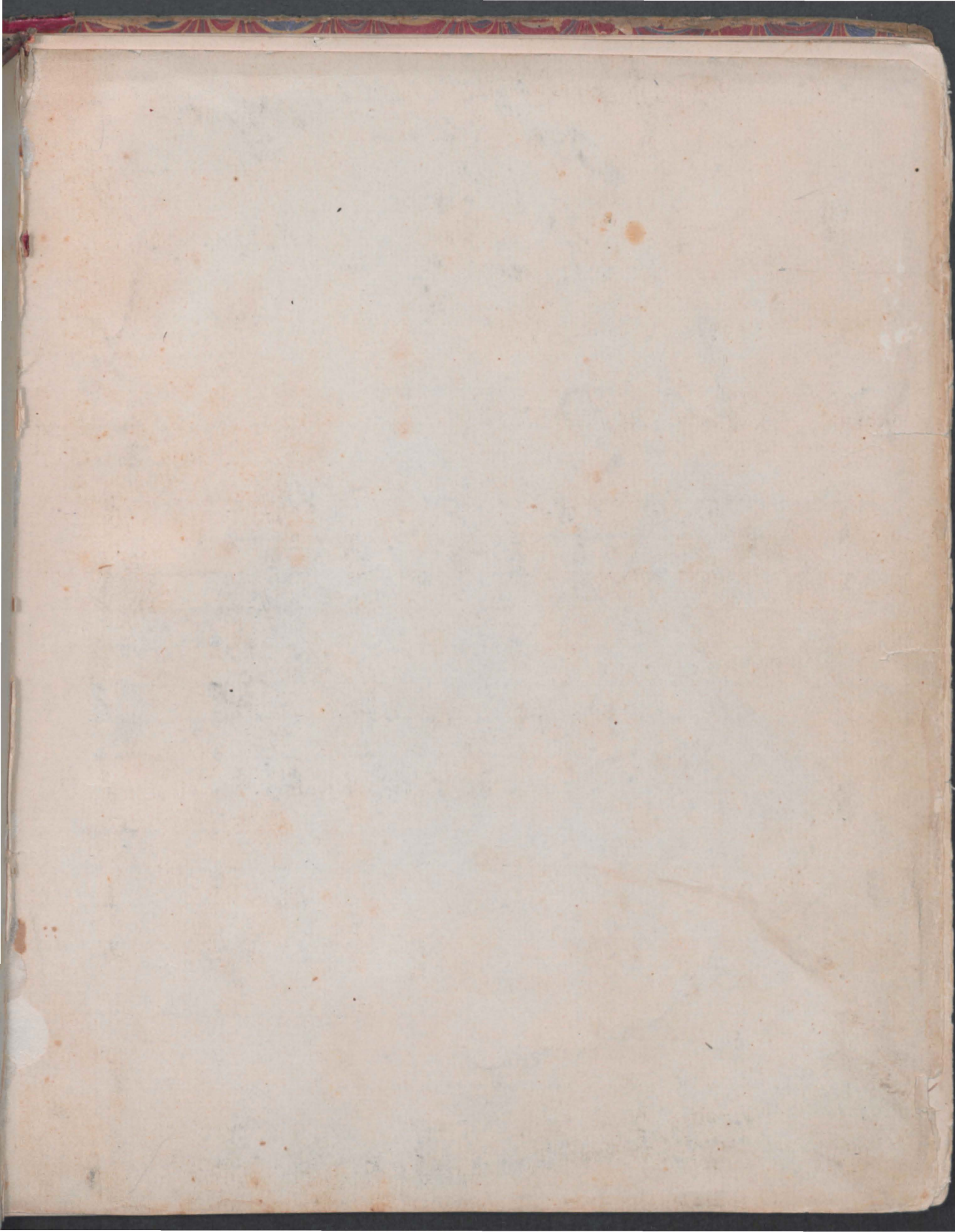




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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The church shall hold at least one meeting for business each month.

2. Every business meeting shall be presided over by a Moderator, who shall be chosen by the church.

3. Business meetings shall be opened by prayer.

4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to keep order; to put all motions before the church, and announce the vote; to recognize the person who has the right to speak; to decide questions of order; he may speak on any subject being discussed by calling some one to fill his place; in case a vote is evenly divided, he shall give the deciding vote. In the absence of special rules he shall observe such rules as are commonly followed by the presiding officers of public bodies.

5. Members may appeal from the ruling of the Moderator to the church.

6. The church shall choose a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a minute of the proceedings of the church, which shall be read and corrected before the meeting

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adjourns. The minutes shall be correctly and legibly recorded in a substantial book provided by the church for that purpose, in which the Clerk shall also keep a correct list of the members of the church.

7. Each person desiring to speak shall arise and address the Moderator, and proceed only when recognized by the Moderator. No one shall speak more than twice on any one subject without leave of the church.

8. All questions shall be brought before the church by motion and second, and shall be decided by a majority of the members voting, except the receiving of members, granting letters of dismission, choosing a pastor, or setting apart brethren for ordination to the ministry or to the office of deacon, which shall be unanimous.

9. Offences between brethren shall be dealt with as provided in Matt. xviii. 15, 16, 17. Members who have transgressed the rule of life for orderly Christians, or transgressed against the church, should be reprobated by the deacons, and may be by any member, and should make acknowledgment before the church. The church may make investigation of reports against the members.

10. The business may be taken up in the following order:

1st. Invite visiting brethren to seats in counsel.

2d. Announce the opportunity for persons to unite with the church.

3d. Call for reference from previous meetings.

4th. Take up matters touching fellowship.

5th. Opportunity given to introduce new business.

11. The deacons of the church shall make report of the funds coming into their hands at the January meeting of each year and at such other times as the church shall require.

12. The Lord's Supper shall be observed \_\_\_\_\_ times each year, at the regular meetings in the months of \_\_\_\_\_

(Some churches observe the Lord's Supper twice and others four times in the year.)

13. The church shall make inquiry as to the cause of members continuing to absent themselves from the meetings of the church.

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14. Members may be received in the following ways:

By experience and baptism.

By letters of dismission from other churches of the same faith and order.

By relation—that is, by satisfying the church that the applicant had membership and good standing in a church in order, but which has ceased to meet, or for other sufficient reason can not grant letters.

By restoring those who have been excluded, satisfaction having been rendered.

15. It is the duty of members to vote on all motions submitted to the church for action.

16. Members who can not from any cause attend the church meetings are expected to write to the church at the regular times for observing the Lord's Supper.

17. These rules may be amended, but notice of proposed change must be submitted at a regular meeting at least one month previous to the time the vote is taken.

the truth, and as a witness of Jesus for the comfort and instruction of regenerated men and women; but deny that it is to offer grace to the unregenerate or that it asserts there is an obligation resting upon the unregenerate to believe that Jesus is their Savior.

Matt. xxiv. 14. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Mark xvi. 15. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Acts xiii. 48. And when the Gentiles heard this they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

Rom. i. 16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

2 Tim. iii. 16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness;

17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

#### GOOD WORKS.

XII. We believe that good works, obedience to the commands of God, are well pleasing in his sight, and should be maintained in the church; but they are to be considered only as evidence of a gracious state, and are not a condition of salvation.

Matt. v. 16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Luke xvii. 10. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Eph. ii. 8. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9. Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Titus iii. 8. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Heb. x. 24. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.

#### CHURCH ORDINANCES.

XIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances appointed by Christ for the church, and they are to be administered only by those who are clothed with authority of the church, having been regularly ordained.

Matt. xxviii. 19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Luke xxii. 19. And he took bread and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.

20. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

There is no record of any administering the ordinances except those who were appointed for this purpose.

#### BAPTISM.

XIV. We believe that baptism is by immersion in water and is to be administered to believers only, and who give evidence of having been regenerated.

Matt. iii. 16. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water.

John iii. 23. And John was baptizing in Enon near to Salim, because there was much water there.

Acts viii. 37. And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38. . . . and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39. And when they were come up out of the water.

Rom. vi. 4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death.

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER.

XV. We believe that the Lord's Supper should be observed in the church until the coming of Jesus at the end of the world, and that unleavened bread and wine should be used, of which none are to be invited to partake but members of the church and of other churches of like faith and order.

Matt. xxvi. 26. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take eat; this is my body.

27. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it.

See also 1 Cor. xi. 23-29.

Matt. xxvi. 17. Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

Ex. xiii. 7. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.

From the above it will be seen that the bread was unleavened, for no doubt it was the same bread that was used.

#### MINISTERS TO BE ORDAINED.

XVI. We believe that those who give proof that they are called of God to the ministry, by edifying the church in that exercise, should be ordained by a presbytery and set apart to that work.

Mark iii. 14. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.

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Acts xiv. 23. And when they had ordained them elders in every church.

1 Tim. ii. 7. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle.

1 Tim. iv. 14. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

THE OFFICE OF DEACON.

XVII. We believe that the church should choose members of its body who have the proper qualifications for the office of deacon who are to receive and disburse the funds of the church. They should be set apart to that work by ordination.

Acts vi. 3. Therefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom whom we may appoint over this business.

6. Whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

See 1 Tim. iii. 8-13 for qualifications of deacons and their wives.

FEET WASHING.

(The following article on Feet Washing is not accepted by all Primitive Baptist churches, and the adoption or rejection of it is not made a basis of fellowship.)

XVIII. We believe that washing the saints' feet is an example of Jesus Christ to be observed by the church.

John xiii. 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

14. If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

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# Names of Members

Name	When Received	Where Baptized	By whom Baptized	When & how Dismissed
L. N. Holloway	"	Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> 1880	J. P. Peters.	Excluded Jan 4. 1881
Wm Court <sup>Dea</sup>	"	Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> 1880	J. P. Peters.	Dea Dec. 3 - 1898
<del>Sarah J. Banford</del>	" <sup>Members</sup> Constituted	May 25 <sup>th</sup> 1881	J. G. Ford.	Fellowship withdrawn
Elizabeth Kephart <sup>Dea</sup>		Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> 1880	J. P. Peters.	June 2. 1888 Excluded
<del>Laura place</del>	July 30 <sup>th</sup> 1881	June 26 <sup>th</sup> 1881	J. G. Ford.	Fellowship withdrawn Dec. 3 1898
Mary Ann Purdy	July 30 <sup>th</sup> 1881	May 29 <sup>th</sup> 1881	J. G. Ford.	
<del>Helen S. Brees</del>	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> 1881	Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup> 1882	Thomas Bodley	Fellowship withdrawn Dec. 3 1898
<del>Harriet Brees</del>	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> 1881	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 1881	John H. Bagg	Fellowship withdrawn Dec 3 - 1898
<del>H. B. Brees</del> <sup>Wife of John</sup>	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> 1881	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1883	John Fisher	Withdrawn the bond of fellowship given July 3. 1897
<del>Margaret Chipman</del> <sup>Dea</sup>	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> 1881	May 29 <sup>th</sup> 1881	J. G. Ford	Dea
Sarah M Kephart	April 9 - 82	April 9 - 1882	A B Brees	June 2. 1888 Excluded
Florence E Kephart <sup>Dea</sup>	April 9 - 82	April 9, 1882	A B Brees	Dec. 5. 1885 by letter
Nancy Court <sup>Dea</sup>	Nov 5 - 1884	April 1884	Chas Studvil	June 30. 1888, Died
<del>Deborah Mearns</del>	Oct 31, 1882	Nov. 1. 1882	J. G. Ford	Fellowship withdrawn Dec 3 - 1898
<del>E. G. Miller</del>	Sept 30, 1882	Sept 24 - 1884	J. G. Ford.	
<del>Alice Miller</del>	Sept 30, 1882	Oct 10 - 1886	J. G. Ford	
<del>Elizabeth Mearns</del>	July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1897	Aug 4. 1897	B F Hutchinson	Fellowship withdrawn Dec 3 1898
Alice Wein.	July 1. 1894	Aug 4. 1895		

# Articles of Faith

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1<sup>st</sup> We believe there is one self-existent God denominated in the scriptures the Father Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by Divine inspiration of God; and that they are the unerring rule of faith and practice for the Church.

3<sup>rd</sup> We believe that God made man upright and gave him a law which he transgressed and thus fell from his uprightness, and became ~~and~~ became sinful; and that his posterity are totally depraved; inclined to evil; and that the just desert of his sin is eternal punishment, and that the only way of salvation from sin and misery is by the grace of God through the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ

4<sup>th</sup> We believe that God before the foundation of the world chose his church or people in Christ, first to holiness or salvation from sin secondly to happiness or the enjoyment of himself.

5 We believe that the justification of Gods elect is through the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6 We believe that the grace of God is communicated to his people by the power of the Holy Ghost, and is called in the scriptures the new birth, and it effects a change of the affections and will or powers of the soul from the love of sin

to a love of holiness

7<sup>th</sup> We believe in the final preservation of all the regenerate though they may fall into sin by temptation they shall be brought back again with weeping as David and Peter and others

8<sup>th</sup> We believe that Christian baptism is immersion in the name of the Father Son and Holy Ghost and is requisite to gospel obedience, and that it should be administered by none except a regular administrator of our faith and order, and that those who profess faith in Jesus Christ and give evidence of a gracious change of heart are the only proper subjects for the ordinance

9<sup>th</sup> We believe that the Lords supper is an institution of Christ, designed for his Church and that no person has a right thereto until baptized on profession of his faith and united to a gospel Church.

10<sup>th</sup> We believe that the first day of the week should be kept sacred to the memory of Christs resurrection, and that the whole of it should be devoted to the public and private duties of religion.

11<sup>th</sup> We believe that the Son of God will come to judge the world in righteousness, and that there will be a resurrection <sup>both</sup> of the just and the unjust, and that God will then make a final separation between the the righteous and the wicked.

# Articles of Covenant.

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X 1<sup>st</sup> " We covenant to walk together in love and harmony; to watch over each other for good not suffering sin upon each other, but to admonish each other for good to love and good works, that our conversation may redound to the glory of God.

2<sup>nd</sup> " To pray for each other and for the ingathering of the Church, to bear each others burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

3<sup>d</sup> " To deal with tenderness with each other not dis-covering their infirmities to any within or without contrary to the rule given in the gospel.

4<sup>th</sup> " To contend by a well ordered life and conversation in the truth for the faith once delivered to the saints: endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

5<sup>th</sup> " To communicate to our Elder or Pastor according to his necessities and our abilities. God having so ordained that those who preach the gospel should live of the gospel, also to contribute to the poor and other contingent expences of the Church as God has given us ability.

6<sup>th</sup> " To shun all places of vanity and keep ourselves unspotted from the world, to love mercy, deal justly and walk humbly and wisely toward them that are without.

7<sup>th</sup> " To endeavour to worship God daily by reading the scriptures and praying in our families, in public and private as duty is made known.

8<sup>th</sup> " To keep all private concerns of the Church

and not relate them to the world remem-  
bering the Church is a fountain sealed, a  
spring shut up

9<sup>th</sup> That Brethren shall not go to law with  
Brethren, but that all difficulties shall be set-  
tled in the Church in the spirit of meek-  
ness, according to divine rule

10<sup>th</sup> All which duties we desire to be  
found in the performance of through the  
gracious direction of the holy spirit; whilst  
we both admire and adore that grace which  
has given us a name and a place in  
Gods house better than that of Sons and Dau-  
ghters.

### Rules for Receiving Members.

1<sup>st</sup> We covenant to receive members on  
relation of their experience before they are bap-  
tized, or if after, we require that they give us  
satisfactory evidence that they have been  
baptized on profession of their faith by a  
regular ordained and acknowledged Minister  
of our faith and order.

2 We covenant that the person or persons who  
offer themselves to the Church shall give sat-  
isfactory evidence of a new birth, sound mind  
in the doctrine and a regular and peaceable life

3 We covenant that when any one offers for mem-  
bership the Church shall ask such questions  
as they shall think proper. They shall by

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the Moderator call a vote and if said vote be unanimous, the person who offers is received, if the vote be not unanimous they shall wait until the Church is all agreed.

(United we stand divided we fall)

4<sup>th</sup> The covenant to restore excluded members by a unanimous vote when the difficulty may have been removed for which they were excluded.

Nevertheless should an individual member raise an objection to any candidate they shall render to the Church satisfactory reasons for such objection or become the subject of labour themselves unless they withdraw their objection.

### Dealing with Members

The covenant to take for our guide the rules as laid down in the XVIII<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew.

### Special Church Business Meeting

The Church shall meet as duty may require to settle all difficulties or transact any other business that may be necessary, when a true record shall be kept of all the business done in these meetings.

No person shall be admitted but members of the same body, or called as witnesses or Brethren from a sister church that may be invited by the Moderator of said meetings.



# Members of the Refuge Church After the Split

Names	when Received	when <sup>Baptized</sup>	By whom	Dismissed
Wm Cort		Sep-26-1880	J P Peters	
Mary Ann Pindy	July 30-1881	May 29. 1881	J G Ford	
Margret Chapman				

Call of  
the  
Constituent  
Members  
for an  
organization

Spencer, Ohio  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 1881

Whereas there was at a previous meeting some talk of an organization of an Old School Baptist Church at this place; we the undersigned do now agree to go into that organization; we therefore appoint Brother J. P. Peters Moderator pro-tem and Brother J. R. Miller Clerk pro-tem

- L. N. Holloway,
- Wm Court,
- Sarah J. Campbell,
- Elizabeth Kuehert,
- Susan Place

1<sup>st</sup> On motion and second resolved that we authorize the Clerk to send letters to each Church of the Greenville and Madriver Associations to send helps to organize us into an Old School Predestinarian Baptist Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July next.

J. P. Peters Mod. Pro-tem.  
J. R. Miller Clerk Pro-tem.

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The  
Response  
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The  
Churches

Spencerville, Allen Co Ohio July 30<sup>th</sup> 1881

The Churches of the Greenville  
Association responded as follows  
Stillwater Elder. George Cottrell  
Providence Eld. J. P. Peters and  
Bro. Ira Adamson.

The Churches of  
The Mad River Association respon-  
-ded as follows.

Jennings Creek <sup>Bro.</sup> Joseph R. Miller  
and Bro. Michael Weaver  
Sugar Creek Eld. J. G. Ford. and  
Bro. Jacob Rymer.  
Fairfield. Eld. Jacob Gander.

Council

1<sup>st</sup> The Council organized by choosing  
Eld. J. P. Peters Moderator and Eld.  
J. G. Ford. Clerk.

2<sup>nd</sup> Invited Bro. Jesse Linn of  
Harmony and Eld. G. M. Peters of  
Darbyville and Eld. A. B. Bruce of  
Fairfield and Bro. Levi Linn of  
Mezzani to a seat in Council.

3<sup>d</sup> Call for the reading of the Articles  
of Faith of the Brethren and Sisters  
about to be organized into a  
Church.

4<sup>th</sup> Motioned and seconded that the  
Articles of Faith just read be received  
by this Council. Carried.

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5<sup>th</sup> Motioned and seconded that  
The the Council having duly examined  
the Articles of Faith and Covenant  
and Rules of Decorum presented by  
the aforesaid constituent members  
find and pronounce them sound  
and orderly and now fully recognize  
them as an Old School Pedestrian  
Baptist Church, to be known as  
the Refuge Church, situated in  
Spencerville, Allen Co., Ohio.

Carried By unanimous vote.

J. P. Peters Mod.  
J. G. Ford. Clerk.

The First  
Church  
Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> The Church then organized by  
appointing Eld. J. P. Peters Moderator  
Pro-tem and Wm. Covert Standing  
Clerk for the Church.

2<sup>nd</sup> Door opened for the reception  
of members. whereupon Sister Mary  
Ann Purdy having been baptized  
on profession of her faith, (to the  
knowledge of the Church) was received  
by a unanimous vote.

3<sup>rd</sup> On motion and second, that  
Bro. A. B. Brews serve as pastor for the  
Church. Carried

(As Pastor of the Church it was held that A. B. Brees should serve during the rest of the Meeting as Moderator whereupon Eld. J. P. Peters retired and The Pastor served during the rest of the meeting.)

4<sup>th</sup> Motioned and seconded that the Church Meetings be held on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month at two o'clock P. M. and on the following Sunday at eleven o'clock A. M. Carried.

5<sup>th</sup> Motioned and seconded that the Church appoint messengers to the Greenville Association to ask for Membership in said Association also that Bro. A. B. Brees write the letter to the Association.

A. B. Brees Mod.  
W. W. Court Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Aug 6 1881 Church met preaching by Eld. et B. Breece organized by Elder et B. Breece acting as moderator

2 door opened for reception of members

on motion and second <sup>that</sup> Sister Margaret  
Chishman having been previously Baptized  
to the satisfaction of the Church was  
received as a member of this Church

Carried Unanimous

3<sup>d</sup> on motion and second the Sister-Kezia  
L Breece be received by letter as a  
member of this Church Carried by a  
unanimous vote

4<sup>th</sup> on motion and second Sister Harriet  
Breece was received by letter as a mem-  
ber of this Church vote unanimous

5<sup>th</sup> on motion and second that Brother A B  
Breece be received by letter as a  
member of this Church vote Carried  
unanimous

6<sup>th</sup> letter to the Greenville Association  
called for and was read on motion and  
second the same was received

7<sup>th</sup> motioned and seconded that all the Brethren  
be selected as messengers to the Green-  
ville Association on Sept 3. . . 1881

8<sup>th</sup> motioned and seconded that we partake of  
the Lords supper on tomorrow then on the  
first Sunday in October and every three  
months there after Carried

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday Aug 7- 1881 the Church had Comm-  
union of the Lords Supper

Wm Court Clerk

Oct 1-<sup>th</sup> 1881

Church met as usual preaching  
 thru Elder Breece Church  
 organized by appointing J K Miller  
 clerk problem no other business closed  
 in order et B Breece mod  
 J K Miller clk

Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1881 Church met  
 preaching by Pastor organized et B  
 Breece Moderator - minutes of previous  
 meeting read and approved doors  
 of the Church opened Sister  
 Nancy et Covolt related her  
 Christian Experience to the Church  
 and was unanimously received

Wm Court clk

Saturday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1881 Church met preaching  
 by pastor organized Bro Breece moderator  
 minutes of previous meeting read and  
 approved no other found closed in order  
 Wm Court clk

December 31 1881 Church met preaching  
 pastor Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1882

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Church had Communion of the  
Lords Supper - also preaching by pastor  
Wm Court CLK

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1882 Church met preaching  
by pastor organized Bro A B Breece  
moderator no other Business from  
closed in order Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>  
preaching by pastor and Bro Miller  
Wm Court CLK

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1882 Church met preaching by Brother Ford  
and Bro Breece Church not organized Sunday following  
preaching by same

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1882 Saturday Church met preaching by  
pastor and Bro Miller Church done no business  
Sunday following also Meeting and the Communion  
of the Lords Supper William Court Blake

Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1882 Church met according to  
previous appointment preaching by Brother G. O.  
Peters Bro J. Ford and Bro A B Breece after which  
Door of the Church opened for the reception of  
members Sarah M. Kephart and Florence E.  
Kephart related their Christian Experience to  
the satisfaction of the Church and was received  
and was Baptised same day by Elder A B  
Breece



Sunday following preaching Brothers John  
 Peters of Lord and et B Breece  
 approved William Court clk

Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1882 Church met  
 preaching by Bro et B Breece organized and  
 the right hand of fellowship given to sisters  
 Sarah M and Florence E Kephart by pastor  
 no other business done closed in order  
 Sunday following preaching by Bros et B  
 Breece and Joseph R Miller William Court clk

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1882 Church met  
 preaching Br et B Breece church organized  
 no business found closed in order the  
 following day preaching by et B Breece  
 William Court clk

Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1882 Church met preaching  
 by Bro Breece and Bro Joseph Miller church  
 organized chose Bro Breece to write circular  
 letter to the Greenville association to be held  
 near Sidney

Sunday following preaching by Bros et B  
 Breece and J Miller also Communion  
 of the Lords Supper

Wm Court clk

Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> 1882 Church met preaching by Bro Breese Church organized Church letter called for and read and approved chose of Holloway & B Breese and William Court as messengers to the Greenville association to be held with the Harmony Church Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> 1882 closed in order William Court Clk

Saturday Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1882 Church met preaching by Bro Breese Church organized no business found closed in order. Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese after which Church had communion of the Lords supper Wm Court Clk

Saturday Nov 2<sup>d</sup> 1882 Church met preaching by Bro Breese Doors opened for reception of members none offered organized no business closed in order. Sunday following preaching Bros Breese and J. Miller William Court Clk

Saturday Dec 2<sup>d</sup> 1882 Church met preaching by Bros Breese and Miller Church organized no business found closed in order. Sunday following preaching by Bros Miller and Breese Wm Court Clk

Saturday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1883 Church met preaching by Bros Breese and Miller no business found closed in order Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese after which church had Communion of the Lords Supper  
Wm Bout CLK

Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1883 Church met preaching Bro Breese doors of Church open none offered closed in order Sunday preaching Bros Breese and Miller  
Wm Bout CLK

Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> 1883 Church met preaching by Bro Breese no business done closed in order Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese after which church had Communion of the Lords Supper  
Wm Bout CLK

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1883 Church met preaching by Bro Breese & Joseph Miller no business found closed in order Sunday following preaching by Bro J Miller & Bro Breese  
Wm Bout CLK

Saturday June 2<sup>d</sup> 1883 Church met  
 preaching by Bros Breese and Bro Miller  
 Church organized for business Mt Maria  
 Church request to know as to what Refuge  
 Church would do as regards paying for  
 repairs on meeting house there fore moved  
 and seconded that the members of the Church  
 be the committee to confer with Mt Maria  
 Church at their next meeting Carried  
 Sunday following Church met preaching  
 by Bro Miller and Bro Breese

July 2<sup>d</sup> 1883 Church met preaching by  
 Bro W. Trumbo Sunday following preaching  
 by Bro Trumbo after which Church had  
 communion of the Lords supper

Sat Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1883 Church met preaching by Bro J P  
 Peters Church organized Brethren of other  
 Churches invited to a seat in Council with us  
 Doors of Church opened for reception of members  
 none offered Chose at B Brees & Holloway and  
 Wm Court as messengers to the Greenlee asso-  
 ciation letter to the association read and  
 approved moved & seconded that we ask the  
 association to be held with us next year  
 carried

Resolved that we appoint Bro Wm Court to inform the Mt Maria Church that we the Refuge Old School Predestinarian Baptist Church agree to assist them in repairing their house in a comfortable manner to the amount of money subscribed on a list for that purpose and corresponding with the terms following on condition that the said Mt Maria Church shall accept such donation and give the Refuge Old School Predestinarian Baptist Church a copy of her agreement that the said Refuge Church shall have the free use of said house for public worship on the first Sunday and Saturday before in each month and such other days as said Mt Maria Church shall have no previous appointment to conflict with  
 Wm Court Clerk

Saturday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1883 Church met preaching by Bros A B Breese & Joseph Miller Church organized invited members of churches of our faith and order to a seat in council with us took up the unfinished business of previous meeting moved & seconded that we pay the Mt Maria Church twenty dollars the balance due on repairs of meeting house Sunday following preaching by Bros A B Breese after which Church had communion of the Lords supper  
 Wm Court Clerk

Saturday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1883 Church met  
 preaching by Bro Breese Church organized  
 excepted the offer of the Mt Maria Church  
 paid the 20 dollars back on repair  
 Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese

the following is a copy of a contract between  
 the Mt Maria Church and the Refuge Church  
 Spencerville Allen County Ohio

We the Mt Maria Church agree to let the  
 Refuge old School Predestinarian Baptist Church  
 have the use of their house on the first <sup>Sunday</sup> ~~Saturday~~  
 and Saturday of each month and also at other  
 times when we dont need the same provided  
 they comply with the following contract that  
 is to pay half of the expenses of repairs to  
 keep the house comfortable and also to pay  
 the twenty dollars that is back on covering the  
 house done by the order of the church Nov 17  
 1883 Caban Wolf Church Clerk

Received on the within twenty dollars for  
 covering the house Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1883 L Wolf Clerk

Saturday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1884 Church met  
 preaching by Brother Breese Church organ-  
 ized for business the Brethren at  
 Galloway Franklin County Ohio

requests helps from the churches  
composing the Greenville and mad  
river associations to constitute them  
in a old School Predestanarian Baptist  
church therefore the Refuge Church  
appoints all its members to meet with  
the Brethren at Galloway on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday in April next

William Court Clerk

Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> 1884 Church met  
preaching by Bro. Breese Doors of Church  
opened for reception of members none offered  
no business found closed in order  
Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese

William Court Clerk

Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> 1884 Church met  
preaching by Bro Breese no business done  
Sunday following preaching by Bros J R  
Miller & Breese after which had com-  
munion of the Lords Supper

Wm Court Clerk

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1884 Church met preaching by  
Bro Breese organized no business found closed  
in order Sunday following preaching by

Bro Breese

William Court Clerk

Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> 1884 Church met preaching by Bro. A B Breese organized no business found closed in order Sunday following preaching by Bros Breese & Miller William Clerk

Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1884 Church met preaching by Bro A B Breese organized doors of church opened none offered closed William Court to write letter to association closed in order Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese after which church had Communion of the Lords Supper William Court Clerk

Sat August 2<sup>d</sup> 1884 Church met preaching by U- Trumbo and J Ford organized Bro Breese moderator chose Bros A B Breese L C Holloway and William Court as messengers to association letter to association read and approved closed in order Sunday following preaching by Bro Trumbo & Ford

Saturday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1884 Church met preaching by Bro Breese no business found closed in order Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese & Bro Miller after which had Communion of the Lords Supper Wm Court Clerk



Saturday Nov 1 - 1884 church met  
 preaching Bro Breese church organized  
 Bill presented by M + Maria Church for  
 three dollars for graveling side walk before  
 church house paid by Refugee Church  
 Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese

William Cant Clerk

Saturday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885 - church met preaching  
 by Bro Breese no business done Sunday following  
 preaching by Bro J Miller and Breese  
 after which church had communion of the  
 Lords supper

William Cant Clerk

Saturday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1885 - church met preaching  
 Bros J Lord and W Trumbo  
 Sunday following preaching by J Lord  
 W Trumbo and A B Breese

William Cant Clerk

Saturday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1885 - church met  
 preaching by Bro A B Breese no business  
 done Sunday following for preaching  
 by Bro Breese

William Cant Clerk

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1885

Church met preaching by Bro Miller and Bro Breese no business found Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese after which church had Communion of the Lords Supper  
Wm Covert Clerk

Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885 Church met preaching by Bro Breese no business done Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese  
William Covert Clerk

Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1885 Church met preaching by Bro. Breese no Business done Sunday following preaching by Bro Breese & Bro. Miller  
Wm Covert Clerk

Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1885 Church met preaching by Bros Trumbo and Ford organized by appointing J Ford moderator Bro A B Breese asked to be relieved as pastor of church the church granted his request moved & second that Bro U Trumbo be pastor church decided to wait till next church meeting to choos a pastor Sunday following

preaching by Bro Breese and  
 Bro Ford after which church  
 had communion of the Lords supper  
 William Court Clerk

11  
 Saturday Aug 1 - 1885 Church met  
 preaching by Bro Breese & Trumbo  
 organized by appointing Bro Trumbo  
 moderator Church chose Bro J Ford as  
 pastor Sunday following preaching  
 by Bros Trumbo & Breese  
 William Court Clerk

Saturday Oct 3 1885 Church met  
 preaching by Bros Ford and Trumbo  
 Church organized invitation  
 given for members none offered  
 Sunday following preaching after  
 which Church had Communion of  
 the Lords supper Wm Court Clerk

Saturday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1885 Church met  
 preaching by Bro Ford Church organ-  
 ized for Business and chose Wm  
 Court Deacon no other Business found  
 closed in order Sunday following  
 preaching by Bros Breese and Ford  
 Wm Court Clerk

Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1885 Church met  
 preaching by Bro A B Breese after  
 which church organized Wm Cant  
 moderator - doors of church opened for  
 reception of members none offered  
 Sister Florence ~~the~~ Peters asked for  
 a letter and church granted same  
 closed in order Wm Cant clk

Saturday Jan 2 1886 Church met  
 preaching by Bros Breese & Ford church  
 organized no business found closed  
 in order - Sunday following preaching by  
 Bros Ford & Breese after which church  
 had communion of the Lords Supper  
 William Cant clk

Saturday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1886 Church met  
 preaching Bro Breese no business found  
 Sunday following preaching by Bro  
 Breese William Clerk

Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1886 Church met  
 preaching by Bros Trumbo and Ford no  
 business found Sunday following preaching  
 by Bros Ford and Trumbo

Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886 Church met preaching  
 by Bro Brees no business to attend closed  
 in order Sunday following preaching  
 by Bro Brees Wm Court Clerk  
 Church had no Communion on Sunday  
 on account of absence of Pastor  
 William Court Clerk

Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1886 Church met preaching  
 by Bro J Ford no business to be done  
 Sunday following preaching by Bro  
 J Ford William Court Clerk

Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1886 Church met preaching  
 by Bro J Ford & Wm Court Clerk organized for business  
 the following letter was received  
 May 8<sup>th</sup> 1886 inasmuch as it has come to the  
 knowledge of the Sugar Creek Church that the Elders  
 at B Brees and Samuel Suits have aught against  
 each other and have not had that any successful  
 effort has been made to settle the difficulty do  
 hereby feel it our duty to ask a reconciliation between  
 these Brethren before either of them offer their gift  
 as is required by our Lord and Master Math 5: 23-24  
 also we ask the several Churches to wit Thompson  
 Jennings Creek and Refuge to favor the fulfillment  
 of our Saviors Command in exhorting them to

obedience therunto this we do because we hold  
 them ministering brethering in full following and  
 the ministry belongs to the Brotherhood we deem  
 it the duty of the Brotherhood that love them that  
 they see that their ministry be blameless therefore  
 resolve that a copy of the above request be  
 sent to these ministering brethren and churches  
 named above hoping to hear of a speedy recon-  
 ciliation

Eld. J. G. Ford mod  
 Wm. A. P. B. Clk

after hearing the letter from Sugar Creek  
 Church it was resolved that the Church  
 except and approve of the letter sent by Sugar  
 Creek

Carried

after which Brother Breese related to the  
 Church that he had been to see Brother Seits  
 and he refused to hear him Bro Breese also  
 related that he took two brethren with him  
 to see Brother Seits and that he refused  
 to hear them Brother Breese then asked the  
 Refuge Church to call in his behalf for a joint  
 meeting of the Thompson and Refuge Churches  
 with Jennings and Sugar Creek Churches  
 in Council to examine the matter between  
 Brother Seits and Brother Breese

Moved & seconded Bro Breese request be granted  
 Carried

matronces that we appoint the united meeting of the churches as above to meet at Sugar Creek Church leaving her to set the time

Carried

Wm Bant Clerk

Saturday July 3<sup>d</sup> 1886 Church met preaching by Bro Ford after which church organizing Bro Ford moderator Church of the same faith was invited to seat in Council doors of Church was opened for reception of members none offered blessed in order Sunday following preaching by Bro Ford Wm Bant Clerk those A B Breece to write letter to the association

Wm Bant Clerk

August 31<sup>st</sup> 1886 Church met preaching by Bro Ford letter to association read and approved those J et Holloway and Wm Bant as messengers to the association Sunday following preaching by Bro Ford Wm Bant Clerk

Oct  
August 2<sup>d</sup> 1886 Church met preaching by Bro Ford doors of Church opened for reception of members none offered Sunday following preaching by Bro Breece

after which church had communion of the  
Lords supper William Court Clerk

Received the following Oct 10-1886  
as we are not judge the hart of man  
only by the acts and as the Sugar Creek Church  
has requested Brethern A B Breese and S Seits  
to obey the Lord and master Commended as it is  
recorded in Math 5<sup>th</sup> 22-24 and whereas Eld A B  
Breese has endeavored to labor with S Seits  
but was not here resolve that the Sugar  
Creek Church grant him his liberty again  
to offer his gift as before  
done at our regular meeting of business

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1886

Eld J G Lord Mod  
Wiah Jumbo Clerk

Saturday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1886 Church met preaching  
by Bro Breese and Bro Lord Doors of Church  
opened for reception of members none offered  
Sunday following by Bros Lord and Breese  
William Court Clerk

Saturday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1886 Church met preaching by  
Bro Breese no business found to do

William Court Clerk



Saturday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1887 Church met  
 preaching by Bro J Ford no business  
 done Sunday following preaching  
 by Bro A B Bress and Bro J Ford  
 William Cant clk

Saturday April 2 1887 Church met  
 preaching by B G Cottrell and Bro J Ford  
 Church organized Bro J Ford moderator  
~~Doors of church opened for reception of members none~~  
~~offered Brethren of other Churches of the same~~  
 faith and order were invited to a seat in  
 Council with us Doors of church opened for  
 reception of members none offered  
~~moved and seceded~~

Whereas it is reported that the Jennings Creek  
 Church has withdrawn fellowship from one  
 of the members of the members of the Refugee  
 Church moved and seceded that the Refugee  
 Church send by letter to the Jennings Creek  
 Church to know if such is the case and if so  
 state reason why  
 moved and seceded that Bro J G Ford  
 carry the same to the Jennings Creek  
 Church closed in order

William Cant clk

Jennings Creek withdrew fellowship from Refugee  
 the cause stated by the church.

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> 1887

Church opened by preaching by Eld's A.B. Brees and J.G. Ford Brethren and sisters of the same Faith and order invited to sit in counsel.

Minutes read, of last meeting. Door opened to receive members. Business of previous record called for. Brother Ford stated that he had presented the letter of Refuge Church to the Jennings Creek Church. Stated that Jennings Creek Church took no action in the case.

Resolved that, as the Jennings Creek Church has refused to heed the call of the Refuge Church, asking for a statement of the reason for dropping fellowship ~~for~~ with one of our members, that we, as a church call for the several Churches of the Greenville and Mad River Associations, to send messengers to hear what evidence can be brought before them from both sides; and invite Jennings Creek Church to send such evidence as shall be in their possession.

Request forwarded to Jennings Creek by Eld. J.G. Ford. Refuse to heed it. Council of Churches called.

in the case, the said Church  
to decide the case at their meet-  
-ings following said hearing.

Said meeting to be held ~~on~~  
on Tuesday before the 3<sup>d</sup> Sunday  
in June next. Carried.

Resolved that Brother J. G. Ford  
send the request to the Church  
Carried.

J. G. Ford Mod. A. B. Brees, Clk. Pro. Tem.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1887

Church opened by services by  
Eld's A. B. Brees and J. G. Ford.

Brethren and sisters of the same  
faith and order invited to seats in  
counsel.

A. B. Brees was chosen clerk Pro. Tem.  
Door of church opened for the recep-  
-tion of members. None offered.  
Closed in order.

J. G. Ford Mod

A. B. Brees, Clerk Pro. Tem.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1887

The Church met as usual  
Opened by singing, prayer and  
preaching by Eld. J. G. Ford followed  
by a few remarks by Eld. A. B. Brees  
Opened the door for members:

A. B. Brees chosen ~~clerk~~ <sup>Pro. Tem</sup>  
Motions that A. B. Brees write letter to  
The Association. <sup>carried</sup> J. G. Ford Mod  
A. B. Brees. Clk Pro. Tem

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1887

The Church opened services by  
Preaching by Elds J. G. Ford and  
A. B. Brees.

Brethren & Sisters of the same  
Faith and order invited to a seat  
in counsel

Door opened for members to  
be received.

A. B. Brees  
appointed as assistant clerk. Carried  
assistant Clk. Letter as prepared was read and

received as the letter to the Association  
Report of the Committee of

Church Churches of Greenville and Mad  
sustains Pro River Associations, called by Refuge  
A. B. Brees, Church was read and a motion  
made and seconded that Brother Brees  
be sustained. Carried. J. G. Ford Mod.  
<sup>A. B. Brees</sup> assistant clerk.

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1887

Church meeting day was the same as that of the Greenville Association which was held with the Church.

Therefore no church meeting was held.

A. B. Brees Assistant Clerk.

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1887.

Church Met. Singing, prayer and preaching by A. B. Brees.

Brother Ford our Moderator being absent and but few being present no business was done.

A. B. Brees Assistant Clerk.

5<sup>th</sup> November 5<sup>th</sup> 1887.

1<sup>st</sup> Church Met according to regular appointment, Preaching by Elizabeth and A. B. Brees, and Brother J. G. Ford. Maggie Kephart 2<sup>nd</sup> Reported same faith and order to seats in to the Church counsel.

3<sup>rd</sup> Door opened for members, none offered.

4<sup>th</sup> Brother Ford stated the case of Sisters Elizabeth Kephart and Maggie Kephart, and after consultation

the following action was taken and a copy of the same was to be sent to them.

5<sup>th</sup> Whereas Sisters Elizabeth and Maggie Kephart have signified that they were not in fellowship with Brother A. B. Brees on account of the matter involved in the trial at the Council last June, after which Brother Brees was sustained by the Church in relation to this action.

Resolved that the Church appoint Sister Mary Ann Purdy to call upon these and enquire if they can travel with ~~the~~ him and the Church, after said decision, and report the result to our next meeting.

Sister Mary Ann Purdy appointed to visit the Sisters Kephart

6<sup>th</sup> Resolved that our next meeting in course be held at the house of Brother A. B. Brees on account of winter weather, carried.

Closed in Order

J. G. Ford, Mod.  
A. B. Brees Assistant Clerk.

December & January meetings omitted for bad weather

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1888.

Church met at the house of A. B. Brees, according to appointment

Preaching by Eld. J. G. Ford & A. B. Brees. After which Church proceeded to business.

Resolved, that as sister Mary ~~other~~ business of last meeting

Business record has not been reported, that Referred. the matter be referred to next meeting in course, carried

Agreed that the next meeting be held at Brother, A. B. Brees house

closed in order

J. G. Ford, Mod  
A. B. Brees Assistant Clerk.

March Meeting failed to meet on account of Bad weather.

April meeting failed to meet on account of bad weather.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1888

Church met at the usual place of meeting

Opened by singing prayer and

a discourse by the Moderator followed by A. B. Bees.

Brethren of same faith and order invited to a seat in council

Opportunity for members to join was given by the Moderator

Minutes of last meeting read and considered when Sister Purdy asked for further opportunity to see the sisters referred to, on account of her health being poor.

As Sister <sup>Purdy</sup> agrees to see them before the next meeting in order therefore, Resolved that her request be granted. Carried.

Business  
Referred.

Resolved that Sister Purdy invite them also to appear and give a reason to the Church if they feel grieved, at her next meeting. Carried.

J. G. Ford Mod.  
A. B. Bees Assistant Clk.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1888.

Church met as usual at the meeting house in Spencerville  
Discourses by Moderator and A. B. Bees



Brethren and Sisters of same faith and order invited to sit in Council.

Door opened for members.

References of the last meetings taken up.

Elizabeth Kephart  
Excluded

Whereas Sister Elizabeth Kephart has been invited by Sister Mary Ann Purdy in behalf of the Church, for her neglect and failure to hear her call to the order of the Church,

Therefore Resolved that she be considered as no longer a member of the Church, Seconded.

Carried unanimously  
Also

Maggie Kephart  
Excluded

Whereas Sister Sarah Margaret Kephart is embraced in the same charges, labor and call of the Church with the same result:

therefore, Resolved that she also be considered by this act as no longer a member of this Church, Seconded.

Carried by unanimous vote

J. G. Ford Mod  
A. P. Pries Asst. Clk.

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1888

- 1<sup>st</sup> Church met as usual, after preaching by A.B. Brees and J.G. Ford proceeded to business,
- 2 Proceeded to business
- 3 Called brethren in union to sit in counsel
- 4 Invited to membership
- 5 Motioned that Brother A.B. Brees write the letter to the Association carried unanimously  
 J.G. Ford Mod.  
 A.B. Brees. Clerk (assistant)

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 1888

- 1<sup>st</sup> Church met. Preaching by A.B. Brees. and J.G. Ford
- 2 Invitation to seats in counsel
- 3 Invitation to unite with the church.
- 4 Motioned and recorded that the letter prepared and read by Brother A.B. Brees. be adopted and sent to the Association.  
 Carried
- 5 Closed in order  
 J.G. Ford Mod.  
 A.B. Brees. Asst. Clerk

November, 3<sup>rd</sup> 1888.

Church met at the house of  
A. B. Brees, Preaching by Eld. J. G. Ford  
A<sup>d</sup> business.

A. B. Brees, Eld. Assistant  
J. G. Ford, Mod

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Church met at the house  
of A. B. Brees,

After preaching by Elds J. Cottrell  
and J. G. Ford with remarks by A. B. Brees  
Proceeded to business.

1<sup>st</sup> called brethren and sisters of  
sister churches to seats in coun-  
sel

2<sup>nd</sup> called for members to  
write.

3<sup>rd</sup> closed in order.

A. B. Brees, Eld. Assistant  
J. G. Ford, Mod

Sunday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 1889.

Comm.

Communion

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1889. Eld. J. Peters being  
present together with Friend D.  
Mouser asid from our own family  
After preaching by Brother Peters we

chose Brother J. P. Peters as  
Moderator Pro. Tem.

Called for business, none.  
Invited for relation of the  
Lords work if any desired to  
unite with the Church.

J. P. Peters Mod. Pro. Tem.  
A. B. Brees Assist. Clk.

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1888

Church met at A. B. Brees'

Preaching by Moderator and A. B. Brees  
Invited Brethren & Sisters of the same  
faith and order to seats in counsel

Opened the door for the reception  
of members, none offered.

Closed in order

J. G. Ford Mod.  
A. B. Brees, Clk. Assistant

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1889.

Church met at A. B. Brees'  
Preaching by A. B. Brees.

Organized for business by choosing  
A. B. Brees, Moderator Pro. Tem.

Motioned and seconded that we change  
the next meeting to Saturday before  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June (this month)

A. B. Brees Mod. Pro. Tem. & Assistant Clk.

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Church met according to last month's appointment at the house of A. B. Brees, to be on the the visitation or fifth Sunday meeting according to appointment at the Association of last year.

Eldrs George Cottrell, J. P. Peters, and J. G. Ford present.

Meeting opened by Eld. J. P. Peters followed by Eld. G. Cottrell.

After which Church business was enquired after by the Moderator. None to be attended to closed in Order.

J. G. Ford Mod

A. B. Brees Ass't Clerk.

Communion

July 30<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1889.

Church met at usual place on her regular meeting day.

Opened by Sing prayer and preaching.

Usual Business called for. Motioned that A. B. Brees write the letter to the Association, and present it tomorrow.

Motioned that all attending the Association be considered as

messengers.

Closed in order

P. G. Ford Mod

A. B. Brees. Asst. clk.

October 5<sup>th</sup> 1889, Church met as usual at A. B. Brees' house, when the Moderator opened by singing, prayer and preaching, followed by Eld. G. Cottrell; invited to seats in counsel; invited to membership. Called for business; closed in order

P. G. Ford Mod

A. B. Brees. Asst. clk.

Communion Sunday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Church partook of the Lords Supper. Eld G. Cottrell breaking the bread and Eld P. G. Ford handing the wine.

A. B. Brees Asst. clk.

Nov. 2. Failed to meet

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1889

Church met at the usual place of worship at the house of A. B. Brees. Preaching by our Moderator followed by A. B. Brees, when it proceed to business.

L. W. Holloway reported to Church

Whereas, as we hear with sorrow

from three witnesses that there is reason to believe that Brother L. N. Holloway is too much given to the use of intoxicating drinks.

Therefore, resolved that we send a committee of Brother J. G. Ford to enquire and try to obtain evidence of his repentance, and to obtain evidence of his repentance, and encourage him to <sup>desire</sup> and <sup>and</sup> walk orderly with the Church.

And report at our next meeting in order. Carried by unanimous vote.  
Closed in order.

J. G. Ford, Mod.  
A. W. Bees, Asst. Clk.

Jan 14th 1850.

Church met as usual  
Preaching by Elds. A. W. Bees, and J. G. Ford. After which an invitation was given to sit in counsel. Minutes of last meeting were read and references considered.

Brother J. G. Ford reported on the same and was released.

Whereas Brother Ford reports that Brother L. N. Holloway says, he still feels desirous of reforming but could not promise to do better as he knew

his failing and could not trust himself.

We therefore feel that we cannot further indulge him till he is suitably prepared by grace to live in the Church.

We therefore withdraw the hand of fellowship from him

Carried by unanimous vote

J. G. Ford Mod  
A. B. Brees Asst. Clerk.

Sunday January 3<sup>d</sup> 1890

Once more the Blessed Master favored us with the holy Supper showing as we felt, his blessing of love union and a blessed discernment of his body.

A. B. Brees, Asst. Clerk

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1890

Church met at A. B. Brees.

The Moderator being absent on account of sickness. Services opened by Prayer, praise and preaching By A. B. Brees. No business closed in order.

A. B. Brees, Asst. Clerk

L. N. Holloway  
Ex. cludist



May 3<sup>d</sup> 1890

Church again met at the usual place

Preaching by the Moderator followed by a few remarks by A. B. Brees. No Business Closed in order.

A. B. Brees, Clerk (Assistant)

J. G. Ford Mod.

Spencerville, O. May 31<sup>st</sup> 1890

Church met at A. B. Brees' house Preaching by Eld. J. G. Ford followed by A. B. Brees and P. F. Hentcherson.

Visiting Brethren invited to seats in counsel.

Opened the door for the reception of members.

closed in. Order  
A. B. Brees, Assistant clk.

J. G. Ford Mod.

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1890 met at the house of A. B. Brees preaching by Bro J. G. Ford followed by Bro A. B. Brees visiting brethren invited to seat in counsel door of church opened for members none offered

moved and seconded that William Court  
 letter to the association to be held at  
 Spencerville Sept 5 1890 carried  
 closed in order William Court Clerk  
 J. G. Ford Mod.

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1890

Church met at the usual  
 place of meeting

Opening preaching by A. B. Brees  
 and the Moderator.

Invited Brethren & Sisters to  
 seats in counsel.

Opened the door for the re-  
 ception of members, none  
 offered.

Closed in order

A. B. Brees Assint Clk. J. G. Ford Mod.

Communion Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Communion

A. B. Brees<sup>Assint</sup> Clk.

J. G. Ford Mod.

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1890

Church met at the usual place.

Preaching by Moderator followed by A. B. Brees  
 with a few remarks. Invited brethren and sisters to  
 sit in counsel. Opened the door for members.

Closed in order

A. B. Brees Assistant Clk. J. G. Ford Mod.

December 5<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Church met at A.B. Brees'  
Opened by preaching by Eld. J.G. Ford  
and A.B. Brees.

No business closed in order.  
A.B. Brees. Assistant Clerk

J.G. Ford. Mod.

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Church met at A.B. Brees' house  
Church opened by singing and prayer  
by A.B. Brees. Preaching by Eld. J.G. Ford  
followed by A.B. Brees.

Moved and second that Brother J.G. Ford  
write our letter to the Greenville Assoc-  
iation and present it tomorrow  
Carried unanimously

Closed in order.

A.B. Brees. Assistant Clerk.

J.G. Ford Moderator

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Communion attended to.  
The letter prepared was read and  
received as our letter to the Association  
by unanimous vote.

A.B. Brees. Assistant Clerk.

J.G. Ford Moderator

July 4<sup>th</sup> 1891

Church met at the usual place of meeting.

The pastor being quite unwell A. B. Brees opened the meeting by singing, prayer and preaching, followed by the pastor.

Brethren and sisters of the same faith and order invited to sit in counsel.

Door opened to receive members. No business. Letter to be written by Eld. J. G. Ford closed in order. A. B. Brees Assistant, Elks. J. G. Ford Mod.

Oct. 3. 1891

Church met at the usual place of meeting. Preaching by A. B. Brees and the Moderator.

Door opened for reception of members. No other business.

A. B. Brees asst. Elks. J. G. Ford Mod.

Communion Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1891

Attended to communion.

A. B. Brees Asst. Elks. J. G. Ford Mod.

October 31<sup>st</sup> 1891

Church met at the usual place. Preaching by the Moderator followed by A. B. Brees.

Invited to seats in counsel  
Invitation given for membership

Decatur Mouser When Decatur Mouser gave a  
Received relation of his feelings and desire  
to be baptized, was received and  
arrangements made to be baptized <sup>Mouser</sup>

closed in order

A. B. Brees Assistant Clerk

and

J. G. Ford Moderator  
Sunday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1891

After preaching by A. B. Brees,  
and the Moderator attended to the  
baptism of the candidate, after  
Baptized. which the Moderator and all the  
members present gave Brother  
Mouser the right hand of fellowship

A. B. Brees Assistant Clerk

J. G. Ford, Mod.

Saturday, Dec. 26, 1891.

Church met as usual, few present,  
On account of leaving to preach  
at the funeral of Andrew Welchance at  
St. Johns, and our moderator being absent  
A. B. Brees preached a short discourse, and

left, so there was no meeting  
appointed for the following Sunday  
no business  
A. B. Brees Ast. Clk.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 1892.  
Church met at A. B. Brees  
house.

Preaching by A. B. Brees and  
the Moderator.

Opened the door for the  
reception of members.  
no business.

Closed in order.  
A. B. Brees Ast. Clerk.  
J. G. Ford Mod.

Commonwealth Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Commenced.  
A. B. Brees, Ast. Clk.

Saturday March 6, 1892  
Church met at the  
usual place of meeting.

The Moderator being absent,  
Preaching by the Clerk

There being no business known  
no moderator chosen  
closed in order  
A. B. Brees - Ch. Clerk (assistant)

April 2. 1892

Church met at the house of  
A. B. Brees, as usual.

Meeting opened by singing  
prayer and a discourse by the  
pastor followed by a few remarks  
by A. B. Brees

Invited brethren and sisters  
sister churches to seats in counsel

Invited to membership  
closed in order

A. B. Brees Assistant Clerk

J. G. Ford Moderator

Communion

April 3. Communed.

April 30<sup>th</sup> 1892

The church met as usual,

Opened by singing, prayer and preaching  
by A. B. Brees.

The Moderator not being present and  
no business being known, closed in order  
without further organization.

A. B. Brees Assistant Clerk. J. G. Ford Mod.

June 4. 1892.

Church met. Opened by singing  
prayer and preaching by pastor  
followed by A. B. Brees.

Opened the door for reception of members  
closed in order.

A. B. Brees Assistant Clerk. J. G. Ford Mod.

July 2<sup>d</sup> 1892

Church met as usual  
 Opened meeting by singing prayer  
 and preaching by A. B. Brees fol-  
 lowed by the pastor; after which  
 proceeded to business

Motioned and seconded that  
 A. B. Brees write the letter to the  
 Association. Carried.

A. B. Brees, Asst. clk.

J. G. Ford, Mod.

Aug 6, 1892.

Church met as usual at  
 the house of A. B. Brees.

Opened by services by the pastor  
 and clerk. after which an in-  
 vitation was given to members  
 of sister churches to sit in counsel.

An opportunity was given for  
 any desiring to unite with the  
 church.

The letter called for, but was  
 not prepared, so it was deferred  
 till tomorrow.

Closed in order.

A. B. Brees, Assistant Clerk

J. G. Ford, Mod.



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Sunday Aug 7, 1892.  
Letter read and accepted by the  
Church as her letter to the  
Association

A. B. Brees, Asst. Clk.  
J. G. Ford, Mod.

Sept 30th 1892

Church meet pursuant to adjournment  
opened by singing and prayer by  
A. B. Brees, and preaching by the same  
(First) Chose A. B. Brees, Moderator  
Protomun (Second) C. G. Miller and  
Alice Miller his wife presented there  
letters for the acception on motion and  
second there letters wer received and  
the right hand of fellowship given by  
A. B. Brees in behalf of J. G. Ford  
As Bro Ford is the pastor but absent at  
this meeting

Bro & sister  
C. G. Miller  
received by letter.

A. Brees Moderator Protomun  
P. S. on motion and second Wm Court  
Clerk and A. B. Brees Asst Clk wer  
released and on motion and second  
C. G. Miller was chosen clerk

A. B. Brees Moderator Protomun  
Sunday C. G. Miller Clerk  
Oct 1st Preaching by A. B. Brees

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1892,

Church met at ABBrees house  
Preaching by the Pastor J. G. Ford, and  
some remarks by ABBrees  
Invited Brethren of the same fait and  
order to a seats in counsil  
Door open for the reseption of  
members

Closed in order  
C. G. Miller Clk  
J. G. Ford Mod

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Communion administered  
C. G. Miller Clk  
J. G. Ford Mod

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1892

Church met as usual at ABBrees  
house preaching by ABBrees  
on motion chosed ABBrees Mod Protem  
no other business  
closed in order  
C. G. Miller Clk  
ABBrees Mod Protem

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1892.

Church met as usual at ABBrees  
house preaching by ABBrees & Bro Ford  
Adjourned to meet as usual (being about  
J. G. Ford Mod  
C. G. Miller Clk

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Church meet as usual opened  
at 2 o'clock P.M. by A. B. Brees and preaching  
by the same no business to attend to  
Bro Ford our Pastor being absent not  
being able to attend J. G. Ford Mod  
C. G. Miller Clerk

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Church meet as usual  
no business to attend closed in order  
J. G. Ford our Pastor not able to get  
out on a count of poor health

J. G. Ford Mod  
C. G. Miller Clerk

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1893.

Church met as usual opened  
by singing and prayer by A. B. Brees  
preaching by J. G. Ford and followed  
by A. B. Brees no business to attend  
closed in order

J. G. Ford Mod  
C. G. Miller Clerk

May 6<sup>th</sup> 1893

Church met as usual  
A. B. Brees preached to the few that  
assembled for the worship of God  
no business to attend to no business  
to attend to J. G. Ford Mod  
C. G. Miller Clerk

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1893

Church Meet as usual  
 opened by prayer and singing and  
 prayer and preaching Bro Frank  
 Hutchinson followed latter him  
 Bro A B Brees read some remarks  
~~poor~~ opened Bro and sisters of Sister  
 Lechurch invited to a seats in  
 counsil poor opened for the Resptation  
 of members none offered closed  
 in order J G Ford Mod  
 C G Miller Clerk

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1893

Church met pursuant to  
 adjournment of last month opened by  
 singing and prayer by A. B. Brees.  
 And preaching by the same  
 (1<sup>st</sup>) on motion and second choos Brother  
 D Mouser Moderator Protem  
 (2<sup>nd</sup>) on motion and second choos C G Miller  
 to write the letter for the Association  
 and present it at the next meeting  
 for the decision of the Church  
 no other buisness closed in order  
 C G Miller Clerk  
 D Mouser Moderator Protem

August 5<sup>th</sup> 1893

Church meet as usual  
 opened by singing <sup>prayer</sup> by J. G. Ford.  
 And preaching by the same and  
 Bro A B Brees followed after  
 preaching proceeded to <sup>to business</sup>  
 first invited Brethren and  
 sister of the same faith and  
 order to a seats in counsel  
 door opened for the Reception of  
 members

Bro Brees made a motion  
 that all the male members  
 present be sent as messengers  
 Bro D Mouser second the motion  
 put to a vote by the Moderator  
 and carried by a unanimous vote  
 Messengers names as follow  
 J. G. Ford A B Brees D Mouser  
 C G Miller

To other business  
 closed in order

C G Miller Clerk

J G Ford Moderator  
 Granville

Sept. 2-1893 Association met in the the  
 Refuge Church

September 30<sup>th</sup> 1893

Church meet at A B Brees house Preaching by J G Ford and A B Brees

Invited Brethren and Sisters of the same faith and order to a seat in Council

J G Ford Moderator  
C G Miller Clerk

November  
no business  
Meeting  
Pastor called on Ford  
Sunday & Ford  
C G Miller Clerk

December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Church meet as usual at A B Brees House Chose Bro D Mouser Moderator no other business closed in order

D Mouser Moderator  
C G Miller Clerk

January 6<sup>th</sup> 1894

Church meet at A B Brees preaching by B F Hutchinson after preaching Chose Bro Hutchinson Moderator No other business closed in order

C G Miller Clerk  
B F Hutchinson Mod Prot

Sunday Jan 7 1894

Attended to the ordinance of communion

February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1894

Church meet at A.B. Brees  
House preaching by A.B. Brees  
After which Bro. Mouser was  
Chosen Moderator No other business  
Closed in order

C. G. Miller Clerk  
Deat Mouser Moder Proloc

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1894

Church meet as usual  
A.B. Brees preached after preaching  
A.B. Brees was chosen Moderator  
C. G. Miller Clerk

A. B. Brees. Mod., Proloc

March 31<sup>st</sup> 1894

Church Meet As usual  
At A.B. Brees house preaching by  
A.B. Brees and some remarks by  
J. G. Ford. A.B. Brees acted Moderator  
invited brethren of sister churches  
to a seats in council gave oportu-  
nity for any to come to the church  
if there was any that felt like do-  
ing so No other Business  
Closed in order

C. G. Miller Clerk

A. B. Brees Moderator

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1894 Church met at A.B. Brees house  
 the meeting was opened by A.B. Brees with  
 singing and prayer. and rehearsed some  
 of his feelings? of the dealings of the Lord  
 then J.G. Ford talked a while  
 invited brethren to a seats in council  
 No other business closed in order  
 C.G. Miller Clerk  
 J.G. Ford Moderator

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1894 Church met as usual at A.B. Brees  
 house D. Mouser chosen Moderator Prolocutor  
 no other business closed in order  
 D. Mouser Mod Proloc  
 C.G. Miller Clerk

June 30 1894 Opened by usual services by the  
 Moderator and A.B. Brees after which  
 the Moderator invited brethren of same  
 faith and order to seats in council the  
 Clerk being absent it was moved  
 seconded and voted unanimously that  
 A.B. Brees serve as clerk prolocutor  
 moved and seconded that Bro C.G. Miller  
 write the letter to the Association  
 carried by a unanimous vote appointed  
 brethren Wm. Court C.G. Miller & D. Mouser  
 messengers to bear the letter to the Association  
 closed in order J.G. Ford Mod C.G. Miller Clerk



July 1<sup>st</sup> 1894 Sunday Meeting held at Sister's  
 Wins House Sister Elizabeth Mouser related  
 her experience and motion & seconded  
 Received her in the Church for baptism  
 At the next meeting on Saturday  
 Carried by a unanimous vote  
 Then Alice Weir related her experience  
 Received by motion & seconded by a un-  
 animous vote of the Church to be Baptized  
 As soon as she gets able  
 J G Ford Mod

C G Miller Clerk

August 4<sup>th</sup> 1894

Church meet at the house of  
 A B Brees opened with singing and pray  
 preaching by B F Hutchinson N Peters  
 Appointed A B Brees first in order <sup>second</sup> invited  
 N. Peters Brethren and sisters of Sister Church  
 Moderator to a seat in council Third opened the  
 door for the reception of Members  
 Sister Elizabeth Mouser stated she  
 came prepared to be baptized if the  
 Church saw fit to do so  
 Adjourned to meet at the water about  
 one half mile above A B Brees House  
 at the canal where B F Hutchinson  
 Baptized Sister Mouser and gave  
 the right hand of fellowship  
 C G Miller Clerk N Peters Mod Prother

Oct 6 1894 Church meet at A B Brees house  
 Opened the Meeting by singing and prayer  
 by A B Brees Preaching by J G Ford  
 first in order, I invited brethren and sisters of our  
 faith and order to a seats in Council  
 Second order Opened the door for the reception of  
 members  
 Third Eld. J G Ford requested that the church  
 releas him from the Pastoral care of  
 the Church  
 On Motion and second his request was  
 accepted Granted and was considered to be laid  
 over for the next meeting  
 J G Ford Mod

C G Miller Clerk

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1894 Church meet as usual at  
 A B Brees House After services chors  
 Eld A B Brees Mod Second invited if there  
 was any to come to the church no  
 strangers present except members but  
 Bro Brees family  
 (Third) Moved & seconded that  
 Eld J G Fords request be granted  
 Granted by a unanimous vote of the church  
 The clerk to write and let Bro Ford know  
 of the buisness of the meeting  
 (Fourth) By Motion & second that  
 Eld A B Brees serve us as Paster & Mod

Fifth

Be it resolved that a letter be given to  
Bro A B Brees as a Traveling recommend  
to Strange Brethren,  
Carried by a unanimous vote  
A Brees Mod

C G Miller Clerk

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1894

A few meet - sang a few hymns  
no business of any kind done,  
C G Miller Clerk

January 5<sup>th</sup> 1895

Church met at the usual place  
of holding there meetings singing  
prayer and preaching by A B Brees

Jan 6

Sunday Attended to communion  
A. B. Brees. Moderator.  
C. G. Miller, Clerk.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1895

Church met at her place of  
meeting singing prayer and preaching  
by Eld A B Brees door opened for the  
prescription of members none of -  
ferred closed in order  
A B Brees Mod

C G Miller Clerk

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March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895

Church meet as usual  
Singing prayer & preaching  
By Eld. A. B. Brees

no business to attend to  
Closed in order

A. B. Brees Moderator  
C. G. Miller Clerk

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1895

Meet pursuant to adjournment  
of last meeting Singing prayer  
and preaching by Eld. A. B. Brees  
and Eld. J. G. Ford called for the  
reading of the Minutes

Invited Brethren to a seats in  
council door opened for the  
reception of members

Adjourned to meet as usual

The meeting dismissed in  
short by the Pastor (A. B. Brees)

A. B. Brees Moderator  
C. G. Miller Clerk

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1895

Church meet as usual at  
Eld Brees house opened by singing  
and prayer by Eld. A. B. Brees

Preaching by Eld. B. F. Hutchinson  
& J. G. Ford A. B. Brees, invited brethren  
to a seats in council door opened for the

The reception of members  
Adjourned to meet at Sister  
Wren in Spencerville at early  
candle light no other business  
closed in order

A. B. Brees Mod  
C. G. Miller Clerk

June 1st 1895

Church met pursuant to  
Adjournment of last month  
Singing pray + preaching  
by Eld A. B. Brees  
Door opened for the reception of  
Members Closed in order

A. B. Brees Moderator  
C. G. Miller Clerk

July 6. 1895

Church met as usual at Bro.  
A. B. Brees House opened by singing  
and prayer by Eld A. B. Brees  
Invited Brethren to seats in  
council Door opened for reception  
of members No other business to  
attend to closed in order

A. B. Brees Moderator  
C. G. Miller Clerk

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895 Church met as usual Preaching by Eld -

Invited P. F. Hutchinson and A. B. Brees  
Brethren of the same faith and order to a  
Council & Door opened for reception of members

Moved & second That C. G. Miller write the letter to the Association and present it tomorrow to the Church for examination

C. G. Miller, Clerk.

A. B. Brees, Moderator.

Oct 5, 1895.

Church met according to appointment,

Preaching by Eld. J. G. Ford & A. B. Brees.

Chose A. B. Brees Clerk Protom

Invited brethren and sisters of same faith and order to seats in council,

Invited to receive members

No business

A. B. Brees Mod and Clerk Protom.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1895 Church met as usual opened by singing and prayer

Nov 31<sup>st</sup> 1895 Church met as

use  
with  
no

6<sup>th</sup>

Spencerville, O., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1887

end  
ler

Jan  
open  
A  
no

Whereas Sisters Elizabeth Keph-  
-hart and Maggie Kephart  
have signified that <sup>they</sup>  
were not in fellowship with  
Brother A. B. Brees on account  
of the matter involved in the  
trial at the Council last June  
after which Brother Brees was  
sustained by the Church in  
relation to his actions.

House  
or

Feb

clerk

and  
order

Feb

Resolved that the Church appoint  
Sister Mary Ann Purdy to call  
upon them and enquire if they  
can travel with him and the  
Church, after said decision  
and report the result to our  
next meeting. J. G. Ford Mod.

clerk

aching

April

ment

A. B. Brees assistant clk.

d by

me & Messrs

Eld. A. B. Brees, Moderator  
C. G. Miller Clerk

Nov 31<sup>st</sup> 1895 Church met as

usu  
with  
no

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1898

Church met as

Jan  
open  
A  
no

usual for preaching by H. B. Brees  
& J. L. Ford. proceeded to business  
called brethren in union to  
sit in council

Feb

Invited to membership  
noted that Bro Brees  
write the letter to the Association  
unanimous

Feb

J. L. Ford Clerk  
H. B. Brees Ass't

April

Eld. A. B. Brees Moderator  
C. G. Miller Clerk



Nov 31<sup>st</sup> 1895 Church met as usual at Eld A B Brees House opened with prayer by the Pastor no business to attend to closed in order  
A B Brees Mod

Jan 4 1895 Church met at Eld A B Brees House opened with singing and prayer by the Pastor A B Brees and preaching by the same no business close in order  
Eld A B Brees Mod  
C G Miller Clerk

February 1<sup>st</sup> 1896 Preaching by the Pastor Saturday and Sunday No business closed in order  
A B Brees, Moderator.  
C G Miller, Clerk.

Feb-29-1896 Church met as usual. Preaching by the Pastor. No business  
A. B. Brees, Moderator.  
C G Miller Clerk

April 4-1896 Church met pursuant to adjournment Preaching by the Pastor closed by singing by the church dismissed by the Pastor  
Eld. A. B. Brees, Moderator  
C G Miller Clerk

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May 2 1896 Church meet - as usual  
Preaching by the Pastor  
in business closed in order  
A B Brees Mod  
E S Miller Clerk

May 3 1896 Attended to the ordnance  
of communion  
A B Brees Mod  
E S Miller Clerk

June 6 - 1896  
Church meet - as usual at Eld -  
A B Brees house. Opened by singing and  
prayer by Eld J G Ford  
and preaching by the same  
and Eld. A B Brees  
The pastor asked the Clerk if he knew of  
any business The Clerk knew of  
none. Eld A B Brees Mod -  
E S Miller Clerk.

July 4 - 1896  
Church meet at Eld. A B Brees house.  
Opened by singing and pray by the Pastor  
on motion and second E S Miller  
was chosen to write the Letter to  
The Association, and present it  
to the Church for inspection at the  
next meeting in course. By a  
motion and second That all

Members present at the Association  
in session with the Darbivill Church  
situated in Franklin County Ohio  
to act as Messengers

A. B. Brees Moderator  
C. G. Miller Clerk

July 5-1896  
Sunday

Attended to the ordinance  
of Communion

August 1-1896

Church met pursuant to Adjournment  
of last <sup>month</sup> opened by singing and Prayer by  
Eld. J. P. Peters, Preaching by the same  
and ~~the~~ Newton Peters and A. B. Brees  
after which proceeded to business (First)  
Invited Brethren of the same faith  
and order to seats in counsel  
(Second) called for the reading of  
the Letter to the Association  
read and on Motion and second  
received to be the letter of the  
Refuge Church

Third Door opened for the  
reception of members

Dismissed by singing and prayer  
by the Moderator,

A. B. Brees Mod.  
C. G. Miller Clerk

Sept 5 1896 Association convened

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1896 Church met pursuant to  
Adjournment of last month  
Preaching by the Moderator  
No business

A B Bruce Mod  
C S Miller talk

Oct 31 1896 No Preaching sang a few  
hymns

Nov 1 Sunday several of the members  
present

Dec 5 1896 A few members present  
On motion and second choes  
B G Ford Moderator  
B G Ford opened the meeting by  
reading and sing a hymn  
Prayer by A B Bruce Afterwords  
Bro B G Ford spoke on experianc

B G Ford Mod Protema  
C S Miller talk

Dec<sup>th</sup>, 19 / 190. At a called business Meeting of  
 The Church, Opened with Singing and  
 prayer, On motion and second,  
 Chose C. G. Miller, Moderator,  
 Business of the meeting stated by  
 The Moderator, The following resolution  
 was presented by motion and second,

Request of the Refuge Church.

Whereas it has come to the knowledge  
 of the Refuge Church, that; Eld A. B. Brees,  
 and Sister Lenn Has aught-a gainst  
 Each other and we know that- Eld?  
 A. B. Brees. has endeavored to bring a  
 bout-a reconcillation as is recorded in  
 Math 5<sup>th</sup> 23-24. Also Math 18<sup>th</sup> 15-16-17.  
 And in as much as Sister Lenn.

Said she would leave the matter  
 to the Providence Church, to decide the case,  
~~as she is a member~~ of the Providence Church  
 Whereas Eld A. B. Brees, being our Pastor  
 left his gift-at the altar as soon as  
 he positively knew that the Sister had  
 aught-a gainst him. Untill then  
 could be a reconcillation brought-a  
 bout and went to visit the Sister  
 and if possible have the matter settled  
 also took with him two witness and  
 failed to have the trouble settled

Whereas they both agreed to let the Providence Church settle the case,  
 Whereas Eld A. B. Brees met her at the Providence Church at their regular meeting on Saturday Dec 12-1896.  
 And attempted to lay the case before the Providence Church. This was a motion made that they would not take up the business at present and declared unanimous,  
 And the Moderator ruled against taken the case the Providence Church so that it cut the parties out from bringing a bout any settlement according to the rule layed down in the scriptures.

We request that the several Churches composing the Greenville Association, Namely, Providence Darby Run, Sugar Creek, Harmoner. Call a meeting and send a Comunitly to give us counsil in love. At our next regular meeting Saturday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1897.  
 As we need and desire and our prayer is that you will be faithfull to us as a Church or as a part of the membus of Christ-

body, The Church, to bring about  
 a speedy reconsillations or  
 settlement. Resolved that the  
 Clerk send a copy to the several  
 Churches, carried by a unanimous  
 vote of the Church  
 C. G. Miller, Moderator and Clerk,

January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1897, Church meet as usual  
 at Elds A B Brees house opened by  
 singing and prayer,  
 (First) Invited Brethren & sisters  
 of the same faith and order to  
 seats in consisit  
 By motion and second chose  
 C. G. Miller Moderator.  
 Invited brethren and sisters  
 of the same faith and order to  
 seats in consisit  
 Motion and second that Brother  
 Brees appeal to this church for  
 a hearing of Sister Senus case  
 which he presented to the  
 Providence Church but was not  
 received, be accepted for reference  
 As Brother A B Brees has stated  
 to this Church, his effort to  
 obtain a hearing before the

Providence Church in regard to the case of Sister Sensus lack of fellowship for him and failing to obtain such hearing and settlement we now join in requesting The Providence Church to set a time and place to unite in a mutual settlement of the case and our effort should be to do all things in love for the cause of Gods order and love.

C. G. Miller Moderator  
And Clerk.

February 6<sup>th</sup> 1897

Some of the members met at Eld A. B. Brees house, First, Chas C. G. Miller Moderator, (Second) on motion and second that the Church hear the relation of Brother Brees' case according to reference of last month, Eld, Brees had his case in writing and read it to the Church after which there was a motion and second that Eld Brees be restored but was postponed until the next meeting in course

C. G. Miller Moderator  
And Clerk



March 6<sup>th</sup> 1897: A few members, at A. B. Brews house. First, A. B. Brews made a motion that G. S. Miller act as Moderator. Harriet Brews second the motion. Second, the Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting, and called for the business referd to at the last meeting some talk but no action taken. A. B. Brews asked <sup>of any one</sup> the Moderator, if they knew or had heard of any action or any steps taken in any way by any one or any of the Churches. Whereupon the Moderator stated he had heard that there had bin a step taken but did not know that it was in direct connection with the case. A. B. Brews talked some and read some in the scriptures to justify the course and actions he had taken towards B. F. Hutchinson. The Moderator then said he would like to read something of what he understood the Savior to teach and commenced to read. Whereupon A. B. Brews said it would be in order to have a motion first before reading and said I could make a motion I thought so. The Church said they were now ready.

to hear what I had to read  
 To the Refuge Church,  
 Brethren and Sisters it is with  
 great feeling for the benefit of the people  
 of God that I am compelled to be  
 plain and faithful to you, and as  
 I have bin your leader in getting  
 you in disorder I feel that as I  
 humbly hope that God has revealed  
 to me the injustice of our former  
 and all actions done by the Church  
 is not and has not bin in  
 accordance with the divine rule  
 of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ  
 therefore I withdraw all the actions  
 that I have done or helped to do  
 and to show you there has not  
 bin one step taken in gospel order  
 in regard to the trouble that is  
 a wrong us quoting Mat. 5.  
 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the  
 altar and there rememberest  
 that thy brother hath ought against <sup>the</sup>  
 Leave there thy gift before the altar  
 and go thy way first be reconciled  
 to thy brother and then come and  
 offer thy gift. The Saviors command  
 is very definite and positive  
 what a brother must do in a case

of this kind the savior does not say go and try to be reconciled, but it is a positive command go and be reconciled to thy brother neither does the savior say endeavor to be reconciled no but it is go and be reconciled, neither does the savior say go and try to get thy brother reconciled to your ways but the command is go and be reconciled to thy brother I understand that you are to go and be reconciled to your brother ways as you have offended him it is not for you to try and get him to come to you but you must conform to him this is the savior's rule and when ever we try to change it we are leaving jesus and the gospel order of the Church. Now we know that Brother Brees left his gift at the altar and we also know that Brother Brees has not bin reconciled to Sister Seuser, as the savior has commanded, and now the Church has taken it up contrary to the law or command of Christ and have made a motion and second

That the Church restore Brother Brees to the liberty of the Church the records will show that Brother Brees left his gift at the altar,

[I will state here that as far as this is concerned is a step in the right direction but it never was completed] but has never as yet fulfilled the Savior's command and I consider the Church is out of place in what she has done it is not in accordance with the order of the Church of Christ

Therefore I consider the Church has left us. A second was read to this motion refer to above and a vote taken for the Church not to receive this forgoing admonition, Only five members present two voted the rest did not vote

G. G. Miller, Moderator and Clerk,

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1897

Church met at G. G. Miller house  
Preaching by Newton Peters and  
J. S. Ford

G. G. Miller, Clerk

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1897 Church met previous to arrangement  
of last month at Sister Miller house  
Singing prayer and preaching by Eld  
B. F. Hutchinson after which the Church  
by motion and second chose Eld B. F. Hutch-  
inson Moderator Invited Brethren of  
The same faith and order to a seats in  
Council. Door opened for reception  
of members

B. F. Hutchinson Mod  
C. G. Miller Clerk

June 5-1897 Church met previous to arrangement  
of last month Singing and prayer and  
preaching by Eld J. G. Ford and  
preaching by Eld Newton Peters  
by motions and second chose Newton  
Peters Moderator first invited Brethren  
of The same faith to a seats in Council  
Door opened for The reception of members  
Closed by Newton Peters

Newton Peters Mod  
C. G. Miller Clerk

July 3-1897

Withdrawed the  
band of fellowship  
from A. B. Bruce

Church met as usual opened by  
and prayer by J. G. Ford and preach-  
ing by the same. First- invited  
brethren of the same faith and  
order to a seats in Council

Second door opened for the reception of members Third resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Eld. A. B. Bress

Carried by a unanimous vote (Fourth) by motion and second chose C. G. Miller to write the letter to the Association and present it to the Church at our next meeting J. G. Ford Mod C. G. Miller Clerk

July 31-1897

Church met as usual Meeting opened by Eld J. G. Ford with singing & prayer C. G. Miller presented the letter which was accepted and the messengers appointed as follows C. G. Miller Mary Ann Purdy Alice Wein Alice Miller Wm Courts Done by order of the Church J. G. Ford Mod C. G. Miller Clerk

Oct. 2-1897- Church met as usual

Brother J. P. Peters opened meeting with singing and talking while prayer Bro. Newton Hales talked some also Bro. Newton Peters talked some The Clerk forgot the Church Book and left

it at home so there was no  
business done  
(Sunday) Bro J. P. Peters talked  
a while & Bro. Henry Hole talked &  
Bro Newton Peters talked some  
C. G. Miller Clerk

Nov: 6 - 1897 Church met as usual Singing Prayer and  
Preaching by Eld J. G. Ford,  
Invited Brethren & sisters of the same faith and  
order to seats in counsel door opened for the recep-  
tion of members Eld J. G. Ford chosen Mod-  
erator Closed with singing and prayer by  
Brother B. G. Ford

C. G. Miller Clerk

J. G. Ford Mod.

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1898 Church met as usual  
opened by singing and prayer by Bro-  
Hole and preaching by the same  
and Bro Hutchinson after which  
persued to business (1st) Chose Bro  
Hole Moderator (2nd) Invited Breth-  
-en and Sisters to seats in coun-  
(3rd) Door opened for reception of members  
(4th) Chose Eld B. G. Hutchinson Pastor  
& Moderator for six month Bro Hole selected  
a hymn which was sung and he  
closed the meeting by prayer  
C. G. Miller Clerk  
Henry Hole Moderator

April 2<sup>d</sup> 1898 Church met as usual prayer  
and preaching by Bro. Henry Hoole  
Door open for reception of members  
songs offered closed by singing and  
prayer by Bro. Hoole  
C. G. Miller Clerk  
H. Hoole Mod.

April 30-1898 Church met as usual  
prayer & preaching by Eld. J. S. Ford  
and Eld. B. F. Hutchinson (1<sup>st</sup>) Chorus  
Bro. Hutchinson as standing Moderator  
(2<sup>nd</sup>) Invited Brethren of the same faith  
and order to seats in Council,  
(3<sup>rd</sup>) Door open for the reception of Members  
No other business to attend to closed.  
in order, B. F. Hutchinson, Mod,  
C. G. Miller Clerk

June 4-1898 Church met as usual  
Singing prayer and preaching by Elds,  
J. P. Peters. N. Peters and B. F. Hutchinson  
First invited Brethren of the same  
faith and order to seats in Council  
Door of the Church open ~~for~~ for the reception  
of members, closed by the Moderator  
C. G. Miller Clerk  
B. F. Hutchinson Mod.



Aug. 6- 1898 Church met as usual  
 opened by singing and prayer by Eld  
 B. F. Hutchinson and preaching by  
 the same. First Invited Brethren &  
 Sisters of the same faith and order  
 to a seats in Council.  
 Door opened for the Reception of  
 members.

C. G. Miller chosen to write  
 the letter to the association.

Moved and second that all the  
 members of the Refuge Church  
 present at the Association to  
 act as Messengers C. G. Miller CLK.

B. F. Hutchinson Mod.

Oct. 1. 1898. Church met as usual  
 Opened by singing and  
 prayer by Bro. Hutchinson and  
 preaching by the same & Bro. Ford &  
 Hole after which proceeded to business  
 1<sup>st</sup> invited Brethren & Sisters to seat  
 in Council.

2<sup>nd</sup> Door opened for reception of members  
 no business but closed by  
 singing a hymn and prayer by  
 Bro Ford.

C. G. Miller Clerk

B. F. Hutchinson Mod.

Nov, 5. 1898. Church met as usual by preaching by J. G. Ford and closed by singing and prayer by J. G. Ford

Dec, 3rd, 1898 Church met as usual by Singing: And prayer and Preaching by Bro, J. G. Ford.

Fellowship withdrawn from six for names refer to Minut  
1st. Chose Bro, J. G. Ford Moderator by motion & second. Carried by a unanimous vote of the Church.

2nd. Invited Brethren & Sisters of the same faith and order to seats in Council

3rd. Door Opened for the reception of members.

4th. By Motion and second that the Church withdraw the hand of fellowship from all those that fellowship A. B. Brees viz

Sarah, L. Campbell, Susan Place. Kezia. L. Brees. Harriet. Brees.

Dea. Tier. Mouser. Elizabeth, Mouser,

5th. By Motion and Second Chose Bro, J. G. Ford Pastor for six months closed by singing and prayer by the Moderator.

C. G. Miller Clk.

J. G. Ford Mod.

Dec 31. 1898. Church met according to arrangement of last month  
 Meeting opened by Bro. B. F. Hutchinson with singing & prayer (1<sup>st</sup>) Chorus Bro B. F. Hutchinson Mod. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Bro & sister of the same faith & order to a seat in Council (3<sup>rd</sup>) Door opened for the Reception of members (4<sup>th</sup>) That there be a revision of the Minute of last month be made. The nature is this whereas A. R. Brees has bin walking in disorder and has drawn <sup>some</sup> with him in disorder And in withdrawing fellowship from those disorderly members the cause for withdrawl was omitted in our last minute.  
 No other business, closed the meeting by singing & prayer by the Mod.

C. G. Miller Clk.

B. F. Hutchinson Mod.

Feb 4. 1899. Church met as usual, Meeting opened by B. F. Hutchinson by sing & prayer. 1<sup>st</sup> Chorus Bro. B. G. Ford moderates, 2<sup>d</sup>. Bro. & sisters invited to seat in council 3<sup>d</sup>. Door opened for reception of members.

4th minute called for and read  
no other business closed by singing  
a hymn  
C. G. Miller Clk.  
B. F. Ford Mod.

March 4-1899.

No one came to place of meeting  
but Alice and myself on account  
of bad weather

C G Miller Clk

April-1-1899

No church meeting The Pastor  
not present on account of poor  
health and bad roads

C G Miller Clk

May-6-1899.

Church met as usual on  
Saturday meeting opened by the  
Pastor with singing and prayer,  
(1st) Invited Brethren to  
seats in council (2) Door opened  
for members (3rd) minute called  
for and read (4) by motion and  
second Bro J G Ford was chosen  
Pastor continues as long as he  
lives and attend when able  
no other business, closed  
the meeting with singing and  
prayer.

C G Miller Clk  
J G Ford Moderator

June 3-1899 Church met as usual Meeting opened by Singing and prayer by Henry Hole and preaching by the same No business closed in order

C. G. Miller clk.

July 1st 1899

Church met at two o'clock preaching by J. G. Ford

By Motion, C. G. Miller was chosen to write the letter to the Association

By Motion, all the members present at the Association to act as messengers

C. G. Miller Clerk  
J. G. Ford Mod.

August 5-1899

Church met as usual at two o'clock. Preaching by Eld. J. G. Ford. Church called for the letter to the Association. The letter read and received

C. G. Miller clk.  
J. G. Ford mod.

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Sept 30. 1899

Church met as usual  
Church opened by singing and  
prayer Preaching by the Mod  
Door opened for reception of members  
minutes called for and read  
no other business  
Brethren and sisters invited to  
seats in council

C. G. Miller Clerk  
J. G. Ford Mod.

Nov 3-1899

Church met as usual  
meeting opened by singing and  
prayer by Henry Hale and  
preaching by the same  
no business closed in  
order C. G. Miller Clerk

June 2-1900

Church met as appointed  
Preaching by Eld J. G. Ford  
and Kerstop Peters no business  
Adjourned to meet as usual  
C. G. Miller Clerk  
J. G. Ford Mod.

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June 30. 1900.

Church met as usual  
preaching by Eld. J G Ford  
closed the meeting by singing  
and pray

J G Ford Mod.  
C G Miller Clk.

Aug. 4-1900

Church met as usual  
opened by singing and prayer  
Dor opened for reception of  
members. Invited Brethren to  
sit in council

chose C G Miller to write a  
letter to the Association and  
present it tomorrow

All that are present at the  
Association be received as  
messengers from the Refuge  
Church

J G Ford Mod.  
C G Miller Clk.

Ford  
Church  
memb

To the Refuge Church near  
Spencerville Allen Co Ohio.

Dear Brethren and Sisters,  
I hereby send a request to  
the Church to ~~liberate~~ <sup>release</sup> me from  
the care of the Church, for  
I cannot serve the church  
as she ought to be served.

Not that I have anything agai-  
nst the church or any one of the  
members, But I think a change  
of pastors would be a benefit to  
the Church. And may the  
Lord be with, and bless, and add  
to the Church such as should  
be saved, is the prayer of your  
unworthy Servant J. G. Ford.



Saturday Aug' 2. 1902.

The Church released  
Brother J. G. Ford from  
the Pastoral care  
by a unanimous vote of  
the members present  
of Refuge Church  
C. G. Miller Ck'

Ford  
Church  
memb  
Ck'

Saturday Aug. 2-1902.  
The Church released Brother J. G. Ford  
from the Pastorial care of the Church  
by a unanimous vote of the memb-  
-ers present of Refuge Church  
C. G. Miller Clk.

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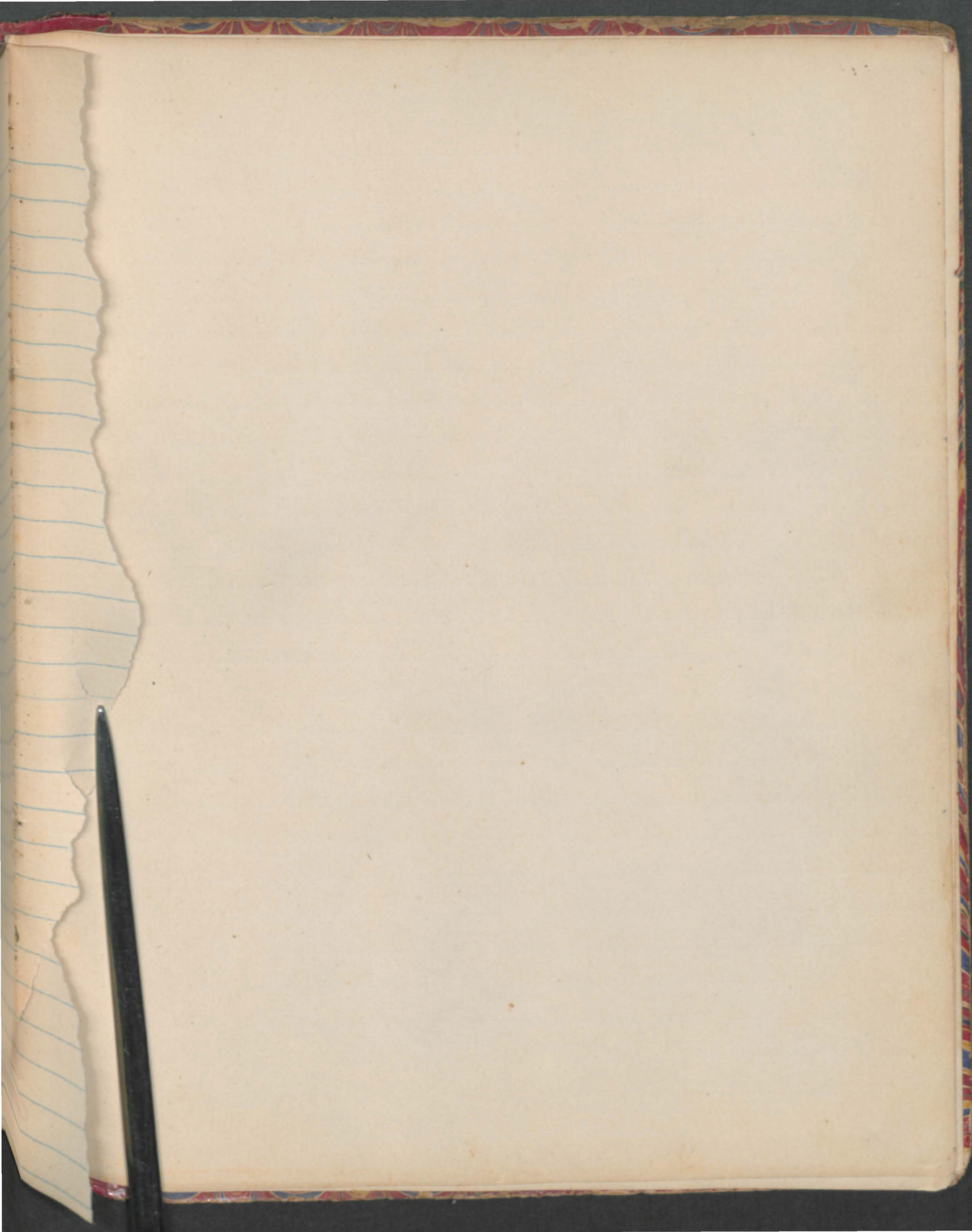
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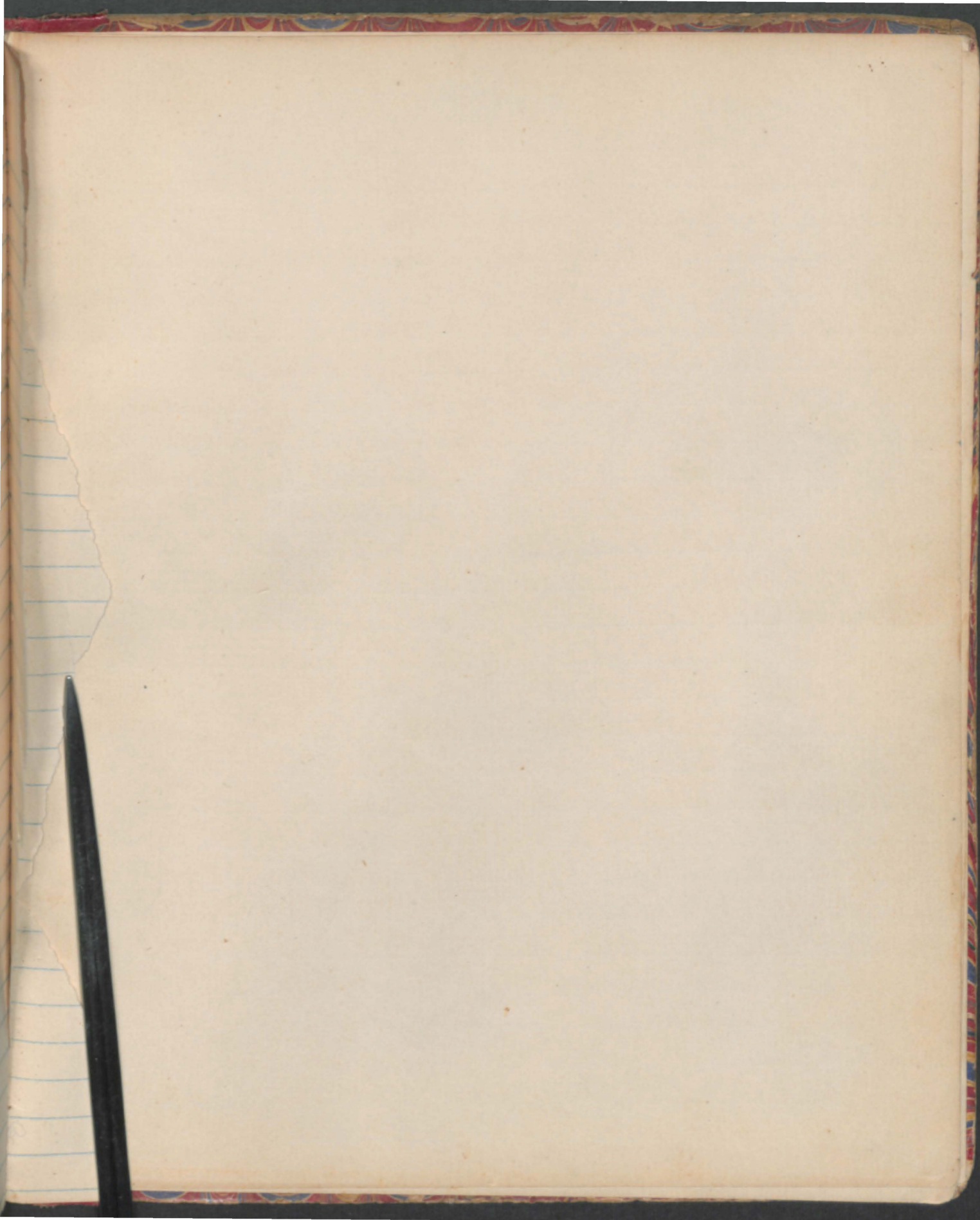
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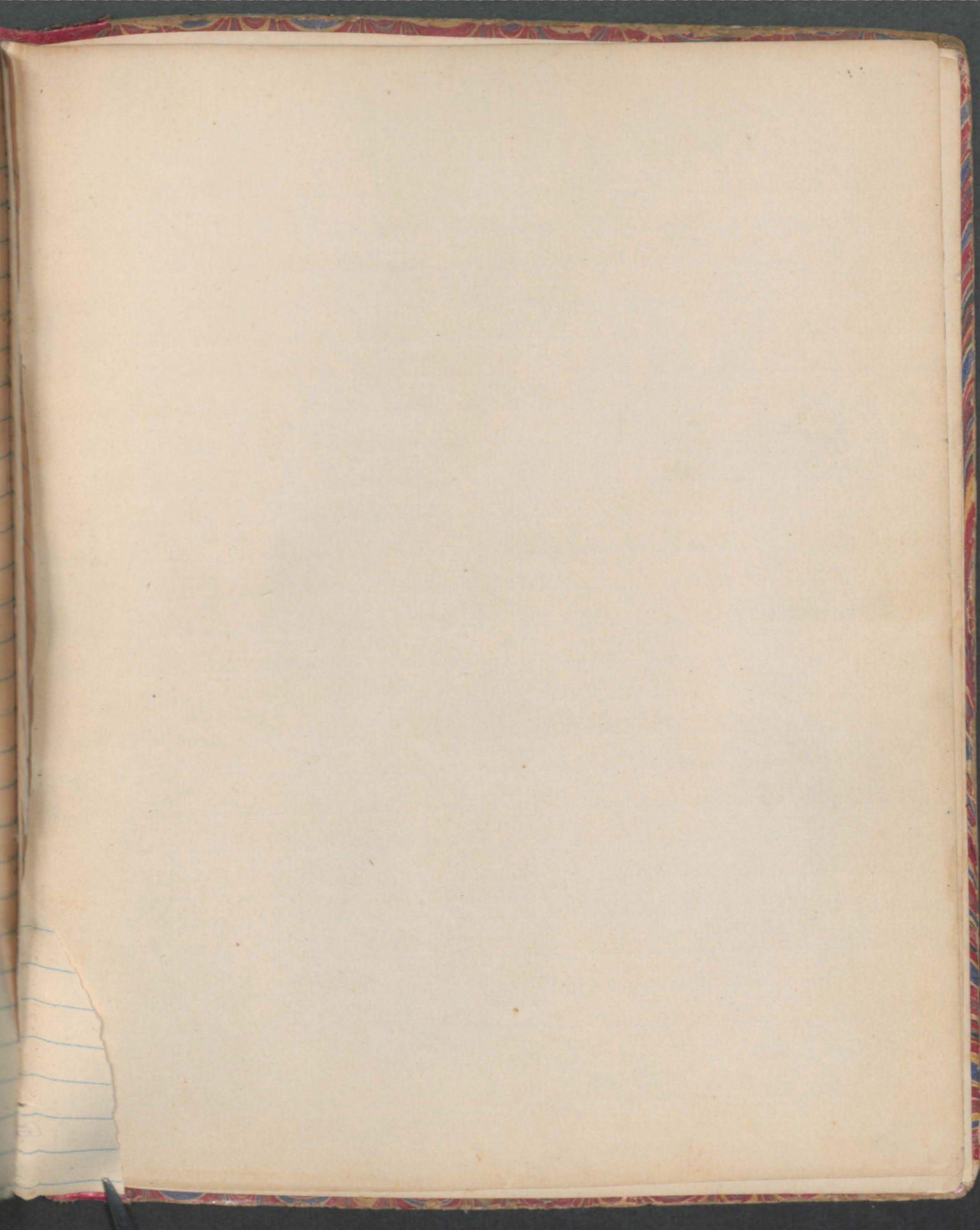
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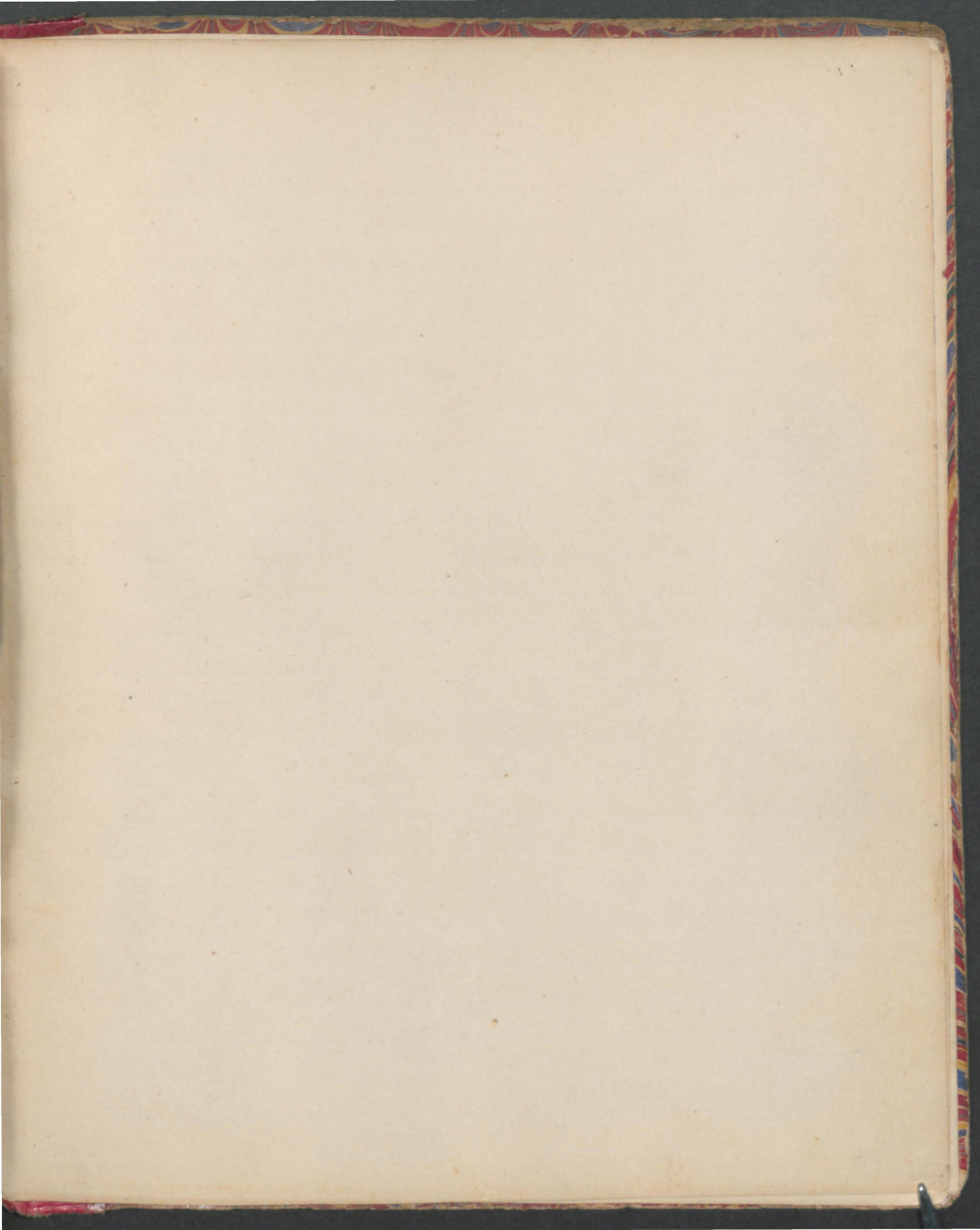
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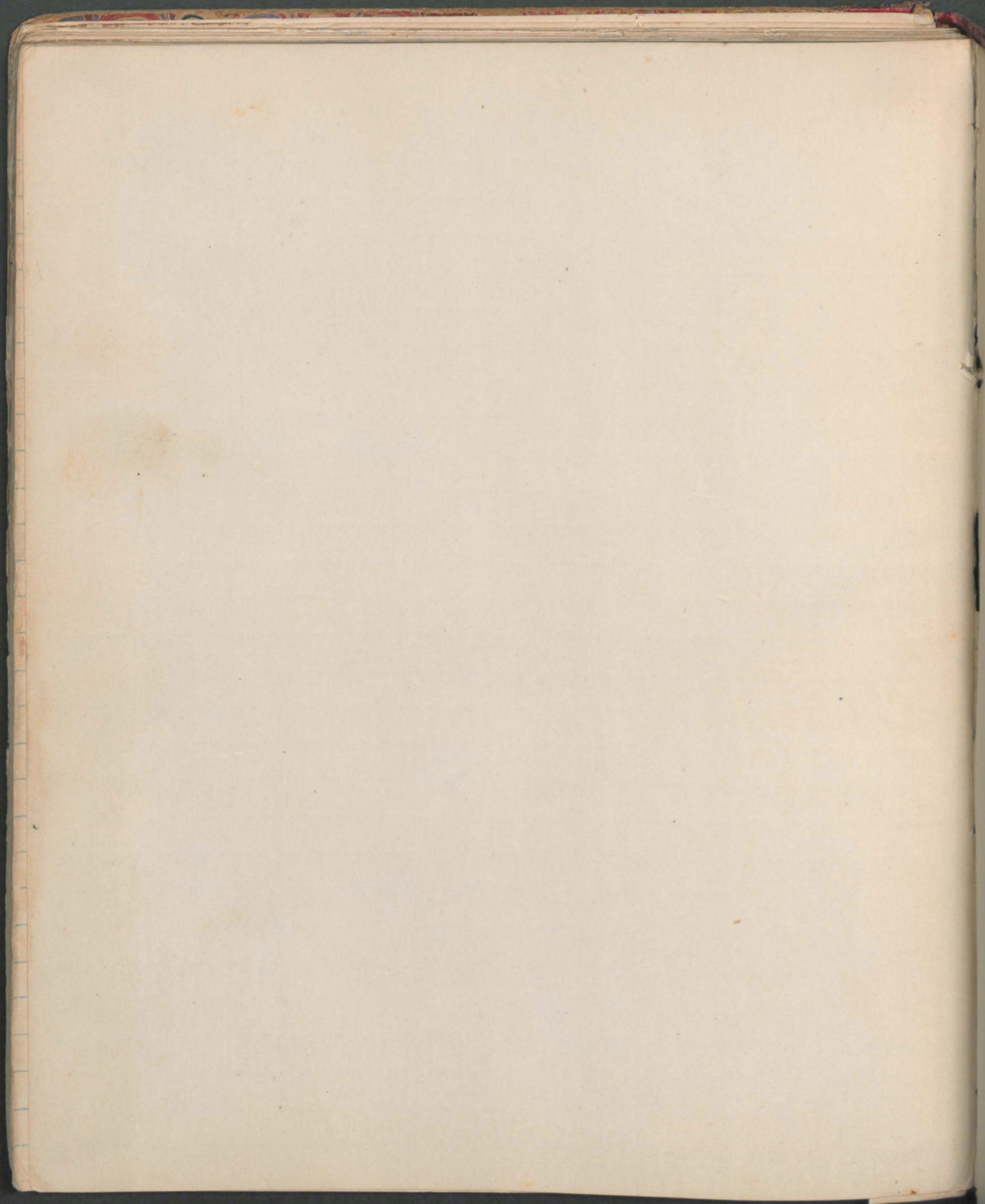
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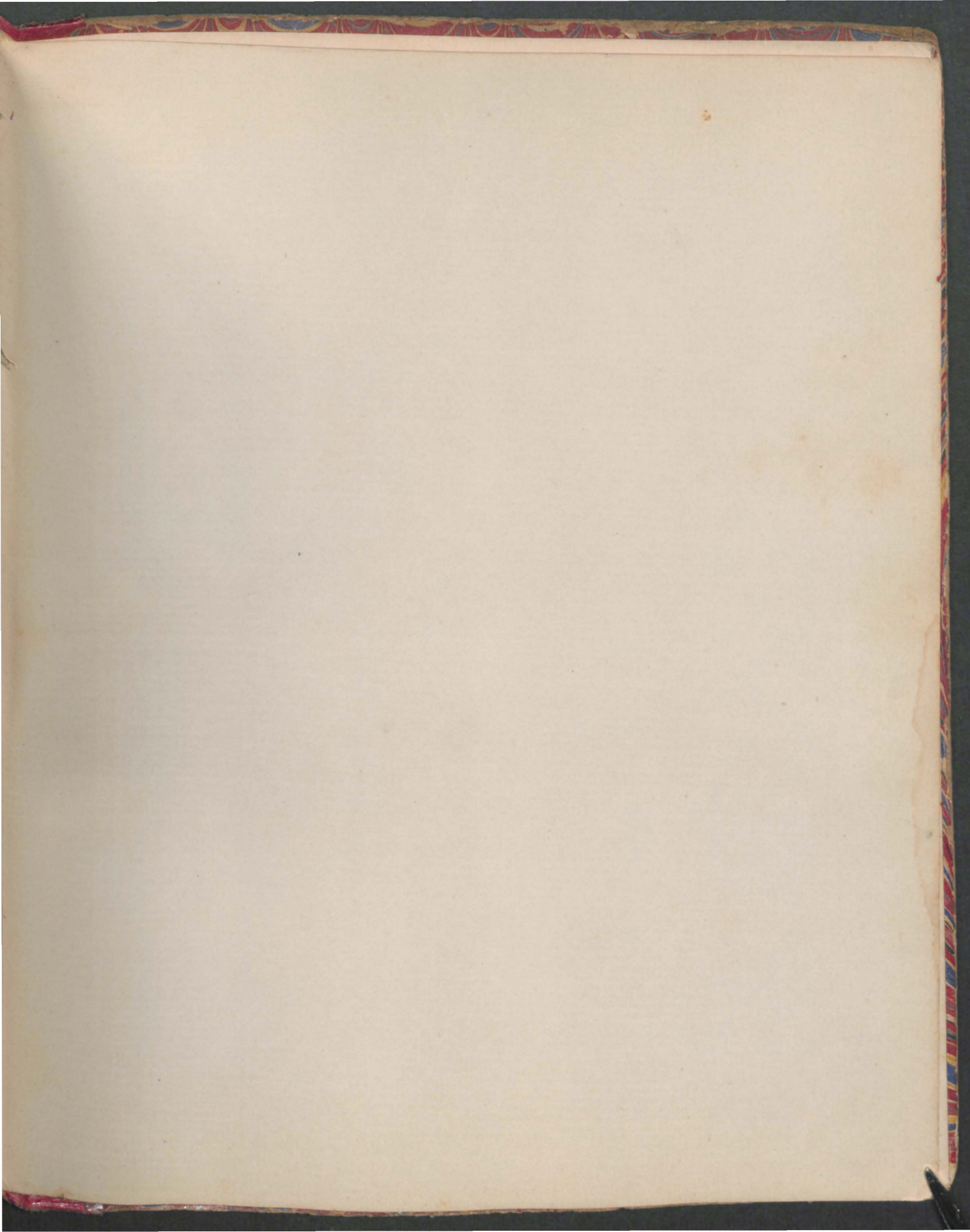


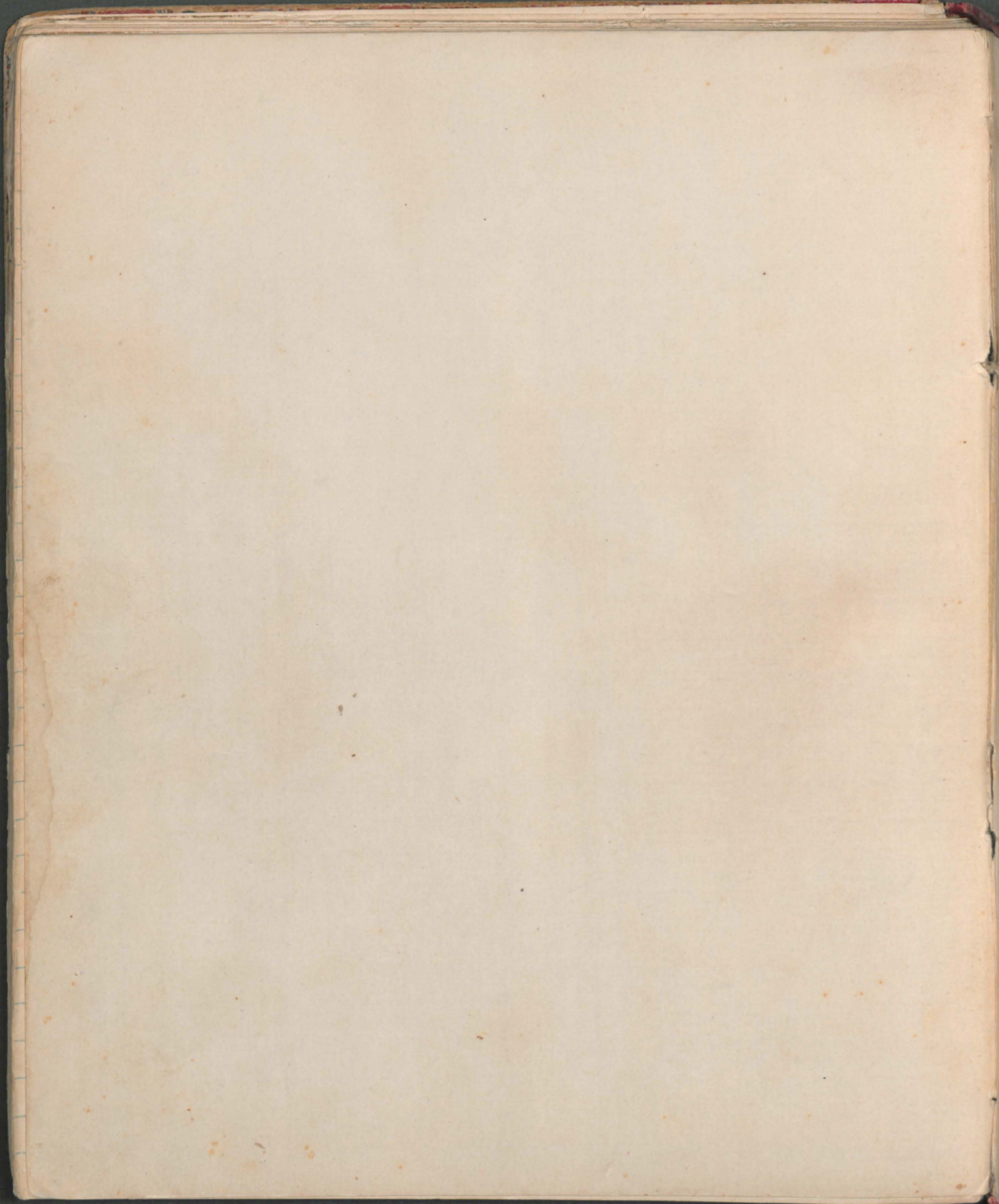
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