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This is an autograph letter dated 10 September 1890 from C. A. Ragland at Stockton in Cedar County, Missouri, to T. L. Smith at Whitehall, Illinois. The letter concerns taxes on the estate of James W. Gregory.

C. A. Ragland’s letterhead identifies him as an Attorney at Law who “makes a specialty of land suits, examines land, collects and secures claims in any part of the United States or Canada.” He was also a real estate agent who would “Buy, sell, and exchange lands. Pay taxes for non-residents,” and “Have the largest list of farms, town lots and raw lands in the state, for sale cheap.”

In this letter Ragland informs Smith that the taxes ($9.65 “including my fee”) are due on the “Jas. W. Gregory Estate,” and “If you want to sell the land quote me price.”