

## **Information Sheet**

**R**      **Flood, George.**  
**937**      **Letter, 1900.**  
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This is a letter from George Flood at Golden City in Barton County, Missouri, to “Brother Knoll.” Dated 10 June 1900, the letter concerns Flood’s attempts to market bicycles for Knoll, with the intention of moving to Springfield in Greene County, Missouri, to do so.

Little or nothing is known about the persons mentioned in this six-page autograph letter. A George Henry Flood was born in 1857 in Texas County, Missouri, and died in 1932 in Springfield, but there is no proof that it is the same George Flood who wrote the letter. Flood mentions the C. B. Sweet Company in Weir, Kansas, which might have manufactured bicycles or frames. Flood says that “Springfield is a good wheel town” and that “I will do good business there.” He actually never uses the word “bicycle,” but instead refers to “wheels,” a popular term of the day. He sold each “wheel” for \$36, and was looking for a ladies’ bicycle frame to exhibit so he could tap that growing market.

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*15 June 2004*

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