

(Gurley) Collection  
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Very respectfully yours,

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In the spring of 1897, Wm. F. E. Gurley retired from the position of State Geologist of Illinois. At that time Mr. Gurley possessed a palaeontological collection larger and more valuable than any similar collection of any American institution of learning, or of any private collector. The assembling of this collection was the result of nearly thirty years of earnest effort on the part of Mr. Gurley.

Being possessed of this collection, a practically complete working palaeontological library, a home, and a competency, it was Mr. Gurley's intention to devote the remainder of his life to palaeontological research.

At the age of seven, Mr. Gurley had an attack of measles which rendered him totally blind for several months. He partially regained his sight, but only to the extent of about fifty per cent of normal. During his four years as State Geologist, he published a number of technical bulletins, the preparation of which, and the proof reading incident thereto, taxed his eyes to an unusual extent.

In the summer of 1897, Mr. Gurley consulted an eye specialist, who after a careful examination, informed Mr. Gurley that it was but a mere question of time until he would again be blind, and that he had better arrange his affairs in order to accommodate himself to the inevitable.

Thus it was, that Mr. Gurley was compelled to lay aside his ambitions and arrange his affairs for the "new order of things", which he would be compelled to accept. In this, he considered plans for disposing of his palaeontological collection. Of the several institutions endeavoring to interest Mr. Gurley in their behalf, there were two which from a monetary point of view were particularly impressive. One of these was Leland Stanford University, which however was not able at that time to take any decided action, because of the uncertainty as to the outcome of certain legal matters connected with the United States Government, and the railroad interests formerly owned by Leland Stanford. The other, was an English institution, in whose behalf a well known English financier was endeavoring to purchase this collection, for one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

At this time Mr. William R. Head, Personal Injury Agent for the Illinois Central Railway, who for many years had been on friendly terms with Mr. Gurley, learned of the possibility that Mr. Gurley's collection would be sold, and he at once took steps to induce Mr. Gurley to hold the matter in abeyance to the end that the collection might be acquired by some Chicago institution of learning, mentioning specifically The Field Columbian Museum, The University of Chicago, and the Chicago Academy of Science. Mr. Head, William Penn Nixon, Editor of The Chicago Inter Ocean, and George C. Walker, a Trustee of The University of Chicago, took it upon themselves to act as a self-appointed committee and began a campaign intended to eventually secure Mr. Gurley's collection for one of the three Chicago institutions named above. In the fall of 1897 The Chicago Inter Ocean published a series of illustrated articles, with a view to interest some one to furnish the funds for the purchase of Mr. Gurley's collection.

In the winter of 1897-8, Mr. Head and Mr. Walker brought Mr. Gurley into personal contact with Dr. Harper, President of The University of Chicago, and Dr. Chamberlin, head of the Department of Geology, of that institution. For a period of about a year negotiations with the University of Chicago were in the nature of "talks", and discussions, all of which were along lines appealing to Mr. Gurley to favor an institution within his adopted state. These talks and assurances appealed to Mr. Gurley, because he was led to believe that it would be possible, with his collection as a nucleus, to eventually build up a Department of Geology at The University of Chicago, which would in every way eclipse any similar department in the world.

These informal negotiations led up to the first written agreement, dated April 27, 1899, between The University of Chicago and Wm. F. E. Gurley, as follows:







IT IS HEREBY AGREED by Dr. W. F. E. GURLEY and PRESIDENT W. R. HARPER and SECRETARY T. W. GOODSPEED of THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO that if the President and Secretary will procure on behalf of the University, before the 1st of next September, \$50,000. toward the purchase of Dr. Gurley's geological collection, the price of which is \$125,000, Dr. Gurley will donate to the University the remaining \$75,000, and upon the payment of said \$50,000. to said W. F. E. Gurley the collection will thereby become the property of the University.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the President and Secretary will use their utmost endeavors to induce the donor or donors of the \$50,000. to agree to contribute a sum not to exceed \$1000. annually for ten years to be used by Dr. Gurley in the purchase of material to be added to the collection.

Wm. F. E. Gurley  
William R. Harper  
T W Goodspeed

(The above agreement is written upon the printed letterhead of the Department of Geology, The University of Chicago.)

The University of Chicago was unable to meet the terms of the above agreement, and at the urgent request of Dr. Harper, and Dr. Chamberlin, the following agreement was entered into on September 12, 1899:

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The foregoing agreement expired on January 1, 1900. In urging Mr. Gurley to make a new agreement, whose terms would be more favorable to The University of Chicago, Dr. Harper proposed:

- 1st. To pay Mr. Gurley twenty-five hundred dollars per annum during his life time; and nine hundred dollars per annum to Mr. Gurley's wife, after his death, should she survive him; and in addition thereto
- 2nd. To name the palaeontological museum in honor of Mr. Gurley, and make him the Director thereof for life, with a suitable compensation for his services; such position carrying with it all the rights and privileges accorded to members of the faculty of The University of Chicago. Because of his belief that such "glorification" of his name might possibly deter others from contributing to the upbuilding of the museum, Mr. Gurley declined the proffered honor. Realizing that as the head of the museum, he might eventually be a bar to the advancement of others, Mr. Gurley declined the position of Director, and agreed to accept the less important position of Associate Curator in palaeontology for life, with a nominal salary of three hundred dollars per annum, it being understood that as an administrative officer of the museum he would enjoy all of the rights and privileges accorded other members of the faculty of The University of Chicago; and also
- 3rd. That Dr. Harper would use his best endeavors to place the sum of five hundred dollars per annum at the disposal of the museum for the acquisition of new palaeontological material, and that Mr. Gurley during his life time, would direct the use thereof.







The foregoing arrangements were briefly outlined in the two following agreements, dated respectively January 1st, and 2nd, 1900. The agreement dated January 1st was not signed by Mr. Gurley until January 2nd, at which time Dr. Harper formulated his agreement dated January 2nd, which was hurriedly drawn, as he was about to depart for New York City. These two agreements were as follows:

It is agreed between Dr. W. F. E. Gurley and William R. Harper, that the latter will recommend to the Board of Trustees the purchase of the complete paleontological collection of Dr. Gurley, on the basis of a price of One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00), of which Mr. Gurley contributes Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), with the understanding that the University will enter into a contract to pay Dr. Gurley a sum amounting to 5% income upon Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) each year during his life time, said payments to be monthly, and in case the wife of Dr. Gurley should survive him, the payment of the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) payable monthly during her life time.

It is understood that if this agreement is not ratified before January seventeenth it is not binding on either party.

January 1st, 1900.

William R. Harper, President  
Wm. F. E. Gurley

It is understood between William R. Harper and Dr. W. F. E. Gurley that Mr. Harper will recommend from time to time, so far as it may lie in his power to secure the appropriation, a sum not to exceed \$500. a year for additions to the Gurley collection, should such collection become the property of the University, and that for work which Dr. Gurley shall do in connection with the collection, whether at the University or away from the University, he shall receive during his life time the sum of \$300. a year payable monthly. It is understood that this agreement does not bind the Board of Trustees.

January 2d, 1900.

William R. Harper

Immediately after executing these agreements, Dr. Harper went to New York City, and arranged with Mr. Rockefeller whereby the matter was definitely settled, in accordance with the final understanding agreed upon between Dr. Harper and Mr. Gurley.

Under date of January 6th, 1900, Dr. Harper sent the following telegram from New York City:

To Prof. Thomas C. Chamberlin, Room 600, Hyde Park Hotel, Chicago. Gurley arrangement approved heartily pleased send him word. William R. Harper.  
(The above telegram was handed to Mr. Gurley by Dr. Chamberlin.)

Pursuant to the foregoing, on January 17, 1900, the following agreement was executed:

THIS AGREEMENT made this seventeenth day of January, A.D. 1900, between William F. E. Gurley, of Danville, Illinois, party of the first part, and The University of Chicago, a corporation under the laws of Illinois, party of the second part, WITNESSETH:  
THAT WHEREAS, the party of the first part is possessed of a certain palaeontological collection - consisting of more than seven hundred thousand (700,000) specimens - now located in the City of Danville, Illinois, and which is the collection relative to which conferences have lately been had between said Gurley and Messrs. William R. Harper, the President, and George C. Walker, one of the Trustees of said University, and has lately been viewed and examined on behalf of said University, by Mr. Stuart Weller,  
AND WHEREAS, said Gurley values said collection at the sum of One Hundred and twenty-five thousand Dollars (\$125,000) and said University desires to acquire the same, and said Gurley desires to transfer and convey said collection to said University, upon the terms and for the price hereinafter named,







THEREFORE, this instrument witnesses that in consideration of the mutual undertakings hereof, it is hereby covenanted and agreed between the parties hereto as follows:

1. The party of the first part hereby sells, transfers and conveys to the party of the second part hereto, all of the said palaeontological collection above referred to and described, and agrees to deliver the same (at Danville, Illinois) to the party of the second part, by good title, clear of all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, within ten (10) days from the date hereof.

2. The party of the first part hereto covenants and guarantees to the party of the second part, its successors and assigns that at the ensealing and delivery of this instrument the party of the first part hereto is the full and sole owner of all of said palaeontological collection, and has good right and full authority to sell and convey the same and that said collection is fully paid for and that there are no liens, claims or demands against said collection, or any part thereof.

3. As and for the purchase price for said collection said University covenants and agrees to pay, and shall pay to said Gurley the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500) for each year of the natural life of said William F. E. Gurley, after the date of this instrument, and in case Anna S. Gurley, the wife of said William F. E. Gurley, shall survive said William F. E. Gurley, then said University shall, and hereby covenants and agrees to pay to her the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) for each and every year of her natural life after the death of her said husband, William F. E. Gurley, said payments of \$2500. per year during the life of said William F. E. Gurley and \$900 per year to said Anna S. Gurley after the death of her said husband, if she survives him, shall be made in equal half-yearly payments, that is to say, the first payment of \$1250 shall be made to said William F. E. Gurley upon the delivery of said collection according to the terms hereof, and the second payment to him shall be made on July 17, 1900, and so on during the remainder of his life he shall receive on the seventeenth day of January and the seventeenth day of July of each respective year the sum of \$1250, and after his death, if his said wife, Anna S. Gurley, shall survive him, then during the remainder of her life, she shall, at half-yearly intervals, receive the sum of \$450, the first payment to be made on the day on which her said husband would have received his next half-yearly payment if he had remained in life. The said payments shall, at the election of the party from time to time entitled thereto, be made in gold coin of the United States of America, of the present or an equal standard of weight and fineness.

4. All of said payments shall be made at the office of said University, in the City of Chicago, or at such other place as the said University and the party entitled to payment hereunder, shall from time to time mutually agree upon.

5. Said William F. E. Gurley, as hereinabove stated, values said collection at \$125,000, and donates to said University the whole value of said collection over and above the aggregate of the sums of money to be paid to him and to his said wife if she survives him under the terms of this contract, and for the sake of clearness it is expressly stated and agreed that no payments whatever are to be made by said University for or on account of said collection, other than said semi-annual payments to said Gurley and to his said wife, if she shall survive him, all as hereinabove expressly provided for, and said payments shall not bear interest.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal and the party of the second part has hereunto caused its corporate name and seal to be set by its duly authorized officers, the day and year above written.  
(Executed in duplicate.)

Note. The words "at Danville, Illinois" written upon 1st page Section 1, Line 4, were interlined before signing this agreement.

Wm. F. E. Gurley (SEAL)  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,  
By Andrew McLeish, Vice President  
of its board of Trustees.

ATTEST:

Thomas W. Goodspeed  
Its Secretary.

(Seal of The University of Chicago impressed.)







It will be noted that in the foregoing agreement no provision is made for Mr. Gurley's official connection with the University, as Associate Curator of Palaeontology; the salary as such of Three Hundred Dollars per annum; nor the Five Hundred Dollars to be annually used under the supervision of Mr. Gurley in adding to the palaeontological collection. While all of these things were a part of the final agreement upon which was based the January 17th contract, Dr. Harper thought it might be better that they take the usual course, and with the assurance that in this manner these matters would be satisfactorily arranged, Mr. Gurley consented thereto. As a matter of fact, Dr. Harper arranged all of these matters, in accordance with the understanding, and from that time Mr. Gurley has been Associate Curator in Palaeontology, with a salary of Three Hundred Dollars per annum, and has been accorded the same consideration given to other members of the faculty of The University of Chicago. Dr. Harper also provided for the annual expenditure, under Mr. Gurley's supervision, of Five Hundred Dollars for additions to the palaeontological collection.

Under date of January 23, 1900, the Comptroller of The University of Chicago wrote Mr. Gurley, as follows:

Mr. Wm. F. E. Gurley  
6153 Lexington Ave.  
Chicago

Dear Sir:-

As the Articles of Agreement between yourself and The University of Chicago whereunder you convey to The University a certain palaeontological collection located in Danville, Ill. have been executed upon the part of both parties the matter would seem to be in readiness for complete consummation by the delivery upon your part of the collection to The University.

It has been arranged that Mr. Weller as representative of The University shall proceed to Danville and together with yourself arrange for the packing and shipping of the collection to The University at Chicago.

Mr. Weller awaits your readiness to proceed to Danville and upon notification will join you and receive the material from your hands on account of The University.

Will you kindly advise me of your wishes in the matter, meanwhile and holding ourselves in readiness to conform to your wishes, I remain

Yours truly

H. A. Rust.

Comptroller.

(The above letter was written on the letterhead of the "Office of the Comptroller" of The University of Chicago.)

Pursuant to the agreement of January 17th, and the letter of Mr. Rust, Mr. Gurley and Mr. Weller, immediately went to Danville, Illinois, and packed the palaeontological collection of Mr. Gurley, which was on January 27th, 1900, formally accepted by the authorized representative of The University of Chicago, who gave Mr. Gurley the following receipt:

Danville Ill. Jan. 27th 1900

This is to certify that Wm. F. E. Gurley has this day delivered to me as the representative of the University of Chicago his entire palaeontological collection (and duplicates) in accordance with the provisions of his agreement with said University dated Jan. 17th 1900  
Stuart Weller.

Since he became connected with the University of Chicago in 1900, Mr. Gurley's name has appeared in The President's Address Book as "An Officer of Administration", and at Mr. Gurley's request he was not also designated as "a donor" - Mr. Gurley not wishing to make himself thus conspicuous in a group (faculty) of whom so few were donors.







When Mr. Gurley gave his collection to The University, he expressed the hope that the Department of Geology and Palaeontology of The University of Chicago would eventually develop an equipment, and prestige superior to that of any similar department elsewhere. This hope has been more than realized.

Due to loss of sight, Mr. Gurley has been unable to do technical scientific work since he became connected with the University. He has however been active in behalf of the Museum, having been instrumental in securing the palaeontological collections formed by Mrs. Mary P. Haines, of Richmond, Indiana; Charles Faber, of Cincinnati, Ohio; F. A. Sampson, of Sedalia, Missouri; and James Hall, of Albany, New York.

In 1870 Mr. Gurley began a friendly acquaintance with William C. Van Horne, then living in Illinois, who later became a resident of Montreal, Canada. This friendship; the importunities of Mr. Gurley; and the fact that the latter had given his collection to The University of Chicago, were important aids to Professor Weller in securing, as a gift to The University, the fine palaeontological collection of Sir William Van Horne.

The Five Hundred Dollars per annum, provided for in the January 2nd, 1900, agreement with Mr. Gurley, has almost entirely been used in assisting the late Dr. Williston, and since his death, Mr. Paul Miller, in collecting vertebrate fossils of the western states. The results have been most gratifying, as the Department of Palaeontology has thus been placed in possession of a most remarkable and complete collection of vertebrate fossils of the Permian period. It is indeed marvelous, that so much has been accomplished with so small an expenditure, and both Dr. Williston, and Mr. Miller, are entitled to great credit therefor.

For twenty-five years Prof. Weller has spent his summer vacations in geological field work. He has thus secured a great quantity of valuable palaeontological material, all of which has been given to The University. Mention of this is here made because this material has been an important factor in building up the palaeontological collection.

Thus Mr. Gurley's Collection, with the various aforementioned additions thereto, ranks as one of the greatest palaeontological collections in the world, and places the Department of Geology of The University of Chicago, far in the lead of that of any other educational institution.

In refusing One Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars for his collection, and presenting it to The University of Chicago, Mr. Gurley was influenced by the high esteem in which he held Dr. Chamberlin; the pleasing personality and assurances of President Harper; and the belief that such a course would be of incalculable value to science and education. He has at all times been deeply interested in the welfare of The University; and his attitude has been one of hearty co-operation with those having in charge the Department of Geology and Palaeontology.

To the best of my knowledge and  
belief this is an accurate & faithful  
record of the early history  
of the Gurley Collection

H. C. Chamberlin

Jan 21 1926,



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From my personal knowledge of the facts  
in this case I entirely agree with Dr. Cham-  
berlain as to the correctness and completeness  
of this most valuable historical record.

Thomas W. Woodspeck

From my knowledge of the circumstances  
connected with the acquisition of the Gasley  
Collection of fossils by The University of  
Chicago, I can assert that the foregoing  
recital is correct.

Stuart Udler



From my knowledge of the circumstances  
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account is correct.

Wm. H. Miller



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*William R. Harper*

January 2d, 1900.







In payment of the following:

Audit No. 357130 Check No. 343434

PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF PURCHASE OF PALEONTOLOGICAL COLLECTION \$1250.00

If correct, indorse exact name of payee as below and deposit promptly in any bank for collection. IF INCORRECT, RETURN AT ONCE TO THE AUDITOR  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The University of Chicago  
CHICAGO

WM. F. E. GURLEY  
6151 UNIVERSITY AVE.  
CHICAGO, ILL.

JAN 12 1920  
Audited

*[Signature]*  
For Auditor

When properly indorsed, pay to the order of the payee mentioned above  
\*\*ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS\*\*

\$1250.00

TO ILLINOIS MERCHANTS TRUST COMPANY  
CHICAGO  
2-4 VOUCHER FUND

*[Signature]*  
For Secretary

In payment of the following:

Audit No. 357921 Check No. 344890

PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF CURATORSHIP

\$150.00

If correct, indorse exact name of payee as below and deposit promptly in any bank for collection. IF INCORRECT, RETURN AT ONCE TO THE AUDITOR  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The University of Chicago  
CHICAGO

WM. F. E. GURLEY,  
6151 UNIVERSITY AVE.,  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Audited

JAN 29 1920  
*[Signature]*  
For Auditor

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\$150.00

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*[Signature]*  
For Secretary

Checks similar to the above have been received semi-annually by Mr. Gurley since January 1900. The University of Chicago has given these checks pursuant to the agreement made between Dr. Harper and Mr. Gurley, in January 1900.







*Collections*

December 11th, 1907.

Mr. L. S. Tiffany,

*gft*  
C/o O. W. Richardson & Co., Wabash & Congress Sts.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:-

I beg to express my appreciation of the gift to the University of the collection of fossils collected by your father, and which has been duly turned over to the Department of Geology in Walker Museum. This gift will be of value to the scientific work of the University and will be duly acknowledged.

My understanding is that your children may receive twelve quarters' tuition credit in the colleges of the University and may be assigned to one for the entire period of twelve quarters or to different ones as may be convenient to yourself. A memorandum to this effect will be filed with the Registrar of the University and you can avail yourself of it whenever desired.

Again thanking you for the gift, I am

Very truly yours,

H. P. Judson



December 11th, 1907.

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H. P. Johnson



# WALKER MUSEUM

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Professor of Geology, and Director

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Associate Curator in Palaeontology

STUART WELLER  
Instructor in Palaeontologic Geology

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Complete Paleontology Coll.

\$ 125 000. NOT BOOKS

Agreement

Jan. 1, 1900

signed by Harper + Gurley

to present to Bd. of Trustees. Gift Lib  
was this ever carried further? OVER



Jan. 12, 1910

Prof. Chamberlain wrote to Mr. Geo C. Wakes  
expressing keen appreciation of  
geological faculty for the "deep interest  
you have taken in procuring the  
Gurley collection, an interest that they  
feel has been a decisive factor in the  
successful issue" etc.

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of Walter's Saggs Brook



It is agreed between Dr. W. F. E. Gurley and William R. Harper, that the latter will recommend to the Board of Trustees the purchase of the complete paleontological collection of Dr. Gurley, on the basis of a price of One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00), of which Mr. Gurley contributes Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), with the understanding that the University will enter into a contract to pay Dr. Gurley a sum amounting to 5% income upon Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) each year during his life time, said payments to be monthly, and in case the wife of Dr. Gurley should survive him, the payment of the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) payable monthly during her life time.

It is understood that if this agreement is not ratified before January seventeenth it is not binding on either party.

*William R. Harper Pres.*  
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January 1st, 1900.

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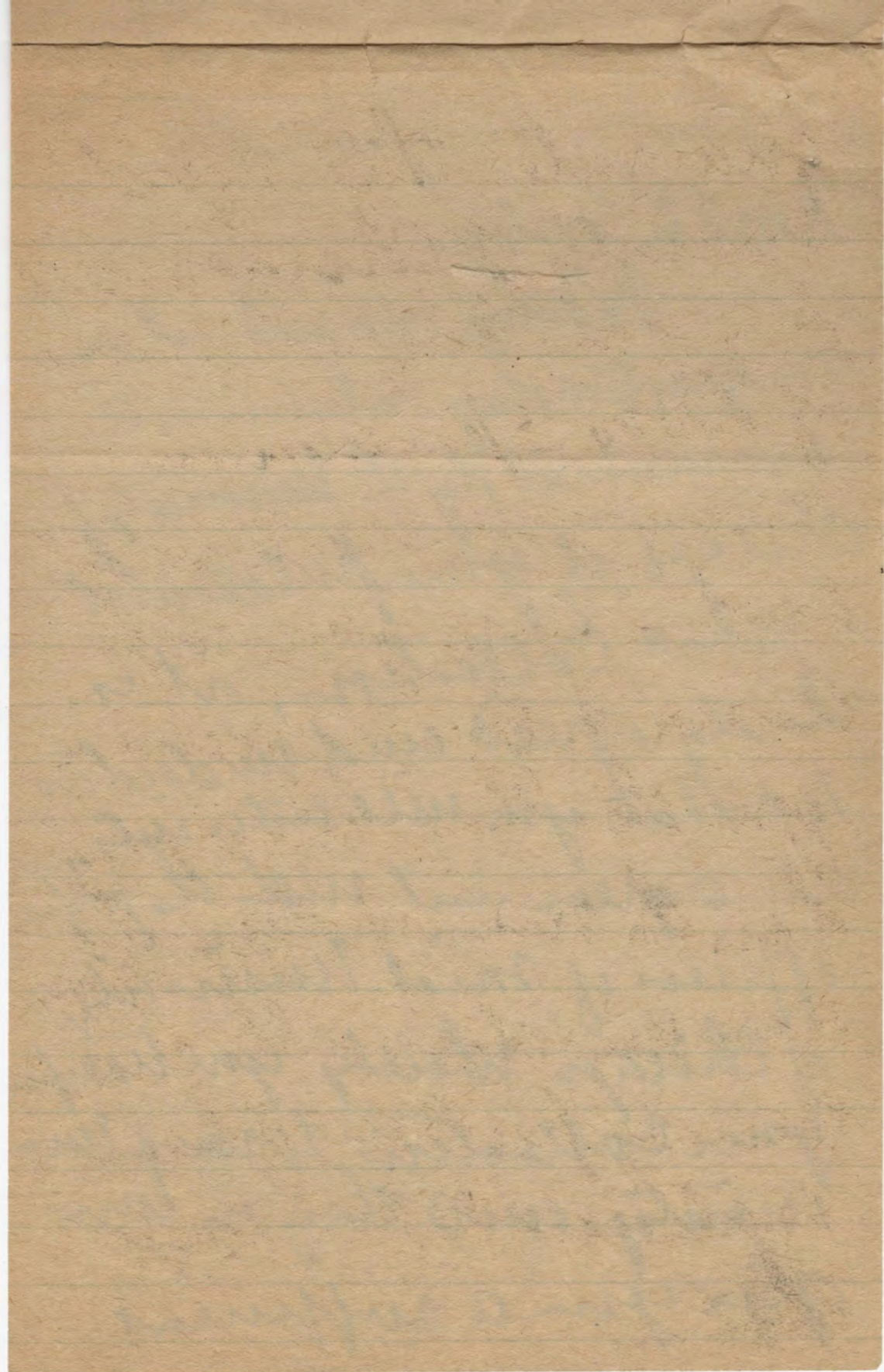
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Chicago, Ills Jan 1. 1900

Mr F. E. Guiley

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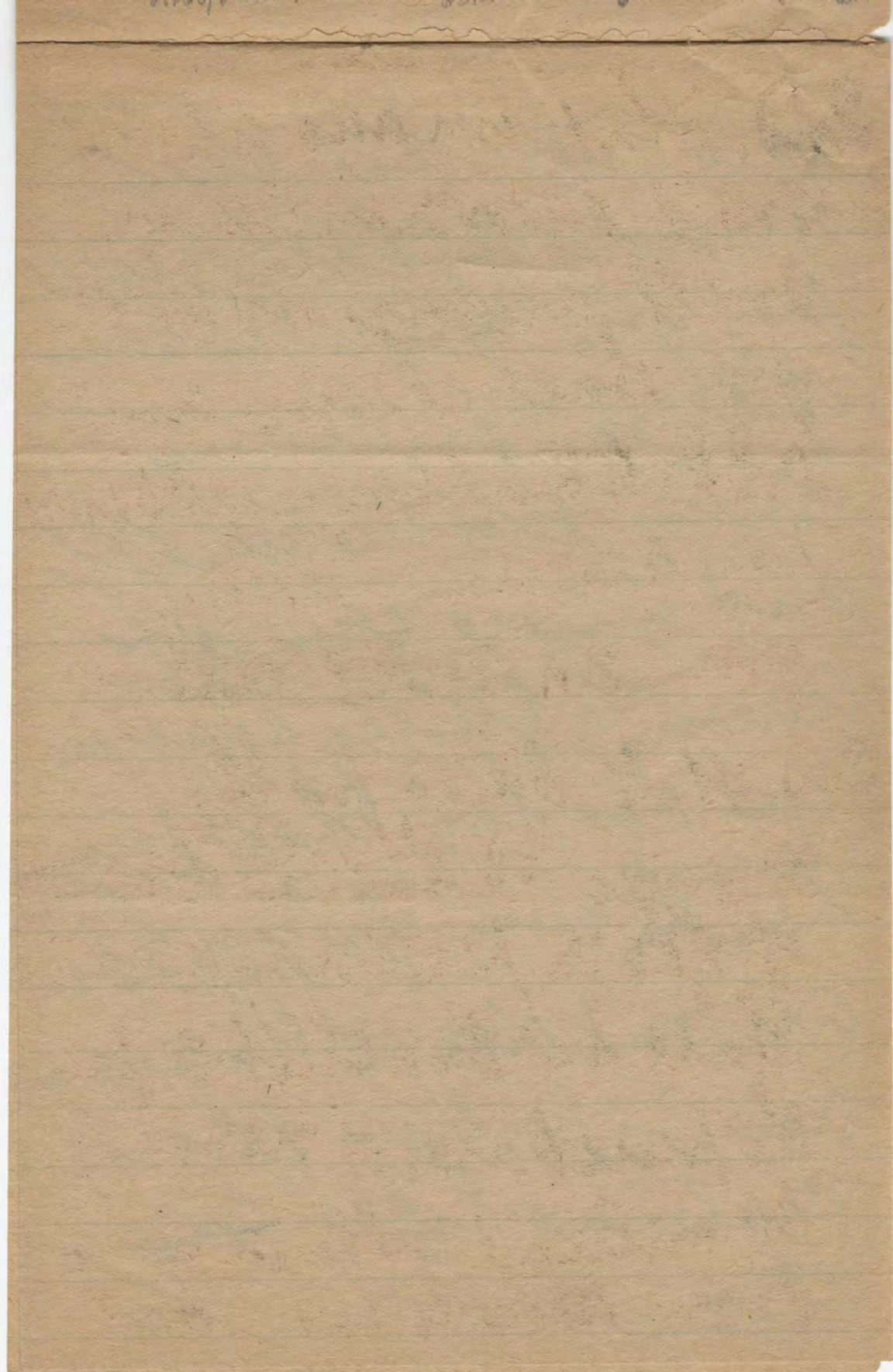






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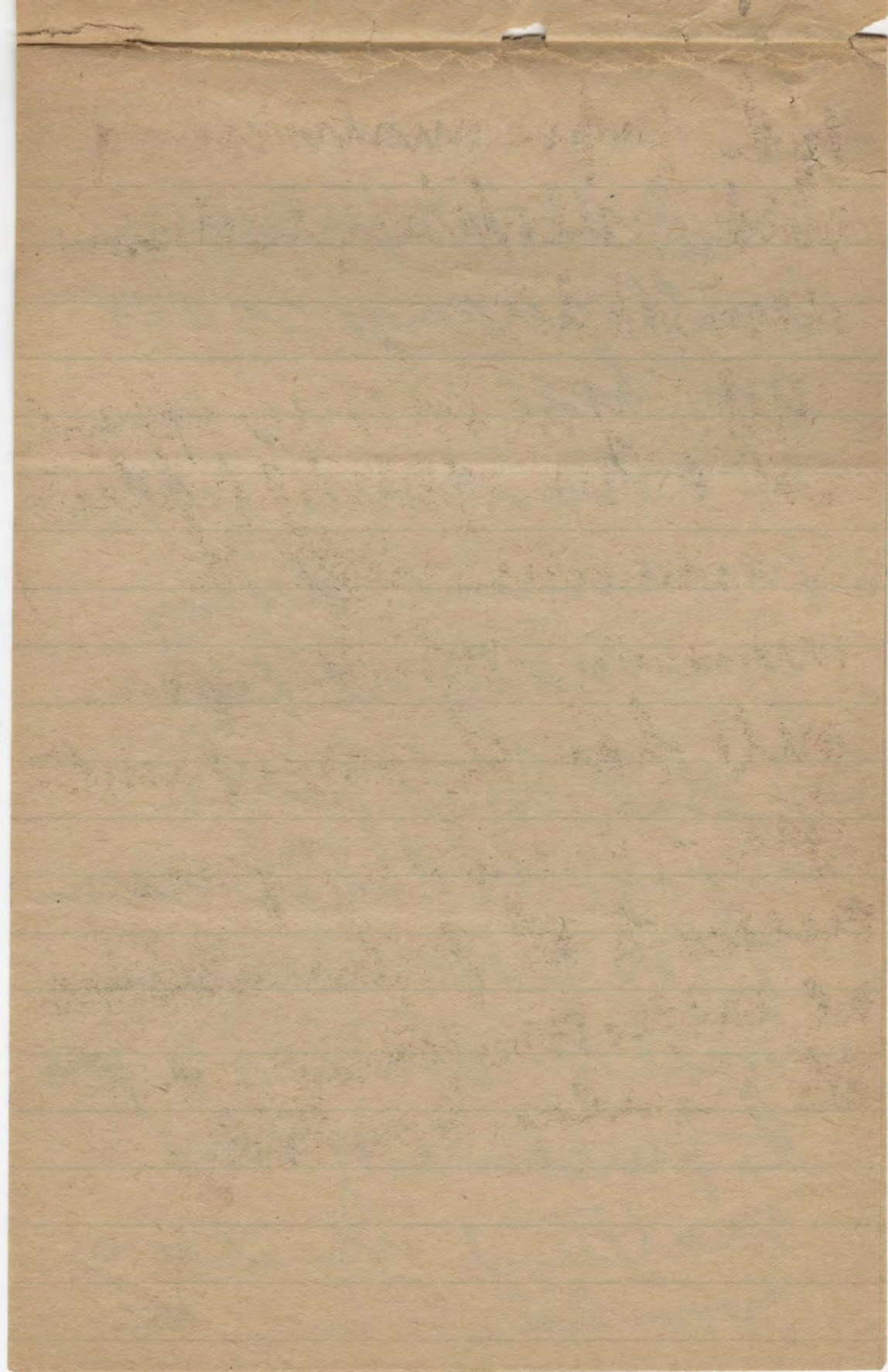










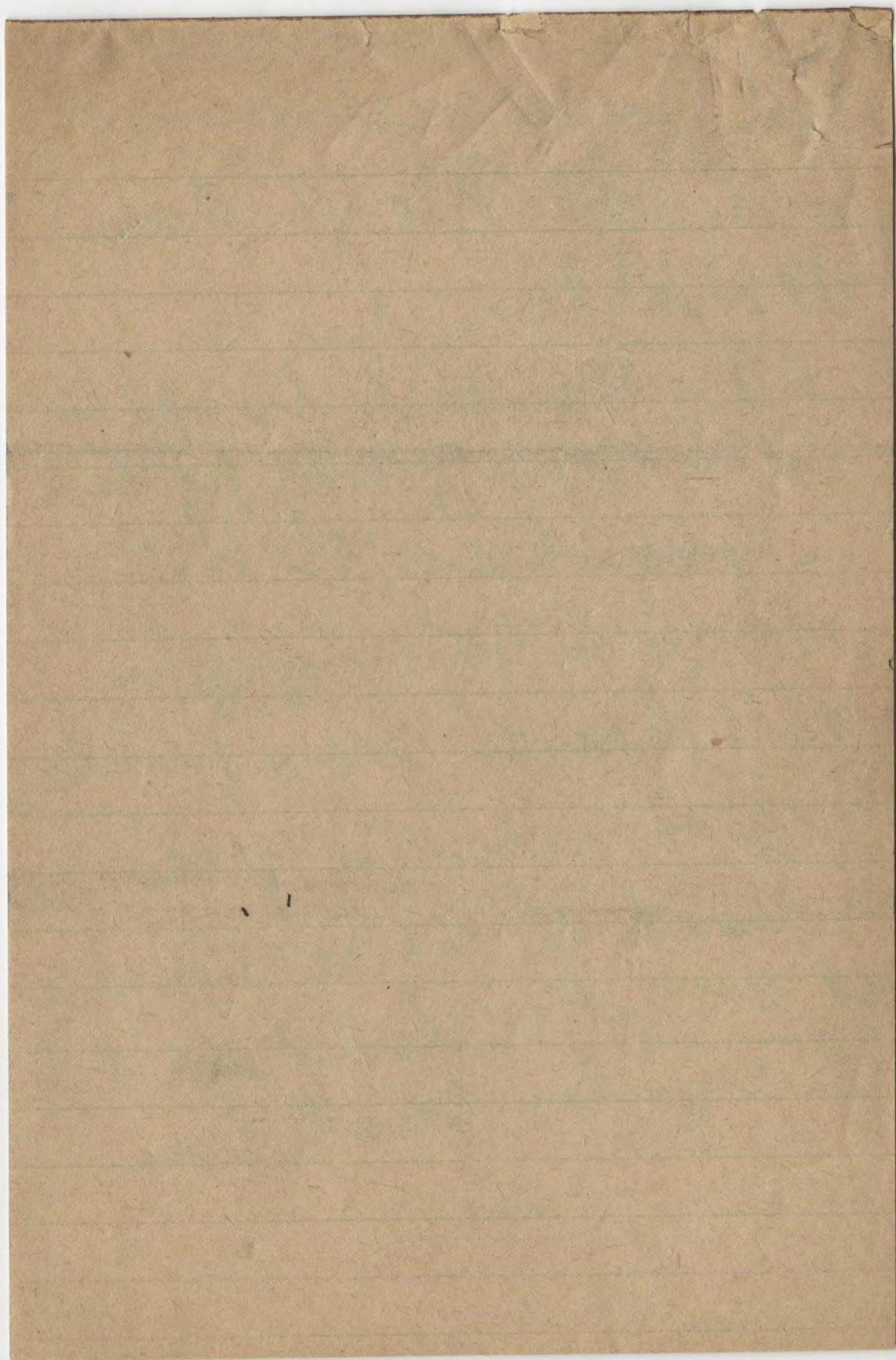




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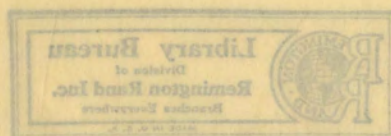
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Pres. W. R. Harper

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Respectfully

O. C. Case asst. in Paleontology.







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*What does Mr. Williston say?*  
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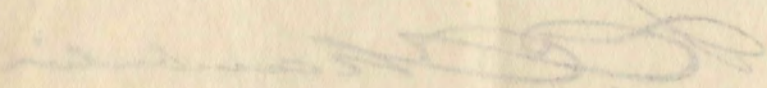
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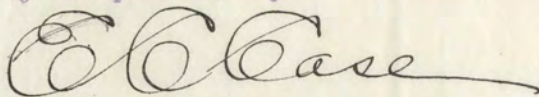


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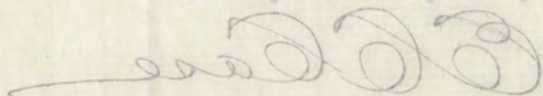
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Apr. 26 '99  
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Dear President Harper,

*Robert Taylor*  
I am not quite clear as to what the plan is with reference to Paleontology. This Dept. came here as a part of Biology, and after a time we listened to a claim or proposition to divide the Dept. giving half to Geology and half to Zoology. We met and discussed the whole subject for three days, and a decision was reached, which left Paleontology undisturbed with the Biological department. I hoped the matter was settled forever, but in this I was mistaken. The effort to break up the Dept. taking half under the wing of Geology has continued persistent.







While I have no time

**The University of Chicago.**

to devote to squabbles with Geology, I feel very strongly that to avoid throwing the organization of Paleontology into the hands of Geologists is neither fair to us, nor for the best interest of Paleontology.

I want merely to know where I stand, and what you propose to do with Paleontology. My interest in that Dept. has not abated, but I have seen the whole business turned over to Geology, if I read correctly the facts known to me and the part taken by Geology in arranging for Mr. Case. I have seen several letters, beginning last summer, written to Mr. Case, which have given me some idea of how the matter was developing.

I hope you will see







that the circumstances  
justify my interest in  
this matter. <sup>The University of Chicago.</sup> I have not  
undertaken to quarrel with  
any one in Geology over  
the decision you rendered  
at the time of our controversy  
several years ago. I have  
taken it as final, and I think  
that is the way it should have  
been taken by all.

Sincerely Yours

C. O. Whitman







May 22 Whitman  
The University of Chicago

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My dear President  
Harper, I fully  
expected to find time  
to see you, at least  
long enough to say  
good-bye; but I found  
at last moment that  
I had to sit up until  
mid-night to get my  
birds together to leave  
this morning. I assure  
you I regret not having  
a talk with you about  
the Paleontology. I have  
a real and earnest  
interest in this matter,  
but I have felt that  
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of my hands altogether  
and turned it over  
to Geology. I think  
this, if true, would  
be a very serious  
mistake, and is it  
what is due us.

I hear that Mr.  
Salisbury claims  
that the question  
of a department is  
already settled against  
us, and that.

Invertebrate Paleontology  
is already established in  
Geological Dept.

He seems further  
to think that he is  
to settle the vertebrate



Palaeontology. I don't  
really know how  
much authority you  
give him in such  
matters, but I beg  
you not to sacrifice  
us all to our  
old friends, the  
Geologists. We  
believe in attending  
to our own business,  
and we do not believe  
in being absorbed or  
dictated to by another  
dept. Will you  
not put this matter  
on a basis where  
we can have no further  
intrusion. I think you  
decided this matter



on evidence, and  
if need be, I want  
the privilege of  
presenting the question  
over again!

With best wishes  
and hope to see  
you at Ward's  
Hall, I remain

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My dear Professor Williston:-

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Your letter received. I have asked the Recorder to send me copies of the Murray Reports and other matter relating to the scientific departments. After I have studied these a few days, and have become better acquainted with the methods of the Murray-- so different from our own-- I will send to Professors Chamberlin and Whitman the census I desire to give for their suggestions, to be then incorporated in the announcements.

I am looking forward with many hopes and expectations to the work at Chicago. It will be a relief to me to be freed from so much that has come heavily upon me in the past few years. But the past work has been a very trying one to me. It has been hard to make the people here comprehend that the decision is already made-- and harder still to part with my collection and my friends. I see, however, such great possibilities and probabilities in the new work, and so many new friends, that I anticipate a happy life, and I hope a useful one.

Very truly  
Yours

J. W. Miller



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January 11. 1872

From President Jackson  
Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the  
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S. W. WILLISTON, M. D.,  
DEAN.

Lawrence,

Aug. 27. 02.

(2)

Dear President Harper: I shall probably be in  
Chicago next Tuesday. Mrs. Melick returned from the  
East last week and we are in the throes of packing.  
I shall leave my family here until I have  
secured a house and my goods have arrived. at  
Chicago. I had planned to be there sooner, but  
remained here hoping to sell my house. In this I  
have failed. but have found a good tenant in  
one of the new members of the faculty here.  
I shall feel very glad to be settled.

Sincerely,  
S. W. Melick

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10-27-02  
(2)

Dear Sir: I have pleasure in  
acknowledging the receipt of your  
letter of the 25th inst. in relation  
to the matter of the  
University of Kansas School of  
Medicine. The same has been  
forwarded to the proper  
authorities for their consideration.  
Very respectfully,  
D. W. Wilkinson, M. D.,  
Dean.



CHICAGO  
November 20th, 1903.

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CHICAGO,

Nov. 13 '03

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Dear President Harper:

Will you pardon me for  
expressing my anxiety to learn whether anything  
further has been decided regarding my  
work? I have learned nothing further from  
Mr. Ryerson. The sudden diminution in  
my salary is causing much distress in my  
family and anxiety to myself. We are doing  
what we can with our summer's material,  
so that I am not idle.

The plan for the reorganization of the  
paleontological department which will be presented  
to you by Prof. Chamberlin is one which I sincerely  
hope may be carried through, if nothing else more  
feasible presents itself. In this teaching especially  
I believe that my work may be made much  
more effective thereby. — in making paleontology  
a more elementary and integral part of  
both zoology and geology. It is very pleasant  
to teach graduate students only. — my class now  
numbers seven, — but paleontology is zoology and geology



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May 15 1903

The plan is  
with-



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The plan is in great measure not experimental with myself. I have tried it in part fews successfully. I shall be personally glad to do anything whereby these two departments in our university may be strengthened - rather than to try to build up a department for effects only.

Very truly Yrs.

D. W. Mead



RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS



December 17th, 1903.

My dear Mr. Williston:-

Mr. Ryerson has called me up to tell me that Mr. Higinbotham is anxious to have a talk with you. Mr. Ryerson had informed me beforehand that he feels that you have not attacked Mr. Higinbotham vigorously enough. Will you not kindly have a talk with him within the next two or three days. Call him up on the telephone and he will give you an interview.

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June 3, 1904.

Professor S. W. Williston:

My dear Mr. Williston:

Yours of May 30 with the letter of Martin has been received. I should be glad some time to talk the matter over with you. I am returning the letter and the photograph. It is certainly a most interesting case. I was not discouraged by the interview last week, and I hope you were not.

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CHICAGO,

May 30 04.

Dear President Harper:

I enclose you a letter recently received, with at least a hope that it will interest you, and that it may lead to something for the benefit of paleontology in this university. Mr. Martin, the writer, was my assistant for five years at the University of Kansas. I have no hesitation, in saying that he is one of the best, most reliable, and most expert of living collectors and preparators of vertebrate fossils.

Discouraged at the outlook for paleontology at the University of Kansas after my withdrawal from that institution, he obtained

leave of absence to make an expedition to South America, where I had long hoped to send him. The expedition was widely advertised at the time as from and by the University of Kansas, but it was made wholly upon Mr. Martin's resources. I have no misgivings as to the results of his expedition. He of his

own volition promised me that I should have the first opportunity to acquire the results of his expedition in their entirety, and at a reasonable cost-- He desires only to be reimbursed for the

cost of his trip and receive a reasonable wage for his services. The opportunity is an excellent one-- one that can not be expected to occur again, unless an expedition is sent to Patagonia for that express purpose. The fossils which he has collected are of the deepest scientific interest, and are wholly unlike anything



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obtainable from our own country. South America, you may perhaps know, has a distinctive paleontological fauna, with numerous orders and groups of animals unknown elsewhere in the world.

This material, could we acquire it, would furnish, not only excellent, most excellent material for research, but many forms also of

the deepest interest to every student of zoology.

Not only am I hoping that this collection, which upon the whole may cost four or five thousand dollars-- that is I mean the results of his entire expedition for the next year, as well as what he has already obtained, which may be worth about a thousand dollars--- may be obtained for our university, but that I may be able to secure Mr. Martin as my assistant when he returns to the United States. He would be satisfied with a salary of one thousand dollars for the present, and will be contented indefinitely with the sum paid to the chief preparator at the American Museum-- fifteen hundred dollars.

From the results of the recent conference I am well satisfied that, if Chicago is ever to become a center for paleontology in its wide aspects, it must be due to the efforts of the University of Chicago. I do not believe that the Field Columbian will ever desire to rival our collections; they cannot, indeed, and it would be unfortunate if paleontology should be divided between two institutions here at Chicago. The authorities of the Columbian museum do not seem to appreciate the fact, for fact it is, that paleontology is becoming the chief interest in nearly all the great museums of the world-- its absence in the Columbian museum will one day be greatly regretted.

Last year I heard through a friend, the late Professor Knight of the Univ. of Wyoming, of a new field for vertebrate fossils, in a new unexplored region 150 miles north of the Union Pacific rail road in Wyoming. I shall be in it with my party in about two weeks, and we are confident of securing results of most deep importance scientifically. But such opportunities are rapidly becoming few-- they will all be gone in ten years,, for already are there few unexplored regions. I am earnestly anxious that such opportunities as remain may be taken full advantage of.

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Very truly yours,

W. D. Hoar



S. W. WILLISTON

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CHICAGO,

Oct. 26 04.

Dear President Harper:

There seems to be no demand for my lectures. I spent about six weeks making preparation for them, partly at my own expense, but there have been no requests for my course or courses yet, I believe. I postponed my classes this quarter, much to my regret, as they would have been much larger than last year.

I am getting discouraged and despondent. My family is at the old home in New Haven, and must remain there until conditions change. I cannot place the burden upon Mrs. Williston that she had last year. I have, as it is, contracted a debt of about eight hundred dollars since coming to Chicago, and shall have to mortgage what little property I own, I suppose. I have been engaged the past few weeks in trying to prepare some of the remarkable new discoveries of the past summer for publication, but the work, without assistance, is very slow.

Kindly tell me whether you see any immediate outlook for the better.

Very truly yours,

*S. W. Williston*

*Mr Salistors take  
Please take  
this up with  
me M.H.*



The University of Chicago  
CHICAGO, ILL.

*Handwritten note:*  
Received by Mr. J. S. Hatcher  
Oct. 25, 1904

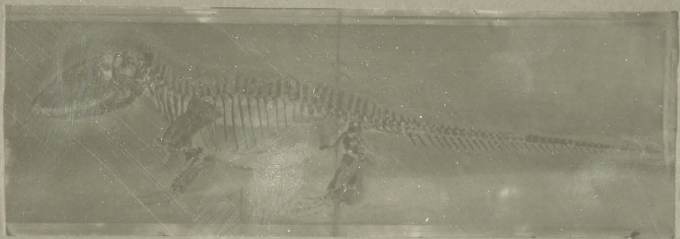
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was done, is very slow.  
I really tell you that my financial  
outlook for the future is  
Very truly yours,

*Wm. H. Dall*









1904  
Tyrannosaurus Rex  
Length 12 feet  
Height 4 feet  
Weight 5,000 lbs.  
Found in the  
Cretaceous period  
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Ophiocodon mirus.

The latest addition to Walter's!

Length 5 feet

New Mexico - Carboniferous

A. W. Milner

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Paleontology



March 8th, 1907.

My dear Dr. Williston:-

*Prof's*

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May 13. 18.

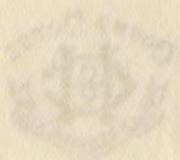
*William*

Dear President Judson: I feel that I am not violating the confidence requested in the enclosed letter, in sending it to you, since without your approval, I would not submit myself, from my duties at Chicago for the few days necessary. I can arrange with Prof. Miller or one of my Nassau colleagues to meet my classes on the 14 & 15, and Mr. Nichol can keep their students quite profitably employed until the 14, when I shall be there.

I will confess that it will be a disappointment if I can not be present to receive the degree. Perhaps I shall be the first person in whose Yale has conferred three different doctor degrees!

I received your second letter a few days ago at Paris, and I have been troubled ever since. The matter, it seems to me would have justified my fourteen





GOSMO HOTEL,  
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**COSMO HOTEL,**  
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But engagements, and the important gray  
faced, who joined me at Leipzig, made me  
hurry in to Brussels. I am very sorry  
indeed, and regret that I had not insisted  
in doing what I wanted to do.

I have had the pleasantest vacation  
of my whole life, and am feeling better  
than ever!

Sincerely Yours

S. W. Melville

297 Crown St.  
New Haven  
Conn

at after June 1.





Gresham Hotel,  
Southampton Row,  
London, W.C.

TELEGRAMS TO THE GENERAL  
MANAGER  
"GRESHAM HOTEL"  
LONDON

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours faithfully,  
The General Manager

Yours faithfully,  
The General Manager  
Gresham Hotel  
Southampton Row  
London, W.C.

Yours faithfully,  
The General Manager



Chicago, May 28, 1913

My dear Mr. Williston:-

Your favor of the 13th inst.  
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With all best wishes, I am,

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ROSENWALD HALL, THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO , March 11, 1919.

President H. P. Judson,  
The University of Chicago.

My dear President Judson:

Some of the vertebrate paleontologists outside the University have raised the question of a memorial volume to Professor Williston. It is represented that some of his students and other vertebrate paleontologists as well, would be glad to make contributions to such a volume. The difficulty is, of course, the expense.

It would be very gratifying to the Department here to have such a volume issued. There is, of course, no way of estimating its cost until the contributions are in. Have you any suggestions as to the ways of financing such an undertaking? I am afraid that few of his pupils are in a position to do much financially. The suggestion from outside was that the founders of Walker Museum be asked to finance the volume, but, if I understand the situation, there are none of Mr. Walker's descendants who would be interested. I am not aware that Mr. Williston had special friends among people of large means, and the family is not in a position to help.

Very truly yours,

*R.D. Salisbury*



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