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MR. CATRON'S NAMESAKE

Hennessey, Okla. 7.26.96
 Mr. Thomas Catron
 Santafee N.M.

Dear Sir

I know you will be surprised when receive this little letter—but as I am a namesake of yours and every time I see your name in the papers I think how I would love to see you and see what kind of a looking man you are: Do you remember I guess some fourteen or fifteen years ago clearing a man by the name of Gibbs for murdering a man I dont know his name in Springer New Mexico. Well Mrs. Gibbs thought so much of you my Mother says that she beged my Mother to name me Thomas Catron we were then living in Lass Vegas N. M. I dont know where Mrs. Gibbs is we havent heard of her in eight year. Now if it is not too much trouble write me a little letter and send me one of your pictures. I will send you one of mine if you want it then. I am thirteen years old herding cattle in the Cherokee strip.

Please excus the liberty I take and oblige me by answer with respect

I am

THOMAS CATRON HANCOCK

*adress Hennessey Kingfisher County
 Oklahoma*

[University of New Mexico Library, Catron Letters, PC29, 102, Box 28. Letter No. 16, 161. Written in a well-formed hand on ruled paper. Courtesy Dr. Victor Westphall.]