

Names:

Bibb & Hopkins

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Mobile, AL

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

April 27, 1846

F&D 1846 964 (F8)
Corr. Bus. - S. Ala.

Mobile, April 27th 1846.

Messrs. Fearn, Crenshaw, & Co.
Huntsville.

Gentlemen,

As the time is rapidly approaching when our instalments to the Branch Banks at Huntsville & Decatur mature, we wish to learn the precise amount due each, that we may have the funds placed in your hands to meet them. You will therefore please advise us, by letter addressed to us at New Orleans how much of the amt. of our indebtedness, due the Branch at Huntsville we shall have to provide, & how much John W. Otey will pay on account of the purchase money still due on the property we sold him. We have not the data before us, & do not now remember whether Peebles & Jones released us from our debt to the Decatur Branch Bank to the amt. of their respective purchases, or whether an arrangement was made with them similar to the one made with Mr. Otey - Please furnish us with the amts. we have to pay as early as practicable.

Yrs Very Truly
Bibb & Hopkins

written to Judge Compton
May 7th 1846

Names:

Bibb & Hopkins
Compton, Judge

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Otey, John W.
Peebles & Jones

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Mobile, AL

Types:

address

correspondence

memo

Dates:

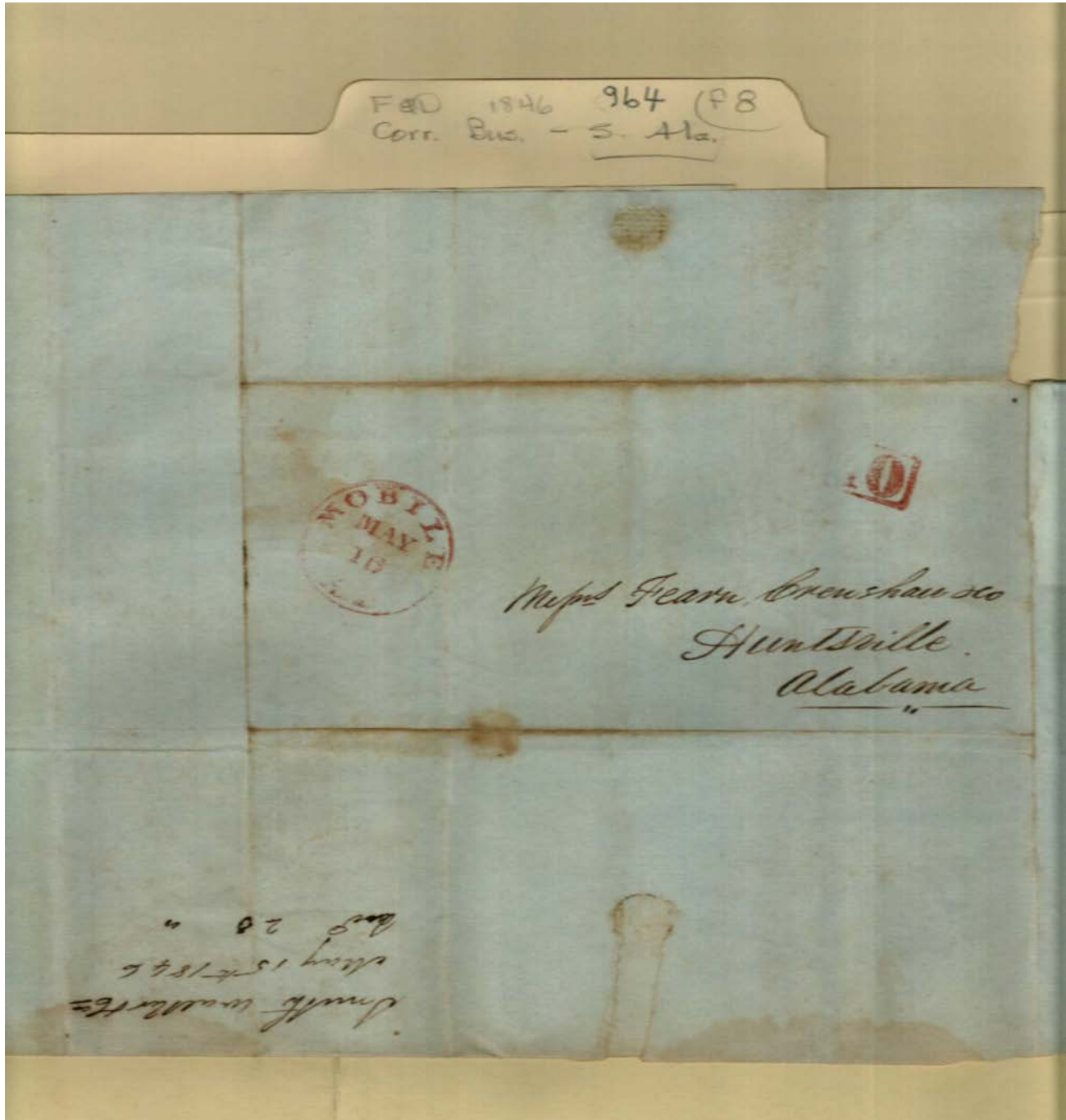
April 27, 1846

May 7, 1846

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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Smith, Walker & Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Mobile, AL

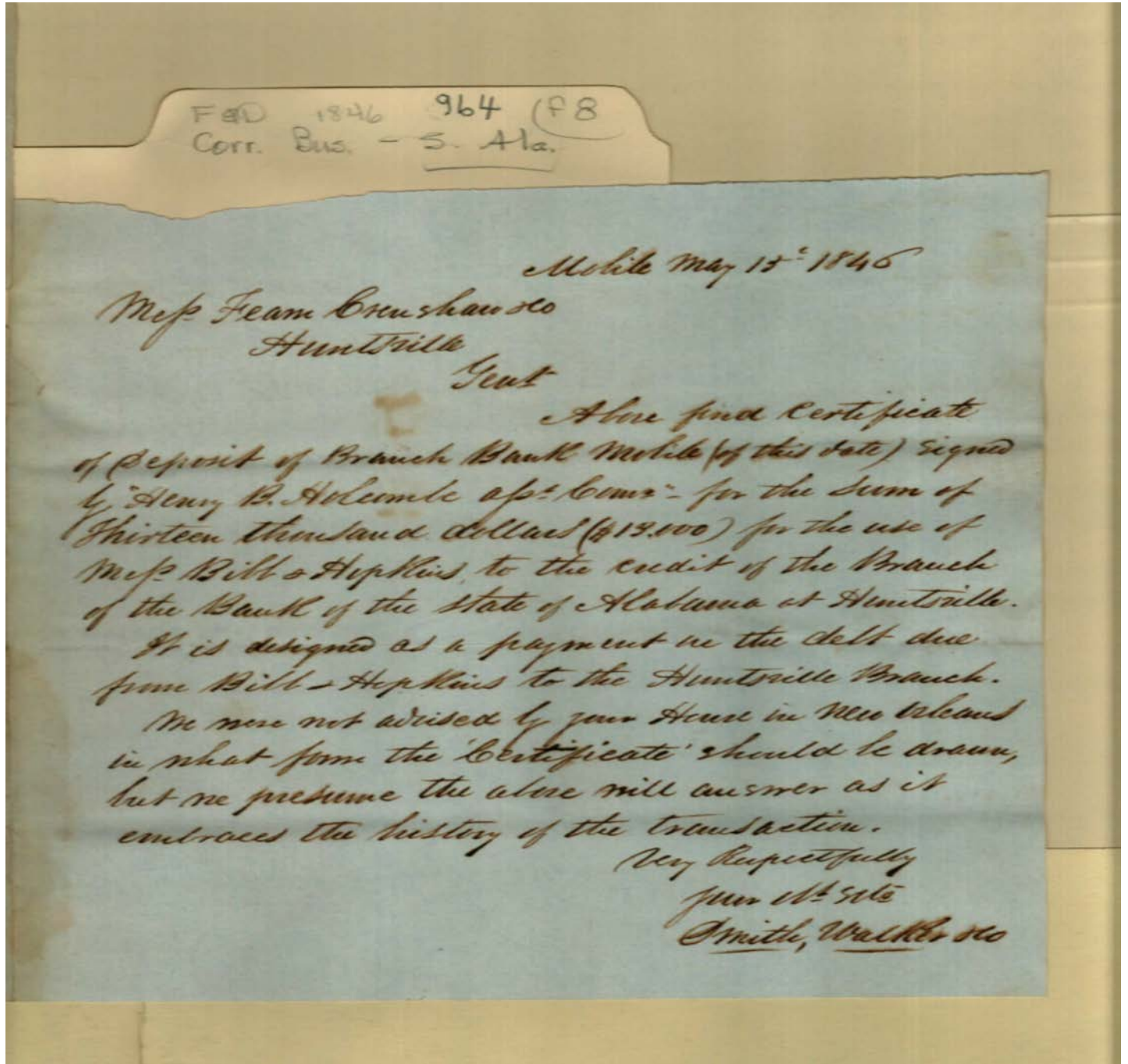
Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

May 15, 1846



Names:

Bibb & Hopkins

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Holcombe, Henry B.
Smith, Walker & Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Mobile, AL

Types:

address

correspondence

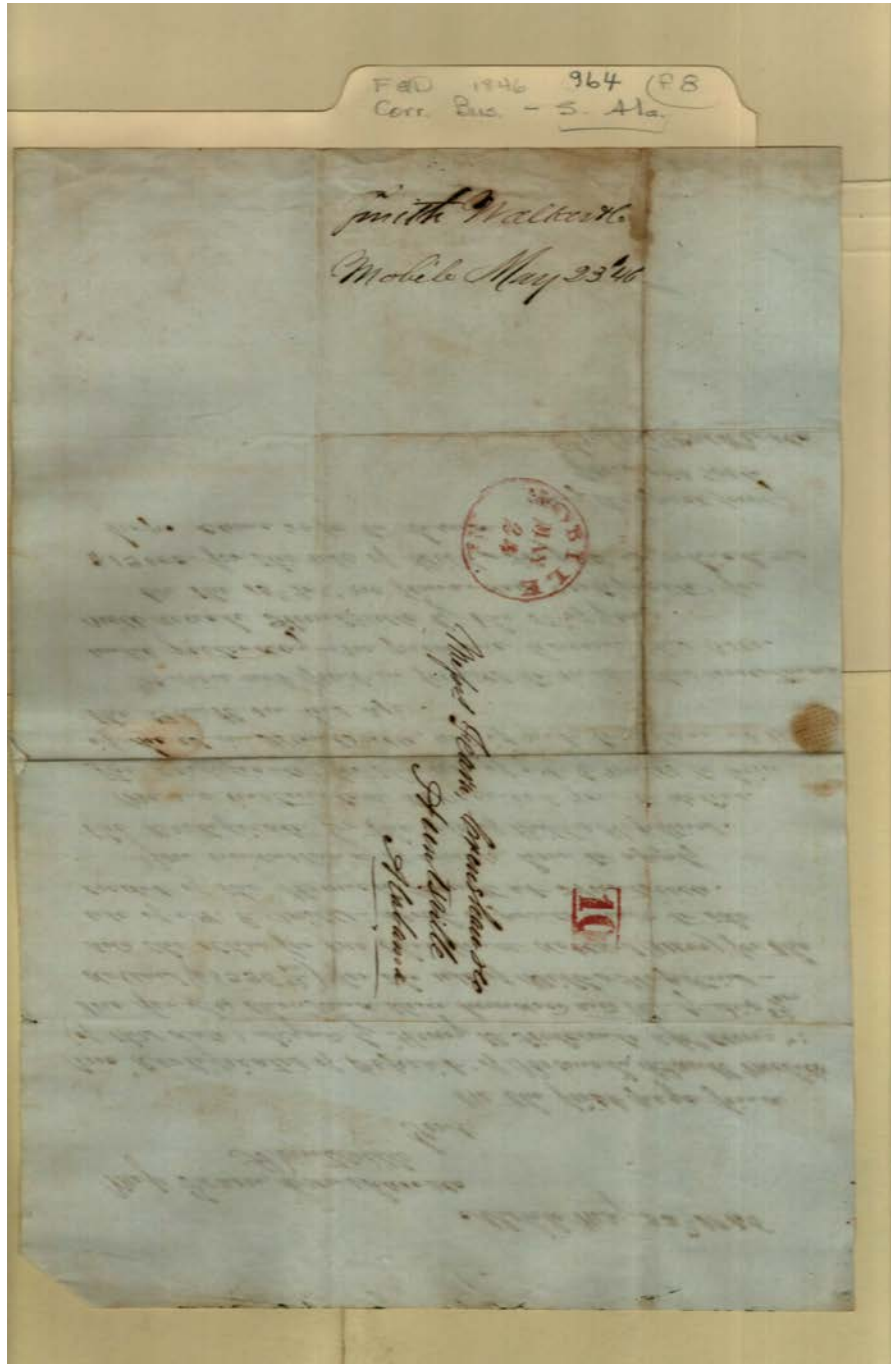
Dates:

May 15, 1846

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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Smith, Walker & Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Mobile, AL

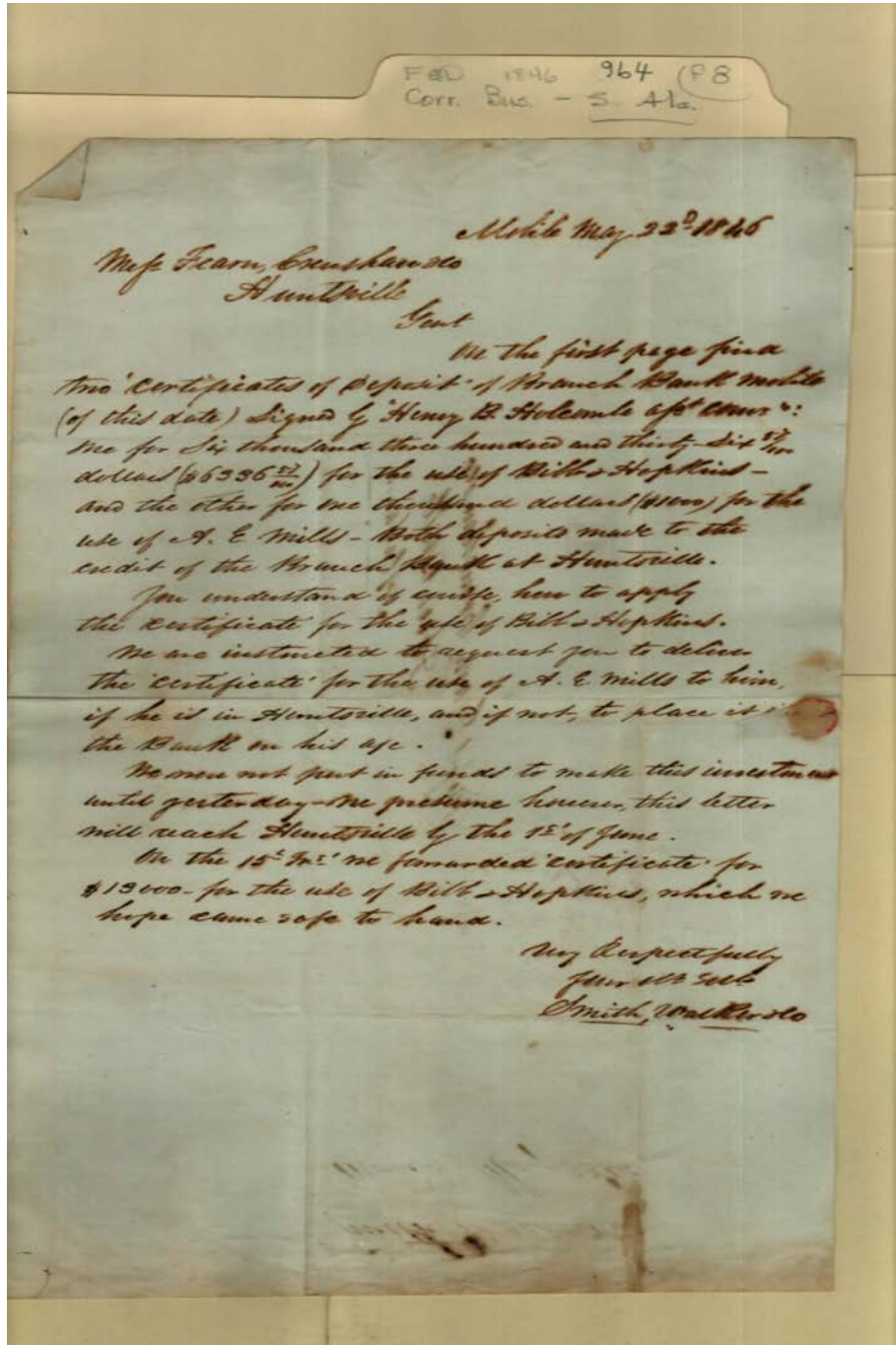
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Dates:

May 23, 1846



Names:

Bibb & Hopkins

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Holcombe, Henry B.
Mills, A. E.

Smith, Walker & Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Mobile, AL

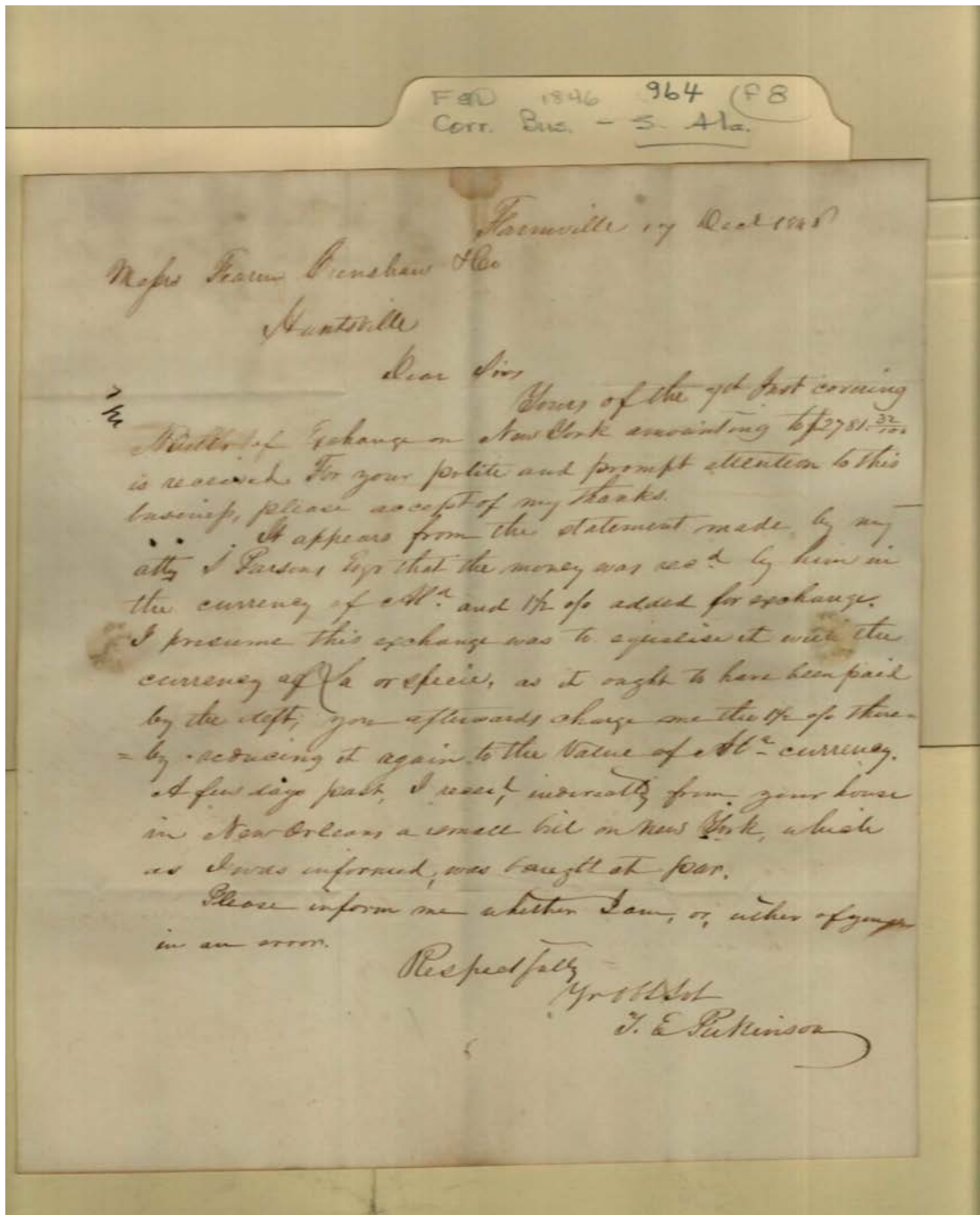
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correspondence

Dates:

May 23, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Parsons, S.
Perkinson, T. E.

Places:

Farmville, VA

Huntsville, AL

Types:

correspondence

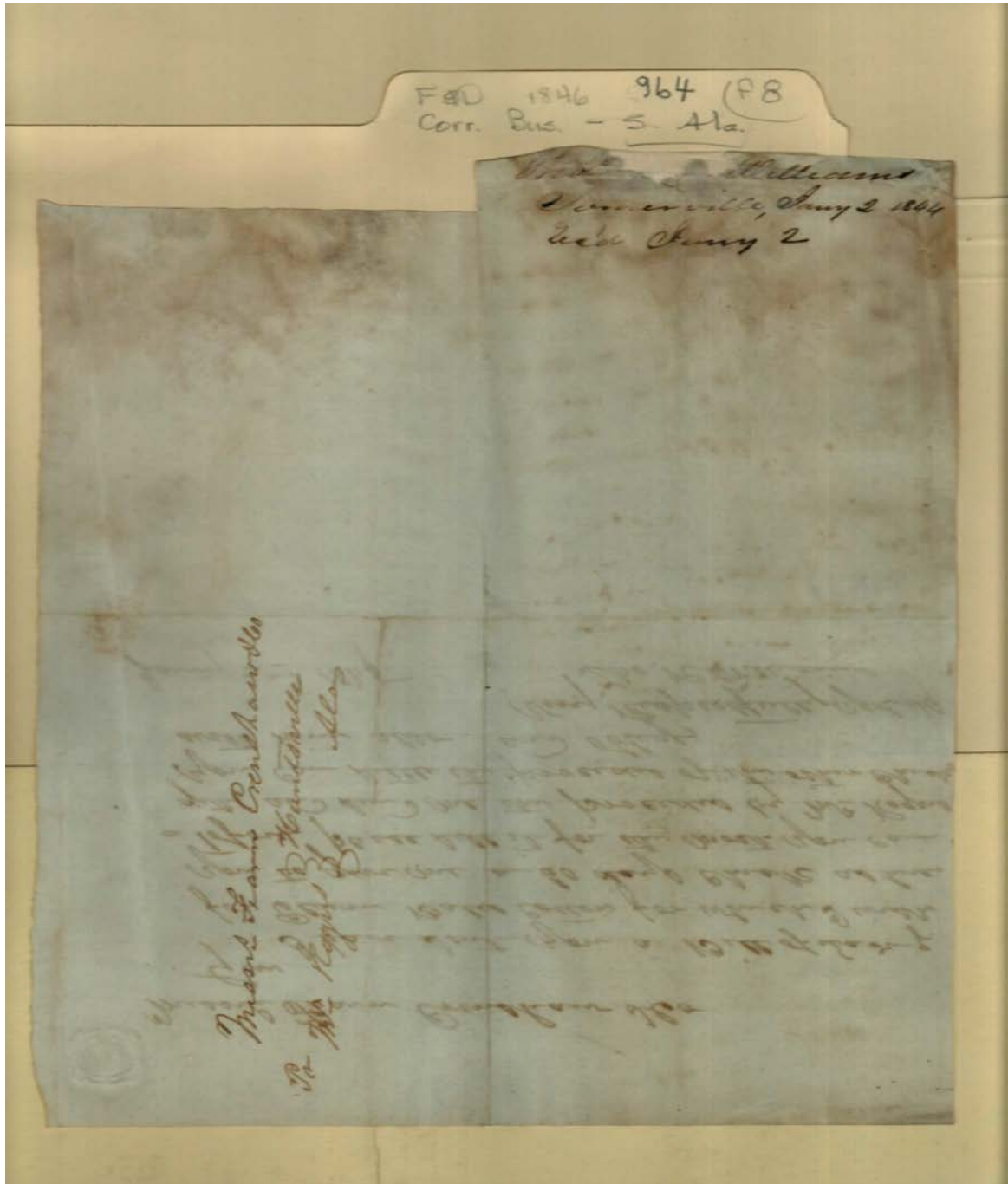
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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Williams, Thomas R.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Somerville, AL

Types:

letter

memo

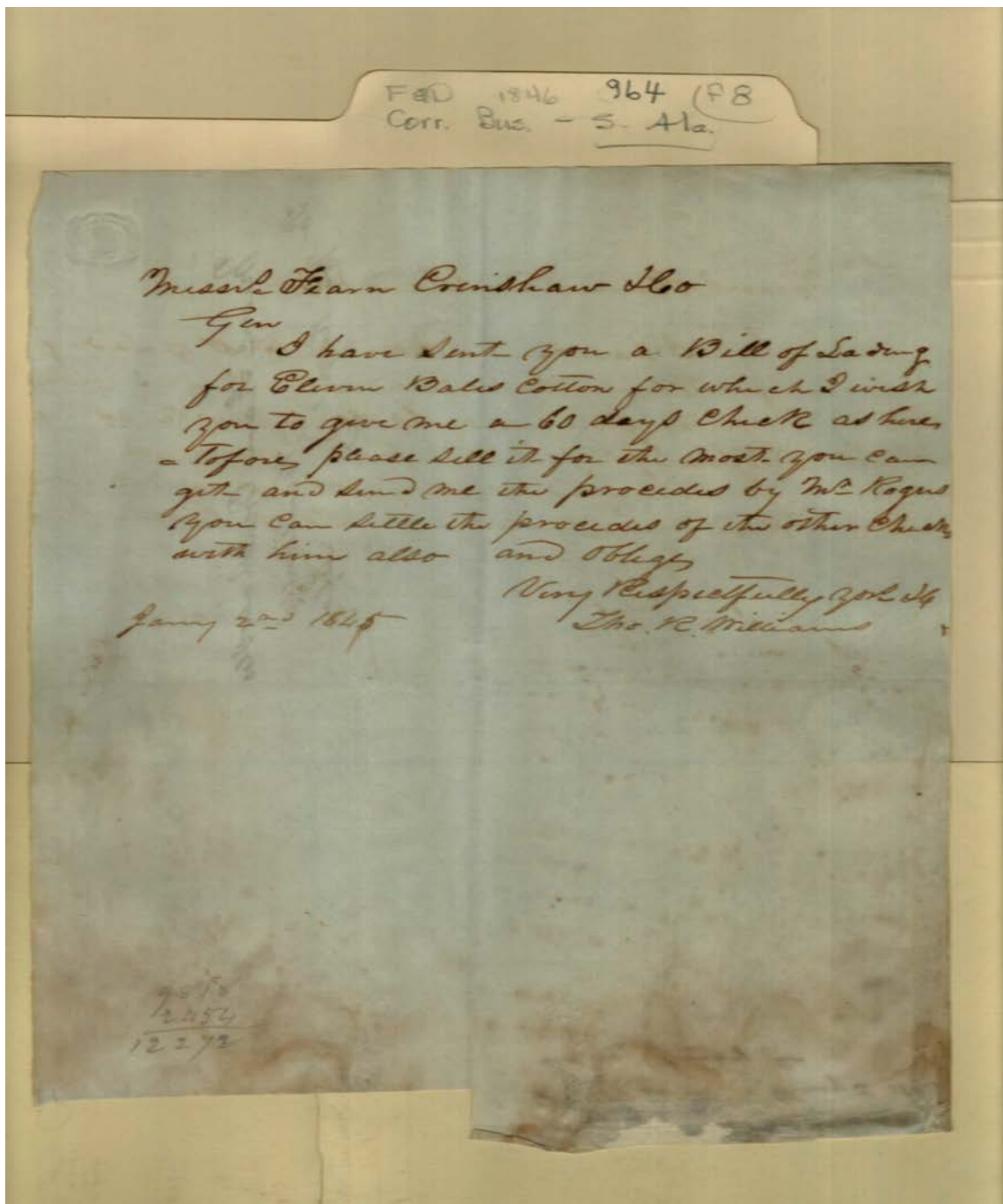
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Jan 2, 1846

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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Rogers,
Williams, Thomas R.

Places:

Somerville, AL

Types:

correspondence

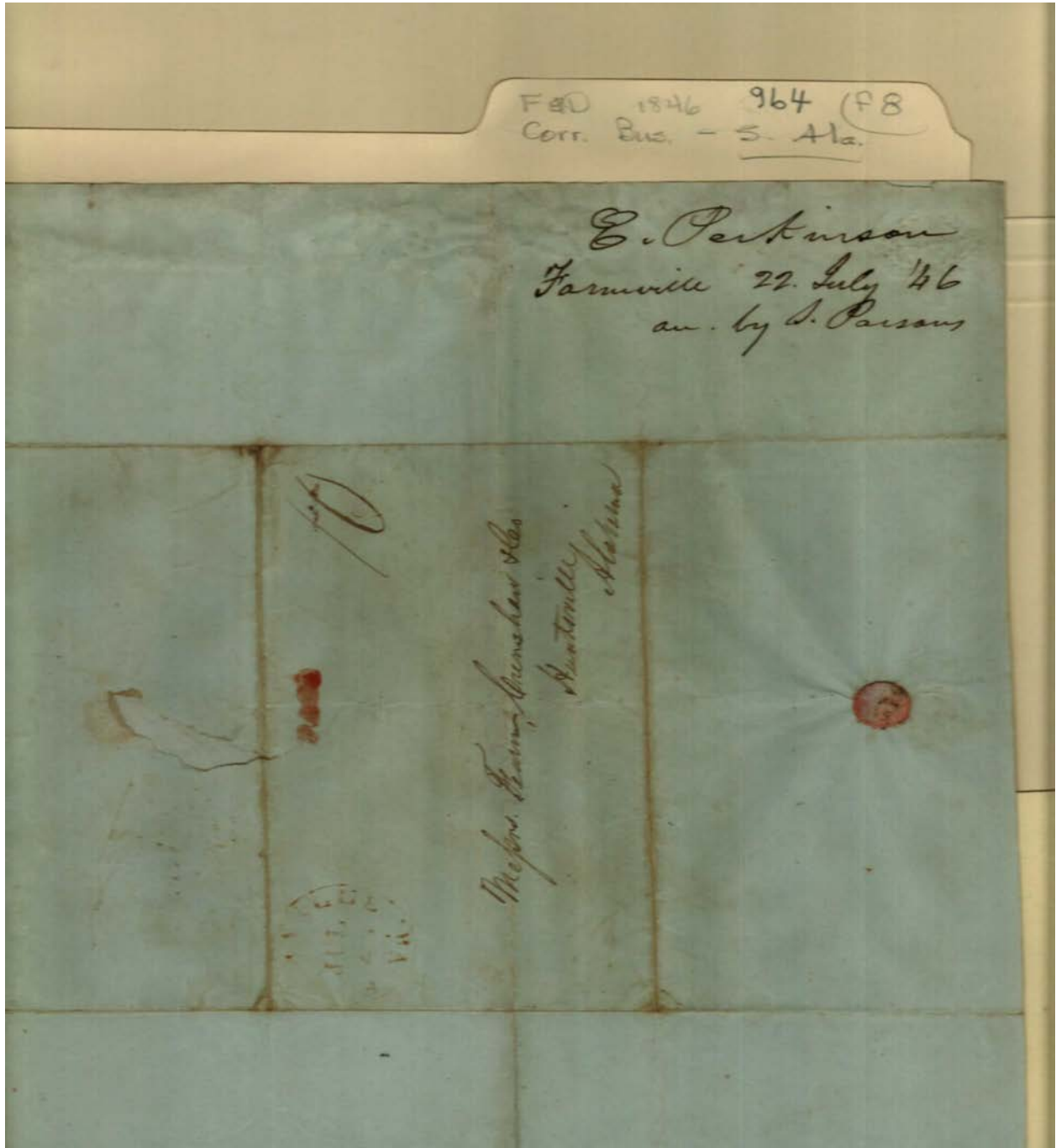
Dates:

Jan 2, 1846

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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Perkinson, T. E.

Places:

Farmville, VA

Huntsville, AL

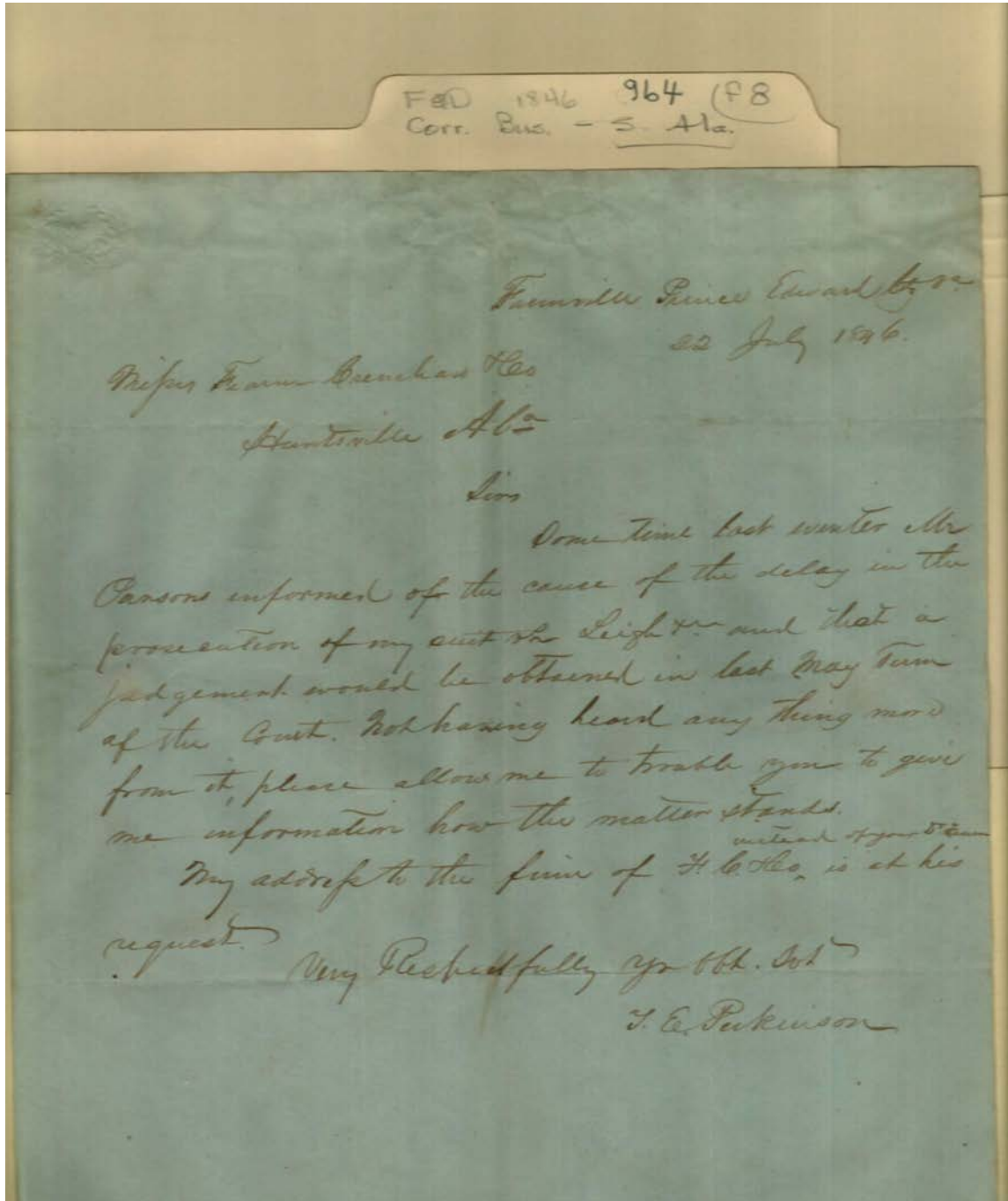
Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

July 22, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Leigh,
Parsons,

Perkinson, T. E.

Places:

Farmville Prince
Edward Cove

Huntsville, AL

Types:

address

correspondence

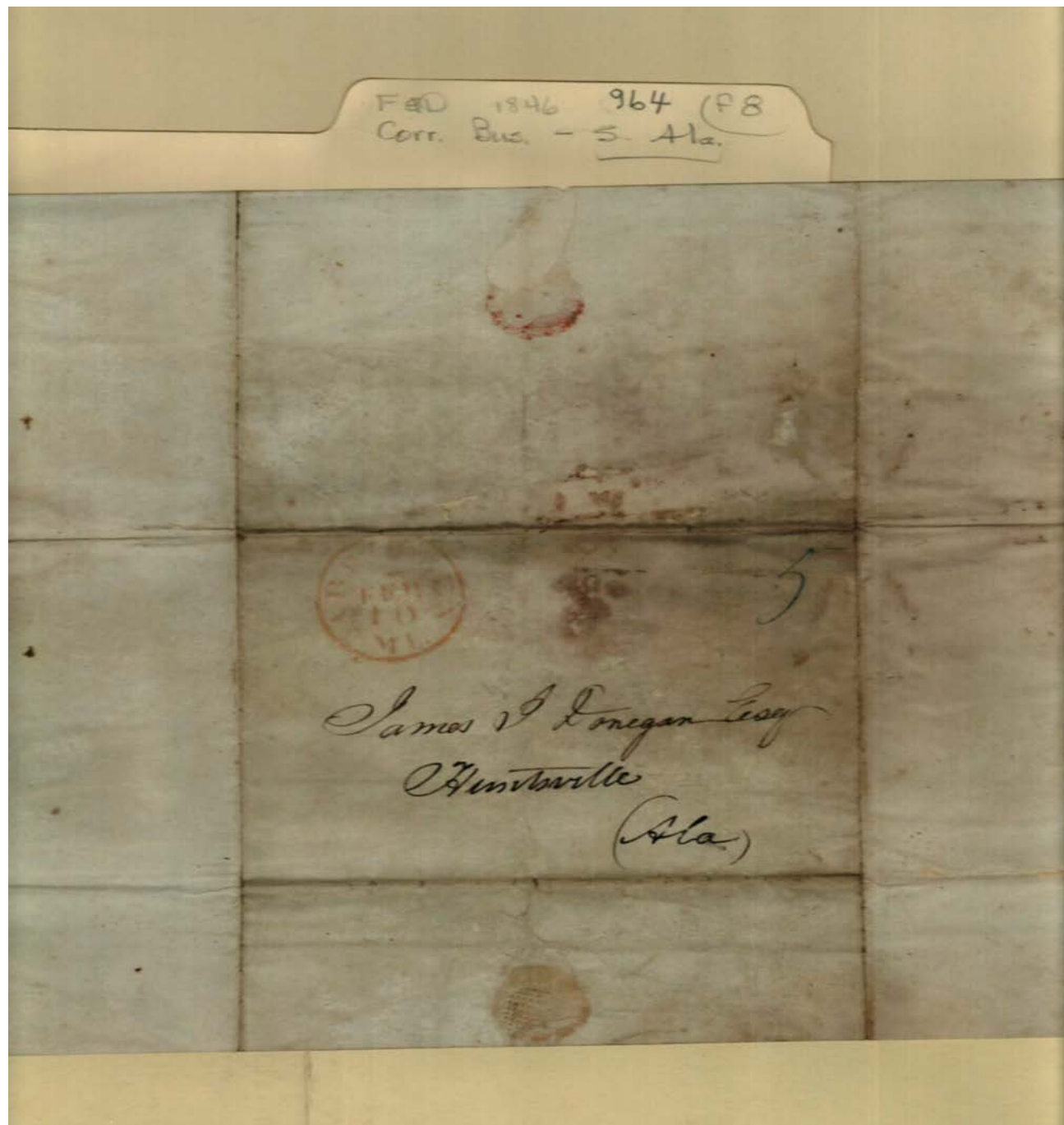
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July 22, 1846

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Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

Feb 5, 1846

F&D 1846 964 (P8)
Corr. Buc. - S. Ala.

Monroe County (Ms) Feb. 5 1846

Dear Sir

I rec'd yours 24 ultmo and have examined its contents

I do not now recollect that I ever made a deed to the land you mention, as the land was sold to Wm Hamblin by order of Court, you can write such a deed as will cover the price of land you mention, if you get Saml Hamblin's direction, to me in writing, to make a deed & I will sign it as Exr of Wm Grant, & send it back to you by mail or otherwise - the matter is small truly, but by possibility I may have made a deed to William Hamblin & I prefer this course, as it will cause you but little trouble - you can write the deed on half the sheet of your letter, & Hamblin can write his direction on the other & I will enclose it & send it to you directly

Yours Respectfully
Henry Bibb

Names:

Bibb, Henry

Grant, William
(dec'd)

Hamblin, Samuel
Hamblin, William

Places:

Monroe Co., MS

Types:

correspondence

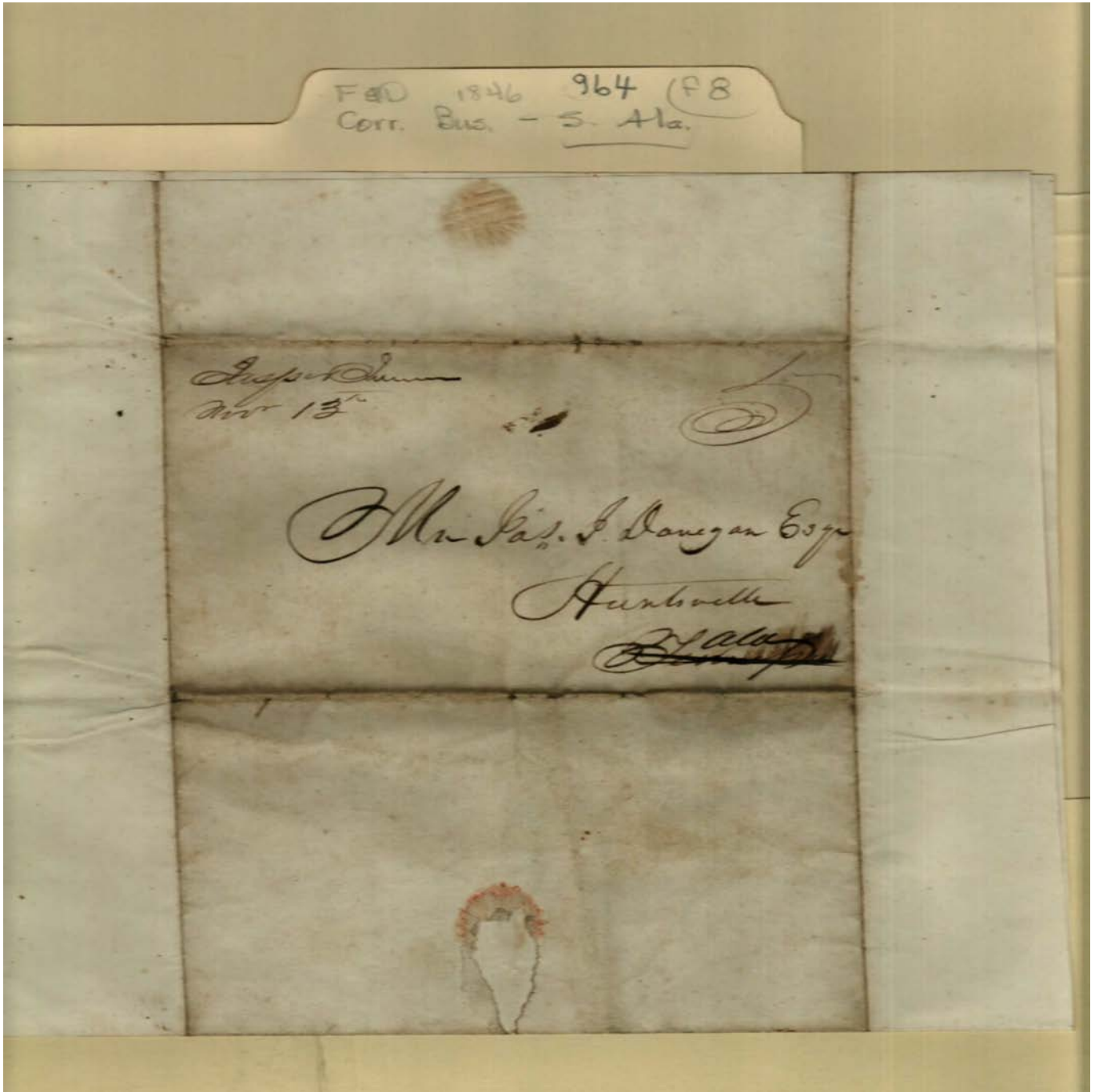
Dates:

Feb 5, 1846

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from D. Rankin

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Jasper, TN

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Nov 12, 1846

F&D 1846 964 (P8)
Corr. Bus. - S. Ala.

Jasper 12th Nov. 1846

Mr James J. Donegan

Dear Sir I rec'd a line from you of the 5th inst. on the subject of my note given to you at Nashville and I can say to you I lent the money by a young man of this place to Nashville before the note fell due I told him it was at the Planters Bank he went there and inquired for the note they asked him when it was due and he did not know as I had not told him and they told him there was no such note there so I trusting easy I supposed you had not placed it there and would call here for it and knew no better until I received your letter the Bank officers knew very well when I lent and give me no notice of the protest. It will send the money and left the note the first safe opportunity I have

yours M^c Rankin

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Rankin, D.

Places:

Jasper, TN

Types:

correspondence

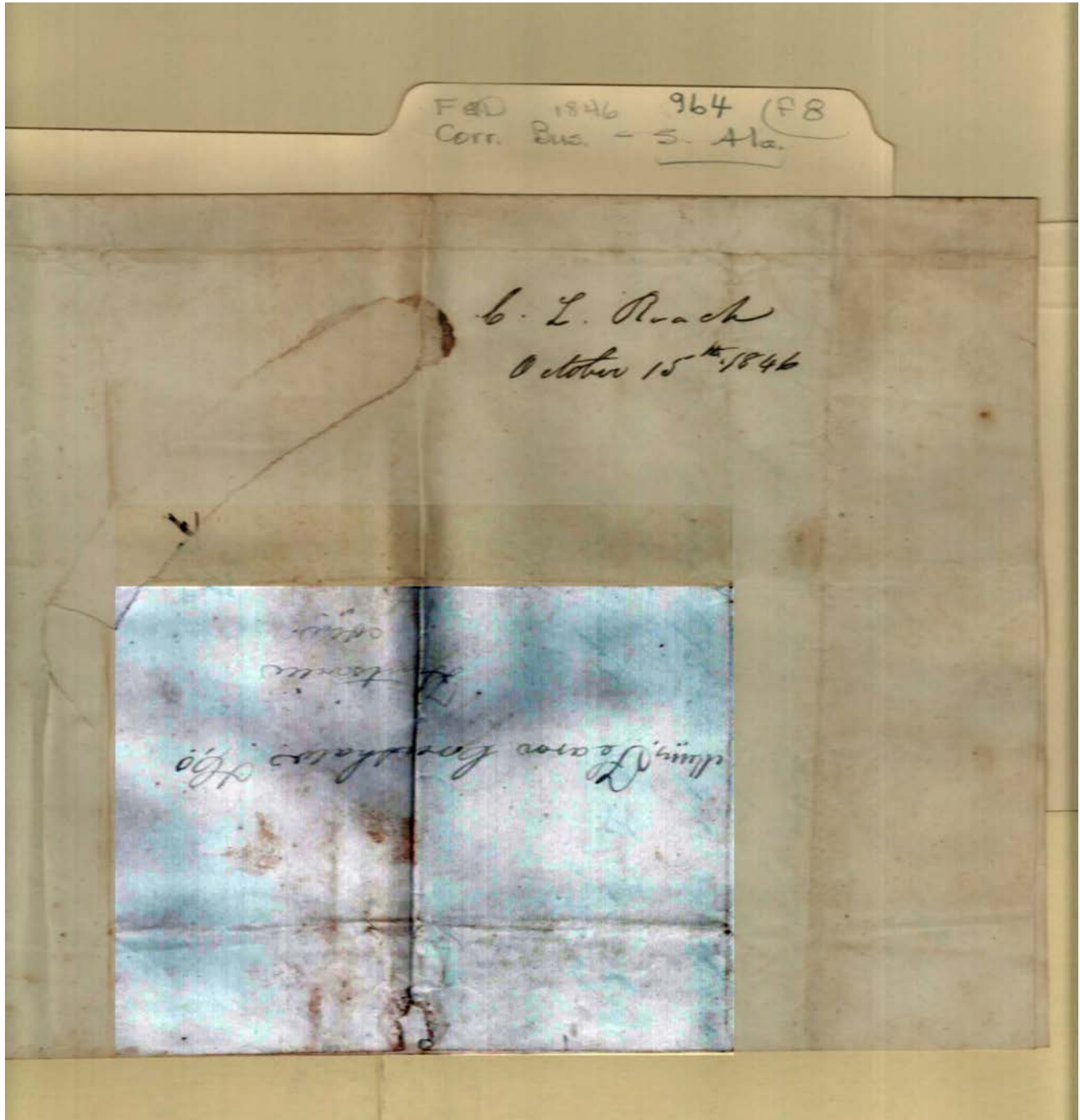
Dates:

Nov 12, 1846

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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Roach, C. L.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

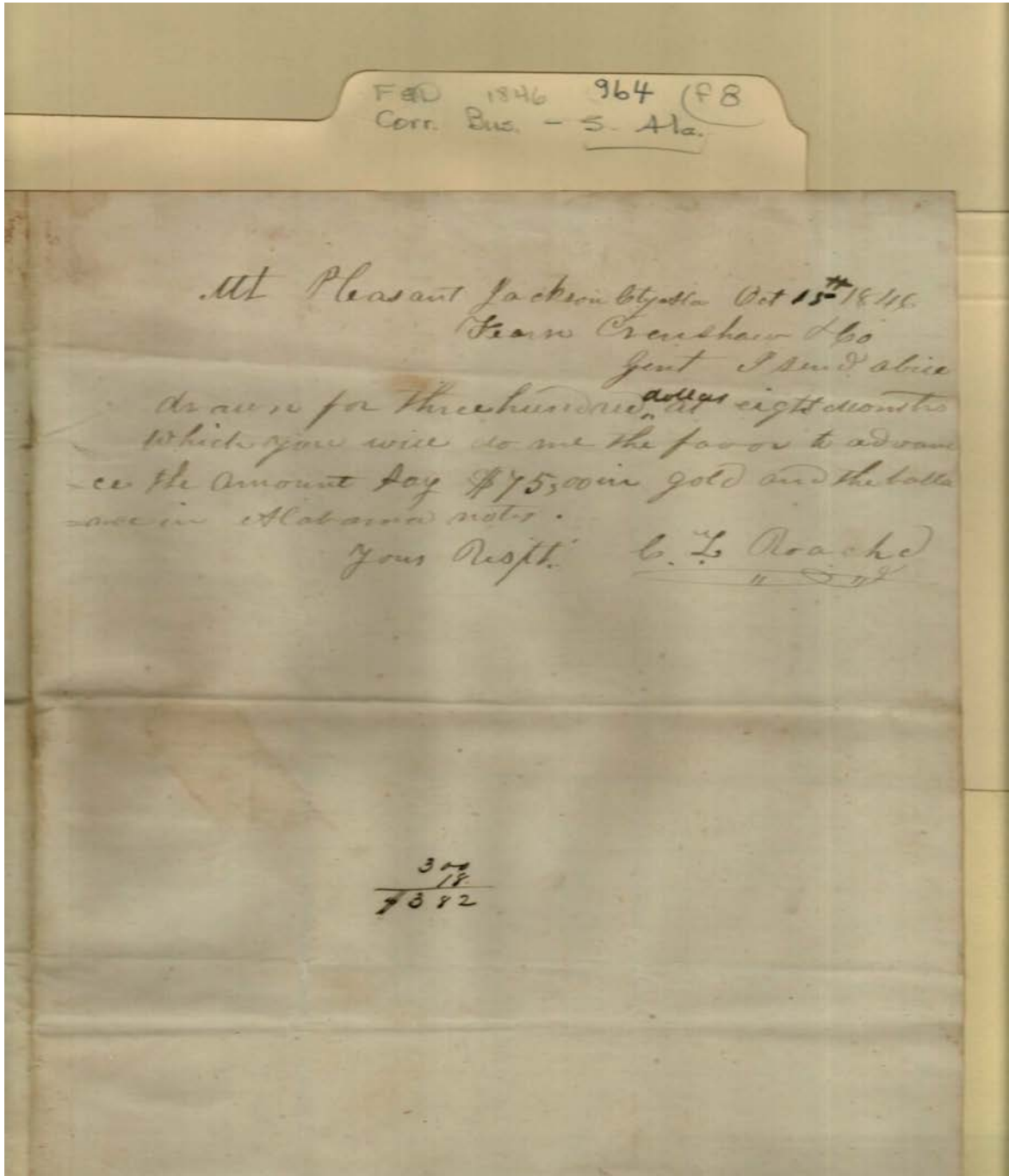
Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Oct 15, 1846



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Roach, C. L.

Places:

Mt. Pleasant, Jackson
Co., AL

Types:

correspondence

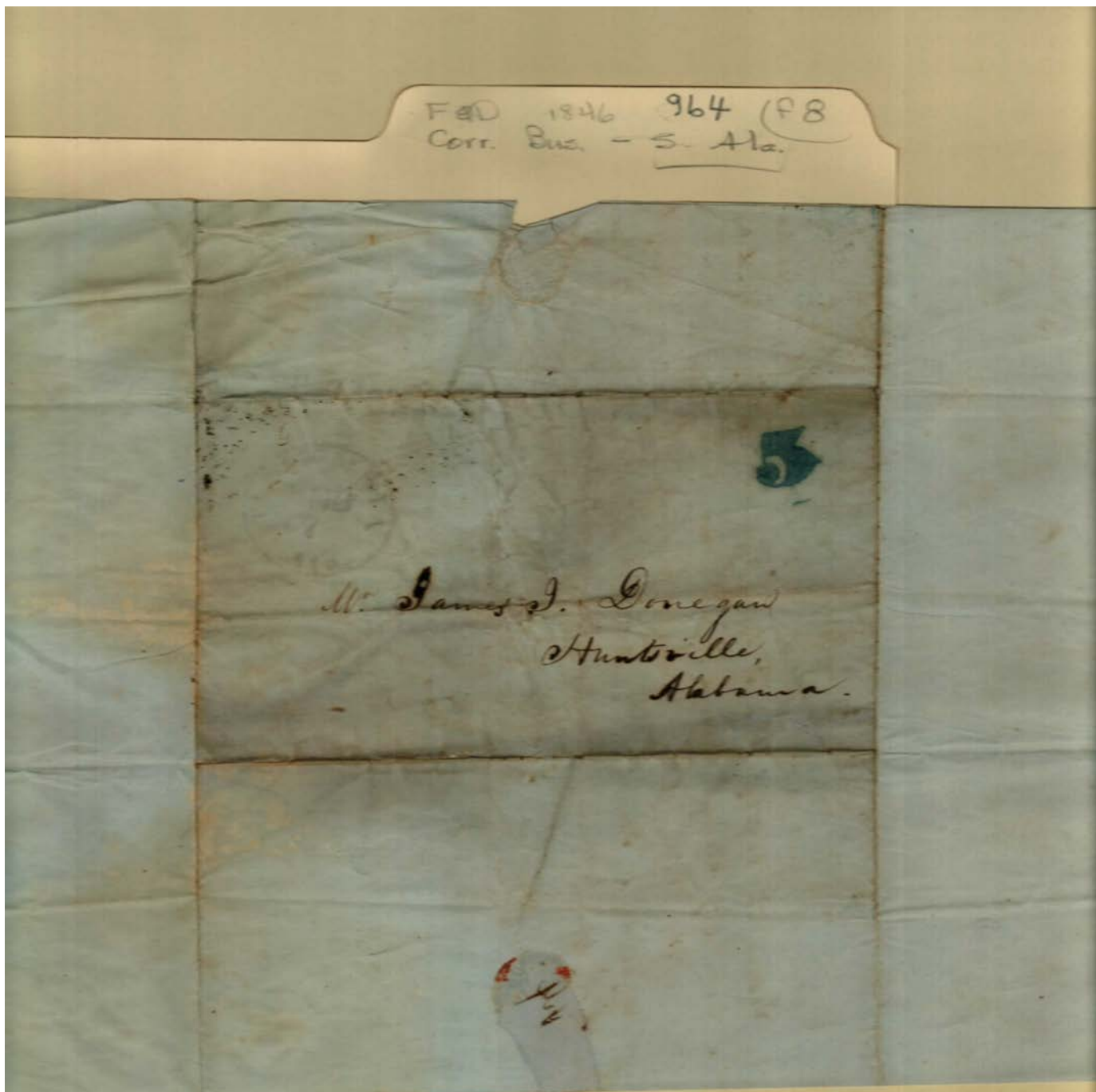
Dates:

Oct 15, 1846

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 9, Box 4, Folder 8

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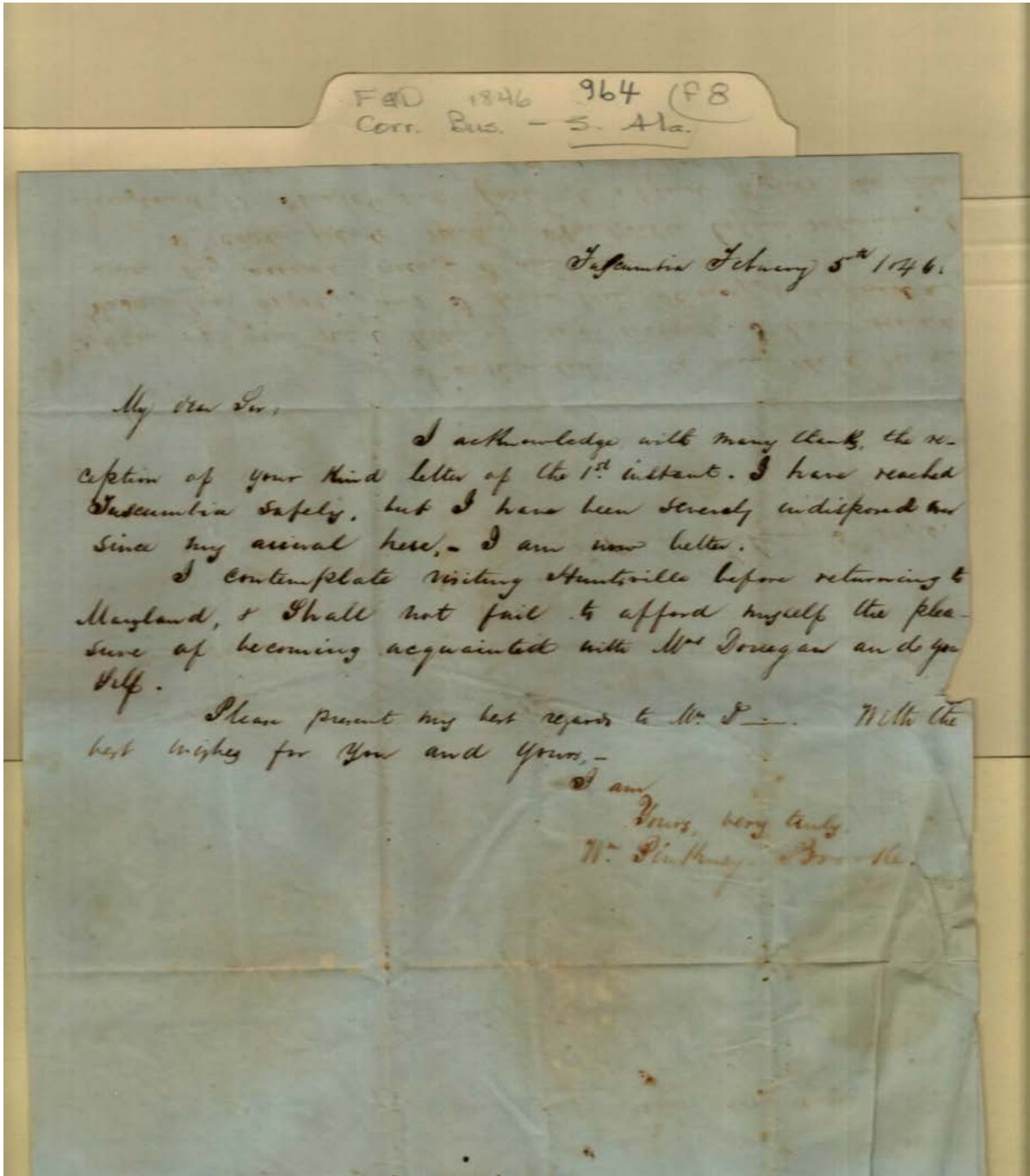
Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter



from Maryland

Names:

Brooke, William
Pinkney

Places:

Tuscumbia, AL

Types:

correspondence

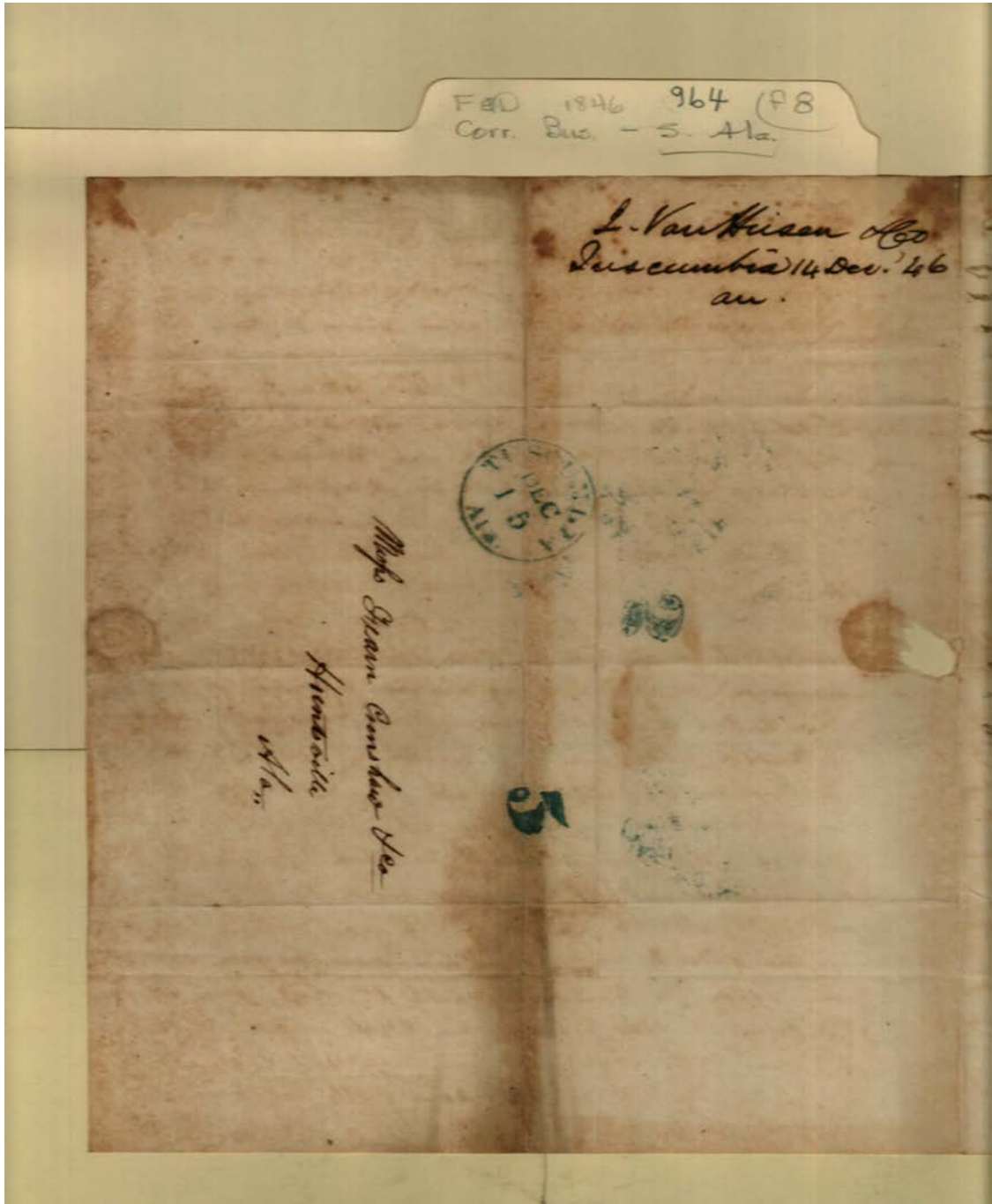
Dates:

Feb 5, 1846

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 9, Box 4, Folder 8

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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Van Husen, J. & Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Tuscumbia, AL

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Dec 14, 1846

F&D 1846 964 (98)
Corr. Bus. - S. Ala.

Tuscumbia Dec 14th 1846

Major General Crenshaw & Co

I have taken the liberty to
select you to advance me about \$2000.00 by
the 28th or 29th of this month. I had intended to see
the Money^{er} on your house 4 months with the aid
of Mr. Barton as was arranged with him. Mr. Barton
Health has become so bad that he has been obliged to
leave for Louisville to receive Medical attendance
under the direction of Doctor Gray - when he left he
expected to be back in time to attend to it - the
Money^{er} on to pay through his hands into Major
Lockhart - to day I learn that Money^{er} will probably
be wanted by the time a steamer and the probability
is that he cannot be back to give it the attention
as was expected - the cotton upon which I want to
predicote this money 28 bales was shipped by the river some
3 weeks since ^{to your house} and I have now ready 28 bales more for
shipment and will send it by the leave which is expected
up in 1 or 2 days and then will be some 12 or 13 bales
more ready for shipment by the 1st ship - It is all Mark
J. S. Helms - The reason why I call on you in this way
for money is that I have never been in the habit to receive much
in the way of bills except a few little last winter by the
aid of Mr. Barton and I am not fond of soliciting induors

Names:

Barton,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Gray, Dr.
Helms, J. S.

Lockhart, Major

Places:

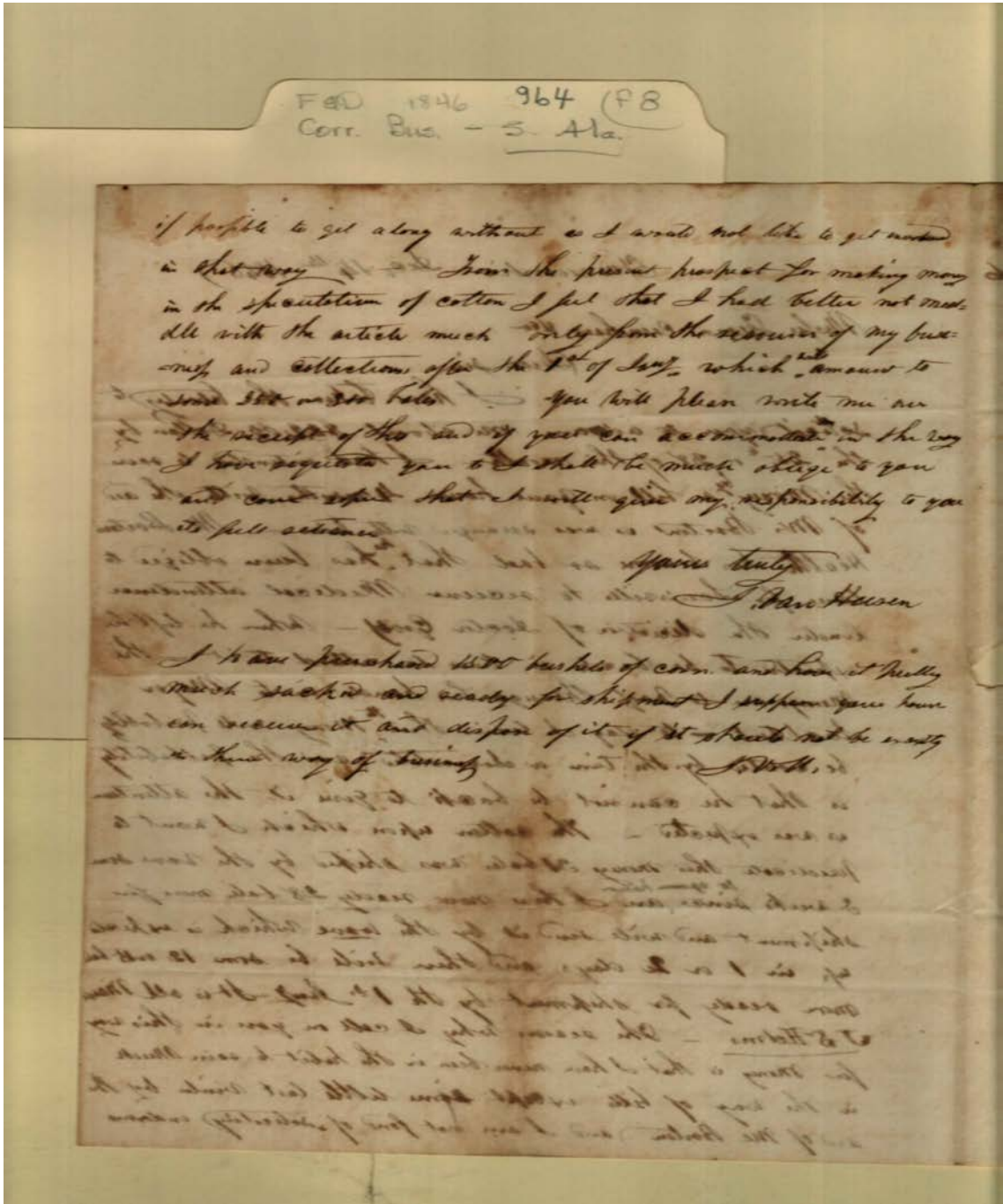
Tuscumbia, AL

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Dec 14, 1846

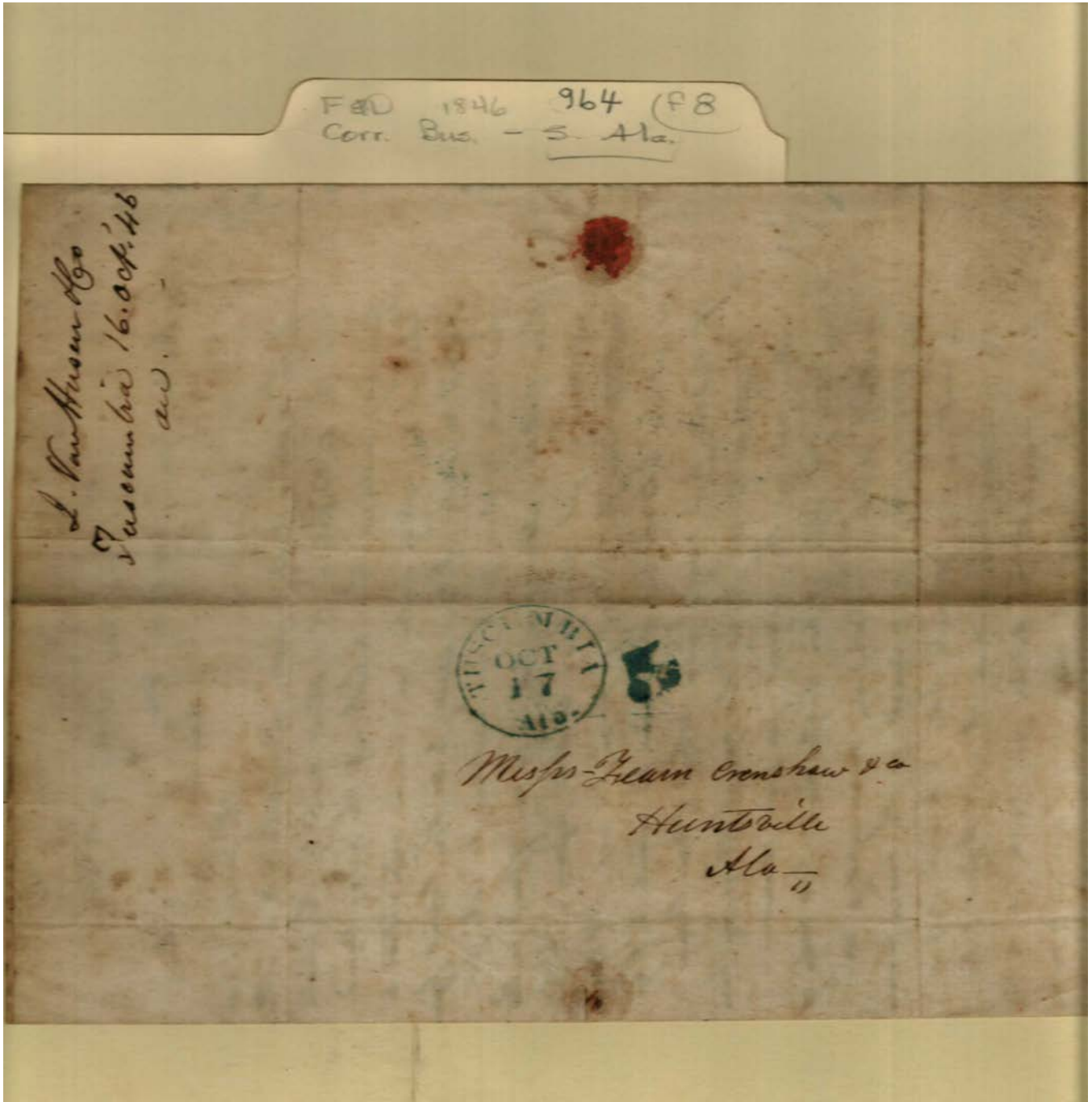


Names:
Van Husen, J.
Places:
Tuscumbia, AL
Types:
correspondence
Dates:
Dec 14, 1846

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 9, Box 4, Folder 8

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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Van Husen, J. & Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Tuscumbia, AL

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Oct 16, 1846

F&D 1846 964 (F8)
Corr. Bus. - S. Ala.

Tuscumbia Oct 16th 1846

My dear John Crawshaw Dear

Dear Sir

The present appearance of the cotton market seems to excite us a little and the anticipation of a short crop by the planters generally induces them to hold up the price beyond what I am willing under my limited information to hazard much - 8 cts seems to be the lowest figure that any of our folks are willing to take for their cotton - some few lots only are offered for that and none as yet purchased at that figure. I have bought some few bales at 7 and 7 1/2 - Mr. Boston as yet has held off but I believe he intends to buy at 8 some few crops from what I can learn.

It appears to me to be too much, therefore, have written you on the subject for your opinion.

I have the offer of two crops about 300 bales of excellent cotton, 100 bales are now ready and could be shipped next week if the owner would permit - I should like to know if you think I had best take it - I feel like doing some little in cotton and would like to do it as safe as possible ~~for~~ - I would be much pleased with your ^{valuable} advice in the matter so do me the favor to write as early as you can

Yours truly J. Van Husen

Names:

Barton,

Van Husen, J.

Places:

Tuscumbia, AL

Types:

correspondence

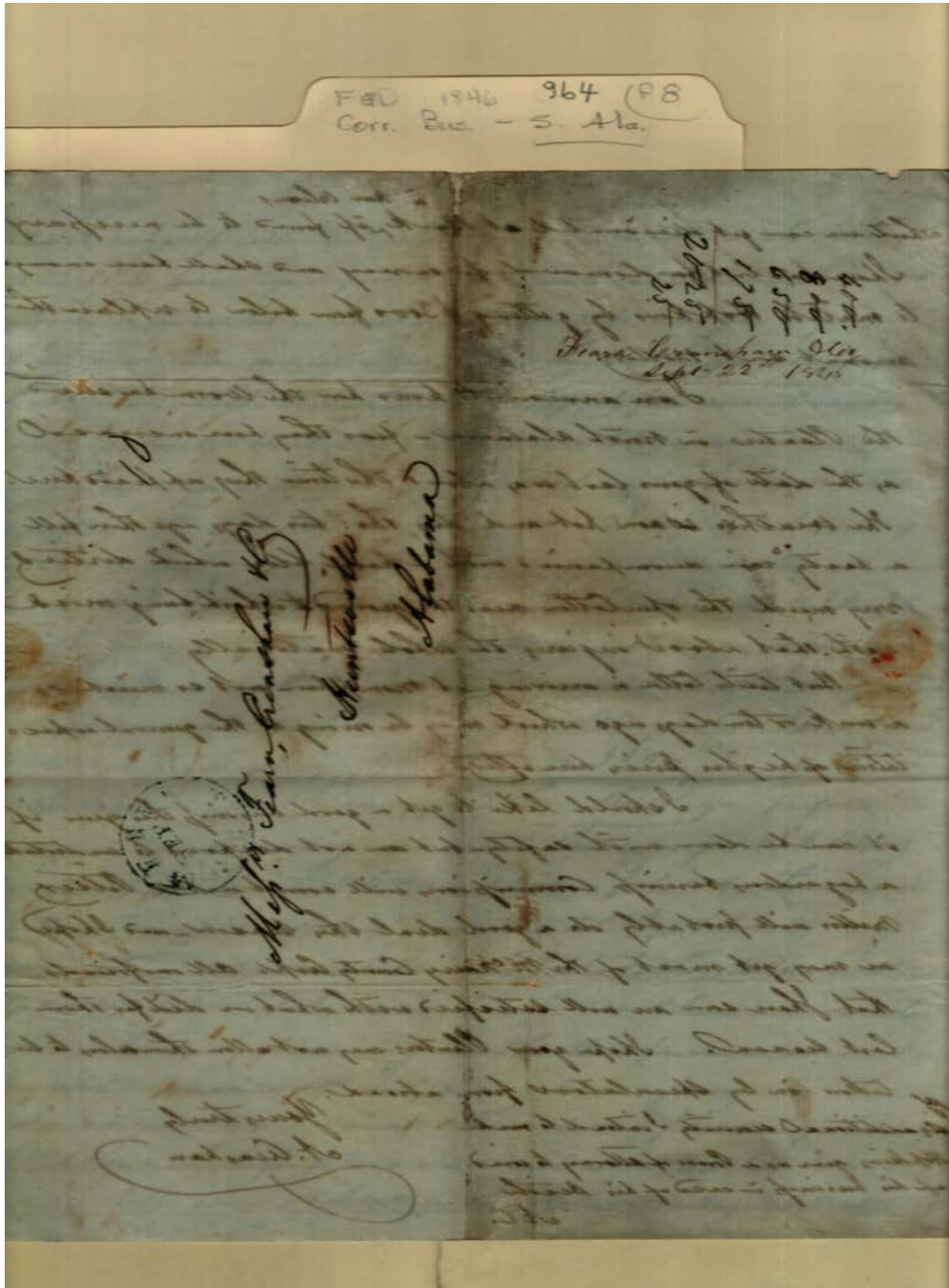
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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

Sept 22, 1846

F&D 1846 964 (PB)
 Corr. Bus. - S. Ala.

Morning Sun, Shelby Co. 22 Sept 1846

My dear Sir, I have had the honor to receive your kind letter of the 14th instant and in reply to inform you that the Army worms are continuing to spread and there is certainly no chance for more than 3/4 of a crop in this region. My last date from the House below is 11th instant, but I have since learned of the arrival of the 10th of the month continues to advance in the low country - Vicksburg & the back country adjacent is now suffering and I expect to hear of their depredations in a few days. They appear to be about the same extent as that in the latest date I have seen from South Carolina. The fields here are now of the color exhibited a week after frost perhaps not so brown, but many are defoliated equally, or more of the power of production. I am disposed to estimate the loss of the United States at 3/4 of a full crop and a full crop at 2,400,000 Bales including Texas. The money market in Europe with specie against prices, and if the crops in England turn out short generally, it will have an unfavorable influence - but manufacturing will proceed if they can do so without actual loss and there is enough machinery in the world to work up 2,400,000 Bales. With short crops in England this year we shall have an enormous export demand for Broad Sheeps, and that with the

Names:

Cotton & Army
 worms

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Morning Sun, Shelby
 Co., TN

Types:

address

correspondence

Dates:

Sept 22, 1846

F&D 1846 964 (P8)
Corr. Bus. - S. Ala.

advanced value of Cotton with extraordinary consumption in this Country
and we shall have large Imports of Goods from Great Britain. The Cotton
Market is in rather a healthy state and will next year require
greatly more Cotton and Cotton Yarn than this year. There will
doubtless be a better state of trade next year, from several causes
which I cannot explain in the limits of a letter - and but for
the immense amount of money deposited in the Railway Stocks
in England, Speculation would carry Cotton higher - perhaps very
high.

Since I wrote you last I have rec'd a letter from Mr Hopkins
informing me he would be in Memphis 5th prox. & to come on a
tour and I am enclosed a duplicate agreement on the terms which
I think we ought to do business with. I have given him a letter
to you in order to get our Book Bound and I'll be glad to sign
in the same way that I have signed them. Should you prefer
multiplication thereof you can write such as you think proper
and send to me directed to Memphis as I shall be there most
of the time after Hopkins' arrival until you below.

Mr Hopkins' Capital is to be raised in his Father's Bill on us
for \$10000 to be discounted in New Orleans and allowed
after maturity by discounting another Bill for same amount
payable 1st Decr or 1st July as may be necessary.

I write you I had advanced Peter Miller \$1000 - Yesterday
I sent him a check for \$3000 more and requested him to send
me his Bill on us at 6 m^o for the whole including Interest.

Names:

Donegan, J. J.

Fearn, Dr.

Hopkins, A. M.

Miller, Pitser

Places:

Morning Sun, Shelby
Co., TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Sept 22, 1846

F&D 1846 964 (F8)
Corr. Bus. - S. Ala.

but we can get discounted at Bank, if found to be necessary.
I have had but few demands for money and shall have enough
to match Hopkins by getting \$3000 from below to replace that
amount sent Miller.

I am anxious to hear how the worm has cured
the Planters in north Alabama - fear they have increased
as the date of your last was about the time they appeared here.
The weather is now hot and dry, the ten days ago there fell
a heavy rain accompanied with a hard blow which dirtied
very much the open cotton near the ground which being mixed
with that above injury the whole materially.

That little letter is arriving at Memphis - not so much as
a week or ten days ago which may be owing to the general specu-
lation of higher prices here after.

I should like to get a good business this year if
it can be done with safety - but am not disposed to undertake
a hazardous business. Commisshions will come well. Pitser
Miller will probably do a good deal this season - and I hope
we may get most of the McRae County crop. All our friends
that I have seen are well satisfied with what we did for them
last season. I hope your Planters may not allow themselves to be
taken in by speculators from abroad.

As additional security I intend to make
Hopkins give us a Power of Attorney to wind
up his business in case of his death
A.C.

Yours truly
A. Crenshaw

Names:

Crenshaw, A.

Hopkins, A. M.

Miller, Pitser

Places:

Morning Sun, Shelby
Co., TN

Types:

correspondence

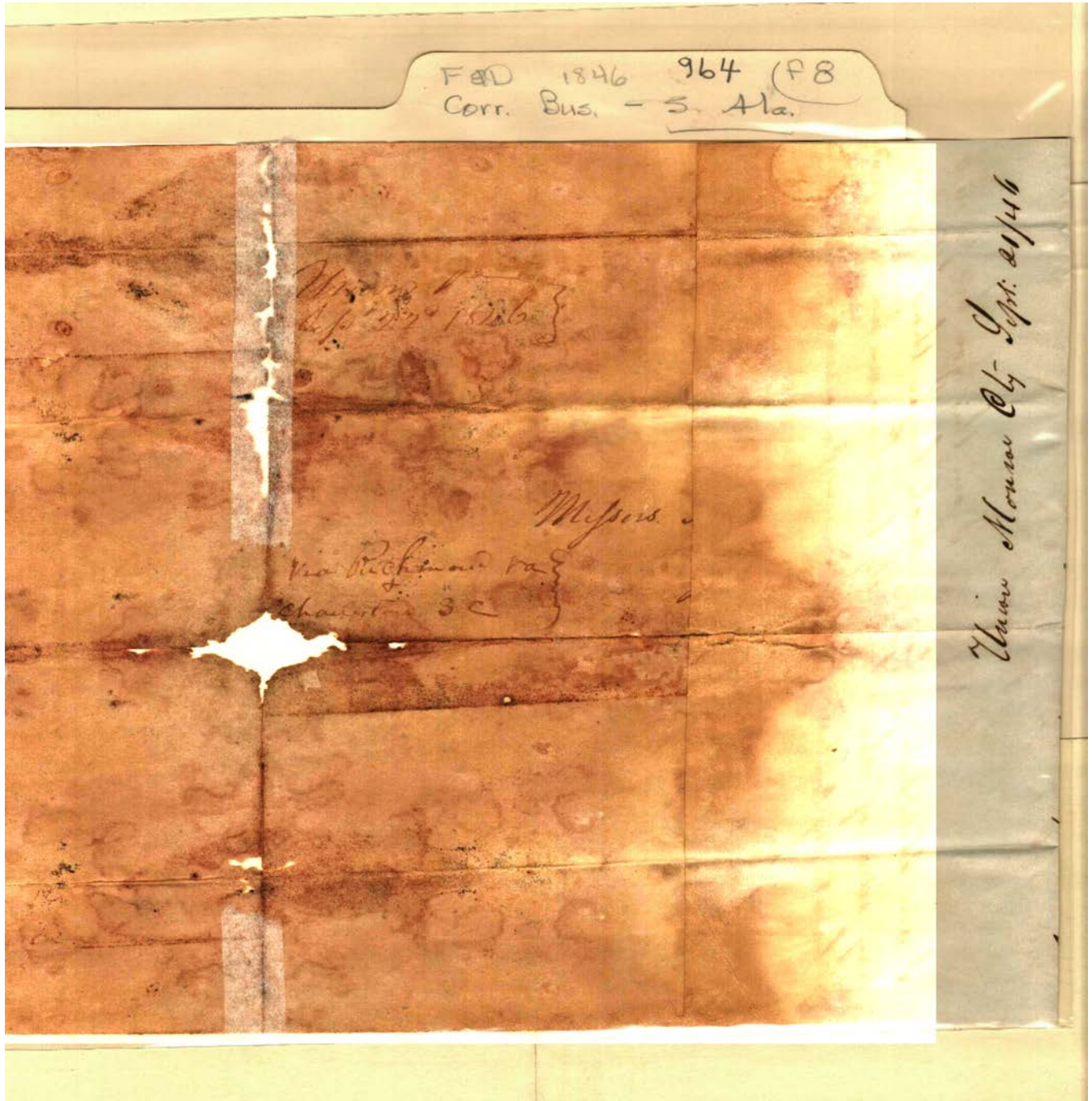
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from Charles H. Patton

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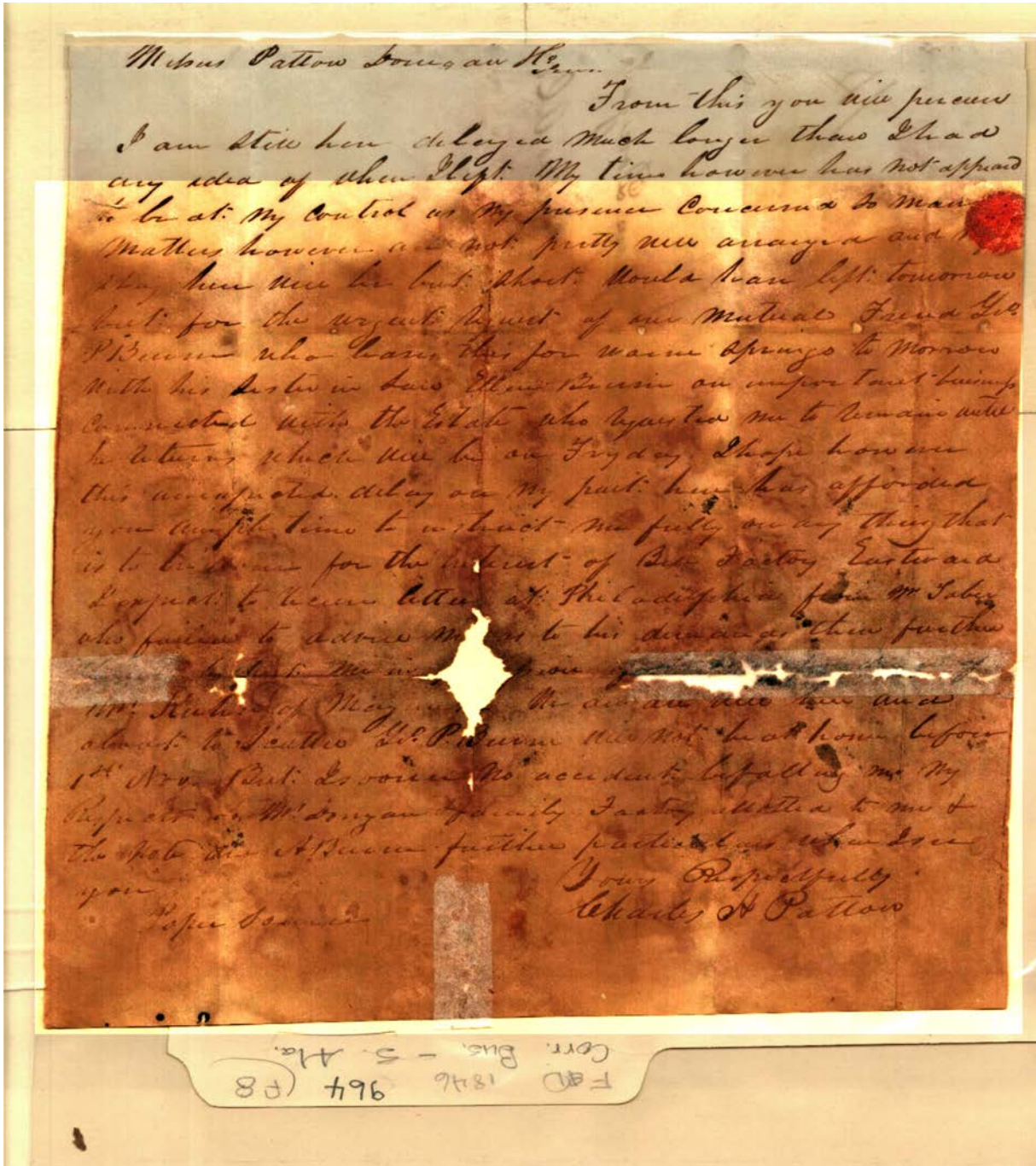
Union, Monroe Co.,
VA

Types:

letter

Dates:

Sept 21, 1846



Names:

Beirne, Ellen
Beirne, George P.

Patton, Charles H.

Patton, Donegan &
Co.

Taber, Mr.

Places:

Union, Monroe Co.,
VA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Sept 21, 1846

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