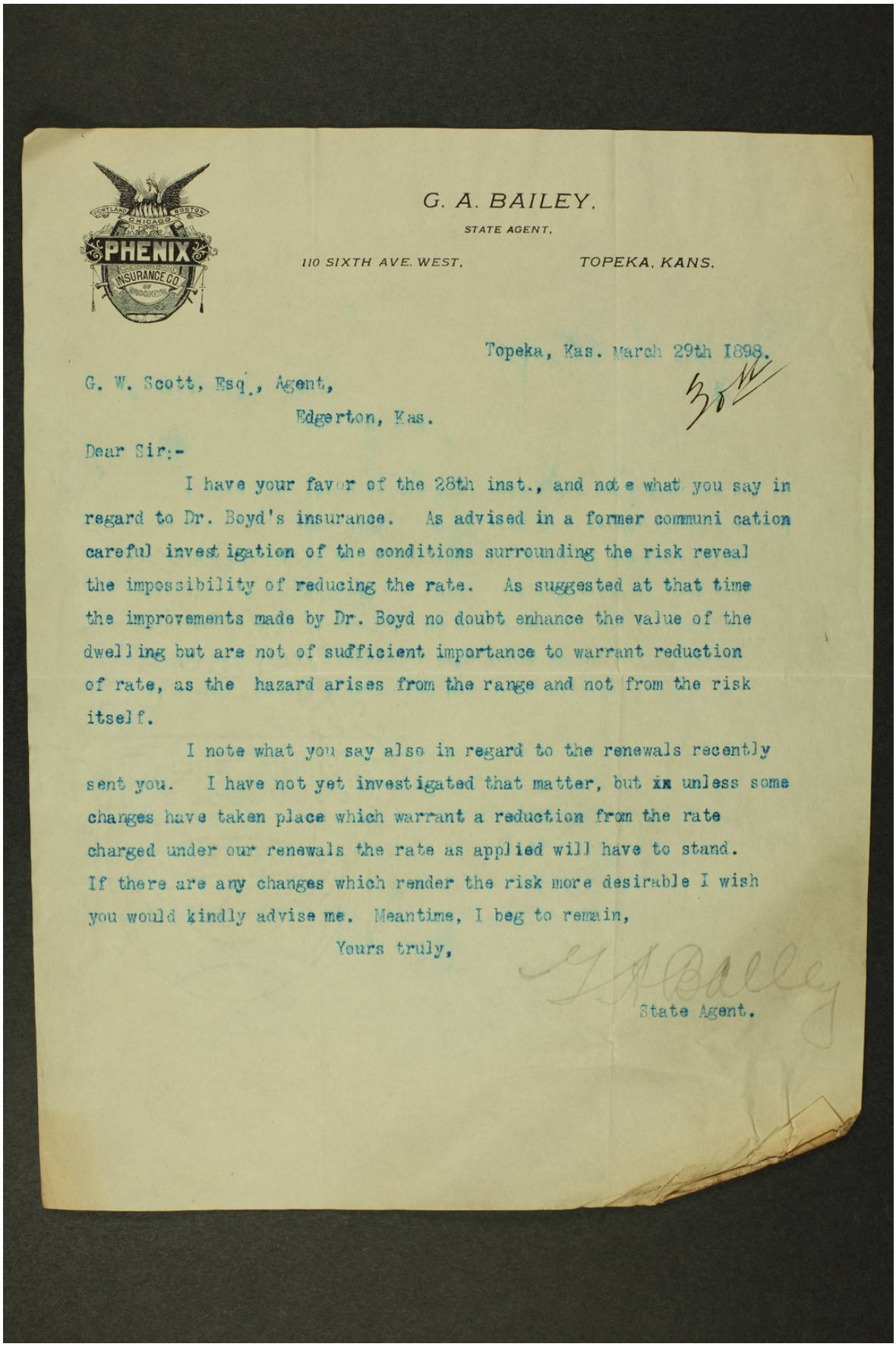
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Vernon, Texas, ... 189 .....

us about this land and he is out
of town for two days & when he
returns we will see him —
& we can do any thing
in way of sale will do so — and
will keep matter fully before
our patrons.
Would be glad to hear from
you, and if time & circumstances
this, would like to have lands
listed with us. so we can, if
opportunity presents ~~itself~~ ~~that~~ help
us can close deal without any
delay. This County is booming
& on account of Foundation lines —
We mention our Contract to
keep it you list land with us.
Yours Truly
Lewis & Elliott.



G. A. BAILEY,
STATE AGENT,
110 SIXTH AVE. WEST, TOPEKA, KANS.

Topeka, Kas. March 29th 1898.

G. W. Scott, Esq., Agent,
Edgerton, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

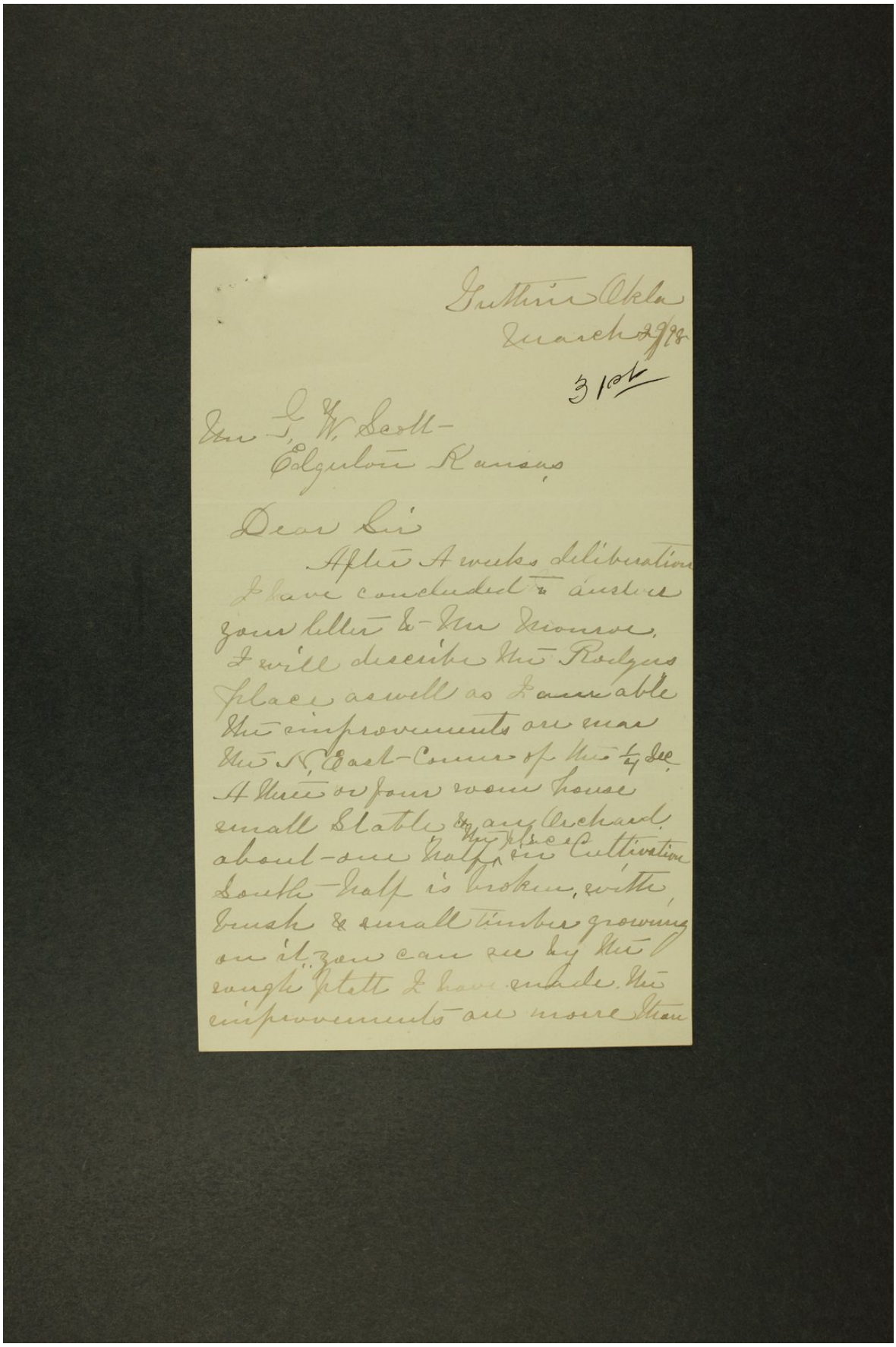
I have your favor of the 28th inst., and note what you say in regard to Dr. Boyd's insurance. As advised in a former communi cation careful invest igation of the conditions surrounding the risk reveal the impossibility of reducing the rate. As suggested at that time the improvements made by Dr. Boyd no doubt enhance the value of the dwelling but are not of sufficient importance to warrant reduction of rate, as the hazard arises from the range and not from the risk itself.

I note what you say also in regard to the renewals recently sent you. I have not yet investigated that matter, but ~~in~~ unless some changes have taken place which warrant a reduction from the rate charged under our renewals the rate as applied will have to stand. If there are any changes which render the risk more desirable I wish you would kindly advise me. Meantime, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

G A Bailey

State Agent.



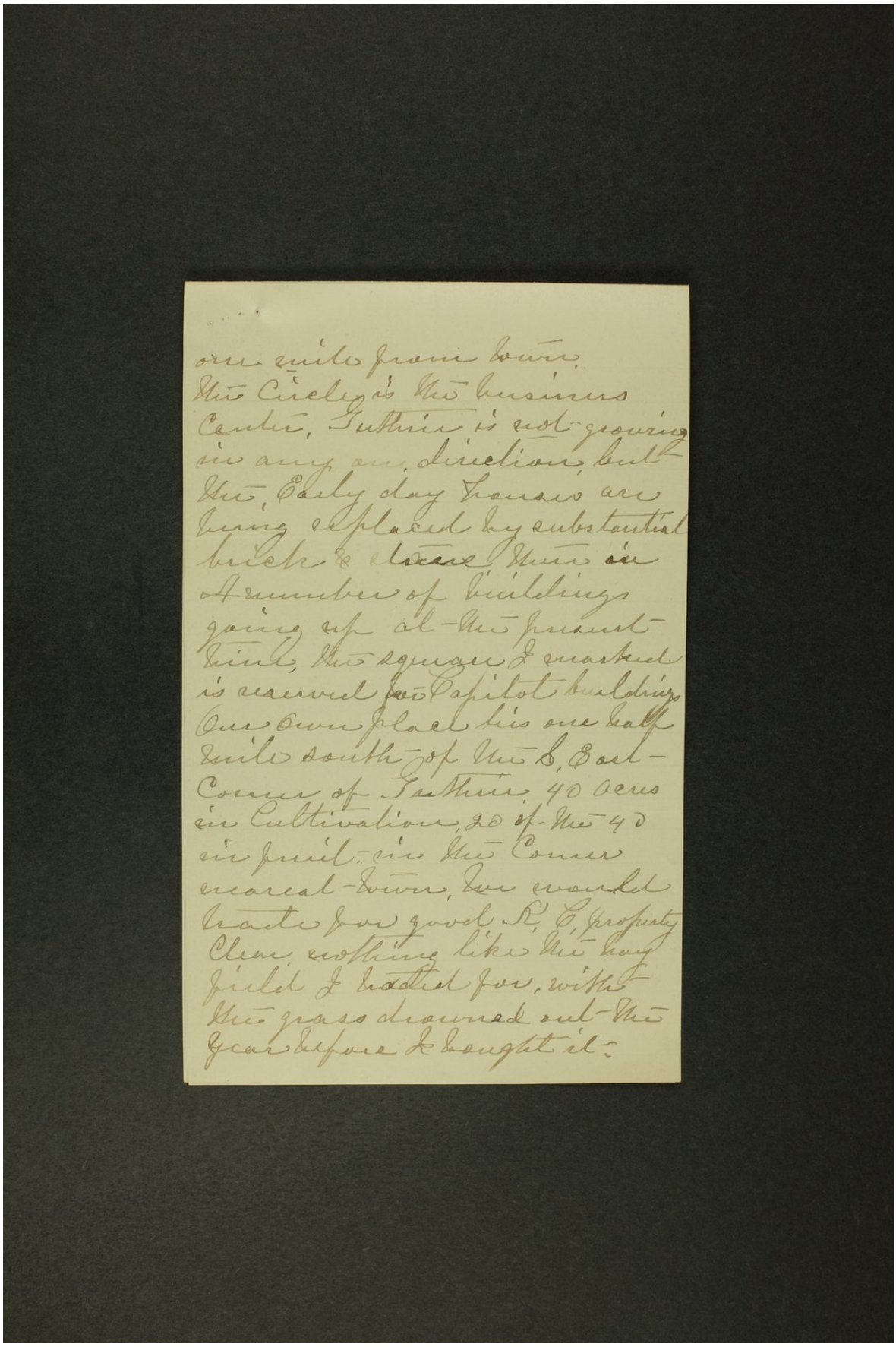
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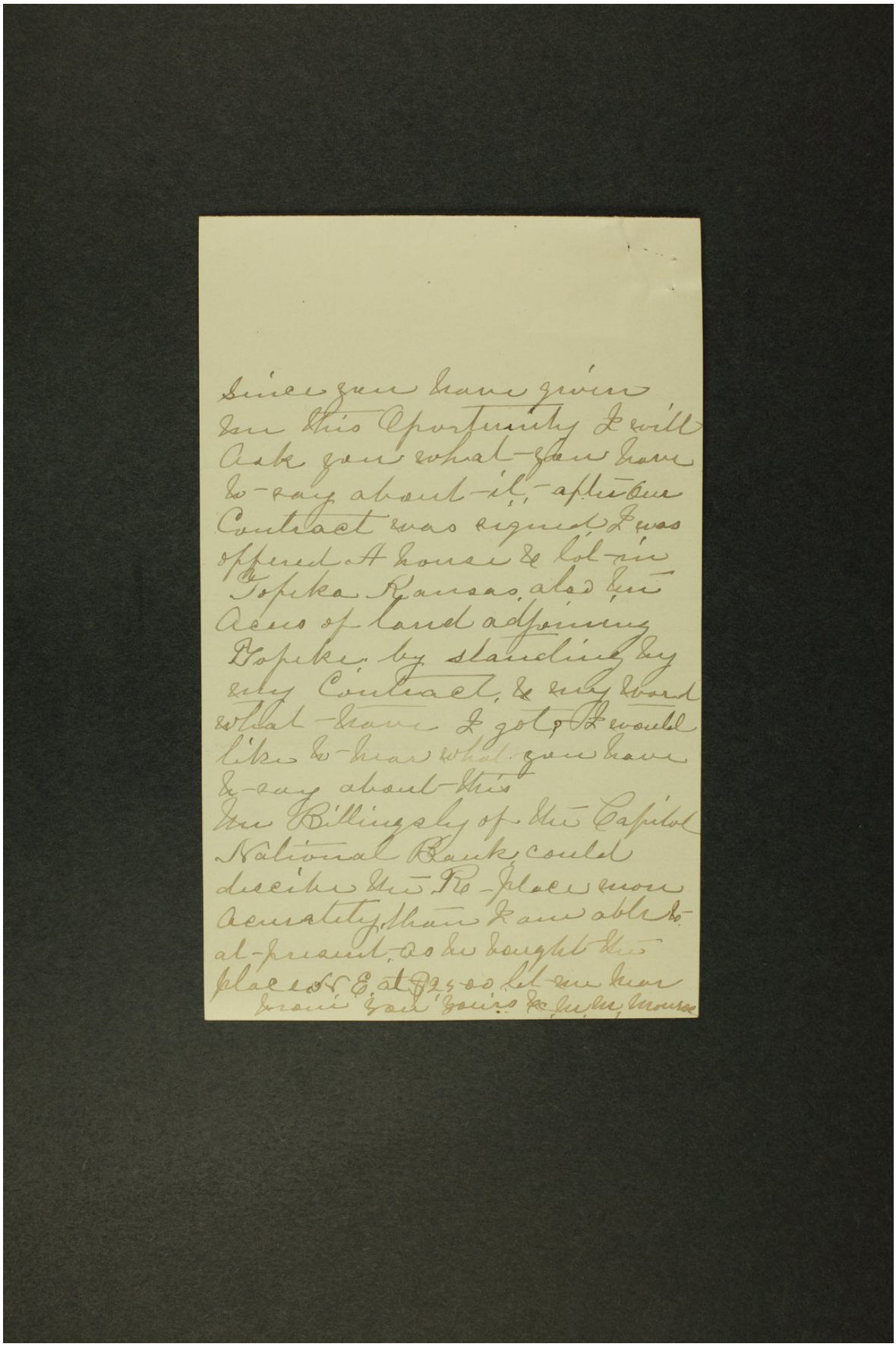
Mr G. W. Scott-
Edgerton Kansas

Dear Sir

After A weeks deliberation I have concluded to answer your letter to Mr Monroe. I will describe the Rodgers place as well as I am able the improvements are near the N. East-Corner of the ¼ Sec. A three or four room house small Stable & any Orchard about-one half in Cultivation South-half is broken, with brush & small timber growing on it. you can see by the rough plat I have made. the improvements are more than

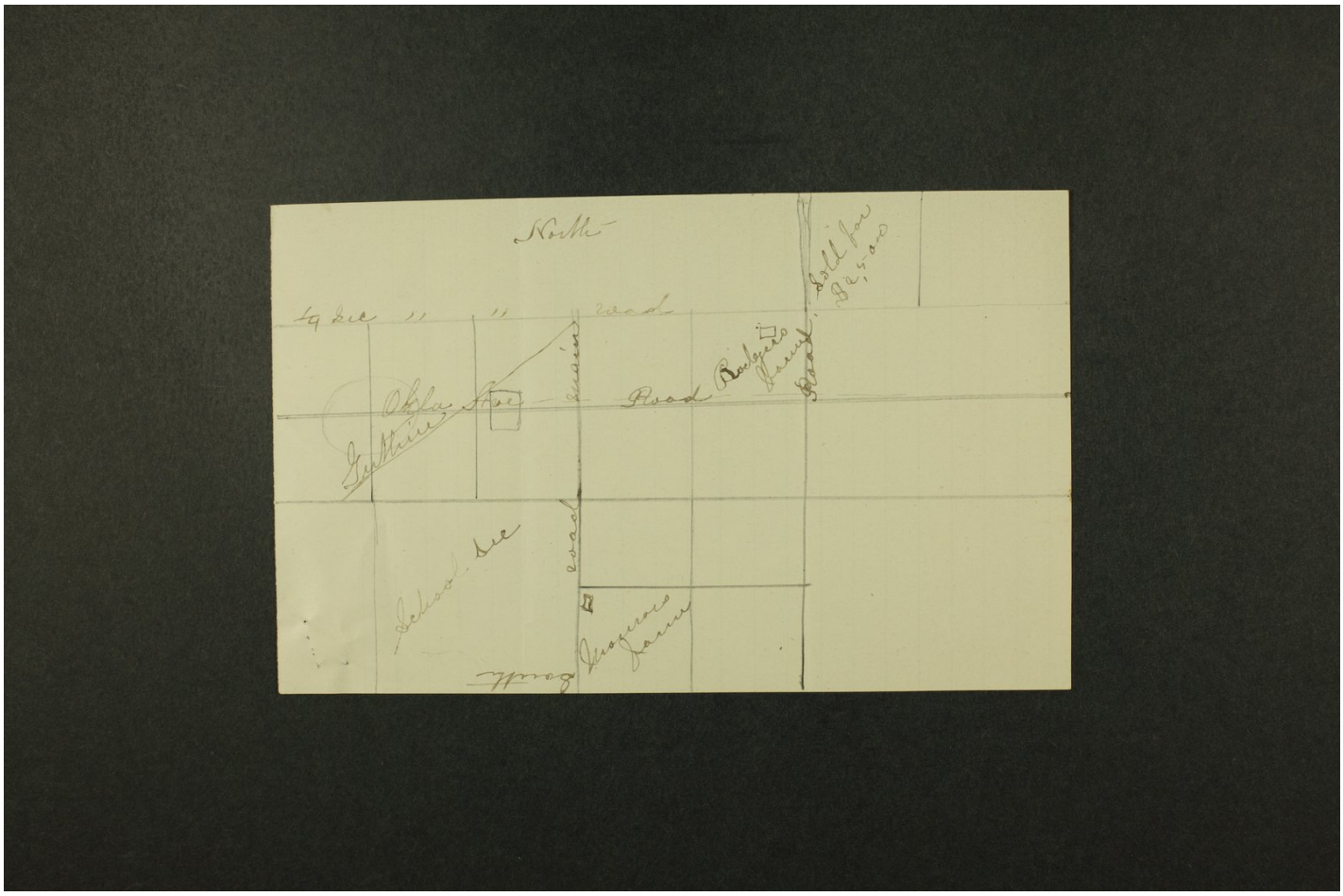


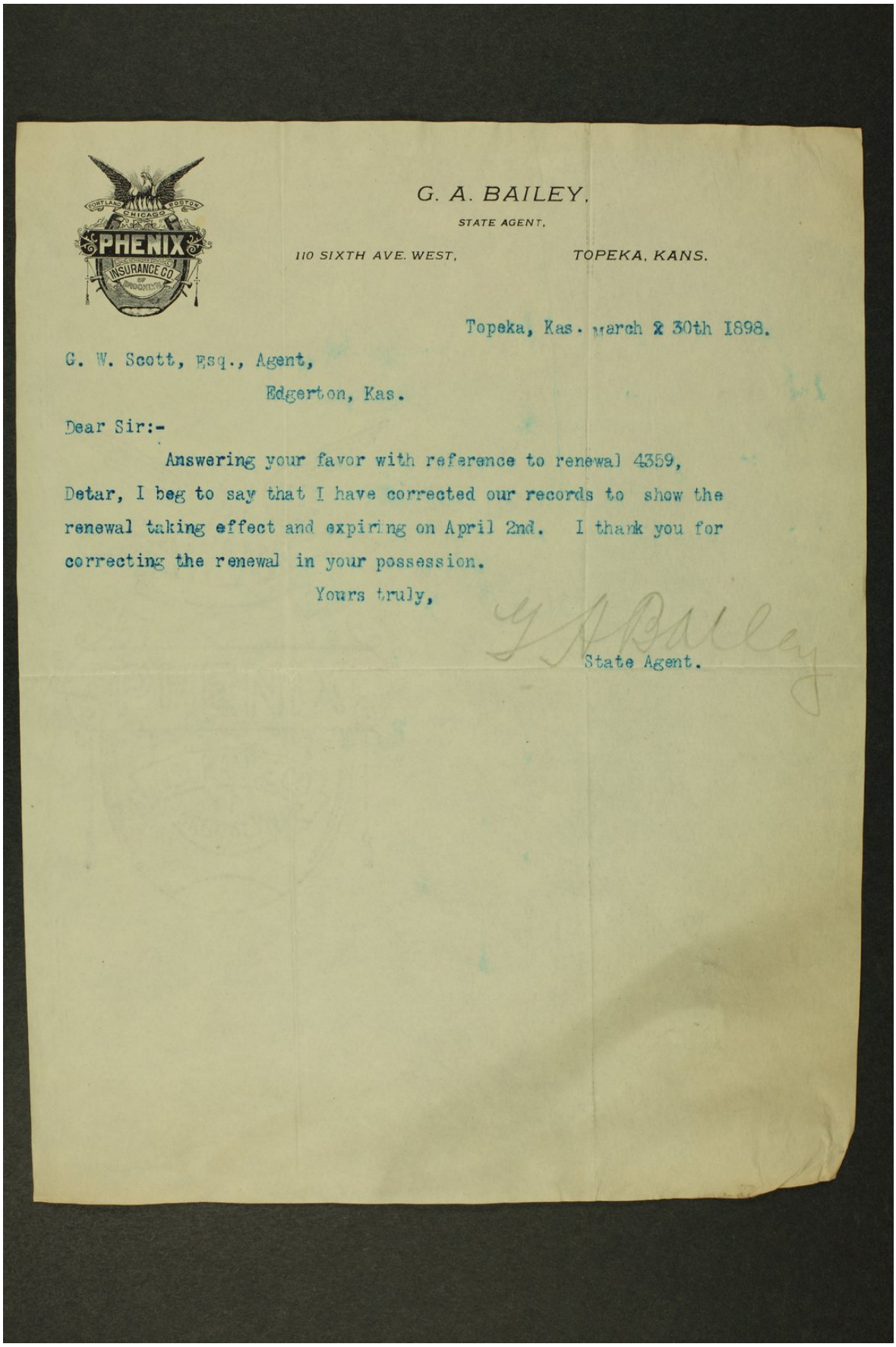
one mile from town.
The Circle is the business
Center. Guthrie is not growing
in any one direction, but
the Early day houses are
being replaced by substantial
brick & stone. There are
a number of buildings
going up at the present
time, the square I marked
is reserved for Capitol building
Our town place lies one half
mile south of the S. East
Corner of Guthrie. 40 acres
in Cultivation, 20 of the 40
in fruit. in the Corner
nearest town, we would
have for good R. C. property
Clear, nothing like the land
fruit I located for, with
the grass drowned out the
year before I bought it.



since you have given
me this Opportunity I will
ask you what you have
to say about it, after our
Contract was signed I was
offered A house & lot in
Topeka Kansas, also ten
Acres of land adjoining
Topeka by standing by
my Contract & my word
what I have I got I would
like to hear what you have
to say about this
Jno Billingsly of the Capitol
National Bank could
discribe this Property more
Accurately than I am able to
at present, as he bought this
place of E. at $23.00 Let me hear
from you Yours &c Jno Scott

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G. A. BAILEY.
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Topeka, Kas. March & 30th 1898.

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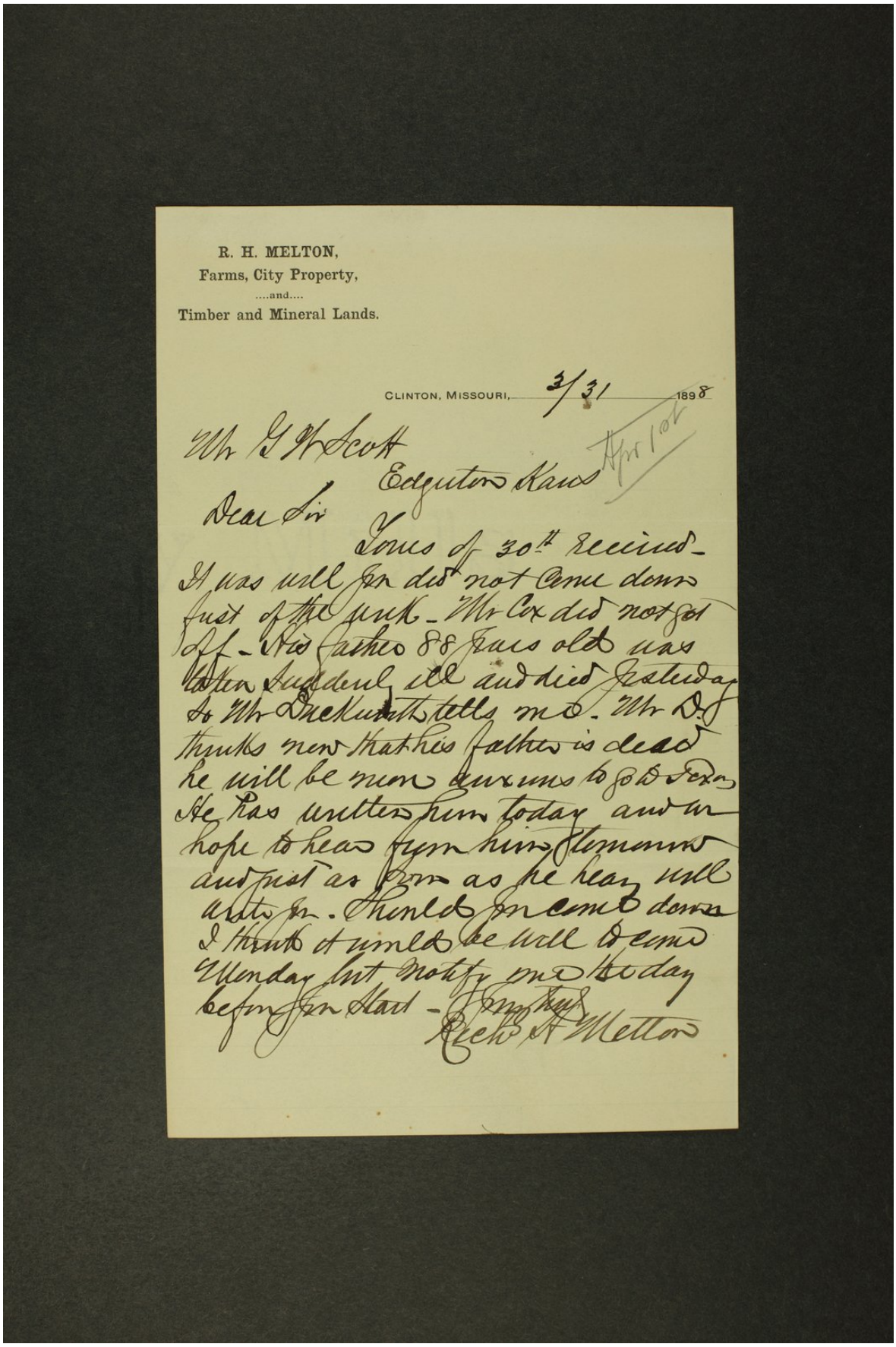
Dear Sir:-

Answering your favor with reference to renewal 4359, Detar, I beg to say that I have corrected our records to show the renewal taking effect and expiring on April 2nd. I thank you for correcting the renewal in your possession.

Yours truly,

G. A. Bailey

State Agent.



R. H. MELTON,
Farms, City Property,
....and....
Timber and Mineral Lands.

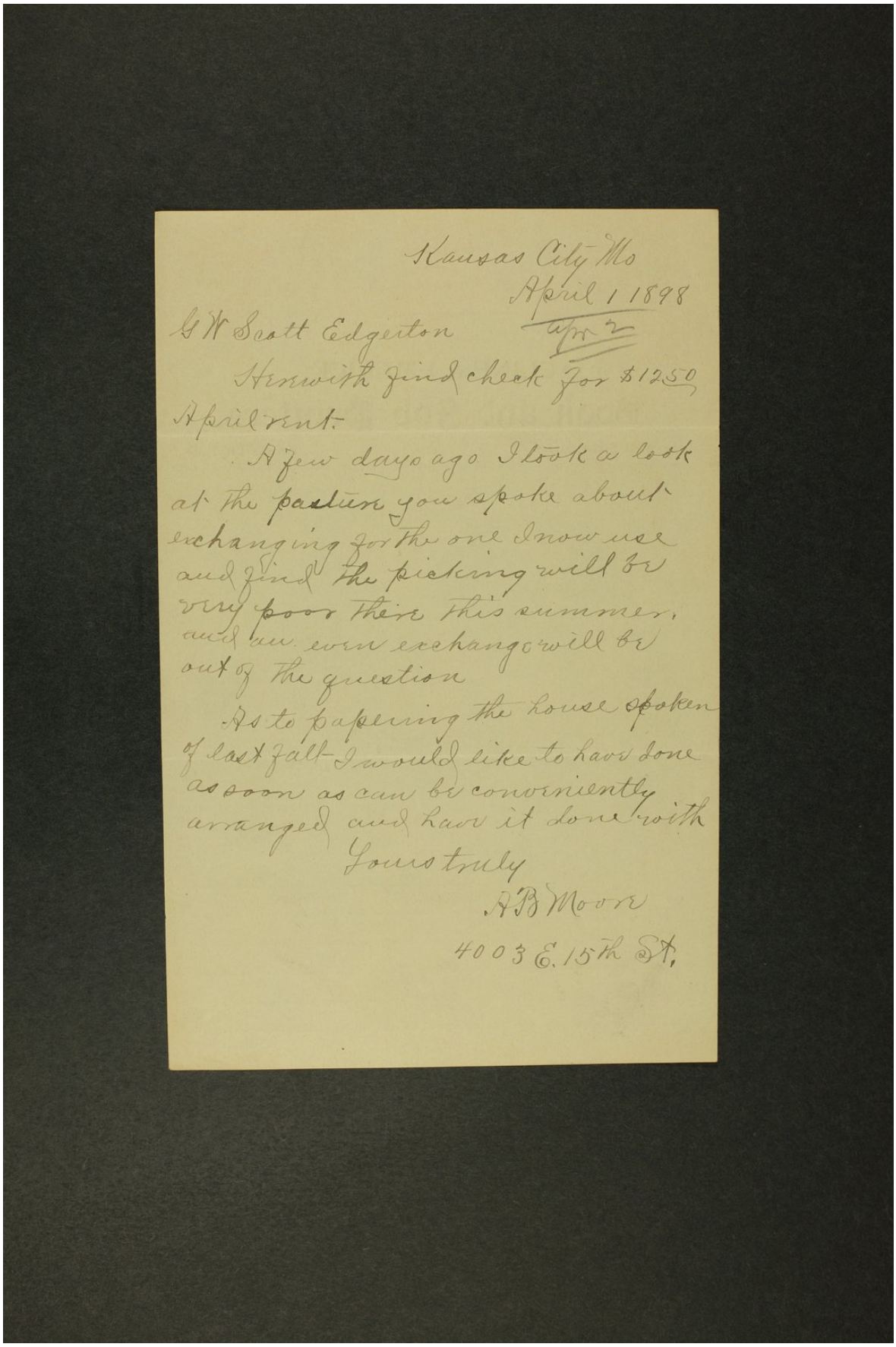
CLINTON, MISSOURI, 3/31 1898

Mr G W Scott
Edgerton Kans
Apr 1st

Dear Sir

Yours of 30th received - I was well for did not come down just at the present - Mr Cox did not get off - His father 88 years old was taken suddenly ill and died Yesterday so Mr Dieckmann tells me - Mr D. thinks now that his father is dead he will be more desirous to sell so does he. He has written him today and we hope to hear from him tomorrow and just as soon as he hears will write you - Should you come down I think it would be well to come Monday but notify me today before you start -

Yours truly
R H Melton



Kansas City Mo
April 1 1898
Apr 2

G W Scott Edgerton

Herewith find check for $12.50 April rent.

A few days ago I took a look at the pasture you spoke about exchanging for the one I now use and find the picking will be very poor there this summer, and an even exchange will be out of the question

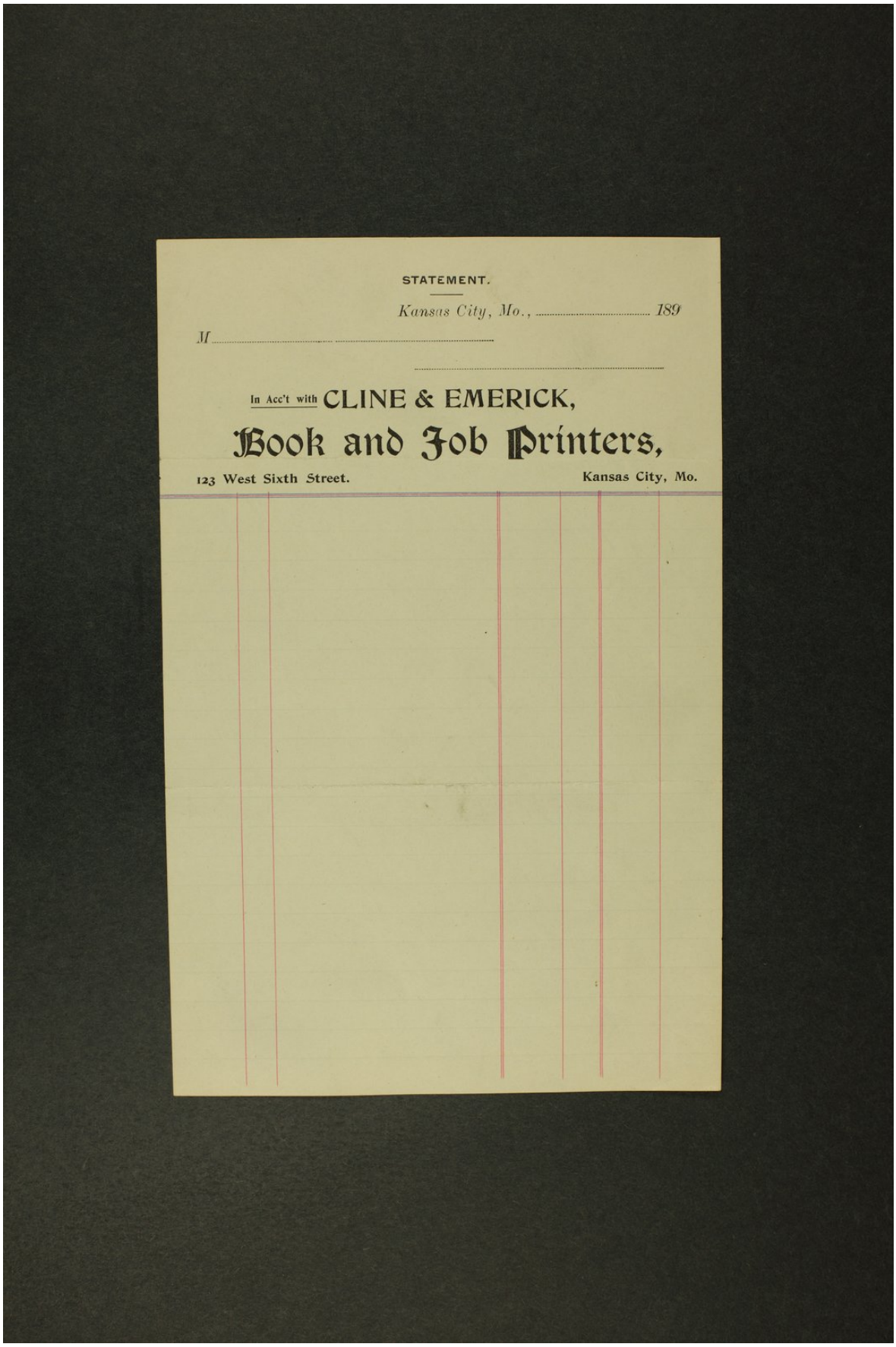
As to papering the house spoken of last fall I would like to have done as soon as can be conveniently arranged and have it done with

Yours truly

A B Moore

4003 E. 15th St.

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Kansas City, Mo., ... *189*

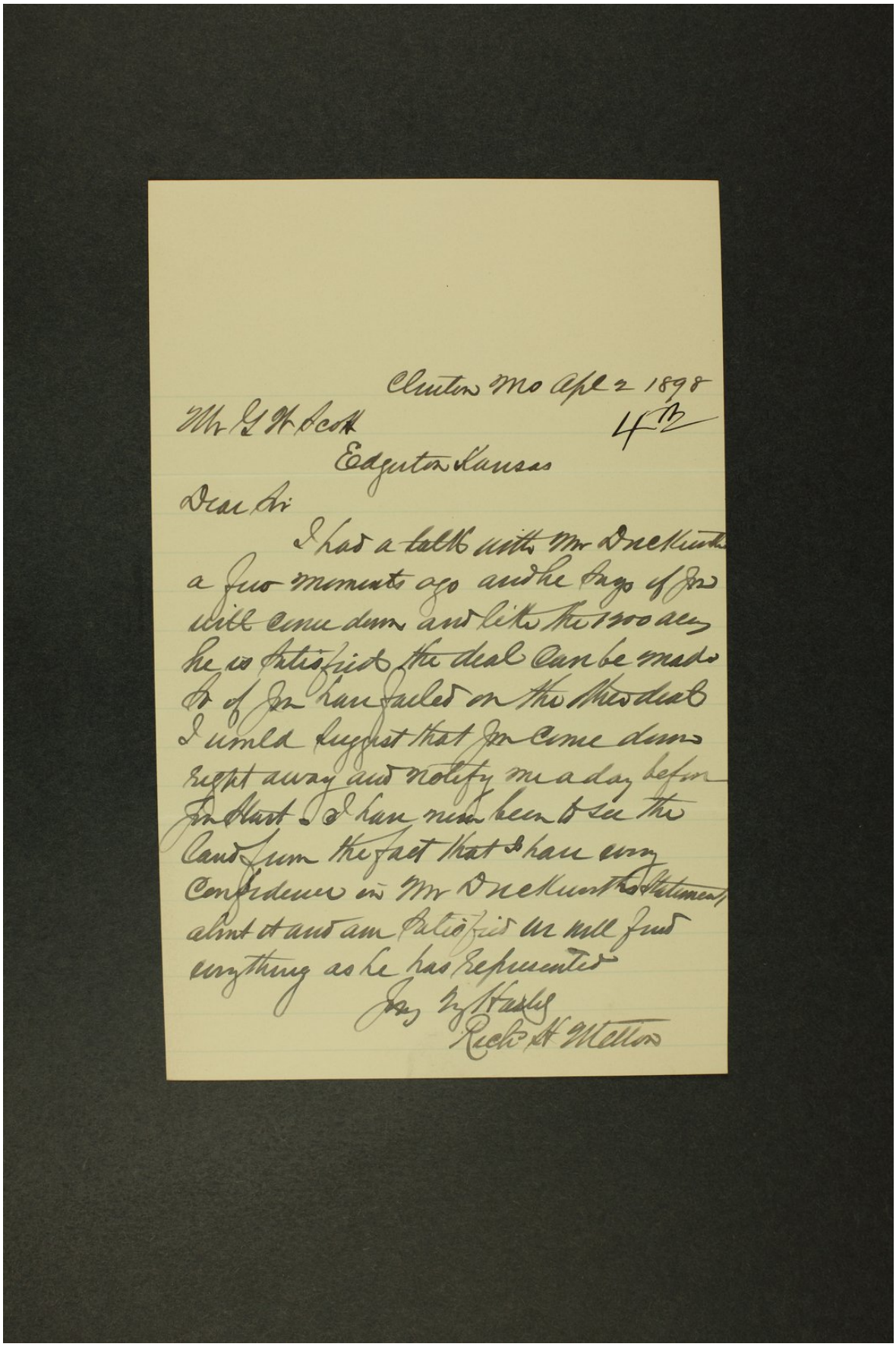
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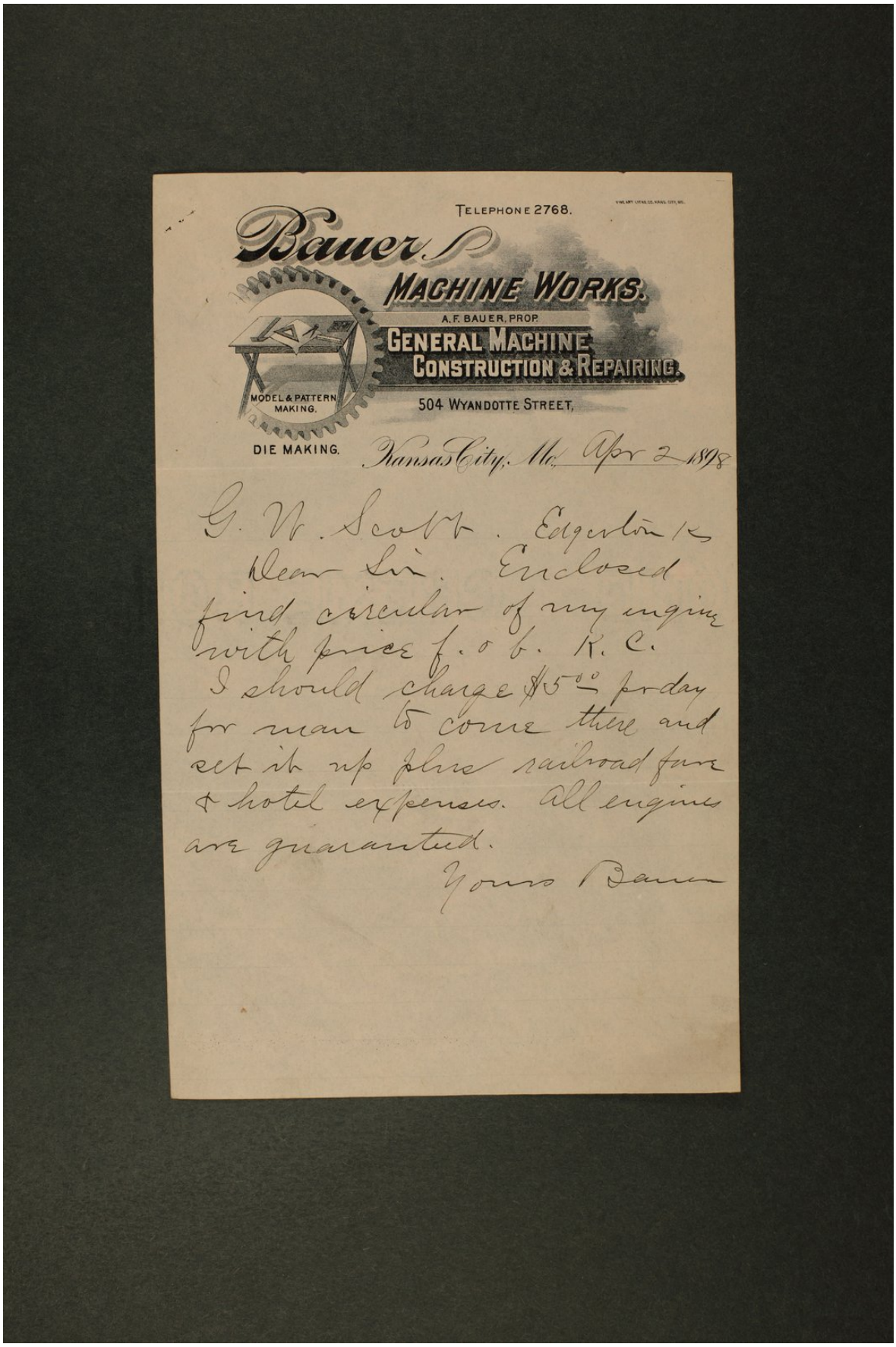
Mr G W Scott

Edgerton Kansas

Dear Sir

I had a talk with Mr Dreckmeier a few moments ago and he says if you will come down and take the 1200 acres he is satisfied the deal can be made so if you have called on the Mrs Dreck I would suggest that you come down right away and notify me a day before you start so I can meet you to see the land from the fact that I have every confidence in Mr Dreckmeiers statement about it and am satisfied we will find everything as he has represented

Yours truly
Richd H Mellon



TELEPHONE 2768.

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Kansas City, Mo. Apr 2 1898

G. W. Scott. Edgerton Ks
Dear Sir. Enclosed
find circular of my engine
with price f. o b. K. C.
I should charge $5.00 pr day
for man to come there and
set it up plus railroad fare
& hotel expenses. All engines
are guaranteed.
Yours Bauer

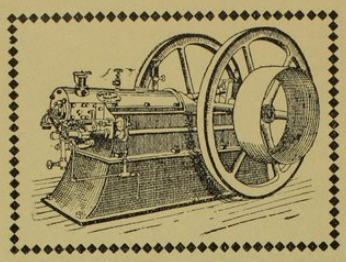
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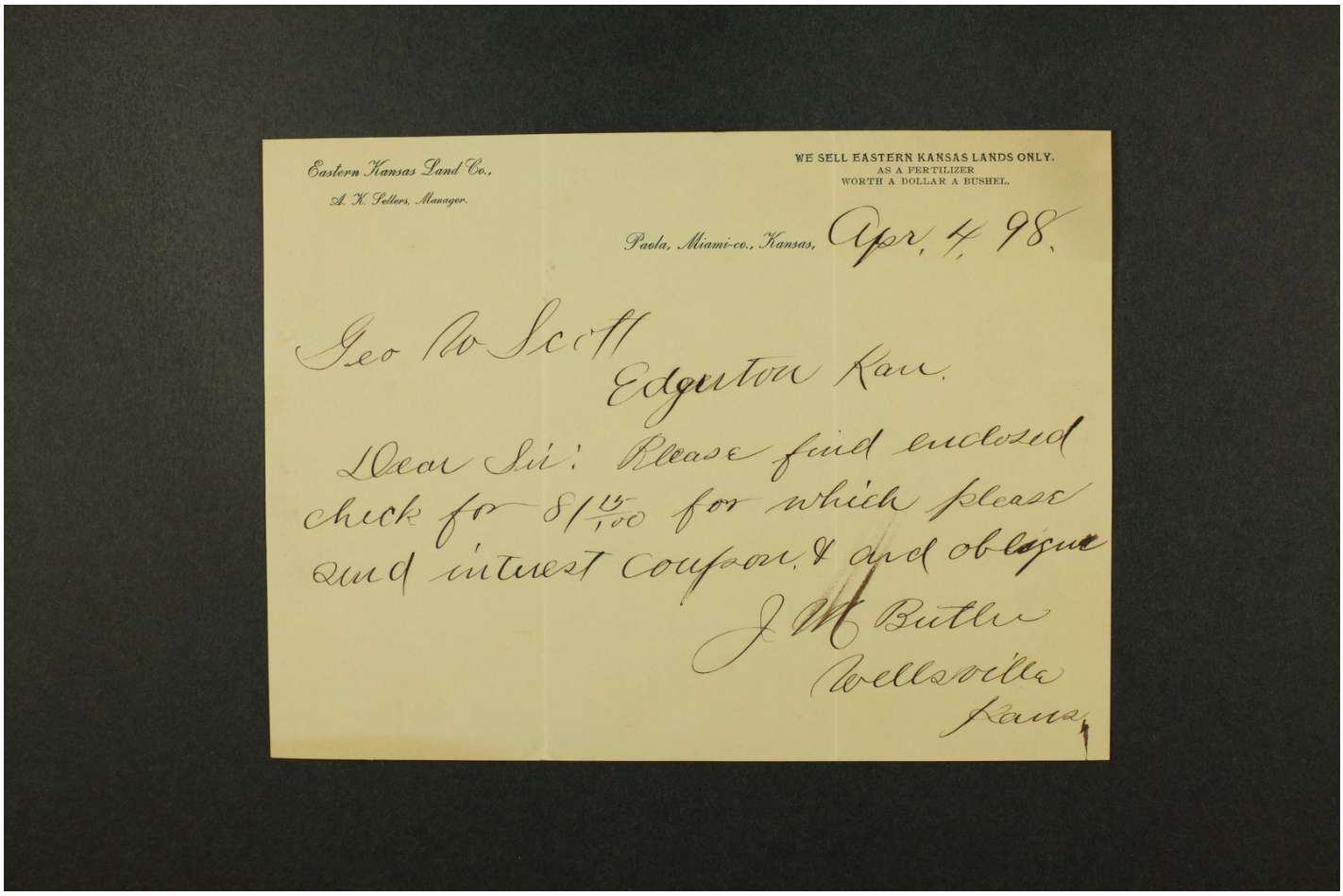
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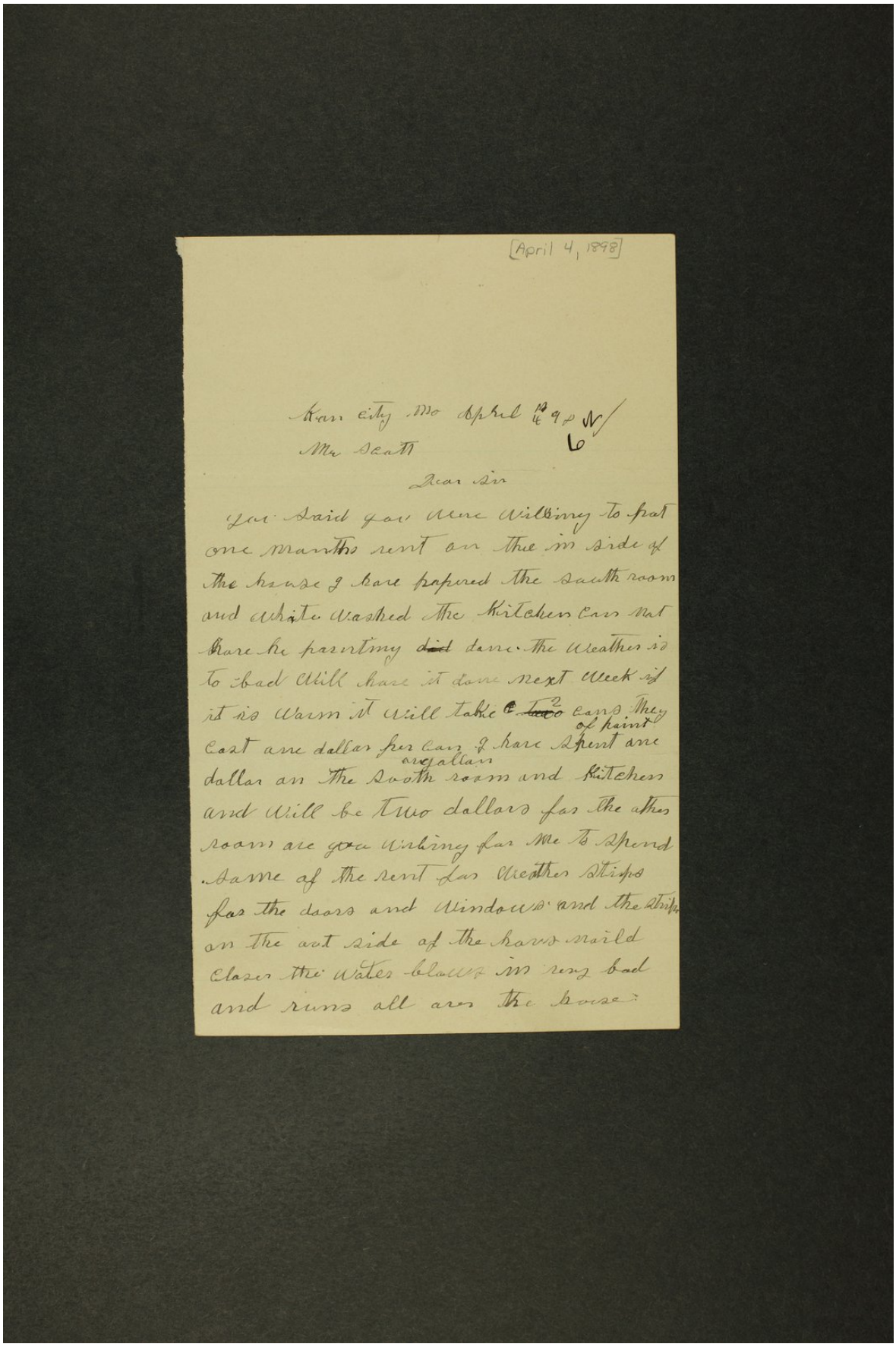
WE SELL EASTERN KANSAS LANDS ONLY.
AS A FERTILIZER
WORTH A DOLLAR A BUSHEL.

Paola, Miami-co., Kansas, Apr. 4, 98.

Geo. A. Scott
Edgerton Kan.

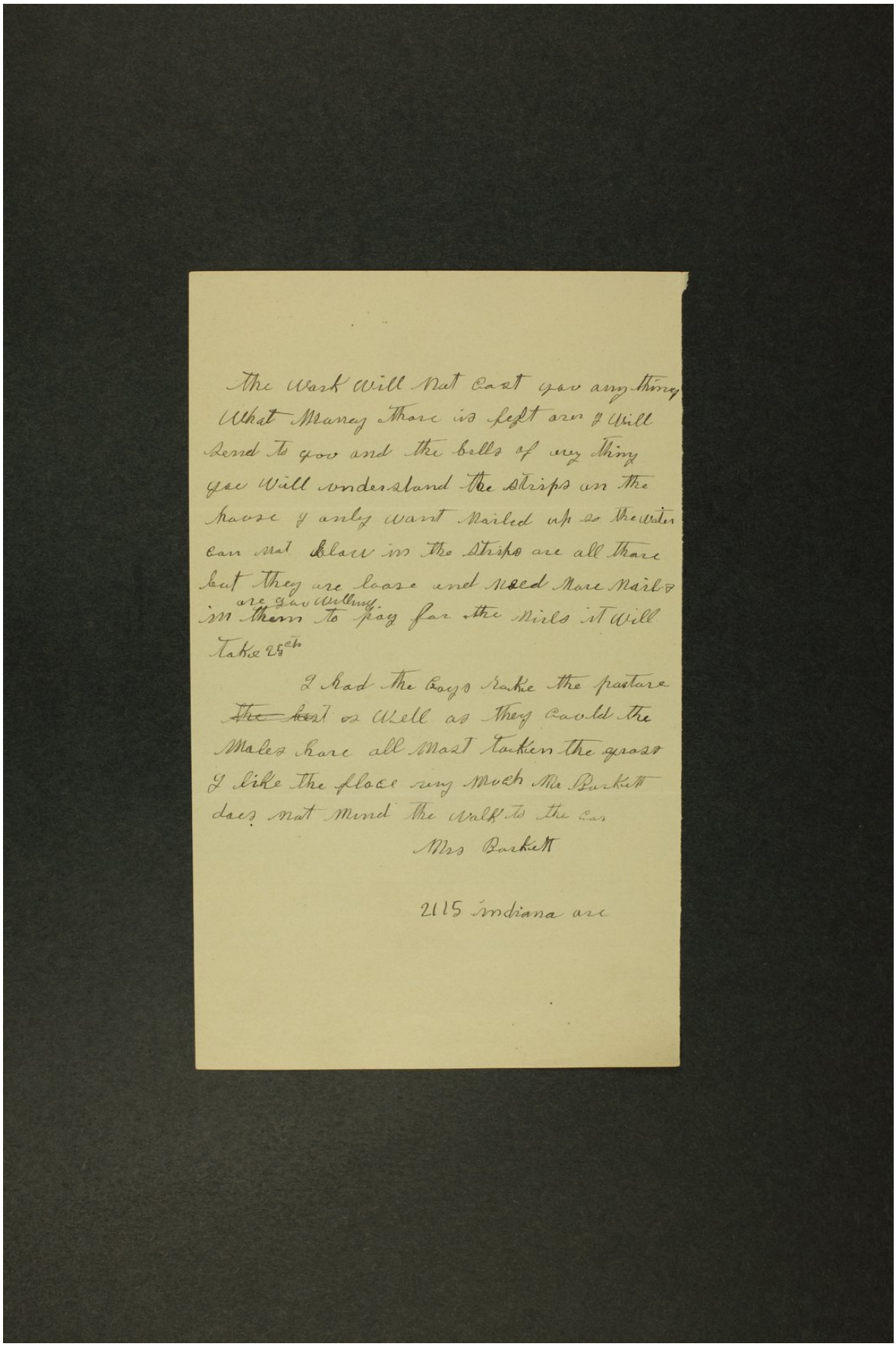
Dear Sir: Please find enclosed check for $1 15/100 for which please send interest coupon & and oblig[illegible]

J. M. Butler
Wellsville
Kans.



[April 4, 1898]

Kan city Mo April 13 4 98
Mr Scott
Dear Sir
You said you were willing to put
one months rent on the in side of
the house I have prepared the south room
and white washed the kitchen can not
have the painting ~~did~~ done. The weather is
to bad will have it done next week if
it is warm it will take ~~two~~ 2 cans of paint they
cost one dollar per can I have spent one
dollar on the south room and kitchen
and will be two dollars for the other
room are you willing for me to spend
same of the rent for weather strips
for the doors and windows and the strips
on the east side of the house would
close the water blows in very bad
and runs all over the house

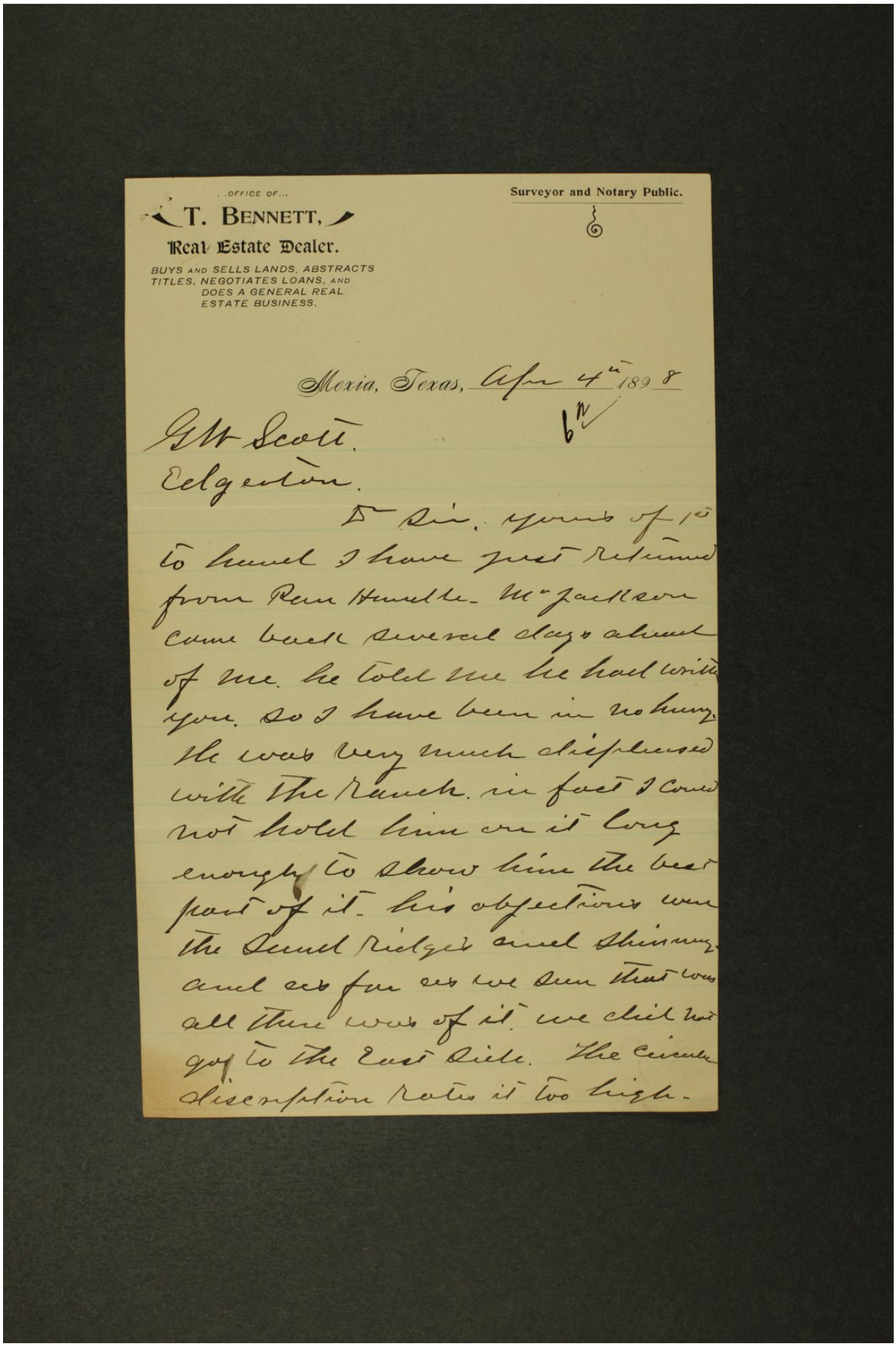


The Work Will Not Cost you any thing
What Money there is left are I Will
Send To you and the bills of my thing
you Will understand the Strips on the
house I only want Nailed up so the Water
can not Blow in the Strips are all there
but they are loose and need More Nails
in them to pay for the Nails it Will
are I am Willing.
Take 25th

I had the Boys Rake the pasture
~~The last~~ as Well as they could the
Males have all Most Taken the grass
I like the place very Much Mr Barkett
does not Mind the Walk to the Car

Mrs Barkett

2115 Indiana ave



. . OFFICE OF . .

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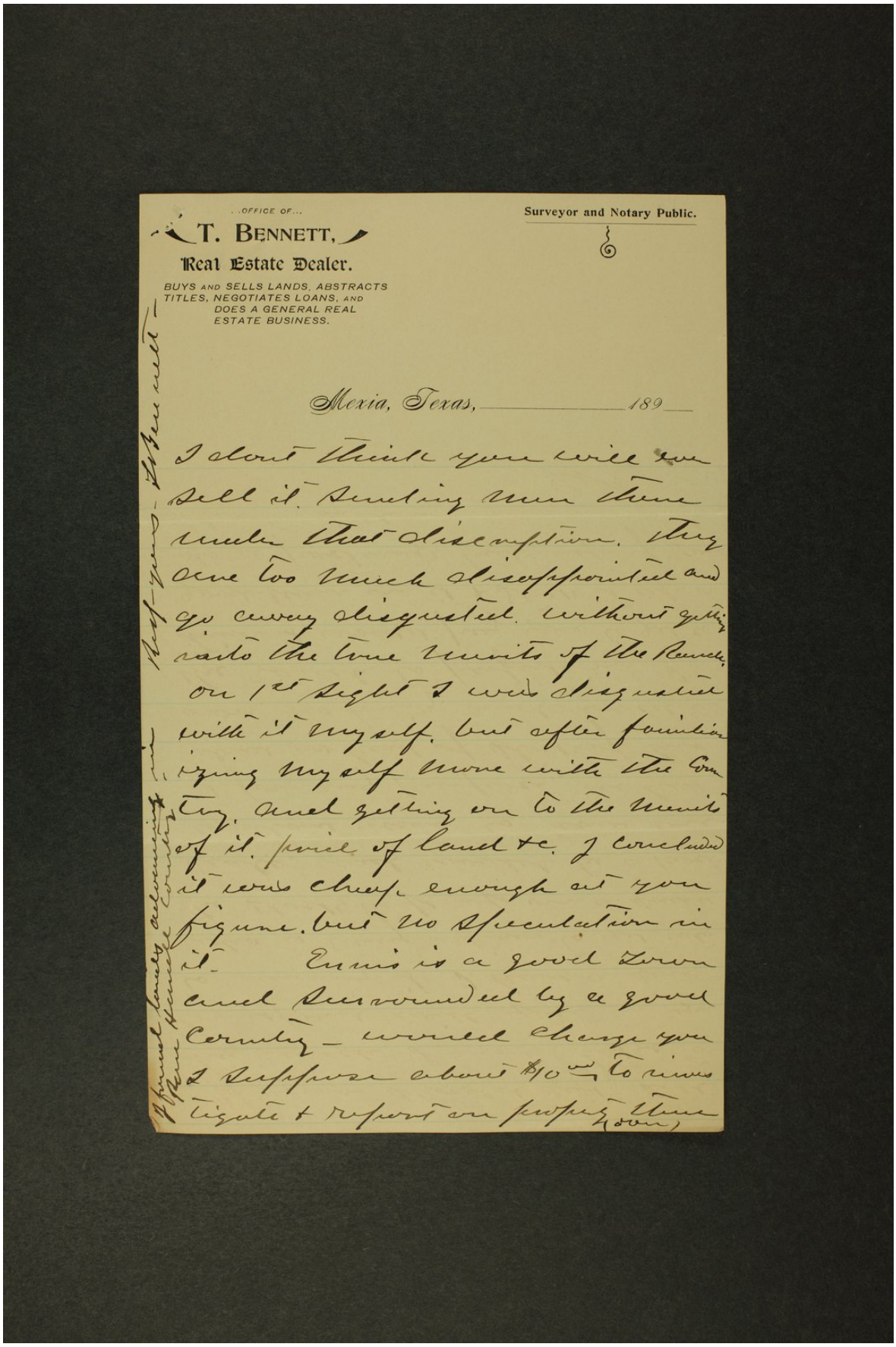
Surveyor and Notary Public.

Mexia, Texas, Apr 4th 1898

6th

G. W. Scott.
Edgerton.

Dr Sir. yours of 1st to hand I have just returned from Ran Humble. Mr Jackson came back several days ahead of me. he told me he had with you. so I have been in no hurry. he was very much displeased with the Ranch. in fact I could not hold him on it long enough to show him the best part of it. his objections were the Sand Ridges and thinness and as for us we saw that was all there was of it. we did not go to the East Side. The Cimarron discription rates it too high.



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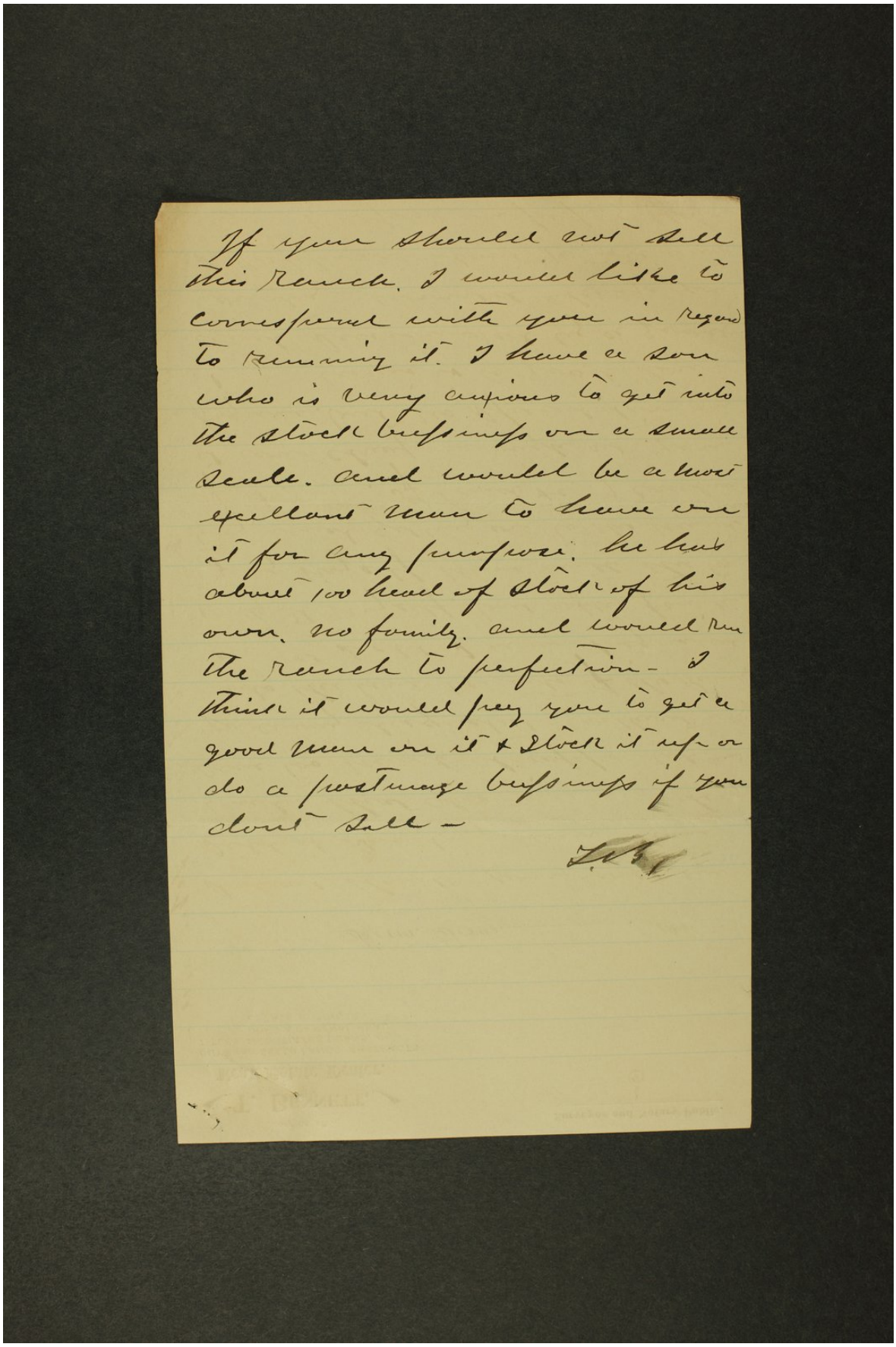
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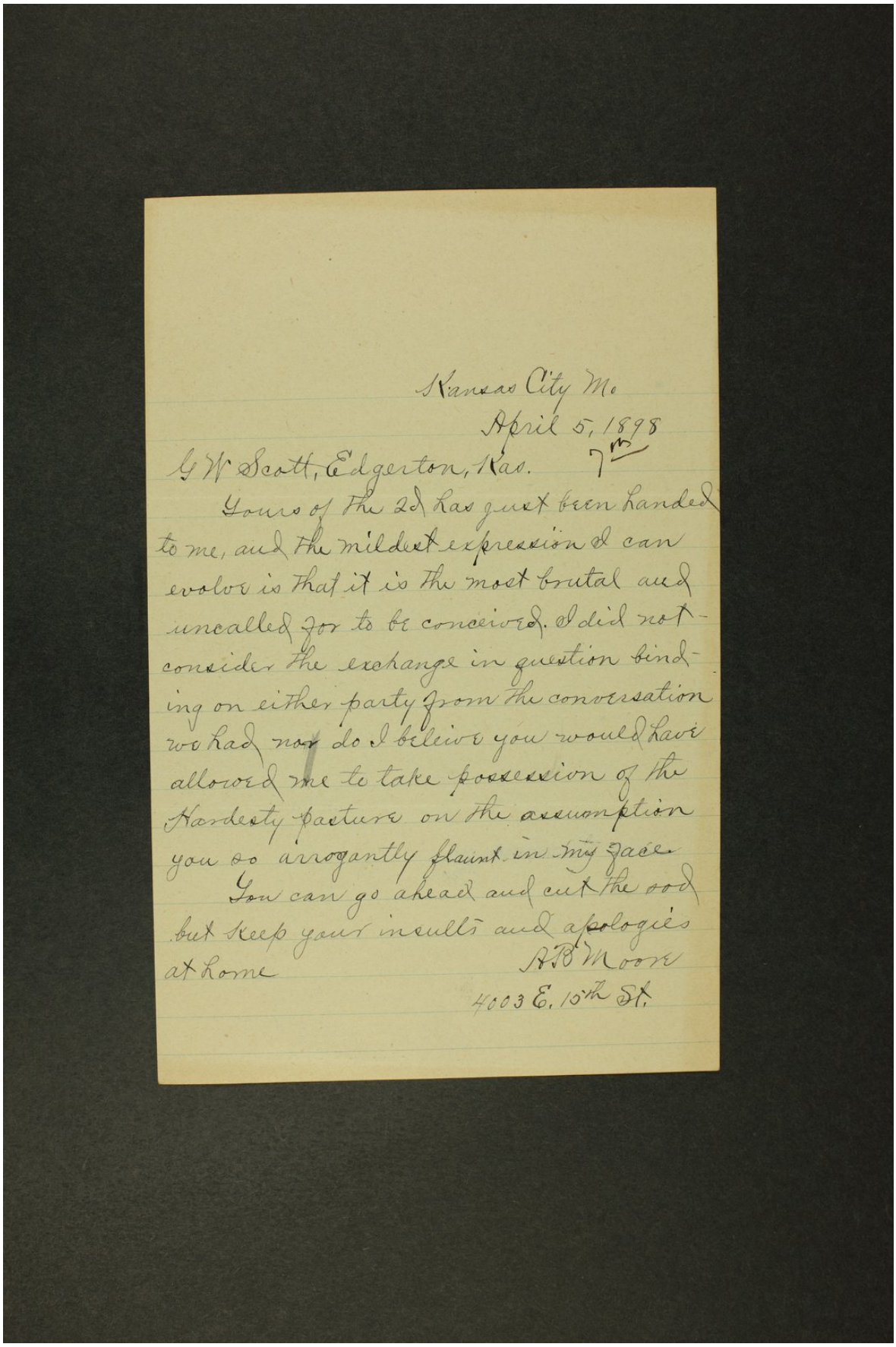
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I dont think you will ever sell it. Sending men there under that discription. they are too much disappointed and go away disgusted. without getting into the true merits of the case. on 1st sight I was disgusted with it myself. but after familiarizing myself more with the country. and getting on to the merits of it. price of land &c. I concluded it was cheap enough at your figure. but no speculation in it. Ennis is a good town and surrounded by a good country - would charge you 2 per cent about $10 to have title & report on property there

Have you any adjoining Ennis property for sale?



If you should not sell this Ranch. I would like to correspond with you in Regard to running it. I have a Son who is very anxious to get into the Stock business on a small scale. and would be a most excellent man to have on it for any purpose. he has about 100 head of Stock of his own. no family. and would run the ranch to perfection - I think it would pay you to get a good man on it & Stock it up - or do a Postmaster business if you dont Sell -



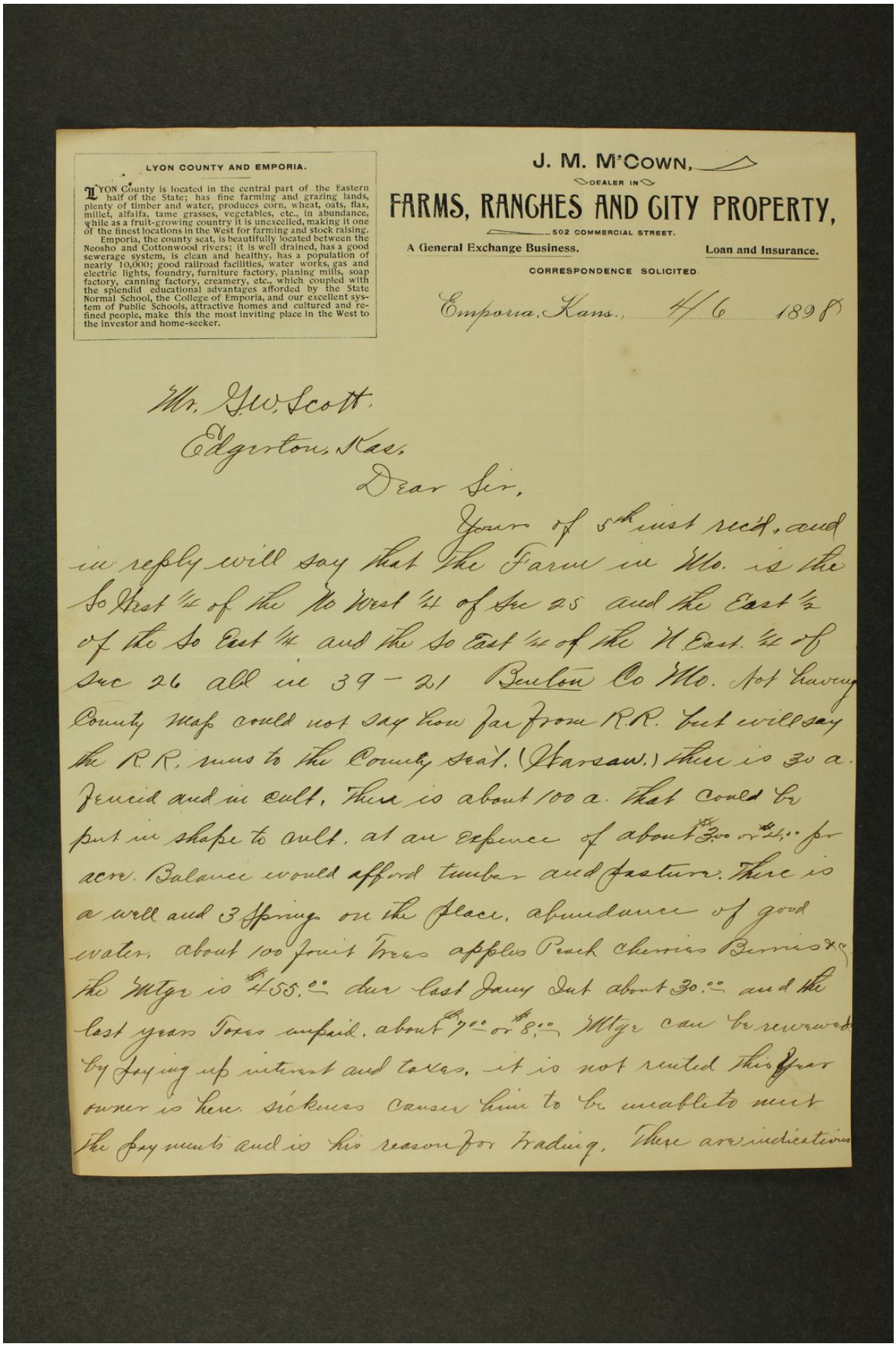
Kansas City Mo
April 5, 1898

G W Scott, Edgerton, Kas. 7th

Yours of the 2d has just been handed to me, and the mildest expression I can evolve is that it is the most brutal and uncalled for to be conceived. I did not consider the exchange in question binding on either party from the conversation we had, nor do I believe you would have allowed me to take possession of the Hardesty pasture on the assumption you so arrogantly flaunt in my face.

You can go ahead and cut the sod but keep your insults and apologies at home

R B Moore
4003 E. 15th St.



LYON COUNTY AND EMPORIA.

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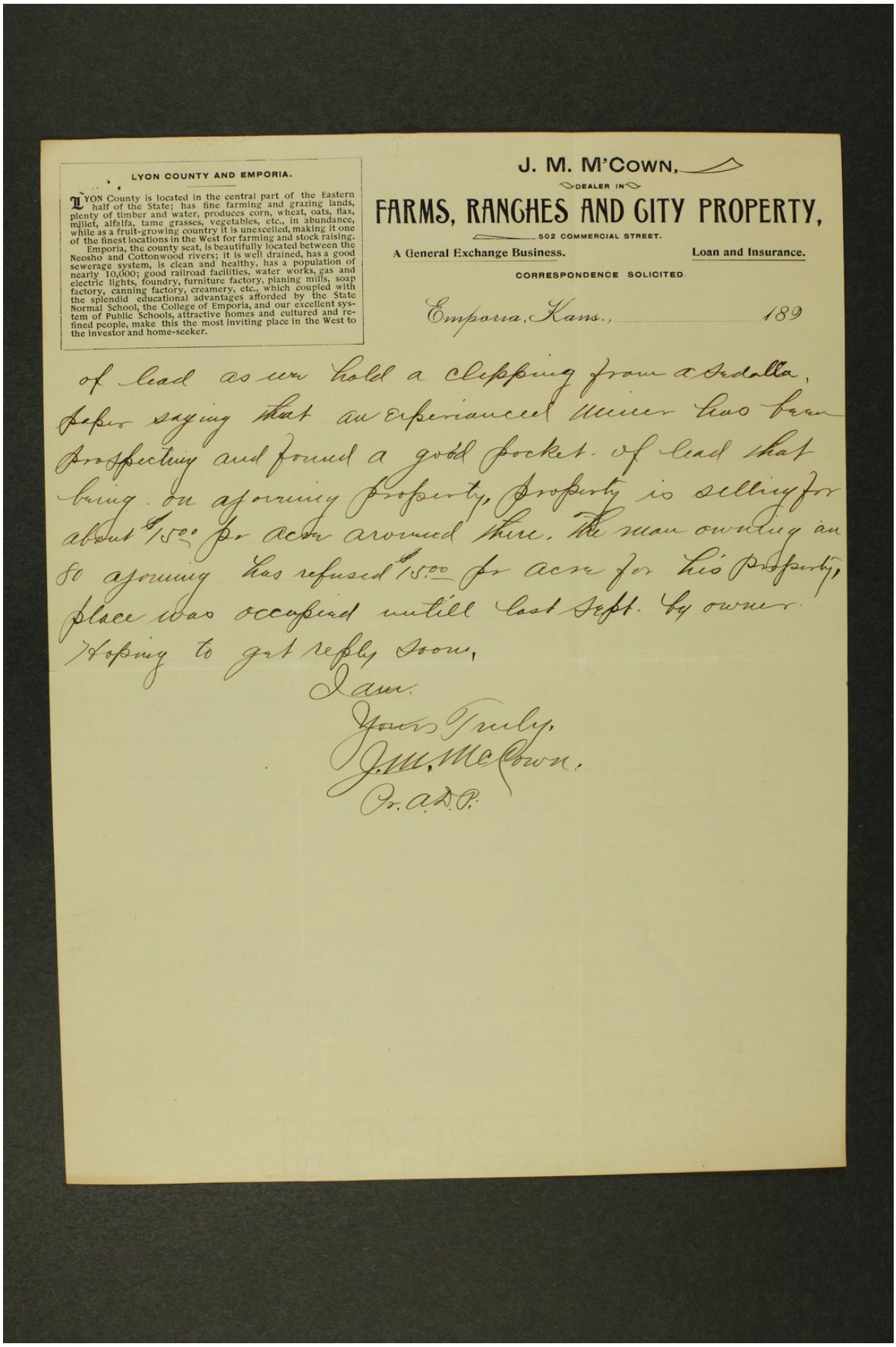
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Emporia, Kans., 4/6 1898

Mr. G.W. Scott.
Edgerton, Kas.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 5th inst rec'd, and in reply will say that the Farm in Mo. is the So West ¼ of the No West ¼ of Sec 25 and the East ½ of the So East ¼ and the So East ¼ of the N East ¼ of Sec 26 all in 39 – 21 Bulton Co Mo. Not having County Map could not say how far from R.R. but will say the R.R. runs to the County Seat. (Harsaw.) There is 30 a. fenced and in cult. There is about 100 a. that could be put in shape to cult. at an expence of about $30. or $40.00 per acre. Balance would afford timber and pasture. There is a well and 3 Springs on the place, abundance of good water. about 100 fruit Trees apples Peach Cherries Berries &c the Mtge is $455.00 due last Jany but about 30.00 and the last years Taxes unpaid. about $7.00 or $8.00 Mtge can be renewed by paying up interest and taxes. it is not rented this year owner is here. sickness causes him to be unable to meet the payments and is his reason for trading. There are indications



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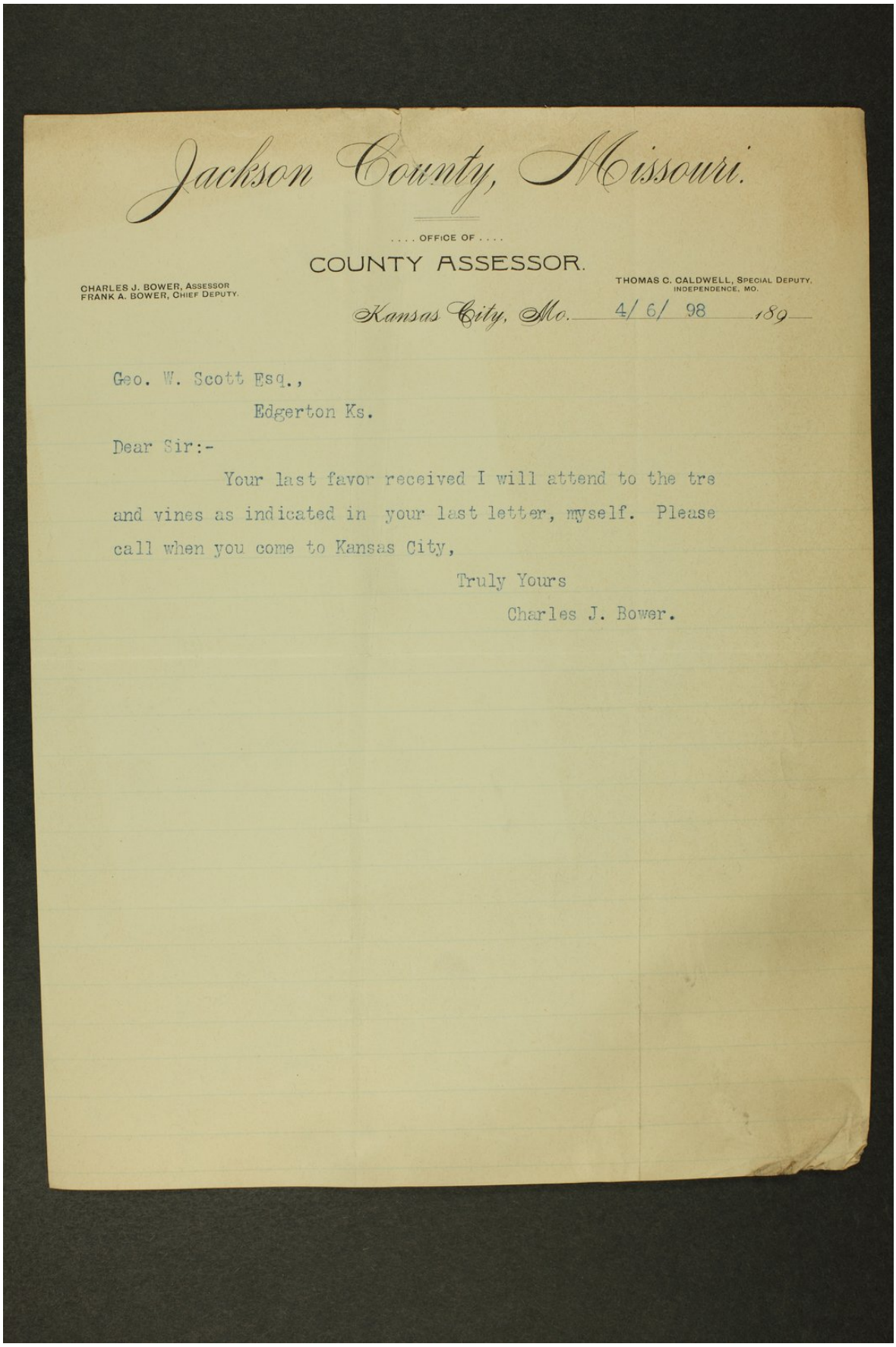
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of lead as we hold a clipping from a Cedalia, paper saying that an experianced miner has been prospecting and found a gold pocket of lead that being on a joining property. Property is selling for about $150.00 pr acre around there. The man owning an 80 ajoining has refused $150.00 pr acre for his property, place was occupied until last Sept. by owner. Hoping to get reply soon.

I am
Yours Truly,
J. M. McCown.
Cr. A. & P.



Jackson County, Missouri.

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Geo. W. Scott Esq.,
Edgerton Ks.

Dear Sir:-

Your last favor received I will attend to the trs and vines as indicated in your last letter, myself. Please call when you come to Kansas City,

Truly Yours
Charles J. Bower.