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## Myron A. Waterman papers

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Myron A. Waterman was a banking executive, writer, and cartoonist from Wellsville, New York, who moved to Kansas City, Kansas in the 1890s. This collection of papers includes a short poem and two political cartoons by Waterman and a number of items penned by members of his wife Alice Gertrude Sheldon's family. There are poems and letters written by Aurilla Ward, Alice's grandmother. Aurilla also recorded the birth dates of her children on a page from a Bible and wrote her reflections on their baptisms, as evidenced by the presence of these items in the collection. There are also letters from other family members, a ledger that once belonged to Sarah Ward Sheldon, and several documents relating to Alice's father, Stuart Sheldon, and his trip to Valparaiso, Chile.

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A Warning. Written on  
All Hallow Eve. dedicated to  
Miss Alice Gertrude Sheldon.  
Impromptu.

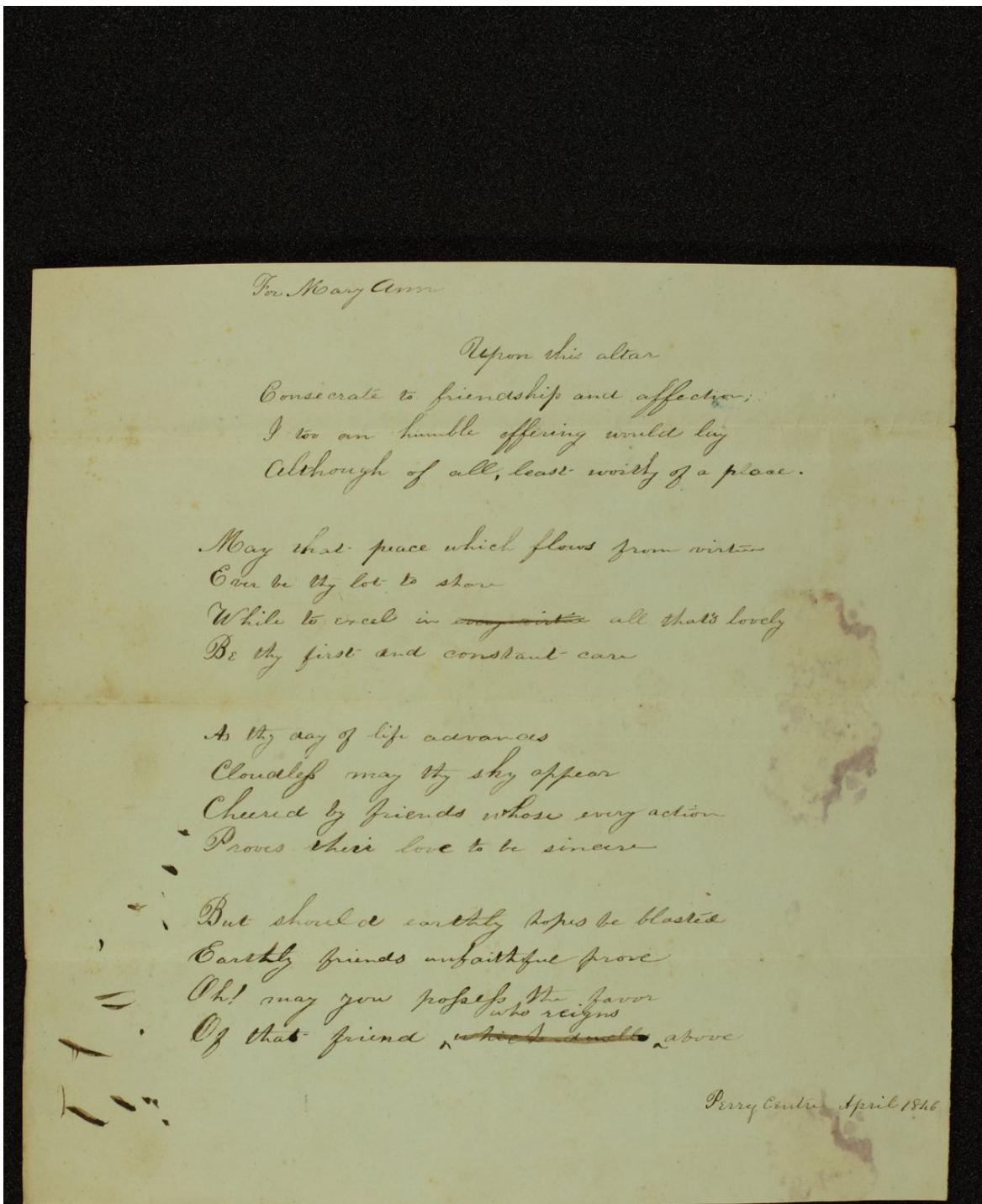
Once on a time there was a chap  
Who had a lovely sister.  
And as this chap to college went,  
He generally missed her.  
And so to keep his courage up,  
That he might not forget her, —  
He wrote at least once every week  
A nice, long, newy, letter.  
But sad to say, no answers came  
To cheer the doleful writer,  
Until at last he had a ~~bad~~ mind  
To do something to spite her.  
And so on Hallow Eve, he called  
On someone else's sister,  
And as the light was somewhat dim,  
He, horrors! Up and kissed her.

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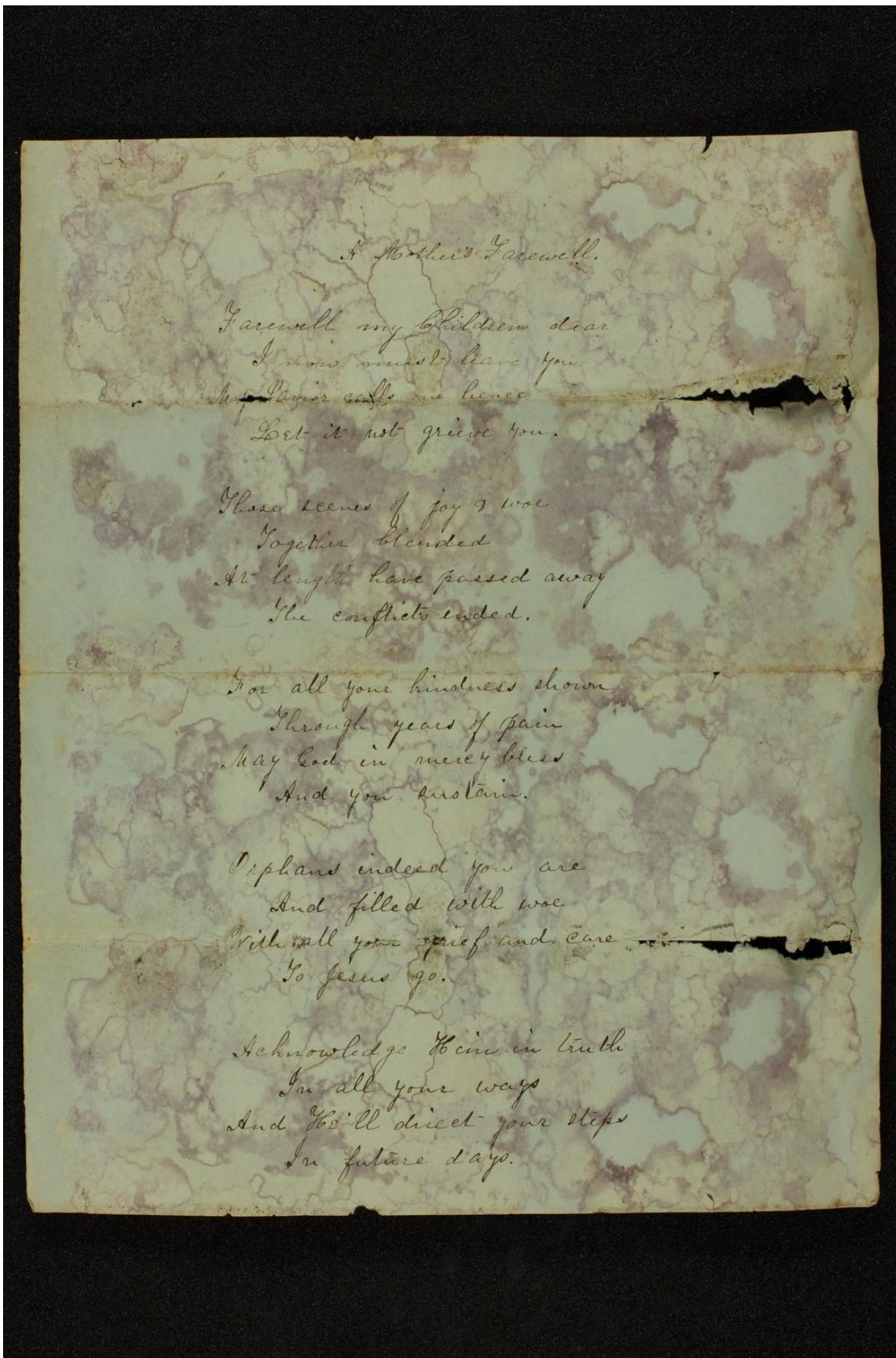
Mr. J Shildan  
I thank you Maria Part D.  
To Papaji & Orleans 500 \$ 500  
Recd Pay'd Hukrod  
2nd Nov 1850.

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A Mother's Farewell.

Farewell my children dear  
I now must leave you  
~~My Father calls me hence~~  
Let it not grieve you.

These scenes of joy & woe  
Together blended  
At length have passed away  
The conflicts ended.

For all your kindness shown  
Through years of pain  
May God in mercy bless  
And you sustain.

Orphans indeed you are  
And filled with woe  
With all your grief and care  
To Jesus go.

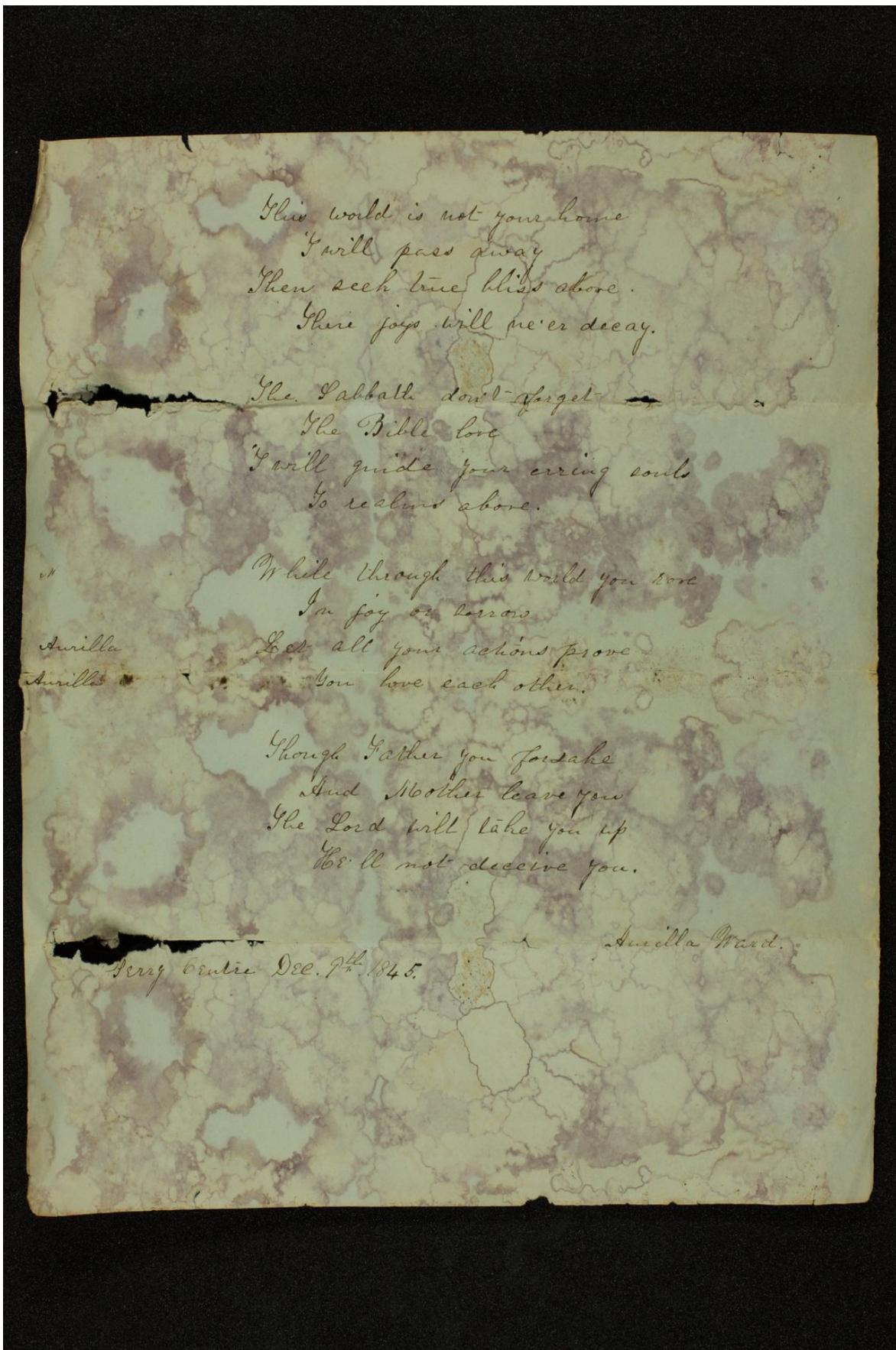
Acknowledge Him in truth  
In all your ways  
And He'll direct your steps  
In future days.

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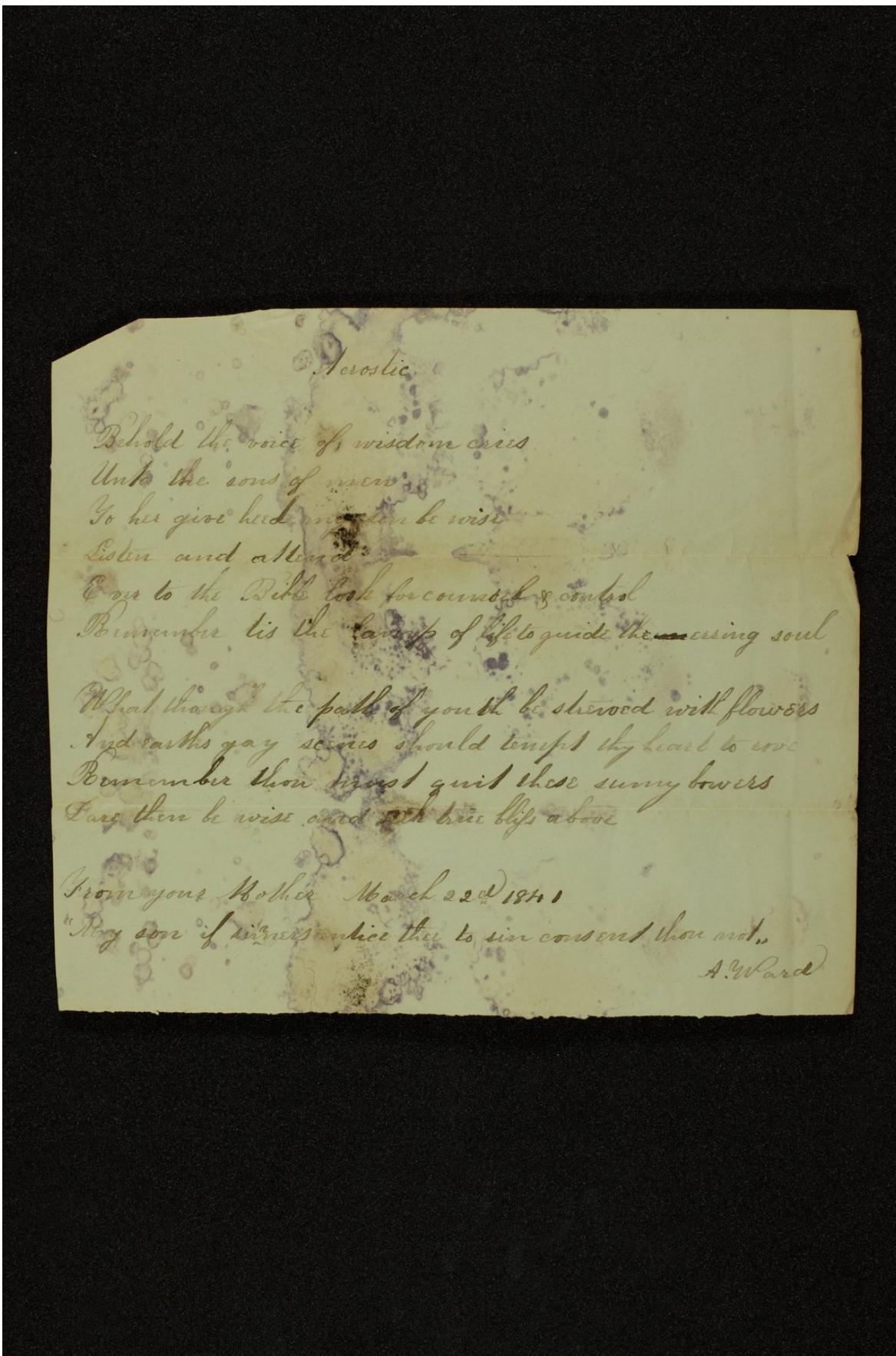


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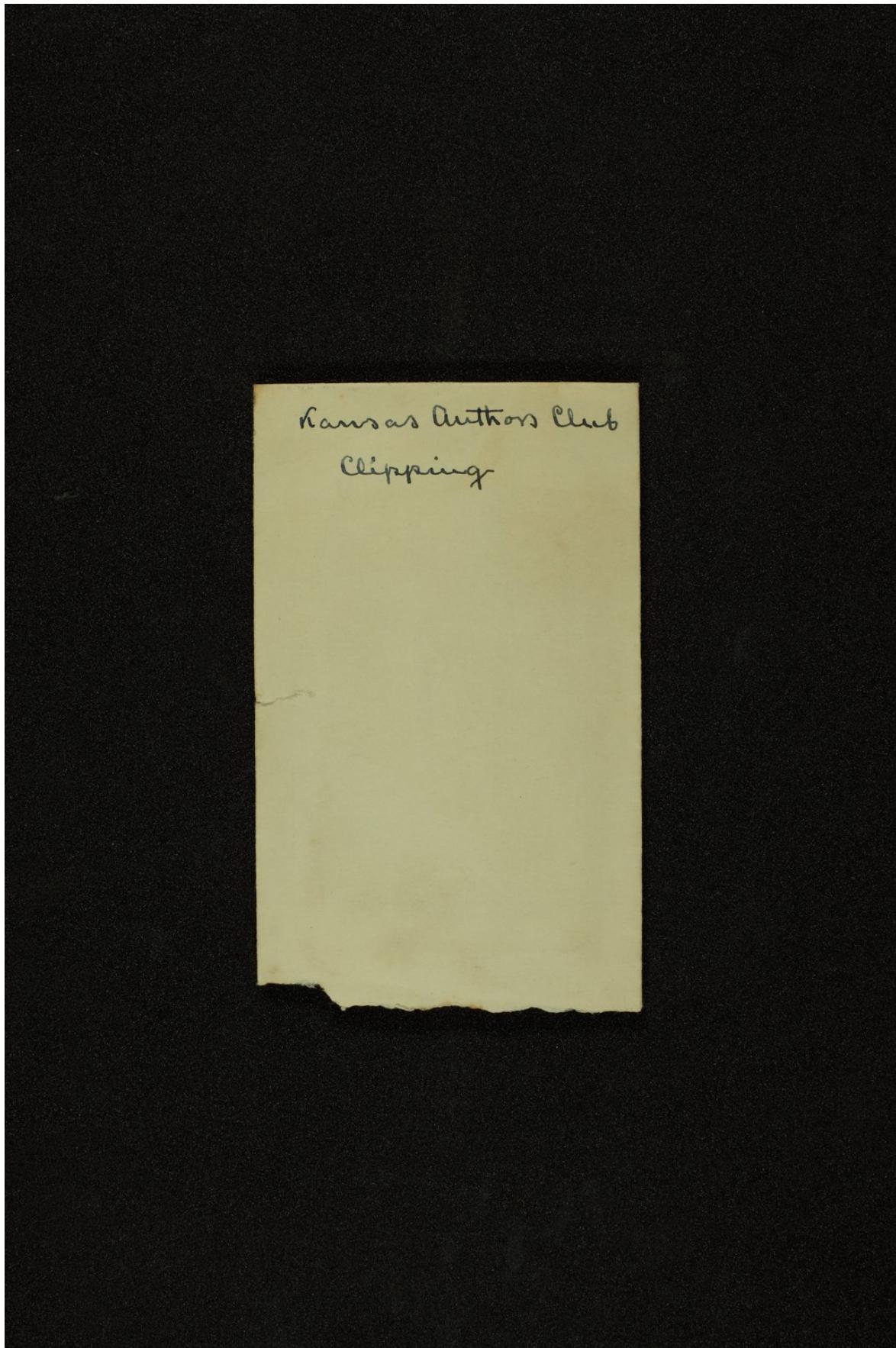


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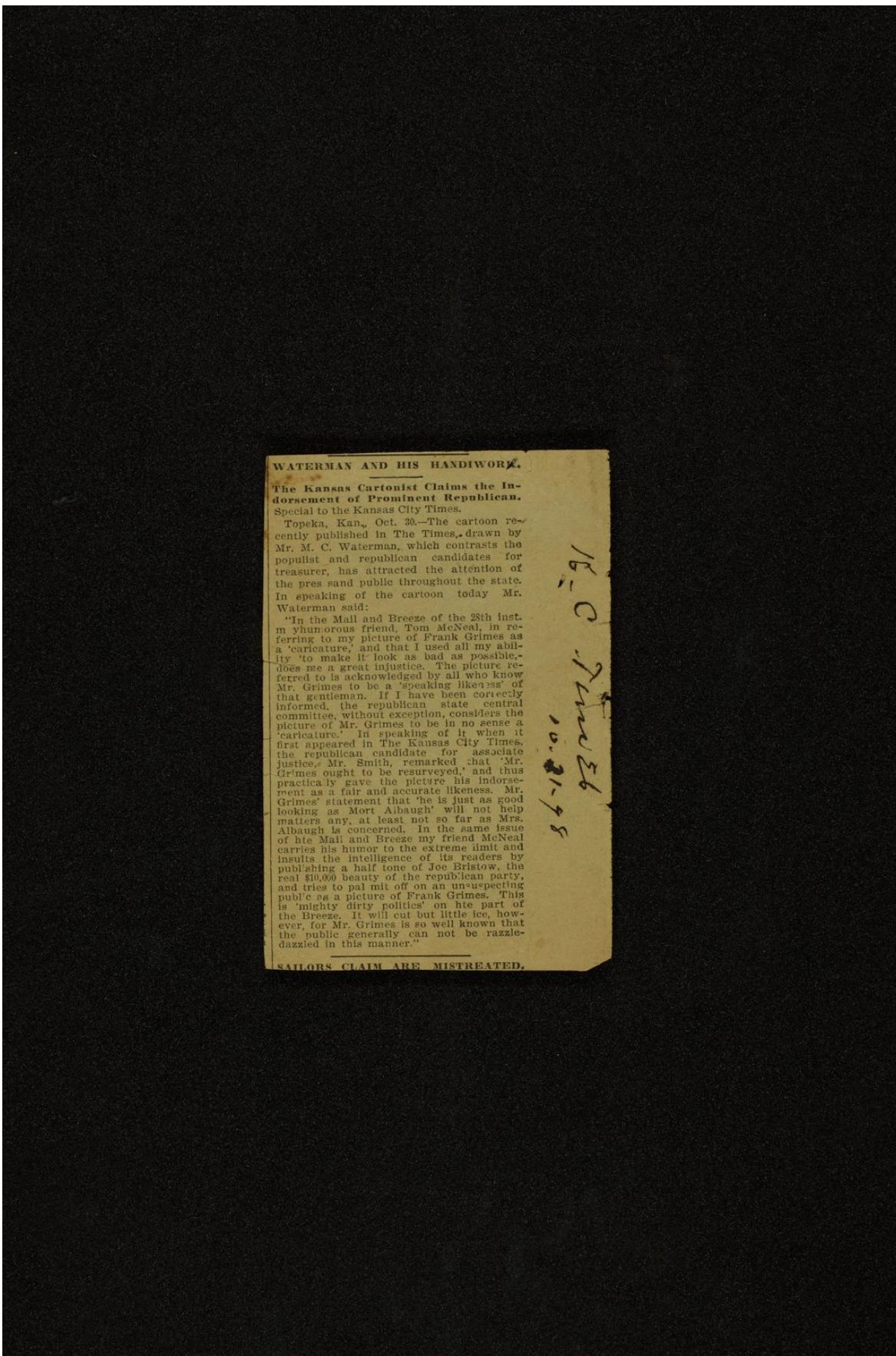
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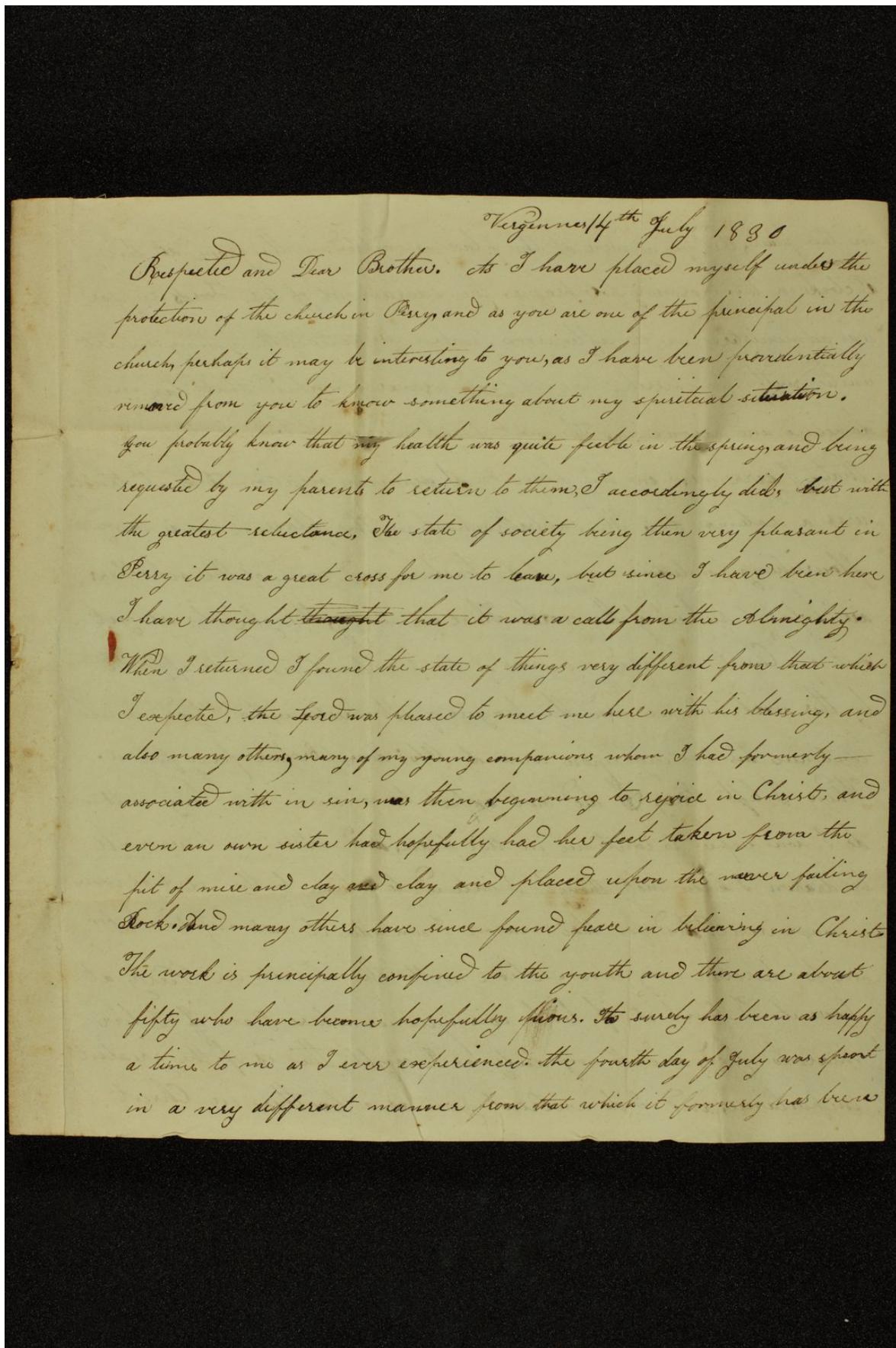


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in this place, the young men of the place assembled in the grove at five O'clock in the morning for prayer, the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered in the afternoon, when fifteen of the young converts united with the church, those who had formerly occupied that day in dancing and carousing. The most people were assembled on that day that I ever saw in this place on a similar occasion, and it truly was a sober day. The sabbath school in this place is in a very flourishing condition many of the teachers and some of the scholars are hopeful subjects of the work. There are many though who are yet out of Christ, the aged sinners of the place do not seem to be affected by this work, and we need the prayers of all christians, that God would continue his blessings upon us, and Ab; dear Brother pray for us. When I left Perry I did not expect to continue here long neither do I now expect to continue in this place, and where my lines will be drawn I know not, though I intend to return to the west as soon as convenient. And for that reason I consider it not expedient for me to dissolve my connection with the church in Perry at present. I find it of little consequence where I am if I live more to God, and do my duty as I ought, this is of the greatest importance, and I do entreat you as a brother in Christ

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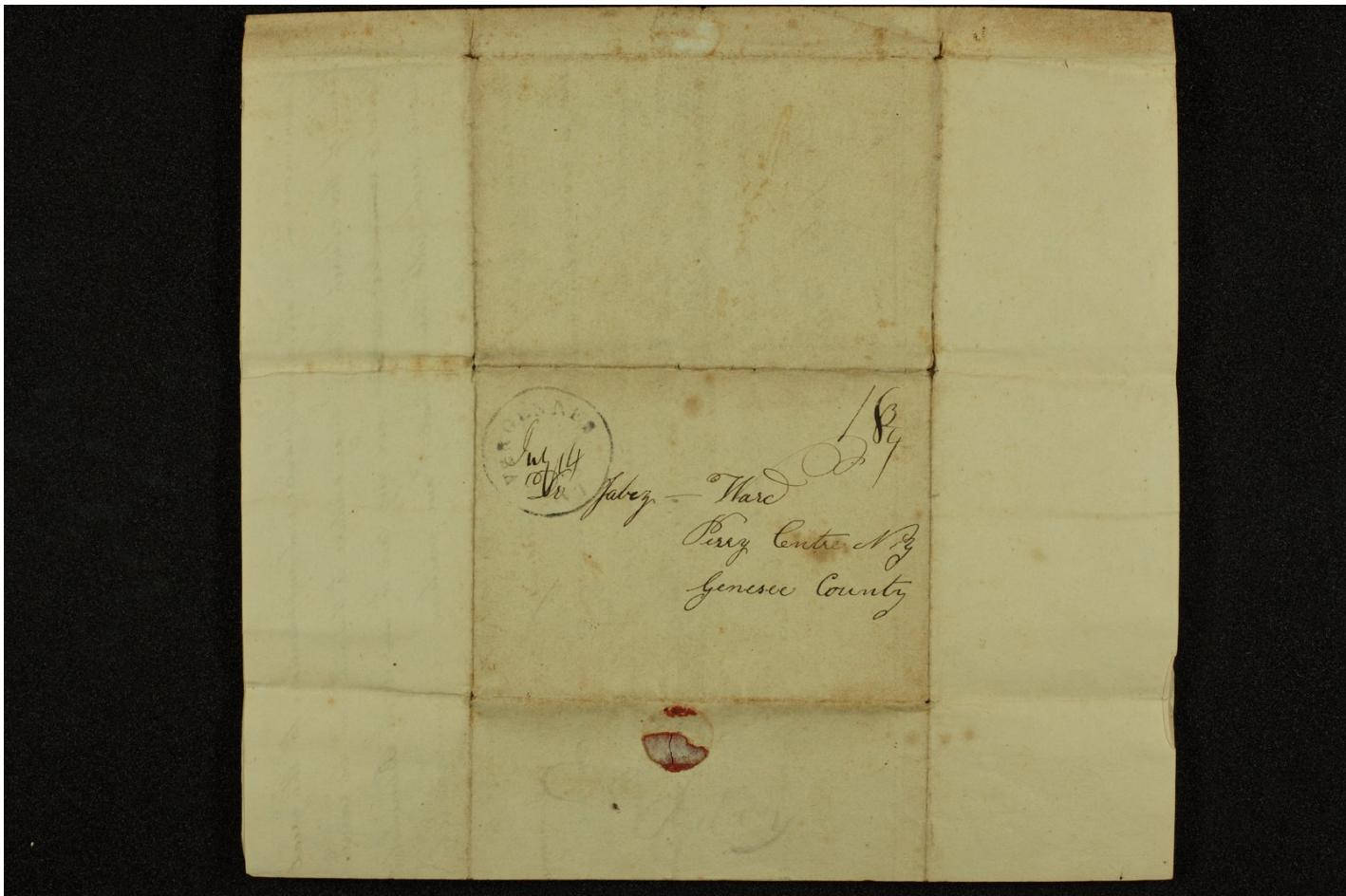
to remember me in all your prayers and supplications to the great Head of the church, that I may endure to the end and be saved.  
Please to ~~remember me~~ give my love to ~~our~~ Uncle Benedict's people and tell them that I am waiting very impatiently to hear from them. Please to give my respects particularly to Mr Gridley and all other inquiring friends. I hope you will answer this as soon as convenient after receiving it and give me an account of the present spiritual state of things in Perry and in other parts of the country. Please to overlook all mistakes and kindly receive this from ~~me~~ me now a -  
everaffectionate friend and Brother Charles of Huntington

Dr Faby Ward

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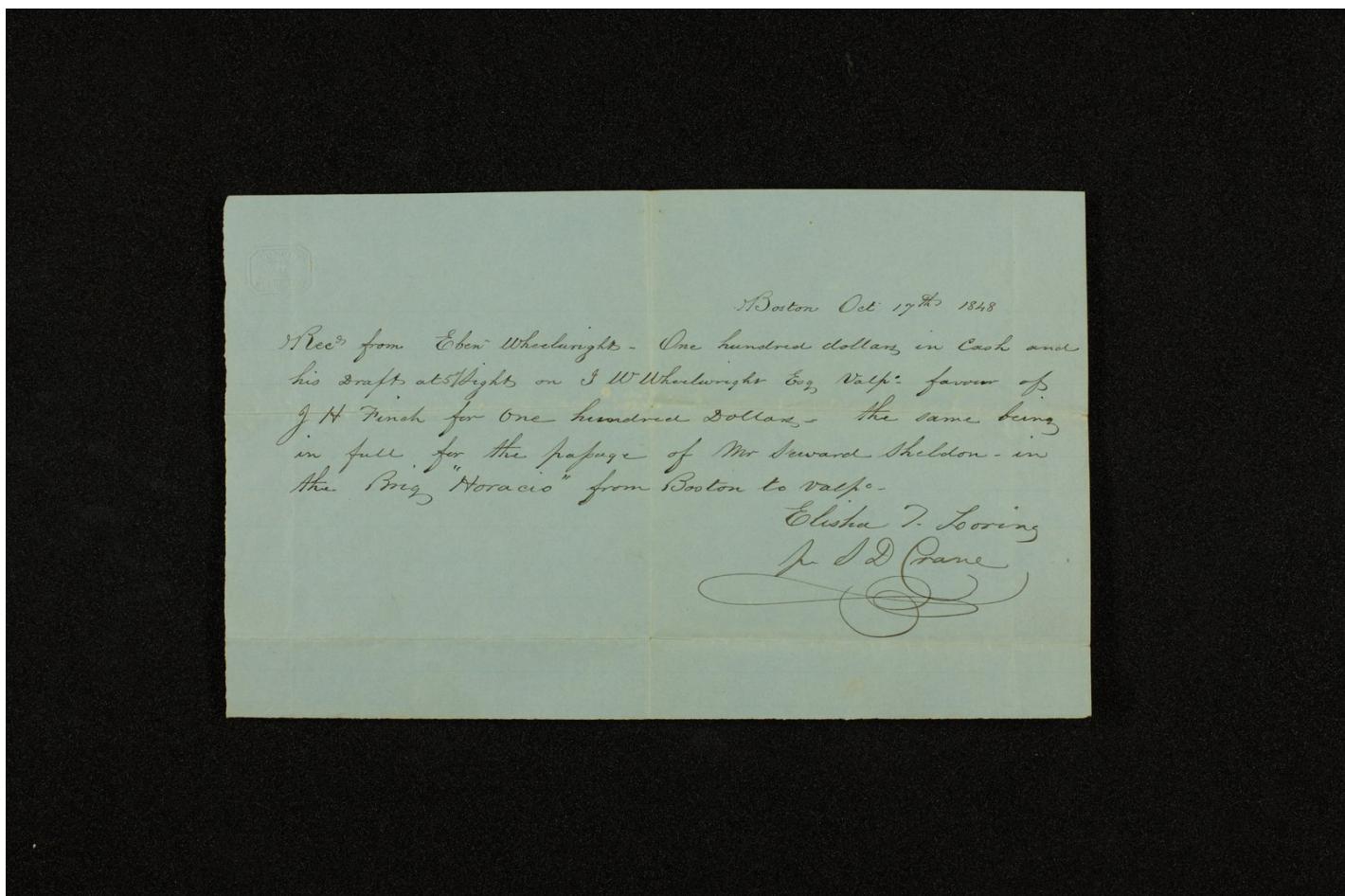
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A aged paper receipt from Sacramento, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1855, for goods bought by Mr. Harkelrody.

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
1 lb Balances			10c	10c
44 lb Flax		35	15c	525.40
2 lb Bark		158	50c	79.00
1 Sack 20-lb coffee	32 #	40	40c	9.00
61 lb Potatoes		22	15c	3.42
400 lb Flour		7 3/4	31c	24.75
				\$108.87

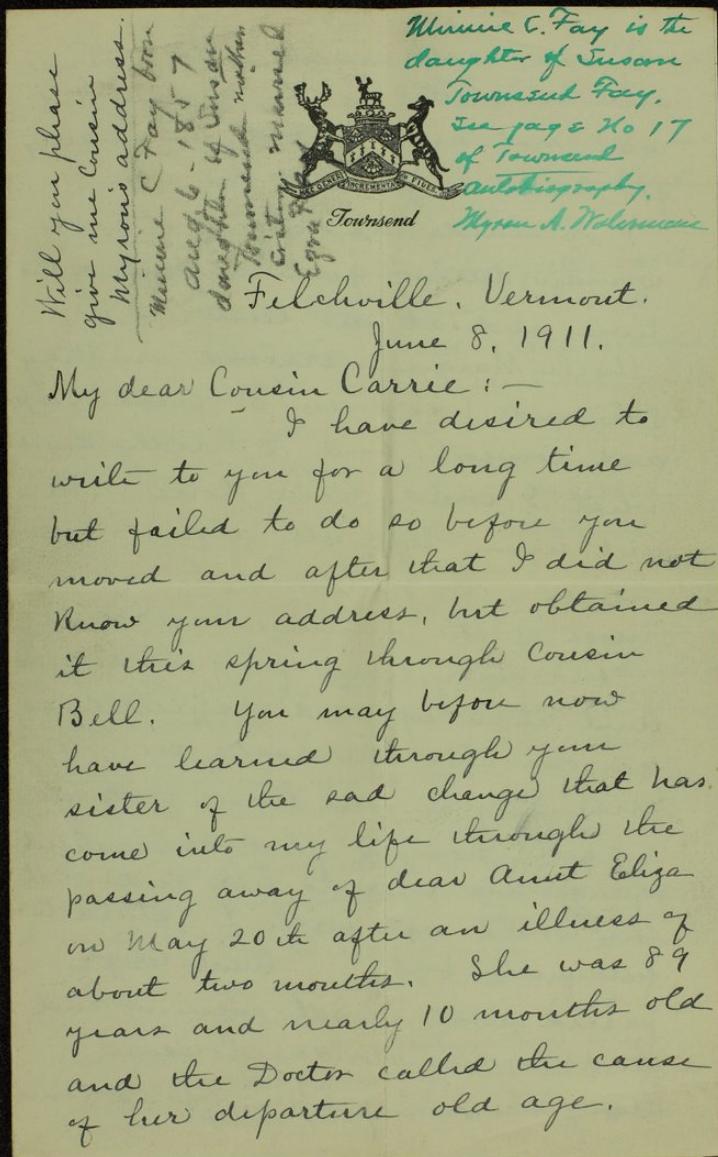
Recd my accts  
J. R. Waterman

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I was sick myself with grippe and bronchitis in the spring, but was not sick in bed, as anxiety for Aunt Eliza kept me up.

I obtained the help of a good woman during quite a part of the time and at the last.

Uncle Marquis arrived on May 8th and has been a great help and comfort, and I hardly know what I could have done without him, left all alone in my home. He intends to spend most of the summer here.

It is very hard for me to give Aunt Eliza up, and especially so, as she was the last one remaining in the home with me.

I feel, however, that a beautiful change has come to her and that she would not wish to return to her fuble body. Aunt Eliza passed away on Sat. evening and the following Monday Cousin Mary Bowen of Springfield came

and was here rendering help and comfort until after the funeral which was held on Wednesday in our home. We had a beautiful service and lovely flowers in abundance. The lily of the valley which Aunt Eliza dearly loved was in its glory, and the inside of the casket was trimmed with them and she held a bouquet of the same flowers, and many besides were elsewhere, besides an abundance of other beautiful flowers, both from gardens and hot house, gifts from different sources, besides what we had about our home.

Cousin Mary Bowen and her husband gave delicate pink carnations and flowers from their garden, a spray of white carnations was given by our church and Uncle M. and I gave spray of same kind of carnations. Other gifts of flowers were rec'd including a large lovely cross from the children of our village and wreath from the Sunday School made by two young people and with flowers collected by children, many being wild flowers. These last gifts touched me especially when they were brought to me by two little girls.

After reading this letter, will you be

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so kind as to send it to your  
sister Bell, as she may be interest-  
ed in some of the particulars and I  
have a good deal of writing to do at  
present. I do hope we cousins  
shall not lose knowledge of each  
other as the older ones pass on to  
the Better Land. Uncle Marquis is  
the only one left. He wishes to be  
kindly remembered to you and  
hopes he may see you sometime.

We rec'd the graduation card  
from one of your sons and also  
wedding cards. Please express  
my thanks for the same, although  
at this late day. I hope your  
son will prove to be a favor-  
able one and that the health of  
Mr. Rice will improve. When you  
can spare time, I should be very  
glad to hear particulars about  
yourself and family. I expect to  
return to my regular duties as li-  
brarian in our Public Library the  
first of July and I hope that work  
will help take my thoughts from  
myself. I wish you could come  
and see me sometime.

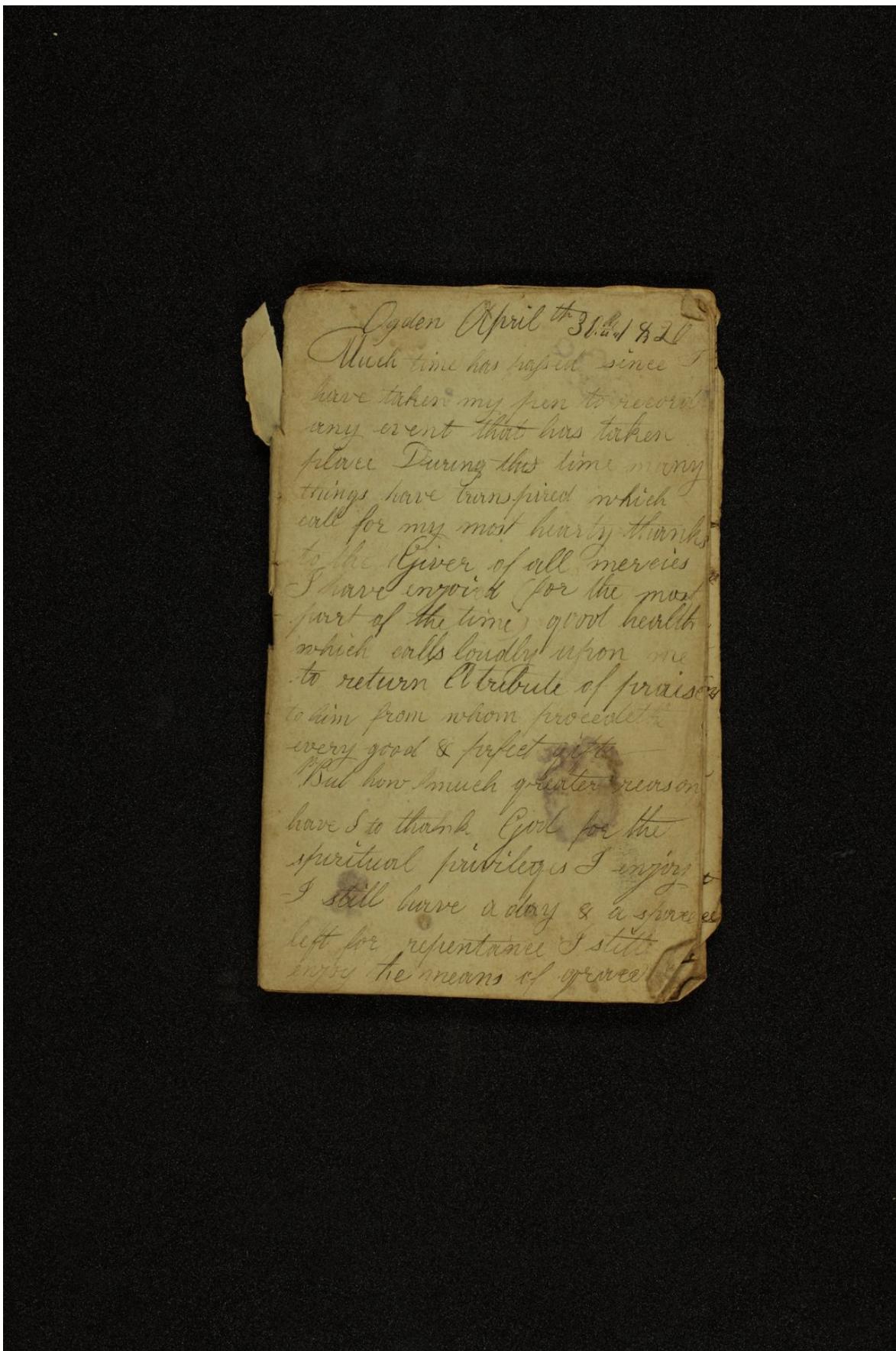
With love and kind wishes to  
yourself and family from  
Your affl. cousin,  
Minnie C. Fay,

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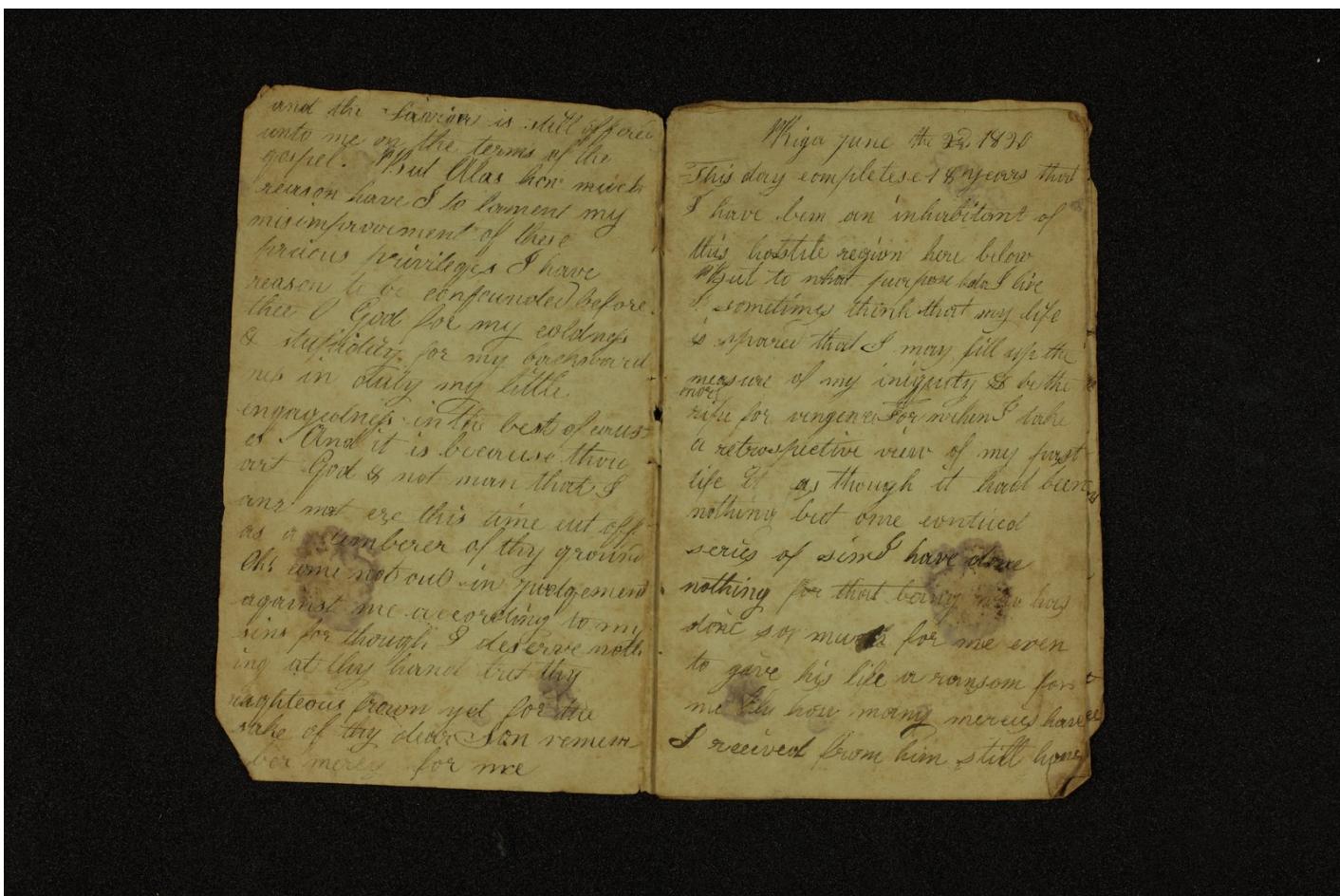


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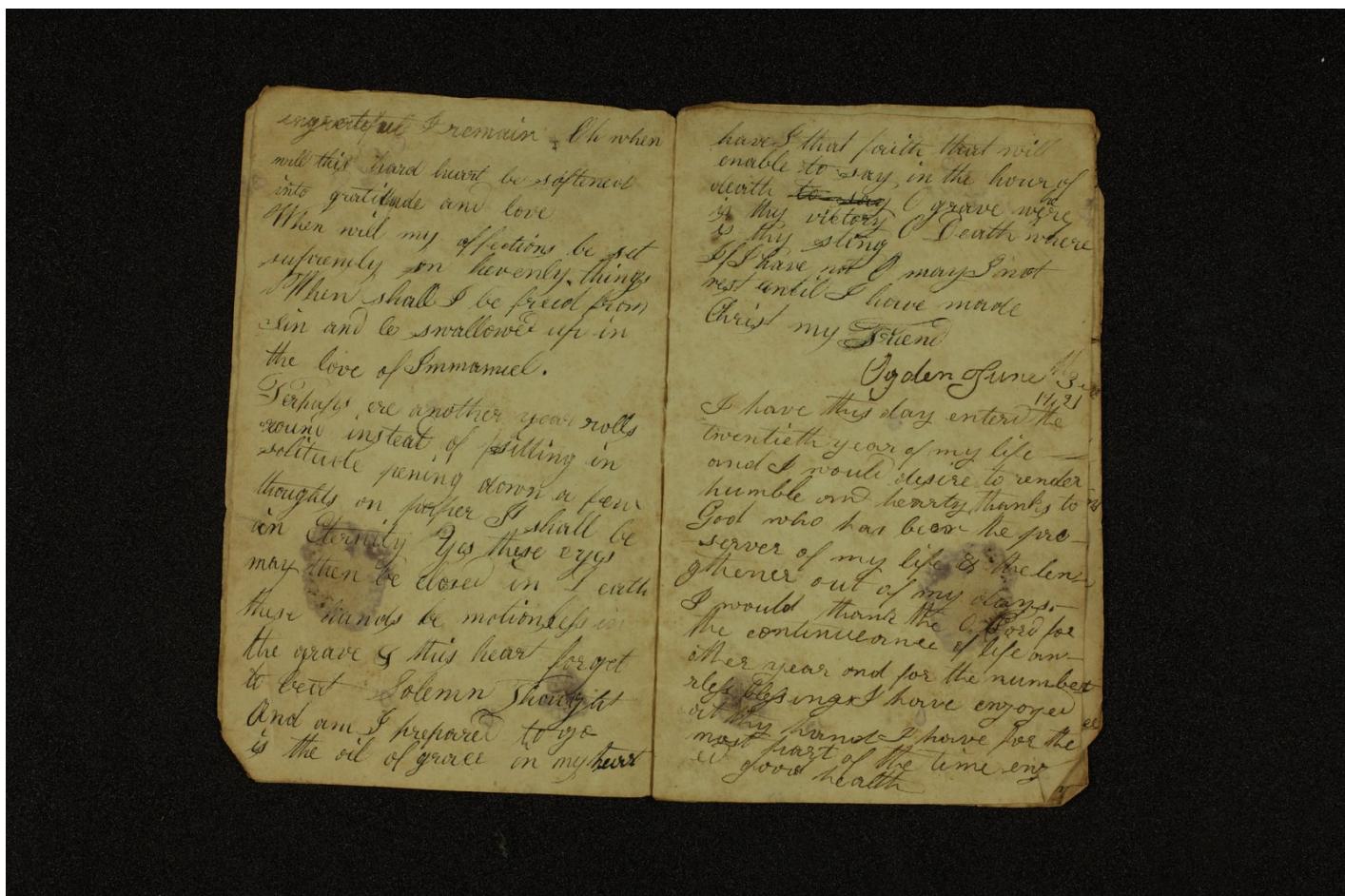


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in property I remain. Oh when  
will this hard heart be softened  
into gratitude and love.  
When will my affections be set  
suspiciously on heavenly things.  
When shall I be freed from  
sin and be swallowed up in  
the love of Immanuel.

Perhaps, in another year, rolls  
round instead of sitting in  
solitude, penning down a few  
thoughts on paper I shall be  
in Eternity. Yes these eyes  
may then be closed in death  
these hands be motionless in  
the grave & this heart forget  
to beat. Solemn thought  
and am I prepared to go  
is the oil of grace on my heart

have I that faith that will  
enable to say, in the hour of  
death ~~to~~ <sup>in</sup> the grave were  
is the victory O grave where  
is thy sting O Death where  
is thy sting O Death where  
If I have not I may I not  
rest until I have made  
Christ my Friend

Yester'day June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1821

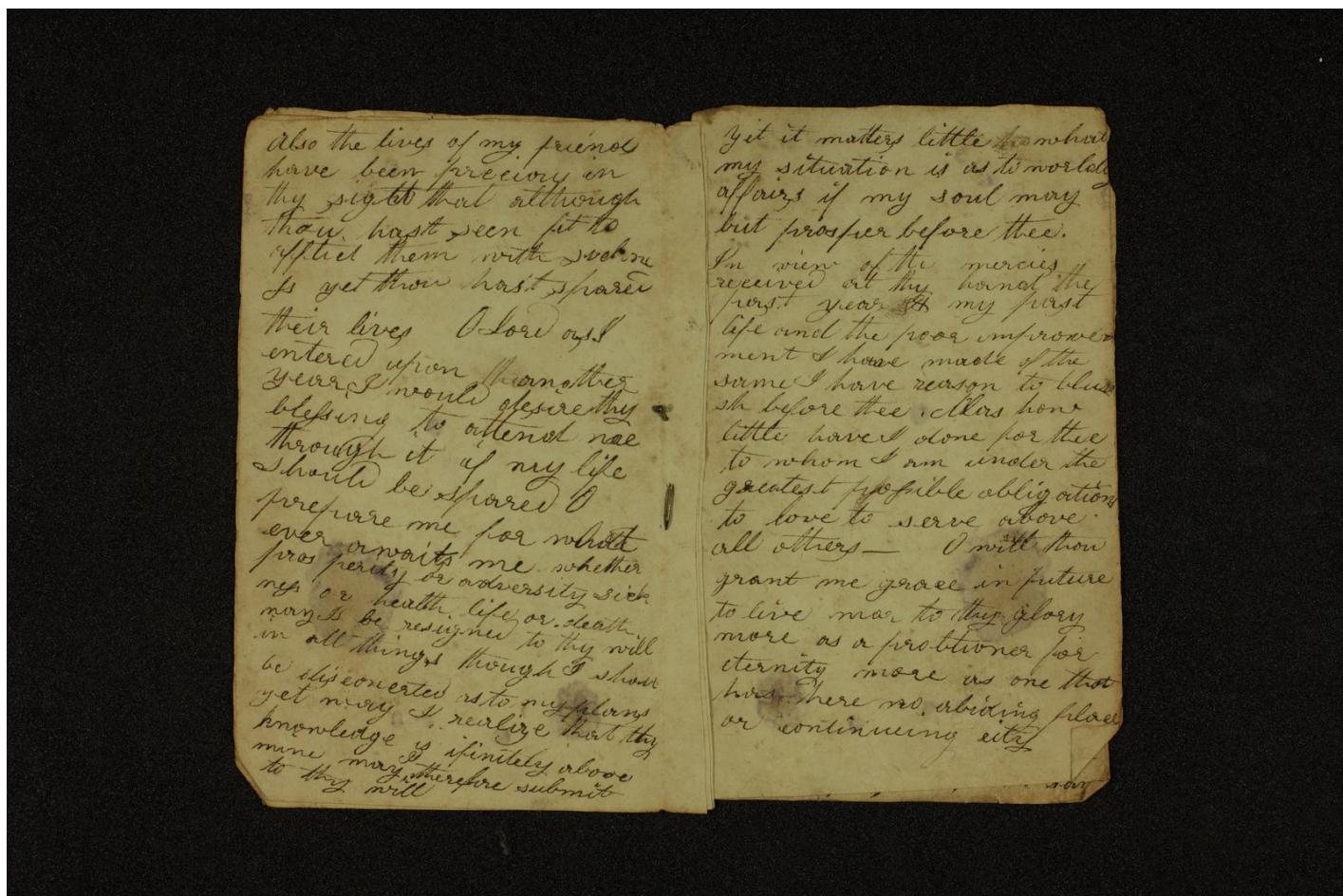
I have this day entered the  
twentieth year of my life —  
and I would desire to render  
humble and hearty thanks to  
God who has been the pro-  
server of my life & the len-  
thener out of my days —  
I would thank the Lord for  
the continuance of life on  
other year and for the number  
of blessings I have enjoyed  
at his hand I have for the  
most part of the time en-  
joyed good health

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also the lives of my friends  
have been precious in  
thy sight that although  
thou hast seen fit to  
afflict them with sorrow  
as yet thou hast spared  
their lives O Lord only  
entered upon them other  
year I would assure thy  
blessing to attend me  
through it if my life  
should be spared O  
prepare me for what  
ever awaits me whether  
prosperity or adversity sick  
ness or health life or death  
may be reserved to thy will  
in all things though I shall  
be disconcerted as to my plans  
yet may I realize that thy  
knowledge is infinitely above  
mine may therefore submit  
to thy will

Yet it matters little where  
my situation is as the world  
affairs of my soul may  
but prosper before thee.  
In view of the mercies  
received at thy hand the  
last year & my first  
life and the poor improve-  
ment I have made of the  
same I have reason to thank  
thee before thee. Alls how-  
ever little have I done for thee  
to whom I am under the  
greatest possible obligation  
to love to serve above  
all others — O will thou  
grant me grace in future  
to live more to thy glory  
more as a practitioner for  
eternity more as one that  
hast here no abiding place  
or continuing etc.

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Ogdon June 1<sup>st</sup> 1423  
And O God then would rem-  
ember Zion in mercy heal  
all the breaches in thy church  
and cause that they may  
arise and shine and may  
the mouthmen upon her  
walls see eye to eye &  
lift up their voices together  
in the living —

Now I Lord I would desire  
to commend myself to thy care  
and keeping with those in  
mercy be my guide through  
life my support in death  
and my portion in etern-  
ity.

The wheels of have begun in  
their revolving round brought  
this the anniversary of my  
birth day and what trust  
cause have I for thankful-  
ness that it finds me in the  
land of the living —

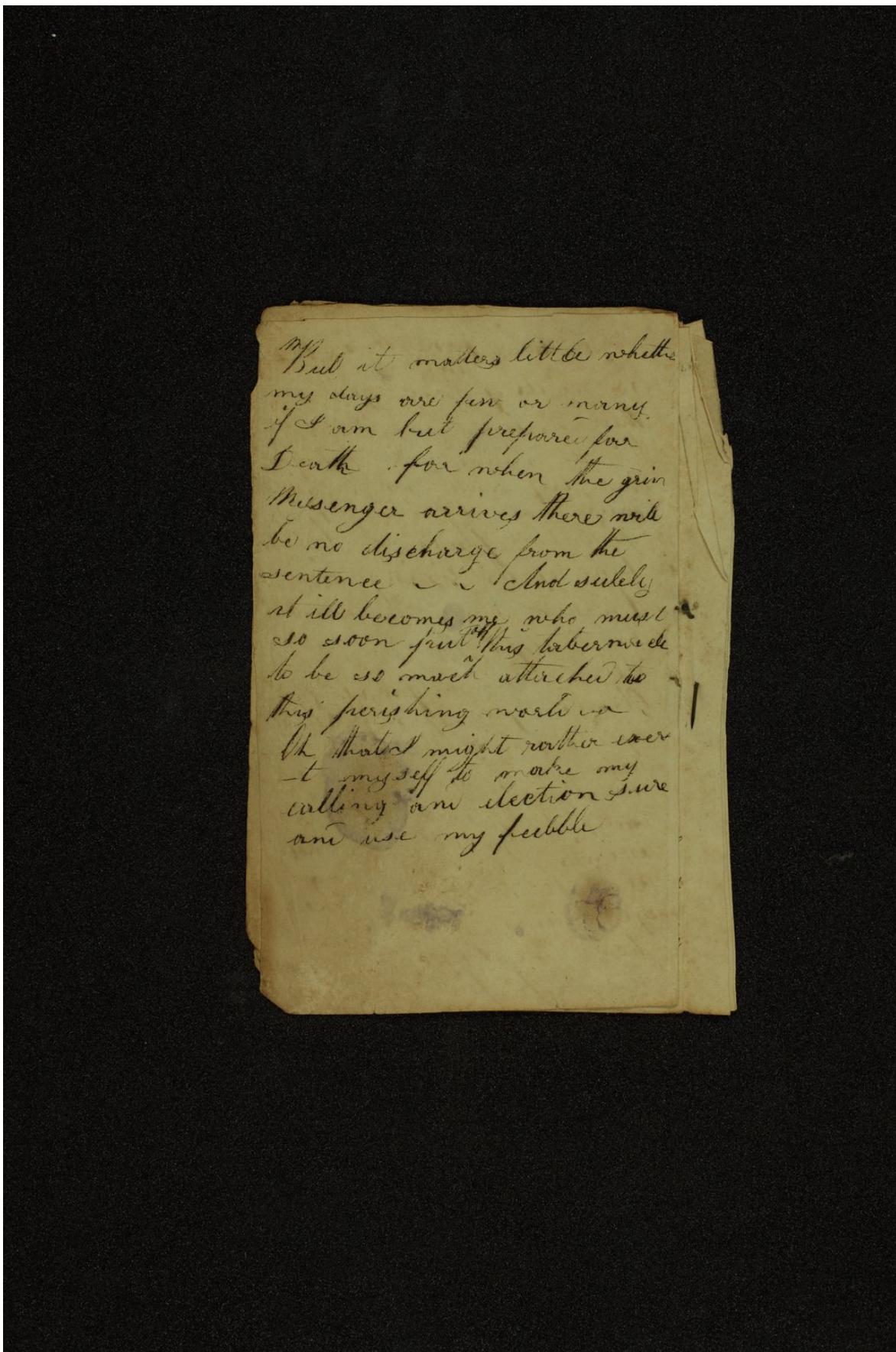
Oh how many thousands  
have slept the sleep of  
death in the first year  
Another year of my short  
life is gone forever gone <sup>for me</sup>  
how many yet remain or  
whether any is known  
only the Governor of all  
events — but one thing  
is certain that is man  
one year nearer my Eternal  
home and I have one year  
less to prepare for the day

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With the passing of Mr. Myron A. Waterman, this Church suffered a severe loss. To us, his friends, it seems that he has passed from life too soon. Although he had reached the time of lengthening shadows yet Mr. Waterman went with the sun shining full upon him for he had lost none of the hopefulness of youth nor the steadiness of maturity.

Mr. Waterman held a unique place in the Community and particularly in the Church. He was our staunch and loyal friend, gallant, generous, sympathetic and understanding. He did not always enter into discussions, but when he did so his remarks were pertinent and instructive. He had the rare quality of forming and defending his own opinions yet in gracious consideration allowing others the same high privilege.

To him each day was a new adventure, and he filled his life brim full of kindly deeds and small courtesies to family and friends. He leaves a vacant place in our hearts, but the brightness of his spirit lives on.

This was written by Mrs. J. E. Hassig,  
member of the Resolution Committee.  
Was read and adopted by the member-  
ship of the First Congregational Church  
Kansas City, Kans., at the annual meeting  
January 5, 1938

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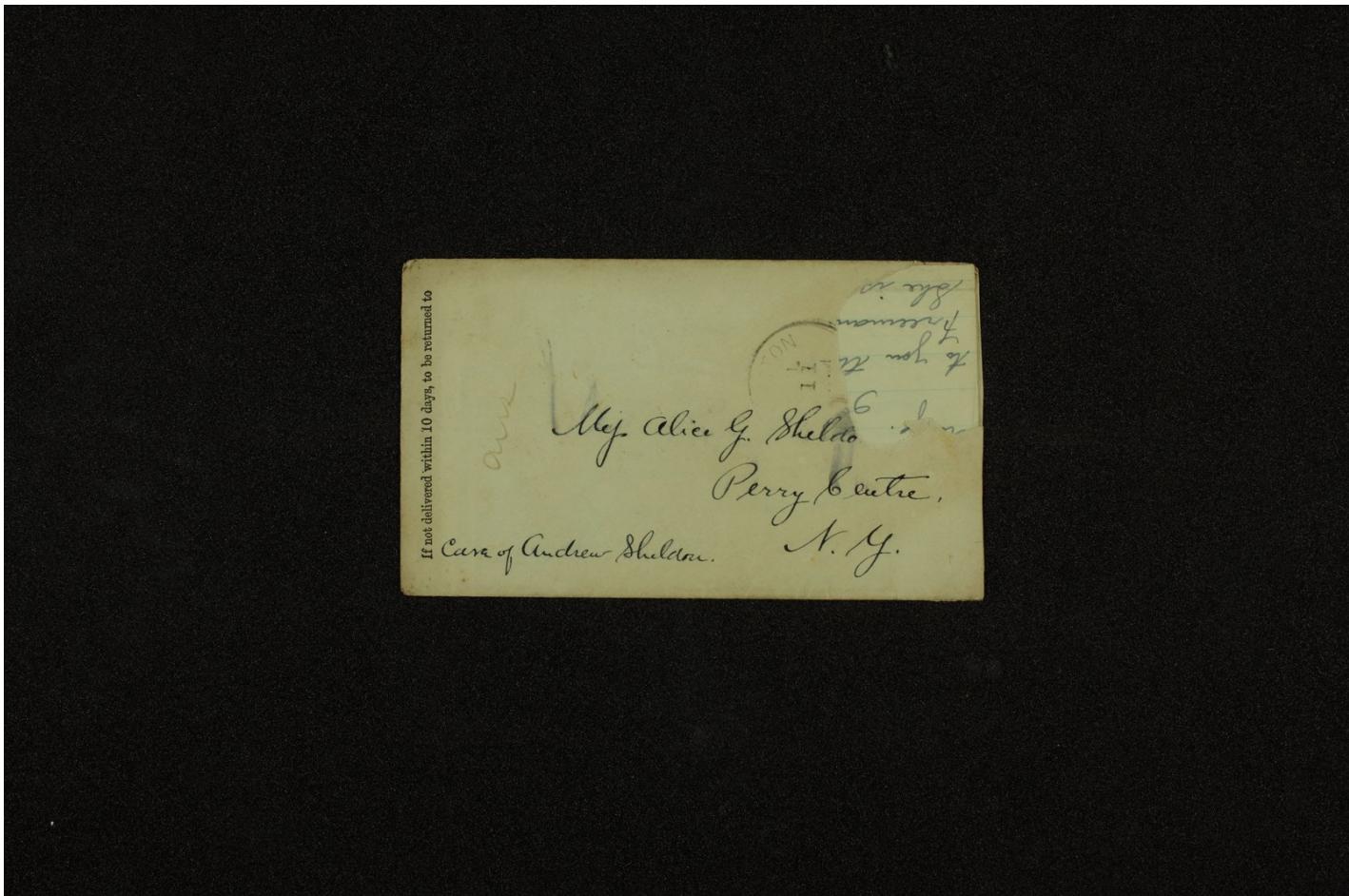
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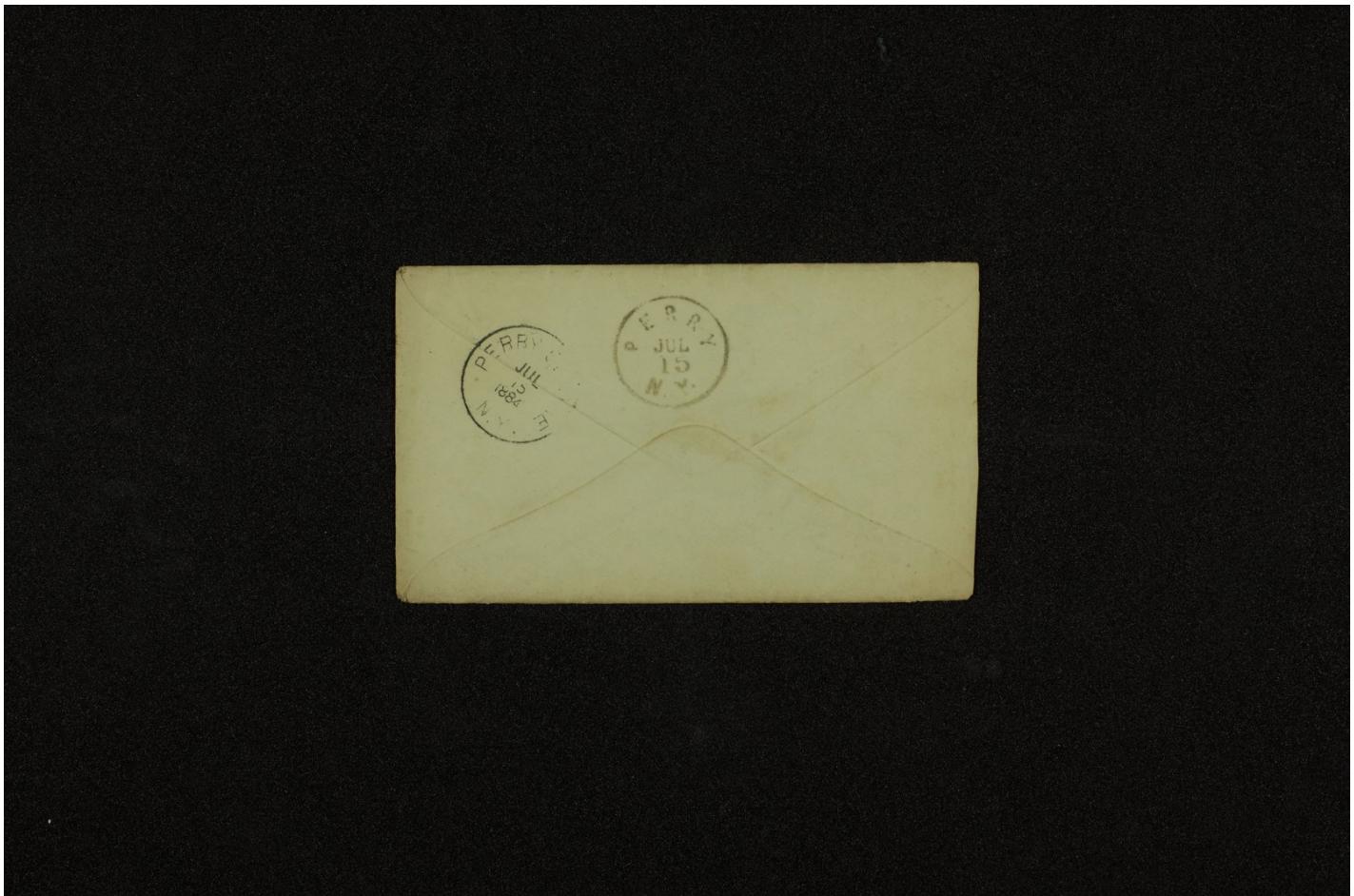
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*Appendix to Miss Freeman's  
Epistle.*

*Ma plus chere Alicia.*

In the words of the great historian Livy, "Quin accingeris?" "My heart is broke, God knows it is," waiting to hear from its lovely, ravishing, enter-taining, captivating sister. Why in the name of all that's sacred in the rising prices of potatoes, why, I repeat, does she not let her far away lonely collegiate relative, (otherwise called brother), rejoice in a letter. But enough. She will drive her distracted youngest to pine away from neglect, or drive him in despair to fall in love with some less lovely -- who will write hogheads and

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I know how to inform you now & as  
you will see you must fit me all  
the news & news from  
hogheads of reams of letter  
paper every day to her betrothed.  
"Muff sed."

Ward Ward says why  
don't you send him a photo or thin  
type. So say I for myself. I  
will send you a thin type of my  
own phiz and chums one of these  
days.

I send this fun-scribble  
to you through the courtesy of Miss  
Freeman, one of my friends here.  
She is the only real attractive  
girl that I know in R. I.  
But I won't confide any more  
of my experiences to you until you  
respond.

Vale, longum vale!  
ἀδελφὸς σοῦ.

Káplos.

