

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

Feb 25, 1846

F&D 1846
 Red Sulphur Springs #
 Carr-Bus. TN 964 79

Columbia Febry 25th 1846

Mr Donegan

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst. is before me - After keeping the black colt until about the middle of December, I was enabled to send him to Mississippi - I paid a young man \$20. to deliver him at Yazoo City - I had previously written to a friend there and enclosed the draft, which was promptly met on the delivery of the colt - I have not yet sold Fidget & her producer - Indeed there is no demand for stock of any sort among us - I know of nothing but to keep them, for to continue to charge for keeping them they would soon eat off their heads - the valuation I put upon them, may seem low to you, but I can assure you, if they were not in my hands, it is more than I would give for ^{them} - You are aware they are small and not calculated for work - I put

Fidget	\$25.00
3 yr old filly	45.00
2 " " colts	20.00
1 " " filly	15.00

And in addition if you wish to wind up the matter I will give you sixty five dollars for the half of the Shamrock colt, and take the half of Raddell's ~~young~~ young filly colt in place of the half of the

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colt I let Dr. McGavock have which you will remember was not accounted for to me ~~before~~
I refer you to the Nashville Banner of February 25 for the sale of a list of blooded stock privately by Dr. Shelby, to show you that I do not underrate the stock - it is true at Nashville when the Shamrock colt was started at a low price, I at once bid \$200.00. I thought he might to have been worth it, but I was not sustained in my opinion - the estate is indebted to me \$25.00 for the half of the colt sold to McGavock for \$20.00 for sending colt to him - \$10.00 for his hire until sent and a shoeing bill which I paid on my return from Nashville that I omitted to charge you with there, and shoeing the colt when sent off -
If this arrangement meets your approbation I will send you my note at twelve months for \$140.00. Please excuse this scrawl as I was in a hurry for the mail of to-day.
With Respect
N.B. I will keep Betty Malony, get her bred and breed her to a good horse Dick. C. Whiteside without any expense to you according to promise, and divide the produce

Names:

McGavock, Dr.

Shelby, Dr.

Whiteside, Richard C.

Places:

Columbia, TN

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Donegan, James J.

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Huntsville, AL

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Mar 19, 1846

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Red Sulphur Springs #
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Columbia March 19th /46

Mr. Donegan:

Dear Sir: I have this moment recd
your last letter; and intending to leave home to-morrow,
proceed to comply with my proposition, as accepted by you,
forthwith. I have no doubt of the correctness of your
memorandum, tho' the item had escaped my mind - for
men rarely do things in a business way - I accordingly make
the addition - And my note, which you will find
appended, will as you observe, close all my transactions
with Mr Boardman - I thank you, that you think, no
one as much entitled to any benefit that may accrue from
the stock, I have taken, as myself, as it is ordinary, that you
appreciate the interest I felt in the successful disposal of
it - I shall keep your mare "Kitty Maloney", and hope
she may prove a good breeder; and promise to furnish you
(I don't think there is much danger in this promise,) blooded
stock on the best ^{terms} should you ever take a fancy to fine
stock - At any time in your buying this way, I should be happy
to see you

I truly with Respect
R. C. Whiteside

Names:

Boardman,

Donegan, James J.

Whiteside, Richard C.

Places:

Columbia, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Mar 19, 1846



Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

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letter

Dates:

Sept 1, 1845

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs #
Carr-Dug. TN 964 79

Columbia Sept 1st 1845

James Donegan Esq
Dear young of the 28th day and has the repl. I find you are under a mistake as to amt that Miss Fouts sold for being clear first which was not the fact. they were all sold together and the amt of 1200 was put as the first payment. suggested only to divide the two best into some thousand each. Mr Bondman found it necessary to answer his purpose at two times some three years ago to say that the \$1200 first due was for Miss Fouts but Mr Henry and Mr Shick both distinctly know and state to the contrary and I think if you will look over my letter you will see that I stated that the three were sold for \$300. and that in dividing out the pay went 100. 100. 100. three sums divided the debt into three payments better than to have made an equal divide. I did not keep a copy of that letter but I always write what I know to be facts and therefore could not have written as you have understood me

Names:

Boardman,

Donegan, James J.

Henry,

Horses

Places:

Columbia, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Sept 1, 1845

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as to the Settlement with the Boardman
I know it to be correct at the time it
was made the acct. Matly was rendered
by Mr Henry who kept Minutes and
was present when John and me settled
and there is no condensed acct. of them
other than the one to which we
appeared the Memorandum you speak
of signed by myself and John
Do It has been so long ago that
I have now no distinct recollection
of the things in the acct. I suppose
it must be with Mr Boardman paper
there is one thing very certain that
John Boardman would not have
given me a net for gas. or Balance
if it was not right, he brought over
some Memorandums any like the one
you enclosed to me when we settled
which were very imperfect and are
corrected upon the which I am
well satisfied that the Settlement was
as near correct as we could make it
then, when every thing was fresh in
memory - and so must have thought
Mr Boardman for we worked together
near a week at Ash Hill during the
week of the Juyton strike.

Names:

Boardman,

Boardman, John

Henry,

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and he E. H. Boardman never doubt
ed the correctness of the settlement;
at least he never said so to me
and during the week we were both
there trying to collect of L. Cook who
was there with a stable of horses, often
spoke of our old affairs - as settled,
and after collecting of Cook what
would pay the \$700 - and some other dues
beside my interest, in the note the bal
ance would be \$1000, that is to say
out of the money first collected pay
off the 700 - note and some 200 to Mr
Blaney and Mr Shurly - due then
E. H. Boardman for which I was bound
there - to ^{the note} ^{to} ^{be} paid when collected according
to our interest in the note \$1000 to me
and \$230 to Boardman - If I could see
you, I am sure I could satisfy you
that what he has done is right. I
shall use the same intention to collect
the balance as if it was all mine
or if you choose you may have the
note and collect ~~them~~ ^{them} for Mr Boardman
and will be entitled to the greater part
of the balance due. Yours Respectfully
Wm McLaren

Names:

Boardman, E. H.

Henry,

McLaren, C.

Shirly,

Places:

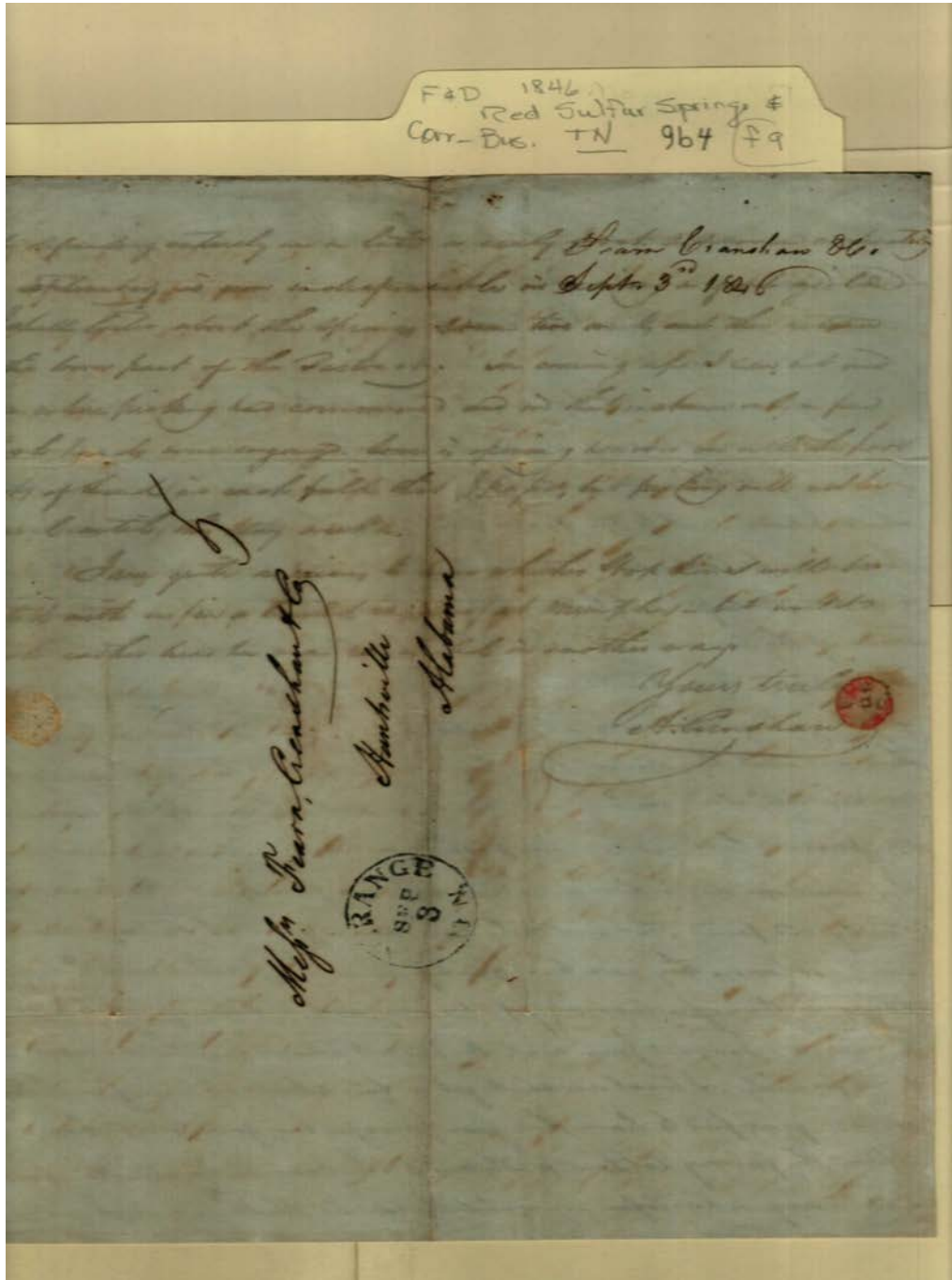
Columbia, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Sept 1, 1845



Names:

Crenshaw, A.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Sept 3, 1846

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Red Sulphur Springs &
Crenshaw & Co. TN 964 59

Red Sulphur Springs, Tenn. Aug 31, 1846
Dear Mother
I left my door in Shelby five days ago having
been last evening having made some calls on the way to
Newbern by the way in amounting to between eight & ten thousand dollars
which I have sent to the Home below, say the first in returning to Newbern
there is a fact at Newbern that at its present state it is doubtful
if we can do better in the same with the bills you buy with the
money of the currency, but there is a discount of 2% and the Western
and you receive Bank currency at 1% & 2% discount, instead
of your getting discounts at Nashville in which you lose in exchange
two and also the discount on currency in New Orleans. We can get 6
months bills down nearly at Bank in New Orleans if this course had
been pursued last season our profits would have been increased monthly
I arrived one day in Knoxville - saw our friends at Robins and
Curry and found that our debts have given general satisfaction in
some instances they have been gratifying. I deposited with P. Miller
1000 in Tennessee currency for his use, and a letter of C. for \$100.000
in currency 1 July & 1 June next. He had not returned from the North but was
back for daily. I trust we shall get a fair share of business in the future
and am gratified to learn that your prospect is good in Alabama.
Found the growing cotton pretty much the same in Cayles, Henderson
& McHenry as heretofore described to you in Shelby - a good & hard

Harden Co., TN

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Miller, P.

Places:

Red Sulphur Springs,
TN

Types:

correspondence

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... depending entirely on a late or early frost. A warm and moderate
day September is now indispensable in securing a good yield.
I shall confer about the Springs some two weeks, and then return
to the lower part of the District. In coming up I saw but one
place where picking had commenced and in that instance only a few
trucks hands were engaged. Some of opening however on all the foot
spots of land in each field that I passed, but picking will not be
general until the day work. ...
I am quite anxious to hear whether Hopkins will be
united with us in a limited manner at Memphis - but would
much rather hear he was re-united in another way.
Yours truly
A. Crenshaw

Names:

Crenshaw, A. Hopkins,

Places:

Red Sulphur Springs,
TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Aug 31, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Morgan, Gardner &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Nashville, TN

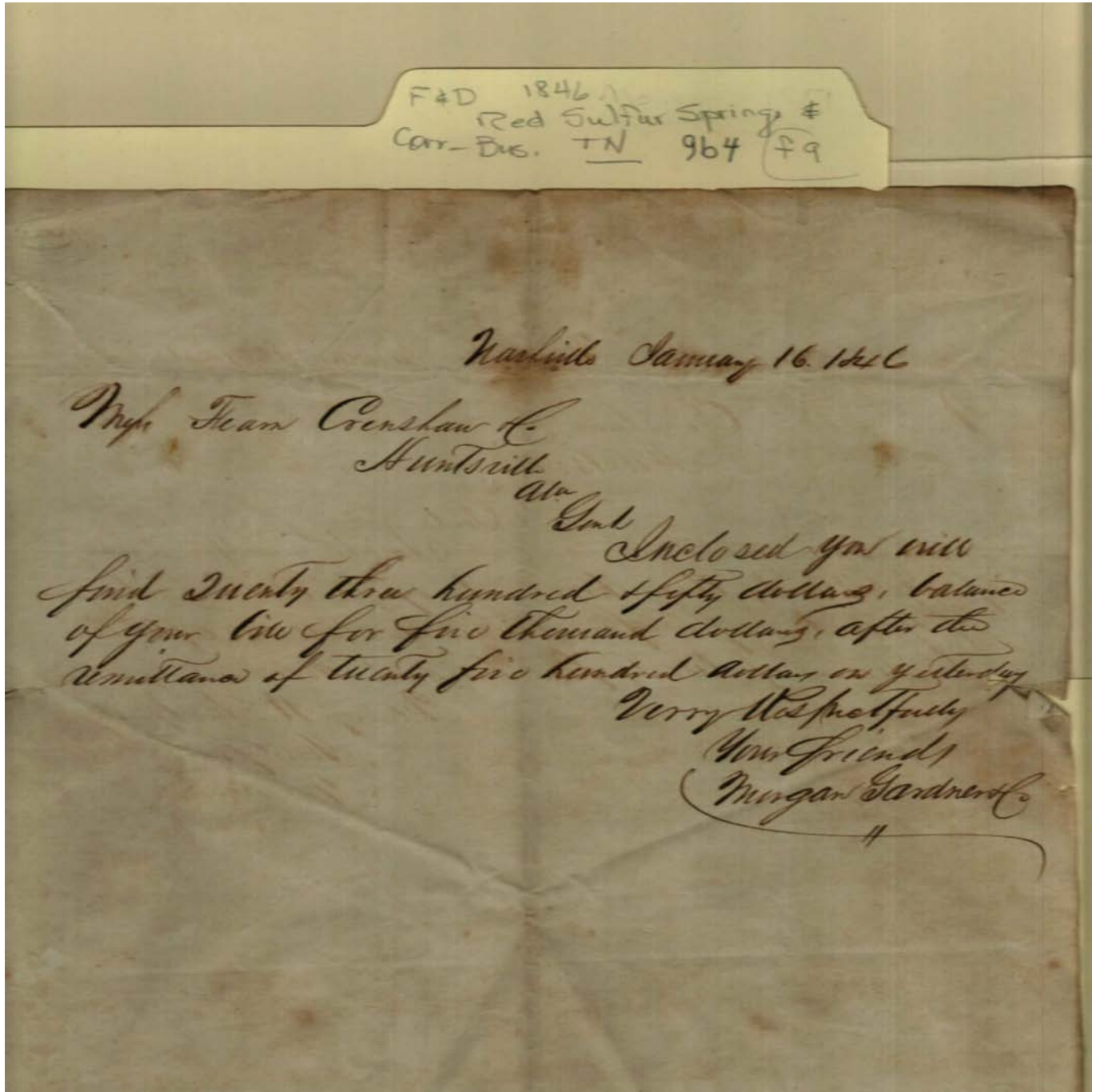
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Jan 16, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Morgan, Gardner &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Nashville, TN

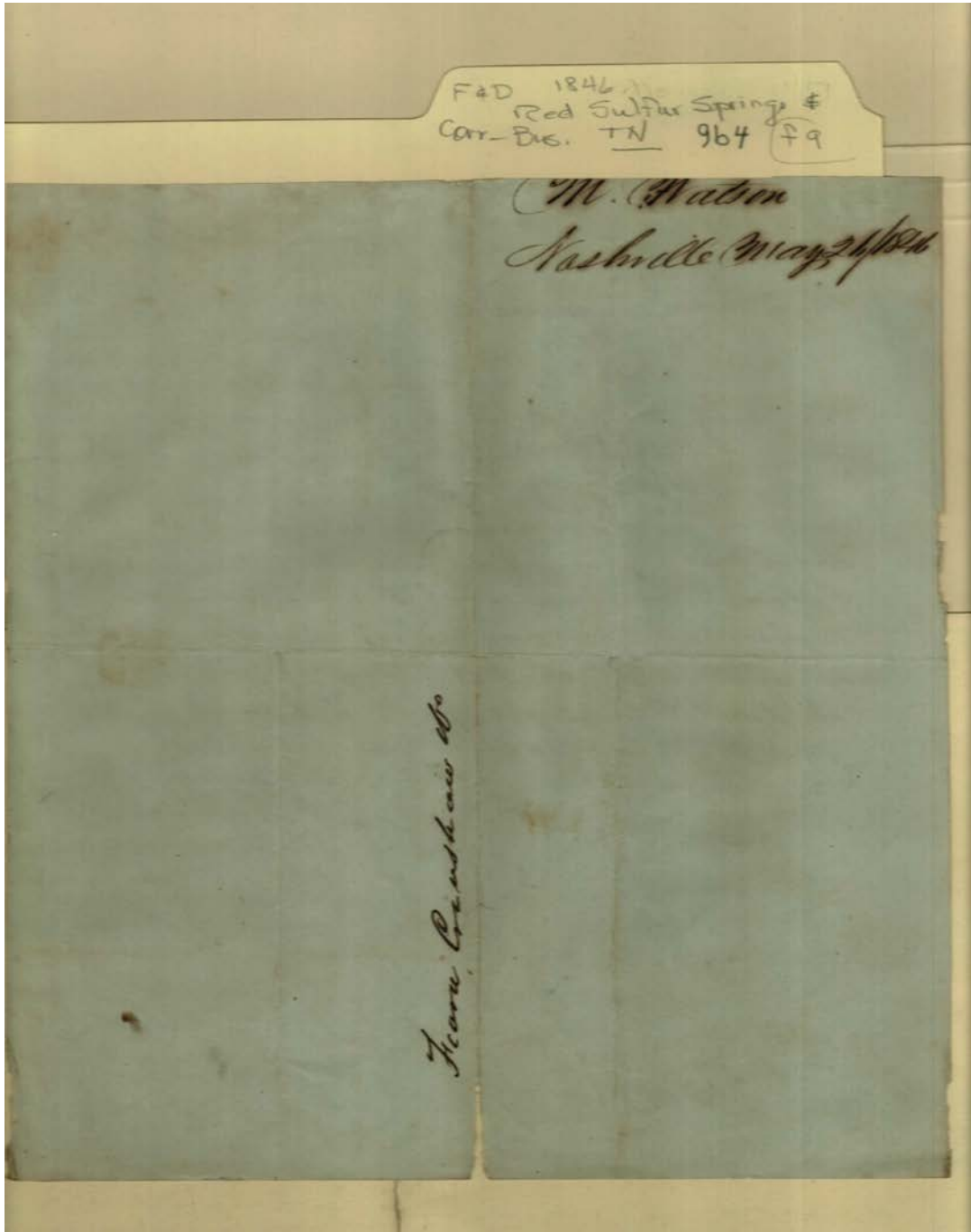
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Dates:

Jan 16, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Watson, M.

Places:

Nashville, TN

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

May 26, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs #
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Planters Bank Ten
Nashville May 26 1846

Wm Fearn Crenshaw & Co.
Sir,

I have your favour of
23^d Inst. with your acceptance for \$6000
and I herewith forward the proceeds of the
same say \$5940-

Our bill committes are prohibited by
the board from taking any bill maturing
later than 20 July. I have therefore
taken the liberty to alter the date
of your bill to 21 May which makes
it fall due 2 of 23 July. which I hope
you will sanction

Very Respy Yrs
M Watson Pres

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Planters Bank Ten.
Watson, M.

Places:

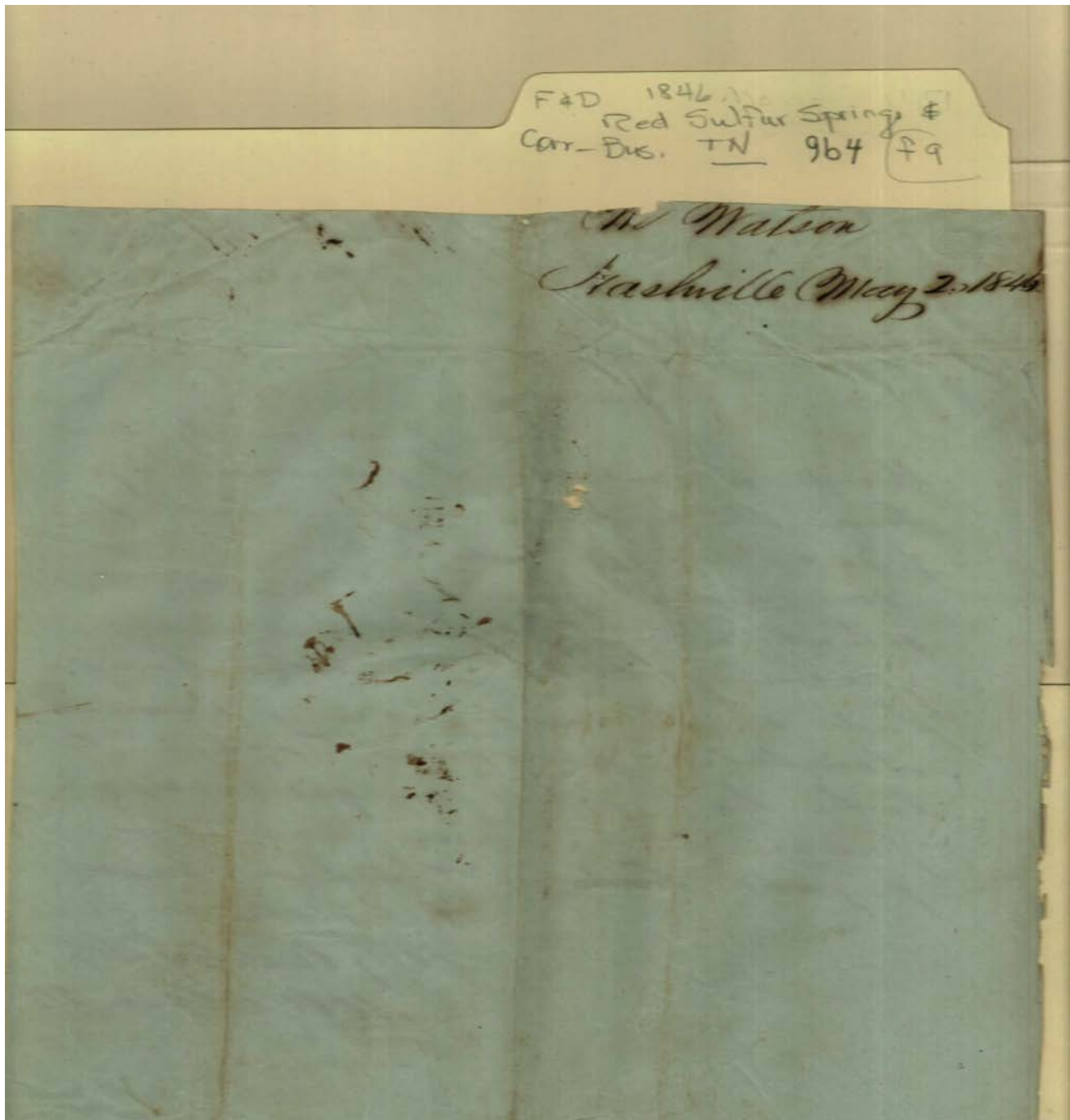
Nashville, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 26, 1846



Names:

Watson, M.

Places:

Nashville, TN

Types:

memo

Dates:

May 2, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs #
Corr. Bus. TN 964 79

Planters Bank Ten.
Nashville May 2 1846

Messrs Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.
Dear Sir

Your favour by Mr
Cruse is recd, and I forward by
this the proceeds of your bill for
\$3000 say \$2947⁵⁰
we charge you 1³/₄ on this bill
which is ¹/₄ less than we charge
you neighbours - The exchange
late in the season being against
New Orleans we cannot afford to
take late bills on quite as
favourable terms as those
payable ~~later~~ ^{earlier} in the season

In haste
Very Respylly
M. Watson M.

Names:

Cruse,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Planters Bank Ten.
Watson, M.

Places:

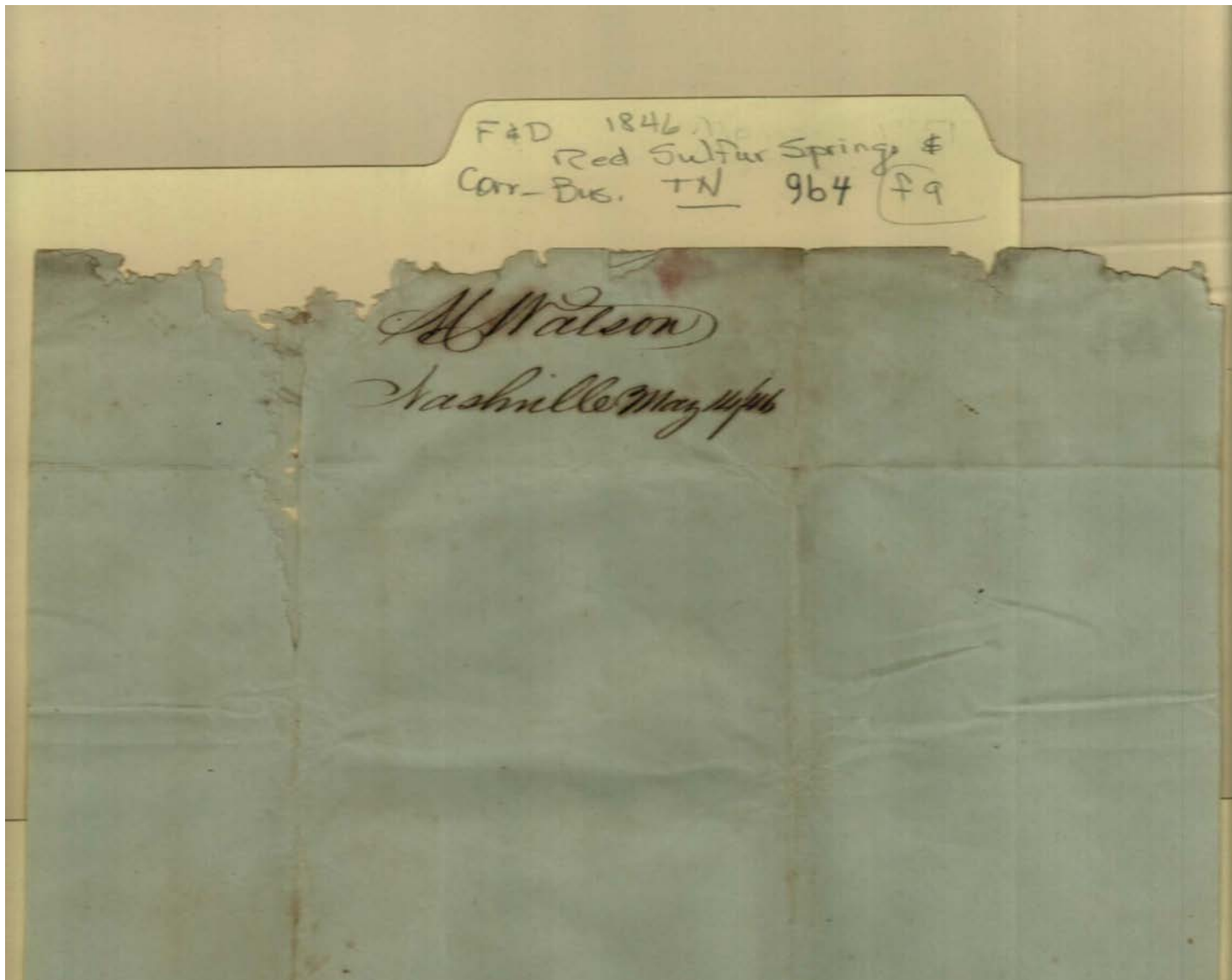
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Dates:

May 2, 1846



Names:

Watson, M.

Places:

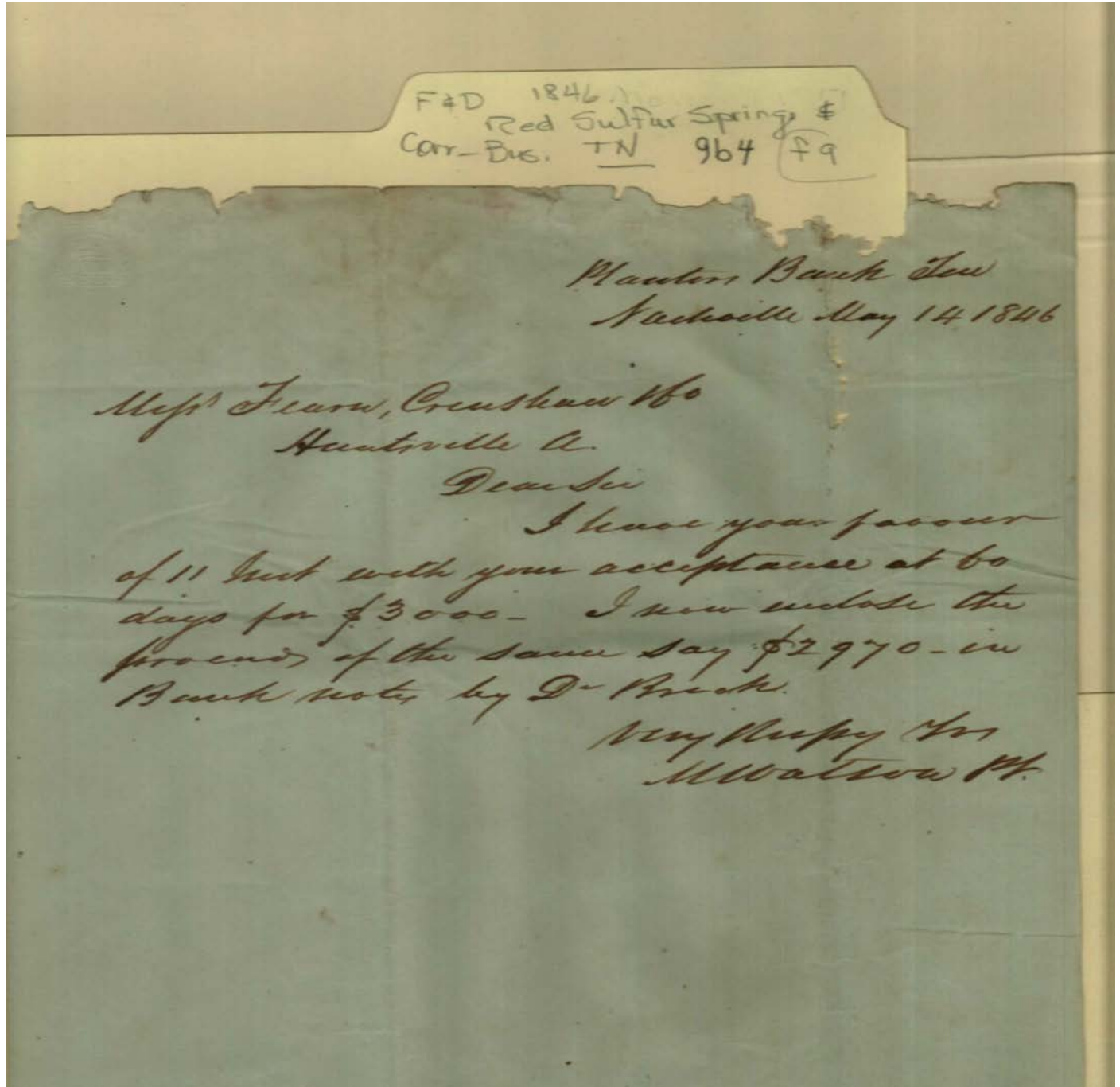
Nashville, TN

Types:

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Dates:

May 14, 1846



Names:

Breck, Dr.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Planters Bank Ten.
Watson, M.

Places:

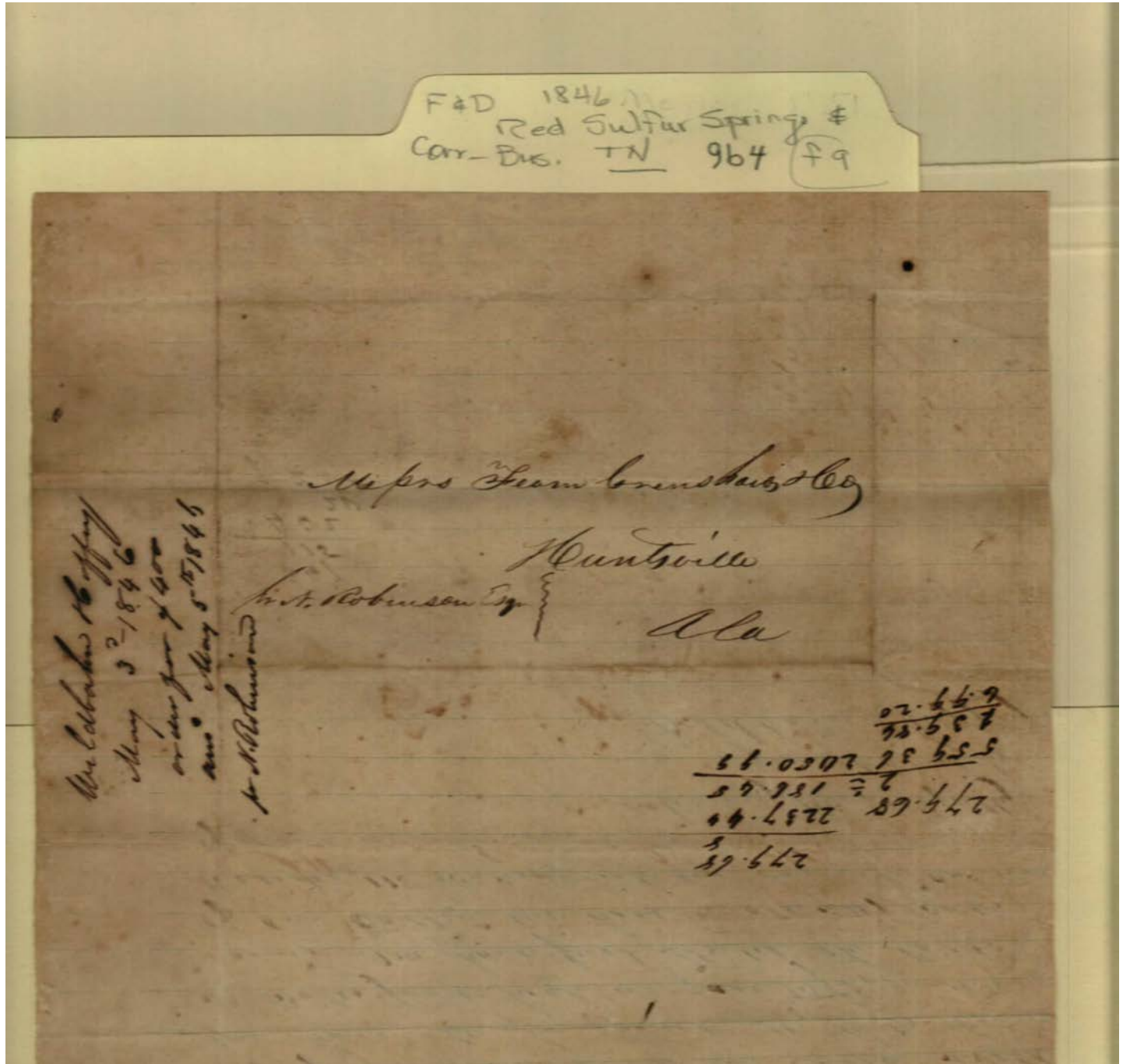
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Dates:

May 14, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Robinson, N.
 Wildbahn & Coffey

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

May 3, 1846

F&D 1846
 Red Sulphur Springs &
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Bellefonte May 3^d 1846

Mr. Geo. Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 Gent

you will please
 send us by Mr. Robinson four Hundred
 Dollars in Alabama money and charge
 to our acc. we have purchased of W. B.
 Chandler 43 Bales Cotton and have promised
 to pay you \$400 when the Cotton is sold
 we have also purchased Mr. C. B. Harris
 38 Bales for which we gave \$38 in his
 name. we have just started the last
 of our Cotton we have in all 347 Bales
 Besides 115 Bales which we have the control
 of

Very Respectfully
 Yours to the last
 Wildbahn & Coffey

347
115
462
20
9240

Names:

Chandler, W. A.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.

Harris, C. O.
 Robinson,

Wildbahn & Coffey

Places:

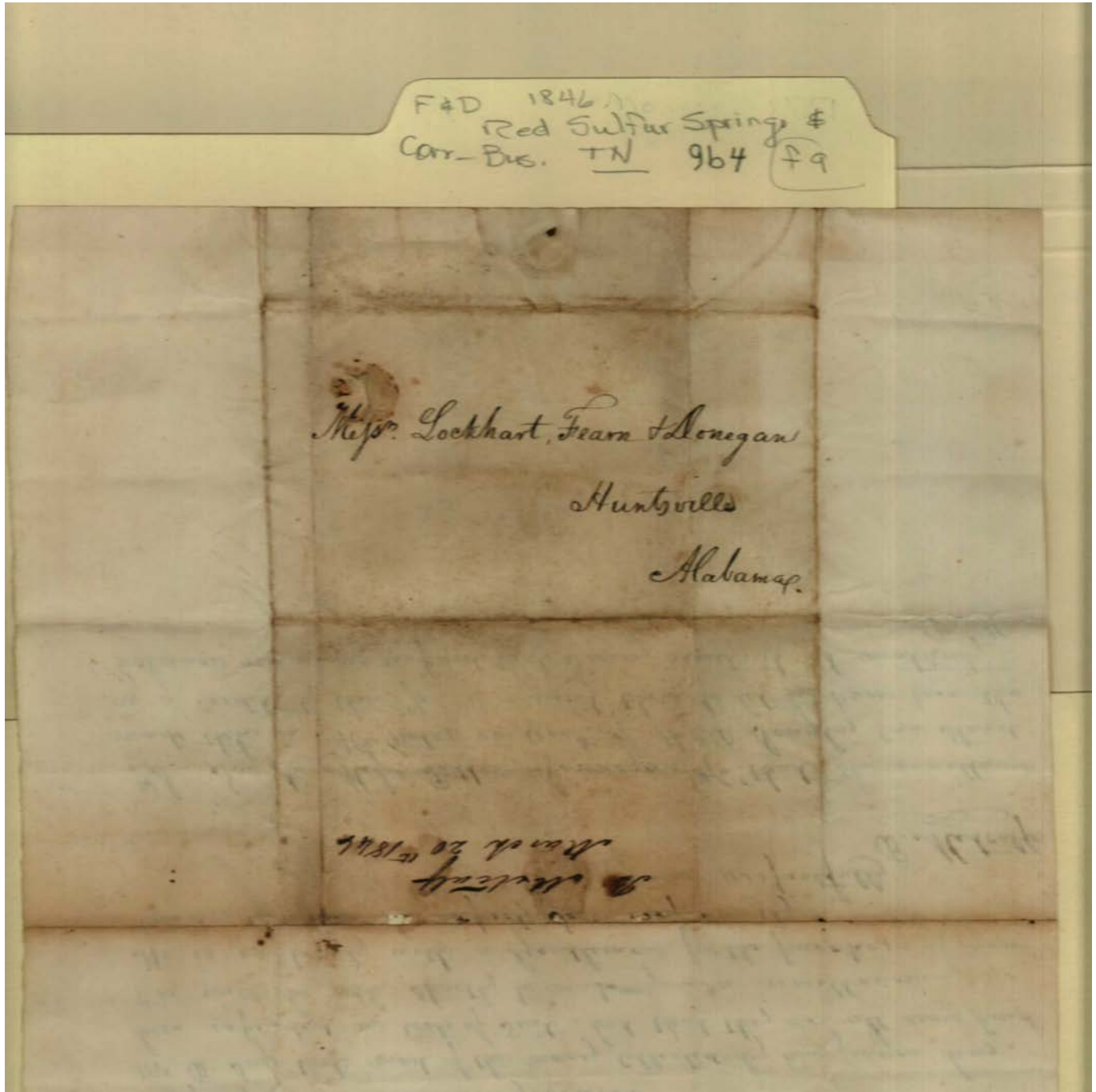
Bellefonte, AL

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correspondence

Dates:

May 3, 1846



Names:

Lockhart, Fearn &
Donegan

Metcalfe, B.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Mar 20, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs #
Car. Dis. TN 964 79

Mr. Lockhart Fearn & Donegan Fayetteville March 20th 1846

Dear Sir

In reply to your enquiries of 15th inst I state that I saw Mr. Bright this morning and he says he will write to you in a few days, & furnish a statement of the business in his hands for you - he would have written before now but was in daily expectation of collecting some money, which he wished to remit together with a small sum now in his hands - the Corn which you state was on hand, some 18 Months since he sold to Genl. Moore of this County for his Note for \$500. which is not yet paid, but is entirely solvent.

Mr. B. says that most of the money collected by him for you has been expended in Costs of Suit - but that they are all now paid - he will be able shortly to make you a remittance - He is in treaty with a Gentleman for the purchase of your land, to whom he expects sell very shortly -

Yours respectfully
B. Metcalfe

P.S. Say to Messrs. Patton, Donegan & Co that the remittance made them in Mr. Notes on acct. of H. & B. Douglas can stand as a credit to their acct & request them to let you know how the balance remaining unpaid that I may remit it at maturity -
B. M.

Names:

Bright,
Douglas, H. & B.

Lockhart, Fearn &
Donegan

Metcalf, B.
Moore, Gen'l

Patton, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

Fayetteville, TN

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Mar 20, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Morgan, Gardner &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

memo

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Jan 15, 1846

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Nashville Dec 15/46

Mr Fearn Crenshaw &
Nashville also

Yours letter for \$1000 enclosed on
your letter dated 10th has been disburse
to the Union Bk of Tenn (Nashville) \$4500-
The balance of the proceeds \$5500 The sum
will go to you by another mail - Our
bank all funds on settled rates of discount
and will not vary from them - It
is our policy our rate cannot vary on
the offer (which however we have no doubt
will exceed before the present rates our former
offer - The bank has also determined to take no
paper but at our so doing for the future without
the several number of money. For this determination
we have this with your account - Your paper
stands to say the least as high as any paper
which can be made felt at the same time
to avoid difficulty and to prevent placing the
bank in an unpleasant predicament trouble
regard to other we would suggest that you put
the several number of money - It matters not whose
name go in it - The matter is then present leaving
time to be about for a week or so

Yours truly
Morgan, Gardner &
Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Morgan, Gardner &
Co.

Places:

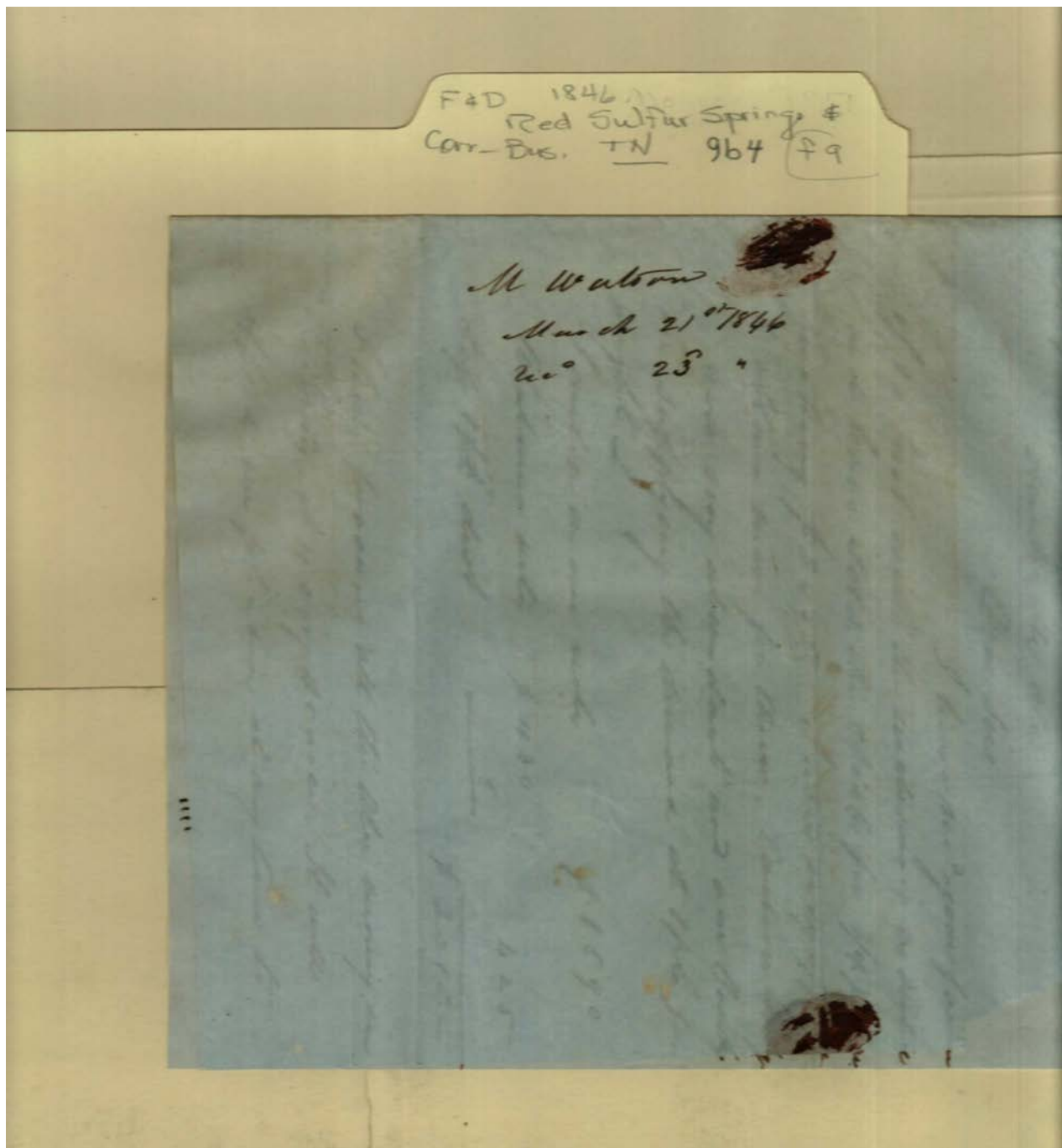
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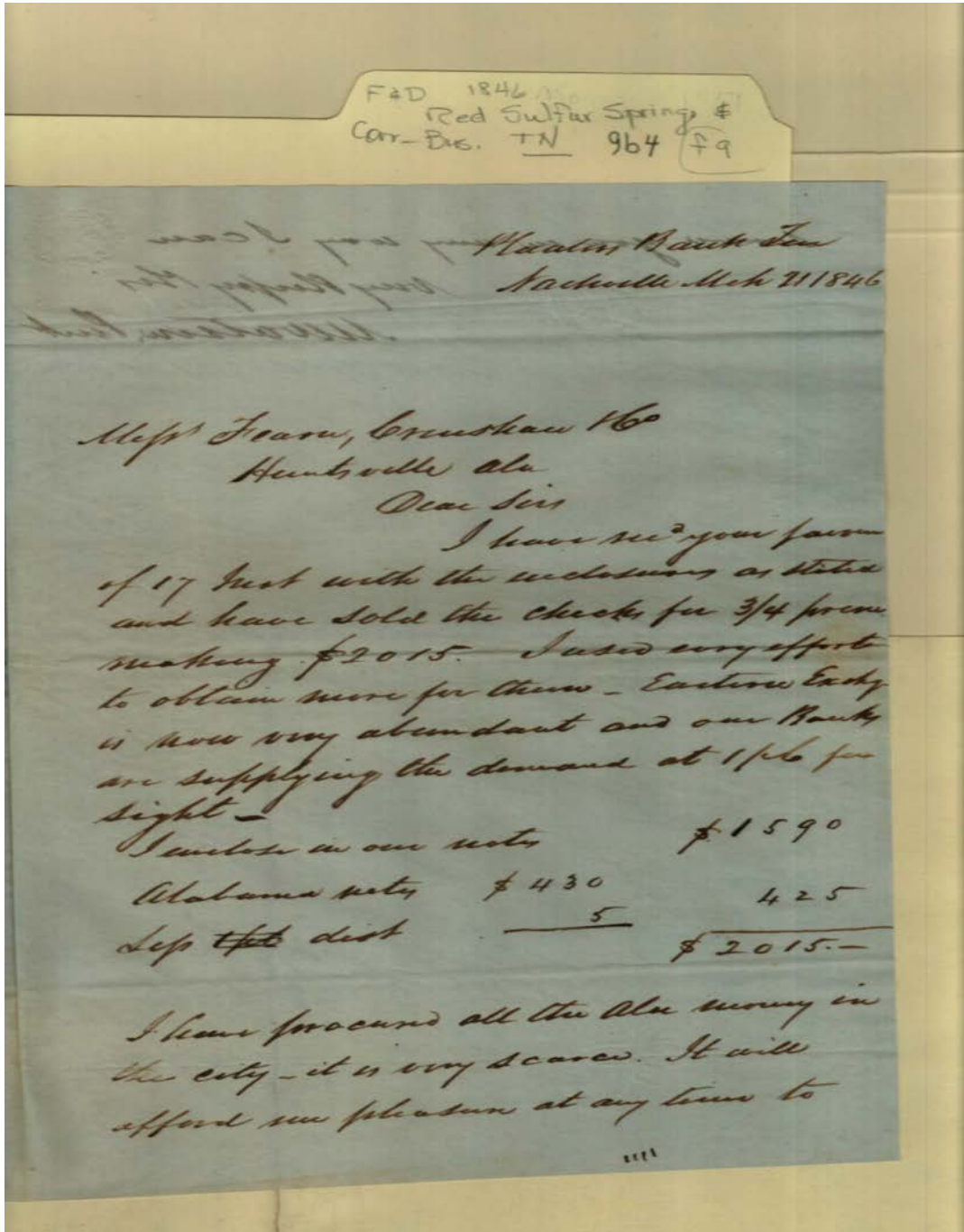
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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Planters Bank Ten.
 money market

Places:

Huntsville, AL

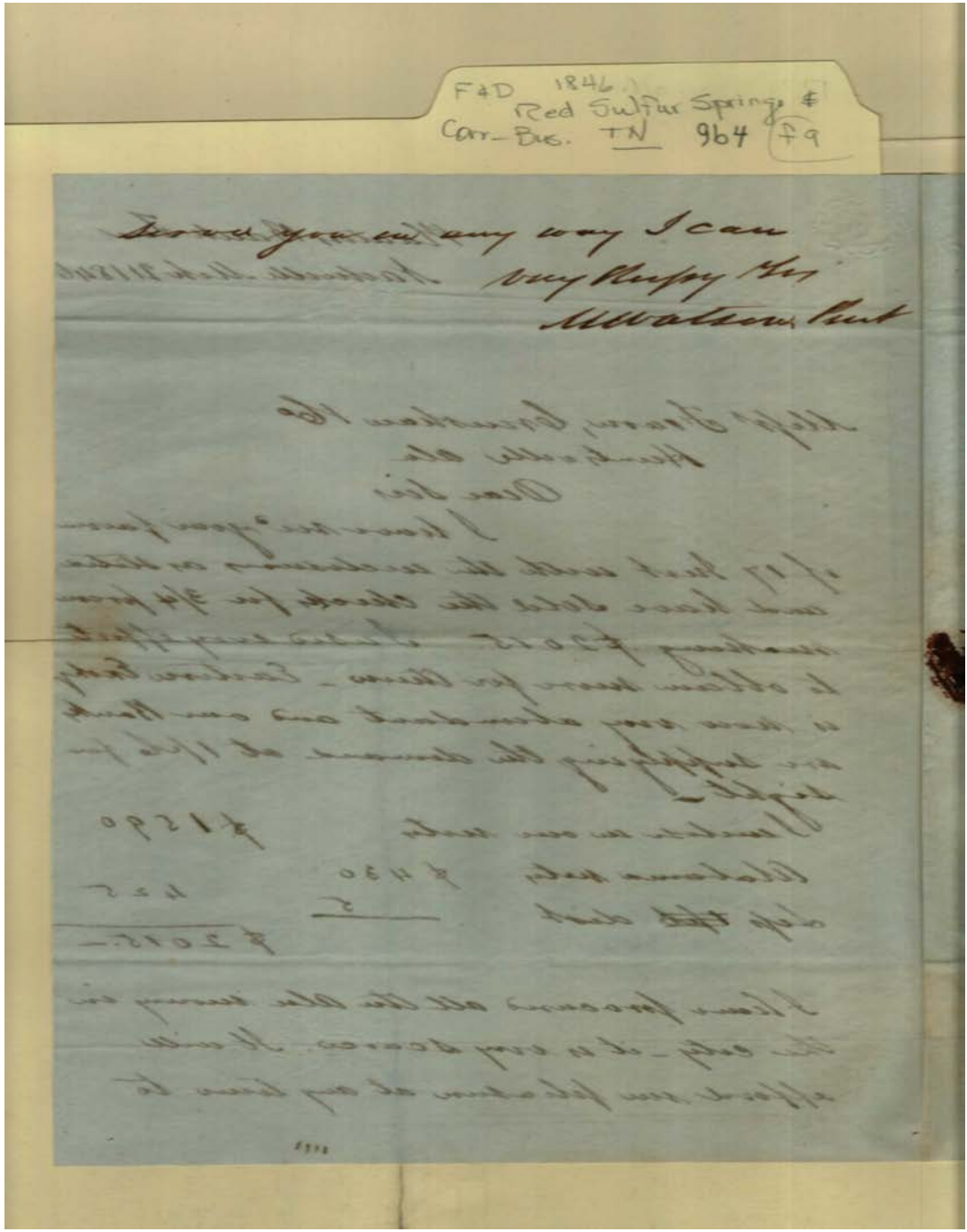
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Watson, M.

Places:

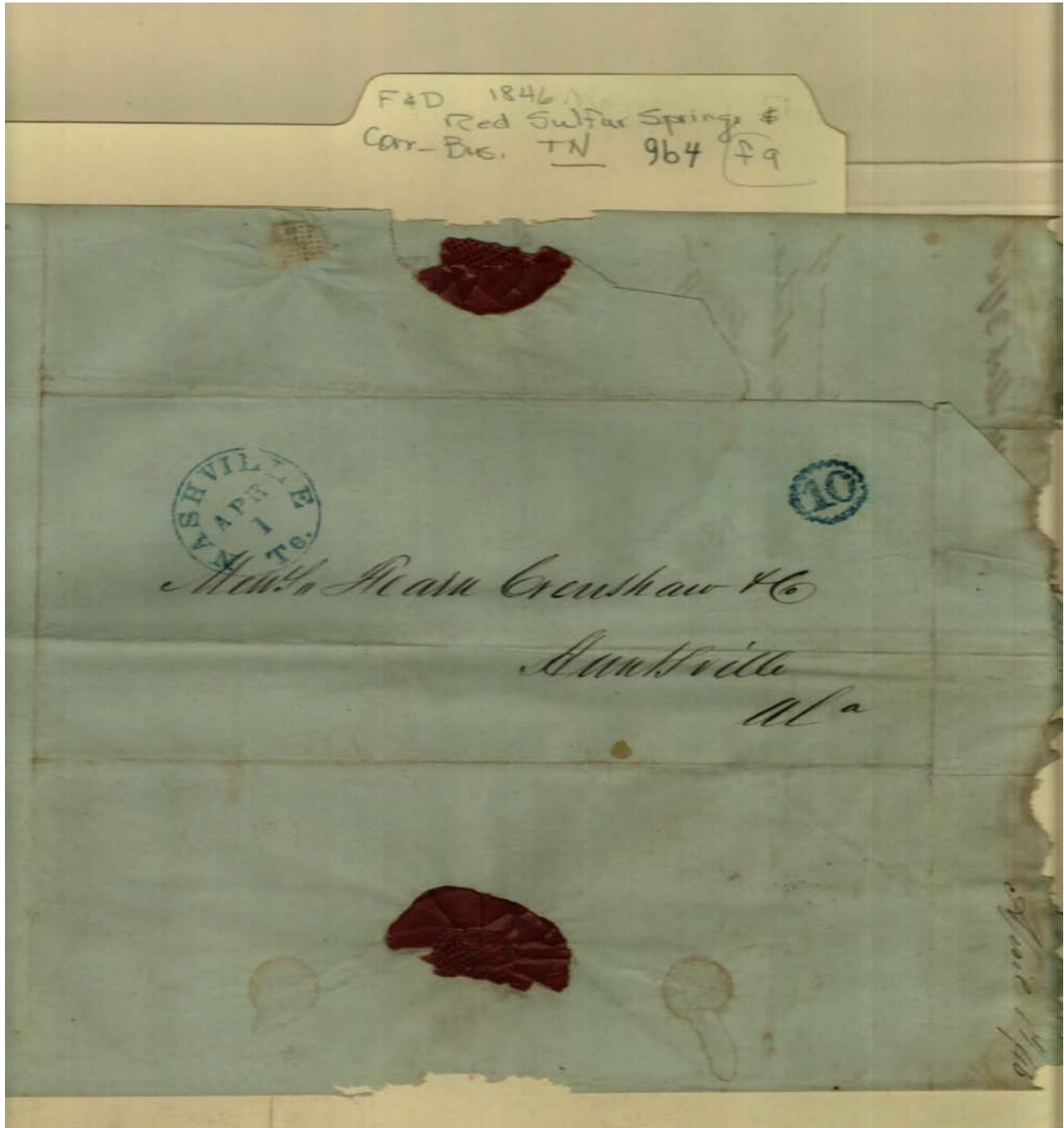
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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

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Mar 31, 1846

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Planters Bank Ten
Nashville Mar 31/46

Miss Fearn, Crenshaw & Co
Dear Sirs

I have your favour of
28 Inst with the enclosures as stated.
I herewith enclose in Bank notes
Eight hundred thirty four dollars \$834 -
which is for Jas Penn Co's Chk \$100 -
Your acceptance 90 ds, \$745.
Lep 90 ds Int at 6 pcent 11.177733.83
\$833.83
We will take your short acceptances
at 6 pcent tho' our established rate and
charge to others is higher -
Very Respy Yrs
M Watson M.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Penn, James
Planters Bank Ten.

Watson, M.

Places:

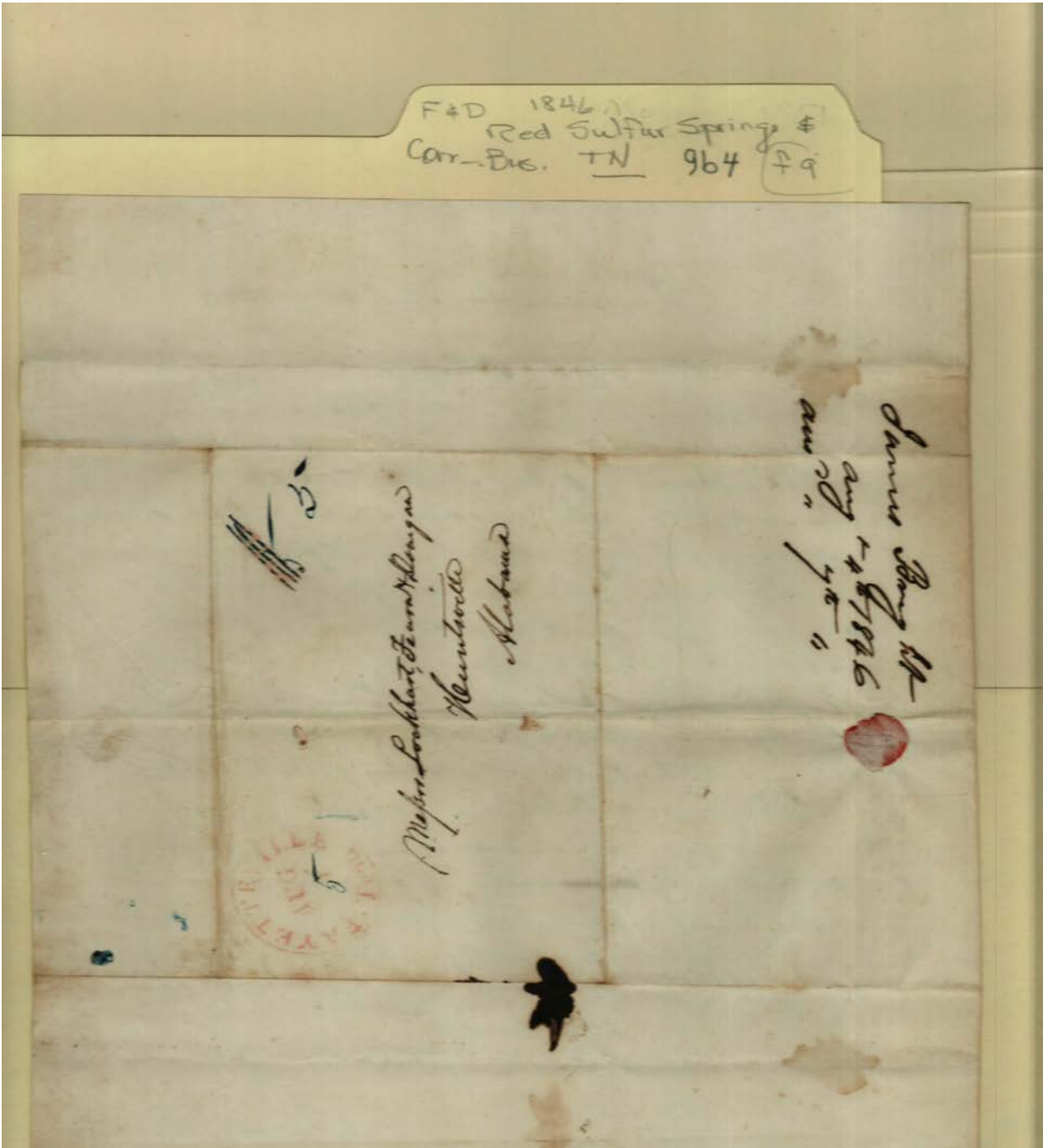
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Names:

Bright, James

Lockhart, Fearn &
Donegan

Places:

Fayetteville, TN

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

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Dates:

Aug 4, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs #
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Fayetteville Tenn Aug 4th 1846.

My dear
Lockhart, Fearn & Donegan

Genl

Not being sufficiently acquainted with a portion of your Mulberry tract of land to put an estimate on its value a few days since I rode up there and examined it and according to my judgment it is worth \$1316 - there is about 52 acres in cuttimbers which I estimated at \$3. per acre the balance 300 acres which is generally well timbered but not fit for cuttimbers I estimated at \$3. per acre - since putting the value on it, I have seen Mr. Grizzard, he seems to think my estimates too high, but says he is willing to pay \$1200 for it one third to be paid 1st January next the other 2/3rd in two years thereafter -

Whether you will be disposed to accend to his proposition is with you to say - the debt will be a good one - Mr. Grizzard can make it empty ~~and~~ done - If you should be disposed to accend to his proposition you can write, read and Lewis has a bond or deed for letter made out for you to sign to the end that the matter may be closed

Very friendly
yours.

Bright

Names:

Bright, James
Grizzard,

Lockhart, Fearn &
Donegan

Places:

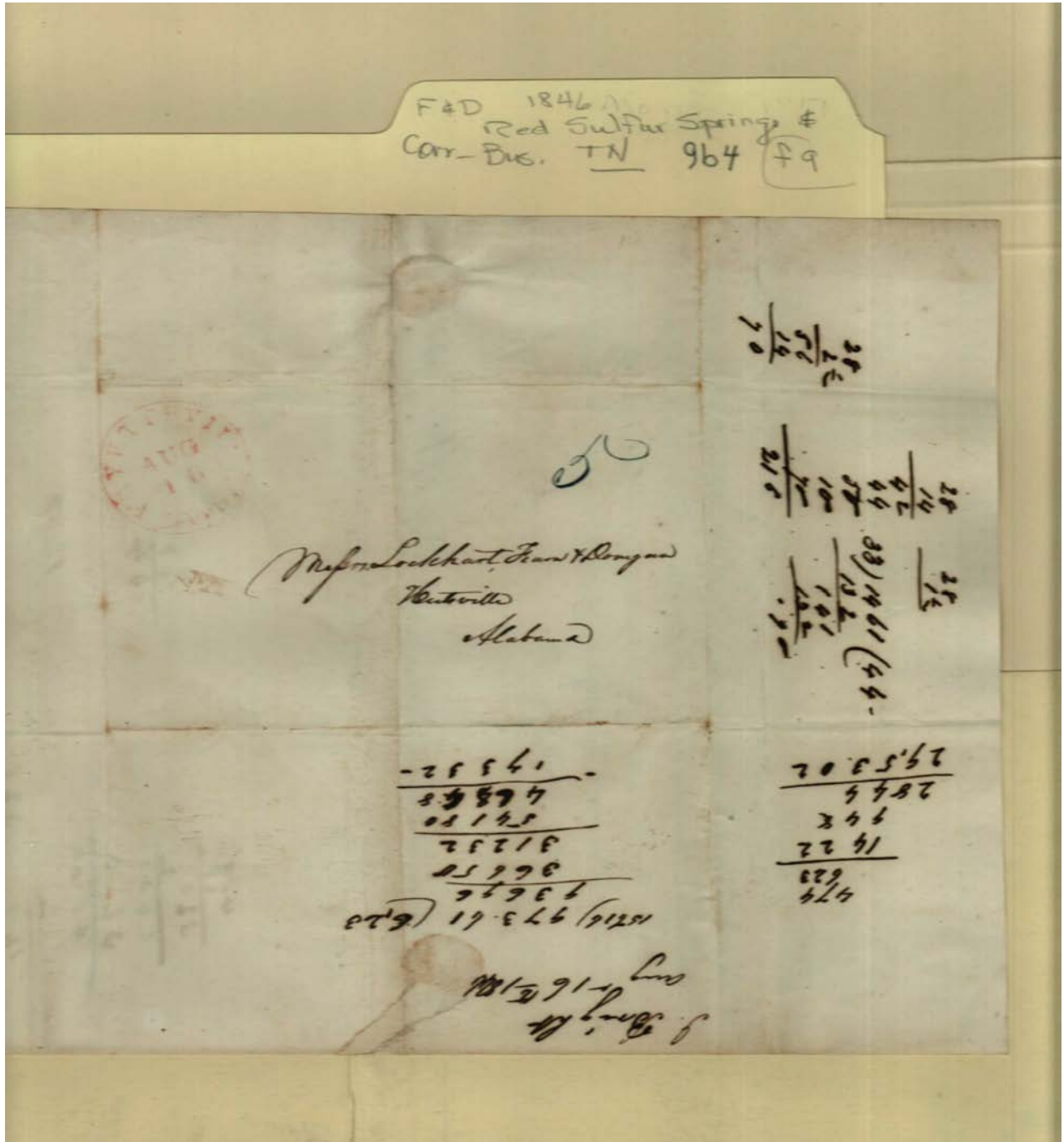
Fayetteville, TN

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Dates:

Aug 4, 1846

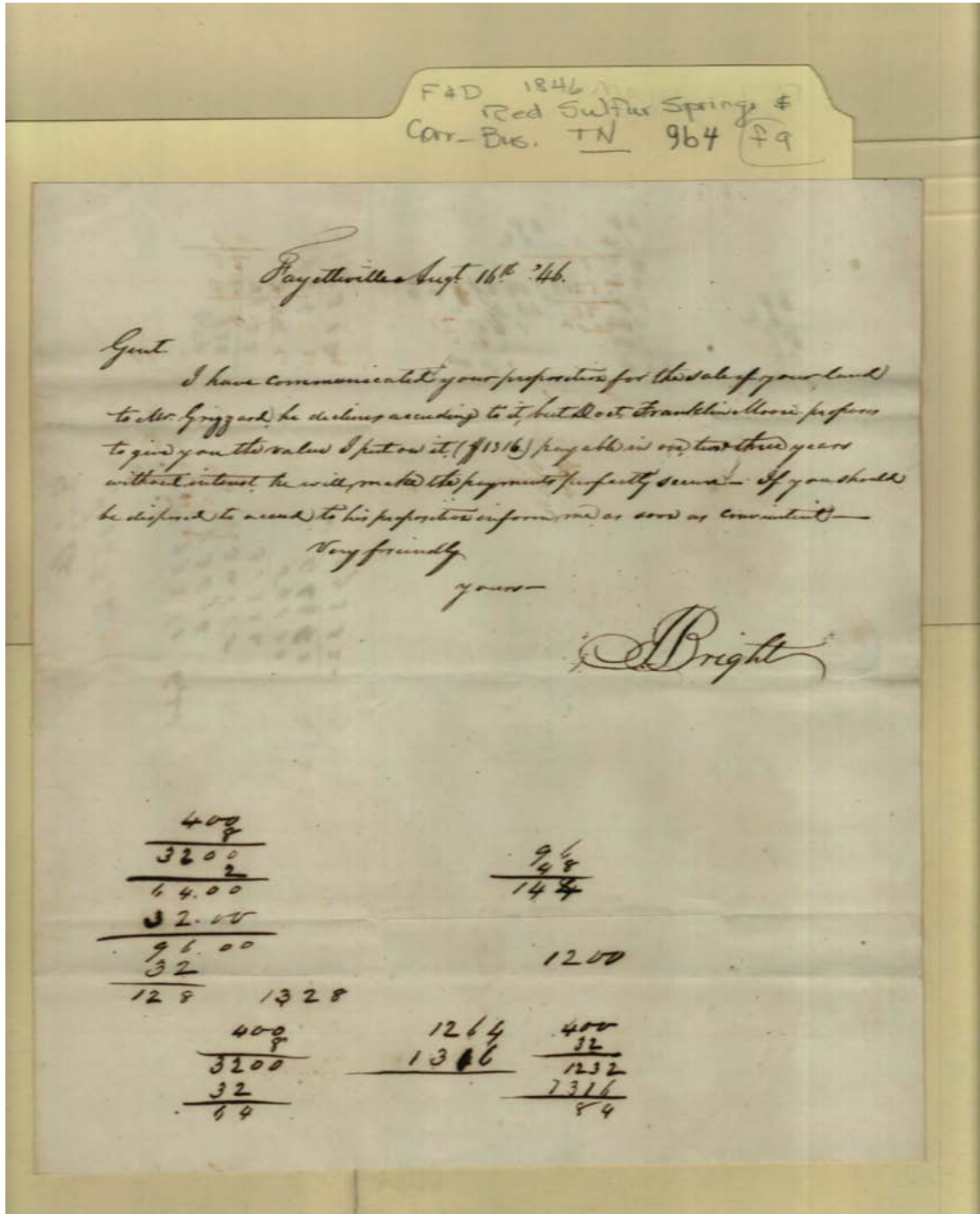


Names:
 Lockhart, Fearn &
 Donegan

Places:
 Huntsville, AL

Types:
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 Aug 16, 1846



Names:

Bright, James

Grizzard,

Moore, Franklin, Dr.

Places:

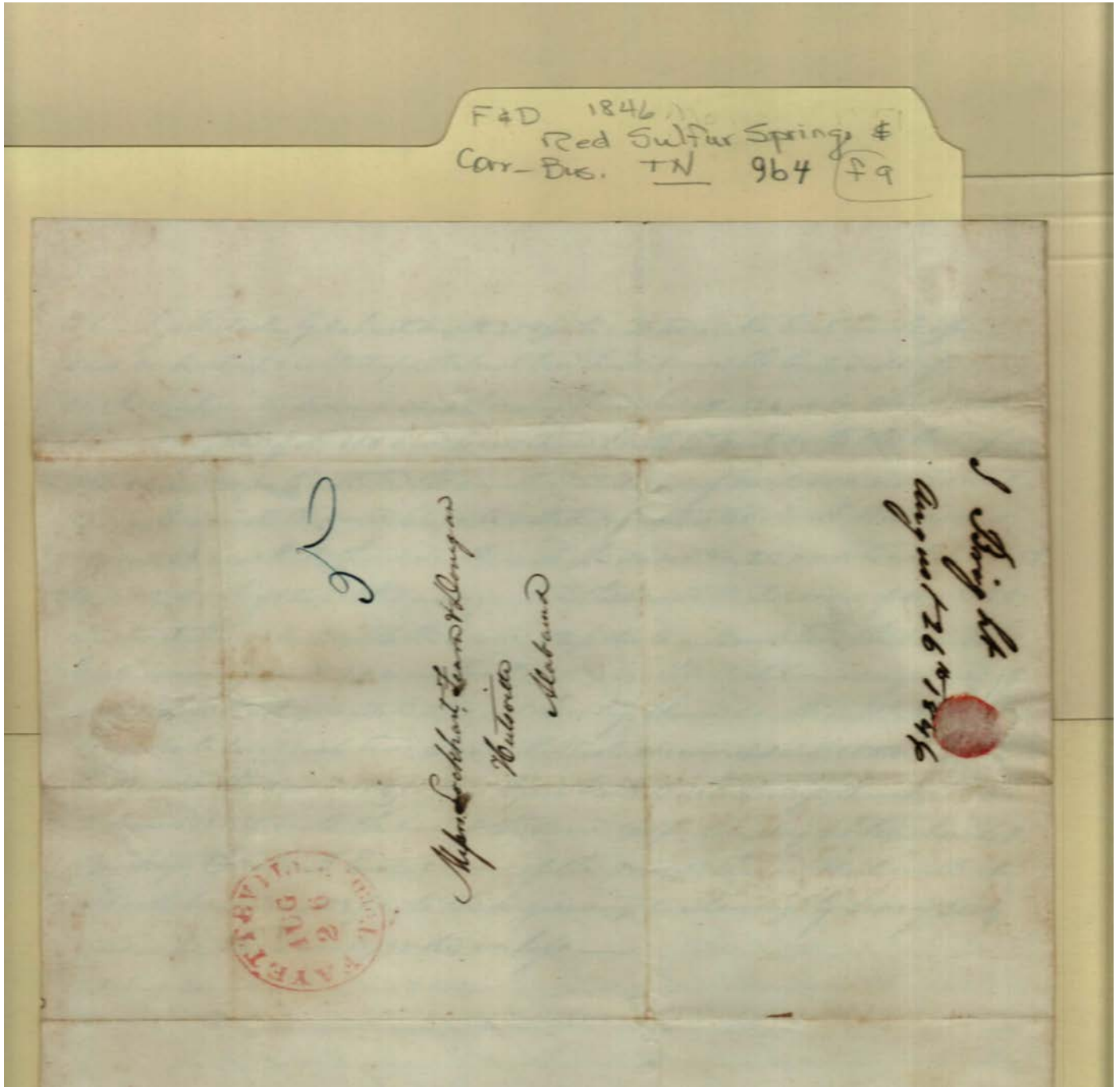
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Bright, James

Lockhart, Fearn &
Donegan

Places:

Fayetteville, TN

Huntsville, AL

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Aug 26, 1846

F&D 1846
 Red Sulphur Springs &
 Carr-Dug. TN 964 79

Fayetteville Tenn Aug 26th '46.

My dear Lockhart, Fearn & Donegan -

Gentlemen

Doct Franklin R. Moore

will take your land at either proposition, that is, at the \$1016.00 or the \$1200 upon the payments you proposed. I have prepared from the records the description and calls of the land which I have copied below in order that you may make out and forward a deed for the land. This you must not hesitate to do as Doct. Moore is amply good and he will give good security, besides the land is a lien on the land debt. You can invest either sum in the deed that you prefer.

Yours respectfully
 Bright

in Smith County State of Tennessee

85 1/4 acs lying on the east side of the east fork of Sulphur Creek beginning at a large hickory tree the south east corner of a 50 and tract granted to James Cooley thence North 5° East with the line of the same 103 pds to a hickory tree marked D. G. the North East corner of said 50 and tract the same course continued 62 pds further to a small hickory tree in the south boundary line of a 20 and tract conveyed by Ramsey to said James Cooley thence North 55° East 5 1/2 pds. to a broken top hickory tree the south East corner of said 20 and tract thence North 5° West with the line of the same 44 pds. to a hickory tree marked R. R. the North East corner of 20 and tract thence due North 57 pds. to a large hickory tree on the top of a ridge thence South 85° West with the North boundary line of a 21 and tract granted to said James Cooley a 100 and tract conveyed

Names:

Bright, James
 Cooley, James

Lockhart, Fearn &
 Donegan

Moore, Franklin R.,
 Dr.

Places:

Fayetteville, TN

Types:

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to him by Malcolm Gilchrist in all 200 p. to a stake on the East bank of
said creek about 2 p. West of a Walnut tree, thence down the East side of
said creek with its meanders & binding thence in all 186 p. to the West
boundary line of s. 100 and thence thence South 41° East with the line of
the same 28 p. to a stake the South West corner of said 100 and thence
thence East with the same 64 p. to a stake & pointers the North West corner
of said 50 and thence thence South with the same 70 p. to 20 and thence granted
to said Cooley 154 p. to a sugar tree the South West corner of said 20
and thence thence East with the same 82 p. to a Buck tree the South
East corner of said 20 and thence in the West boundary line of
a 100 and thence granted to said Cooley, thence South with the same
110 p. to two Buck trees, the South West corner of said 100 and thence
East with the same 106 p. to a Lynn tree & Buck stump, thence North
2 degrees West with the line of the same 166 p. to a sugar tree buck &
Buckeye, the North East corner of the same, thence West with its
North boundary 108 p. to the beginning containing by survey 351 $\frac{3}{4}$
acres be the same, more or less —

Names:

Gilchrist, Malcolm

Places:

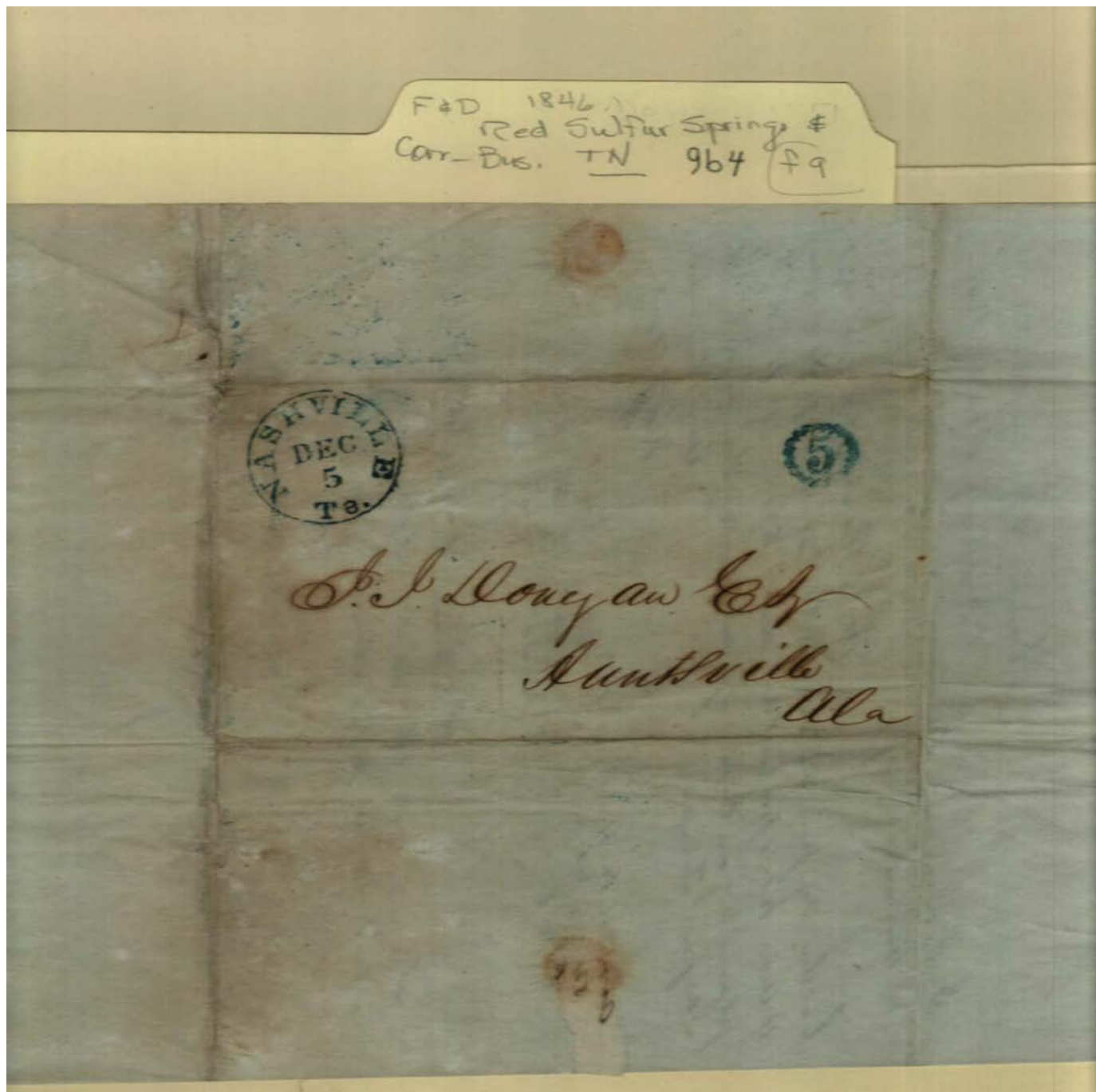
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Dates:

Aug 26, 1846



Names:

Donegan, J. J.

Places:

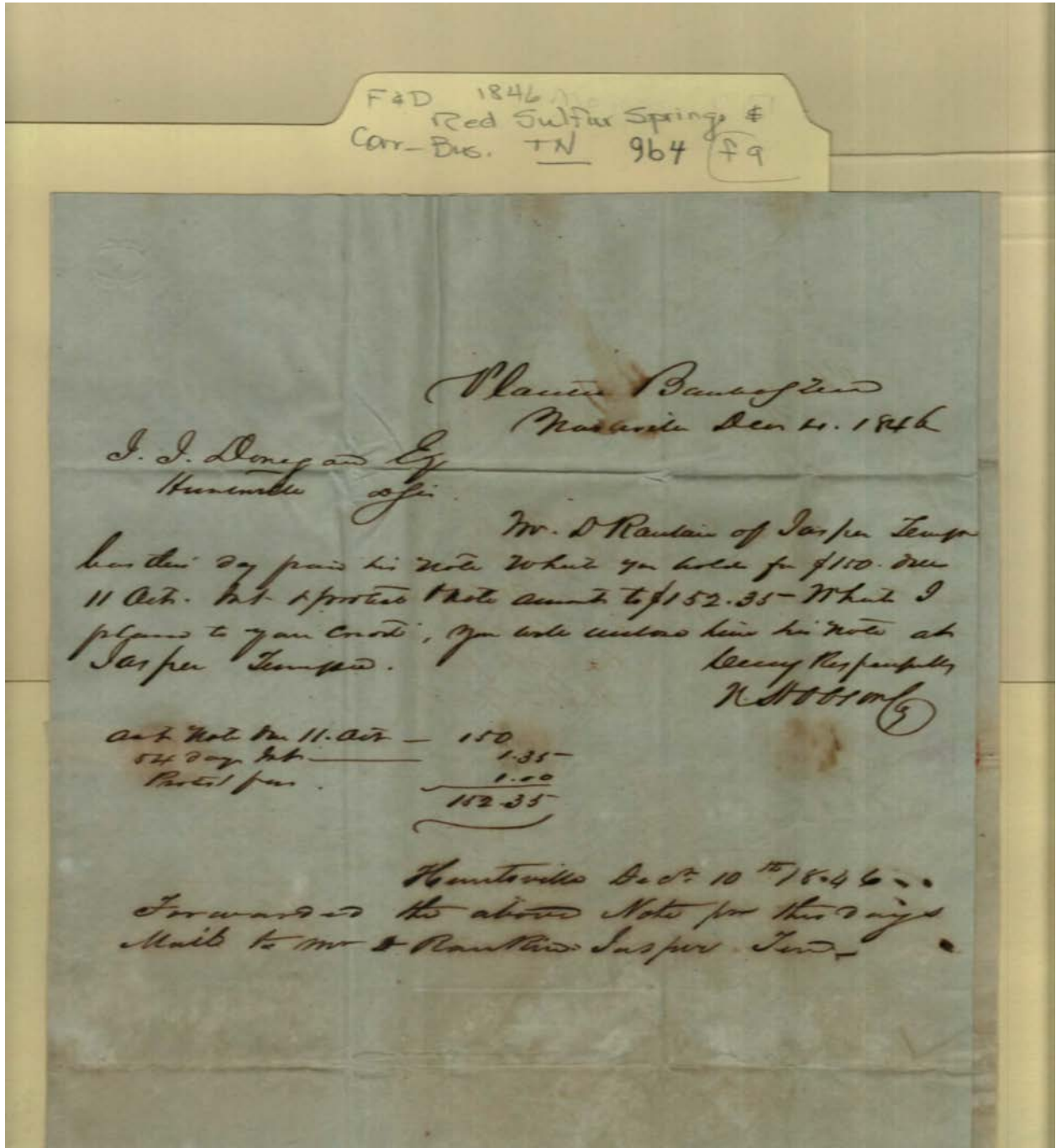
Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

Dec 20, 1846



of Jasper, TN

Names:

Donegan, J. J.

Hobson, N.

Planters Bank Ten.

Rankin, D.

Places:

Nashville, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Dec 20, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Morgan, Gardner &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Nashville, TN

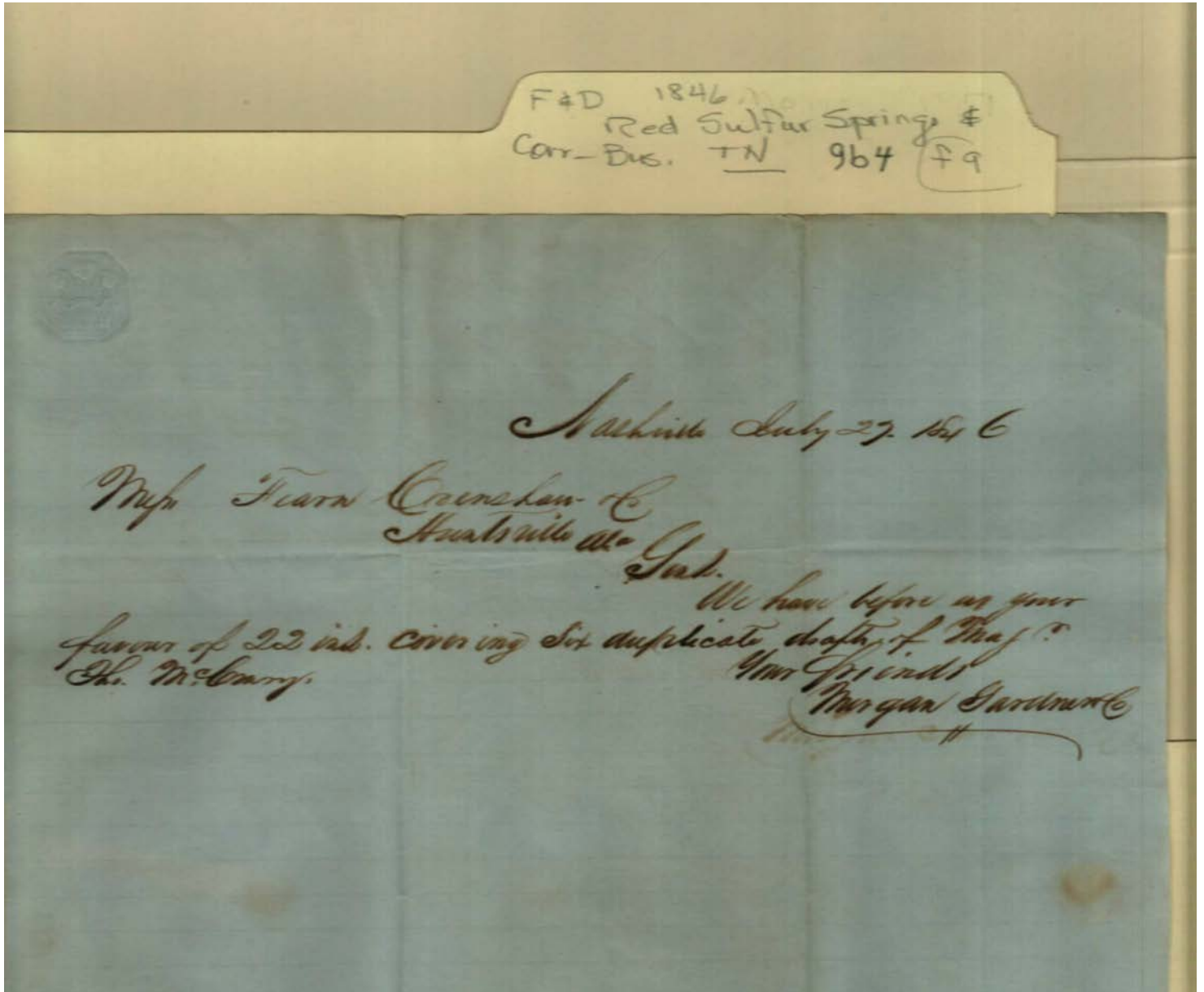
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Dates:

July 27, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

McCrary, Thomas H.

Morgan, Gardner &
Co.

Places:

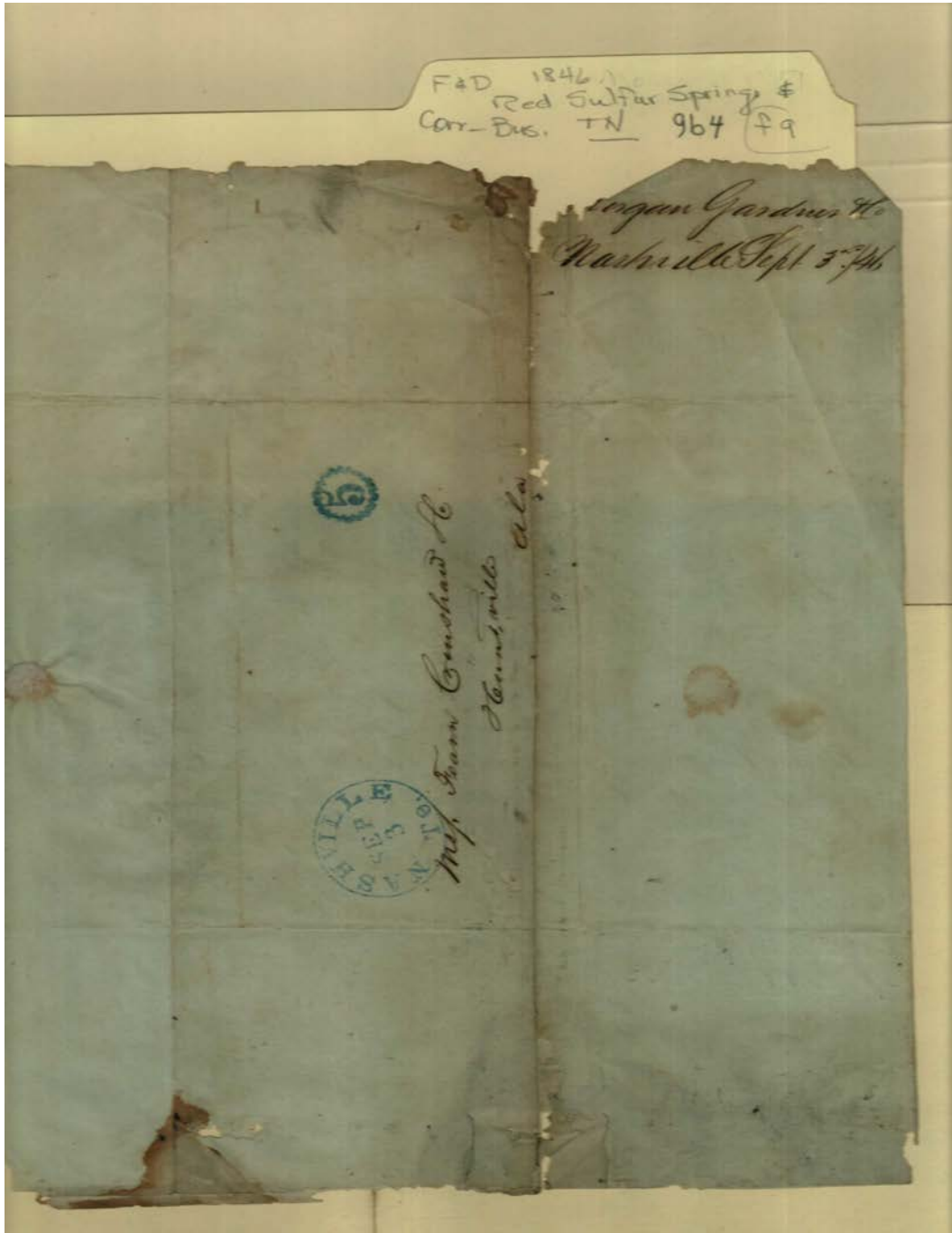
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Dates:

July 27, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Morgan, Gardner &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Nashville, TN

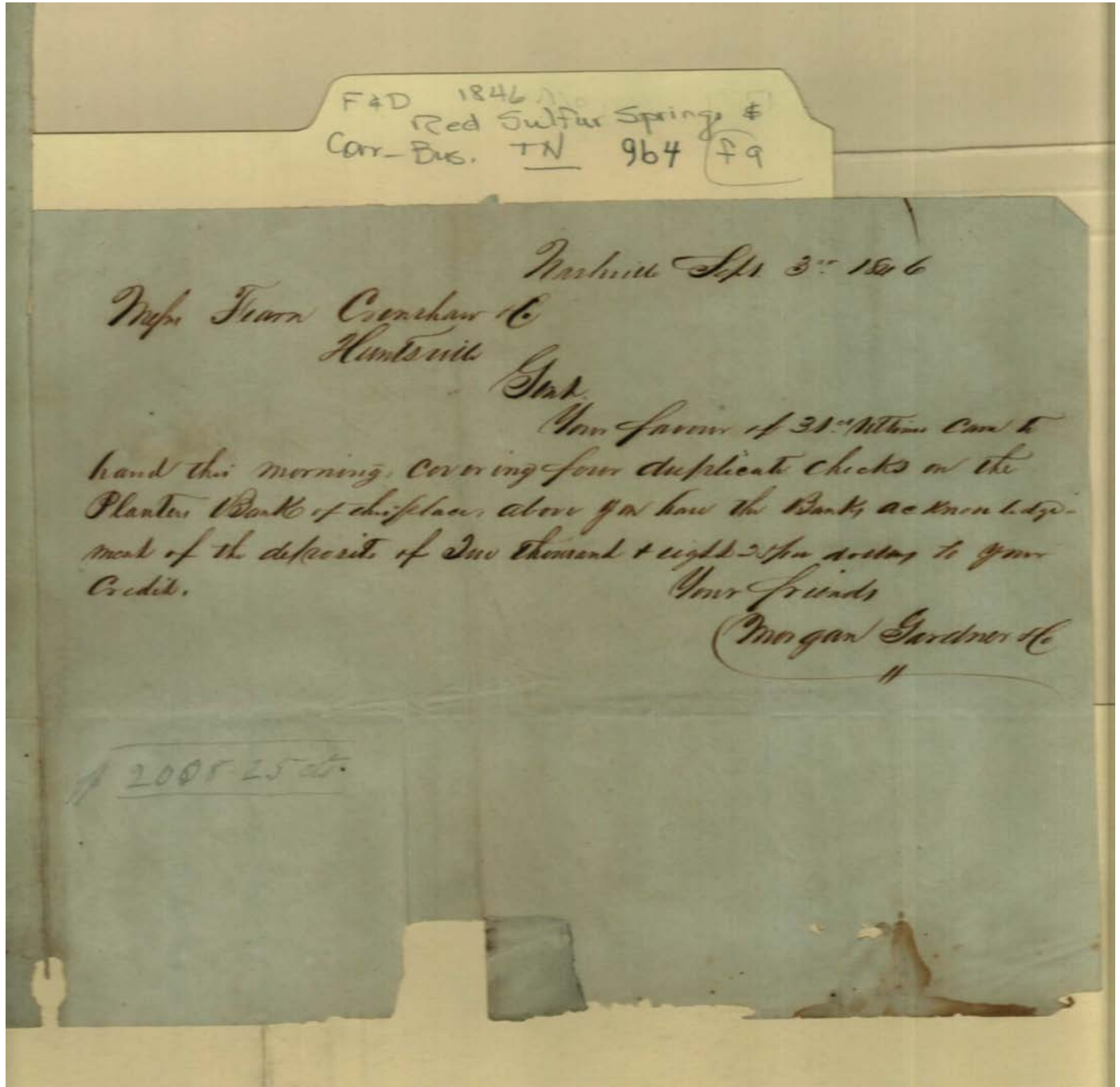
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Dates:

Sept 3, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Morgan, Gardner &
Co.

Places:

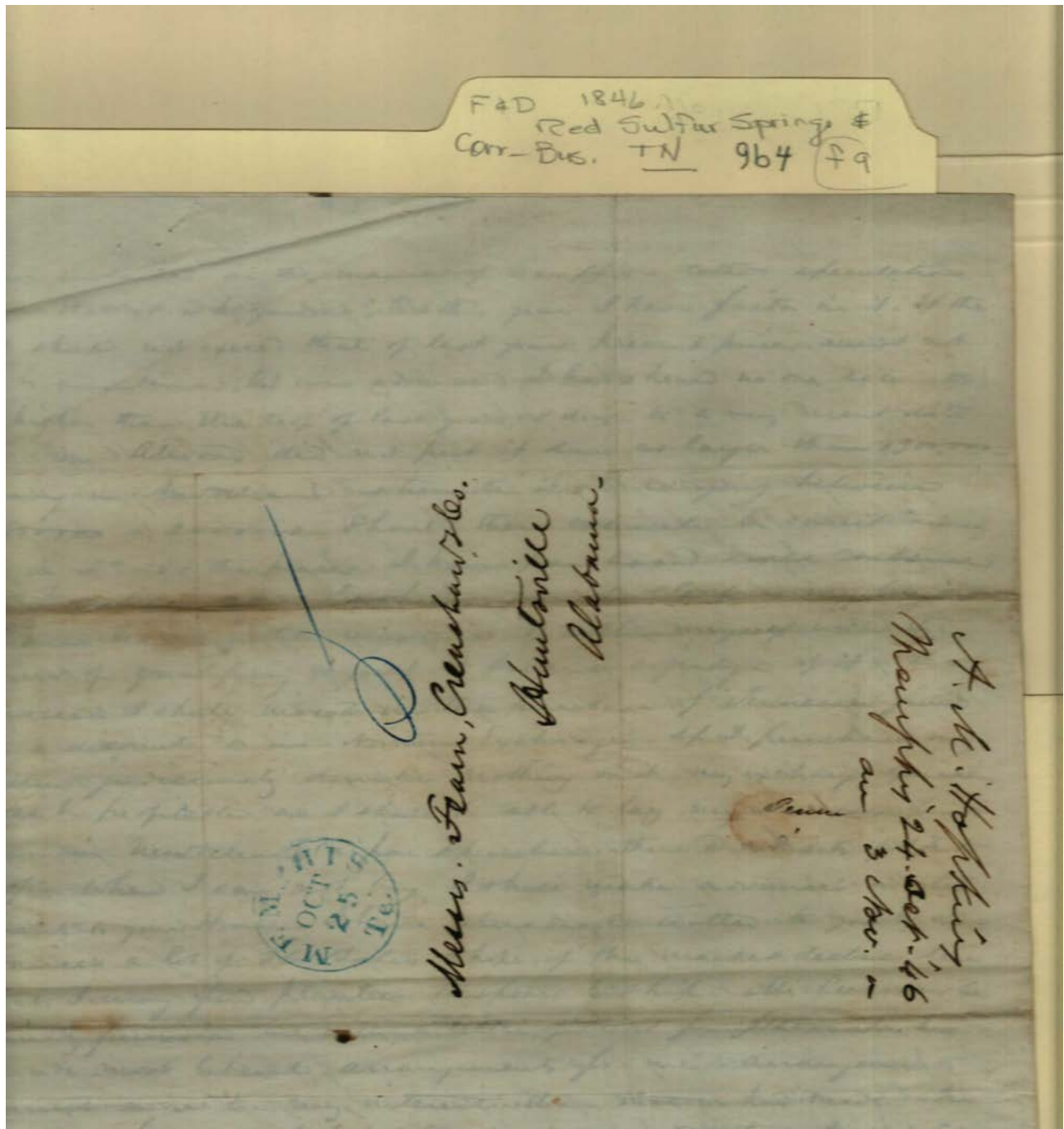
Nashville, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Sept 3, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Hopkins, A. M.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Memphis, TN

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Oct 24, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs &
Car. Dis. TN 964 79

Delivered to the - self - of amount of amount of the collection and to
to be in that way to my self Memphis October 24th 1846
Messrs. Crenshaw, Crenshaw & Co. of 20th Corps and made good
not at all and Houston also was not. Crenshaw & Co.
in answer you & I with. Gentlemen, you will not expect to
I will report on what to find. I received on the 22nd you
from the 19th. I hope the Crenshaw advised you on the 19th. Not
that he & I had arranged the arrangement which we had previously
made by which I was to advance on shipment of cotton to you here
in Knoxville & deal in exchange, in the commission of people of
which we were to participate equally. After fully acquainting my
self with the market & the policy of business here, I became
satisfied before the return of Mr. Crenshaw from the country, that
the business I had to have as our joint account would not justify the
use of so large a capital as that we proposed using in our operations. The
prices here are so falling that fully million bushels of the
planters ~~have~~ sold here so far since the opening of the season.
Most of the operators here are furnished with letters of credit
from houses in New Orleans, & the banks ready discount their paper
to the day's date & are assured by some of my friends here on my
arrival that the banks would soon discount such notes in
note discounts, but as yet they have not. Those purchasers who
have no letters of credit are sure of small amounts & have a
still smaller stock of prudent judgment is responsible
& reckless. The best margin they can give is two dollars per bale
to have advanced & done a large business on such a margin
was infinitely more of a risk than had I gone into the
market as a buyer for we visited all without the prospect of
profit. The market however did not present a more favora-
ble prospect & after due deliberation Mr. Crenshaw thought
it best to ~~decide~~ and all was of all ~~ended~~
and despite the prudent warnings of your Dr. Crenshaw

Names:

Crenshaw,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Fearn, Dr.

Places:

Memphis, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Oct 24, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs #
Carr-Bus. TN 964 99

I have embarked in the mania of Memphis - Cotton speculation -
I know that it is hazardous, but this year I have faith in it. If the
crop should not exceed that of last year present prices need not
only be maintained, but were advanced. I have heard no one estimate
it higher than the crop of last year; I date to a very recent date
your Mr. Atwood did not put it down as larger than 1,900,000
bunches in his estimate. I estimate it all ranging between
1,800,000 & 2,000,000. I should think their estimate in correct timing
is in it. At the prices I have purchased will continue
to purchase at. I shall purchase more. My clerk is my buyer &
I am leaving the negotiation of cotton myself with the
view of qualifying myself to become a judge of it. The
process I shall invest in the purchase of Tennessee funds
at a discount in the Northern Exchange. If I purchase my
cotton judiciously & make nothing on it, my exchange operation
will be profitable as I shall be able to lay my Tennessee funds
down in New Orleans & for purchase there at a discount of 1/2% to
1%. When I can not buy I shall make advances to ship
meat to your House. I have already contracted to you by ad-
vances a lot of 36 Bales of lard if the market declines here
that I may find planters disposed to ship. Mr. Crenshaw has
kindly furnished me with a letter of credit for \$1000. He has
made most liberal arrangements for me & arrangements
must sure to pay interest when that we had made. He
returns for such liberality not assured that I will con-
tinue my efforts to advance the interests of your House.
Cotton has declined fully 1/2% in this market in the
last week. About fair to good fair can be purchased to day
@ 10 to 11 1/2%. We are on the top too of speculation for
the news for California. Mr. Crenshaw has today
to remove. Do you wish Ala. funds & at what rate?
Very Truly
A. M. Hopkins

Names:

Atwood,

Crenshaw,

Hopkins, A. M.

Places:

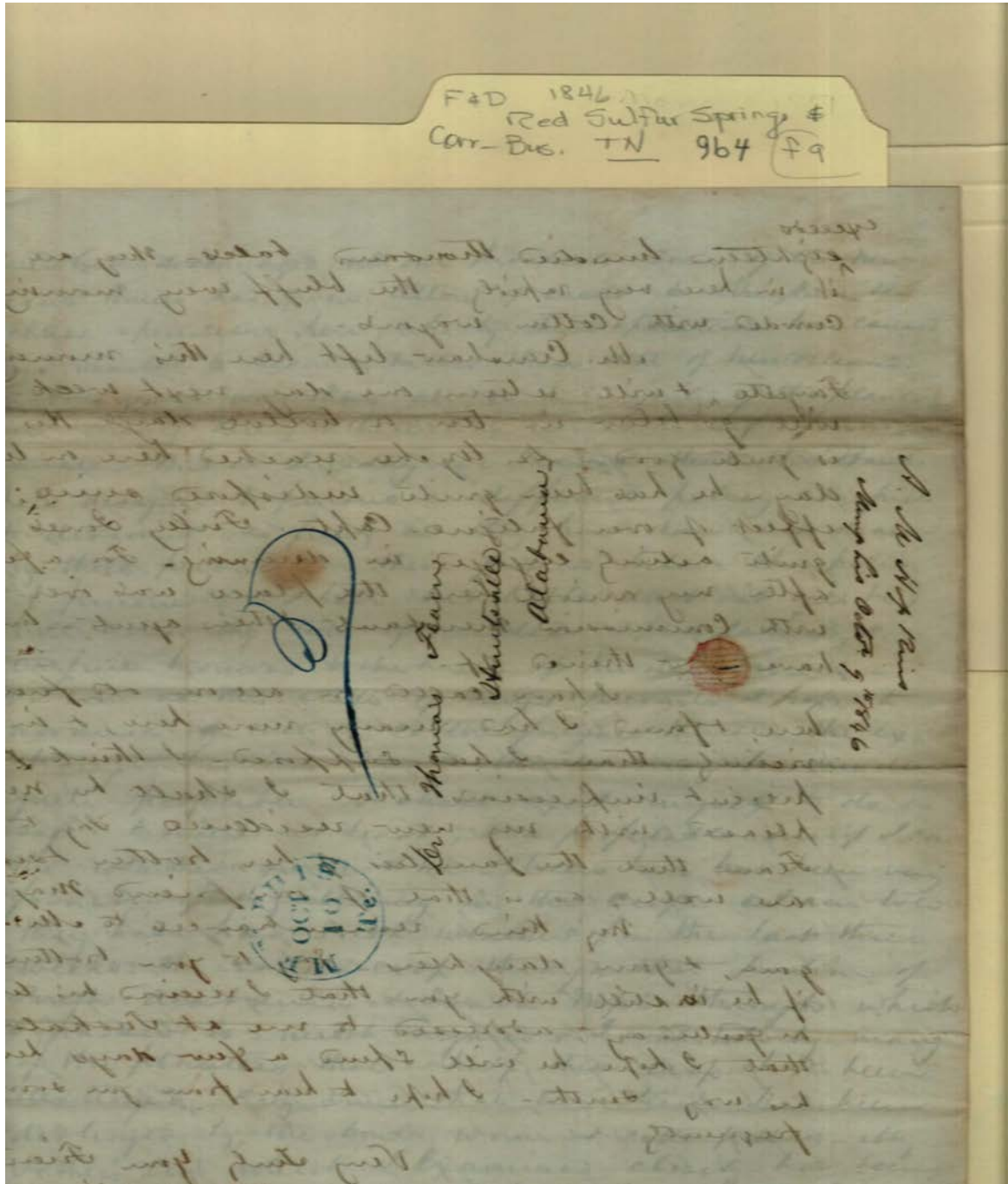
Memphis, TN

Types:

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Dates:

Oct 24, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

Hopkins, A. M.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Memphis, TN

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Oct 9, 1846

F&D 1846
 Red Sulphur Springs #
 Carr-Big. TN 964 F9

at all I understand in Memphis, October 9th 1846.
 Dear Thomas Fearn, I would wish to see you
 at Red Sulphur Springs, and understand within
 a week or two, I might be able to see you with
 all the business I have to transact, your favor of the
 20th inst. in consequence I arrived here on Sunday the 4th
 and spent some of my time yesterday I have sent you a copy
 of the report of the Trustees of the Bank - through the kindness
 of my friend Major Fearn I have obtained a copy of the
 report of the Trustees of the Bank, and the business portion of the
 report. It is a close prospect of the Bank, for which
 Major Fearn is a partner, and I have a deposit
 of \$1000, which I desire to see the aid of my friend in
 an emergency. I am sorry to hear that the location
 of a road through the hills is a few weeks too late, shall
 have the pleasure of seeing you at some time
 or other. I appreciate the good advice contained
 in your letter, and shall be governed by it. I shall con-
 sider myself strictly to deal in the exchange of ad-
 vances in cotton. My principal object in cotton I should
 like to be able to make a good deal of for myself
 alone, and I wish to be able to do so in a few
 weeks rather than to see it sold at a low price. I am
 now making the effort to secure a clerk who can write
 the accounts of a good account with all good judg-
 ment of cotton, for the better price of cotton than
 I might do a hazardous business, and certainly
 by not having a sufficient margin. I hope to see
 you in a few days, and a clerk who has the Crenshaw
 name, who has been highly recommended to him
 as containing the excellencies, I have mentioned -
 I am yours truly
 J. Fearn

Names:

Crenshaw, Penn, Major

Places:

Memphis, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Oct 9, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs &
Carr-Bus. TN 964 79

Somewhat damaged, at our prospects. Some of the New Orleans House has given letters of credit to unscrupulously reckless speculators here, who by their operations had caused this market to become better than that of New Orleans. The consequence was that all, or a majority, of the planters were selling here, & there were no more left for the market. But on Tuesday we learned that the Banks had decided to pursue a different policy, & refuse to discount so freely as they had done, & had drawn by their persons or their friends below this policy of pressure & I had but little doubt it will be) will arrest the tide of reckless speculation, & confine business to the hands of prudent men - so soon as this state of things prevails I hope to advise to central cotton for your houses the exchange houses Mr. C. thinks may be made quite profitable - I shall expect myself to do on safe grounds at least, & a profitable one if I can. The weather since I have been here has been very favorable for gathering in the crop & I am told they have had such weather for the last three weeks. The cotton crop through that portion of South Alabama & South Miss. through which I passed is much injured & is well told by many of the planters that half their crop had been destroyed, & by some that two thirds had been destroyed by the boll worm & caterpillars. My Father's crop which I examined closely has been half destroyed. Since I have been here I have heard larger estimates of the size of the crop - some say it will attain the size of the last year's, but I shall be greatly surprised if it

Names:

cotton market in
Memphis

Places:

Memphis, TN

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Red Sulphur Springs #
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exceeds
eighteen hundred thousand bales. They are bringing
it in here very rapidly - the bluff every morning is
crowded with cotton wagons -
Mr. Crenshaw left here this morning for
Fayette, & will return one day next week - He
will go below in ten or twelve days - His health
is quite good - Dr. Wyche reached here on Wednesday
day - he has been quite indisposed since; the
effect of over-fatigue. Captain Friley Jones is here,
quite actively engaged in drumming. For a few days
after my arrival here the place was over-run
with Commission Merchants & their agents - but they
have now thinned off -
I have called on all my old friends
here, & found I had many more here, & in the
vicinity than I had supposed - I think from
present impressions that I shall be much
pleased with my new residence - Say to Mrs.
Fearn that the families of her brother & sister
are well, as is that of our friend Major Penn -
My kind remembrances to Mr. Lane -
you, & your daughters - Say to your brother Geo.
if he is still with you that I received his letter
on yesterday, addressed to me at Tuscaloosa, &
that I hope he will spend a few days here on
his way south - I hope to hear from you soon &
frequently -
Very truly your friend
A. M. Hopkins
P.S. the agreement enclosed by your letter to Mr. C. has been
read & signed by me -

Names:

Crenshaw,
Donegan,

Fearn, George
Fearn, Mrs.

Hopkins, A. M.
Jones, Friley

Penn, Major
Wyche, Dr.

Places:

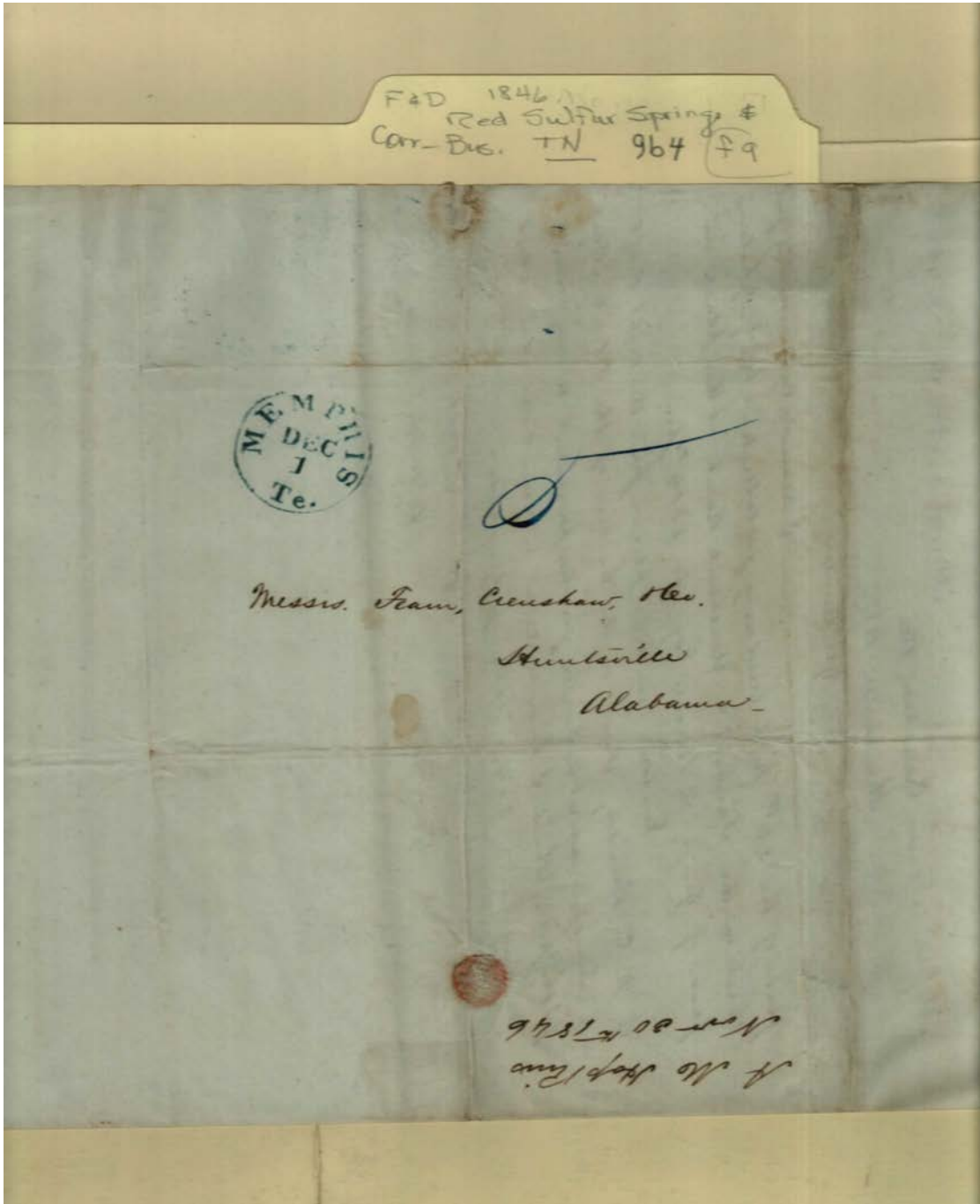
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Dates:

Oct 9, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Hopkins, A. M.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Memphis, TN

Types:

letter

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Dates:

Nov 30, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs #
Cor. Bus. TN 964 79

Memphis, Nov. 30th. 1846

Messrs. Fearn, Crenshaw, & Co.
Muntville Ala.
Gentlemen,

I received this morning your favor of the 26th Inst. enclosing for collection W. G. Gholson's check on the Farmers & Merchants Bank at this place in favor of George P. Beirne Esq. for \$314⁷⁵/₁₀₀.

Enclosed you will please find the sight draft of R. C. Brinkley Pres. on the Cashier of the Planters Bank of Tennessee at Nashville for the payment to my order of \$314⁷⁵/₁₀₀. which I have endorsed to your order - said check is numbered 204, + dated of this date -

Yrs very truly,
A. M. Hopkins

Names:

Beirne, George P.
Brinkley, R. C.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Hopkins, A. M.

Places:

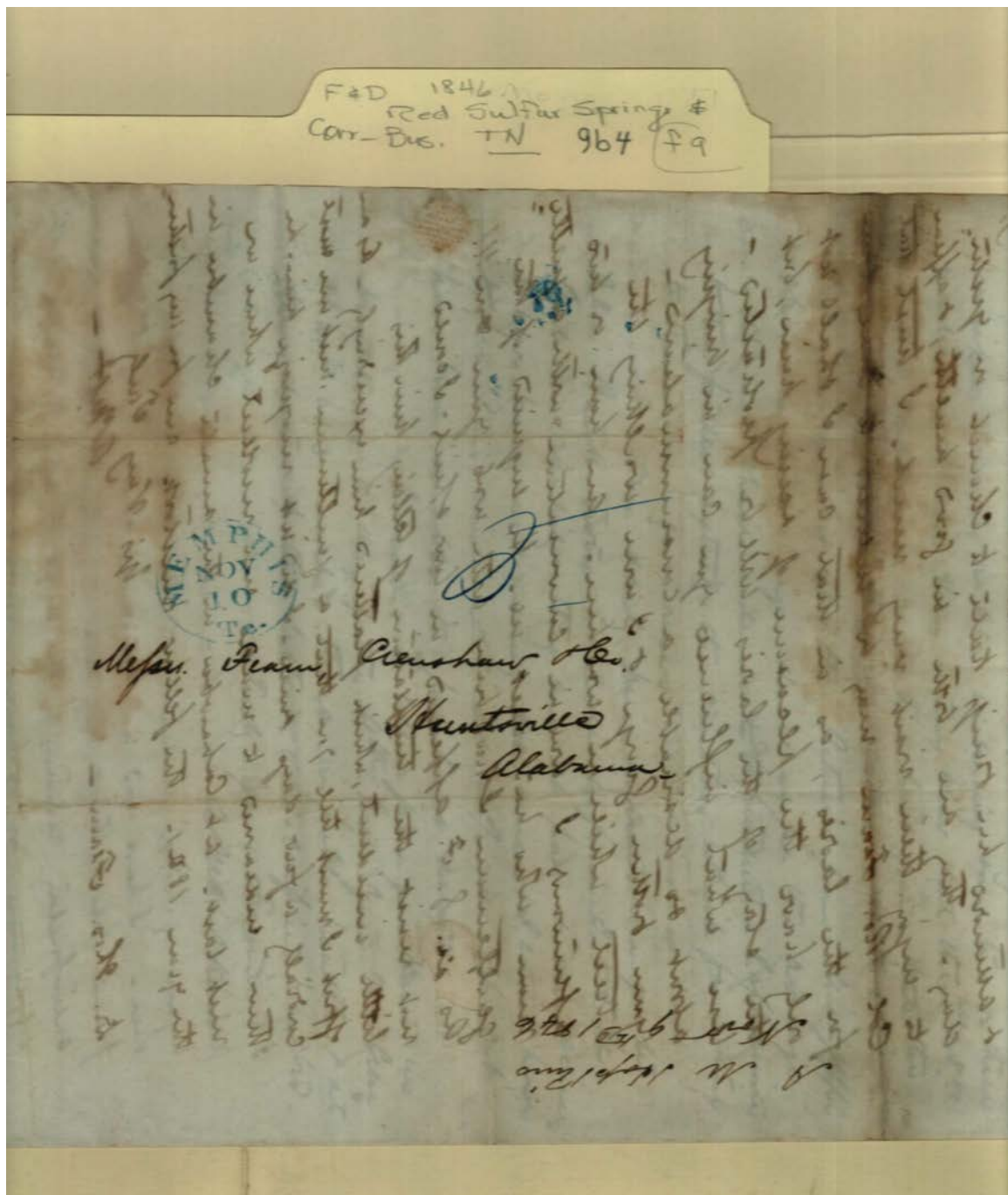
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Dates:

Nov 30, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Hopkins, A. M.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Memphis, TN

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Nov 9, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs #
Cov. Dis. TN 964 Pg

Memphis, Nov. 9th 1846

Messrs. Fearn, Crenshaw, & Co.
Huntsville Ala.

Further

I am in receipt of your favor of the 3rd inst. A reviewed here of five weeks has not confirmed the opinion I formed after I had been here one week, that I could not have employed even a small less capital profitably in the business which first induced me to settle here than the one we proposed operating upon. I have only advanced on St. Louis cotton & that advanced predicated upon a margin of only \$2.00 per bale. When prices rose here $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ the planters store us profusely to making shipments - all the cotton, or at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of what has gone forward from this point has been shipped by second & 3rd class instances third hands. Had I not embarked in the enterprise when I did I should have lost a months time. I think equally with you, that it would be hazardous to purchase & hold up. I confine my purchases to the higher grades, endeavor to buy close, & ship at once. I have had no accounts since yet, though my friends below think they will be able to render me satisfactory returns - the next I hope to make is the difference in exchange between this place & New Orleans; & to extend my acquaintance among the planters & the men of business here.

I can not believe the crop as large as you estimate it. I have seen recently ~~estimated~~ ^{estimated} from

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Memphis, TN

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correspondence

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Nov 9, 1846

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Red Sulphur Springs #
Car. Div. TN 964 49

the Montgomery Journal a recapitulation of answers
returned the Editor from Planters residing in 20 of the
Principal Counties in Ala. embracing some two or three
Counties in N. Ala. These returns show that there ^{are} 2,500
acres in cultivation more than last year - that the
average yield per acre in 1845 was 744 lbs while
this year it is but 464 lbs. Returns from Mississippi
show a still larger decrease in the average
yield. I shall endeavor to be prudent. I appreciate
to the fullest extent the caution which you wish
to have you give me. I shall have no
trouble daily price current here quotes
Ala. Bank notes at a discount from 3 to 5% -
But in reality they are not paid & very scarce
I have been endeavoring ever since I came here
to purchase such notes at 2% discount but
have been unable to purchase any. I
received a letter from your House in
Montgomery to day of the 4th inst. Your Uncle
John has reached there in better health & at
the date of the letter was confined to his bed.
Truly Your Friend
A. M. Hopkins

Names:
Hopkins, A. M.

Places:
Memphis, TN

Types:
correspondence

Dates:
Nov 9, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs #
Corr-Bus. TN 964 \$9

My dear Sir,
I saw Mrs. Ro. Fearn this morning,
& attended her Miss Kate to Church on yesterday.
They are both in good health, & appear
to enjoy their visit very much. I trust that
Col. Ro. Fearn may be induced to come down
for the ladies, as in that case I shall not
only have the pleasure of seeing him, but
the stay of the ladies will be protracted -
less what influence you can in bringing
about so desirable a consummation -
Your brother George & I were walking the
street while he was here. An hour or two
afterwards I had in conversation with a gentleman
who had just met us. He enquired if the
gentleman should be with you your son!!
As G. F. appeared in low spirits - I could
not resist the temptation of telling him this
little incident, which flattered him exceedingly - As an
apart I must tell you that a gentleman met me most
cordially a few days since - I did not recognize him - he
then endeavored to make me recollect where we
met last - at Cabaniss in the small chamber in
the year 1821 - the fellow mistook me for my father
Yrs Very Truly
A. M. H.

Dr. Tho. Fearn -

Names:

Fearn, George
Fearn, Kate, Miss

Fearn, Robert, Mrs.
Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

Hopkins, A. M.

Places:

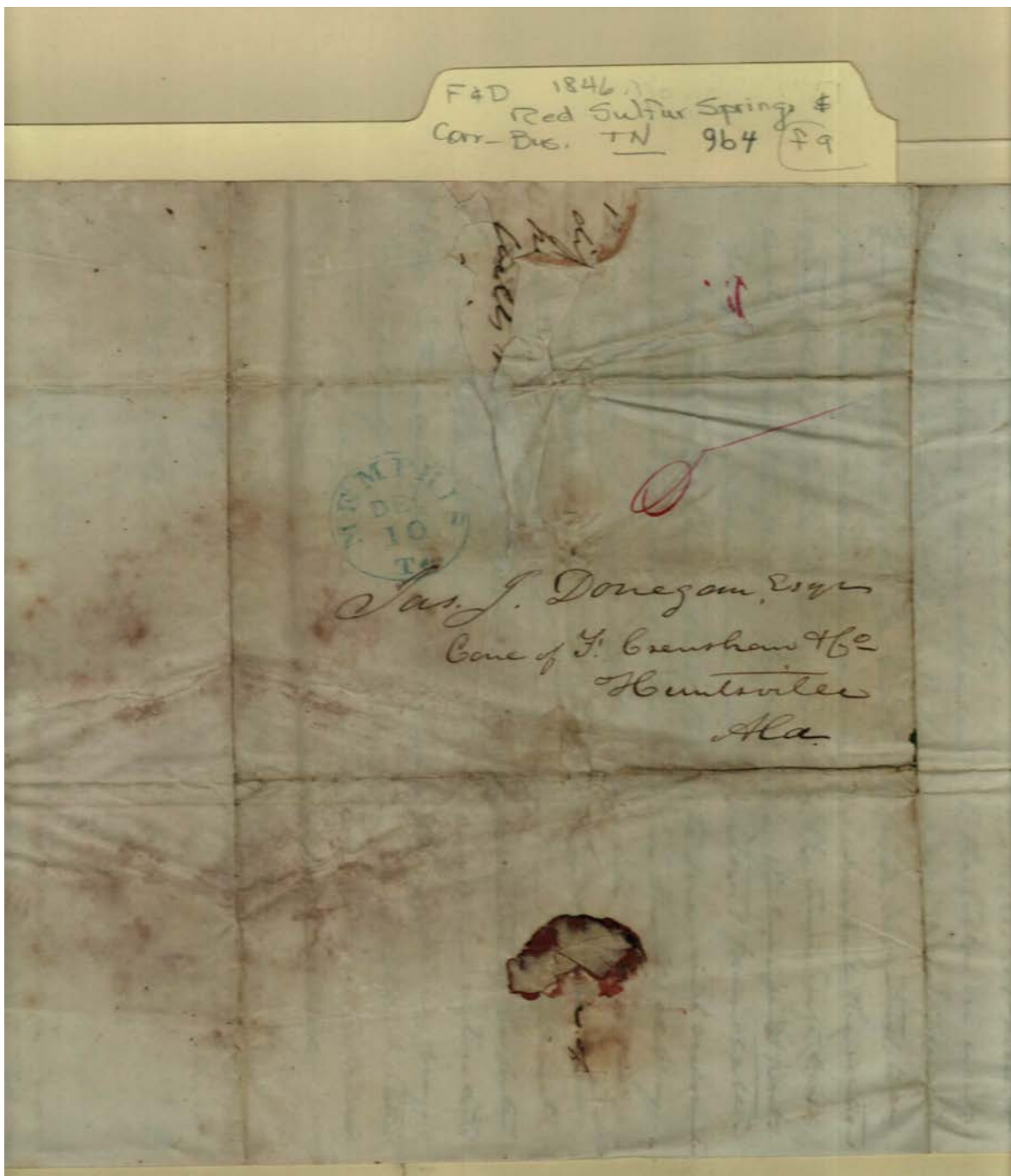
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Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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Dates:

Dec 9, 1846

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 Red Sulphur Springs #
 Carr. Exp. TN 964 89

part and with receipt of well...
 receipt for...
 Memphis, Dec 9, 1846

Dear Sir, I address...
 enclosed find a check drawn
 by the Planters' Bank of this place upon Western Bank
 Charleston (No 214, Jas. Penn, Cash.) for \$271.30, being
 a my hand to credit of Alex. Erskine. The sum of
 net proceeds of \$350 note of Miles Woodford, and \$274.60
 2^d inst. being part of the purchase money for a
 me debt and by sale interest on note of Dr. Wheaton
 part. I have written you that you were to receive a
 money collected by me on acct. of Dr. Erskine. You
 will of course make matters correct.

Alex. Erskine in acct. with L. Pope, Jr.
 1846, Dec 2. By cash on acct. of Miles
 Woodford 350
 By interest on note of Dr. Wheaton
 for 600.00 6.00
 46.00

1. To this sum paid Sheriff on acct. of	
Fearn & Erskine costs on Appeal	
Case to Judge Court Fearn & Erskine	
vs. Robinson, Jeff and others	\$ 79.33
2. To State and County Taxes	
on Court in 11. Let for 1846.	87
To Corporation Taxes on same for 1846 -	4.50
3. To check sent Jas. J. Donegan	271.30
	847.00
	356.60

I have above costs various to my last remittance

Names:

Donegan, James J.	Fearn & Erskine	Pope, L., Jr.
Erskine, Alex	Fearn, Dr.	Wheaton, Dr.
Erskine, Dr.	Penn, James	Woodford, Miles

Places:

Memphis, TN

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...having charged them to Fearn & Erskine they
 called my attention. It was right to pay these taxes
 as the lawyers were bound as secretaries in the Appeal
 suit. You can say to Dr. Erskine that finding
 Dr. Wheaton unable to pay his notes at present
 and making some objection to the title on acct.
 of the Tennessee claim (which sets out conditions of
 my validity but which might afford a pretext to a
 washout for our injunction) I decided the contract
 and sold to John Shelby dividing the time into six
 and 12 months from the middle of Nov. just past
 for \$900 - the same sum with interest from date.
 I thought this better than to sue and encounter
 my paper about title John Shelby is very
 practical and temperate and will make no
 difficulty for me. In case of the absence of a
 party I have not intended all the Posters with
 bills money. I think it will certainly be paid
 coming before the court. Then the doctor and
 his letter and let me know if he approves my
 proceedings. I suppose you will collect the
 note for my title very shortly. Adieu
 in the mean time.

Very respectfully
 Yours friend
 L. Pope

Jas. J. Donegan Esq.
 Huntsville

Names:

Donegan, James J.
 Erskine, Dr.

Fearn & Erskine
 Pope, L., Jr.

Shelby, John
 Wheaton, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Memphis, TN

Types:

address

correspondence

Dates:

Dec 9, 1846

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Red Sulphur Spring #
Carr-Bus. TN 964 79

but having charged them to Fearn & Esquire they
escaped my attention. It was right to pay these Taxes
as the lawyers were bound as secretaries in the Appeal
bond. You can say to Court Esquire that finding
Dart Wharton unable to pay his notes at present
and making some objection to the title on acct.
of the Sumner's claim (which does not concern of
any validity but which might afford a pretext to a
purchase for an injunction) I assigned the contract
and sold to John Shelly during the time into Dec.
and 12 months from the middle of the year just past
for \$900 the same sum, with interest from date.
I thought this better than to sue and encounter
expensive about title John Shelly is very
practical and temperate and will make no
difficulty for time. In case of the absence of a
party I have not collected all the Posters with
local money. I think it will certainly be better
coming before the court than the Court and
the letter and let me know if he appears very
proceedings. I suppose

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of the Sumner claim (which I do not consider of
any value, but which might afford a pretext to a
purchaser for an expropriation) I assigned the contract
and sold to John Shelby dividing the time into six
and 12 months from the middle of the year just past
for \$900 the same sum, with interest from date
although this better than to sue and encounter
any perplexities about title John Shelby is very
practical and responsible, and will make no
difficulty for me. In case of the absence of a
party I have not collected all the Posters and
bills money. I think it will certainly be put
coming before the year. I show the books and
this letter and let me know if he approves my
proceedings. I suppose you will collect the
note for my little negro shortly. Admire me
in the mean time.
Very respectfully
Your friend
L. Pope

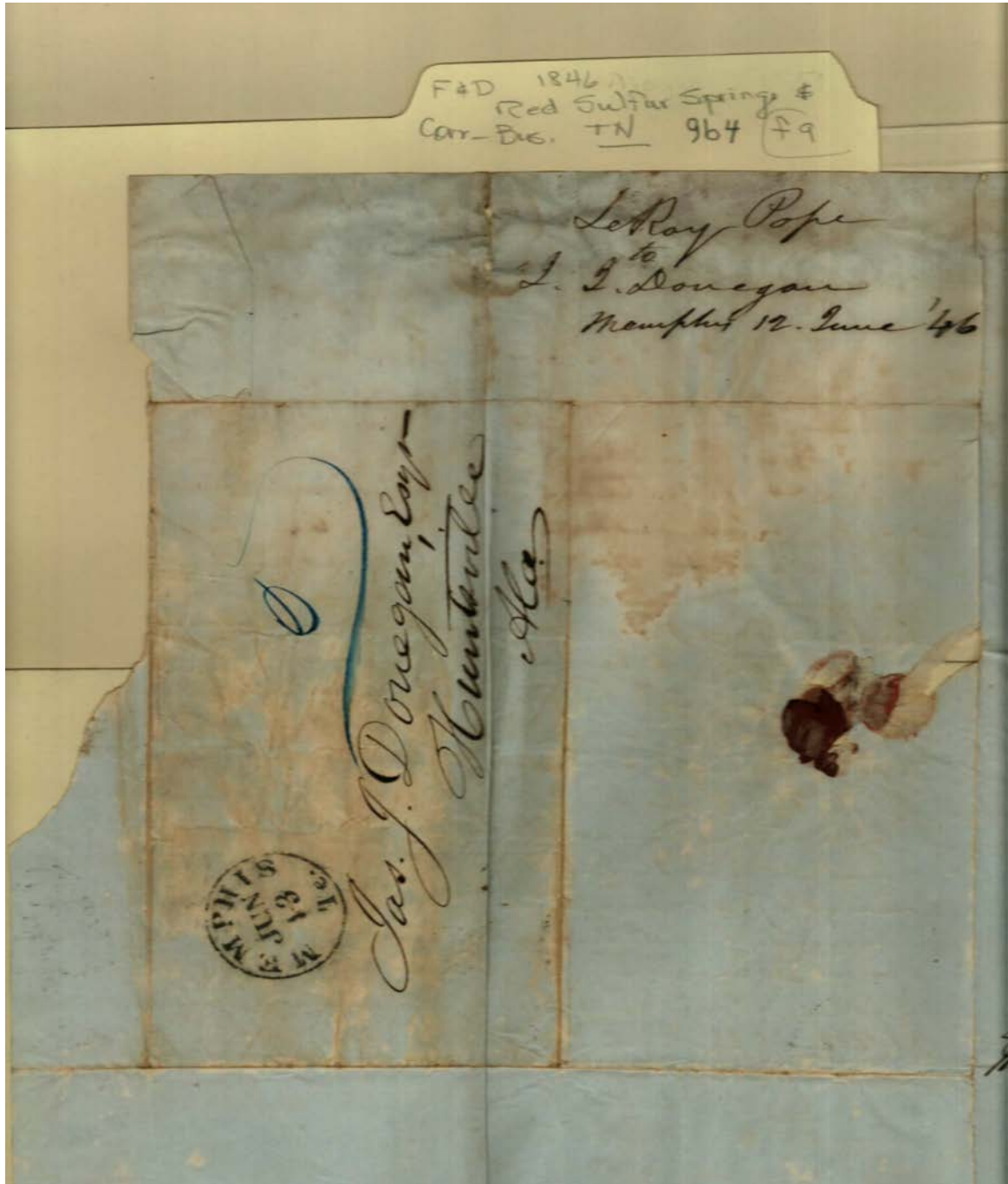
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H. Cantrell

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Names:

Donegan, James J.

Pope, LeRoy (Jr)

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Memphis, TN

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Dates:

June 12, 1846

F&D 1846
Red Sulphur Springs #
Car-Bus. TN 964 79

Memphis T. June 12/46

Dear Sir

Inclosed find a check drawn by the Planters Bank of this place upon Nathan Bank, Nashville, for Six Hundred & fourteen dollars, money recd. from Doct. Alex. Erskine, and to be paid to the credit of Doct. J. Fearn, or to the credit of one of your firms. I designed remitting this sum to Doct. F. at New-Breany, but none of our Banks are checking on that place, and therefore remit to you -

Of the above sum \$272 was recd. on judgment vs. E. H. Porter & Wm S. Wells & \$350 on note of Miles Woodford & Mrs. Shelby - one about 1st inst. last note in part payment of Main Street Lot. There is still a small balance on the judgment something over 30 dols - a note of Doct. Wheatons is due, which I think will be paid shortly. \$622 is the amt. recd. from Doct. E. I paid eight dollars Taxes for Doct. Fearn, on his La Grange lots, which has been deducted. Show this letter to Doct. E. and acknowledge receipt - I shall write to Doct. F.

J. Donegan Esq.
Huntsville

Very respectfully
your friend
L. Pope

Names:

Donegan, James J.
Erskine, Alex., Dr.

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.
Pope, L., Jr.

Porter, E. H.
Shelby, John

Wells, William S.
Wheaton, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Memphis, TN

Types:

address

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