

## Information Sheet

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These are six letters from Talbott & Clark, a business partnership at Proctor in Morgan County, Missouri, to A. J. Stillwell & Company in Hannibal, Missouri. They concern the purchase and shipment of butchered meat.

Harrison T. Talbott and George P. Clark were the partners of Talbott & Clark. According to Goodspeed (1889), Talbott had established a general mercantile store at Proctor in southwestern Morgan County, near the Osage River, in September 1886. Talbott also dealt in timber and railroad ties, as did Clark, who was a "liveryman" in Versailles, Missouri, as well as the owner of a general store in Proctor. Their partnership could have been either in mercantile trade or timber and ties.

The letters, dated 23 August 1889, 18 July 1890, 13 August 1890, 2 October 1890, 29 October 1890, and 17 December 1890, are on the letterhead of The Buffalo Mining Company of Versailles. George P. Clark had been president of the firm, which probably was inactive by 1889. The Buffalo Mine was located a few miles north of Proctor in southwestern Morgan County.

Harrison T. Talbott was born in Grant County, Wisconsin, in 1840. A Union veteran of the Civil War, he had been captured at Chickamauga and had survived many months of incarceration in Confederate prison camps, including Andersonville. He had been the proprietor of a store at the county seat, Versailles, prior to removing to Proctor. George P. Clark was born in Summit County, Ohio, in 1835. Trained as a surveyor and civil engineer, he had operated the Buffalo lead mine and furnace before becoming a liveryman in Versailles.

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