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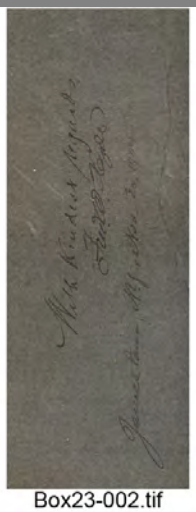

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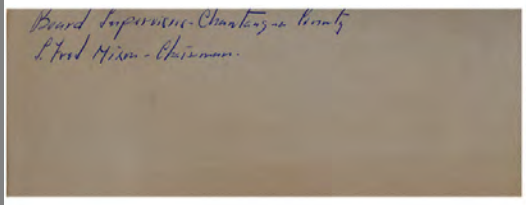

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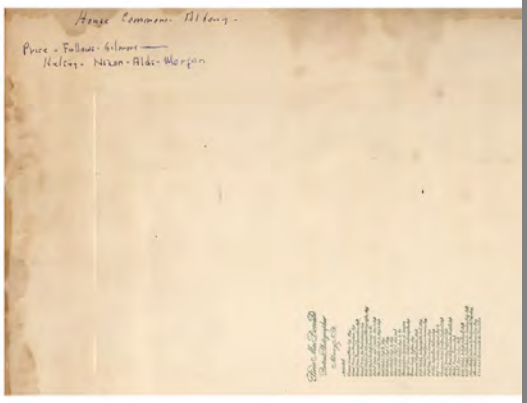

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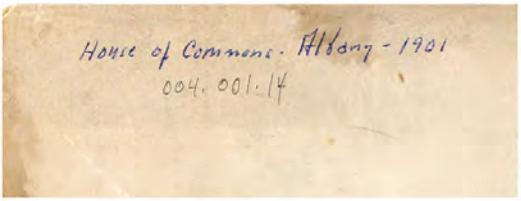

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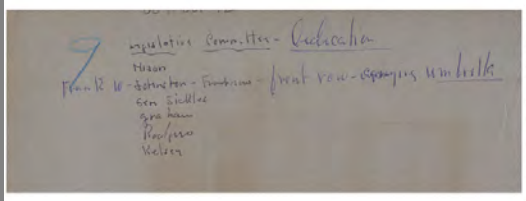

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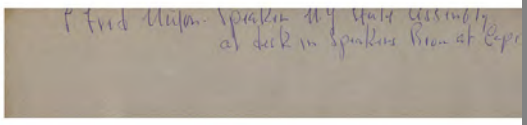

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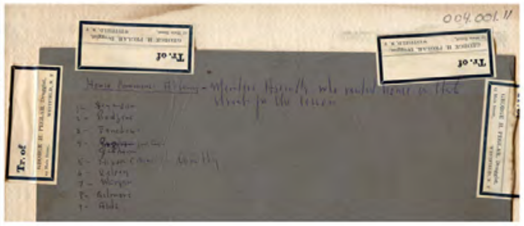

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SENATOR CORNELIUS R. PARSONS was fifty-eight years of age when he died. He had been in public life almost continuously for over thirty years. Aside from minor offices he had been Mayor of Rochester, a Member of Assembly, and since 1871 a Senator from Monroe county. He deserved this recognition at the hands of his fellow men by the faithful manner in which he discharged every public trust. He was a kind man. No one was too poor to receive his attention. He loved to do good to others for the pleasure it gave him. It was for this reason that he was so universally liked. In this way was maintained the love of the people whom he represented. It was because of his innumerable, nameless, unrecorded acts of kindness and of love that so many will long

By his unusual executive ability as Mayor of Rochester he did much toward building up the business interests which have made that beautiful city so prosperous. To his strong character and unimpeachable integrity and honesty must be added a genial disposition. He was calm while others were disturbed. He smiled while others frowned. He was seldom angry. The world was brighter because he lived. He gave to life more than he received. With all his graces of mind and character he was a modest man, quiet and retiring. He was willing that others should indulge in oratorical flights. He was satisfied to be judged by what he did rather than by what he said. He was reticent because he was thoughtful. He loved flowers and music and beautiful books. Is it any wonder that we liked this man and that we mourn his death? This is not an eulogy perfunctorily performed but an imperfect picture of the life of a faithful public servant whose death will cause genuine sorrow to all who knew him. We might as well try to describe the impressions made by a strain of beautiful music or the delicate perfume of a flower as to seek to paint in words the finest qualities of a life like his. To such an one death is an awakening to the higher life. It is not "good night" but rather a "good morning."

In Assembly, Jan. [illegible]

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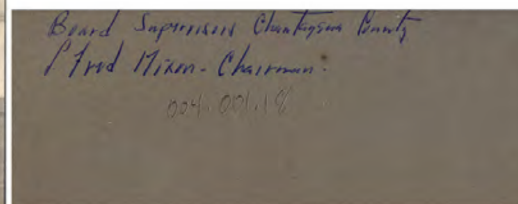

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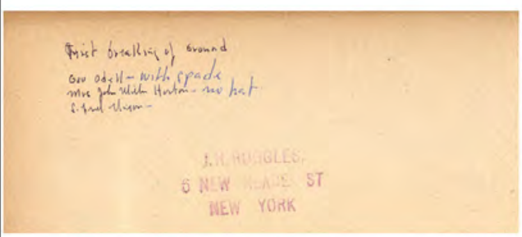

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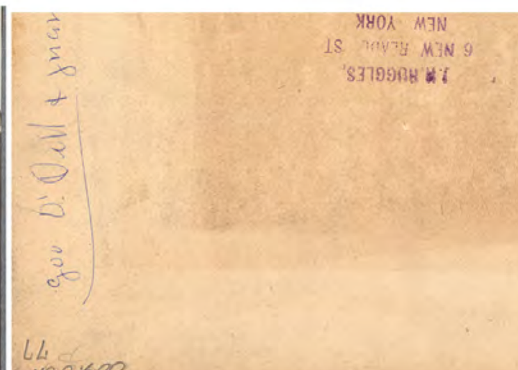

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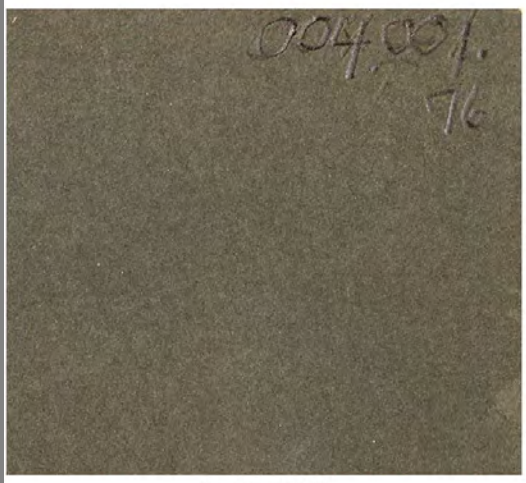

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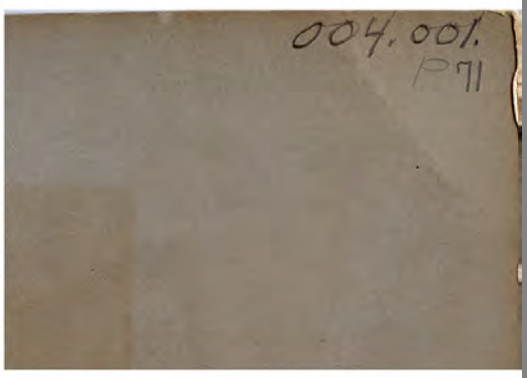

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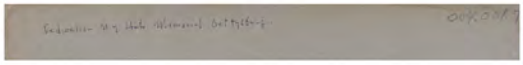
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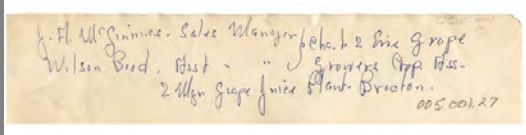

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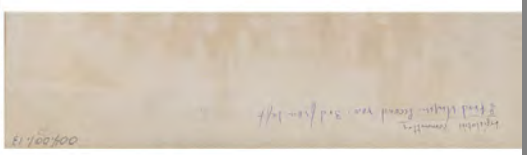
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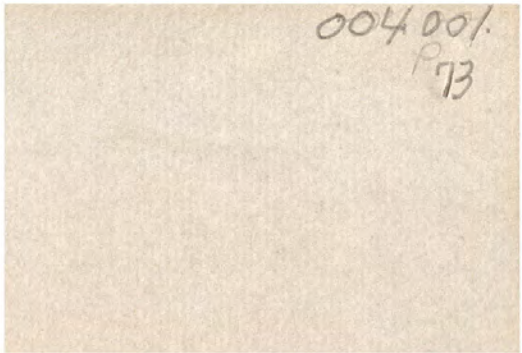

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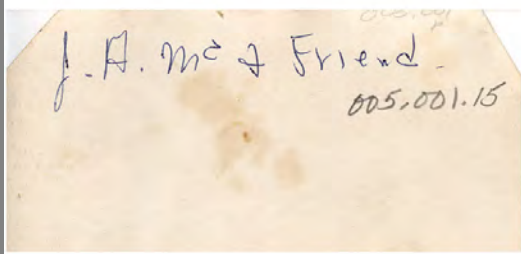

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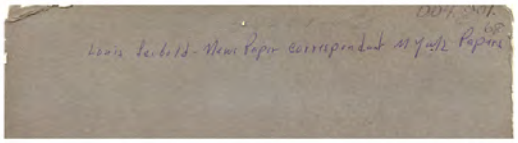

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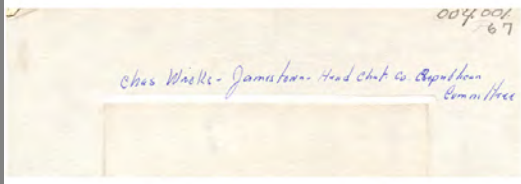

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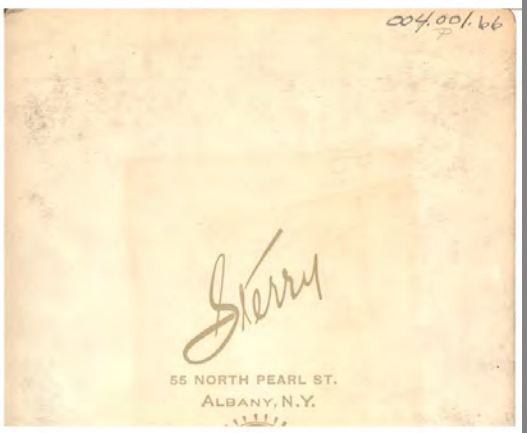

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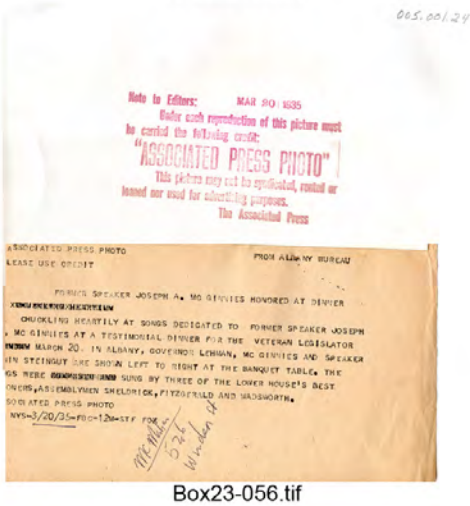

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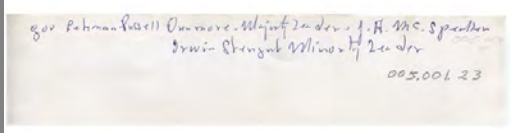

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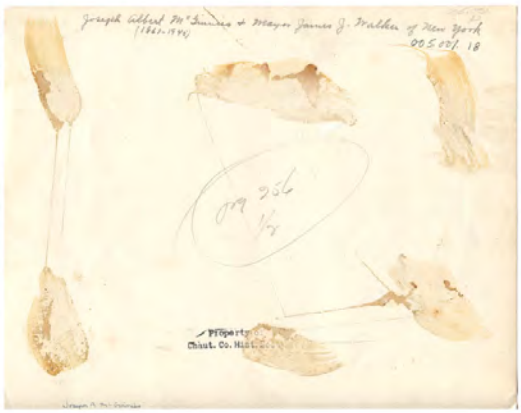

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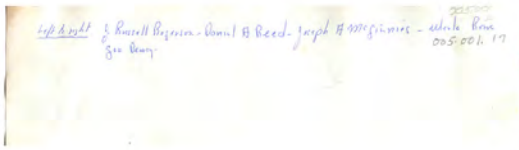

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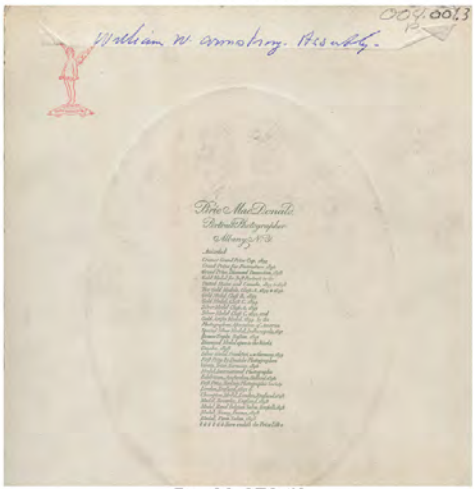

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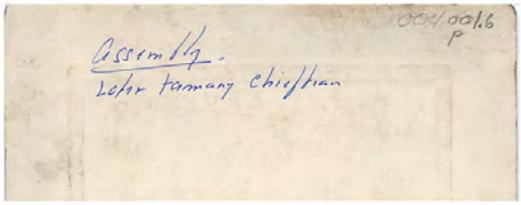

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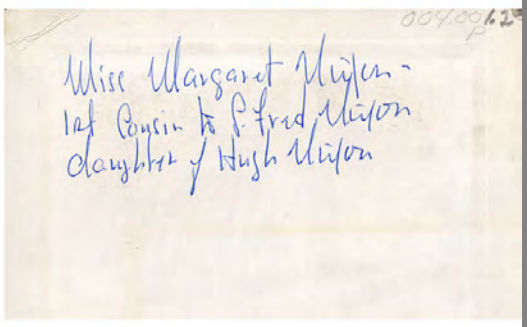

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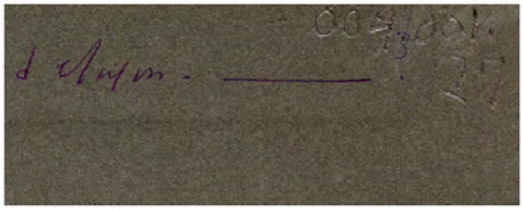

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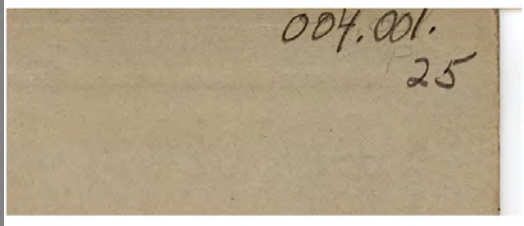

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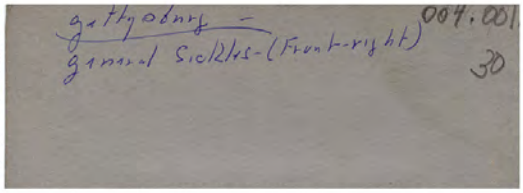

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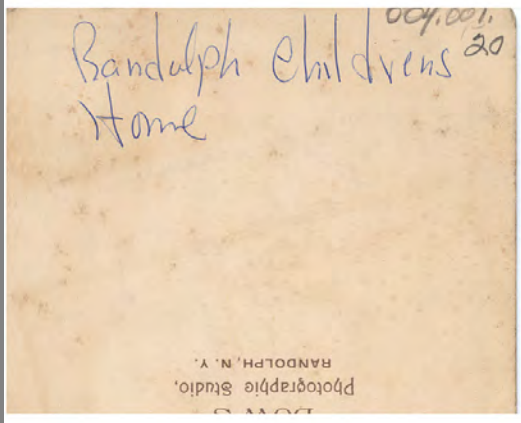

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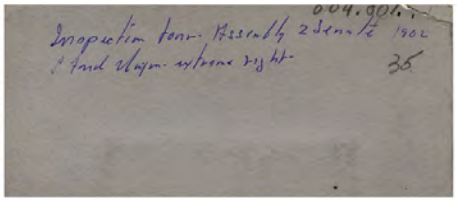

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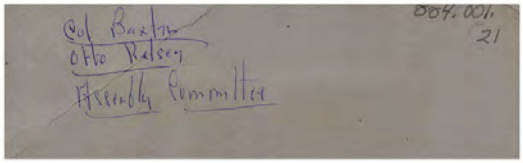

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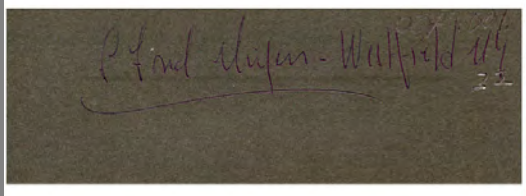

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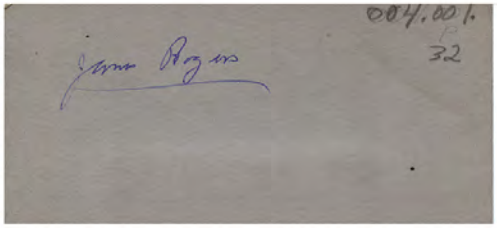

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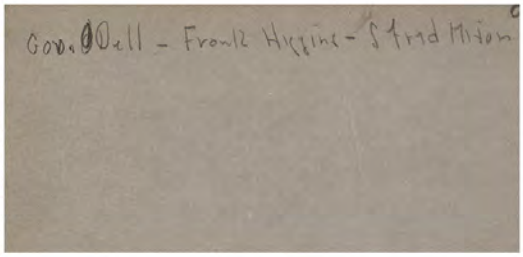

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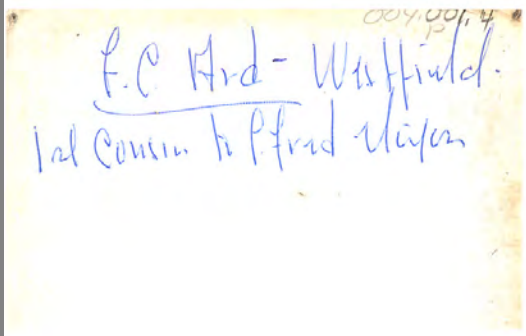

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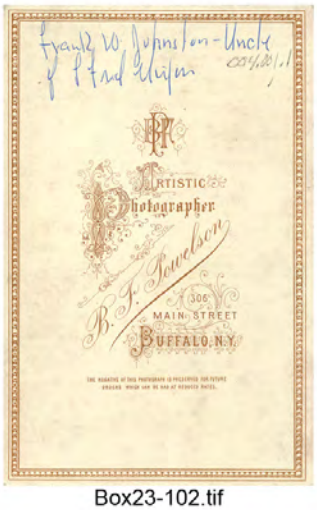

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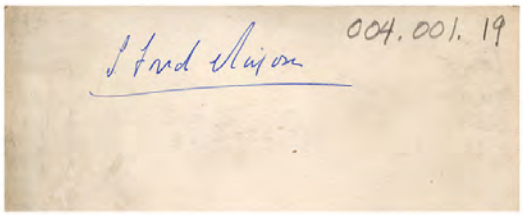

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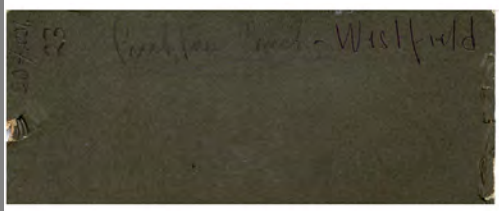

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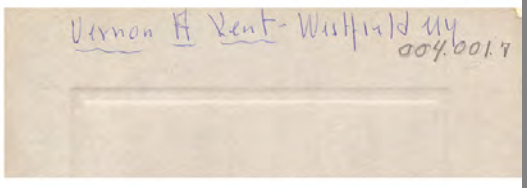

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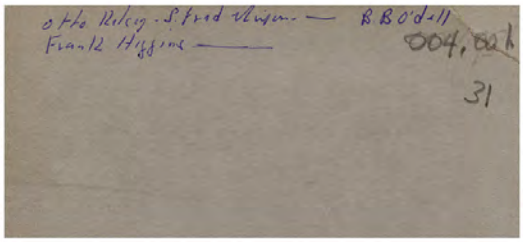

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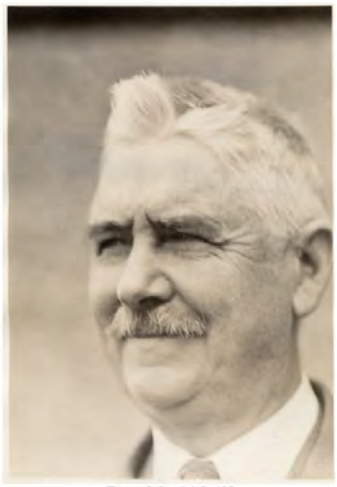

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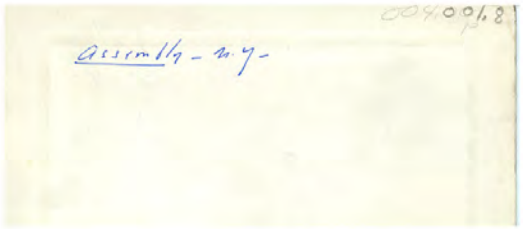

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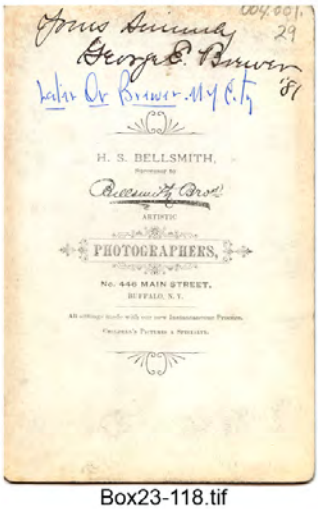

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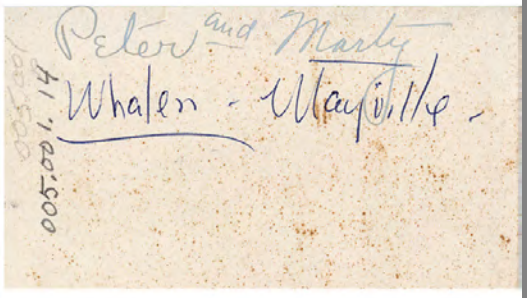

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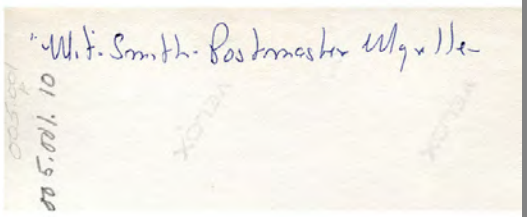

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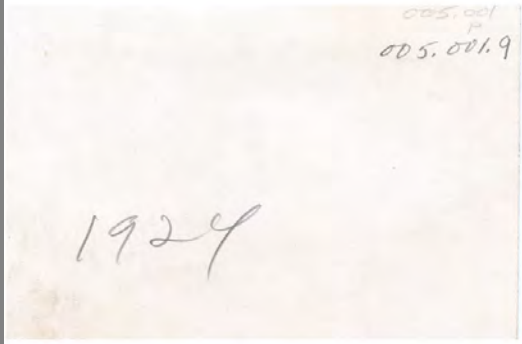

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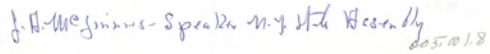

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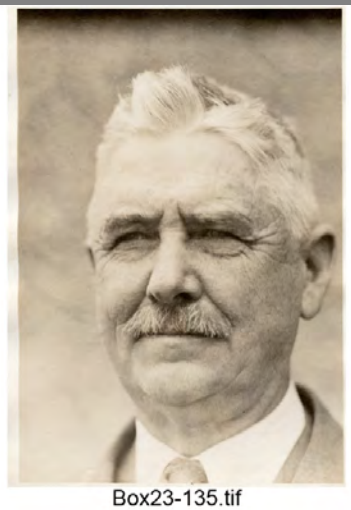

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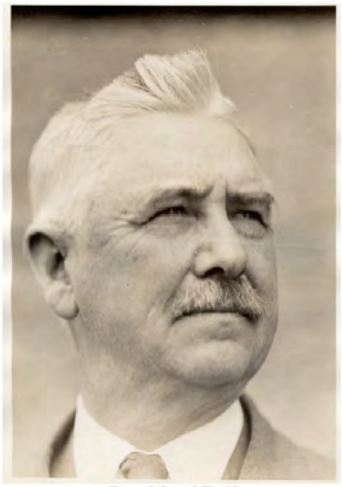

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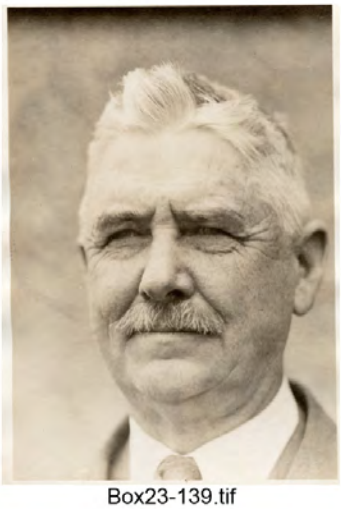

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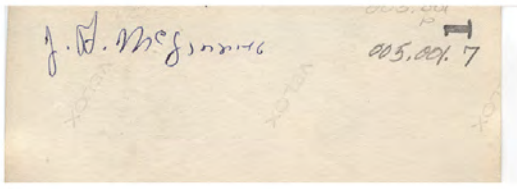

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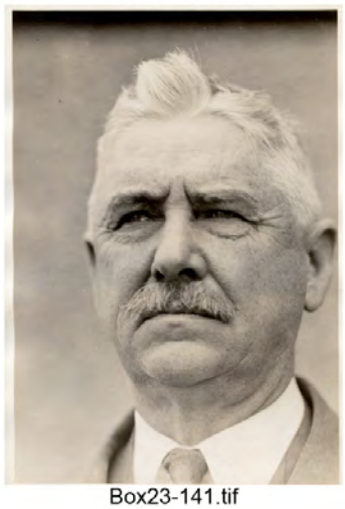

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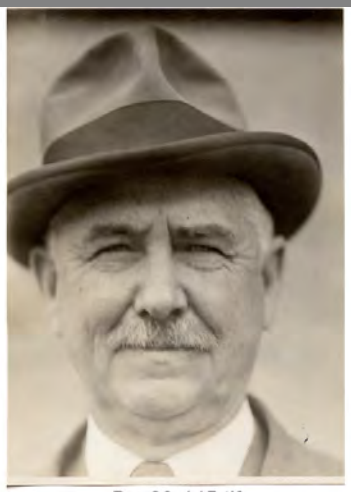

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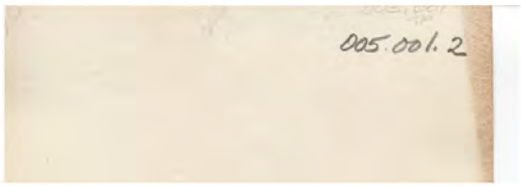

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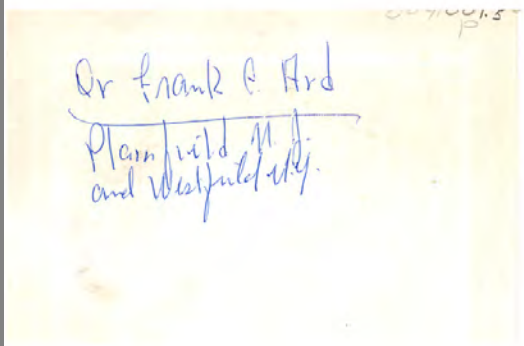

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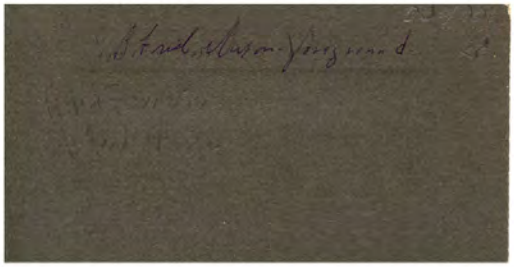

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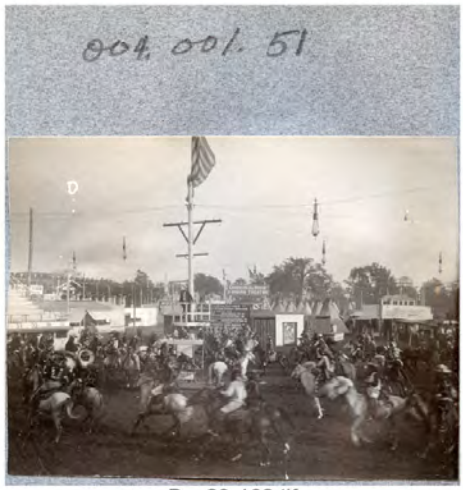

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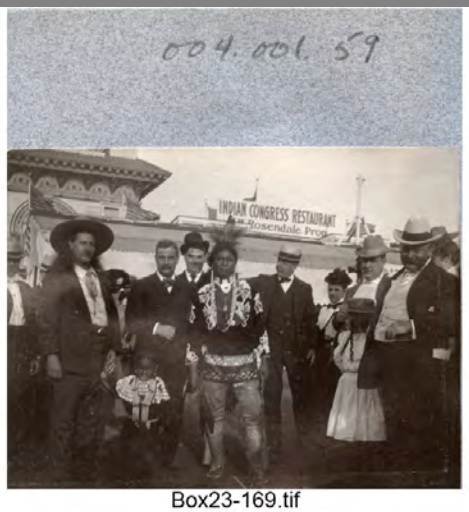

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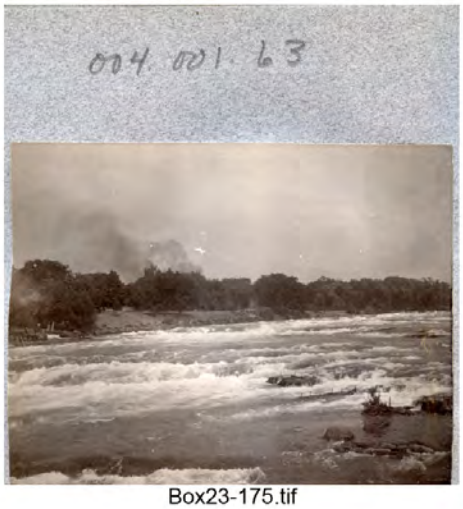

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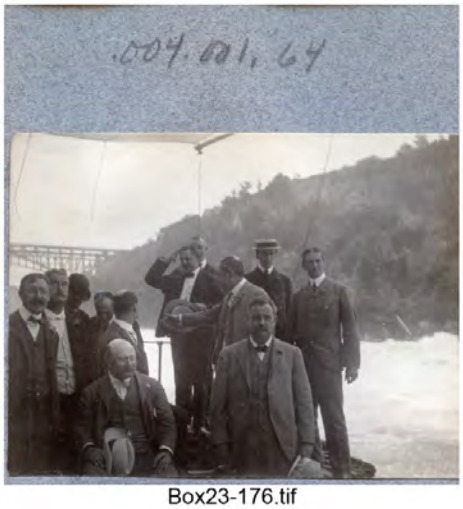

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