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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: Edwin Stevens Waterbury

OFFICE OF
EDWIN S. WATERBURY.
Attorney at Law.

Emporia, Kansas, Dec. 28th 187 5

R. S. Stevens, Esq.

Dear Sir:-

Aldin (*sic*) S. Stevens was the Patentee of N. E. 1/4 27 18 11 E, Lyon County, Kansas. Aldin S. Stevens executed Power Atty. to Robert S. Stevens (Oct. 12th 1858) to convey all his lands, &c., &c., in Kansas and on 9th September 1859, Achsa F. Stevens executed like Power. Both Powers Atty. were recorded May 6th 1862, Register of Deeds Office, Lyon County, Kan., Book D. p.p. 332 & 333. Oct. 31st 1859, Aldin S. & Achsa F. Stevens, by Robert S. Stevens their Atty. in fact, executed deed of Above land to Daniel Bowman.

On these papers there is nothing to show that Achsa F. was the wife of Aldin F. Stevens and proof of this fact is necessary to show a perfect title, free from any claim of the wife of Aldin S. Stevens.

Henry P. Perkins, the present owner, desires to borrow money upon a mortgage of the land of an Eastern Capitalist who will not accept his mortgage without this proof. I have therefore prepared an affidavit (the form of proof required) which I enclose, & very respectfully request you to sign and swear to before a Notary and return to me.

I enclose stamps for return papers and 50 cents to pay the Notary, and shall be under obligations to you for the accommodation.

Yours etc.,

E. Stevens Waterbury

¹FROM: Book of letters to R.S.S., July 1875 to April 1876.