

Leander Martin to James Montgomery

Leander Martin, writing from Osawatomie, Kansas Territory, encourages Captain James Montgomery to contest the results of the November 8, 1859, election for representatives to the territorial legislature. Montgomery had been defeated by William R. Wagstaff in a race for a seat in the territorial House of Representatives. Montgomery's response to Martin is written at the bottom of the letter.

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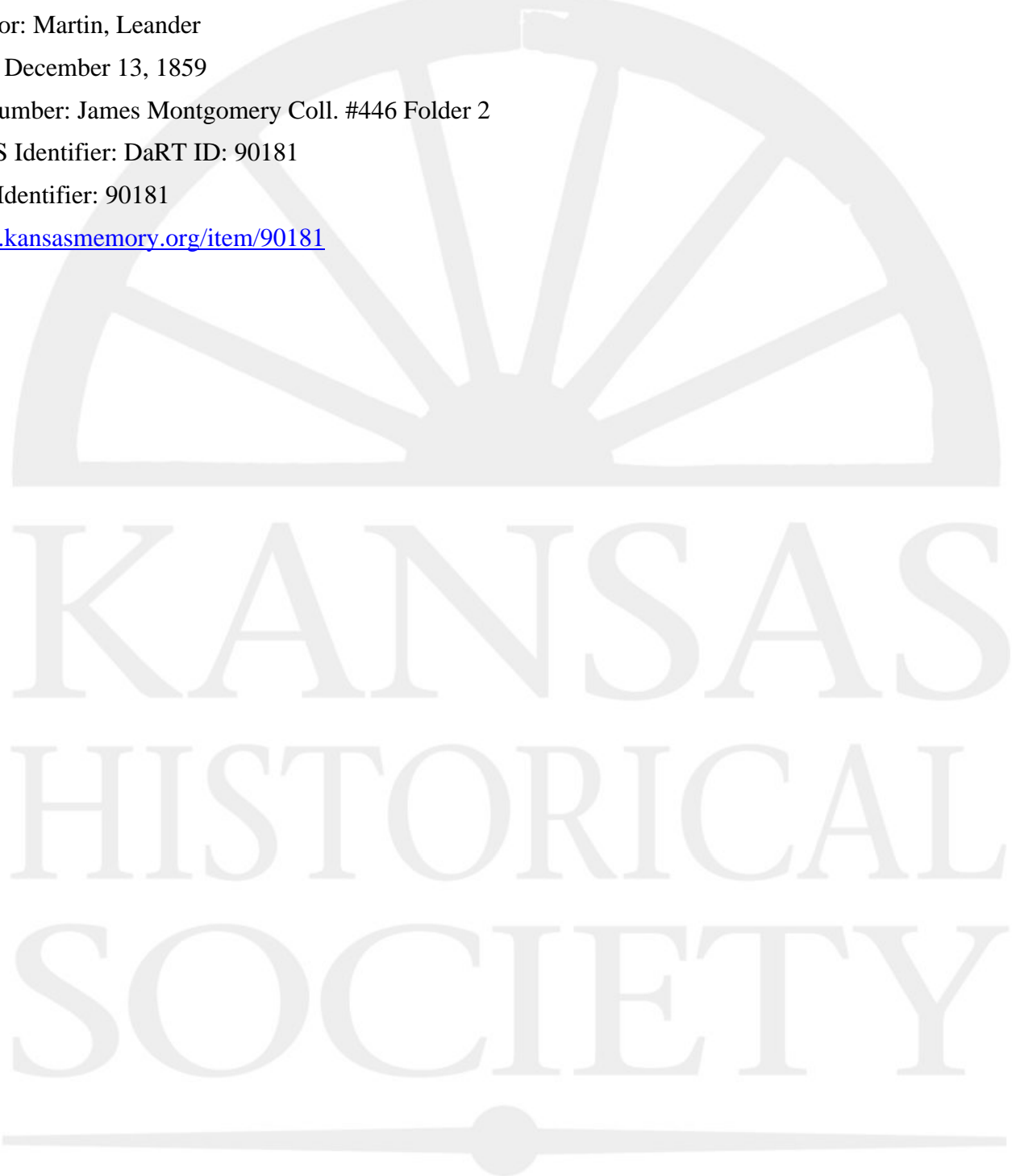
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Compt. Jas. Montgomery:-
Dear Sir, Mr. Griffith
wrote you some time since desiring you
to contest the seat of W. R. Wagstaff which
he will probably obtain at his certificate
and he has received no reply from you.
I write urging the same and demand
it as your duty and our right. There
is enough illegal vote in this county to
elect you. Very respectfully,
Leander Martin

Mound City, Dec. 18th /59.

Mr. J. C. Martin:-
Dear Sir; Your favor, as above,
is just received. I did not answer Mr.
Griffith's letter for the reason that I did not
know what answer to give. I found on examining
the law that contesting an election is rather
a ticklish business, so much so that a
prudent man would like to "look before he
leaps." I have not seen the returns and, therefore