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The constitution, covenant, and summary of faith of the Beulah  
Old school predestinarian Baptist church, in the city of  
Washington, D.C., organized October 31st, 1863.

CONSTITUTION.

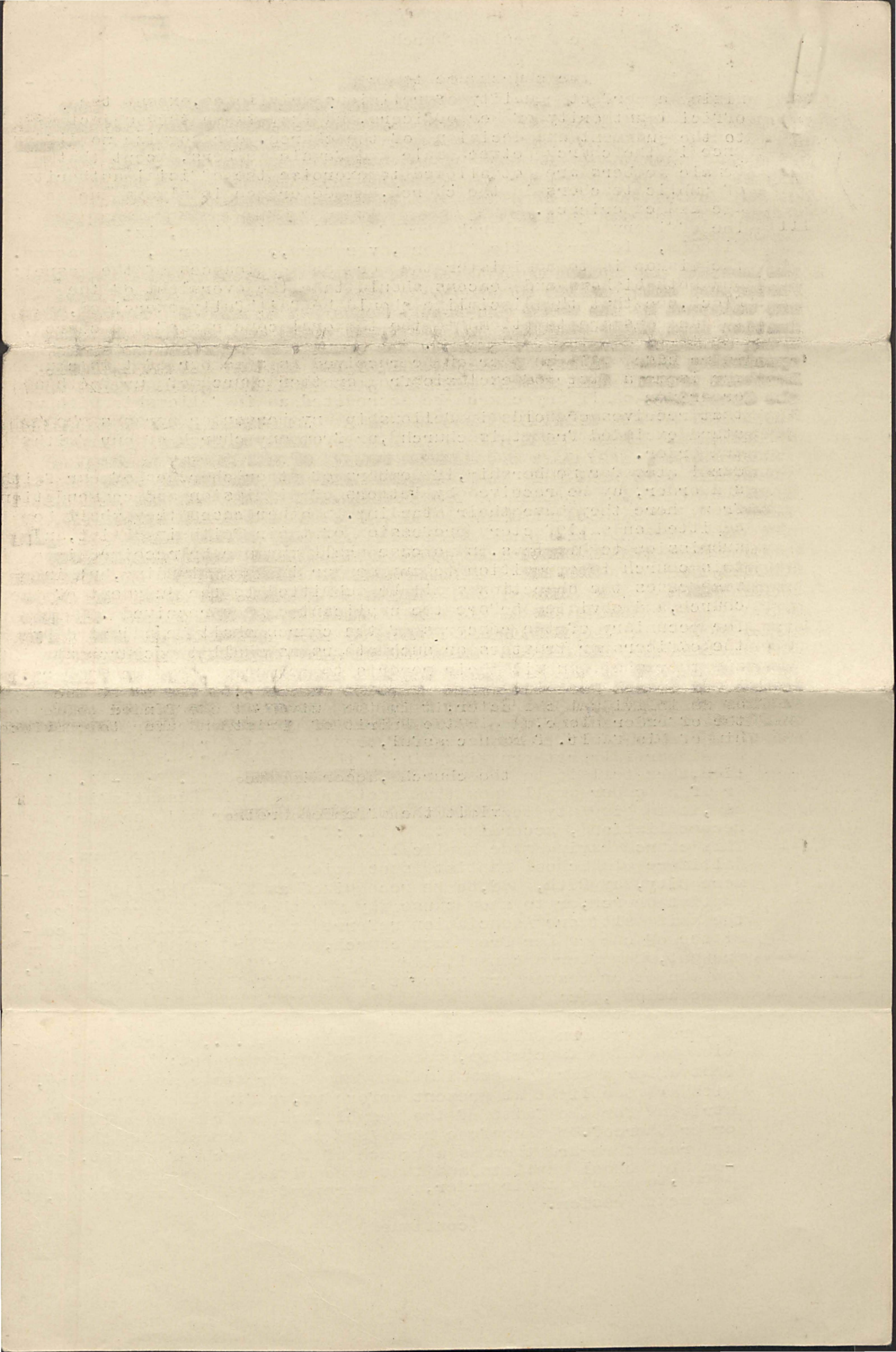
1. This church shall be designated and known as the ~~old~~ Beulah  
~~and known as~~ Old School Predestinarian Baptist church, in the  
City of Washington, D.C.
- 2 All the books contained in the scriptures of the old and new  
Testaments are inspired by the Holy Ghost, and must be received  
as the Word of God, (2nd Tim. 3:16); they all contain all neces-  
sary instruction in Faith, experience and conduct of the Church  
of Christ, and of each individual christian. Nothing is to be re-  
quired by the church which the scriptures do not require, nor any-  
thing omitted which they enjoin.
- 3 Of the doctrine held by this church, the following is a summary, viz:
  - 1 One only Living, Supreme, Eternal God, the Creator and upholder of all  
things and disposer of all events." For there are three that bear  
record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these  
three are one." - 1st John 5:7.
  - 2 The total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race  
of Adam.
  - 3 The Absolute Predestination of all things.
  - 4 Eternal, personal and unconditional Election.
  - 5 Atonement and Redemption for the Elect only.
  - 6 The sovereign and efficacious work of the Holy Ghost in the voca-  
tion of the Elect.
  - 7 Their perfect justification by the blood and righteousness of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.
  - 8 Baptism, an ordinance enjoined only on believers, to be administer-  
ed only by an ordained minister (regularly), standing at the time  
of administering in the fellowship of the church of Christ, in  
which ordinance the believer is immersed in water, on profession  
of his or her faith, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost.
  - 9 The Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to the regularly baptised  
members of the church who walk in the order of the gospel.
  - 10 The preservation of all the saints, by Grace to glory.
  - 11 The general resurrection of the just, and of the unjust, in their  
order.
  - 12 The final judgment.
  - 13 The future happiness of the justified, and perdition of the ungod-  
ly, alike interminable
- iv This church will hold in fellowship only those such as believe  
the doctrine comprised in this summary, who have confessed and obeyed  
Christ by baptism and walk in obedience to the laws and ordi-  
nances which Christ has given for the government and order of his  
kingdom.
- v This church has no power to make laws, or to impose commands or  
restrictions on any of her members: the laws of Christ recorded in  
the New Testament being the only rule for their government. But it  
is the duty of the church to deal with, and if they cannot reclaim  
to exclude such persons as do not conform to the laws and insti-  
tutions of Christ.
- vi The members of this church are solemnly pledged not to go law with  
one another, nor to defame or to entertain contentions or ill-will  
one against another: but to cherish peace and christian affection,  
and endeavor to promote each others welfare in both temporal and  
spiritual things.

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- V11 All things in the church are to be done without partiality, recognizing a perfect equality of religious privileges, except the official authority of her officers, and that ~~to~~ be ~~the~~ subject ~~of~~ to the judgment and decision of the church. We recognize no difference in the church between male and female members, except that female members are not allowed to exercise the official authority of public teachers in the church, but deference is always due to age and experience.
- V111 The officers of the church are of two denominations, viz: Bishops, which are called Elders, ~~Overseers~~, or Pastors, and Deacons. The Bishop is to administer the Word and ordinances of the gospel: and both bishops and deacons should take the oversight of the flock, see that the discipline should be faithfully exercised, and the deacons are to attend to the temporal concerns of the church, and to the wants of the poor.
- IX In no case shall any person be received as a member of this church who is in a state of exclusion from another church of our faith and order; nor shall any church be accredited as in fellowship with us that receives or holds in fellowship any person or persons who stand excluded from this church, or from any church of our faith and order.
- X Candidates for membership, if members of other churches of our faith and order, may be received by letters of dismissal and commendation from where they have their standing. In other cases they shall be admitted on satisfactory profession of their faith in Christ, and submission to his laws. In no case shall any one be received into this church in opposition to any member in good standing, but in such cases the objection shall be submitted to the judgment of the church, and obviated before the applicant can be received.
- XI The pecuniary of the concerns of the church shall be adjusted by the officers or trustees or such others as shall the church appoint and they shall submit their reports to be decided by the members.
- X11 If one member shall injure or offend another, and the offense be of an individual character, it is the duty of the offender to go to the offender alone, and in the Spirit of Christ endeavor to convince him of his fault. If unsuccessful, then take one or two faithful and impartial brethren with him; if they cannot offer a reconciliation, then tell it to the church, according to Matt. 18:15-17. Or if a member shall know that another member is dissatisfied with him, it is his duty to visit the offended brother and seek for a reconciliation, according to Matt. 5:23, 24.
- X111 This church having made application by letter and messengers, to the Baltimore Old School Baptist Association, at their session in Baltimore City, May 20th, 1868, to be recognized as a regular Old School Baptist Church, or to show cause why she should not be recognized, the said Baltimore Association referred the application to a committee of one member from each church, together with the ministers present, who after a consultation with Elder John Bell, the Pastor, and the other messengers present, made the following report to the Association, viz:
- "The committee, to whom was referred the letter from a body of Colored brethren in the city of Washington, D.C., desiring recognition by this Association, made the following report: "
- "That after a careful examination into their state and standing, with all the light at present before us, we find them earnestly striving for the faith of the gospel, and desiring to walk in the order thereof. We therefore recommend to the Association that they at present regard them as a branch of the Church of Christ, (called Old School Baptists) and that a committee be appointed to visit them, to behold their order, and to report to this Association, at the next Session.

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Page 3 Beulah Church.

This report was adopted, and the following Elders and brethren were appointed on said committee: Elders G. Beebe, W. J. Purrington, R. C. Leachman, and William Grafton, and brethren Lewis R. Cole, J. G. Dance, George Harryman and Samuel Barnes, with as many of our brethren as can attend. In obedience to this appointment of the Baltimore Association, the committee visited the Beulah church, who by a previous arrangement convened August 18th, 1868, in the meeting house of the Shiloh Baptist Church, in Washington.

- 1 The meeting was opened by singing and prayer by Elder John Bell, their Pastor, and being called to order, the committee from the Association was welcomed by the whole church, and requested to make a thorough examination into their standing and order, and point out to them anything wrong we might discover. Thereupon the committee organized as such, appointing Elder Gilbert Beebe, Moderator, and brother C. Search, Clerk. Brethren present from sister churches, on invitation, took a seat with the Committee.

The record of the original Constitution of the church, the ~~ordination~~ ordination of their Pastor, the articles of their faith and covenant of the church, together with the church record of all the proceedings of the church were carefully examined, and some few amendments were suggested and unanimously adopted by the church, among which was the additional article to their constitutional form, that as Old School Baptists, they have no connection with, nor fellowship for any of the modern religious institutions called benevolent, such as missionary societies, Sunday schools, tract or other societies, leagues or ~~combinations~~ combinations unauthorized by the laws of the kingdom of Christ. The committee also made diligent inquiry as to the moral standing of both pastor and members. Vouchers of unquestionable character were presented, so that after due deliberation and mutual consultation, the Committee unanimously agree to report to the Baltimore Baptist Association, that we find this Beulah Old School Predestinarian Baptist Church, (so far as we are capable of judging), sound in the faith and order of the gospel, and entitled to the fellowship, recognition and prayers of the Association and of all orderly Old School Baptists.

Gilbert Beebe, Moderator.

Christopher Search, Clerk.





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The articles of faith, or summary of principles, of  
Alexandria Primitive, or Old School Baptist church.

1<sup>st</sup>. We believe and maintain, inviolably, the Unity  
of God in his incomprehensible existence, and eternal per-  
fections as the Creator of all worlds, visible and invisible,  
and all things, seen and unseen, and as God over all bles-  
ed forever; and that he is revealed to his church and peo-  
ple, only, in three offices, or relations, as the three that  
bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy  
Ghost, and these three are one; and in no way in either  
of these distinct offices is there any detracting from the  
absolute Godhead of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2<sup>d</sup>. We believe the Word, which is Jesus Christ, was made flesh,  
or manifest in the flesh, and that the sins and iniquities of all  
his people were imputed to him, and that he suffered and died  
for them as their atoning sacrifice, was raised from the dead,  
and ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things.

3<sup>d</sup>. We believe that all the posterity of Adam are in-  
volved in sin and death through his transgression, and are  
justly condemned by the law of God, and are under its curse.

4<sup>th</sup>. We believe the children of God, though involved under  
the condemnation of the law through the fall of man, were  
chosen in Christ, and given to him in a covenant relation  
before the world was, and in time are manifest by the wash-  
ing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost as fore-  
known, predestinated, called, justified, and glorified.

5<sup>th</sup>. We believe in the calling of grace, or new birth,  
irrespective of works of righteousness of the creature,  
and all those who are born again are delivered from  
the power of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear  
Son, and are under law to Christ.

6<sup>th</sup>. We believe that faith, repentance, remission

of sins, and all good works, are incontrovertible evidences of the gracious state of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are manifest in self-denial, bearing the cross of Christ, and living orderly and circumspectly before the world in deeds of charity, visiting the sick, distributing to the necessities of the saints, and such like acts.

7<sup>th</sup> We believe that the ordinances of baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper, were instituted, and bound upon the church of God by the authority of Christ and his apostles, to be observed by the followers of Jesus, and as practiced by orderly Primitive, or Old School Baptists, while time continues.

8<sup>th</sup> We believe that the preaching of the gospel, and the exercise of all public gifts in the church, were ordained of God for the perfecting of the saints, and for the comfort and edification of the body of Christ, and were not designed of God in any sense of the word as a substitute, or means, to be used by men in the salvation of sinners.

9<sup>th</sup> We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment, and also in the eternal happiness of the righteous, and everlasting punishment of the wicked.

10<sup>th</sup> We believe that Sunday schools, missionary societies, and all other societies and institutions which are used, <sup>as</sup> auxiliaries to the church, and are called benevolent, are of human origin, and unwarranted by the Scriptures of truth, and are therefore anti-Christian, and for this reason we do not fellowship them, nor any who practice, or approve of them.

agreed + adopted  
May 26<sup>th</sup> 1870

Copy of Subscription list. and Names following  
with amounts as subscribed and paid in for  
the purpose of Building a House of Worship

We the undersigned, members and  
friends of the primitive Baptists  
of the Town of Alexandria Virginia  
feeling a desire to assist them in their  
humble efforts to build for themselves  
(or buy already built) a small plain  
and comfortable House of Worship  
hold ourselves severally bound to  
pay; when called upon, the sums  
to our names affixed, as a voluntary  
Contribution.

Names.	amts	
Sr Ann Johnson	50 00	
Joseph Grimes	100 00	
J S Johnson	100 00	
Mrs. Hankin		
Est Broders	25 00	
Ju <sup>c</sup> Broders	15 00	
Sister Galatt	50 00	Paid in May 1860
" Hutcherson	100 00	Paid by Leachman Aug 3 <sup>d</sup>
Mrs James	100 00	Paid 50 June 20
Bro R Esch	10 00	
Thos Cole	20 00	P <sup>t</sup> 5.00
Mrs Nutt	5 00	Paid June 20

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June 29 Subscription amt sums & names  
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J L Larkin	2	50	"	" " "
Mr Parks	1	25	"	" " "

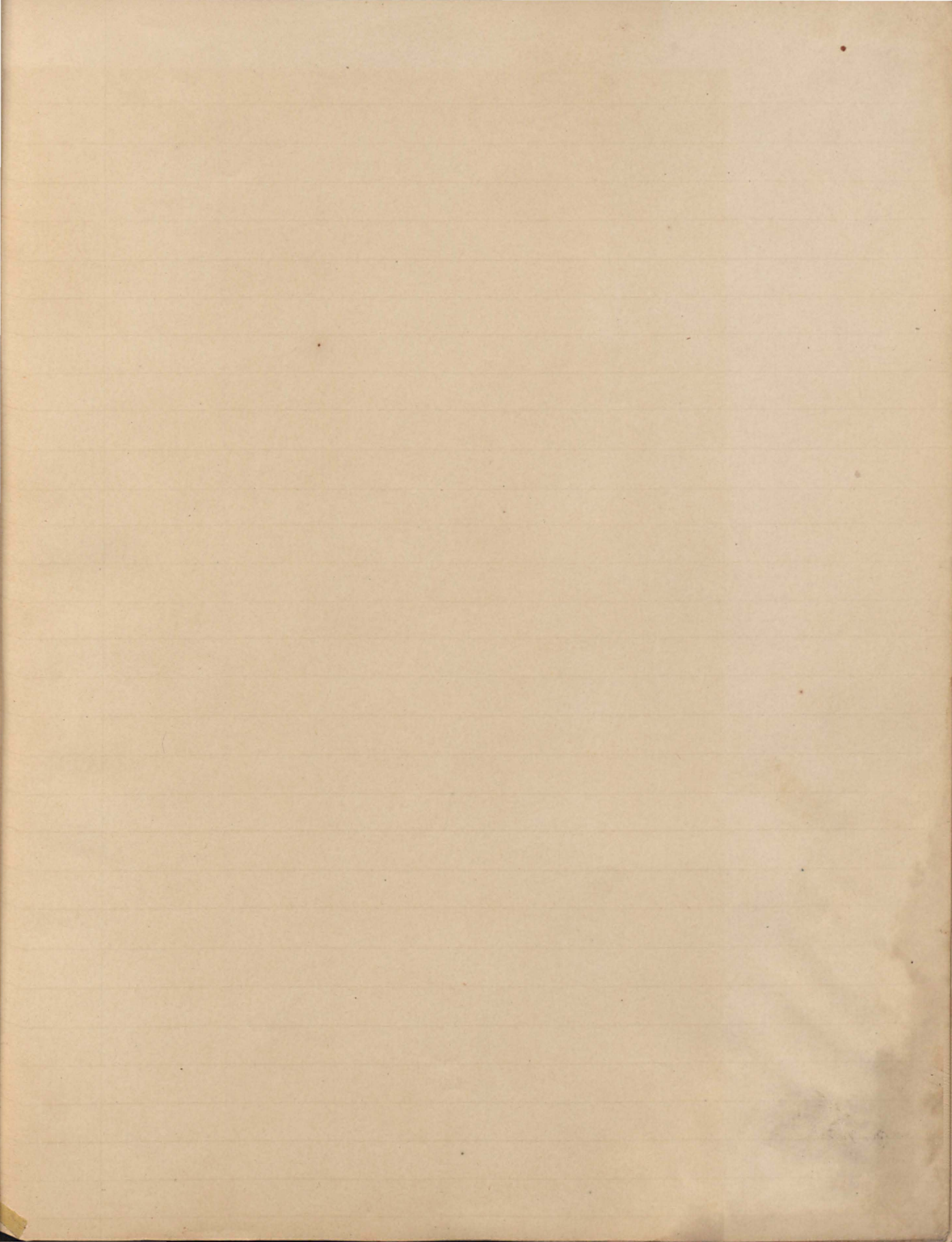


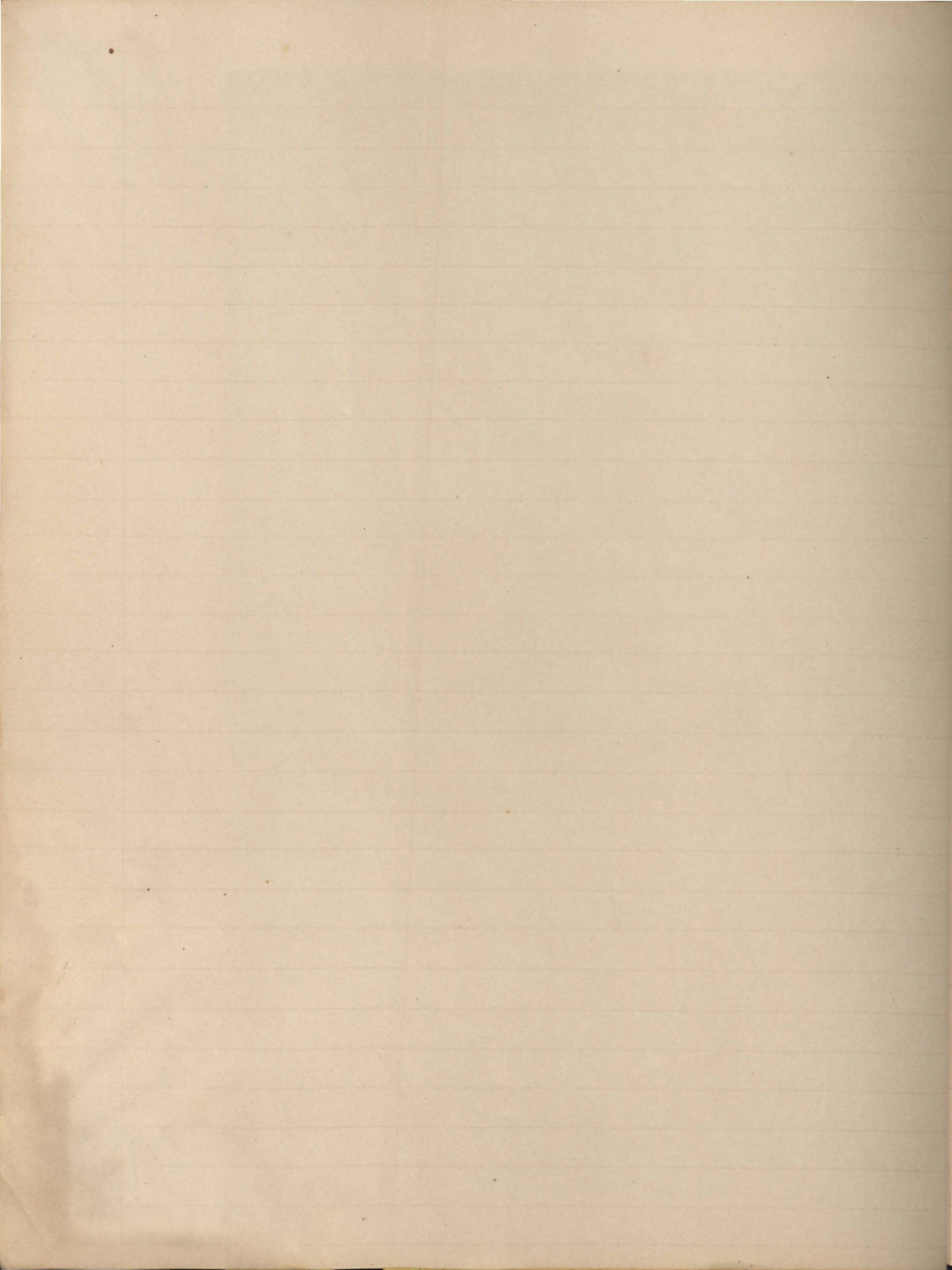
died Sept 3rd 1850 Sister  
 Mary Ferguson. the subject of  
 this notice, was a very old lady  
 was born in March 1796 in Fairfax  
 County Va was received by experience  
 and Baptized into the fellowship of  
 Church ~~at Alexandria Va~~  
 ~~Nov 5. 1815 by Eld M J Purinton~~  
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 She remained a firm believer in the  
 doctrine of salvation by grace alone  
 through the blood and righteousness  
 of Jesus Christ her redeemer, from  
 the time of her baptism unto the day  
 of her death, <sup>in the last parts of her pilgrimage on earth</sup> it pleased the Lord to  
 afflict her <sup>in her last days</sup>, and for  
 about seven years she lay upon her  
 bed, bed ridden, she would often say  
 <sup>how that visited her</sup> she wondered why the Lord <sup>did not</sup> call her home  
 especially when told of the death of some one <sup>who it was</sup>  
 as if it was only a trouble to her children  
 and friends, having to be nursed as a child  
 her mind was clear upon religious subjects  
 to the day of her departure, ~~She~~ on other  
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 unto the appointed time. till my charge  
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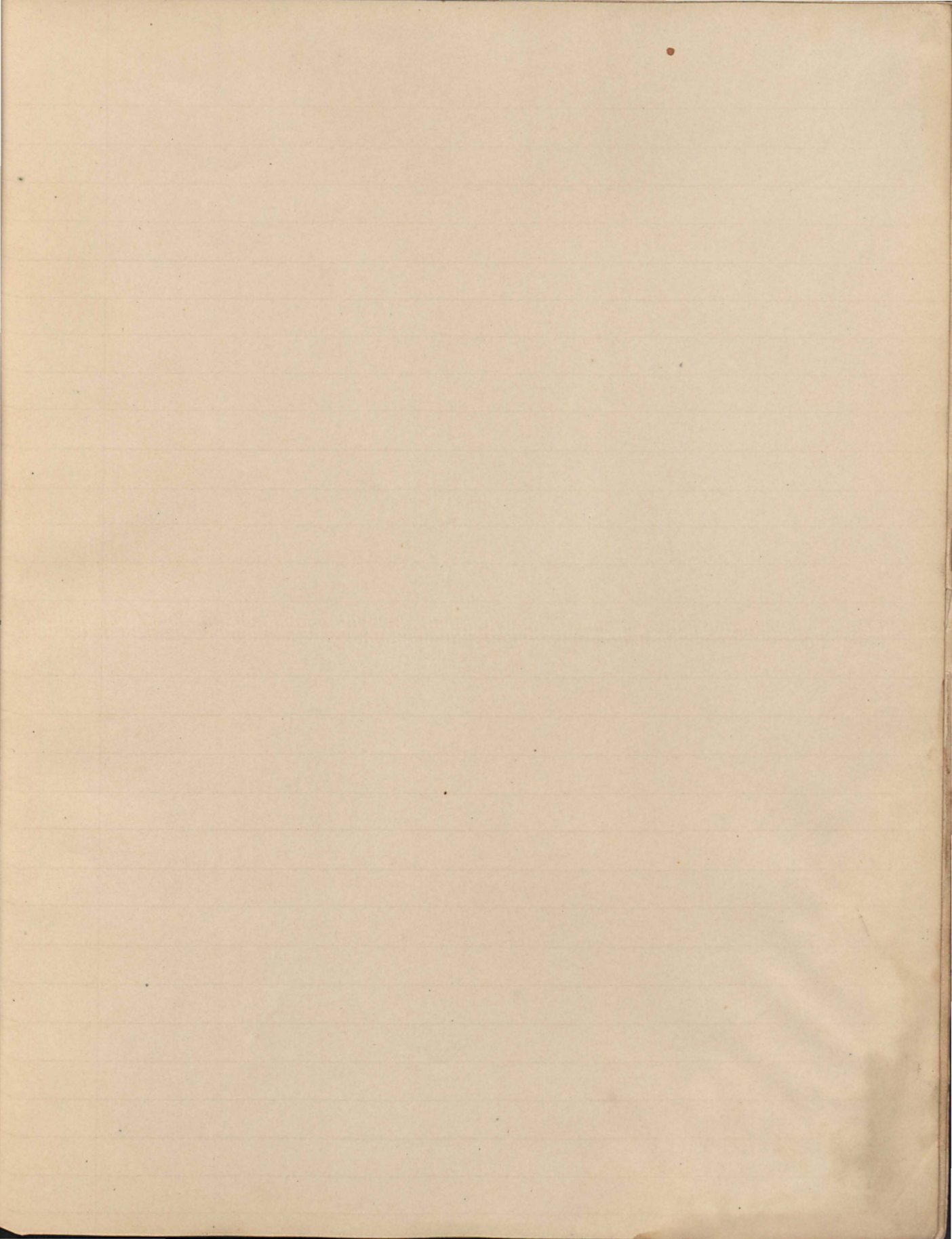
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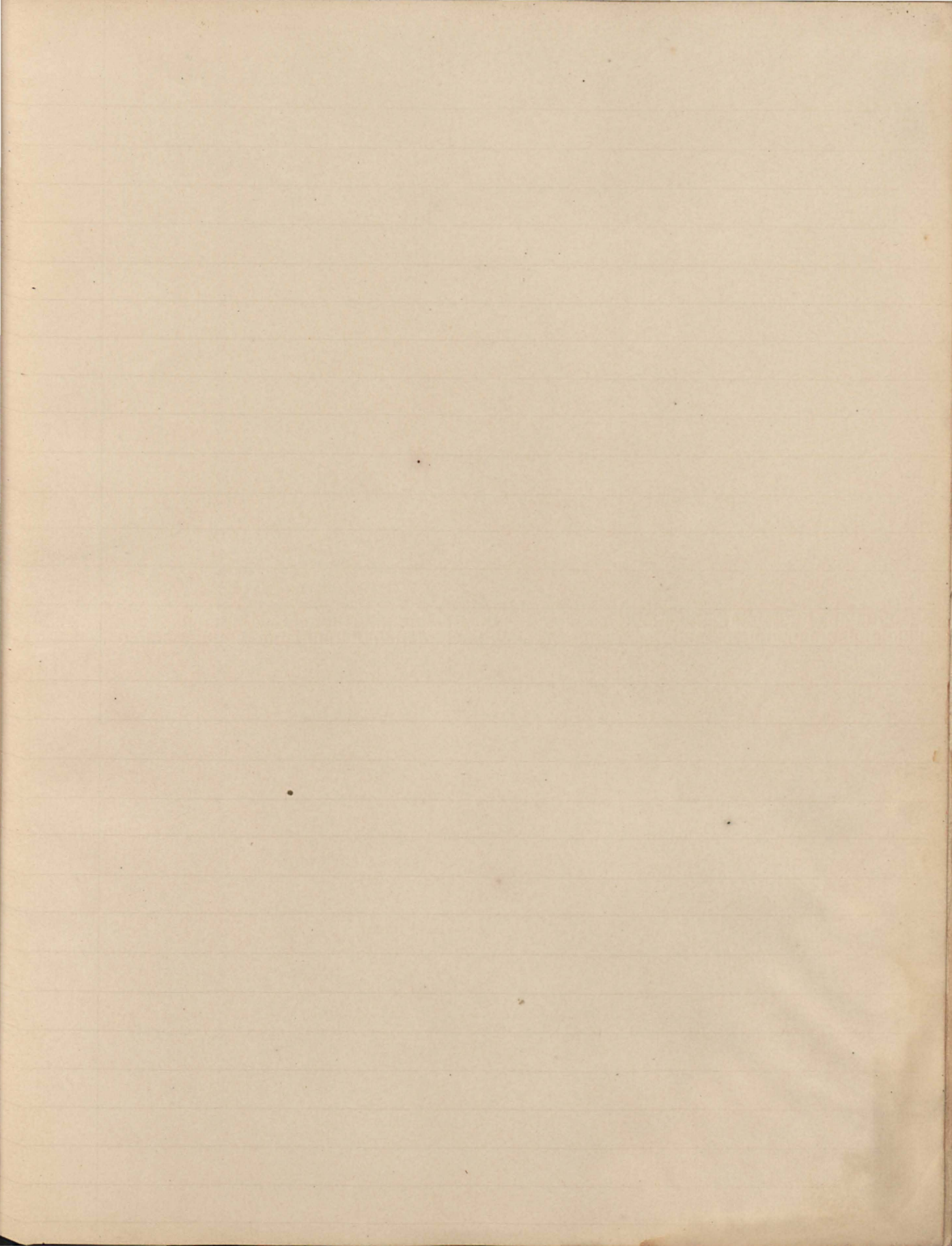


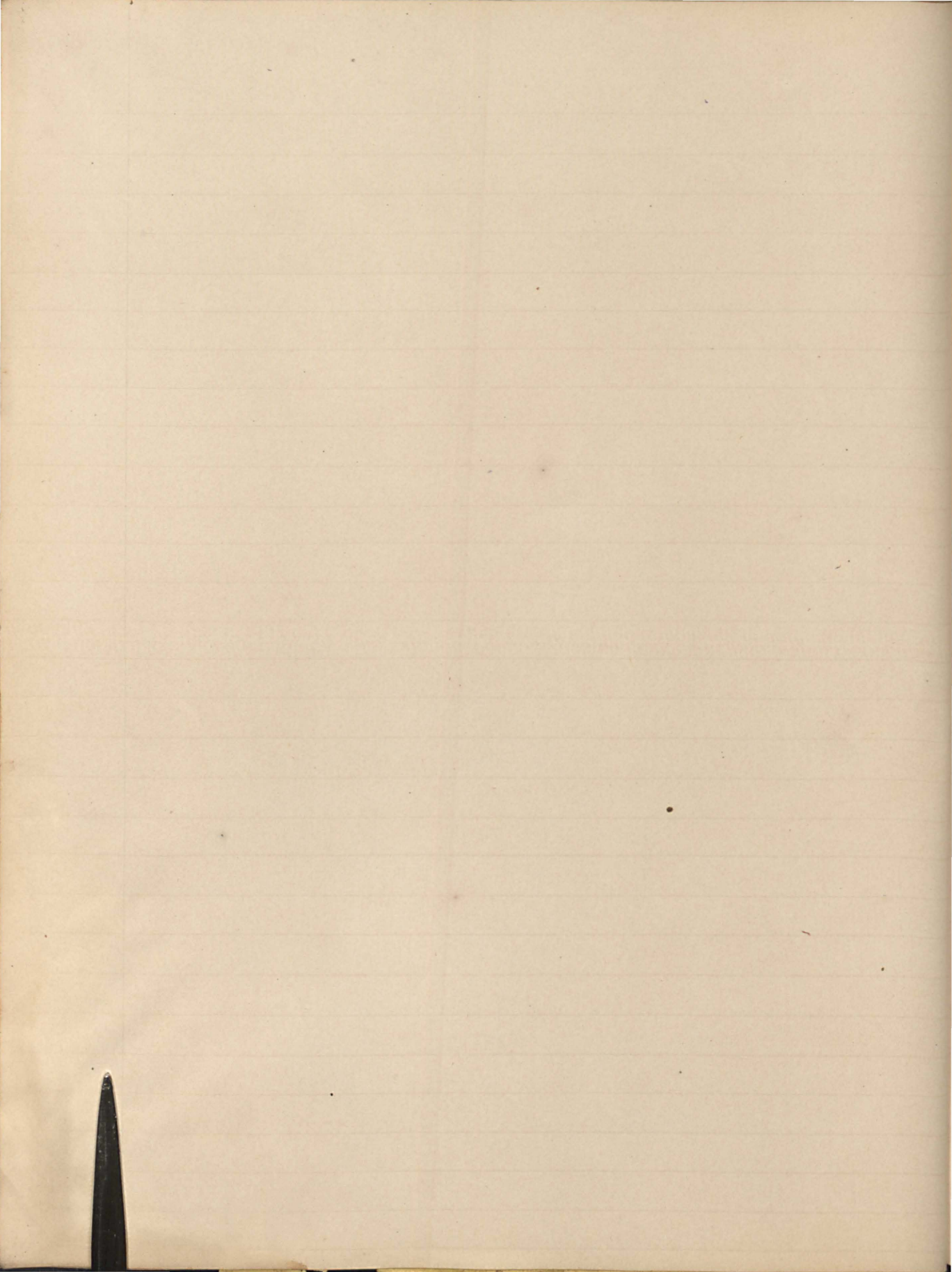


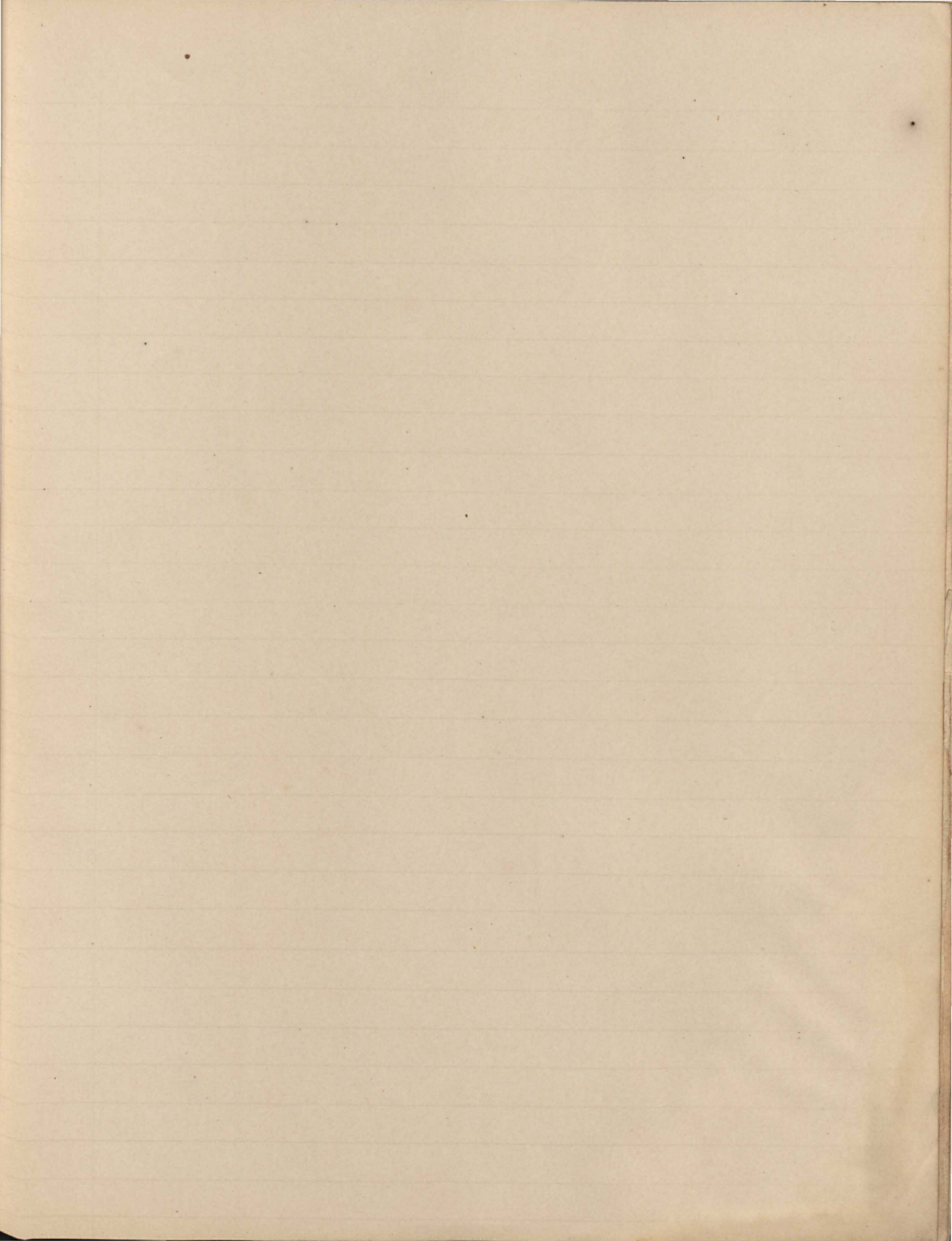




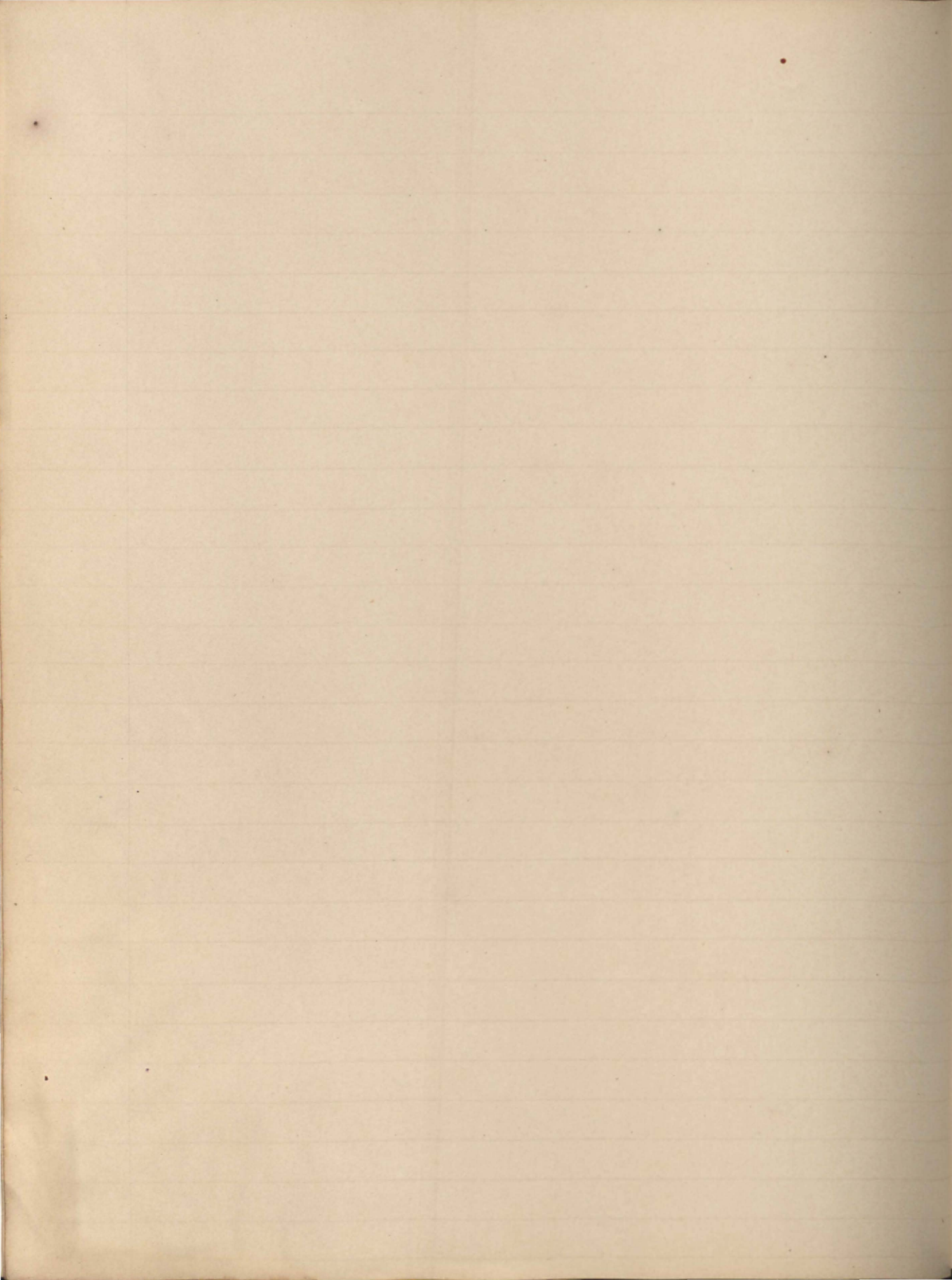


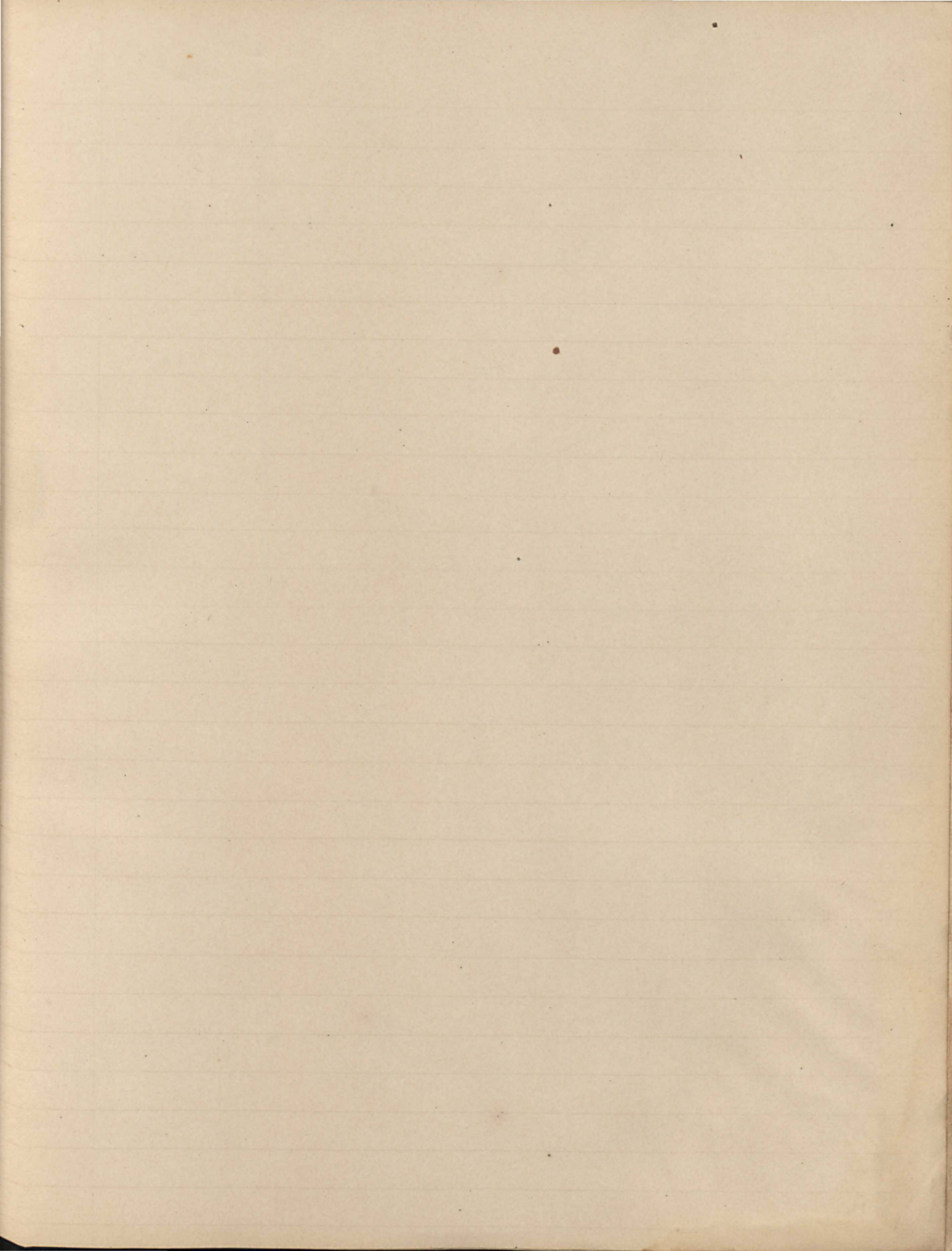


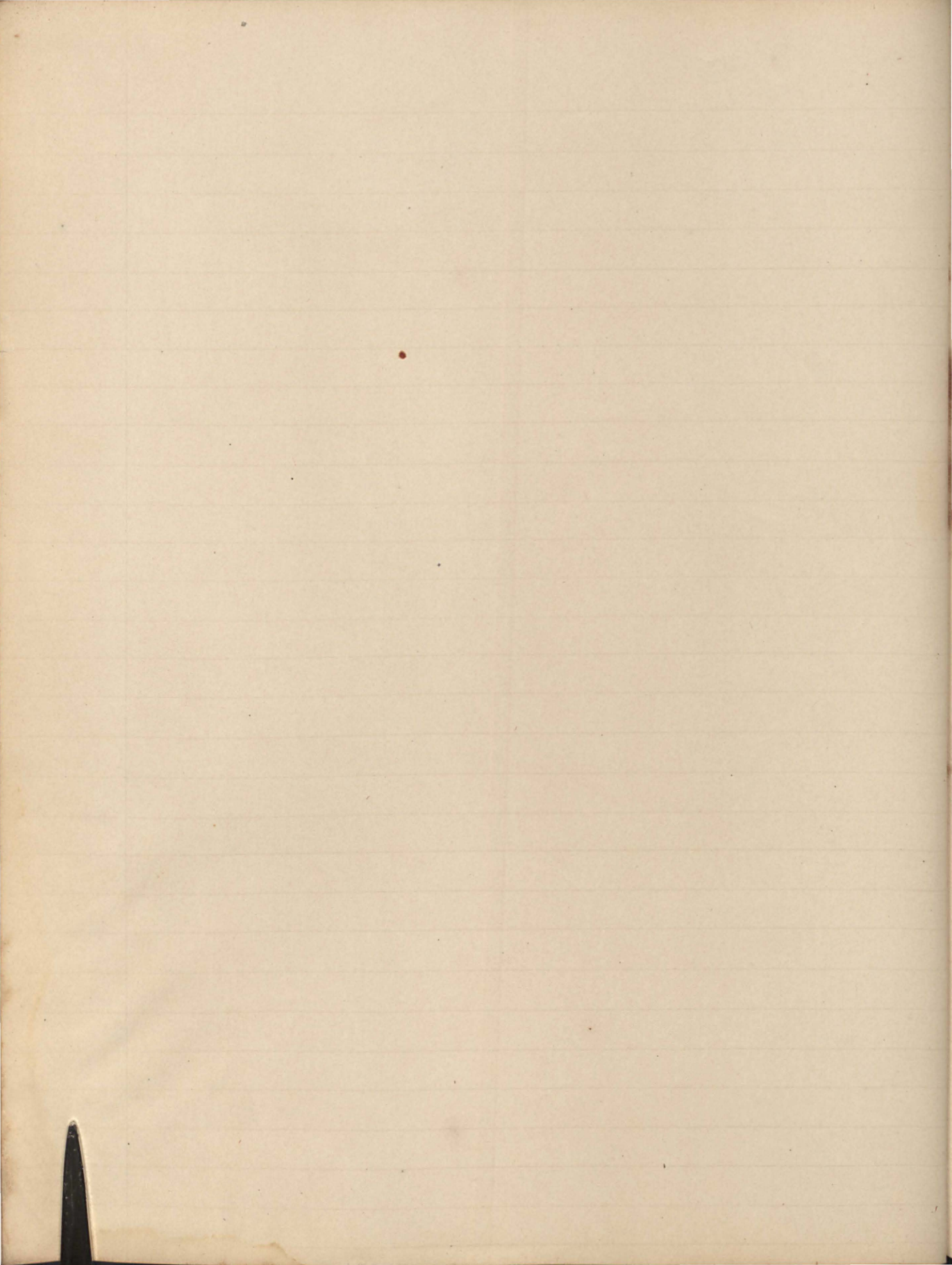


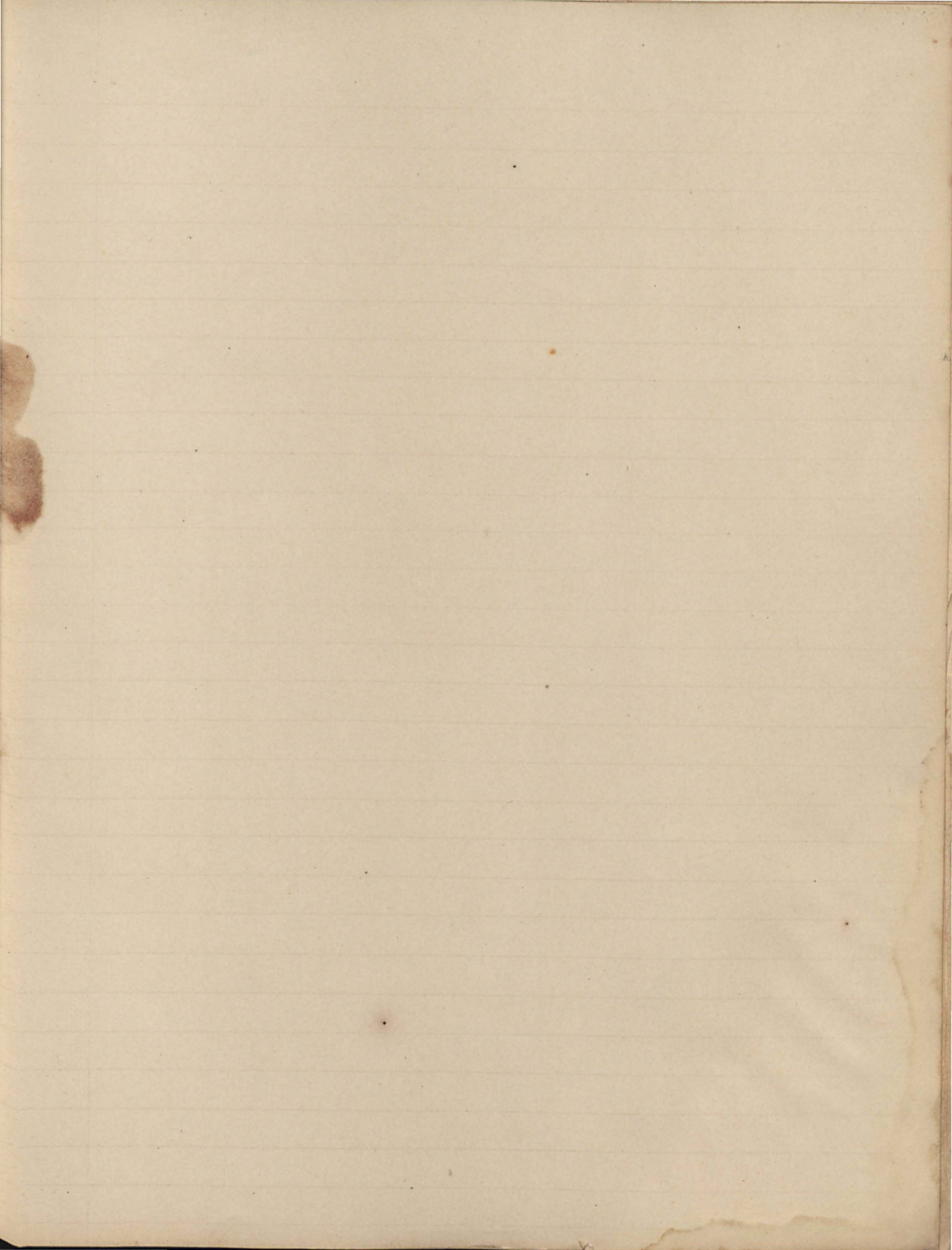


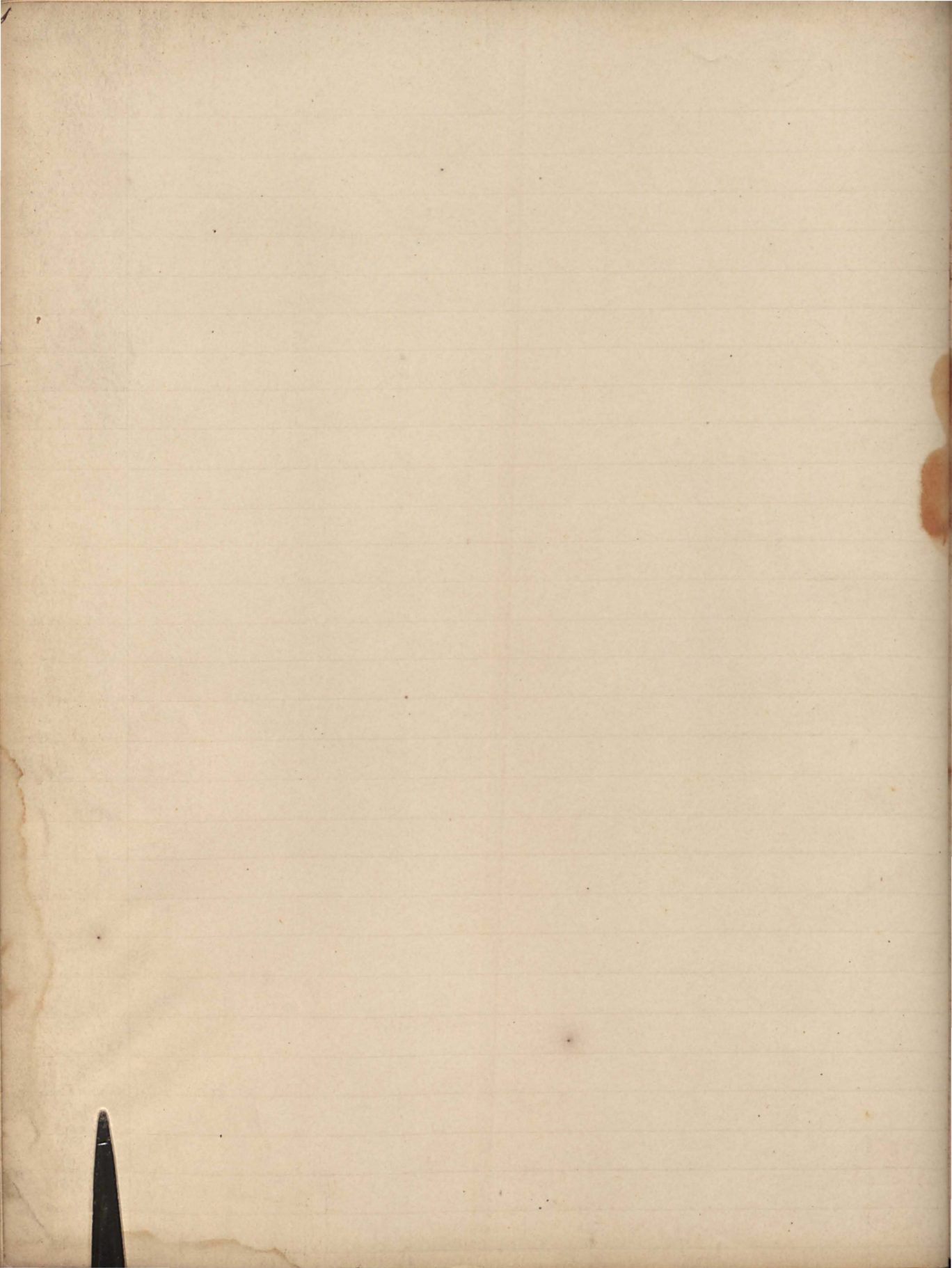


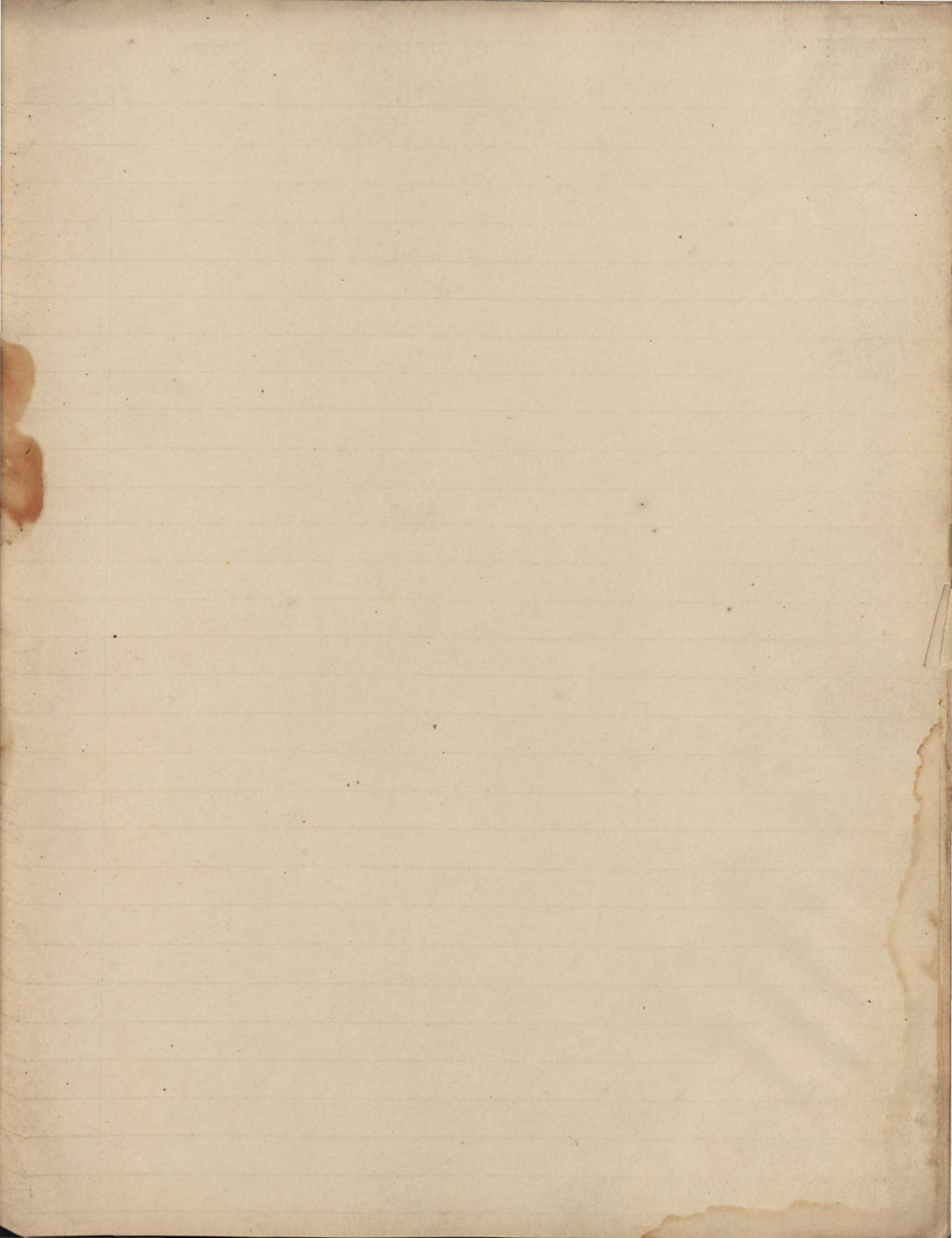


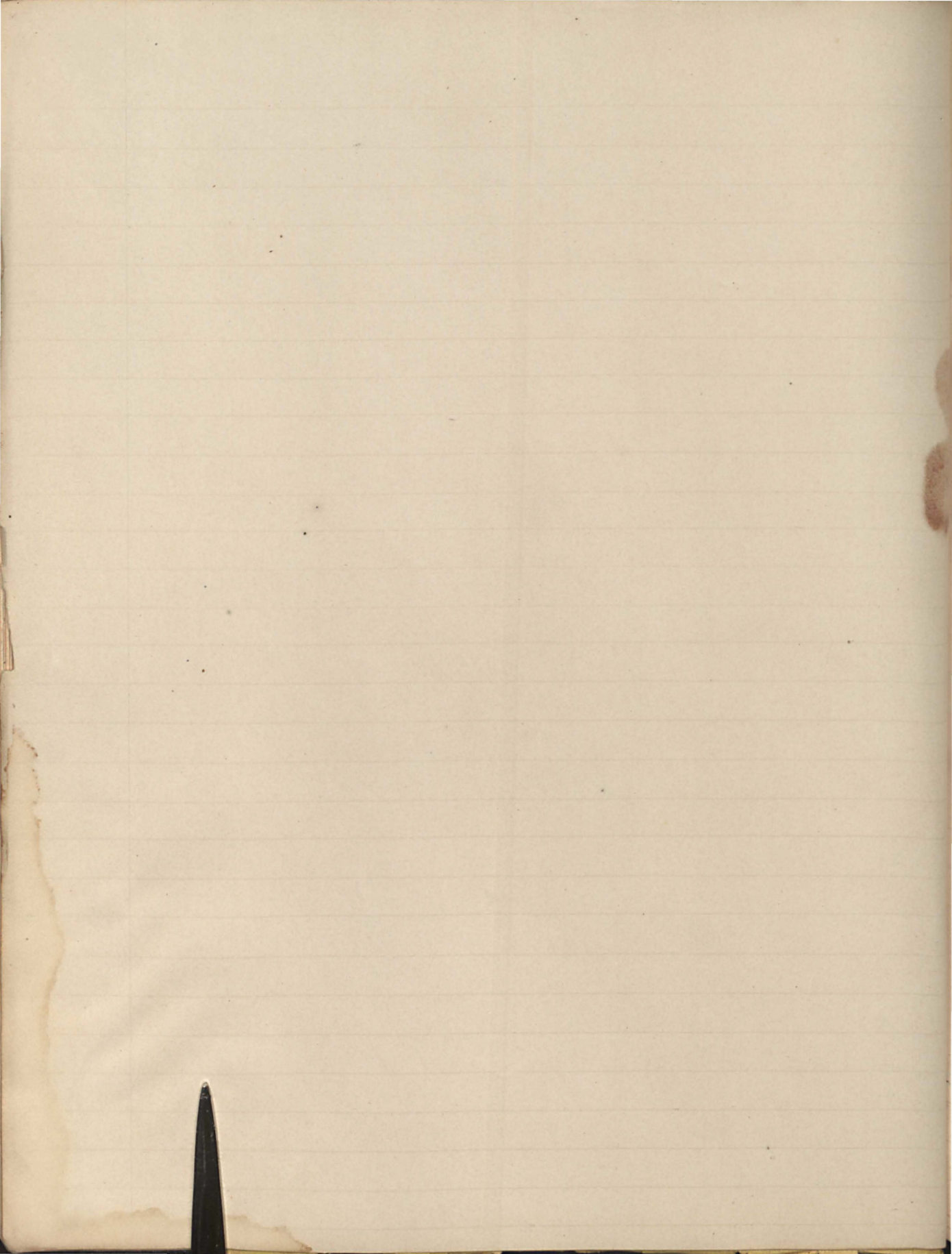


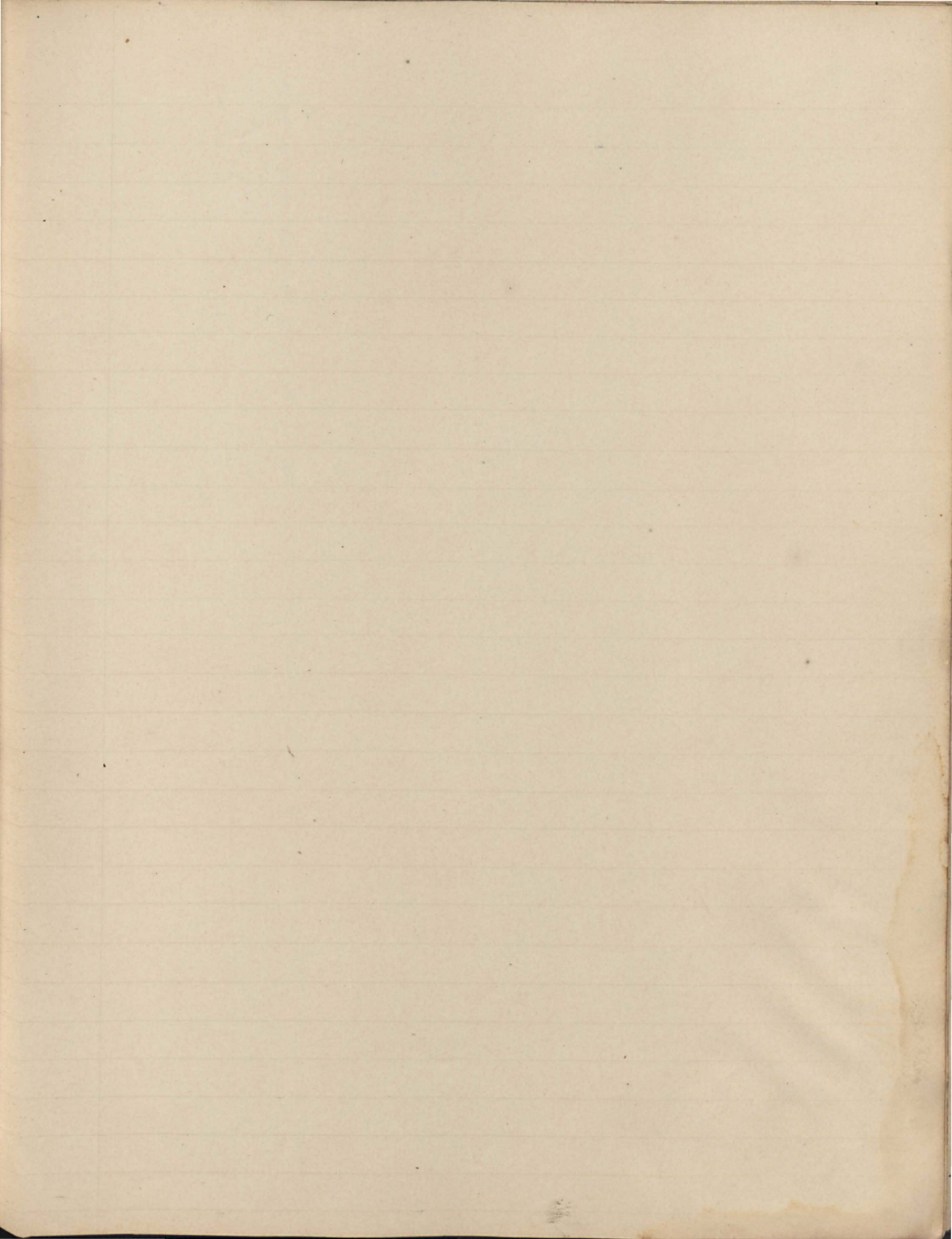




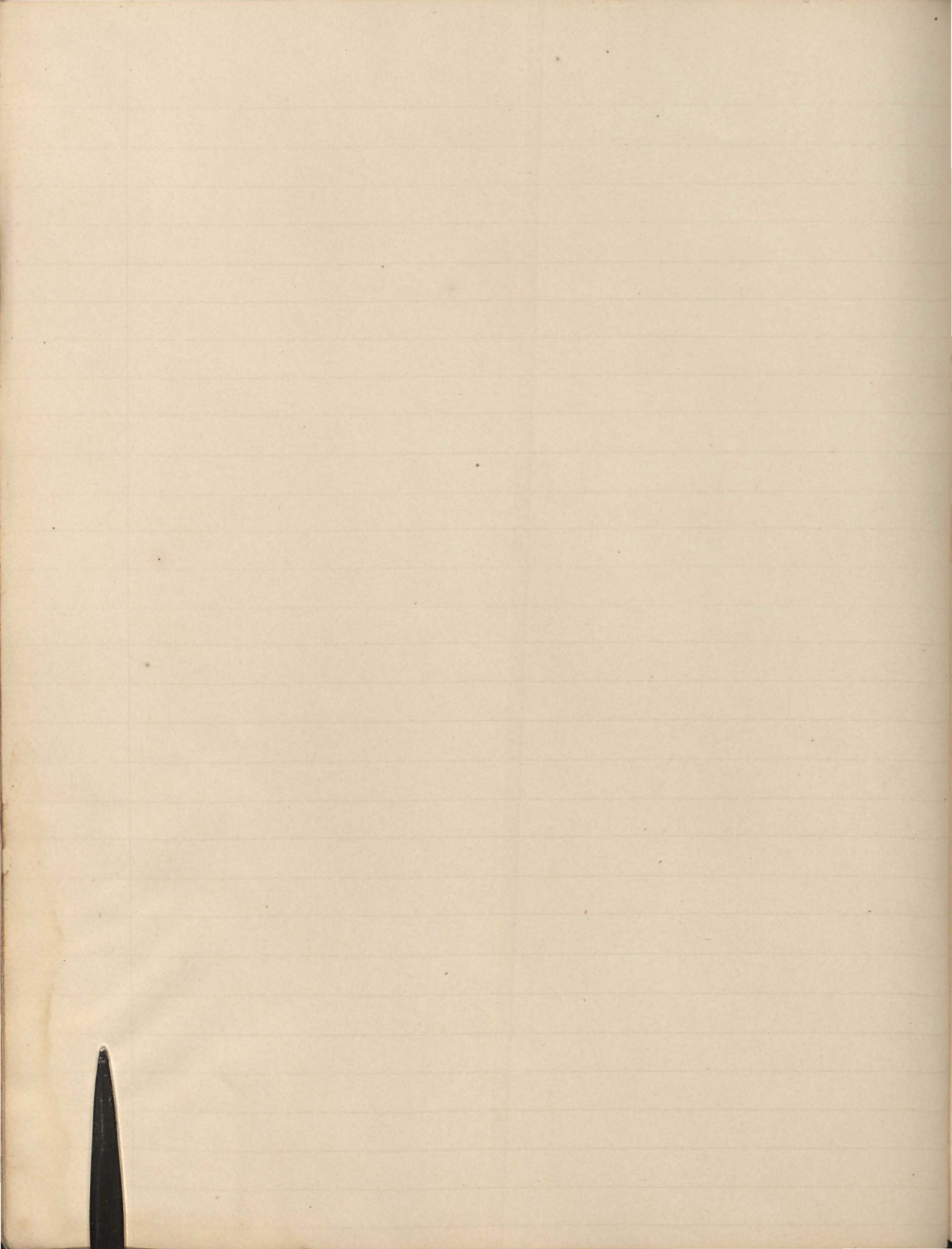


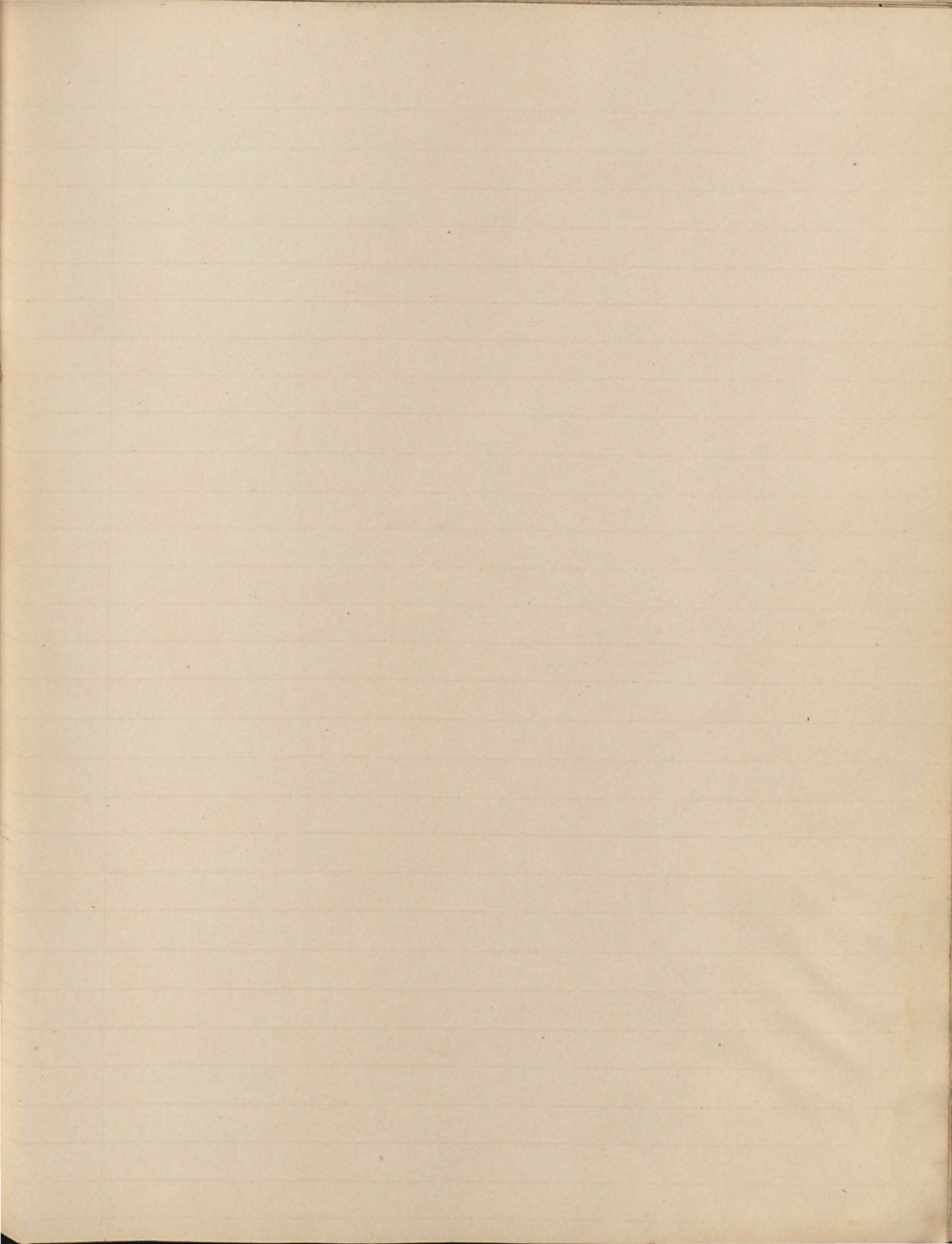


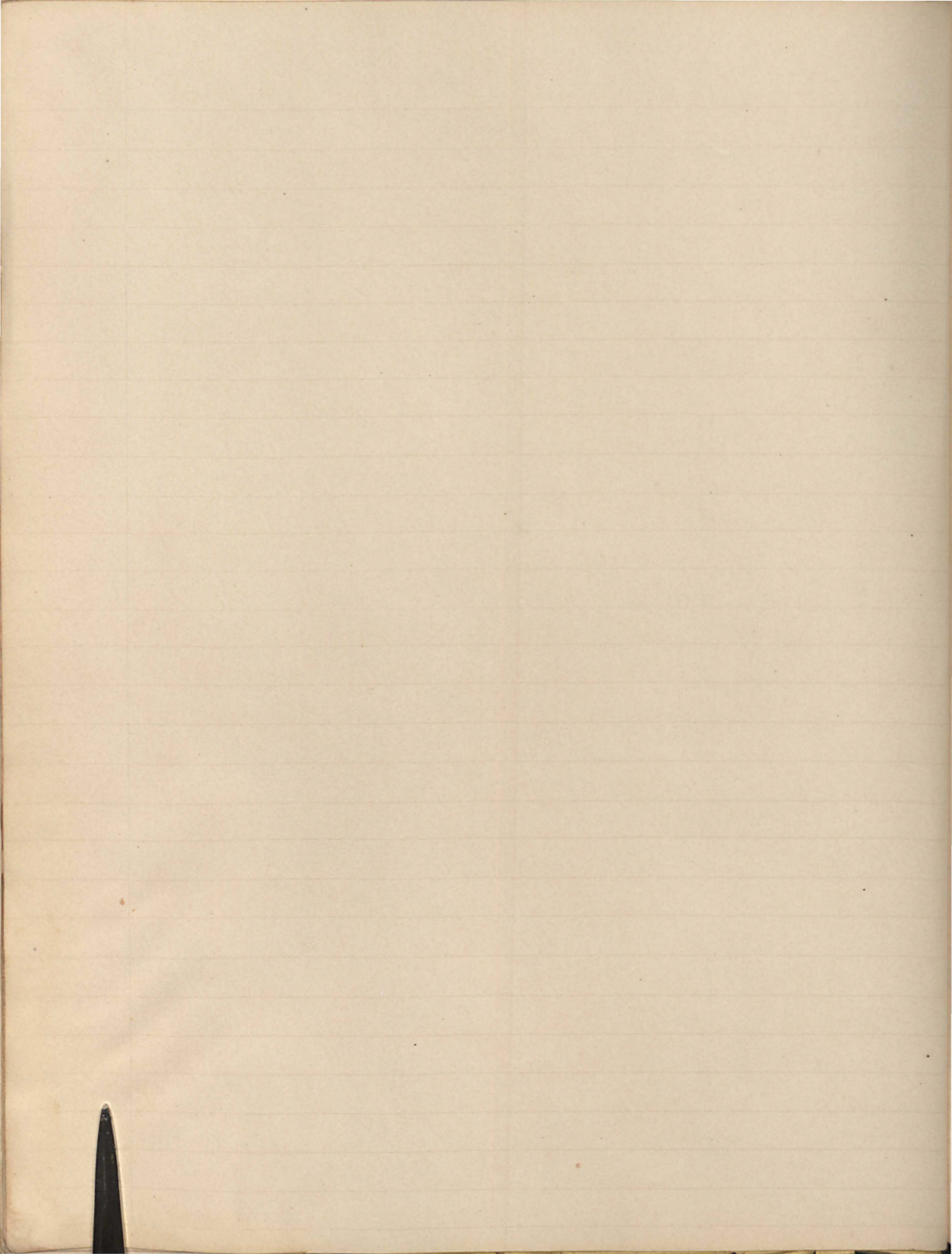


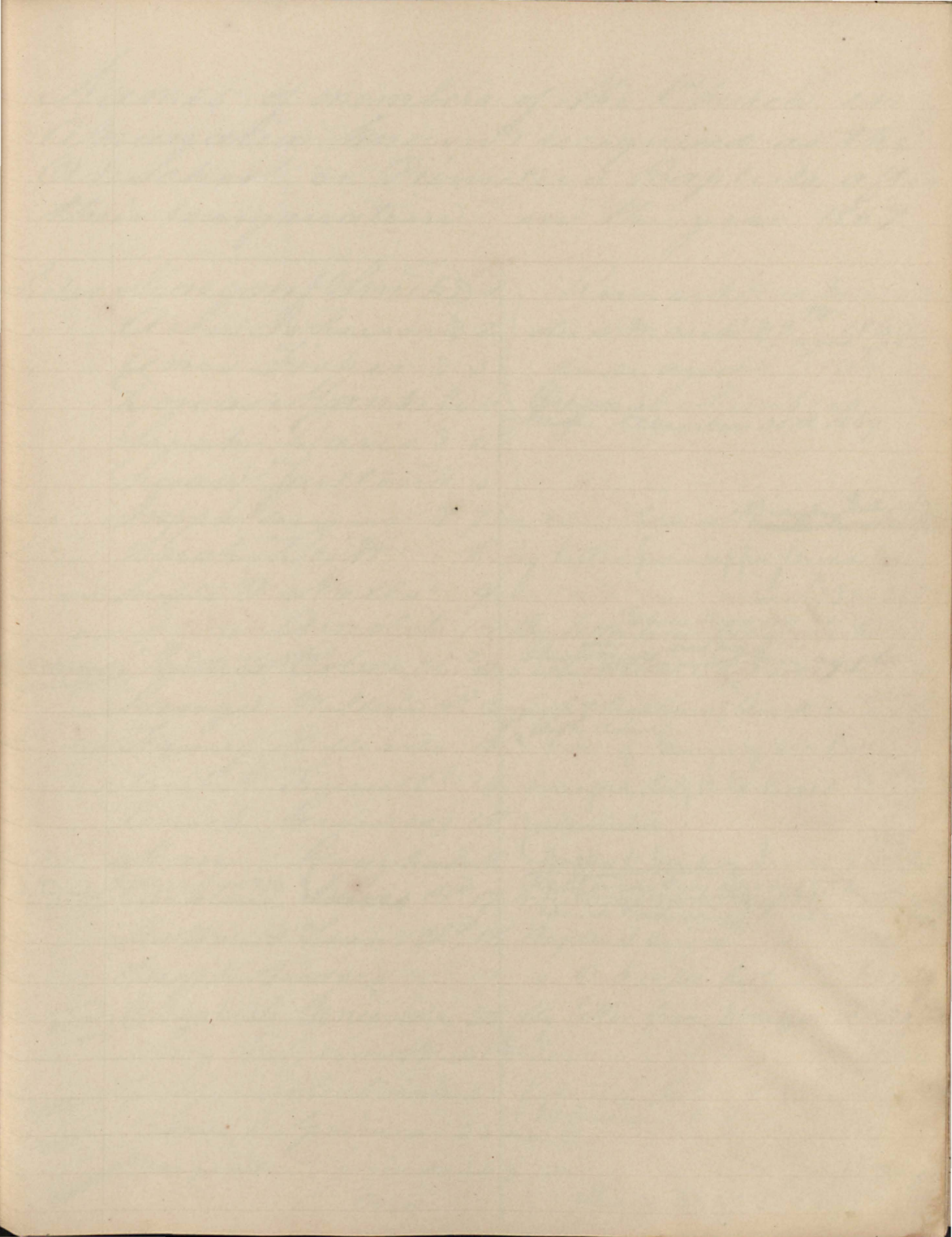












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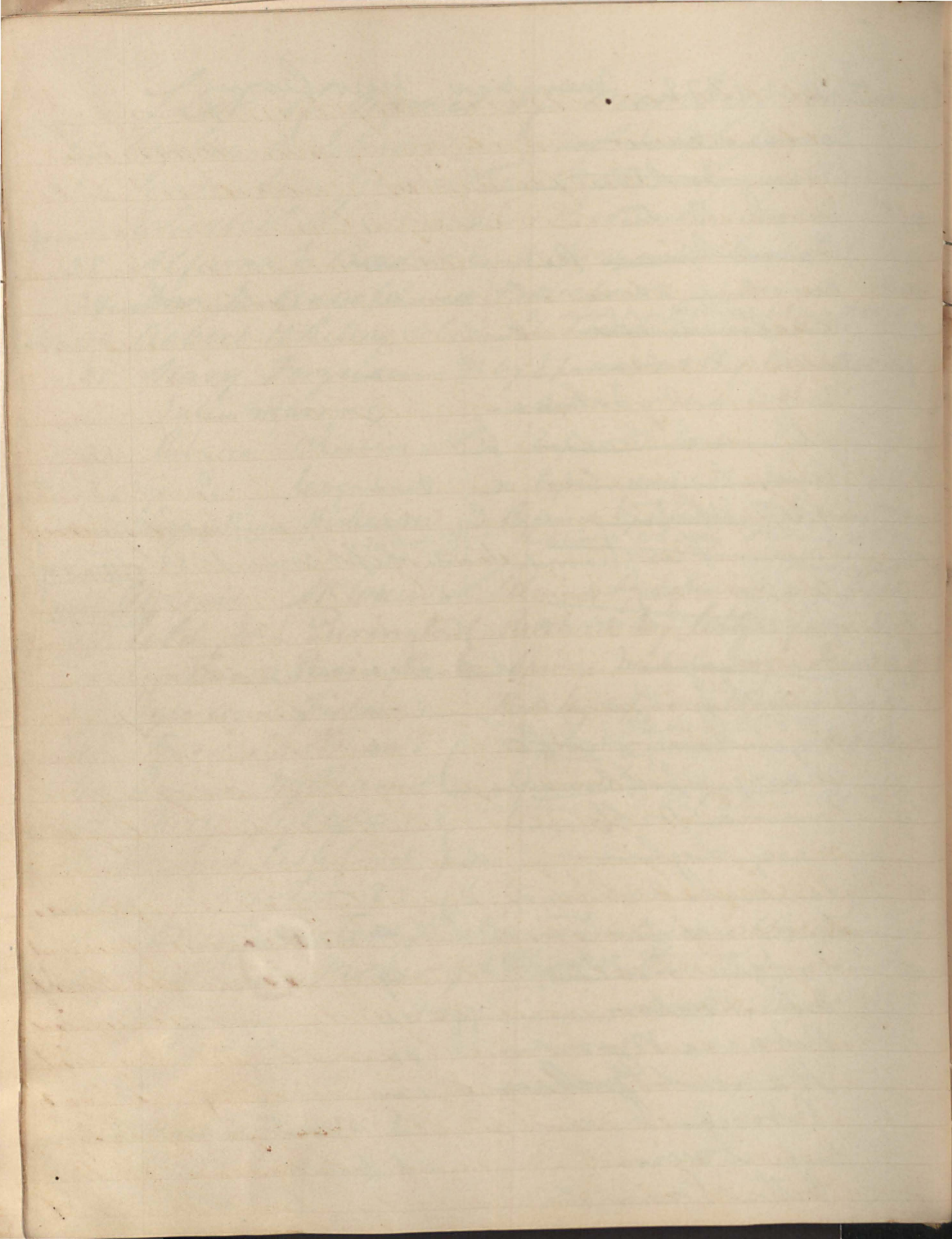




Jan 1st 1878. Members now living

1	<del>Sarah Davis</del> d		
2	<del>Susan Farlow</del> d		
3	Sarah Britt		1
4	<del>Enoch Grimes</del> Remo		2
5	Caroline Davis col married, now Caroline Ahinn		
6	<del>Martha McLean</del> d		
7	Jos Borden		2
8	Caroline M Johnson		3
9	<del>Alfama E Borden</del> d		
10	+ <del>Ann E Arnold</del> d	dead	
11	+ <del>Robt Whitney</del> d col.	dead	
12	<del>Mary Furgusson</del> died Sept 3rd. 1880	aged 194. born	
13	<del>Julia Harris</del>		4
14	<del>Rebecca Chessie</del>		
15	+ <del>E. Cogan</del> d	dead Oct 13. 1878	
16	Cynthia Purington		5
17	<del>Joy Ann Fisher</del>		6
18	<del>Mary Spillman</del> d		2
19	Emma Williams		7 D
20	+ <del>Mary Lyles</del> d		3
21	Hannah Ashford		8
22	Luey A Carter	absent	9 non attendant
23	<del>Maggie Fisher</del>		10
	John Borden		10
	Rebecca Moore		11
	Hannah Fisher		12
	Rebecca Idem		13 absent by nonattendance
	Jul Davis		14 dead
	Bettie Bennett		





1858. Alexandria September 14<sup>th</sup>

A regular meeting of the Church for business, being called at the house of Bro Joseph Grimes. a motion was made calling Bro Grimes to the Chair, when the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted

Resolved  
That we, (the old, and many of us the primitive members of the Baptist Church of Alexandria having been for some time dispersed owing to the fact of the new school Baptist having forcibly taken from us our House of Worship) Reorganized ourselves into regular Church capacity for the purpose of walking together in the order and fellowship of the Gospel of Christ as was our privilege before our property was taken from us.

Whereas the necessity for a regular House of Worship being most apparent and Whereas believing as we do that the House and Property now occupied and used by the New School Baptist and which they by force of arms took from us. Rightfully and properly, both by deed and decision of the Courts of this County and the act



of the then surviving Trustees, is  
and of right should now be ours.  
Therefore resolved that Joseph Grimes  
and John T Johnson (both of the Town  
and County of Alexandria) be, and are  
hereby regularly nominated and app-  
ointed as our Trustees. and they are  
hereby duly requested and authorised  
to take all such legal and proper  
steps for the recovery by Law of our  
House of Worship (now in the hands  
of the New School Baptists,) as to them  
may seem right and proper, and  
for other purposes.

all which were unanimously agreed  
to and adopted whereupon the  
Church adjourned  
Joseph Grimes. C.C

Alexandria Oct 10 1858  
at a called meeting of the Church  
held as above at the house of Bro. Grimes  
it was unanimously agreed the some  
several papers be properly headed  
as for subscription for the use of any  
one who may feel properly interested  
in our undertaking to subscribe  
and help out with the necessary  
expenses of our undertaking viz.  
recovery of our House of Worship (over)

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It was also ordered, that any one who might feel sufficiently interested be authorised to receive any amounts that any friend may feel disposed to give. when the following sums were regularly subscribed

Sister Ann Johnson	\$ 10 -
" Ann Fisher	5
" Dorcas Martin	5
Mr Spurl Fisher (P)	10
Joseph Guinness	20
x " Bro J Johnson	
x " Geo Davis	
x " W Martin	
x " Susan Humphreys	

those with x were not present but their names by their friends

Joseph Guinness List

At a meeting of the Church for business held July 31 1859. a door being opened, sisters Rebecca P. Hall and Sarah Britt from Upper Broad Run, appeared and and by letter were duly received members of this Church

and on Nov 24<sup>th</sup> same year at a regular meeting of the Church for business sister Jane Arnold by letter from Occoquan was regularly received as member also

Continued. C.C.

## Omission

At this meeting May 18<sup>th</sup> appeared one Betty Jones (Cl), from Ebineser Church (one of Eld Trotts) and related a Christian experience, which gave good satisfaction, and gained fellowship; but she, coming from a regular Gospel Church, was required, as in order, to have her regular letter of dismission from Ebineser Church, before she could regularly unite with this. true record.

Joseph Grimes  
C. Clack

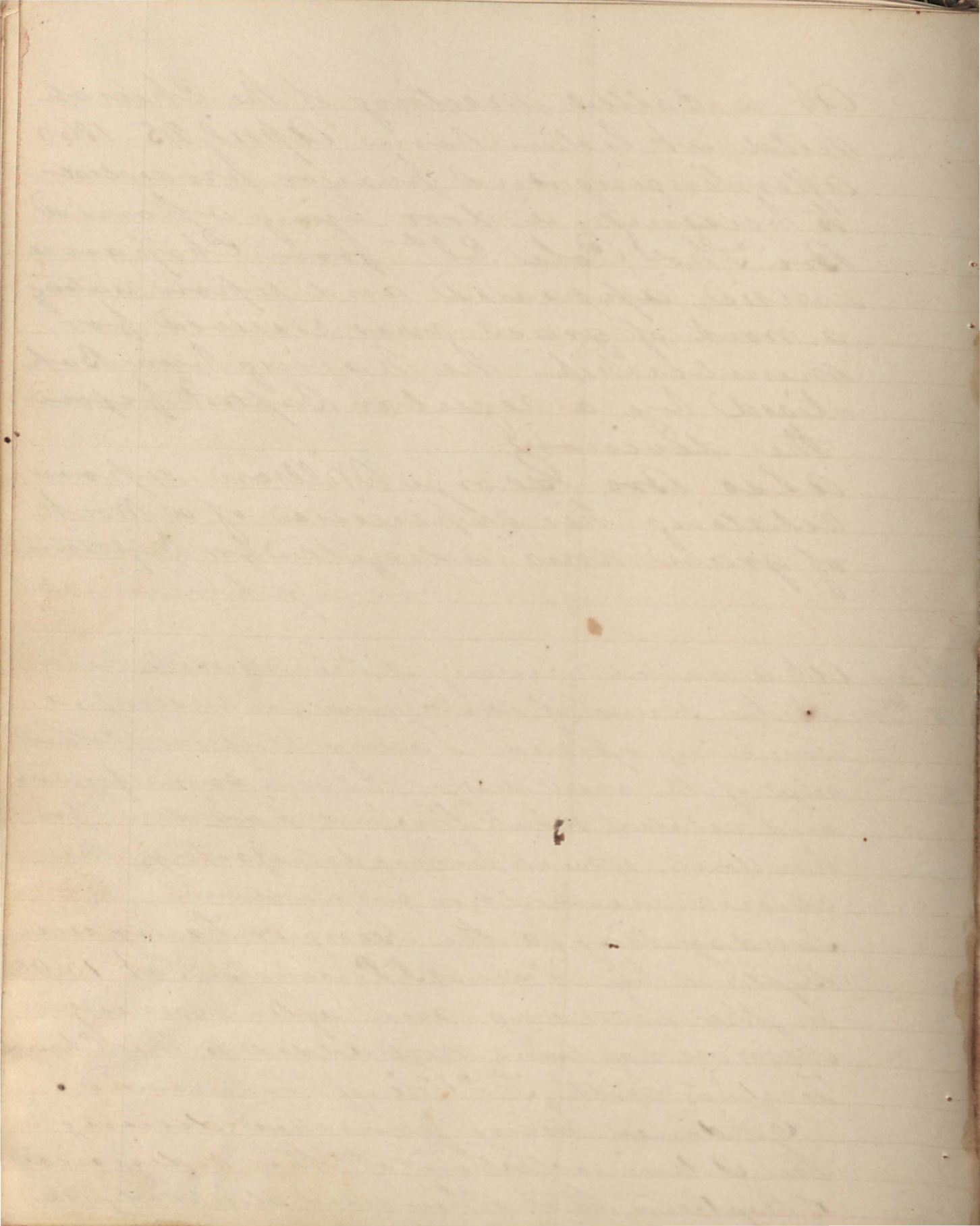
At a called meeting of the Church held at lecture room April 25 1860 after singing and prayer proceeded to business. a door being opened Bro Tho<sup>s</sup> Cole. El<sup>d</sup>. from Chapawamsic, appeared and upon relating a work of grace was received for membership he having been Bap-tised by a regular Baptist before the division  
Also Bro George Willson upon relating his experience of a work of grace was admitted for Baptism  
Joseph Grimes. C. C.

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1860. At a called meeting of the church, held at the House of Bro Grimes, for business, a door being opened, Fanny Willson (Colored) wife of the above George Willson. came forward and related what the Lord had done for her soul, which, being satisfactory, the church received her for Baptism.

Sunday May 20 the George & Fanny were Baptised by Elder W. J. Purington, at 10.00. in the morning, and after morning sermon, by same, were added to the Church together with Tho<sup>s</sup> Cole. of Chapawamsic.

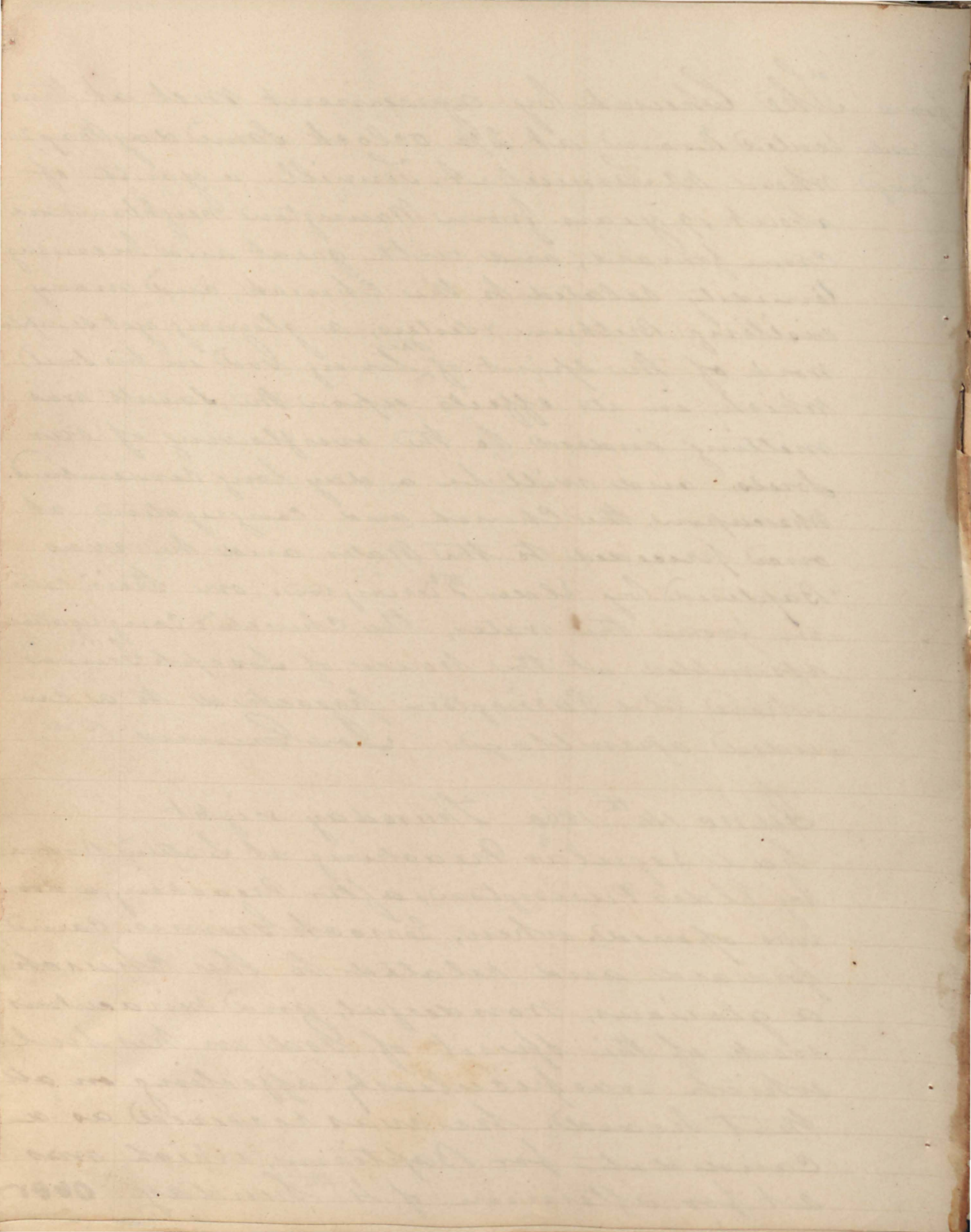
Evidence being furnished during the Administration of the ordinance of Baptism, that others were also ready (over)





from <sup>up</sup> The Church by agreement met at their  
opposite rented Room at 2 1/2 o'clock same day May 20.  
page when Mr Samuel. A. Tennill. a youth of  
about 19 years from Marington neighbourhood  
came forward, and with great and becoming  
tenacity related to the Church, and many  
visiting Brethren & sisters, a glowing, yet simple  
work of the spirit of <sup>the</sup> living God in his soul.  
which, in its effects upon the Saints was  
metting indeed to the overflowing of our  
souls; and will be a day long remembered.  
Whereupon, the Church and congregation, at  
once proceeded to the Water, and he was  
Baptised by Elder Purington. on their return  
-er from the water, the Church & Congregation  
assembled at the house of Joseph Grimes  
where Eld Purington - preached to a cro  
-uded assembly. Jos Grimes C.P.

JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> 1860 Thursday night  
had regular Preaching at Lotter Room  
by Elder Purington, after Preaching, a door  
was opened. when, Emock Grimes. came  
forward and related to the Church,  
a glorious, wonderful, and miraculous  
work of the spirit of God in his soul.  
which was peculiarly affecting on all  
that heard. he was received as a  
candidate for Baptism, which was  
set for afternoon of 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. 00017



Same night June 14. The Church, by  
unanimous vote, passed an order, that  
the Trustees, proceed as soon as prac-  
ticable, to purchase a certain lot  
on Columbus Street, to build our  
House of Worship upon; after  
which adjourned, to meet on  
Thursday night June 21<sup>st</sup> -  
Jos. Quinn C. C.

Wednesday night June 20. 1860  
At a meeting of the Church called as  
above, after singing and prayer pro-  
ceeded to business. a door being opened  
Mr Grayham an aged Lady, came  
forward and related some of the  
many scenes through which the  
Lord had led her for so these many  
years, she having been delivered in  
early life, by the hand of him who  
she for many years has felt it her  
duty to follow, in the ordinance  
of Baptism, but did not because  
of her own unworthiness. She was  
unanimously received a candidate  
for Baptism. Also one  
Caroline Davis (Cld) who was not  
received on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> just  
reappeared and being much more  
intelligible, gained fellowship and

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was also received a candidate for  
Baptism which was understood  
would take place on Sunday  
afternoon next 24<sup>th</sup> Inst. and  
be administered by Elder Purinton.  
May the Lord be with to bless and  
encourage his little and much  
dispersed Church.

after the hearing of experiences  
the Church had some conversation  
relative to our building affairs  
when two of her friends came  
forward and paid in part of  
their subscription amounting  
to fifty five Dollars. adjourned  
Jos Guins. Clk.

Sunday June 24 1860  
about 2½ o'clock, met at the River  
side when the above three candi-  
dates, viz Emosh Guins May Grayman  
and Caroline Jones, on profession of  
their Faith in the Lord Jesus were  
Baptised by Elder W. J. Purinton.  
after which repaired to Lecture Room  
where he preached Christ Jesus  
the 3 Baptised received into the  
Church. and the supper admin-  
istered to all the members who  
were present. Jos Guins. Clk.

Thursday night. July 12<sup>th</sup> 1860.  
after preaching by Eld Purington,  
the Church was called together for  
business. When Bro Grimes stated,  
that he had received a letter from  
Bro Saml W Tennill, asking of this  
Church, a letter of dismission to  
enable him to unite with the Upper  
Broad Run Church, which was  
granted. and the Clerk ordered  
to furnish said letter. also  
appointed Bro J. Grimes. to write  
a letter of correspondence, for this  
Church, to the corresponding as-  
-sociation: which purposed to meet  
with the Church at Upper Broad  
Run. Fauquier County Va.

Joseph Grimes  
Church. C-

Thursday night July 19 1860  
The Church met by appointment.  
after singing and prayer a door  
was opened. When Martha M<sup>e</sup>  
Sean a Col<sup>d</sup> woman came forward  
and related her experience of grace  
The Church being satisfied and  
gaining fellowship she was rec<sup>d</sup>  
a Candidate for Baptism. after  
further singing & prayer adjourned  
Grimes

At regular meeting of the Church held at Lecture Room August 9<sup>th</sup> 1860 after singing & prayer, proceeded to business, a letter being prepared for the corresponding association was read and adopted, after which the following preamble & resolution was unanimously adopted

Whereas certain sums of money, having been subscribed and paid into the hands of several members of this Church for the purpose of Erecting a House of Worship, and it appearing necessary, in furtherance of the above object, that the Church appoint a Building Committee and Treasurer into whose hands said funds shall concentrate

Therefore Resolved

That Joseph Broders Enoch Gimnel Joseph Gimnel & Lu<sup>o</sup> Johnson be, and are hereby appointed on behalf of this Church a Building Committee. Whose duty it shall be to do all matters & things, necessary in their judgement to be done for the purchase of materials, the employment of labour &c, for the construction, on the best and most economical terms of a House of Worship, for the exclusive use of the Pimative or Old School Baptists Church of the Town of Alexandria. and, that Joseph Broders is hereby appointed our Treasurer over



Who shall receive all monies so subscribed  
or paid in for said object, keeping a  
Correct acc<sup>t</sup> thereof, and disbursing the  
same, by Consent of said Committee,  
and make due report thereof, whenever  
called upon by this Church.

after singing & prayer adjourned  
Joshua C. C.

Sunday August 12 1860  
about 3 o'clock met at the River Bank.  
and after a few appropriate remarks  
by Elder M. Purington, he Baptised  
Martha M. Leard. after which, proceeded  
to Lecture Room and preached a great  
Gospel Sermon Joshua C. C.

Sunday August 19  
after returning from Association on  
Saturday afternoon: on Sunday met  
at Lecture Room & heard a glorious Gos-  
-pell Sermon by Elder Slater from  
Judges.

\* at the city Hall at Washington Dc  
on the evening of  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1860

~~At a called meeting of the Church~~  
~~held at the house of Bay Joseph~~  
~~Wines.~~ after reading & prayer, Joseph  
Broders came forward and related  
what he hoped the Lord had done for  
him, in bringing him from darkness  
to light, and revealing himself in  
him as his saviour. The Church  
thereby gaining full fellowship, he  
was unanimously received a candidate  
for Baptism, which was duly ad-  
-ministered on yesterday Sunday  
the 14<sup>th</sup> at Washington (there being  
one Sr Sarah Simpson to Baptise there  
and that being regular preaching  
day) by Eldr W J Purinton.

And on yesterday, Sunday Oct 28,  
was duly received a member of this  
Church.

The Brethren, feeling the necessity of a  
regular place, or House, in which to hold  
our meetings until we shall be enab-  
-led to build, have rented, and fitted  
up the school room adjoining Dr J J  
Murphy's, for that purpose. Eldr Purinton  
preached there yesterday Sunday Oct 28-

1860

Nov 9 At a meeting of the Church held at their Room Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1860 Bro Joseph Broders was unanimously chosen Clerk of the Church. whose duty it shall be, to keep a correct and full record of all business & secular transactions of the Church. Writing the same in a Book, subject always to the investigation of the Church.

Bro Joseph & Bro Enoch Grimes were nominated as suitable persons for the office of Deacons. But their appointment postponed by their request for the present. after singing and prayer adjourned.

Carries opposite.

I shall now hand this Book over to our duly appointed Clerk. trusting in our Blessed Lord to enable him to perform its duties in a faithful and impartial manner. and praying that the Lord may make him a useful member of his Church, and bright ornament in his masters cause.

Joseph Grimes

= At a meeting of the Church, held at  
their room on Fairfax St.; April 5th 1861.  
The nomination of Bro. Joseph & Enoch  
Grimes; as suitable persons for the office  
of Deacons, (being laid over at their last-  
meeting) was called, up; and by the  
unanimous vote of the Church, was duly  
appointed. and chosen as deacons.

and may God who directs and orders  
all things for the good of Zion, give them  
wisdom, and power, through his divine  
grace, to fill the place his providence  
seems to <sup>have</sup> allotted them.

Joseph Broden. cc

At a meeting of the Church on  
Sunday afternoon Dec. 30. th 1860. came  
forth Sister Elizabeth Jones (Col) with  
Letters of Dismission from the Church  
at Ebenezer Loudoun Co Va and was  
duly Received a member of This Church  
Reorder by order of the Church. Same  
day and date. J. P. Broders. C. Clk.

At a meeting of the Church on Thursday  
afternoon, April 5th. 1861., after singing  
and prayer, the motion was made by  
Bro Joseph Grimes; For the church  
to hold regular meetings; every Thursday  
evenings in the week, which motion  
being seconded; it was by unanimous  
vote adopted; That on Thursday evening  
of each week; the Church will meet  
together and hold meeting; and enjoy the  
privileges of our blessed masters love  
and mercy; bestowed to us; in singing of  
his praises. and talking of his glory.  
Until otherwise ordered? May the  
God of Jacob. be with us, and direct our  
every thoughts.

Joseph Proders. C. C.

Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1862 Through the providence  
of Almighty God, & By his permission the remaining  
old School Baptists, of Alexandria, met at Sister  
Nalls house, on King Street, and held prayer  
meeting, Brothers Davis, & E. Grimes, officiating  
in the service of prayer, & singing; it was  
a glorious meeting together of the scattered  
children of Jacob, though it be troublous times,  
and to look, at the desolations of war, and  
implements of warfare, surrounding us while  
these few unworthy children, was trying to  
pay homage to him on whom, all their  
trust are stayed; We might well say; that  
the ways of the Lord is mysterious, and past  
finding out, Oh Our God! what shall we do  
and how shall we praise thee, for thy merciful  
kindness, for we are unworthy of the least of  
thy pleasures, & promises; Thou hast seen fit  
and caused to come to pass, that I a few  
days ago, was barred from the privilege of  
seeing, & talking to them, whom I loved, and  
longed to see, Now Thou hast guided me, &  
brought me safely to behold their faces, and  
hear them talk of their heavenly father, in  
praises to his name, & thanks for his loving  
kindnesses, how shall we praise thee Oh Our  
God. For we are unworthy, but as King  
David said, though I pass through deep  
waters, yet I will praise thee, all my days,  
My Brethern & Sisters met together the

two preceding Sundays, & held meeting. I was  
not in Alex<sup>a</sup> at that time, & can only note  
the Circumstances, as they told me; May  
him who ruleth all things in his own good  
time, bring us all together again, that we  
may sing of his praises, & talk of his glory;  
and may peace soon be restored to our  
now broken, & disconsolate Country, and may  
the Implements of war be laid aside from the  
shedding of blood, and may the Angel of peace  
sit smiling at our doors, oh our God  
hasten the time, but not our will but thine  
be done, and unto thee we give all the praise  
& glory: Amen.

Jos. Broders. C. G.



Thursday night July 9. 1863  
Had preaching at the house of Mr.  
John Arnold, by Elder W. A. Purdington,  
from Colossians 1st Chap. 28 and 29 Verses  
after preaching, a door being opened,  
Mrs. Mary C. Grimes came forward  
before the church assembled, and <sup>related</sup> what  
the Lord had done for her, in bringing  
her from out of darkness, into his mar-  
vellous light, and causing her to love  
that people; Once, whose doctrine she  
so despised, saying where they go, let her  
go and where they die, let her die and  
there with them be buried, she was  
received as a candidate for Baptism,  
unanimously, which <sup>was</sup> set for 9. O'clock  
on Sunday. July. 19. 1863.

J. Brodew.

b. c.

Sunday. July. 19. Th. 1863.

Met at River Bank Morning, 9. O'clock.  
according to appointment, and Sister  
Mary E. Grimes, on profession of her  
faith in the Lord Jesus Christ was  
Baptised by Elder W. J. Purrington  
after which we repaired to the house  
of our esteemed friend, Mrs C. M.  
Johnson, as per previous appointment  
and we were entertained, and Instruc-  
ted, by Elder W. J. Purrington by preaching  
from 2nd Timothy 1st Chapter 8. 9. & 10  
Verses. Christ-Jesus and him Crucified  
and, knowing nothing else. Save Christ;  
after preaching Sister Grimes was received  
into the Church, and the Supper in  
remembrance to our Lord. was adminis-  
tered, to the members present, and after  
singing a hymn. dismissed the meeting;  
Oh. May it be the kind providence of our  
God who has so ordered and permitted, in  
these days of peric trial, and human  
destruction, that he has seen fit to add  
to our little number another member;  
and may he also. Give our newly Recd  
Sister Great Grace, to bear her up and  
support her, in her membership to the  
Church. And Oh God, May she be a bright  
Ornament, and a Sweet Companion in the House  
of our God. is the prayer of their unworthy Brother,  
Jos. Broder, C. C.

Thursday Evening June 11th 1864  
By Appointment, Read preaching at the  
House of Mrs C. M. Johnson by Elder  
Mr J. Purrington, to an attentive and  
Instructive Discourse, After preaching there  
being manifest Signs, that there was some  
amongst the audience that could not conceal  
their love for Christ, and his people any  
longer, It was thought advisable to call a Church  
Meeting; which accordingly was done, and Invitation  
given for any present who wished to say any  
thing to the Church, to come forward and tell  
their hope in Jesus; and a door being opened  
George ~~selectman~~ came forward, and then  
stated his love for Christ and the Church, with  
emotions of soul, that are unmistakable with  
the Children of God, acknowledging his weakness  
and Short Comings, his unworthiness and depen-  
-dence, upon God for all his hope, and  
deliverance, from death unto life; where upon  
the Church being satisfied that he bore the  
marks of the Children of Christ, and he being  
willing to bear the reproach of a gain saying  
world, with them for Christ sake he was  
unanimously Received, as a Candidate for  
Baptism, which time was set for the  
third Sunday in July.

W. B. C. C.

Thursday Evening by Appointment June  
30th 1864 held preaching at the House, of Bro.  
Joseph Broders. by Elder. W. J. Purinton,  
and there being evidence, that those who  
love the name of Jesus, love his people and  
love his Commandments. was here present with us.  
It was manifest to us, to have a Church  
meeting, and make way for them who wished  
to tell what the Lord had done for their souls;  
In bringing them from darkness to light, and  
revealing himself unto them the end of the Law  
for Righteousness; a way being then opened, and  
Invitation given, Mrs. Margaret Goimes, an  
old lady came forward and stated the way  
the Lord had brought her through this vale of tears,  
the way she was led, the Comfort she had received  
the often longings after the Children of Jesus  
the unworthiness of herself to unite with them,  
also the constant desire, she felt to come forward  
and be baptised, if they would accept her expe-  
-rience, whereupon all seemed to follow in  
the straight and narrow way of experience,  
that the Children of God. pass through, and  
the Church being fully satisfied of her  
being a subject of Grace, she was unanim-  
-ously received as a candidate for  
Baptism, which was appointed for  
the Third Sunday in July with Geo.  
Selectman, who <sup>was</sup> appointed for that day.

J Broders C. C.

1864 By appointment Thursday evening July 14.  
1864, the Church met at the House of Mrs  
C. M. Johnson; and after singing and  
prayer, an invitation being given, James  
F. Grimes, a young man came forward, and  
related unto the Church, the way the Lord  
had led him, in bringing him from darkness  
into his marvelous light, in a way he knew  
not, and revealing himself unto him as the  
end of the law, for Righteousness, &c. spoke before  
the Church in the language of all the Helpless  
tribe of Israel, acknowledging his own weakness  
in himself, and giving all praise unto God  
for his many manifold blessings, and great consolations,  
unto them tho' who young in years; and  
made to acknowledge his glorious name before  
a gainsaying world, by owning his cause, taking  
up his Cross, despising the shame, and openly  
following in the Commands of his Christ and  
Saviour; after a few consultations with the  
members present, the evidence given being  
satisfactory J. F. Grimes was unanimously Rec<sup>d</sup>.  
as a Candidate for Baptism, which time was  
set for Sunday July 17. 1864. Then together with his  
Mother and Father in-law; How mysterious are  
thy ways Oh. God, and who can tell them, for see  
the Candidate above mentioned, who only a few  
days ago, were living far away from us, and tho'  
we were once acquainted with them in the  
flesh, and they by the scourge and changes

- of war. was cast beyond the limits of our  
traveling bounds, God in his allwise providence  
seen fit to so rule, and over-rule the ways of  
men, that they should have the privilege of  
coming, and meeting with us... face to face, and  
tell to us. what great things God, had done for  
their souls, and now. cannot we. with assurance  
say; that tho' the clouds of darkness covers the  
earth; and gross darkness environs the inhabitants  
thereof; our God will do all his pleasure, and that  
in the face of all oppositions; for we hear him de-  
clare, he is God, and there is no god besides me.  
and there is none. that can hinder his power  
or cause his faithfulness to fail, for he swore  
unto his servant of old, that out from the  
seed of his loins, should a deliver come,  
who should rule all nations with a rod of  
Iron, going forth from Conquering to Conquer,  
all things being made subject unto his  
will,

J. Broders  
c. c. clerk.

1864 Sunday Morning July 19. 1864 by previous  
appointments met on the bank of the River  
and after singing a hymn, and a few  
appropriate remarks by Elder. Wm. J. Purinton  
he in accordance with the Command of  
our Lord and master Baptises the Candidates,  
George Selectman, Margaret Grimes  
and James. F. Grimes, on profession of  
their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, from  
thence proceeded to the house of Mrs C. M.  
Johnson, and before preaching the Church  
being organized, the above Candidates was  
received into church fellowship, as welcome  
members of our poor and unworthy Branch  
of the body. Where they have extended unto  
them all the privilege of church Communion  
where they will have all the many chances  
of objects to be shot at by antichrist and by  
the emissaries of Satan, and be exposed to  
the sneers and scoofs of the God of this flesh-  
ly world, and where they can if it should  
be the pleasure of our God, so to see fit, to  
enable them, to boldly stand up for the truth  
as it is in Jesus. and prove themselves, that they  
are what they have professed to be; Now on behalf  
of the Church, I will say, Oh our God let this be but  
the beginning of thy kind addition of mercy & hope,  
and quickly bring others who we see still  
hovering around thy Gospel sound, to a sense of their  
duty, that they may be compelled to come in Brothers -

1864. On Thursday Evening August 4th 1864.  
by Special appointment held church meeting  
at the house of Mrs. C. M. Johnson, and  
after singing and prayer, by Elder W. J.  
Purinton, the church being then ready for  
business, and an invitation being extended  
for those who wished to say anything before  
the church, that there was now, an oppor-  
-tunity offered, a door being opened.

Mrs. Caroline M. Johnson came forward,  
and related to the church what the Lord  
had done for her soul, speaking of her trials,  
and disappointments, her often longings for  
the welfare of the church, yet feeling her-  
self too unworthy, to be one of them, and  
her constant desire if it should so be the  
will of God, to be numbered with them, tho  
they are a despised, & oft hated people, for  
they will declare Salvation is of the Lord and  
not of man, she also spoke plainly of her  
many doubts, & fears, that a just and holy  
God in his infinite mercy, could if it  
be possible pardon such a vile sinner  
as she felt herself to be, and that the  
church could receive such an unworthy  
one into their number, whereupon the  
church well knowing the emotions of the  
soul that is in distress, and of all who by  
the will of God, is enabled to see their  
own hearts as they are, being dead to  
over



to the Law, by the word of God, and without  
hope save only by the blood of Jesus christ,  
They could fully sympathize with our welcome  
friend; and truly bear part of her burthen,  
for we had felt the same, she also said that  
on hearing when returning from meeting from  
Washington, the words repeated spoken by the  
pastor Job: which were, (my record is on  
high and my witness in heaven) that it  
came unto her with such force, and power  
and like a messenger of peace is applied  
unto her troubled soul, and such assurance  
of confidence, that she could not refrain  
any longer, from making it known to the  
church, whereupon, she <sup>being</sup> fully satisfied  
that she was a subject of grace, and having  
passed, from death unto life, she was  
unanimously Recd, as a candidate for Bap-  
tism, which was set for, 8 o'clock Friday  
Morning! After which we sang a hymn  
unto the praise our Lord, with joy & thankfulness  
And still extended our invitation, to any  
present, to come forward and tell us what  
God, had done for their souls, and a door  
again being opened; Mrs. Jane Ann Grimes,  
wife of our young brother who was baptised a  
few weeks ago, came forward and amidst  
tears of joy, related gods dealings with her,  
and told of her love, toward the children  
of God, and her constant desire be with

them, and if it should be the pleasure  
of God, there to make her home, and express-  
-ing her willingness, to share with them their  
Trips, and Troubles, for Jesus sake, while in  
this world of sorrow, for she could not be  
contented any where else, nor leave nor  
forsake them, whereupon, like unto the  
former Candidate, the Church being satis-  
fied, that her desires flowed, from the  
Spirit of Christ she was unanimously Receiv-  
-ed as a Candidate for Baptism, which  
was set for the time before mentioned,  
we then sung a hymn in praise unto the  
Name, of our Jesus and talked freely of his  
Power, after which we adjourned, till morning;  
Friday Morning Aug 5th met at the house of  
Mrs C. M. Johnson. and there being evidence given  
that we should call the Church together, and  
also being willing, for to make opportunity for  
the use of any who feel their Saviour to  
Obey, all being ready. Mrs. Elizabeth-  
Selectman an elderly Lady came forward  
and related her hope in Christ, and express-  
-ed her willingness to follow him into a watery  
grave. and also to share and bear her part  
of the burdens, attending unto the Children  
of God, whereupon the Church being satisfied  
that she was one with them, by the blood  
of Christ, she was unanimously Receiv-  
-ed as a Candidate for Baptism, to be with the others,  
over.

Aug. 5. After singing a hymn, we then proceeded to the Bank, of the River Putnam, about our set time 8 o'clock, where our much beloved and willing servant of the Lord. Elder from J. Parington, Baptised, the three named Candidates, Caroline M. Johnson, Jane Ann Grimes, and Elizabeth selectman, from thence we proceeded back to the house of now, sister C. M. Johnson, and the church being called together, after singing a hymn they were received, into church fellowship. The three foregoing Candidates as members of this church, where now, if it should be the will of our God, prove to be bright ornaments to his cause, and the church, to mingle with us, and sing of his power, and talk of his glory, and where they can, if it should be the will of God, be their lot, share part of the joy and sorrows, trials and persecutions, surrounding us while in this vale of tears, so then praise be unto our God, for tho' the firebrands, of vain men, may be flying thickly around us, and wickedness in full costume stalking forth throughout the land, yet thy lambs shall come at thy bidding, and they shall be filleted, Oh Lord God, be with our sisters who have now before the world come up with us, if it should be thy will grant them grace, in time of need, strengthen and comfort them in every trial, and let no strange God be with them, is our prayer! J. S. Broder. C. C.

Thursday Evening August 18<sup>th</sup> 1864  
The church by previous appointment  
met at The house of Sister C. M. Johnson  
and organized for business, when the  
Clerk read over the record of the Church  
transactions, that have transpired since the  
war, also ~~the~~ favours of divine providence  
which has been bestowed on the Church  
by adding unto their little body, Seven more  
members, to joy and sorrow with them  
while in this vale of tears; for the kind  
Lord has been unto them very gracious  
tho he has called away some of their  
number, he has in their stead added  
more than double in return,  
After the reading of the Records. The Church  
approved and adopted the same as it  
stands, whereupon, Bro. C. Grimes made  
a motion, to revive our old practice  
of meeting together every other Thursday  
evening for Church meeting, which  
motion being seconded, It was carried  
by unanimous vote that the Church  
meet together every other Thursday evening  
where they may from time to time select  
for their church worship & fellowship,  
until further ordered, The business portion  
being concluded we sang a hymn, and  
asked a prayer in the name of our Master and  
then adjourned.  
L. C. Broders C. C.

Sunday Jan 29, 1865

Pursuant to Regular appointment had Preaching at the Residence of Sister C. M. Johnsons on water, It by Elder Wm. J. Purinton, to an attentive Audience after Preaching, By Request a church meeting was called on act of a colored member Thomas Cole. on account of charges being preferred against him by Bro Geo Willson, whereupon the Church being organized Bro. Enoch Grimes was chosen as Moderator, and the Church proceeded to business, calling on Bro Cole to state his Grievances and show Cause of his late actions. and charges preferred, which charges were not sufficient to justify his course which, when summed up showed plainly that the fault was with himself, he having gone over, to another church which we do not recognize, and by his own admission, he was better satisfied, than with us. he was on motion being made, Excluded from the membership of the Old School Baptist Church of Alex<sup>a</sup> Va and his name ordered to be stricken from the church Book, after close of Business the <sup>church</sup> showed forth their remembrance to Jesus their Savior in partaking of the Lords Supper. After singing a hymn Adjourned  
Enoch Grimes Moderator Dr Brodders c.c.

Thursday Evening July 20. 1865

By Regular appointment, the Church met together at the house of Sister C. M. Johnson. on Water St. and was edified by a very instructive sermon. by Elder. W. J. Furrington.

After preaching by request of one of the Colored members. the Church was called together for business and to hear the Lords dealings with any that might be present, and an invitation being given and a door being opened, Robert Whiting came forward and in very interesting manner related the Lords dealings with him to the Church, which being satisfactory to the Church, that he had experienced the sinfulness of sin, and the utter nothingness of fallen man. to rid him of his troubles, basing his hope on the Blood of Jesus,

he was unanimously Read as a Candidate for Baptism, which was set for Sunday following July 23. 1865, Pursuant to appointment he was Baptized and Read into the Church on the same day, Let God in his mysterious way his wonders perform, whether the subject of pity be Jew or gentile Black or White, for he says he chooses the weak things of this world to Confound the Wise & prudent.

W. Broders.  
C. Clerk.

Saturday Evening July 22. 1865

By request of one who could not any longer refrain from disowning the Lord Jesus, as her Lord + master, and could not find a place so much as like the Dove, to rest the soles of her feet, only on the ark, or church of her God, the church met together at the house of Bro Do Broders on Royal St, and after signing, and prayer, to the praise of their God. An invitation was given to any that was present, to come forward and relate, to the Church, the dealings of God with them, and a door being opened, Sis Alfurna C. Broders came forward, with great sorrowfulness of soul, and related how she had been brought to see herself a just and condemned sinner, before God, and how she had, for a long time under the convictions, of a sin polluted heart, been hoping to find some sweet moment of relief, to her troubled spirit, thinking herself too unworthy to, acknowledge a hope in Christ her savior, and afraid of deceiving the church and Gods children, but the record says, where he has begun a good work, he will perform it to the day of Jesus Christ, she also acknowledges that there was

in the room present some who she had despised for the truth's sake, and now whom she loved, for the same truth's sake and wished to see them, and talk of her troubles, to get relief, from her weary load of trouble, Oh our God how mysterious are thy works, and thy ways past finding out, for out of our enemies for the truth, do thou choose out them, who are to serve and follow thee, after propounding a few Interrogatories to the Applicant before us, she was unanimously Voted, as a Candidate for Baptism, which was set for Sunday July 23. 1865.

The Church then feeling satisfied that there was still in their presence another subject of Grace, extended the invitation, that she should come forward, and tell the Church, the dealings of God with her, whereupon Sister Ann. E. Arnold. Came forward and like her Sister just before her, related her trials, and disappointments, her hopes and her fears, her hatred once, to the old Baptists. and now her indelible love for their Company, and for the truth which they contend for. Acknowledging her unworthiness, and fearing her weakness, in so living as to be worthy to be amongst them. Love



but still expressing the desire to be  
with <sup>them</sup> as she had no home any where  
else, whereupon, the church being  
fully satisfied, that she was a subject  
of grace, she was unanimously voted,  
as a Candidate, for Baptism, with  
her sister before her, the church then  
sang a hymn, in praise to their God  
& Saviour, and with uplifted hearts  
for his great and mighty works, of bringing  
his children from afar, and his daugh-  
ters from the ends of the earth, dismis-  
sed and went on their way rejoicing.

Sunday evening at 5 o'clock, we met  
at the baptizing ground, on the Bank  
of the beautiful old Potomac River, and  
tho the tide was low, still there was  
enough of water to bury out of the sight  
of this world, these chosen children  
of our God, and after singing a hymn  
and a very appropriate address by  
Elder W. J. Farrington, to a solemn assem-  
-bly, the two above mentioned Candidates  
were hurried beneath the yielding  
wave, as was their Saviour, and come  
up out of the water, in newness of  
life, to be separate from the world,  
having taken on them the yoke of  
Jesus, for he said on such occasion

to his servant John, let it be so now  
for it becomes us to fulfil all righteous-  
-ness, from River Bank proceeded to  
the House of Bro Borden, and meeting  
being appointed before leaving the water,  
the church being in order, the two  
foregoing sisters, and Robert Whiting et  
was Recd. into Church Fellowship,  
as members, of the church at Alexandria,  
to share with them, in their troubles and  
their sorrows, to share with them in  
their joys and their hope, <sup>while</sup> in this vain world.  
And may it be the will of our god,  
that this shall be a time of long remem-  
-berance, with <sup>the</sup> poor old Baptists of Alex-  
-andria and may the newly united members be  
bright ornaments to his church, may they  
be sweet comforters in days of adversity  
and may they be endowed with the  
spirit from on high, to administer unto  
to the wants and comfort, of the poor and  
feeble of gods flock, and may we ever  
rejoice for the visitation of our god in  
in adding to this church such as shall  
be saved, and I your poor unworthy clerk  
will say, oh our god how can I praise  
for thy great and tender mercies, for  
this pleasure is not of this world and  
neither are we worthy amen  
Bro Borden  
church clerk

Alx<sup>th</sup> October 5<sup>th</sup> 1865.

At a Regular meeting, of the Old School Baptist Church, held at the house of Sister Wankins, on Cameron st. Preaching being over the church, was called together to consider the case, of Mary Ferguson, who at our previous meeting, came before the church at the house of sister Johnson on Water st. and stated what she hoped, was the Lords dealings with her, and her willingness to unite with the old school Baptist church at this place; But her experience not seeming clear enough by some, of the members present, objection was raised by Bro. J. Grimes; and her case was laid over to the next regular meeting in course, whereupon, her case being called up, and the members who objected, previously before, being fully satisfied, that she was a subject of grace, she was unanimously Received, as a candidate for Baptism, which was set for Sunday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1865! On Sunday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, the day previously appointed, we met on the shore of the beautiful Potomac river, and there witnessed the order of Baptism of Sister Mary Ferguson by Elder Wm J. Purrington, and from there we met at the house of Bro J. Borders on Royal st, and before the services of preaching, sis Mary Ferguson, was Received, by the right hand of fellowship, as a member of -

the Old school Baptist church of Alex<sup>a</sup>  
Va., there to share with them, in their trials,  
and joys; and oh. Thou mighty King of Saints,  
and God, of all grace, and consolation, may  
not we, with wonder of wonders exclaim,  
how unsearchable are Thy works, and  
thy ways past finding out, for well  
might Thy servant David declare, that Thy  
mercies endureth forever, and also is not  
written, that Thy children shall not make  
haste; for instance our sister, who is the  
subject of this epistle, has already a long  
way past the age allotted to man on this  
earth, and in her old age and declining  
days, has been constrained to show by example  
her faith, in the Lord Jesus, by following him  
into a watery grave, and thereby openly  
acknowledging, before a gainsaying world, her  
trust and hope in Christ her Savior, and  
her hiding place. when grim death, shall  
call her home; from this vale of tears. (Delate.

J. Proders C.C.

Pursuant to a called meeting of  
the Church at the House of Bro. Broders  
on Thursday evening Feb. 8, 1866.  
whereupon after singing a hymn &  
prayer. the ~~organized~~ Church organized  
by appointing Bro Enoch Grimes as  
Moderator, & Dr Broders clerk, the Church  
then being ready for business, the  
Case of Bro Dr Grimes, on account of  
dissatisfaction, from Causes unbrotherly  
existing between Bro Grimes & Elder W.  
J. Purrington, also. Causes unsatisfactory  
from and on account of certain reports  
which had gone out, the Cause was  
stated by Elder Purrington on his account  
and argued by Bro Grimes on his part  
the <sup>Church</sup> desiring to not act hastily in the  
matter, proposed to lay the matter over until  
the next meeting. to be given by notice,  
and also in the mean time to give  
opportunity, and by request have Bro  
Grimes to see Bro Purrington in private  
interview, and if possible adjust the  
difficulty, when he dismissed the  
meeting —

W Broders, C C

By Appointment as before noticed  
a meeting of the Church, was again held  
at the House of Bro Broders. on March 1. 1866.  
The Cause of the meeting being an act of the  
Case of Broffings, & Elder Purrington, which  
was referred to this meeting, whereupon Bro  
Grimes displayed too much warmth of the  
Flesh. and the Church seeing no possible way  
that the difference existing could be reconciled  
also. Elder Purrington giving notice publicly  
before the meeting, that he should withdraw  
himself as Pastor, under existing Circumstances  
if not adjusted, and the Church being fully  
convinced, that without action, their peace  
would be endangered, It was moved by Bro  
Broders. that Bro J. Grimes be **Excluded**  
as a member of this Church, for an indef-  
inite period of time, which motion being  
seconded. it was carried by the unanimous  
vote of the Church.

Wroden. C. C.

May our God in his own time  
give hearts of flesh. and repentance  
and may the healing waters reach the  
wound which has caused so great pain.  
Oh God hasten it in thy time, and the  
error of ~~our way~~ be made visible, and the way-  
ward be brought down to the footstool of  
thy Mercies, and the Bodily remember  
his fathers House. & return Crying, father I've  
sinned. Oh forgive, & let me be as one of thy servants

Thursday evening Oct 17, 1867  
Preaching by Appointment was held  
at the House of Bro. Broders, on Royal  
St. By Elder W. J. Purrington, on which  
occasion he preached his farewell sermon  
to us before his departure, from us, to another  
field of Labour, From 9 Chap. 15. 16. & 17<sup>th</sup>  
Verses. of Pauls epistle to the Hebrews.

The discourse was one to comfort and  
edify, and also to console, and the occasion  
will long be remembered, by the sheep of the  
House of Israel. It being the death & resurrection  
of Christ Jesus, as the only means of their hope  
of a blessed immortality, even in this world  
and into the world to come, for the Apostle declares  
It is by those means only.

After preaching Elder Purrington then took his leave  
of the church at Alexandria, as their Pastor,  
he promising to soon visit them again, when  
the first opportunity offered. The season  
was one of solemnity and deep sorrow on  
the part of the little church, and one long  
to be remembered by them. The preaching  
then being over, by request the church  
was called together to hear the experience  
of a yew lamb, which had for a long  
time been following after her masters  
sheep, and been grazing from their  
pasture, whereupon <sup>the</sup> Ellen Rebecca  
Chessier, came forward and related

unto the Church, the way the Lord she  
hoped had led her, and the many  
visions & promises she had and passed  
through from the time, she set out from  
the city of destruction, often times falling  
in the way, by hindrances of the flesh  
and this world. Yes in visions of the  
night, when her soul soared away to  
Baptismal waters, where in her vision  
she saw those who willingly obeyed her  
masters commandment, and in her journey  
one shall come seemed to be her Company  
whereupon she could no longer refrain  
from telling what The Lord had done for  
her soul, and expressing her desire to  
follow her Lord & master into a watery  
grave, and being raised up out of the  
water, a visible member of his body, while  
on this vale of tears, given a mark to be  
shot at by his enemies, with a willing desire  
to bear it all for his sake. The church  
upon hearing her testimony being fully  
satisfied, yes I may remark many long  
ago, satisfied, of her attachment to them,  
and that she was a lamb of their masters  
fold, and a subject his grace.  
upon motion being made she was  
unanimously received as a candidate  
for Baptism, which was appointed to  
be administered the following<sup>day</sup> at 12 o'clock.  
over



over.  
The Church, then dismissed. Thirdly  
And a few remaining members which  
had stopped, sung a hymn selected  
by Bro. McIntosh, Beginning bless be  
the tie that binds, and after singing  
on behalf of the Church, there was read  
a letter, which had been prepared as a  
tribute of respect and love, to their  
departing Pastor. also after reading the letter  
Bro Enoch Grimes from emotions which  
he could not keep back uttered some  
appropriate and endearing remarks -

Friday noon. The church met at the  
house of Sister C. M. Johnson on Water St.  
where again the Church was requested  
to be called together, to hear the burden  
and deliverance of another child of our  
fathers Kingdom, who through the previous night  
had wrestled until the break of day and  
had become lamed. who tho' thrice tempted  
yet notwithstanding all this, had left her  
earthly house. and was come to tell us  
what the Lord had done for her.

Saying she could stay away no longer, and  
acknowledging her weakness of the flesh in  
keeping ~~in keeping~~ her out of her Masters house.  
The Church upon hearing Mrs Julias Harris  
and the earnestness she had been enabled to  
to come to them, also long ago having a good hope  
towards her. she like unto our former Sister

been a long time grazing in our master's pastures, and had been accounted as being of a kin to our family. Joyfulled listeners unto her, and before she called they had answered whereupon by motions being made she was unanimously received as a candidate for Baptism. And from thence we proceeded to the old Baptising ground on the beautiful Potomac River. Meeting on the river Bank, the day was one clear and lovely the sun of heaven seeming as tho it had joined in the chorus of our joy, for it appeared beautiful, the water as it shone upon seemed as a sea of glass, for it stood silent as the grave without a wave. and appeared as though it was waiting to receive the caskets of the followers of its Lord's willing candidates; After a few remarks which was made by Elder Parrynton, upon the authority of the occasion. we then sang a hymn beginning Despise me not my carnal friends, and the two candidates were led gently down into the water, and there buried beneath the yielding wave. and arose again up out of the water, with this song upon their lips.

Praising God I am free, The Baptism being over, on the waters edge where they had so nobly showed unto the world and all that witnessed the scene, their faith by following their Lord & master, as he commanded into a watery grave. The two candidates were by the hand of fellowship received as  
over

members into the visible church. Then to share with her in her sorrows and to rejoice with her in her joys. So let the church rejoice, let her sing with gladness of heart, let her pick up the old song of the Children of Israel, after they had crossed the Red Sea, saying The Lord the Lord hath triumphed gloriously the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength & my song, and he is become my salvation:— Yes Dear Brethren & Sisters, if a word from your unworthy Clerk, would be appropriate, we have great cause for joy on this occasion, for when it seemed as tho a few days ago. It was to be our lot to be deprived of one who so often preached for us. one who had come in & gone out so long before us. for many years. One who had been with us in war. in sickness, in troubles & death, One who at all times been unto us a Brother and a friend, in every need of trouble, One who in life or in death, administered the word and promises of our god faithfully, whenever we called upon him and one who was ever Ready and willing to come at our call. I. Say Brethren & Sisters, at the time, when we are about to give our Brother & Minister the parting farewell, Our Lord did truly remember us, Yea how unspeakable are his mercies and his ways past finding

out. For when he is about to remove  
one from amongst us. he has on the other  
hand, repaid us double, does not our  
hearts break forth in joy, and in sorrow,  
are not we made glad, and are not we  
left sad, truly our god works all things  
well, The Lord giveth, and The Lord  
hath taken, and blessed be The name  
of The Lord Amen

W. Broder. c. c.

On the 17 day of May 1869. by appointment  
for Elder Francis. we met at the meeting room  
on Fairfax St. and after Preaching by Elder Francis  
and Jos L. Parrington. an invitation being  
extended to those who desired to relate to the Church  
any of the Lords dealings with them. Sister  
Eliza Catharine Hickerson. of Manasses Prince William  
County Va. came forward, and related how the  
Lord had led her. in bringing her from darkness  
in the marvellous light of the Gospel. also of her  
desire to manifest her faith by openly  
acknowledging her trust in her Lord by public  
profession. The Church whereupon being satisfied  
that she was a subject of grace. Received her  
as a candidate for baptism. which was set for  
the 23rd of May following. on which day  
she was baptized by Elder W. J. Parrington. and  
received as a member into the Church at a <sup>very</sup> young  
age.

Wednesday evening March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1870  
By appointment Elder A. B. Francis preached  
at the meeting room on Fairfax St. and after  
preaching, an invitation was extended to those  
who desired to talk to the Church, that  
an opportunity was offered to all such.  
When Miss Virginia McQueen came forward  
and related what she hoped the Lord had  
done for her. referring back to the time of the  
former Baptism of Sister Hickerson, of the subject  
of that we must be Born Again, and speaking of  
her deliverance by manifesting that love to the  
Brethren. so dearly espoused by all the children  
of God. The Church being satisfied that she was  
a proper subject for Baptism Received as such,  
and on the following day, at 3. p. m. she was  
baptised by Elder. A. B. Francis and the same  
day received as a member of the Church at  
Alexandria Va may our <sup>Lord</sup> Father, also to  
the fold. with shoutings of everlasting joys. upon  
their heads we pray.

W. Rogers. C. C.

Sunday in the Fall of 1869. The met<sup>ing</sup> <sup>was</sup> together at their meeting room on Fairfax Street, and after singing and prayer by Deacon Enoch Grimes - Resolved it self into order by selecting Deacon Grimes as moderator. Bro Borders. moved that we consider the action of calling some minister as our pastor, also reading a letter he had rec<sup>d</sup> from Elder J. L. Purinton of Georgia stating of the calls he had received from Sister Churches. and that if he come to us he would like to have the call. of four churches. the question being open. Bro Borders moved that this church. call Elder J. L. Purinton as their pastor, which move being seconded, it was unamiously adopted, it was then moved and seconded that Bro Enoch Grimes be appointed, to inform Elder J. L. Purinton of their action. The next in order was the necessary contribution. they would agree to give towards the support of the Pastor & family. which was subscribed to as follows.

Bro Borders \$50.00	Joseph Grimes 4 Bbls flour
E. Grimes 25 00	Mrs Jones \$ 5.00
Julia Harris 25 00	Cathie Hickerson 5 00
Carrie M. Johnson 12 50	Saml Barner 5 00
James F Grimes 12 50	
Carrie Britt 10 00	
Thos Cole 05 00	
Peggy Grimes 12 00	

And absent members to be called upon  
 After singing a hymn the Church adjourned  
 J. L. Borders  
 Church Clerk

Continued

The letter informing Bro Jos S. Purrington  
of the action of this church was  
forwarded as directed By Deacon E. Grimes,  
and in reply Elder Jos S. Purrington  
accepted the call of this as their  
Pastor. to take effect on his arrival  
in Virginia, which was on the last  
of March 1870. he preaching for us  
in that Capacity on the First Sunday  
in April. 1870.

Alexandria Va. April 7. 1870.

The Members of the old School Baptist Church of Alex<sup>a</sup> having now in the providence of a precious God, received from his beneficent hand the privilege of having a Pastor to go in and before <sup>them</sup> in their councils, and to advise them in things pertaining to the house of worship; by consent and appointment they met at the house of Sister C. M. Johnsons on Water St, and after a short discourse preached by Elder J. L. Parrington. Their new pastor, It organized itself into church order, by appointing Elder J. L. Parrington Moderator. Whereupon It was moved <sup>that</sup> the church take into consideration the rules of decorum, by which they should be governed as a church, and also, the propriety of adopting of some certain regulations to be governed by in their church conferences. The motion being approved, it was moved that Eld J. L. Parrington be appointed to draft said rules of decorum, and report them at their next meeting, for approval. Whereupon the church after singing a hymn adjourned to the next meeting on course which was appointed for the Thursday following evening.

J. L. Parrington Mod  
J. P. Braden Clerk



Rules Decorum

Thursday Evening April 14. 1870.

The Church according to Previous Appointment met at the house of sister C. M. Johnson on Water St. And after singing a hymn and prayer by Bro J. L. Purinton their Moderator Resolved itself into Church conference, to hear the report of the rules of decorum, prepared by their Bro Moderator, from order of their former Conference, which rules of decorum were read, and by vote of the Church adopted and approved. and It was ordered that the Clerk record the same in the Church book.

It was then moved that the Church agree upon, and appoint a certain day in each month, to hold their regular Church Conference, which was set for the Wednesday evening after the fourth Sunday in each month, after singing a hymn, the Church adjourned.

J. L. Purinton Mod.  
J. Broders Clerk.

Wednesday Evening April 24th 1870

The Clerk by order of Church.

now Record the Rules of decorum set apart by the Old School Baptist Church of Alexandria Virginia, and by unanimous vote adopted as the regulations of their Church Government. to be observed at their regular Conferences when convened.

# Rules or Decorum. of the Old School Baptist Church. 1840

1. st. - The Church meeting, or conference, is opened by singing and prayer. The pastor serves as moderator, but in his absence a moderator is chosen pro-tem. The Clerk makes out the minute while the Church is in session, and reads the minute at the close of the Conference.
- 2nd. - The Moderator in behalf of the Church invites brethren and Sisters members of Sister Churches to a seat.
- 3rd. - Open the door for the reception of members in any Gospel way.
- 4th - Call for reasons of absence. Each member absent at the last regular monthly conference must report at the next conference, and give the reasons, unless otherwise known.
- 5th - Call for acknowledgments. If any brother or sister has said or done anything which is a reproach to the Cause, suitable acknowledgements is due the Church.
- 6th - Inquire for references from the last church meeting to this meeting. If any reference, action must be taken upon it.
- 7th - Inquire if there is any case, or cases of grievances demanding Church discipline, if so. and in a proper shape for action, it should be taken up.
- 8th - Call for general business. Any thing of interest requiring Church action. It should be taken up. and disposed of.
- 9th - Hear the minute, and correct if necessary, with the moderator and clerks name appended to the minute, and adjourn by singing a short hymn, and proper dismissals. - - - D. Borden Clerk.

Wednesday Evening April 27. 1870

The Church by regular appointments met at their meeting room, on South Fairfax St. and after singing a hymn, and prayer ~~by~~, and some appropriate remarks by their Bro. Moderator J. Resolved itself into a regular Church Conference. To consider any questions of interest to the Church, also to examine into any omissions of neglect, in regard to articles of Faith, orders, or decorum, pertaining to their Church Book. Whereupon, upon examination of their Church-books it was found that there was no articles of faith there recorded. Owing to the present Book used, being one that was used, in the reorganization of the Church at Alexandria, after their withdrawal from the Shiloh Church at Washington D. C. where they had drifted, after the great separation of the wheat from the chaff, in 18—

Such fact being patent, it was moved for the benefit of the Church, and also for visiting brethren and generations to come, that it would be best to have recorded in this book, articles of the faith held to by them, as old School Baptists, whereupon it was moved and seconded that Eld. J. L. Purrinton their Moderator, prepare a draft of such articles of faith, for their approval and adoption at their next monthly meeting in course. after singing a hymn we adjourned.

J. L. Purrinton Mod.  
J. B. Bowers Clerk

Wednesday evening May 25<sup>th</sup> 1870  
The members of the Church met at  
their meeting room on Fairfax St.  
and after singing a hymn and  
prayer, and some general remarks  
by our Moderator & Pastor Eld. J. L. Purinton  
from the 62 Chapter of Samuel. They  
called over their church decorum, in order  
and in referance heard read the articles  
of faith, which was selected and minuted  
by their Moderator. which articles of  
faith agreeing with the apostles doctrine  
and being in accordance with the  
word of god, it was moved that they  
be adopted as views held to, by this  
Church, and as a standard of their faith  
and order; The vote then was taken  
and being unanimous, they were  
adopted, and the clerk ordered to  
record the same upon the Church book  
there being nothing more offered before  
the conference. They sang a hymn  
and adjourned to their next  
regular meeting in course.

J. L. Purinton Mod  
D. Broders clerk

# Articles of Faith, or Summary of Principles, of The Alexandrian Primitive, or Old School Baptist Church.

1st. We believe and maintain, inviolably, the  
Unity of God in his incomprehensible existence,  
and eternal perfections, as the creator of all  
worlds, visible and invisible, and all things  
seen or unseen, and is God over all blessed  
forever; and that he is revealed to his Church  
and people only, in three offices or relations,  
as the three that bear record in heaven,  
The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost,  
and these three are One. And in no way in either  
of these distinct offices is there any deprivation  
from the absolute Godhead of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

2nd. We believe the Word, which is Jesus Christ, was  
made flesh, or manifest in the flesh, and that  
the sins and iniquities of all his people were  
imputed to him, and that he suffered and died  
for them as their atoning sacrifice, was raised  
from the dead, and ascended far above all  
heavens, that he might fill all things.

3rd We believe that all the posterity of Adam are  
involved in sin and death through his transgressions,  
and are justly condemned by the Law of God, and are  
under its Curse. 4th. We believe the Children of God  
through the fall of Man, were chosen in Christ, and given  
to him in a covenant relation before the world was, and  
in time are manifested by the working of regeneration

and renewing of the Holy Ghost, as fore-  
mentioned, called, justified, and glorified,  
5th he believeth in the Calling of Grace, or new birth  
In respect of works of righteousness of the Creator, and all  
them who are born again are delivered from the power of  
darkness into the Kingdom of Gods dear son. are under  
law to Christ. 6th he believeth that faith repentance,  
remission of sins, and all good works, are incontrovertible  
evidences of the gracious state of all believers in the Lord Jesus  
Christ and are manifest in self denial, bearing the Cross  
of Christ, and living orderly and Circumspectly before the world  
in deed of charity, visiting the sick distributing to the necessities  
of the Saints, and such like acts, 7th he believeth that the  
ordinances of Baptism by immersion, and the Lords Supper  
were instituted, and bound upon the Church of Gods, by the  
Authority of Christ, and his apostles, to be observed by the  
followers of Jesus, and as practiced by orderly Premiers  
or old school Baptists, while time continues, 8th he  
believeth that the preaching of the gospel, and the exercise of all  
public gifts in the church, were ordained of God for the  
perfecting of the Saints, and for the comfort and edification of the  
body of Christ, and were not designed of God in any sense of the  
word as a substitute or means, to be used by men in salvation of  
sinners. 9th he believeth in the resurrection of the dead, and  
eternal judgment, and also in eternal happiness of the righte-  
ous. and everlasting punishment of the wicked.  
10th he believeth that what is called Sunday School, missions,  
any societies and all other societies, and institutions of men  
which are used as auxiliaries to the church are ~~not~~  
benevolent, are of human origin, and are unwar-  
anted by the scriptures of truth, and are therefore anti  
Christian, and for this reason he doth not fellowship them,  
nor any who practice or approve of them. Approved, J. Booders, etc.

J. S. Burroughs to Mr. Booders

1st. Wednesday evening June 29. 1870.  
The Church according to regular appointment met at their room on Fairfax St. and after singing a hymn and prayer. Their Pastor made some remarks from Luke 12 chap. and 32<sup>nd</sup> verse. when they organized for church ~~matters~~, Business whereupon Bro J. L. Purrington Their moderator after giving the usual invitation to visiting brethren, and opening the door to those who wished to talk to the Church. Then called <sup>for</sup> matters of Church interest, when Bro. Dr. Broders layed before the Church the reports, about Bro Robt Whiting, Colored Member. the charge being adultery, also stating that the said Bro Whiting had written him a letter confirming the same. whereupon the Church upon his own confession unanimsly put him away. and directed the clerk to erase his name from the Church book. —

2nd. The next motion of interest, was that there should be a notice sent to Elder Beebe publishing <sup>in the eyes</sup> the meeting of the association with the church alexandria in August next and Bro J. L. Purrington was appointed to send the same.

*Godly* It was then moved that there should be a letter prepared for the association, as is their custom, and it was moved that Bro J. L. Purrington should write the same, for the approval of the Church at their next meeting which was carried.

4th. It was then moved by Bro J. Broders  
that the Church elect a Treasurer, he the said  
Broders having served in that capacity some  
time, and also being Clerk, wished some one  
else appointed, and moved that Sister Julia  
Harris be appointed as Treasurer, which  
motion being seconded, It was unanimously  
adopted by the Church, that Sister Harris  
be the Treasurer of the Old Baptist Church  
at Alexandria Va.

5th Then Bro J. L. Purinton handed to the  
Clerk his letter of Church Membership  
from Holly Springs Newt Co Georgia  
also the same including that of his wife  
Cynthia Purinton, which letter being  
satisfactory to the Church, that they were  
worthy of the Fellowship of the Old Baptist  
of Alexandria, They were unanimously  
Received into full membership of the  
Church at Alexandria Virginia,  
Thereto share with us in our joys  
and our sorrows. And may the Lord  
God bless us. We ask in the name of Jesus  
after singing a hymn the Church  
dismissed to the next meeting in course.

J. L. Purinton  
Mod.  
J. Broders Clerk



July 27. 1870

The Church, according to appointment met at their meeting Room on Fairfax St. and after Praise and prayer by Brother Moderator, the Mod. read the 122 Psalm. and preached a short discourse therefrom. when Regular Church business came in order - by opening the door for the reception of members, and none offering, then came up the reference from our last meeting - which was a letter prepared for the Association which was read approved and adopted. when nothing more being moved, the meeting adjourned to the next meeting in course to meet the Association.

V. Perryman Mod  
Wm. D. Clark

August. 19. 1870.

The Association having adjourned, a meeting at night was appointed to be held at our room on Fairfax St. when Elder Francis preached a sermon. after which invitation was given to any one present, who wished to talk to the Church, when Mrs Margaret V. Steers came forward. and related her travels, and experiences also stating of her having joined the Missionary Baptists. and of her dissatisfaction with them also of her desire to unite with the Primitive Baptists, her experience and her willingness to be Baptized in their fellowship being satisfactory.

she was received as a candidate for Baptism  
which was administered by Eld J. L. Perrington  
on the first Sunday in September at Mahanass,  
with the Church at that place.

Following her came forward Miss Rebecca Williams  
of Prince Georges. who under her deep sense  
of love to the Children and Church of God  
could not refrain from telling them her  
Exercises. as a poor sinner. who wished to  
follow her Lord and Master into a paterly grave.  
The Church in her case having had former  
acquaintance with her trials and love for the  
Masters Children. received her also. as a  
Candidate for Baptism. to be administered  
the first meeting<sup>in</sup> October. with Church at  
Quantico Prince Georges. whereupon. The  
the Church adjourned, and the Association  
closed, in adoration to the King of Kings.  
for his great and glorious privileges granted  
them on this notable occasion - wherein we  
were made to rejoice and be glad.

J. L. Perrington Mod.  
J. Borders clerk

August 31st. 1870

The Church according to regular appointment met at their room on Fairfax St. And after Praise and Prayer. The Elder and Bro. Moderator Preached an encouraging discourse from Leviticus 32 Chap. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse, from the words, My doctrine shall drop as the dew. &c. When in Church order an invitation was given to any present who wished to talk to the Church to come forward when Mrs. Joyce Ann Fisher came forward and related her experience, going back in her exercises to the late war. When under the preaching of Eld. Wm J. Purrington, she saw herself a lost and undone sinner, and sometime after Eld. Hart of N.C. preached and under his discourse, she had words of Comfort applied to her. The acquaintances of the Church with her and her former conversation with them, being of such a character as to convince them of the workings of the Spirit. She was unanimously received as a candidate for Baptism which was administered on the next day following at the Old Baptising Ground by Elder J. L. Purrington - at 10 o'clock when she was received into the little Church at Alexandria Va. - there to share with them in their joys and sorrows. May God of his great mercy be the widow, God and husband. and provide for all her necessities. is our prayer. -

J. L. Purrington mod  
W. Brodie clerk

September 28. 1870

The Church met at their room on Fairfax St. regular appointment, and after Praise & prayer. Bro Moderator 3rd Chapter of Colossians and called over the deacons. reminding the Church of their Pastoral support which required immediate attention. Bro Grimes also moved that the time had arrived that fuel was required for the use of the room. and that it receive immediate attention, when we adjourned to meeting in course. <sup>J. L. Purrington</sup> W. Borders Clerk

October 26. 1870

The Church met at their room on Fairfax St. regular appointment and after Praise & prayer. There was an interesting discourse preached by Eld. J. L. Purrington from 6th Chapter of Matthew when the Church proceeded to regular Church business, and called up the unfinished business from their last meeting, when Sister Harris handed over the money that had been collected for pastoral support. up to that time amounting to \$106 - 20 Cents to Elder Purrington. Bro C. Grimes then moved that the collections that was taken up at their meetings be applied to pay for coal and necessary expenses. and all that was left over be handed to their Pastor. which motion was adopted.

J. L. Purrington Mod  
W. Borders Clerk

Adjourned

Sunday evening Oct 30. 1870

After Communion, the Church was requested to wait, and hear the hope of Sister Mansfieldman who wished to relate the dealings of the Lord with her in her experiences; and going back in her life some 17 years. and of late her desire becoming so warm towards the people of God that she could not refrain any longer from keeping back her hopes in the Lord &avior Jesus Christ, but wished to lay her case before the Church and if acceptable to follow her Lord in his Divine Commands. saying it was better to obey than sacrifice, her testimony being satisfactory, she was unaniamously received as a candidate for Baptism, to be administered on the next Wednesday week following. on which day she was baptised in the river potomac at the old baptising place. and at the waters edge was received into the full fellowship of Church, there to join them in all their joys, and sorrows. While in this vale of the flesh; may her God keep her in all his ways.

J. L. Harrington Mod.  
W. W. Roders Clerk

Wednesday Evening Nov. 30. 1870

The Church met as their usual regular appointment  
and after Praise & Prayer. Elder J. L. Parrington  
preached an instructive discourse from Matthew  
18th Chap. & first six verses inclusive,  
When the Church after dismissing the congregation  
resolved itself into regular Church meeting,  
The first motion was made by Bro Moderator.  
Offering a resolution for the better government of the  
Church meetings, which reads as follows. viz?  
That the Primitive Baptist Church of Alexandria Va  
have taken into consideration, the propriety of holding  
our Church meetings, privately, or with closed doors,  
and have resolved unanimously to hold our  
Church meetings, as above stated, with the fol-  
-lowing provisional Considerations, Brethren & Sisters  
Members of Sister Churches, in good standing and  
full fellowship in their respective Churches, present  
with us, are invited to seats, Also all persons  
present who may wish to unite with the Church,  
or desire to offer for membership, are allowed to  
remain, All others are respectfully requested to  
retire, This action on our part, is for self protection  
in the enjoyment of our own rights and privileges  
also. That each member or person present is  
bound, or to feel duty bound not to publish  
outside of the Church, their Church family affairs.  
The above resolution was unanimously adopted.  
and ordered to be recorded in the Church book.  
The next move was made by Bro J. L. Parrington

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enquiring about the case of Joseph Grimes, who was some time ago. excluded from the Church, also wishing to know why he was excluded, also the case as it stood recorded in the Church books, seemed rather to infer that the matter was not fully closed up; the word suspended being used in the place of excluded, when Bro J Borders explained the reason why that word was used, it being at that time a trying case, and feeling sorely the task devolving upon them, to cut off a member to save the body alive, the word was used hoping that grace, might soon restore the severed member. again unto the body. - When after considerable conversation upon the subject. and four years having nearly elapsed. and there being no visible evidence his return and acknowledgements to the Church. it was moved that the word suspended in the record be erased. and the word excluded. be inserted in its place. which was unamiously adopted. Eld. Perrington then again wished to be informed of the principal cause, of his exclusion, when Bro E. Grimes related the circumstances that transpired, as near as he could recollect. also other members who was present at that meeting. the chief cause of the action taken by them at that time, was on account of the bad spirit, and unkind language manifested toward the Church by him, on that occasion. it being impossible to fellowship him any longer in the Church, J. L. Perrington made under the circumstances - Bro Borders clerk

Wednesday evening Jan 25. 1871

Regular Church meeting, and after praise & prayer. Sermon by Elder J. L. Parrynton from 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> verses of 1<sup>st</sup> Pet., when church organized for business, on motion it was resolved that the Church have their Communion of the Lords Supper on every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. when necessary arrangements for church expenses &c. was ordered, and adjourned to next meeting in course.

J. L. Parrynton Mod.  
J. W. Broder clerk.

Wednesday evening March 1<sup>st</sup>. 1871

Church met according to appointment, and after praise & prayer. Sermon by Elder Parrynton from Joshua. 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter 15<sup>th</sup> verse. when the Church called for business in order, and no motions offered they adjourned to meeting in course.

J. L. Parrynton Mod.  
J. W. Broder clerk.

Wednesday evening April 26. 1871

Regular church meeting night, and after praise & prayer Eld. J. L. Parrynton preached from Romans 8<sup>th</sup> Chap. 35. 36. & 37 verses. when the Church called for business in regular order, and Bro. E. Grimes handed in his report of the Collected money on hand, which was received, and ordered that after paying expenses. the balance on hand be turned over to their Pastor, when they adjourned to next meeting in course.

J. L. Parrynton Mod.  
J. W. Broder clerk.



Wednesday evening June 26th 1872

The Church met according to appointment and after praise & prayer, Elder J. P. Purinton read the 118th psalm and preached therefrom after preaching. The regular invitations was given to visiting brethren, and business relating to the Church was called. When it was moved that

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Wednesday evening Sept 20 1871

The met according to appointment and after praise & prayer. Eld J. L. Purinton preached from the 7th chapt Romans in part. Commencing at the 9th verse, after which they resolved into Church Conference for business. When Robert Whiting<sup>col</sup> who was formerly excluded from the Church, came forward, and acknowledged with much humility and sorrow his present state as he stood, and asked the forgiveness of the Church and if consistent his restoration back as a member, after satisfactory examination, and admonitions. on motion of Bro. E. Grimes, he was received back to the fellowship of the Church by unanimous vote of the Church. When we adjourned to meeting in course

J. L. Purinton Mod  
W. Broder Clerk

Wednesday Evening Oct. 25. 1871  
The Church met according to appointment and after  
praise & prayer Elder Purinton preached from  
4th Chap. 1st & 2nd verses. after which the Church  
organized for business, when it was moved that  
the prayer meetings on Sunday evenings be regularly  
attended especially when there is no preaching, also that  
the members attend regularly to the meetings.  
which being agreed to we adjourned to next meeting  
in course  
I Purinton Mod  
J. Broder Clerk.

Wednesday evening Nov. 22/71  
The Church met according to appointment and  
after praise & prayer. Eld I L Purinton preached  
from Matthew 8th Chap. 13th verse. when the was  
called together in conference. and the former  
question of prayer meetings was called up in  
absence of the pastor, and it was unanimously  
agreed to hold them every other Sunday at the  
houses of the members. when we adjourned  
I L Purinton Mod  
J. Broder clerk

Wednesday evening Dec. 27. 1871.  
The Church met according to appointment, and Bro  
E Grimes being sick. the adjourned to his house. and after  
praise & prayer Eld Purinton preached from Hebrs 1st  
Chap 14th verse, after which no business offer-  
-ing they dismissed to meeting in. Course.  
I L Purinton Mod  
W. Broder clerk.

Wednesday Evening Jan 24. 1872

Regular night for church meeting and after  
praise & prayer. Elder I L Parrynton preached from  
2nd Cor. chap. 6th. 1st 2nd & 3rd verses. after  
which no business offering we adjourned  
to meeting in course.

I L Parrynton Mod  
W Broden clerk

Wednesday Evening Feb. 21. 1872

Regular church meeting night, after praise  
& prayer Elder I L Parrynton preached from  
1st Cor. 1st chap. 7 & 8 verses. when they  
adjourned to meeting in course.

I L Parrynton Mod  
W Broden clerk

Wednesday Evening May 22nd 1872

Regular church meeting night and  
after praise & prayer Elder Parrynton preached  
from Heb. 11th Chap 27th verse. when  
no business offering they adjourned to meeting  
course.

I L Parrynton Mod  
W Broden clerk

Wednesday Evening June 26th 1872

The church met according to appointment and after  
praise & prayer Elder I L Parrynton preached  
from the 118th psalm. after which the church  
was organized for business. when it was moved that  
a letter be prepared for the association at Manassas  
whereupon Eld I L Parrynton was appointed to write  
the same. and adjourned to meeting in course.

I L Parrynton Mod  
W Broden clerk

Wednesday evening July 24. 1872

Regular Church meeting night, and after  
Praise & prayer Elder J L Parington preached  
from **Isaiah** 30th Chap 19 + 20 verses, after  
dismissing the congregation the letter prepared for  
the Cir. Association was read and approved  
and 3¢ appropriated to pay for printing the minutes  
when the adjourned to meeting in course.

J L Parington Mod. W. Borden clerk

Wednesday Evening Jan 22. 1873

The Church met according to regular night  
of appointments and after Praise & prayer  
Elder J L Parington preached from 2nd Chap Eph.  
inclusiv. when the church called for business  
none offering adjourned to meeting in course.

J L Parington Mod  
W. Borden clerk

Wednesday evening March 11th 1873

It was regular Church meeting night, and  
after praise & prayer. Elder J L Parington preached  
Matt. 11th Chap. 29 - + 30 verses. after which  
the invitation was given for any one wishing to  
talk with the church to come forward.  
when sister Emma Williams came forward  
and related her experience to the church,  
which being satisfactory in motive she  
was received as a candidate for Baptism  
which was set for the 5th Sunday in March  
following. when other invitation was extended  
and sister Mary Lyles an aged lady also

came forward and told her many trials  
and desire to unite also with the church  
and the Church also being satisfied that  
she too was a fit subject for Baptism she  
was received as a candidate for baptism  
on same day 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in March -  
after which Sister Hannah Ashford came  
forward and also related a very satisfactory  
experience, and she too was received as a  
Candidate for baptism on the same day as  
the others before her -

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in March 1873 we met at the  
old baptising ground on Potomac river  
at half past 8 o'clock in the morning and  
under the silver clouds of the morning  
Elder J L Purinton Baptised the three  
before mentioned candidates, and after  
obeying their Lord & Master as commanded  
we adjourned to the meeting room on Fairfax  
street where after preaching, the newly  
baptised followers of Jesus was received into  
the fellowship of the church, by the hand  
of their pastor, where they can share the  
pilgrims trials, and reap the Christians  
reward -  
J L Purinton mod  
I Broderick clerk

Wednesday April 23 1873. The Church met  
at her room according to appointment, and  
after Praise & prayer, Eld J L Purinton  
preached from Eph. 3rd Chap. 14th & 15th  
verses; After which the Church was called to  
order for Church meeting, extending the usual  
invitation to visiting brethren and friends  
to seats, and giving the usual invitation  
to any who wished to talk with the Church  
to come forward, when Mrs Lucy Carter  
came forward and related her experience  
which being satisfactory on motion she was  
unanimously received as a candidate for Bap-  
tism to be administered on the next fifth  
Sunday following - after which the request  
of Sister Jane Wedden asking for loan of  
benches - was acted upon, but afterwards  
deferred - by request of Eld. Purinton.

J L Purinton Mod  
W Broden Clerk

Wednesday evening May 21st, 1873 the  
Church met according to appointment  
at their south Fairfax St, and after praise  
and prayer, Eld J L Purinton preached  
from Heb 7th Chapter 25th verse, when  
after dismissing the audience, the Church was  
called to order for Church meeting, the usual  
invitation was extended to brethren & sisters

and a door was opened for them who  
wished to talk to the church to come forward,  
when a Mrs Tyler related her trials, and  
experiences to the church, her case being  
not satisfactory, it was laid over to the next  
meeting, when we adjourned to the meeting  
in course

J. L. Purinton Mod.  
W. Borden clerk

Wednesday evening June 11th 1873, the church  
met according to appointment on Fairfax st. and  
after praise & prayer, Eld J. L. Purinton preached  
1st Corinthians 3rd Chap 21. 22. 23rd verses, followed  
by Bro. W. M. Smoot with corresponding remarks,  
where the congregation was dismissed, and the  
church called to order for church meeting,  
the usual invitation to visiting brethren was  
extended, and the same invitation was given  
to any who wished to talk with the church  
to come forward. When Bro. W. E. Carter  
came forward and related his experiences  
dating back to the early days of his life  
which relation being satisfactory he was  
unanimously received a candidate for baptism  
after which Miss Maggie Fisher came  
forward and also related a very  
satisfactory experience and she ~~to~~ was  
unanimously received, a candidate for baptism  
when we took up reference. The case of Mrs Tyler  
was indefinitely postponed, when Bro. G. H. Gimes

by request of Caroline Davis, ask the permission  
of the church, to grant her a talk with  
them, she being an excluded member - The  
request being granted, she came forward  
and acknowledged her faults and asked  
the forgiveness of the church, after which  
Bro E. Grimes moved that she be restored back  
to the fellowship of the church, the church not  
acting her case was laid over to the next church  
meeting. Adjournd I. L. Perinctor Mod  
W. Broden clerk

5th Sunday in June 1873.  
According to appointment we met at the  
river side above the upper coal wharf,  
at 9 a.m. and after the usual ceremony  
the three foregoing candidates, W. E. Cates  
Lucy Carter + Maggie Fisher, followed  
their Lord + Master into a watery grave,  
and was baptized by Eld. I. L. Perinctor.  
after which we proceeded to our meeting  
room on Fairfax st. and after preaching  
the foregoing three was received into  
the fellowship of the church, there to  
share with us all our appointed times.  
I. Broden clerk



Wednesday evening July 23. 1873.

The Church met according to appointment  
and after praise & prayer Eld J L Purinton  
preached from Romans 8th Chapter 1st & 2nd  
verses, after which the church organized  
by inviting visiting brethren to seats,  
and extending their usual invitation to those  
who wished to talk with the church  
none offering for membership, the case  
of reference of Caroline Davis left over  
from last meeting was called up, when  
she again expressed a desire to be  
restored back to the fellowship of the church  
acknowledging the action of the church in  
her exclusion just, and leaving her case  
entirely at the mercy of the church,  
when Bro Grimes again moved his  
former motion to restore her to church  
fellowship, which motion being seconded  
by unanimous vote she was received  
back to the fellowship of the church,  
and the same in custom extended by the  
moderator, May her God keep her unspot-  
ted from the world.

J L Purinton mod  
H M Dyer clerk

Wednesday Evening Sept 24. 1873.

The Church met according to appointment and after Praise & Prayer Eld I L Purington preached from Matthew 4th Chapter & 4th Verse. After which the Church organized for Business by extending the usual Invitation to visiting brethren & sisters also giving opportunity to any who wished to talk with the Church, no one coming forward. The time was occupied by brethren with remarks, and adjourned to the next meeting in course. I. L. Purington Mod  
W. Borden Clerk

Wednesday evening Nov. 19. 1873. The Church met according to appointment, and after Praise & Prayer. Eld I. L. Purington preached from 1st John 2nd Chapter & 2nd Verse. The congregation being dismissed, the was called to order, and visiting brethren was invited to seats with us. After extending the usual invitation, and none coming forward. We adjourned with fellowship to the next meeting in course. I. L. Purington Mod.  
I. L. Borden Clerk

Wednesday evening December 24. 1873.

The Church met according to appointment, and after Praise & Prayer. Eld I L Purington preached from Zeppheniah 3rd Chapter 12th Verse. The congregation being dismissed and usual Invitations being extended, and no business coming up, the brethren occupied the time in remarks - and adjourned to the next meeting in course. I. L. Purington Mod. W. Borden Clerk

Wednesday evening January 21. 1874

The Church met according to appointment and after praise & prayer, Eld J L Purington preached from Acts. 15th Chapter 16 & 17th verses, after which the congregation was dismissed, and the church called to order for business. When visiting brethren was invited to seats with us, and the door for admission was opened, to those who wished to talk to the church; nine coming forward Bro. C. Grimes suggested the election of another deacon and named Bro Edward Carter, no action being taken, the brethren spoke a few moments in giving expressions of confirmation to the truths that had been spoken on the occasion, after which Eld J L Purington stated before the church the substance of a letter he had received from Sister Virginia C McQueen, acknowledging her unscriptural walk of late, and her sorrow on account of the same, and asking the forgiveness of the church, and desiring their prayers. The church by unanimous consent agreed to forgive her, hoping the Lord would enable her to walk as becometh the gospel of Christ, when we adjourned. to our next meeting in course

J. L. Purington Mod  
J. B. Borders Clerk.

Wednesday evening February 18th, 1874  
The Church met according to appointment and  
after praise & prayer. Eld J. L. Partridge preached  
from 2nd Corinthians 13th Chapter 4th Verse.  
After preaching the congregation was dismissed,  
and visiting brethren were invited to seats with  
us. When the usual invitations were extended to  
give opportunity for any who wished to talk to the  
Church, none offering. The Church took up regular  
business and Bro Grimes again moved the  
appointment of another deacon in the Church.  
and moved that Bro D. Broder be chosen as  
deacon. which motion being seconded by Bro  
E. Carter, it was by unanimous vote of the Church  
adopted, that Bro D. Broder be one of the deacons  
of the Church, after which Eld J. L. Partridge  
brought forward the letter of Sister V. E. McQuinn, acted  
on in our former meeting, and it was ordered that  
said letter be recorded in the Church book.  
When we adjourned as usual. J. L. Partridge Mod  
D. Broder clerk

Copy of Sister Virginia E. McCains letter.  
Dumfries. Oak Grove Prince Georges Co

Dear Brother Purington.

If such a poor unworthy worm of the dust be permitted to call you thus, it is very sorrowful to my feelings to have to write to you on such a subject as this, I know I have done wrong, and beg to be forgiven by the Church, I was persuaded by my Gay companions to join in the amusements, although I did not enjoy myself, I know that I was doing wrong, you what frail mortals we are when left to ourselves, when the Lord withdraws his presence from us, how easily we are to go astray, the Lord has chastised me severely for it, and I will never do so again, let the Church consider over this reproach, and I will be satisfied with whatever they think best. I feel very unworthy to be among you. and yet I desire to be forgiven, and still remain with you all, I would have written to you concerning this subject before now. But I expected to return to Alexandria soon after the transgression occurred, I hope to be with you all soon, please answer this letter soon and let me know the result, I ask the prayers of the Church, that I may be kept from going astray.  
Your little sister in hope of eternal life

Virginia E. McCains

I now turn over this book to Bro  
William E. Carter, who has by  
unanimous vote of the Church, been  
elected clerk of the Old School  
Baptist Church of Alexandria Va.  
, In doing so I pray that the God  
of Israel may grant unto him, ~~his~~  
aid and support, in all the duties  
devolving upon him in his official  
character, and that the choice of  
the Church in selecting him their  
clerk, may prove unto the good  
of the Church, and to our Brothers  
experiance in the things of the  
Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour.  
Jesus Christ - Amen.

Joseph Proders  
retiring Clerk.

Alexandra No. May 27 1874  
Church met according to appointment  
and after praise and prayer Elder  
J. G. Perington he preached from  
the 2<sup>d</sup> Gen Epistol of Jhd 20 & 21 verses  
after which the Church organized  
by inviting visiting brethren to seats  
and extending the usual invitation  
to them who wished to talk with the  
Church none offering for membership  
the Church called for business there  
being none we adjourned with fellow  
shipt till the next meeting in course

Eld. J. G. Perington  
W. I. Carter

Thursday Evening Aug 26 1874  
The Church according to regular appointment  
and after singing a hymn and prayer by  
Eld J. L. Perington the Presch gave James  
5<sup>th</sup> Chap 10 & 11 Verses after which the Church  
Organised by inviting visiting Brethren  
to lead with them and extending the  
usual invitation to any that wish to  
talk to the Church there being none  
Business was then called for where upon  
it was thought best to take in consideration  
some action in regard to Sister Macken  
where upon it was thought best to appoint  
Eld J. Perington to write her a letter and  
request her to attend our next Church  
Meeting in care —————  
Now rather business come before the Church  
and we adjourned with a flourish till  
the next meeting in care —————

Eld J. L. Perington Mod  
Wm. L. Carter Clerk



Thursday Evening August

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Monday Evening Sept 23 1874

Church meet according to appointment  
and after singing and him Brother  
Brondees spoke in prayer  
The Church then organized by appointing  
Brother Brondees Moderator Business  
was then called for and the case of Sister  
Machren brought up she not being pres  
ent according to promise and our Pastor  
Elder J L Pimington being absent it was  
thought best to continue her case until  
our next Church meeting in course  
Brother Brondees was appointed to write  
her a letter and request her to attend  
our next Church meeting in course  
Now other business came before the Church  
and we adjourned with fellowship until  
our next meeting in course

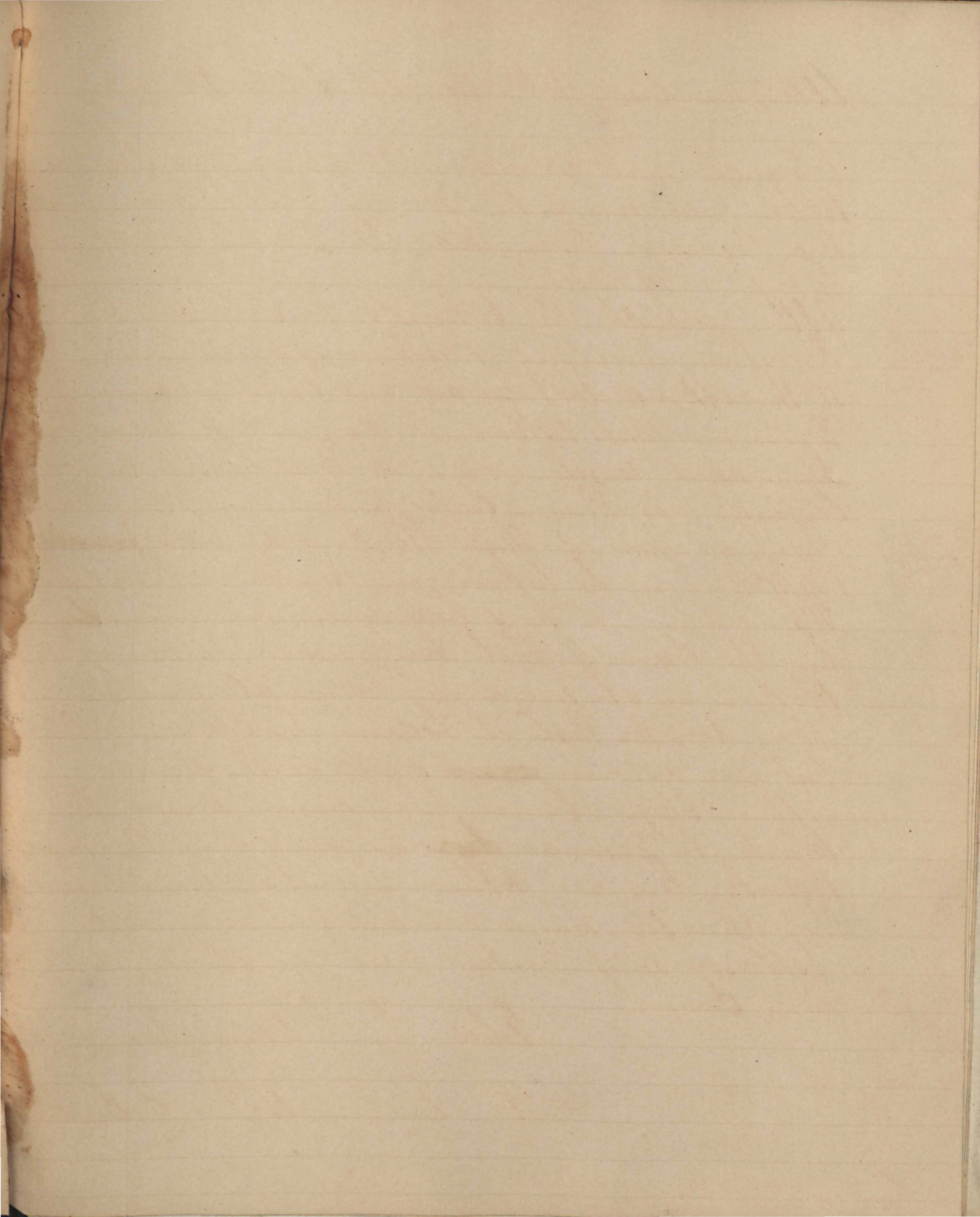
Brother J Brondees Mod  
W E Carter Clerk

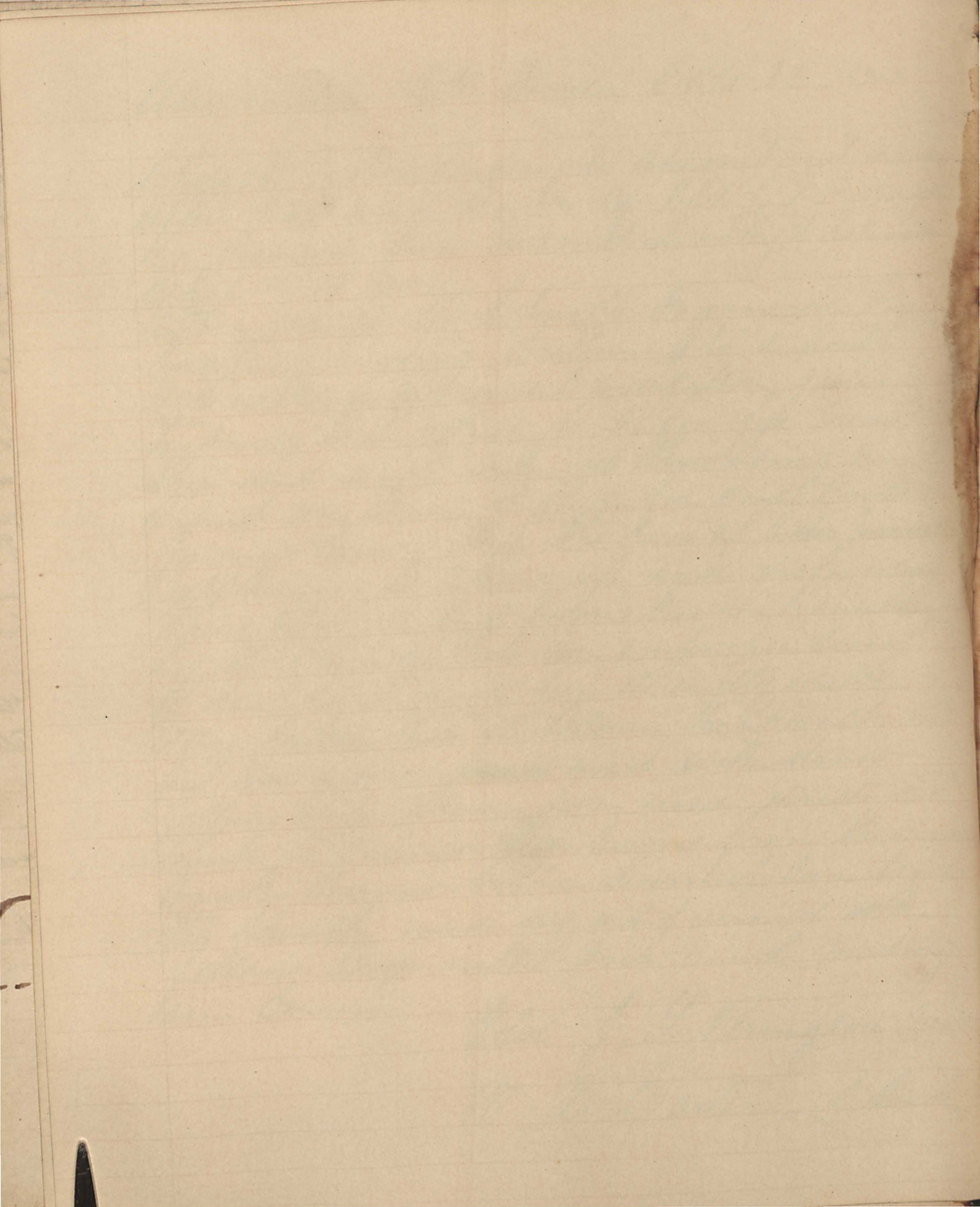
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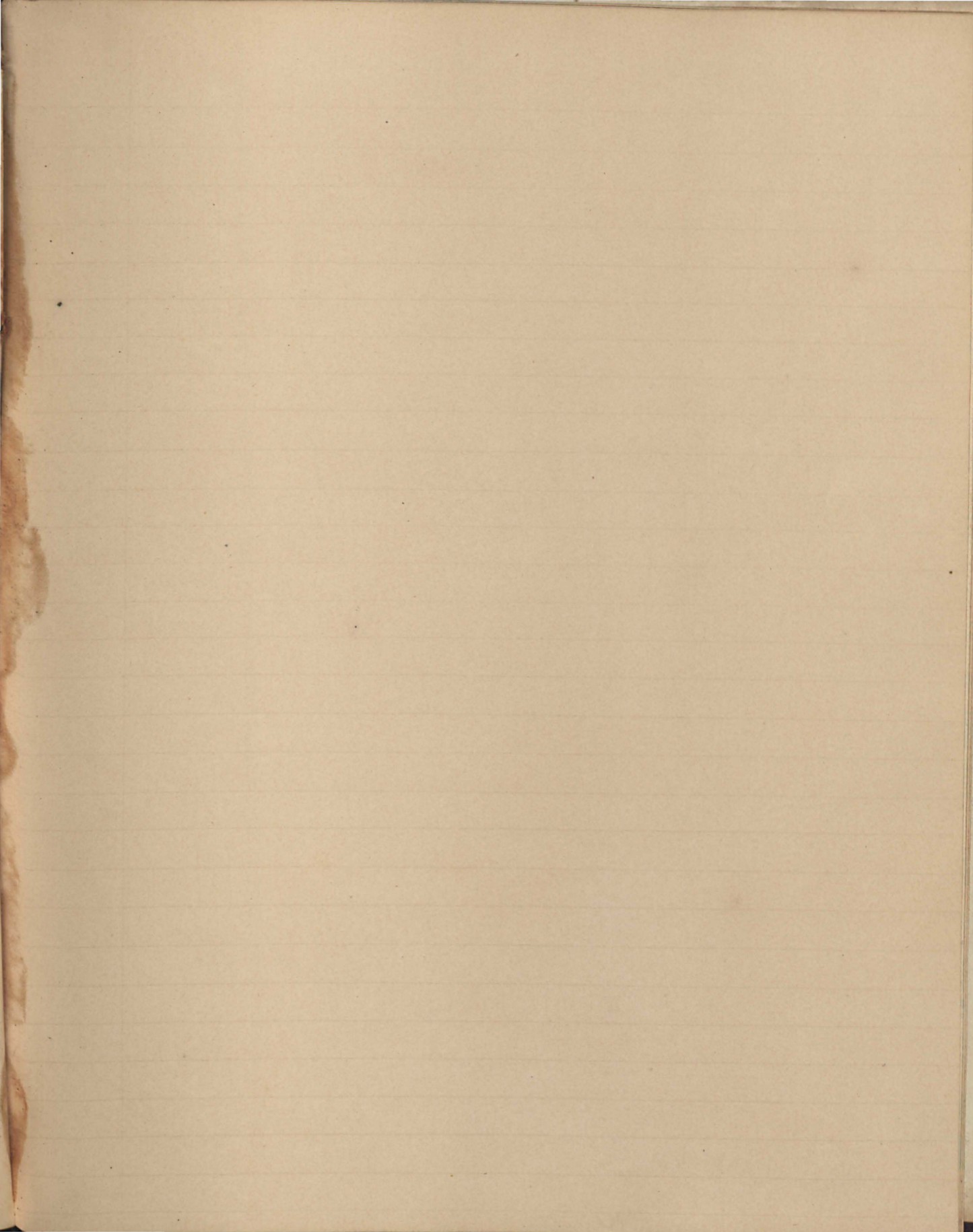
Church met according to appointment and  
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He preached from Second Timothy 4 Second  
Chap 4 19 Verse  
After which the Church Organized by  
Inviting visiting Brethren to a Lent  
with us and the usual invitation given  
by saying that we had to offer for member  
ship and unite with us there being none  
business was then called for and Brother  
Grimes moved that the case of Sister ~~Mackin~~  
Mackin be taken up and disposed of  
where upon it had become known unawares  
by the Church that her improper course  
of conduct and her disingenuous  
ways such that it became the Church to  
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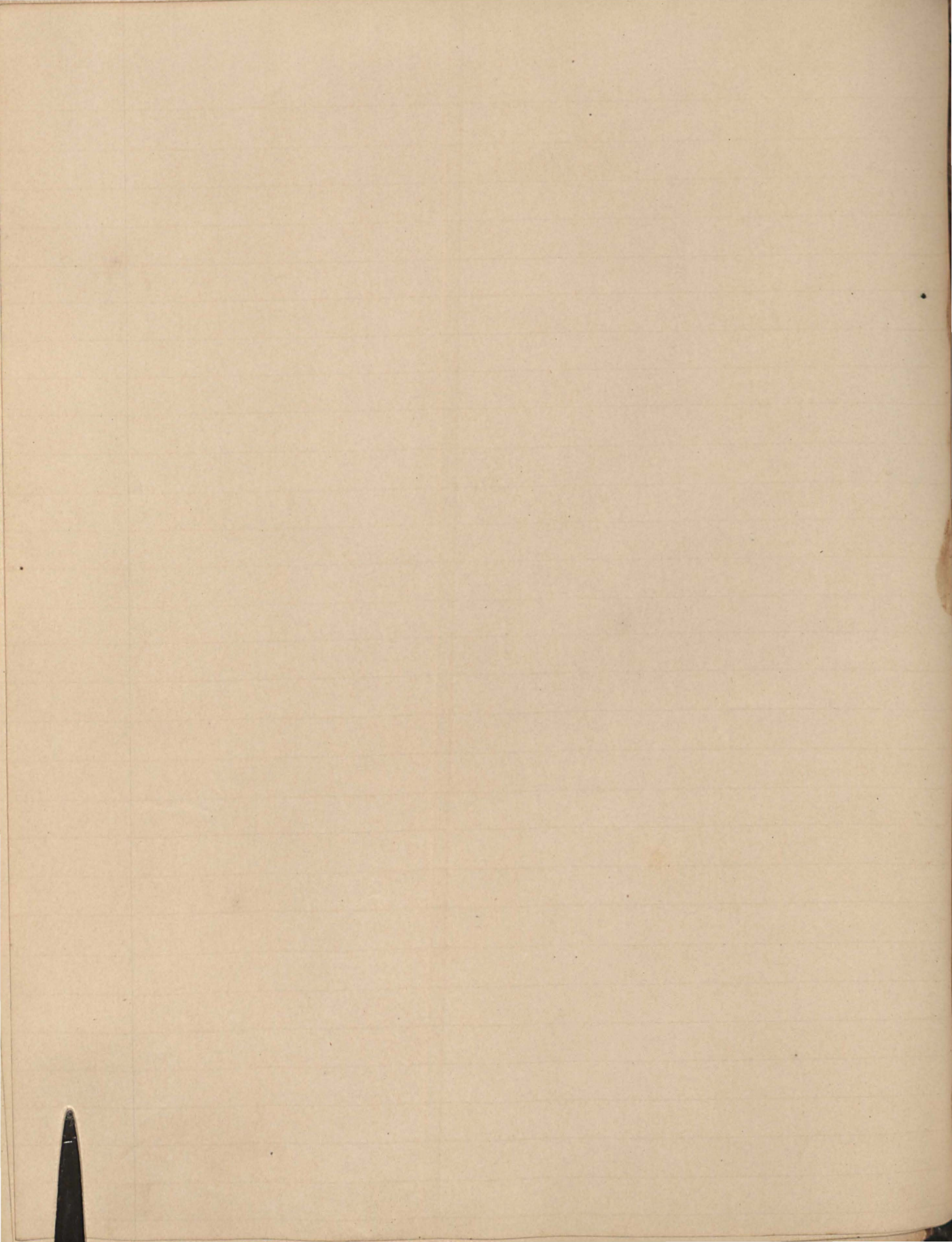
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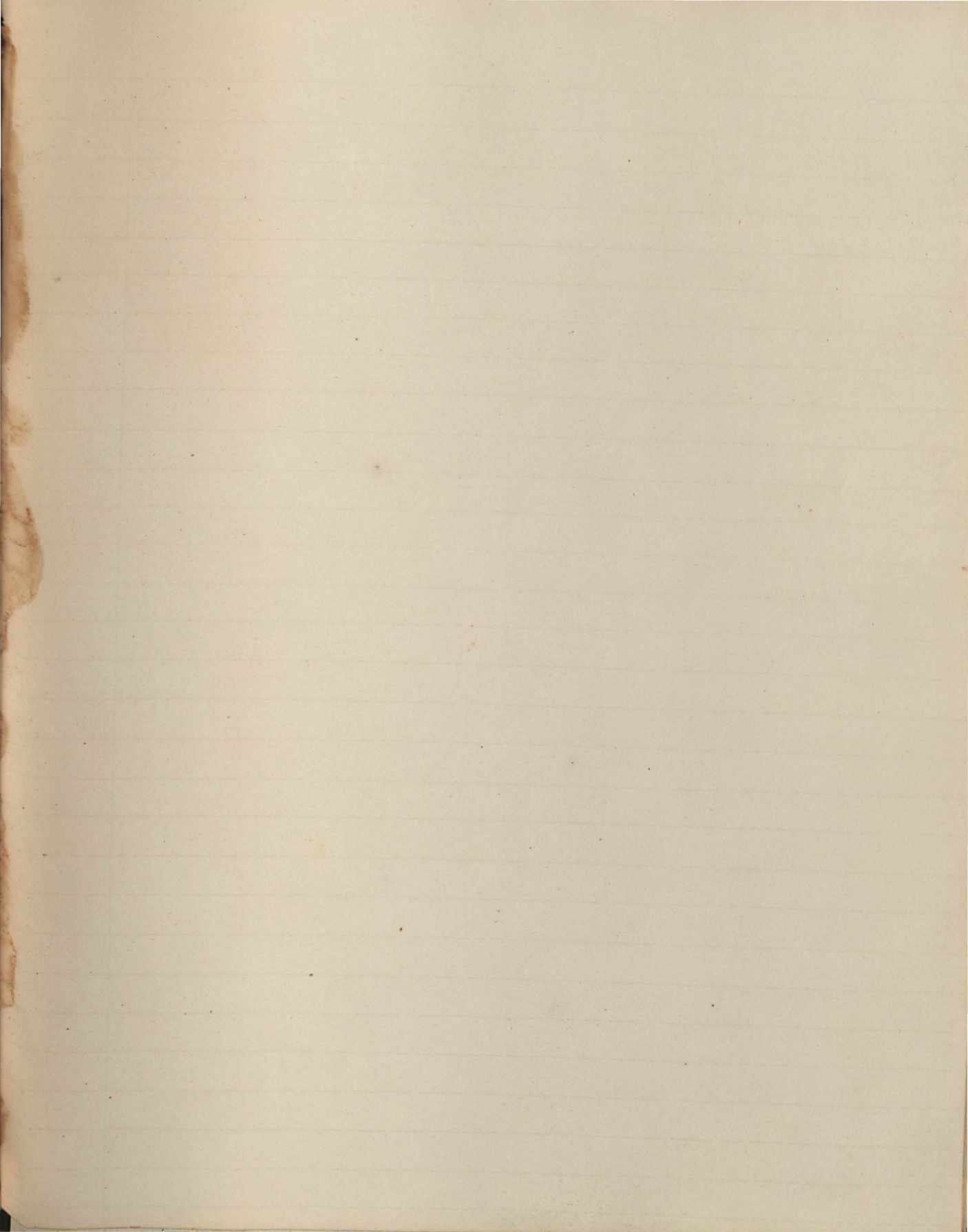
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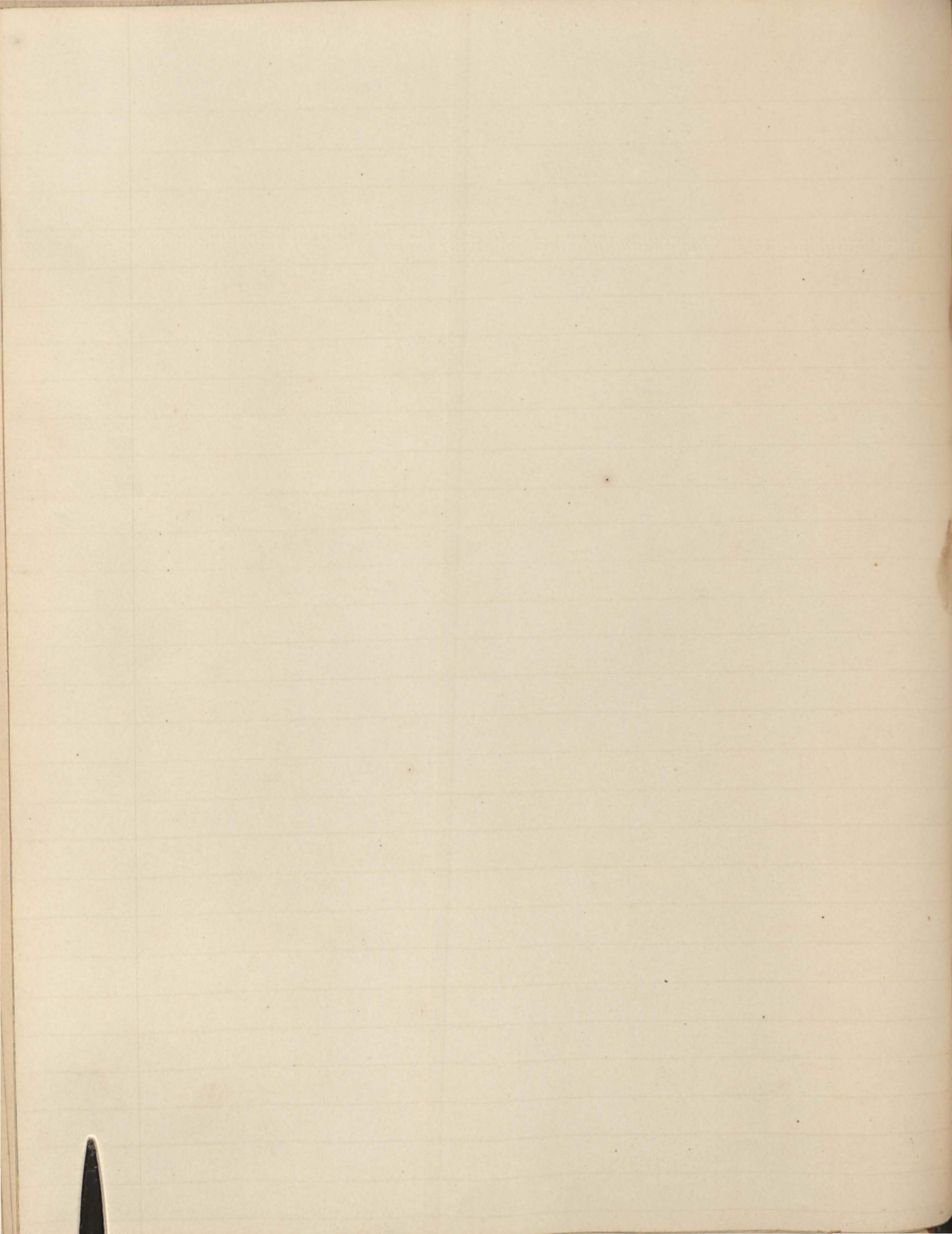


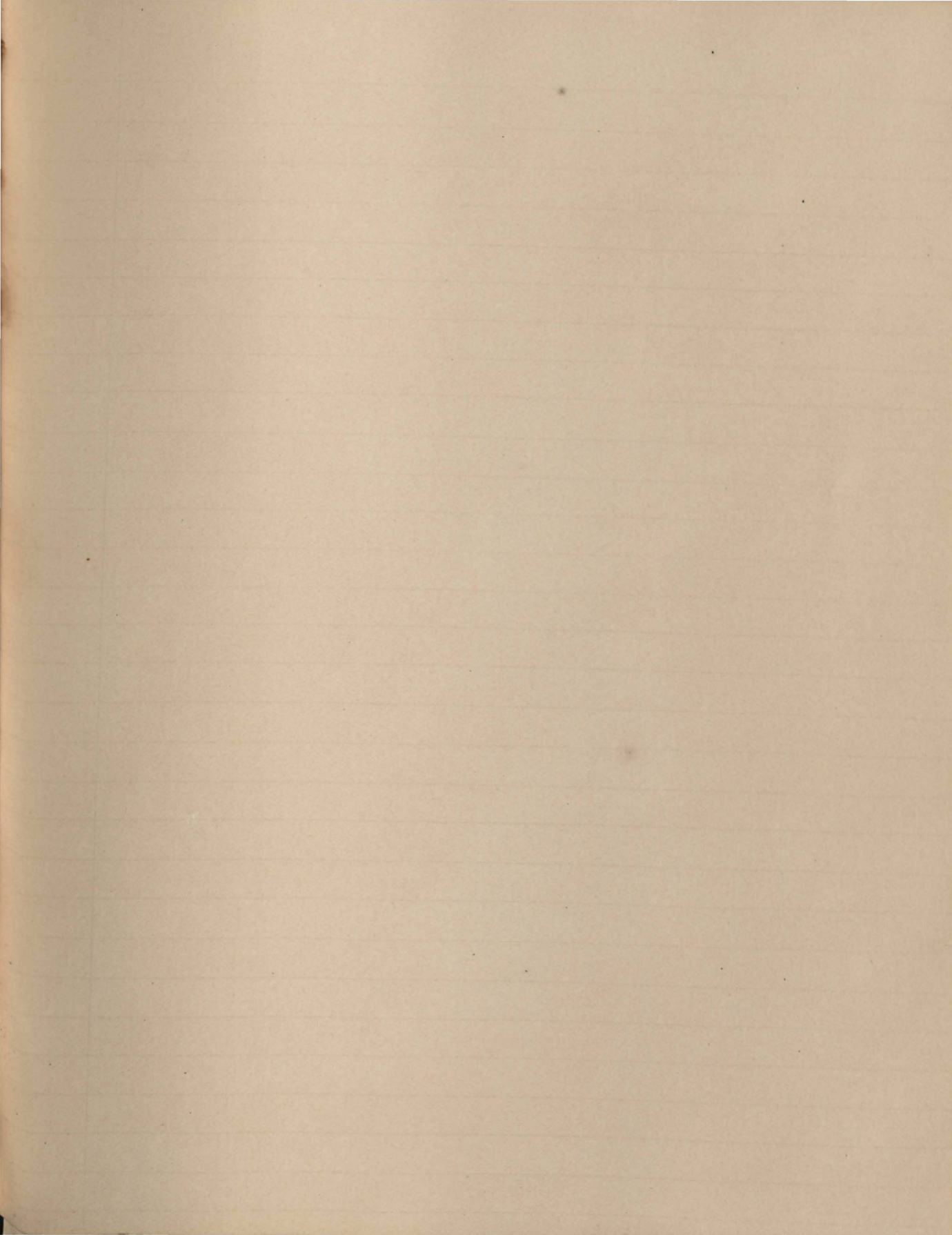


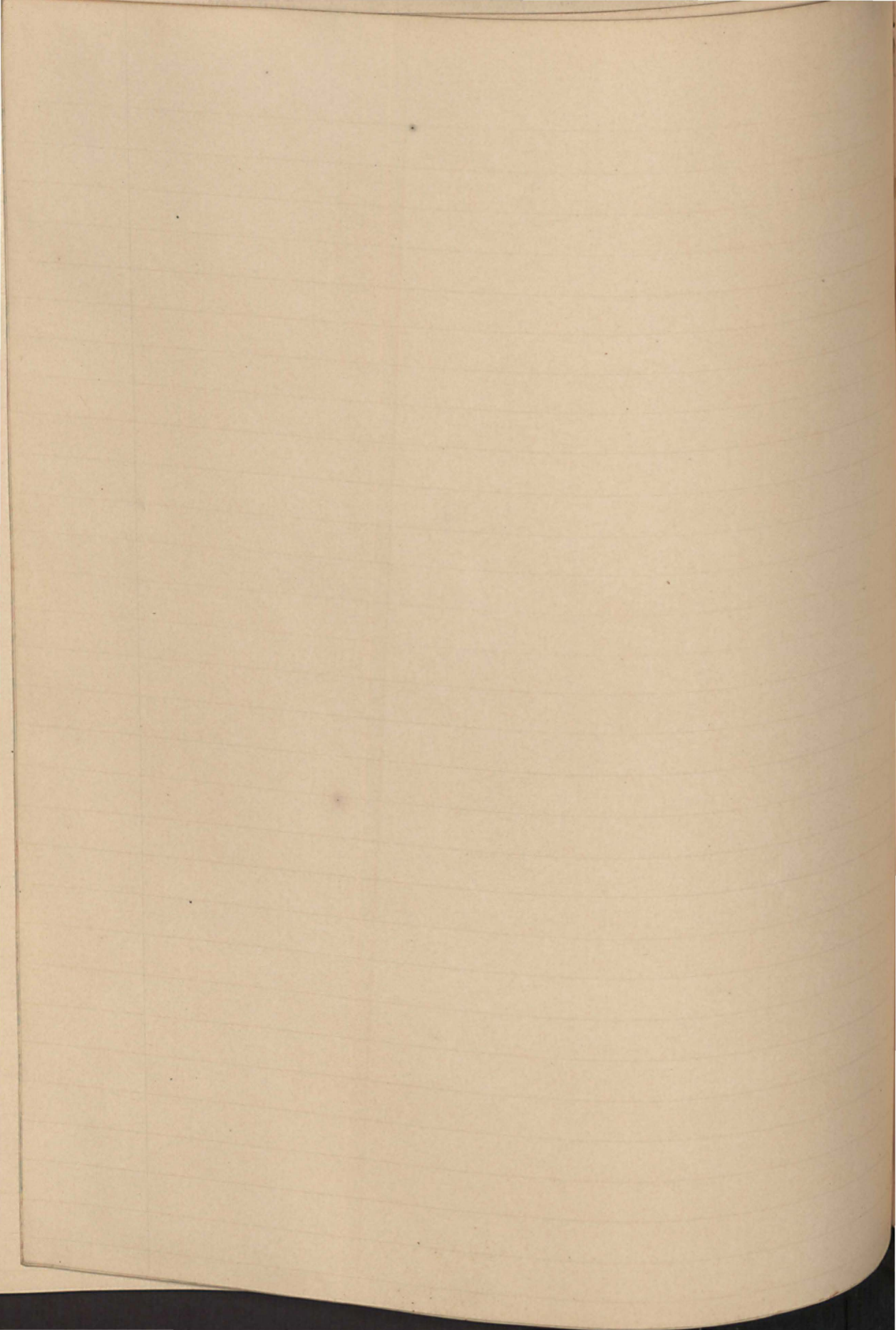


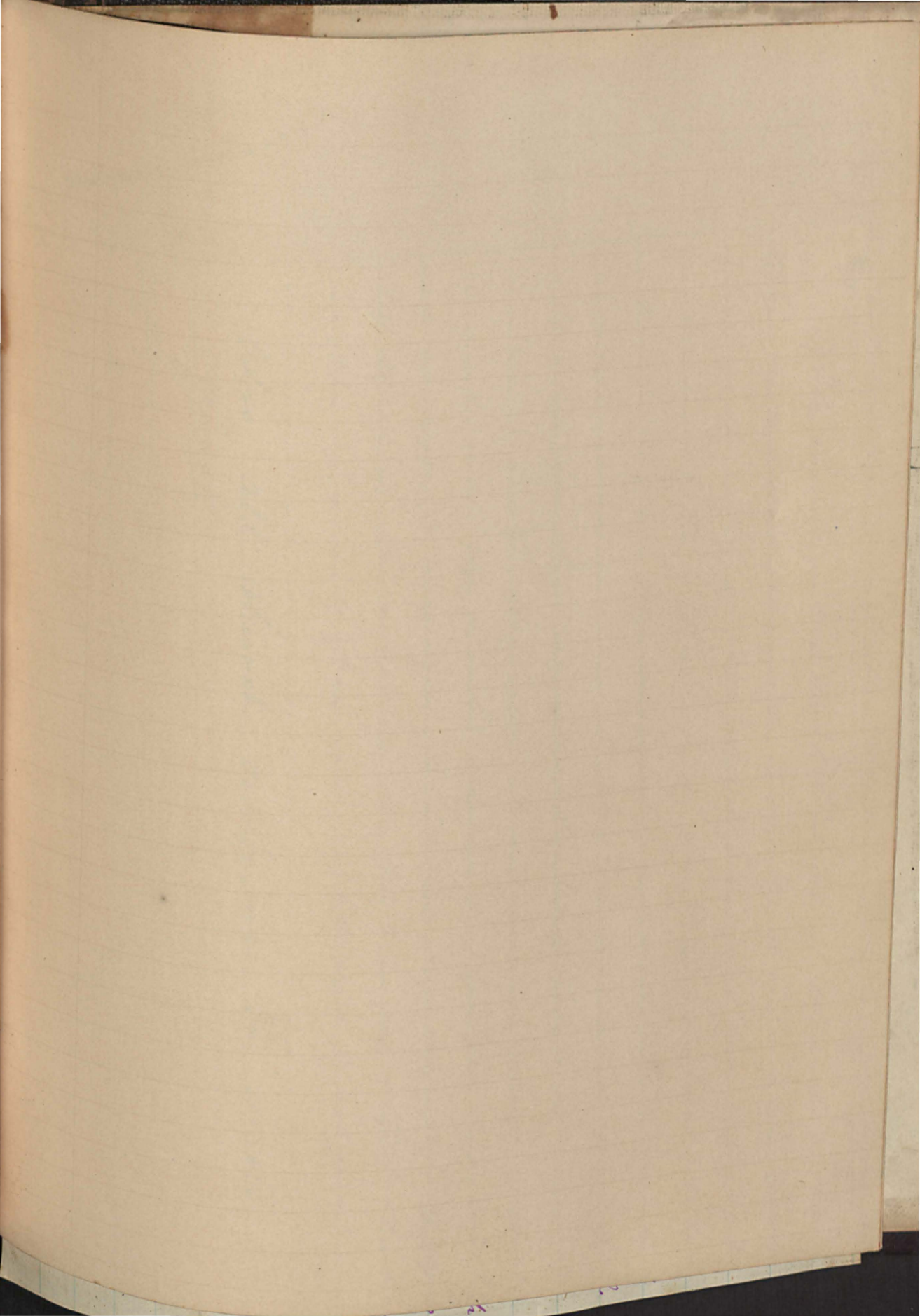


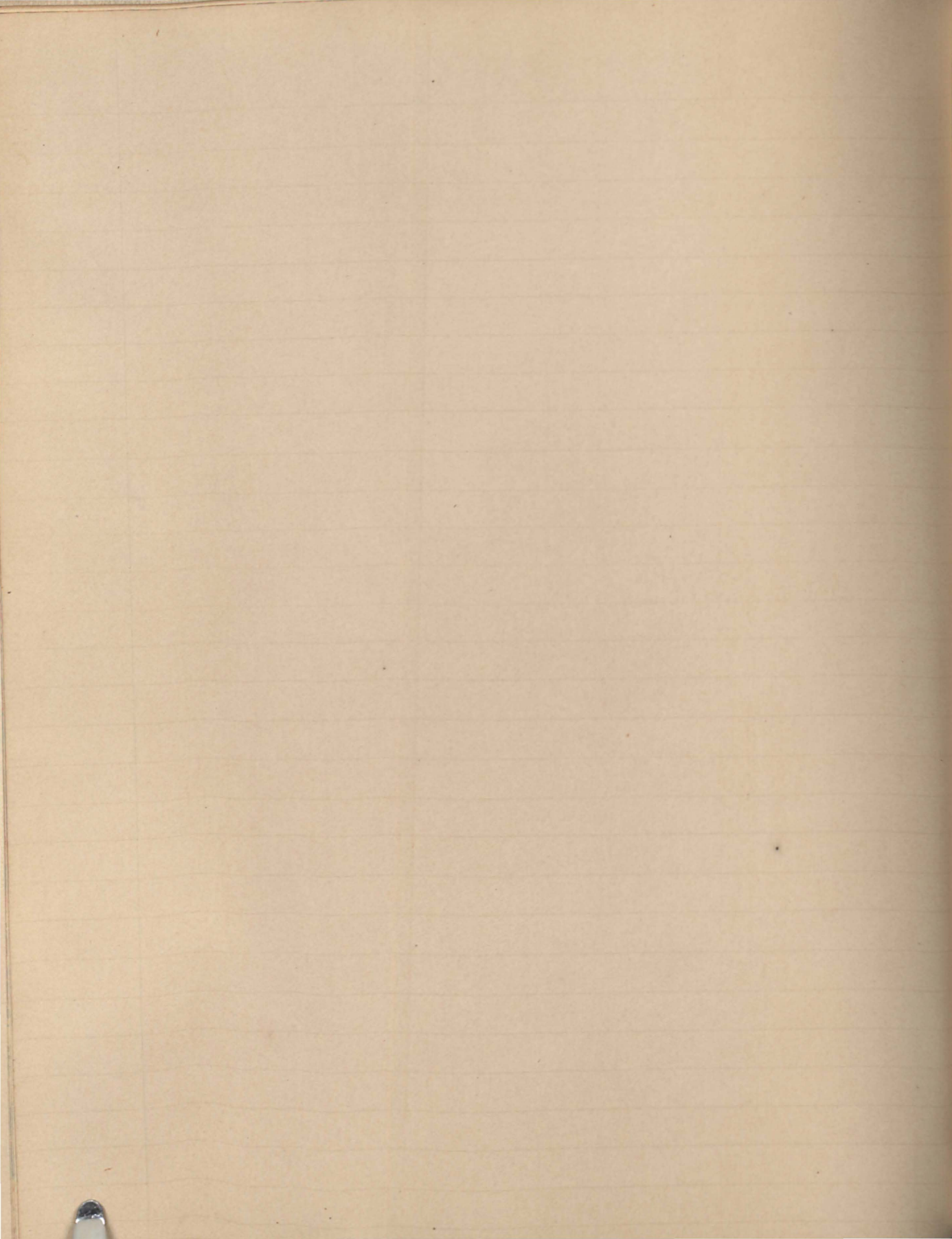










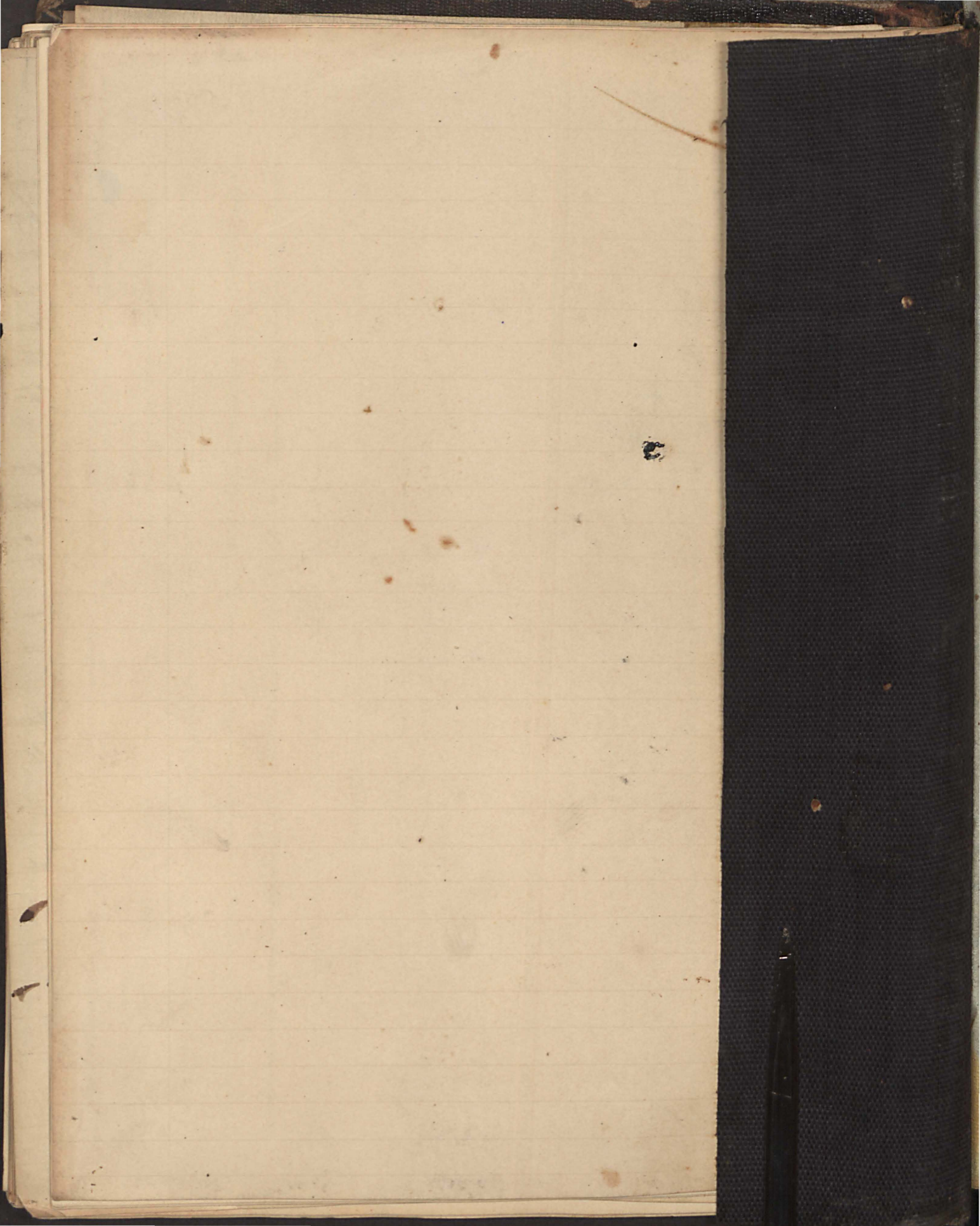


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1 Book Fox	150 Pd
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1 " Jones	125 Pd
1 " Partridge	200 Pd
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