

Penn May 6th 1857

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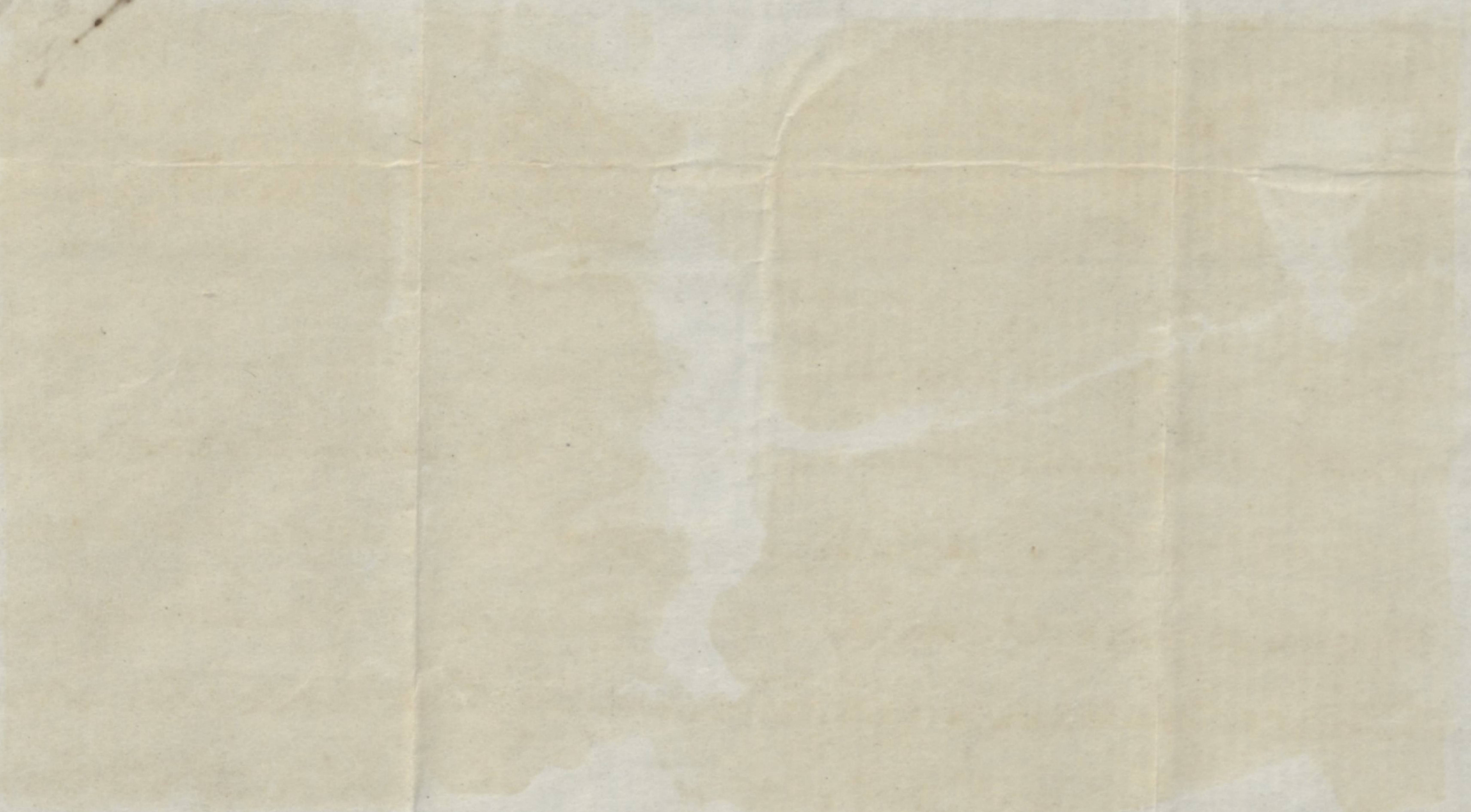
Dear Sir

Your favor of April 30th came to hand by yesterday's mail, with letter from Mr Winship enclosed, on the subject of subdividing your wood land into ten acre lots preparatory for sale, in reply I would say that I shall endeavour to see Mr Winship soon go on to said land with him, to see as to the best plan of making the subdivisions, and will examine the prairie lands also and call attention to them, advising you of any liberal bids I may be able to obtain on them, it is strange that the deed from Saml. W Taylor the patentee to S & J Williams should have been recorded in Lasalle county and not in Bureau, Bureau county was organized prior to 1838, and originally was a part of Putnam Co. (not Lasalle) I presume said deed also embraced lands in Lasalle Co. was sent there for record and the record in Bureau Co omitted, if that old deed can be had it should be sent out, and placed on record in Bureau county as it is important to show chain of title, especially is this necessary to sell without giving Deeds of general warranty I ^{am} still of opinion that it would aid materially in selling those lands if you could consistently

overcome your objections to giving deeds of
general warranty, our attorney claim that they
carry no damages for improvements on the land
only the amount of purchase money as named
in the deed with interest, to be refunded on
failure of title, and I think that has been
recovered under some special warranties
where they set forth that they have a good and
perfect title &c, these however are legal questions
that I cannot speak of from actual knowledge
in all cases where I deliver deeds before
full payment of purchase is made I take
security by mortgage on the land, as you
mention that your Father is aged and infirm
and that you may be placed in the situation
of the Executors of the late Mr E. Chauncey, I will
take the liberty of saying that we have a statute
law here which is somewhat annoying to Executors
which says that non resident Executors shall
not be permitted to sell Real Estate here until
they have first filed a Bond with security in
the ^{state} county (I think) where said land is situated
in Mr Chauncey's will he names the parties
as Executors, Trustees & Devises, which we
think sufficient to overcome the law, especially
as devises, I suppose any time this month or
next, sufficiently early to have the subdivision of
wood land completed. Very Respectfully yours
P.S The apology for said law was to protect creditors J. Abraham



Dear Mother
 I received your
 kind letter of
 the 25th and
 was glad to
 hear from you
 and to hear
 that you were
 all well. I
 am well at
 present and
 hope these few
 lines will find
 you all the
 same. I have
 not much news
 to write at
 present. I am
 still in school
 and will be
 home in a few
 days. I will
 write again
 soon. Love
 from
 your affectionate
 son
 John



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W. W. Abraham

John Swindle County

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