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AUGUSTA COUNTY CITIZEN FOUND WITH THROAT CUT

It Is Believed That He Had Planned
Self Destruction for Sometime
Funeral Today.

Joseph Santmeyer, aged about
sixty-five years, committed suicide at
his home east of New Hope in Au-
gusta County yesterday morning by
cutting his throat with a razor, ac-
cording to reports reaching here.

Mr. Santmeyer lived on a small
farm with his wife. It is thought he
had been planning his destruction
for some time, inasmuch as he is said
to have made settlement records of
various financial matters.

Yesterday morning, according to
reports, he left his home after eating
a hearty breakfast, starting across a
field apparently going to work. It
is said that a small child passed him
in the field a short distance from
his home and that the child told the
neighbors that Santmeyers told her
not to tell his wife what he "was
about to do." The child hurried on
and told a neighbor of the man's
strange actions. An investigation was
made, resulting in his practically life-
less body being found. His windpipe
is said to have been cut almost in
two. A physician declared an inquest
was not necessary.

He is survived by his wife. There
were no children. He went to Au-
gusta County from the northern part
of Shenandoah County several years
ago it is claimed, but none of his
relatives are known by the family.

Funeral services will be conduct-
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Steele, age forty-nine, was found Washin
yesterday morning about nine o'clock by his children suspended by a wash cord to a rafter in the stable on his place, east of Pleasant Valley. In a state of melancholy, brought on by ill health and worry over financial matters, he hanged himself.

It is understood that Mr. Steele's mind had been affected for the past few days, but those closest to him had no idea he was contemplating such a rash act. It is thought that such a step dawned upon him suddenly. He arose as usual yesterday morning and went about his chores. When found, he had been dead about one hour.

Soon after the body had been found, Sheriff W. L. Dillard was notified, and he, with the State attorney, D. Wampler, Earman, and Dr. J. M. Beidler, acting coroner, went to the scene and viewed the body, declaring that an inquest was unnecessary.

According to the Sheriff, Mr. Steele went to his stable, climbed up on an old cider press, attached one end of the wash cord to the rafter, made a noose at the other, slipped it over his head, and stepped off the cider press. Mr. Dillard said that his feet almost touched the ground as he hung, and that Steele had evidently deliberately kept his knees bent in order to make certain of the job.

Mr. Steele was always regarded as a hard-working man. He had been in the employ of the J. P. Houck Tanning Company for a number of years, and at one time had been employed as night watchman at the Newton Giant Incubator Company here. The deceased was held in high regard by a large number of friends, and had been a member of the United Brethren Church since early boyhood. He was the son of the late John Steele, formerly of Augusta county.

Surviving are his wife, who was Miss Etta Hartman, daughter of Josiah Hartman, of Pleasant Valley, and seven children: Miss Mabel Steele, at home; Claude Steele, of Beckley, West Virginia; Wilbur Steele, Elmer Steele, Walter Steele, Charlie Steele, and Franklin Steele, all at home. Surviving are also one sister, Mrs. Arnold Markley, of Staunton; two half brothers, Edward Steele, of near Harrisonburg, and Charlie Steele, of near Pleasant Valley; and three half sisters, Misses Florence and Lella Steele, of Pleasant Valley; and Mrs. Nellie Orebough, of Roanoke, formerly of Dayton. A step-mother also survives.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Pleasant Valley United Brethren church this afternoon at three o'clock, friends will leave the house at half past two. The services will be conducted by Rev. G. B. Fodeley, assisted by Rev. Luther Miller.

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DEVELOPING SLUGGERS



MOBILE, La. — Manager Leo Fohl, in his first crack at picking a team to fill the St. Louis Browns' uniforms, is whipping a crew of sluggers into shape at the training camp here.

"Sluggers put the Browns into the first division last year," says the new St. Louis boss, "and I'm going to stay with it."

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of our dear husband and father, Henry Hinkle, who died April 9, 1905.

Our thoughts often wander
To a grave far away,
Where they laid our dear father
More than fifteen years ago today.

Patient be thy silent slumber,
Fondly to thy grave we bow;
That no more will join our number,
Thou no more our songs shall
Sow.

Tell again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is o'er,
And in heaven with joy to greet
Thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

Dear old father, thou hast left us
In a world of grief and pain,
And your absence surely tells us
That we shall never meet again.

Friendship may come and go, but
And our wounded hearts were
Healed,
But still do they know the sorrow
That's within our hearts con-
cealed.

Forgotten! Alas, dear husband,
Thou wert too good and still,
Thou wert too earnest a career slave
That we could ever miss thee.

Rest on, dear husband, peacefully
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And when life's work is ended,
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Written by his wife, Mrs.
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The Court instructs the jury that upon the trial of a criminal case by jury the law contemplates the concurrence of twelve minds in the conclusion of guilt before conviction can be had. Each individual juror must be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt before he can, under his oath, consent to a verdict of guilty. Each juror should feel the responsibility resting upon him as a member of the jury, and should realize that his own mind must be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt before he can consent to a verdict of guilty. Therefore, if any individual member of the jury, after having duly considered all the evidence in the case and after consultation with his fellow jurors, should entertain such reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt as is set forth in certain other instructions in this case, it is his duty not to surrender his own convictions simply because the balance of the jury entertain different convictions.

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The Court instructs the jury that when, upon a charge of murder, the evidence is wholly circumstantial, as is the case here, the absence of all evidence of an inducing cause or motive to commit the offence charged, affords of itself a strong presumption of innocence.

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The Court instructs the jury that in the application of circumstantial evidence to the determination of the case the utmost caution and vigilance should be used. Such evidence is always insufficient where, assuming all to be true which the evidence tends to prove, some other reasonable hypothesis may still be true, for it is the actual exclusion of every reasonable hypothesis which invests mere circumstances with the force of truth. Where the evidence leaves it indefinite which of several hypotheses is true, or establishes only some finite probability in favor of one hypothesis, such amount cannot amount to proof however great the probability may be.

And the Court further instructs the jury that all of the evidence in this case which tends to establish that the accused is guilty of the crime with which he is charged is circumstantial and not positive evidence.

Therefore, although the jury may believe from the evidence in the case that there is a strong probability that the accused is guilty of the offence charged in the indictment, still, if upon the whole evidence, there is any other reasonable hypothesis consistent with his innocence, they cannot find the accused guilty, and this is true although it may appear from the evidence that the probabilities of his guilt are greater than the probabilities of his innocence.

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The jury are instructed that where the prosecution relies upon circumstantial evidence alone for a conviction, the jury must be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the crime has been committed by someone, in manner and form as charged in the indictment; and then they must not only be satisfied that all the circumstances proved are consistent with the defendant's having committed the act, but they must also be satisfied that the facts are such as to be inconsistent with any other rational conclusion than that the defendant is the guilty person. If there is any one single fact proved to the satisfaction of the jury by the preponderance of evidence which is inconsistent with the defendant's guilt, this is sufficient to raise a reasonable doubt, and the jury should acquit the defendant. In order to justify the inference of legal guilt from circumstantial evidence, the existence of inculpatory facts must be absolutely incompatible with the innocence of the accused upon any rational theory, and incapable of explanation upon any other reasonable hypothesis than that of his guilt.

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Instruction No. 4

Murder is distinguished by the law into murder in the first degree and murder in the second degree. Murder which is perpetrated by poison, lying in wait, starving, or any other wilful, deliberate and premeditated murder, is murder in the first degree; all other murder is murder in the second degree.

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Instruction No. 2

Every unlawful homicide must be either murder or manslaughter, and whether it be one or the other depends upon the means by which it was accomplished and on whether the person ^{who} perpetrated it did it with malice or not. If the act was done with a deadly weapon, or by means likely to cause death or serious bodily harm, and with malice, it is murder. If done in the heat of a sudden passion arising on sufficient provocation, or in the heat of mutual combat, it is voluntary manslaughter. If it be done in the commission of an unlawful act not felonious, by a means not likely and not intended to cause death or great bodily harm, it is involuntary manslaughter.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 10

The Court instructs the jury that they are the judges of the credibility of the witnesses, and that in determining the weight to be given to the testimony of the different witnesses they are authorized to consider their interest in the result of the case, if they have any; their relationship to the parties concerned; their temper, feeling, or bias, if any has been shown; their demeanor while testifying; their intelligence; their means of information; and all other circumstances appearing on the trial; and to give such credit to the testimony of the different witnesses as under all the circumstances the jurors think they are entitled to.

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The Court instructs the jury that in this case, as in all criminal cases, the accused's plea of not guilty raises a presumption of innocence in his favor and puts on the Commonwealth the burden of proving his guilt beyond reasonable doubt. If, therefore, upon a consideration of the whole case, the testimony of the witnesses and the circumstances shown in evidence, there exists in the minds of the jury a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused, they should find him not guilty. And the Court further tells the jury that a reasonable doubt is that state of the case which, after comparison and consideration of all the evidence, leaves the minds of the jurors in such condition that they cannot say that they feel an abiding conviction to a moral certainty of the truth of the charge.

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Every unlawful homicide is presumptively murder in the second degree. In order to elevate the offense to murder in the first degree, the burden is on the Commonwealth, and to reduce the offense to manslaughter, the burden is on the prisoner.

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To constitute a wilful, deliberate and premeditated killing, it is not necessary that the intention to kill should exist any particular length of time prior to the doing of the deed. Such intention may come into existence for the first time at the time of the killing, or any time previously.

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The Court instructs the jury that where a homicide has been committed with a deadly weapon the law implies malice from the use of such weapon and a man must be taken to intend that which he does or which is the immediate or necessary consequence of his act.

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Malice or malice aforethought is any formed design of doing mischief. It means a wrongful act done intentionally without just cause or excuse.

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Instruction No 7

The Court instructs the jury that upon the trial of this case if a reasonable doubt of any fact essential to the guilt of the accused as charged in the indictment be raised by the evidence, or lack of evidence, such doubt is decisive, and the jury must acquit the accused.

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INSTRUCTION NO 8

The Court instructs the jury that where the Commonwealth relies upon circumstantial evidence alone for a conviction, as in this case, the Court tells the jury that they must scan the evidence with the greatest caution; and they will not be warranted in finding a verdict of guilty unless the circumstances proved are of such a character as to produce in fair and unprejudiced minds a moral conviction of the guilt of the defendant beyond all reasonable doubt.

INSTRUCTION NO 9

The jury are instructed that circumstantial evidence is legal and competent and if it is of such character as to exclude every reasonable hypothesis other than that the defendant is guilty, it is entitled to the same weight as direct testimony.

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The Court instructs the jury that when the defendant testifies upon circumstantial evidence alone for a conviction, as in this case, the Court tells the jury that they must weigh the evidence with the greatest caution; and they will not be authorized in finding a verdict of guilty unless the circumstances proved are of such a character as to justify in their judgment with a moral certainty of the guilt of the defendant beyond all reasonable doubt.

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The jury are instructed that circumstantial evidence is just as competent and is to be as much received as in cases of direct testimony. It is to be weighed with the same care and caution as direct testimony.

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The Court instructs the jury that the credibility of witnesses is a question exclusively for the jury, and the law is that where a number of witnesses testify directly opposite to each other, the jury is not bound to regard the weight of the evidence as equally balanced, the jury have the right to determine from the appearance of the witnesses on the stand, their manner of testifying, and their apparent candor and fairness, their apparent intelligence, and from all the other surrounding circumstances appearing on the trial, which witnesses are more worthy of credit, and to give credit accordingly.

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The Court instructs the jury that a reasonable doubt is such a doubt as may be honestly and reasonably entertained as to any substantial and material fact essential to prove the offence charged. Reasonable doubt must be based upon the evidence, or that is suggested by the evidence, or grows out of the evidence itself. It must not be arbitrary doubt without evidence to sustain it. It must be serious and substantial in order to warrant an acquittal. It must be a doubt of material fact or facts necessary for the jury to believe to find a

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The Court instructs the jury that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty, and the burden of proof is on the State to establish the guilt of the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt. It is the duty of the jury to weigh the evidence and to determine whether the State has met its burden of proof. It is not the duty of the jury to believe in the guilt of the defendant unless the evidence is sufficient to convince them beyond a reasonable doubt.

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The Court instructs the jury, as a matter of law, in considering the case, the jury are not to go beyond the evidence to hunt up doubts, nor must they entertain such doubts as are merely chimerical or conjectural. A doubt to justify an acquittal must be a reasonable doubt, and it must arise from a candid and impartial investigation of all the evidence in the case, and unless it is such that were the same kind of doubt interposed in the graver transactions of life, it would cause a reasonable and prudent man to hesitate and pause, it is insufficient to authorize a verdict of not guilty. If, after considering all the evidence you can say that you have an abiding conviction of the truth of the charge, you are satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt. On the other hand, the jury must not go beyond the evidence to hunt up inferences of guilt.

Instruction No. _____ *Ref.*

The Court instructs the jury that on a charge of murder malice is presumed from the fact of killing. When the killing is proved, and is unaccompanied with circumstances of palliation, the burden of disproving malice is thrown upon the accused.

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The Court instructs the jury, as a matter of law,
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The Court further instructs the jury that a mortal wound given with a deadly weapon in the previous possession of the slayer, without any provocation, or even with slight provocation, is prima facie, wilful, deliberate, and premeditated killing, and throws upon the prisoner the necessity of showing extenuating circumstances.

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The Court further instructs the jury that in determining the weight to be given the testimony of different witnesses in this case, the jury are authorized to consider the relationship of the witnesses to the parties, if the same is proved; their interest, if any, in the result of this case; their temper, feeling or bias, if any has been shown; their demeanor whilst testifying; their apparent intelligence; their means of information, and to give such credit to the testimony of such witnesses as under all the circumstances such witnesses seem to be entitled to.

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...of the alibi, without any provocation, or even with slight provocation, is prima facie, without, and without any further evidence, the result of a fatal killing, and is a crime against the person of the deceased, and is a crime against the community.

The Court further instructs the jury that in determining the weight to be given the testimony of different witnesses in this case, the jury are authorized to consider the relationship of the witnesses to the parties, the manner in which they were introduced, the result of their testimony, their character, and the fact that they were introduced by the party in whose favor they testified, and to give the weight to the testimony of any witness as under all the circumstances they may deem it to be entitled to.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, 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 said court at its June term, 1921, upon their oaths present that Larty Houchens on the 30th day of May, 1921, in the county aforesaid, in and upon one Freda Houchens, feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, did make an assault, and that the said Larty Houchens with a certain razor in his hand then and there held, the said Freda Houchens, in and upon the throat of the body of her, the said Freda Houchens, the said Larty Houchens, then and there, feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, did strike and cut; giving to the said Freda Houchens then and there, with the razor aforesaid, in and upon the throat of the body of the said Freda Houchens, one mortal wound, of the breadth of about ten inches and of the depth of about four inches; of which said mortal wound she, the said Freda Houchens, then and there instantly died.. And so the jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do say, that the said Larty Houchens, her, the said Freda Houchens, in manner and form aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, did kill and murder, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of Dr. J. M. Seidler, Larty Houchens, Mose Hawse, A. A. Hutterspaugh, Annie Jenkins, Wm. Curry, Annie Bryan, Pearl Malone, Ella Bowman, Adolph Lapin, Rena Hawse, Amanda M. Casey, Lewis Armentrout, and W. C. Early, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

We the jury find the accused, Lury Nounchens guilty of murder in the first degree as charged in this indictment and fix his punishment at hard fine next in the penitentiary for the term of twenty years - J. Q. Newberry Foreman

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, to-wit:

In the District Court of said County:

The Jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

do hereby certify that the body of the county of Rockingham and now

attending the said court at the term, 1921, upon their

oath present Lury Nounchens on the 23rd day of May,

1921 in the case against him upon the facts and

circumstances, and that he said Nounchens with a

certain razor in his hand then and there did

strike and cut; giving to the said Freda Nounchens

and there, with the said razor, in and upon the throat

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Lury Nounchens, her, the said Freda Nounchens, is guilty and

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quietness of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of

Mr. J. M. Walker, Lury Nounchens, Kate Hance, J. J. Walker,

Miss Jones, Annie Walker, Mrs. C. C. Walker, Freda Nounchens,

and J. C. Walker, witnesses were in court and heard before

the grand jury to give evidence.

Commonwealth's Attorney

D. W. Farmer

Foreman

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LURTY HOUGHENS

Charge to the Jury.

If the jury find the accused, Lurty Houghens, not guilty, you will say so and no more.

If you find him guilty of murder in the first degree as charged in the indictment, you will say so and ascertain his punishment with death, or by confinement in the penitentiary for life, or for any term not less than twenty years.

If you find him not guilty of murder in the first degree but guilty of murder in the second degree, you will say so and ascertain his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary not less than 5 nor more than 20 years.

If you find him not guilty of either of the felonies aforesaid, but guilty of voluntary manslaughter, you will say so and ascertain his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary not less than 1 nor more than 5 years.

If you find him not guilty of any of the felonies aforesaid, but guilty of involuntary manslaughter, you will say so and ascertain his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary not less than 1 nor more than 5 years; or, in your discretion, by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or by confinement in jail not exceeding 1 year, or both.

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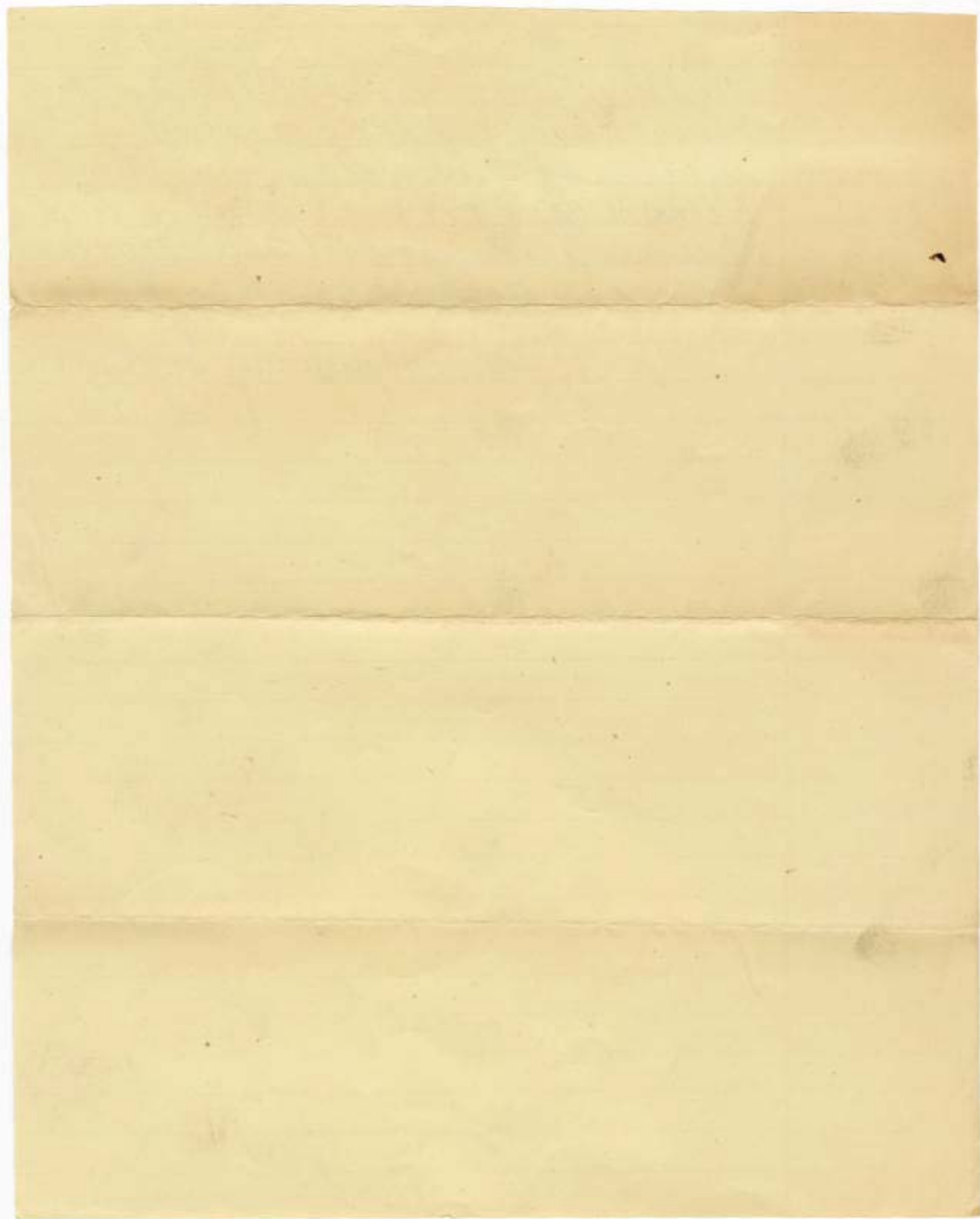
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Charge to the Jury.

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The the jury find Lundy R.
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guilty of murder in the
first degree and fix his
punishment at (20) twen-
ty years imprisonment

H. O. Mubray Foreman



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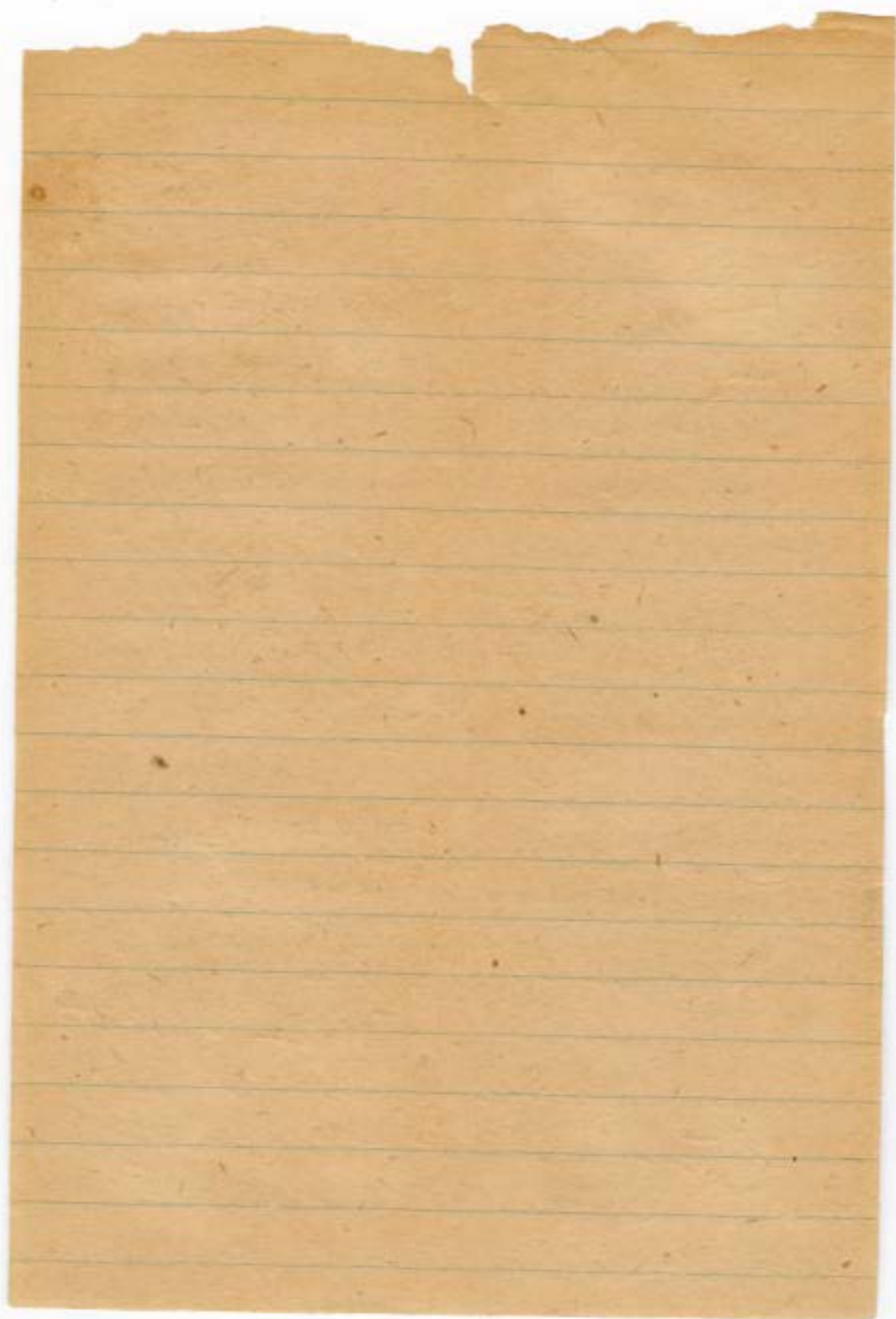
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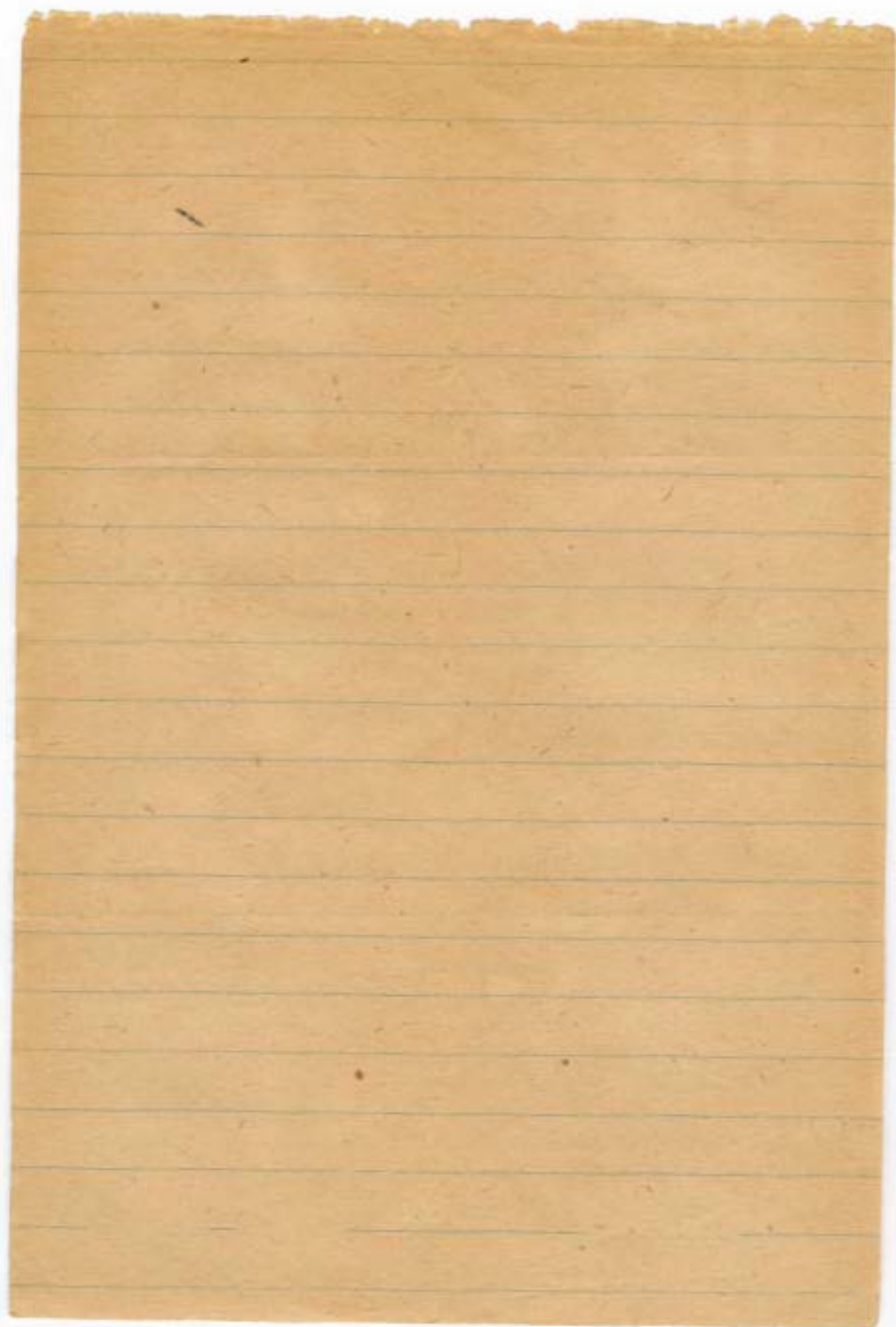
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Well Turty Who Ever Finds This
Letter Why I Will Be Dead and
Rotten and done forgotten by
That Time I hated We Couldnt Live
To gather Like people ought To Live
but God in Heaven Knows That
When you get tired of any body
you cant agree With Them Why I am
So displeasid I dont know What To
Do and I see as long as you are
With me I Will haffoo be sick
Nearly all of The Time But When
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Fun To My Face I Would of had
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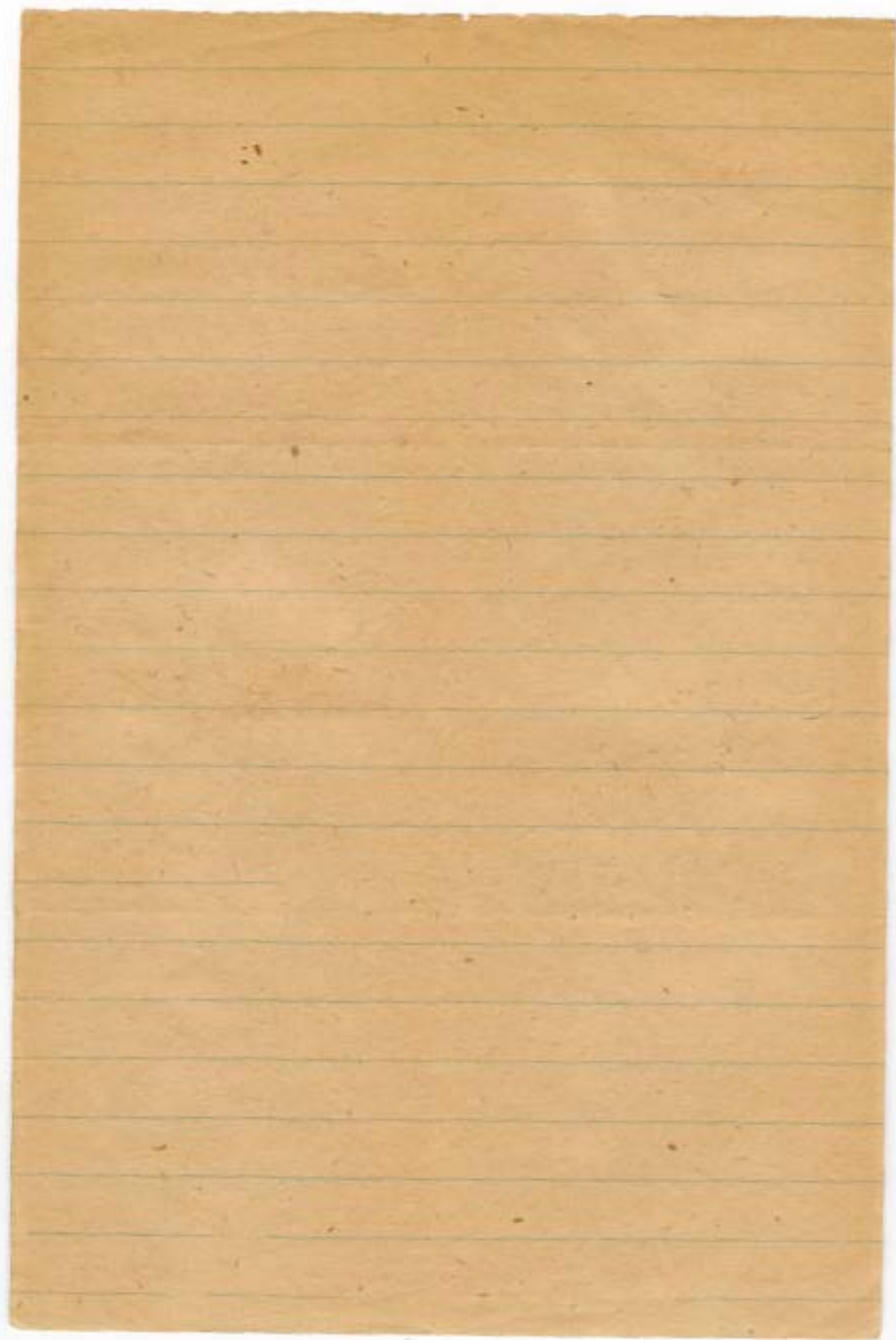


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I expect to come to you please
put do be worried if I do not
come because the children may
get sick and I may not be
able to find a way to ride
if I don't come on Friday I will
rite you so you won't be worried
I am anxious to come especially
if we can take a couple fishing
trips I got my feet wet the other
day and have a Mercerial cold
and soar throat ever since I thought
yesterday that it was going to be
the end of me but I don't worry
now because I've found the man
who has took my place at the
shop for a part of the time but
he is not willing to work

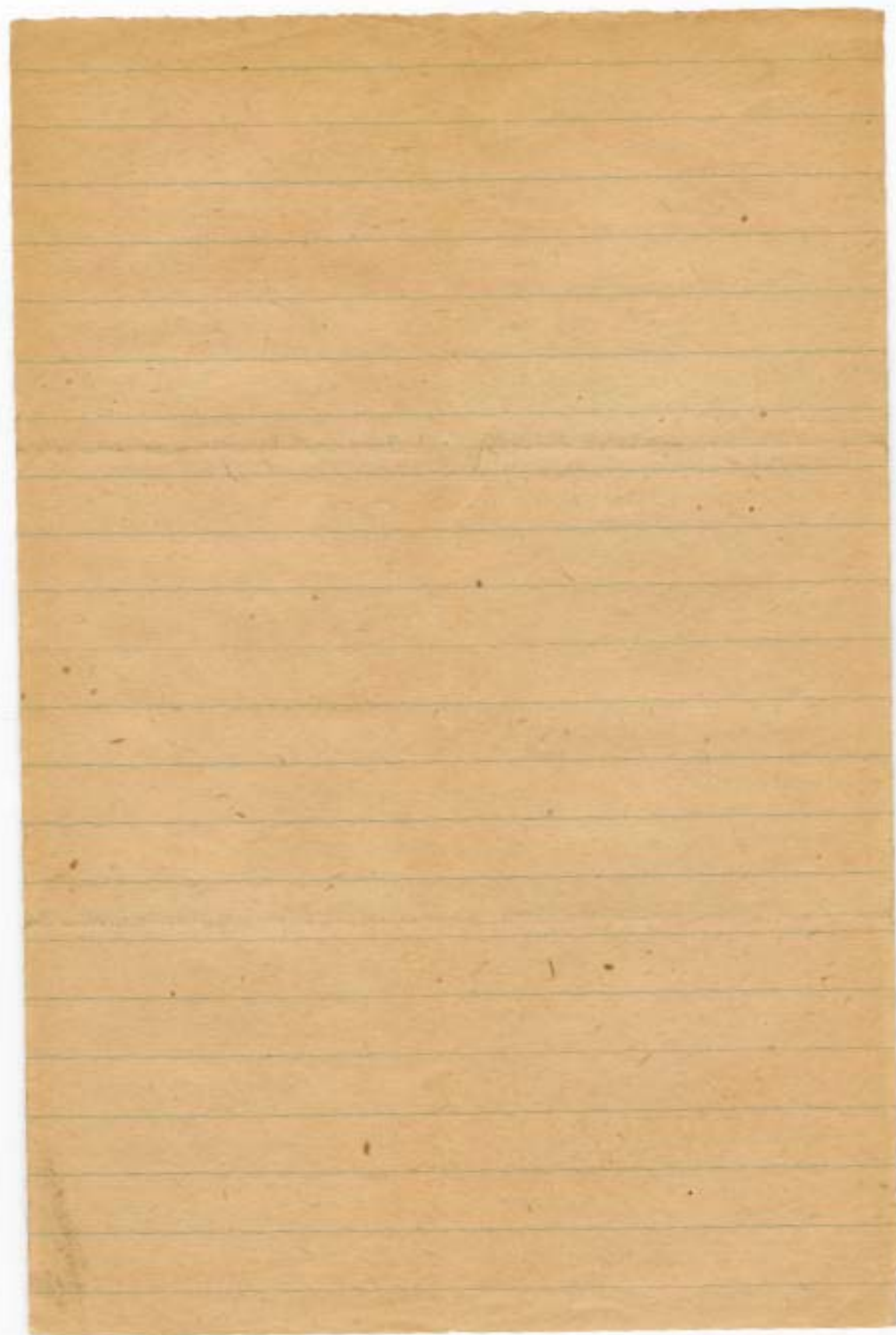


Worry Much John Robinsons show
is coming here soon it will show
on Charlies Corners Lot west of
high st. This the Biggest and best
show in the World We didnt built
When it was here last year you all
Come on Sunday and spend the day
rite as if you can. Come if you
Couldnt rite you could Word My
New Job Means hard Work For Me
But I Dont Care as I get Good pay
I, believe you know Where I Work Now
Give Love to all the Folks and if
There is any sudden Change Then I
Guess you will rite us I. Will
Waite To See if you are coming to the
show We Will be Glad if you Will Come
Next To Church Last Night

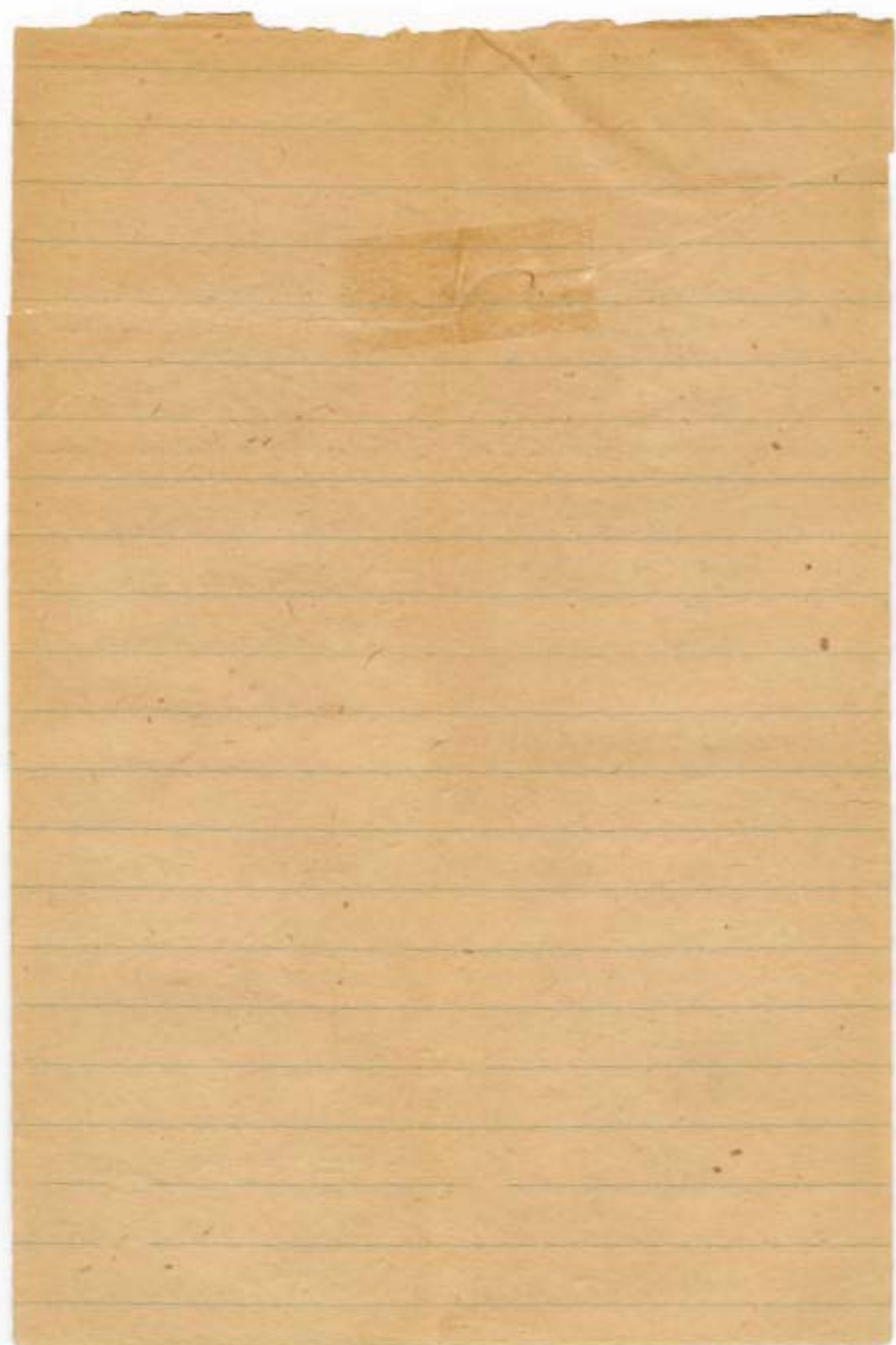


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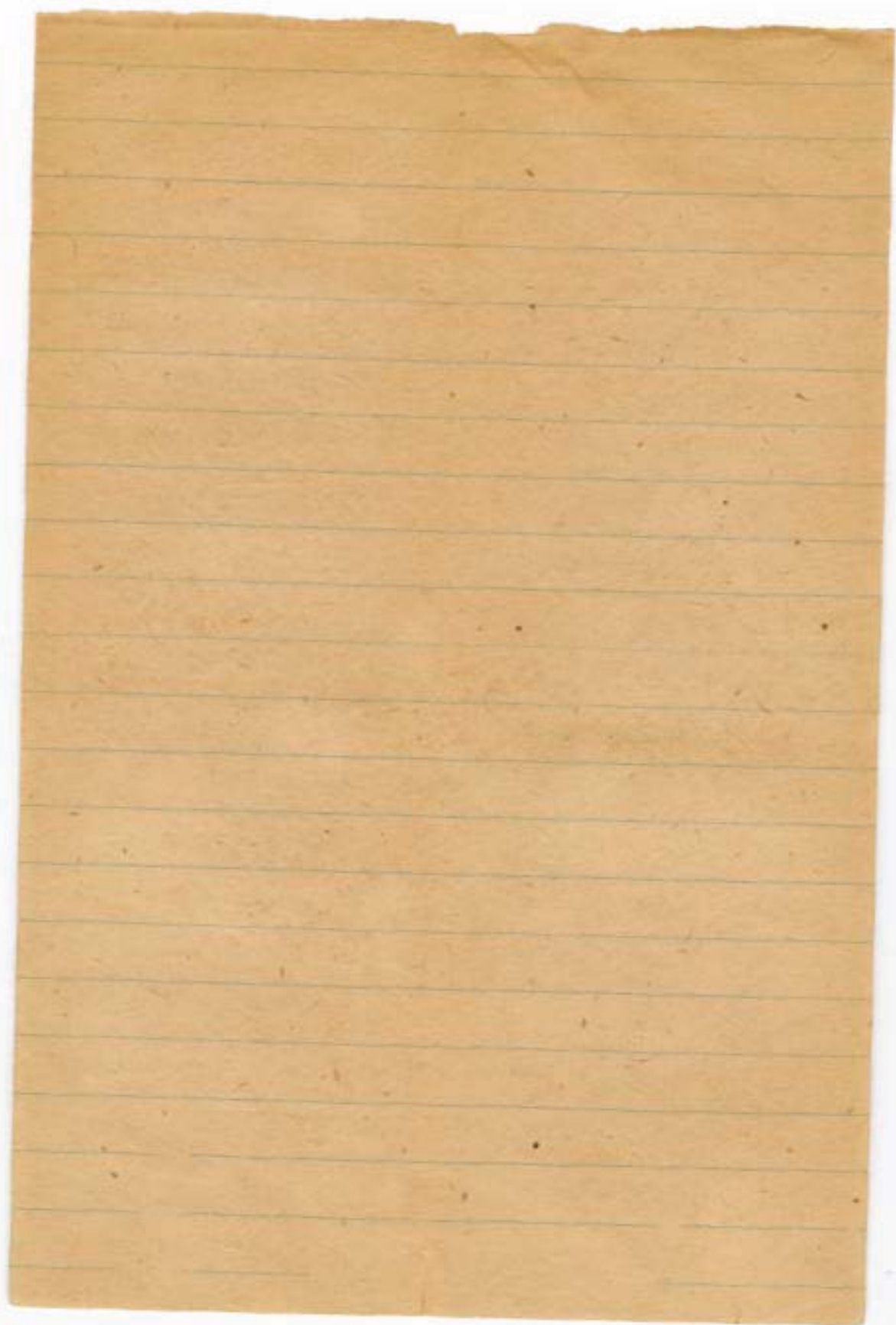
But sunrise lasted so long that we
didnt stay untill it was out I will
ans your letter when you rite it
I am feeling all right now and hope
you are the same



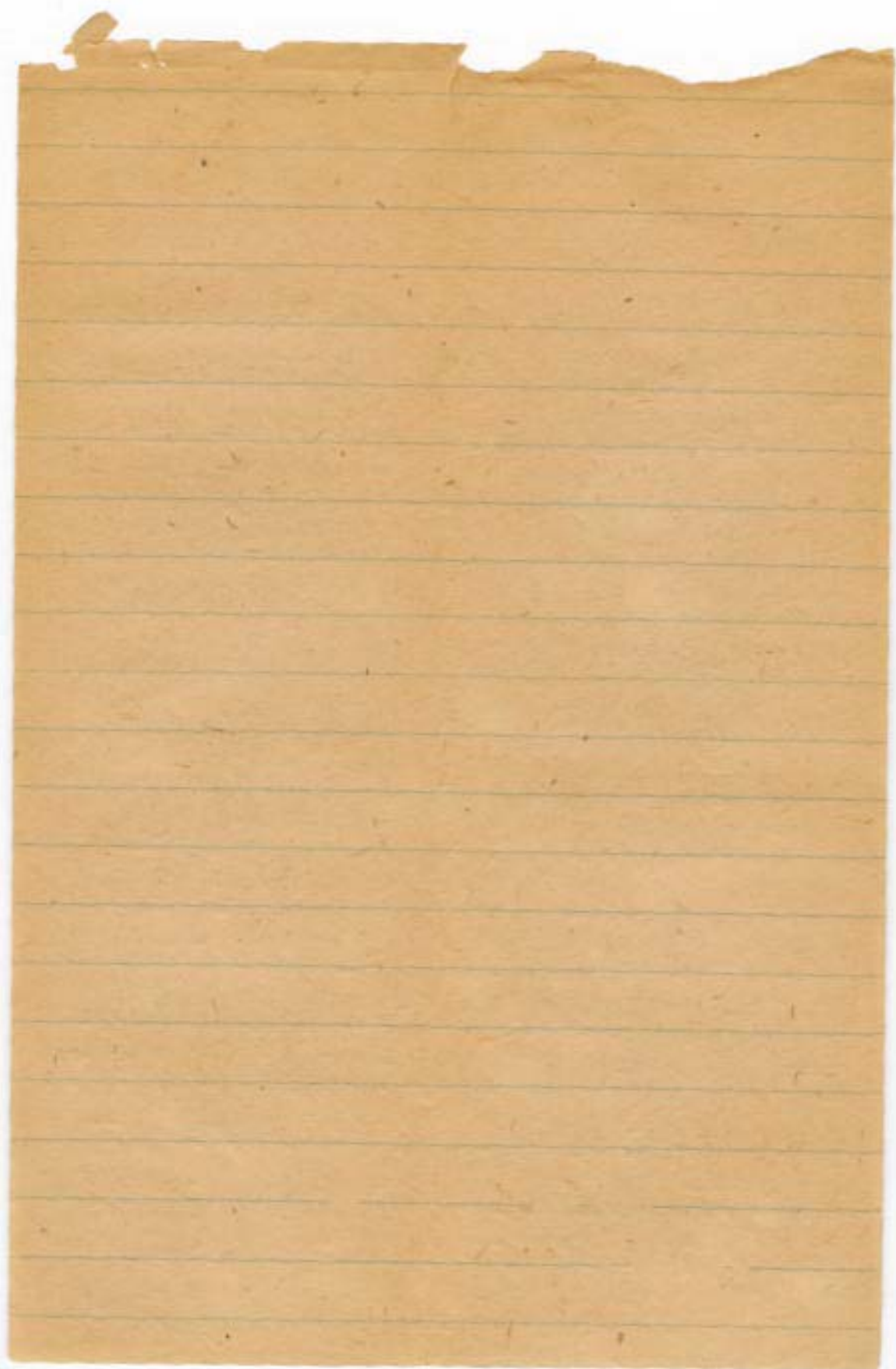
I Write This Letter To Mr Bryan
And She Can Tell The people about it
Every Body Will Want to Why I Took
My Life I Am Married Nearly To Death
Nobody Cares anything about Me
Any Way I hope Lorty Will go away
After Supper he Worries Me More Than I Am
he Was Talking To That Old Pop Eyed Rena
About Me and The Children I Know
he Was Talking I Will put My Self
Out of his Way And Let him That
pote Eyed Rena he Thinks he
Spites Me doing That I Want stand
it I cut My Throat Clean off I know
That the Church Will Take Care of
My Children all right Lorty Will
be Good To Them Though I dont
Worry about That I Want My



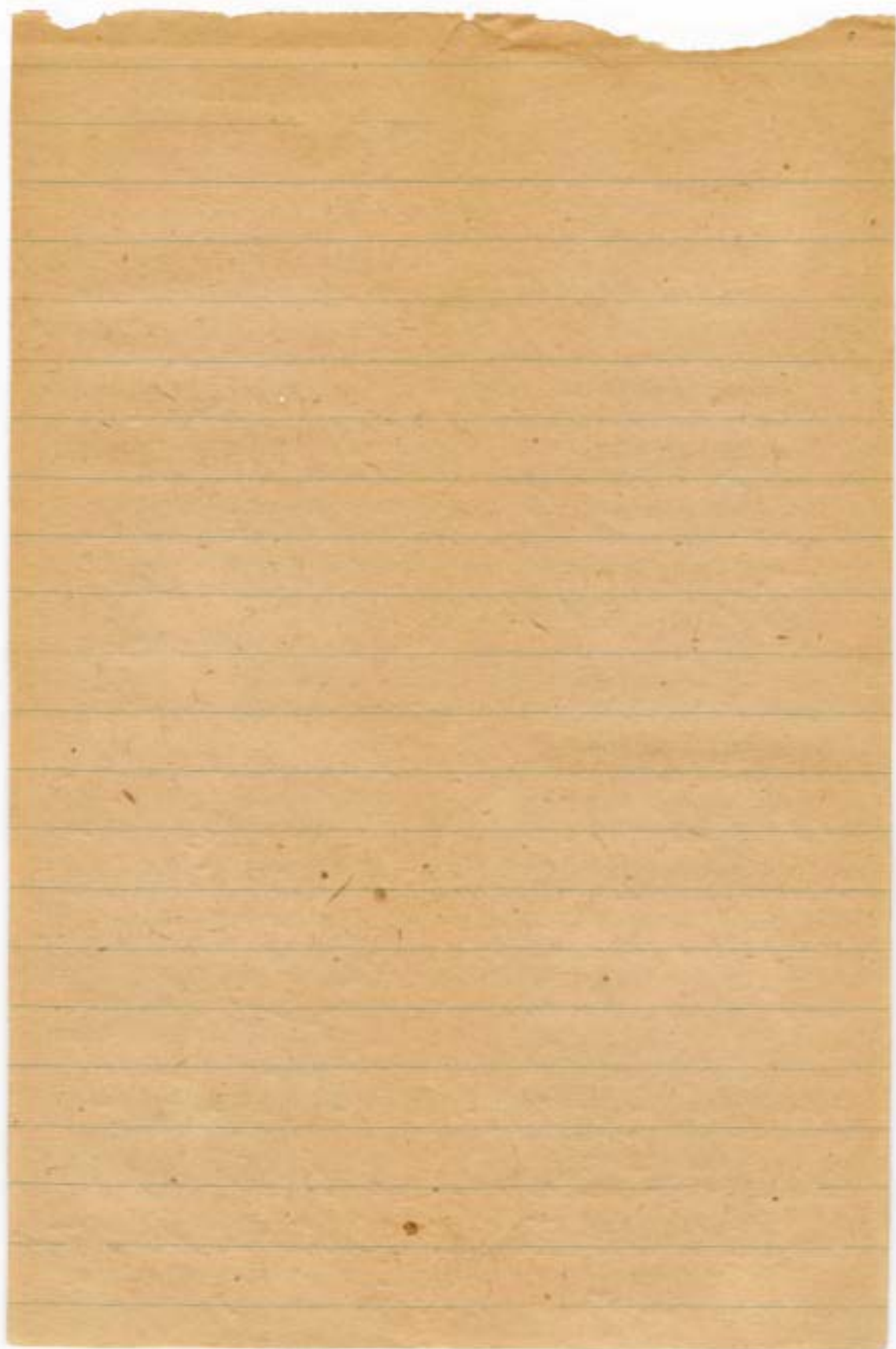
Children To go To Sundayschool Regular
And To School When They Can dont
Wear Black For Me I Will be a
Sowed Woman Sudden Death Means
Sudden Glory so I Will have it
God be With you all till We
Must again phone and Tell Who
Ever gets This give it To Lenty
Are Katherine Good bye To This
Miserable Old World Mama
and Wife Freda



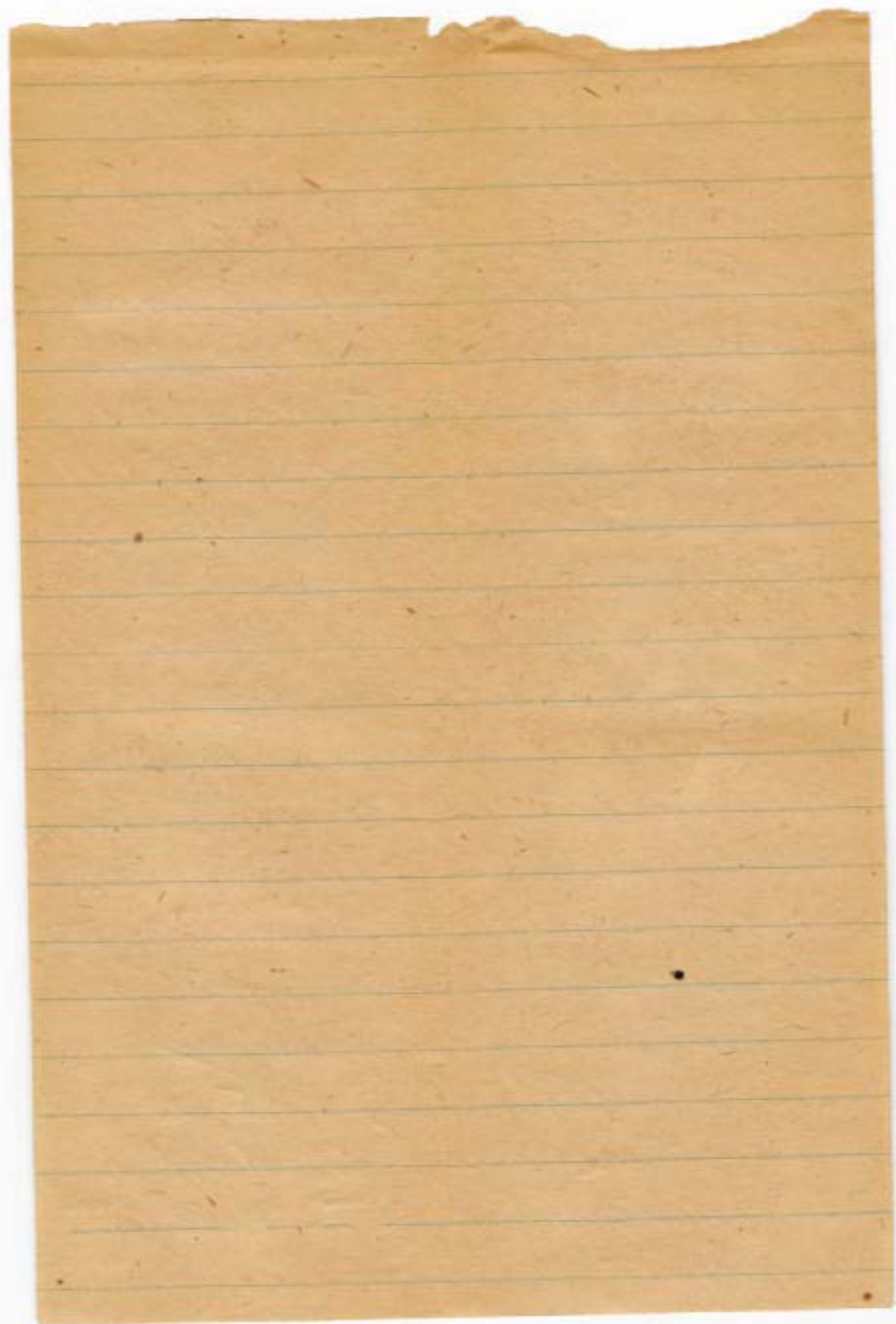
but Wanted My poor Little Children
To be With Me God Went punish Me
For I Love him and he Loves Me
I know I didnt Love Lurty toward
The Last and Treat him as I should
But I had a Man of The Gospel
To Tell Me I could stay With him
and My Baby too, and I Wanted
Lurty To Let Me go But he say
he would Suffer Death Before
Any body one body preacher would
have one of his kids. What pleasure
is it To Live With a Man When
you haftoo have a kid every other
year Lots of people say We got
Enough children For poor people
any how Lurty allways says
I'd Let other people Run My Fairis



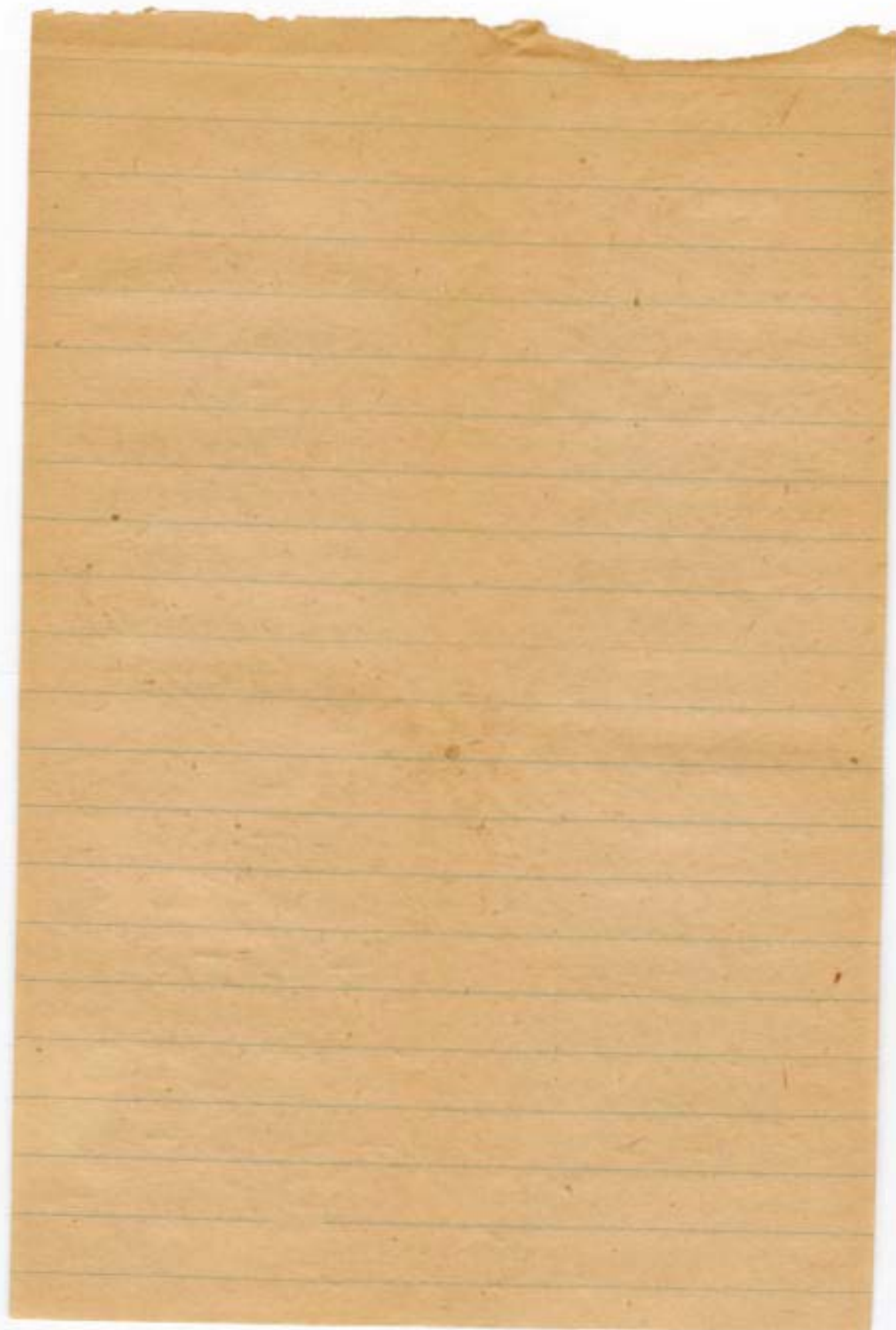
he wanted Me To stop other people
From coming To our House all
Except That Bunch of Riddles
he never says a word about
them But yet he said I Was
Getting Crazy he Would Tell Them
To stop coming To our House
I Told Him he Wouldnt - Spite
I Told Him He Wouldnt - Spite
Me I Told I didnt Care if They
Come or Knot That it didnt
Make a bit of Difference To me
That he Could stop coming To be
Got so Mad he Stayed down
at The Christaln at Let on
Like just come back To see the
Children at times But he had too
he Couldnt I had to come out



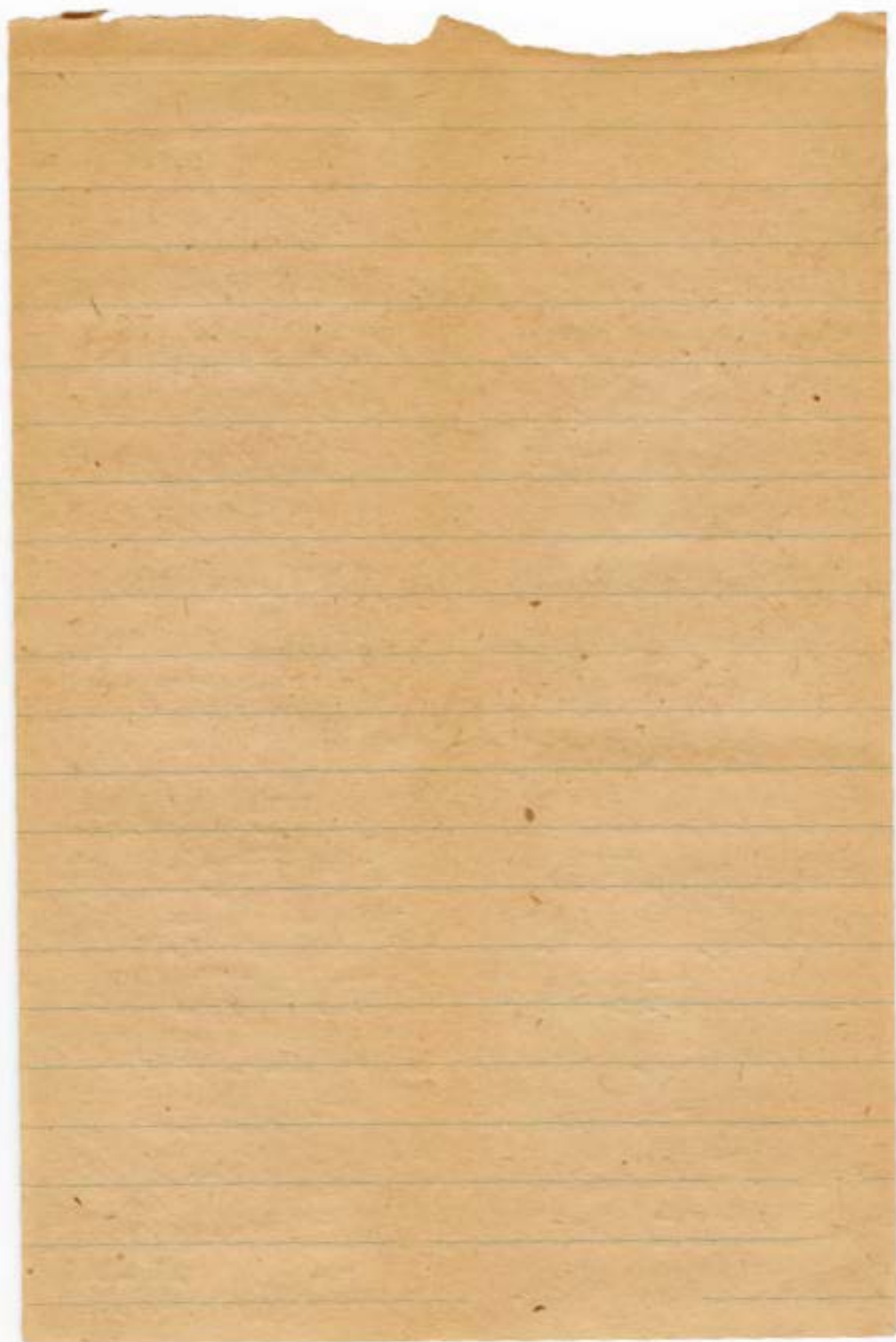
and Tell The Truth I only Married
him because I didnt want to stay
With My people. I got acquainted
With him in July and Married
him That Last day of September
But I thought We could get along
all right if World of stayed at
home I would hafter have a
youngin every other year Man if
We would Live To Be Seventy year
old Why We would never have any
thing I know I burned Tompethicoste
up he got Bugged so about Them
To me The Two only cost him
three Dollars and fifty cents he
Thought he was doing Wonders
I told for fun Mr Little would get
Me some



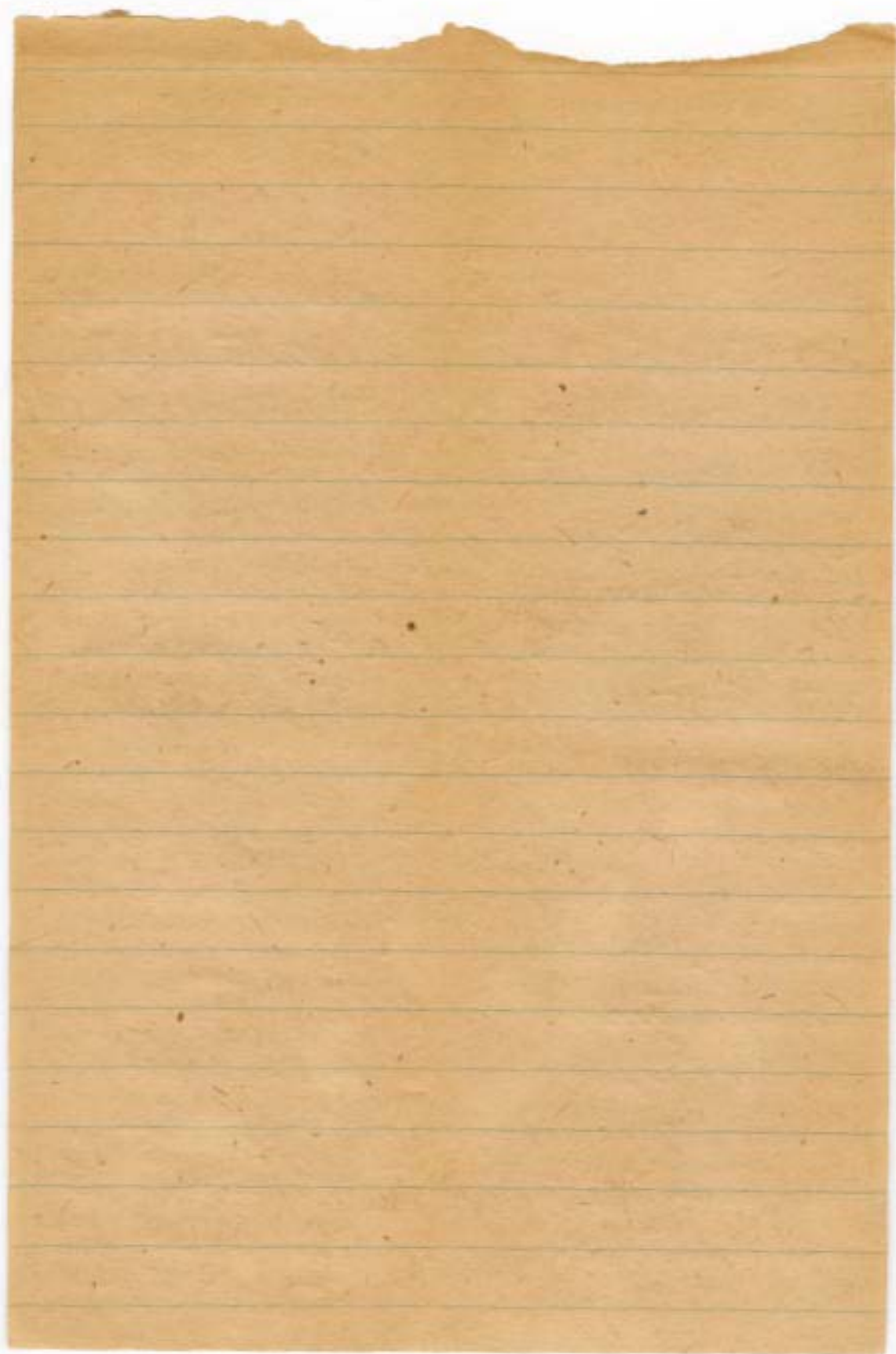
I Took and cut a pillow and put
it on Lurlys bed so They Would
Think he cut My Throat by the
pillow being cut But I Will hepten
admit I Took The pillow pillow was
cut put on his bed his bed and
Went back over to see if the Children
Was asleep and Wasing to Write
any more but I just Thought
That Lurly Might get in
present and its hard telling he
Would free get free a gain I sleep
With him Two nights yet I
guess I will hide This Letter Where
some will Not find soon
I put it in Coat He dont know
in the Lining he can see. I aint
as Crazy as He Thought.



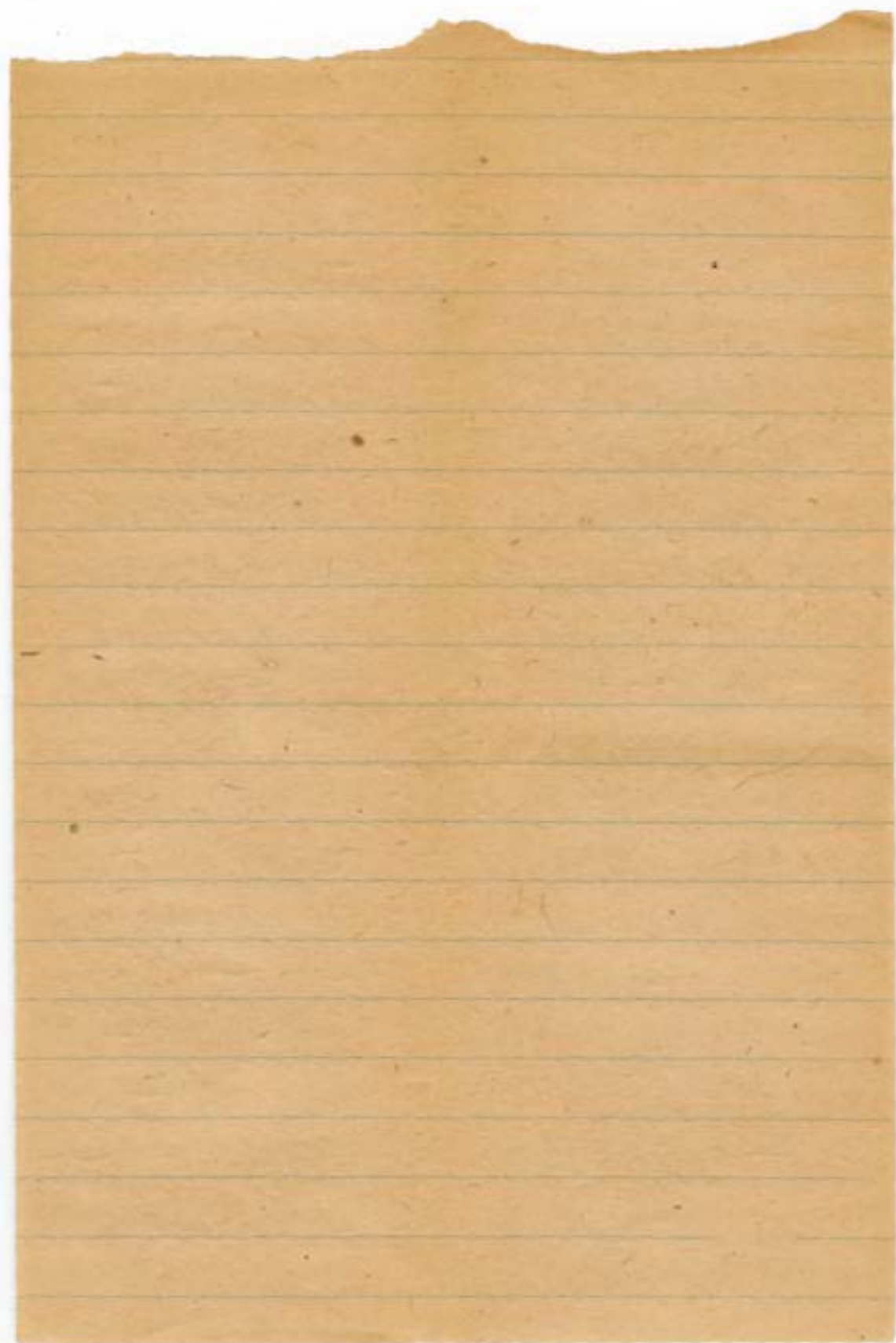
he will be bound to be Locked up
I know he said he was going to
Tell my people one me how I carried
on and but they will never see me
a line any more a Sunday evening
I never did like that Lorena House
she would Hallow at my Man for
spite I hope if he dont take care
of the Children Law Court Chuach
are some one will take Last
one of them ever I put him to
Warring Like I did May the 28
one two oclock in the
Morning I am Ferguen for all
I am for all done to my body
on this Old Earth and so God
is With Me hope who ever finds
this Letter will give it my Father



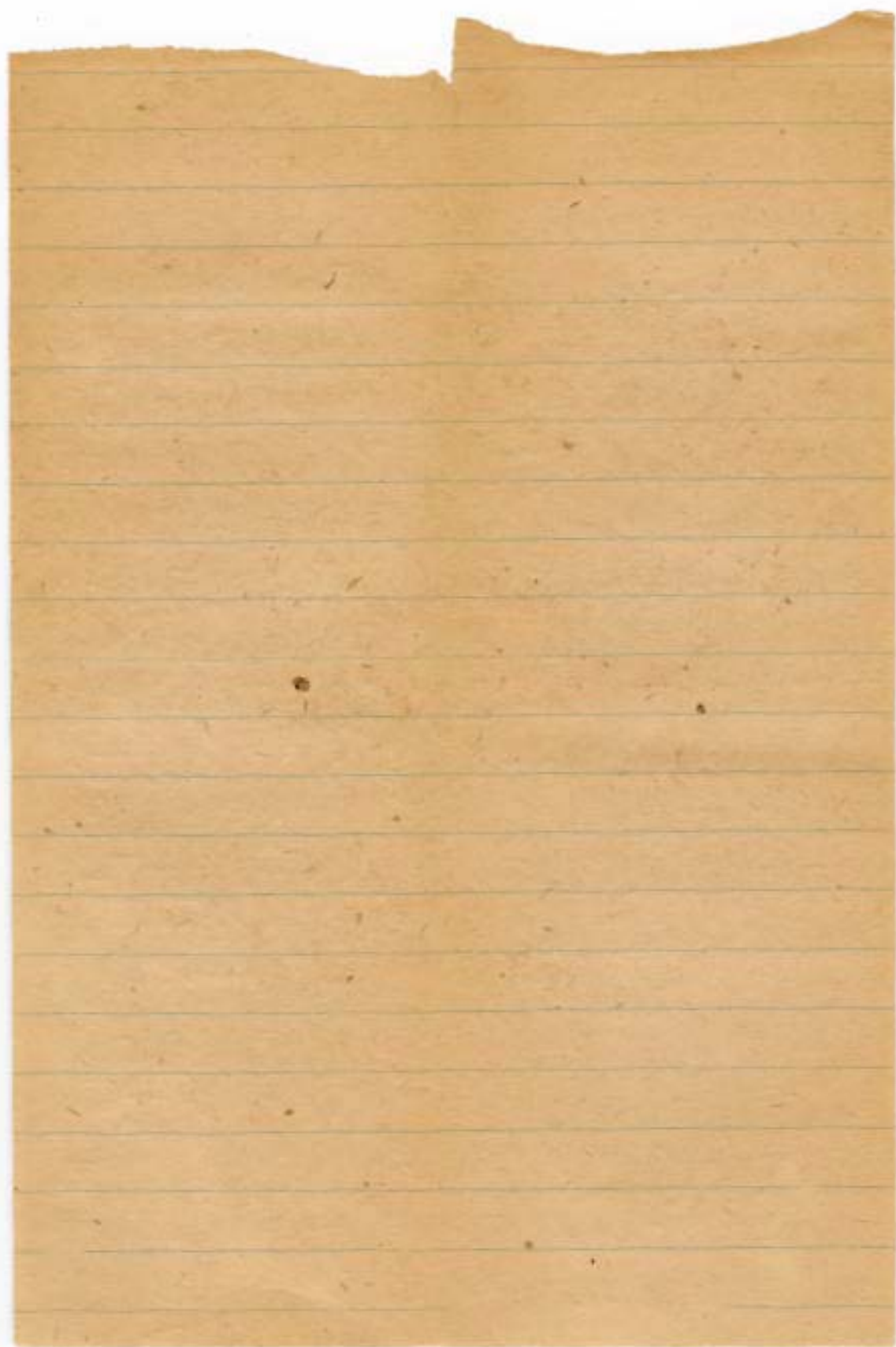
papa are no one cares much about
me this the best I can write rough
paper to rub off but hope you all
can read it bye bye to the whole
I Bowe my self to Night I Wish
I could give papa a book of My
Life But dont you Werris I am
at Rest Freda Gellis Hauchen



Well Lusty I am writing this to
you I will be dead and rotten
when you are some one finds this
Lusty I know that they will put
you in jail they way I left things
for Lusty when Lusty they pillow
that was in the childrens room I
cut a slit in it so as they would
think that you done it I heftoo
admit to it I cant tell do if
nothing happens I will be out of
your way and bodys Elses way by
that time Lusty keep this and
it to papa when see him again
Lusty I promised Mr. H. K. Little
last night I would help in the
prayer service as long as I was able
I would help



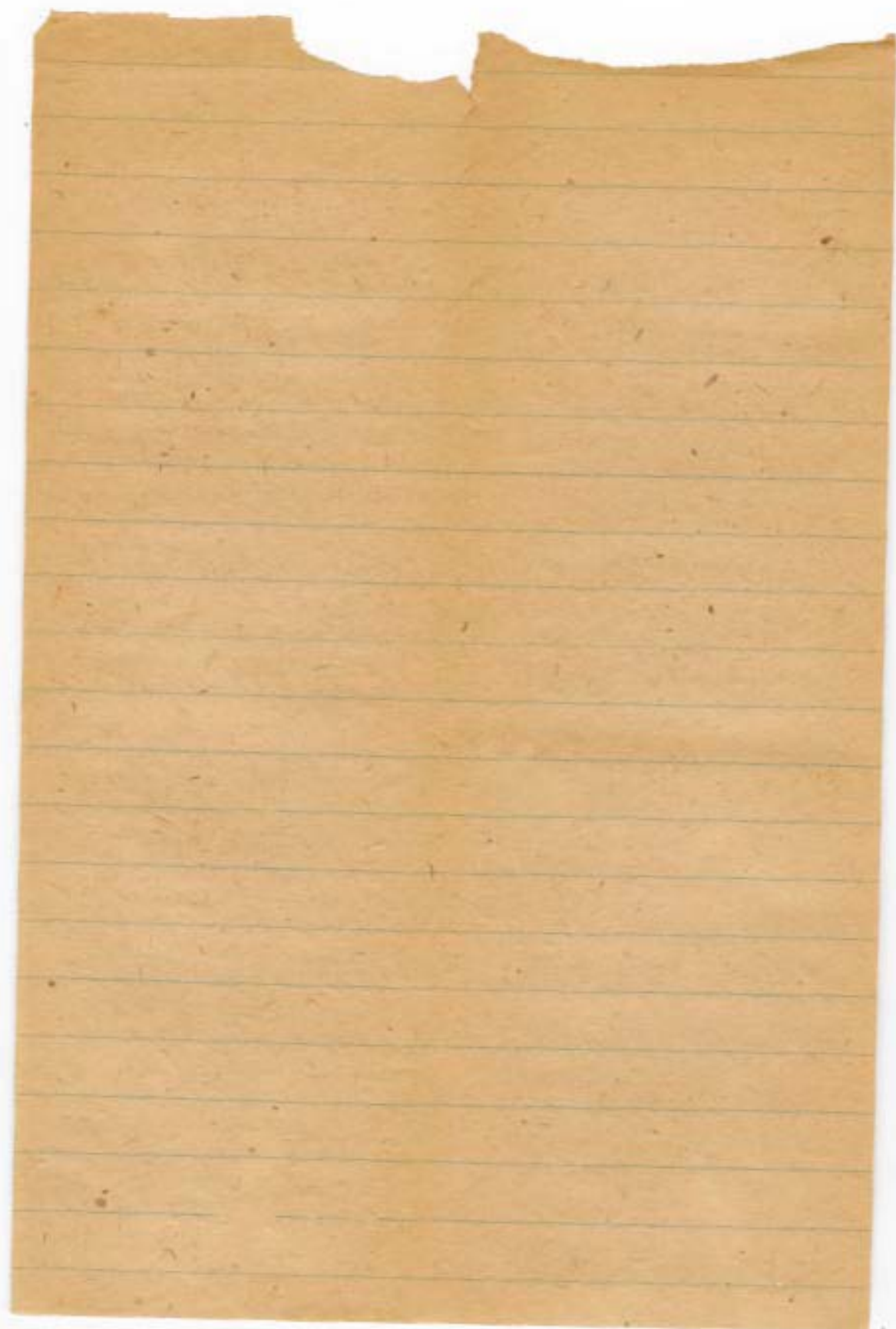
So Now you can take my please
For Gods Sake Take Good Care
of the Children and dont ever
Reade my letter people will be telling
the Children about it. Now Ma
you can get some body else if
you dont keep the Children and
do right by them Why they will
go to a Good Home to stay
Well its Four a clock Now I will
stop you can think over the part
as I have done Frieda



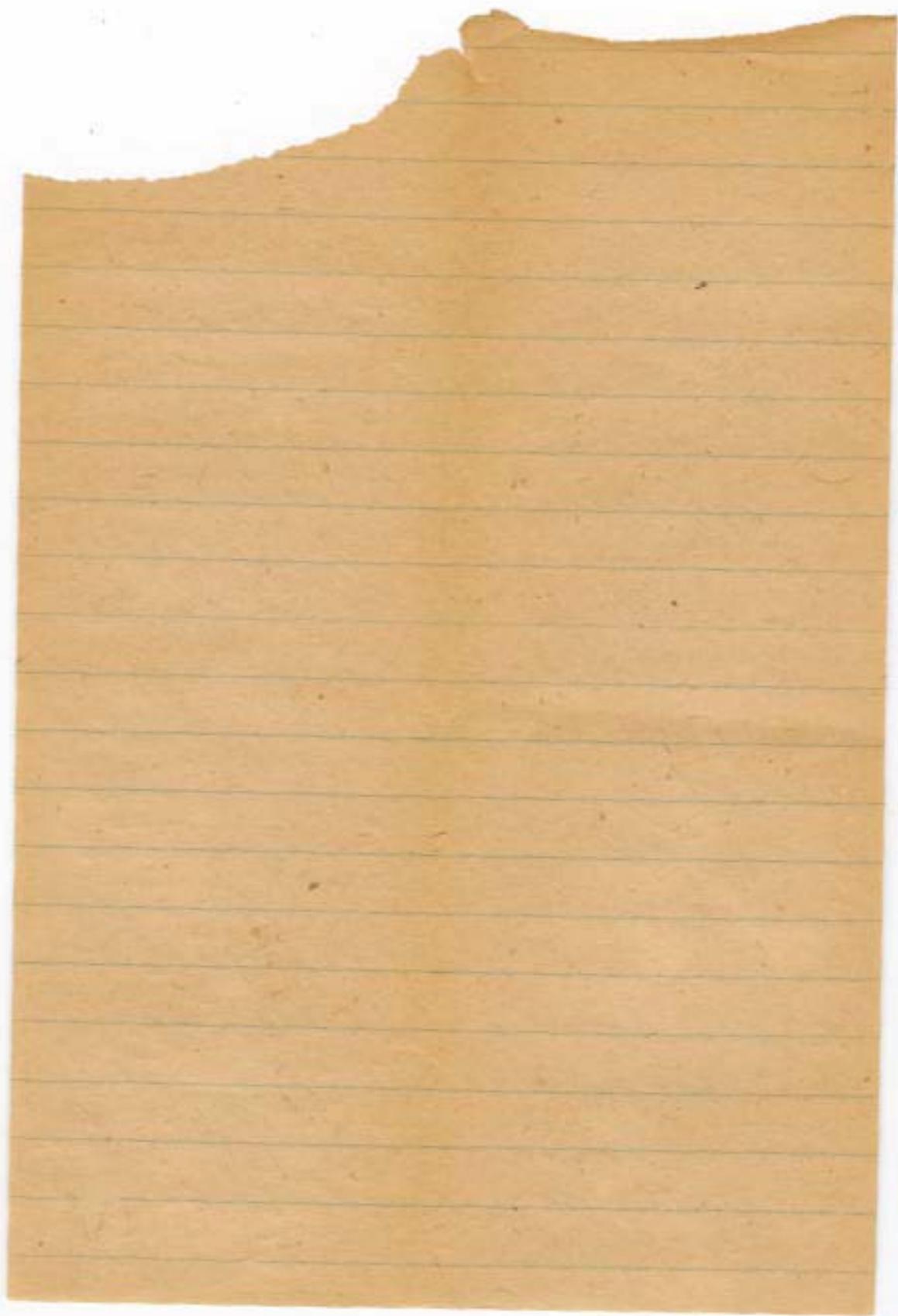
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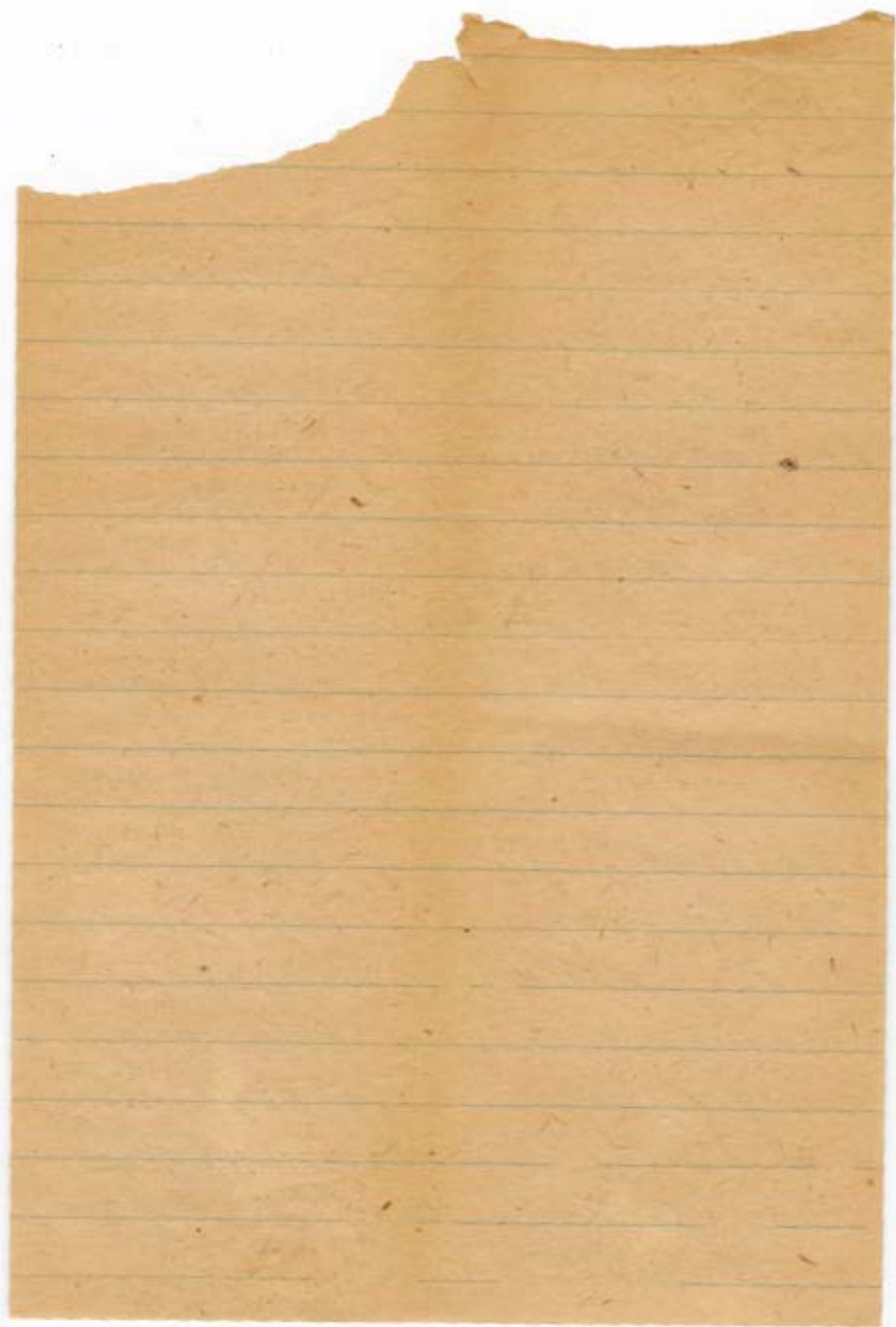
Harrisontury Virginia May the 22 1924
Dear Home Folks We Was Angfill
Glade to hear from you all but it
hard for Freda To get started to write
she is a poor hand to write so
she ask me to write you all which
I am Glade to write Listen you all
Must come up some time I know
That you all can come here easier
than we can come down there
We are getting anxious to see you all
more aspecialy Freda is she said
here a couple of weeks ago that
you all didnt care any thing about
her you never wrote I told her
that you all wrote the last letter
and you all was waiting for her
to write now



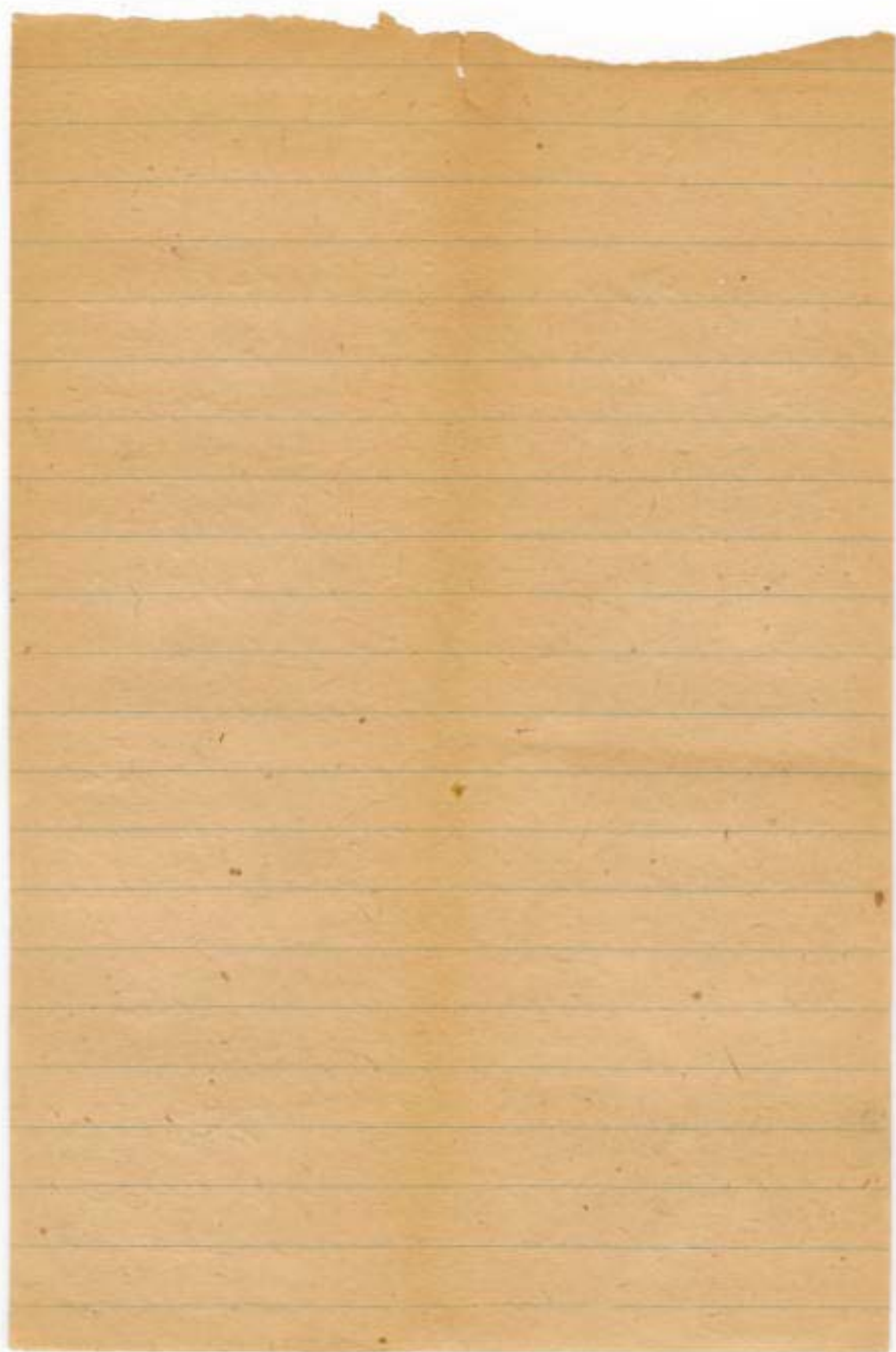
But Really you all could often
Come up here a little while even
if you couldnt stay very so
Come up here soon and come
Sunday and spend the day with us
if you can come why you can
phone me at the Christola Co.
191 is the number how you all a
phone close at We could talk some
time it looks like we can never
see you all when your in town
Freda was down at a show day
Evening and she thought she
would see you all We think
that well have Electric Lights put
in this week We dont know for
sure they are anyfull handy and
about as cheap as oil to



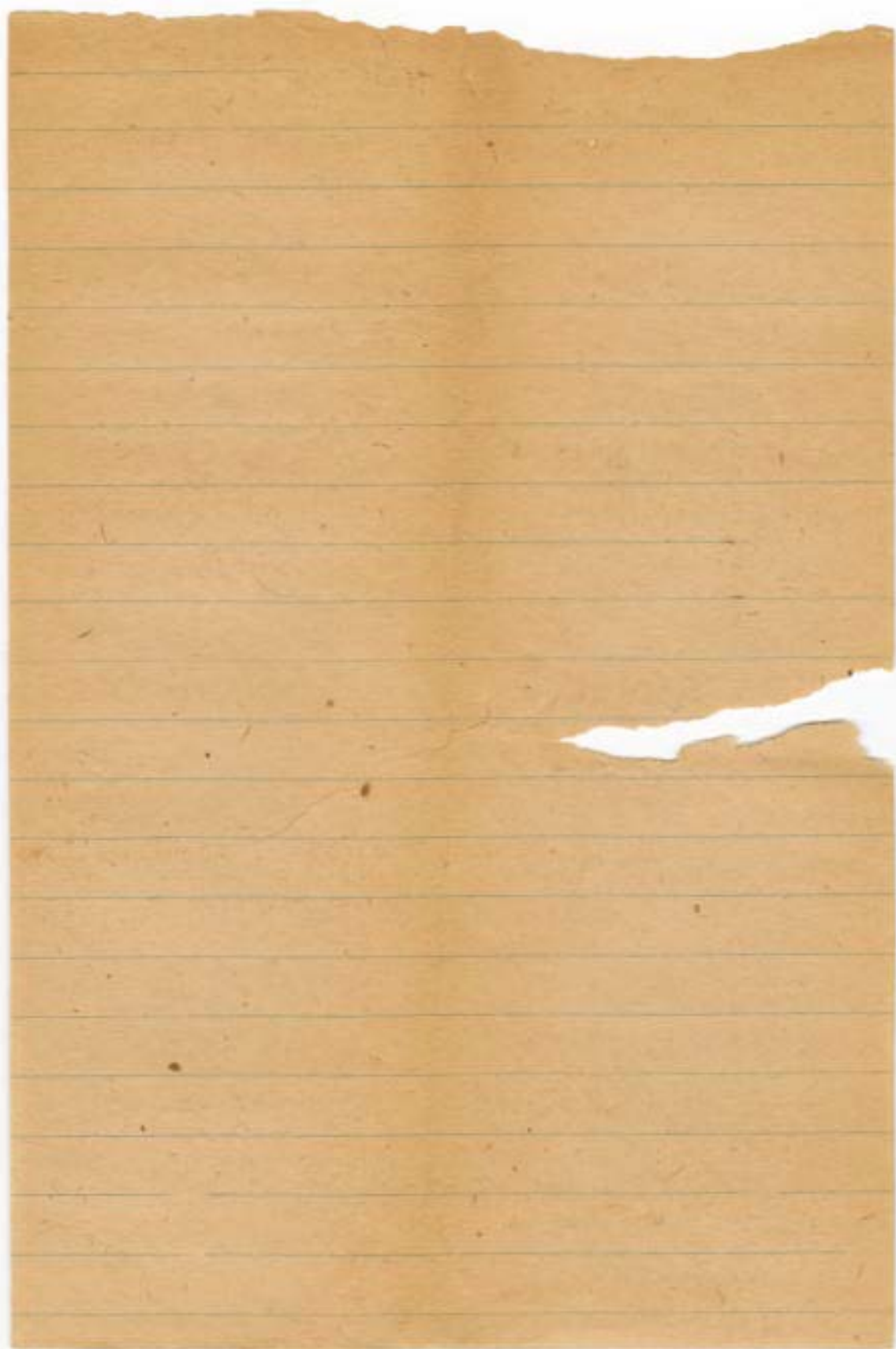
I Believe you ask Freda about
a setting her why yes We Will
be Glad to get one so if it aint
so Much Trouble you set us one
and We Will pay you Whats
right For it and say the Kidding
is Talking so Much of some apple
Butter if you have some of your
own make why saw in a crock
I Guess Freda and the Children Will
soon be down and then We Can
get it Freda Loves Country apple
Butter so Well it Looked to
me Like Freda is always
shidding about something I Wish
you all would soon come up
Maby you could cheer her up a
little



She is never satisfied it looks
like she says when we get lights in
and the front yard fixed up why
she will be all right then I often
tell her we can't do every thing at
once and get just what we want
We're sorry to know of you
having a bad time we hope
that you will soon get better
Well all the kiddies are asleep just
now and I think I will go to bed
I am getting sleepy my self
Freda has gone to bed she goes
Early and gets up Early Well dont
waite year before you write again
I will answer your letters if Freda
dont Freda said tell papa she will get
some more books for him before long

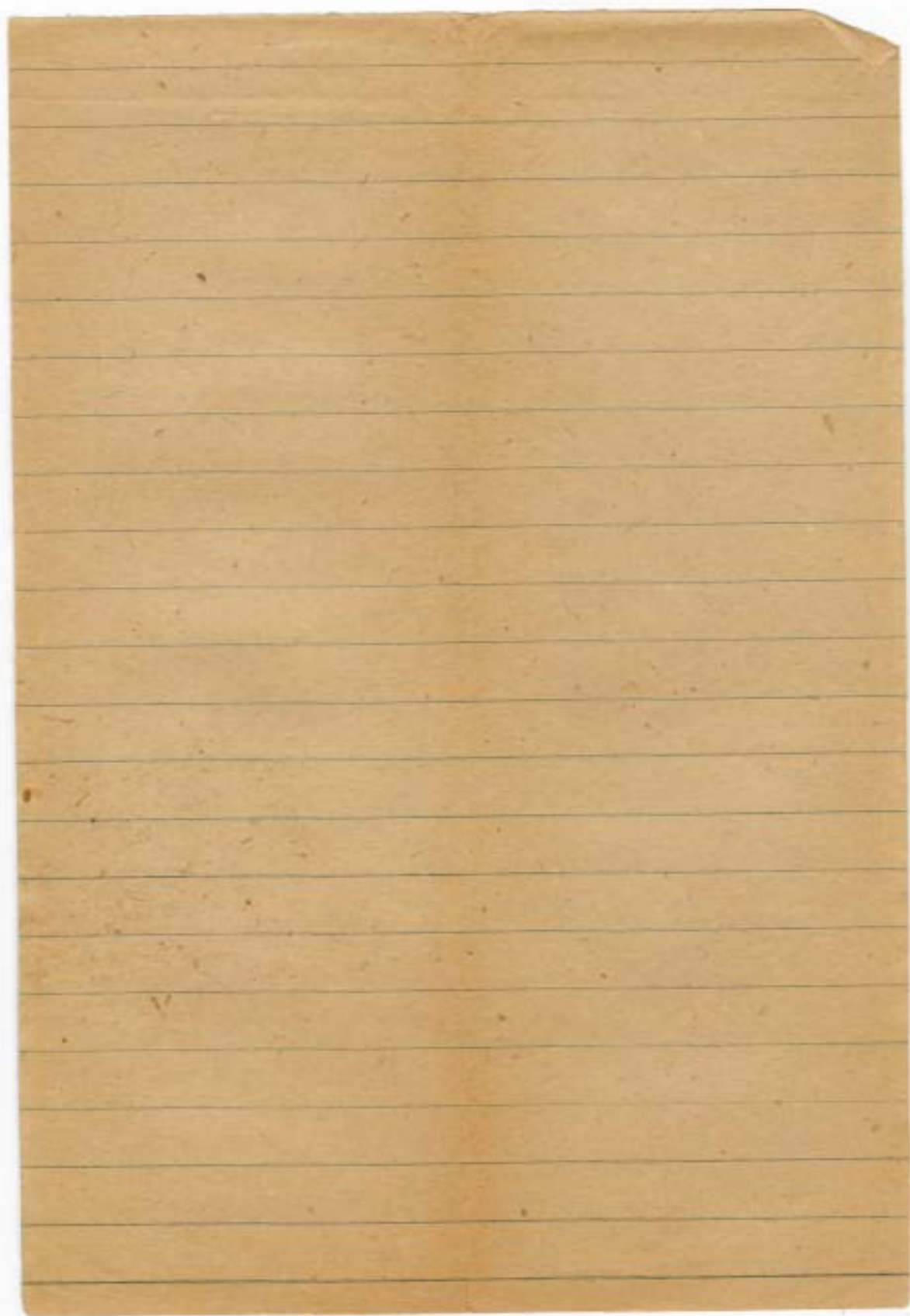


Well by by From the Children



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The Letter I know in the Library of my
Best friend of Ben put there by Linda
but is most pleasant to be in jail
I have been in ^(prison) present and a half
long time and am anxious to be through
this time and get out of jail



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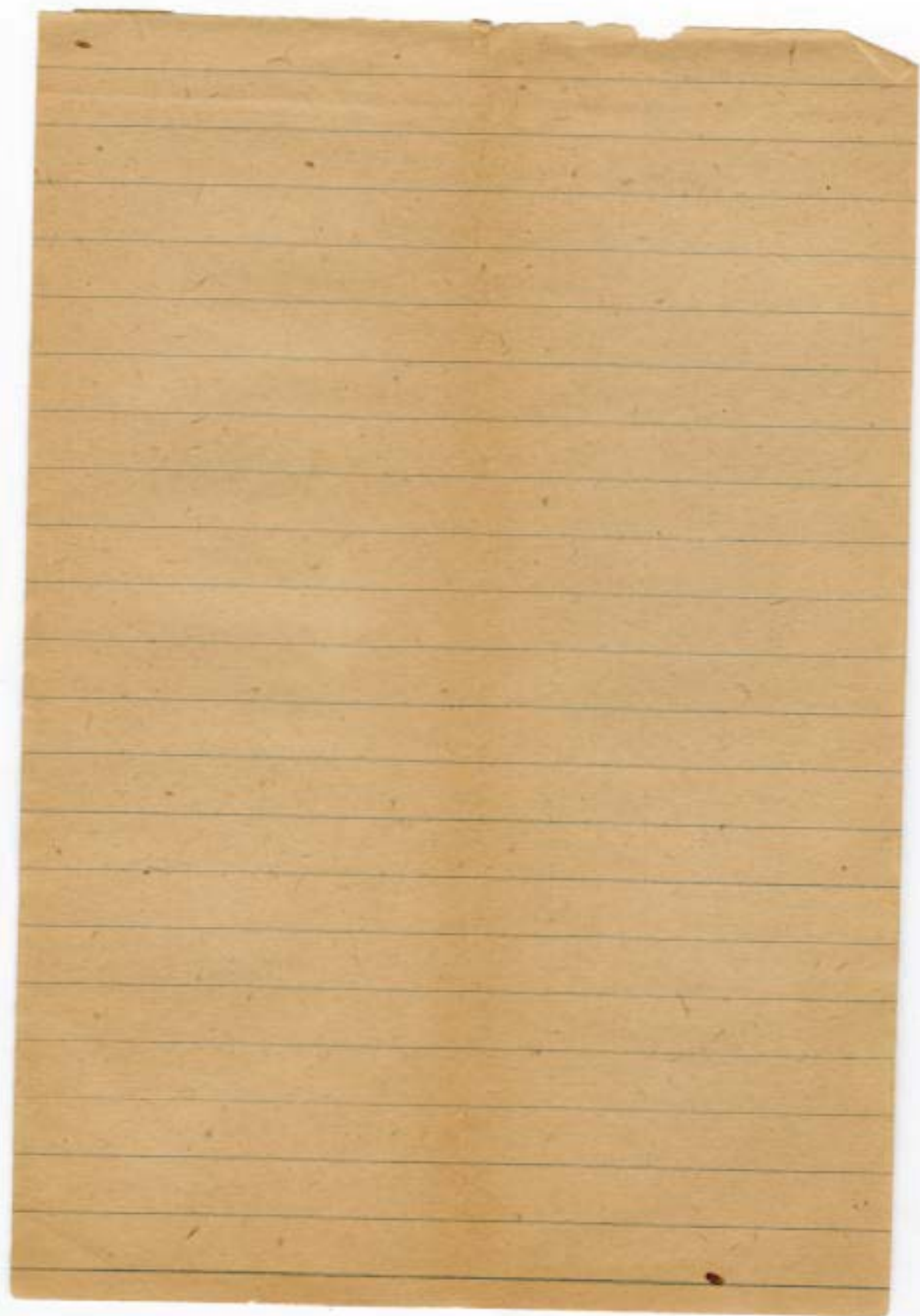
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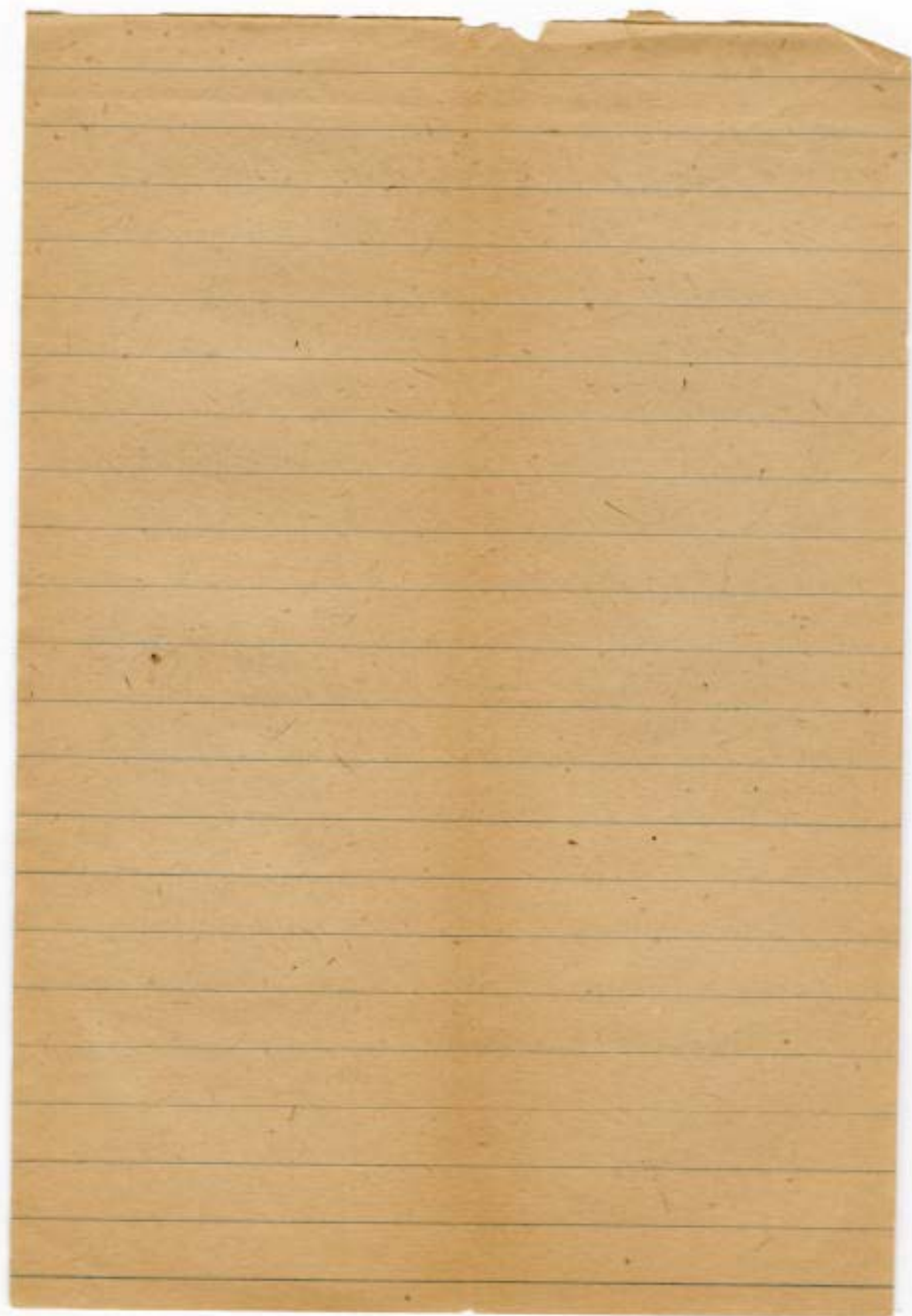
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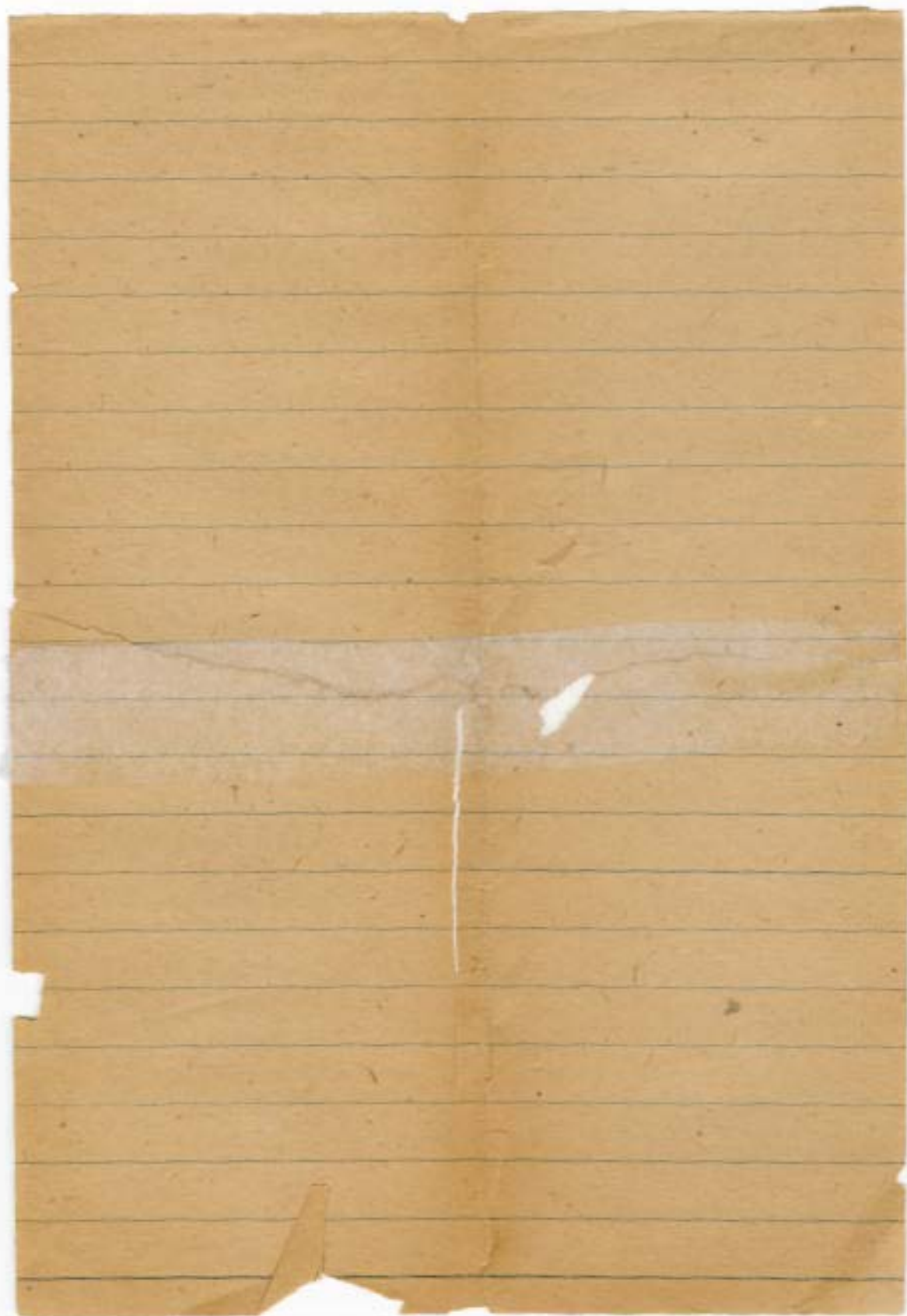
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Laurie phone and tell Mattie if she comes
down this week to come home with
I want to see her she can help to drive
a little Buick boat come home and
say you forgot all about it give her a
couple bottles of pop to Buick boat



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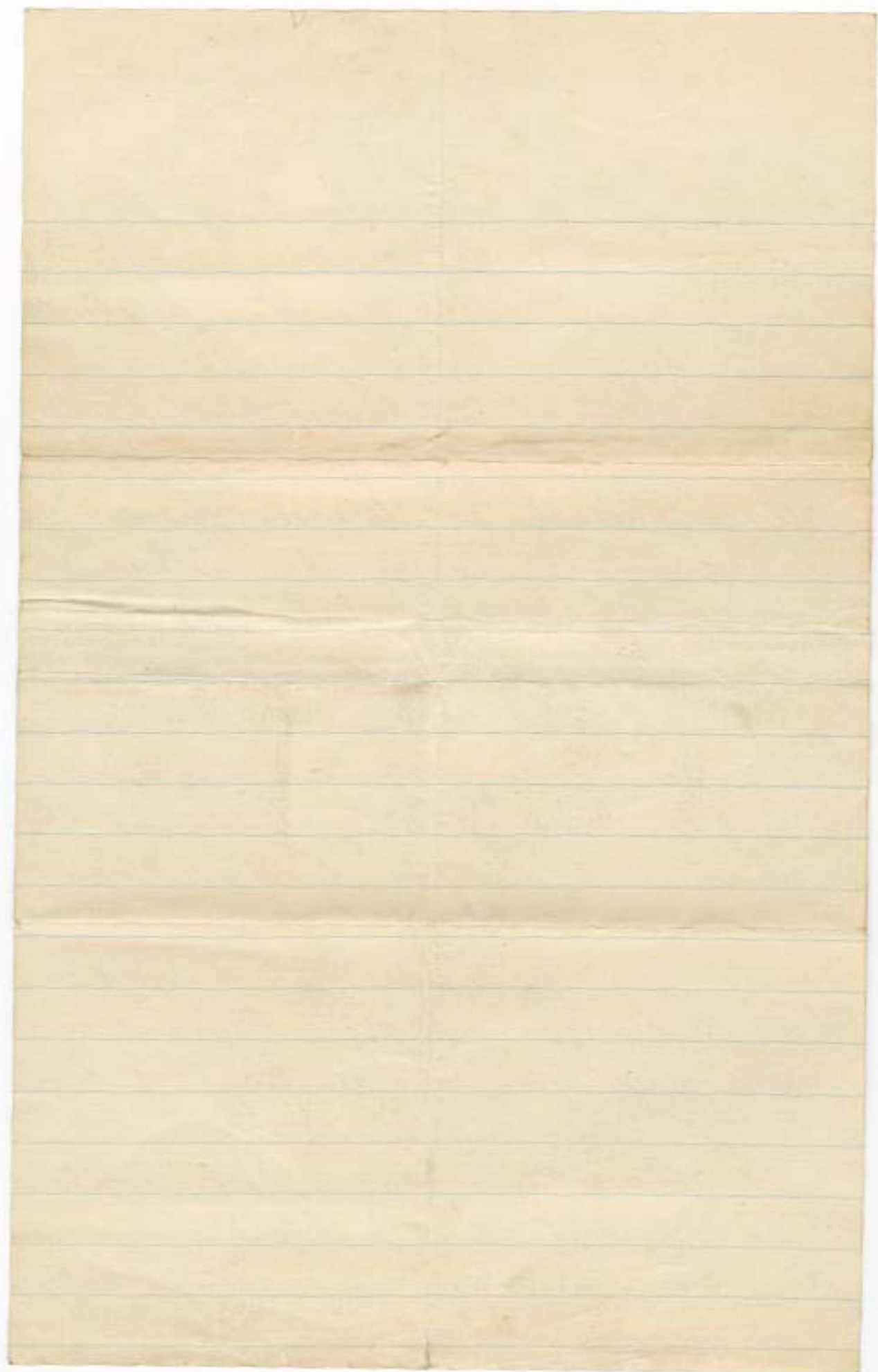
Lusty Bont For get To Bring My
Shoes at Supper and Bring some Cakes
if you can find any get to a store
know that you can get some come
Home early Today



Harrisonburg Va

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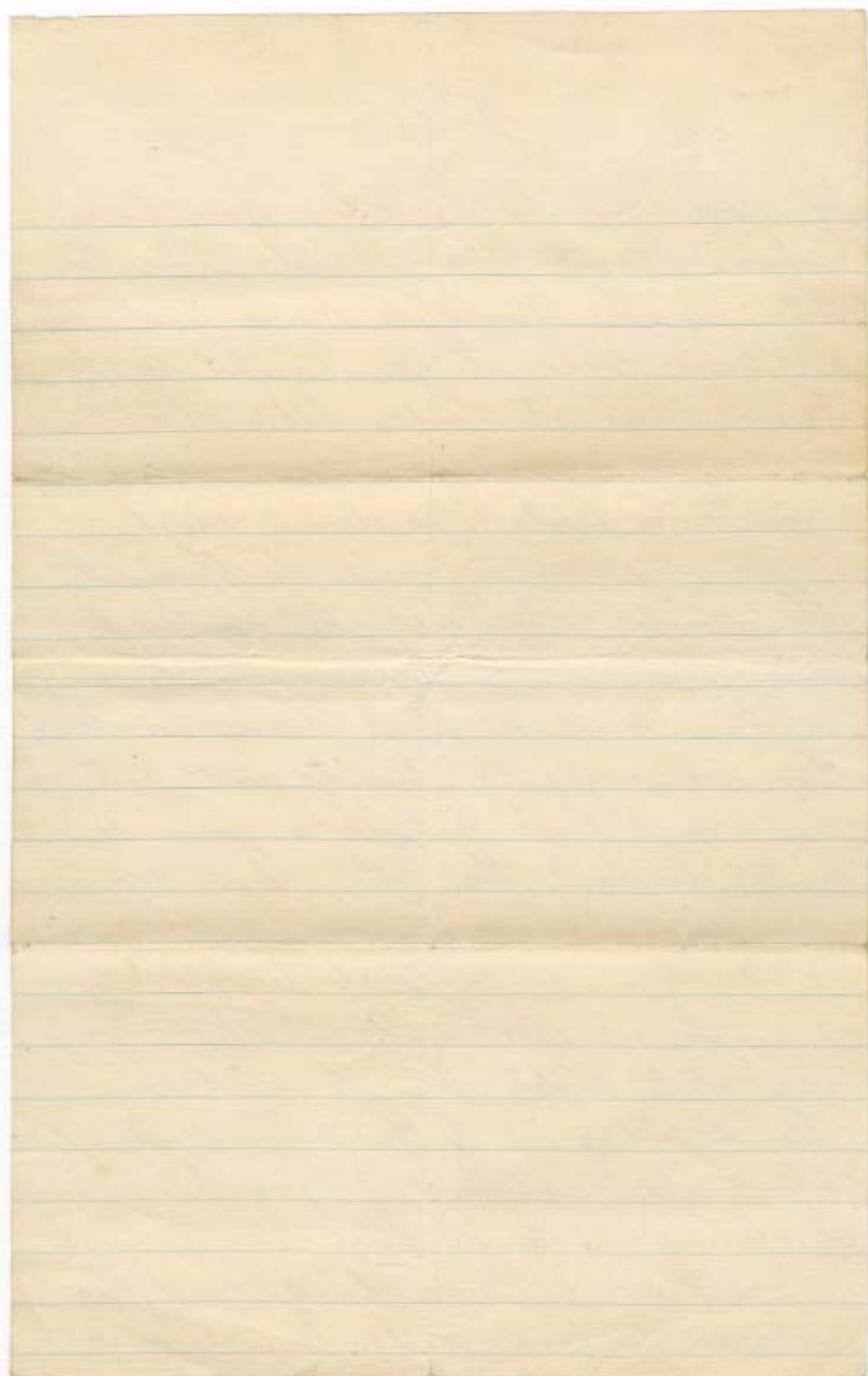
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rite so she ask Me to rite you all
Whick I am Glade to rite Listen
you all Must come up some time
I know that you all can come
here easier than We can come down
there Were getting anxious to see
you all more aspecialy Freda is the
said here a couple of Weeks ago
that you all didnt care any thing
about her you never wrote I told
her that you all wrote the last
Letter and you was waiting for her
to rite now But Reddy you all
could often come up here a little
while even if you couldnt stay
vary so come up here soon come
Sunday and spend the day with us



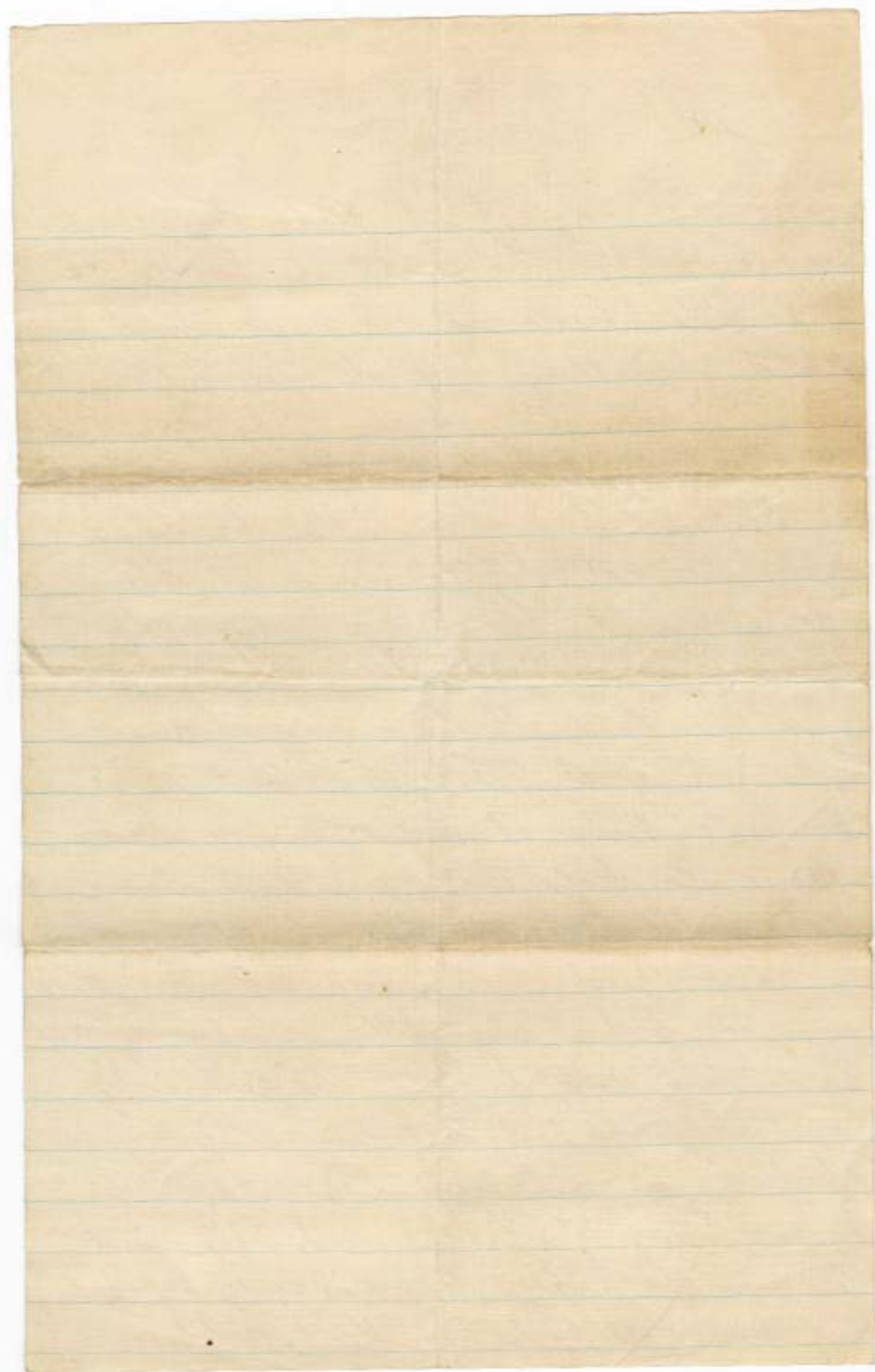
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phone me at the Christo Cola Co.

191 is the Number have you all
a phone close at me could talk
some time it looks like we can
never see you all when you are
in town Freda was down street a
show day evening and she thought
she would see you all. We think
that we'll have Electric Lights put
in this Muck We dont know for sure
they are awfully handy and about as
cheep as oil to I Believe you ask
Freda a bout the setting here why
yes we will be blade to get one
so if it aint so Muck trouble why
you set us one and we will pay
you what right for it and say
the kiddies is talking so Muck of
some apple Butter if you have some
of your own make why please save
us a crock I Guess Freda and the
children will soon be down and



then we can get it Freda loves country
 apple butter so well it looks to
 me like Freda is all ways shidding
 about something I wish you all
 would soon come up Maby you could
 cheer her up a little she is never
 satisfied it looks like she says
 when we get lights in and the
 front yard fixed up why she
 will be all right then I often tell
 her we cant do every thing at once
 and get just what we want we are
 sorry to know of you having a bad
 since we hope that you will soon
 get better well all the Suddies is
 a sleep just now and I think I will
 go to bed I am getting sleepy My self
 Freda has gone to bed she goes early
 and gets up early well dont waite a year
 before you rite again I will answer
 your letters if Freda dont. Freda said
 tell papa she will get some more boots before long
 for him well by by from the Children





Mrs Betrice Johnson
Port Republic Virginia
Route # 7.



J. F. BLACKBURN, CLERK
CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
HARRISONBURG, VA.





CORRESPONDENCE

POST CARD

FOR ADDRESS ONLY

hello archie
how are you
I am well and
hope this will
find you the
same all at
home. hello
to you all
well you all this
can't wait to
see you more so

Mr Archie Johnson
New York

F.D.H. Good

Frank



*A song of sweet birds they sing,
The love of boys and maid,
It is a never-fading theme,
Its beauty ne'er will fade*

Postkarte — Carte postale — Post card — Cartolina postale
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HOW CAN
YOU DO
IT

ON 4⁵⁰
PER
?

POST CARD.

THIS SPACE MAY BE USED
FOR COMMUNICATION



hello how is
everything
I was glad
to hear from you
all i will ans you
letter soon give
my body my love
and ans this card
right away from your
Daughter J D H

Mr W M Johnson

New Market

Va.

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A vintage Valentine's card with a brown background and a white lace border. At the top, a cherub with blonde hair and wings is shown holding a golden bow. Below the cherub is a large, ornate yellow bow. In the center, a white oval contains the text. Below the oval is a red heart with a white envelope and a letter inside, surrounded by a wreath of purple and white flowers. At the bottom, the text 'TO MY VALENTINE' is written in a stylized font.

I send
To you this bow
Of golden hue,
To tell you that
My love is true,
Be my Valentine
Do!

TO MY
VALENTINE

This Space For Writing Messages

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This Side for the Address only

I cut my throat clean off
I know the church will
take care of my children
all night long will be
brought to there thought
I don't worry about that
I want my children to go
to Sunday school Reyer
and to school who they
can, don't mean Black for
me I will be a saved woman
murder death means
murder. I love so I will
live it I will be with
you all till meet again
I can't tell
who ever gets this give
it to Lusty one Kuthern
I told by to this miserable
old woman Mary + wife
Kuthern

Write this letter to Mrs Boyan
and she can tell the story
I want to say I am
wast. I want to say I am
I think my heart is
ready to die. No body
cares any thing about me
any more. I hope Larty will
go away after dinner he means
me well. I know I am he was
talking to that old pop
I know he means the
children I know he was
talking I'll put my self out
of his way and let him
have that put eye. I know
he thinks he spites me.
I don't want to stand it.

10
might I would like see
the money saved as
long as I was able I would
like to see you contact
my father for guidance
take good care of the
children and don't
let anyone read my letter
Please be telling the

children about it
and don't you forget
some body else to do
you if you don't look after
the children and do it by
themselves they will go to
a good home to stay with
it's fair what you will
stop you can think what the
best is I've done. Love

4
wrote Lark & am writing this
you and will be dead and
rather when you are some
more friends this Lark &
I know that they will
put you in jail the way
of Lark things in Lark
the illness that was in the
children even I put a
text in it so they would
not get done it I hope
omit to it I could die
like she if nothing happens
I will be out of your way
and your body goes my
by that some early kept
the end of the year when
you see him again Lark
& Howard was little but

in the morning I am
So given for all I ever thing
write to any body on
this old earth and so
that is with me those
who ever finds this letter,
will give it my brother
Pappa and no else comes
much a lot me this the best
I can into rough paper
to rub off but hope you
all can read it
Good bye to the whole
I bid God my self says
to night I wish I could
give you a bit of
my life but dont you
wennie I am at rest
Love, Jessie
Kourlier.

7
don't want in the prison
he can see I can't see
Ginger as he thought I was
the wide bonded to be
looked up I know he
said he was going to take
my people on no kind of
on such but they will
never see me a but my
mom unless they come
Sunday morning I never did
like that going home
she would follow it my
mom in white I hope if he
don't take care of the kids,
that the law can't check
and some body will take the
out of them and will send
him to Mexico too like I did
my by 25 1 to 2 o'clock

I took and cut a pillow
 and put it on the top bed
 so they would think he
 hit my throat by the
 pillow being cut but when
 they would I took the pillow
 and put it on his bed
 his head and went back
 over to see whether there
 was a stop and I wasn't
 going to see any more but
 I just thought that he
 might get in possession
 his hand talking he would
 once get free again. I'll
 be back within two nights yet.
 I guess I'll hide this letter
 • where some will not find
 soon I'll put it in coat too

some better girls. And he
 said he would do me over
 thing else. I wonder how he
 got it started being a woman
 after such a long time to get
 me something I did do
 plenty enough. I told him
 some lies on the spot.
 and told the little lies
 on. Plenty he would not
 shake himself with plenty
 any more he did. Now was
 I was not. I told the
 Mayor Morrison about
 lies on such the time he
 smacked me butt. I thought
 the court would look
 him up for a while but
 they didn't do it.

any longer I had to come out
and tell him I only married
him because I didn't want to
stay with any of my people
I got a good deal with him and
my mind from the last day
of the marriage but I think we
could get along all right
if we had stayed at home I
wouldn't have had any more
other than you man if he
would live to be 75 years old
I would have had things I do
I bought a picture of a man
he that we had bought so
about them and I only
count him 350 he thought
he was doing wonders when
he got them I told you from
the house we had got the same

3
Daddy always says I let other
people see my face he makes
me see other people's faces
coming to our house all
the while that I am of school
he never says a word about
them but yet he said I
was getting crazy he would
tell them to stop coming to
our house and that he
wouldn't spite me and they
were very nice if they come on
yet that it didn't make a
bit of difference to me that
he would stop coming to he
got so mad he stayed down
at the institute and let me
take the guest come back to see
the children at times but
he had come back he said

They half long go but I would
 my own little children to be
 with me but that isn't possible
 me for I love him and he loves me
 I know I don't love Betty
 around the last and treat her
 like I should but I had a
 woman of the Hospital to tell me
 I could stay with her now.
 My body too and I would be by
 the bed me go but he says he
 suffer death before my body
 and body. Brother would
 have one of his kids
 instead please me to it to live
 with a man when you got
 to have a kid every other
 man lots of people say
 we get enough shalom for
 you people any how

Miss Lundy, who ever finds this
letter why it will be done and
not to mind done forgotten
by that time I put it in
envelope like the other, like
people ought to be but I had in
business to say that when you
get word of any body you
could agree with them and
and so on. I don't
know what to do and I see
as long as you will be
I will happen to be with you
at the time but when
I see you ever in the
future I will be at the
I don't know any more
business can be done to
Cuba and could make firm to
my face a world of friends