

Columbus, Ohio, June 11th, 1900

T. S. Davant, Esq.,  
General Freight Agent,  
Roanoke, Va.

Dear Sir:

Location of wagon skein plant

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Referring to your telegram and letter of June 6th with regard to location of wagon skein plant at Ironton or some other point on our line, account of E. S. Morris. Our Ironton agent saw Mr Morris a few days ago, but could get nothing out of him. The City of Ironton declined to assist him in locating his plant, so I presume he has dropped the matter as far as that point is concerned. Our agent at Portsmouth has been unable to find the gentleman. From conversation our Ironton agent had with Mr Morris, I do not think there is anything in the proposition. It appears that he has a patent on a certain kind of skein and is trying to get some concern or city to put up the money for manufacturing purposes. If he should show up again at either Ironton, Portsmouth or Columbus, we will look well after him.

Yours truly,

Division Freight Agent



NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY CO



Presworth June 9th 1900

J. R. Ruffen Esq  
Rt 1 & Columbus  
Nashville

Your own date  
Mr Morris saying to has not  
registered at any of our Hotels  
Nashville has he called on Mr  
York we will look after them  
of the stops in the city

Yours truly  
The Stationer



Telegram filed 1 30 P M

Columbus O June 9th, 1900

T Doty Portsmouth O

Have you seen a man by the name of E S Morris who is looking for location for a wagon skein manufacturing plant ? He was in Ironton several days ago and went from there to Portsmouth. Possibly you can find out something about him from Mr York. We would like to have him locate at some point on our line. Please investigate, and advise by wire.

J. R. Ruffin

Subject:

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NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILWAY CO.

Columbus, O. June 7th, 1900

Mr Ruffin,

I hand you herewith correspondence regarding location of wagon skein plant referred to in Mr Davant's telegram of June 6th, which was repeated to you yesterday care Conductor train 32.

W. E. W.



# NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

After transmitting telegrams which in their judgment would have served the Company's interest if sent by train mail, or which appear unnecessarily long operators are required to make a copy of them and forward to Superintendent of Telegraph. Operators will write all telegrams in ink, and enclose those for delivery on trains (except trainmen) in sealed envelope.

## TELEGRAM.

REC'D FROM	SENDER	RECEIVER	TIME	SENT TO	SENDER	RECEIVER	TIME

TIME FILED \_\_\_\_\_ M.

Roanoke 6/6/1900

J.R.Ruffin

Confer with agent Ironton regarding E S Morris who writes from Ports O may 29th that he is seeking location for wagon skeins plant to I send you copy letter today s mail

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3pm

Telegram filed at 400 P.M.

Columbus, O. June 6, 1900

J.R.Ruffin

Care Condr train 32

Following telegram just received from Mr Davant:

"Confer with agent Ironton regarding E S Morris who writes from Portsmouth Ohio May 29th that he is seeking location for wagon skein plant. I send you copy letter today's mail. Signature."

J R Ruffin

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Subject: Location for wagon skeins plant.

NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY CO



Roanoke, Va., June 6, 1900

Mr. J. R. Ruffin,  
Div'n Freight Agent,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:--

Confirming my wire this morning relative to above subject.  
Herewith, is copy of promised letter. Please give me full report  
on prospects of securing this proposed plant as early as you can.

Yours truly,

  
G. F. A.

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COPY

Portsmouth, O. May 29, 1900

Mr. Paul Scherer,  
Roanoke, Va.

Dear Sir:--

I am looking for location to establish plant to manufacture wagon skeins. Was sent to this place by B. & O., went to Ironton to meet Mr. Marting, who is interested, did not meet him as he was out of town. Your agent induced me to lay over, said he would get extension of ticket. Mr. Marting wants me to locate at Columbus as he has two furnaces at that place. I tried to get transportation, but it seems your agents here are very stiff-necked about it. I am going to look at the material advantages of the C. & O. and will be gone two or three days. If you will give me transportation to points on your road ~~where~~ furnaces are in operation and labor is plenty I will go and look it over. I expect to employ about 500 men and use 20000 tons of iron per year, and in order to save haul on raw material, must locate alongside of furnace, preferably at Columbus. Telegraph your agent here as to your action by time I get back

Very truly,

E. S. Morris.

*P.S.*

Your agent at Ironton can give full particulars.

*I will return to St Louis in 3 days.*