Guy Alfred Coover Collection

Section 11, Pages 301 - 330

This is a collection of letters written by Guy A. (Alfred) Coover to Mrs. M. (Margaret) T. Coover, his mother, during the Philippine-American War, and related newsclippings. Coover was a member of Company D, 20th Regiment, Kansas Infantry and the letters date from 1898 to 1899. Margaret Coover lived in Walnut, Kansas. Guy Coover was mustered in on June 14, 1898 as a private, promoted to corporal on July 27, 1899, and mustered out with his regiment. Letters from Guy Coover to his wife Gertrude Dutton of Springfield, Missouri are also included. Two other items in the Coover Collection are available on Kansas Memory as separate items: a broadside titled To My Countrymen The Americans (scan forthcoming); and a Roster of the 20th Regiment, Kansas Infantry (item 442386).

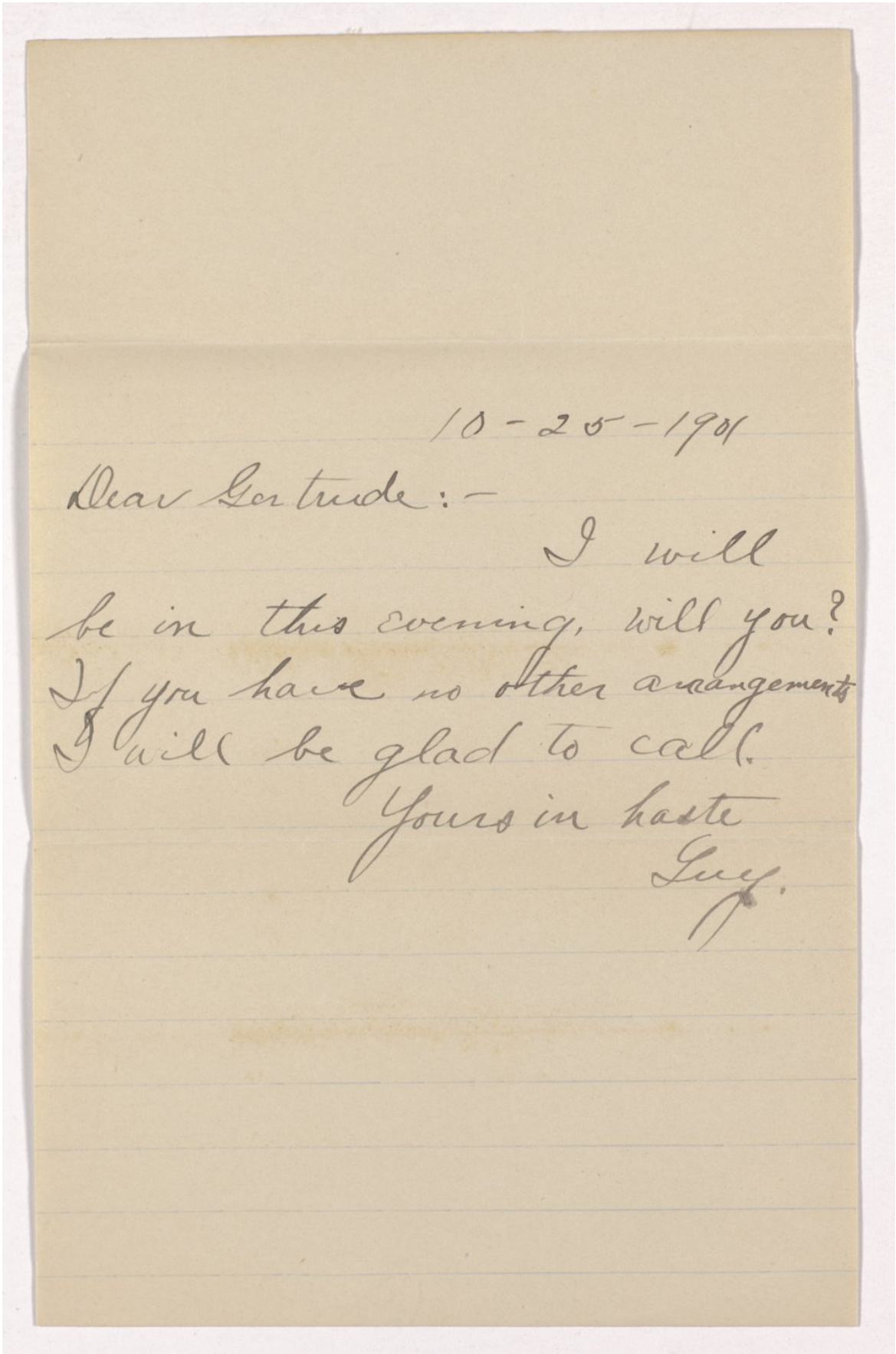
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10-20-1901

Dear Gertrude:-

I will be in this evening, will you? If you have no other arrangements I will be glad to call.

Yours in haste

Guy.

Guy Alfred Coover Collection



11-11-01

Dear Gertrude:-

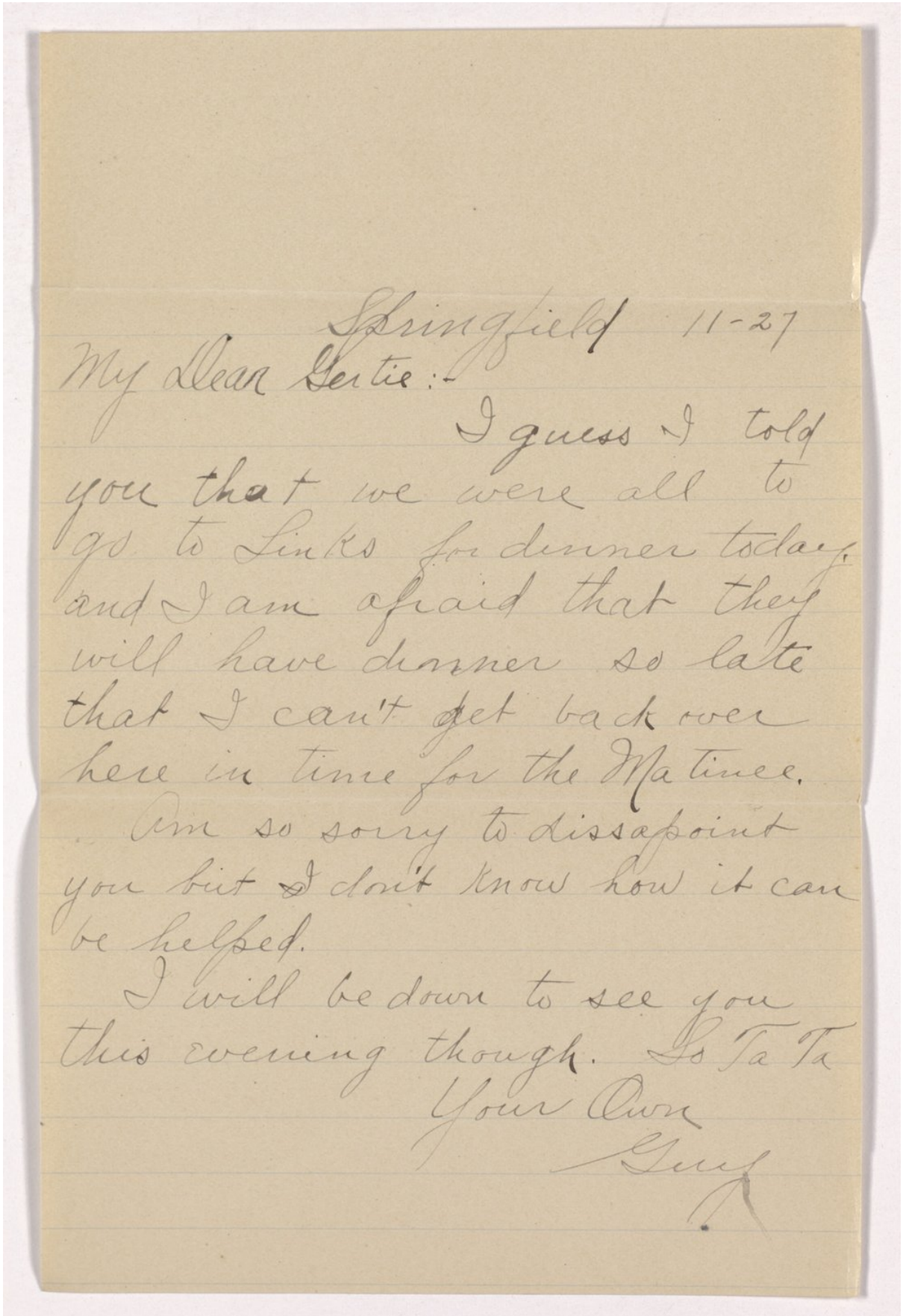
I told Clarence to tell you I would be down this evening, but I guess you know the reason I did not come. Maybe it won't be raining next time.

Hoping to see you some time soon I am as ever

Yours

G.A.C.


SPRINGFIELD, MO
NOV 12
7 AM
01
UNITED STATES POSTAGE
2
TWO CENTS
Miss Gertrude Dutton,
806 South St.
City.



Springfield 11-27

My dear Gertie:-

I guess I told you that we were all to go to Links for dinner today and I am afraid that they will have dinner so late that I can't get back over here in time for the Matinee.

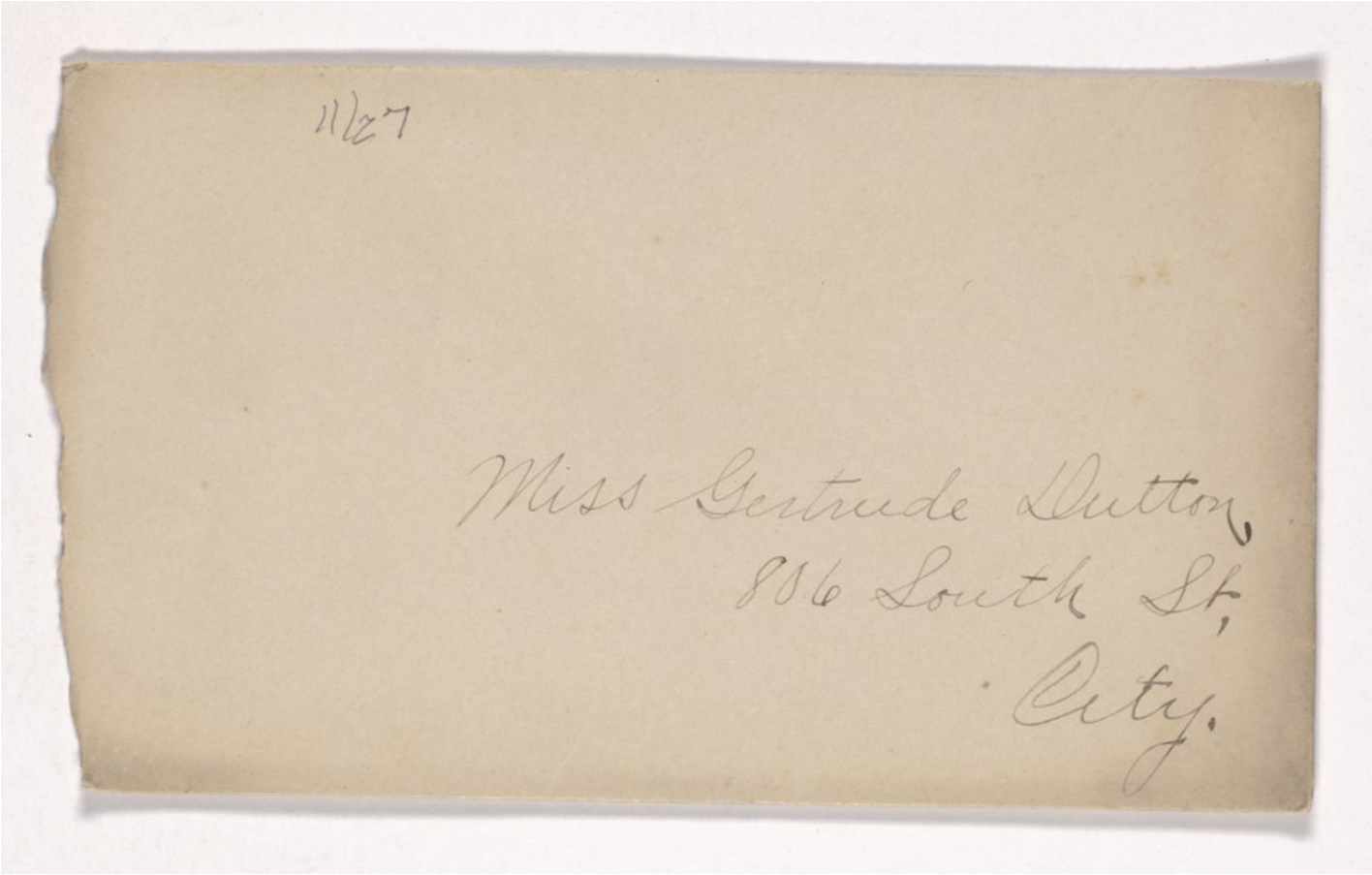
Am so sorry to dissapoint you but I don't know how it can be helped.

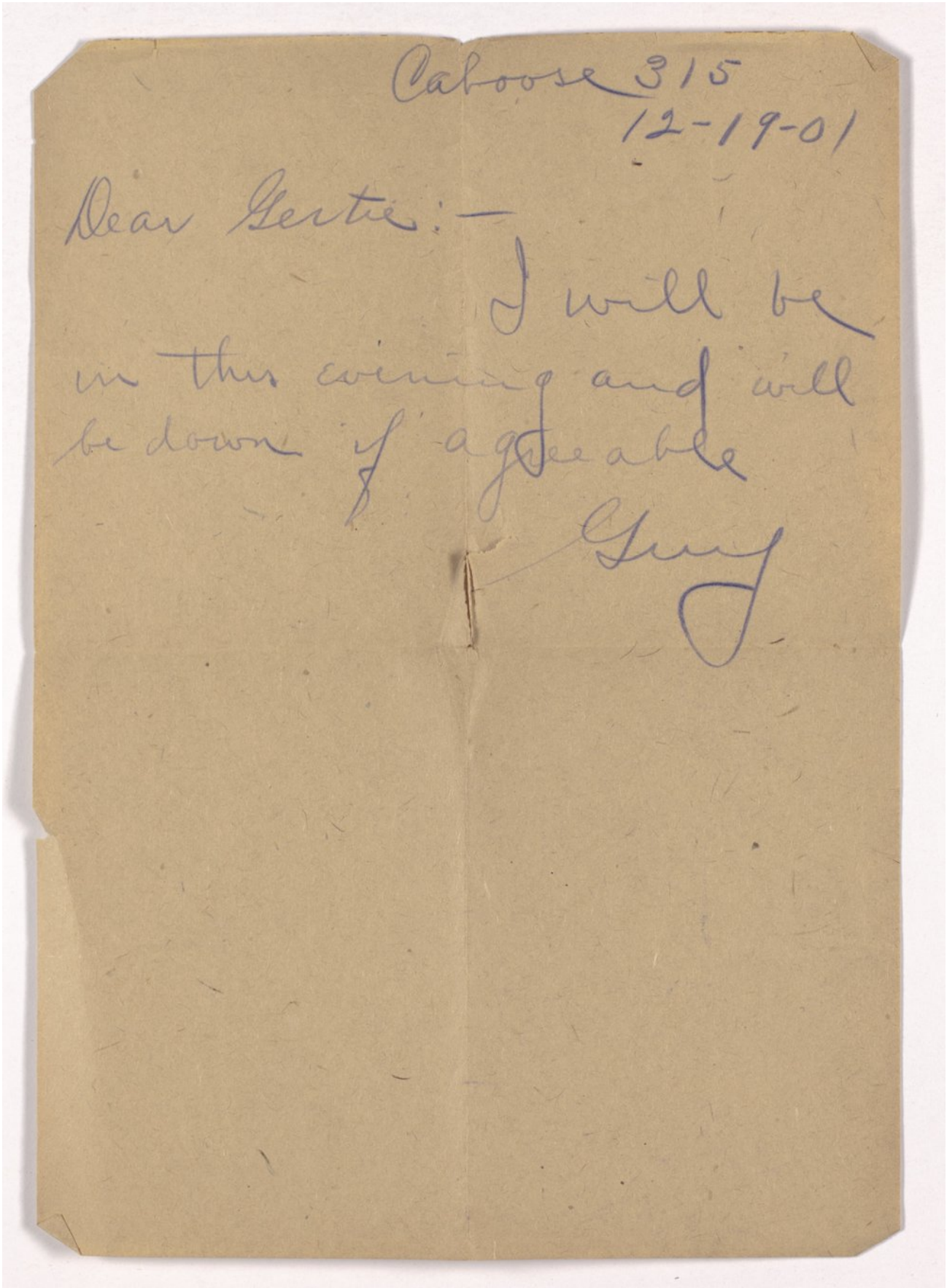
I will be down to see you this evening though. Ta Ta

Your Own

Guy

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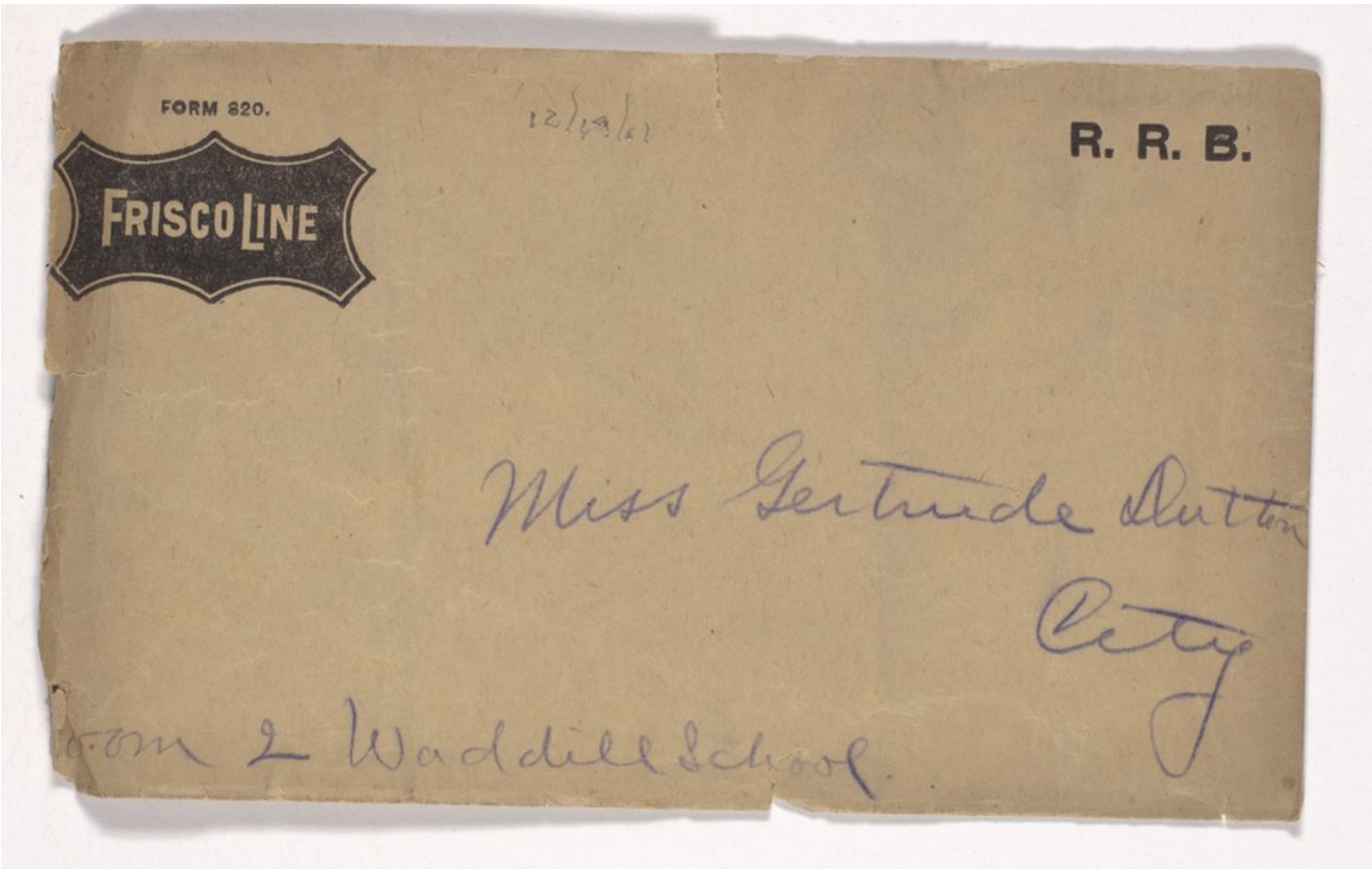
Caboose 315
12-19-01

Dear Gertie:—

I will be in this evening and will be down if agreeable

Guy

Guy Alfred Coover Collection

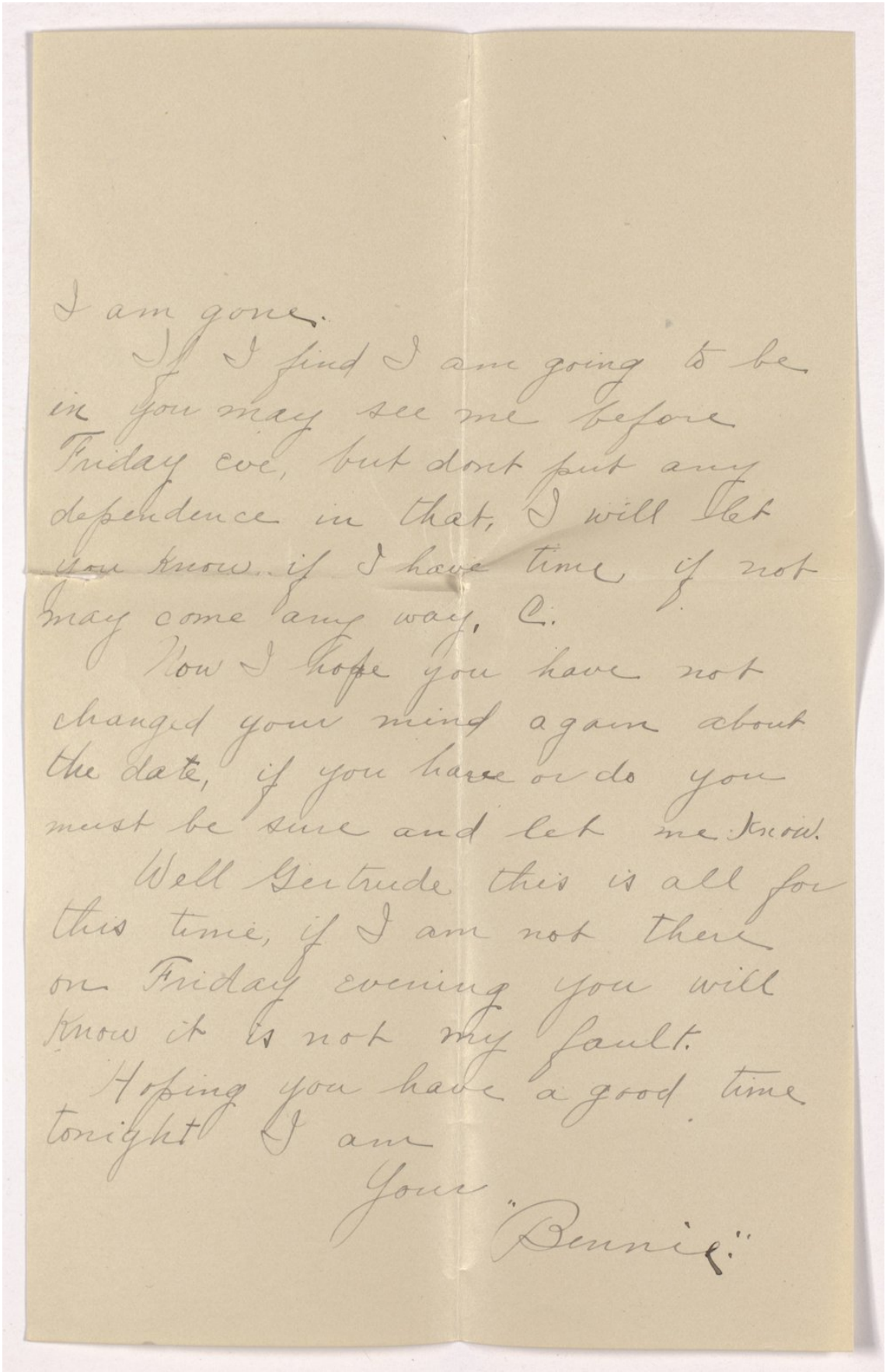


12 - 31 - 1901

Dear Gertrude :-

Yours of the 28th received yesterday and I was going to answer then but was called before I got it finished.

Gertrude it will be impossible to attend the watch meeting tonight for I am expecting to be called at any time. And as to Thursday evening (or Friday I believe it is now) I will do my best, will lay off if I can so as to be sure and be there, for I certainly do want to be there, for if you intend to flirt at the watch meeting this evening just because I am not with you, there is no telling what you might do Friday evening if



I am gone.

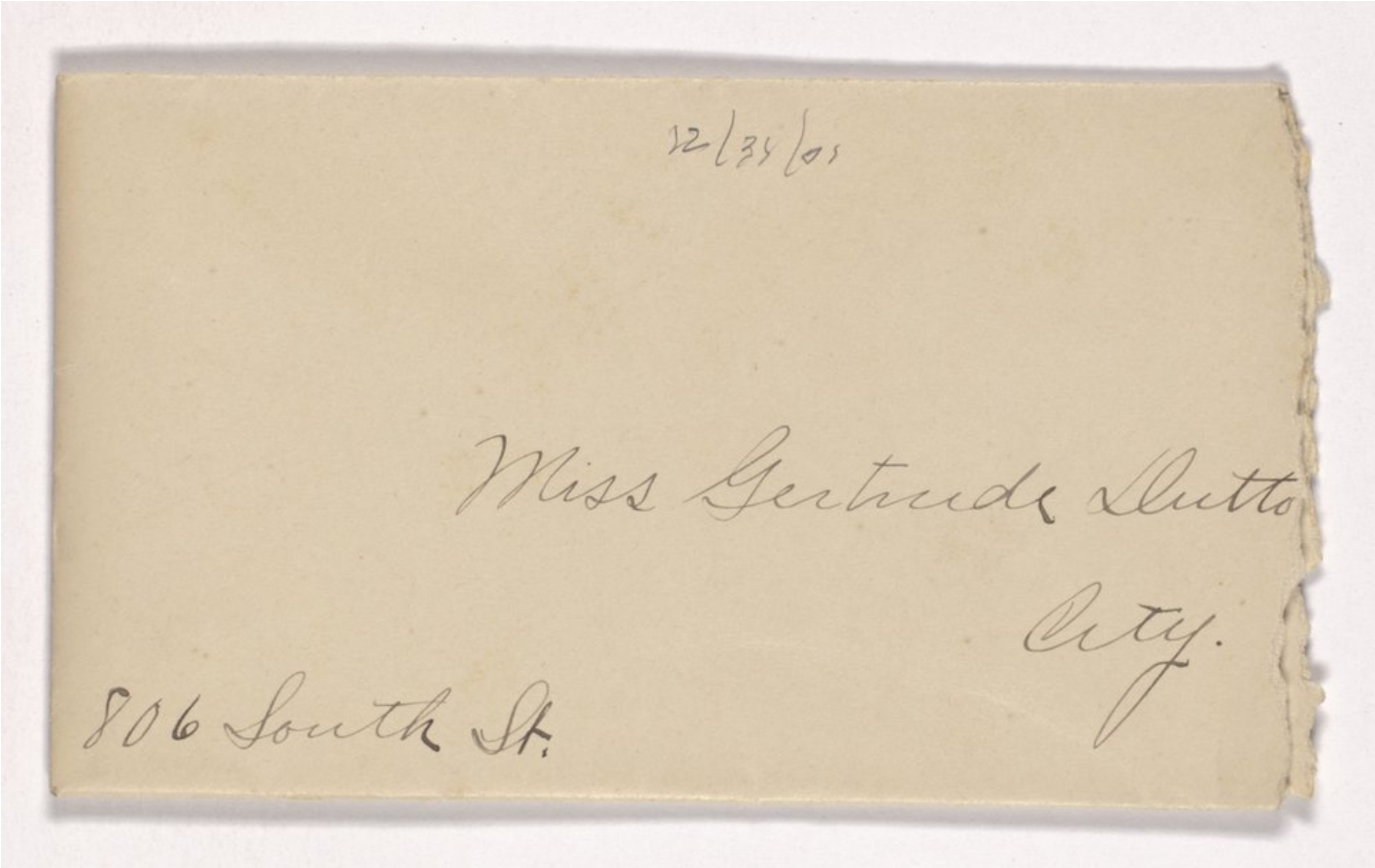
If I find I am going to be in you may see me before Friday eve, but dont put any dependence in that, I will let you know if I have time if not may come any way, C.

Now I hope you have not changed your mind again about the date, if you have or do you must be sure and let me know.

Well Gertrude this is all for this time, if I am not there on Friday evening you will know it is not my fault.

Hoping you have a good time tonight I am

Yours "Bennie."


12/31/01
Miss Gertrude Lutto
City.
806 South St.

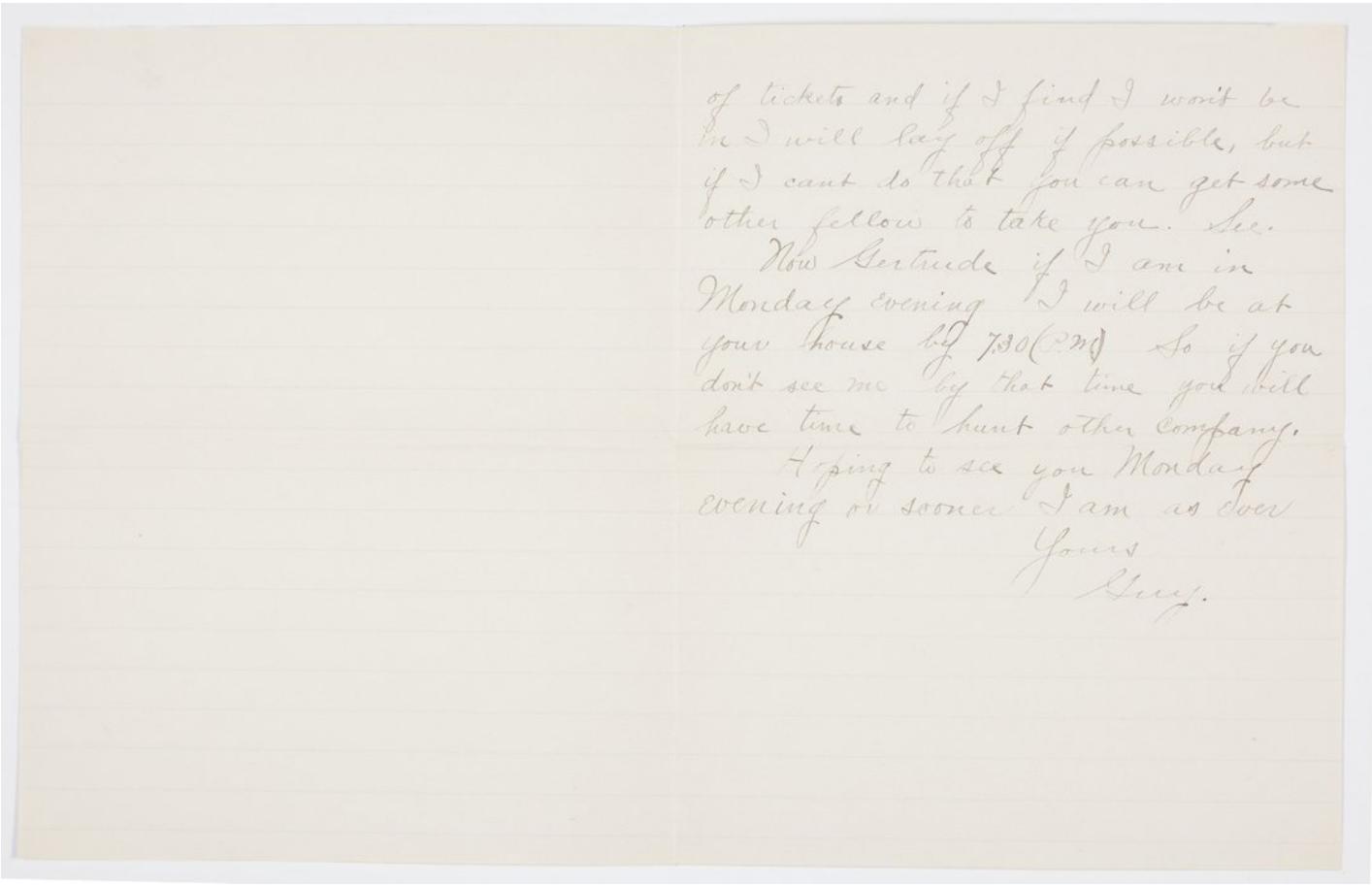
At Home 1-10-02

Dear Gertrude:-

I really did not know anything about the show when I asked you to go, but as it was Hoyt's I supposed it was O.K. and as you have heard different I am glad you said "No."

Now you said if it was "Kidder" you would go, so I am not going to give you a chance to back out for you have told me not to every thing I have asked you to lately.

I am going to send you a couple



of tickets and if I find I won't be in I will lay off if possible, but if I cant do that you can get some other fellow to take you. See.

Now Gertrude if I am in Monday evening I will be at your house by 7:30(PM) So if you don't see me by that time you will have time to hunt other company.

Hoping to see you Monday evening or sooner I am as ever

Yours

Guy.


SPRINGFIELD
JAN 16
330 PM
1902
UNITED STATES POSTAGE
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TWO CENTS
Miss Gertrude Dutton,
806 South St.
City.

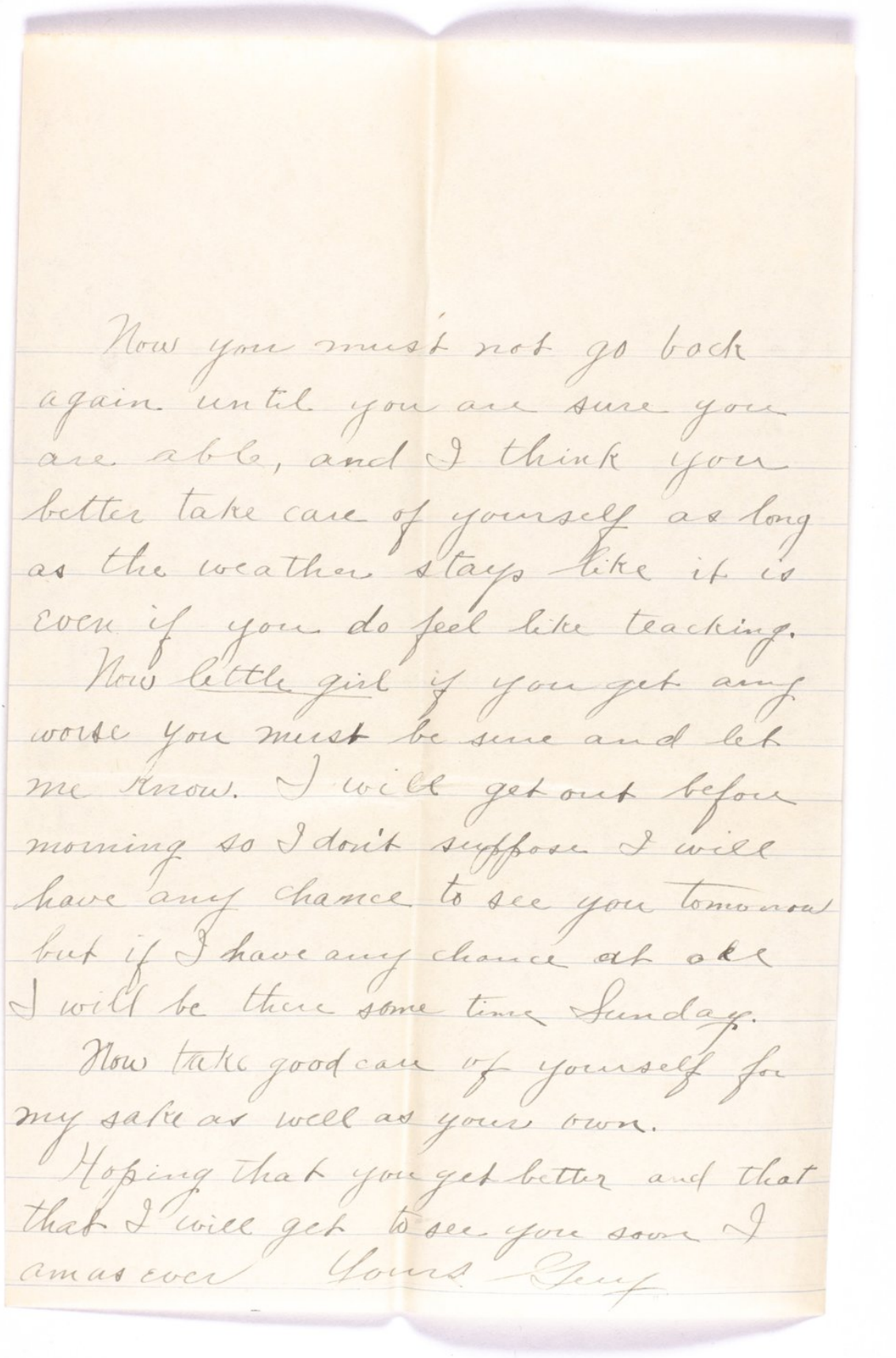
Friday Feb 25 - 9 P.M

My dear Gertrude: -

I expect you are beginning to think I have forgotten you, as I did not come down or answer your letter before now.

I got out yesterday morning before the mail was delivered and did not get back until about an hour ago. I had expected to see you this evening had I gotten in earlier but you see how it is.

I am so sorry you have not been able to teach ~~and~~ but I think a lay off is what you need. You have been at it mosh too steady this Winter.



Now you must not go back again until you are sure you are able, and I think you better take care of yourself as long as the weather stays like it is even if you do feel like teaching.

Now little girl if you get any worse you must be sure and let me know. I will get out before morning so I don't suppose I will have any chance to see you tomorrow but if I have any chance at all I will be there some time Sunday.

Now take good care of yourself for my sake as well as your own.

Hoping that you get better and that that I will get to see you soon I am as ever Yours Guy


SPRINGFIELD
MAR 1
630 AM
1902
UNITED STATES POSTAGE
2
TWO CENTS
2
Miss Gertrude Dutton,
816 South St.
City.

At Home 4-6-02

Dear Gertie:-

I will send you the tickets to "Arizona" so that if I don't happen to be in you can go with some other fellow.

I think now that I will be here for I will get out some time this evening and ought to be back by that time.

Hoping to see you soon and that you have a good time if I don't see you I am

Your

Guy


SPRINGFIELD
APR 6
5 PM
1902
MO.
UNITED STATES POSTAGE
2
TWO CENTS
Miss Gertrude Hutton.
806 South St.
City.

Springfield Mo. 6-7-02

My Darling Girl:—

Your letter from Pueblo was waiting for me this evening when I got home from K.C. for I stayed there until this morning. Had intended coming yesterday but it just seemed like they made me stay.

Well darling I suppose you are talking to Aunt Lynn by this time and telling her what a nice time we had in K.C. I was so sorry it rained that day.

I went down to see your mother this evening but met

Clarence before I got there and he told me she was not at home so I did not go any farther. He said they had been very much worried (your mother I mean) but she got your postal this morning and that relieved her mind.

Gertie I expect you would like to know what kind of a time I had in K.C. The evening you left I felt so blue that I did not care much about going any place, my head quit aching soon after eating my supper so it was not that; and I believe that if I had been by myself very long I would have done as you say you did after your berth was made up

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By the way did you get to keep the same beath you had at first ? Well the first evening R.N. and I went out to Electric Park and "looped the loop." and saw the electric fountain which was very pretty. I wished so much you had of been with me. I saw three games of ball between St Paul and K.C. but they were very poor St Paul won two of the three. I wanted to come home yesterday but I met one of my old schoolmates from Walnut and he made me stay over so last night we went down the Missouri river to another park went on a boat but did

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not have a very good time out there as it was just a dance hall and as we did not dance were not in it

Well darling it is getting rather late so I must close and will try and write more next time. Now have a good time but don't forget your old sweet heart away back in old Missouri. and write to him real often.

Sending lots of love and kiss I am

Your Own
Guy

983 Broad St


SPRINGFIELD
JUN 3
5 P
1902
MO.
Miss Gertrude L. Dutton,
Winnemucca,
Nevada.


WINNEMUCCA, NEV.
REC'D.

Springfield Mo. June 12-02

My Darling Gertrude -

I received your note this morning and was glad to hear of your safe arrival in Winnemucca. I have been looking for a letter for the last three days but was dissapointed. I have been trying to get time to write you again ever since Monday but have been so busy I could not. I reported for work Sunday morning and got out the

next morning and have not had time to do any thing but sleep a little since then. Business on the road is a good deal better than it was ten days ago, and I hope it will stay that way so I wont have so much time to think how far away you are.

I have not seen any of your folks since Saturday evening but I suppose you have heard from them before now.

I will send you a clipping from the Republican. They seem to have all of the facts except the "Elopement". I guess that will come out later. if they do will send them.

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but am afraid to get so far away.

I saw Rose the other day, he said he heard my "Honey" had left me and told me all about how sorry he was for me, and I guess he was for he had to wipe the tears out of his eyes while he was talking?

Now Gertie don't always wait until you hear from me to write to me, but write real often and I will write just as often as I can. My letters may be

several days apart sometimes but they won't be if I can help it and I have time to write. I am always anxious to hear from my little girl and know what she is doing.

This is a nice windy day there is such a nice little breeze blowing about sexty miles an hour I think.

Well darling I must close so Pat can have this as he comes along. Sending lots of love I am

Yours Only
Guy.


SPRINGFIELD
JUN 12
5 PM
1902
Arroyo Grande,
San Luis Obispo Co.,
Miss Gertrude L. Dutton
c/o J. Brinedon.