

Victor Wendell Welton, World War I soldier

Around 1919, the Kansas State Historical Society and the American Legion solicited biographical information from returning veterans (primarily members of the 35th and 89th infantry divisions) and the families of those who died in service, notably from the Gold Star Mothers. Each veteran or family member was asked to provide letters, photographs, a biography, and military records. This file contains information on Victor Wendell Welton, Students Army Training Corps. Welton died from influenza on November 1, 1918.

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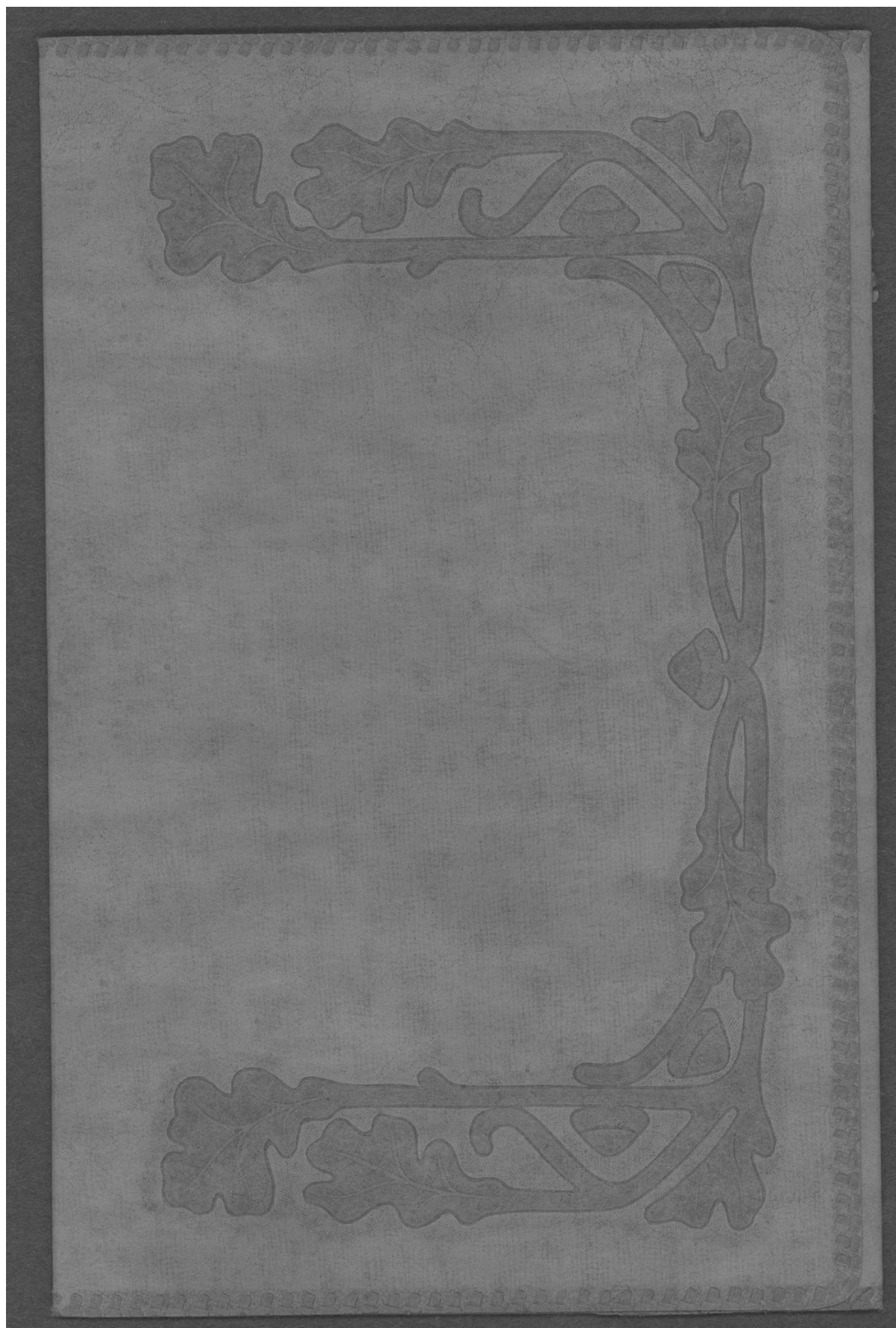
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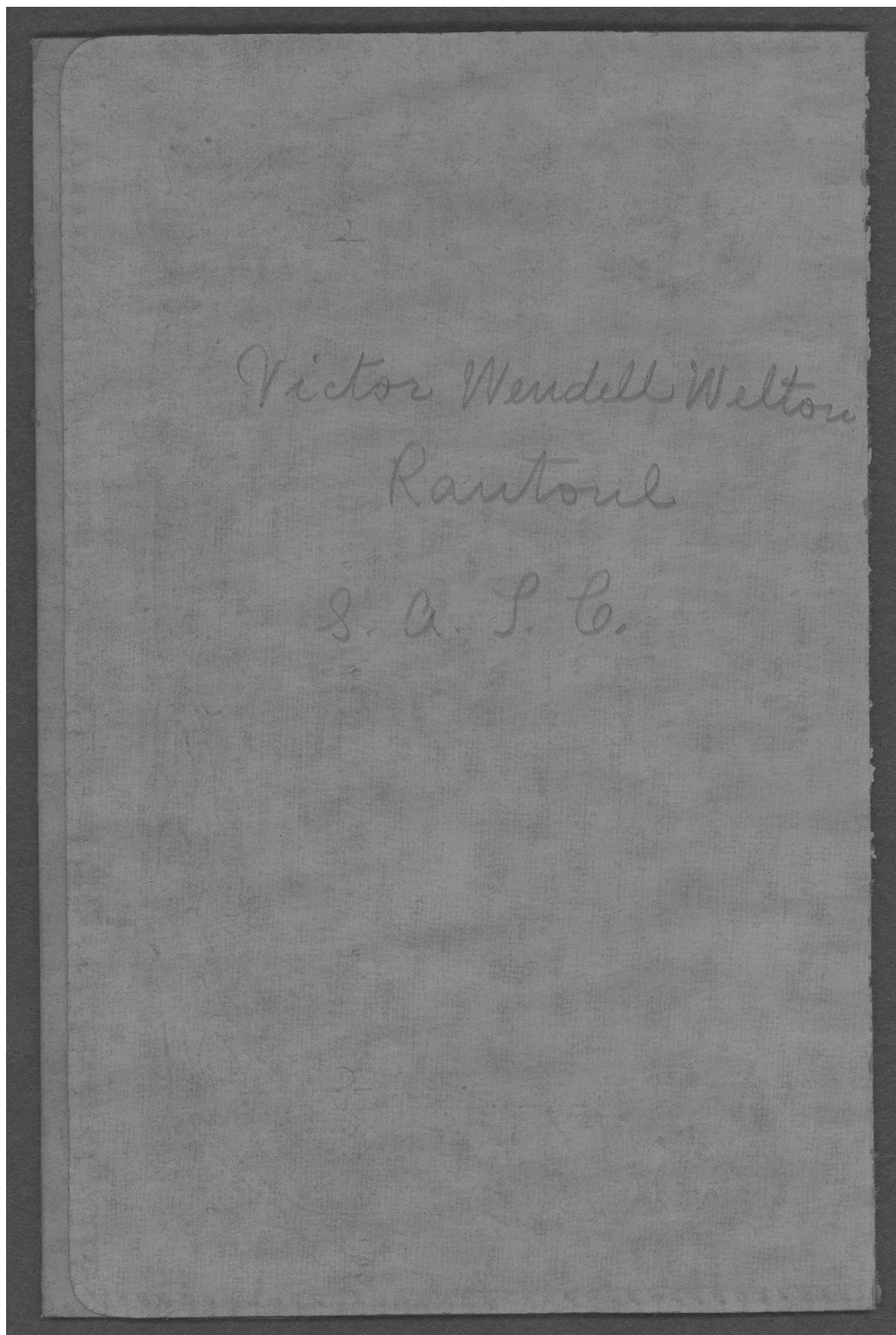
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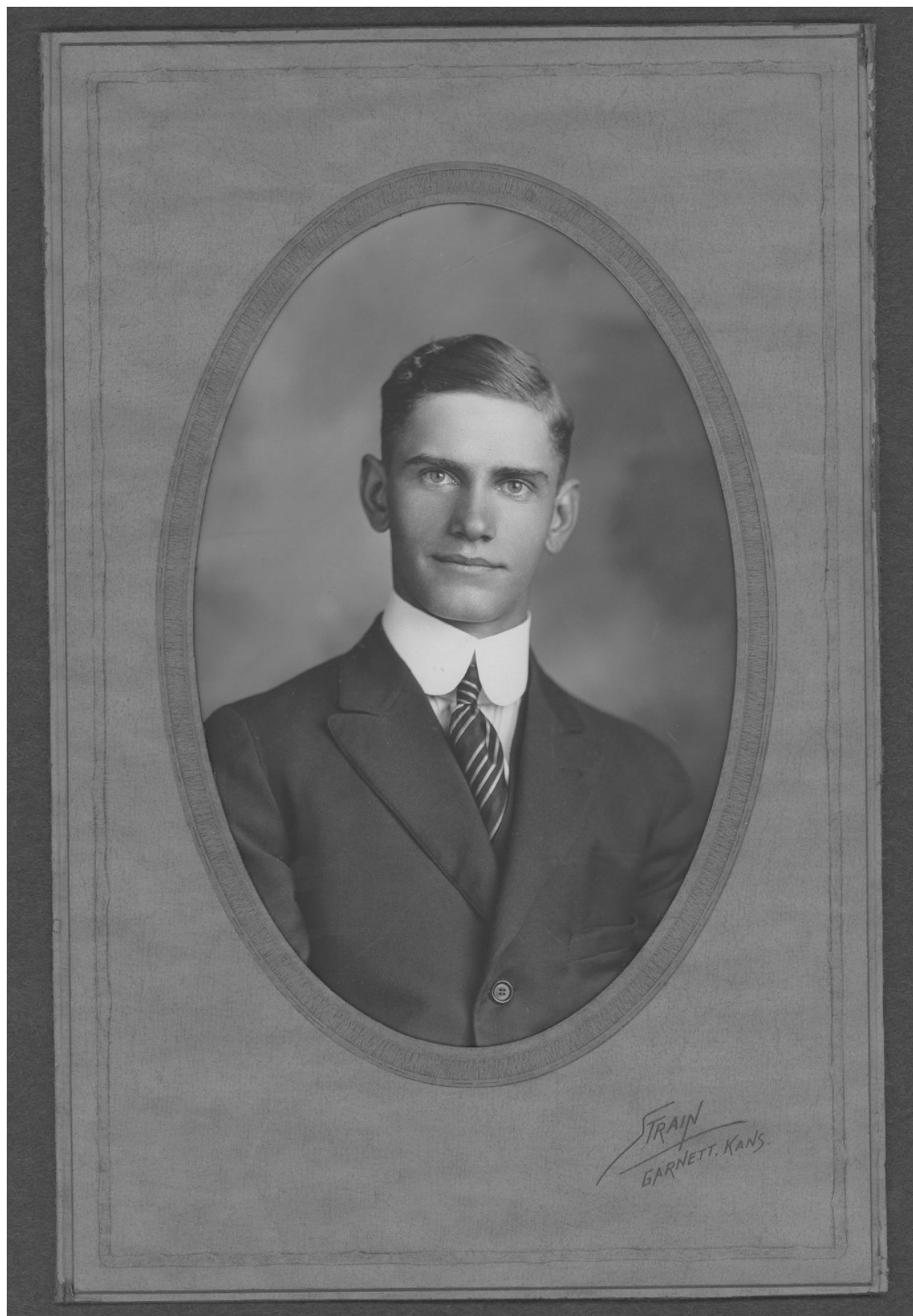
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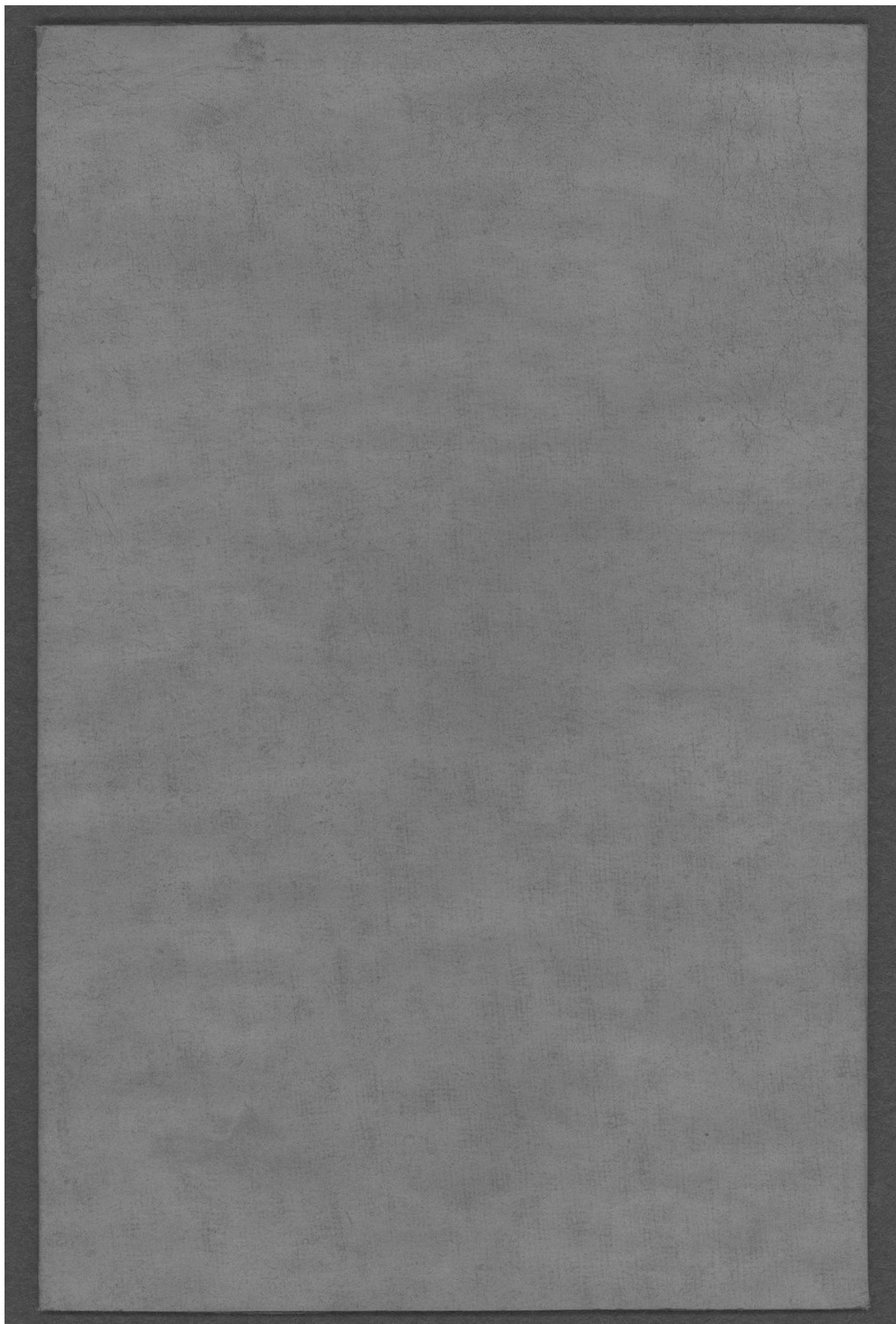
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We have no extracts from his letters
which would be of interest to publish as we
received but one letter from him after
entering the service. He took sick just
1 week later & was unable to write
Ida S Welton

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Victor Wendell Welton was born near Rantoul, Kan.
Nov, 7th 1898 . The greater part of his earlier *life*
was spent upon the old homestead a few miles to
the ~~north~~ Southwest of Rantoul. After graduating
from the common schools he spent one year in the
Ottawa high school and graduated from the Lane
High school in 1918. In September of 1918 he
entered the Kansas State Agricultural College
from which he was drafted for the U.S. Army but
volunteered in the Students Army Training Corps
on the second of *Oct 1* ~~August~~ 1918. He served one week
and was stricken with influenza and in combination
with lung fever died Nov. the first 1918.

He leaves his parents and five sisters to mourn his
loss. Always dutiful and generous in his dealings
with others he leaves a vacancy in his family
circle that can never be filled.