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Lucet, Louis 1875-82

In the Mansion

The Paintings of Louis Lucet ~ 1815-1885

Next to grace the walls of the mansion is Burritt's newest exhibit, "The Paintings of Louis Lucet." This exhibit opens Monday, September 2, and runs through October 31.

Lucet was a 19th-century teacher, botanist and artist. He was born in Bonescours, France, on August 15, 1815, and was well-placed in society. A member of the French National Guard, he participated in the Revolution of 1848, fell into political disfavor, fled France in 1849 and went to New York as a political refugee.

Very little was known of Lucet's background and personal life, but from a personal manuscript entitled "Ma Vie," discovered after his death, information regarding his early life was uncovered.

Lucet was 20 years old when he found himself alone in the world. For 10 years, he worked many odd jobs, performed with a theatrical group and traveled. At 30, he turned to art for a living, establishing a studio and securing commissions for his work. Many of the works he painted in Huntsville depict scenes of his life and travels in Europe.

In the fall of 1857, Lucet accepted the position to teach French and oil painting at the Huntsville Female Academy, in Huntsville, Alabama. Lucet enjoyed his life in Huntsville and found that his European training and cultural refinement were an asset to the school.

In 1868, Lucet purchased a small house on the corner of Wells Avenue and California Street, where he built a small greenhouse and turned his love of flowers into a business to supplement his teacher's salary. For recreation, he hunted small game on Monte Sano and often used his "kill" as subjects for some of his oil paintings. His renderings of hanging hunt trophies followed European tradition, and the style was often used in early 19th-century scientific renderings, until the works of Audubon gained popularity.

His paintings were usually of people, objects or places he loved, but, occasionally, he would paint the flowers and butterflies in his garden, painting for his own enjoyment without thought of public approval.

With the exception of the years the college was closed during the Civil War, Lucet continued teaching at the Huntsville Female College until 1884, when he suffered a stroke and passed away at his home several months later.



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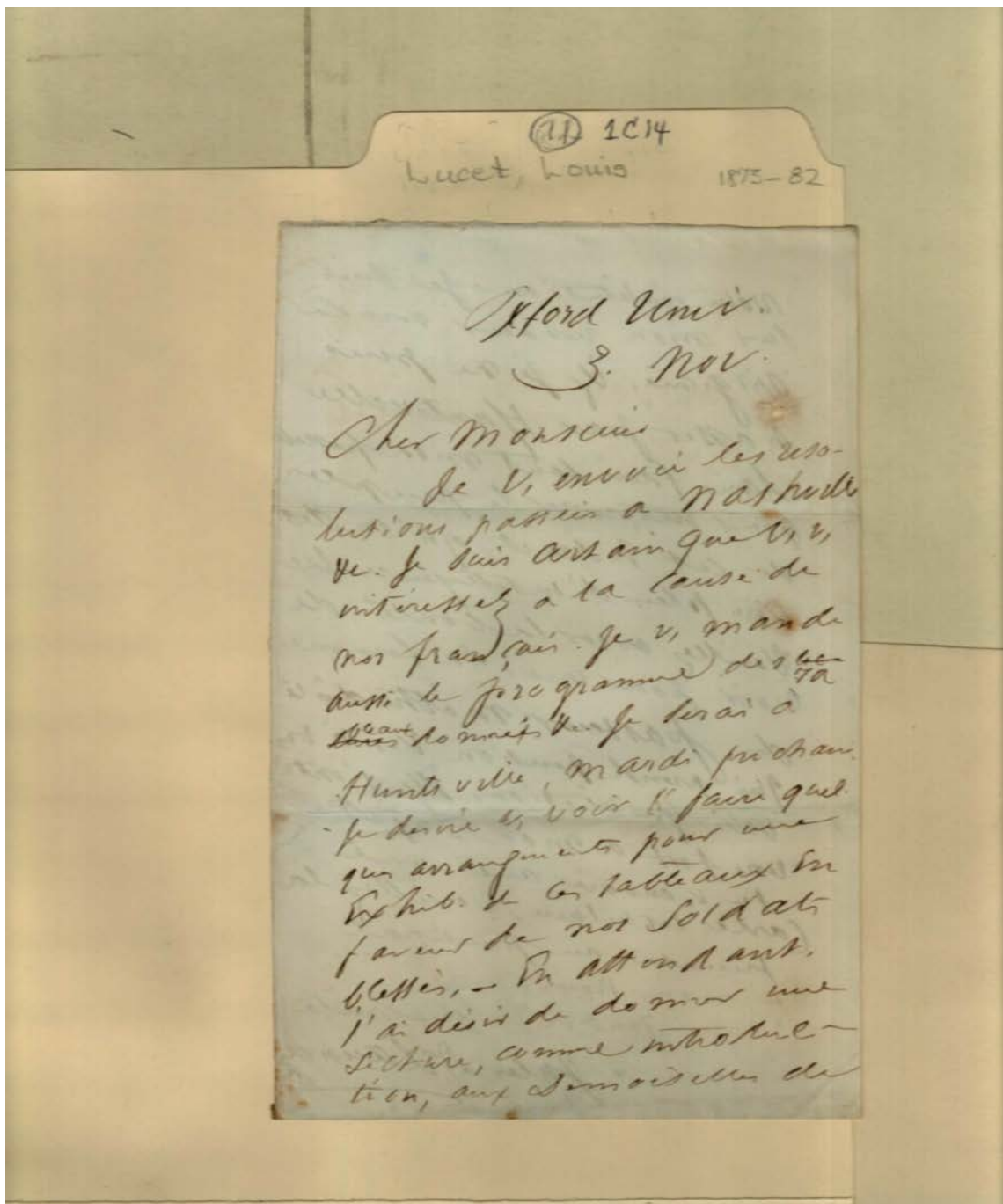
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Huntsville, AL

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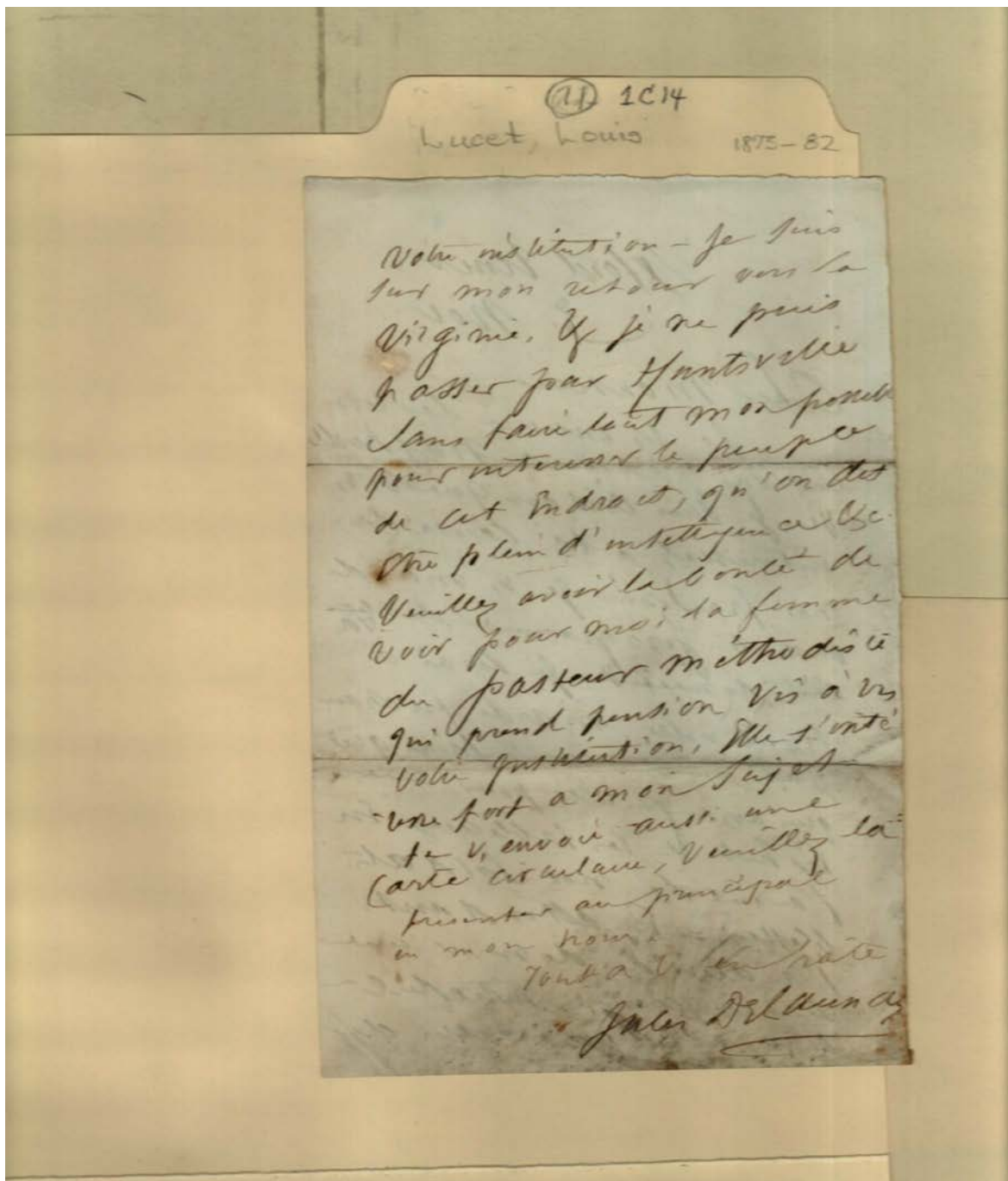
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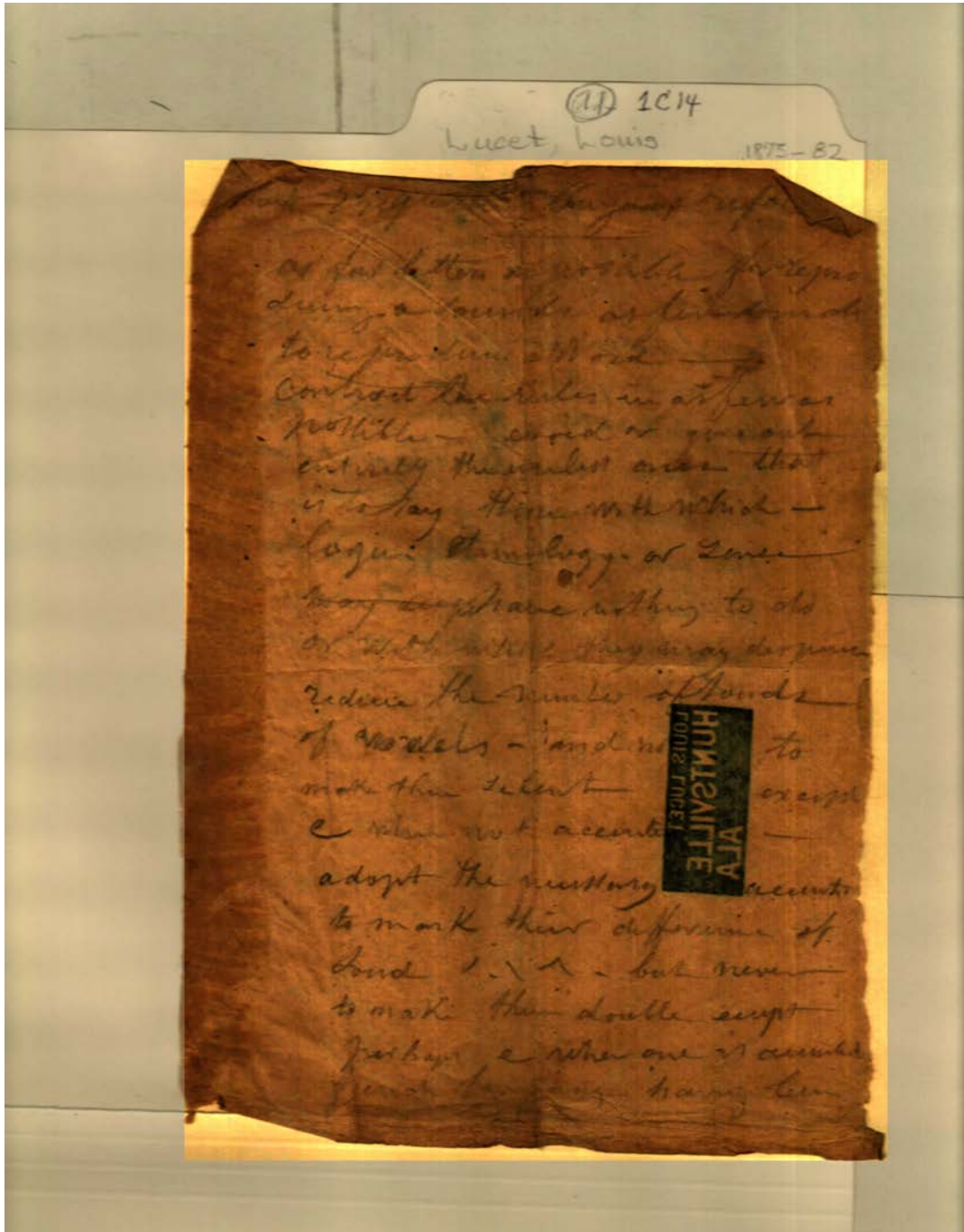
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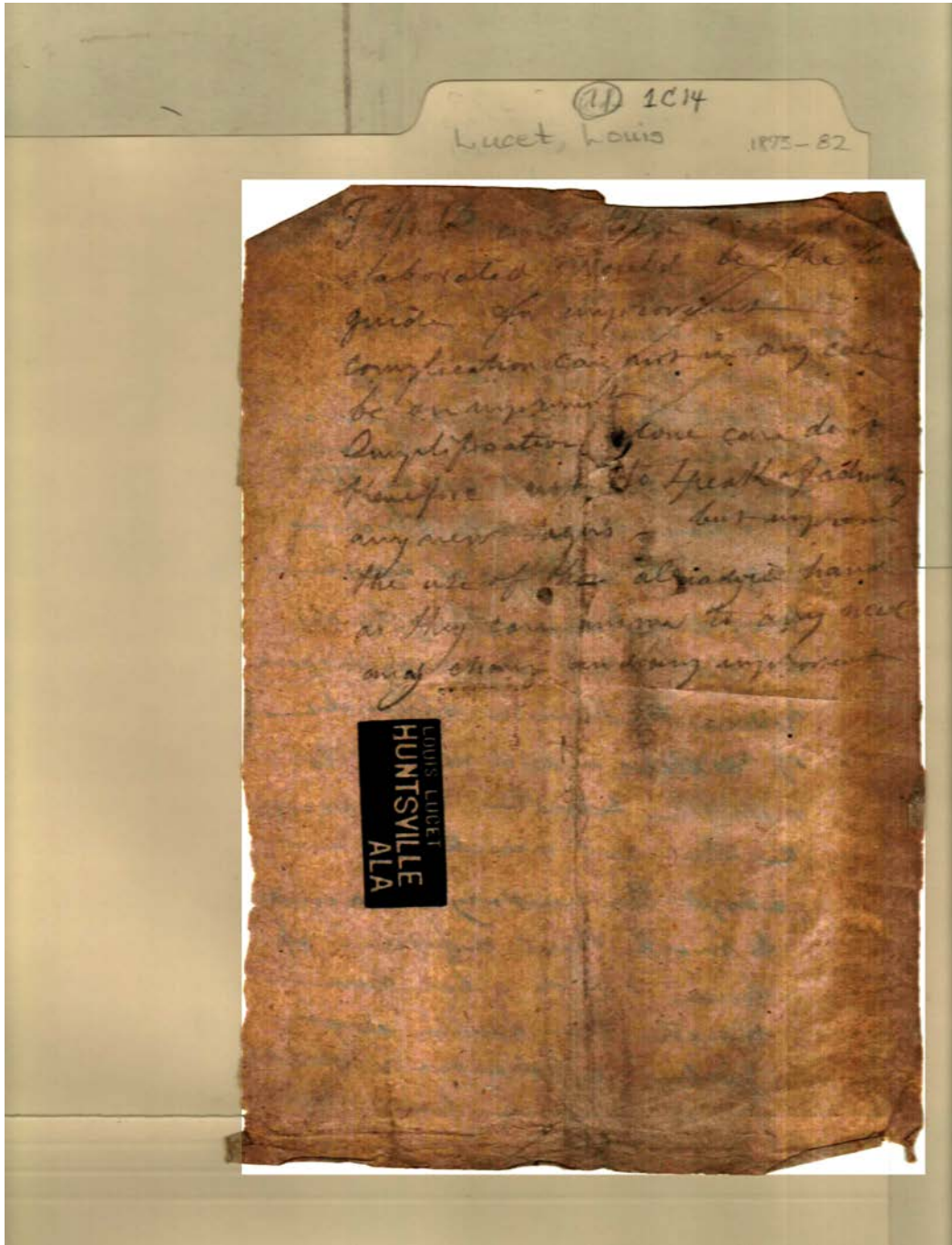
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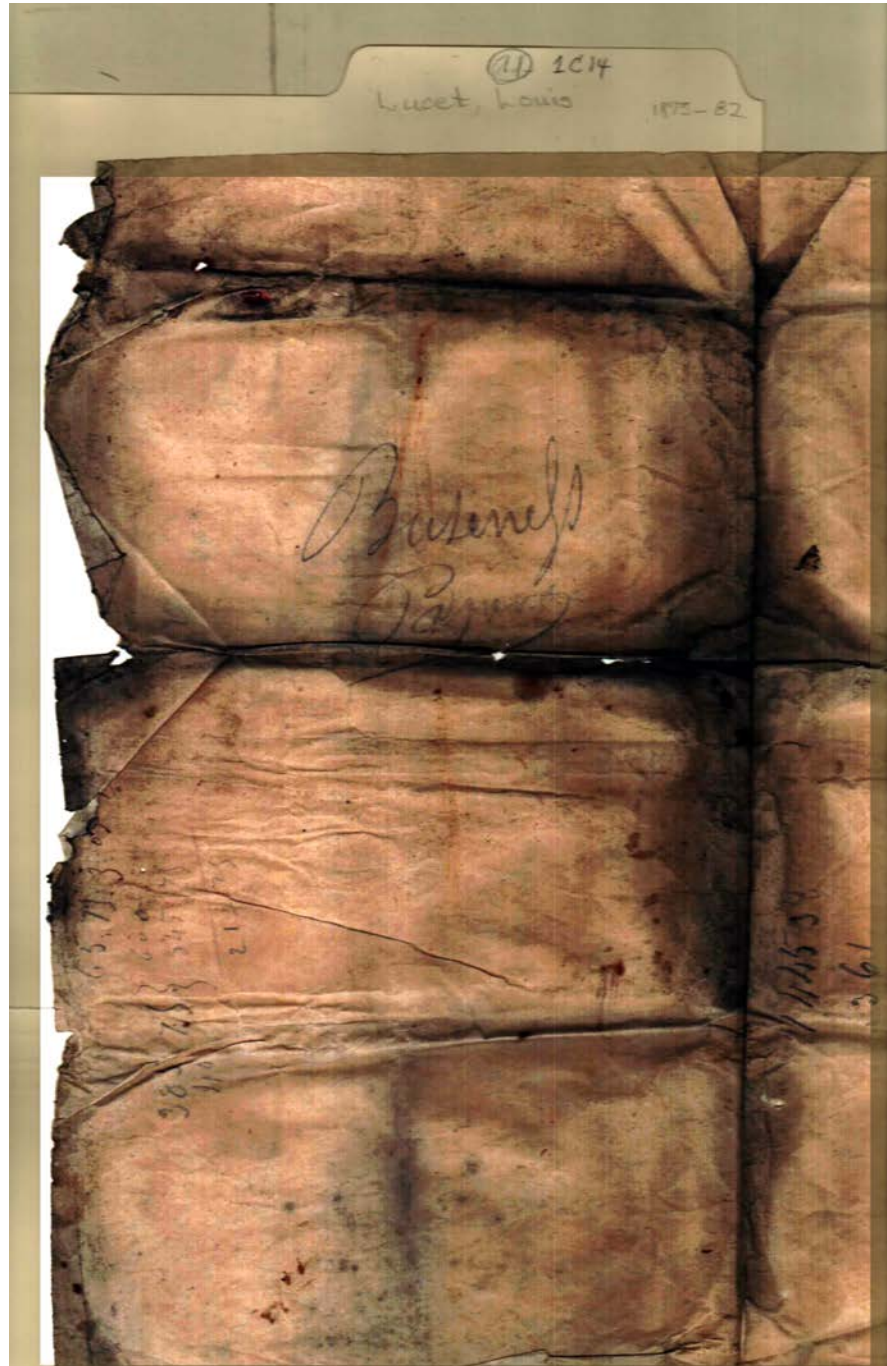


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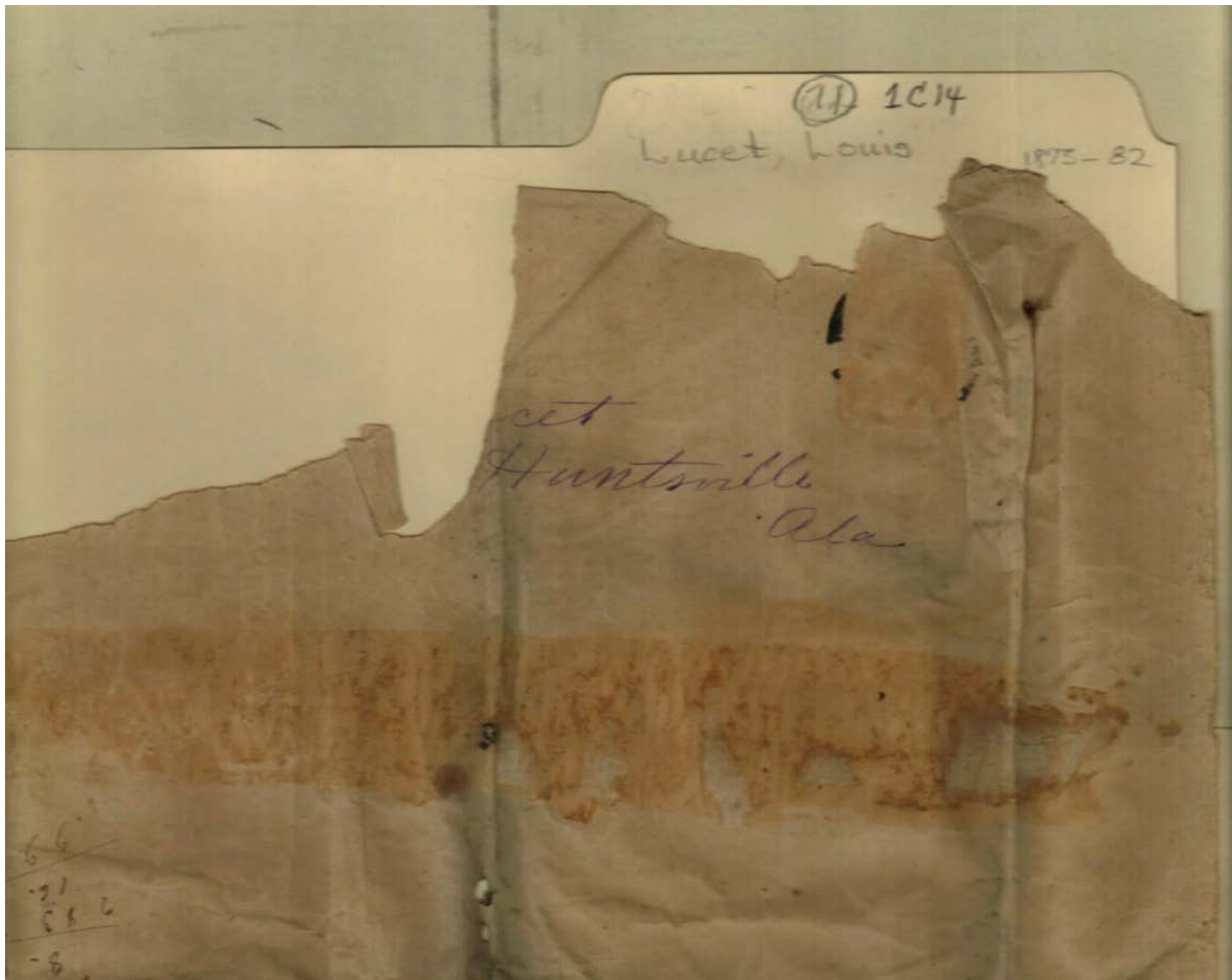


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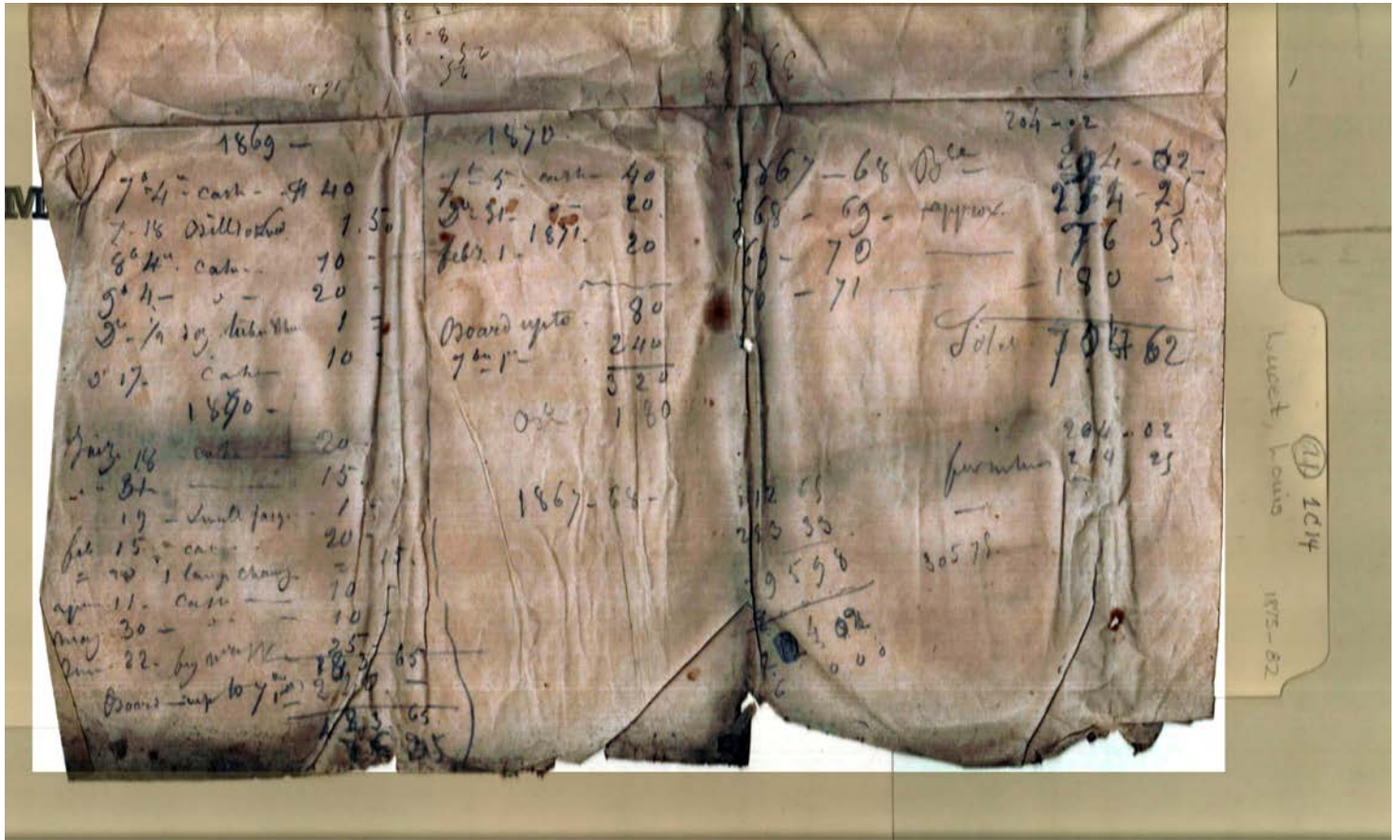
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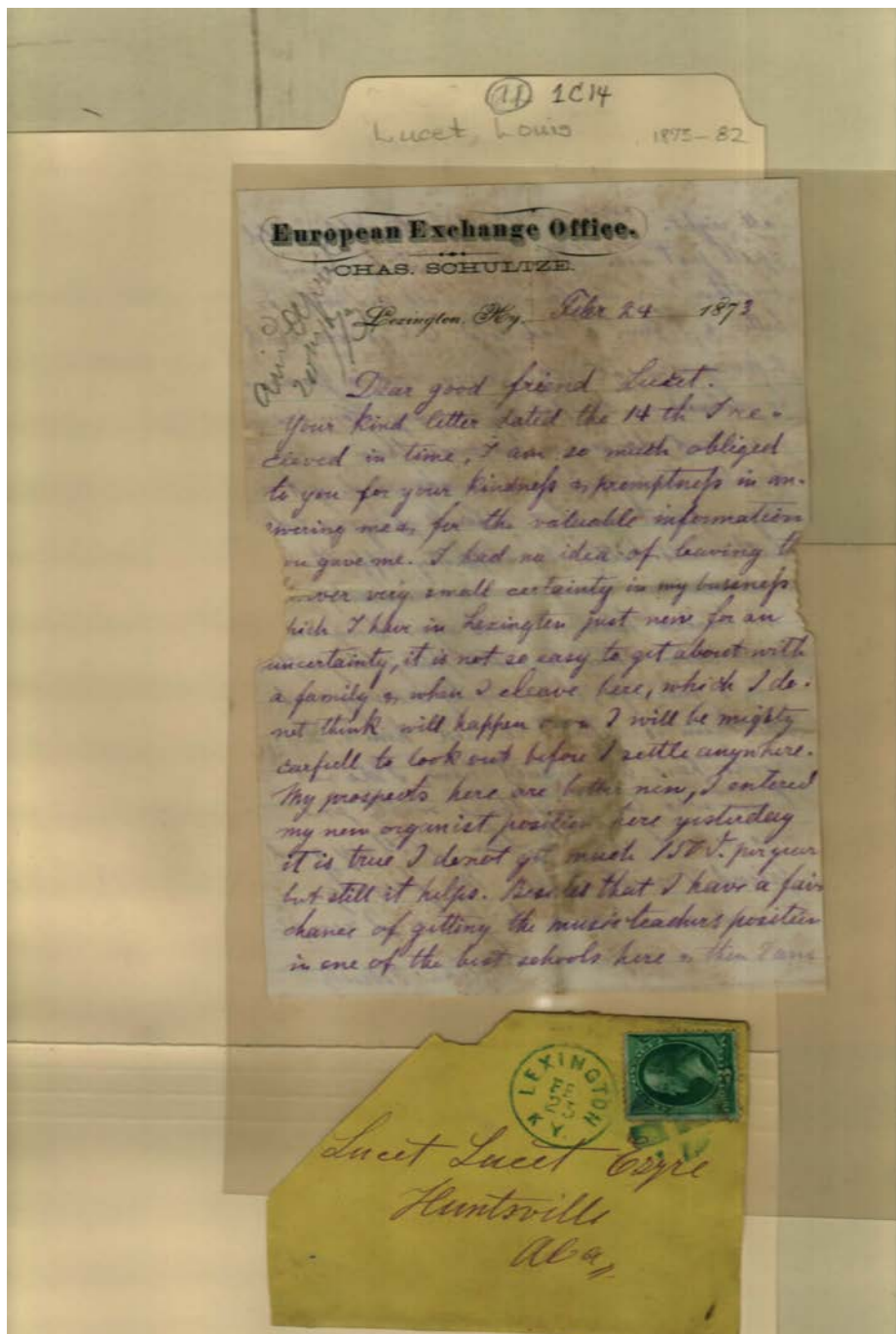
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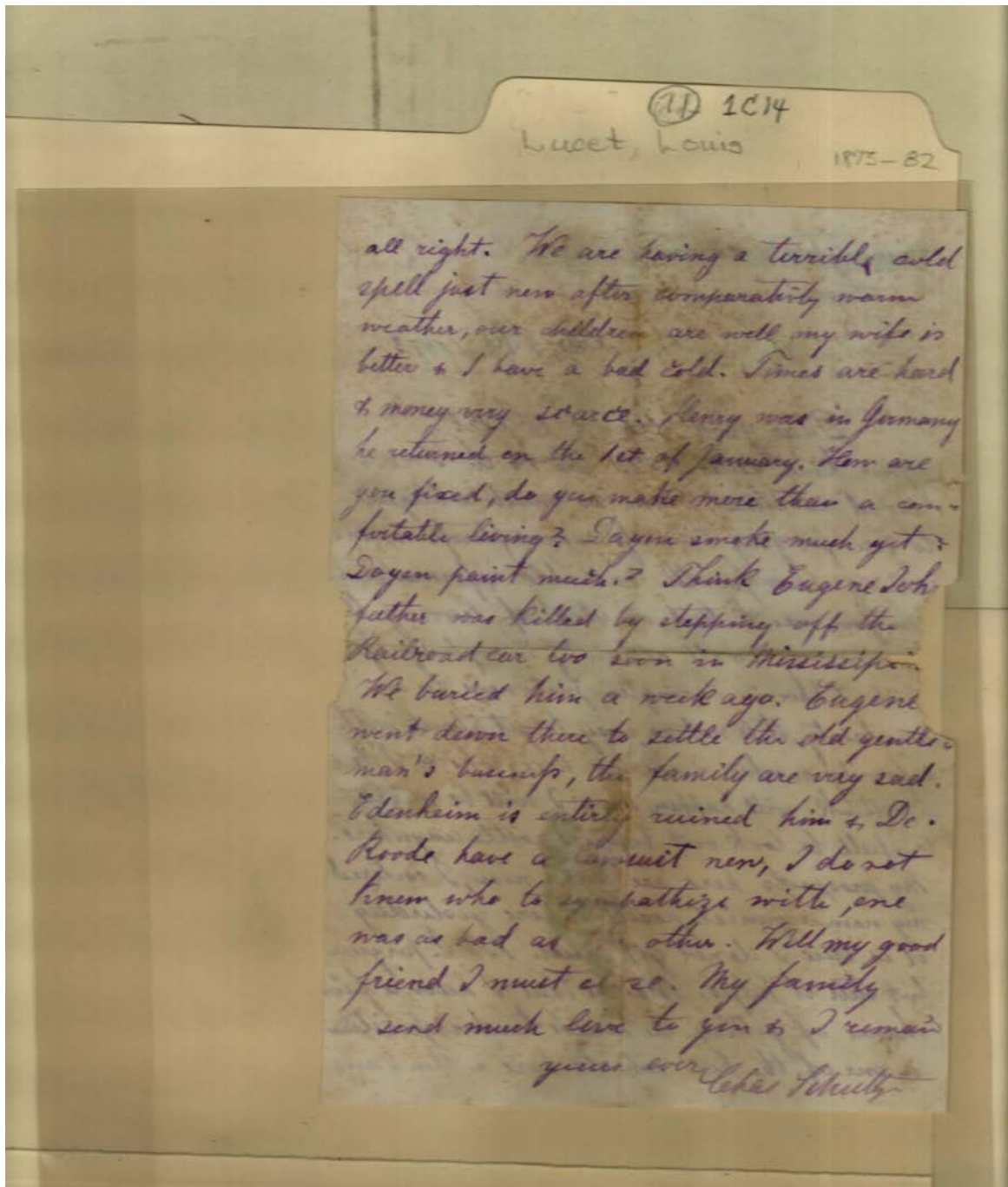
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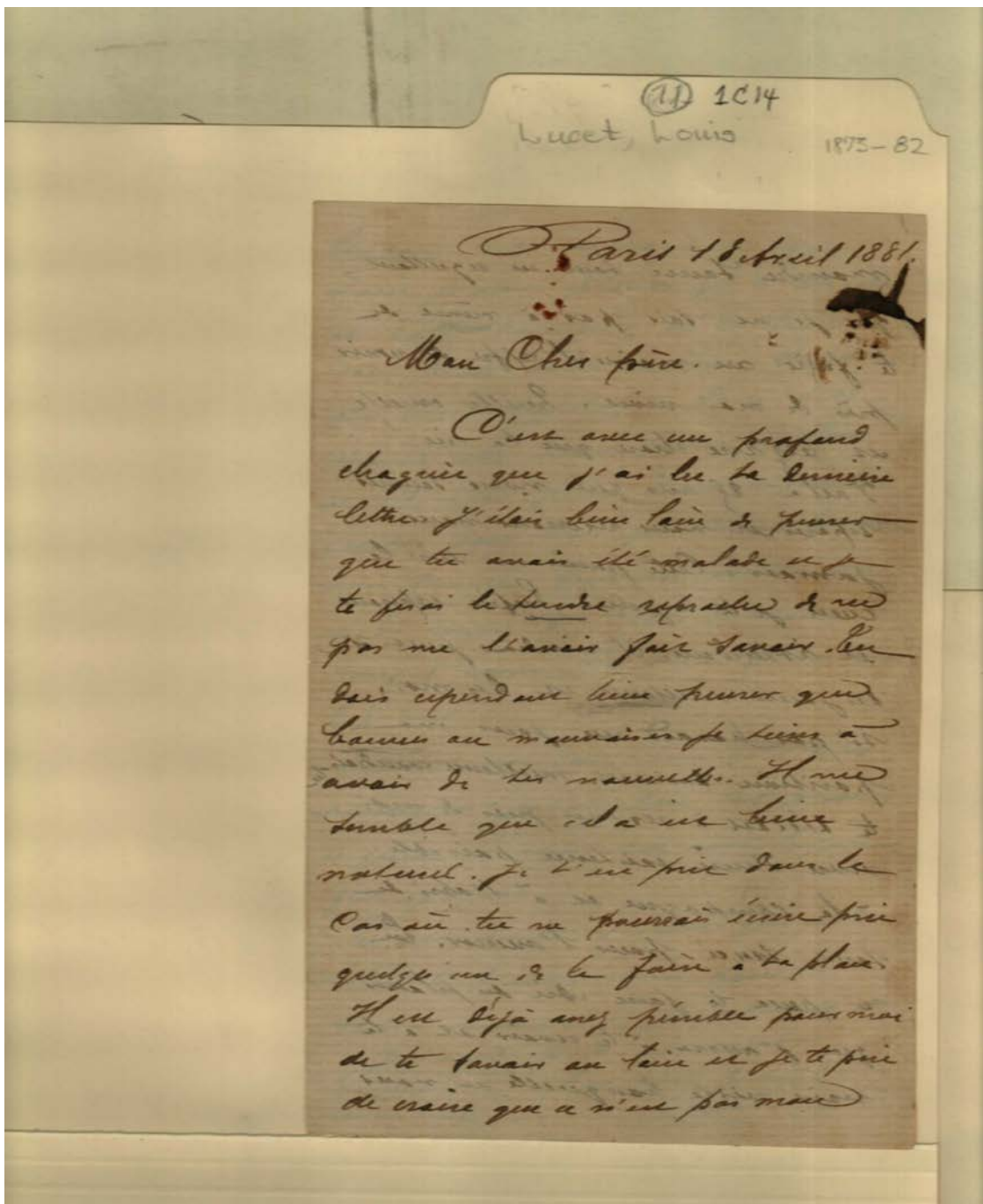
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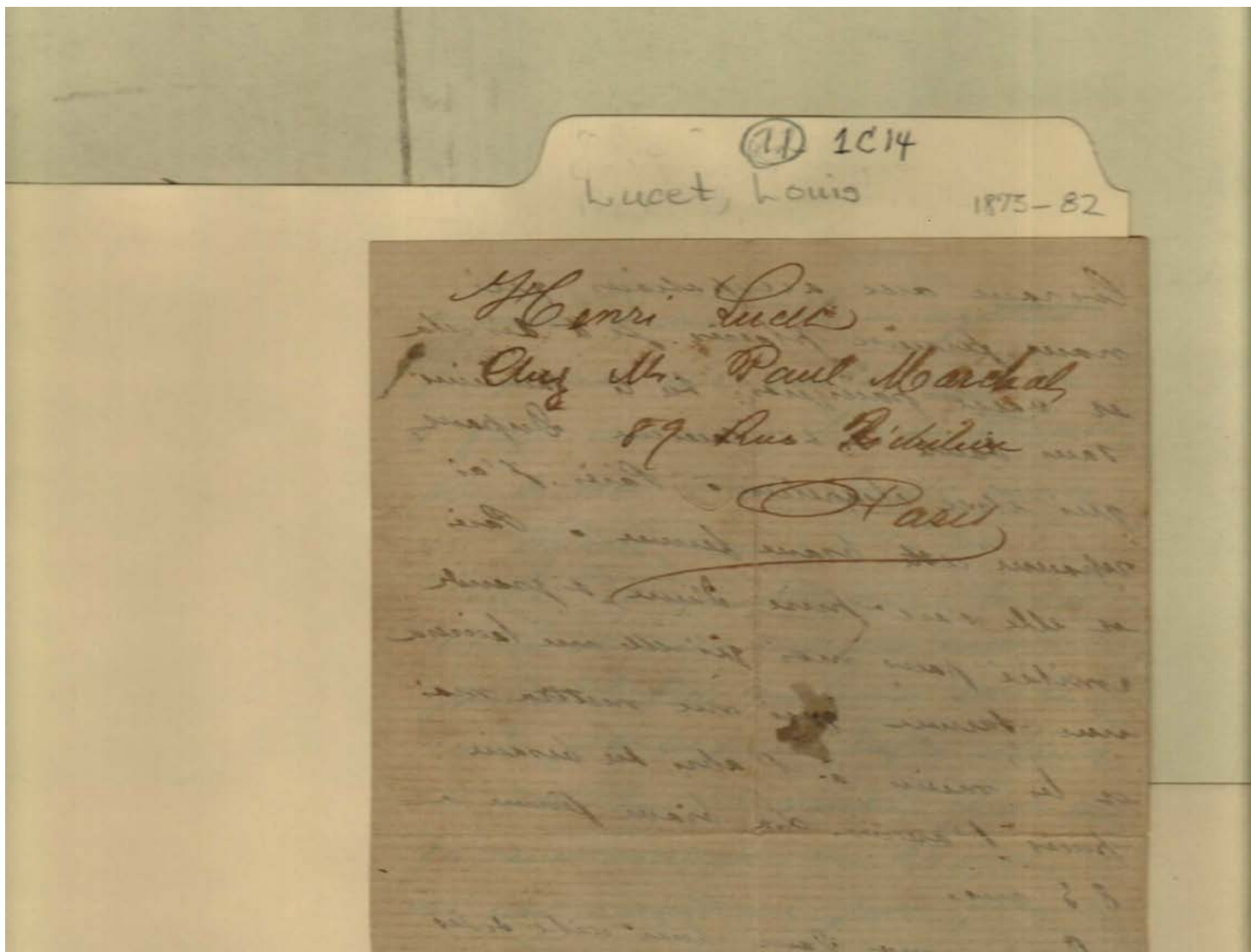
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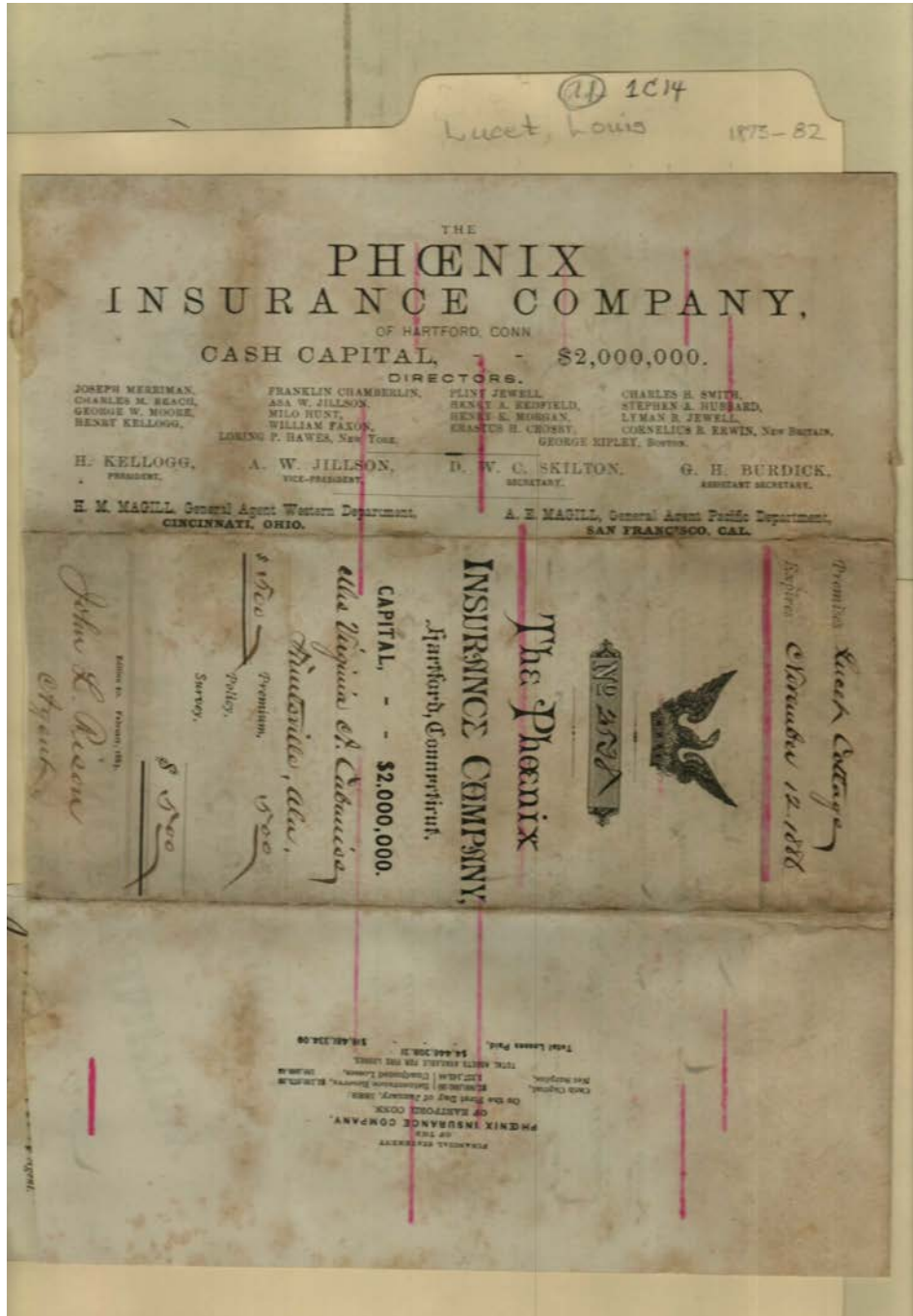
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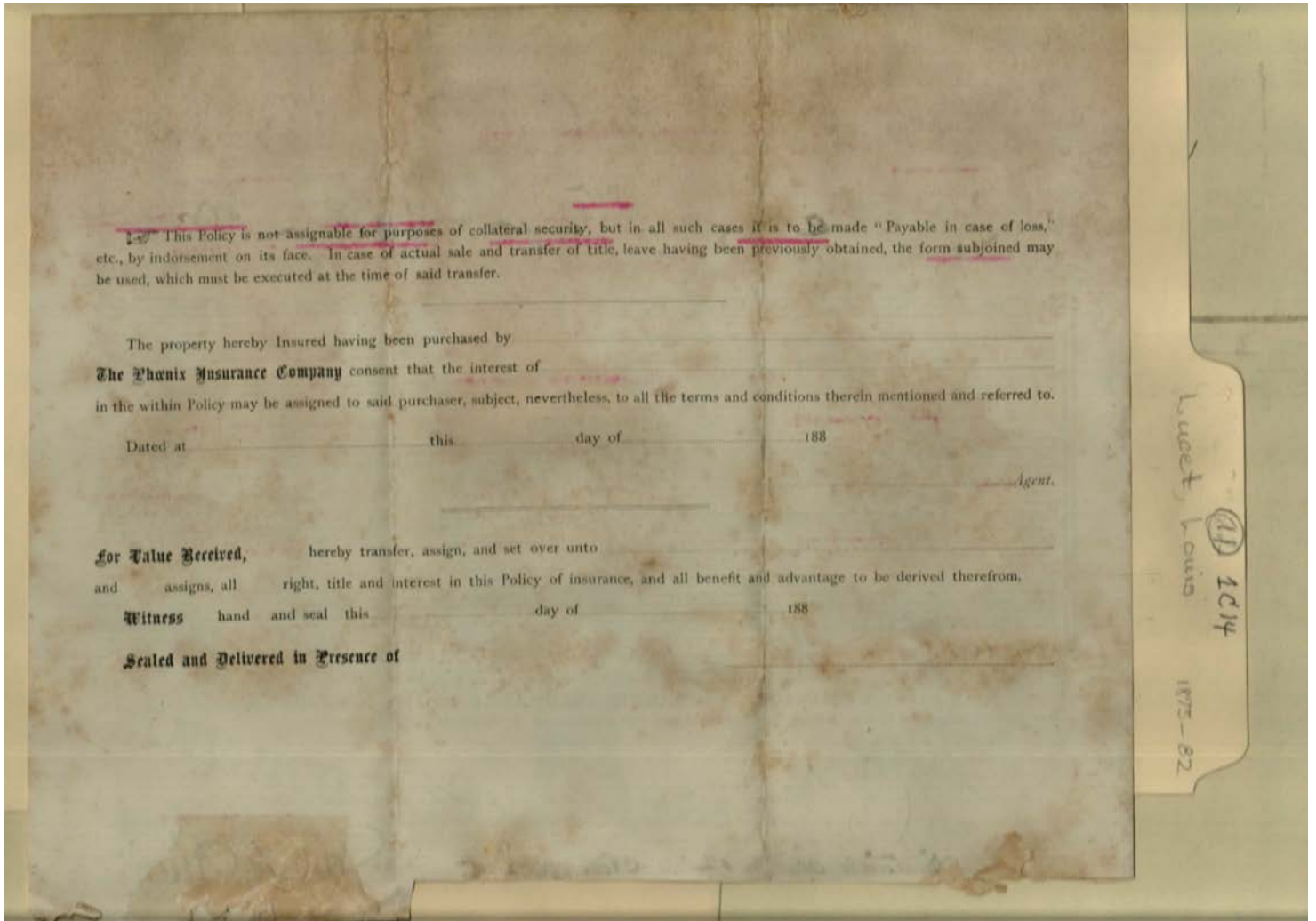
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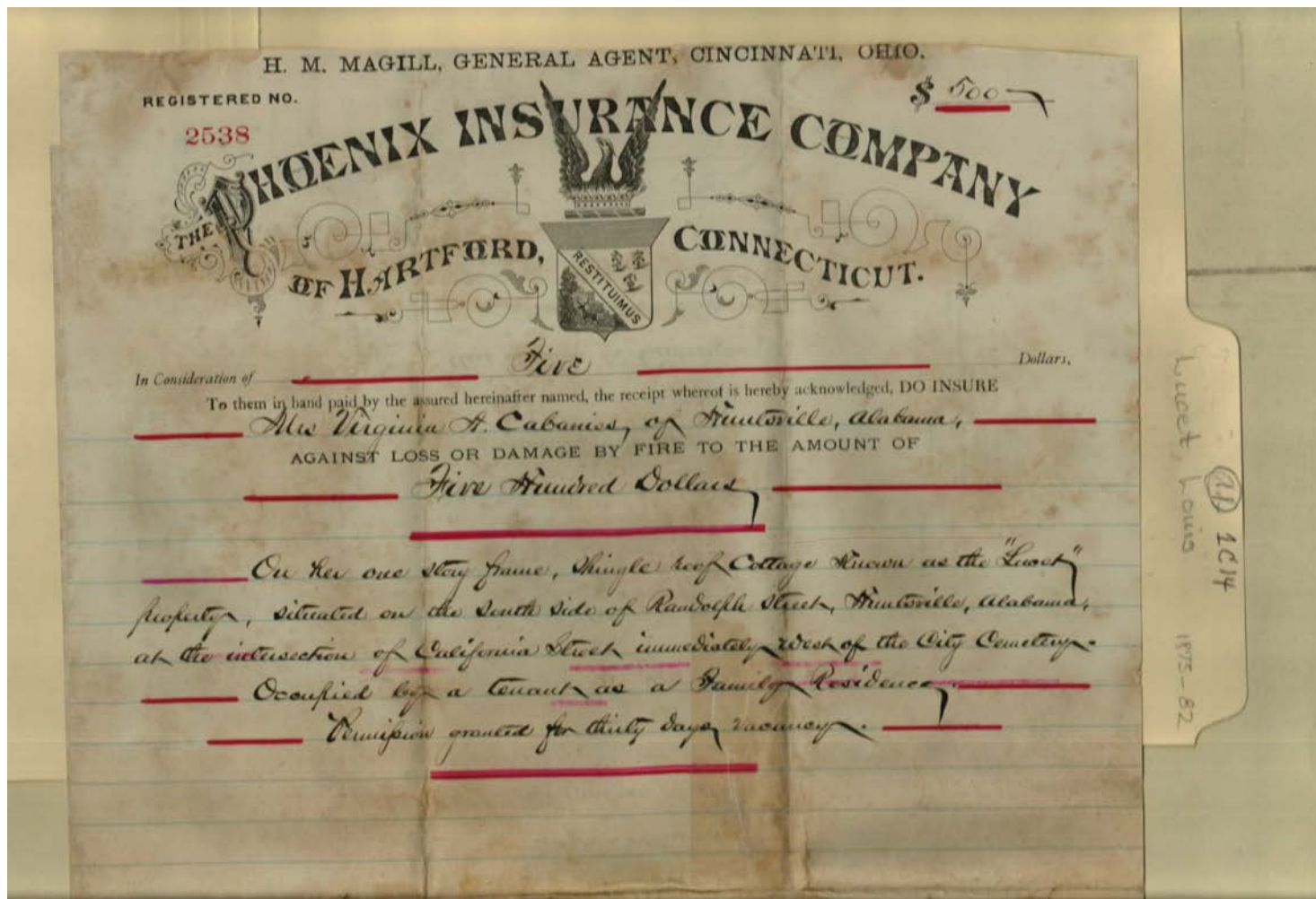


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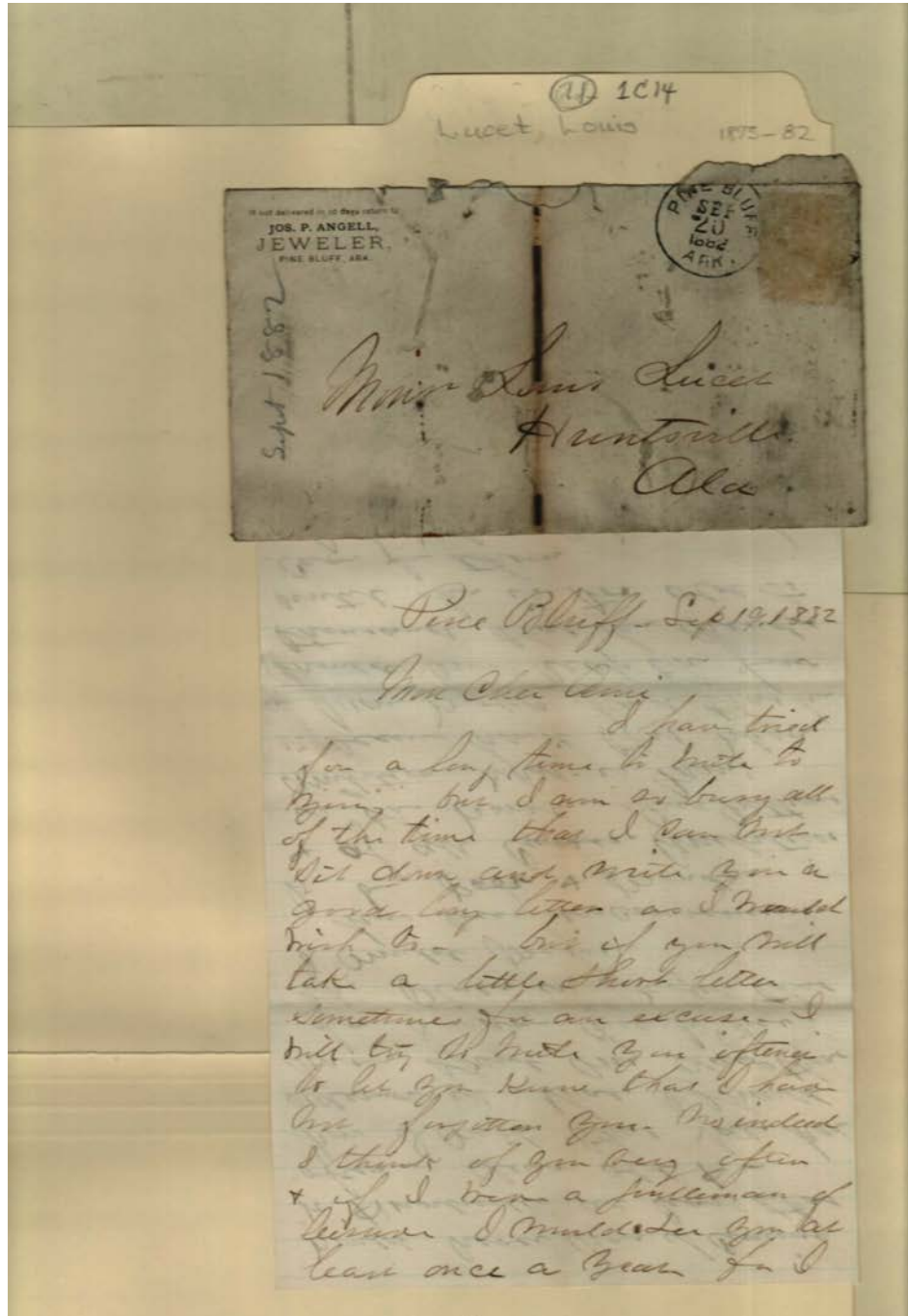
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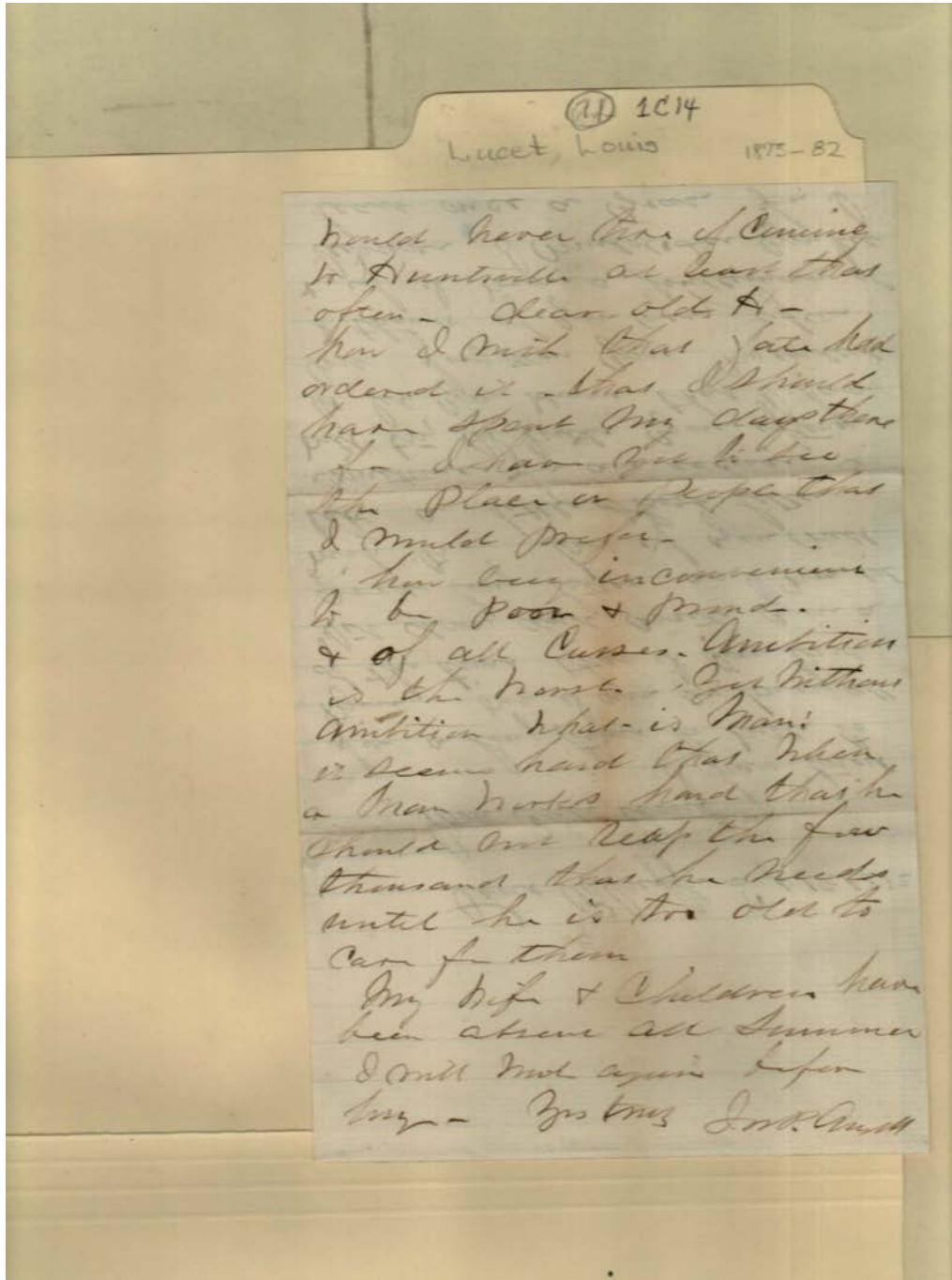
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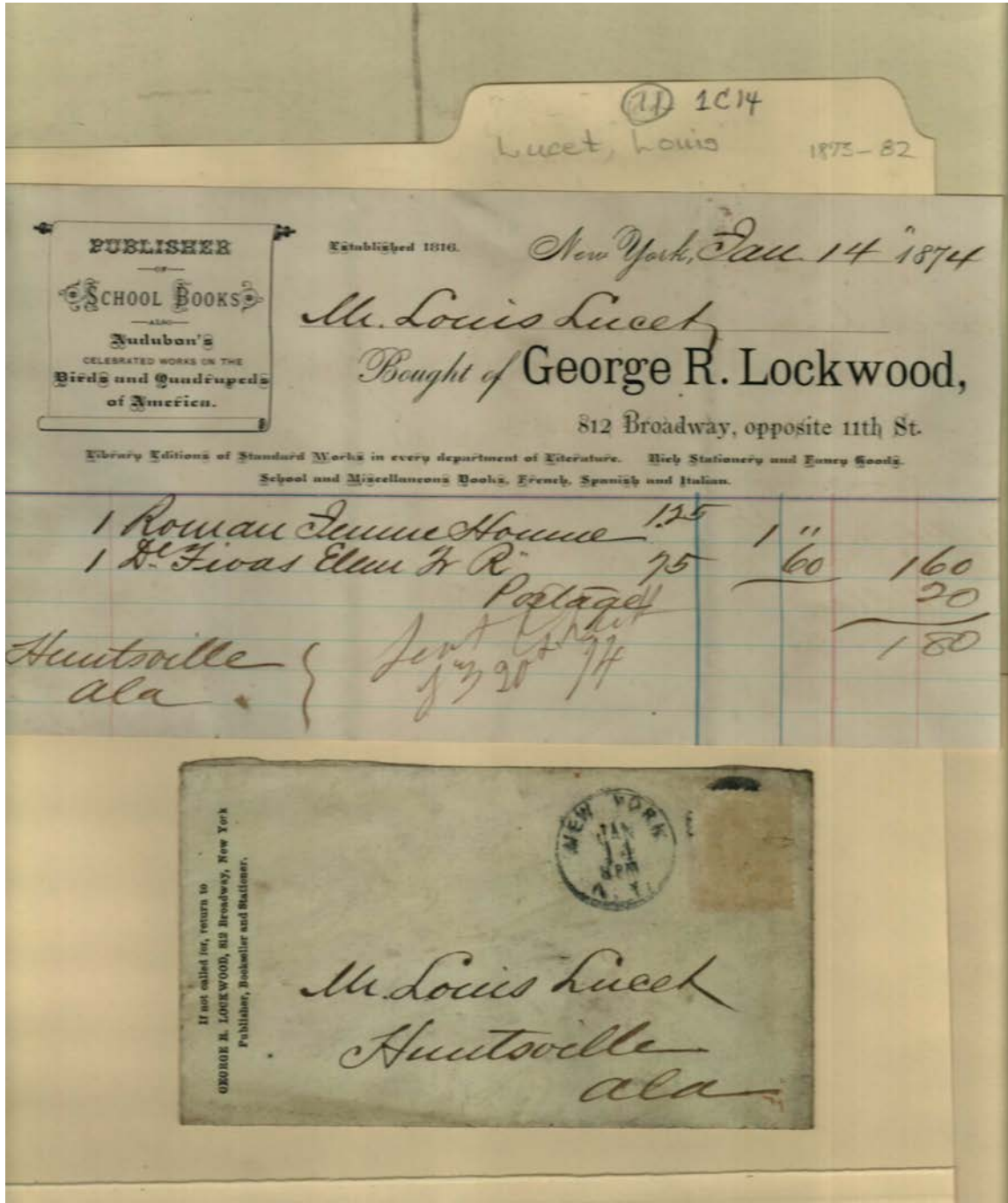


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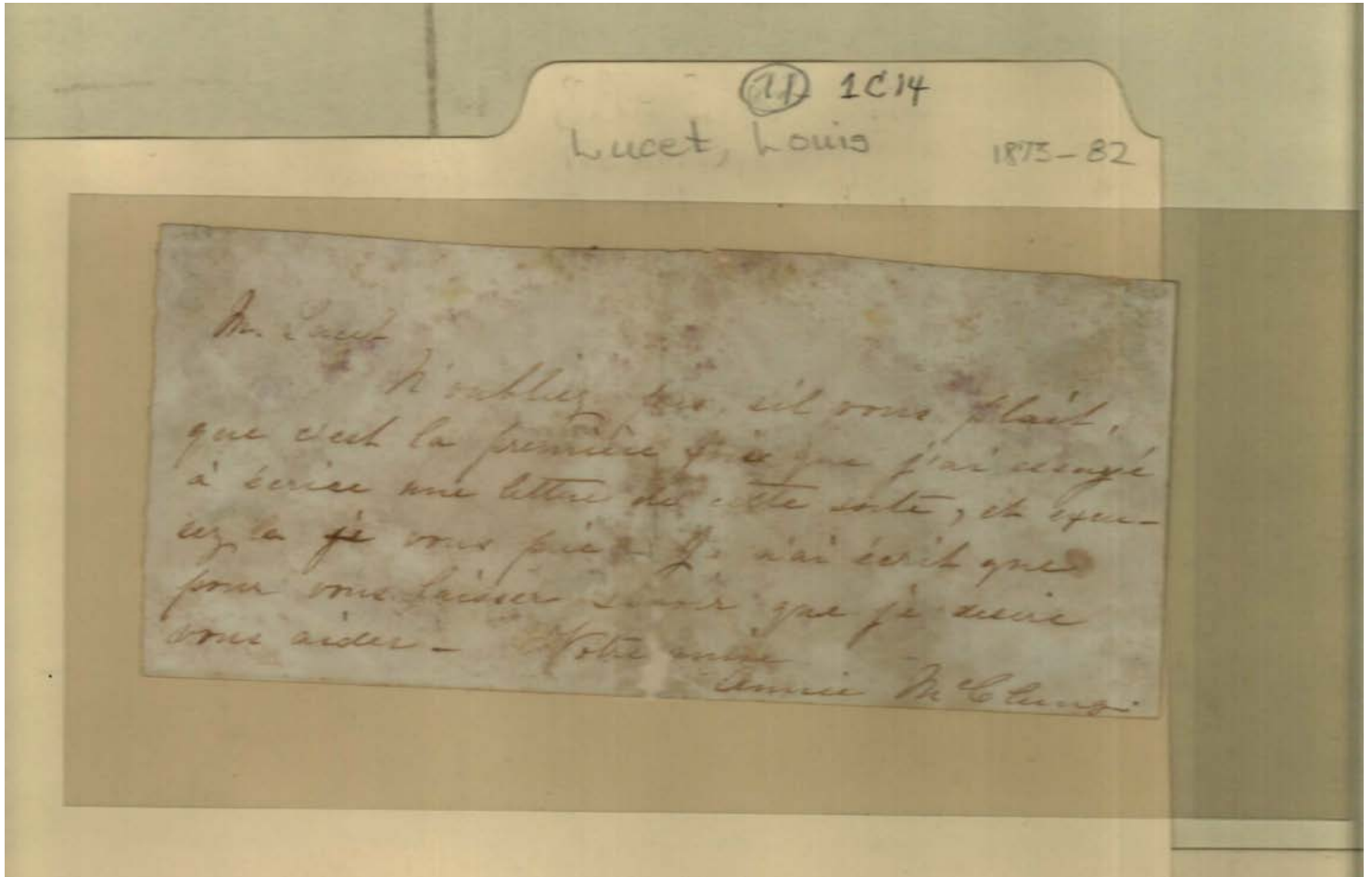
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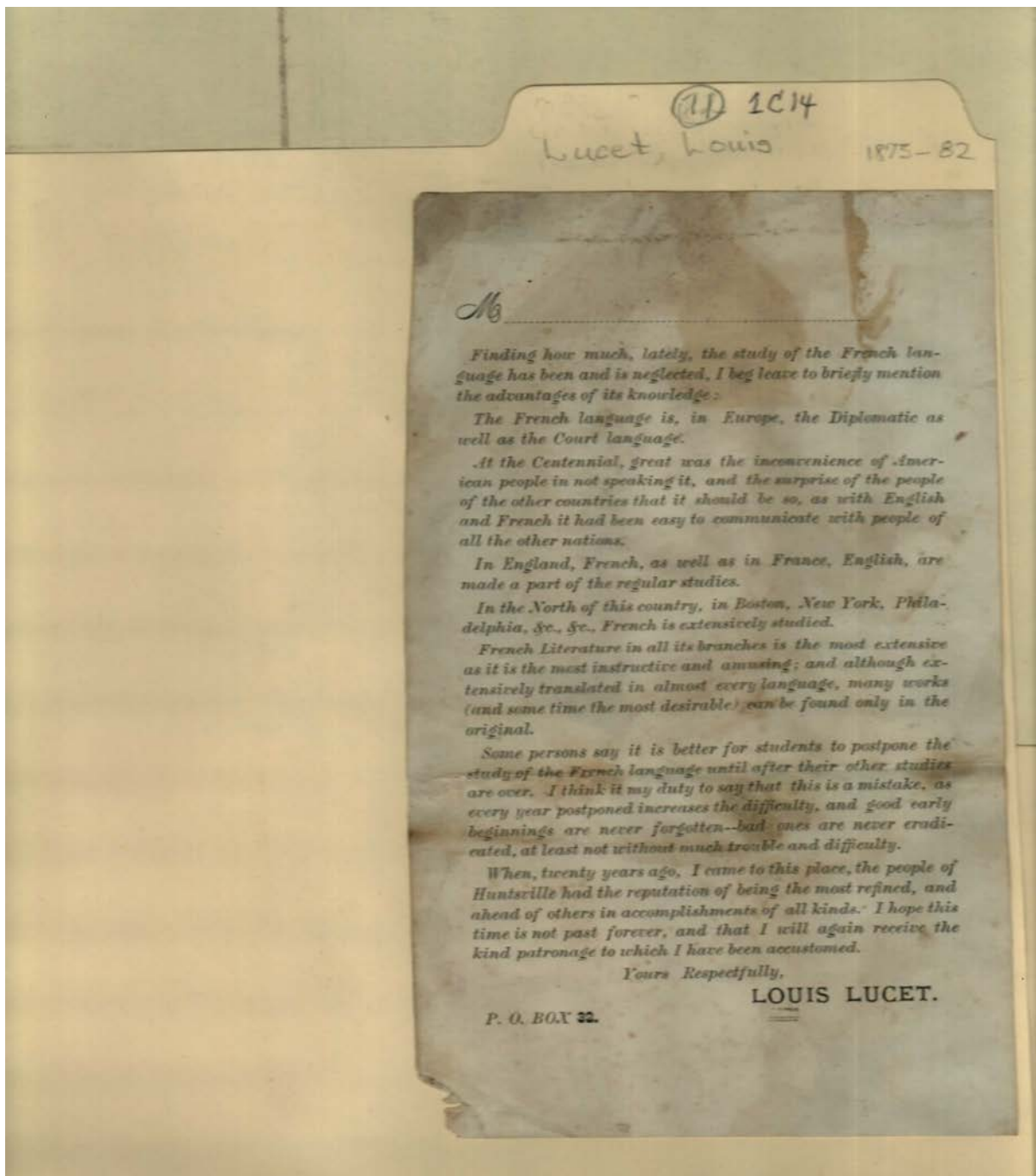
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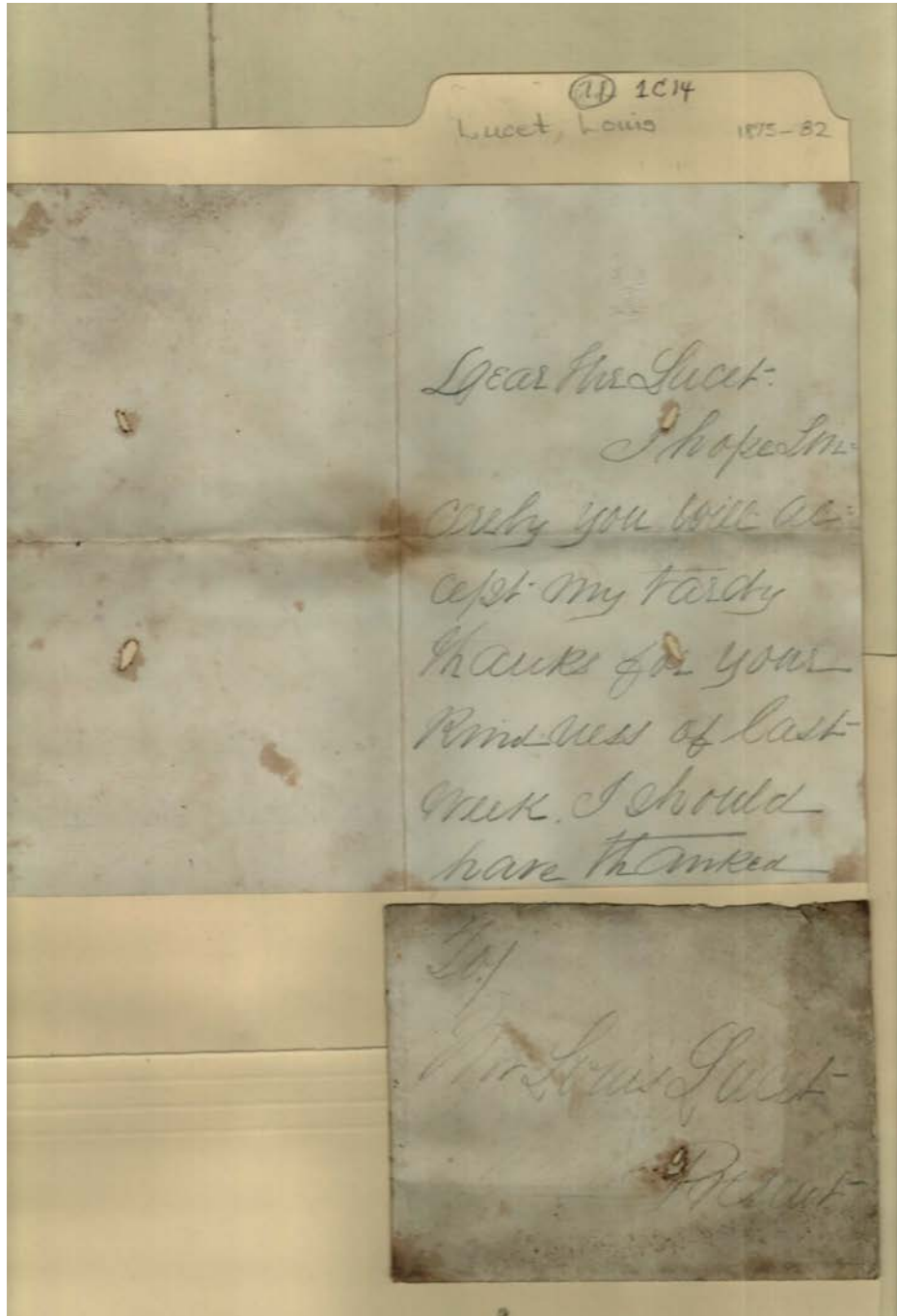
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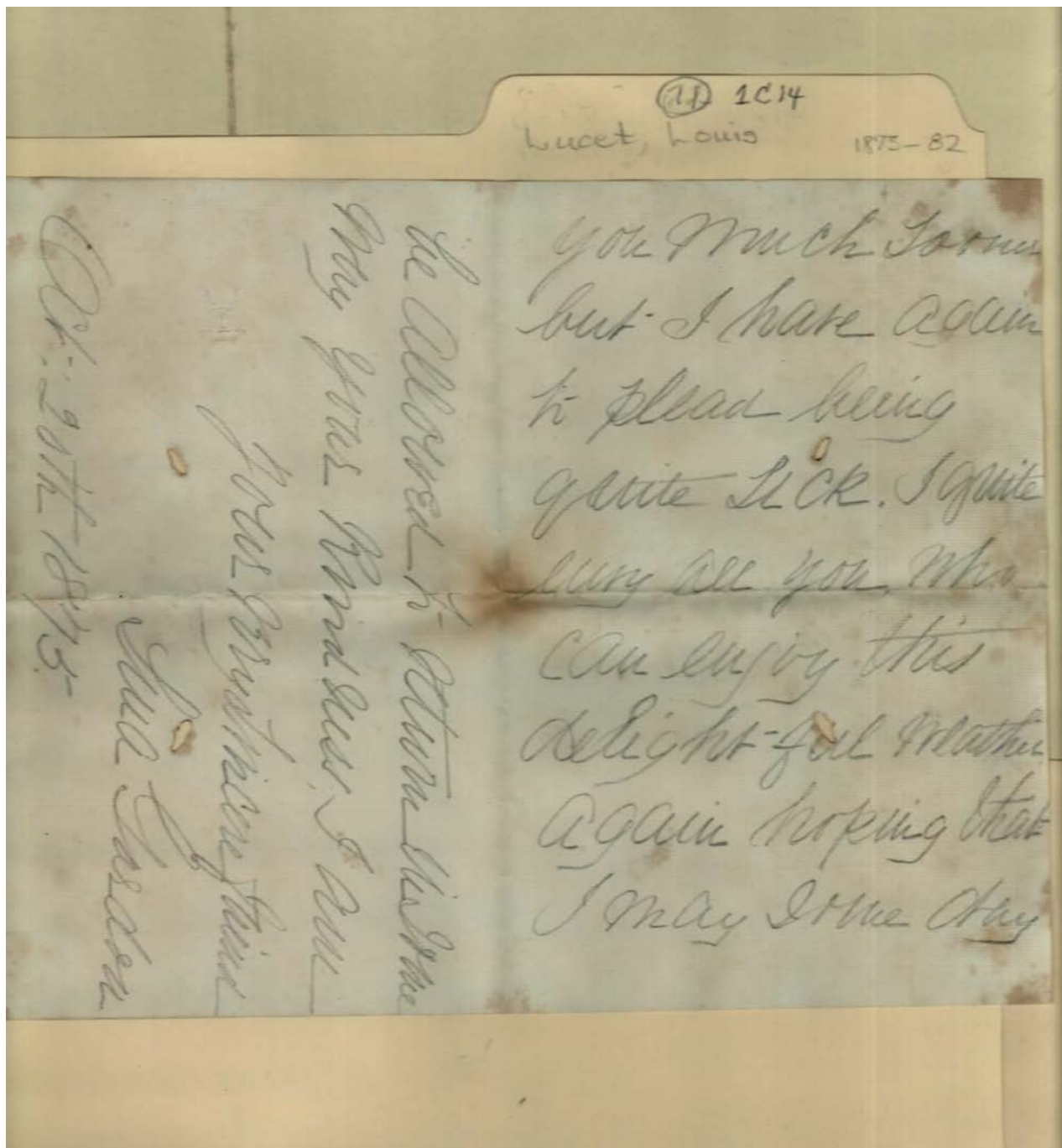


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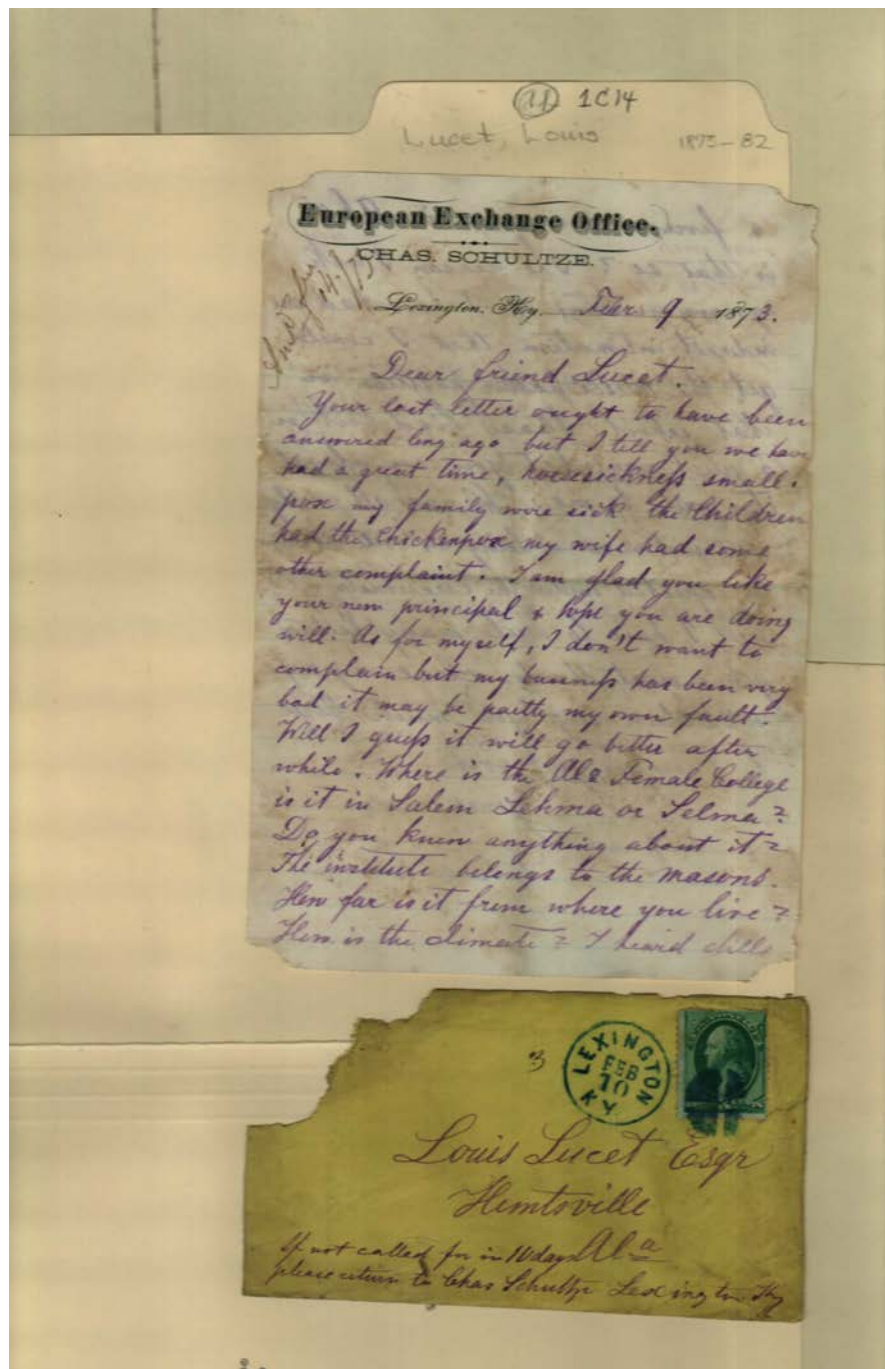
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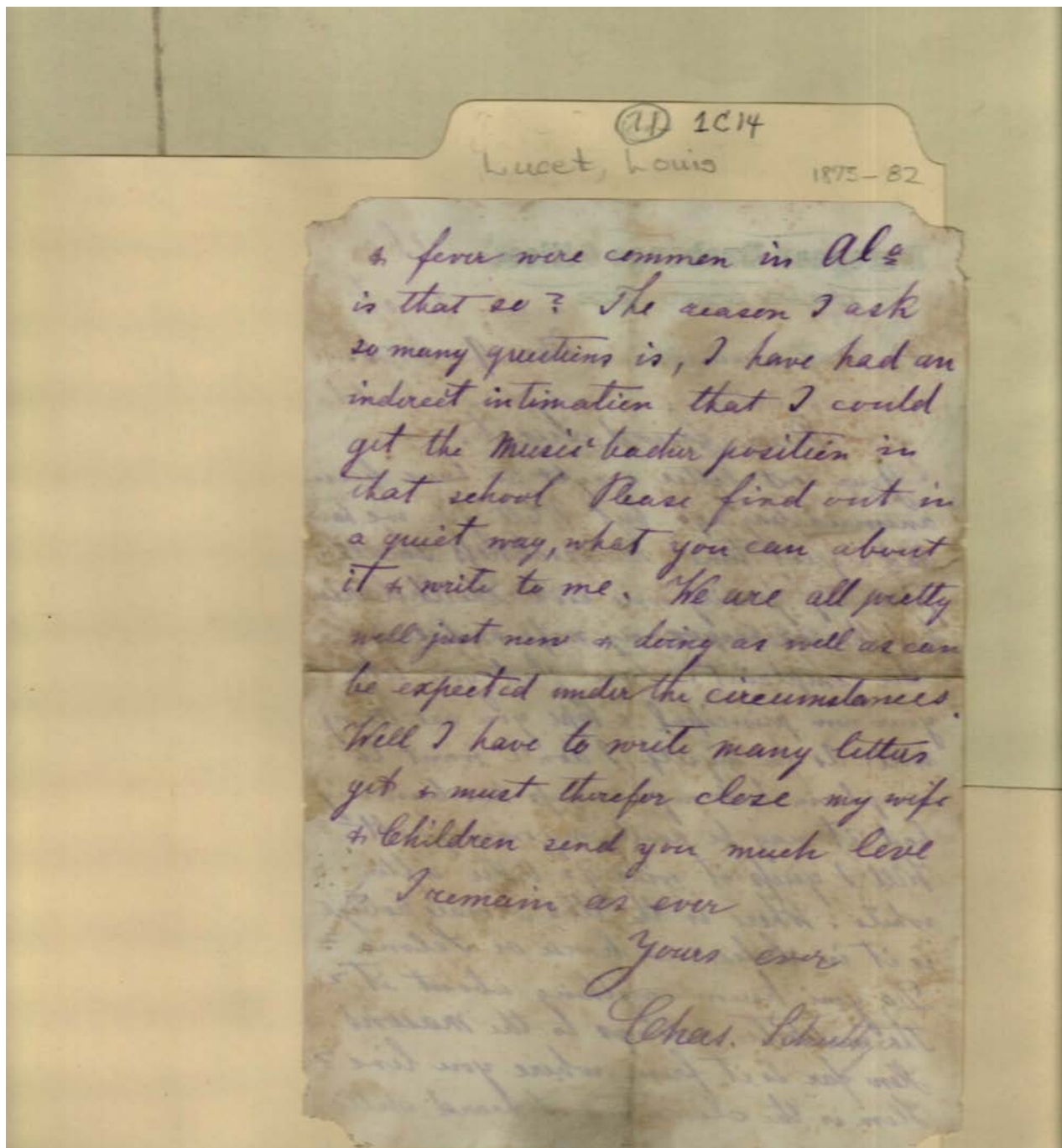
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