Austin Smith to Jedediah Smith

This letter is from Austin Smith to his father, Jedediah Smith, Sr. In the letter, Austin informs his father of the death of his brother, Jedediah Strong Smith, who was killed by Comanche Indians on May 27, 1831, near the Cimarron River.

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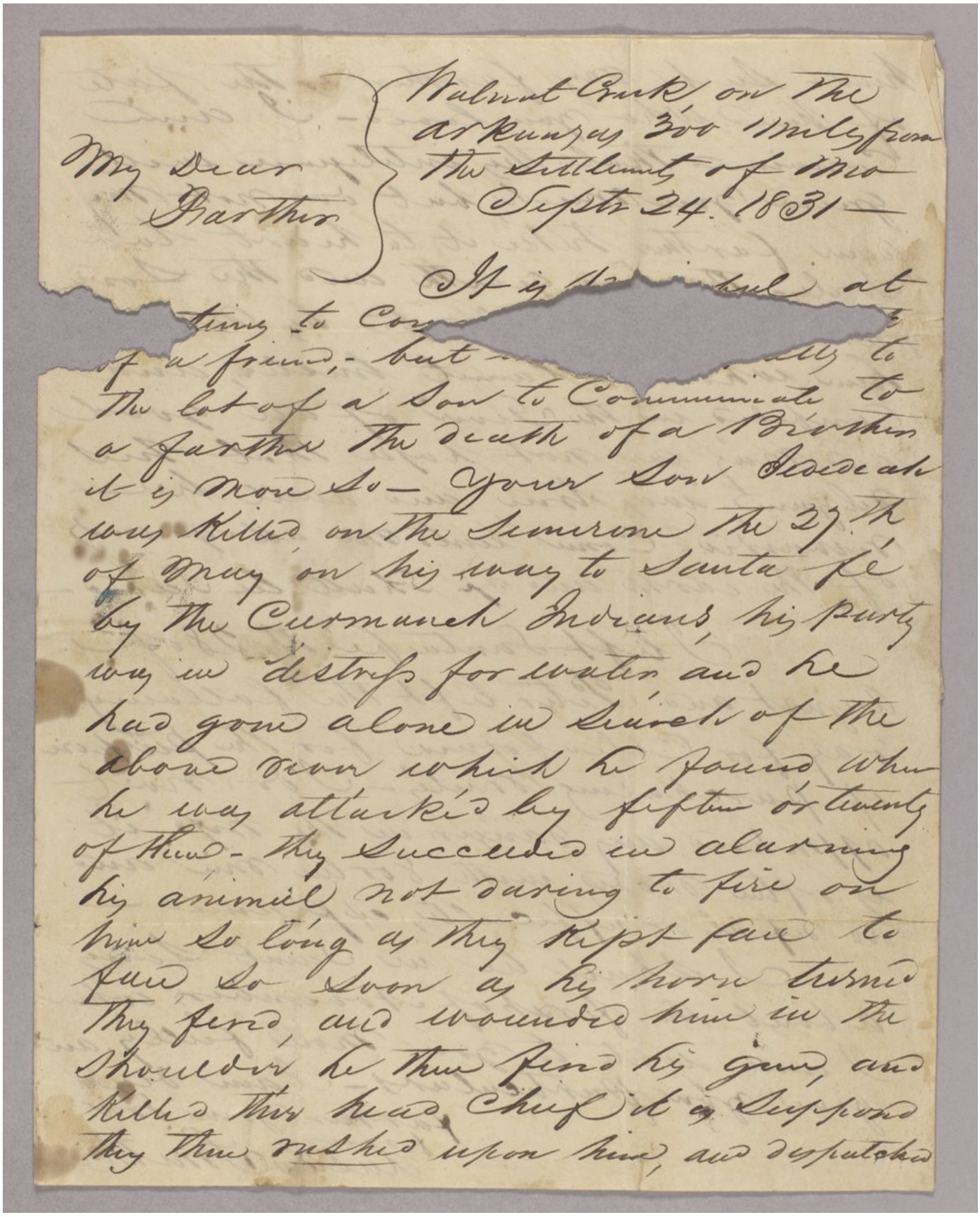
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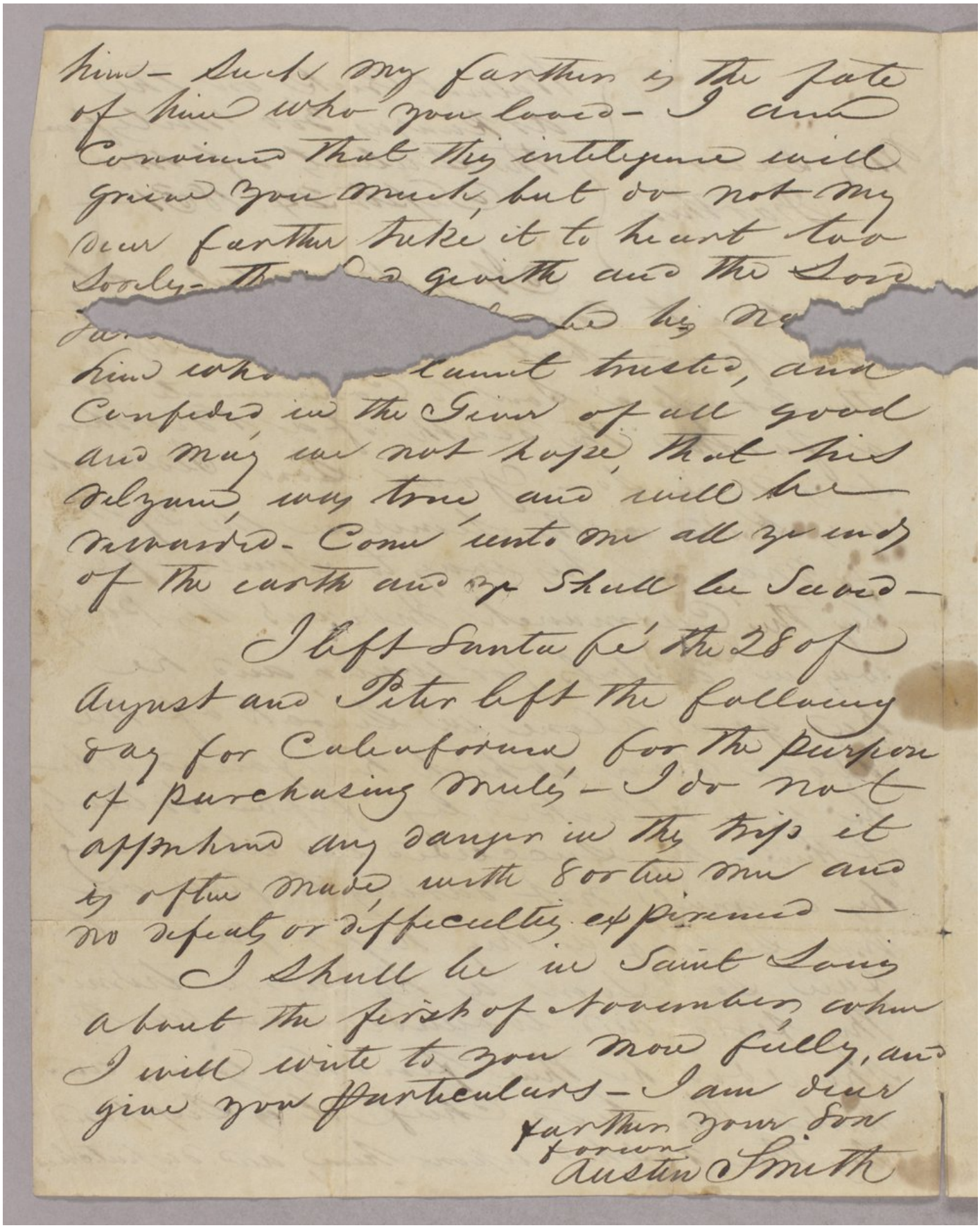


My Dear Parther

Walnut Creek, on the Arkansas 300 Miles from the Settlemt of Mo Septr 24. 1831—

It is a painful at-
ting to Com-
of a friend, - but
The lot of a Son to Communicate to a parther The death of a Brother it is more so— your Son Jedediah was Killed on the Semirone the 27th of May on his way to Santa fé by the Cumanch Indians, his party was in distres for water and he had gone alone in Serch of the above river which he found when he was attakéd by fifteen or twenty of them - they Succeded in alarming his animil not daring to fire on him So long as they kept fast to him So Soon as his horse turnd they fired, and wounded him in the Shoulder he then fired his gun, and Killed two, Chief & Supposed they then rushed upon him, and dispatched

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him – such my farther is the fate of him who you loved – I am convinced that this intelegence will grieve you much, but do not my dear farther take it to heart too sorely – the [illegible] with and the Lord [illegible] by his [illegible] him who [illegible] cannot trifle, and confided in the Giver of all good and may we not hope, that this dilygence, may true and will be rewarded – Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and ye shall be saved –

I left Santa fé the 28 of August and Peter left the following day for Calefornia for the purpos of purchasing Mules – I do not apprehend any danger in the trip it is often made with Sooth ease and no defeat or difficulty apprehended –

I Shall be in Saint Louis about the first of November when I will write to you more fully, and give you Particulars – I am dear farther your Son forever

Austin Smith

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