

Spaulding DC
Nov 14 1912

Mr John S. Switzer
Jacksonville Fla -

My dear Sir: - your to hand & noted -
I was down at Switzer yesterday, and
saw that they had not begun to
build the house, and if you will tele-
graph me on receipt of this letter. I
will tel your father not to do any
work untill he hears from you -
I will pay you the money you paid
Mr Harner also pay for any lumber
or material your father has gone
to if any = I will make paper

Satisfactory you, I have saw mill
and can saw all the lumber and
have brick on hand and can
build much cheaper than you can
have it done = I cannot see how
you could make any money on
your land if you spend \$1000⁰⁰
on improvement and in addition
to the cost of your land - if you
are trade I will stand any expense
you here gone to, as stated above -
I will look at your Mother's land
over the river and see what I can
do - wire me on receipt of this
letter at my expense
Yours truly,
J. V. Harris



Special Delivery

Mr John S Switzer

Jacksonville

Fla

9 to 17 East Orange near Main



Delivery attempted and fee claimed
Jacksonville, Fla.

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J. T. HARRIS & SON
Real Estate
OFFICE 167 HARRIS THEATRE BUILDING

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Nov 20th 1912

Mr. John S. Switzer
Jacksonville Fla.

My dear Sir: I have been considering your offer of 30⁰⁰ per acre for your land - and have decided to take it at your offer, if you will make terms satisfactory - after I pay Jordan for his land, and buy stock for same, and the Short Corp. I find I will be short of funds. And I will make you this proposition, I will give you the \$30⁰⁰ per acre, $\frac{1}{3}$ in twelve months, and the balance in two years with interest on same, my son will endorse the notes and will give you a mortgage over the land. This ought to suit you as well as the work, as if you should need the money, you could get it on our notes & mortgage as we are worth more than two hundred thousand dollars above our indebtedness - and the buildings and improvements on the place would amount to a good deal, if you accept the offer let me know at once as I would have to put up the building and get things as I don't think I would pay Harry's negro debt - the interest on the money will amount to more than the rent and I should not pay this much for the land if I did not own land myself, I can look after both at the same time

J. T. Harris

2 Days 1/2 "Spk. Plays

Master General

St. Louis

From 1/4 1/2 1/2

1817

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Switzer A.C.

Dec 3rd 1912

Dear John,

I write to tell you that the house is about finished or will be to day - Stables + outhouse still to be built - all the lumber for it - on the ground with tin sheet iron to cover it -

I have paid some bills but the most of it - still unpaid

There have been about 9812 ft rough lumber including framing + rough or unplained stuff + 1570 ft of flooring besides nails, doors + sash locks + hinges, bricks

Some of the bills are not in + I can't send them in this letter yet I promised ^{write} payment, subject to come in any day + will have to have the money to meet them

The weatherboarding cost \$110 per hundred the framing \$100 + the flooring I think

90^{cts}. I can't send the bill in to day but I think ^{if} you will send us 301⁵⁰ Moore 100.⁰⁰ to pay for house expenses

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and 20th to pay legal Claims
& I will send you later all the bills
explaining every thing pertaining
to the job. Be sure & attend to
this at once as I am under
obligation to meet these Claims.
Will give you particulars later
some other little incidentals
have not time to mention now
affectionately
Father

P.S. We are none of well
but up. Tell Wells to send
his interest to pay loaden
Father

Jacksonville, Fla. _____

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No. _____

The Barnett National Bank 63-4
OF JACKSONVILLE

*Pay to the
order of* _____

\$ _____

Dollars

UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY -

Gas, M Switzer.

more. S. C.

P.O. Switzer. S.C.



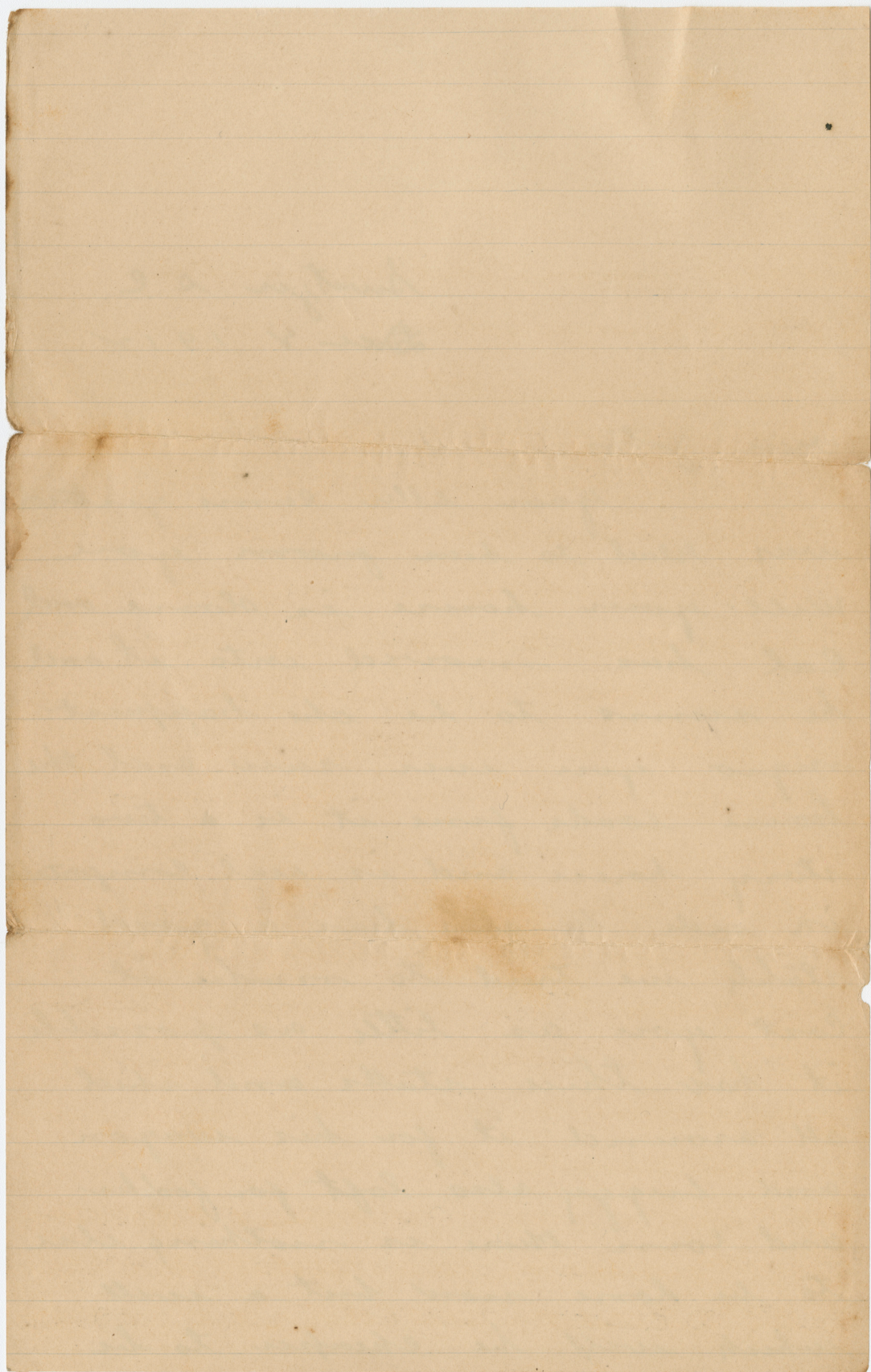
Mr. John H. Switzer
96-17 East Orange St. New
Jacksonville Fla



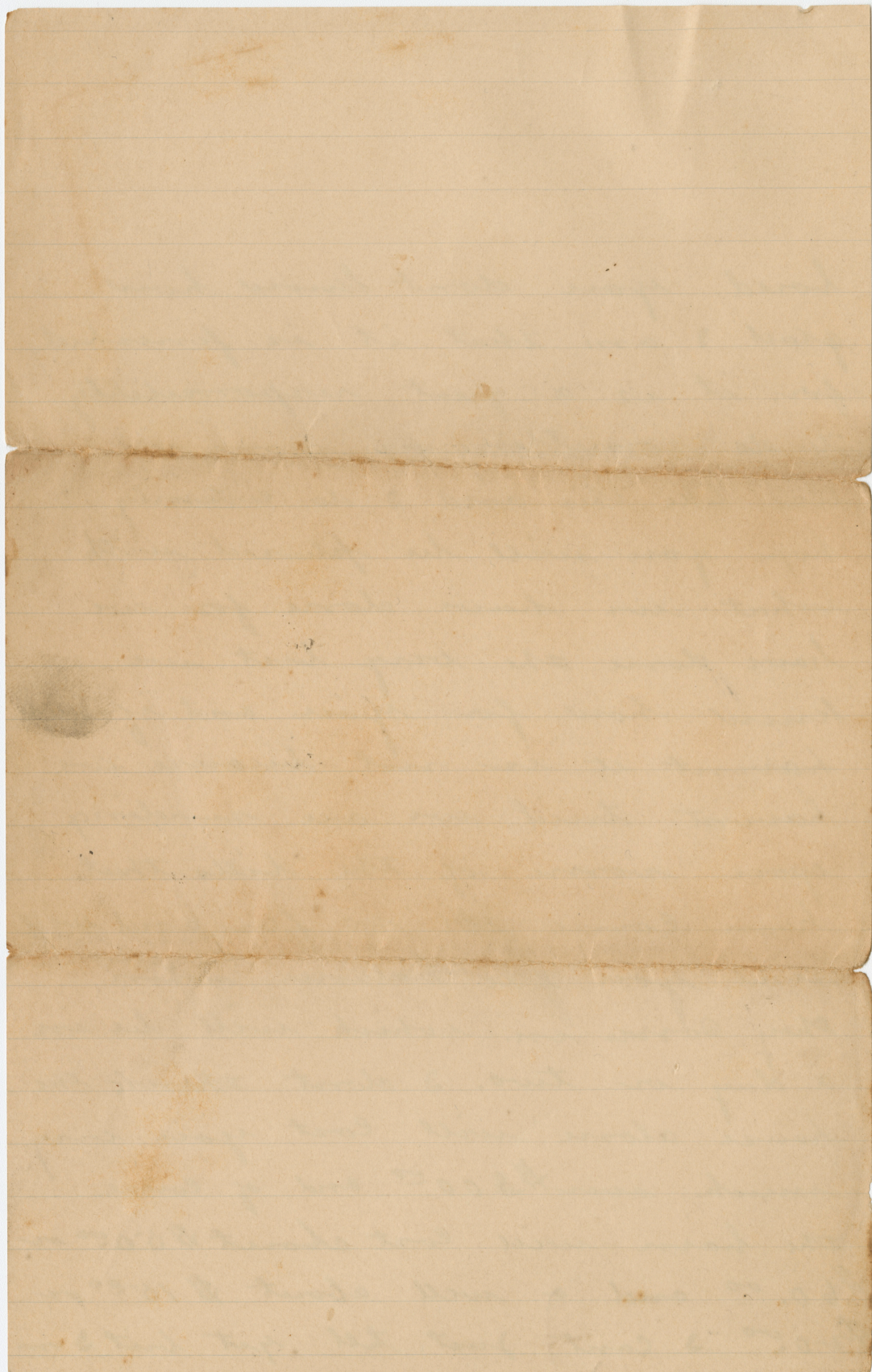
Switz, S. E.
Dec 8 1912

Dear John

Your letter came yesterday
was glad to hear from you
Will your house is done and
Cal has moved into it and
he seems to be the happiest
nigro you ever saw and the
house looks fine it is a two
story house and is real comfortable
in side he also has a good
stable we tried to make it
cost you as little as possible
it has three stalls and shed
all around it for his wagon
and buggy also loft for fodder
and corn there is nothing else
to be done now but a well
which will be cheaper to be

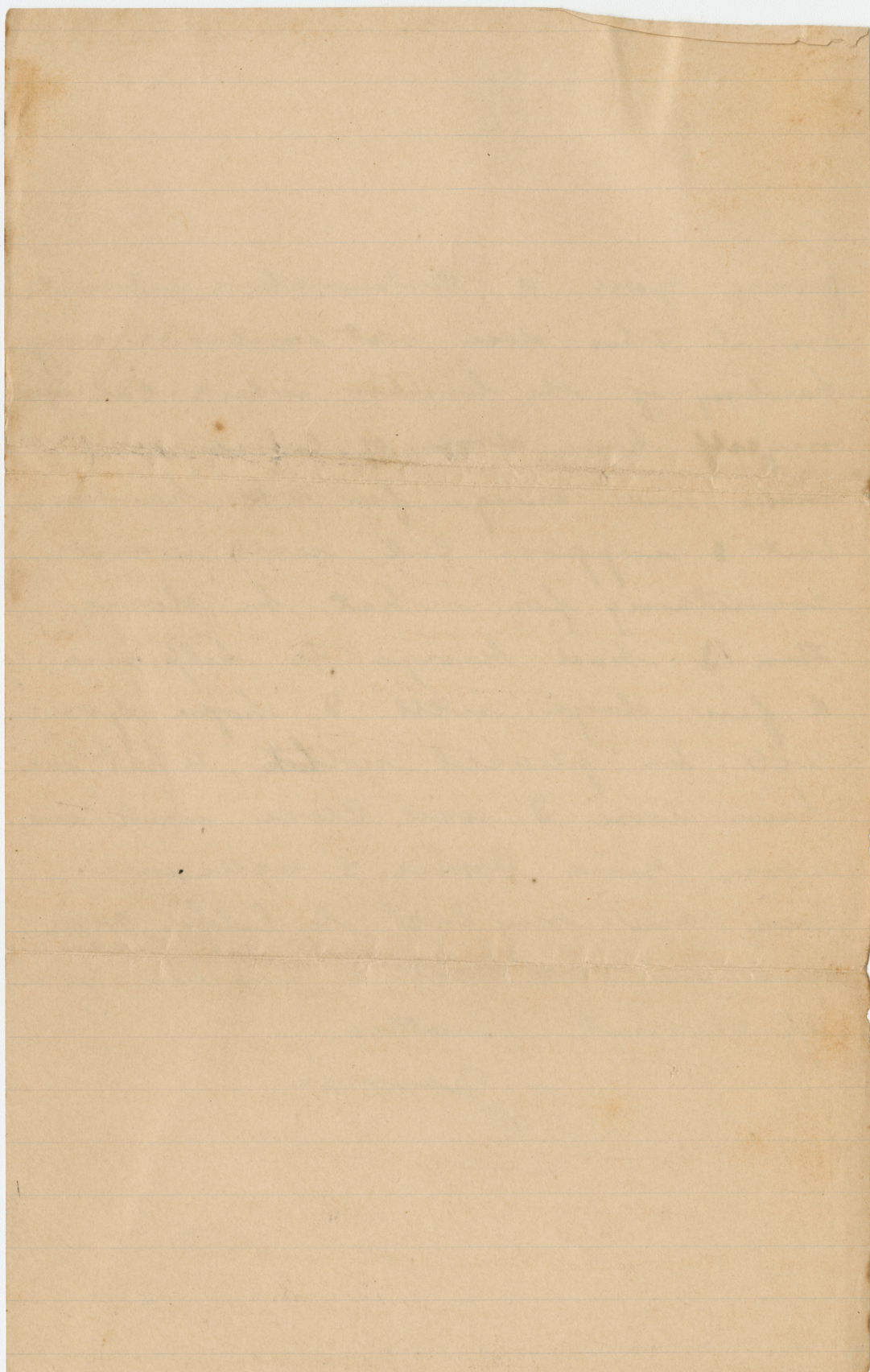


board. you dont know how
glad I am that it is finished
for it is a great responsibility
to do something for someone
else like this and I do certainly
hope you will be pleased with
what we have done for we
have done the very best we
know how for you and if we
havent it is not because we
havent tried we are sending
you some of the bills that
have come in so far and will
send you the balance when
they come in. which will be in
a day or two. I dont think the
house alone will cost you very
much over \$300⁰⁰ and of course
the barn will cost about \$50⁰⁰ or
\$60⁰⁰ and a well about \$15⁰⁰ or
\$20⁰⁰ I cant just tell yet but I am



giving you a conservative estimate
on it. This does not embrace any
hauling of the lumber which Cal and
myself have done of course we
make no charge for our hauling
but I suppose Cal will want
something for what he done
then I had George to help me
a few days. Well I hope you
will be pleased with what we
have done I will close write us
soon give Annie & wills our
love and my best to Eddie hope
you are all well I remain your
affectionate Brother

Jamie



Switzer D.C.

Dec 16th 1912

Dear John:-

The house & Barn is finished
& Cullen has moved all his possessions.
Farmer called to get the th 200⁰⁰ late Saturday eve
I told him he would have to give me a receipt
in full, but he said he could not do that as Cullen
still owed him th 37⁰⁰ & that he told you that he
take the th 200⁰⁰ & take his chances to get the th 37⁰⁰
I told him that Cullen had given me a mortgage
for you for th 200⁰⁰ on his two mules & cows & wagon
& buggy, & I had put it on file in Cleve's office
the day before, but since ^{now} I had heard that he
had not paid off given Ezell, Sanford a mortgage
on the same property, but I had not been able to see
him & ask him about it, (he said nothing to me
when he gave you the mortgage), & that I would
have to see him before I could pay him
so we hunted him up & he reckoned that he had
& paid all off but th 43⁰⁰ & that Sanford

had agreed to wait on time for balance until fall
1913. I asked him why he did not say something to me about it
when he gave me mortgage for you - he said he did not
think about it. I told Mr Farmer I could not pay
him the $200^{\text{--}}$ then I would have to write you about
it. afterwards he phoned me that he ^{would} give you the
 $37^{\text{--}}$ in place of claim against Calle & Tasse $200^{\text{--}}$ in
full of all demands against Calle & Tasse. I replied
that I would submit the ^{concern} propositions to you & your
opinion the matter. I have inquired of Sanford
to find out for certain whether Calle had
it right, ^{or not} & he says it is $48^{\text{--}}$ dollars at
this time. I don't know what would be
the best for you, ^{to a} about ^{it} but I think if
Calle would give you a mortgage on
his house hold goods in fact every
thing he has got & pay of the claim
against Sanford of $48^{\text{--}}$ you would
have then every thing in your hands
you can use your own judgement, but
any way your claims on Calle would
be $237^{\text{--}}$ any way if you pay Farmer
the $200^{\text{--}}$ although the mortgage you have
is only for $200^{\text{--}}$, let me know at once what
to do. as every thing is somewhat tangled

You have sent me $\$530^{\text{00}}$ take of $\$200^{\text{00}}$ for Lealle
debt - would leave 330^{00} I have not paid of
all of the bills as they have not sent them in
but I have made a summary of the whole
of expenses so far I can ^{tell} at this time & it will
take about $\$40^{\text{00}}$ more to meet the claims outstanding
This does not include the well I have engaged
a well boer to bore a well at 50^{c} per foot & have
sent for Terra-cotta. I don't know how deep
will have to go down but if we go 50 ft the
work + Terra c - will cost about $\$37^{\text{50}}$ to be
added to the above amount. I know you will
think this business has cost you a lot
money but I have done all I could do + James
has also + I hope you will except what has
been accomplished in good faith so you
see we will have to have $\$40^{\text{00}}$ more in addition
to $\$37^{\text{50}}$ if well is not more than 50 ft -
just as soon as I can get it all paid I will send
you bills + statement of the whole thing.
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I received checks from shells of # 86
JMS

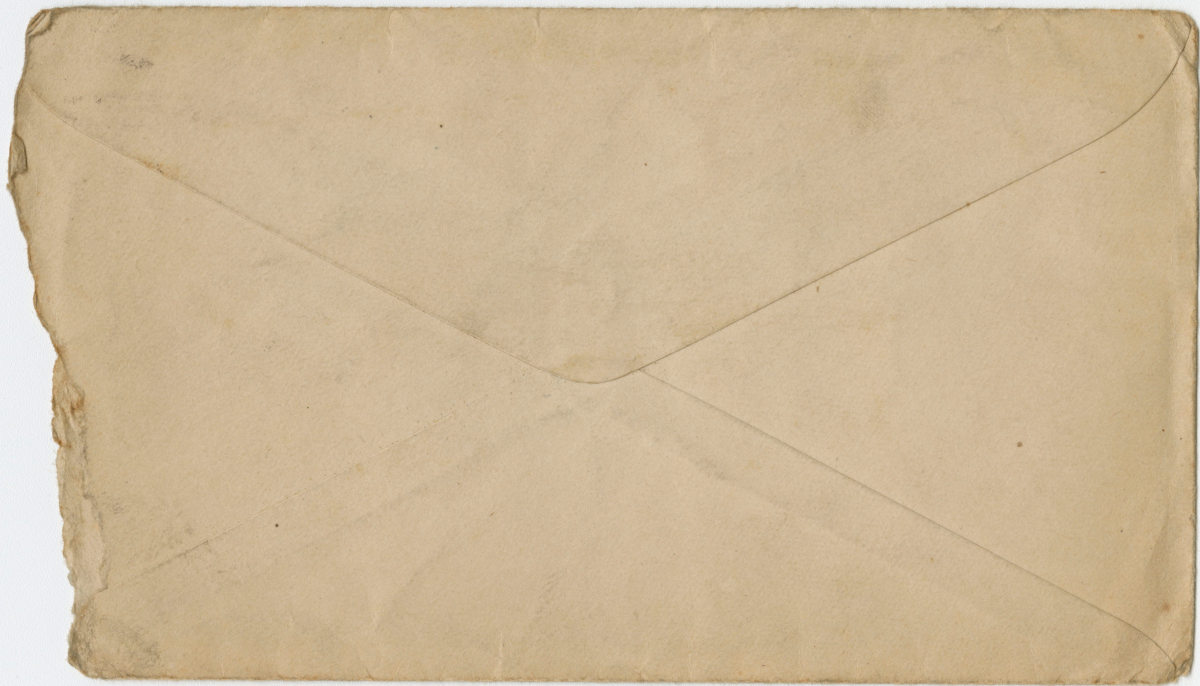
After 5 days, return to

John M. Switzer

SWITZER, S. C.



Mr. John F. Switzer
9 to 17 East Orange New Mass
Jacksonville Fla



Switzer St.
Jan 7th 1913

Dear John:-

I have been expecting to
have an answer to my letter written some
time before xmas & also to a postal Card
during xmas but up to this time I
have waited in vain; now I don't
understand why you have treated me
so. I tried to explain your matters
relative, to buildings & Warren Farmer
account, the best I knew how
& expected you to write me at once
& tell me what to do as I did not
want to take the responsibility
especially about paying Farmer
without you said so. Farmer first
said he would not give you a full
receipt of all demands against
Call Glen, but on my card he said he ^{would}

Christy - 82
Jan 2 - 1913

Dear John:

I have been expecting to
have an answer to my letter within some
time before now & due to a postal error
delaying yours but up to this time I
have received no answer; now I want
to know why you have not written
to me. I tried to explain your mother
relating to the things & the money
as you had the best I know how
& I expected you to write me at once
I will not expect to see you
want to take the responsibility
entirely about keeping money
without your kind so I am sure
could be solved out for you if all
means of all means opened
well then, but in any case I will

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but again I told you that Egell
Lanford of woodruff had a mortgage
over Call Gleis mules cows, buggy
& wagon, & there was a balance of
about \$48⁰⁰ still unpaid & what
was I to do, I made inquiry from
Lanford & he said he would surren-
der his papers if the above amt
was paid or that he would wait
on the negro until ^(early) next fall for
it, he also said, that Mr. Lanford
would or had agreed to sell him
Guano to make another crop if
he wanted it, I also told you that
the well was to dig & well ~~at~~ & that
I would have to have an additional
amt money to do this with, since
then I secured a well borer & he
made 5 holes, varying from 10 ft
to 40 ft before getting water, as he
encountered rocks every where

but again I told you that
I had written to you
over all this matter some days
ago I told you I was writing from
London & to say the least he would
see the paper of the above and
out of it or that he would
see the paper until I had
it, he also said that Mr. [?]
would or had agreed to call
himself to make another copy of
the matter if I also told you that
he will see to stop & collect & that
I would have to have an article
sent away to do this with a view
that I received a well known & to
write of the above coming from 10th
St. No. 11 before getting written, as to
the content of the paper and order

P.S. Mr. Brown former has been to me several
times for a settlement & is becoming
very impatient.

The well at 40th had 6 ft water
when finished & could not go any
further on account rock but I think
it will be sufficient as the rule is that water
is at its lowest ebb about this time year.
The work & Terra-cotta of this well will
cost you \$31⁶³ & this bill is promised &
due, I do hope you will answer this
letter & ^{let me} know something. I assure I
have done the very best I could for
you & if you don't write me & tell
me something, I don't think you
will be serving me right. Where
the matter of business is completed I
propose to send you an itemized
Statement of the whole transaction
as I intend to show you where your
money has gone, we are all tolerably
well with exception of colds.

Affectionately,
Father

Received of the
Honorable the Secretary of the
War Department \$100.00

The well of the
other friends & could not go any
further on account of the
is not the least all about this
the matter & have taken of this
each year \$100 & the bill is
Dear Sir, I hope you will
allow to have some
from the very best
of you & if you will
our some thing I shall
will be very glad to
The matter of business
I have I sent you an
Statement of the
as I hope to show you
money for you, we are all
well with the
Yours
Sincerely,
John

From
Geo. M. Switzer
Switzer S. P.



Mr. John F. Switzer
9 to 17 East orange str near main
Jacksonville Fla

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Sutzyer S. P.
Jan - 26th 1913

Dear John:-

I received your letter the same day I mailed my letter to you & should have answered sooner, but have been waiting to get an answer from Farmer about the adjustment of the call Glenn matter. I notified him at once & told him it was up to him to settle it, that you would not advance any money on said negro so long as Sanford held papers over his property, but if he would get Sanford's mortgage & transfer it to you I would pay him the two hundred dollars or if ^{he} could make any other arrangement that would let Glenn remain on your place this year, I would give him or Glenn up the mortgage I had on call ~~the~~ ~~money~~ for the claims he held against him so fast Friday night he phoned me to let Glenn have the mortgage he had given you, & that he had seen Sanford & had arranged the matter all O. R.

Butcher & Co.
Jan 26th 1810

Dear Madam

I received your letter this morn
ing & would very willingly have
returned it to you, but have been
constrained from former want of
of the last of them matter, & notified him of
it as I told him it was up to him to settle it
that you would not choose any money
to be made so long as you had
papers over his property, but if he would
get together the mortgage papers of the
I would pay him the two hundred dollars
or if he would make any other arrangement
that would be to his advantage or your
I have this year, I would give him a share
of the mortgage, I had on last
year for the claim to be settled in
so that his right might be preserved
at the same time the mortgage be
given you, so that he had no further
to do with the matter all etc

so yesterday (Saturday) I gave call to the
mortgage & as the business is ended, which
I am proud to say is an admirable adjust-
ment of this transaction in your favor
although you are out [#]105. for approval of
papers, but relieved of all responsibility as
to the [#]200 &. I have not been able to settle
quite all of indebtedness for material as
two of parties have delayed in sending
or their bills, although I have notified
them that I desired to do so at once,
I hope I will be able to do this in a few
days more & then I can send you an
itemized statement of whole affair.
I have tried to do the very best I could
for you & I hope you will not be dis-
appointed. I will have a balance of your
money on hand & I would appreciate
a loan of a hundred dollars of this
money until fall with my note at
8 per cent interest, so I am needing
this amount very much having
made a very short cotton crop last
year. I hope you can do this, if so let
me know & I will send you my
note when I send the remainder of the

money left over. Lealle has been cleaning
up the place preparatory to a crop & I believe
he intends in fact he said he is going to
do his best for a good crop. The well seems
to be doing all right, he said there is plenty ^{water} -
We have all been very much disturbed
over Jamie's misfortune. He was loading
some logs & had a needle in his belt & it
penetrated his shoulder & broke into & he
had to have an operation at the hospital
before it could be removed, & is at present
not able to do any thing & will be some time
unable to work. There is no special
news. The winter has been quite mild
so far with rains & clouds in abundance
I could have waited longer to write you
but I know your ^{impatience} expectation to hear
what I have done, I will write you
again before long, just as soon as
I can hear from you. We are all
in usual health, I feel rather shaky
some times but I try to do the best I can
All join me in sending love to you all.
Tell Wells I am sorry he took exception to my letter
I did not intend any harm, affly. Father

Bought of
SPARTAN HARDWARE CO.
SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Sold by _____ Dray _____
James M Switzer

Date 11. 23. 1912
2 Bld Linn

Paid \$200

Switzer
J C

John H Switzer

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James W. Smith
1850
George & Co
New York
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John Switzer

MONTHLY STATEMENT

SPARTANBURG, S. C.,

Dec 1st 19*12*

M. *John F. Swinton*

IN ACCOUNT WITH

J. T. HARRIS & SON

TO BALANCE ACCOUNT RENDERED

TO RENT..... TO.....

71 2000 British

\$ 17 00

Paid

J. T. Harris

MONTHLY STATEMENT

SPARTANBURG S. C. 29301

Mrs. John T. Harris

IN ACCOUNT WITH

J. T. HARRIS & SON

200 00

TO BALANCE ACCOUNT REFERRED

TO RENT

1887

Paris

J. T. Harris

20	Contract on house	\$65.00
20	" " " " Rain	\$15.00
		<u>\$80.00</u>

Paid

A. W. Tolson

Dec 6 1917

