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BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

June 17, 1904.

Mr. T. J. Scott,
Tampa, Fla.

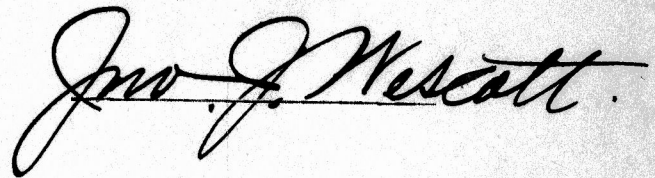
Dear Sir:-

Replying to your esteemed favor of some days ago, it was a good tract of Long Leaf Pine of 20,000 to 50,000 acres that we desired.

Something North or West from Fla. is wanted, but if you have nothing outside of your State, we will be glad to have the details in regard to something you have direct from owners, that will cut the most timber.

Of course, the price must be low or reasonable.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jno. J. Wescott". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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Beaumont, Texas,

Dec. 2, 1904.

Mr. Chas. H. Scott,
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir:-

We are informed that you are the owner of a large body of cypress in Florida which is for sale. We beg to state that we have buyers for a large amount of cypress, if for sale at the right price, and would be glad if you would furnish us with a description of your property together with all information in regard to it and your lowest prices.

We have buyers who mean business and would be glad to take it up with them.

Very truly yours,

Jno. J. Wescott.

(Juneanne Wescoat Glick, *Westcote* (Clayton, New Jersey: Bregler Associates, 1991), pages 415 and 416)

WALTER SCOTT WESTCOTT SON OF JOHN AND EUNICE REED WESTCOTT EIGHTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

Walter Scott Westcott was born in Wethersfield, New York on April 8, 1828 and removed to Green County, Wisconsin in 1843 where he resided in the Town of York. Walter then removed to the town of Adams where he resided until 1864. In 1864 he bought a farm in Section 26 of the Town of Monroe. Walter married Thankful B. Cleveland, the daughter of James C. and Edith Cleveland of Green County. Edith was born in Maine. The marriage date was January 28, 1855.

In Wisconsin, Walter served as a legislator in the general assembly of Wisconsin, two terms in the lower house and two terms in the senate.

In 1880 Walter removed from Wisconsin to a large farm near Custer County, Nebraska where he had a cattle ranch. The town of Wescott was established on Walter's lands. He established the first bank in the village, known as the Bank of Wescott, of which he was president. Walter was well known as the originator of the Wescott irrigation canal. (page 121, *HOUDER-WESTCOTT PROUD CONNECTIONS*, from *Compendium of History, Reminiscence and Biography* pages 552 and 553)

The following is taken from *HOUDFR-WFSTCOTT PROUD CONNECTIONS*, pages 125 & 126 from in *The Early Days of Custer County*, by Annabel L. Beal:

“To this settlement in 1880 from Wisconsin came W.S. Wescott, a leader in the Republican party in Wisconsin, having been elected four terms to the Wisconsin legislature and having been a member of the convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln... Wescott's leadership was recognized in Douglas Grove, and his influence was felt in other settlements as attested to by Fred H. Vinshonhaler, one of the early doctors in Westerville, who described Wescott as ‘one of the greatest characters that I knew.’

Wescott, a cattleman in the new country, located at Big Spring, at the head of Spring Creek where there came ‘from the side of a steep hill one of the largest and purest springs in the county. ‘ Here with F. C. Gibbons he formed the firm of Wescott and Gibbons in 1887, and started a town consisting of ‘a large store, town hall, and other buildings.’

... His general store offered the supplies that formerly took days to bring from Loup City, and the town hall furnished a more accommodating place for community gatherings long held in the homes. In deference, therefore, to his creation of a town so vaguely hoped for and now surprisingly realized, the people of the settlement changed the name of Douglas Grove to Wescott.”

Walter Scott Westcott (Wescott) died on March 31, 1908. Thankful died April.18, 1916 (born March 23,1836 in Embden, Maine). Their children were:

Ida M., married Edward C. Gibbons of Nebraska.

Eva M., married C. D. Bragg of Nebraska.

John J. who had a son James.

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A Prominent Citizen Passed Away

Walter Wescott, for the last twenty years one of the most prominent citizens of Custer county, died at his home in Wescott on March 31, 1908. He was born in Weathersfield, N.Y. April 18, 1828. He left New York with his parents and settled in Wisconsin in 1844. He was married to Thankful B. Cleveland January 28, 1855 and took up his residence on a farm near Monroe Wisconsin, where he at once became prominent in the public affairs of the community. His father had been a Democrat and a great admirer of Andrew Jackson and Mr. Wescott cast his first votes for the Democratic ticket. However he was stirred by the spirit of the times, and placed himself at once in the vanguard of the progress of that time by casting his vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. From that time to the very last election he took an active and an intelligent interest in all the politics and in all the progress, and all the success of the Republican party.

In 1859 he was elected to the Assembly in the state of Wisconsin, and re-elected in 1860. In 1868 he was elected a member of the state senate of the state of Wisconsin. It will be thus seen that he was a member of the Wisconsin Legislature during the exciting and stirring periods of the Civil War. He at once became an important member of the Assembly, and was recognized as one of its strongest members. In 1860 he was delegate to the Chicago Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for president the first time. Mr. Wescott continued to reside on his farm near Monroe where he was successful, until 1880. In 1880 he established a ranch near Oak Grove, on the Middle Loup river about three miles from Comstock and engaged in the cattle and horse business with his son-in-law Edward Gibbon from that time until the time of his death, the firm of Wescott and Gibbon being recognized as the most successful and most progressive cattle and horse men in this part of the state.

In 1886 he removed permanently to Custer county, and established his residence on a ranch about three miles from Comstock. He established the post office of Wescott, built a general store, established a bank and Wescott became a thriving little village. On building of the Burlington road the town of Comstock was established, and Wescott was abandoned.

He was the father of seven children, four of them dying in infancy. His wife, who was his companion and shared his prosperity and his adversities, for more than half a century, his son, John J. of Monroe, Wisconsin, and his daughter, Mrs. Eva Bragg, of Comstock survive him. His daughter Mrs. Ida Gibbon died four years ago. Mr. Wescott was a gentleman of the old school, a class of men who are unfortunately rapidly passing away. He possessed far more than average intelligence, was broad-minded and cultured. Nature had been exceedingly kind to him in a great many ways and he had supplemented nature by being a constant reader and a broad and deep thinker. He possessed the very highest ideals of life, and was true to every relation in life. In business he was a man of great fortitude and courage, of indomitable will an untiring energy. He came to Custer county at a time of life when most men are ready to retire but for more than ten years there after he was one of the most active businessmen in the country. The firm of Wescott and Gibbon were know far and near to the early pioneers, and were recognized as fair, honest and successful dealers.

His funeral was held from the Congregational church near the site of the old village of Wescott, and was attended by an immense throng of people who gathered to the last tribute to the memory of this splendid man.

