

Leonard H. Wood

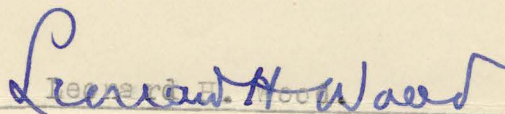
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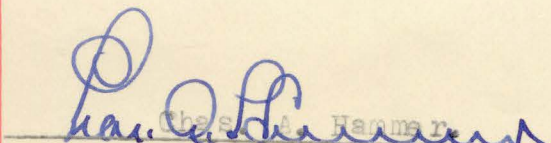
The Commonwealth of Virginia.

TO D. W. EARMAN, COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY,  
VIRGINIA.

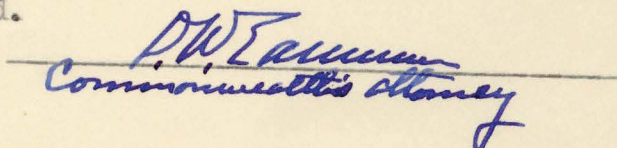
TAKE NOTICE, That on Saturday, the 6th day of June, 1931, I shall apply to the Honorable H. W. Bertram, Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, sitting in chambers at Harrisonburg, Virginia, to sign bill of exceptions in the case of Leonard H. Wood vs. The Commonwealth of Virginia, and at the same time I will apply to the Clerk of the said Circuit Court for a transcript of the record of the said cause, it being my intention to apply to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia for a Writ of Error to the judgment entered in said cause on the 20th day of May, 1931.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of May, 1931.

  
Leonard H. Wood  
By Counsel.

  
Charles A. Harman  
Counsel.

Legal and timely service accepted.

  
D. W. Earman  
Commonwealth's Attorney

Edward B. Wood

vs.

TO D. W. EARMAN, COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

TAKE NOTICE, That on Saturday, the 6th day of June,  
1931, I shall apply to the Honorable E. A. Baxton, Judge of the  
Circuit Court of Washington County, sitting in chambers at Gar-  
wood, Virginia, to the effect of application in the case of  
Edward B. Wood vs. The Commonwealth of Virginia, and at the same  
time I will apply to the Clerk of the said Circuit Court for a  
transcript of the record of the said cause, it being my intention  
to apply to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia for a writ  
of error to the judgment entered in said cause on the 20th day  
of May, 1931.  
Given under my hand this 6th day of May, 1931.

*Edward B. Wood*  
By Counsel

*Paul D. ...*  
Clerk

*Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia*

Legal and timely service accepted.

**IN VACATION:**

In the Clerk's Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia at Staunton, on Saturday the 24th., day of December, 1932 .

The Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia at Richmond certifies the following order in words and figures following, to-wit:

**VIRGINIA:**

In the Supreme Court of Appeals, held at the State Library Building, in the City of Richmond, on Thursday the 17th., day of November, 1932.

Leonard H. Wood, Plaintiff in error.  
against

Commonwealth of Virginia, Defendant in error.

Upon a writ of error and supersedeas to a judgment rendered by the circuit court of Rockingham county on the 6th., day of May, 1931.

This cause, which is pending in this Court at its place of session at Staunton, having been fully heard but not determined at said place of session; this day came here the parties by counsel, and the Court having maturely considered the transcript of the record of the judgment aforesaid and arguments of counsel, is of opinion, for reasons stated in writing and filed with the record, that the said judgment is erroneous. It is therefore adjudged and ordered that the said judgment be reversed and annulled, the verdict of the jury set aside, and the case is remanded to the said circuit court for a new trial to be had in accordance with the views expressed in the said written opinion of this court.

5/26/32

Which is ordered to be entered in the order book here and forthwith certified, together with a certified copy of the opinion in this cause, to the Clerk of this Court at Staunton, who will enter this order in the order book there and certify it to the said circuit court.

A Copy, Teste: H. Stewart Jones, C. C.

1/17/32

A Copy, Teste: *[Signature]* Clerk.

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against

Commonwealth of Virginia,

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A Copy, Teste:

H. Stewart Jones, C. C.

A Copy, Teste:

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Clerk

*[Handwritten Mark]*

STATE OF VIRGINIA  
SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS  
STAUNTON, VA.

CHIEF JUSTICE:  
ROBERT R. PRENTIS  
JUSTICES:  
PRESTON W. CAMPBELL  
HENRY W. HOLT  
LOUIS S. EPES  
EDWARD W. HUDGINS  
HERBERT B. GREGORY  
GEORGE L. BROWNING

H. H. WAYT, CLERK

July 11, 1931.

This is to certify that upon the petition of Leonard H. Wood, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia has allowed a writ of error and supersedeas to a judgment of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county pronounced on the 6th., day of May, 1931, in the cause then therein pending of Commonwealth of Virginia v. Leonard H. Wood, but said supersedeas, however, is not to operate to discharge the accused from custody, if in custody, nor to release his bail, if out on bail.

Teste,

*H. H. Wayt*  
Clerk.

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County.

*Smt*  
*7/11/31*

*5/187*

STATE OF VIRGINIA  
SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS  
STANTON, VA.

H. H. WATTS, CLERK

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Teste

Clerk

*Am. ...*  
7/14/31

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County.

7/14/31

I went fishing at Gravel Hill last Sat.  
and came home at five o'clock and  
they met me here at the door and  
asked me to go to Hagerstown  
drive them down that is the  
reason you didn't see them get  
on sw. 2. Left here at six and  
got there at ten and left Sun.  
at B. put believed my self wonderful  
I have been doing better honest I  
have. I went to a ball game last  
week and did not drink any turned  
down drinks one right after the  
other that is truth if I ever spoke.

Well dear I am sleepy and have  
the headache too so I will close  
for this time. I have been thinking  
of you lots lately and I will be  
seeing you next week the first of  
the week because I am going away  
tomorrow. Mother wants me to  
stay here and go to the association  
but I don't want to.

P.S. Don't have it seen  
Kathy's money for a long  
time just as soon as  
I see her I am going to  
trade back I have am getting watches for my watch.  
and I don't want any thing that belongs to her and any else

As Ever  
Loved.

can't see you.  
I haven't it in time for Shenandoah Virginia  
me to go to bed about wrong about  
anything. Good night!  
Aug. 21, 1930.

Dearest Darling Doty.

I haven't forgotten you or any  
thing like that dear but I have  
been busy Uncle Loyd left last  
nite on no. 2 and I have been staying  
pretty close home. I went fishing  
this afternoon with Mr. Shuler and  
Webb. and have been up there playing  
cards with them tonite. I am  
getting fond of playing set back. I have  
been up there right much to play here  
of late. I have nothing else to do.

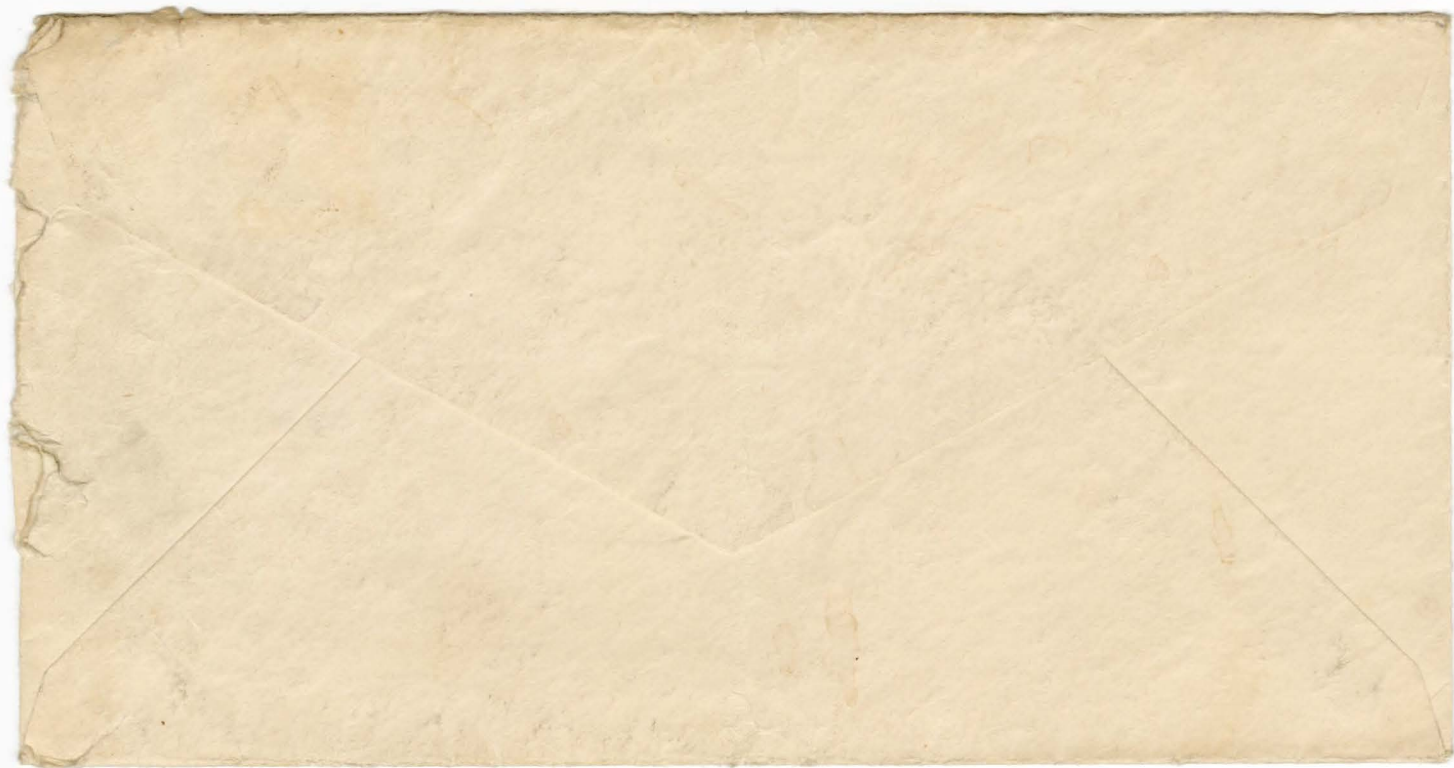
Dear <sup>you</sup> did not write me but once  
this week did you honey? I just  
wanted to know. Don't take any thing  
off of your sister honey because you  
have enough to worry you. I mean it  
slap them. Roy Beal wanted me to  
sell him my car but there isn't a thing  
doing he wanted to give me \$5000  
and go to Phila. and get the rest  
but I am not going to sell it to any  
one. Darling I may go to  
Rileysville tomorrow afternoon  
and go fishing Saturday I don't  
like to stay at home all the time

ps. I will tell you what will be for you to see you day  
write to me when so I will get it Monday for I like to hear from you if I



Miss Doty - Mont.  
Shenandoah Virginia





Aug 16/93  
Dearst D<sup>r</sup> F<sup>r</sup>  
Charles has all the  
stationary up in his room  
I guess and he has gone  
to bed but dear it is only  
9:30 and please give such  
a short letter this time

No dear I haven't been  
going with anyone at all  
last night I came home  
from Stanley about 7 o'clock  
and went down toward  
stay until no 2 came in  
and then I came home and  
went to bed. Mr. Shultz  
went with me to see his  
~~sister and sister-in-law~~  
Clay and Jane Mother and  
we all went together  
and bought a pt. and

that is all I thought while  
I was gone. <sup>WV</sup> Expressing real  
slaves Sunday and started  
to pick my hat up off of  
the seat and put it on  
and ran into a tree and  
bent one of my fingers!

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Uncle Lloyd is coming  
Wednesday and I guess  
Ben he and Charles and  
myself will pick right  
much and ride <sup>down</sup>  
but will try my best to  
see you one night this  
week will write and  
tell you what I can.

"Don't let me get  
you a tall soap  
can come out here you dear,  
could write later now  
but have nothing to write an.

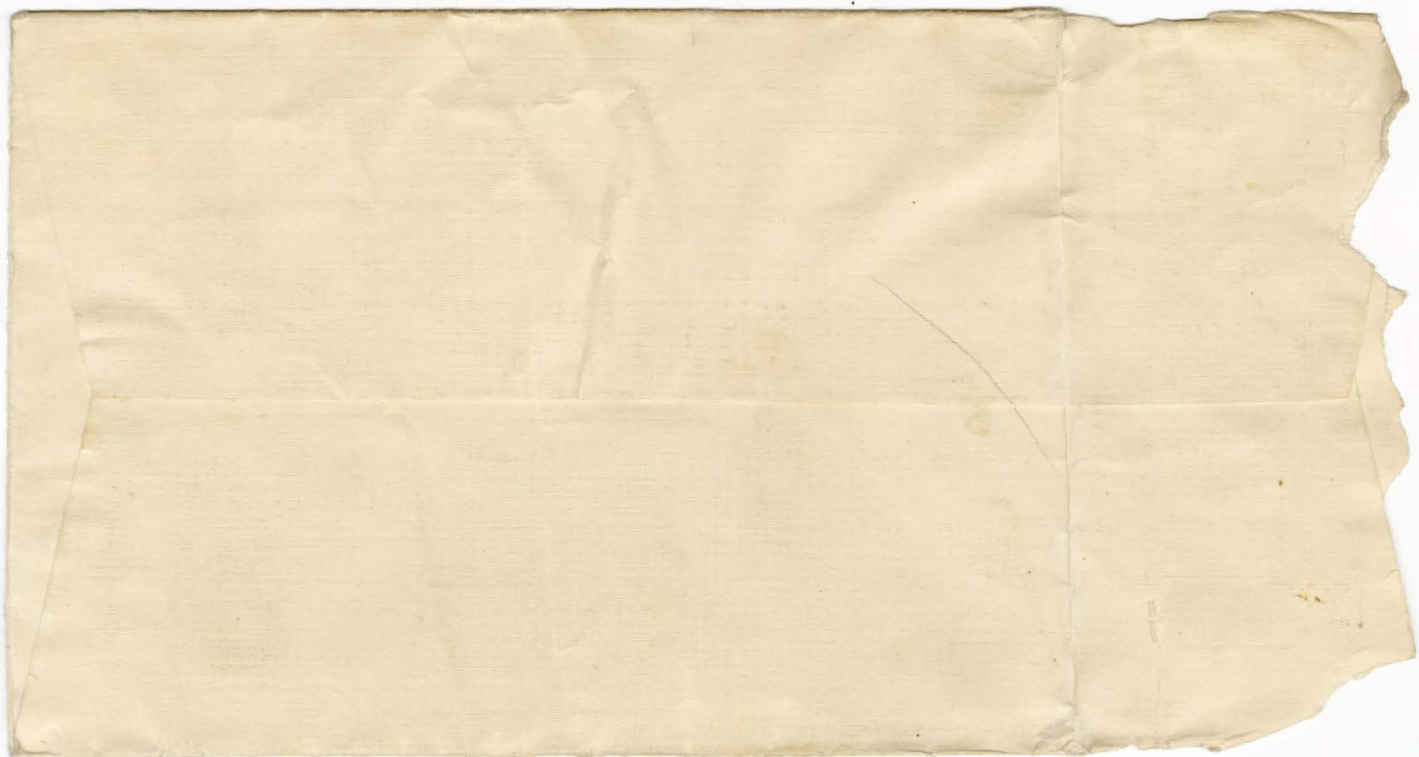


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Miss Dorothy  
Shepherd



Shevandoak Pa  
July 7, 1930

Dearest Dorothy

I am going to keep my promise, ~~as~~  
but do not hardly know what to write. Did  
you hear about that Shifflett boy running  
into me last night on the way out? It  
sure was his fault he had been drinking  
and you could smell it on him real plain  
and that was the reason I did not call for  
the Sheriff. Took it to Elkton today  
and got it fixed or rather Charles did. Aunt  
Cora said she had heard you were with me  
when it happened. He's a "what do I care I am  
getting so over to her that I don't pay much  
attention to it. Gee! wasn't it hot to  
day? I think I will get me a bathing suit  
and go up to the Blue hole some of these  
warm evenings. You told me you didn't  
know how to swim didn't <sup>you</sup> ~~he~~? I don't know  
when I will be over but real real soon I  
guess for it is hard for me to stay away from  
you. So if you get tired of me you will have  
to chase me off?" I am not running around  
at all that's the truth.

Well "Dat" I am going to bed & am real  
sleepy I will write more next time be  
real good and when I get the car out I will  
be over to see you.

Love,  
Leonard

Darling I would write more but I can't  
hardly keep my eyes open. I wish I was there  
loving instead of here. Thinking about it will see  
you in my dreams so X X good night.



July 7/30



Miss Dorothy Short  
Shenandoah Va.

Mrs. J. H. Wood  
419 Commercial St.  
Hagerstown Md.

Mattie Short.

Shenandoah Virginia  
August 7, 1930

Dearest Darling Doty

I am doing just what I promised to do but I would be writing to you dear if I hadn't. Sweetheart it is too warm to go anywhere or any thing else isn't it? Well the only place I like to go now is in swimming or being with you honey.

I have not given that ring or watch back yet for I haven't seen any thing of her yet.

Charles just went over to the golf course and he wanted me to go along but I am not so crazy about it myself I have got to save my money and let sure doesn't take long to spend 75 or a 1.00 over there.

Dear you try to keep your parents quiet and I am telling you you will be glad of it if you think any thing of me. You know what I told you dear I had a chance to go after some liquor yesterday but I would not go I am not going to drink as much I am getting used to clove honey. "Dot" you know I am afraid to come over there I just have a strong notion to go to Stanley Friday or

Saturday if it stays here I am apt to  
get tight and run around all day with  
a bunch of things and I must get out of  
debt for it won't be long now. Well dear  
there comes no. 2 and I am sleepy I am  
kind of a sleepy head any way But don't guess  
I will sleep so much for it is awful hot over  
here. "Dat" don't leave me running any chances  
about meeting you "G" though I would like  
to see you some time.

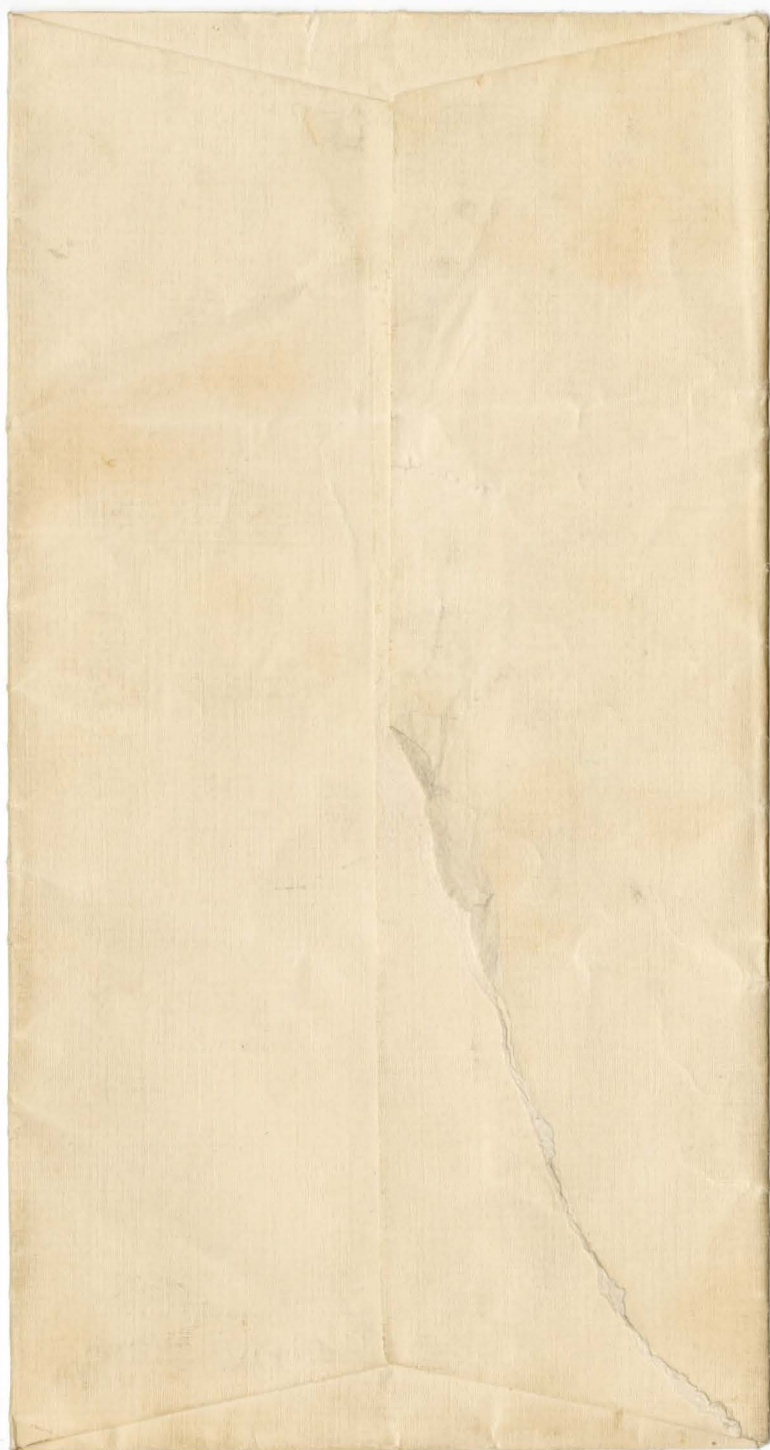
With lots of emigrating  
kisses and hugs until I see  
you. Leander

P.S. Hope you are not being  
fussed at and are feeling  
good. Well I don't fuss  
at you much longer  
any way Dear.



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Miss Dorothy [unclear]  
Shenandoah Virginia



Shenandoah Va

Aug. 14, 1930.

Dearest Darthy.

Just got off from work and  
will write you a few lines  
before I go home. My uncle came  
yesterday morning on 13. but have  
not seen much of them for I  
went fishing yesterday afternoon.

Dear I haven't been doing any  
thing much but fishing I sure  
get lots of kick out of any  
thing like that. "Dot" called  
and all of them are at my  
grand mother's is going to  
Ranook Saturday and I may  
go with them he may take  
my car "C".

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My uncle usually stays here  
two weeks but he isn't going  
to stay but one this time.

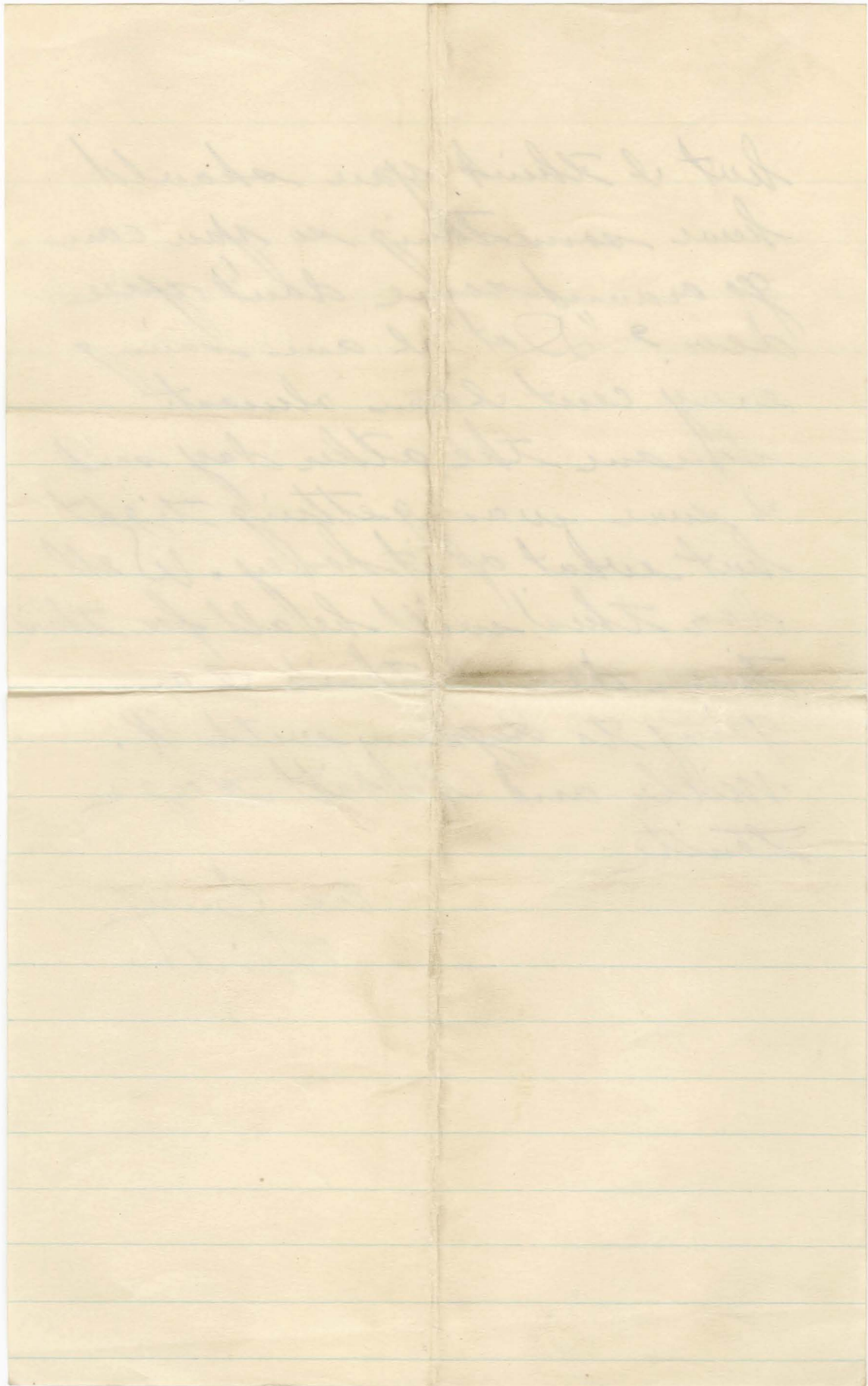
Wade D. went to the  
Navy yesterday. I hope I will  
be paid 5 a. I went today and  
she said she cried all day. "Dat"  
I would like to come over there  
at Hornberger creek and get  
some crawfish but I would die  
if your old man would come  
along so I don't know whether  
to come or not. What do you  
think? "Dat" I think  
you should have some thing  
I will see you tomorrow  
Friday night at 8 o'clock you  
know where you will see and  
we will try to get something  
or I will give you the money  
and you can get Edna or  
some one to get one for you.



but I think you should  
have something so you can  
go around some don't you  
dear? "Dot" I am saving  
every cent I can almost.

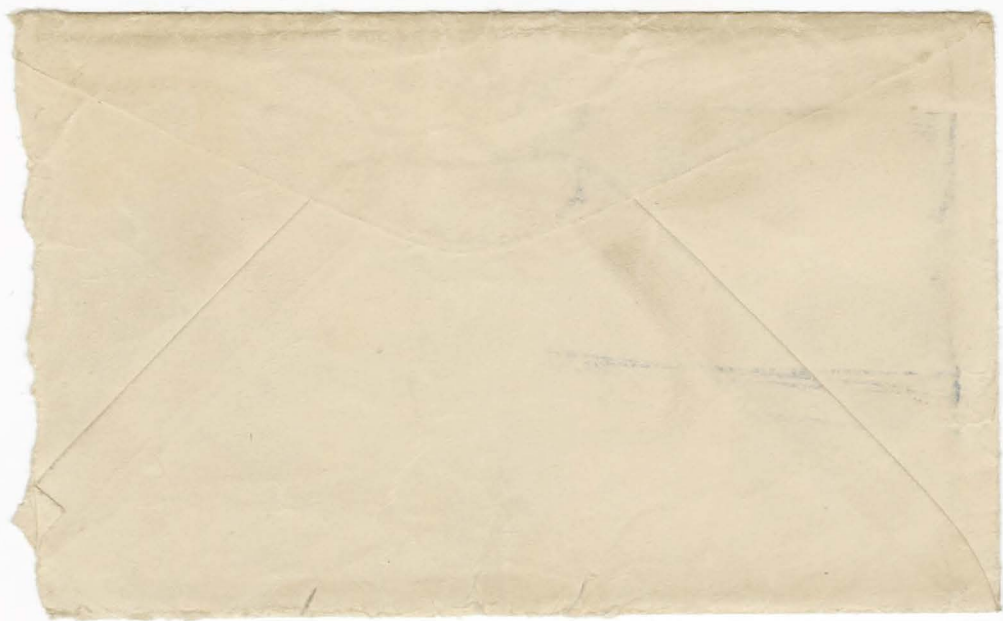
Suzanne the other day said  
I sure was getting tight  
but what of it honey. Well  
dear this will be all for this  
time dear. I think I am  
going to Dezhnev with R.  
Miller and Robbitt Waga  
tonite.

As Ever  
L.W.



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Miss Dorothy Sharp  
Shenandoah Va



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Miss Dorothy Short  
Shenandoah Va.



Shenandoah Va  
6 / 2 / 1930

Dearest Sweetheart

I guess you will have something to fuss about you try to find something to be mad about every time I see you but please try to be cool tomorrow night if you are not I am going to leave and I don't mean kidding.

I had all the wheels off my car this afternoon and I did not finish eating supper until 8 o'clock and I had not half washed or nothing.

Tommy came out here in his car and wanted me to go to Colketon and I told him that I was supposed to come over to see you that if I went it would not be right. Sweetheart did you know the horses got out of the field ~~southwest~~ Saturday night and I stopped up the road and drove them in?

Be good and I will be seeing you tomorrow night

and I guess we can fuss as  
usual. If we don't fuss we  
will think we are not with  
each other.

Love  
Howard



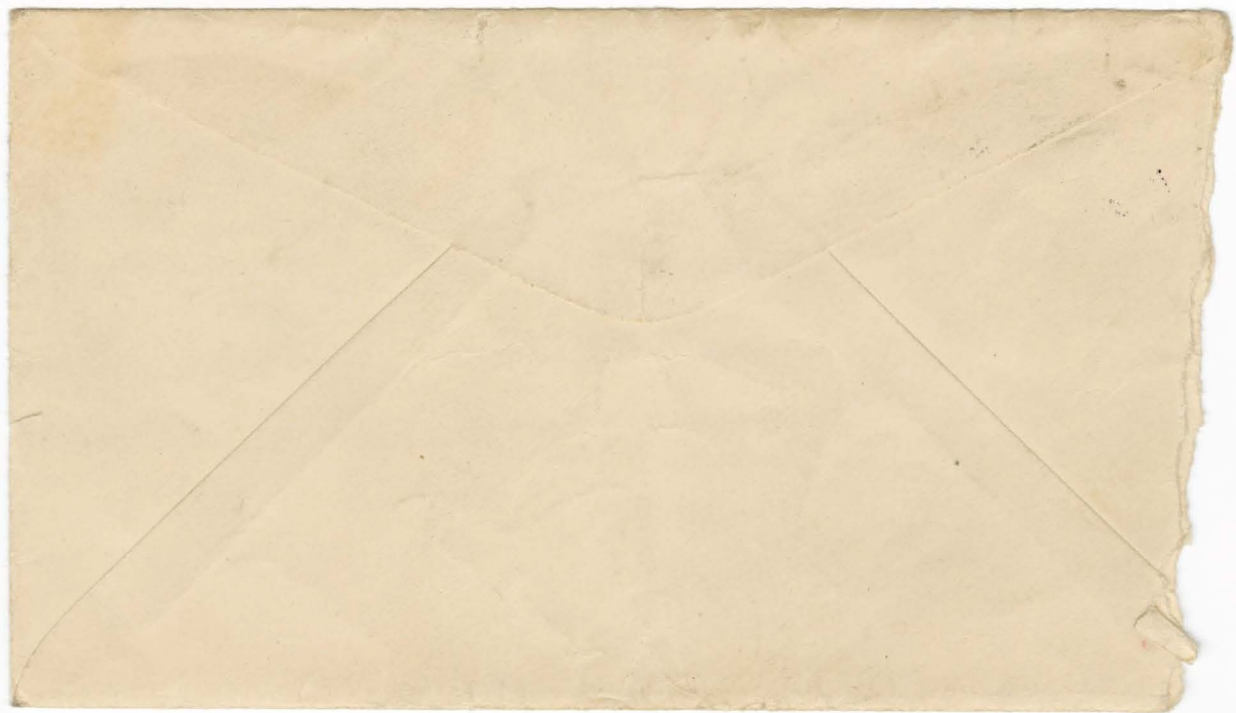
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Miss Dorothy Short  
City.



May 19, 1930.

Dearest Dothy,

I feel rather silly writing you when I was just ~~with~~ with you this afternoon. I guess you got home "ok". If I would have known then what I know now I would have taken you home even if Aunt Cora did give me hell my father got in late and he was in a real good humor. He told me if I wanted to go anywhere tonight go ahead and he would meet my mother. I am not going anywhere tonight I am tired than I would be if I worked today. I guess you will be going to the Carnival lots this week some of your friends will be making dates for you if you don't make any your self. Well go ahead if you want we are not young but one I will not be sore at you just so it isn't a rule I want to come over. "Dot" you know I am ~~if~~ not hard to get along with am I?

2.  
P.S. I am at the Y.M.C.A. and have ~~to~~  
ten minutes to set this and get to the  
station. write to me real soon because  
I like to hear from you.  
Your Friend  
Leonard

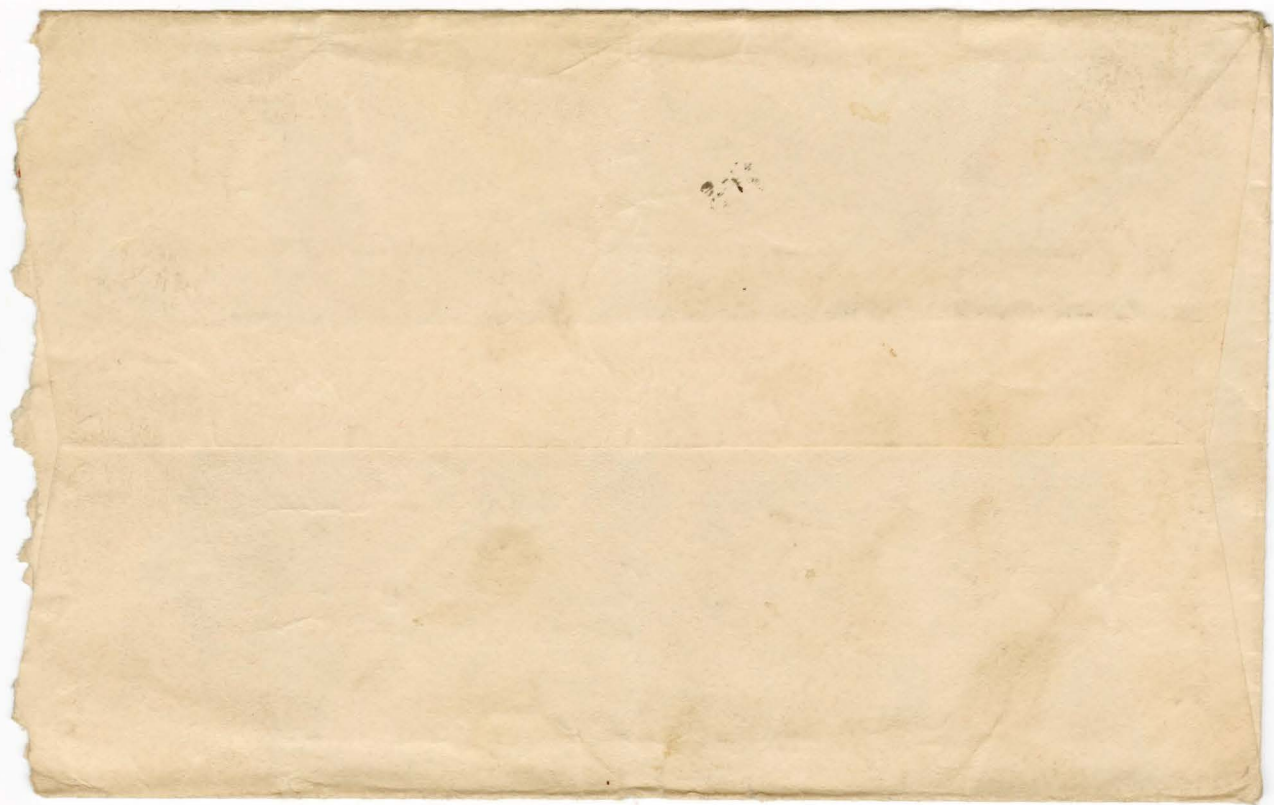
I wish it would start raining now  
and rain all night I sure do like to sleep  
when it is raining.

Sweetheart I like Rachel alright  
but I don't think she has any too much  
love for me if you want to go with  
her it will be "ok". If you want to go with  
her I don't care all I ask of you is ~~to~~  
not to pass or try to pass me if you  
do we won't get along. I know a boy who  
was crazy about a girl and gave her an  
engagement ring and she tried to boss him  
and he got his ring back and is going  
with another girl and said he doesn't have  
anything to do with her because  
she tried to tell him what to do.  
You don't want to be that way do you dear?

U.S. POST OFFICE  
APR 20  
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Miss Dorothy Short  
Skenebush Va.



April 28, 1930

Dear "Dot"

I have been thinking of you real  
real often and would like to hear from  
you ever time you get time to write.

"Dot" I am sick today I have  
a cold and I don't mean mobby so  
pense all mistakes for I am going  
to bed just as soon as I finish!

I have not got my watch yet to  
tell the truth I have not gone after  
it yet. I think I promised you that  
I would take you with me when  
I went after it didn't I? I want to  
keep my promises you know. so please  
write and tel me if I did or didn't.

Carthy some one said you were  
the best looking girl in town  
I don't know whether they wanted  
to see what I said or what but they  
did mean it and I said yes I think  
she is a very pretty girl and that

was all that was said. "Dat" you don't  
seem to be stuck on your self or any  
thing like that I hate any one that  
seems to be stuck an their self you  
know I have told you this before.

I saw Buster Spred Sunday  
close to Leroy with ~~Mr~~ Wagon  
I guess he went to the be funeral some  
one told me today Charles Davis  
was here to get I did not see him.

If you have time I would like  
to get an answer real soon. I don't

think you write any after than  
I well if you do it don't much because

I write lots more than you when  
I write. Well "dat" I am going to be

right now may see you in my dreams  
at least I hope so or some thing pleasant  
I write but any way be a good girl

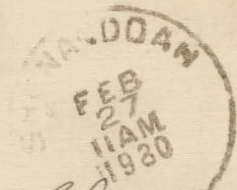
And don't do any thing I wouldn't. Love  
P.S. What ever you do don't tell this  
for B.

"I don't think you mean the subject I want you  
to speak to me about if you don't have time for any thing else  
just

Leonard W.



Miss Dorothy Short  
Shenandoah Va.



Leonard H. Wood -

Shepardson  
Feb. 26, 1930

Dearest Sweetheart

I heard you were in town this evening but I did not see you. I sure would have liked to have seen you. I just think about you all the time I am not with you dear. "Dot" I want see you before Sunday I don't guess please write to me and tell me if it is going to suit you for me to come over. Answer just soon as you finish reading this so I will get it before Saturday.

Darling I am sorry I kept you up so late last night I am never going to do it again. I never intend to ever tell you another lie I am going to do exactly what I say from now on

If it is going to suit for me to come  
over Sunday I will be over about 3:30  
and tell Carl I will bring a pt. and have a  
little party but not get drunk.

Sweetheart dont go to that dance  
Friday night if you do you may be  
sorry if you care anything about me.  
You know I am head over heels in love  
with you but there isnt any use in  
you trying to see what you can pull.  
I am giving you one chance only just  
what you asked for. I am never going to  
repeat this any more.

He! He! I guess you are a  
grand cook by now and can bake good  
bread cake and every thing. you do the  
cooking while your mother is away dont  
you?

Don't write me a long letter  
I love to get letters from you. Will close  
for this time with lots of love.

P.S. Have you learned anything about fleck?  
Hope you have been practicing!

Leonard

Miss Dorothy Short  
Shenandoah Virginia



Bot 77

May 10, 1928

My Dearest Dorothy.

It is my time to write to you so will try and answer your letter.

You know I must think a lot of you for I am writing this after 12 o'clock and should be in the bed.

How was the carnival at "Hog"? I guess you had a big time. "Dot" I looked for you tonight but did not see anything of you.

I sure have, some cold have been taking cold tablets all day think I will be 'ok' tomorrow. Ha! eat some good cold medicine from England also.

"Dot" you said you loved me if you do you will stop running around like you have been. I am asking you to stop it. Dorothy you know I love you as I would not give a damn what you did or who you run with.

Harriette Stanley is expecting a girl friend of his to come Saturday and you and I are going over to "Hog" to see a show one night and take them a long. You go with Ben and Jim Stanley why should you not go with Zerk and I. He doesn't talk about you. I really believe the boy likes you. Well will close for this time will see you in my dreams tonight.

XX  
all of my love for you (not a part)  
Leonard





Miss Dorothy Short  
City



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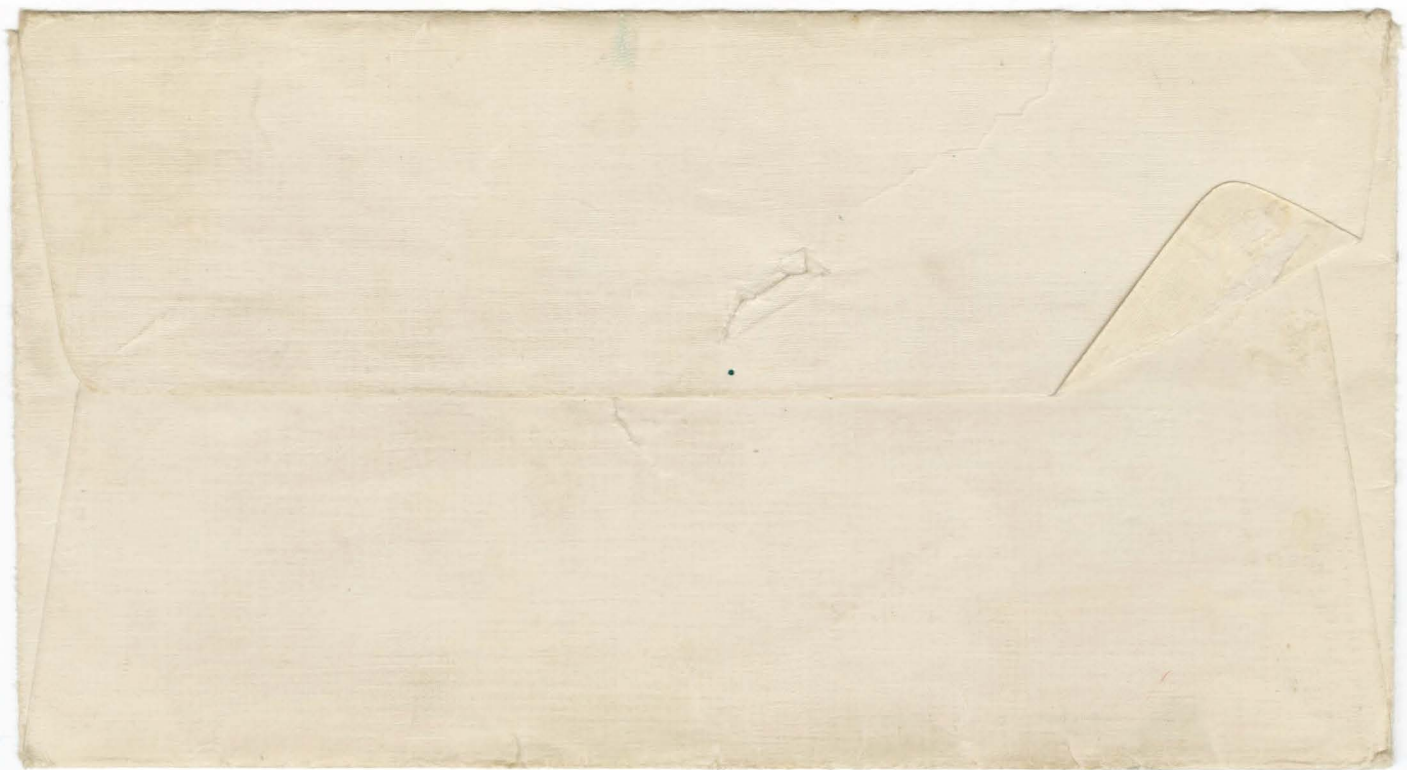


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Miss Dorothy Short  
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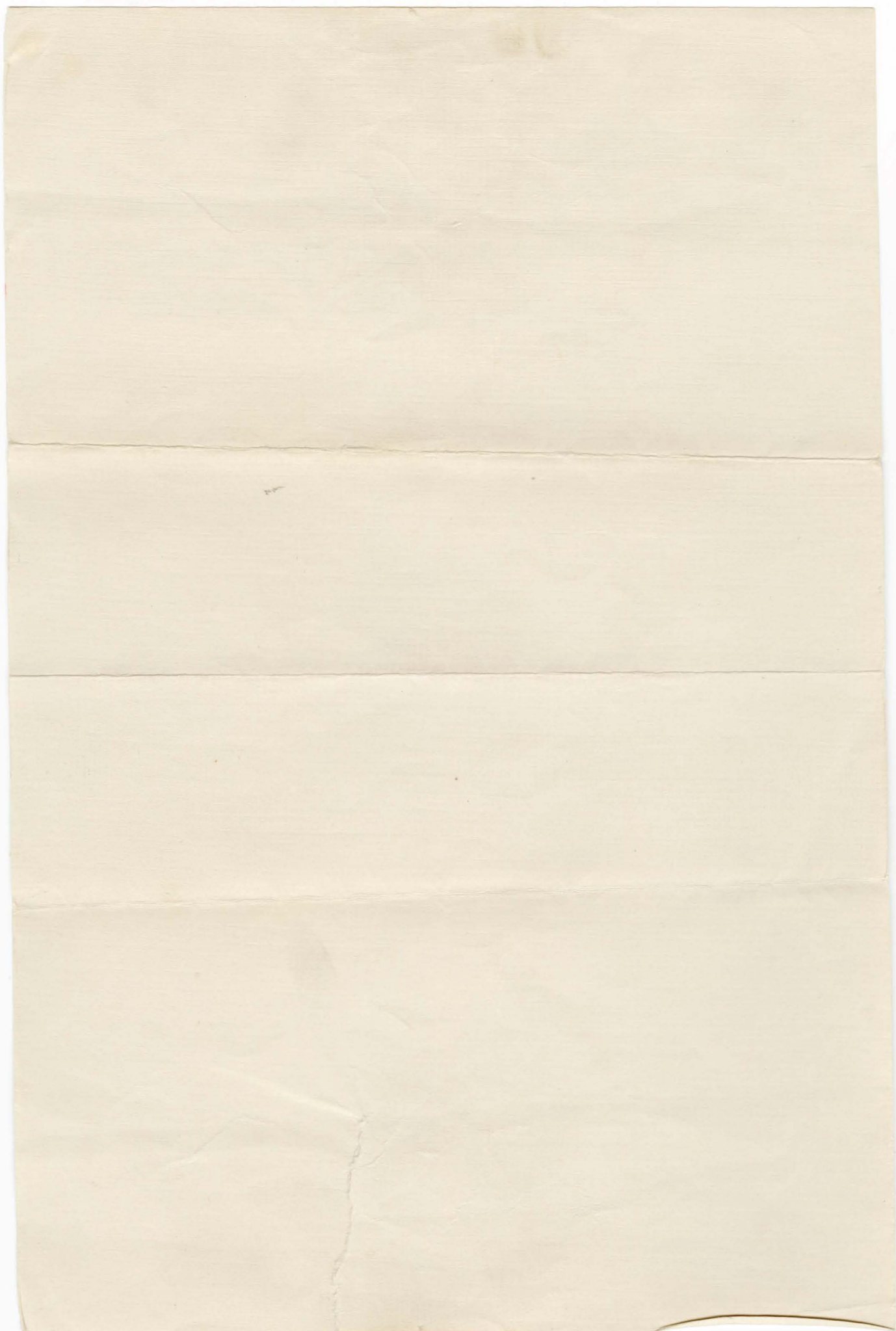


6 Pm: Monday

Dearest Dot:

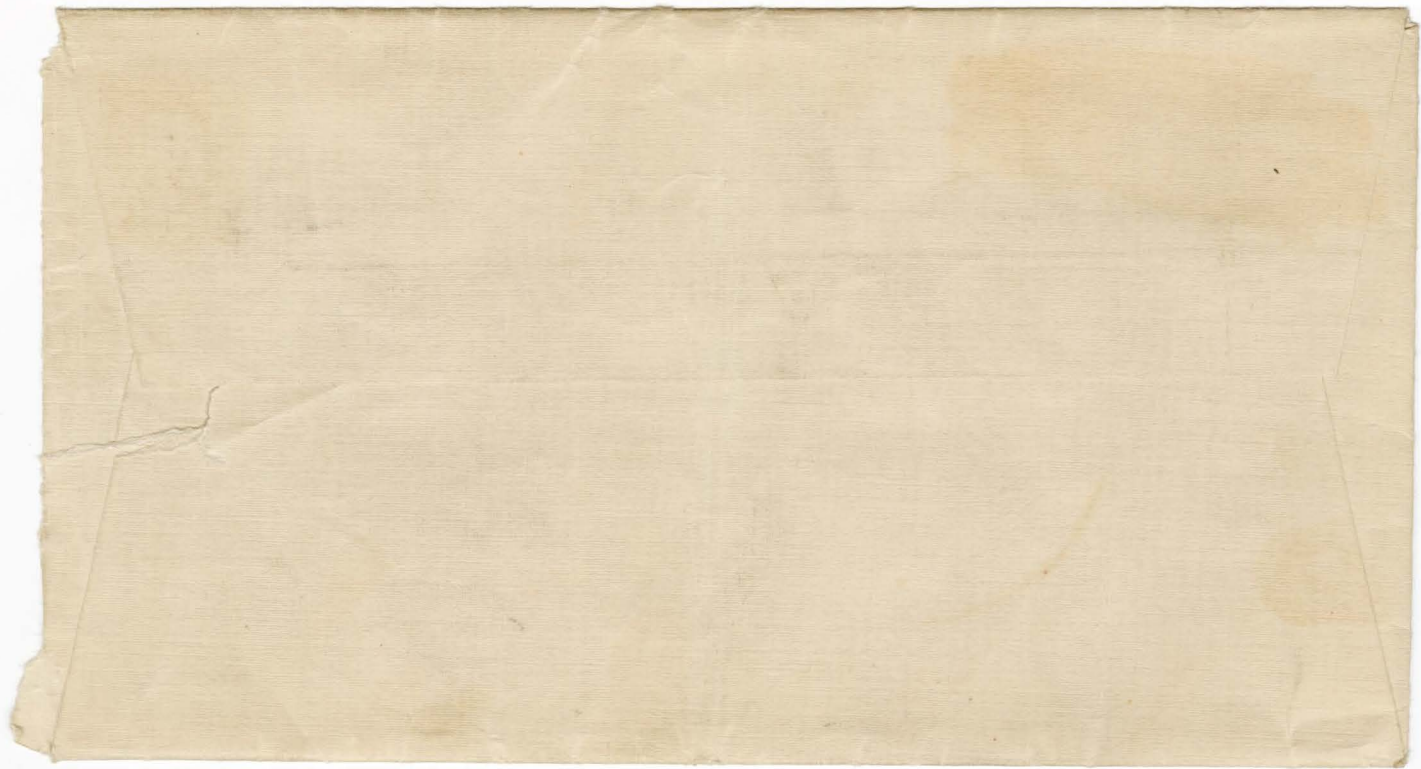
haven't time to write much,  
but am asking you not to go away  
before I see you. I have lots to  
tell you.

Always yours  
Leonard





Miss Dorothy Short  
City





Monday night  
Jan. 14, 1925

Dear Dorothy.

Have had you <sup>my</sup> mind nearly all day  
and want to write you a few lines before  
I go to bed. You know I said I wasn't  
going to see you any more until you sent that  
ring back and I mean to keep all of my promises.

Dorothy I had a date with Billie  
tonight but I did not fill it. I called  
her and told her it was too cold. I have  
not had but two dates with her since  
I have been going with you.

You bet I will be your sweetheart  
this summer if you send that ring back and  
treat me right. I will show you a good time  
if I can.

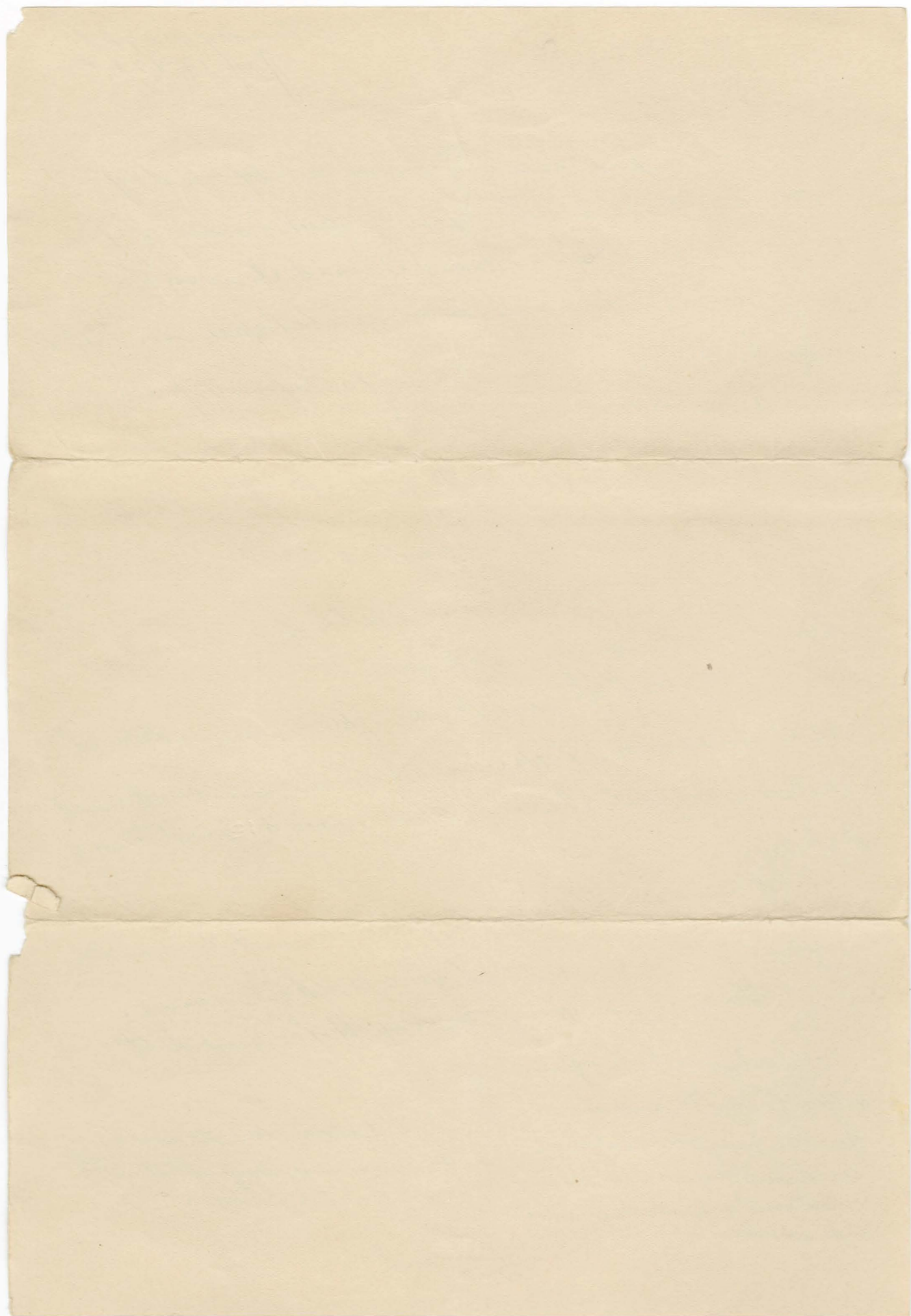
You wanted me to promise not to go with  
anyone else I will if you do the same.

See I am going to sign off for my feet  
are almost frozen.

P.S. you had better do what  
you are going to rest soon  
for it isn't any use in waiting  
until next summer for I what  
make up them.

Dont show this to anyone  
or say anything about what  
I said but I really mean it.

Leonard

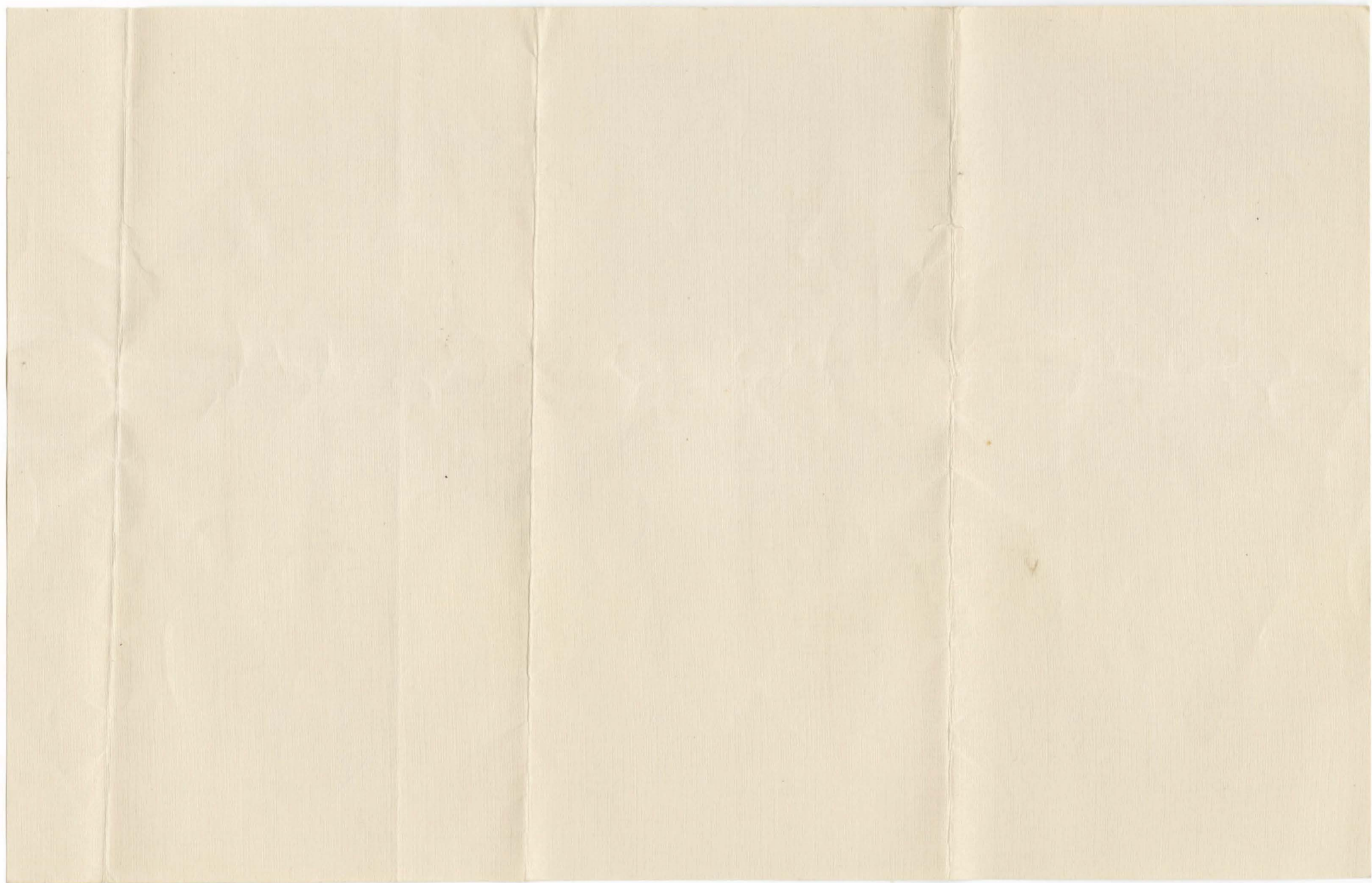


Thursday evening

Dear Dorothy

I don't know whether you expected me up Monday or not. I don't guess you cared much. I am real sorry that I could not come but it was impossible. A man came here to see me about seven and stayed until eight thirty and I was afraid you had already gone to bed did not go to Z. P. meeting.

Yes! but hasn't the wind been blowing? It sure ought to try the mud up over there. Ben asked me if I heard the wind blowing last nite I told him I did not he said I must have died. He! He! had a dream can you guess what it was? I dreamed you were flying a kite.



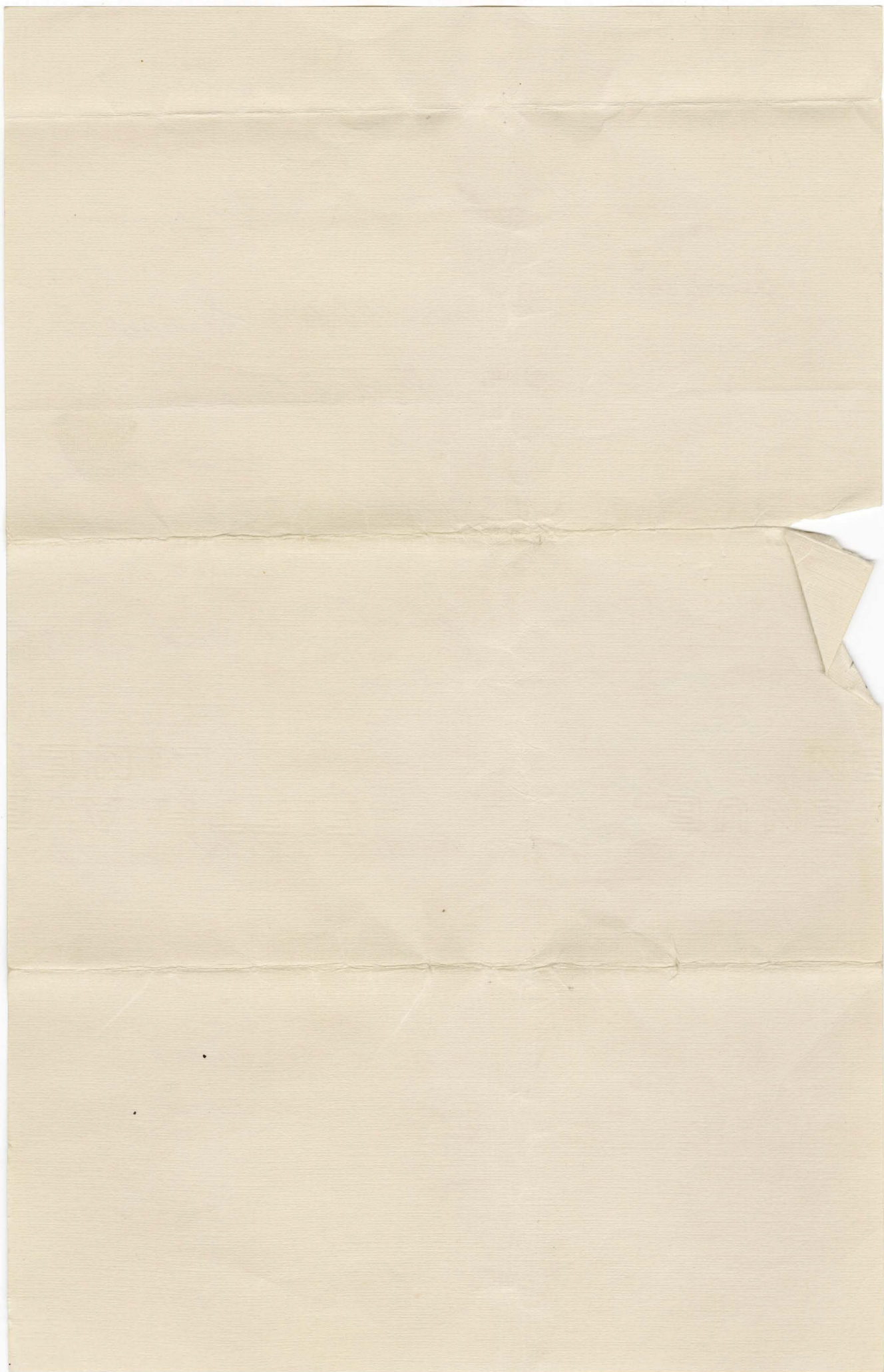
We are getting Campney Saturday  
with two of my Carrioles from Chicago  
and one from Kansas have relatives staying  
every where &c.

Why were you in such a hurry to  
go home? I asked Rachel Tuesday if  
you had gone back yet and she said you had  
of course I was sorry to hear that.

Well Dad I have got to go down town  
to see if there is a press for Charles he wants  
to come home this weekend.

I am coming over to see you tomorrow  
night if it doesn't rain and if the wind isn't  
blowing so hard so will say good bye with  
a. xx

A Friend  
Leonard



Miss Dorothy Short  
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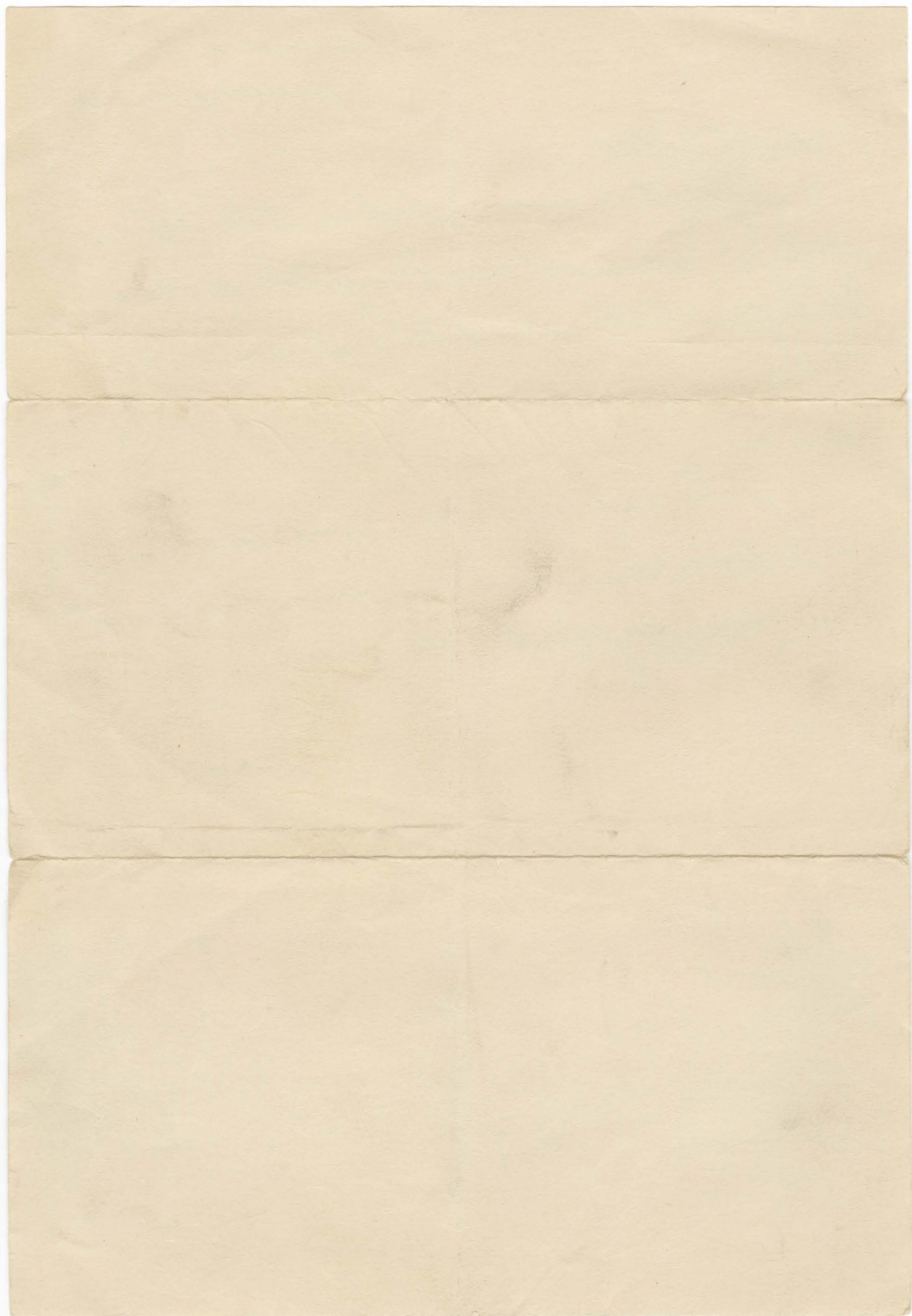
Shenandoah Va  
January 10, 1928

Dear Dorothy.

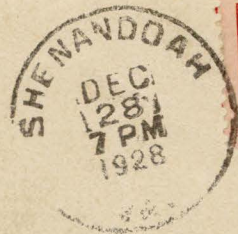
Just a line, before the office  
closes. I have not heard any thing from  
you about the ring. Go ahead and keep  
it because you know you like him better  
than me.

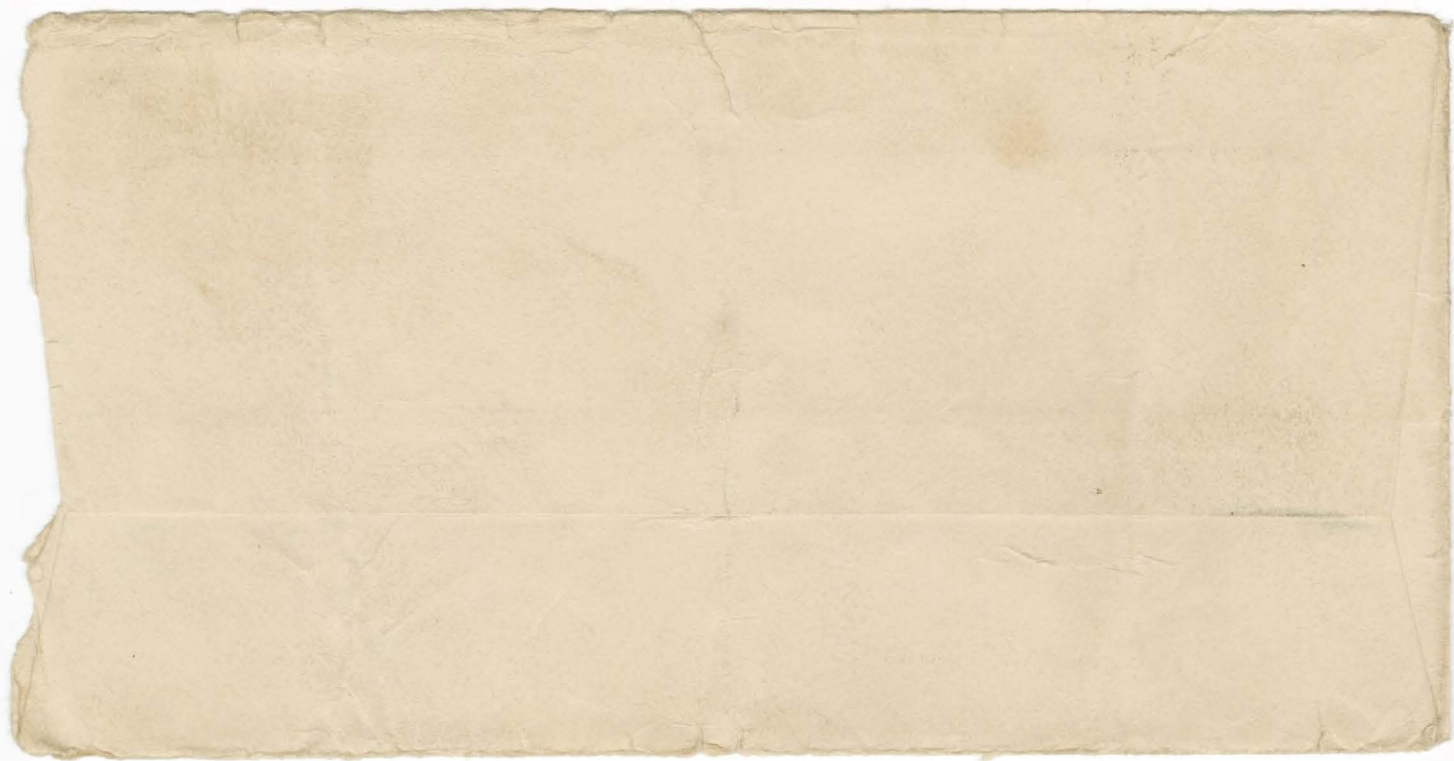
Hope you will have good times and  
forget me. I am going to forget you and  
have some, so you do the same.

as ever  
Leonard



Miss Dorothy Short  
City





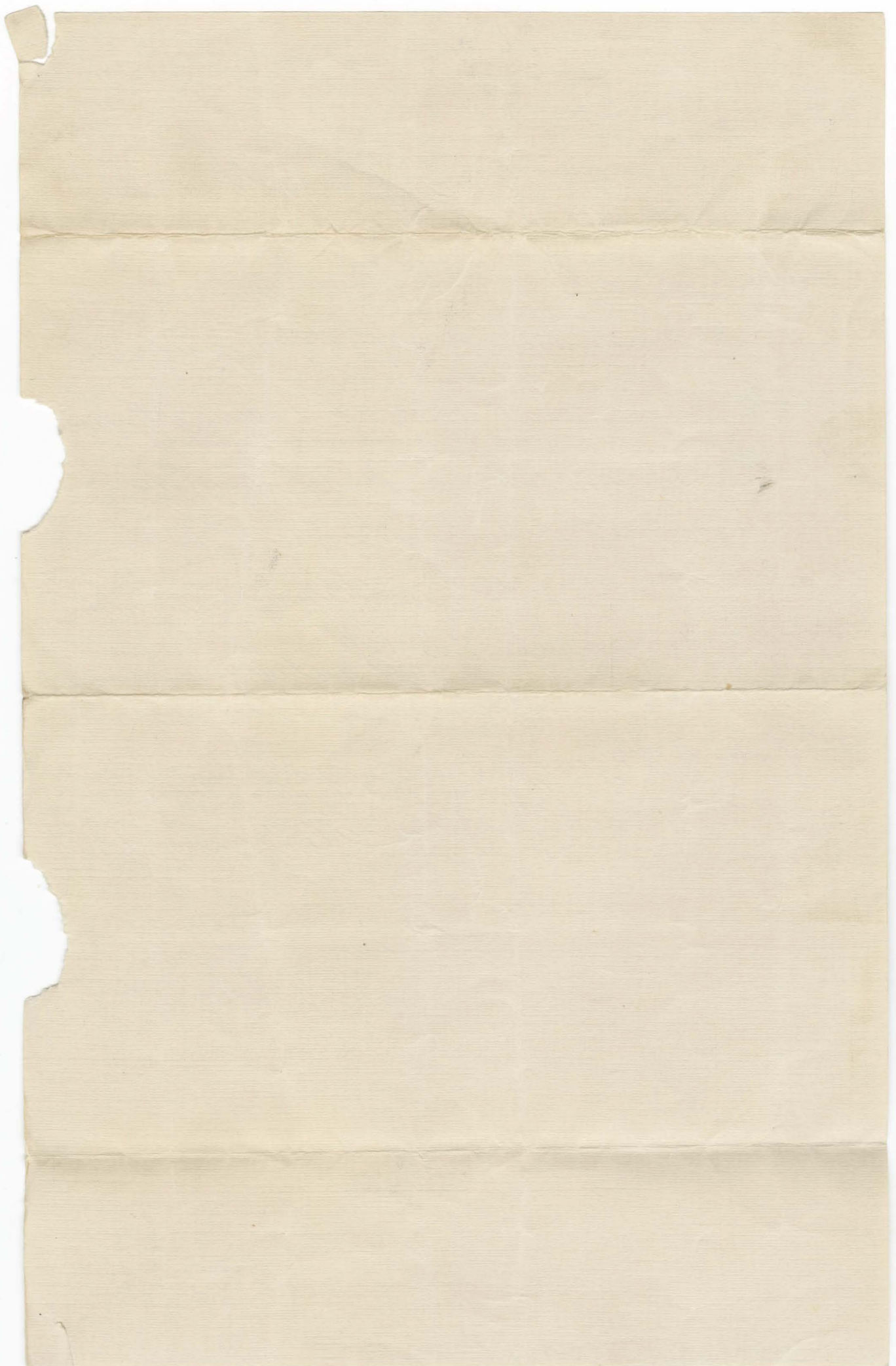
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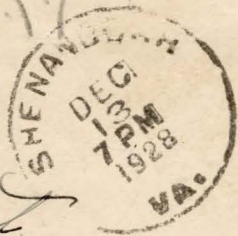
Please give Rachel my class ring I don't care to lose it. You may have everything else I gave you.

I am through with you unless that ring is sent back that you got from H. M. If I had have known you were so crazy about him I would not have have made a date with you. You were deceiving and you know it. Don't you remember what you said about him when I first started going with you? I am real sorry I cannot tell you to your face. You are always away. He! That is a good one.

Sincerely  
Leonard H. Wood



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Miss Dorothy Short  
Stanley Virginia

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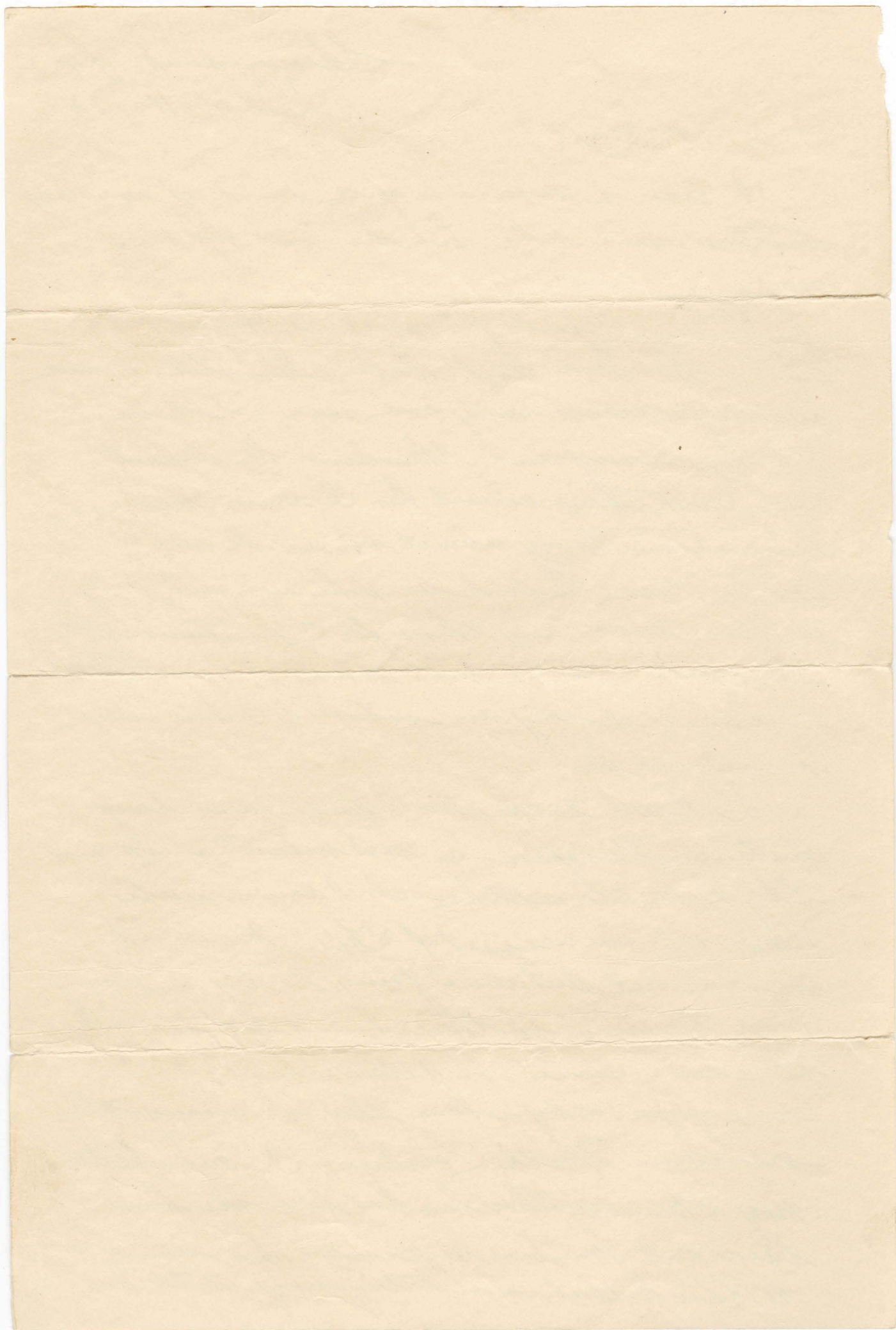
Shenandoah Va.  
Dec. 12, 1925

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Dearest Dot"

I am not much of a hand at writing letters but like to be as good as my word.

I guess who got married yesterday? Edwin Boston and Reba Smith. I sure was surprised every one seemed to be. He had every one thinking he didn't care any thing about her. I don't believe he was as crazy about her as he was Emily Pace. Clock said he wasn't going to give them any thing for Christmas he sure hates her. I don't think it any of his business if they are satisfied I am sure he should be.

"Dot" we talked to Charles over long distance telephone a few minutes ago and they have closed the school down until January 3 on account of Flu. He said he was sick but was going to try and come home tomorrow if they would let him. The flu sure must be getting bad I read in a paper today where they are closing the schools in North Carolina. I sure believe my Grandmother has had flu she has been sick for two weeks the Dr. seems to think that is what's wrong with her.



Oh! Yes, I almost forgot the most important thing I will be down Friday night and also Sunday if its ok.

"Q" I am asking in plenty of time; of course when I want a date I want it.

"Dat" when you all move up here I am going to slip aboard to see you most any time. I stay here at home all the time the only time I go any where is when I am down there. I think that is a rather bad habit don't you ??? You can answer that question when I come down.

They had a fire in Elkton today I heard the pop factory burned up. They had the fire wagon from here and also the one from Harrisonweg.

"Dat" I am getting very sleepy so will close for this time, and for always if I don't get an answer some time.

With Love  
Leonard



Shenandoah Va.  
Nov. 15, 1928

Dear Dorothy

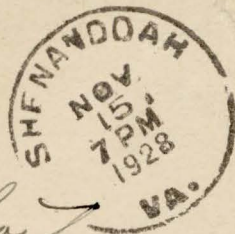
I am writing you a letter so will  
answer it tonight. I forgot to tell  
you what time I would be down  
Sunday morn if nothing happens I  
will see you by seven o'clock "Dot"  
I think I will go over to the rink to  
a basket ball game tonight. I don't care  
much about going for I am not crazy about  
basket ball games but there isn't any  
thing else here to do. I took Ben to  
Lucy this afternoon looked for you when  
I came by Honeyville but didn't see  
any of you all. Dot if you want to come  
to Shenandoah I hope you all will come  
in morning of course I don't want to see  
you disappointed

Ha! Ha! Dat my mother and father are  
going to Roanoke in a week or so. I guess  
I will keep house wait that be something.

Well it is almost time for me  
to go to the game if I am going so  
will close for this time. If you were  
up here I would see you instead of going  
to the game "C".

P.S. I won't pet you any more "Dat" if it doesn't ~~suit~~ <sup>suit</sup> you  
"Dat" I am sure it won't make any difference to me that  
is if you want to act mean like that.

Good bye with Love  
Leeward



Miss Dorothy Short  
Stanley Virginia  
Route

Leonard Wood  
Shenandoah Va.



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Miss Dorothy Short  
Stanley Pa.

Box 77  
Shenandoah Va.

Shenandoah Va.  
October 1, 1928.

Dearest "Dot"

Just a line before going  
home from work to let you  
know I am coming down  
Tuesday nite. If it is raining  
do not expect me. Will see  
you Thursday if it should  
be raining. I sure am sorry  
that it rained Sunday but  
hope I didn't keep you at  
home waiting for me. I'd don't  
guess you would stay home  
waiting for me anyway.

Well will close for I have  
some apples to pick this eve.  
I love  
Dearest.





Miss Dorothy Johnson  
Rante,  
Stanley Virginia

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Shenandoah Pa.

Shenandoah Va.  
September 10, 1925

Dear "Dot"

Just a few lines before  
I go to bed to let you know I  
am thinking of you tonight.

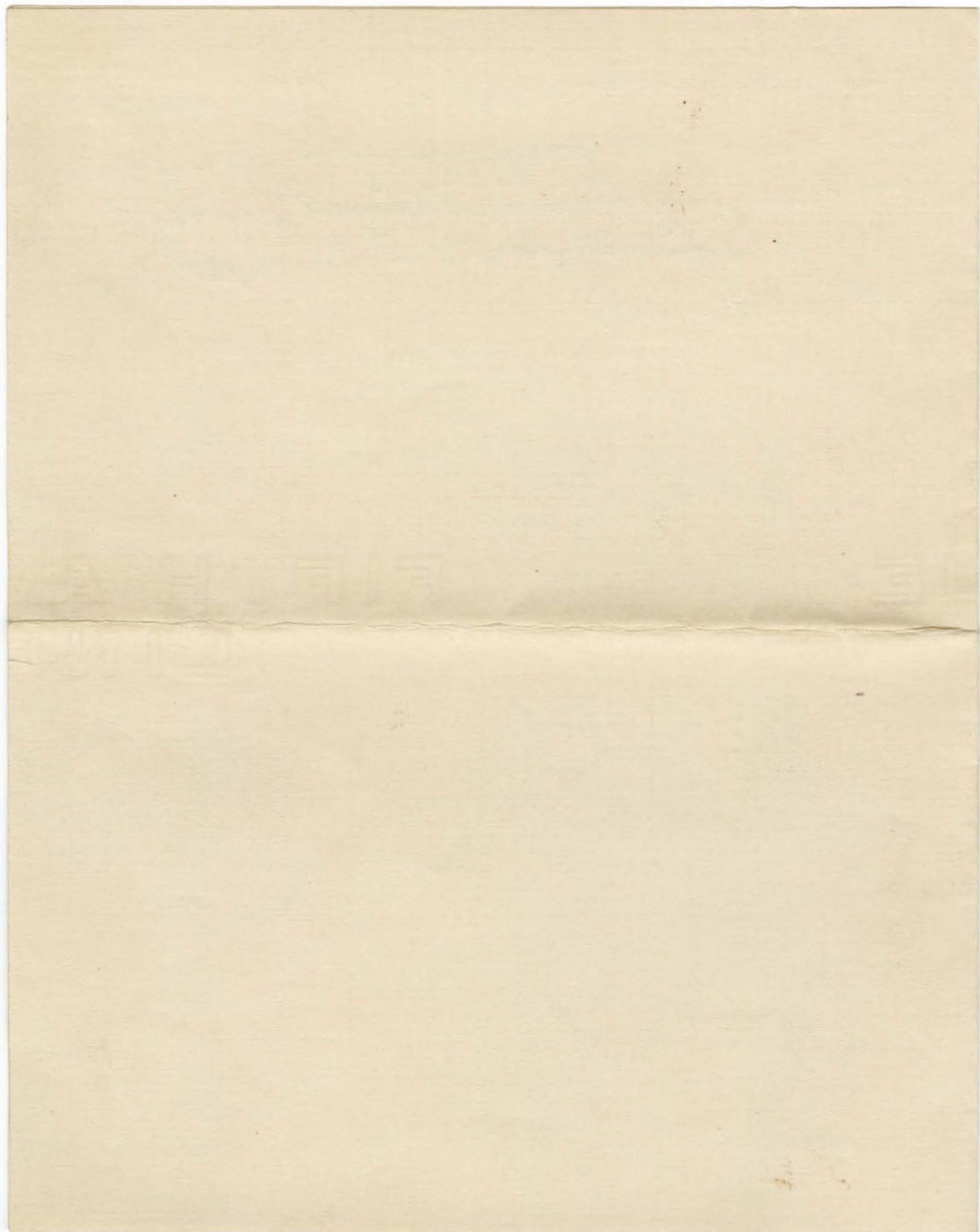
Daddy I would like to  
have a date with you Friday  
night. If the river is clear I  
am going fishing Saturday at  
Rileyville.

"Dot" if it suits please  
let me know if I don't hear  
anything from you, I won't see  
you. This is rather short but  
will write you a longer one

The next time: I am real sleepy  
can hardly keep my eyes open. Will see  
you in my dream tonight, so will  
say good night for this time. Post. paper  
it will suit.

as Ever  
Loved





We the jury find the accused Leonard Harry Wood guilty  
and fix his punishment in the penitentiary for two and  
one half year.

JR Wampler

The sum of \$ 118.00 is the balance for the year

Mr. W. W. W.

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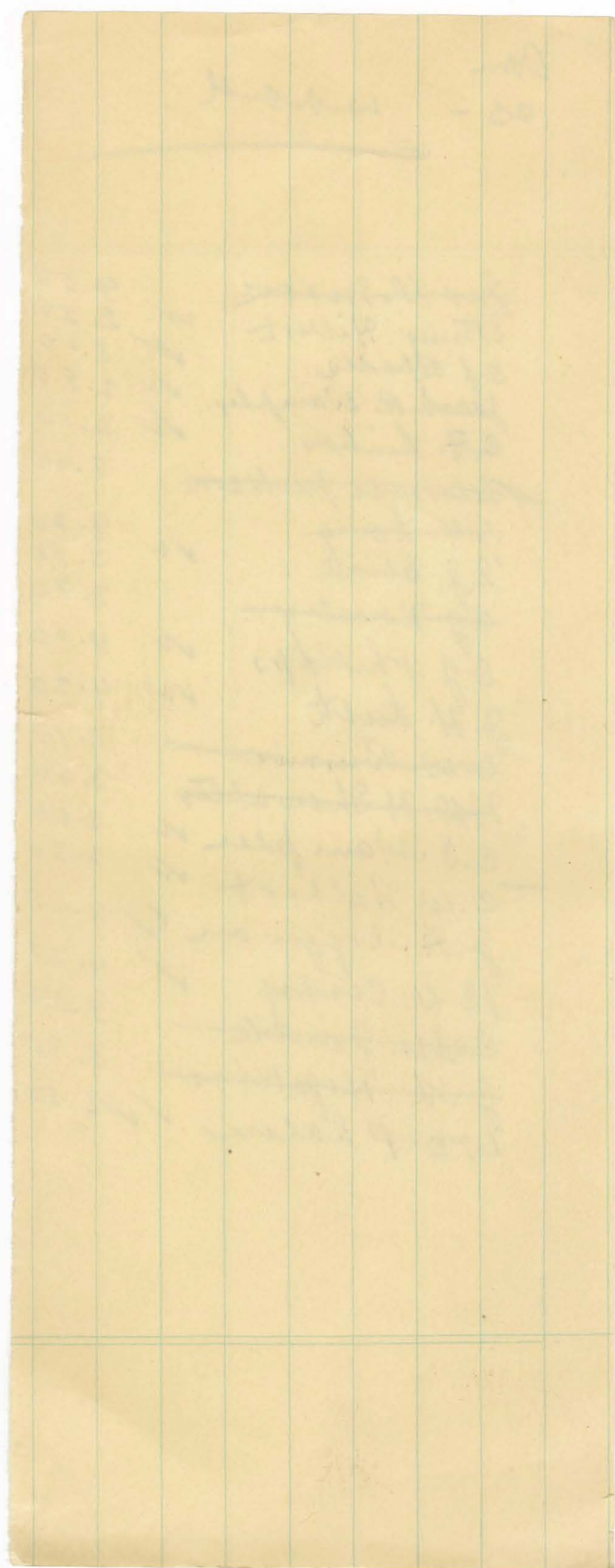
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J. A. Coffman	✓	2.65
R. D. Cesty	✓	4.20
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<del>J. L. Hopkins</del>		3.75
W. P. Palmer	✓	2.50



COMMONWEALTH

V

CHARGE TO THE JURY

LEONARD HARRY WOOD

If you find the accused, Leonard Harry Wood, not guilty, you will say so and no more.

If you find him guilty of seduction, as charged in the indictment, then you will say so and fix his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary for a period of not less than two years nor more than ten years.

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 nor more than ten years.

*Charge to the jury*

Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 21 day of April, 1931,  
Leonard Harry Wood, principal and Pearl Elwood,  
surety, who justified to his sufficiency, came before me, Stepney J. Devier  
Bail Commissioner, of the said County of Rockingham,  
(J. P. or Bail Commissioner)

and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of  
One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.<sup>00</sup>),  
to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, for the use of the Common-  
wealth of Virginia rendered, and they each severally waived their homestead exemption to their re-  
cognizance; yet upon this condition:

That if the said Leonard Harry Wood shall personally appear before  
the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Courthouse of said County, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the  
April - 1931 at 9:30 AM Term thereof, being the AM day of  
19, and at such other time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further  
heard, and before any court or judge hereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with  
the said charge, and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain  
felony whereof the said Leonard Harry Wood stands  
charged, and be bound under said recognizance until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is  
declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; other-  
wise to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 21 day of  
April, 1931.

Stepney J. Devier  
(J. P. or BAIL COMMISSIONER)



Leonard Harg Wood

\$ 1,000.00

To April - 22nd 1931

9:30 A.M.

Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 21 day of April 1931  
Principal and Party of the Part  
came before me,  
of the said County of Rockingham,  
and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of

That if the said  
the Court of Rockingham County, at the Courtroom of said County, on the day of the month of April 1931, Terms thereof being the  
and at such other time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or adjourned, and before any court or judge hereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with  
the said charge, and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain  
charged, and be bound under said recognizance until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is  
declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; other-  
wise to remain in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my signature this 21 day of April 1931  
of Bail Commissioner

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Page*  
*John Beylar, Lawrence Manning, David Howell, L. C. Owens, Ralph Miller, W. E. Cole, John Good, Jack Higgs, Everett Emerson, Mrs. Joe Lam, & Carl Whitfield*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the *6th* day of *May* 19*31* to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth, plaintiff, against

*Leonard Wood*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this *they* shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, *J. ROBERT SWITZER*, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *29th* day of *Apr.* 19*31*, and in the *56th* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk.

Leonard Wood

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J. B. Brown & Ralph Miller  
John Goodrich & W. H. K. Smith  
Ernest W. Earl & W. H. B. Cole. Just send  
around record to W. H. B. Cole. Just send  
in my handwriting. Ohio + dog of May 1931.  
of Leonard Wood, Pa.

*at two and one half years in the penitentiary  
for the purpose of the...  
at two and one half years in the penitentiary*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The grand jurors in and for the body of said County of Rockingham, and now attending said court at its April term, 1931, upon their oaths do present that Leonard Harry Wood, on or about the 1st day of March, 1930, in said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully and feloniously, under promise of marriage, seduce and have illicit connection with Dorothy Shorts, an unmarried female of previous chaste character, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of Dorothy Shorts and Maxine Shorts.

*Address* *Miss Dorothy Shorts*

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We the jury find the accused, Leonard Harry Wood, guilty as charged in the indictment and fix his punishment at two and one half years in the penitentiary.

J. P. Wampler

Foreman

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

In the Circuit Court of said County:

SEDUCTION

COMMONWEALTH

V

LEONARD HARRY WOOD

A FELONY

A True Bill

J. P. Wampler  
Foreman

D. W. Earman,  
Commonwealth's Attorney

Dorothy Shortt and Marine Shortt.

This indictment is found on the testimony of

the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Leonard H. Wood

Ads.

The Commonwealth of Virginia.

Be it remembered that upon the trial of this case the Commonwealth to maintain the issue upon their part introduced the following evidence:

Dorothy Short, the prosecutrix, testified that she was 19 years of age, that her baby was born December 1st 1930, that she was, has been, and is now, a resident of Rockingham County, Virginia, that she had known the defendant since September 1928, that he visited her at first less frequently, and then three or four times a week, that they were real good friends, and that he seemed to think that she was the only girl in the world; that he frequently declared his love for her; that he began begging her to give up to him, but she didn't, <sup>and</sup> in December 1929 in Rockingham County she yielded, after he had promised to marry her, if anything happened, that after she became pregnant he wanted her to take some medicine, turpentine, and tansy pills and bought her a syringe, that he begged her to keep her parents quiet, saying that he was going to marry her, that the date for the marriage was set by him first, for July 30th 1930, and then, on his claim that he didn't have the money with which to marry, for September 6th 1930; that then ~~and~~ thereabouts, he left Virginia and went to work in Bluefield West Virginia, and that during their friendship and courtship she received from him the following letters:

Robert H. Wood

vs.

The Commonwealth of Virginia.

It is remembered that upon the trial of this case the Commonwealth to maintain the issue upon her part introduced the following evidence:

Dorothy Grant, the prosecutrix, testified that she was

19 years of age, that her date of birth was December 1st 1930, that she was born in Rockingham County, Virginia.

That she has known the defendant since September 1936, that he

visited her at first less frequently, and then three or four times

a week, that they were real good friends, and that he seemed to

think that she was the only girl in the world; that he frequently

dedicated his love for her; that he began begging her to give up

to him and that she in December 1937 in Rockingham County

she yielded, after he had promised to marry her, if anything

happened, that that the same promise he wanted her to take

some medicine, narcotics, and heavy pills and bought her a divorce

that he begged her to keep her parents quiet, saying that he was

going to marry her, that the date for the marriage was set by him

first for July 30th 1938, and then, on his claim that he didn't

have the money with which to marry, for September 6th 1938; that

then she acquiesced, he left Virginia and went to work in Asheville

North Carolina, and that during their friendship and courtship she

received from him the following letters:

Shenandoah, Va.  
September 10, 1928

Dear "Dot,"

Just a few lines before I go to bed to let you know I am thinking of you tonight.

Do@othy I would like to have a date with you Friday night. If the river is clear I am going fishing Saturday at Rileyville.

"Dot" if it suits please let me know if I don't hear anything from you I won't see you. This is rather short but will write you a longer one the next time. I am real sleepy can hardly keep my eyes open. Will see you in my dreams tonight so will say goodnight for this time.

P. S. Hope it will suit.

As ever

Leonard

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Shenandoah, Va.  
October 1, 1928.

Dearest "Dot"

Just a line before going home from work to let you know I am coming down Tuesday nite. If it is raining do not expect me. Will see you Thursday if it should be raining. I am sure sorry that it rained Sunday but hope I did'nt keep you at home waiting for me. Ha! don't guess you would stay home waiting for me anyway.

Well will close for I have some apples to pick this eve.

As ever

Leonard





Shenandoah, Va.  
Nov. 15, 1928.

Dear Dorothy,

I owe you a letter so will answer it tonite. I forgot to tell you what time I would be down Sunday nite if nothing happens I will see you by seven o'clock. "Dot" I think I will go over to the rink to a basket ball game tonite. I don't care much about going for I am not crazy about basket ball games but there isn't any thing else here to do. I took Ben to Luray this afternoon looked for you when I came by Honeyville but didn't see any of you all. Dot if you want to move to Shenandoah I hope you all will soon be moving. Of course I don't want to see you dissatisfied. Ha! Ha! Dot my mother and father are going to Roanoke in a week or so. I guess I will keep house won't that be something.

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Good bye with Love

Leonard.

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