

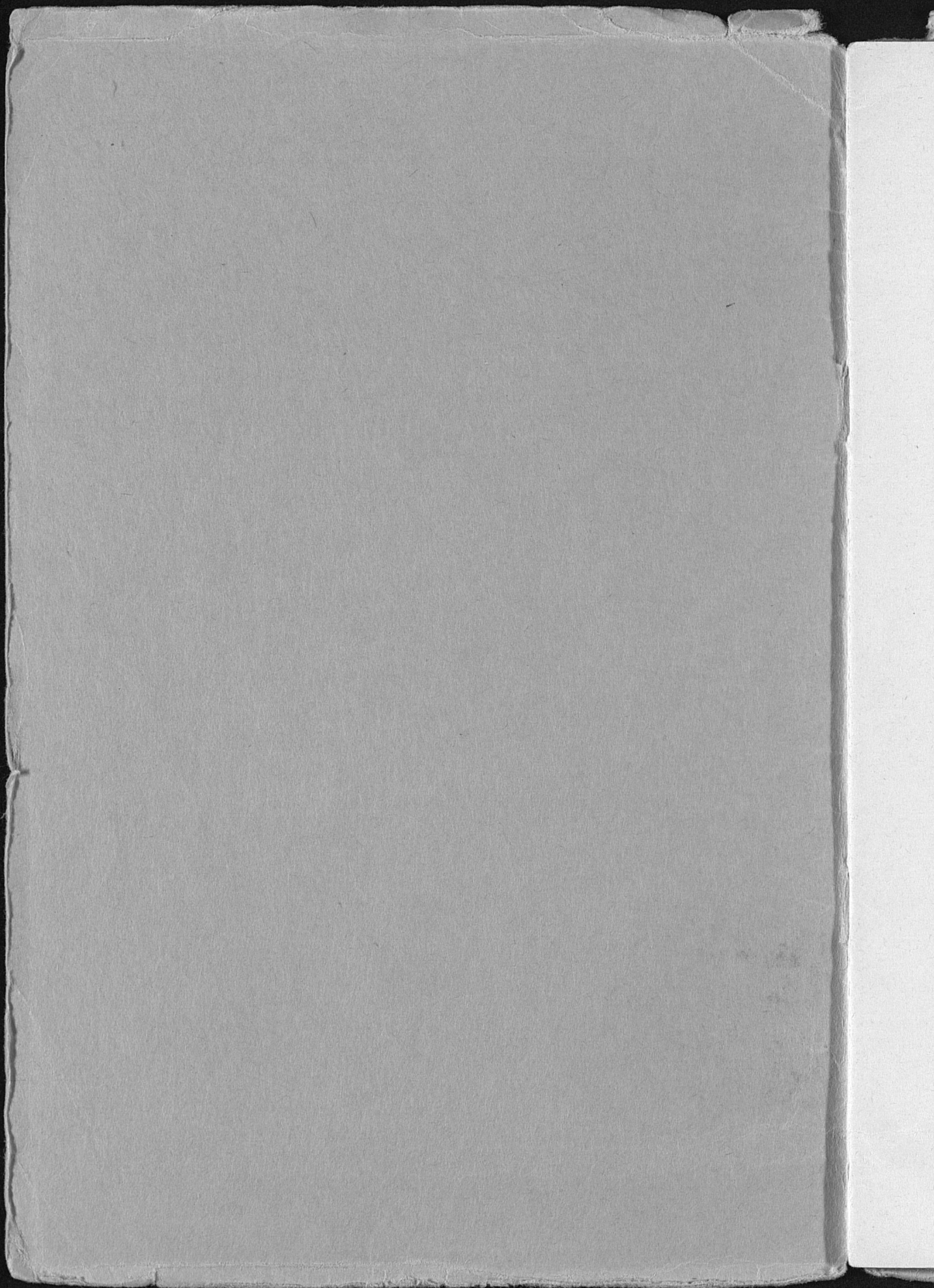


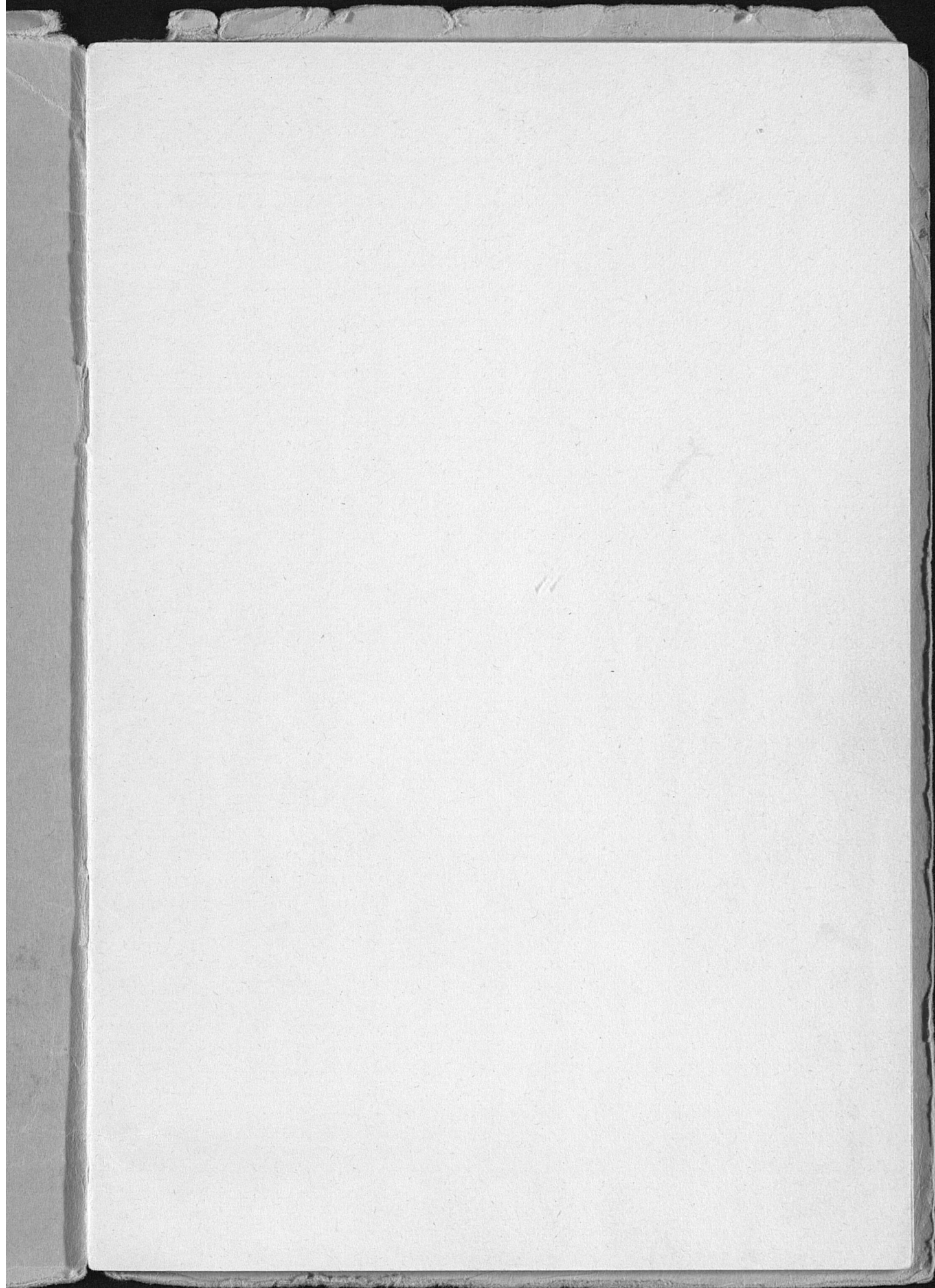
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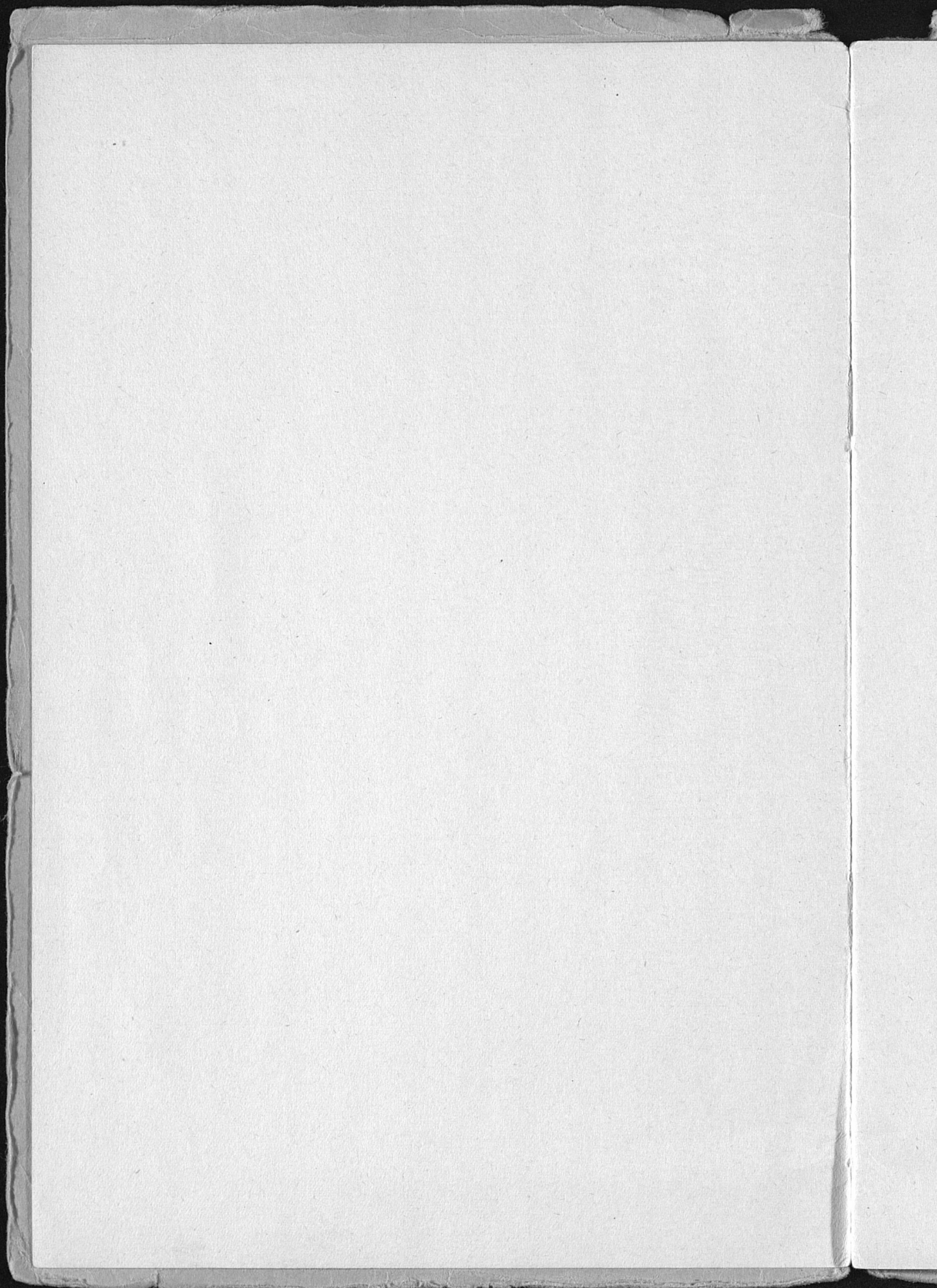
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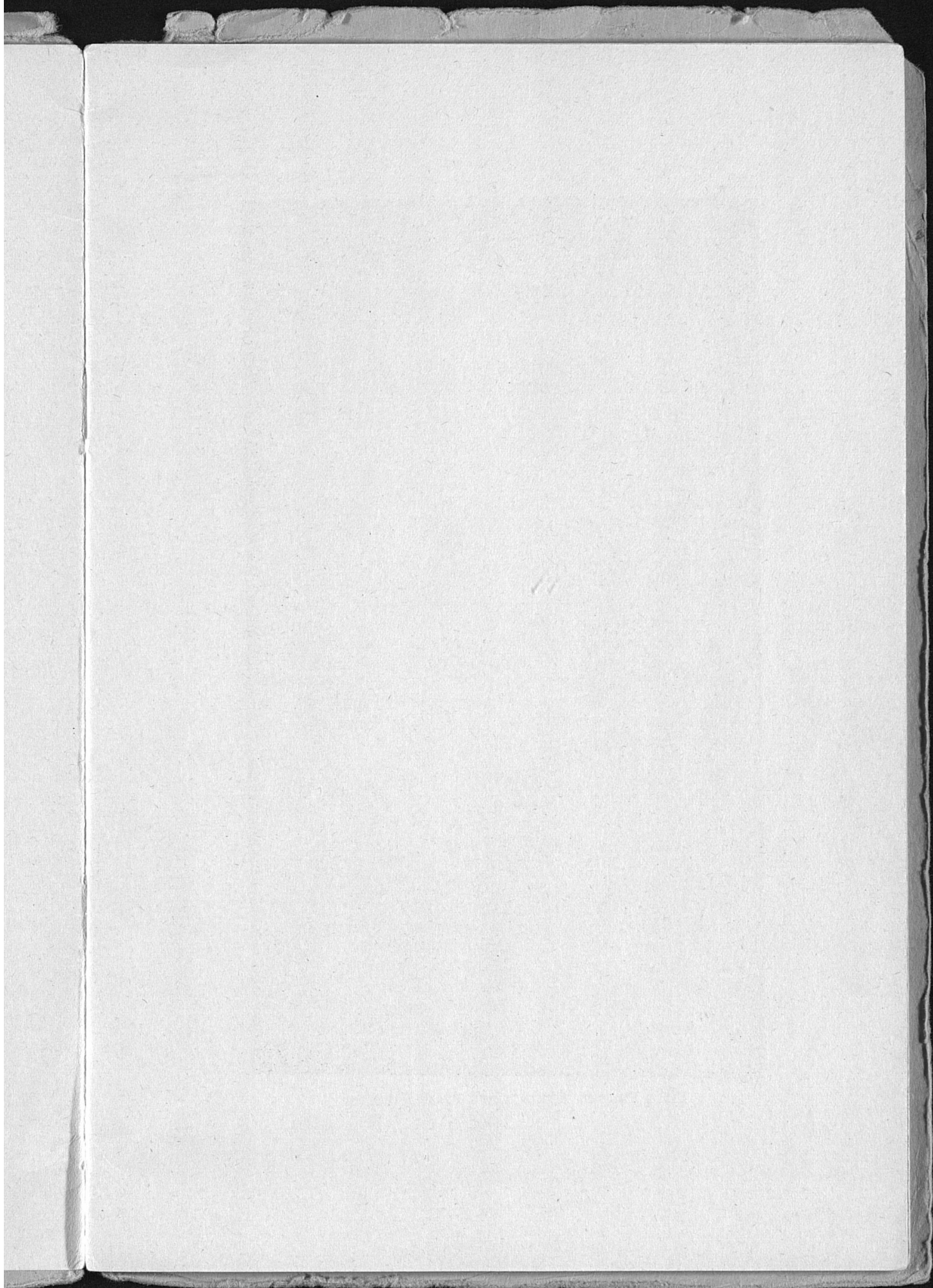
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Neriah Barnes,	Inn keeper
— Dalton,	Taylor
Benjamin Futhy,	Blacksmith
Wm. Palmateer,	Stone-Quarrier
J. R. Shaw,	Ditto

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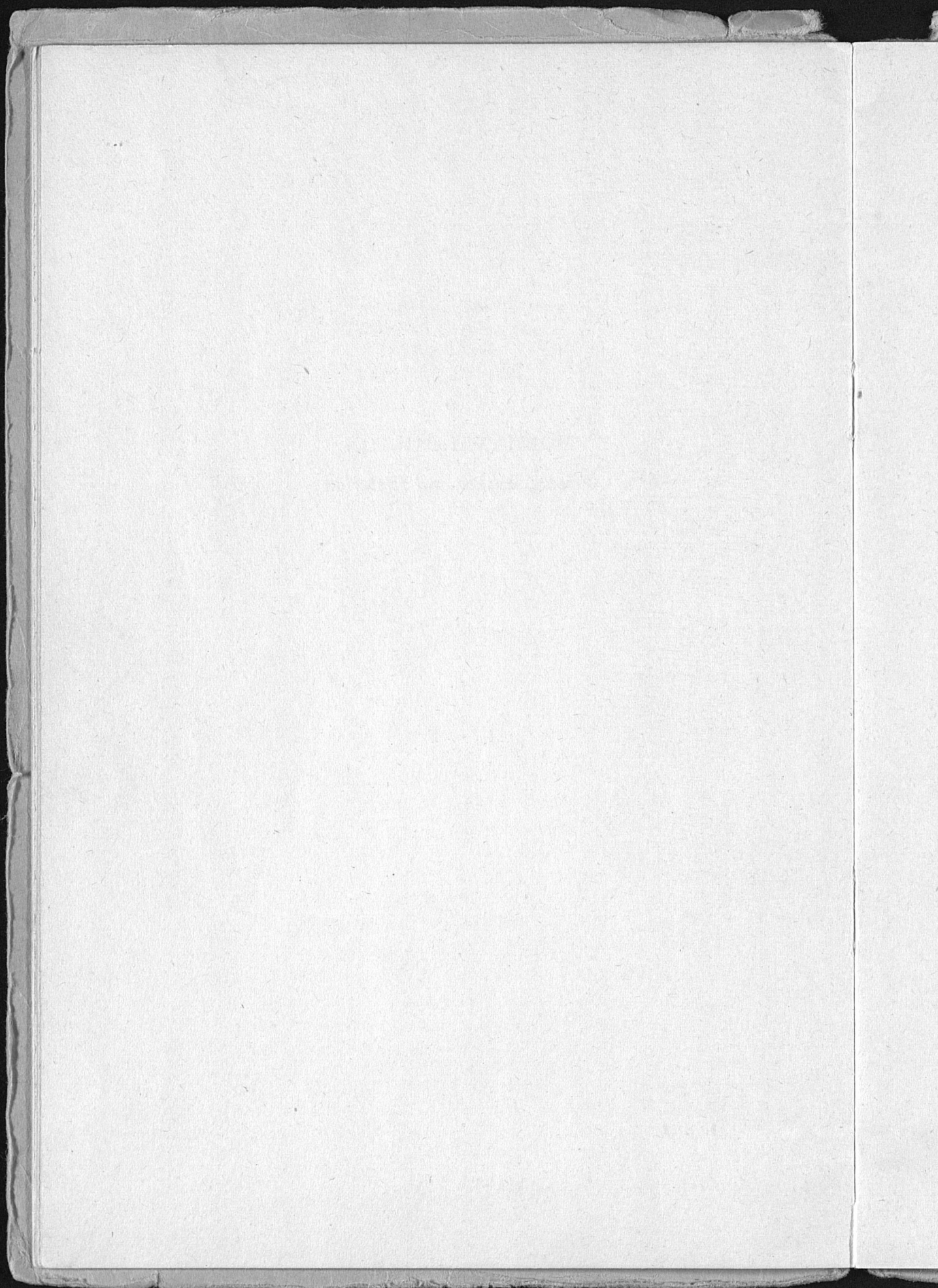
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Lexington's First City Directory

Readers of the *Kentucky Gazette*, for January 11th, 1803, noticed an announcement signed by Joseph Charless, "late of Philadelphia," which stated that he had recently arrived in the Bluegrass Capital, and that he had "established a new printing office and book-store on Main Street, between Bradford's printing office and Captain Marshall's Tavern," where he proposed "to sell books and print a newspaper called *The Independent Gazetteer*." Francis Peniston, a printer of books and an early newspaper, *The Western American* at Bardstown, moved to Lexington and associated himself with Charless in the operation of his book-store and publishing business.

From his printing establishment on West Main Street, between Main Cross (Broadway) and Mill streets, came the first issue of his newspaper, *The Independent Gazetteer*, on March 29th, 1803. His partnership with Peniston was dissolved on May 10th, and several months later the erstwhile Philadelphia printer took Robert Kay into his printing and publishing business.

During the summer of 1803, Charless published his first book in Lexington, *A Selection of Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, a volume of three hundred and thirty-one pages. Other books came from his press during the years from 1803 to 1808, among which was *The American Preceptor*, 1805, by Caleb Bingham, of which no copy is known to have survived.

In addition to the books, pamphlets and religious tracts published, Charless turned out his now rare and famous

Kentucky Almanacks for the years 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807 and 1808. Lexington's first printed city directory was published as a part of *Charless' Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio Almanac, for the Year 1806*. It bears the imprint of 1805, and was a frail volume of twenty-six pages, seventeen centimeters tall and stitched. This small directory (begins on page 18) of eight pages lists the pioneer inhabitants of this frontier metropolis, with their occupations, places of business or residences. The astronomical calculations for his almanac were made by Abraham Shoemaker.

Only four copies of Charless' 1806 *Kentucky Almanack* are known to exist, these rarities being in the libraries of the Kentucky Historical Society, the Louisville Public Library, the Henry E. Huntington Library and the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Early in the spring of 1808, Charless emigrated to the growing frontier settlement of St. Louis, where on July 12th, 1808, he ran off the first issue of the *Missouri Gazette*, the first newspaper to be printed west of the Mississippi River. Later this paper was known as the *Missouri Gazette & Public Advertiser*. With the issue of September 20th, 1820, Charless transferred the paper to James C. Cummings who continued its operation for some years after that date.

Charless' 1806 City Directory of Lexington is a rare and much-sought piece of early Americana, being even rarer than John Filson's *Kentucke*, the first history of the state, printed at Wilmington, Delaware, in the spring of 1784. It is here published in full, retaining the quaint phraseology of the times and the archaic spelling of the names and occupations of Lexington's early citizens.

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MAIN - STREET

NAMES.	OCCUPATIONS.
Anthony Blest,	Inn keeper
Neriah Barnes,	Inn-keeper
——— Dalton,	Taylor
Benjamin Futhy,	Blacksmith

Wm. Palmateer,	Stone-Quarrier
J. R[obert] Shaw,	Ditto [Well-digger]
James Loney,	Stone-Mason
Thomas Loney,	Post & rail maker
Raney Bell,	[Laborer]
Solomon Buzzard,	Butcher
John Haggart,	Post & rail maker
George Coons,	Brewer
Joseph Beatty,	Stone-mason
Wm. J. Duty,	School-Master
James Teage,	Foreman tanner for Wm. Morton
John Morton,	Sheriff
William Shellers,	Shoe-maker
Samuel Calvert,	Hatter
Leaven Young,	Shoe-maker
Mrs. Hargy,	
John Cocke,	Baker
R[ichard]. W. Downing,	Physician
Joseph Charless,	Printer and Bookseller
William Essex,	Bookbinder
John Adams,	Hatter
George Adams,	Hatter
Jacob Keiser,	Butcher
William Huston,	Saddler
George Norton,	Nailer
Christopher Smedley,	Taylor
Patterson Bain,	Hatter
Thomas Anderson,	Printer
Isaac Holmes,	Chair-maker
John M. Boggs,	Taylor

Fishel & Gallatin,	Copper and Tin-Smiths
Michael Schaag,	Physician
D. White,	Millener
Mrs. Parker,	
Lewis Saunders,	Merchant
James Weir,	Merchant
Mrs. Barton,	Millener
Hart & Bartlet,	Merchants
Samuel Downing,	Merchant
J. M'Coun & Tilford,	Merchants
George Anderson,	Merchant
E. Yeizer,	Tanner & Currier
Mrs. Clark,	
Henry Marshall,	Inn-keeper
Daniel Bradford,	Printer
John Bradford,	[Printer and newspaperman]
S. D. J. Calais, Sr. Co.	Tobacconist
Christopher Coyle,	Taylor
J. Biddle,	Grocer
Wm. Leavy,	Merchant
Brown & Warfield,	Physicians
Samuel & George Trotter,	Merchants
Julia Logan,	Millener
E. W. Craig,	Merchant
C. Williams,	Shoe-maker
R. Miller,	Merchant
G. Trotter,	Merchant
John Cross,	Baker
F. Hice,	Toyman
John Downing,	Inn-keeper
Thomas Wallace,	Merchant

Joseph Hudson,	Merchant
Alexander Parker,	Merchant
Charles Wilkins,	Merchant
John Jordan, Jun.	Shipping Merchant
Brooks & Crysdale,	Merchants
Wm. Satterwhite,	Inn-keeper
Robert Frazer,	Silversmith
Wm. Morton,	Director of the Kentucky Insurance Company
Alexander Frazer,	Silversmith
Wm. Tyree,	Taylor
L. Lindle,	Baker
Wm. Edwards,	Inn-keeper
James Boyd,	D. Post-master
L. L. Holmes,	Taylor
Thomas Whitney,	Cabinet-Maker
Isaac Reid,	Shoe-maker
M. Rule,	Stone-mason
——— Tracy,	Stocking-weaver
Wm. Patrick,	Physician
P. J. Roberts,	Tobacconist
Benjamin Stout,	Saddler
C. Keizer,	Blacksmith
J[oshua]. Wilson,	Inn-keeper
John Martin,	[Laborer]
John Postletwait [Postle- thwait],	Cashier of the Bank
Jacob Laudaman [Lauder- man],	Tobacconist
Mrs. Holmes,	
Mr. Beck,	Portrait-painter

John Anderson,	Carpenter
Maddox Fisher,	Brick-layer
Benjamin Wexell,	Taylor
[Robt. H.] Bishop,	Teacher
Benjamin Parish,	Cabinet-maker
Samuel Ayres,	Silversmith
Henry Marquit,	Tanner & Currier
——— Dunn,	Plasterer
Ebenezer Sharp,	Teacher
Rev. Adam Rankin,	[Minister]
Mrs. Lake,	
Andrew Biggs,	Shoe-maker
Wm. Dorsey,	Cooper
Benj. Lloyd,	Cooper
John Fisher,	Brick-maker
——— Grant,	Painter and glazier
Samuel Vanpelt,	Pump-maker
George Newman,	Labourer
John Wyatt,	Coach-maker
John Hymer,	Blacksmith
Mrs. M'Gowan,	
Wm. Fisher,	Bricklayer
Thomas Fisher,	Bricklayer

MAIN CROSS STREET

[Broadway]

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.
Thomas January,	[Storekeeper]
John Arthur,	[Clerk, town trustees]
John Stout,	Coach-maker
Thomas Ocheltree,	[Night watchman]

Joseph Day,	Bricklayer
John Eades,	Blacksmith
John Loman,	Rope-maker
Robert Chipley,	Shoe-maker
George Doxen,	Shoe-maker
Peter Crouse,	Blacksmith
Matthew Elder,	Bricklayer
John Elder,	Bricklayer
Mrs. Starkes,	
Richard Ashton,	Coach-maker
Mrs. Reynolds,	Schoolmistress
Matthias Schryock [Shry- ock],	House-carpenter
Nathaniel Morrison,	House-carpenter
Robert Holmes,	Chair-maker
Hugh Crawford,	Shoemaker & blue dyer
James Goodman,	Stocking-weaver
Nathaniel Lowery,	Hatter
Hiram Shaw,	Hatter
James Lemon,	Tailor
David Logan,	Umbrella & chip bonnet manufacturer
Aaron Woodruff,	Shoe-maker
James Rose,	Shoe-maker
Wm. Porter,	Tanner and Currier
Francis Kriggle,	Saddler
George Shindelbower,	Barber
Jacob Boshart,	Skin-dresser
Frederick Shevil,	Cooper
George A. Weber,	Baker

MILL STREET

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.
Thomas Hart, Jun.	Merchant
Henry Clay,	Attorney at Law
Sam. Wilkinson,	Whitesmith
Thomas Hart, Sen.	[Merchant; hemp mfr.]
Mary Findley,	Seamstress
Porter Clay,	Cabinet-maker
George Trotter, Jun.	Merchant
Mentelle & Downing,	Painters
Mordecai Harris,	Shop-keeper
Jacob Clair,	Saddler
Elijah Oliver,	Shoe-maker

WATER STREET

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.
J. Condon,	Tailor
John Jones,	Cotton-spinner
William Todd,	Cotton-spinner
John Williams,	Cotton-spinner
George Young,	Shoe-maker
—— Fleming,	Shoe-maker
—— Hanson	Carpenter

HIGH STREET

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.
Robert Price,	Boarding house [keeper]
Joseph Hostutter,	Butcher
Robert Bell,	Weaver
John Hamilton,	Rope-maker

John Hull,	Butcher
Thomas Vaughan,	Blacksmith
Elisha Gordon,	Tanner
Peter January,	[Store keeper; hemp mfr.]
Adam Wigart,	Carpenter
David Woodruff,	Shoe-maker
Charles Vigus,	Shoe-maker
William Douds,	Well-digger
David Herring,	Breeches-maker
Hezekiah Bradley,	Blacksmith
Adam Hutts,	[Laborer]
John Tompkins,	Merchant
John Stilfield,	Wagon-maker
George Weary,	House-joiner
Benedict Van Pradelles,	[Attorney at Law]
Samuel Dewees [Deweese],	Cooper
John Caldwell,	Wheelwright
Archibald M'Cullough,	Blacksmith
John Fisher,	Shop-joiner
William T. Banton	[Shop-keeper]
George Brownlee,	Reed-maker
Melchor Myers,	Butcher
George Young, Jun.	Shoe-maker
John Jones,	Cotton-spinner
Godfrey Bender,	Tobacconist
Edward West,	Silversmith
Elisha Allen,	Tailor
Lawson M'Cullough,	Tailor
David Dodge,	Rope-maker
John Leiby,	Brick-maker
Robert Campbell,	Potter

George Sowerbright,	[Night watchman]
David Williams,	Schoolmaster
Thomas Bodley,	Circuit clerk
Robert M'Cormack [McCormick],	Shoe-maker
Archibald Campbell,	[Boarding house-keeper]
Asa Farra,	Post & rail maker
Ebenezer Farra,	[Painter and paper-hanger]
Henry Lonkard,	Carpenter

MULBERRY STREET

[Limestone Street]

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.
William Bobbs,	Brickmaker
George Adams,	[Tavern-keeper]
——— Hawkins,	Labourer
David Stout,	House-carpenter
Robert Grinstead,	Bricklayer
——— Monks,	Nailer
John Sprinkle,	Bricklayer
Fielding L. Turner,	Attorney at Law
Sam'l. Beel,	Labourer
John Downing,	House-carpenter
Simon Hicky [Hickey],	Blacksmith
Allen Davis,	Bricklayer
James Wilson,	Carpenter
James Shohoney,	Carpenter
Patrick Gullion,	[Laborer]
Martha Johnston,	Schoolmistress
Mrs. Nicholas,	

———— Wilson,	Cabinet-maker
———— Ruths,	Inn-keeper
Jeremiah Murphy,	Inn-keeper
Warner Hawkins,	Stone-mason
William Smith,	Hatter
William Nash,	Saddler
Thomas Reid,	Tinner
Wm. Reid,	Chair-maker
Mrs. Kelly,	
Mrs. Barr,	
George Sowerbright,	Labourer

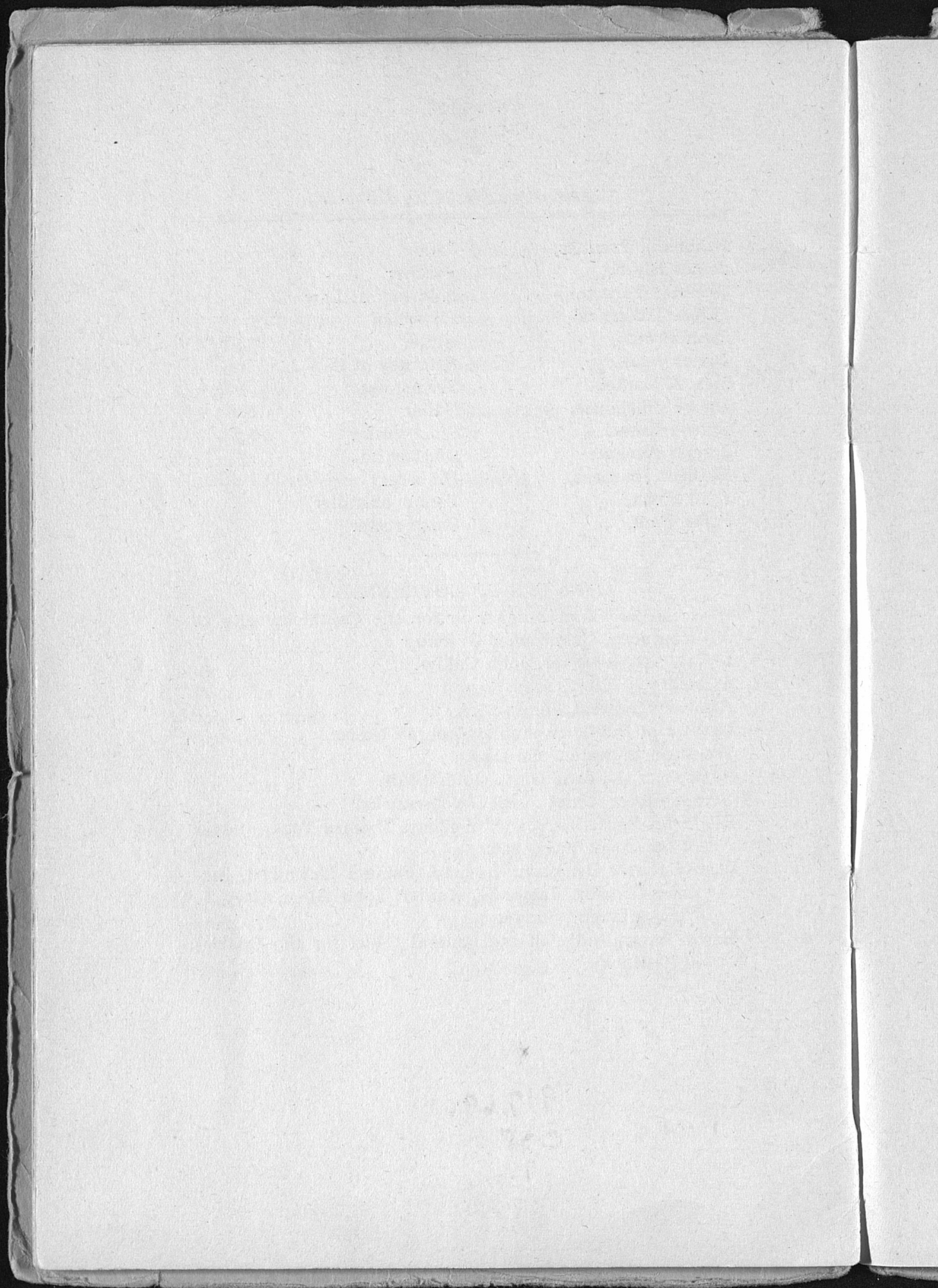
SHORT STREET

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.
James Eades,	[Cattle drover]
Mrs. Parker,	
William Bartlow,	[Laborer]
John T. Miller,	Coppersmith
Oliver Keene,	[Bricklayer]
James Morrison,	[Merchant]
Chester Shaw,	Inn-keeper
Mrs. Wilson,	
John Pope,	Attorney at Law
James Fishback,	Physician
John Kizer [Keiser],	Inn-keeper
Andrew M'Calla,	Apothecary
Thomas Tibbatts,	Baker
Robert Bradley,	Inn-keeper
George Staley,	[Spinning wheel maker]
John Jones,	Inn-keeper
John P. Wagon,	Inn-keeper

Nathaniel Prentiss,	Jailor
James Blythe,	Teacher
Buckner Thruston,	Attorney at Law
[Elisha] Warfield,	Physician
John Brown,	Nailer
James January,	Attorney at Law
Mrs. M'Daniel,	Seamstress
Henry Colehouse,	Nailer
Robert Russel,	Stone-cutter
Joseph Wingate	Blacksmith
William Emmens,	[Laborer]
John Sloan,	Tallow chandler
Peter Paul,	Stone-cutter

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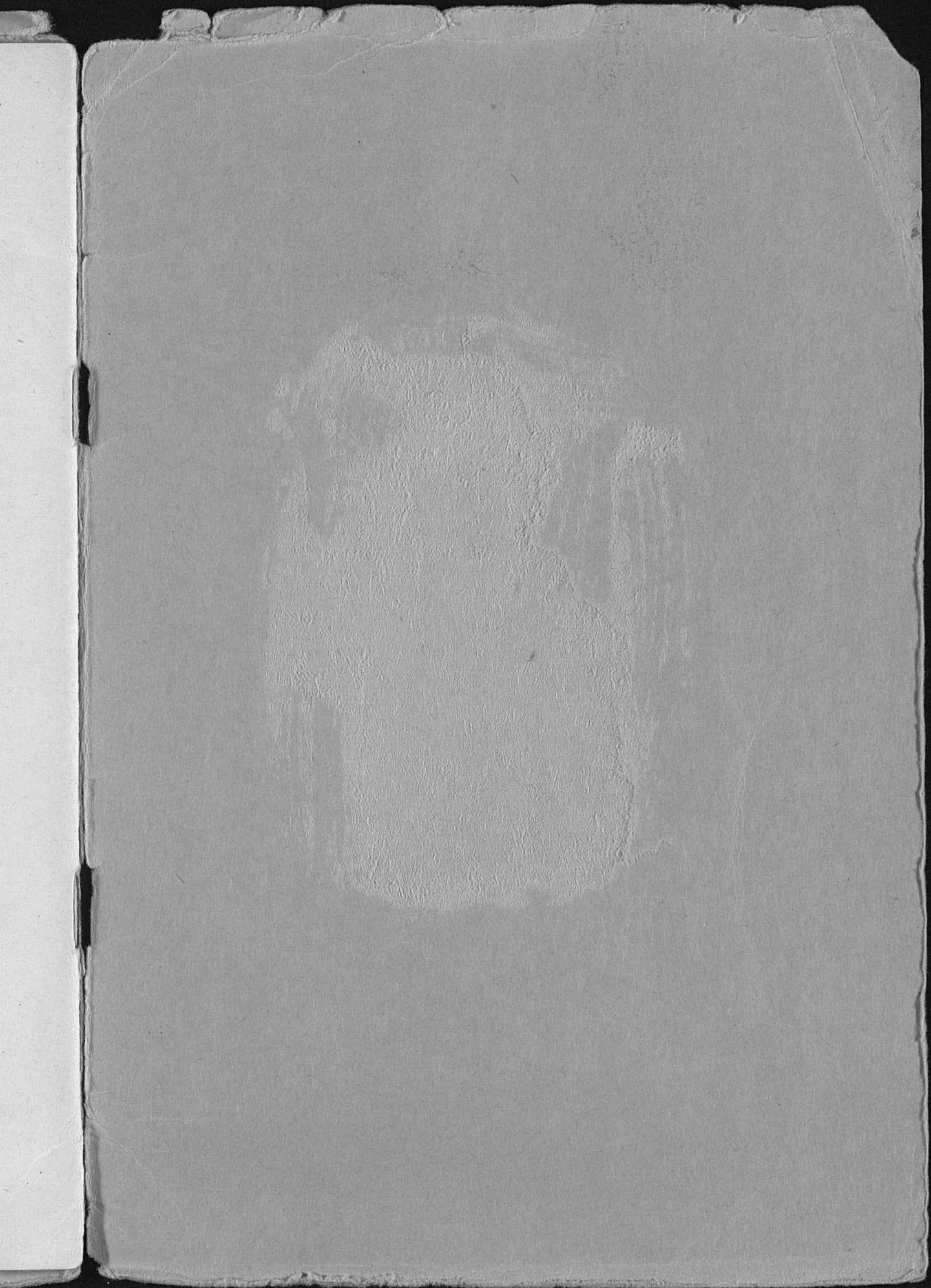
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