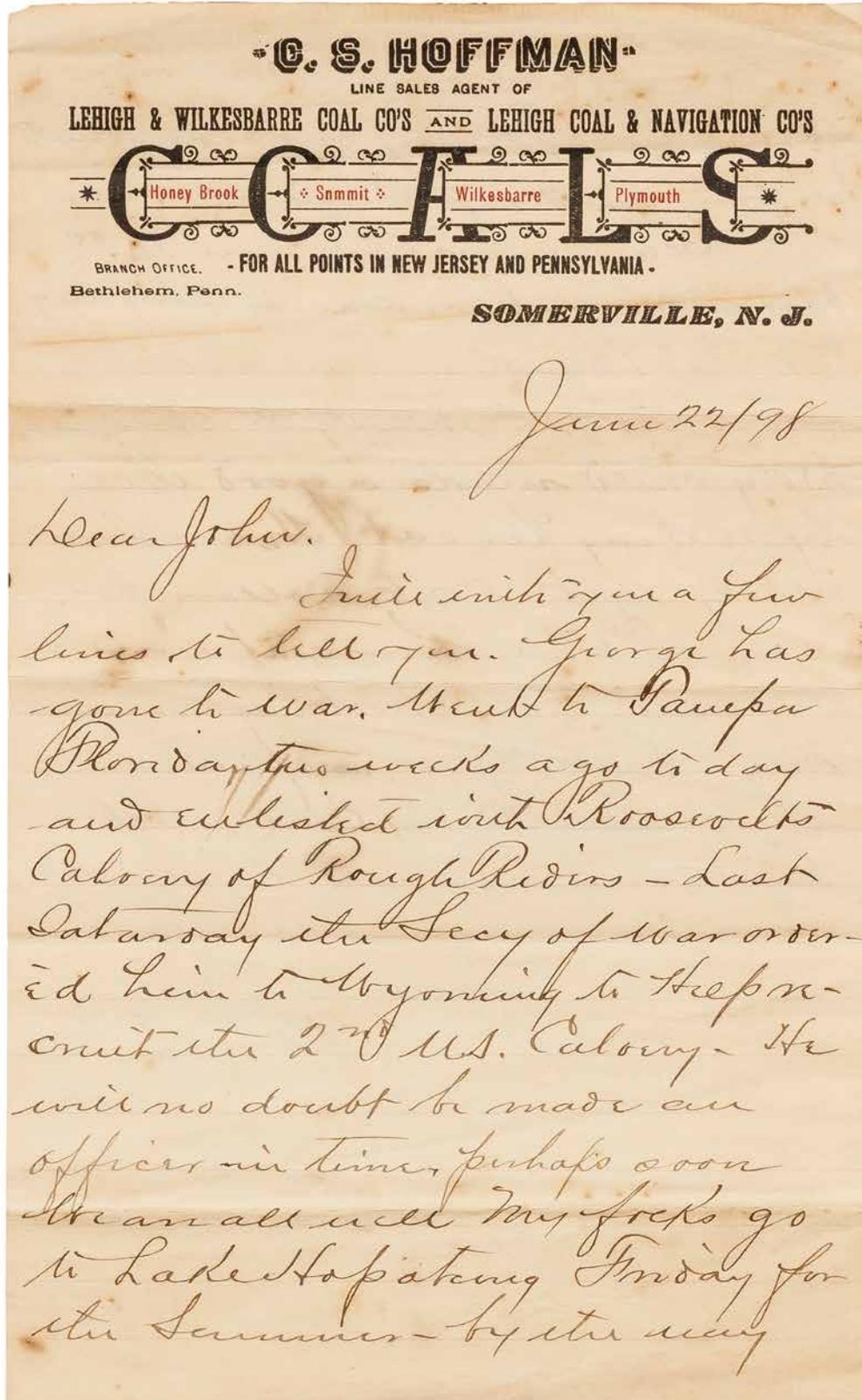


## C.S. Hoffman

Autograph Letter Signed concerning his son George B. Hoffman joining the Rough Riders

Somerville, New Jersey: 22 June 1898

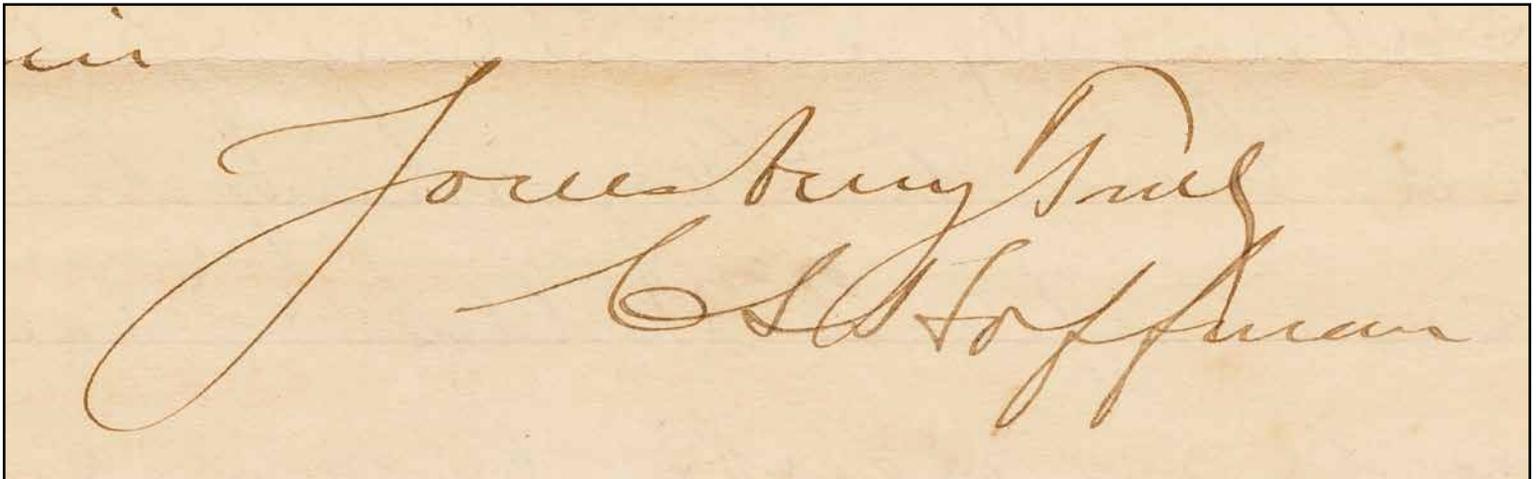
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Autograph Letter Signed by Cornelius S. Hoffman on his stationary as a sales agent at Somerville, New Jersey for the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Co's. Two pages, both sides of a single leaf. Old folds from mailing, a little age-toning else near fine, with the envelope present, possibly to a relative who is identified on the envelope as John Hulse. The letter is easily readable, Hoffman begins concerning his son: "I will write you a few lines to tell you George has gone to war. Went to Tampa Florida two weeks ago today and enlisted with Roosevelt's Calvary of Rough Riders. Last Saturday the Secy. of War ordered him to Wyoming to help recruit the 2nd U.S. Calvary. He will no doubt be made an officer in time, perhaps soon." He further enlists his correspondent to help sell his sloop which is docked in Red Bank and notes: "D.K. takes George's place on the road selling coal."

Additional sources note that George B. Hoffman, spent some time in Wyoming before the war, where he had met Roosevelt on a hunting trip. Hoffman did indeed serve in the Rough Riders, probably as a sergeant. Right after the war Hoffman settled in Wyoming and he shows up in various sources as a rancher, oil man, salesman, and in other professions. He reenlisted and served on the Mexican border in 1916. In 1917 he married Martha Post, the State Law Librarian of Wyoming and left soon after to serve as an officer in WWI. Hoffman and Post were divorced in 1923 and Post became a traveling law bookseller in the West.

An interesting contemporary notice of the Rough Riders and of one of the rugged Westerners (albeit, in this case, from New Jersey) who Roosevelt went out of his way to recruit. [BTC#416641]



The image shows a close-up of a handwritten signature in cursive on aged, yellowed paper. The signature reads "Cornelius S. Hoffman". The ink is dark brown or black. The paper has some horizontal creases and a small mark in the upper left corner that looks like the number "11".