Julia McKee papers

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This small collection consists primarily of correspondence between Julia McKee and her parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. T. McKee; letters to her father from her brother Ralph; and correspondence with her friends. Also included is a diary she kept for part of 1933. Some of the letters contain political references.

Julia Marie McKee was born January 25, 1896, in Ohio, the daughter of William T. & Anna E. McKee. She had two brothers, William and Ralph. The family lived in Xenia Township, Greene County, Ohio, in 1900, but in 1910 they were in Cloud County, Kansas. Between 1910 and 1920, the family moved to Topeka, Kansas. As an adult, she worked for United States Senator Arthur Capper and lived in Topeka. She died in August 1979 in Topeka.

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Just remember . . . in the years to come, the word booketeria was originated in Troy, Ohio, by librarian Beacock to help meet the library needs of the great population explosion of the '60s.

Potomac FEVER

By FLETCHER KNEBEL

KENNEDY PROCLAIMS WORLD Trade Week. You can't really blame him, but who'll trade him anything for it?

DEGAULLE TRIUMPHS OVER the Algerian generals. Why, there's our answer. Send that man to Cuba!

KENNEDY ASKS MORE Secret Service agents to guard Vice President Johnson. The way things are going these days, Kennedy's taking no chances on a palace revolt.

ONE COMMERCIAL AIRLINE will show movies in flight to first-class passengers. Tourist class will get the pop corn.

INTELLIGENCE BOSS Dulles says it's certain Russia orbited a man in space. And just to allay doubts, he wants it clearly understood that he did not get that word from his man in Havana.

happened. There was the little lady who kept coming and trimming off the lace from the curtains. Another woman kept asking for a souvenir, saying the White House was hers as much as anyone else's. At last a policeman gave her a little sliver of wood and said with a laugh, "All right, here's your share."

IT WAS ONE DAY during the war, when the regular cleaning man was off duty, that a trusted substitute was assigned to clean the map room. This resulted in a small catastrophe. The room held maps on which the President could see the location of the ships at sea, represented by tiny pegs.

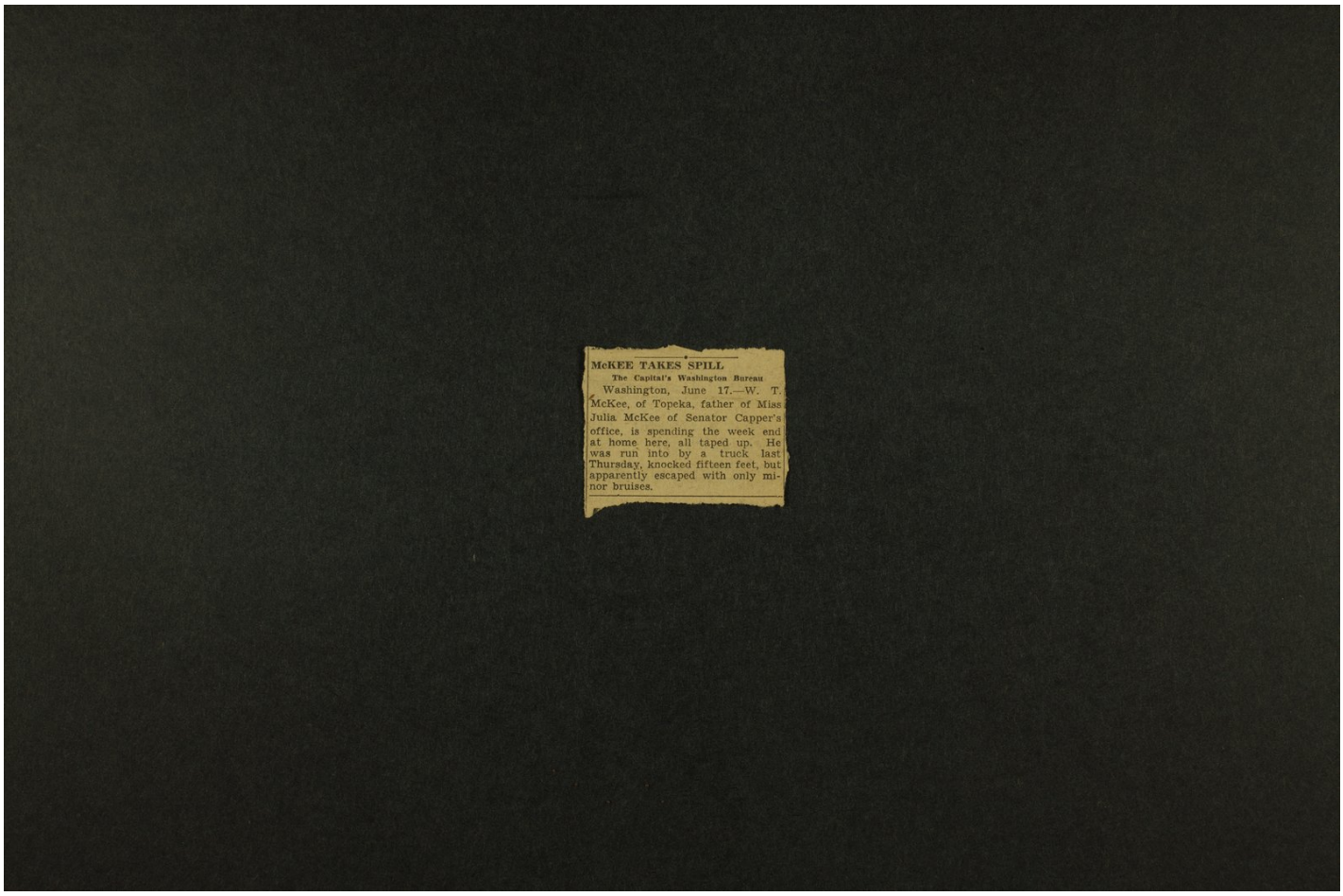
But the inexperienced man had knocked the pegs to thunderation with his vigorous dusting. The President sent out the word, "Don't let that regular man stay off duty again. The fellow who was in here yesterday sank the entire fleet."

DURING THE GRIM WAR years, Churchill was the most important White House guest, but even he gave rise to some innocent merriment backstairs. For me, the funniest time was when Roosevelt ordered up the pigs' knuckles with a particular sauce that he had been bragging about to Churchill, and the prime minister, trying to be gracious, shut his eyes and ate them.

Churchill said he had never heard of eating pigs' knuckles, and he became sicker by the minute as he pretended enthusiasm. The President suggested that in a day or two, they would have them cooked still another way until the prime minister "surrendered" and the President relented.

(Condensed from the book "My Thirty Years Backstairs at the White House." Copyright 1961, Fleet Pub. Corp. Rel. by GFC)

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McKEE TAKES SPILL

The Capital's Washington Bureau

Washington, June 17.—W. T. McKee, of Topeka, father of Miss Julia McKee of Senator Capper's office, is spending the week end at home here, all taped up. He was run into by a truck last Thursday, knocked fifteen feet, but apparently escaped with only minor bruises.

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Julia McKee Undergoes Appendectomy

The Capital's Washington Bureau

Washington, June 20.—Miss Julia McKee, Senator Capper's private secretary, is recovering nicely from an appendectomy operation this morning, the hospital reports. She was taken ill late yesterday afternoon, taken to the hospital this morning, and the operation "not an emergency one" performed before noon.

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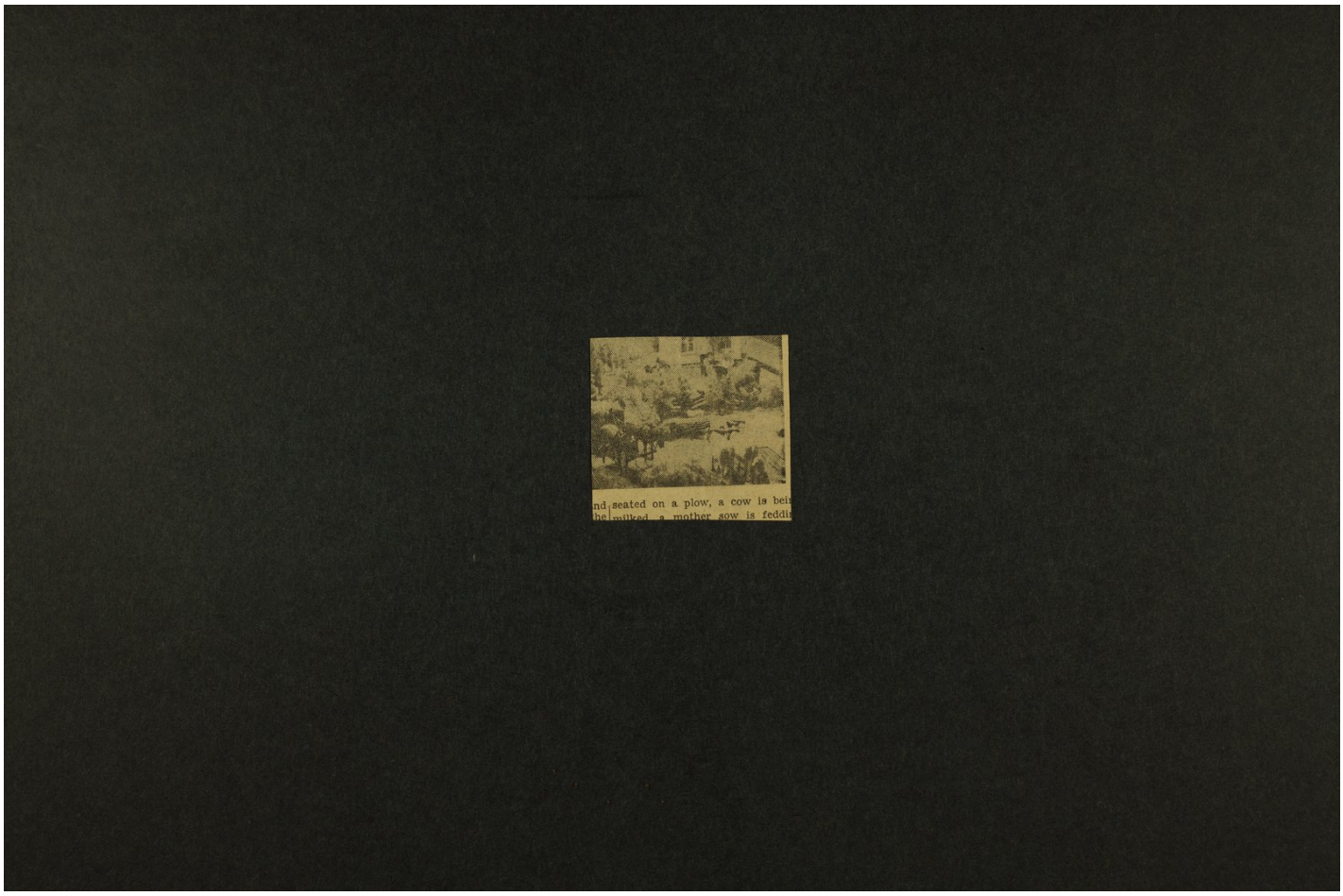


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Pvt. Robert A. McKee spent a fifteen-day delay en route with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McKee, 1181 College, on his way from Keesler Field, Miss., to Lincoln, Neb., Army Air Field. McKee is in flight engineer training. After graduating from Topeka High School in 1944, McKee attended Washburn University one semester before entering service. He played football at both Topeka High and Washburn. McKee is a nephew of Julia McKee, Senator Arthur Capper's secretary.

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MRS. MARIA J. ANDERSON.

Mrs. Maria J. Anderson, 84, widow of Thomas Anderson, former resident of Martinsburg, died Monday afternoon in her home, 708 Maple avenue, after a short illness.

Mrs. Anderson was down town Friday and was taken ill. Saturday and a stroke of paralysis followed on Sunday.

She had been a resident of Newark the past 12 years. She was born July 30, 1852, in Coshocton county, the daughter of William and Mary McKee. Two daughters are deceased and she leaves three sons, Clark M. and George W. Provin of Newark; Bert Anderson of Martinsburg; a sister, Mrs. Amy Snedeker of Coshocton, and a brother, William T. McKee of Topeka, Kans., also six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of the Woman's Relief corps and the Methodist church of Martinsburg.

The body was moved to the McCament funeral home and late this afternoon will be taken to the home. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. in the Presbyterian church in Martinsburg with Rev. L. C. Sparks officiating and burial will be made in the church cemetery.

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vin in common pleas court for ... fred Santee against Bertha Santee asking for a divorce she alleges neglect. Their marriage took place Jan. 16, 1935.

Wilful absence is alleged in a petition filed by McDonald & McDonald in common pleas court for James M. Allison against Delsie D. Allison, who were married Nov. 15, 1917. He claims she has been absent from him since March 10, 1930.

Gas Tax Distribution.

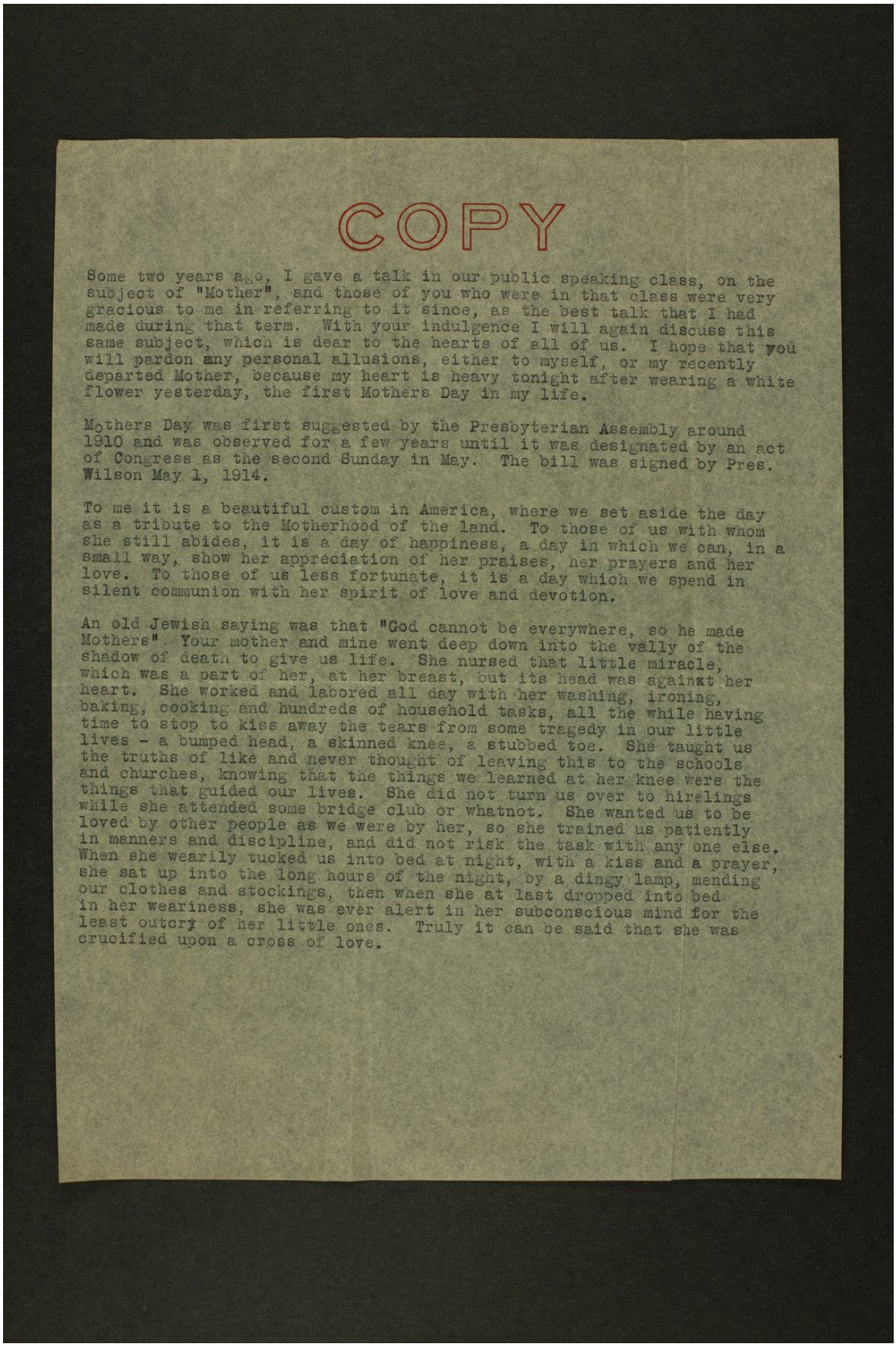
The county auditor's office distributed gas tax throughout the county, giving $40 to each township.

To Have Ditch Hearing.

The board of county commissioners will have a ditch hearing tomorrow.

Judicial Decrees.

Frances Walters was given a decree of divorce by Judge Frank E. Slabaugh in common pleas court from Carl Walters, on the grounds of neglect. She was also awarded the household goods. Walter Dunwoody was her attorney. Judge Slabaugh granted a decree of divorce to Benjamin Lee Thompson from Loretta Thompson. Eugene Moore was his attorney. A decree for the plaintiff was granted by Judge Moore to the Home Owners Loan corporation against Lizzie Willemain and others. W. F. Fitzgib-



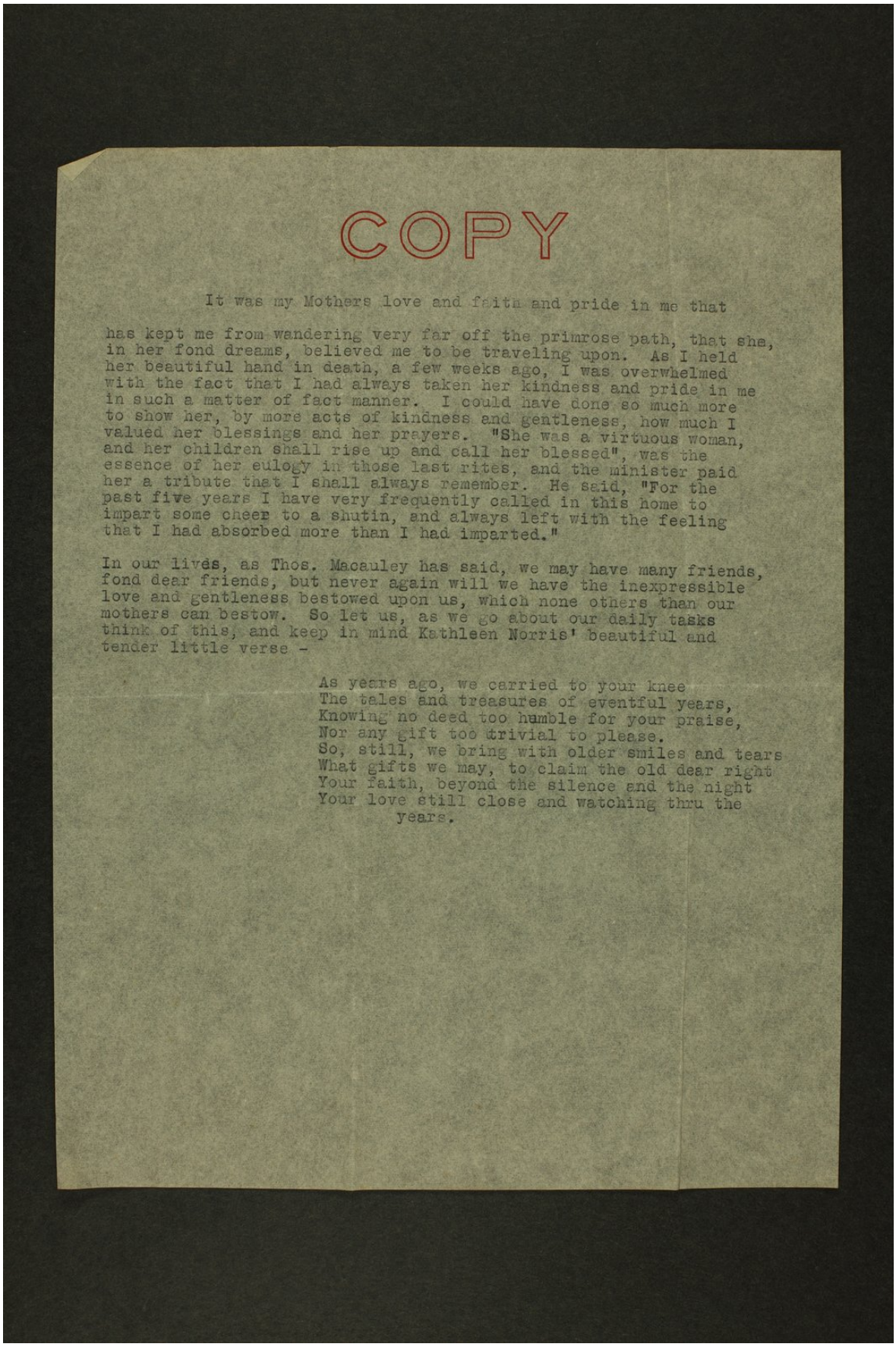
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Some two years ago, I gave a talk in our public speaking class, on the subject of "Mother", and those of you who were in that class were very gracious to me in referring to it since, as the best talk that I had made during that term. With your indulgence I will again discuss this same subject, which is dear to the hearts of all of us. I hope that you will pardon any personal allusions, either to myself, or my recently departed Mother, because my heart is heavy tonight after wearing a white flower yesterday, the first Mothers Day in my life.

Mothers Day was first suggested by the Presbyterian Assembly around 1910 and was observed for a few years until it was designated by an act of Congress as the second Sunday in May. The bill was signed by Pres. Wilson May 1, 1914.

To me it is a beautiful custom in America, where we set aside the day as a tribute to the Motherhood of the land. To those of us with whom she still abides, it is a day of happiness, a day in which we can, in a small way, show her appreciation of her praises, her prayers and her love. To those of us less fortunate, it is a day which we spend in silent communion with her spirit of love and devotion.

An old Jewish saying was that "God cannot be everywhere, so he made Mothers". Your mother and mine went deep down into the vally of the shadow of death to give us life. She nursed that little miracle, which was a part of her, at her breast, but its head was against her heart. She worked and labored all day with her washing, ironing, baking, cooking and hundreds of household tasks, all the while having time to stop to kiss away the tears from some tragedy in our little lives - a bumped head, a skinned knee, a stubbed toe. She taught us the truths of like and never thought of leaving this to the schools and churches, knowing that the things we learned at her knee were the things that guided our lives. She did not turn us over to hirelings while she attended some bridge club or whatnot. She wanted us to be loved by other people as we were by her, so she trained us patiently in manners and discipline, and did not risk the task with any one else. When she wearily tucked us into bed at night, with a kiss and a prayer, she sat up into the long hours of the night, by a dingy lamp, mending our clothes and stockings, then when she at last dropped into bed in her weariness, she was ever alert in her subconscious mind for the least outcry of her little ones. Truly it can be said that she was crucified upon a cross of love.

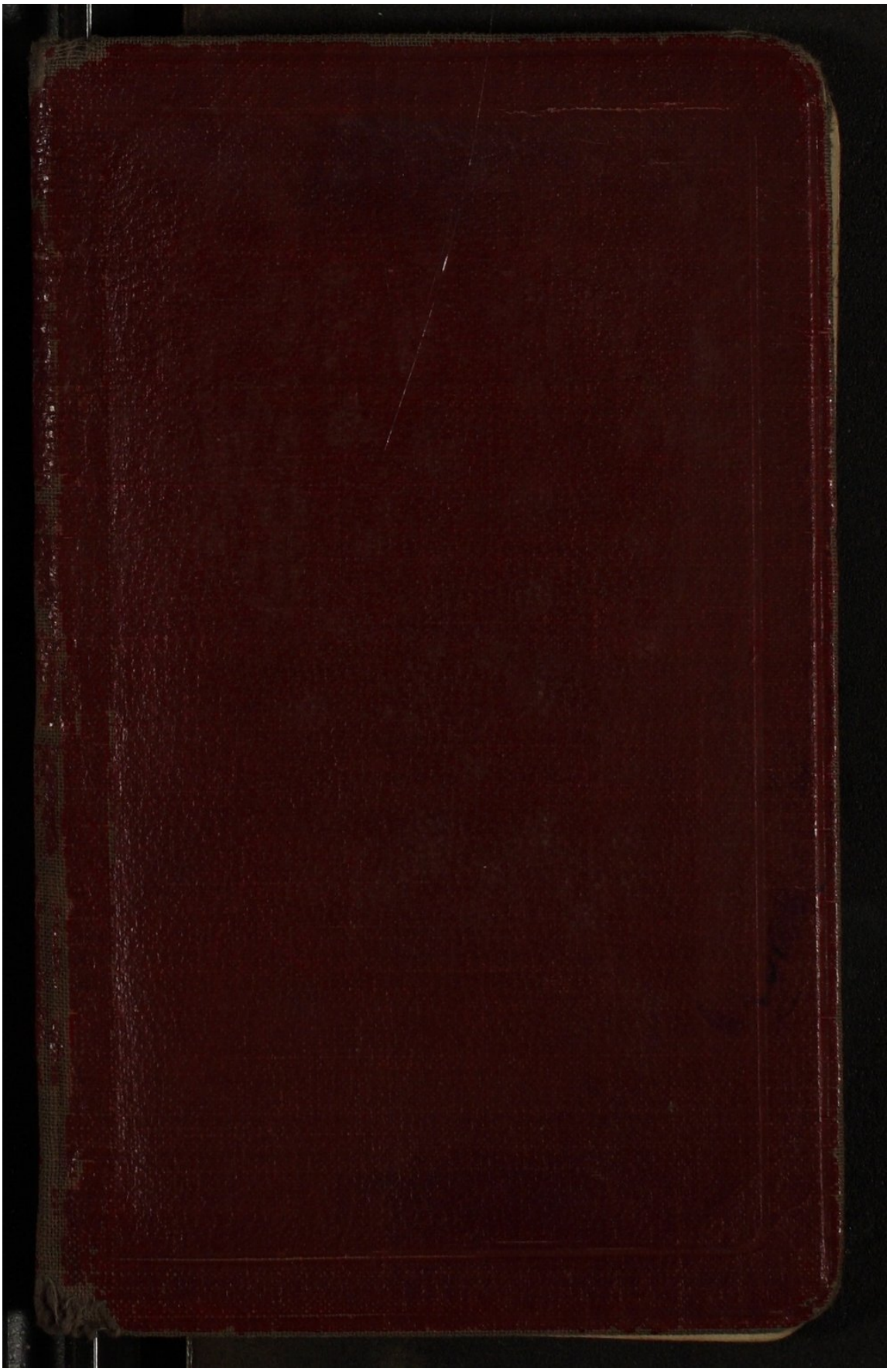


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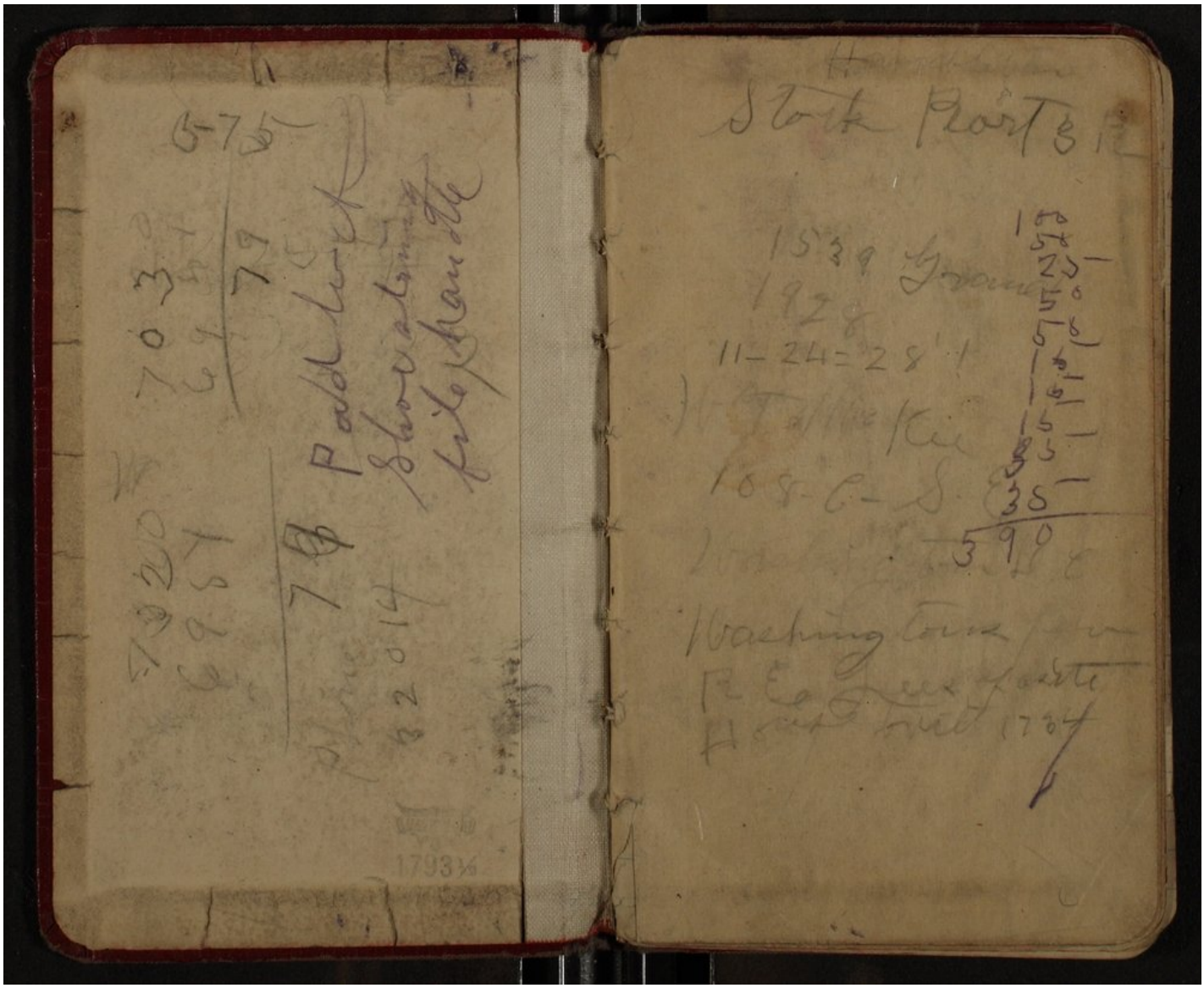
It was my Mothers love and faith and pride in me that has kept me from wandering very far off the primrose path, that she, in her fond dreams, believed me to be traveling upon. As I held her beautiful hand in death, a few weeks ago, I was overwhelmed with the fact that I had always taken her kindness and pride in me in such a matter of fact manner. I could have done so much more to show her, by more acts of kindness and gentleness, how much I valued her blessings and her prayers. "She was a virtuous woman, and her children shall rise up and call her blessed", was the essence of her eulogy in those last rites, and the minister paid her a tribute that I shall always remember. He said, "For the past five years I have very frequently called in this home to impart some cheer to a shutin, and always left with the feeling that I had absorbed more than I had imparted."

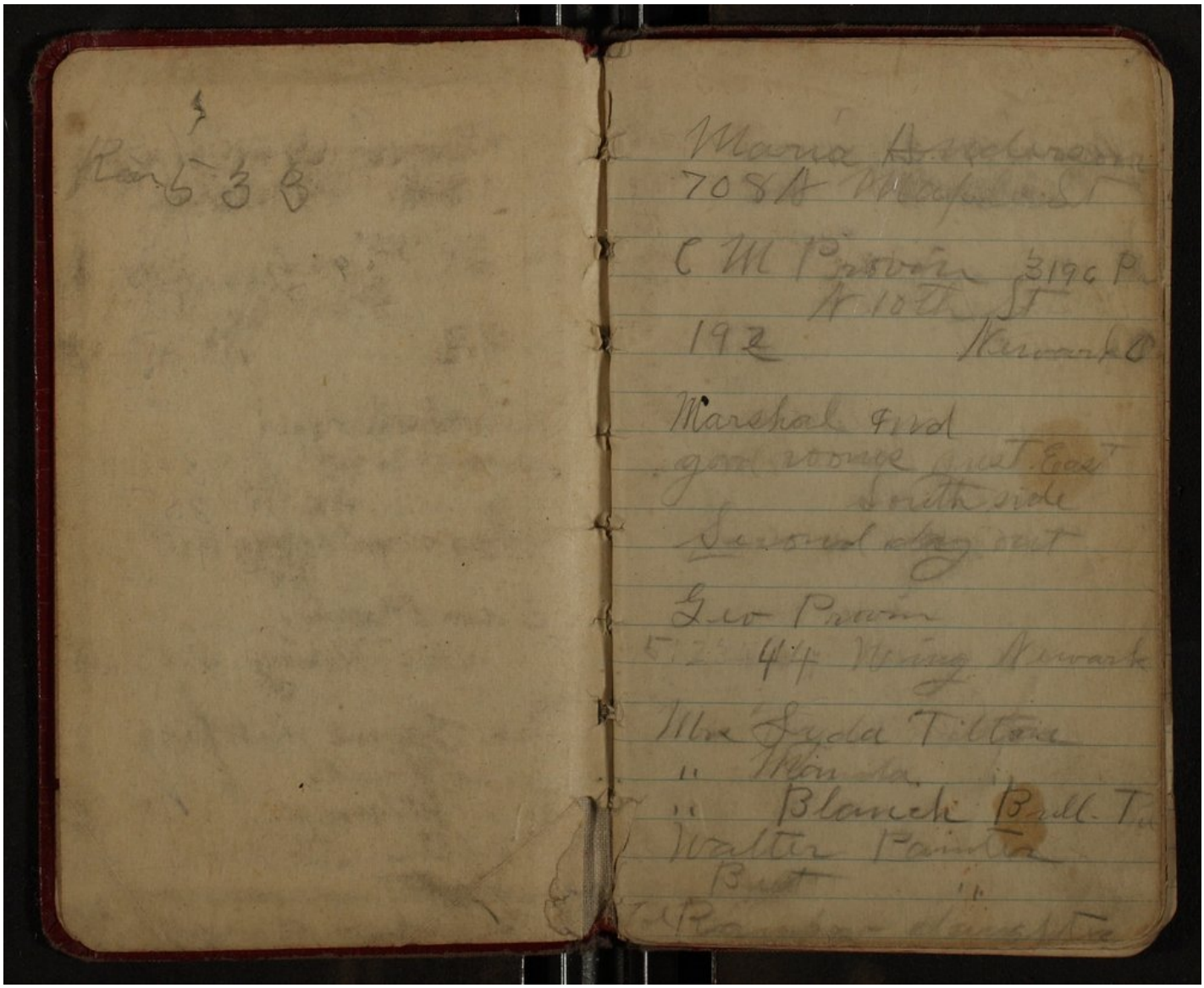
In our lives, as Thos. Macauley has said, we may have many friends, fond dear friends, but never again will we have the inexpressible love and gentleness bestowed upon us, which none others than our mothers can bestow. So let us, as we go about our daily tasks think of this, and keep in mind Kathleen Norris' beautiful and tender little verse -

As years ago, we carried to your knee
The tales and treasures of eventful years,
Knowing no deed too humble for your praise,
Nor any gift too trivial to please.
So, still, we bring with older smiles and tears
What gifts we may, to claim the old dear right
Your faith, beyond the silence and the night
Your love still close and watching thru the years.

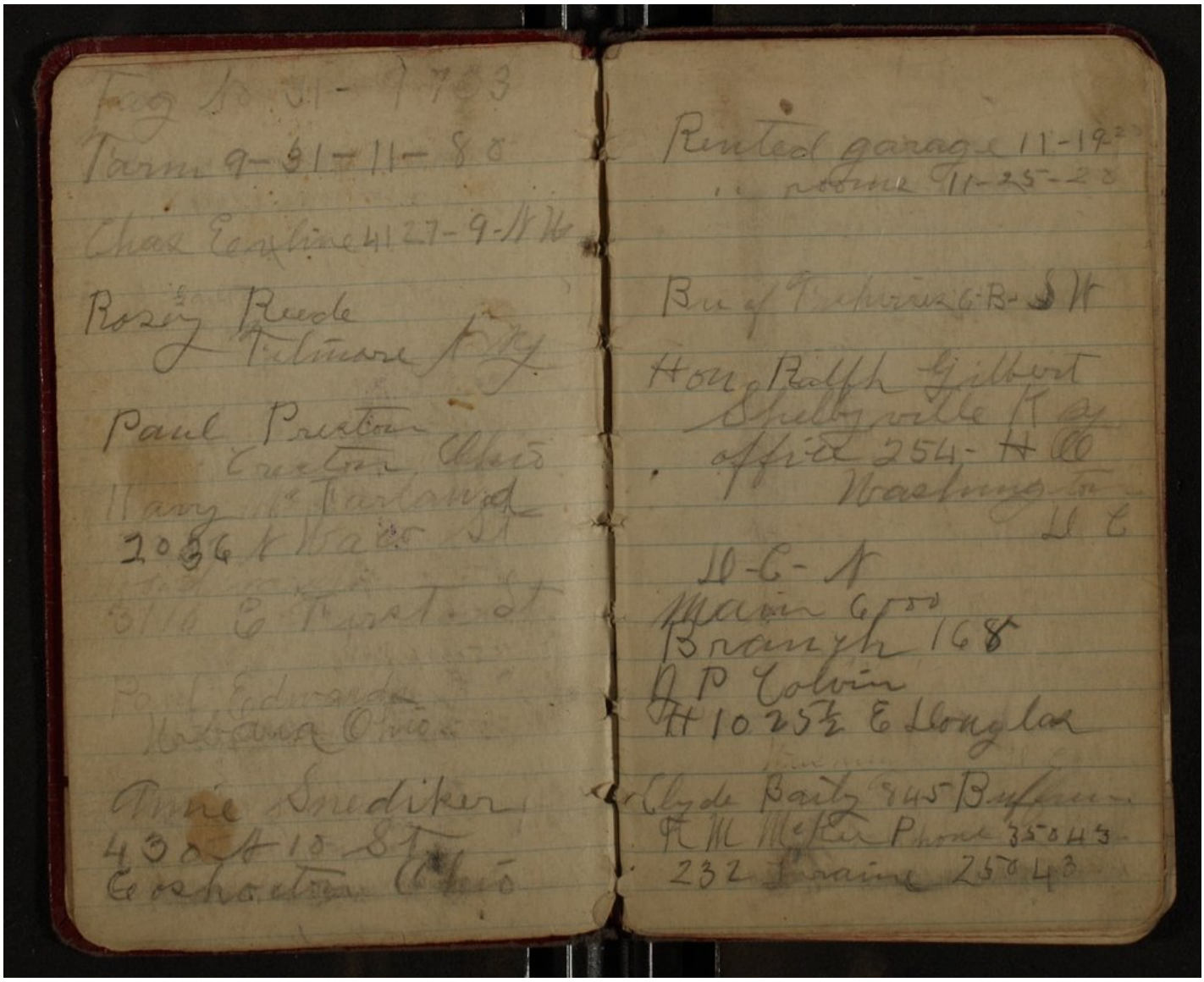


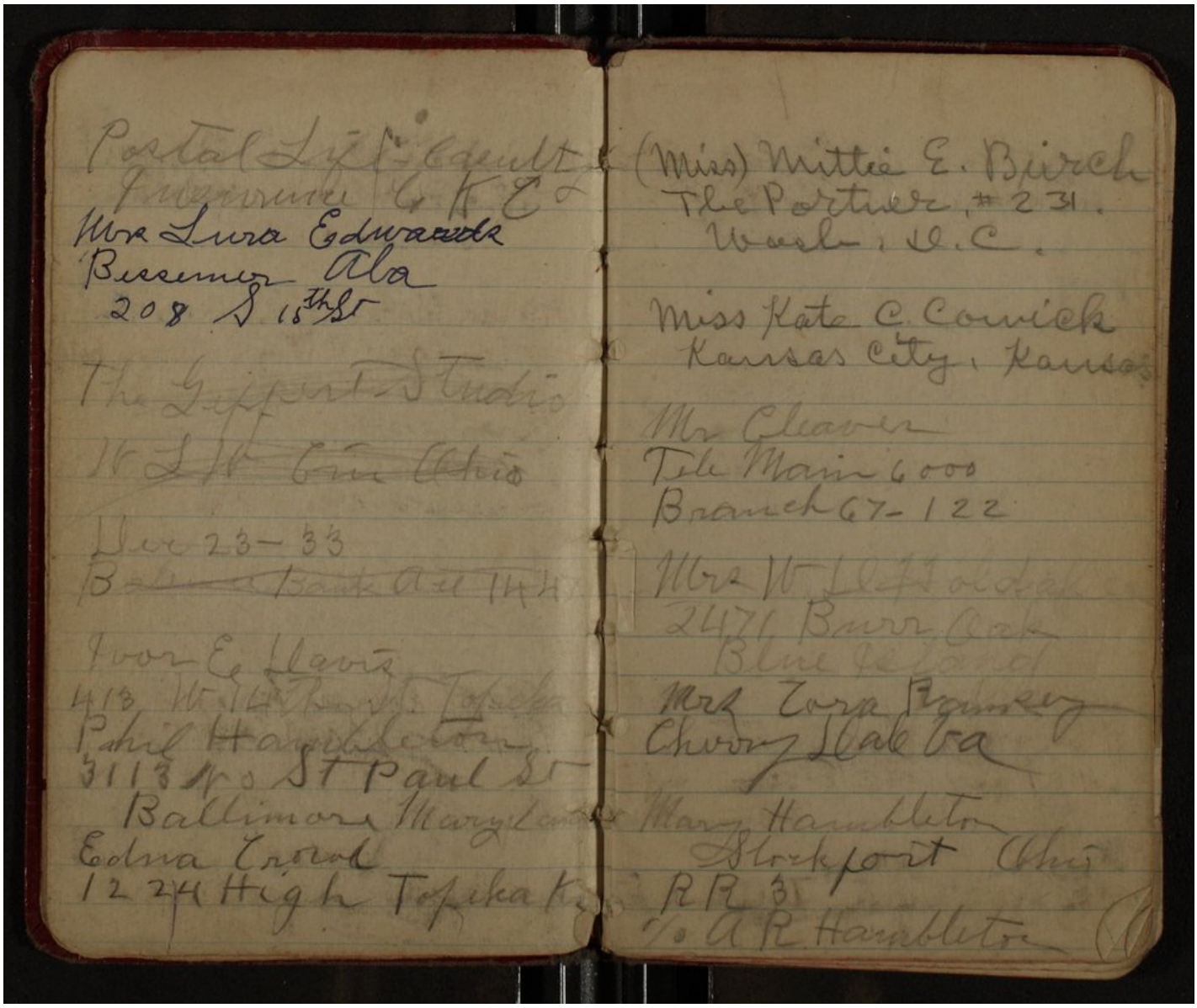
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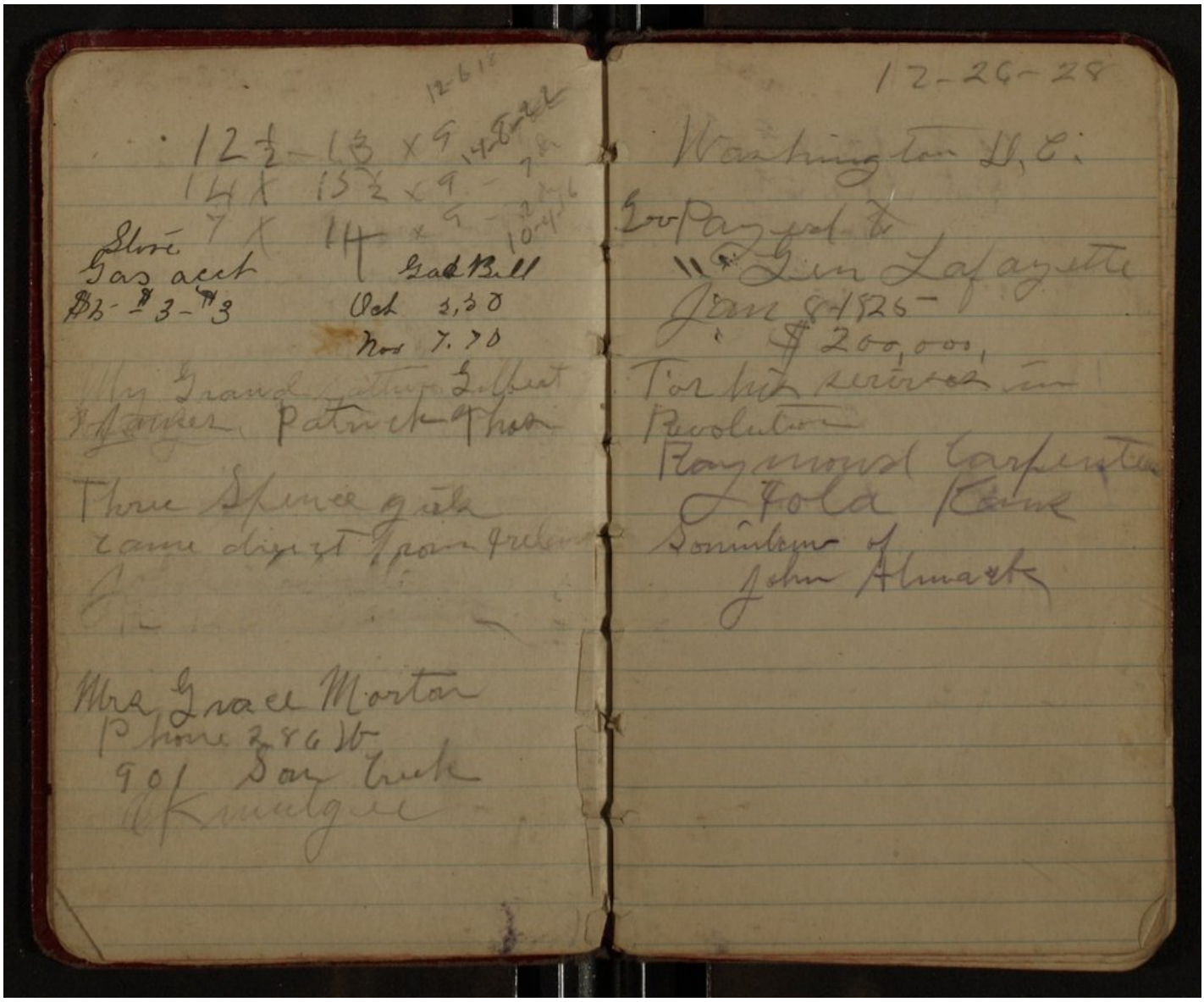


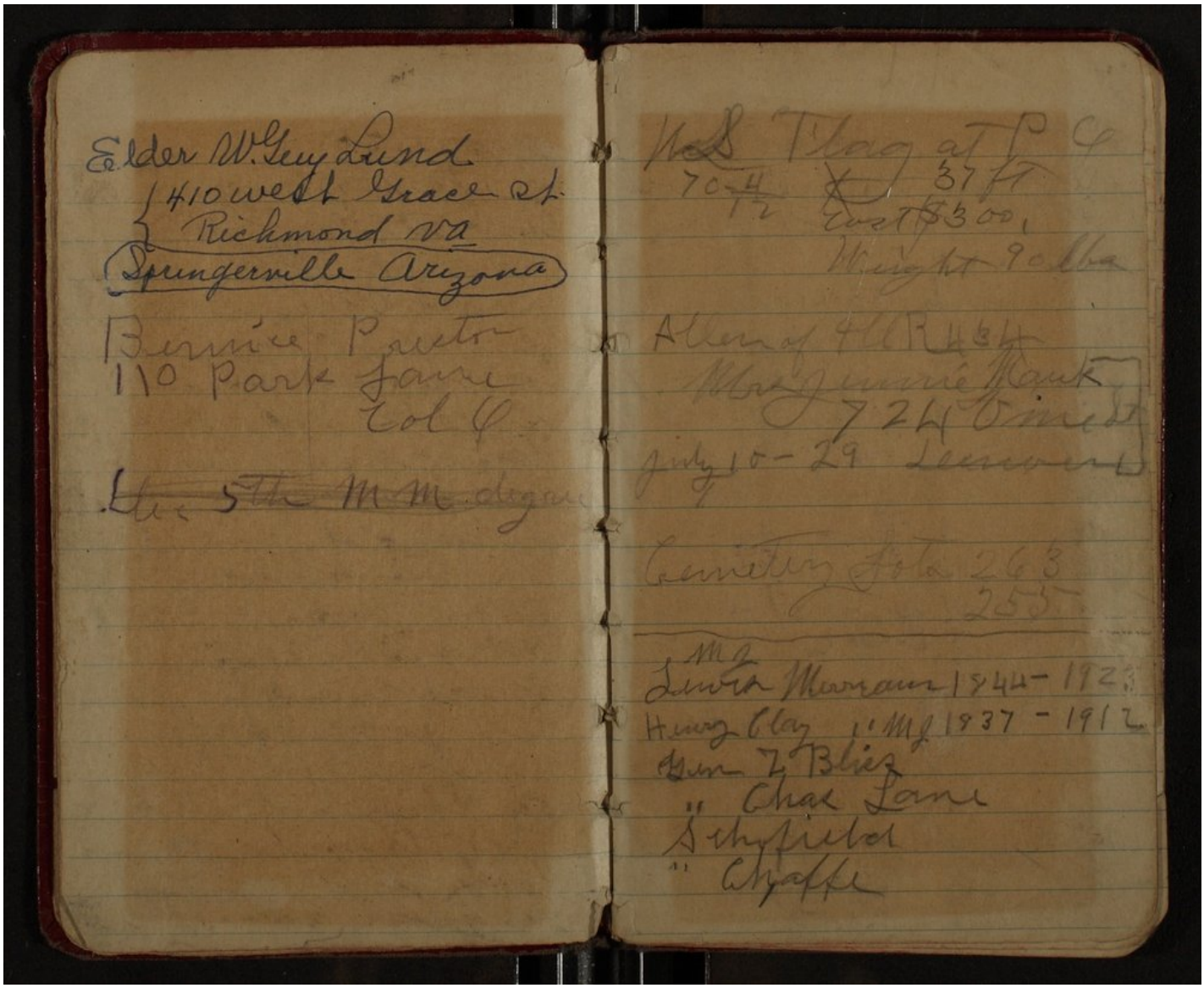

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C M Pinson 319 P
N 10th St
192 Kenwood
Marshal 4 rd
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Geo Pinson
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Mrs Syda Tilton
" Minnie
" Blanche Bell T.
Walter Painter
Burt
Rambo Kansas

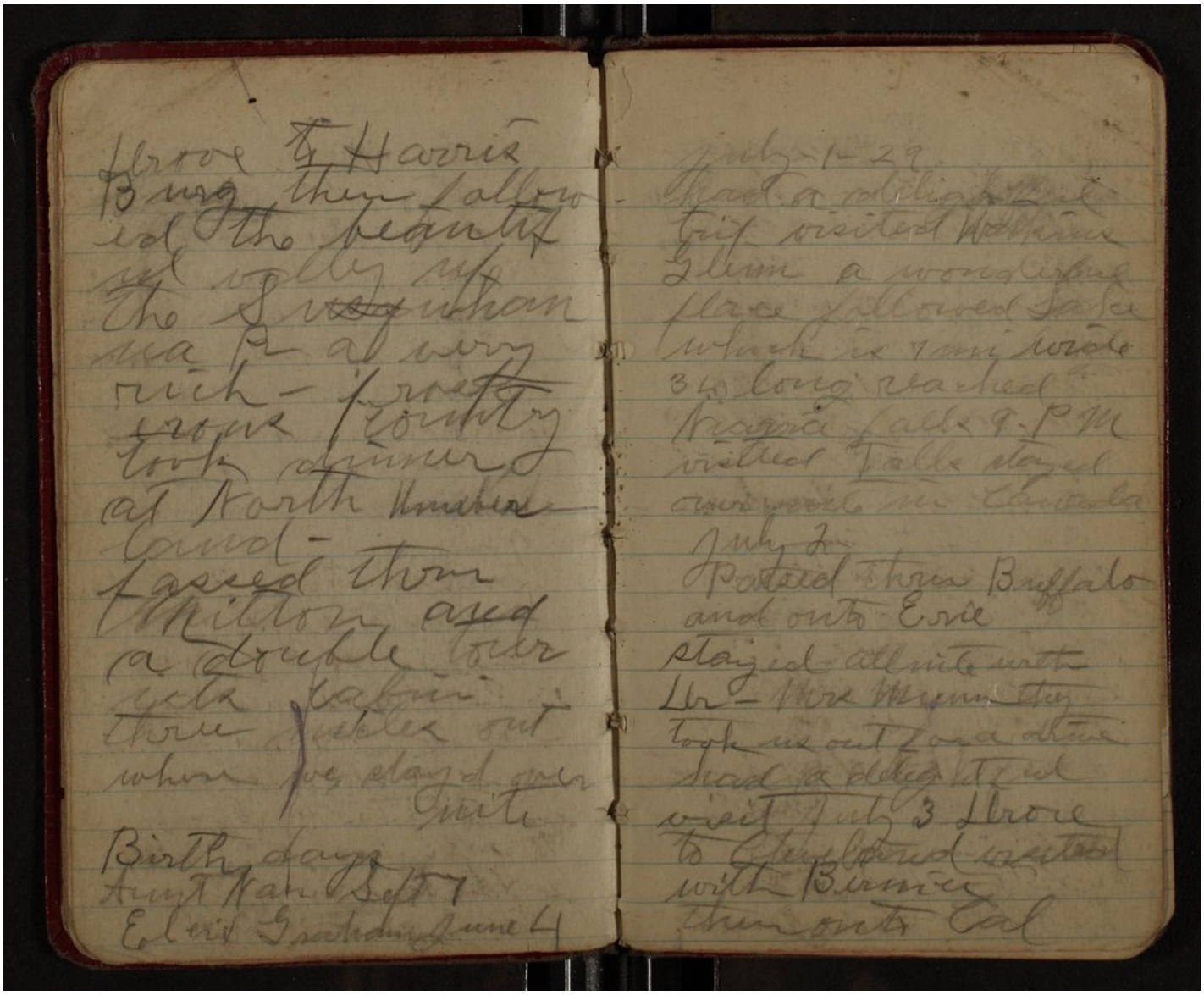
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Postal Life Equitable
Insurance & Trust Co
Mrs Lura Edwards
Bessemer Ala
208 S 18th St
The Gaffert Studio
Dec 23-33
Ivor E Harris
413 W 14th Ave Topeka
Paul Hamblenton
3113 1/2 St Paul St
Baltimore, Maryland
Edna Croad
1224 High Topeka Kan
(Miss) Mittie E. Birch
The Portner, #231.
Wash. D.C.
Miss Kate C. Conwick
Kansas City, Kansas
Mrs Cleaver
Tel Main 6000
Branch 67-122
Mrs W. L. Waddell
2471 Burr Oak
Blue Island
Mrs Zora Pomeroy
Chuvey Alaska
Mary Hamblenton
Stockport Ohio
RR 3
% A R Hamblenton


12-26-28
Washington D. C.
Gas acct
Gad Bell
Oct 2,30
Nov 7.30
Grace Morton
Phone 2860
901 Day Creek
Okmulgee
Gen Lafayette
Jan 8 1825
$200,000
Raymond Carpenter
Fola Rank
John Almack


Elder W. Guy Lund
410 west Grace St.
Richmond Va
Springerville Arizona
Bernice Paxton
110 Park Lane
Col O.
Lt. 5th M M degree
Head Thag at C 4
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East 300,
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Attend 4th R U H
Mary Jennie Mark
7 24 Omit
July 10 - 29 Leaves
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Mrs
Laura Meeram 1844 - 1923
Henry Clay 1st Mrs 1837 - 1912
Gen T. Bliss
" Chas Lane
Schofield
" Chaffee



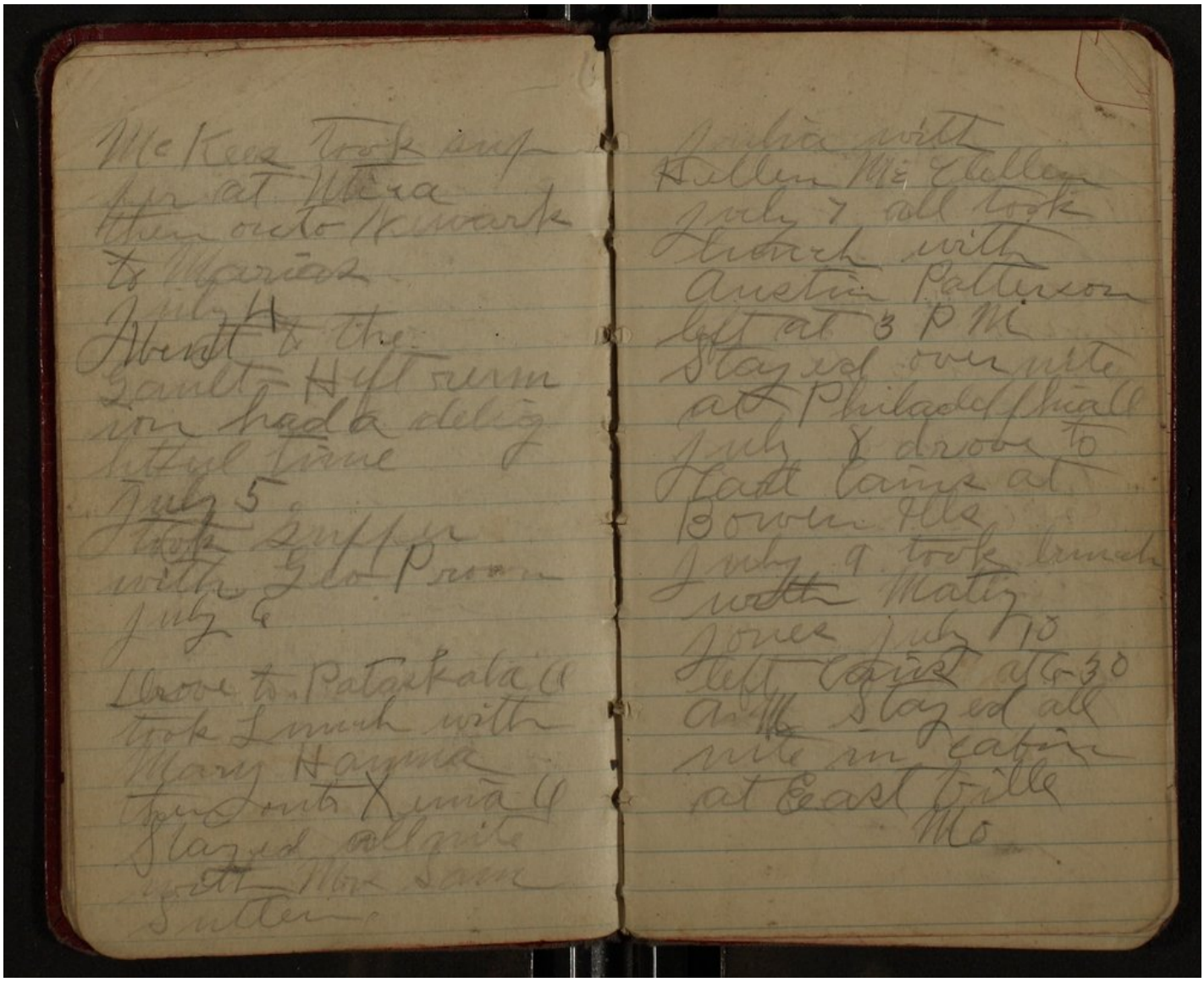
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rich - fruitful
tropic country
took dinner
at North Umbria
land -
passed thru
Milton and
a double tour
ed cabin
thru Sunbury out
where we stayed over
Night

Birth days
Aunt Kate Sept 7
Edith Sackett June 4

July 1-29
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visit visited Williams
Glen a wonderful
place followed Lake
which is 1 mi wide
3 4 long reached
Niagara Falls 9 P M
visited Falls stayed
over night in Canada

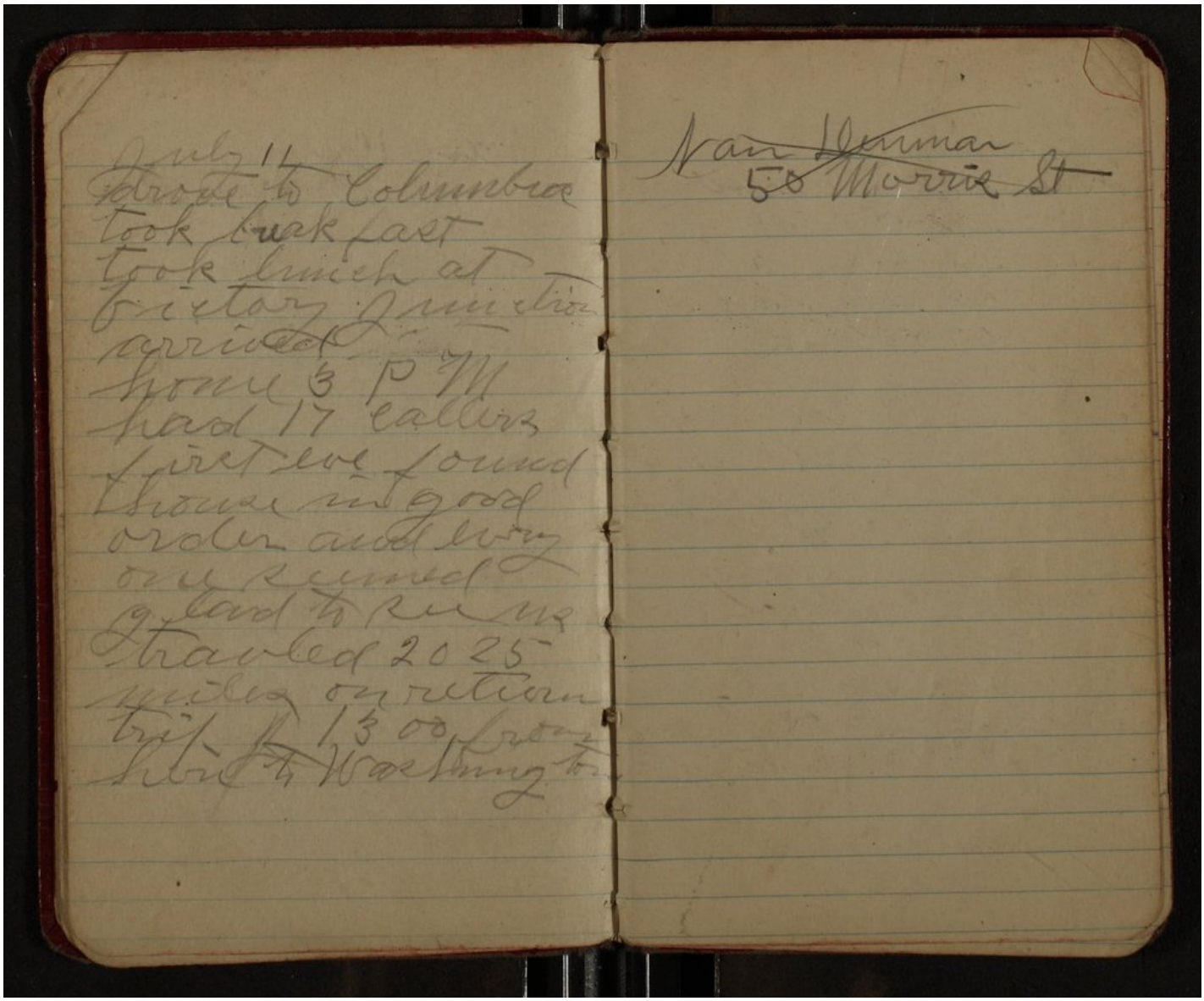
July 2
Rested then Buffalo
and onto Erie
stayed all night with
Uncle Mose Myers they
took us out for a drive
had a sleigh ride
visit July 3 Drove
to Cleveland visited
with Bernice
then onto Cal

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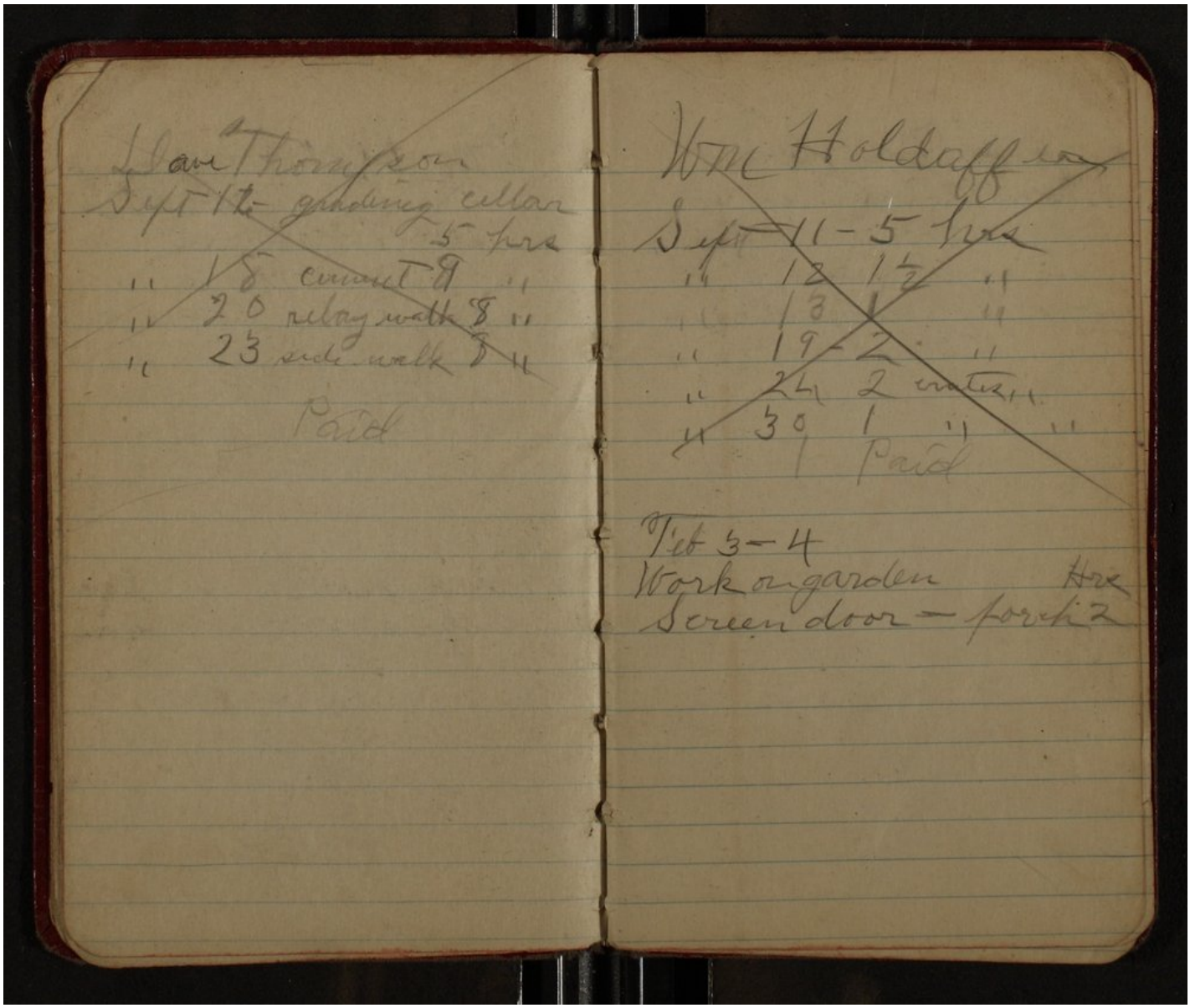
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for at Utica
then onto Kewark
to Marias
July 4
Aboard the
Yacht Hyt sum
mer had a delig
htful time
July 5
took supper
with Gle Powers
July 6
Drove to Patarkala
took Lunch with
Mary Hayma
then onto Xenia
Stayed all night
with Mrs Sam
Sutter

Xenia with
Fullen Mr Fullen
July 7 all took
Church with
Austin Patterson
left at 3 P M
Stayed over nite
at Philadelphia all
July 8 drove to
East Paint at
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July 9 took lunch
with Matty
Jones July 10
left Paint at 6-30
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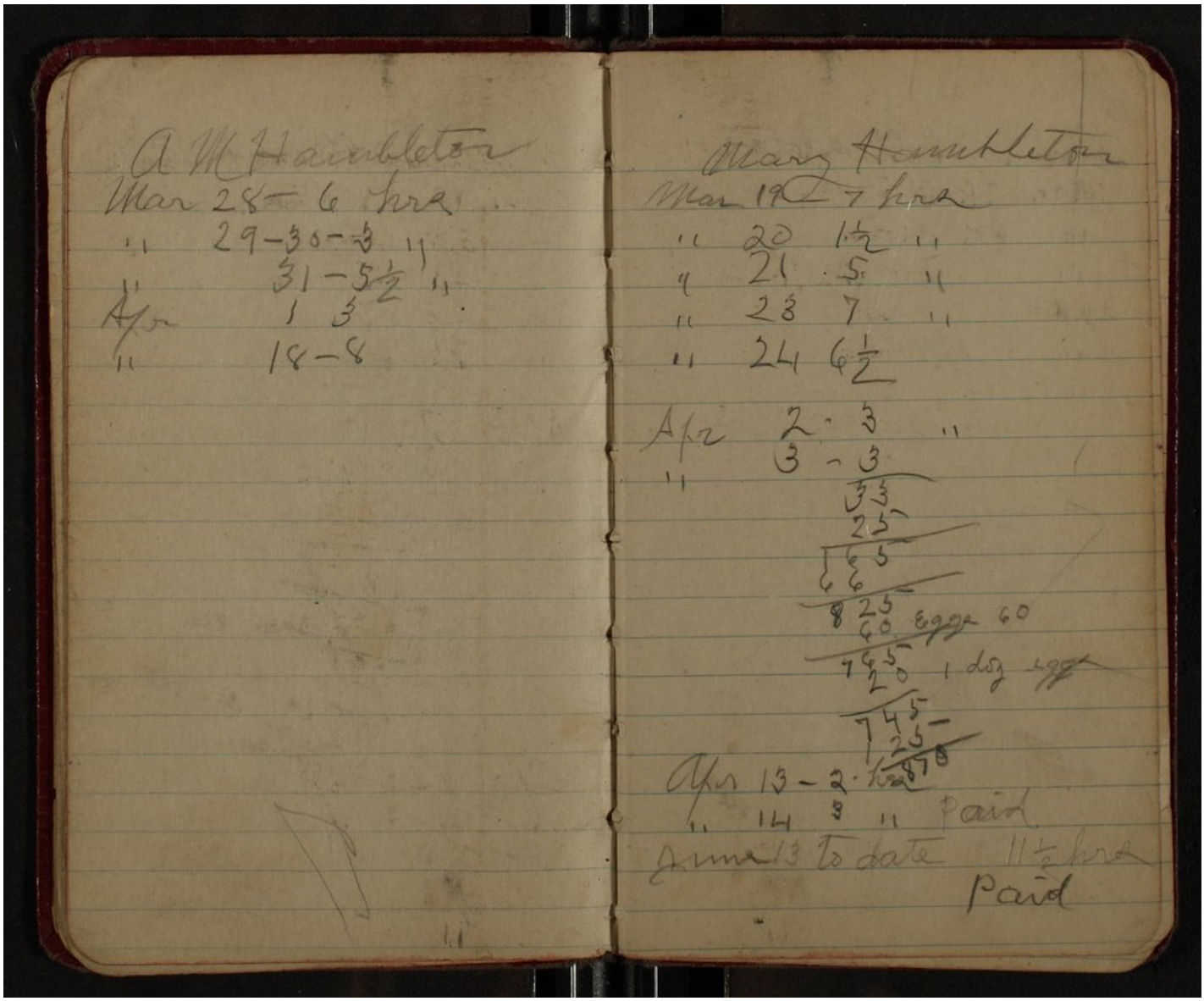


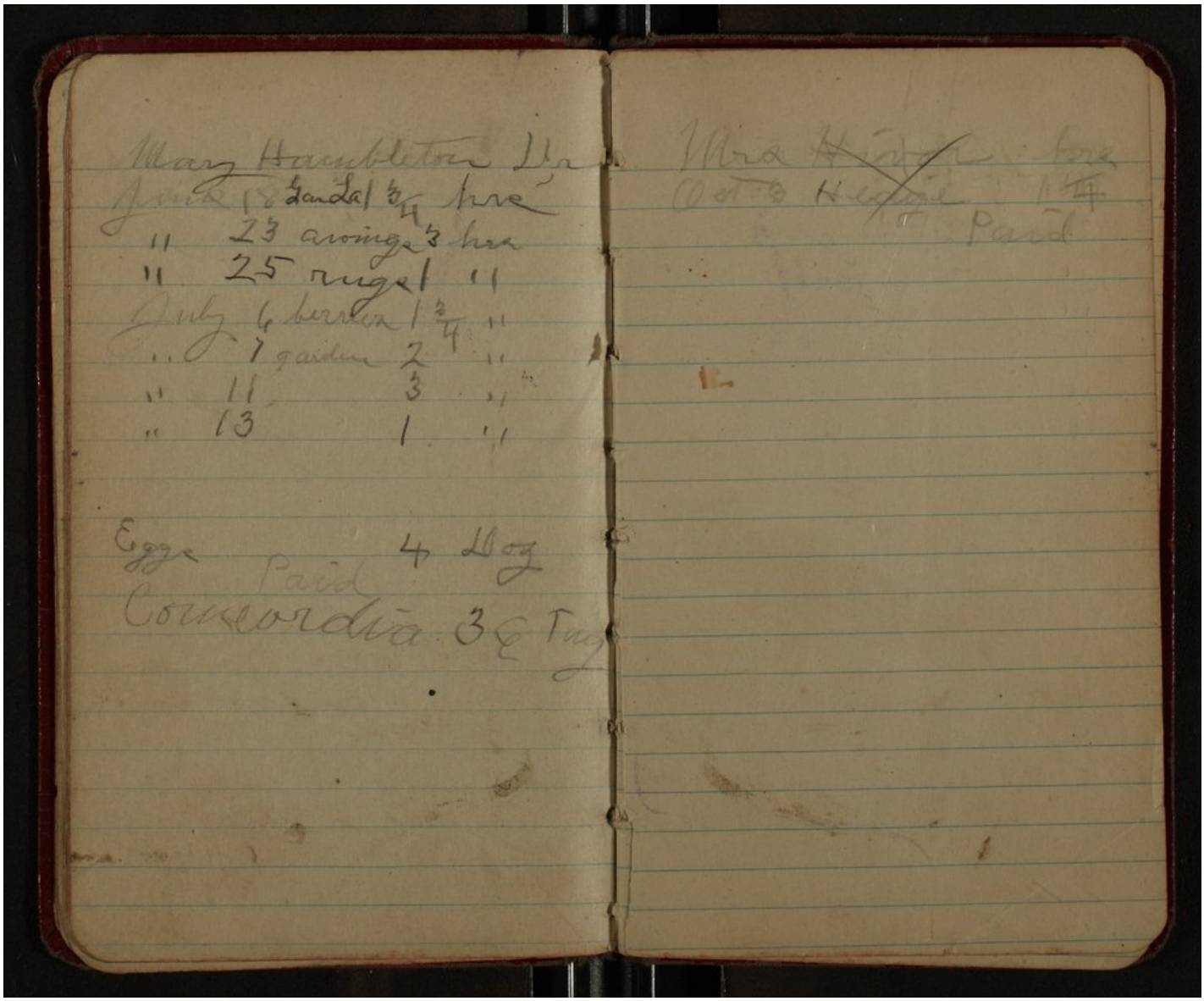
July 11
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Sister Quinton's
arrived home 3 P M
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order and busy
our Round
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Traveled 202.5
miles on return
trip $13.00 from
Ft Worth to

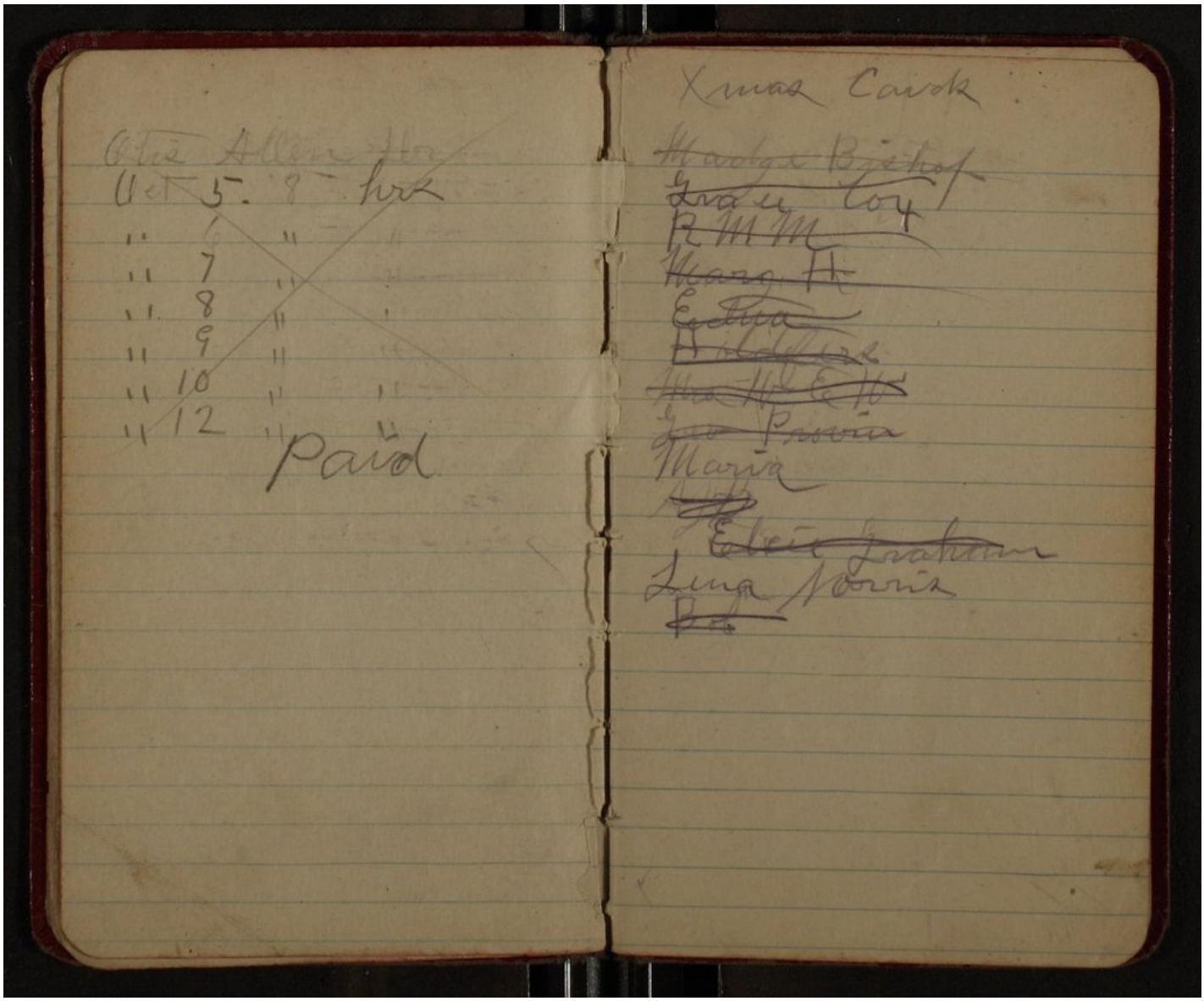
Ivan Herman
50 Morris St

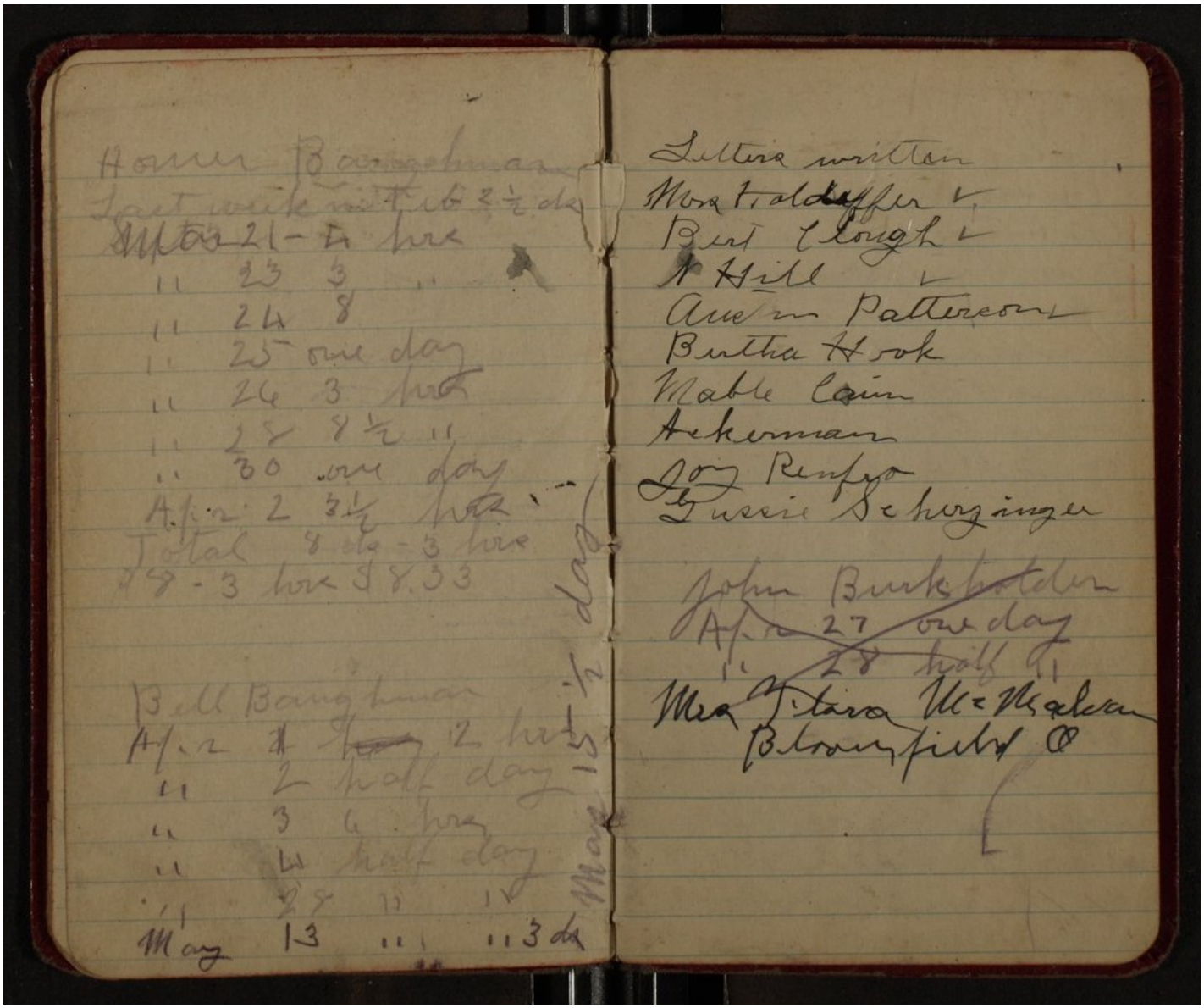

Dave Thompson
Sept 12 - grinding cellar
" 15 current 9 "
" 20 relay walk 8 "
" 23 side walk 8 "
Paid
Wm Holdaffer
Sept 11 - 5 hrs
" 12 1½ "
" 13 1 "
" 19 2 "
" 24 2 "
" 30 1 "
Paid
Oct 3 - 4
Work on garden Hrs
Screen door - porch 2

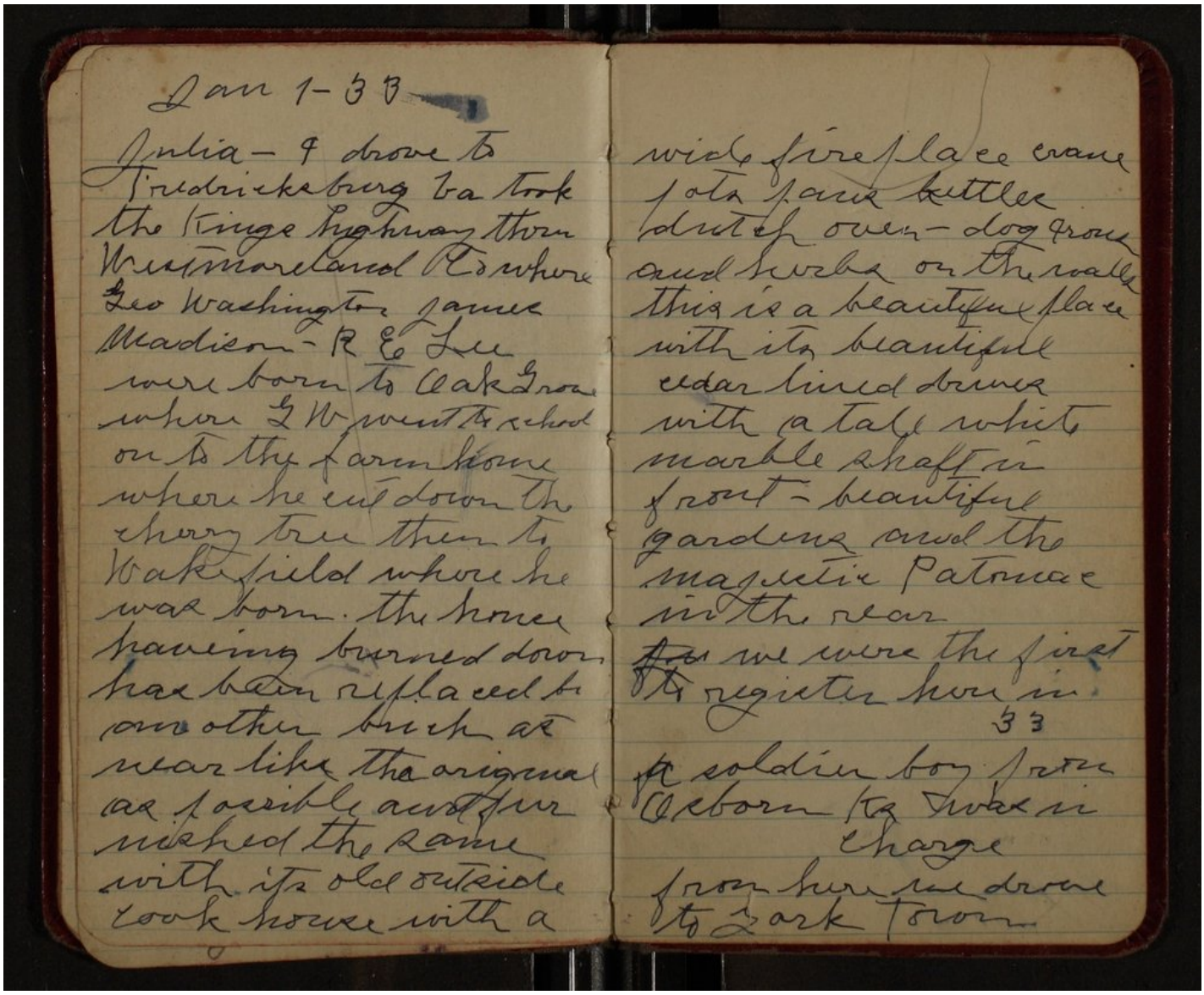
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Mary Hambleton Dr
Mrs Hinde bro
Paid
Eggs Paid 4 doz
Concordia 3¢ Tax


Xmas Cards
Oct 5. 8 hrs
" 6 "
" 7 "
" 8 "
" 9 "
" 10 "
" 12 "
Paid


Homer Baughman
Sept 21 - 4 hrs
" 23 3 "
" 24 8
" 25 one day
" 26 3 hrs
" 28 8½ "
" 30 one day
Apr 2 3½ hrs
Total 8 da - 3 hrs
18 - 3 hrs $8.33
Bill Baughman
Apr 2 2 hrs
" 2 half day
" 3 4 hrs
" 4 half day
May 13 " " 3 da
Letters written
Mrs Tolaffer
Bert Clough
A Hill
Anna Patterson
Bertha Hook
Mable Cain
Ackerman
Lon Renfro
Lizzie Schwinger
John Burkholder
Apr 27 one day
" 28 half "
Miss Flora McMahan
Bloomfield

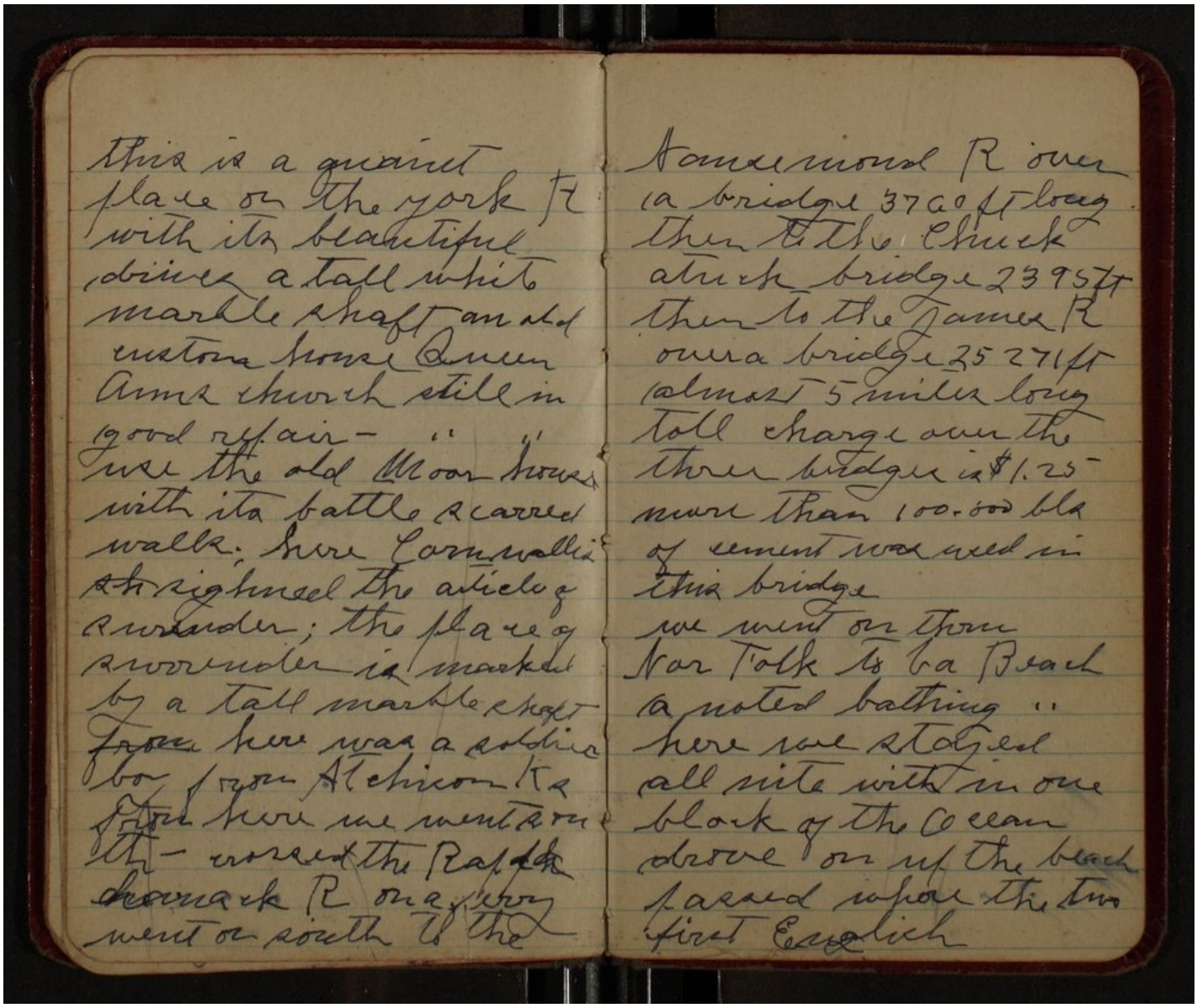


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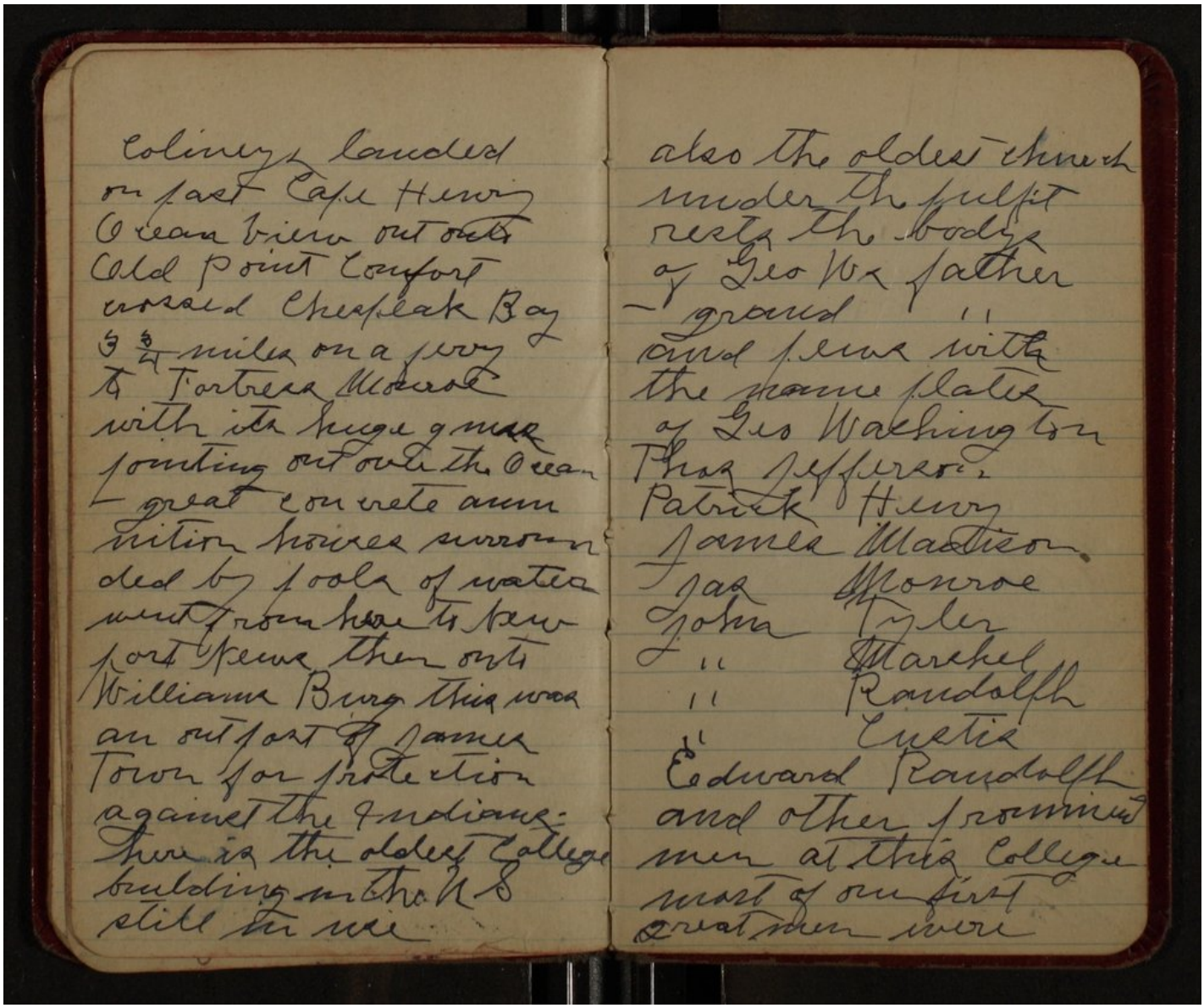
Julia – I drove to Fredricksburg Va took the Kings highway thru Westmoreland Co where Geo Washington James Madison – R E Lee were born to Oak Grove where I went to school on to the farm home where he cut down the cherry tree then to Wakefield where he was born. the house having burned down has been replaced by one other brick as near like the original as possible and furnished the same with its old outside look house with a wide fire place crane pots pans kettles dutch oven – dog irons and swords on the walls this is a beautiful place with its beautiful cedar lined drive with a tall white marble shaft in front – beautiful gardens and the magnolia Patomac in the rear

As we were the first to register here in 33

a soldier boy from Oxford born to live in charge from here we drove to Yark Town

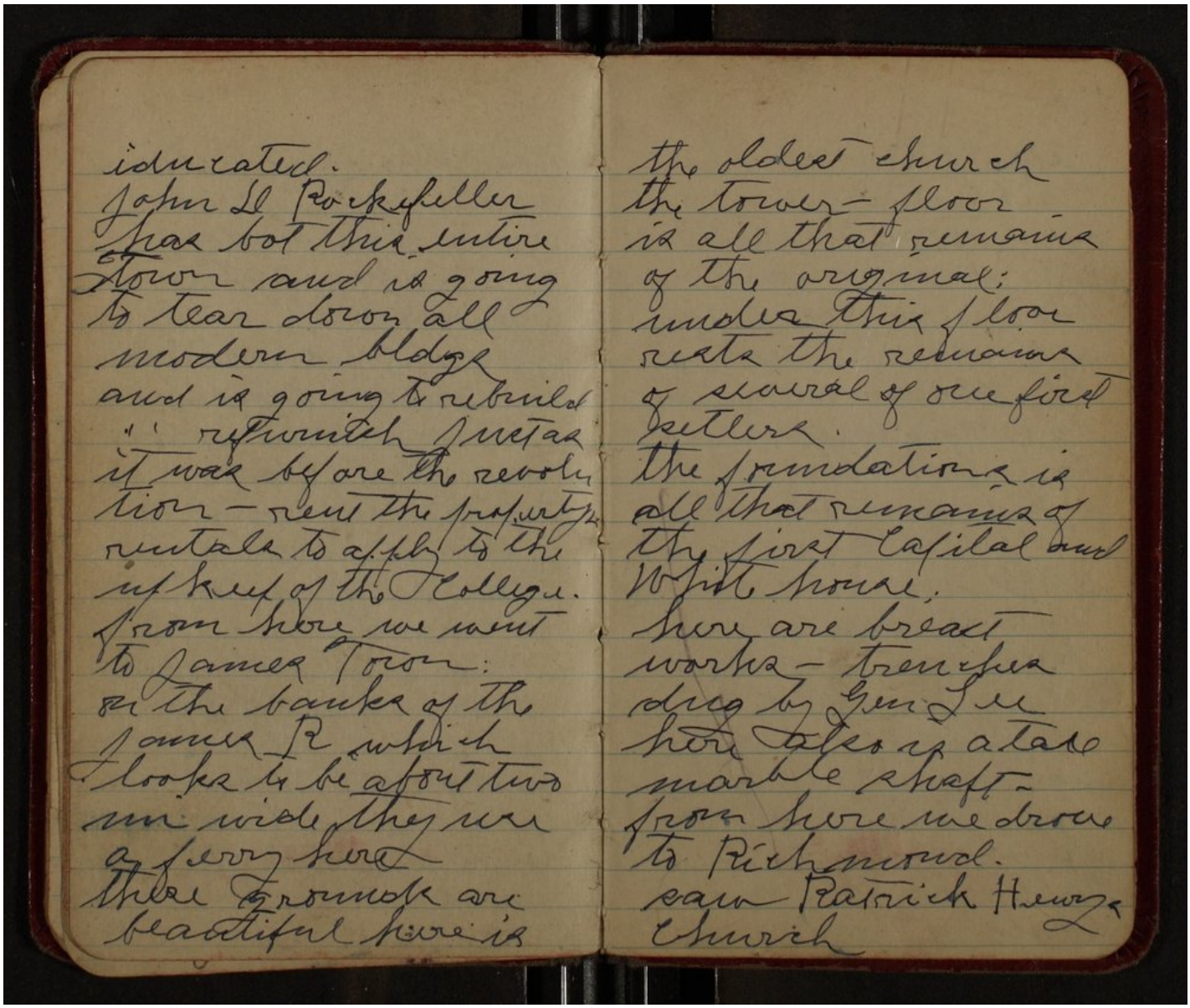


this is a quaint
place on the york R
with its beautiful
drives a tall white
marble shaft and old
custom house Queen
Anns church still in
good repair - " "
use the old Moor stones
with its battle scarred
walls. here Cornwallis
signed the articles of
surrender; the place of
surrender is marked
by a tall marble shaft
from here was a soldiers
boy from Atchison Ks
from here we went on
th - crossed the Rapidan
Rappahannock R on a ferry
went on south to the
Rappahannock R over
a bridge 3740 ft long.
then to the Chuckatuck
chuck bridge 2395 ft
then to the James R
over a bridge 25 271 ft
almost 5 miles long
toll charge over the
three bridges is $1.25
more than 100.000 bbls
of cement was used in
this bridge
we went on from
Nor Folk to Va Beach
a noted bathing "
here we stayed
all nite with in one
block of the Ocean
drove on up the beach
passed many of the two
first English



Colony landed
on past Cape Henry
Ocean view out onto
Old Point Comfort
around Chesapeake Bay
3 3/4 miles on a jetty
to Fortress Monroe
with its huge guns
pointing out over the Ocean
— great concrete ammunition houses surrounded by pools of water
must go from boat to boat
port Jesse then onto
Williamsburg this was
an outport of James
Town for protection
against the Indians
Here is the oldest College
building in the U S
still in use

also the oldest church
under the pulpit
rests the body
of Geo Wm father
— grand "
and pews with
the name plates
of Geo Washington
Thos Jefferson
Patrick Henry
James Madison
Jas Monroe
John Tyler
" Marshall
" Randolph
" Curtis
Edward Randolph
and other prominent
men at this College
most of our first
great men were



educated.
John D Rockefeller has bot this entire town and is going to tear down all modern bldgs and is going to rebuild it restoration fashion as it was before the revolution - rent the property rentals to apply to the upkeep of the College.
From here we went to James Town: on the banks of the James R which looks to be about two mi wide they use a ferry here
these grounds are beautiful here is the oldest church the tower - floor is all that remains of the original: under this floor rests the remains of several of our first settlers.
the foundations is all that remains of the first Capital and Virginia house.
here are breast works - trenches dug by Gen Lee
here takes up a tall marble shaft -
from here we drove to Richmond.
saw Patrick Henry Church