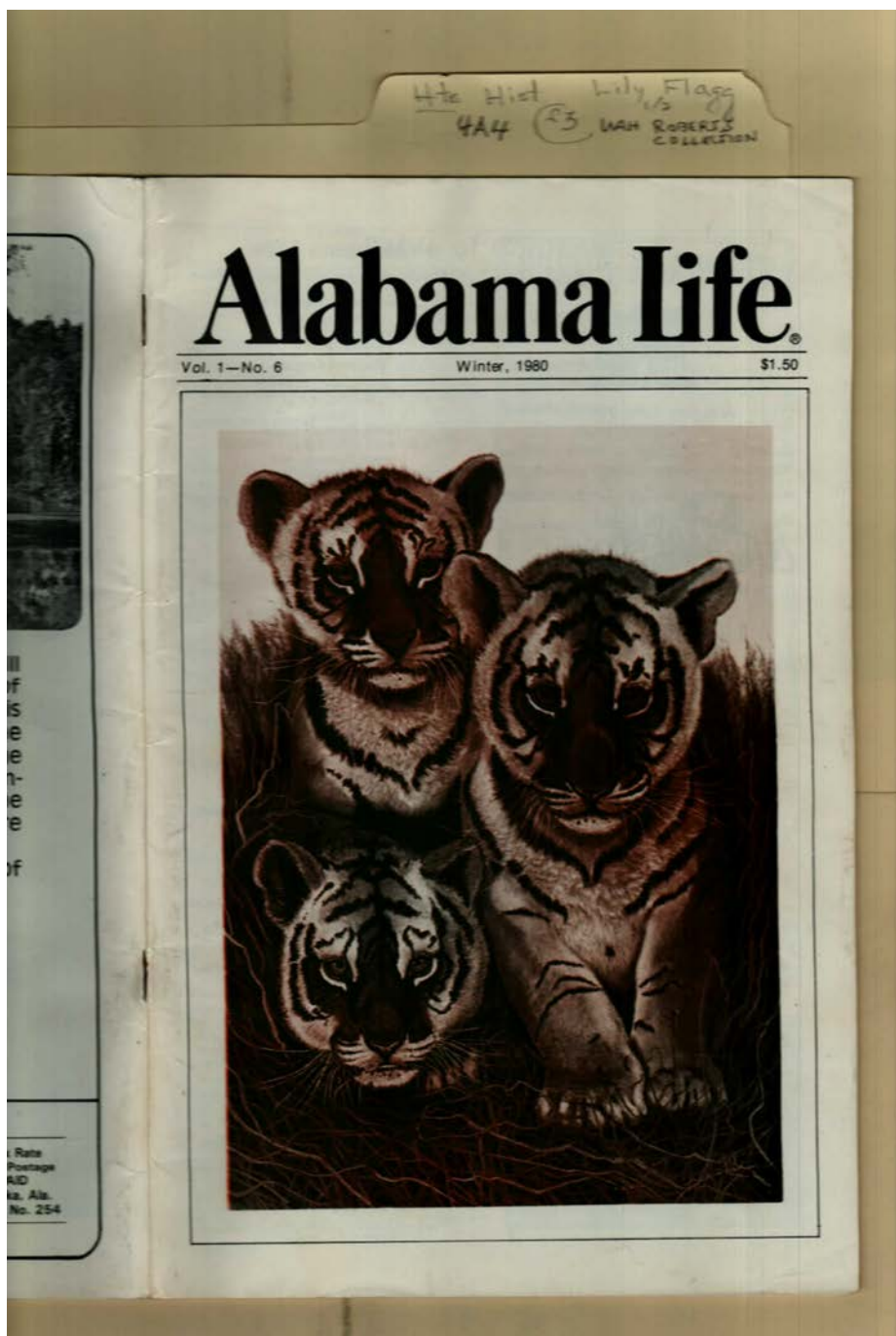


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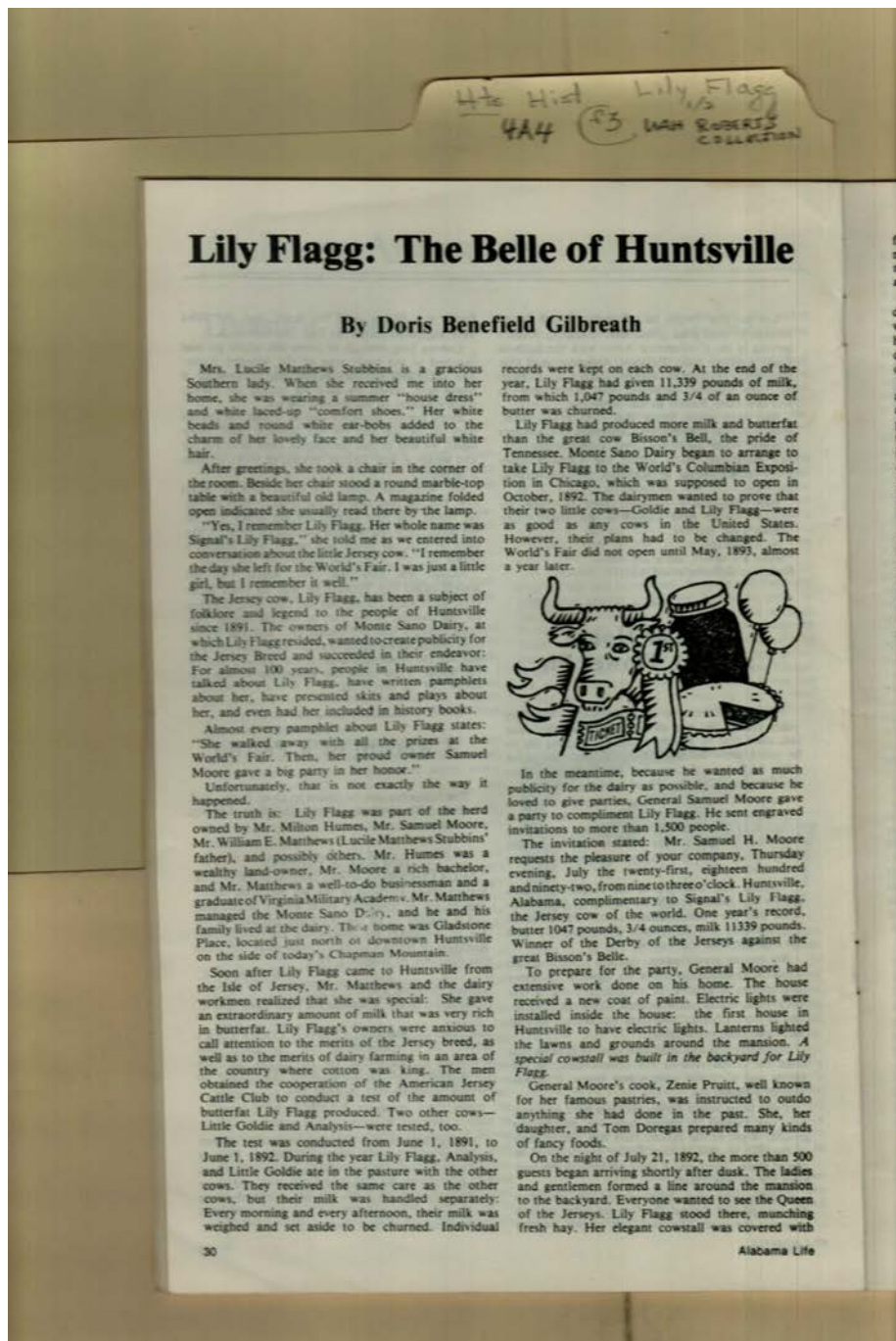
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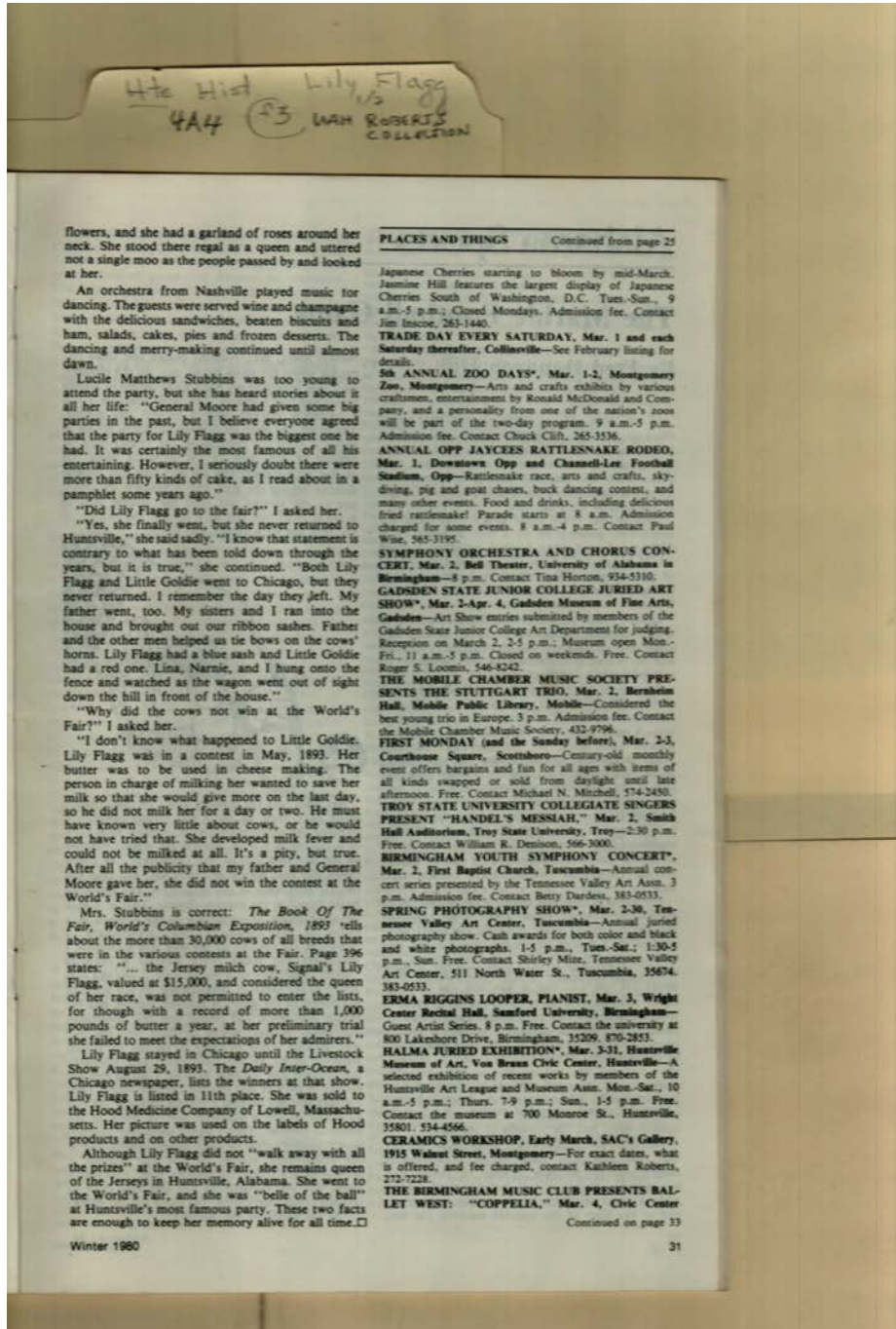
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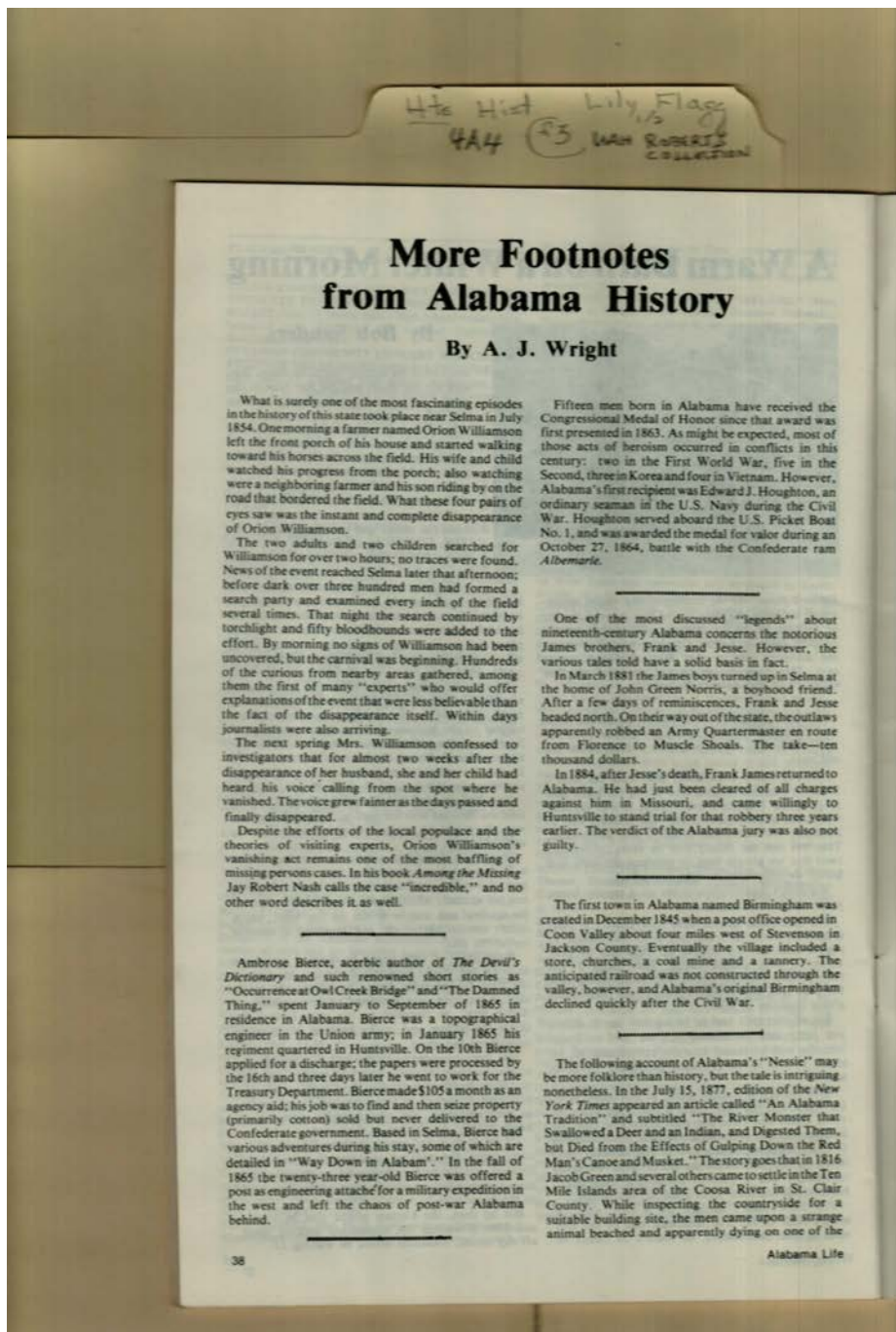
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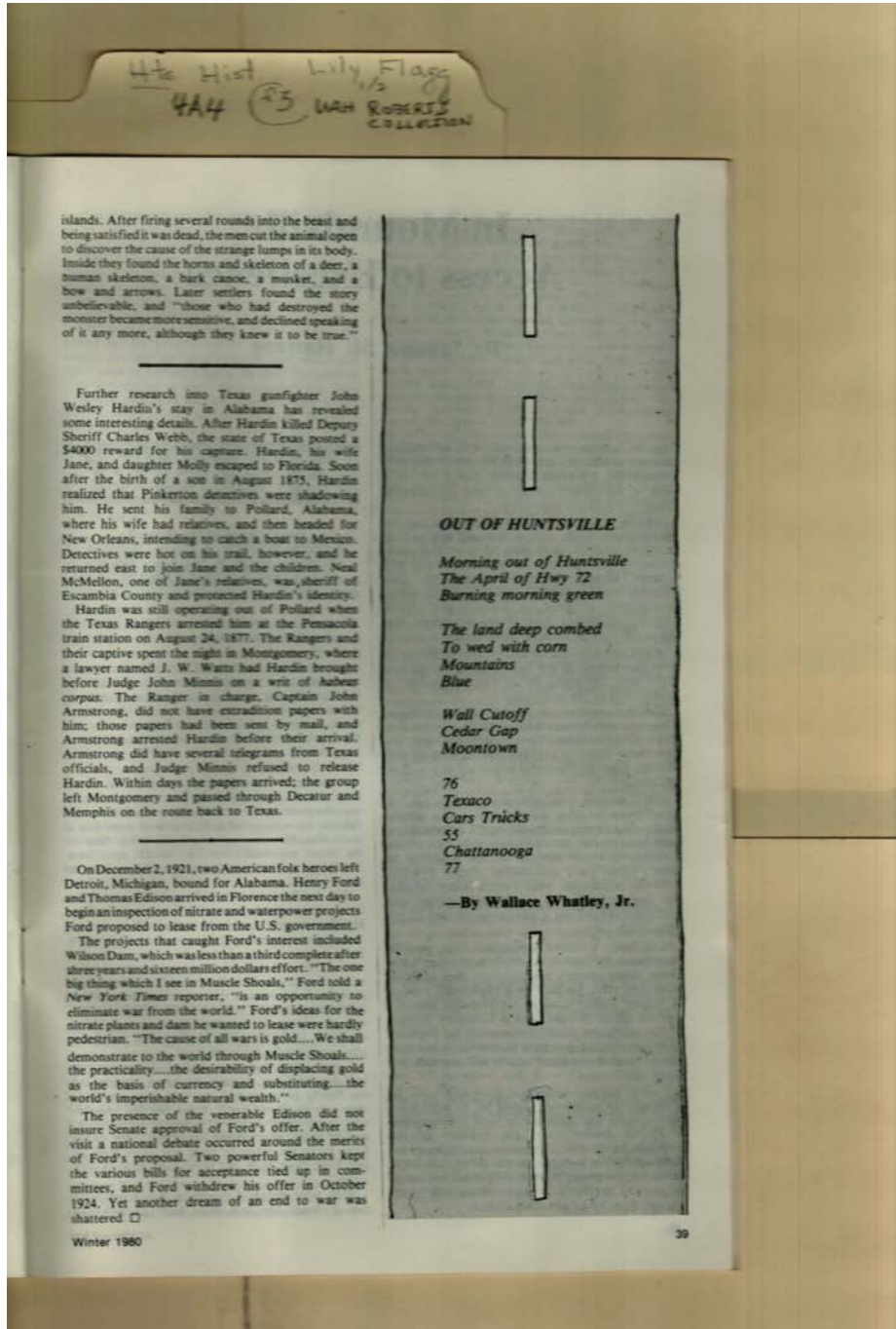
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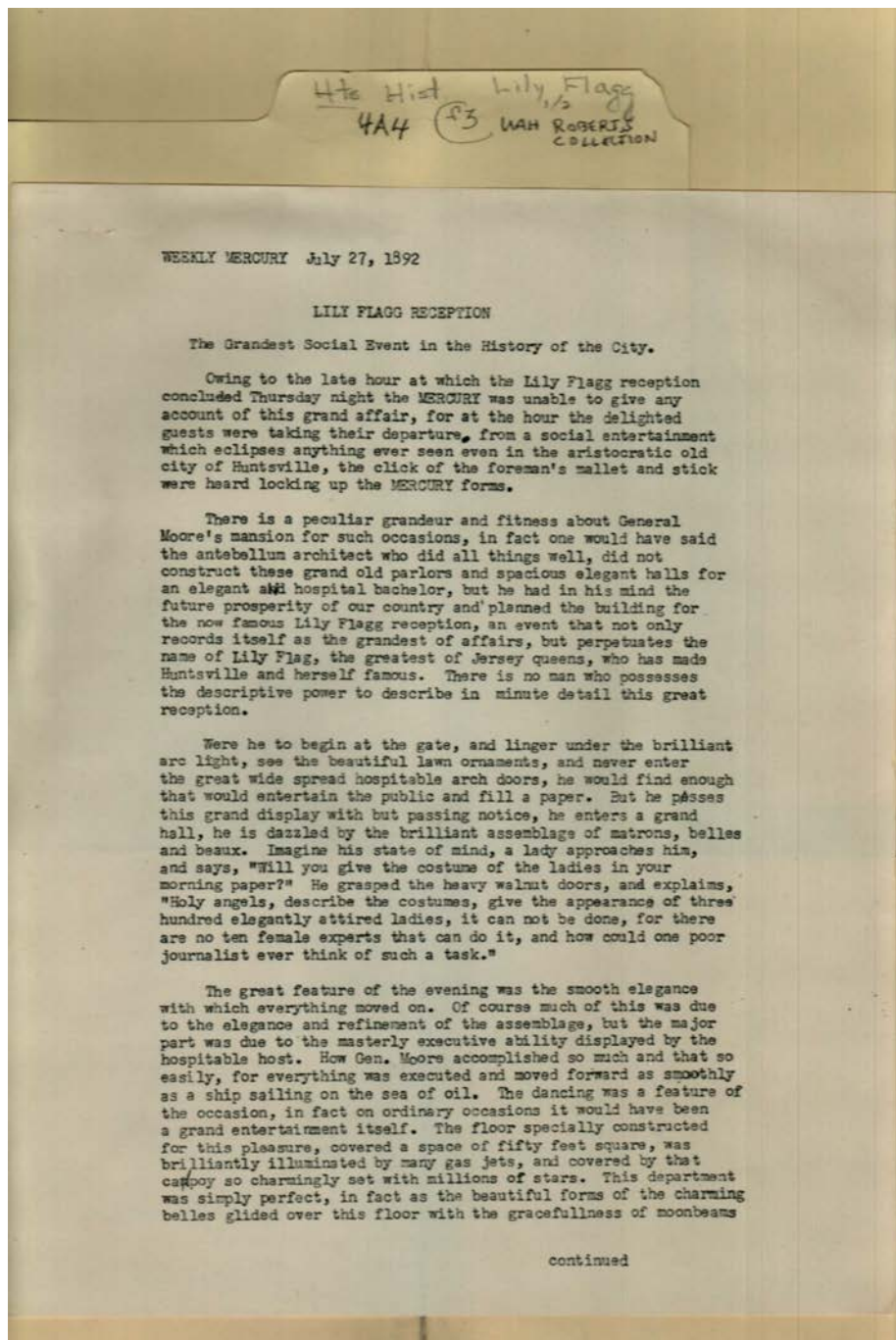
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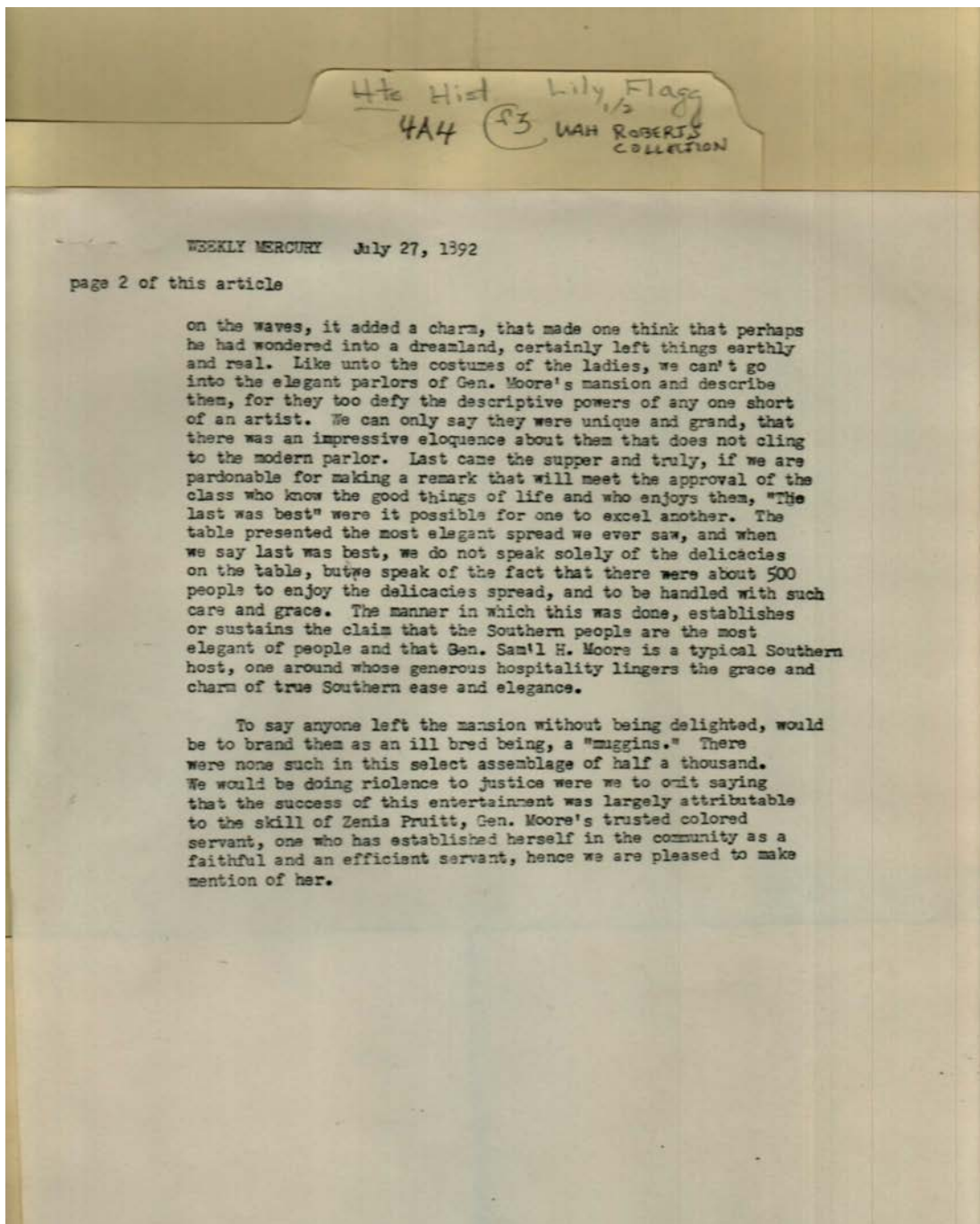
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on the waves, it added a charm, that made one think that perhaps he had wandered into a dreamland, certainly left things earthly and real. Like unto the costumes of the ladies, we can't go into the elegant parlors of Gen. Moore's mansion and describe them, for they too defy the descriptive powers of any one short of an artist. We can only say they were unique and grand, that there was an impressive eloquence about them that does not cling to the modern parlor. Last came the supper and truly, if we are pardonable for making a remark that will meet the approval of the class who know the good things of life and who enjoys them, "The last was best" were it possible for one to excel another. The table presented the most elegant spread we ever saw, and when we say last was best, we do not speak solely of the delicacies on the table, but we speak of the fact that there were about 500 people to enjoy the delicacies spread, and to be handled with such care and grace. The manner in which this was done, establishes or sustains the claim that the Southern people are the most elegant of people and that Gen. Sam'l H. Moore is a typical Southern host, one around whose generous hospitality lingers the grace and charm of true Southern ease and elegance.

To say anyone left the mansion without being delighted, would be to brand them as an ill bred being, a "muggins." There were none such in this select assemblage of half a thousand. We would be doing violence to justice were we to omit saying that the success of this entertainment was largely attributable to the skill of Zenie Pruitt, Gen. Moore's trusted colored servant, one who has established herself in the community as a faithful and an efficient servant, hence we are pleased to make mention of her.

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Gen.

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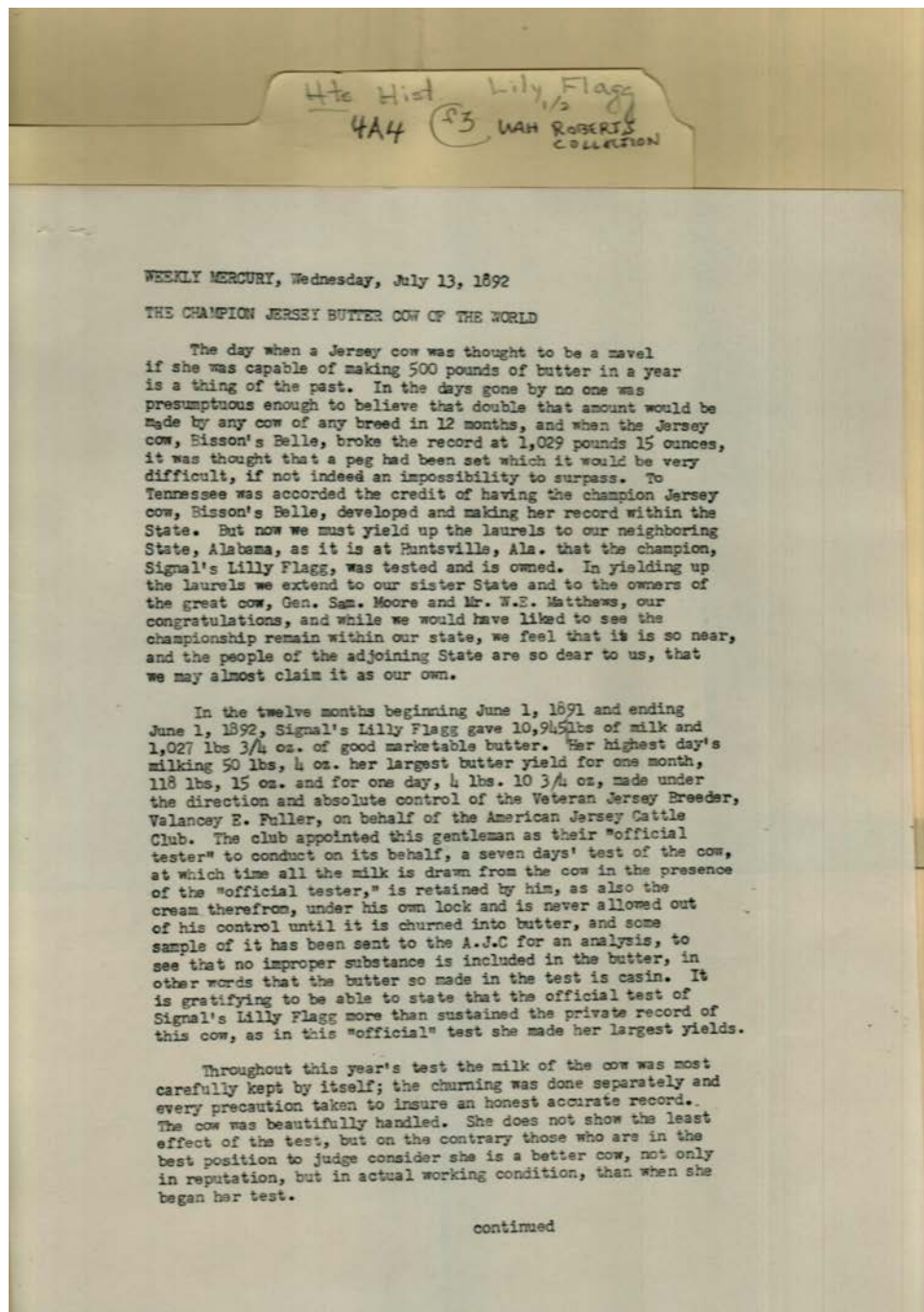
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WEEKLY MERCURY, Wednesday, July 13, 1892

THE CHAMPION JERSEY BUTTER COW OF THE WORLD

The day when a Jersey cow was thought to be a marvel if she was capable of making 500 pounds of butter in a year is a thing of the past. In the days gone by no one was presumptuous enough to believe that double that amount would be made by any cow of any breed in 12 months, and when the Jersey cow, Bisson's Belle, broke the record at 1,029 pounds 15 ounces, it was thought that a peg had been set which it would be very difficult, if not indeed an impossibility to surpass. To Tennessee was accorded the credit of having the champion Jersey cow, Bisson's Belle, developed and making her record within the State. But now we must yield up the laurels to our neighboring State, Alabama, as it is at Huntsville, Ala. that the champion, Signal's Lilly Flagg, was tested and is owned. In yielding up the laurels we extend to our sister State and to the owners of the great cow, Gen. Sam. Moore and Mr. W.E. Matthews, our congratulations, and while we would have liked to see the championship remain within our state, we feel that it is so near, and the people of the adjoining State are so dear to us, that we may almost claim it as our own.

In the twelve months beginning June 1, 1891 and ending June 1, 1892, Signal's Lilly Flagg gave 10,945 lbs of milk and 1,027 lbs 3/4 oz. of good marketable butter. Her highest day's milking 50 lbs, 4 oz. her largest butter yield for one month, 118 lbs, 15 oz. and for one day, 4 lbs. 10 3/4 oz, made under the direction and absolute control of the Veteran Jersey Breeder, Valancey E. Fuller, on behalf of the American Jersey Cattle Club. The club appointed this gentleman as their "official tester" to conduct on its behalf, a seven days' test of the cow, at which time all the milk is drawn from the cow in the presence of the "official tester," is retained by him, as also the cream therefrom, under his own lock and is never allowed out of his control until it is churned into butter, and some sample of it has been sent to the A.J.C for an analysis, to see that no improper substance is included in the butter, in other words that the butter so made in the test is casin. It is gratifying to be able to state that the official test of Signal's Lilly Flagg more than sustained the private record of this cow, as in this "official" test she made her largest yields.

Throughout this year's test the milk of the cow was most carefully kept by itself; the churning was done separately and every precaution taken to insure an honest accurate record. The cow was beautifully handled. She does not show the least effect of the test, but on the contrary those who are in the best position to judge consider she is a better cow, not only in reputation, but in actual working condition, than when she began her test.

continued

Weekly Mercury

Names:

Bisson's Bell
Fuller, Valancey E.
Matthews, W. E.

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Signal's Lilly Flagg

The Champion Jersey
Butter Cow of the
World

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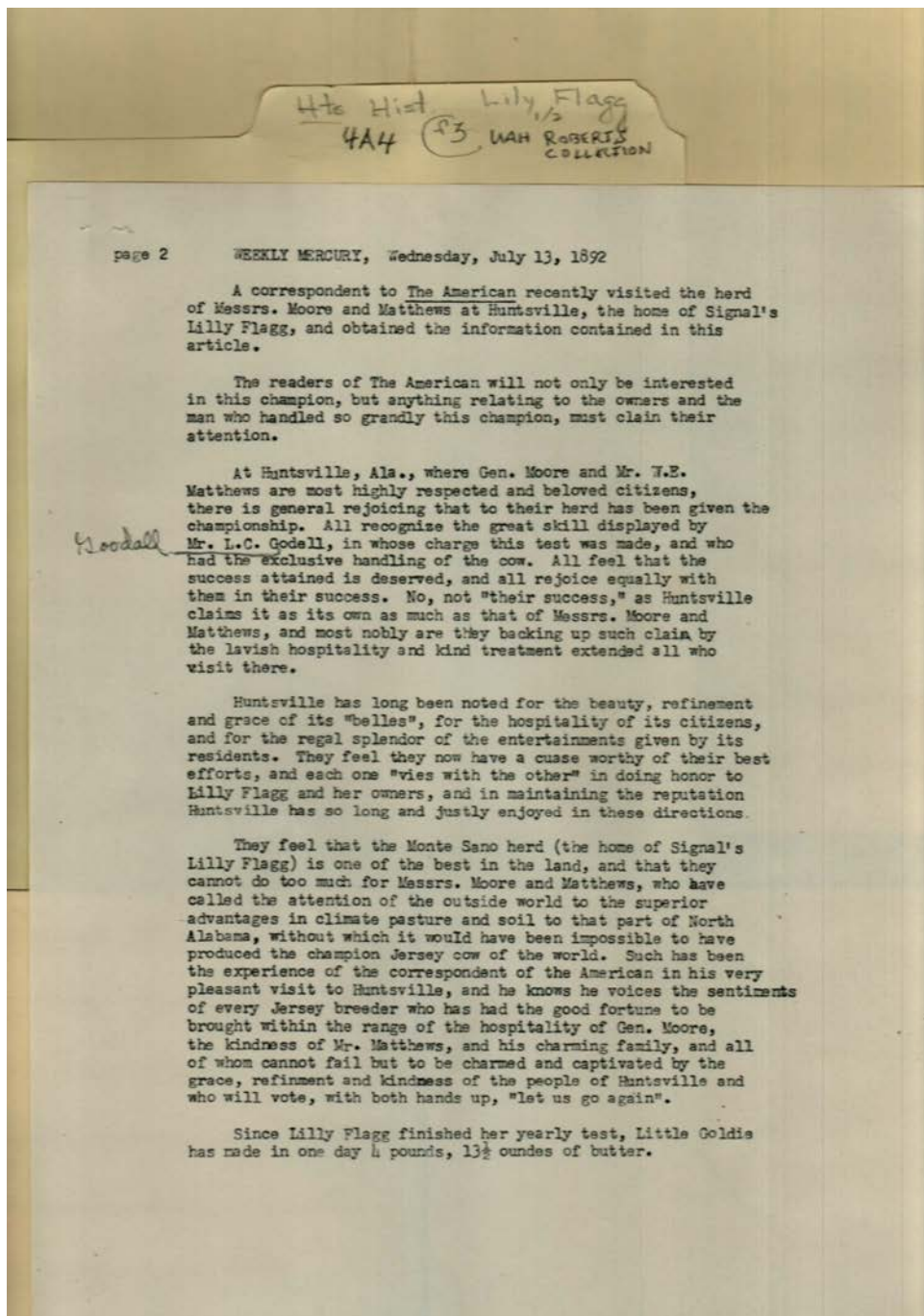
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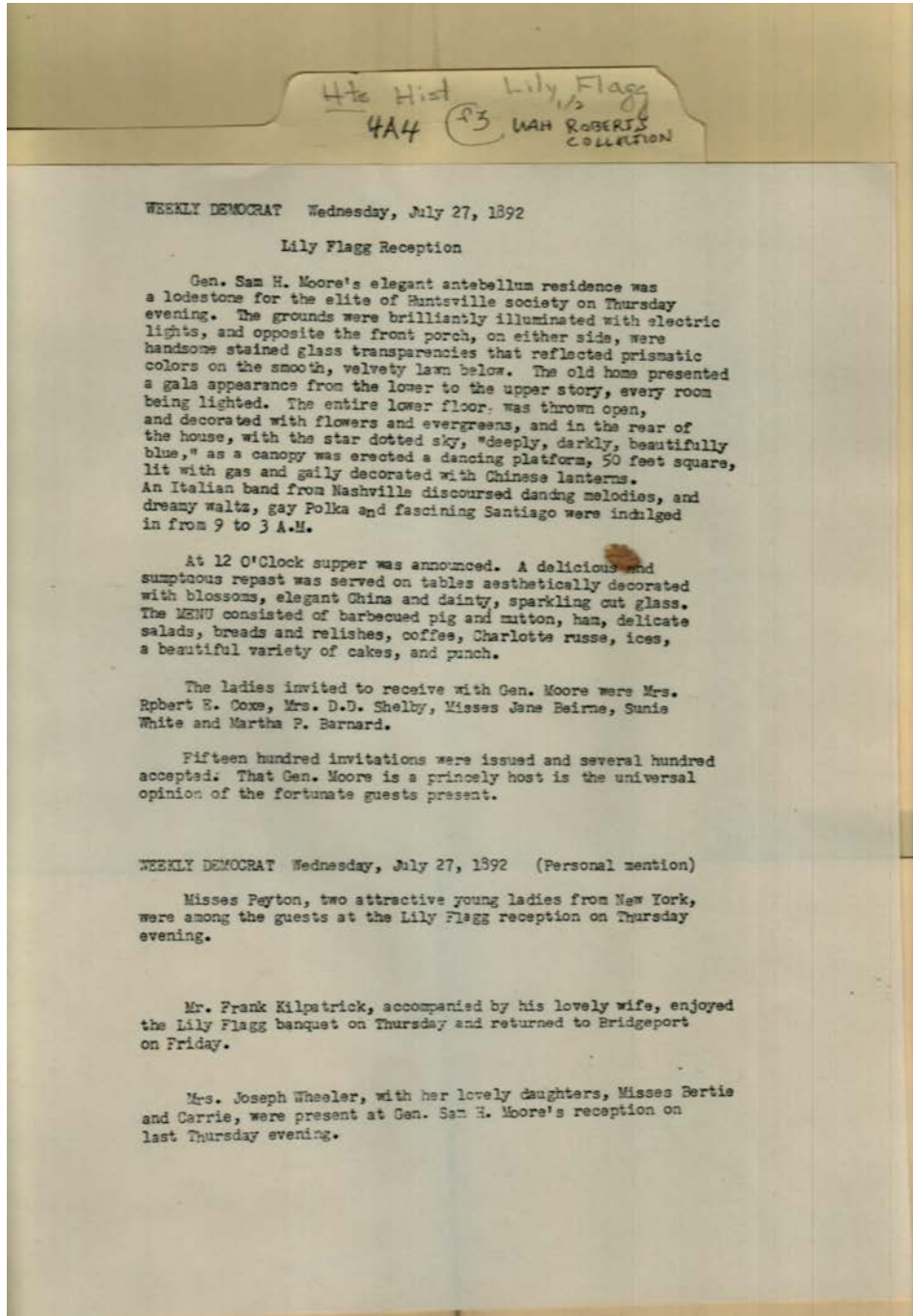
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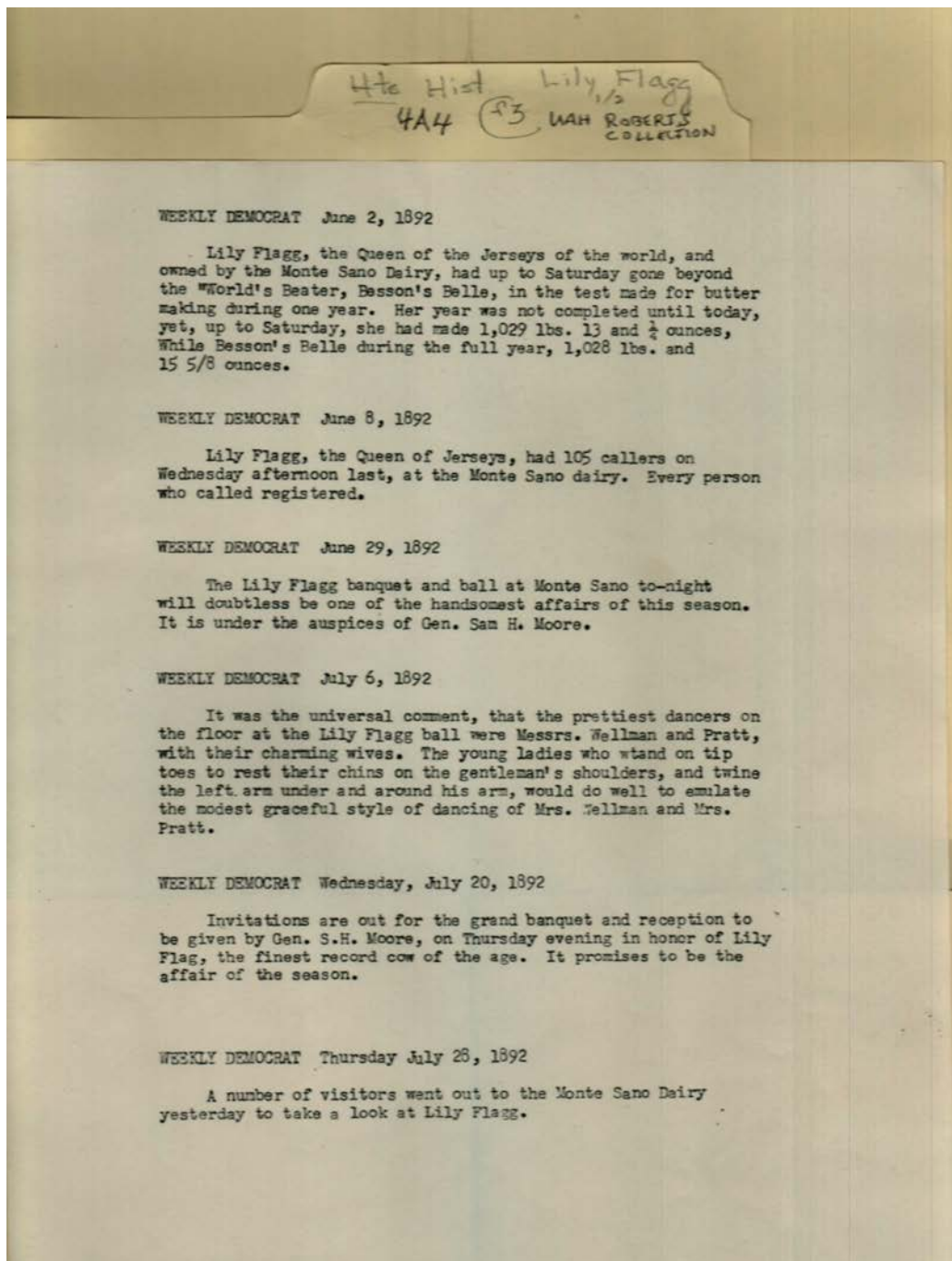
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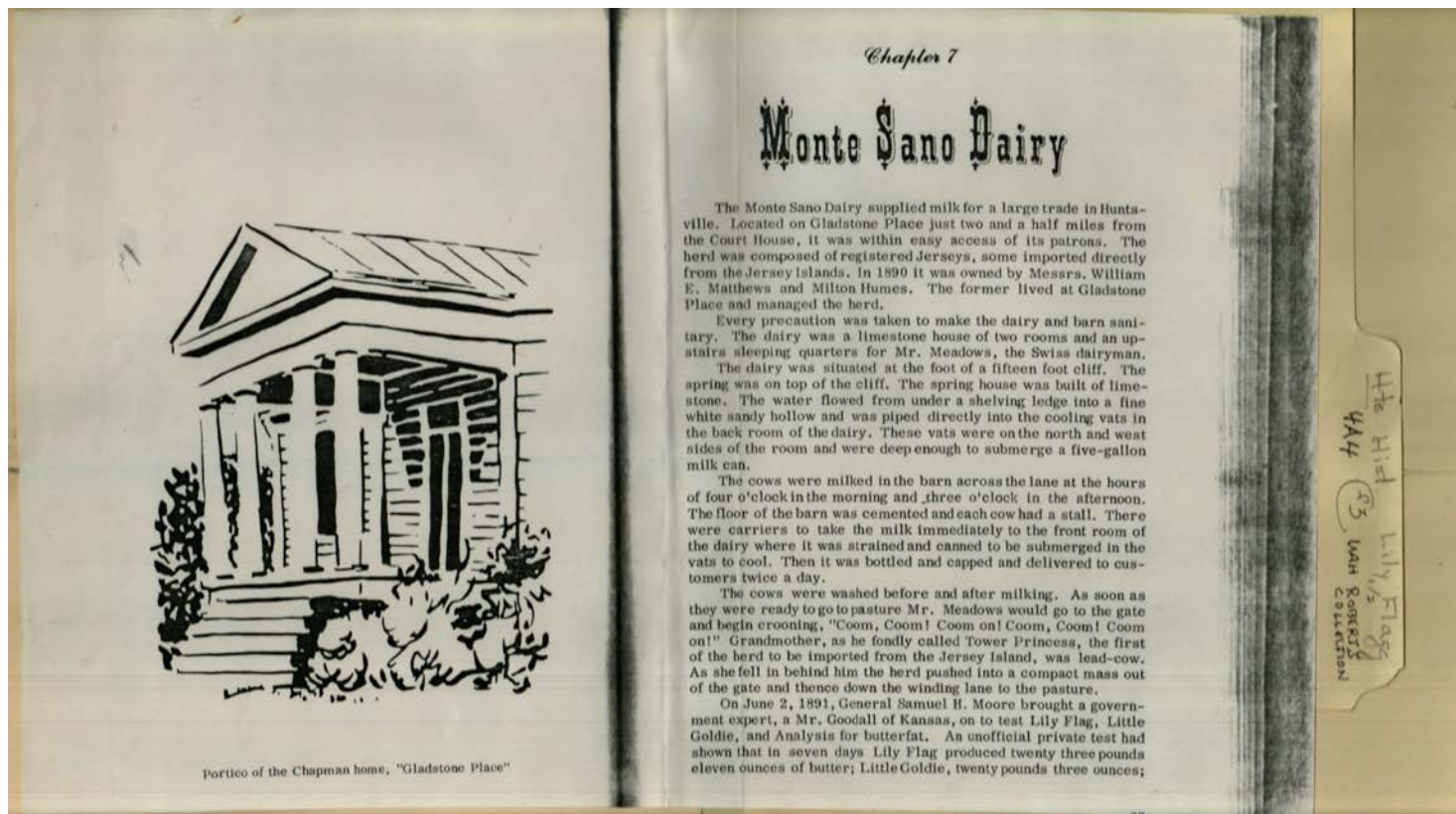
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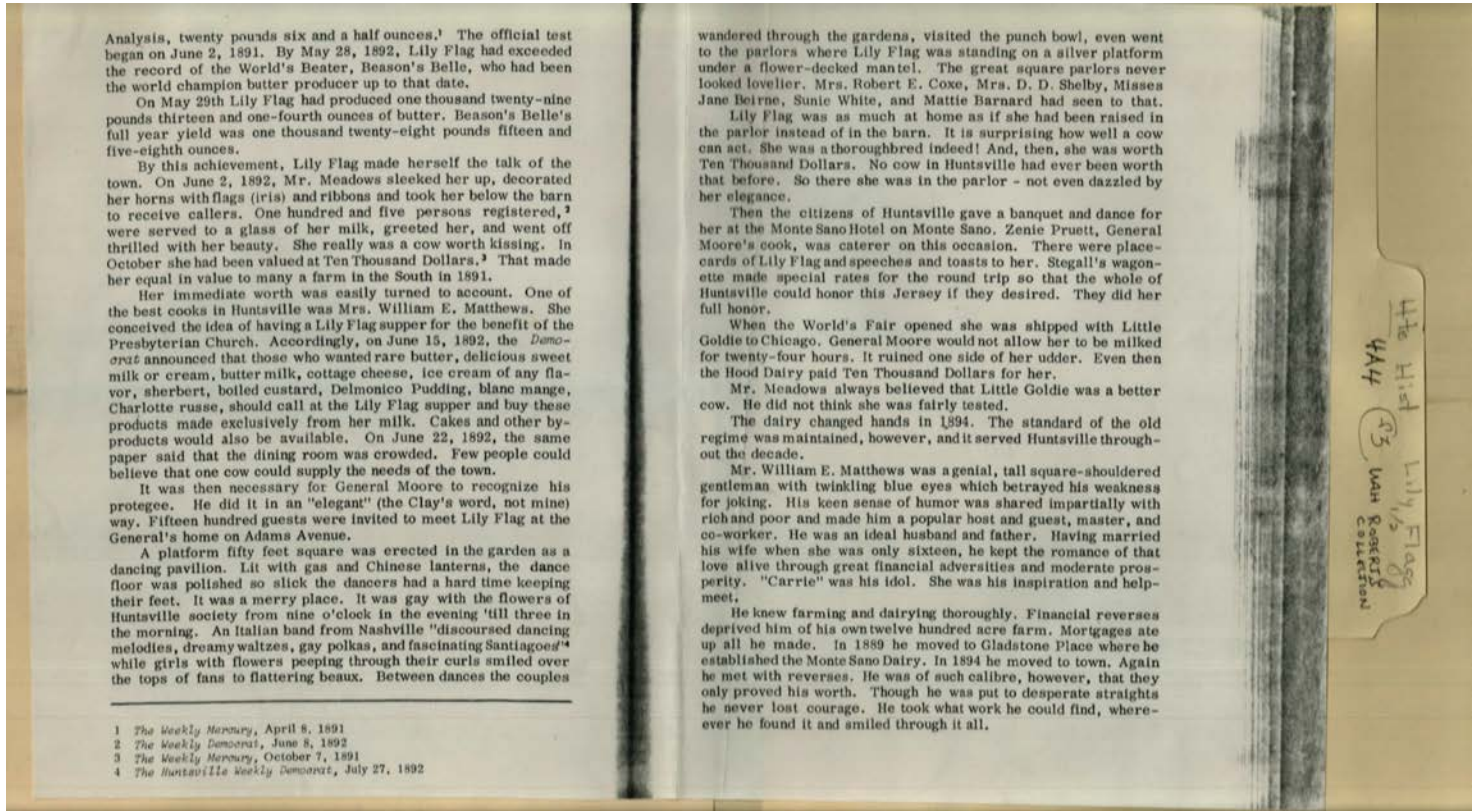
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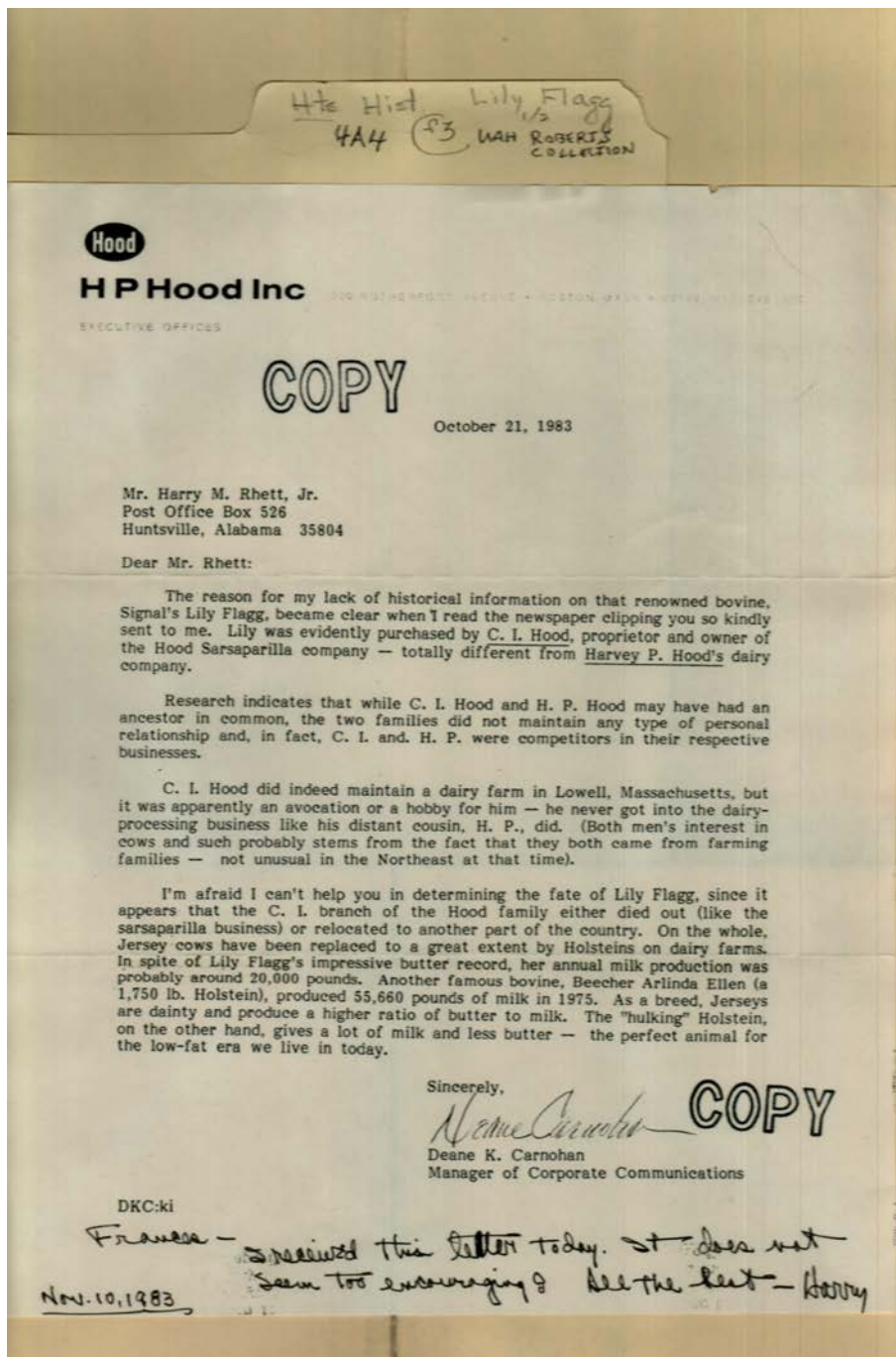
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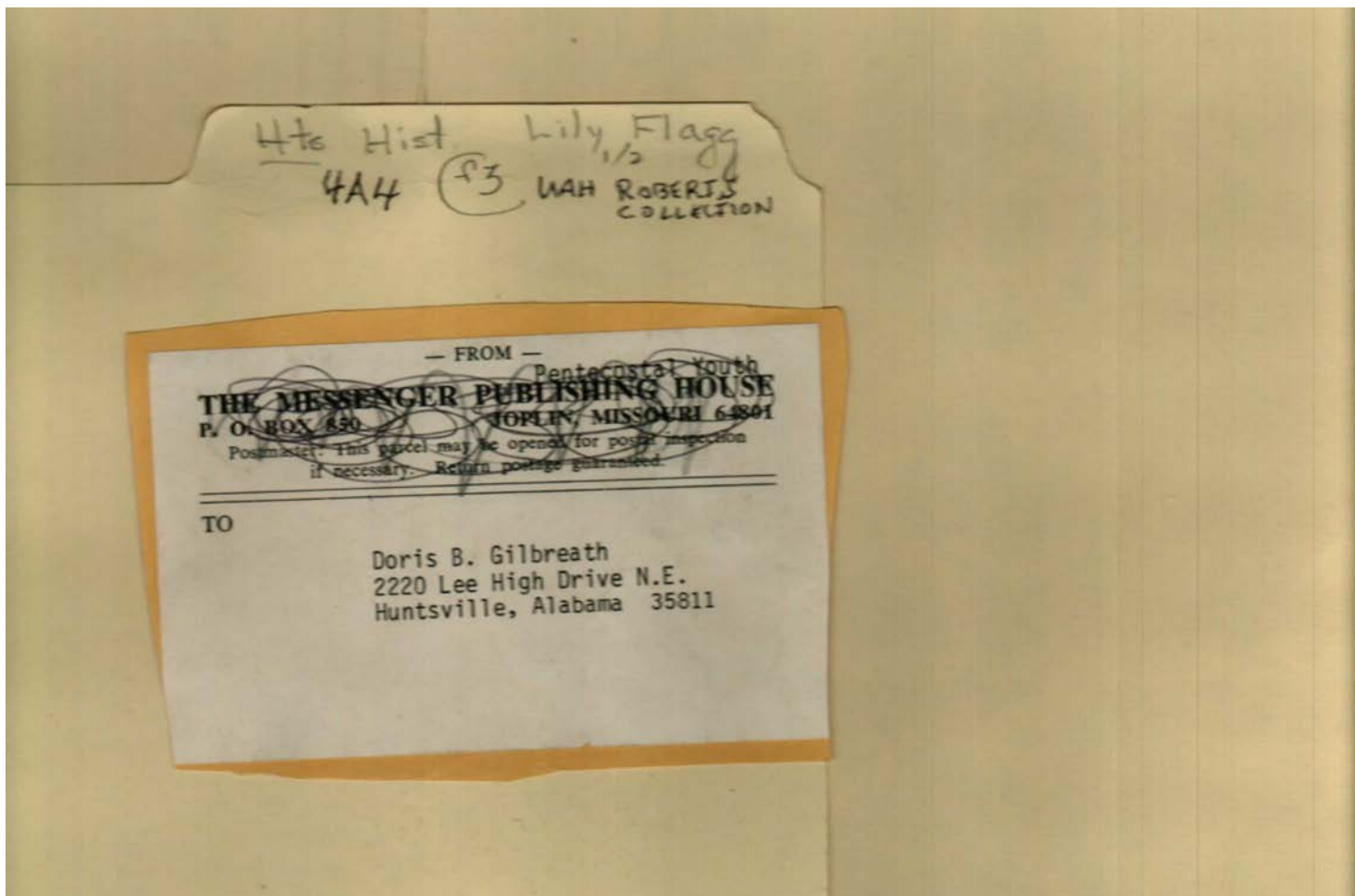
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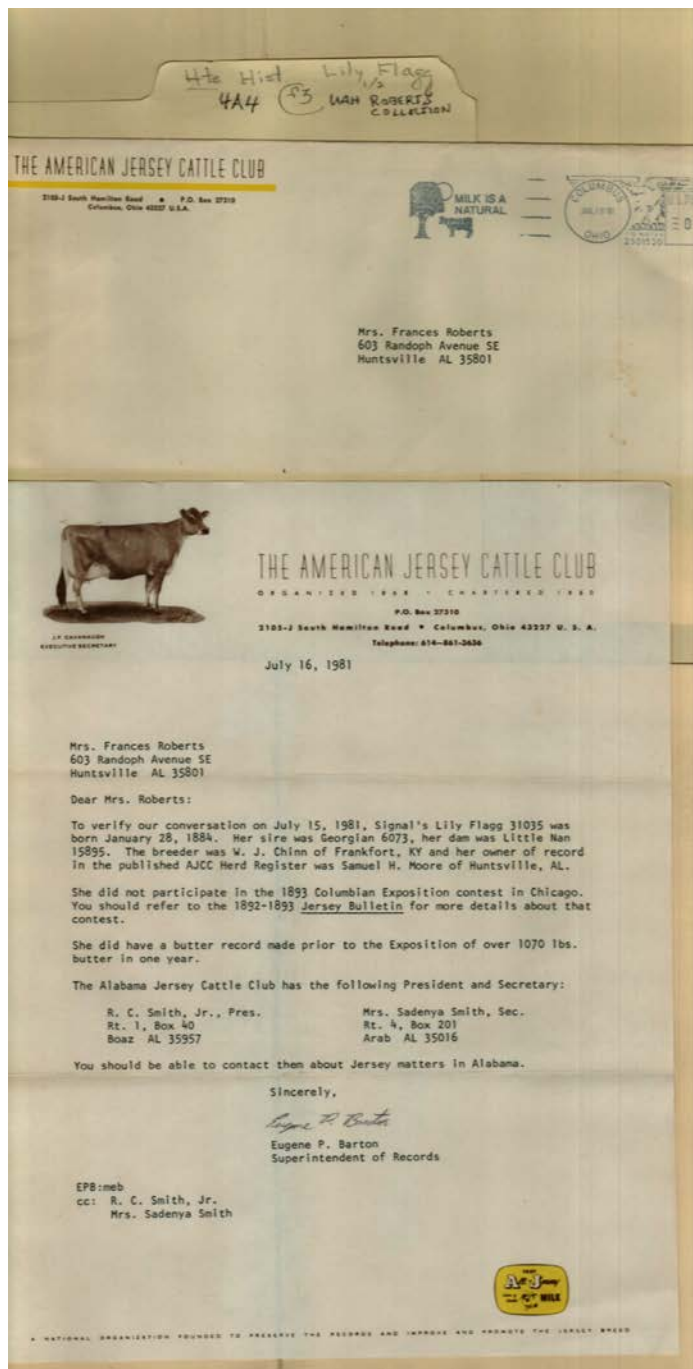
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The Weekly Mercury. Wed. May 17, 1893

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the contest at the World's Fair.

(title) Because of her former phenomenal yearly test.
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member of the committee having charge of
the Jersey cow exhibit at the World's
Fair, stating that in the list of
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as the best cows to show the genuine
merits of the Jersey breed, that the
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but a compliment, for her super-
iority is considered established.

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selected cows, also Alteration of the
same herd, now the property of
W. E. Matthews.

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the committee will explain itself:

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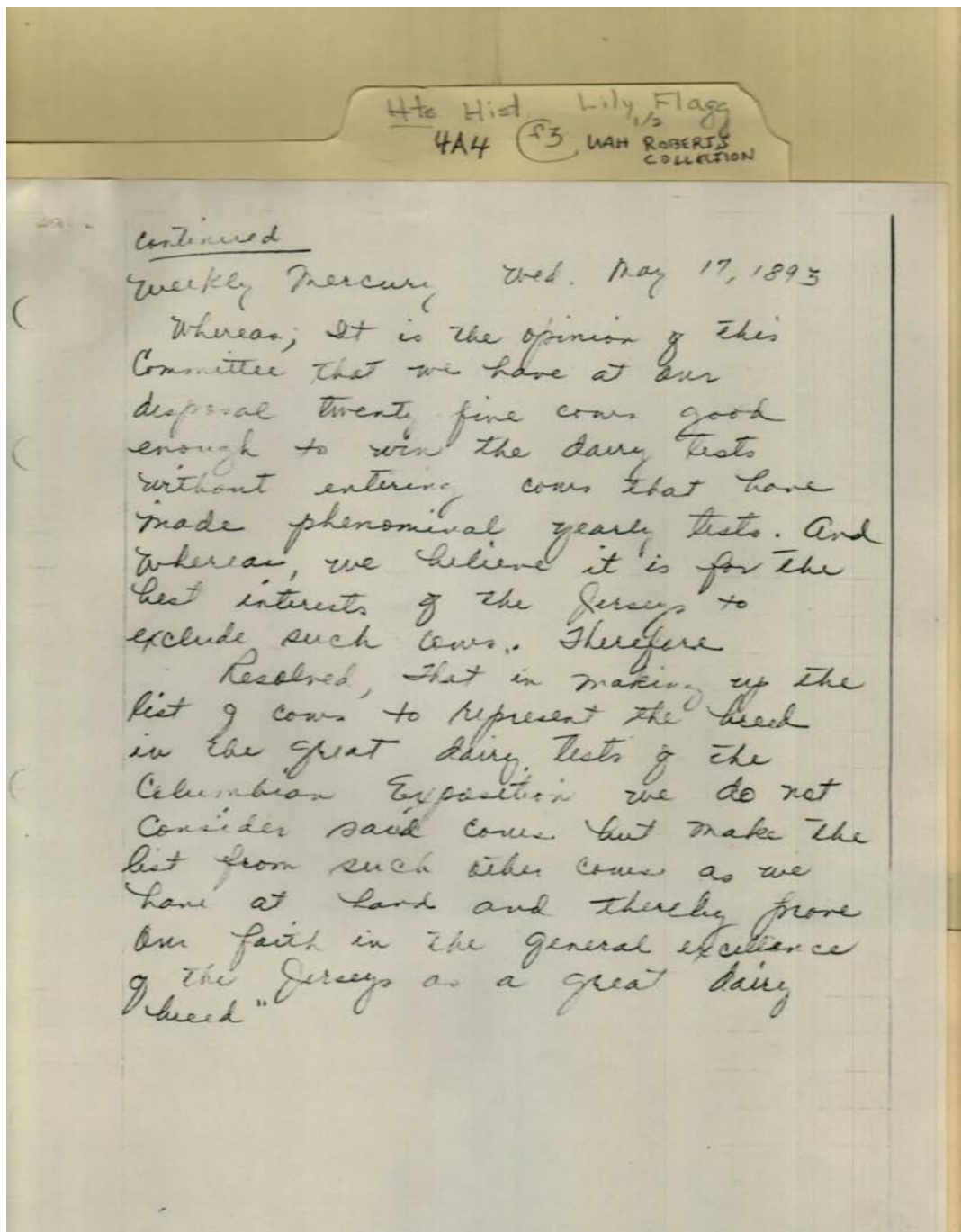
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 and Jersey Queen are counted out also."

(May 27, 1893)

Did he
go to
Chicago?
 "Gen Sam. S. Moore gave a dinner and
 reception complimentary to Miss Miles,
 on Thursday evening of last week."

more
parties
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 tells of 2 wedding ^{receptions} - "attended by Gen. S. H.
 Moore at his handsome residence on Adams"

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 Anderson bridal party on last evening
 at his elegant home."

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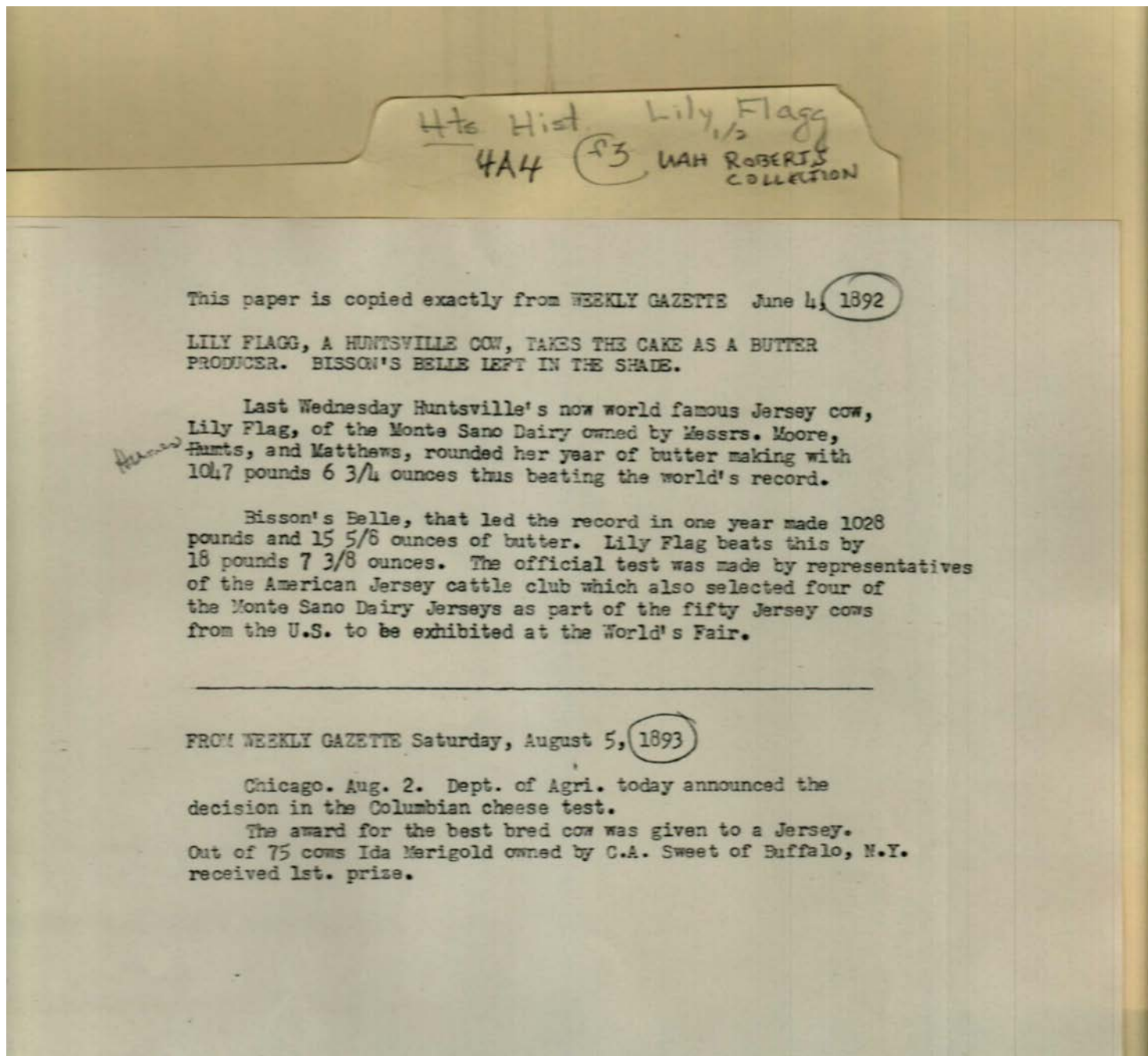
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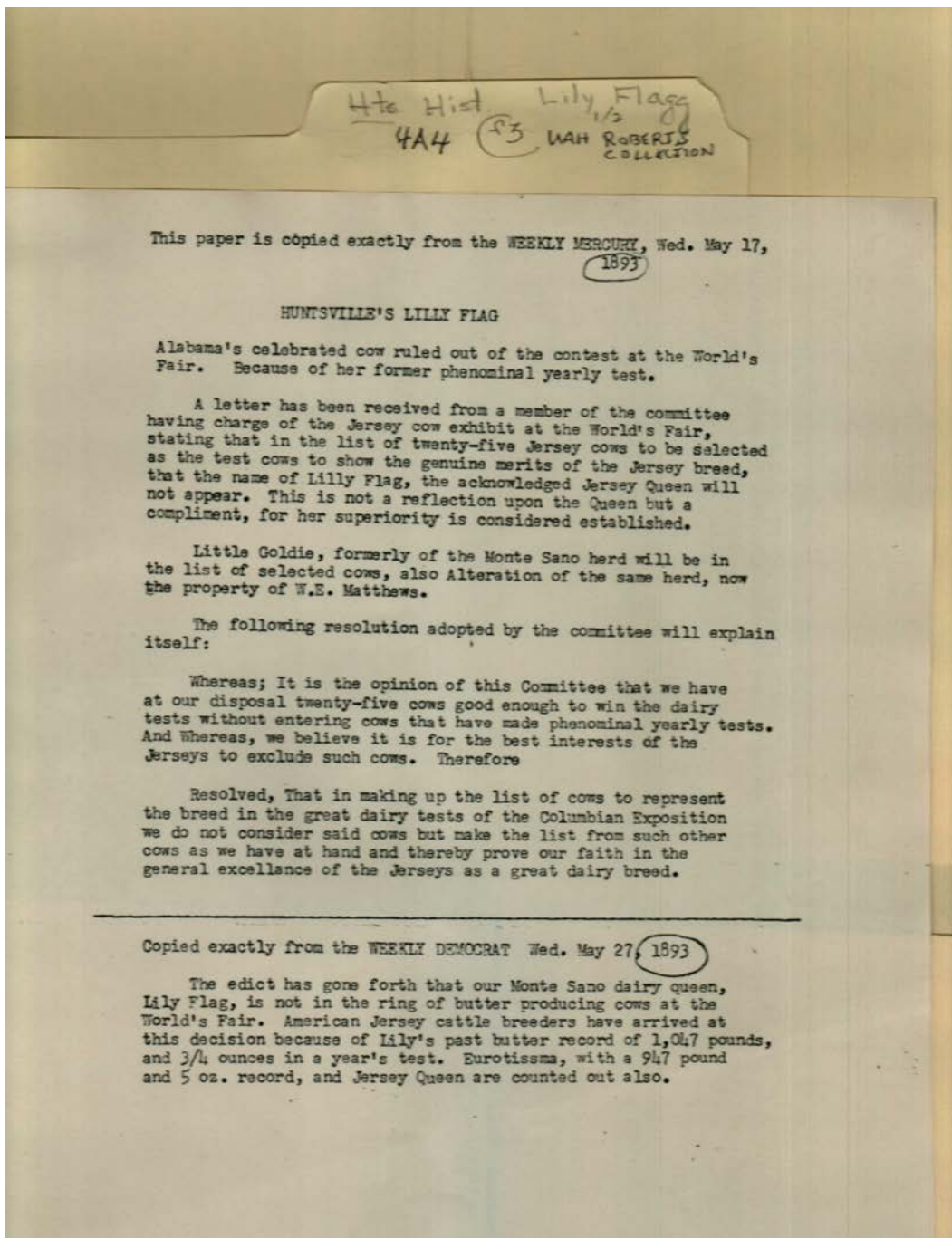
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Whereas; It is the opinion of this Committee that we have at our disposal twenty-five cows good enough to win the dairy tests without entering cows that have made phenomenal yearly tests. And Whereas, we believe it is for the best interests of the Jerseys to exclude such cows. Therefore

Resolved, That in making up the list of cows to represent the breed in the great dairy tests of the Columbian Exposition we do not consider said cows but make the list from such other cows as we have at hand and thereby prove our faith in the general excellence of the Jerseys as a great dairy breed.

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cow)

Huntsville's Lilly
Flag
Huntsville's Lily
Flagg

Jersey Queen (Jersey
cow)
Lilly Flagg
Lily Flagg

Little Goldie (Jersey
cow)
Matthews, W. E.

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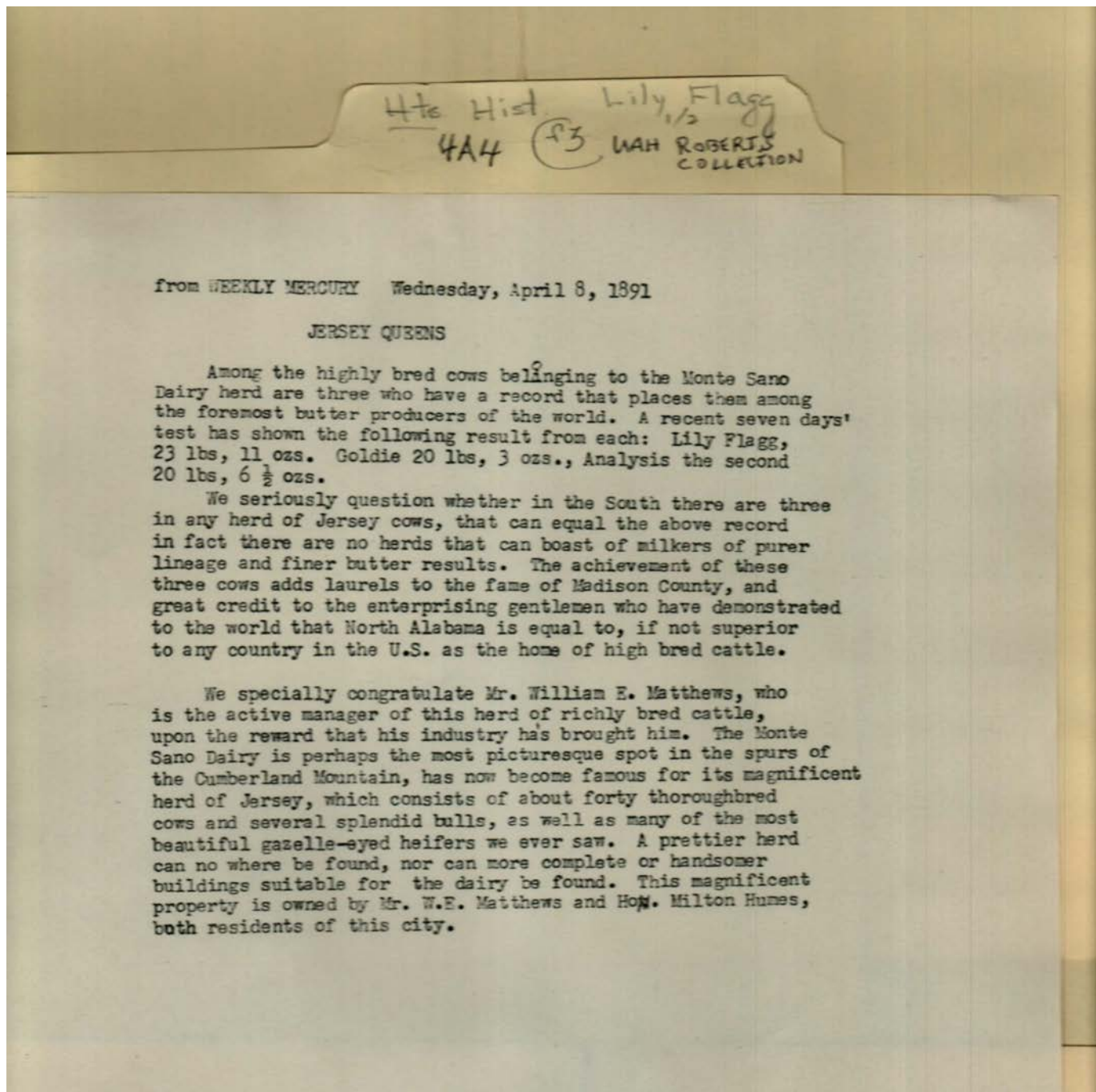
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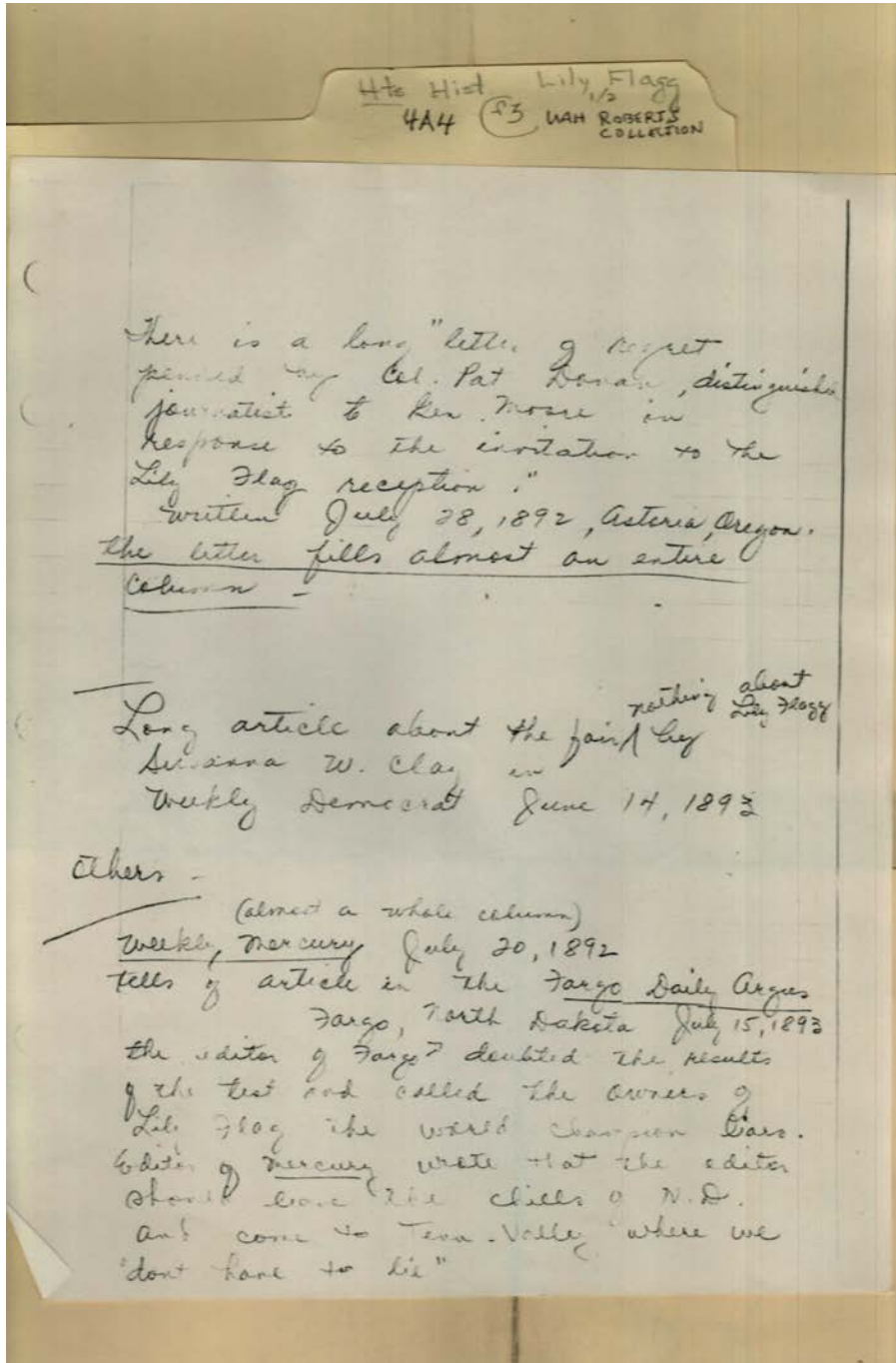
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"Gen. Sam. H. Moore's elegant and well-known residence was a hostess for the elite of Huntsville society on Thursday evening. The grounds were brilliantly illuminated with electric lights, and opposite the front porch, on either side, were handsome stained glass transparencies that reflected prismatic colors on the smooth, velvet lawn below. The old home presented a gala appearance from the lower to the upper story, every room being lighted. The entire lower floor was thrown open, and decorated with flowers and evergreens, and in the rear of the house, with the star dotted sky, "deeply, darkly, beautifully blue," as a canopy was erected a dancing platform, 50 feet square, lit with gas and gaily decorated with Chinese lanterns. An Italian band from Nashville discoursed dancing melodies, and dreamy waltz, gay polka and fascinating tango were indulged in from 9 to 3 a. m. (continued)

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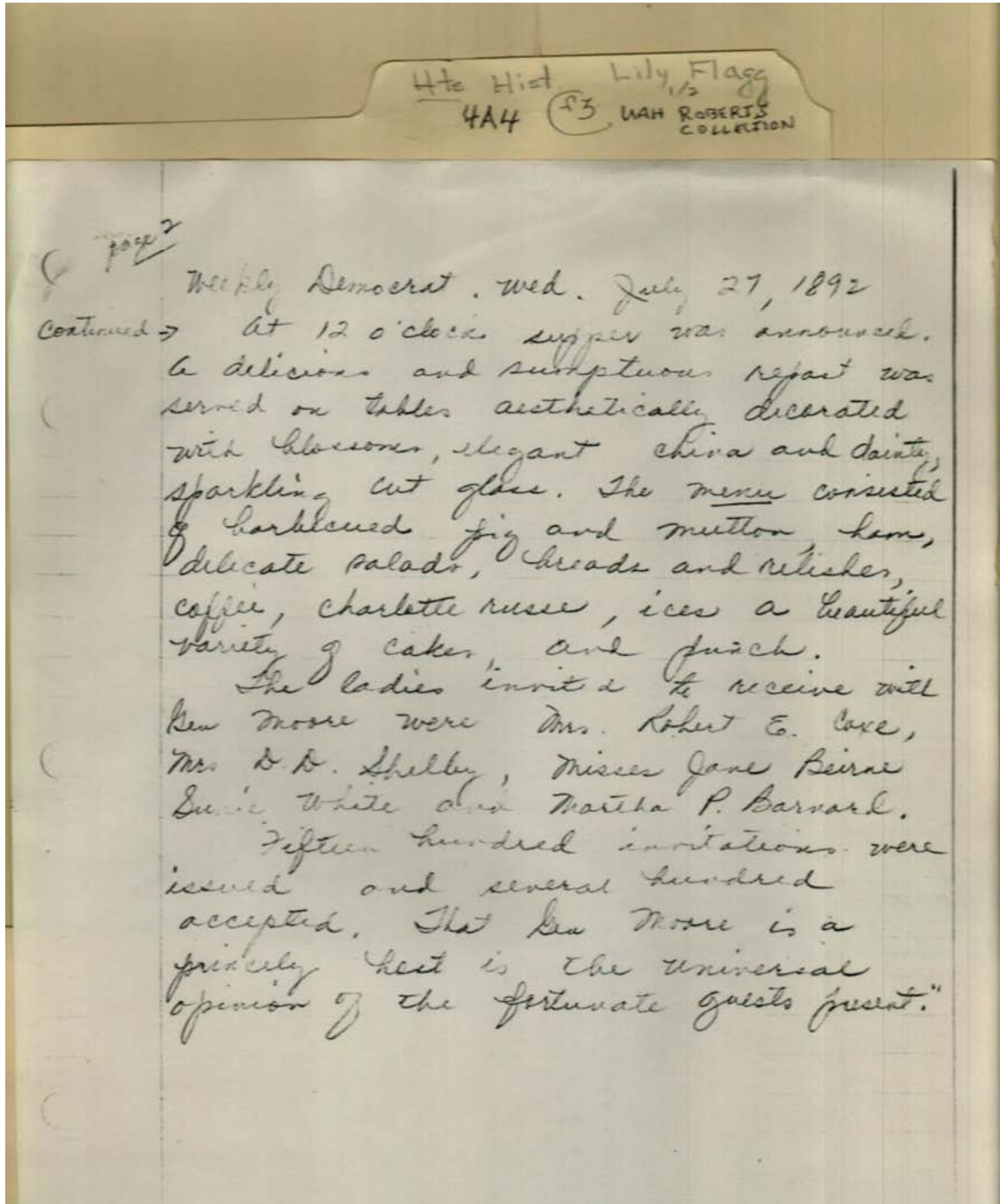
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Gen.

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Places:

Huntsville, AL

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Club

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Frankford Ky

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Reg. - Samuel H. Moore

→ she did not participate

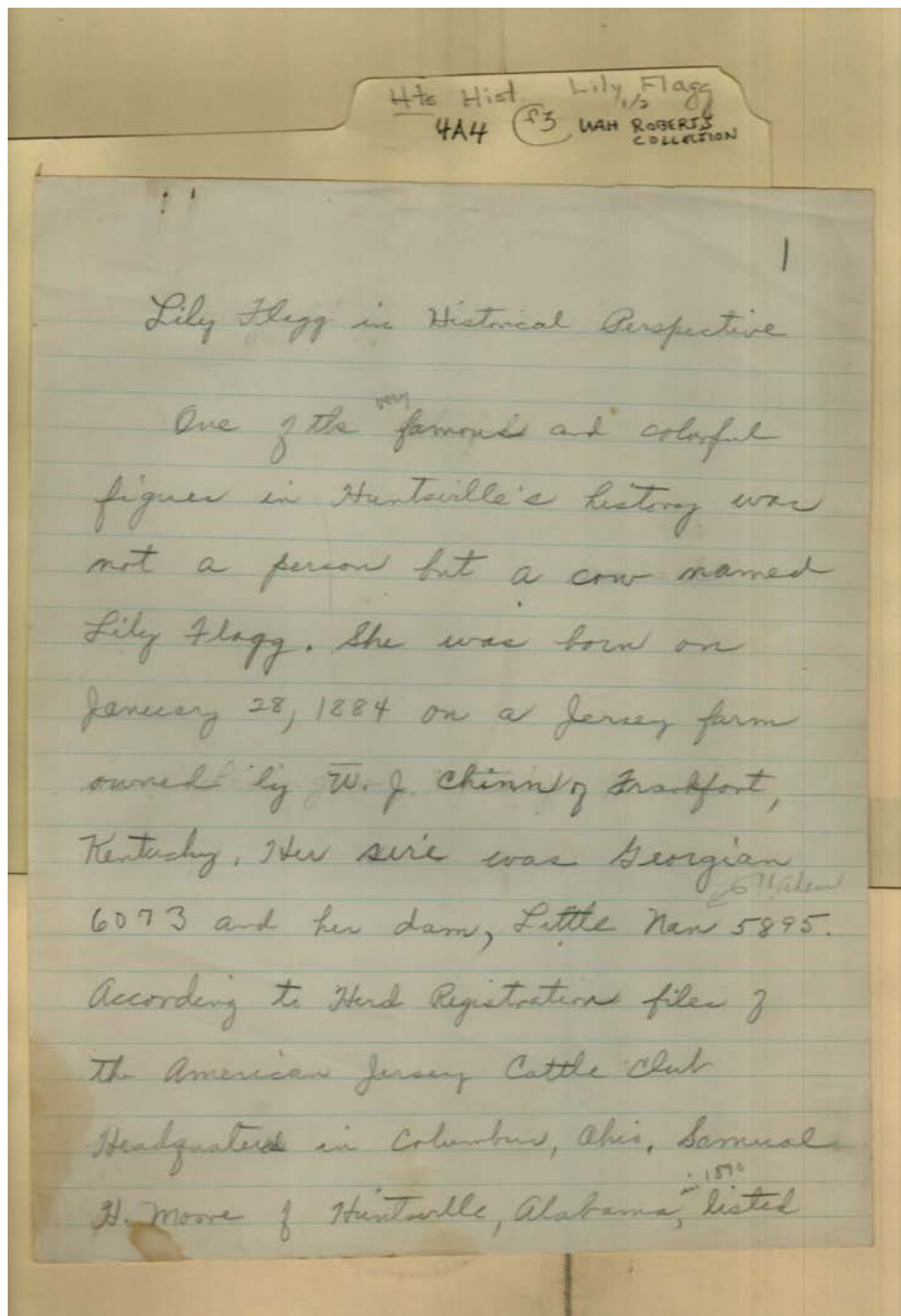
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This fine Jersey cow as Signal's
Lily Flagg 31035^{in 1890} and reported that
she was a member of the herd
at Monte Sano Dairy, near Huntsville.

The Monte Sano Dairy, located
east of Mayville Road at the point
where it intersects Highway 72, was
owned by Milton Humes and William
E. Matthews. Matthews managed the
dairy operation with the aid of L.C.
Goodall who supervised the milking
of the cows. Both Humes and Moore
had a financial investment in

Names:

Goodall, L. C.
Humes, Milton

Matthews, William E.
Monte Sano Dairy

Signal's Lily Flagg

Places:

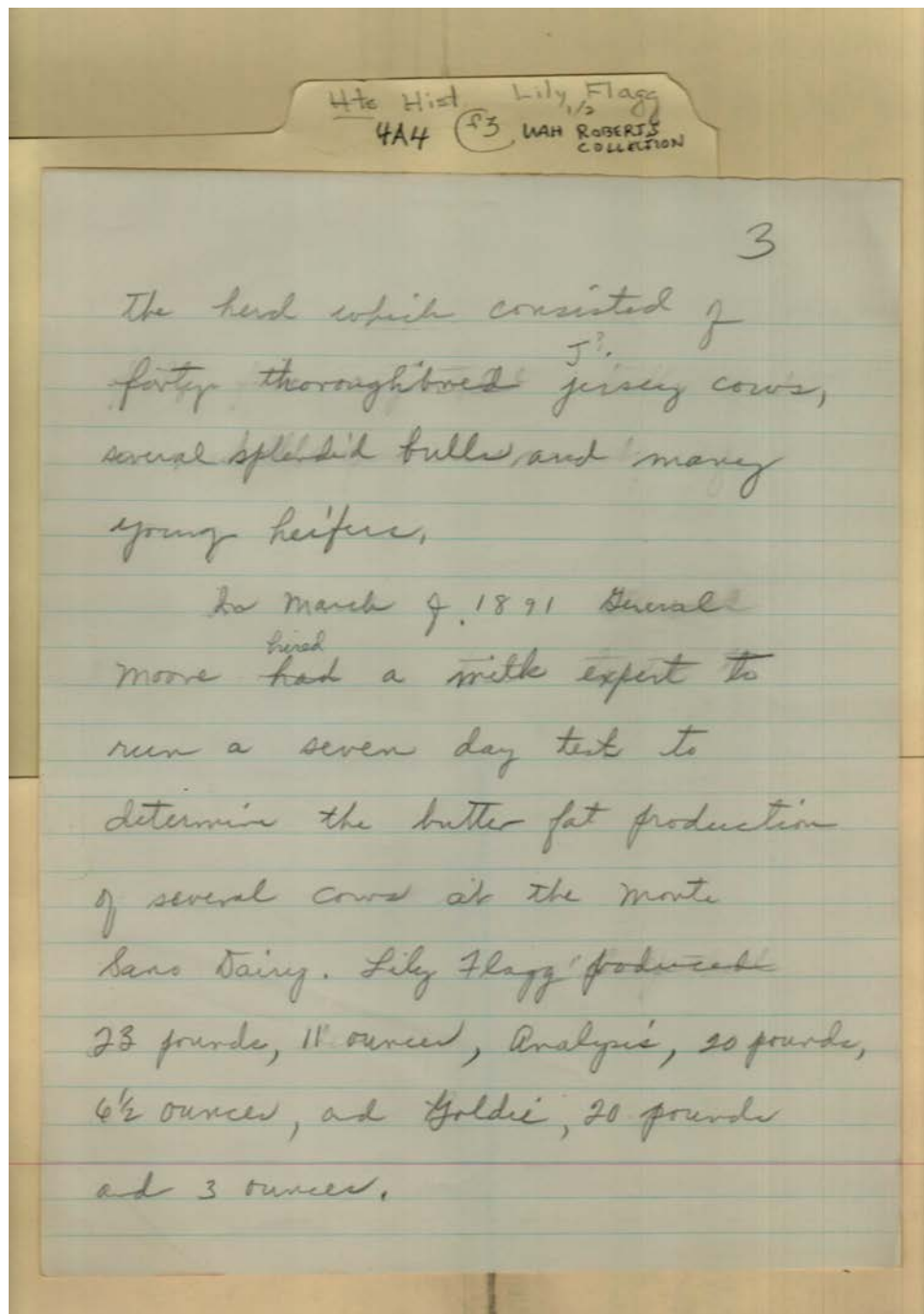
Huntsville, AL

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Dates:

1891



Names:

Analysis (Jersey cow)

Goldie (Jersey cow)

Lily Flagg

Monte Sano Dairy

Moore, General

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

1891

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Based on findings of these tests,
General Moore decided to enter
Lily Flagg in the Challenge
Cup Contest sponsored by the
American Jersey Cattle Club of
New York. If a cow could
produce more ^{butter or butter fat?} butter in one year
than a previous champion's record,
then she could reign as queen
of the Jersey world until a
new record was set by a
challenger. Landsee's Fancy 2876
of Columbia, Tennessee, won

Names:

American Jersey
Cattle Club

Challenge Cup
Contest

Lily Flagg
Moore, General

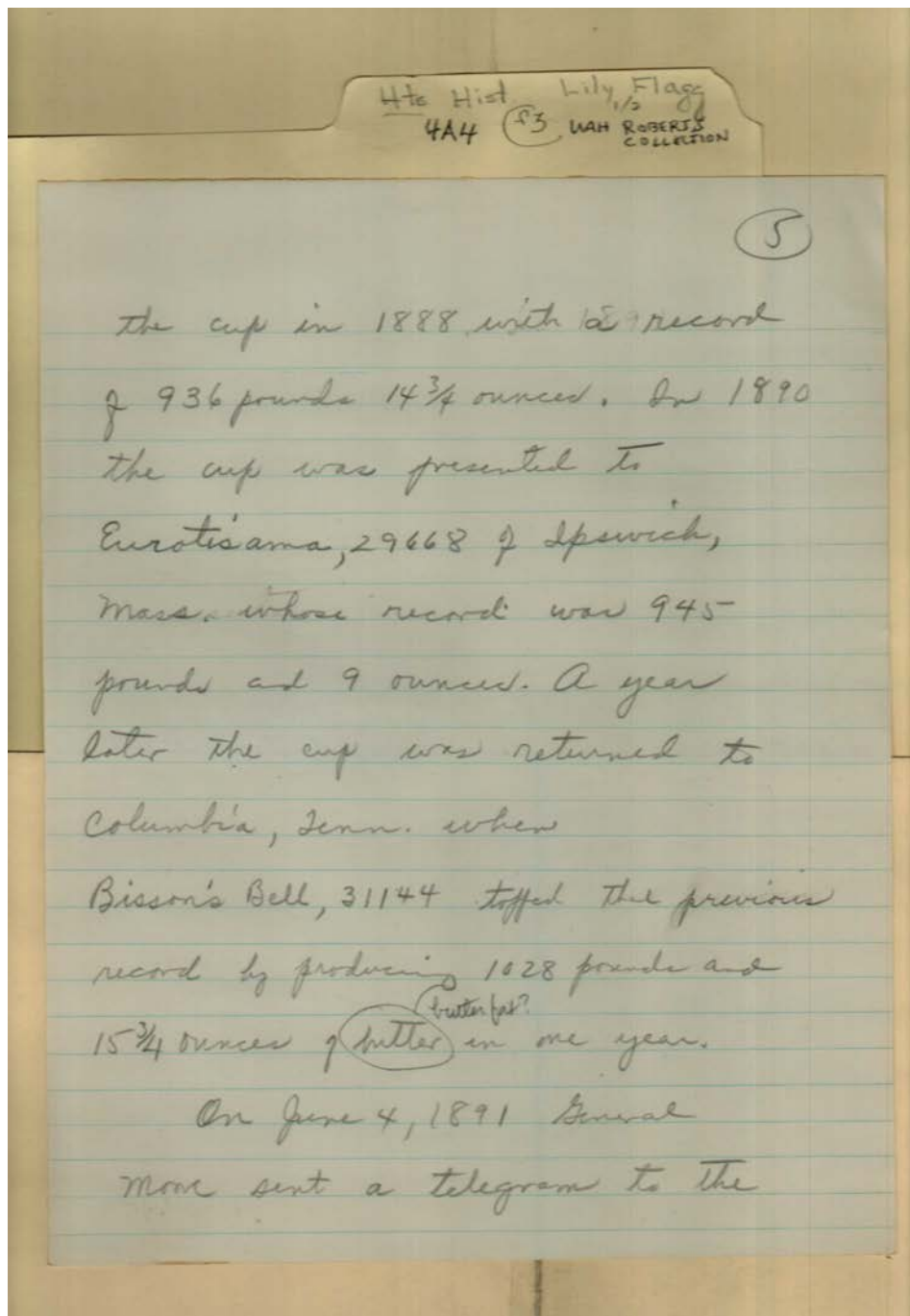
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New York

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Names:

Bisson's Bell (Jersey
Cow)

Eurotissma (Jersey
cow)

Moore, General

Places:

Columbia, TN

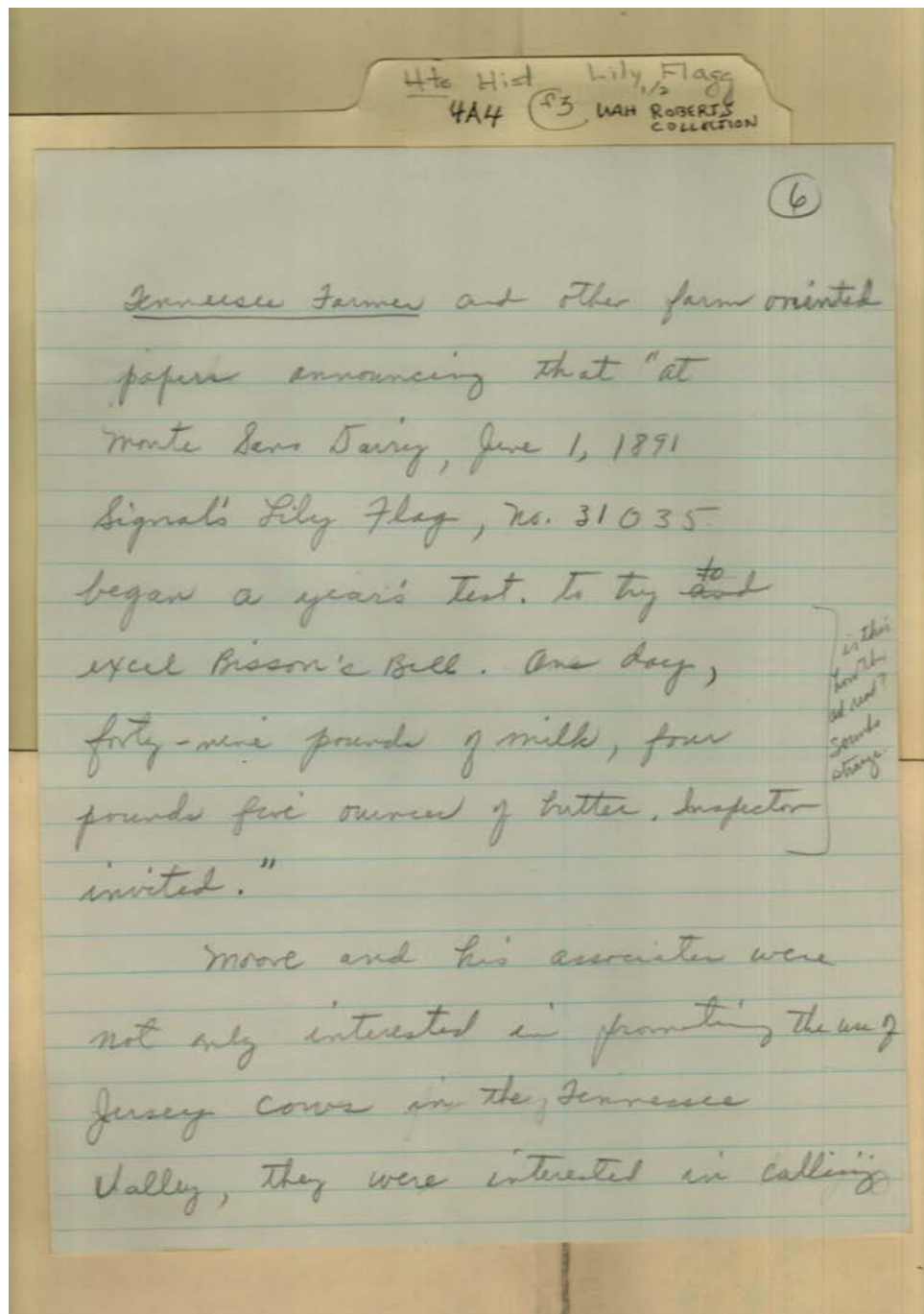
Ipswich,
Massachusetts

Types:

article

Dates:

June 4, 1891



Names:

Bisson's Bell (Jersey Cow)

Monte Sano Dairy
Signal's Lily Flagg

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

June 1, 1891

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the attention of the nation to the
advantages of settling in the area.
As members of the Farmer's Central
Club they chose to encourage the
diversification of agricultural pursuits.
They were advocates of ^{the} "New South,"
^{a region} ~~the~~ that would look forward
instead of backward to the "good
old days" of the past. These men,
and others like them, joined with
the real estate companies and
industrial promoters of Huntsville
to encourage the establishment

Names:

Farmer's Central Club

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

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COLLECTION

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of manufacturing companies that would produce finished products from the food and fibers ^{used} produced in the area. They believed that by combining the efforts of the farmer and the manufacturer at the local level they could improve the general financial status of both groups.

The daily and weekly newspapers kept the public informed on the progress of Lily Flagg's performance as a butter ^(fat) producer.

Names:

Lily Flagg

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

444 (23) Lily Flagg
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COLLECTION

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General Moore took the reporters
from the Weekly Mercury out
to view Lily Flagg and the
other members of the Jersey herd
at the Monte Sano Dairy in
order that they might describe
the beautiful setting of the
establishment at the foot of
Monte Sano Mountain. ^{??} Don't that like
Rio Grande River?

During the summer of 1891
the Farmer's Central Club promoted
the idea of supporting the forthcoming
World's Fair in Chicago by sending

Names:

Farmer's Central Club

Lily Flagg

Monte Sano Dairy

Moore, General

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

444 (43) Lily Flagg
WAH ROBERTS
COLLECTION

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exhibits to represent Alabama.
General Moore was sent to
Chattanooga, Tennessee to meet
with representatives from
Georgia and Tennessee to discuss
the possibility of developing a tri-state
exhibit for the fair. Because of
his enthusiastic support of the
World's Fair, ^{at this meeting,} he was chosen to
head a committee to develop
a tri-state exhibit and to secure
financial donations to support it.
By May 1, 1892 Lily Flagg's milk

Names:

Lily Flagg

Moore, General

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

May 1, 1892

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COLLECTION

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and better record was so far ahead of Bisson Bell's that it appeared that she would indeed win the challenge cup and become the "Queen of all Jerseys".

On May 18, 1892 General Moore received a telegram from Honorable J. J. Richardson of Michigan stating that he and three members of the Columbian Exposition Committee of the American Jersey Club of New York would visit Huntsville to view the herd at Monte Sano Dairy. Mr. Valancey

Names:

American Jersey
Cattle Club

Bisson's Bell (Jersey
Cow)

Columbian
Exposition
Monte Sano Dairy

Moore, General
Richardson, J. J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Michigan

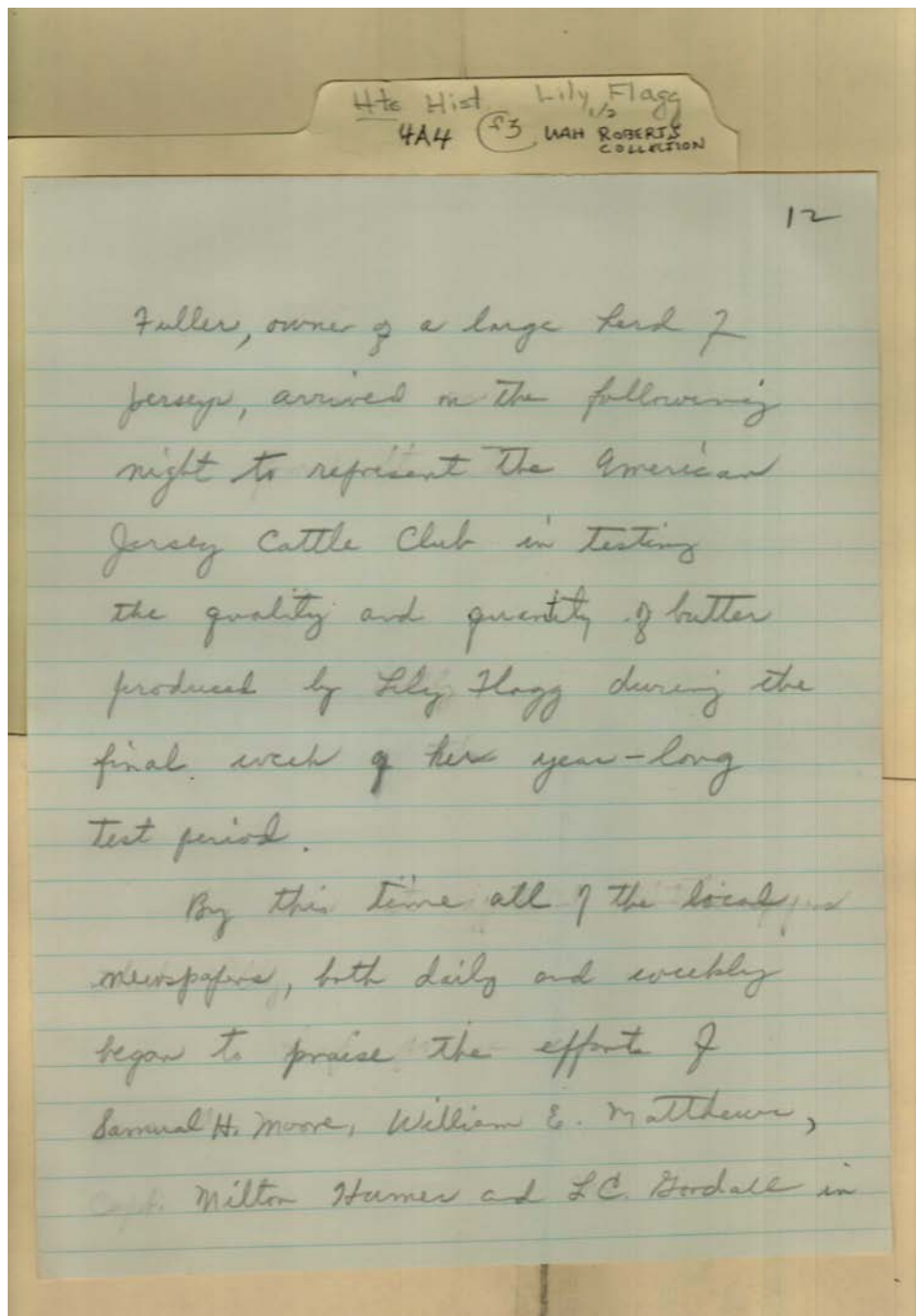
New York

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Dates:

May 18, 1892



Names:

American Jersey
Cattle Club

Fuller, Valancey
Goodall, L. C.

Humes, Milton
Lily Flagg

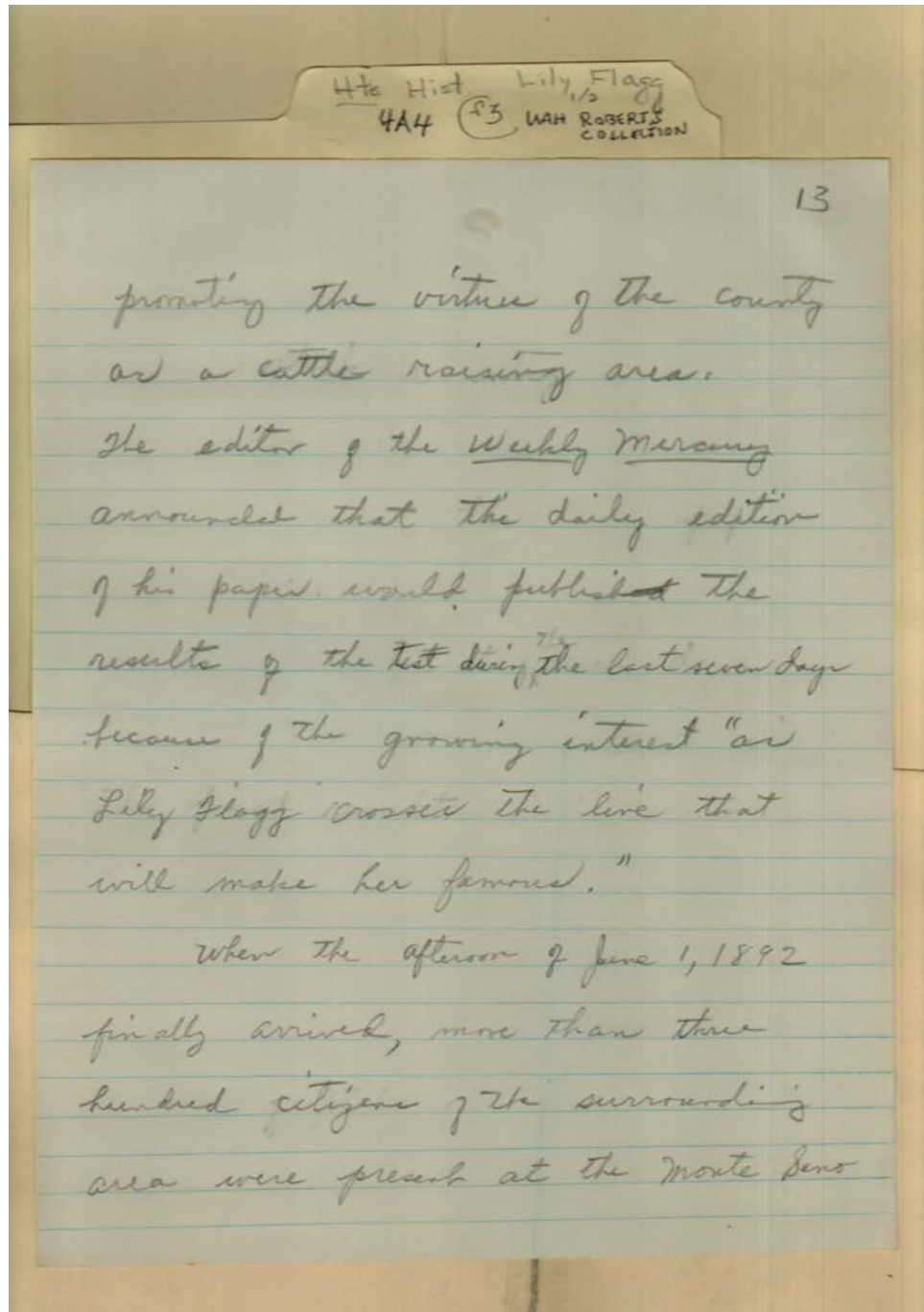
Matthews, William E.
Moore, Samuel H.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article



Names:

Lily Flagg

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

June 1, 1892

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Having to await the results of the
last day of Lily Flagg's test. At
5:40 P.M. the last churning was
started and twenty-one minutes
later the results were weighed
and reported at 4 pounds, 9³/₄ ounces.
Then Valancey Fuller, tester for
the American Jersey Cattle Club,
made the announcement in a
loud clear voice, "The record of
Lily Flagg is 1,047 pounds,
6³/₄ ounces against 1,028 pounds,
15³/₈ ounces." He then lifted
his hat and called for three

*Handwritten note
not completely
readable*

Names:

American Jersey
Cattle Club

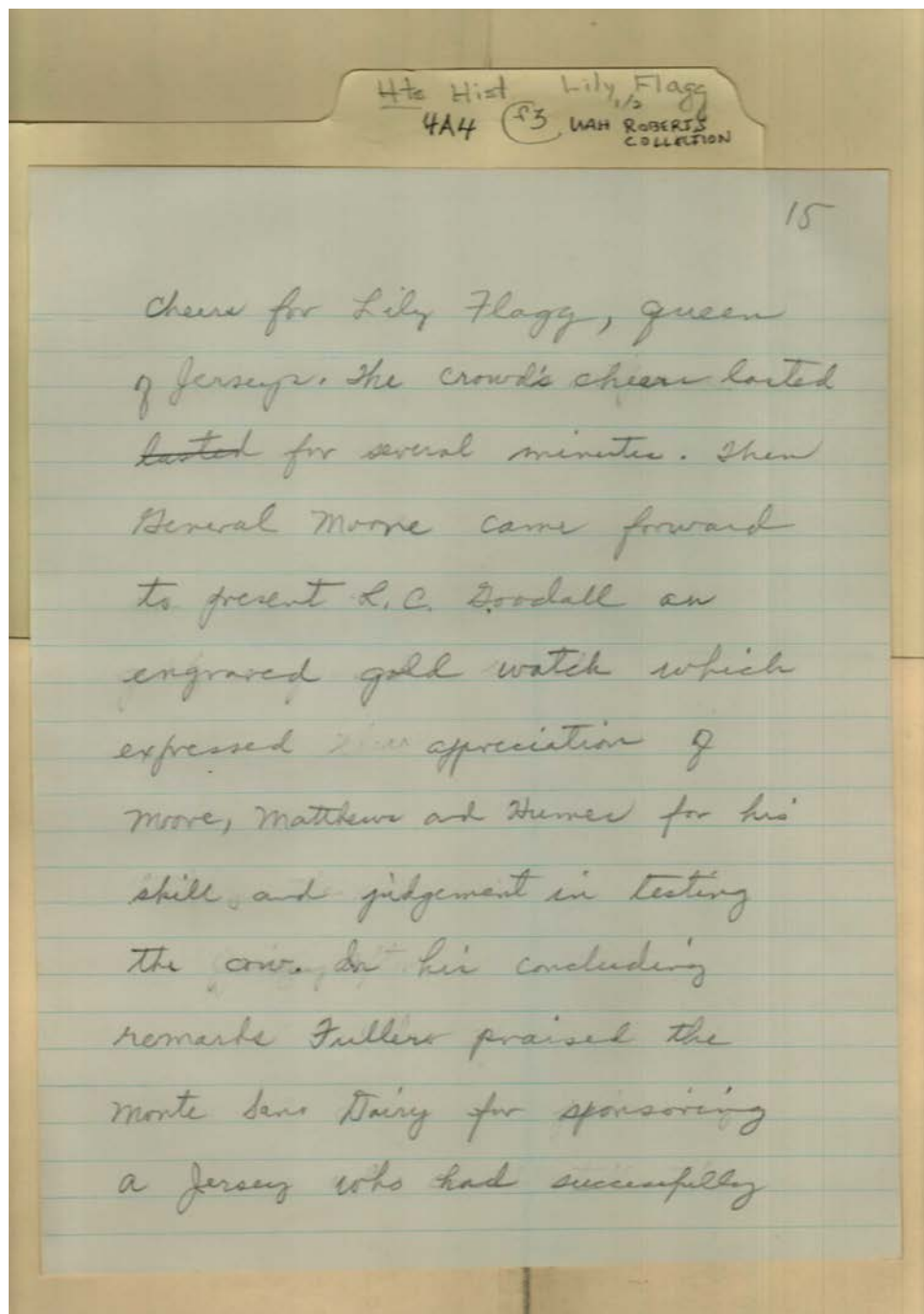
Fuller, Valancey
Lily Flagg

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article



Names:

Goodall, L. C.
Humes, Milton

Lily Flagg
Matthews, W. E.

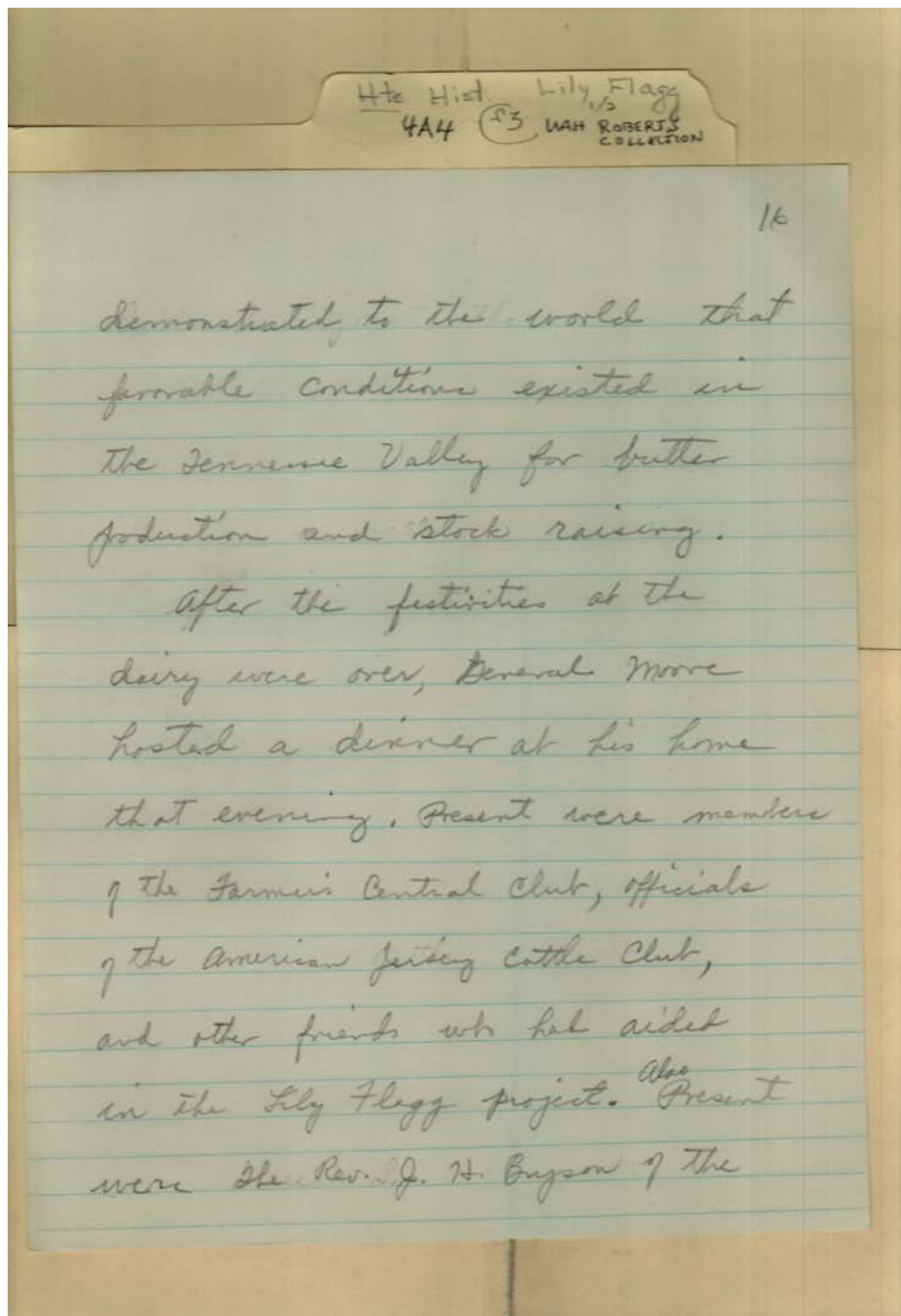
Monte Sano Dairy
Moore, General

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article



Names:

American Jersey
Cattle Club

Bryson, J. H., Rev.
Farmer's Central Club

Lily Flagg
Moore, General

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

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First Presbyterian Church, Col. W. W.
Garth, Col. R. B. Rhett, Major J. R.
Stevens, Dr. C. A. Robinson, Capt.
Joseph T. McGehee, Messrs. W. R.
Rison, W. E. Matthews, Valancey
Fuller; C. E. Warren, Harris Toney,
J. T. Richardson, W. F. Garth, A. L.
Rison, L. C. Goodall, F. A. Ausfeld,
S. R. Cruse, and H. B. Grubbs met
of the evening was spent in
discussing the issues of the day
and the hopes for the future prosperity
of agrarian ^{interest} groups in the Tennessee
Valley.

Names:

Ausfeld, F. A.
Cruse, S. R.
Fuller, Valancey
Garth, W. F.
Garth, W. W., Col.

Goodall, L. C.
Grubbs, H. B.
Matthews, W. E.
McGehee, Joseph T.,
Capt.

Rhett, R. B., Col.
Richardson, J. T.
Rison, R. L.
Rison, W. R.
Robinson, C. A., Dr.

Stevens, J. R., Maj.
Toney, Harris
Warren, C. E.

Places:

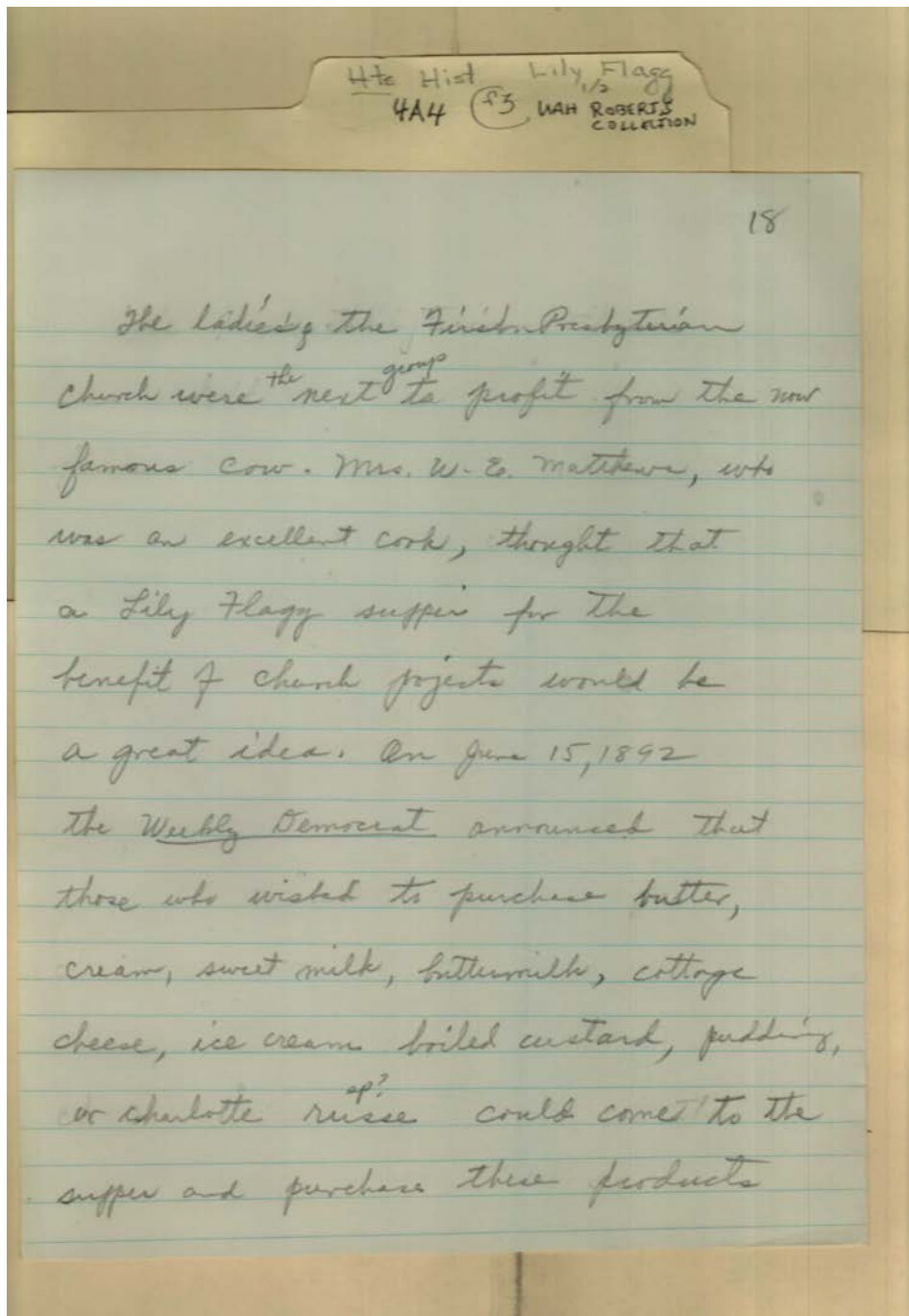
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Dates:

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Names:

Lily Flagg supper

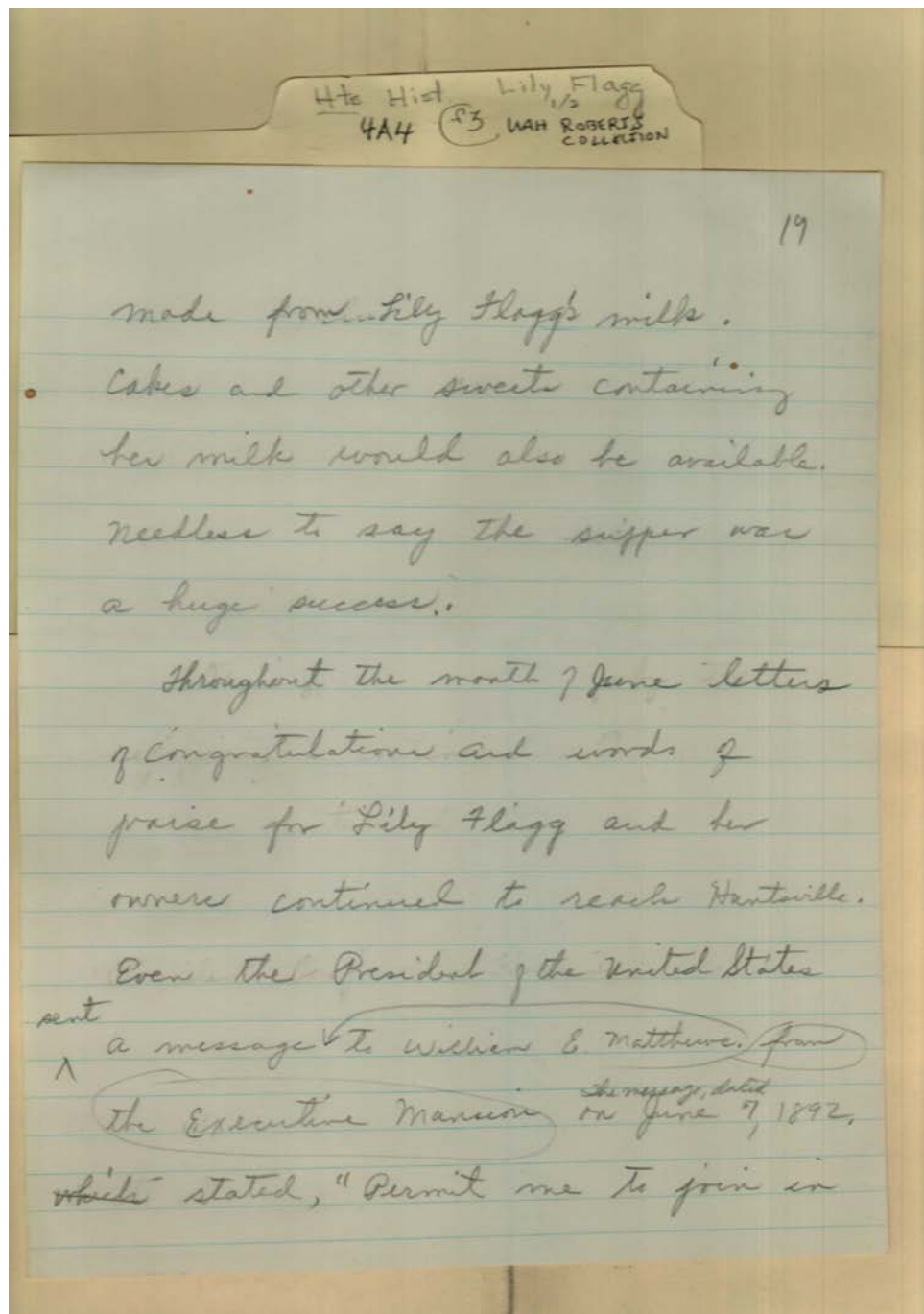
Matthews, William
E., Mrs.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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Names:

Lily Flagg

Matthews, William E.

Places:

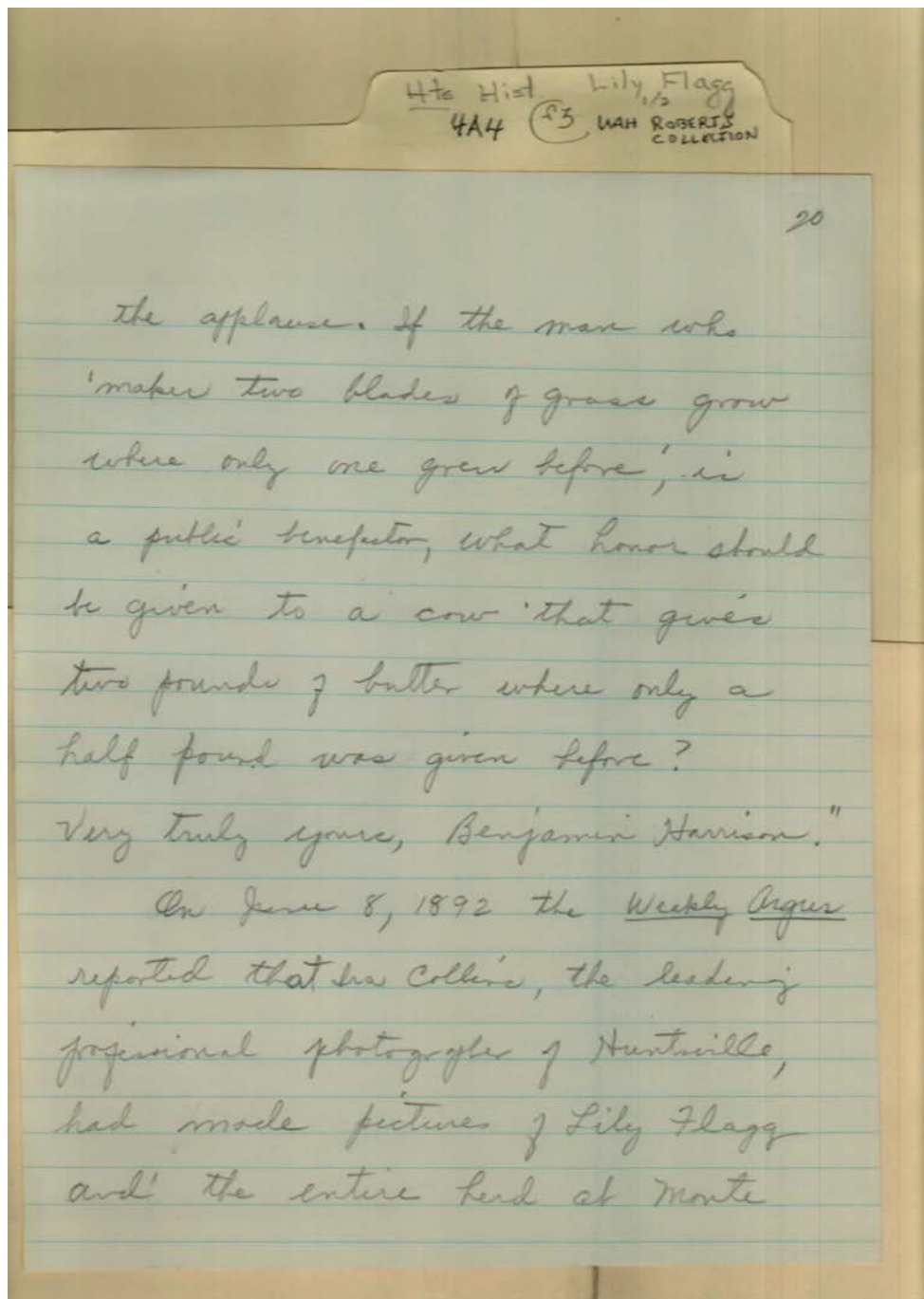
Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

June 4, 1892



Names:

Collins, Ira,
photographer

Harrison, Benjamin,
President

Lily Flagg

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

June 4, 1892

June 8, 1892

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WAH ROBERTS
COLLECTION

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Monte Sano Dairy, as soon as they
could be reproduced in electrotype
the editor promised to publish a
review of the "Queen of the Jersey Lilies."
George P. Laver of the Weekly
Mercury on the same day wrote
an editorial, "Now for a Creamery."
It read in part, "Now that
Lily Flagg has made the
greatest record for butter making
that the world has ever
known, the dairy men of the
world will have their eyes on

Names:

Lily Flagg

Monte Sano Dairy

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

1892

June 8, 1892

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COLLECTION

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Huntsville and wonder what it
is that has caused such great
production. The first step now
in the interest of our city and
country is to set about negotiations
for a large creamery. There are
three ways to make money out
of milk cows; namely: first
by retailing milk, second by
making butter on the farm, and
third by selling the milk to
a creamery. A creamery would
be a great benefit, and distribute

Names:

Lily Flagg

Places:

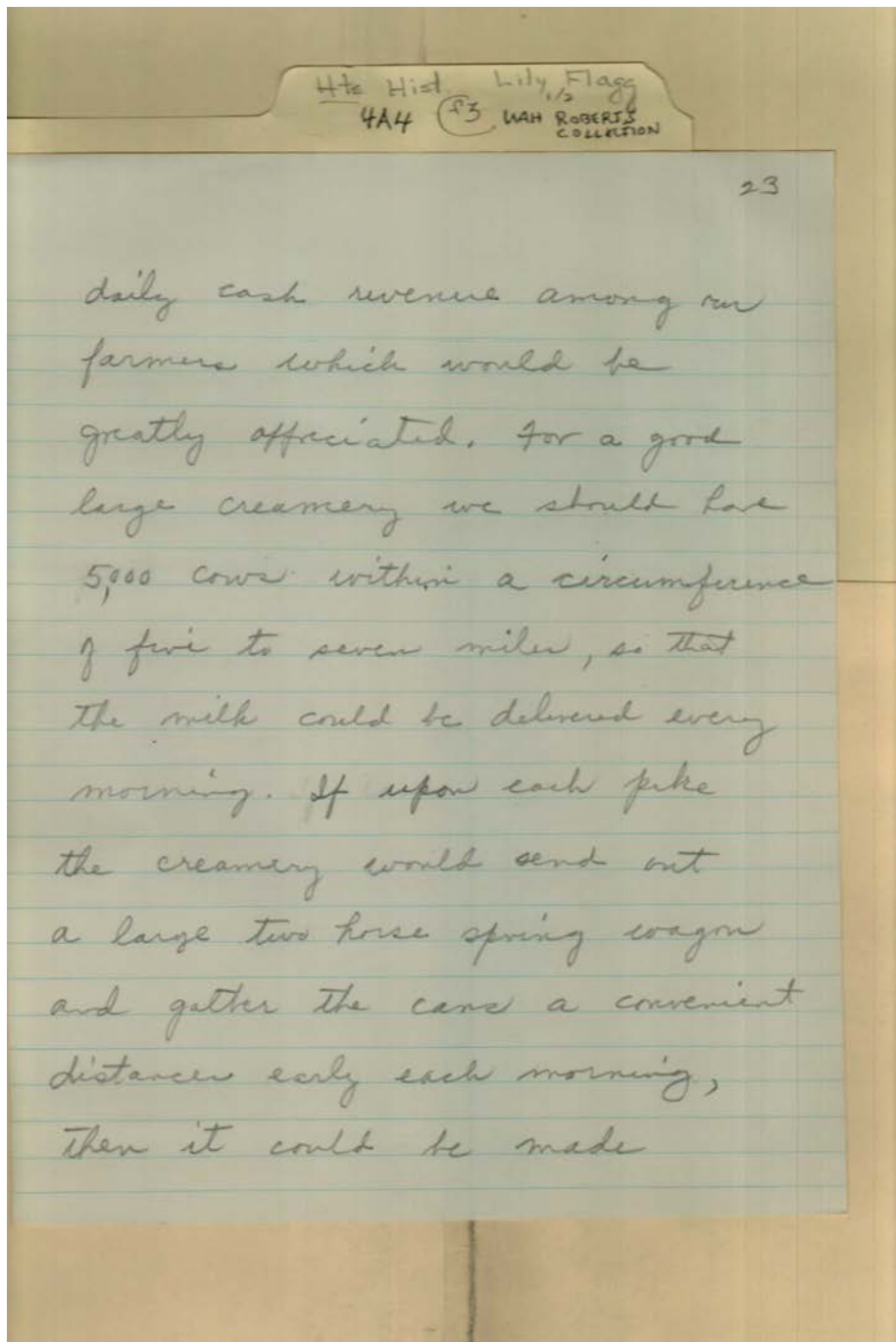
Huntsville, AL

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Dates:

1892



Names:

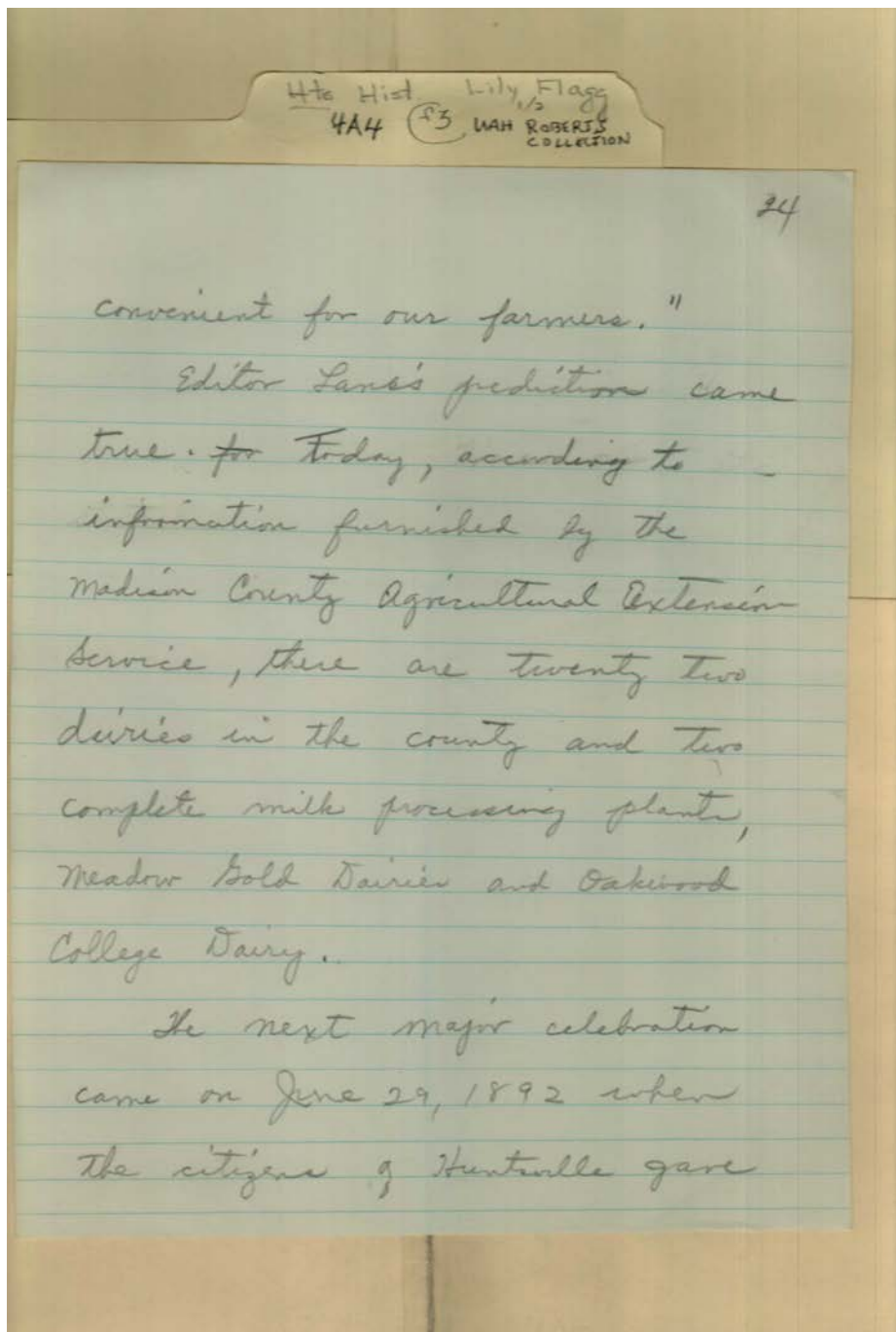
creamery proposal

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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Names:

Lane,

Madison County
Agricultural

Extension Service
Meadow Gold Dairies

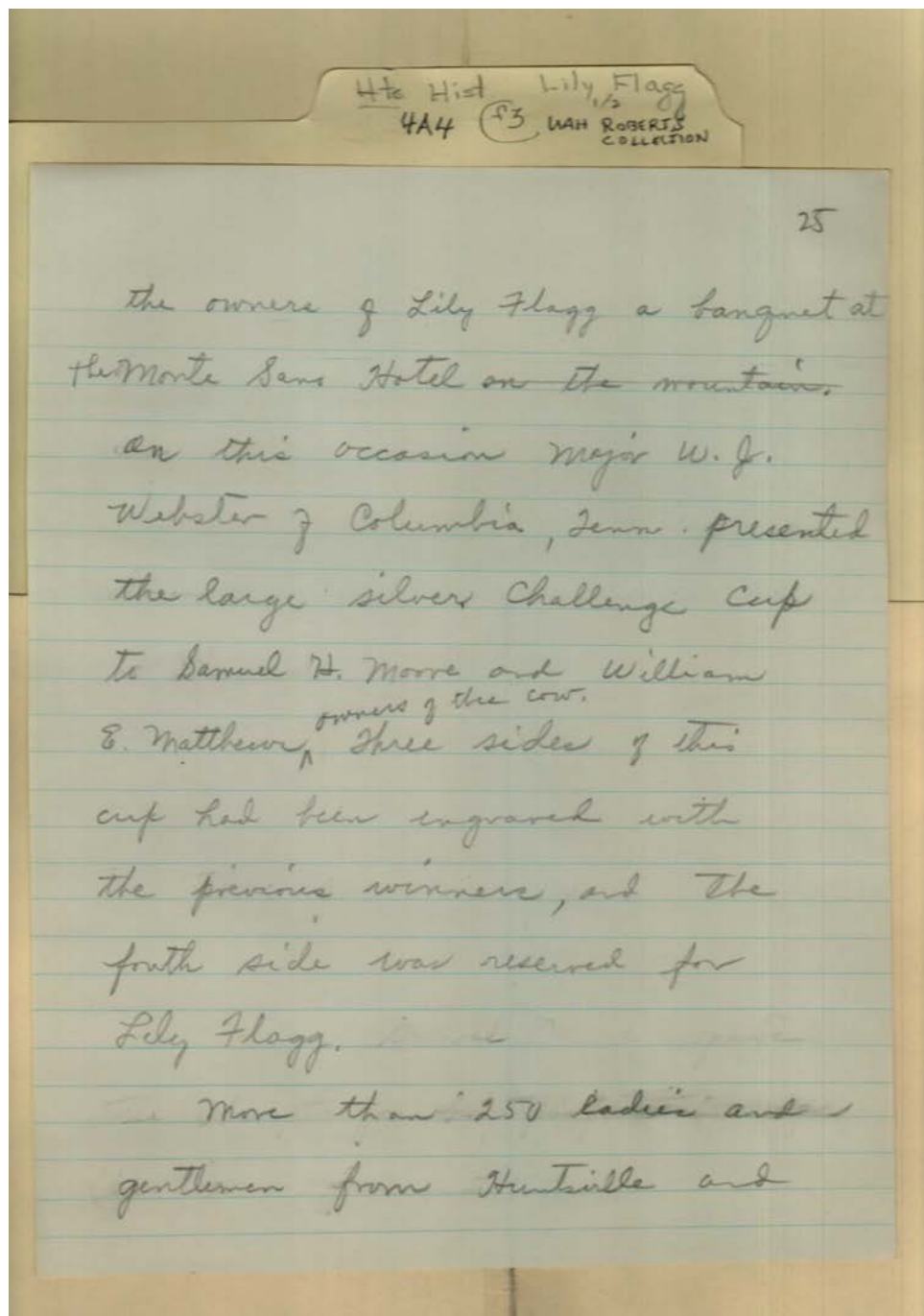
Oakwood College
Dairy

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article



Names:

Lily Flagg banquet
Matthews, William E.

Monte Sano Hotel
Moore, Samuel H.

Webster, W. J.

Places:

Columbia, TN

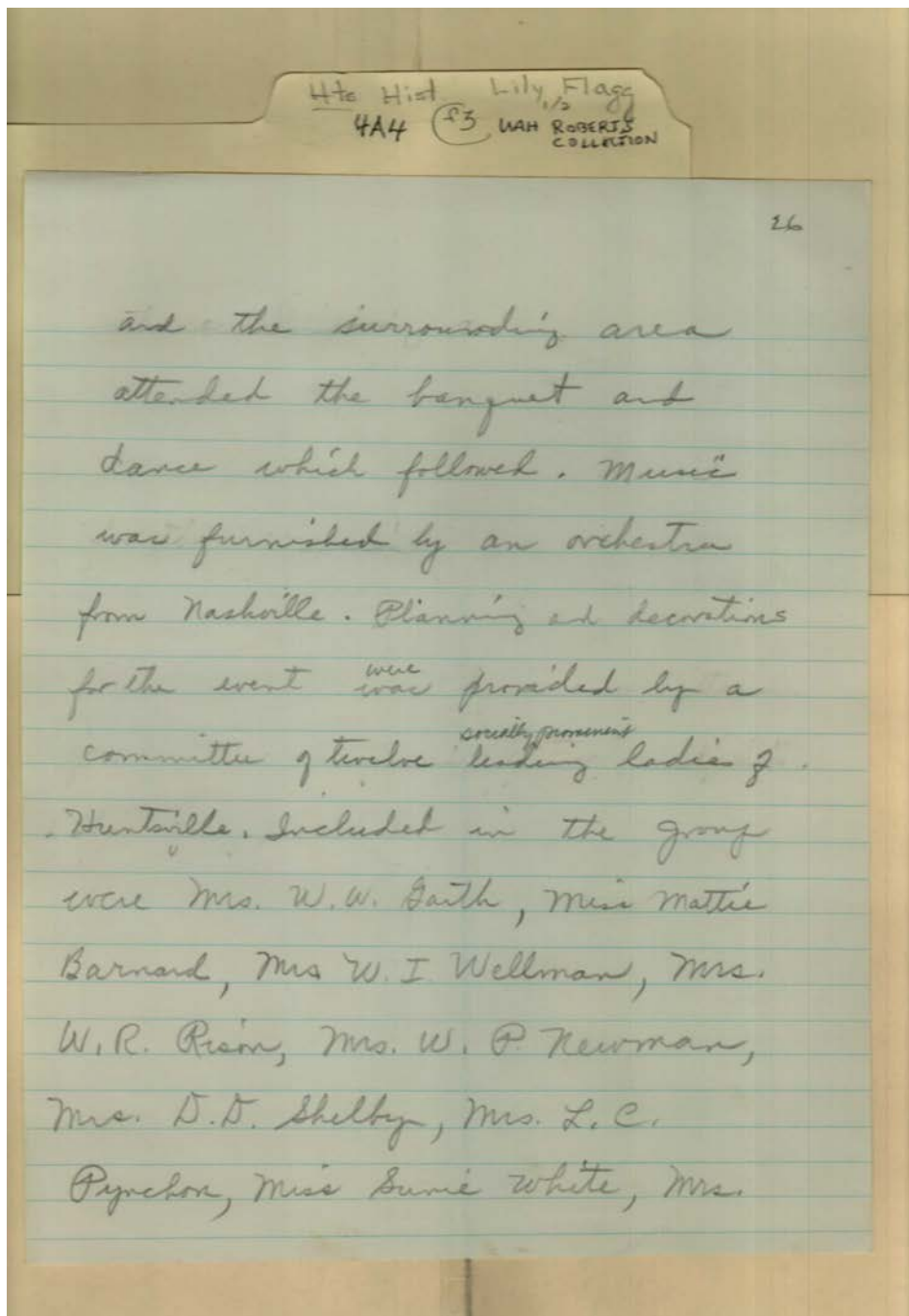
Huntsville, AL

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Dates:

June 29, 1892



Names:

Barnard, Mattie, Miss
Garth, W. W., Mrs.

Newman, W. P., Mrs.
Pynchon, L. C., Mrs.

Rison, W. R., Mrs.
Shelby, D. D., Mrs.

Wellman, W. I., Mrs.
White, Sunie, Miss

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

June 29, 1892

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Carrie Borton, Miss Mattie Davis,
Miss Clara Matthews, and Mrs.
Harvey Denison.

It was now General Moore's
turn to celebrate Lily Flagg's
victory. Accordingly he sent out
1500 invitations to people in
North Alabama and Tennessee to
attend a reception ^{at his home on Adams Avenue} honoring the
"Jersey Cow of the World." The date
was set for July 21, 1892 and the
time from nine P.M. until three A.M.
the following morning. Even though

Names:

Borton, Carrie, Mrs.
Davis, Mattie, Miss

Denison, Harvey,
Mrs.

Matthews, Clara,
Miss

Moore, General

Places:

Huntsville, AL

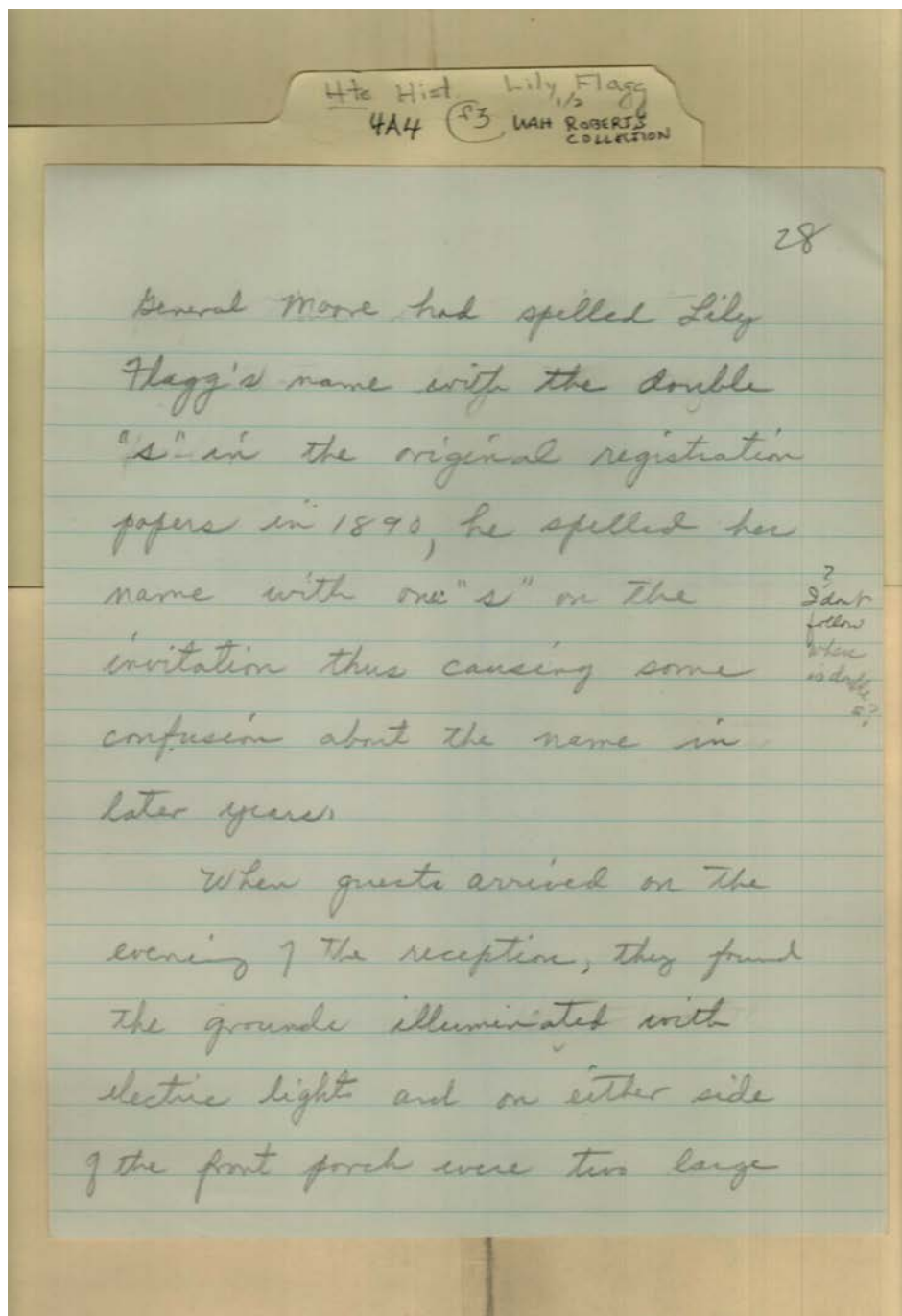
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Dates:

June 29, 1892

July 21, 1892



Names:

Lily Flagg

Moore, General

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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Dates:

June 29, 1892

444 (23) Lily Flagg
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COLLECTION

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stained glass transparencies
that reflected rainbow
colors on the smooth lawn
below. The entire lower floor
was opened ^{and} decorated with
fresh flowers and evergreens. In
the courtyard at the back of
the house a dance floor fifty
feet square ~~was~~ ^{had been} erected and
covered with a deep blue canopy
dotted with stars. In the rear
of this platform was located a
decorated stall where Lily Flagg

Names:

Lily Flagg Reception

Places:

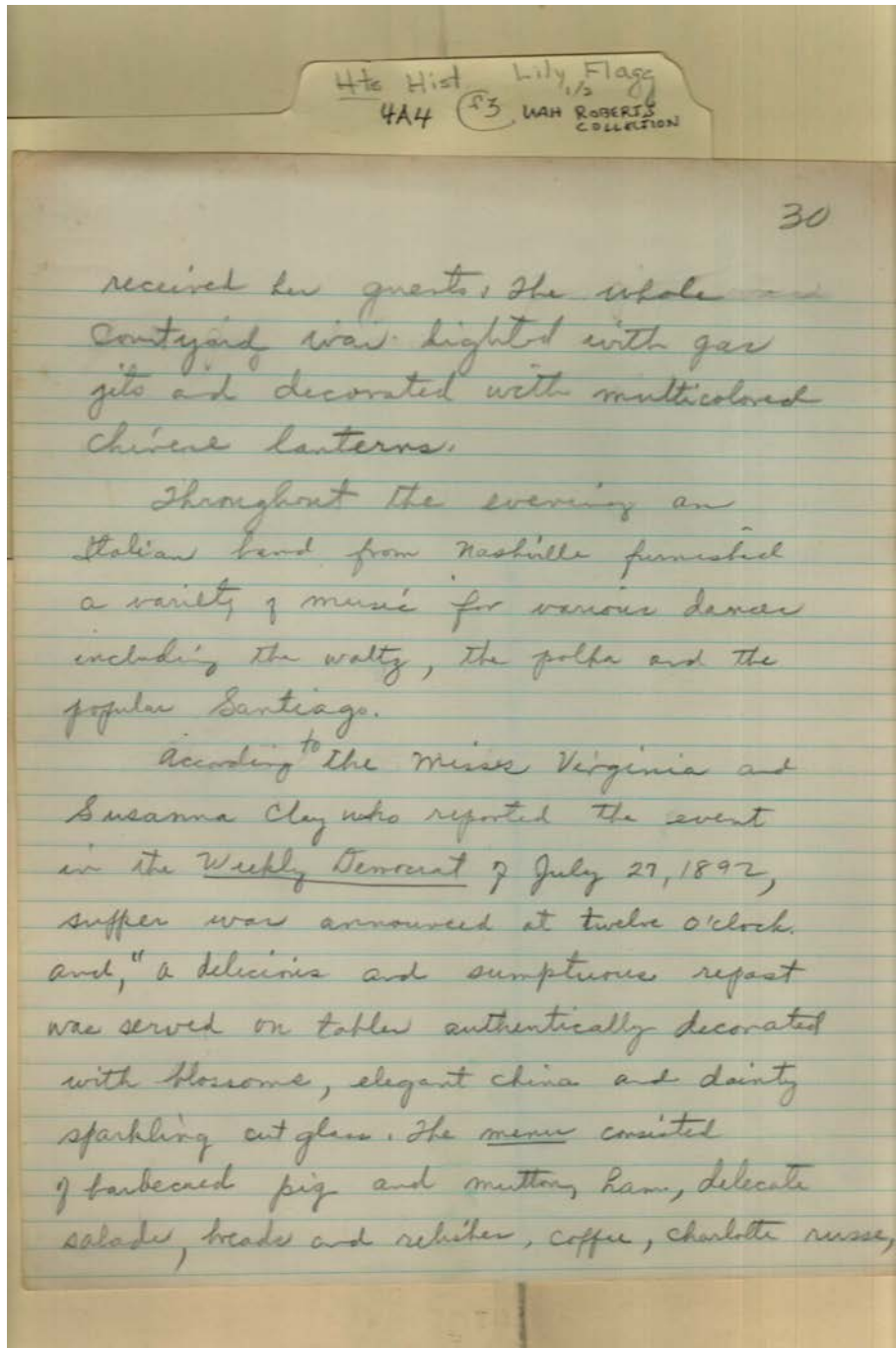
Huntsville, AL

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Dates:

July 21, 1892



Weekly Democrat

Names:

Clay, Suzanne

Clay, Virginia

Lily Flagg Reception

Places:

Huntsville, AL

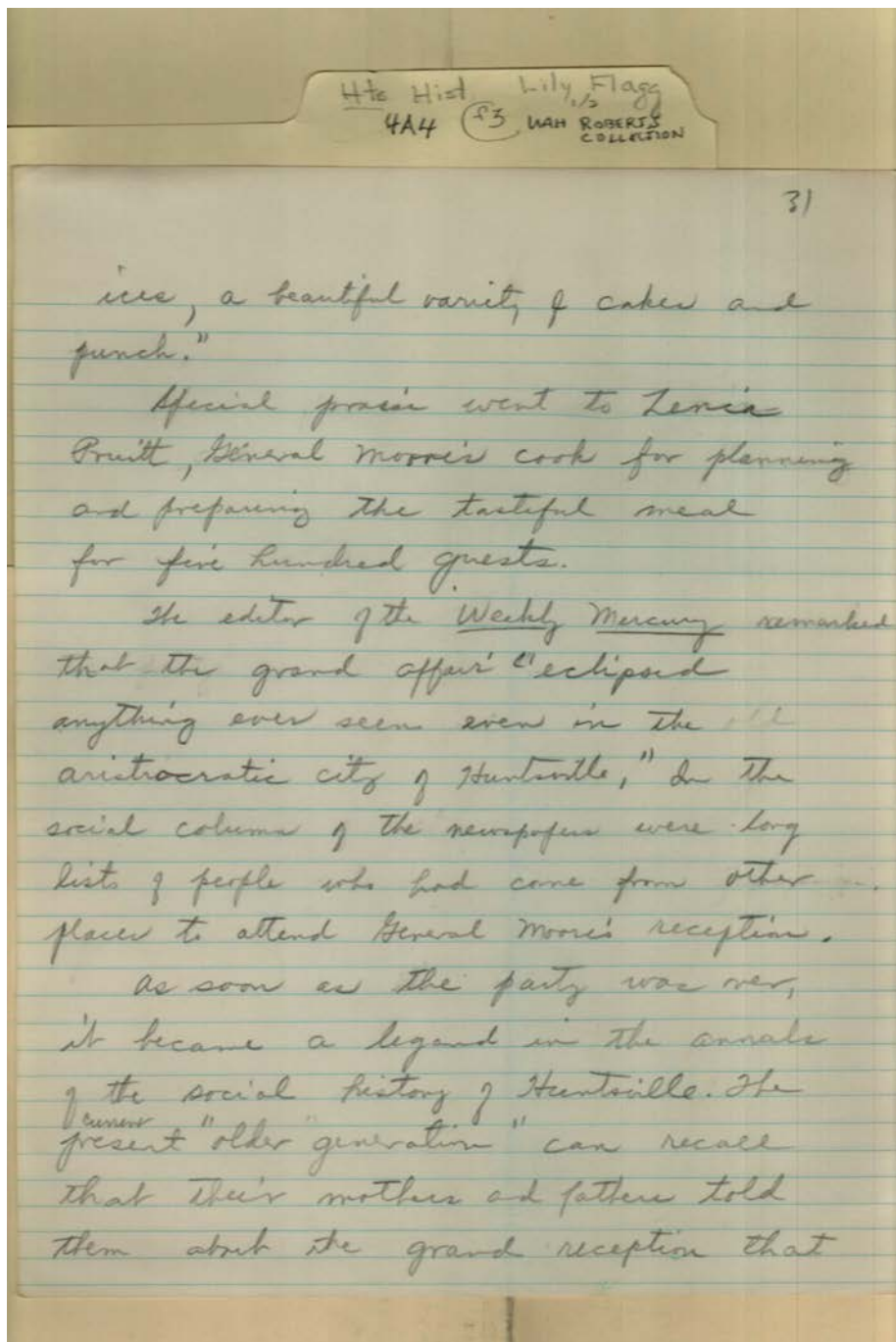
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Dates:

July 21, 1892

July 27, 1892



Names:

Lily Flagg Reception

Moore, General

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

July 21, 1892

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444 (23) UAH ROBERTS
COLLECTION

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was given for a cow at the Moore
home many years ago. Through the
years fiction has often replaced
fact as some recollections seemed
more interesting than the facts. For
example, one historian recorded a
glowing account of Lily Flagg
receiving her guests in the parlor
while standing on a silver platform
beneath a mantel decked with
flowers. This legend has been repeated
over and over by later writers on
the subject. Since the written accounts
in the papers do not mention the
place where Lily Flagg greeted her guests,
oral history has to be depended on
to settle the matter. Harry Moore (Rhett, Sr.)
who was a young man at the time remembered
that he attended his uncle's party and

Names:

Lily Flagg

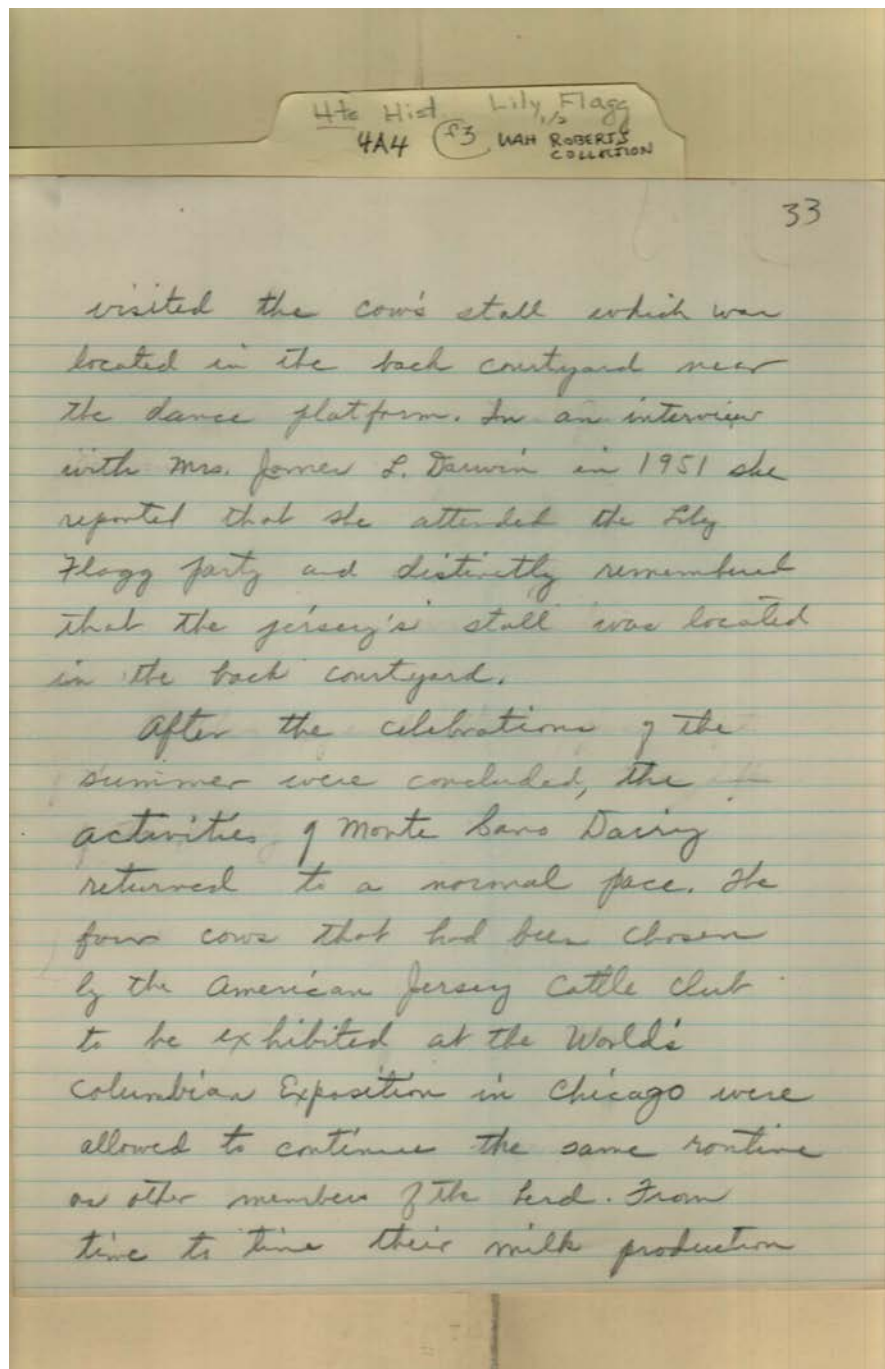
Rhett, Harry Moore,
Sr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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Names:

American Jersey
Cattle Club

Darwin, James L.,
Mrs.

Lily Flagg
Monte Sano Dairy

World's Columbian
Exposition

Places:

Chicago, IL

Huntsville, AL

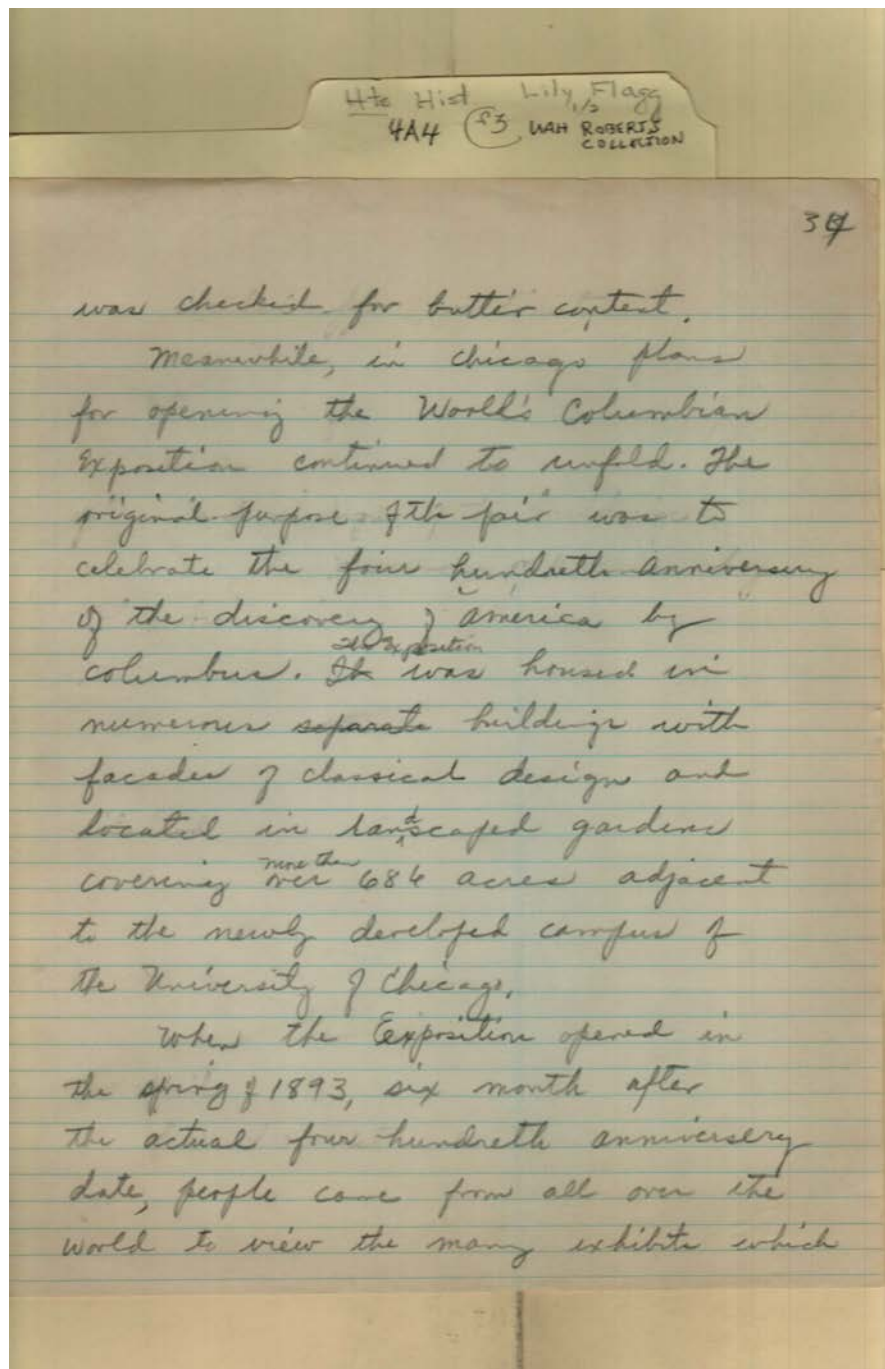
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Dates:

1893

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Names:

World's Columbian
Exposition

Places:

Chicago, IL

Types:

article

Dates:

1893

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reflected the advancements made in
all phases of life during the nineteenth
century.

The dairy building at the
exposition, located in the
southwest area of the grounds,
housed not only a display of
dairy products but also a dairy
school. Here at various intervals
during the summer months of 1893
various cattle organizations sponsored
tests which compared the relative
merits of ^{different} ~~various~~ breeds of cattle.
A model dairy was also operated

Names:

World's Columbian
Exposition

Places:

Chicago, IL

Types:

article

Dates:

1893

444 (R3) Lily Flagg
WAH ROBERTS
COLLECTION

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to demonstrate the best methods of
hardening milk and cream and
converting to butter and various types
of cheese. Behind the dairy
building were sheds which
housed two hundred cows and
a collection of calves. Jerseys,
Guernseys and short horns were
the most ^{popular} numerous among the
rival breeders. The cows were
furnished by several cattle clubs
and associations that were
concerned with promoting blooded
grades of cows and the Exposition

Names:

World's Columbian
Exposition

Places:

Chicago, IL

Types:

article

Dates:

1893

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COLLECTION

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furnished quarters and feed, and
took as compensation the products
of the model dairy.

For the milk and cheese tests
held in May of 1893, twenty-five
cows were selected to represent each
of the three major breeds - the Jersey,
the Guernsey and the Short-horn.

For this test the American Jersey
Cattle Club of New York selected
its specimens from twenty states and
30,000 thoroughbred cows.

Although Monte Sans Dairy
had been given the opportunity to

Names:

American Jersey
Cattle Club

World's Columbian
Exposition

Places:

Chicago, IL

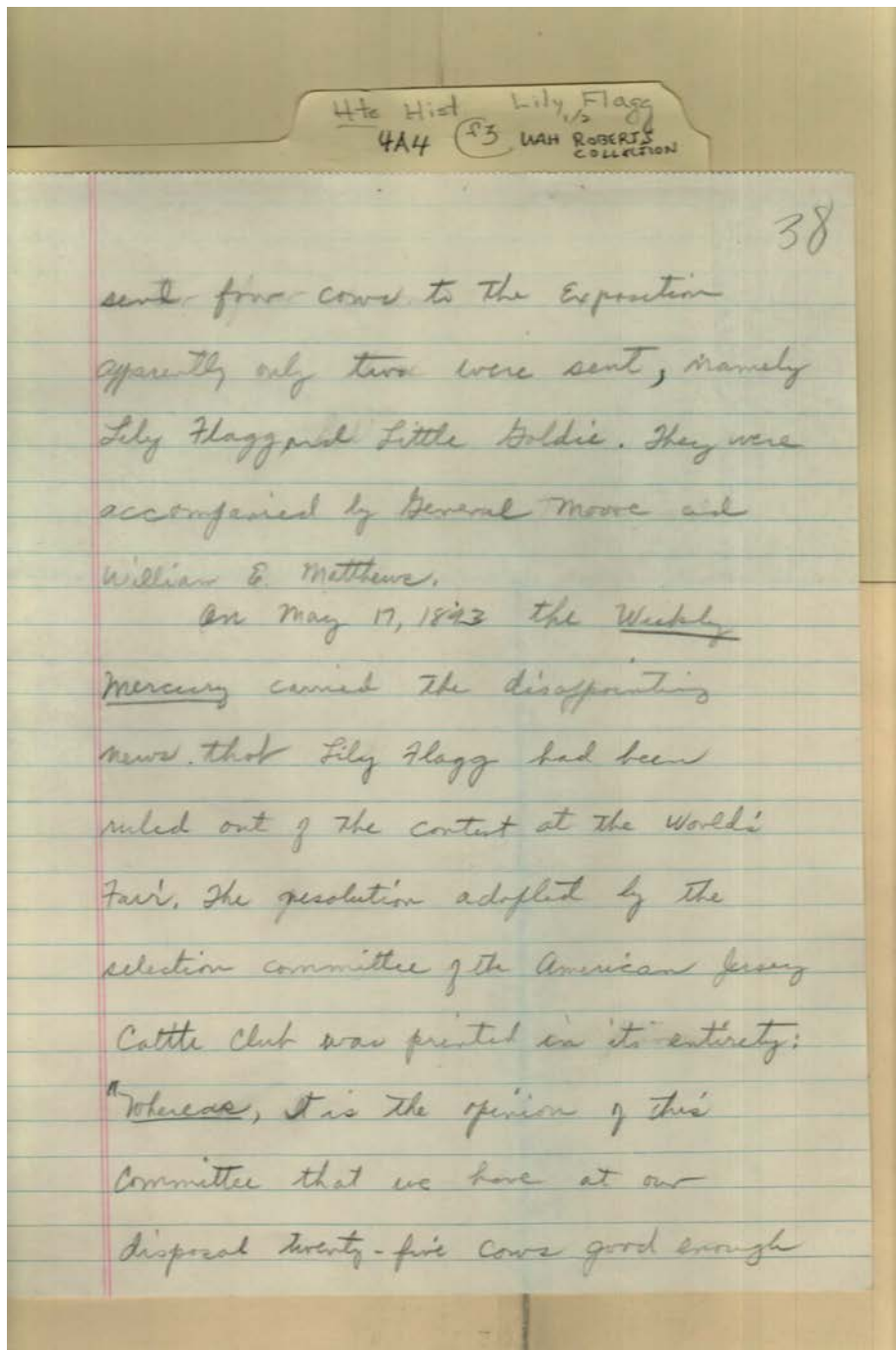
New York

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article

Dates:

1893



Names:

American Jersey
Cattle Club

Lily Flagg

Little Goldie (Jersey
cow)

World's Columbian
Exposition

Places:

Chicago, IL

New York

Types:

article

Dates:

1893

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to win the dairy tests without entering cows that have made phenomenal yearly tests. and therefore we believe it is for the best interests of the Jerseys to exclude such cows. Therefore Resolved, that in making up the list of cows to represent the breed in the dairy tests of the Columbian Exposition we do not consider said cows but make the list from such other cows as we have at hand and thereby prove our faith in the in the

Names:

World's Columbian
Exposition

Places:

Chicago, IL

Types:

article

Dates:

1893

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COLLECTION

general excellence of the Jerseys
as a great dairy breed." The editor
then pointed out that, "this is not
a reflection upon the Queen but
a compliment, for her superiority
is considered as established." Further-
more ^{quite} had added the other cow, Little Goldie,
from the Monte Sano Dairy was
among the twenty-five selected for
the chess test.

Other reports concerning Lily Flagg's
role at the exposition differed from
the official statement of the American
Jersey Cattle Club. The Book of the
Fair, World's Columbian Exposition, while

Names:

American Jersey
Cattle Club

Lily Flagg

Little Goldie (Jersey
cow)

World's Columbian
Exposition

Places:

Chicago, IL

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

1893

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4A4 (P3) WAH ROBERTS
COLLECTION

discussing
^ the activities of the dairy exhibit,
commented that Signal's Lily Flagg,
"was not permitted to enter the
lists for though with a record
of more than 1,000 pounds of butter
a year, at her preliminary
trial she failed to meet the
expectations of her admirers." In
Miss Elizabeth Chapman's account
of the Lily Flagg story she blamed
General Moore for not allowing
Lily Flagg to be milked for so
long a time thus causing inflammation
of the udder. When Mrs. Lucile

Names:

Chapman, Elizabeth

Signal's Lily Flagg

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

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4A4 (93) WAH ROBERTS
COLLECTION

Matthew Stubbins, daughter of William E. Matthews, was interviewed in 1980 by Mrs. Doris Gilbreath concerning Lily Flagg's appearance at the World's Fair in 1893. Mrs. Stubbins reported that the person in charge of the cow did not understand the necessity for regular milk periods and as a result he let her go too long without being milked. Jersey cows continued to be exhibited in various ways at the Fair until it closed on October 31, 1893 and as late as September 21 the

Names:

Gilbreath, Doris, Mrs.

Matthews, William E.

Stubbins, Lucile

Matthews, Mrs.

Places:

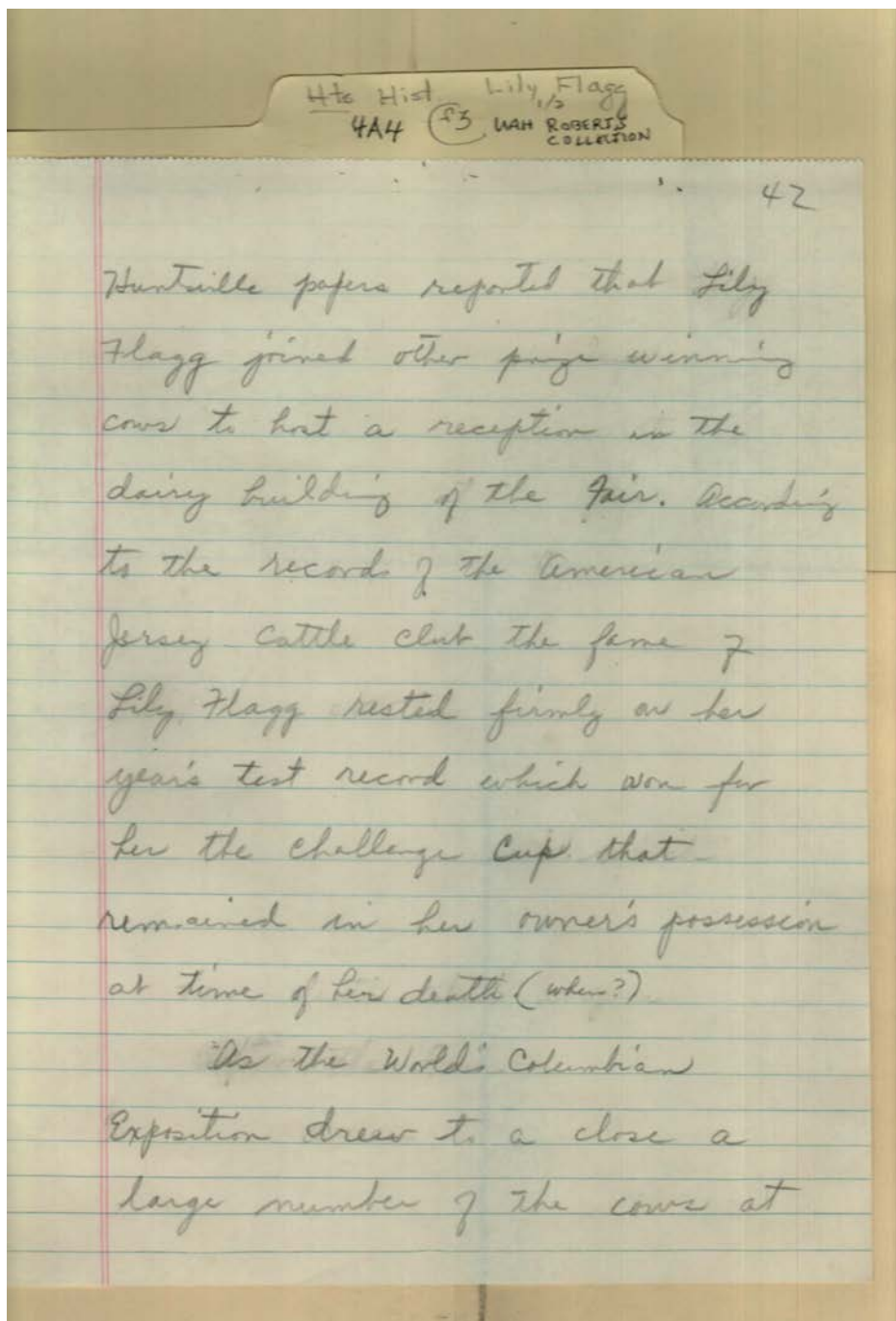
Huntsville, AL

Types:

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Dates:

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Names:

American Jersey
Cattle Club

Lily Flagg

World's Columbian
Exposition

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

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COLLECTION

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The dairy buildings were sold to breeder farms throughout the United States. Lily Flagg was purchased by Hood Farm of Lowell, Mass. When a reporter from The Home Weekly visited the farm the following year, he was especially impressed with the beauty of the surroundings, the well constructed barns for cattle, the comfortable residences for the managers and employees, and the modern conveniences associated with the whole operation.

Names:

Hood Farm

Lily Flagg

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Lowell,
Massachusetts

Types:

article

Dates:

1893

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He was also much impressed
by a Jersey cow whose name
was Lily Flagg. This Queen of the
Jerseys, he pointed out, had been
on exhibit at the World's Fair but
had been barred from competition "by
reason of her great weekly and
yearly record." After giving her
complete record from the time of
her birth in 1884 until she joined the
herd of Jersey cows at Hood Farm
in 1893, he concluded that this
Queen was something very special
among the herd of over one hundred

Names:

Hood Farm

Lily Flagg

Places:

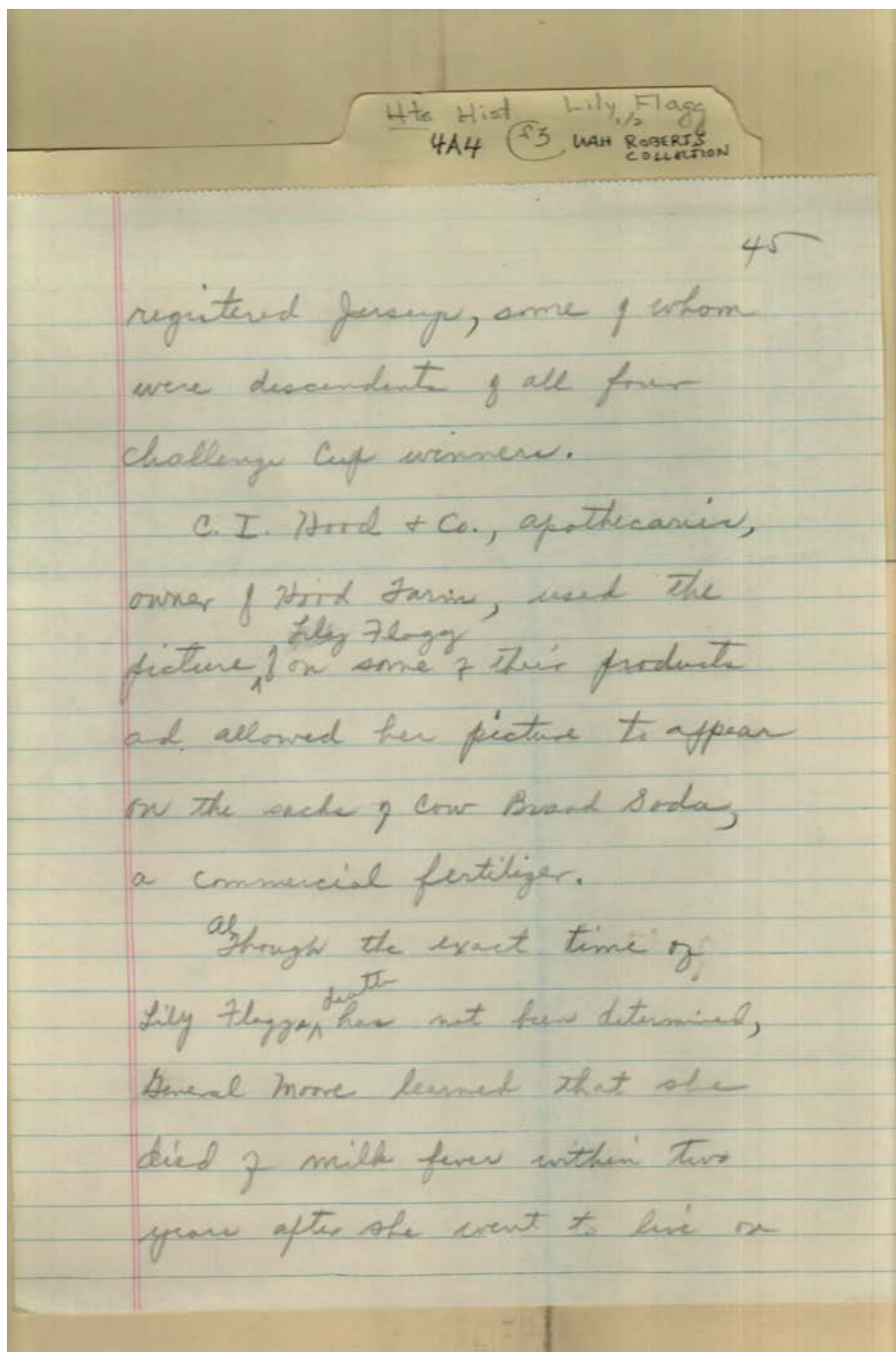
Lowell,
Massachusetts

Types:

article

Dates:

1893



Names:

C. I. Hood & Co.

Hood Farm

Lily Flagg

Moore, General

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Lowell,
Massachusetts

Types:

article

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the Hood Farm, at that time the disease was usually fatal because the cause which was associated with parturition[?] was then unknown.) Railroad

About forty years ago veterinary medicine found the cause and the cure which greatly reduced the mortality rate of cows.

Because of General Moore's efforts the name Lily Flagg remains very much alive today. As Chairman of a right-of-way committee for the N.C. + St. L. Railroad he was able to persuade the farmers along

Names:

Hood Farm

Lily Flagg

Moore, General

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Lowell,
Massachusetts

Types:

article

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Whitesburg Pike to grant the land
necessary to extend the rail line
to Hobbs Island. At this point it
could then be connected by targe to
Cuntermville where travel could then
continue by rail to Dadeaden, Alabama.
General Moore, whose farm was on this
line, had a siding and station
established for his use in 1893. ^{and to the surprise of none,} He named
it Lily Flagg.

Eventually a community grew
up around the Lily Flagg station. A
cotton gin was added that in turn
gave rise to the organization of the Lily

Names:

Hobbs Island

Lily Flagg station

Moore, General

Whitesburg Pike

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

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Slugg one-variety Cotton Association.
When this group began the
commercial sale of seed of the
Coker wilt cotton, its seed bags
carried the title of Lily Flagg spelled
with the double "g". In order to be
sure of this spelling the records of
the American Jersey Cattle Club were
checked.
Today the Lily Flagg community
is within the Huntsville city limits
and the telephone directory lists
a Lily Flagg Club, Lily Flagg Exxon,
Lily Flagg, Gas, Lily Flagg Mini
Storage, Lily Flagg Pharmacy and

Names:

Lily Flagg community

Lily Flagg One-
Variety Cotton

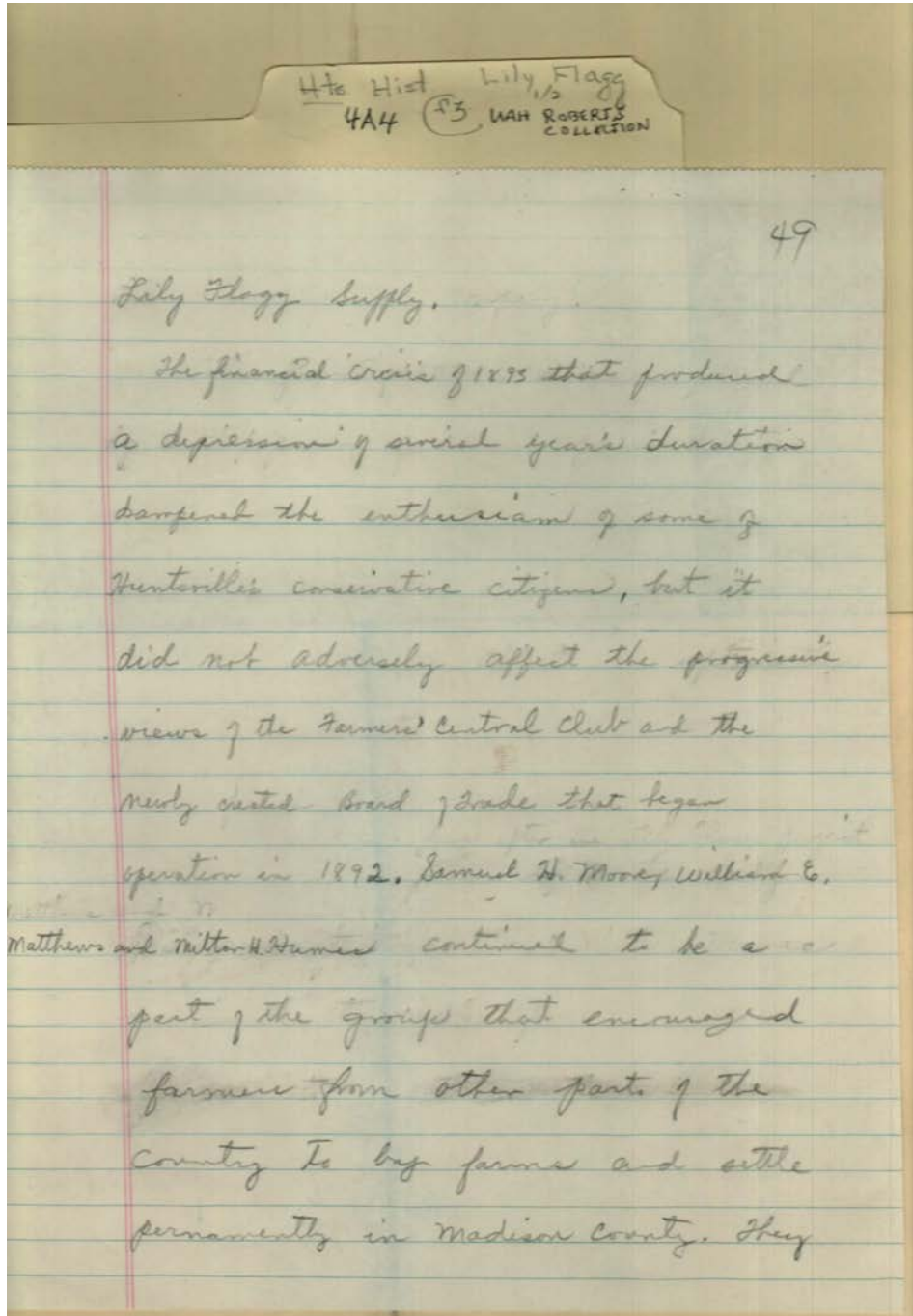
Association

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article



Names:

Farmers' Central Club

Humes, Milton

Matthews, William E.

Moore, Samuel H.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

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COLLECTION

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also encouraged the influx of industry to help balance the economy. In 1894, the Board of Trade became the Chamber of Commerce, an organization which has continued to the present day. Its purpose stated that it was, "Devoted to the upbuilding of Huntsville and Madison County, locating factories and securing immigration." The Twickenham Club, a men's social and civic club, supported the efforts of both agriculture and industry to improve the overall economy

Names:

Board of Trade

Chamber of
Commerce

The Twickenham
Club

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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of the area. This group included business leaders such as Tracy W. Pratt, Willard I. Wellman, William S. Wells, and Michael O'Shaughnessy who had recently moved to Huntsville and invested their capital in factories and real estate. Business leaders representing the older families of the city who were also ~~also~~ members of the club included Ben Hunt, C. H. and W. L. Halsey, C. P. Lane, Samuel H. Moore, W. P. and F. H. Newman, P. E. Pettus, R. H. Rhett, W. R., J. L., and A. S. Rison, R. E. Spragins and James R. Stevens.
Samuel H. Moore continued to

Names:

Halsey, C. H.
Halsey, W. L.
Hunt, Ben
Lane, C. P.
Moore, Samuel H.

Newman, F. H.
Newman, W. P.
O'Shaughnessy,
Michael
Pettus, P. E.

Pratt, Tracy W.
Rhett, R. H.
Rison, A. L.
Rison, J. L.
Rison, W. R.

Spragins, R. E.
Stevens, James R.
Wellman, Willard I.
Wells, Willam S.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

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to active in business, civic and social circles of Huntsville until his death in 1905. He promoted the use of registered Jersey cows as a way of upgrading the quality and quantity of dairy products. He served on the board of directors of the first Madison County Fair held in 1872 and continued to give it annual support for the next thirty years. As a business man he served for a time^{in the 1890's} as president of the Huntsville Cotton mill, a local firm that started

Names:

Huntsville Cotton
Mill

Madison County Fair
(first)

Moore, Samuel H.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

1872

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operation in 1881. As a bachelor who loved to combine business with pleasure, General Moore often entertained friends and associates at his spacious antebellum home at 603 Adams Avenue.

In 1906, General Moore's farm on Whitesburg Pike which included the lands around the Lily Flagg station was sold in order to settle the financial affairs of his estate. His home ^{in the city} was inherited by Harry Moore Rhett and his half sister Martha P. Barnard. They were the children of his sister Harriet Moore.

Names:

Barnard, Martha P.
Lily Flagg station

Moore, Harriet

Moore, Samuel H.,
Gen.

Rhett, Harry Moore

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

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whose second husband was Robert Barnwell
Rhett, Jr. of Charleston, South Carolina. 57

From this time on, the Lily Flagg
story was associated more with his
home on Adams Ave. than with
his farm on Whiteburg Pike. Each
time the story was told or
written down by succeeding generations,
it was expanded to include more
details that contained fragments
of the imagination.

Martha Barnard lived in ^{the} ~~the~~ Moore
home until her death in 1917. A year
later it was sold by the Rhett family
to Earl Smith, a local attorney and
former mayor of Huntsville. His wife

Names:

Barnard, Martha
Lily Flagg

Rhett, Robert
Barnwell, Jr.

Smith, Earl

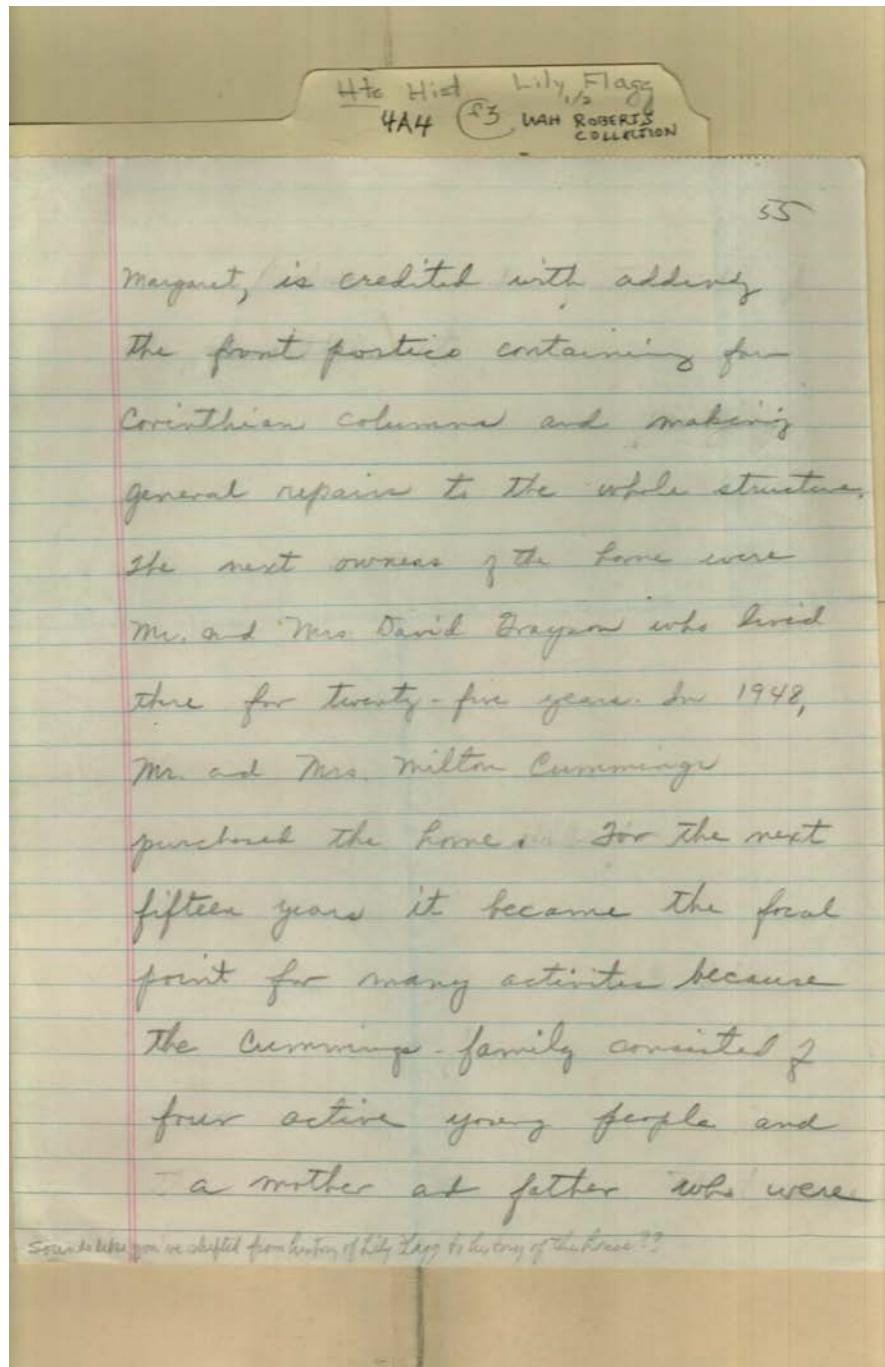
Places:

Charleston, SC

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article



Names:

Cummings, Milton,
Mr. & Mrs.

Grayson, David, Mr.
& Mrs.

Smith, Margaret

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

article

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