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Thomas L. Ross Papers

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Content Note

The Thomas L. Ross Papers contain a six-page holograph letter dated March 29, 1875. Written from Topeka, Kansas, to Ed Smith in Paw Paw, Michigan, Ross describes the economy in and around Topeka, commenting on the continuing migration of people looking for farmland to work, and the output of and market for crops, especially winter wheat. Ross gives a candid assessment of the economic and social conditions in Kansas in 1875 especially concerning requests for relief. The collection includes a typewritten transcription of the letter.

Biography

Thomas L. Ross came to Kansas in the early 1870s and operated a real estate and insurance business in Topeka. At one time he was in partnership with O. T. Welch who later served as state superintendent of insurance.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	Contains a six-page holograph letter dated March 29, 1875, written by Thomas L. Ross of Topeka, Kansas, to Ed Smith, Paw Paw, Michigan. The letter contains observations and opinions concerning the economic and social conditions in Kansas. Pages 1-3 are written on Insurance Company of North America stationery, and pages 4-6 are on Kansas Central Relief Committee stationery.
Box 1	FF 2	Contains a typed transcription of the letter.

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