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R Chapman, Charlie.
1125 Letter, 1913.
One folder.

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This is a letter and cover dated 15 November 1913 from Charlie Chapman at Seneca in Newton County, Missouri, to Charles Lively at Clinton, Illinois. The cover includes promotional material for Seneca (“The World’s Tripoli Mining Center”) and a return address of Chapman Studio.

Little is known about the author of this letter except that he apparently was proprietor of a photography business, Chapman Studio, in Seneca. In the letter he presents plans to take photographs of the town and market them as postcards. He also mentions his ten-month-old son and the pleasant weather.

The cover is imprinted with promotional material for “Seneca, the Best Town,” describing it as “a city of 1,500 energetic, white people, ... located on the main line of the S.L. & S.F. railway.” According to the text, Seneca “offers a diversity of farming, dairying, mining and stock growing.” Strawberries are said to “net the growers annually more than the original cost of the land,” and the area boasts “the only large mines of Tripoli in the world.”

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