

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

TO-WIT:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of said County:

WHEREAS, D H Shifflett of the said county, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, J. C. Staples a Justice of the said ^{City} county, that "Lit Dorman" of the said ^{City} county, on the 6 day of May 1919, in the Court Room in the said county, did on the sixth day of May 1919 expectorate upon the floor of said Court Room unlawfully.

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you forthwith to summon to appear before me, or some other Justice of the said ^{City} County, the said Lit Dorman

to answer the said complaint, and to be farther dealt with according to law And you are required to summon D H Shifflett

to appear and give evidence in behalf of the Commonwealth, on the examination touching the said offence.

Given under my hand and seal this 6 day of May in the year 1919
J. C. Staples J. P. [SEAL]

Executed by Summoner Lit Dorman before
J C Staples JP This the 6 day of May 1919
W D Dillard SR

The Defendant "Lit" Dorman upon the
evidence of D M Shifflet is found guilty
as charged within and a fine of one
dollar and costs two ^{dollars} and eighty five
cents was imposed Given under
my hand this 6th day of May 1919
J C Staples JP

(3)



MONMOUTH
MAY 2
3-PM
19 17
ILL.



Miss Ada Rudy
Harrisonburg
Va

3-5 Broad St



(1.)



Miss Ada Reedy
Harrisonburg
Va

5-5 Broadway



Miss Adelle
25 - Wash
3 - days out
of Washington

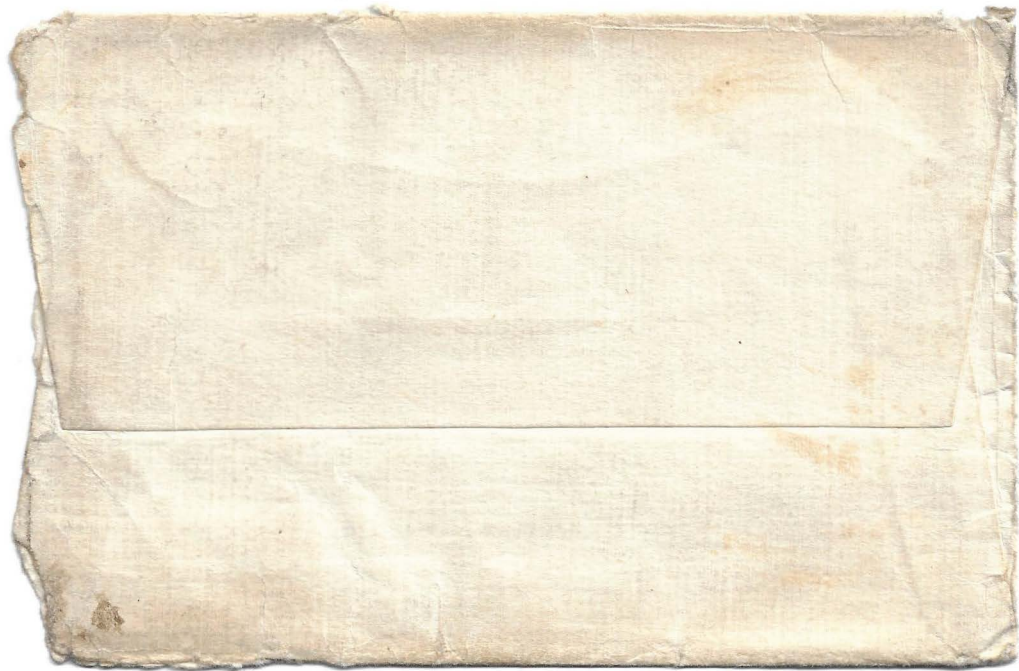
Apr 29 1917

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R.P.O.



Mr Charlie Hartman
Monmouth Ill.
Post 6.

Cpls H. R. Smith



MONMOUTH
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(2)

Miss Ada. R. Eddy

Harrisonburg

Va

55 - Broad St



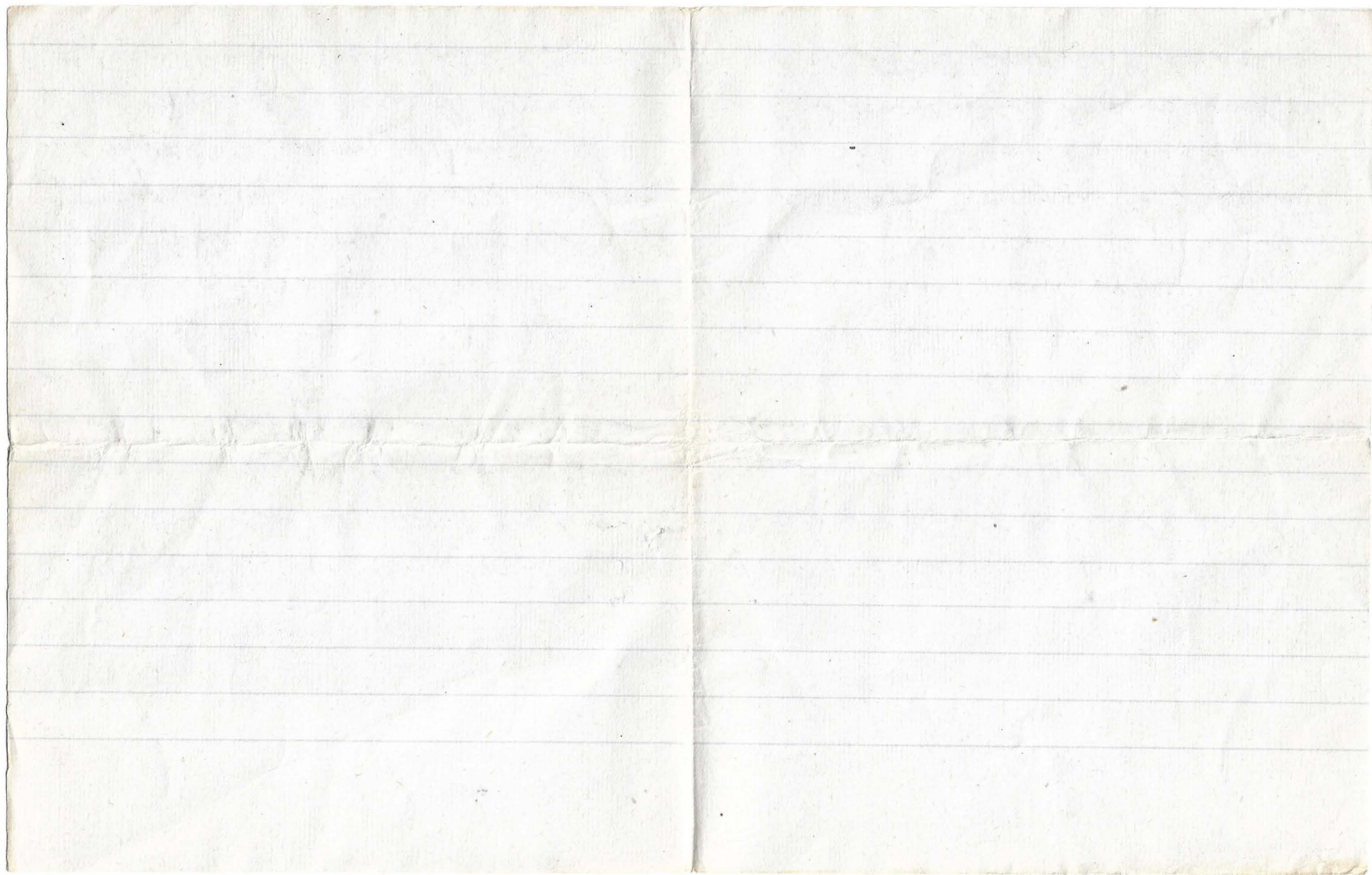
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well ada you said you
would come out of 7
would marry you you
knowing would or would
not be told you to
come you can come yet
if you want to but
reather expect I will
be back before long
if they go to drafting for
the army I will come
home and go from there

May 1. - 1917

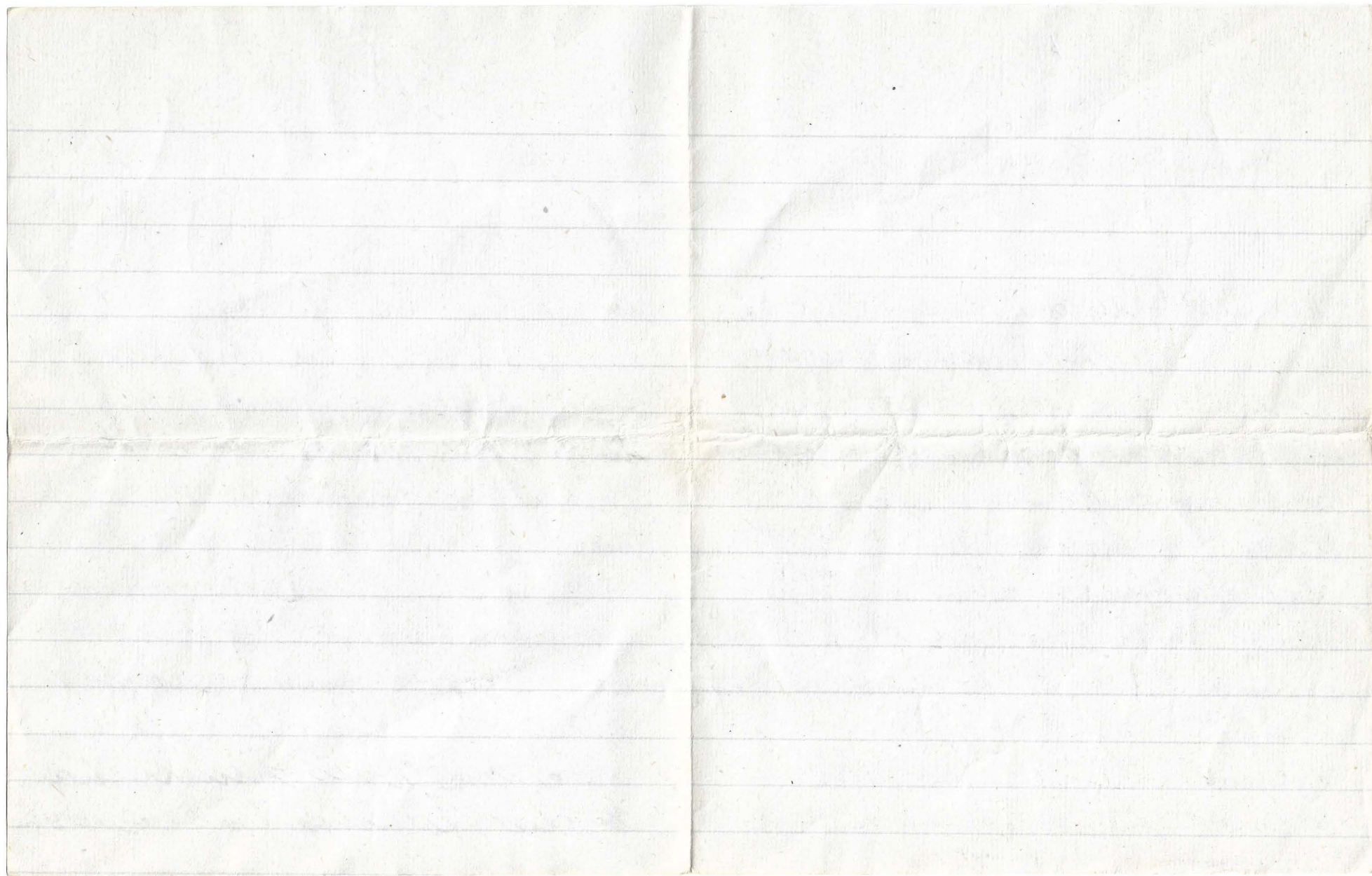
Winnmouth, Ill

Dear friend I will try
and rite you a few lines
as you aske me to I haven't
merry much to rite as
sums is scarace well
we are having lots of rain
it rained and snowed
all day yesterday and I
was out in all of it
I was a way with the
team and I had to take
it all I nearly froze



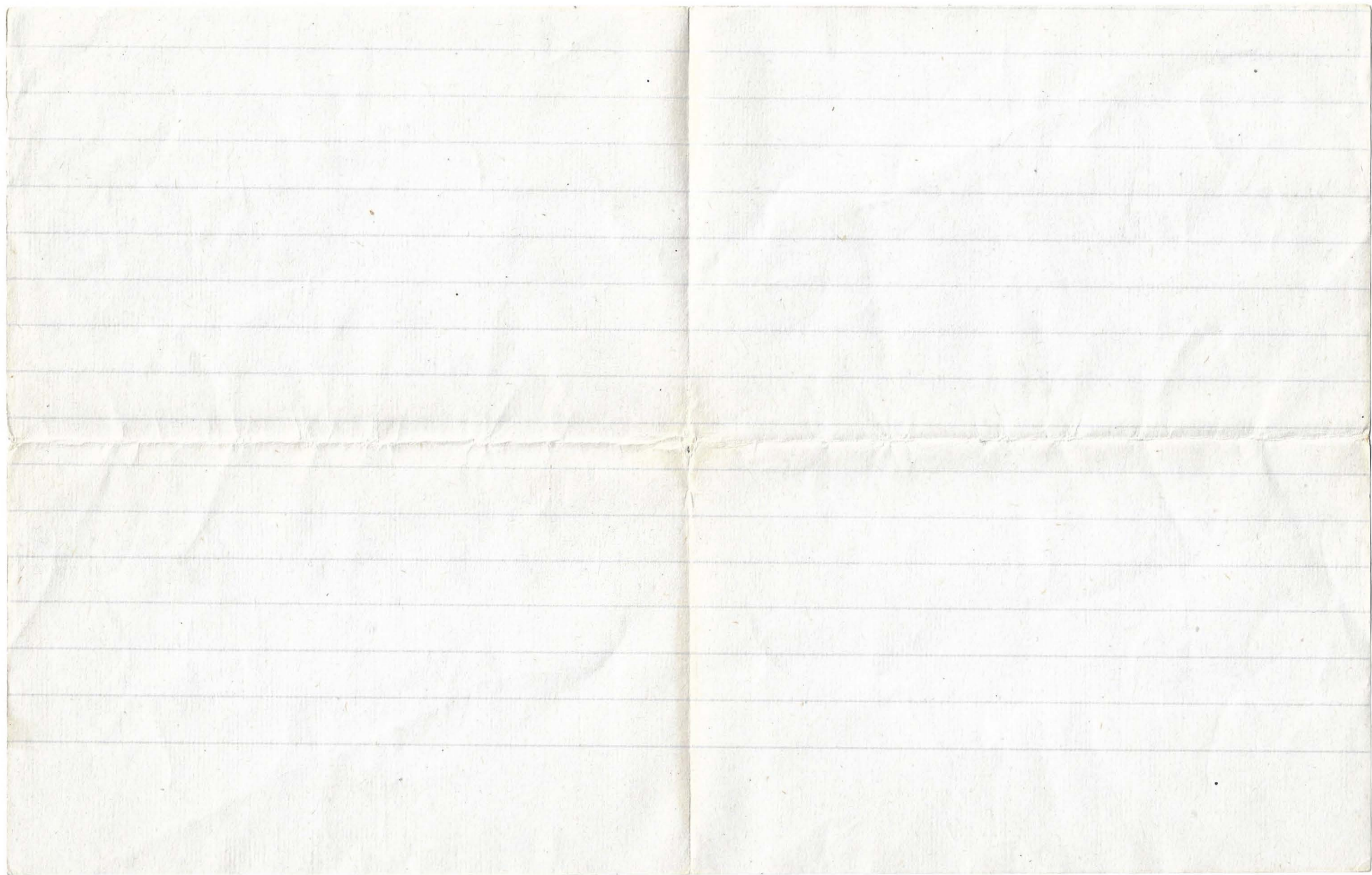
he will want me and if
 he has to leave he wont
 want me so dont know
 but I will be around
 Ironmouth or Roseville
 well ada you talk to the
 old folks and see what
 they think is best for you
 to come out here now or
 wait until I come back
 I will be in a close
 place if you come out

so if I ever live to get
 back they will send
 me back where I was
 when I had to go well
 I dont know how long I
 will be here where I
 am for the man dont
 know what he will
 do that I am working
 for his father died
 last week if he stays
 on the farm he is on



you get sick or any thing
 you let me know for
 you might get awful
 sick some times but if
 any thing ^{you} ~~scarsly~~ ^{that} ~~spite~~
 let me know
 write soon from Lhas
 hope I will see you soon but
 I know you dont want to see
 me

right a way for I dont
 know of any place we
 could go to house keep
 but I guess we could
 get a long some way
 I wish I was back there
 the time goes so slow
 it seems like I have
 been gone for 6 month
 and I havent seen you
 one yet well I will have
 to dose for this time adaf



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and save my money
until fall and I will
be at home then
and I will be willing
to do all for you I can
I would of told you
I was going away but
I knew you wouldnt
want me to leave
well I will write more
next time write real
soon and tell me all
the news in side

April 6 1917

Winnant 9 ll

Dear friend I da I will
try and write you a
few lines to let you
know where I am and
to let you know I
have not for gotten
you well I guess you
are mad because I
left but you know
I couldnt make any
thing there I thought
I would come at there

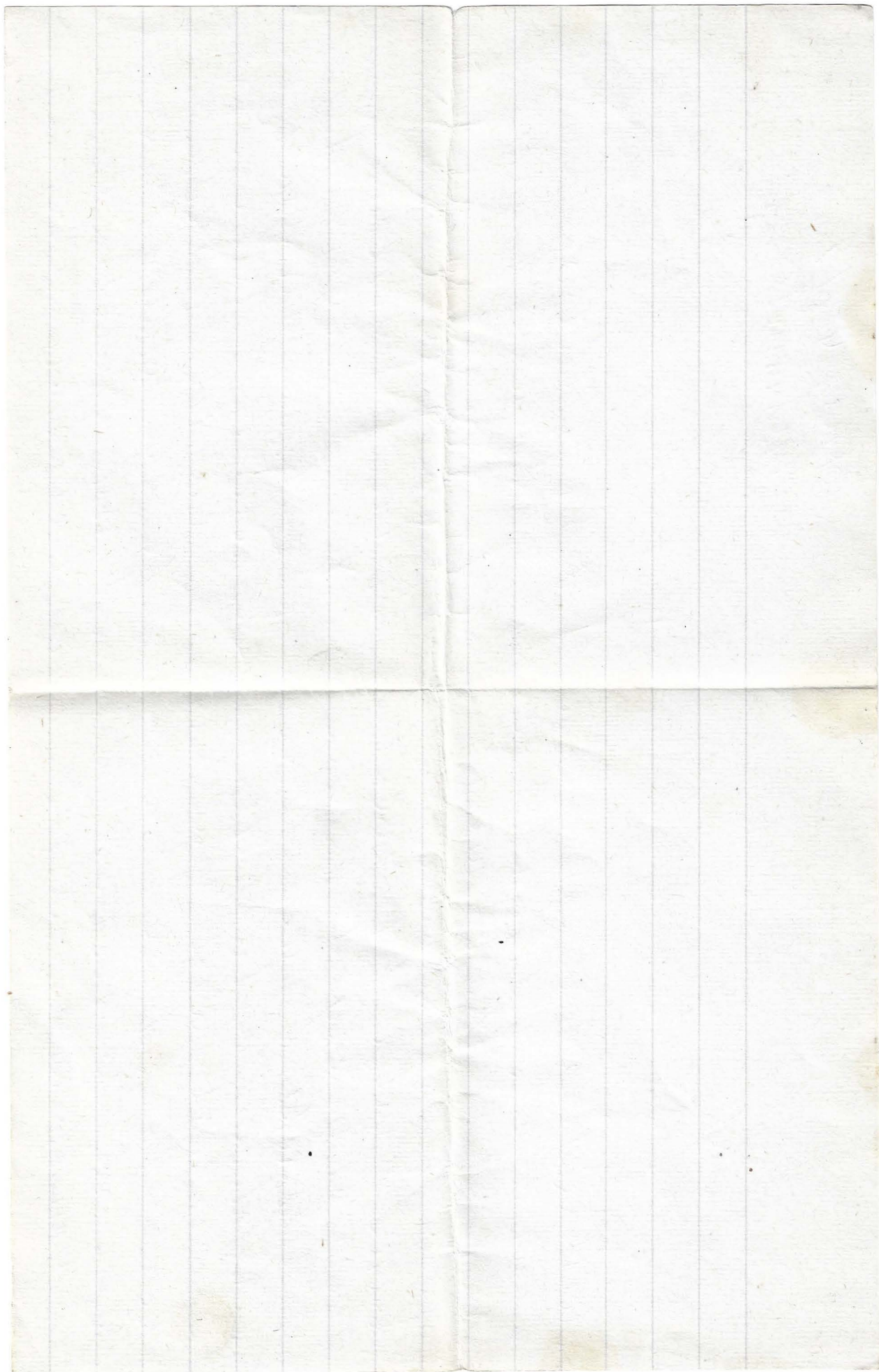
from Charles Hartman
Worms mouth, Ill
route to Dr Smith

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well a da I am sorry you
haunt any friends or
relatives that would
keep you a while I think
Katie could let you stay
there if I payed her for
the trouble I guess she has
forgaten the luck that
she had well you dont
need to bother her or
any of the rest of them
if you dont want to I

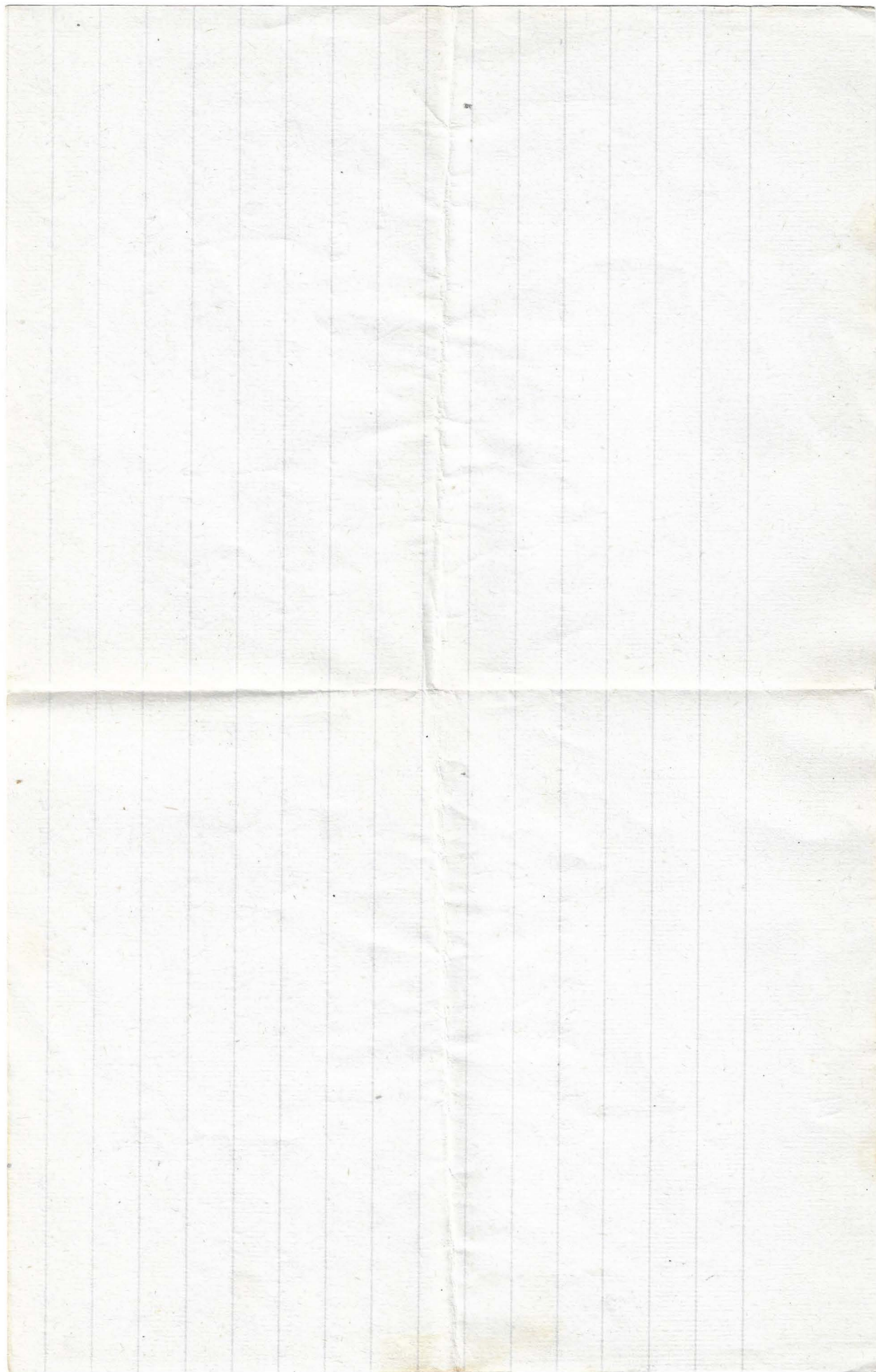
April 24/1913
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Dear friend Edas will
try this time to write you
a few lines to let you
know I received your most
kind and welcome letter
and was real glad to
hear from you you did
ansure this time I thought
you would be this time
like the other time I left
and wrote you you never
did ansure that time



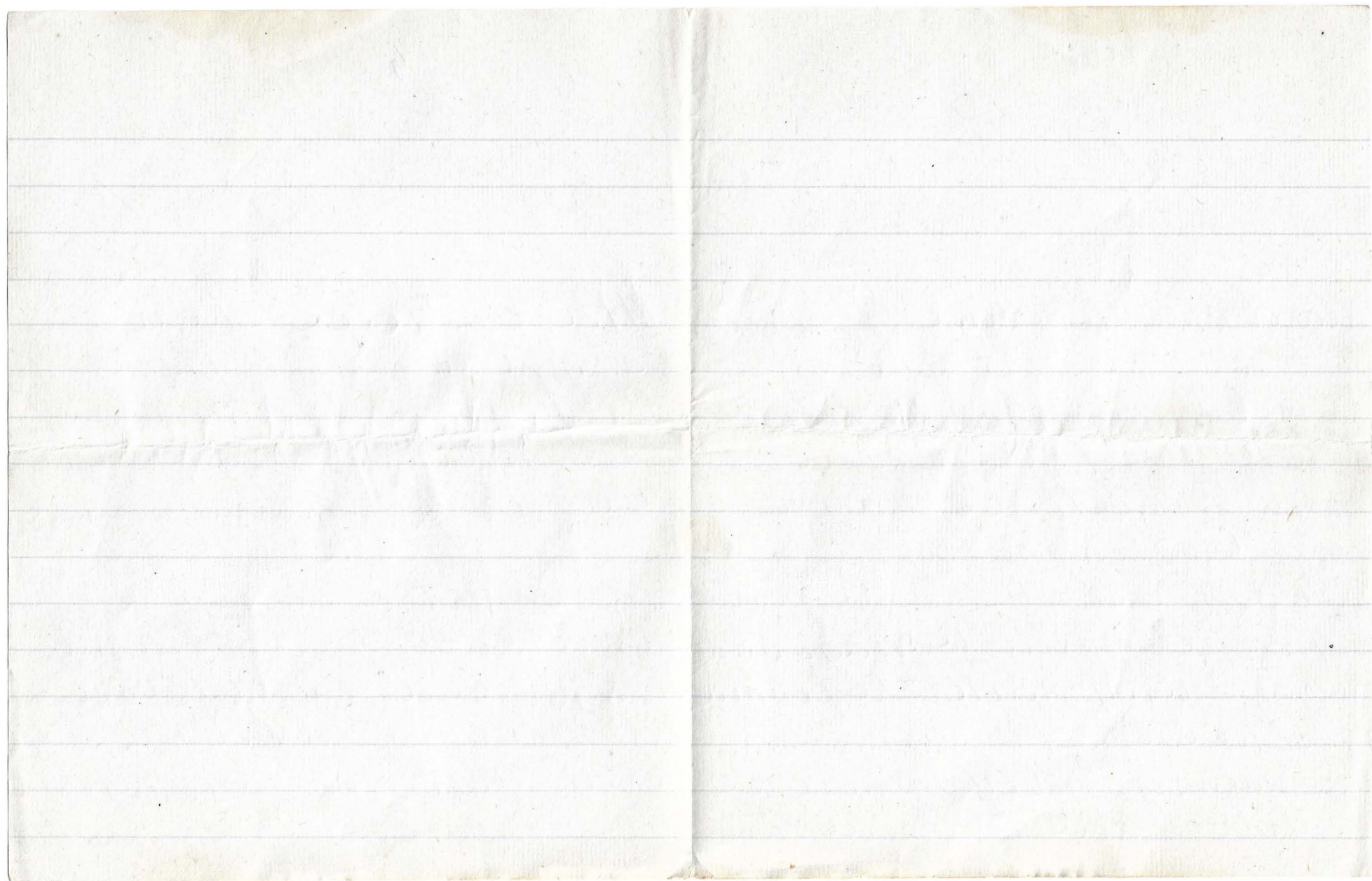
for the Army I will come
back and be drafted
from my own state
I guess that will be fore
long if things dont
make a change well say
ada you tell daddy
and see what he has
to say about it and
if he gets to huppa
but it you tell him
he has done the like

cant come back before
fall but if you want
to come out here all
you have to do is say
so I will do the best
for you I can and as
long as I can that is
the best I can do if you
dont want to come out
here I will come back
this fall and maybe
before if they go to draft



want me to come & think
 it is the best thing I
 could do say you tell
 daddy that and you tell
 me what he says
 and if he dont want
 you to stay there I will
 make some arrangements
 some way well the fellows
 father that I work for
 is very parly I guess he
 will have to leave this

afternoon than I have
 say you said that
 Sam was the cause of
 me leaving dont want
 you to think any thing
 like that for he
 was not I was the
 cause of him coming
 I wanted him to come
 with me I would of told
 you that I was going but
 I knew that you would

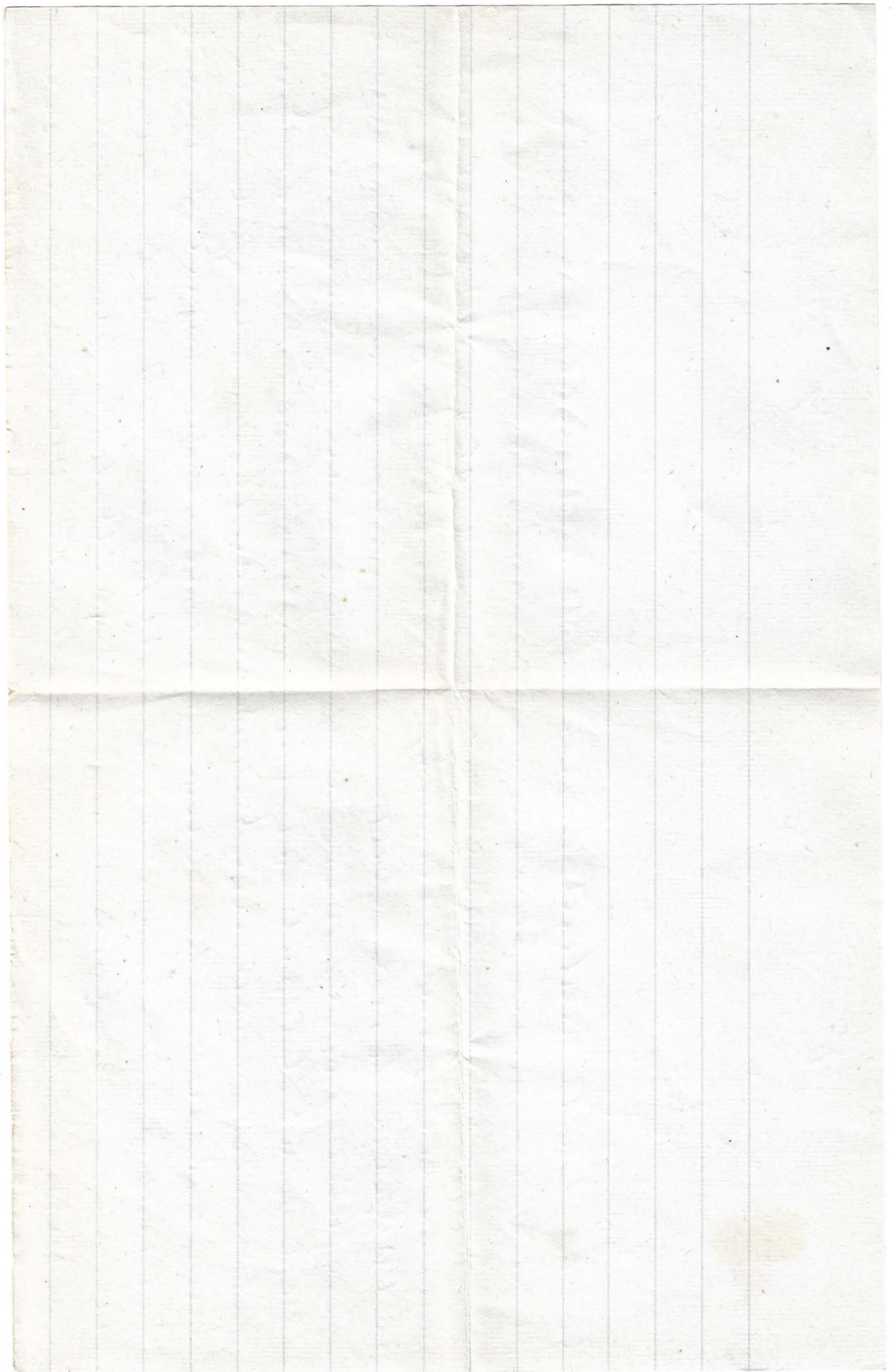


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colts that hadent been
 marked I have been lucky
 they havent gotten away
 but they have run off
 a couple a times but
 havent got clear away
 well I will close for this
 time write soon and save
 your money ha ha I am
 getting 36 a month
 well write soon
 from chas

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world before long and
 I might have to go
 there to do the healing
 for a week or so and
 if I dont write as soon
 as you think I ought
 dont get excited for
 I will be right here
 close but I wont get to
 write ma by well I guess
 I will tell you I had to
 start out with three

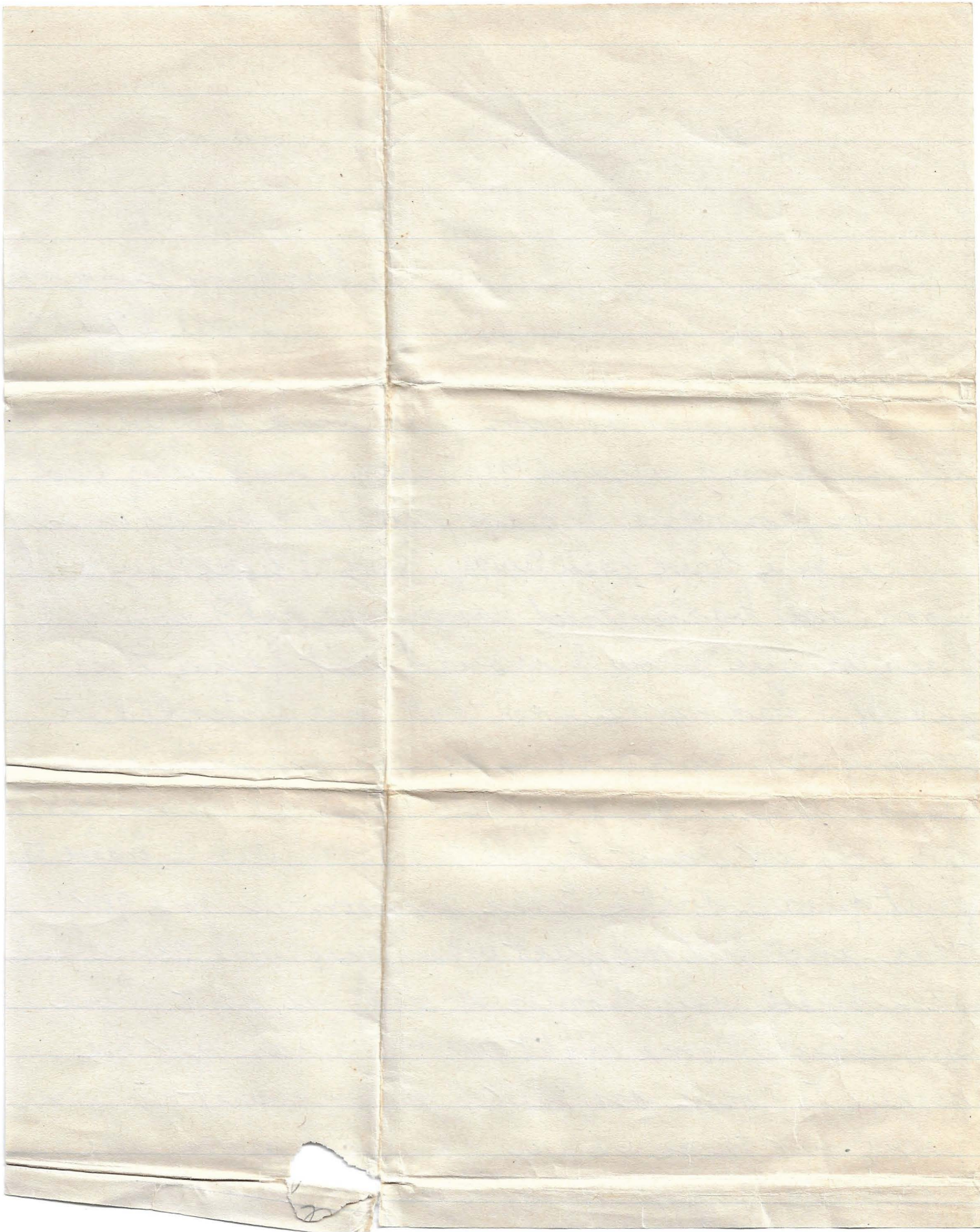


Harrisonburg, Va

April 29, 1914

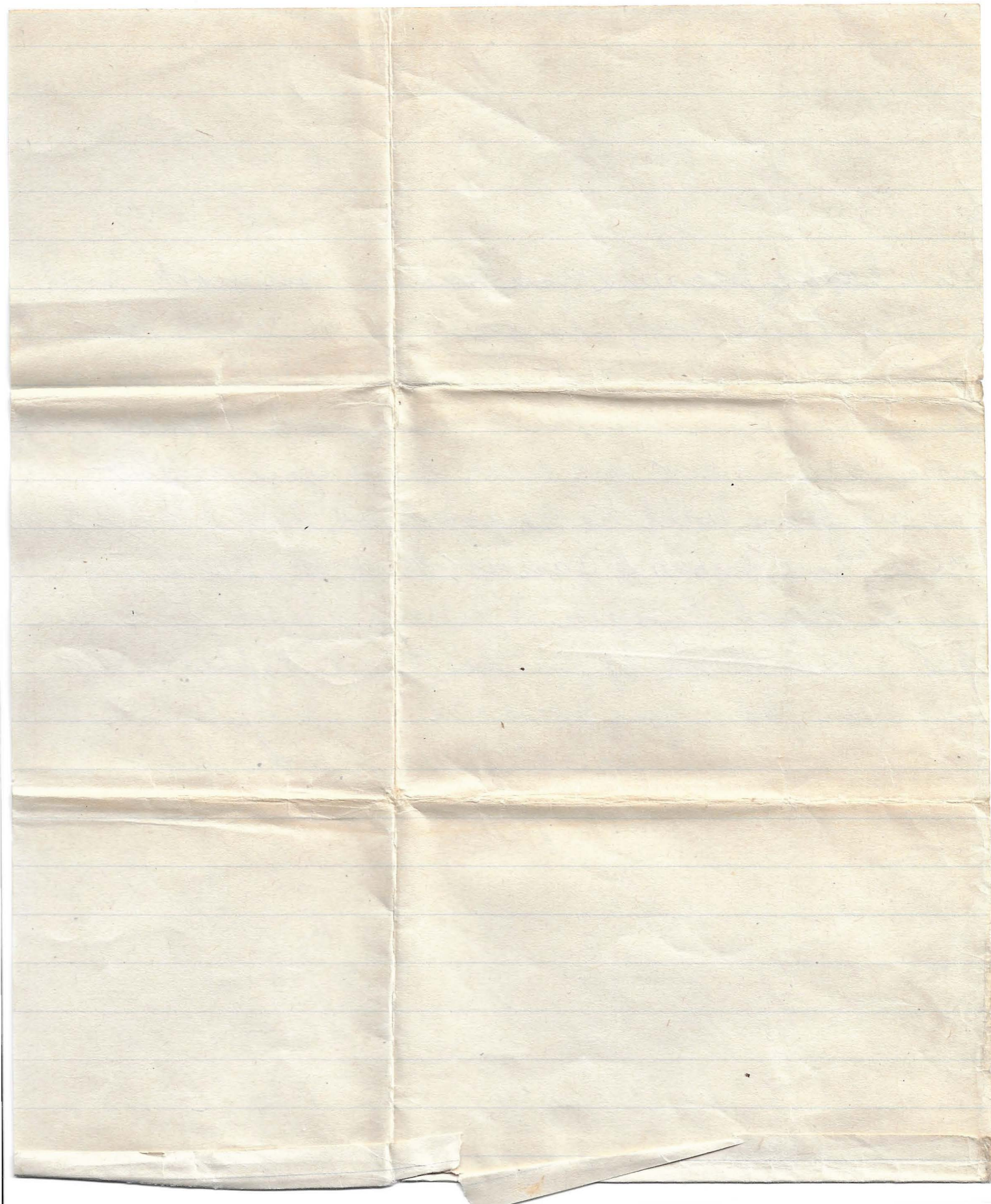
Dear Charlie:-

I will answer your kind and welcome letter which I received yesterday. I was very glad to hear from you. I have missed you so much since you have been away, and I hope you will soon come back, and marry me as ^{you} promised because you know I would not be in this fix if I had not believed that you intended to marry me, and I still believe you will keep your word. I have not told them at home yet, as I do not want to tell them until I have to, but please write to me as soon as you get this and tell me just when you will come back, or would you sooner marry me out there if I would come right away. I can get the money to come on, but I don't want to come away out there unless you will marry me and treat me right. I will do my best to ^{make} ~~make~~



you happy because you know I can work and I don't see any reason why we could not get along all right. I love you better than any body else in the world and I know you love me. So let me hear from you right away for I will be so worried till I hear from you. You know I can not keep my condition hid much longer. I believe I have told you all I can think of for this time. So please let me hear from you at once.

So I will say Good night.
from Ada.



Harrisburg Pa

Apr. 29, 1917

Dear ~~friend~~ - Charlie

I will answer your kind and welcome letter which I received yesterday. I was very glad to hear from you. ~~I have missed you so much since you have been away, and I hope you will soon come back, and marry me as promised because you know I would not be in this fix if I had not believed ~~you~~ that you intended to marry me, and I still believe you will keep your word. I have not told them at home yet, as I do not want to tell them until I have to, but please write to me as soon as you get this and tell me just when you will come back, or would you sooner marry me out there if I would come right away. I can get the money to come on, but I don't want to come way out there unless you will marry me and treat me right. I will do my best to make you happy because you know I can work and I don't see any reason why we could not get along all right. I love you better than any body else in the world and I missed you love me so let me hear from you right away for I will be so worried till I hear from you. You know I can not keep my condition hid much longer.~~



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, To-wit:

To The Sheriff or any Constable of said County, -- Greeting:

WHEREAS Ada Reedy, of the said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, J. W. Pickering, a Justice of the Peace of the said County, that Charles Hartman, on the _____ day of January, 1917, in said County, did unlawfully and feloniously, under promise of marriage, seduce and have illicit connection and intercourse with her, the said Ada Reedy, she being at that time an unmarried female person of previous chaste character.

These are, therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you forthwith to apprehend and bring before me or some other Justice of the said County the body of the said Charles Hartman to answer the said complaint and to be farther dealt with and disposed of according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of May, 1917.

J. W. Pickering, J. P., (SEAL).

STATE OF

MISSISSIPPI

IN SENATE, January 14, 1914.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1913.

BY

J. M. McRae

COMMISSIONER.

MEMPHIS: THE MISSISSIPPI BOOK CONCERN, 1914.

J. M. McRae

COMMISSIONER.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, to-wit:

I, J. F. Blackburn, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, the same being a Court of Record, do certify that J. W. Pickering, whose name appears signed to the foregoing warrant of arrest, bearing date the 14th day of May, 1917, is and was at the time of the issuance of said warrant, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Rockingham, duly elected and qualified and authorized to administer oaths and issue warrants of arrest, and that all his acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit. And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of the said J. W. Pickering, and verily believe his signature to the said warrant to be genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Harrisonburg, Virginia, this 15th day of May, 1917.



J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

1. In the first place, it is the duty of every
citizen to obey the law. The law is the
will of the majority, and it is the duty
of every citizen to obey it. The law is
the basis of our society, and it is the
duty of every citizen to obey it. The
law is the basis of our society, and it
is the duty of every citizen to obey it.
The law is the basis of our society, and
it is the duty of every citizen to obey
it.

2. In the second place, it is the duty of every
citizen to pay taxes. Taxes are the
basis of our government, and it is the
duty of every citizen to pay them. Taxes
are the basis of our government, and it
is the duty of every citizen to pay them.
Taxes are the basis of our government, and
it is the duty of every citizen to pay
them.

3. In the third place, it is the duty of every
citizen to serve on a jury. The jury is
the basis of our justice system, and it
is the duty of every citizen to serve on
one. The jury is the basis of our justice
system, and it is the duty of every
citizen to serve on one. The jury is the
basis of our justice system, and it is
the duty of every citizen to serve on
one.



4. In the fourth place, it is the duty of every
citizen to vote. Voting is the basis of
our democracy, and it is the duty of
every citizen to vote. Voting is the basis
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every citizen to vote. Voting is the basis
of our democracy, and it is the duty of
every citizen to vote.



J. G. Hallman
J. B. Shoemaker



Commonwealth of Virginia,
County of Rockingham, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the
body of the County of Rockingham, and now attending the Circuit
Court of said county, ^{at its July term, 1917.} UPON THEIR OATHS PRESENT, that Chas. Barman
on the _____ day of January, 1917, in said County, did unlawfully
and feloniously, under promise of marriage, seduce and have illicit
connection with one Ada Reedy an unmarried female person of previous
chaste character,

against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

~~AND THE JURORS AFORESAID, UPON THEIR OATHS AFORESAID, DO
FURTHER PRESENT, that~~

~~against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.~~

This indictment is found on the testimony of Miss Ada Reedy

D. E. Bronschan

witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the Grand Jury to give
evidence.

We the jury find the accused Charles Hartman
not guilty -
C. B. Clark Foreman.

JULY TERM, 1917.
Indictment

COMMONWEALTH

vs. Indictment

Chas. Hartman

For Felony
For Misdemeanor

A TRUE BILL

W B Clark
Foreman

W B Clark
July 23 -

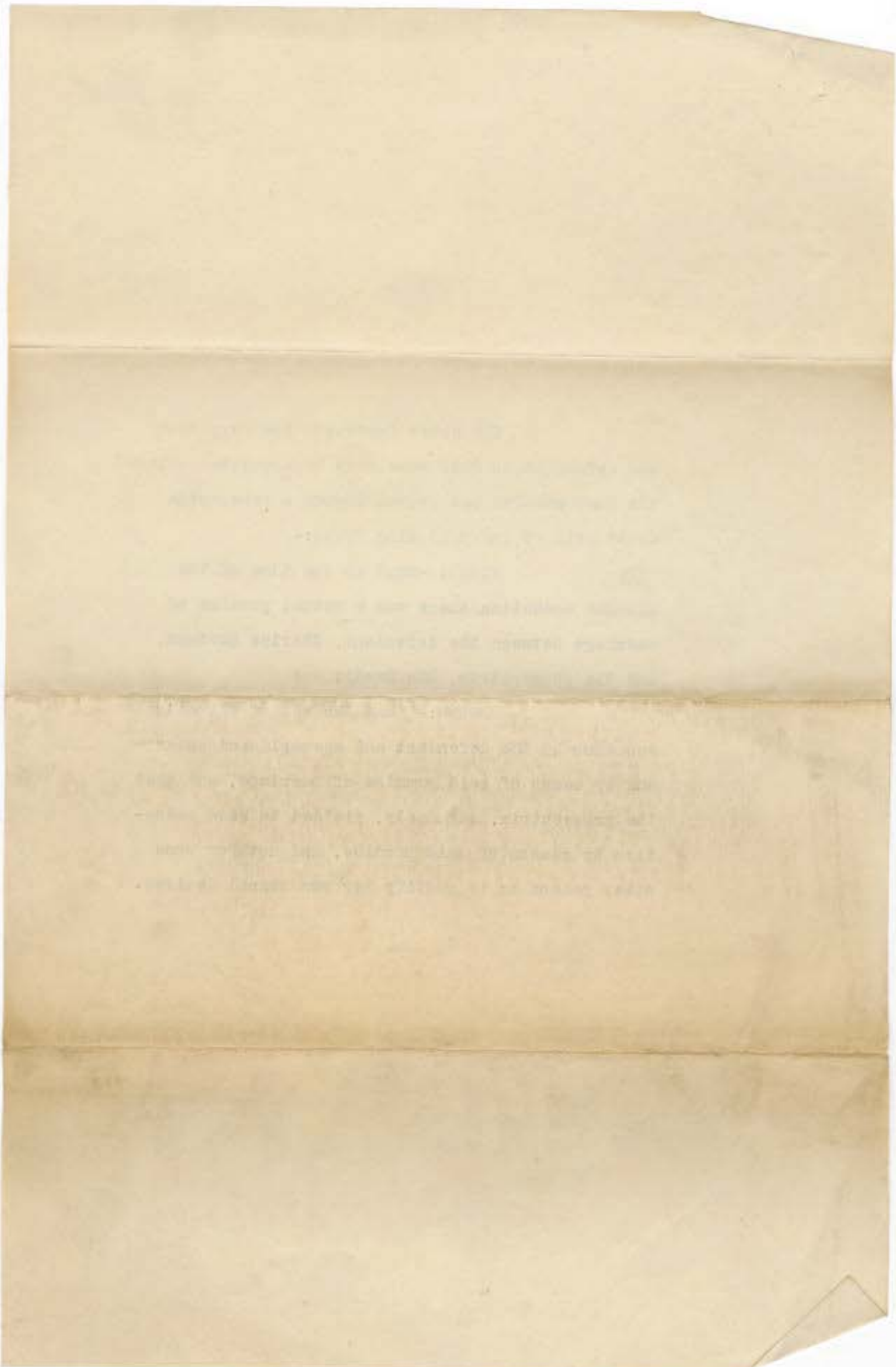
J. B. Drummond

HARRY M. SCROFIER
Commonwealth's Atty.

The court instructs the Jury that the defendant in this case must be acquitted unless the Commonwealth has proven beyond a reasonable doubt both of the following facts:-

FIRST: -That at the time of the alleged seduction there was a mutual promise of marriage between the defendant, Charles Hartman, and the prosecutrix, Ada Reedy; and

SECOND:- That the act of seduction was done by the defendant and accomplished under and by means of said promise of marriage, and that the prosecutrix, Ada Reedy, yielded to said seduction by reason of said promise, and not for some other reason or to gratify her own sexual desires.



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we, Charles Hartman as principal and J.A.Hartman and J.B.Shoemaker as sureties acknowledge ourselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of One thousand dollars, of our goods and chattels ~~taxes~~ lands and tenements, to be levied and for the use of the Commonwealth rendered *to the payment whereof we, respectively, waive our homestead exemption and any right to discharge any liability owing hereon by any person or persons as provided by law.* Yet upon this condition that, whereas the said Charles Hartman has been arrested on a warrant charging seduction, under promise of marriage, of one Ada Reedy, and unmarried woman of previous chaste character and has waived a preliminary hearing, if he the said Charles Hartman appear before the judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County on the first day of the next term thereof and does not depart therefrom without leave of said court then this obligation is null and void, otherwise of full force and virtue.

Witness the following signatures and seals this 26th day of May, 1917.

Charles Hartman (SEAL)

J.A. Hartman (SEAL)

J.B. Shoemaker (SEAL)

The foregoing bond was executed before ~~me~~ the undersigned Bail Commissioner after the said J.A.Hartman and J.B.Shoemaker had justified as to their sufficiency, this 26th day of May, 1917.

W. B. Brown B.C.

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Com.
v.
Chas. Hartman

If you find him not guilty you will say so and no more.

If you find him guilty of seducing and having illicit connection with Ada Reedy an unmarried female of previous chaste character under promise of marriage you will say so and then ascertain the term of his confinement in the penitentiary so that such term be not less than two years and not more than ten years.

We the jury find the accused
Charles Hartman not guilty

C. A. Clark

Foreman

If you find his not guilty you will say so and so more.
If you find his guilty of seducing and having illicit intercourse
with the body an uncorrupted female of previous chaste character
under promise of marriage you will say so and then maintain the
fact of his delinquency in the penalty so that you may be
satisfied that you have not done him wrong.

Down
Co.
Dues, Hartman.

W. A. Hartman
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