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710	Sept 20 1888	Please duplicate - lost - June 1885 -	X
693	" 13 "	Quilt of paid - Remin -	yes -
682	" 13 "	Brother & Shalton -	-
689	" 11 "	Elkh. Cont buildg - Under \$2500 -	X
658	Aug 25 "	askg \$2500 Elkh. of -	check sent -
640	" 16 "	Disappoint delay, Elkh. -	answer -
616	" 3 "	about vouchers - Journal book - need assist - submit more books - require immediate attention -	X
609	Jul 30 -	Under chgr \$322 cont. pub. trans. exp -	ackn.
599	Jul 19 -	about land - Elkh. -	-
553	" 11 -	askg \$908 ⁵⁰ from \$1100 in list -	withd.
581	" 10 "	Alteration in Specif. - want to select land -	answ.
550	May 15 -	Encl. Blk. P. Report - for ten parcels -	ackn.
549	" 15 -	Enclg. Statistic Indian for approval -	approved - return -
534	" 2 -	Tab. 44 public to Elkh. - ask trans. exp -	answ.
531	" 8 -	Ackn. part of \$12000. Elkh. - encl. 2092 plan -	ackn.
408	Feb 29 -	Ackn. 38 ² for Wapinita -	-
572	" 4 -	List of tools & : required?, Wapinita -	check sent
353	Jan 23 -	askg assistance for Wapinita -	answ.
308	Dec. 27 1887 -	Thank for situat. App. & D. Osage -	-
235	Nov 19 "	Prinid's view prop. and buildg. -	X
229	Nov 11 "	M ^H Enclg. D. Osage's testimony -	answ.
219	Nov 1 -	M ^H Sketch & estimate of new buildg. Shesgo -	X
211	Oct 27 -	Remarks on Vancouver's Report -	-
207	Oct 20 "	Applic. for David Osage -	answ.

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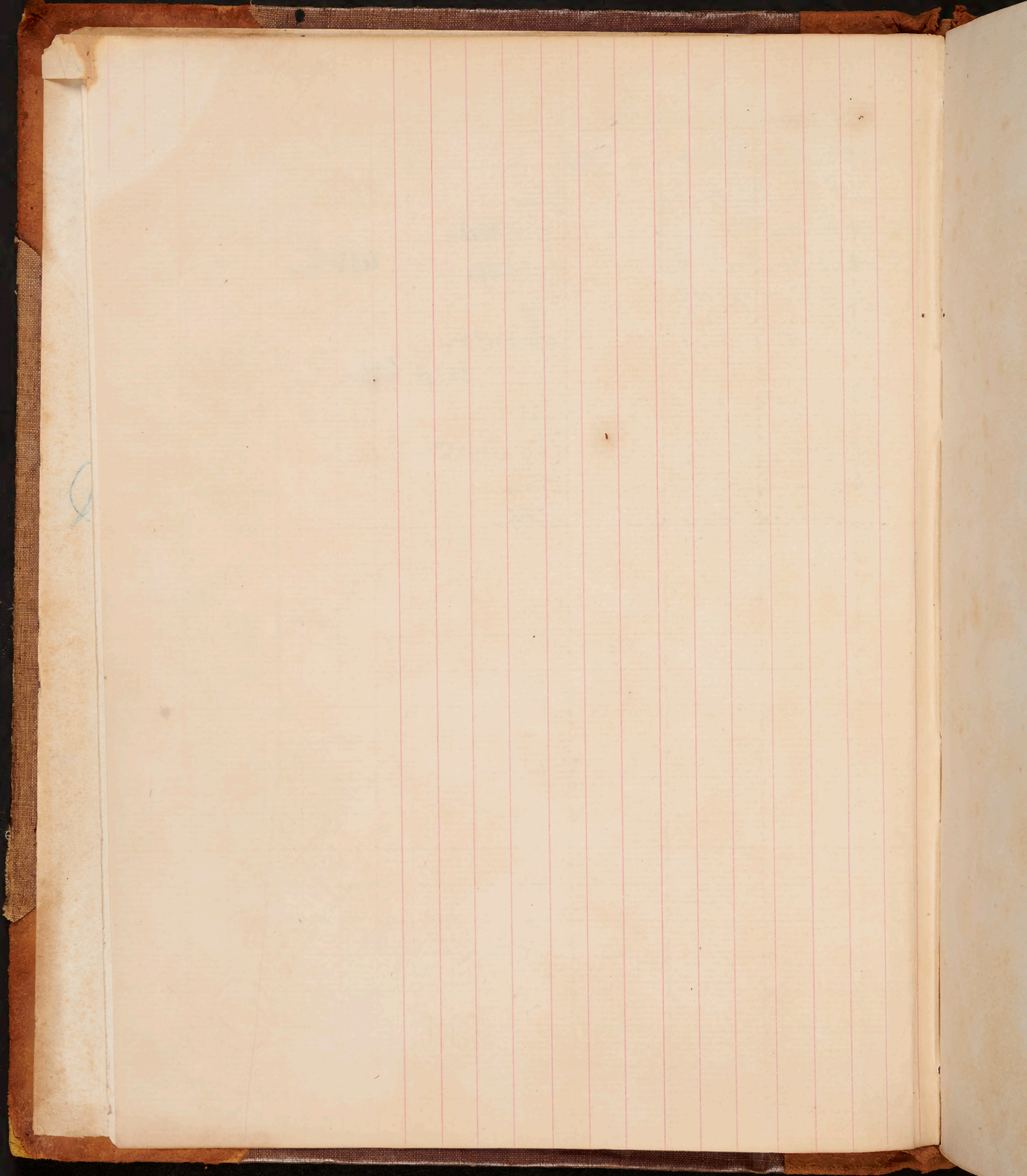
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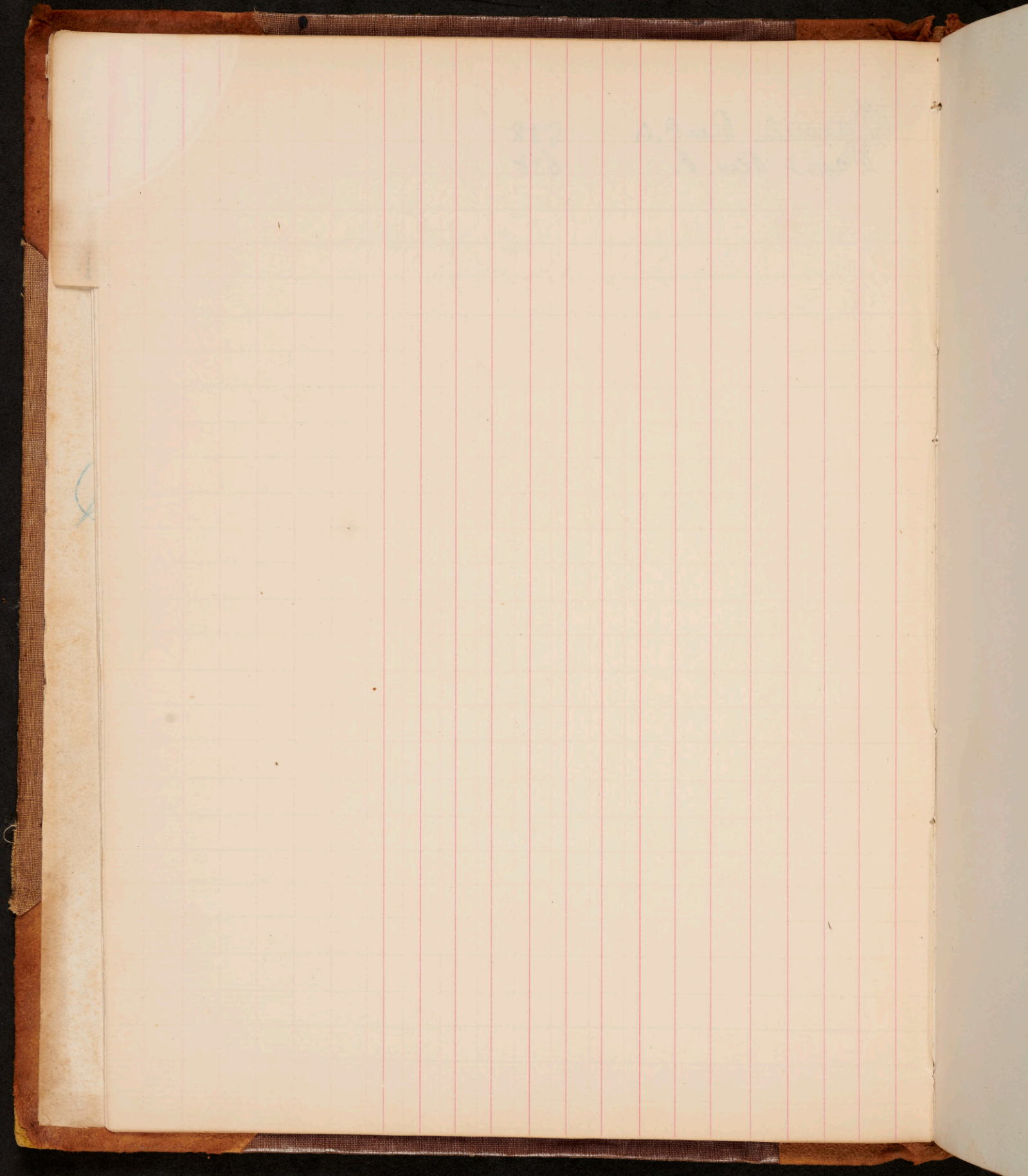
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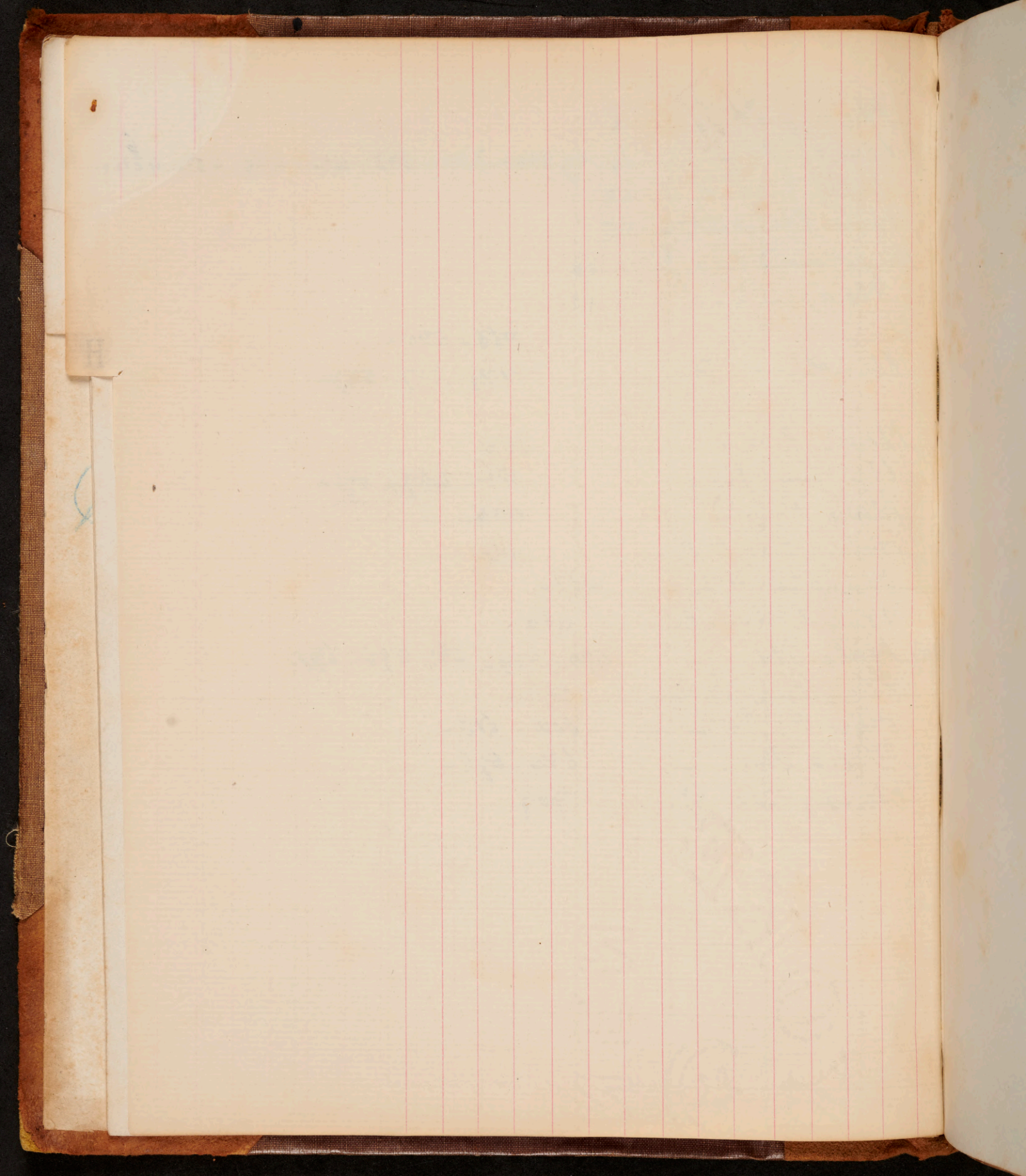
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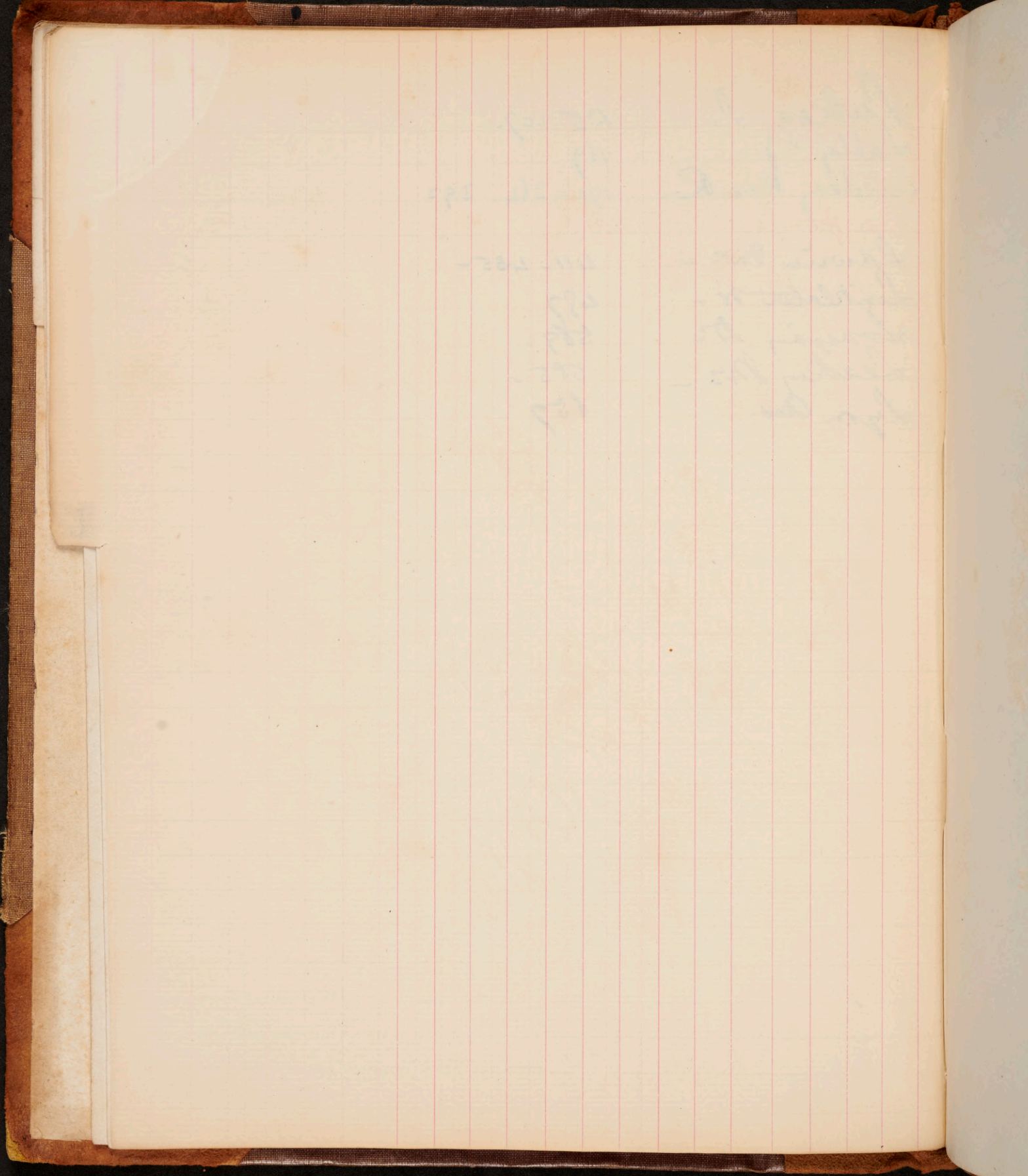
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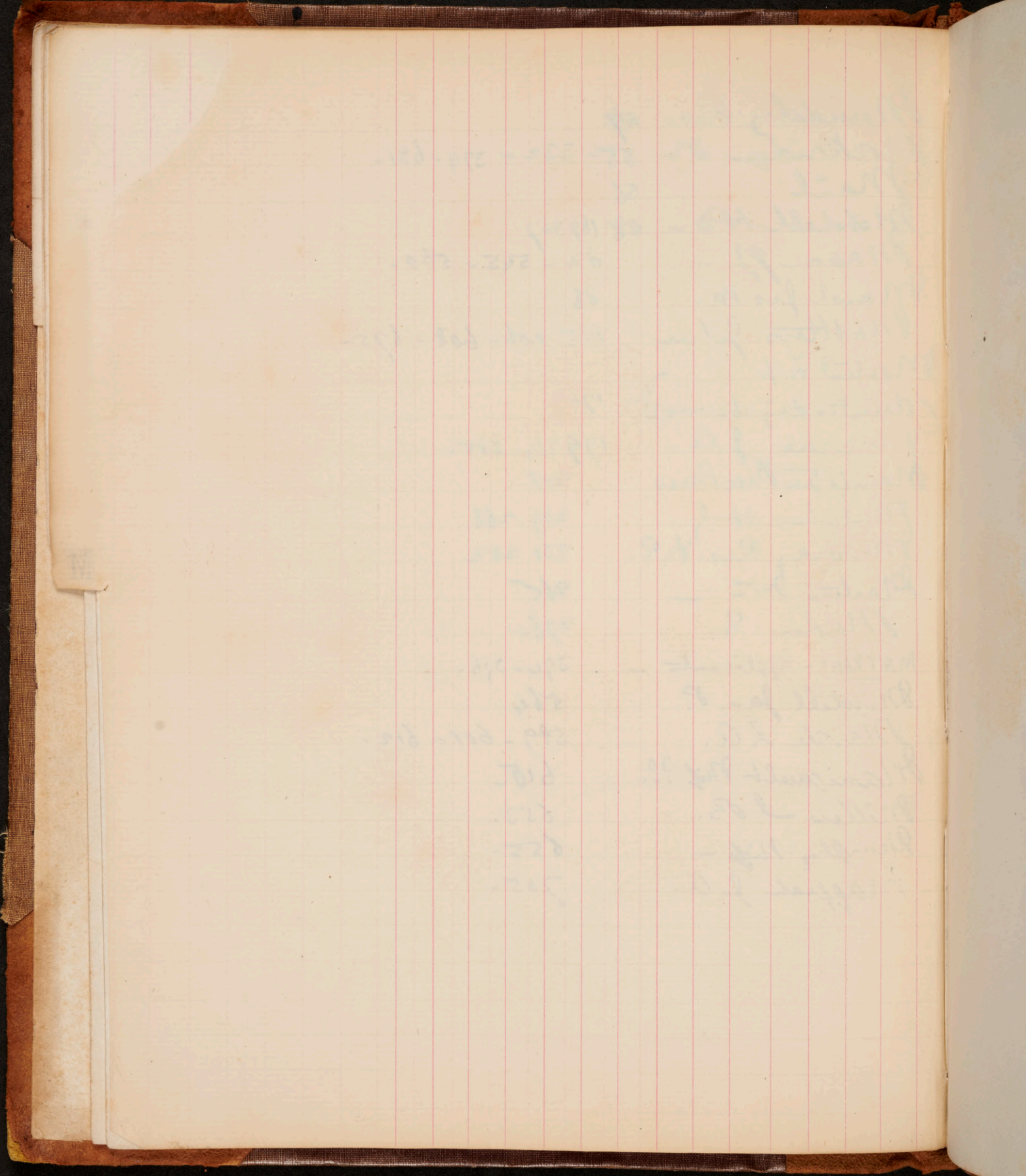


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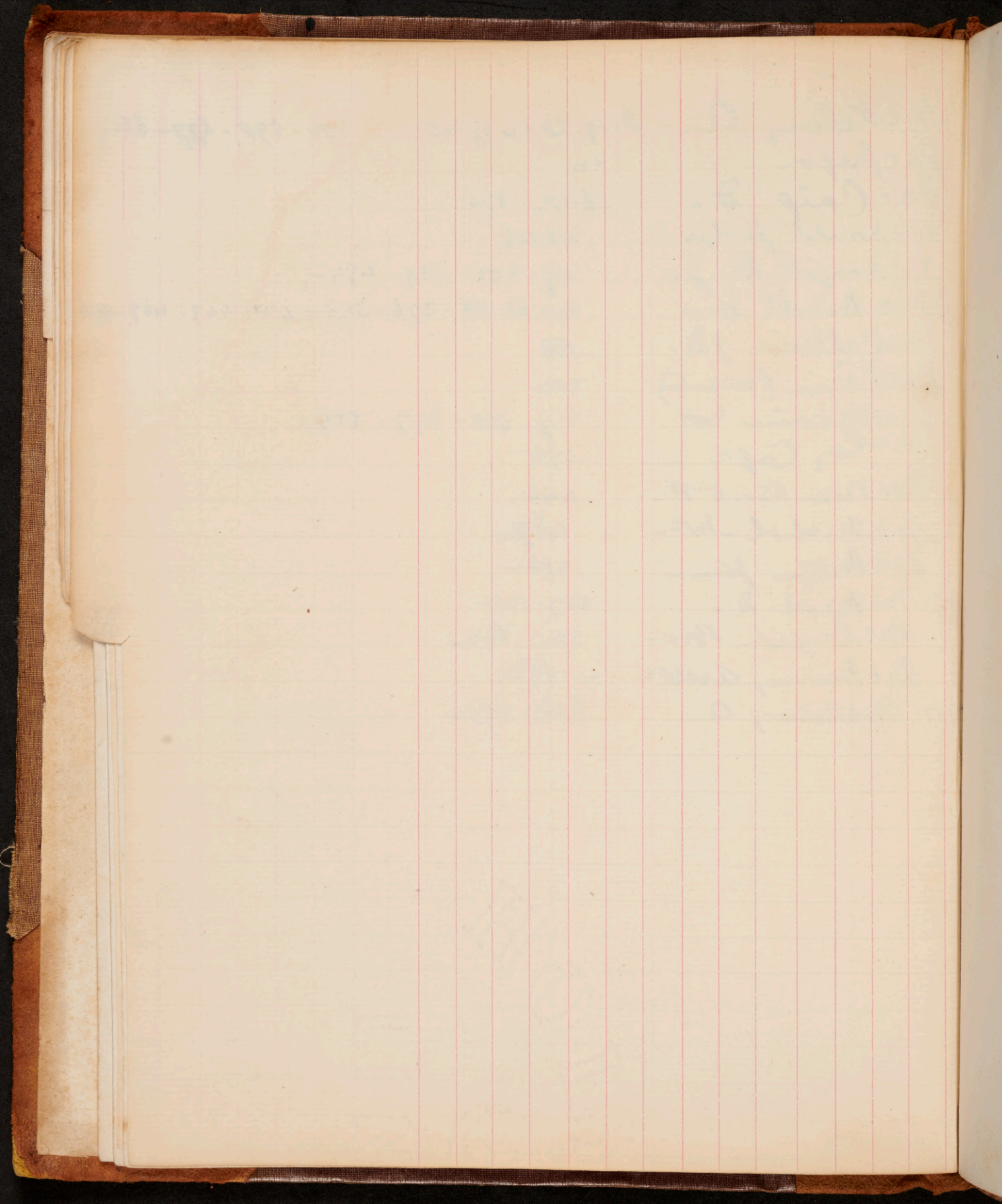


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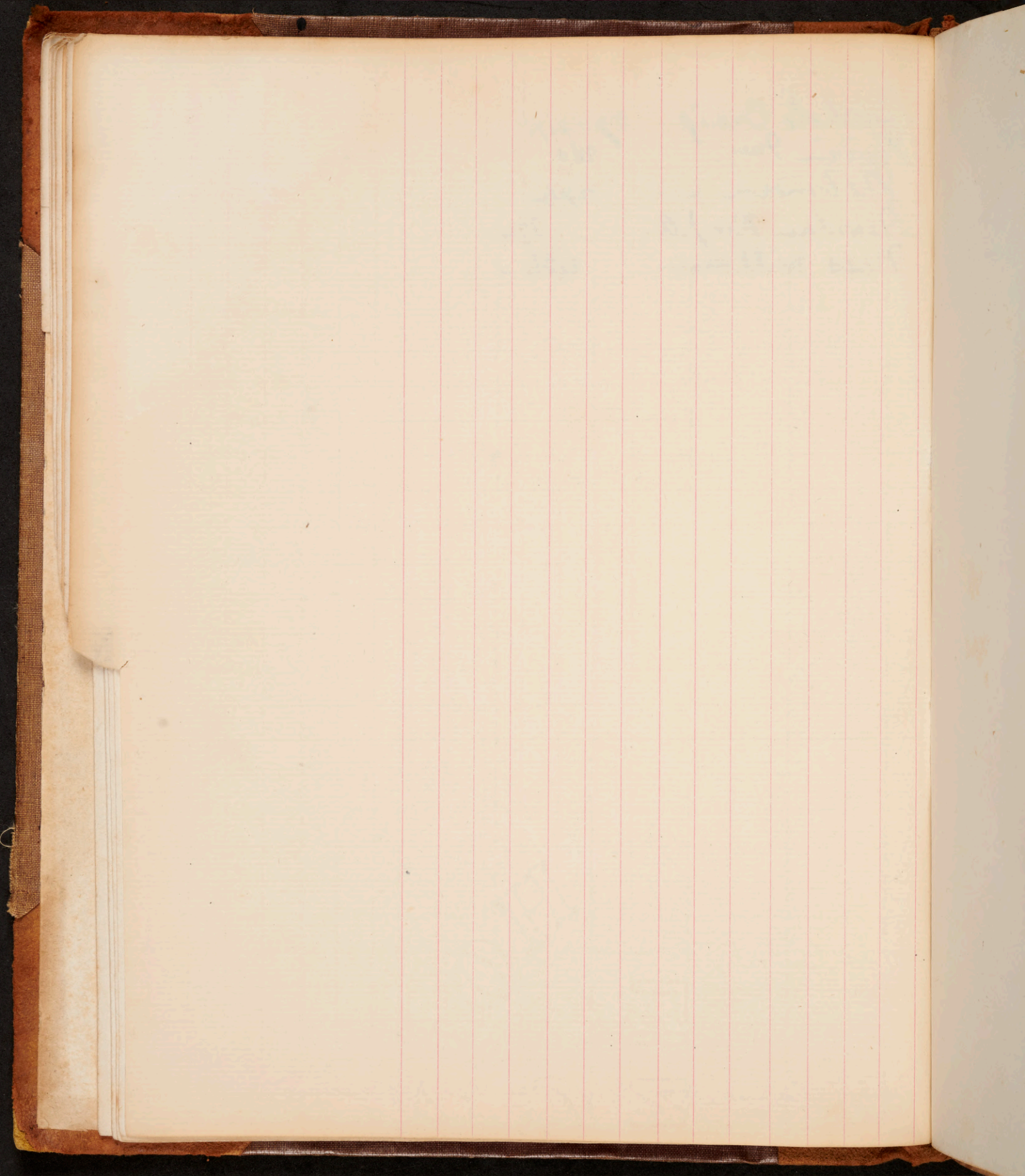
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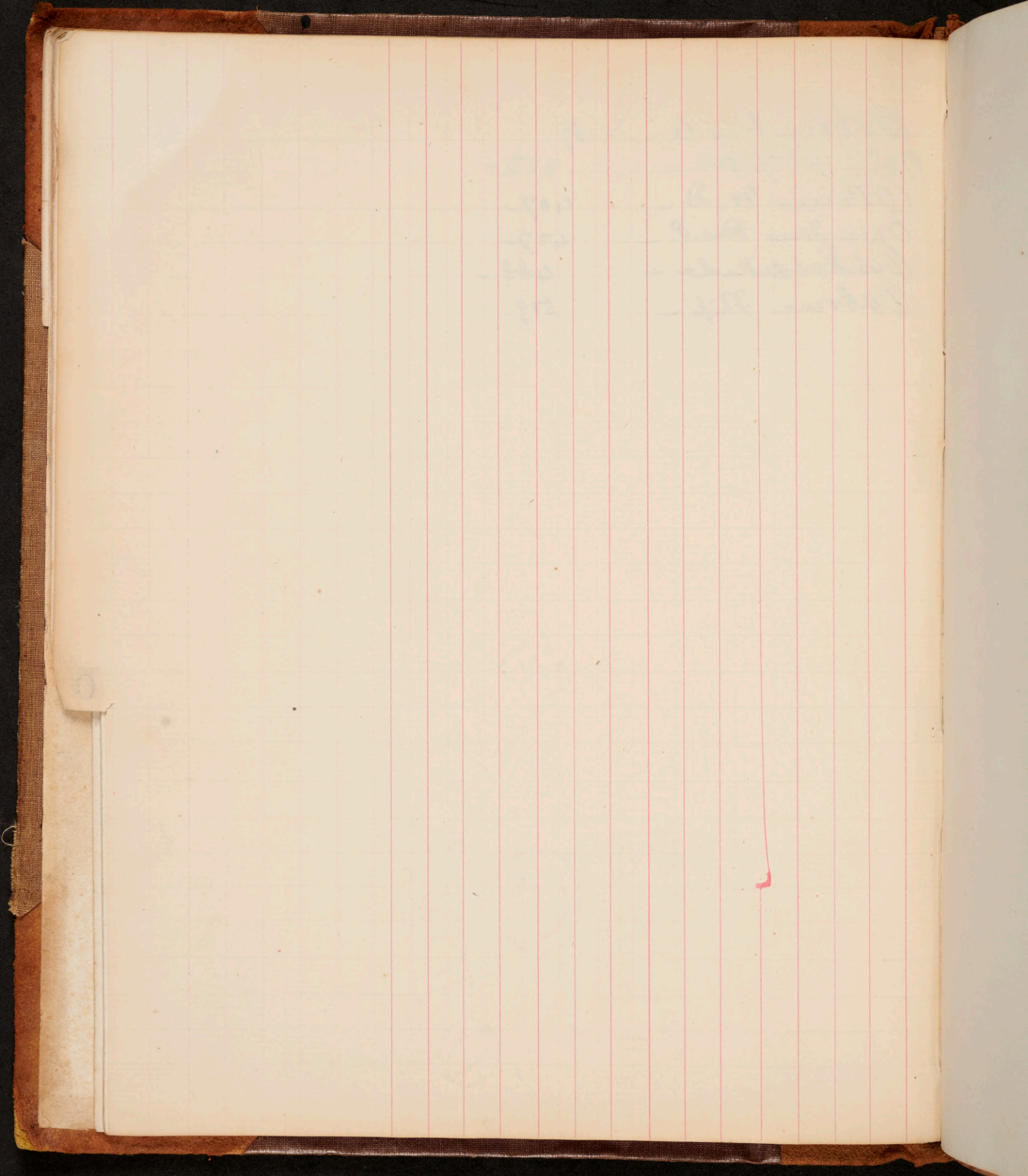


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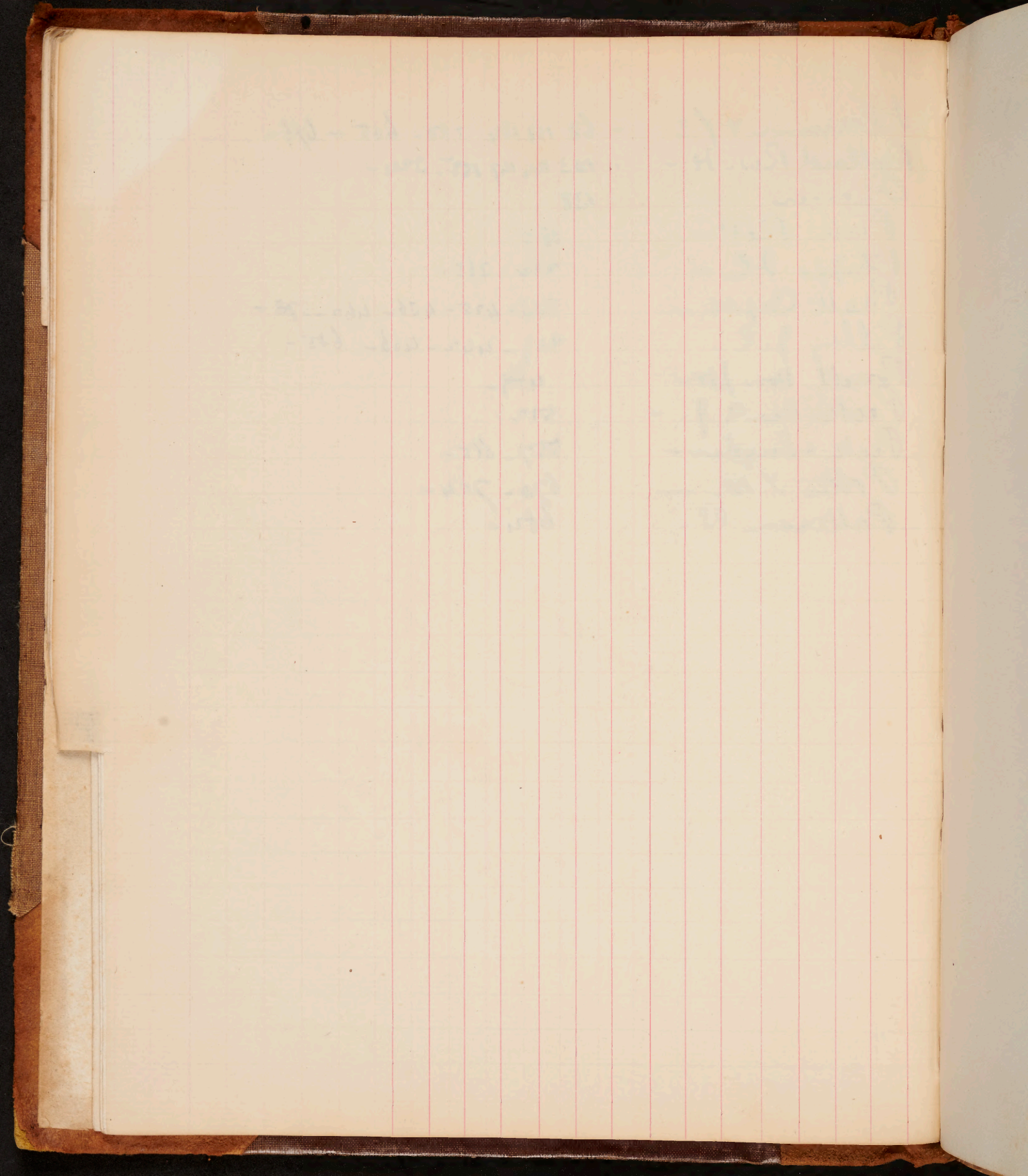
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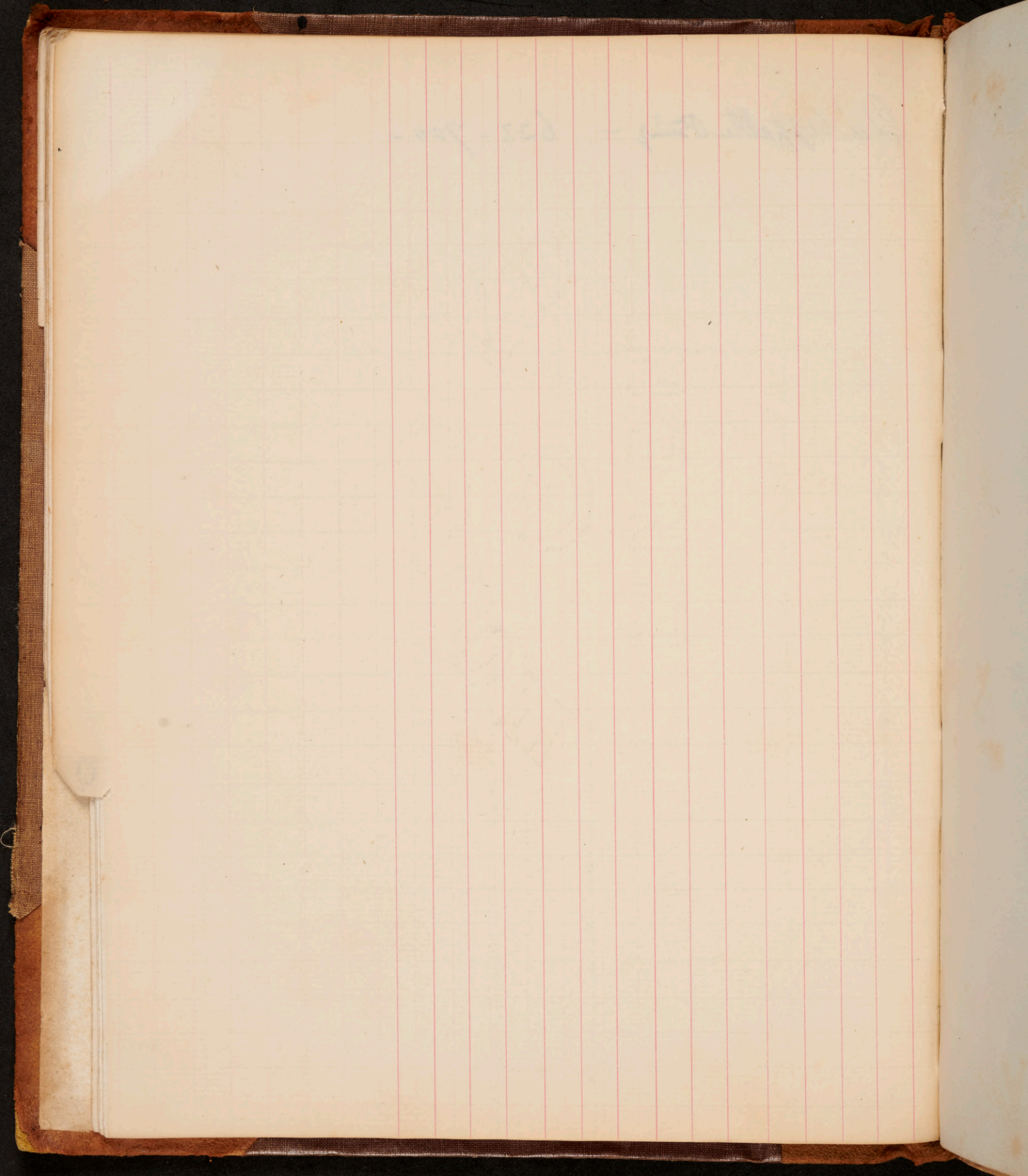
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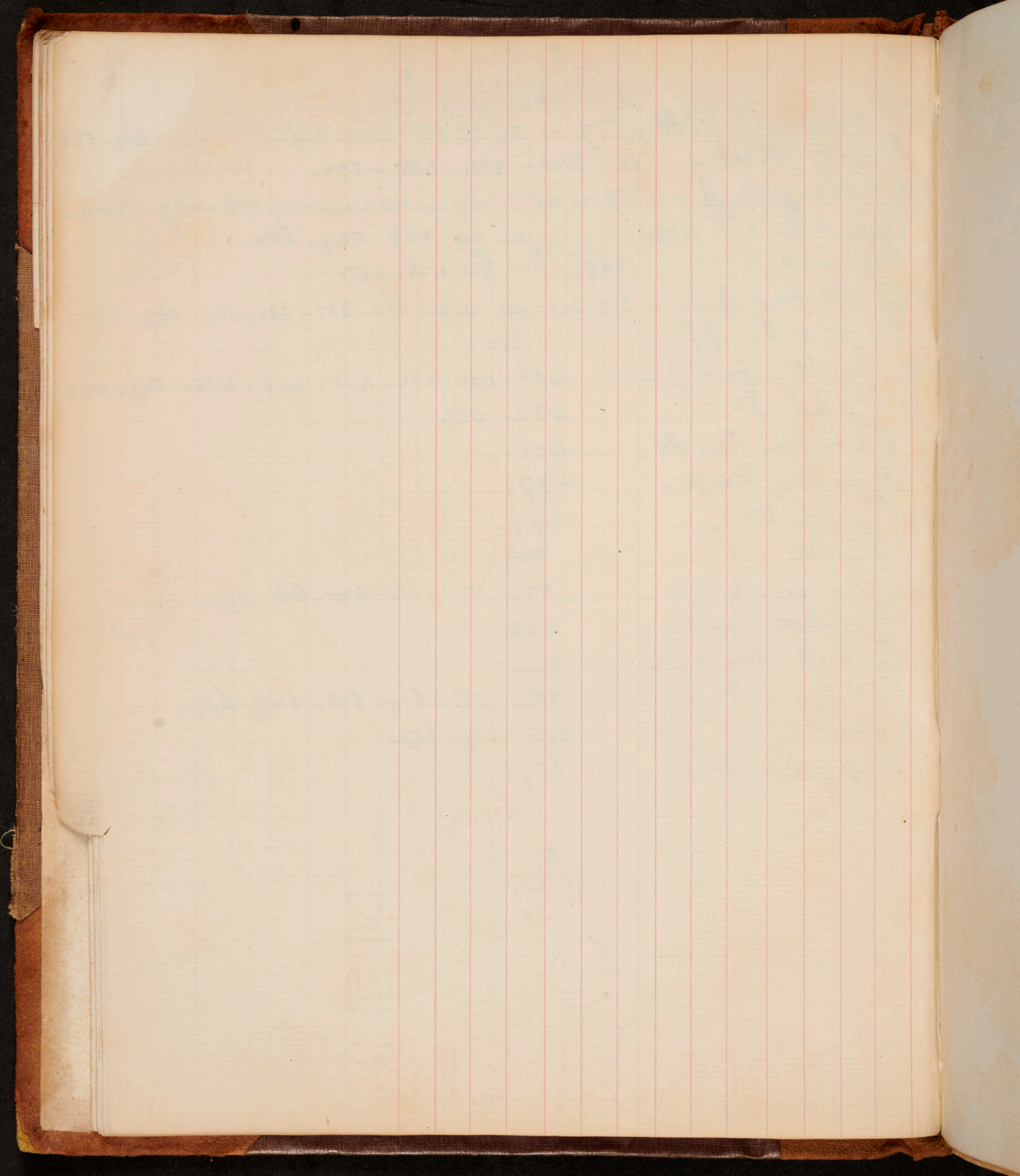
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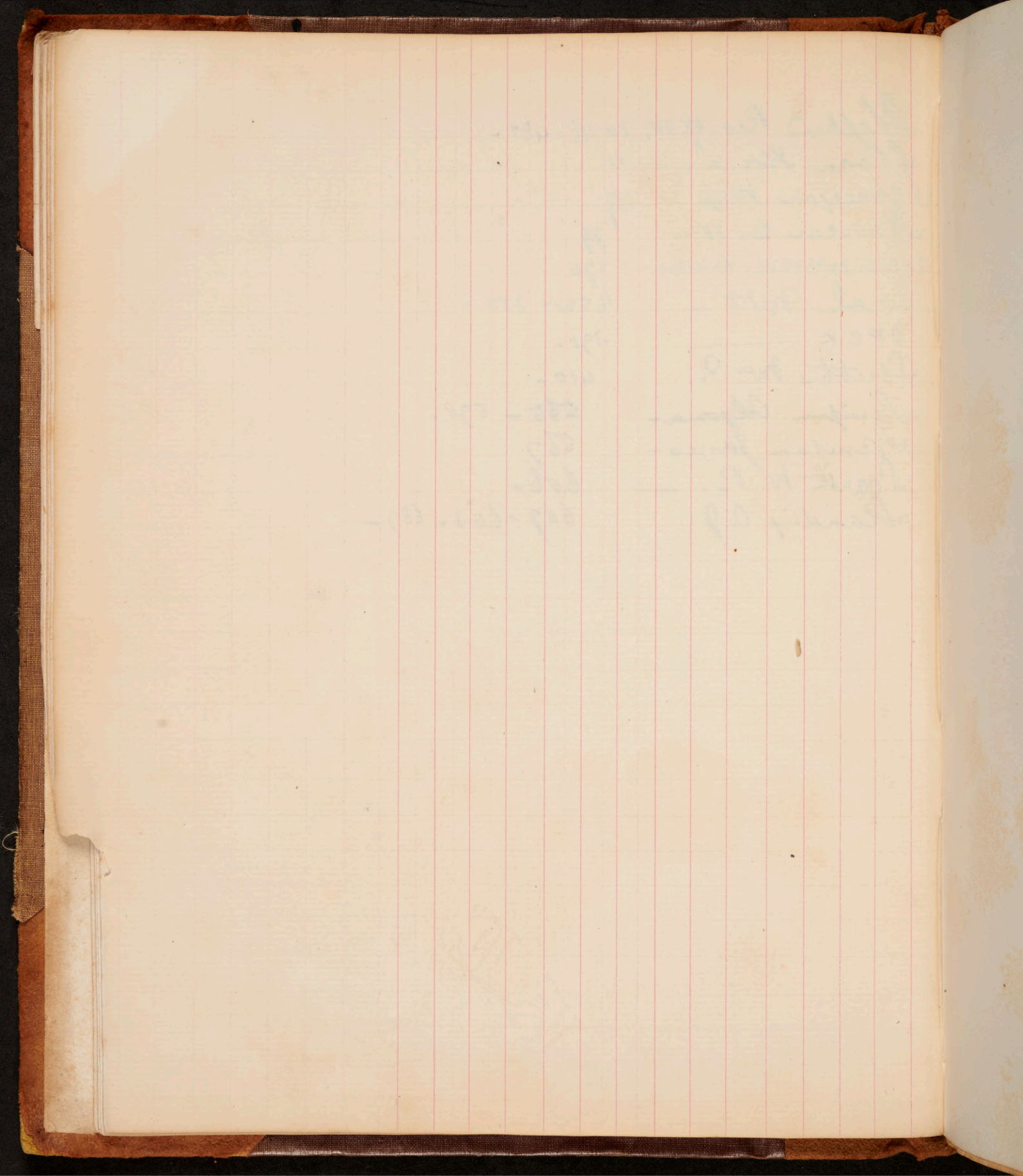
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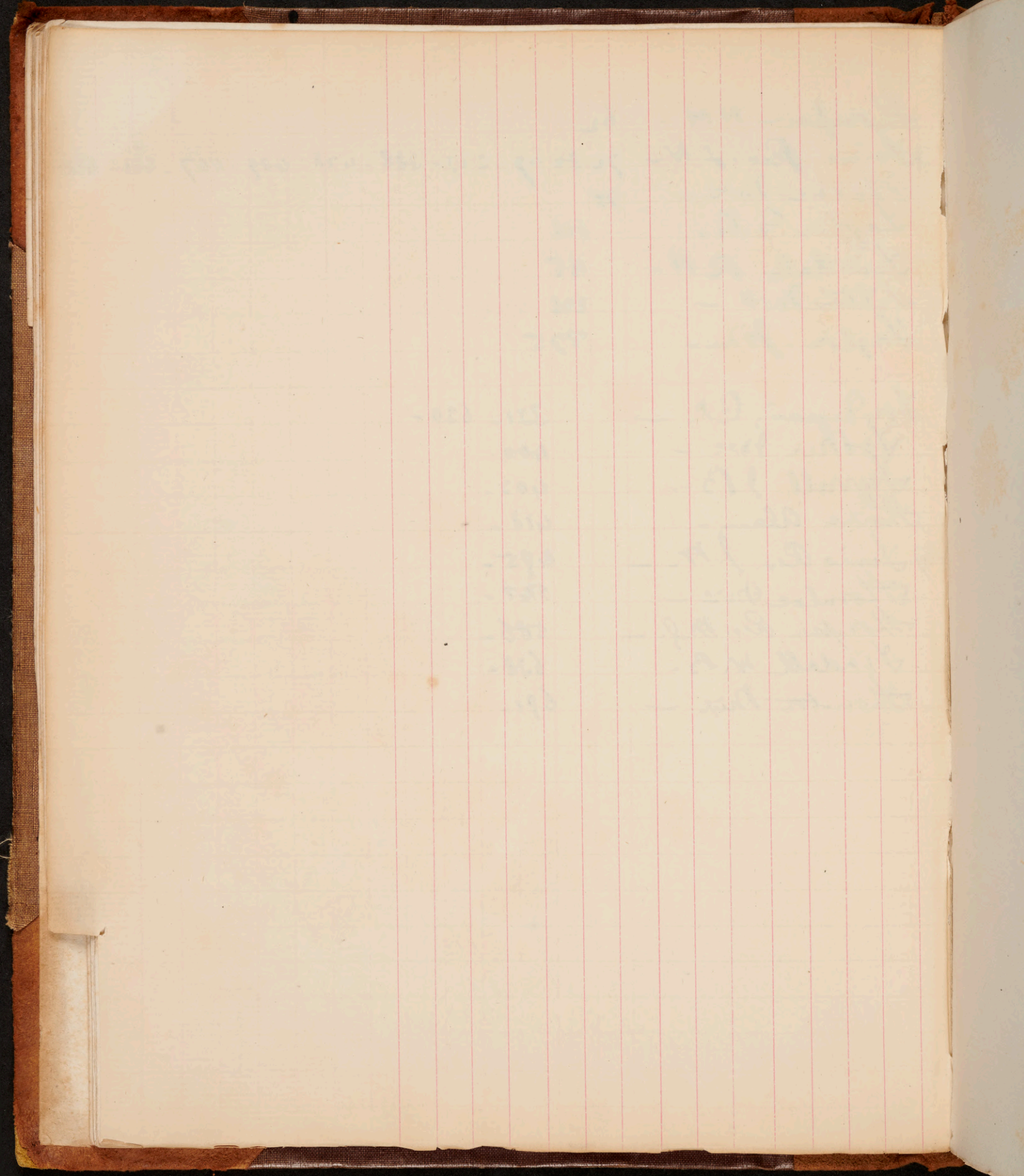
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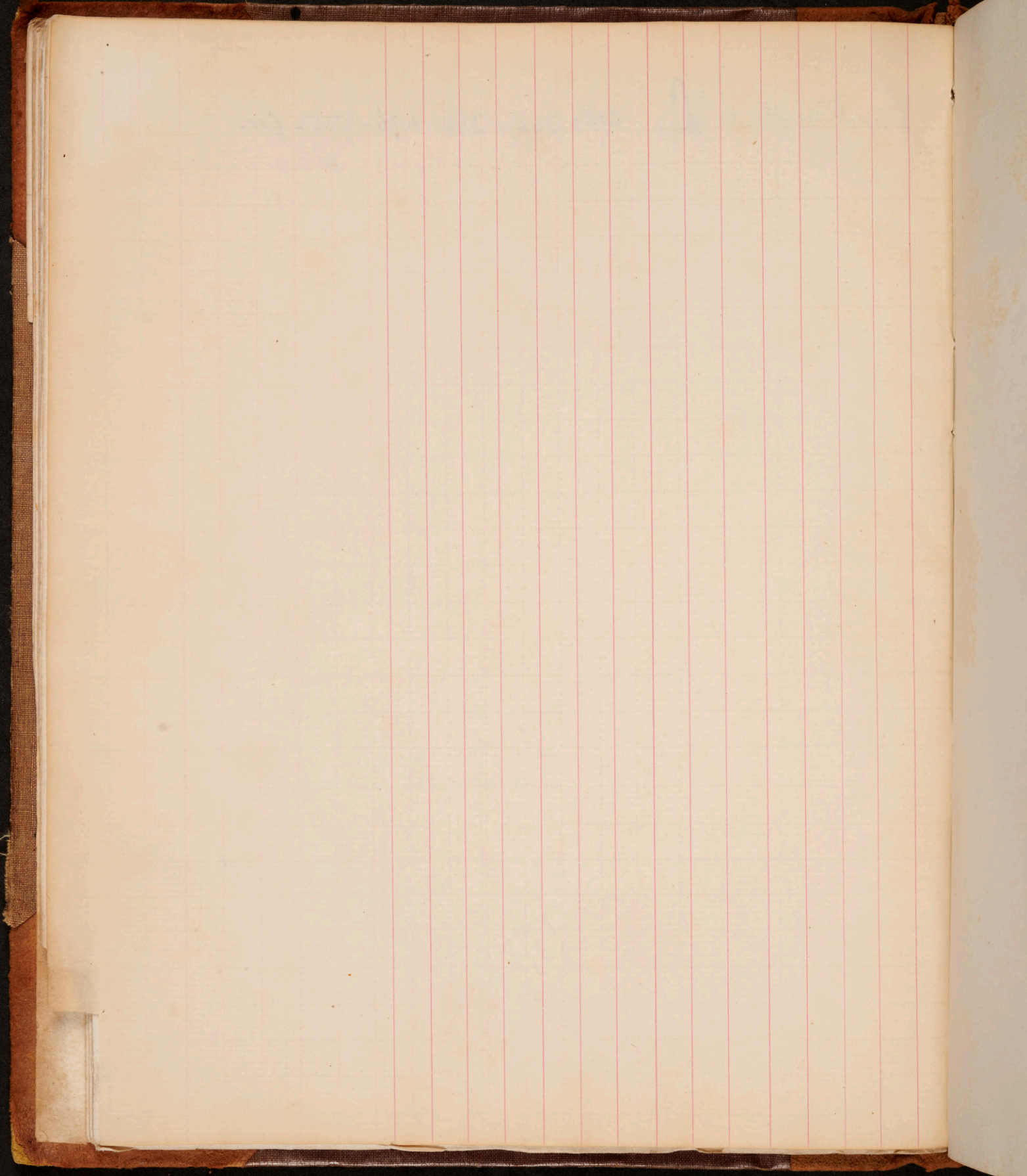
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June 25th 1885

The Superintendent General

of Indian Affairs -

Dear Sir -

I am at present in communication

with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the N. W. T.

W. J. Stewart Esq of Banff - in regard to the establishment

of a Board of Health for Indian Children at that place -

also - with Mr. H. Rowell Esq of Edmonton

Alberta, in regard to the establishment of an Institute

at Edmonton.

In order to avoid any possible confusion with the matter

of the Board of Health I have written direct to the Department

in regard to the

The Department is aware I sent a communication

dated Nov 25th 1885 - proposing to enlarge the Hospital

to a capacity of 100 beds - also to erect four

small houses - two in the North West & two in Ontario

and in view of the various circumstances have led me to

change my original scheme -

as you are in the United States & seeing the large excellent

buildings existing in that country, & being from the

... have the opinion expressed that Indian
 institutions should be as far as possible removed from
 the reserves — I so far modified my original
 plan — as I write again to the Department under date
 Jan^y 27th 1887 — suggesting that about \$25,000 should
 be expended in establishing a large central institution
 at Sault Ste Marie — with accommodati^{on} for 300 pupils.

This letter was followed by a postscript — dated
 March 14th 1887 — in which I said that I still thought
 establishing two Branch, or Receiving, Homes — one
 in the neighborhood of Elkhorn, Man., and one in the
 neighborhood of Sarnia, Ont.

... regard to the extension of our work here at Sault
 Ste Marie, I am still wait^{ing} to hear what action
 the Department is prepared to take in regard to it.

... regard to the proposed Receiving Home in neighborhood
 of Sarnia, the Indian there are anxious for it, the
 people as far as I can learn are in favor of it,
 and it is so far done.

... regard to the Receiving Home in neighborhood of Elkhorn,
 Man., the Indian there are in favor of it, the
 people in the village of Elkhorn
 are in favor of it, and the railway; — I have a

a little over \$2000 in hand for building - I
 have drawn out plans for a small institution with accommoda-
 tion for 15 pupils - Have received a tender to erect it
 for \$1350. And there is every probability that we
 will begin the building at once. I think it better
 to begin the work thus at once on a small scale, & if it
 succeeds, we shall hope by & by to enlarge - & perhaps
 a farm to work in connection with it, some place in the
 neighborhood.

I have already applied to the Department for assistance
 towards the Branch Home, & am awaiting reply.

The Branch Home at Banff is a new scheme
 the result of a visit which I paid to that place the
 previous summer.

I do not undertake to erect a Home at Banff on
 my own responsibility - but if the Department will
 undertake the expense of building & maintenance I
 am prepared to move thither with my family - & will
 undertake the general superintendance - at any rate
 temporarily. My principal object in
 desiring to take this step - is that I am at present
 unemployed collect information concerning our
 Indian Missions for the British Association, & I believe
 Banff would be the most central & convenient spot

found for such a work. I think also that
 a House at least at Quebec being now in good work;
 and the Bishop all speak English - and the man
 could readily be found to undertake the work there - &
 no man would be better employed in breaking up
 the ground.

If all is carried out as I propose, then with
 a Branch House at Beauport under my own care,
 a Branch House at Elkton, a Branch House at
 Larnia, & a large Central Institution at Lowell in
 Maine, to which the best of the pupils should be
 drafted - not only from Beauport Elkton & Larnia,
 but also from Long Lake, Ballyfudge, Broadview &c.
 with the Protestant Institutions working together in
 union.

I propose to propose still further united action
 with the Protestant Institutions - I am proposing
 to publish an illustrated Monthly Magazine to be
 called 'The Indian Canadian' - & contain information
 of all that is being done at the various Institutions.
 I have the honor to be
 Yrs. Obedt. Servant
 Edward P. Wilson

Rev. Mr. R. Clark

June 25/17

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you of
the result -

obeying your kind request -

100 of the same & close

& a few of the front

C.D.W. sign for \$6.

Yours truly -

S. H. Wilson

Rev. Mr. R. Clark

June 30/17

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7
Levell St. Prairie
June 30 1877

Dear Mr. Brewster

I have very much enjoyed to find that during
my absence in the North West both Thunder & Anagawanis
have been going on badly - I have a confession to
make to the right - & as I promised not to repeat
anything to tell you with any more - I think
I am sure that as you have had as much to do with them
I have been so kind in saying for Thunder - that you
say to know that they both leave no under a cloud - I
suspect that this is the true reason why they both work
- I think also they ought not to be accepted
of any the prohibition except a warning being sent.

I have received another letter from your uncle
in this - all this I think I have already answered fully -
In my letter to the Dep^t: June 25th I said - speaking of
- "I have a little run of 2000 in hand for build
- have drawn out plans for a small lot for 10/100
- have received in to send it for \$1350 - every probably
- to be dealt by in building at once. . . If it appears well
- by & by to enlarge & purchase a farm in Connecticut
- . . . Have already applied to the Department for
- assistance towards this Branch Home, & am awaiting reply -"

Yrs sincerely -
G. H. Wilson

Dear Mr. [Name]

June 20-1879

C. P. [Name]

Dear Sir

Will you please tell Elijah Long
 that I have received from him \$9 to pay the expenses
 of his sister & brother. The cost will be \$4.75 for Joseph
 & \$4.50 for Eliza (who is not coming back). This will leave
 \$1.75 over, which I will give to Eliza. I have had a
 good deal of trouble (especially with Eliza) but the
 girls write letters & the boys ask them to meet them - Eliza
 one of them & ought to know better. But Joseph
 Long is one of the best boys I have in the Institution - I
 believe him to be a sturdy little Christian scholar &
 do not wish to see him to bed - My God keep him.

I have to acknowledge also your two letters of June
 22nd, one of them containing P.O. for \$16.75 - amount
 to passage & \$7.25 & passage for home - total \$23.90.

I wrote you a few days ago - that we are commencing the
 school - we will begin on July 8. I shall send the
 pupils in uniform as I did last summer - & I wish
 you to understand that I do this because I think
 it is a necessary & wise measure in the Institution. I
 have seen it done in several places of the kind but the better

school. I am also going to send a reliable
man named ^{of Manitoba} Mr. Mappet in charge of the school. John is 19
+ is a good upright Christian boy - He will
meet you on arrival + report - + also hand you the
return tickets.

When the pupils come back ^{of 1st + 2nd} I think
Mr. David Meisner ^{of Park, Island} in the same way, + take charge.

John will tell you + Mr. Jacobs about our "Onward
ward club" - I wd like if we could establish a
branch of our Club on each Indian Reserve. It is a
part of your Missions Assoc. I think the Indian
people of the sort to induce them to work with us will
stand together + resist the progress of evil.

As our Waverush Home is overcrowded + Belle
has a nasty skin disease - + no apartment signed
- I would prefer sending her home although she
+ the girls come. We might take 2 or 3 new
but have no room for any girls.

Let Mr. Knapp will set to home the summer
- I am quite satisfied with your arrangement about
- payments.

Yrs faithful
S. F. Wilson

The Children's uniforms should be put by on their arrival
- + for them to return in - They can wear them on Sundays
+ with - but the parents should provide clothing for their
- + home for holidays.

Henry W. Wilson
July 25 1847

Dear Sir

Dear Sir
I have been so often deceived
by Indian boys who speak as though
they were Christians & yet all the time
are following bad things. I was
very sorry when of your being, but
I hear also that you have not the children
you think of. I could not
write you back here to the Missions
because I receive letters in your
name from the English & the
you can ask them to write to me. It
gives my heart when my Indian boys
write out badly. I remain
your friend
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They write Mr.
Walt-He-Maria

July 4 1787

Mr. Thomas L. Brown

My dear friend

Adelaine to thank

You very much for the timely remembrance

My work here in Canada - seemed to

flow from your kind & kind club! In

have started an "Orphan & infirmed club"

here, & it seems likely to do well. It

has 3 parishes, the first parish any one

may enter on payment of 10 cts, & he

receives a card to keep by his bedside &

read every night. The 2^d parish can

only be entered after 2 months trial in

the 1st parish, and the 3^d parish can only

be entered at the end of an year. I

am trying to make my children boys men

& Christians. I tell them that all the

Come up to me - & I will beat you...

Out of those 18 boys - 17 of them came

up of their own accord & had a hard

beating. Now boys! What do

you think of that? - Those boys can

of & received punishment because they

knew they deserved it & wanted to

fight the devil. I thought it was

very brave of them to do it. & I had

thoughts you will know all their

hearts to himself.

Do not mention that I have told

you if you write to any of my boys -

it might do harm to them to know

that this thing was of my writing. But

I tell it to you in the hope it may do

good to you - & make you determine

also to fight against sin.

My number of delinquent friends

is 2000. I hope to see S. H. Wilson

from 3/2/87
Walt-He-Maria

from 3/2/87
Walt-He-Maria

... I'm back down looking
... but man is made
... in God's image - the
... hold himself straight
... that would make
... head down.

... about my
... travel;
... into a
... all
... what
... and
... forgive
... Every one
... friendship,
... because
... time
... if
... the
... you

Paul. ¹⁰ 6^{1/2} Prairie
Jul 7th 1887-

The Manager
Bank of Montreal, Montreal
P.S.

Dear Sir,
I enclose you
Bill of Exchange for \$5000
Please credit to my
I enclose also
for \$5000 - which
is to be current
of - with
Yours truly
E. H. Wilson

Yours truly
E. H. Wilson

London 20th June

July 7th 1887

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs

Sir

I have to acknowledge yr
letter of the 27th ult. No 74198, referring to mine
of the 14th and 15th ult. - informs me that the
Department has been unable to make a recommendation
for further assistance to be given to the Missionaries
at home or towards the establishment of Branch
Institutions in connection therewith.

I beg to remind the Department that on Sept
13th 1886. I received a verbal promise from the
Head of the Department "that I might depend on an
increased grant towards the maintenance of my
present Institutions - & that it would be proposed
to Parliament to give me a block sum towards the
proposed extension of our work here & the erection
of Branch Homes -"

I did not consider this an official com-
munication, but I (wrongly as it appears now)

built my hopes on it, and have involved myself
in expenses which, if I had not received such promise
I should have avoided.

I must beg to state excepting to the reason given
for not entertaining my application for increased
assistance by work - My letter of Jan^y 27th
proposed no radical change in my plans. My
plans were simply so far modified after my visit to the
States - that I asked for a much larger amount than
I had done before towards the enlargement of the
Central Institution at Sault Ste Marie, and (taking
my post-script letter of Mar^{ch} 11th in connection with
my letter of Jan^y 27th.) I proposed two Receiving
Houses, one at Elkhorn in Manitoba & one near
Larnia, in lieu of the two four Brand Houses
which I had originally proposed.

I imagine that if the Department at all
appreciated my work or wished to encourage me
in the prosecution of it, it would not have been
out of order for them to have taken up my first
proposal of Sept 186 & acted upon it - that is
if it considered my 2^d proposal of Jan^y 27th

Would involve too great expenditure. After
 your letter of June 27 (to which this is a reply) -
 I can only imagine that for some unexplained
 reason, my work is not appreciated by the Depart-
 ment, and is not in the future to expect any increased
 assistance.

Under these circumstances I am compelled
 very respectfully to at once reduce both my already
 limited staff & the number of my pupils.

I have given notice to my assist^{ant} Superintendent
 J. W. Mitchell to leave Oct. 1st as I am quite unable
 to pay his salary - & shall reduce the number of
 pupils to about 100 boys & 20 girls.

I have the honor to be Sir
 Your obedient servant

Edward J. Wilson

South Main, Va.
July 8th 1887

Geo. Rust-Dye

Dear Sir

I am today drawing
on you for the usual amount of
\$30 - We have just had our
beginning of our pupil our disburse-
ment for the holidays - 53 boys & 27 girls.
When the relatives about the R
Septemur I am sorry to say I am
forced to reduce our numbers - only
to the low state of our funds - I
have been depending all the time

on a weekly provisioned allowance
from - but heard a day or two
ago from the dependent that no

additional grant could be made this
year to our institution -

fact that the Roman Catholics are
pulling towards of dollars for their work
among the slaves at the R. M. M. &
elsewhere - looks as tho' our present
as may people suspect, some things
with their hands - For the same

I am forced to retreat - & have
also to disperse with the services of my
two? Sept. Mr. Mitchell - but then
they are in God's hands - & I don't
not my way will open for me as it
has done in the past -

Yours very sincerely

J. H. Milam

Letter to Draine
July 25 1887

Dear Mr Draine

I have just received your letter of June 18th - I am writ-
ing to you from the Bth Roberts
land in regard to our proposal
for establishing a Branch Home at
St Albans - I think you are in charge -
We have as you know the money
\$2000 for building - our land
of 1/2 a per cent of land - if
the Board agrees - I will try to
get the Home started at once. We
have no one but the present number
of the Home Government. All R.C.s
know the land is all their own

Wrote to Mr. Draine
Will not engage myself to give the
book - unless to Bth Roberts, please the
decision about the book. I have
written in my report about it
with the fact and report to the
for success we will be more
pressure to them. I have
I had like to have met the Board
in passing - but the 18th has been
I fear we shall not see him.

If I have written
on all points will
Yours sincerely
J. H. Draine

See your report
I have written to you
I have written to you
I have written to you

South to Maine
Jul 8/87

J.W. Ferny

Dear Sir

My children -
Mary J. & Edward Walker -
Wesley Solomon have just arrived -

I am sending home on this boat -

James Washedick - & do not
wish to take him again as he has
been several times troublesome and
disobedient. No money has

yet come for the two Macgregor puts.
The father must stand full price \$29
to pay for two return tickets if he
wants them to go home. What

about Washedick. I presume you
have got accounts signed for them to
children to visit and them -

Yours faithfully
S. J. Wilcox

South to Maine
Jul 9/87

Alas. Mckelvey Esq
Dear Sir

I am sending on this boat
John C. Maygood in charge of post -

John - Nancy Warren
John Warren
Eliza Long.
Chas. Jacobs.

John - J. Jones
August Allerton
W. Long Knapp
W. Riley
Ch. Mandue
Amos &c.

John Solomon - 12 in all.
I enclose you \$5 to refund to William
Peters for Charles Knapp - \$5.00 in
to home this summer.

As there are several little girls still &
come - Nancy Knapp is not yet paid in
full - I am sending her back to the class
of the girls here

Bellevue, I presume that you will &
come - A. Talbot, John William, & M. L.

Ohio Museum, State of Ohio,
Cincinnati, Ohio.
Dear Sir,
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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Yours faithfully,
J. H. Wilson

Received of J. H. Wilson
the sum of \$100.00
for the purchase of the
Ohio Museum, State of Ohio,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jan 10. 1871

C. English Esq
Dear Sir

I am sending you the book
John A. May's ed. in charge of Prof.
Felt - Mary Peters.

Alice Thompson
Dora Jackson - (Moravia Tenn)
Wells Adams.

There are still 5 copies - Leslie Roll,
& Sophia Roll.

I have 2 \$25 on tickets of - with for
Sophia. The amt required as per
memo is \$4.50 each for returns. But

I am not anxious for Sophia to return
to \$5 can send \$2.25 for her - & each
in.

Nothing will be had from the returns
tickets. My an dated Sept 22?

Please see that all the pupil returns
Mark or train - J. H. Wilson

J. H. Wilson

I enclose a Steamboat
ticket for you - If
any more boys become
members let me know.

Laultth & Harris
July 10 1887

Dear Mr. Roswell

I have sent off the 3 boys - Shunder
Suazamani & Ben today. Ben had 4 hours
about \$4 of m. - & Shunder \$2 of m. in order to
go. I have given Ben a return ticket on the Steam
- boat - & shall be obliged by your purchasing a fare ticket
for him on the train Sept 1st next to Port Arthur - for
which I have kept back of his money \$9.85. You
have given ticket - I have told Shunder to tell him that he
must come back before Aug 18th on his ticket will be
useless - But possibly you can get it extended so that
he may return with Ben. All boys who still belong to us
are sent home in Institution uniform - others in plain
cloth.

I have advised Shunder - to settle down at home & get
married - not to think of going to another school - if he did
I should think it right to write & tell of his conduct.

I have advised Suazamani to get work as a Carpenter -
we have from him a certificate - & also an order for part of
the amount he earned put in Savings Bank \$25.00.

Mr. Irvine seems anxious to have charge of the School
Dist. but I wd like to see the Bishop's opinion as to whether he wd
be the right man for us. I fear the Ind. Dist. is not
his time nor any help at present. All seems to be going to
the R Co -

Respectfully
J. P. Wilson

Laud-^{to} Main
July 11, 1867

The Man.
Pole Mork. Lamb
Hi.

I enclose
Bill of Exch. for \$22.20
which please credit to my Indian
Account. I have advised
that of \$15 having been paid in
Tanner acct - Please
send what are here both

Yours truly
S. D. Wilson

Laud-^{to} Main
July 9, 1867

Mrs. M. McFay
Dear Sir

I have received
your enclosing of \$5 - and am
at the balance of \$4 is received
with a card of your daughter's name

We have had 20 much trouble
with Indians keeping back their
children after holidays. Not one are
obliged that strictly - & this
rule - & can make no exception

Yours sincerely
S. D. Wilson

L. M. W. Wilson

Dear Sir,

I sent down from
Meyrick & Mead's a charge of the
Linnæus & Waller children. I am

sorry Mr. M. did not send return
ticket for his children - We cannot
pay on more than 100/- - & no
tickets are sent down but the
parents pay a column for return
tickets. We have been forced to do

to in order to insure their return at the
right time. I am not at all sorry
that I can take Mr. & Mrs. M. back &
am delighted was about Newark Ferry -
I have no more applications. There

children except than I come up first but
I am sorry - that it will have been all
right. I have decided not to receive

Mr. Thompson back on account of
Linnæus & Waller & I am sorry to
hear of the death of Mr. M. & Mrs. M.

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Linnæus & Waller
July 11/1843

Mr. M. & Mrs. M.

London

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Sault Ste Marie
July 11/87

Dear Mrs Cox -

I am very thanks for
your long encouraging letter.

This is my third report of your
I have already commenced

collecting - If you like to

send me the amt in your hands

I will keep it for the purchase

intended - on the understanding

that if the project is not carried

out the contributions will be

returned. I trust however

there may be no need for this.

I hope Mrs Brewster may

be able to carry the point

of the Bld. Dep at Ottawa - It

will depend a great deal
on this - The Bld. Dep. are
in a lot of that they were not to be

become Parliament building is
a great point along the

lines - that is for - Some
one or proposed Board

houses - This was not
discussing - Still Mr

Quaker may be able to present
them to do amply in regard

to Mr - I have been
Mr's letter from Mr. Stewart -

The British (designated) I fear
is not within the power is - This

is a pity - No percent
S.D. Wilson

Report of the Indian Board at St. Marie,
for year ending June 30 1887

The record of our Sault Ste. Marie Institution during the last 3 years I believe I may fairly and without fear of contradiction say - has been one of steady onward progress - Our numbers have increased - our staff has been added to - salaries judiciously raised - build's added to or improved - land that formerly was almost worthless - drained, fenced & brought into a good state of cultivation - and the whole place made so thoroughly presentable that it has become quite a pleasant resort for parties both from the Canadian side and from the American side.

I have also greatly extended our operations. The engagement in the Spring of 1885 of an Assistant Superintendent enabled me to give a portion of my time to travelling among the Indians, & I made the best use I could of it; - visiting all of the Indians of Lac Seul, St. Alpole, Lake Umbagog, Christian Island, Parry Island & St. Joseph.

Ontario, but extending by routes to the West, to
 Manitoba, and - this Spring - to the
 eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. Our names
 have in this way become well known among the Indians
 throughout Ontario and in many parts of the North West.
 At the present time we have pupils of the Ojibway, Ottawa,
 Potawatomi, Delaware, Sioux, & Blackfoot tribes, -
 and they come from Sarnia, Walks, Cape Charles, Moravia,
 Elm, Christian Island, Peary Island, Manitowish, Lehigh,
 Rain, Park River, Red Post, Lac Seul, Beulah,
 and Blackfoot Crossing; the distance of their homes
 varying from 10 to 1500 miles.

The object of taking this step must be evident to the
 Government. It was to prove whether or not Indian
 parents would be willing to allow their children to go
 great distances for their education, whether or not it was
^{better} necessary for Indian institutions to be built in the
 immediate neighborhood of the Indian Reserves or at
 a distance from them. My visit to the States last
 Spring has convinced me that it is not only possible but
 also in the direct course to take Indian children entirely
 away from home influences for their education, and
 I am now prepared to say that it is possible to
 do the same thing in Canada - here, however, I have

Our Land - After struggling for a long time with a succession of incompetent farm men who succeeded only in making our land an expense instead of a profit to us - I succeeded 18 months ago in engaging an excellent man who is bonded to me for 3 years & at the end of that term will receive one third of the profits in addition to wages - Last year a large part of the farm was drained (the money being borrowed & his summer we have for the first time some 20 or more acres of 'smiling crops'.

Our present system with the pupils - Since my visit to the States last Spring I have introduced the system universally followed by American Indian Institutions of having all our pupils half the day at school and half the day at Industrial employment. We make an exception however with our highest class of boys most or perhaps all of whom are destined to become school teachers. The morning hours for school are 7.30 to 8, 9 to 11.30; afternoon 3 to 5.30, except 7.15 to 8.15. During the summer months by special requests of teachers & pupils we have lengthened morning & afternoon school each half an hour & cancelled the evening school hour, so that boys' swimming games & may be enjoyed in the cool of the evening.

School work We continue our plan of holding eight examinations in the year, in one in about every 5 weeks. The marks received by each pupil at these 8 examinations are added up at the end of the year and prizes awarded accordingly. The pupils are then obliged to keep constantly & steadily at work through the whole year in order to gain prizes.

The progress of our pupils may be best shown by a comparison of the total number of marks gained during the 8 examinations ending in July 1886, with those gained during the year ending July 1887.

	1886	1887	Difference
<u>Fourth (highest) class</u> -			
(7 pupils in the class)			
(out of 2520)			
David -	1615	2055	- 436
Johann -	1715	2151	- 436
Thomas -	1559	1900	- 341
Johnson -	1322	1935	- 613
Red -	1263	1650	- 387
Salgus -	1412	1970	- 558
Tomay -	1231	1611	- 380
<u>Third class</u> -			
(12 pupils)			
(out of 1300)			
Wagmish -	1245	1426	- 181
Riley -	1124	1262	- 138
Smart -	926	1132	- 206
Alexander -	975	1095	- 120
Willie -	993	1097	- 104
Ookkaltos -	708	1117	- 409
<u>Second class</u> -			
(14 pupils)			
(out of 1000)			
Williams -	685	848	- 163
White -	621	754	- 133
Beckus -	623	845	- 222
Lawson -	505	920	- 295

Girls		1886	1887	Balance
Third class - -	Maria -	1000	1352	352
(6 pupils)	Bella -	932	1286	354
(at 7 1800 m.)	Dora -	763	1136	373
	vs			
Second class -	Marion	693	886	- 193
(6 pupils)	Sophy	590	837	- 247
(at 7 1800 m.)	Mary Anne	435	694	- 259

Subtract from printed Exam -

Report



Trades - We are employing White men at present as Carpenter and bootmaker, but their services will be dispensed with shortly as we have not the means to meet the expense. For other trades the boys go to the village. At the present time we have 1 boy learning Carpentry, 1 bootmaking, 2 Wagon

(7)
 make, 2 blacksmiths, 2 tailors. The two
 boys were withdrawn owing to the intemperate habits of
 the man who employed them.

Health. - The health of the pupils at the Institution
 has been on the whole good during the year. There are
 six cases were received into the hospital, but the
 all recovered. We have had no deaths since
 April 1855.

In concluding this Report I must say that we
 are labouring under a feeling of great disappointment
 & a sense even of injustice that the Department
 has not seen fit to accede to the oft repeated
 request for an increased grant towards the main-
 -tenance of our present Institution. Owing to the
 unreasonableness of the Department believe us at a time
 of most pressing need - we are now forced to
 reduce our already limited staff & to shake the
 confidence of the Indian parents in our work
 by sending away a number of pupils.

We trust that the Department will reconsider its
 action in the matter & take such steps as will

enable us to enlarge our building here as we have
proposed, to receive and maintain a larger number
of pupils, & also to erect two or more Receiving
Homes at distant points, subscriptions towards which
have already been received.

Towards the
Elkhorn Receiving Home, as I have mentioned in a
former letter, I have \$2000 in hand, & the offer
of a free part of land, and shall begin building
at once, if the Department would promise assistance
towards the future maintenance.

Towards the
proposed Receiving Home at Bangs, subscriptions have
also come in, & I have the assurance of the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the U. S. West
that he is 'strongly in favor of it'.

Whether
the Department help me or not I intend, God
helping me, to push forward both these works.

I would just add that the two Blackfoot
boys whom I brought to the Home this Spring are perfectly
happy & contented, showing no signs whatever of homesickness.
One of them is learning carpentering, the other bookkeeping, &
they are apt pupils -

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant
Edward J. Wilson

Sault Ste. Marie
 Jul 13th 1887

Mr. Hunt
 The Chief Justice of the
 N. W. T.

Sir -

I had encroached too much on
 your time & kindness - may I ask you kindly
 to glance through the prospectus on the other side
 of the paper - & if so disposed - oblige me
 with a few lines of commendation & sympathy
 which I may make use of in the first
 premium number of the magazine which
 I am preparing to issue. I am at
 present doubtful - yet have great hopes that
 it may succeed especially if supported by
 those high in authority who are interested in
 the Indian question - & if successful, I
 hope it may become a treat for good -

I remain Sir

your respectful

Edward P. Nelson

Sault Ste Marie
July 13 1877

Dear Mr. Hale -

I herewith send you - a brief prospectus
of the Magazine which in the interest of the Canadian
Indians I propose to launch. If the
scheme commends itself to you may I ask
you kindly to send me a few lines of
approval and sympathy which I may make
use of in the first Specimen number -

Should you have time & feel disposed also
to furnish a paper on some branch of
the Indian Question on one of the topics
mentioned in the prospectus - it would be
most acceptable. The success of the volume
will depend a good deal on the style of the
papers Specimen number & I want to make
it as attractive & well read as possible -

Yrs sincerely
C. J. Wilson

I regret that I am at present receiving no
encouragement from Ottawa beyond my wife's

Pauline

July 13/87

Dear Dr. Wilson

Will you lend your support to
 the little project of mine? There is at
 present I think nothing of the kind in Canada
 & I feel that we need such special medicine
 through which to bring the Indian question
 before the Canadian public - It is
 I know a venture on my part & there may
 be great difficulty in carrying it - Still
 I am disposed to make the attempt - The
 cost of a Specimen number at any rate
 will not break me - & I shall not attempt
 more than this till I see my way to a subscription
 list. What I want you to do is to
 furnish me a few words of commendation &
 sympathy if you feel disposed - and you
 could also send an article giving your views
 upon the Indian question it would most
 acceptable

Yrs sincerely -

Dr. Wilson

Frank Williams

July 12 1887

D. McLaughlin

Sch. Inspector

Dear Sir

I have just received your Report of our Schools - I regret I was not at home when you called - As to a larger supply of modern desks we shall be very glad of them if it be not too late on the part of the supply - but our own funds are too low.

In regard to progress of scholars since last year - I think it only fair to compare the marks gained by each scholar during years ended June 30/86 with those gained for year ending 1887 at our own examinations - We have had a change in the year - & marks are all added together at the close -

In the 4th (highest) class -
out of 2520 no. the 7 boys gained as follows -

1886	-	1615	-	1719	-	1559	-	1222	-	1283	-	1412	-	1222
1887	-	2051	-	2157	-	1900	-	1935	-	1650	-	1970	-	36
increase		436	-	438	-	341	-	613	-	367	-	558	-	36

I should like to know whether you consider this much behind the progress made by other schools.

I would like also to know whether you recommend changing the marks. and if so have you any you can recommend beyond the able to teach singing & play organ besides qualifications - salary \$300 & board. How long when I hope Mr. J. of the leaves -

Yrs faithfully
F. Williams

Leeds St. Dennis
July 14/87

Mr John Rutterford
Dear Sir

I have no engraving of
the medals - & am enclosing it to you -
Please return it to me as soon as
done with - I don't see any
because you are not - a day or two
ago - Please print me two
reams of the letter paper - one
ream of each kind of paper - at
the price you name - \$7.75 -

I am much obliged for your
estimate for the magazine - I am
at present in communication with
various parties in regard to it - &
will write you again when I decide
what to do -

Yours truly

S. J. Wilson

July 10/87.

Dear Dr. Kellogg Esq.

Dear Sir

I am sending on the 'Ontario' -

Raney Henry, Harry Jacob, Bella Kander, Charles
Johnson, Thomas White. Will you please

Collect \$2.50 each for Mr. White & Bella Kander
& return of these pupils are to return to us. White's

term is completed & he is a boy that I do not wish
to stay in school - indeed I am very much afraid he
will go to the bad. Please tell Arthur

McKeehomon that I have written to Mr. Shephard enquiring
about him - in consequence of Mr. Shephard's letter I
could receive him into the High School Home. In

consequence of the fact not being attended to my
request to increase the grant towards maintenance
I am unable to receive any more pupils this summer.

Indeed it is quite possible that I may have still
to reduce our numbers - in that case it will
be the worst indeed that will have to be done. I wd

like to know whether Mr. Johnson is recovering - if he is
able to come back I will most gladly take him -

Yrs sincerely
S. J. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
July 18th 1877

My dear Mr Roswell

Your letter of the 11th has just reached me

I must confess that I am very much depressed just now about my Indian work. Mr Depe St. Lawrence has written me that he is not prepared to do anything more for us either towards maintenance of our present homes or towards establishment of the proposed Branch ones.

The result of this is that I have had to visit by accident, Superintendent Mr. Mitchell & reduce the number of pupils at St. Thomas - We have been living in hopes of increased foreign assistance - & have consequently been disappointed - I have written the Bishop for no encouragement - Mr. Robert Lewis writes me that he does not wish me to spend my time with the Indians - He says he will do all he can to help me but that he is not well fitted for the proposed work. I have written the Bishop (Clerk) P. A. G. & he has written me no encouragement - I have written the proposed Branch Home - & he has written me no encouragement about it. I have written the Bishop about the proposed Branch Home & he has written me no encouragement about it. I have written the Bishop about the proposed Branch Home & he has written me no encouragement about it.

not their children away from us instead of leaving
 them to their education. - I doubt very much from
 past experience whether they will leave their children alone
 if placed in the Sikhwan Inst. They are a most unreasonable
 people to deal with.

Now I hope you will not get too much down in the
 blues after all this. - I have just got one of my fits on
 at 10. - but I have had them before - & generally when
 I have been most low down has been the time. That I had
 to spend the day for me. The work, both one or
 other way of 12 years, has been successful & God's blessing
 is rested on it, - & I do not think it is likely that God
 intends it to collapse just now. - indeed I cannot help
 thinking that the Lord will open in some way - & that I have
 no greater work before me than I have ever had before.

I am certain it is the Roman Catholic element in
 the country that is hindering you from helping us. - I am
 not going to budge an inch about this. - Whichever work
 you engage in is to be a distinctively Protestant work - &
 I wish every one to know it - my aim is to make the
 Indian Protestants - loyal to the Country & loyal to the
 "Queen". - I am bound to stick to this principle
 through thick & thin. - The Govt knows that in making
 grants to R. Catholic Institutions they are leaving the Indians
 ground to believe that no one can go to heaven except

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Roman Catholics - What right has the Pope to have the
 Indians taught any such thing? I want in my
 Institution to teach them that salvation is for all of Mankind
 and no belief in grace as kind of aism. The R. Co. are
 \$100,000 of the thousand & ten thousand for their institutions
 & I because I am a Protestant am refused any
 all - & the Bishops - the heads of our Church - stand
 with their hands in their pockets - No one seems
 to care but because of the Indians -

And now what shall we do?

If you will go ahead I will. I am disappointed at the
 want of help of Church people all through the country
 not of about Indian work - but the ridiculous small
 sums that are paid for carrying on this work. And the
 Bishops & heads of the Church seem to have no part -
 No high or noble aims - unless I except Bishop
 Anson. He with all his high church - ritualistic - proclivities
 is I believe the noblest of the Bishops - because he
 does on & does his work - look for no reward - & sincerely
 teaches in fact - the hearts of the Bishops - of which
 I will - again - what are we to do about Oldham?
 If we let it work at once & put up the building - without
 one cent in prospect for carrying on the work - will the
 people be better off to have it - or will they say we are
 foolish? My own inclination is by no means
 to let it stop - but I am very far from being
 sure.

for its support - but I tell you plainly at present
 - we are not a cent to meet the annual maintenance
 of J.D. had acceded to our request for our Names but
 we are now to pay a surplus - & I do not encourage
 to take up the people's opinion - But the fact is we are
 less flattered every day for the time being. Our own
 funds being so low - I do not see how we could spare
 anything towards maintenance of the Ilkham House.

Well - if you think it wise to do so - for our
 part of the building - & we will hope that under
 J.D.'s way will open for the maintenance - you have
 the £1000 & on your side. I will send you a
 cheque for the bal. whenever required - As you
 are on the spot I will prefer leaving it with you to
 arrange about the building & details - I should think
 that in regard to part of the building we look best - say
 something like the house with you for closets & at
 the back.

I will write by the next to the Bishop - by Mrs
 Wilson is unvisited for the post it will be better to let
 it go on one else - perhaps the Bishop will recommend a

I remain
 Yours truly
 S. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
July 18th 1887

My dear Lord

I have received your letter of the 7th of July. It is most encouraging. I doubt not your sympathy with me in my work - & would like (as you said in your first letter to me) to see an Institution like the Shipwreck Home in operation in your diocese - but you are afraid ^{I think that} it may not succeed - you think it may become a burden and expense to the diocese. But why should not the Elk Horn Institution succeed just as well as the Shipwreck? If it be found with that we ^{or} have it surely God will open the way. I am praying - praying - for God's direction in the matter - & I trust the way will be made clear. Surely it was the Holy Spirit of God that put it into Mr. Ross's heart to give that of \$1000. He had had no communication of it with me - then he made that revelation, - one day or two after he received one of my circulars - & then what was the result? The \$1000 was added to the first - & a part of it left in the village - & Mr. R. seems quite stirred up about the occasion for not to begin building. It was under very similar circumstances to those that I began my Shipwreck Home. Why are people so apathetic

... Indian work? Why is it a matter of as little
 consequence whether the Indians become Roman Catholics or
 Protestants? I am taking a distinctly Protestant stand
 & intend to do so. Even tho' it turns the foot against me
 & turns some of our Church people against me - I believe
 the stand I am taking is a right one. The Roman Catholics
 are teaching the Indians that no people can get heaven except
 through R. Catholics. I protest against such teaching & will
 not do it - The R. Cs are rapidly gaining ground - They are
 getting dollars from the gov't of thousands & tens of thousands -
 & I because I am a Protestant am left to stand aside -
 And no one will help me in this matter. No one seems
 to care what becomes of the Indians. I have had a
 great deal to depress me of late - but God will I doubt not
 overcome or let me down the door to me. I have written
 to Mr. Ross well that if he will go ahead I will - & have
 written to him to decide whether or not to build a one - In
 regard to Mr. Irvine - I would not on any account suggest his
 removal if you think it better for him to stay
 here - but I understood from him some time ago that it
 was his settled intention to leave that station on account of his
 wife's health - & that made me think of him. I would very
 much prefer to leave it with you to name a man for the job
 whom you think the best fitted - but I do not see that we
 can do without substantial assistance ^{the clergyman taking from} towards the mission
 here. Heaven is in God's hands - May He teach us his will -
 I remain your friend
 S. H. Wilson

London
July 20/77

Mrs Harris Mill

Lend me you a
Cheque for £100 - for which you
have already sent me receipt -

Will you please send me the
day of Passoni's birth in the
enclosed post card.

The boys must come back to
School Sept 23 -

Yours
S. J. Wilson

London
July 20/77

C. P. F. Mill Esq
Dear Sir

I enclose you
for Passoni has been placed to my
Credit in the Bank of Montreal -
£72 50

I have only sent you £100 in
the great that leaves £40 50 of the
money still in my hands. Please let
the woman in London a disburse £100 - when
Admission that account not have been
any more - Could you not let me have
the £40 50 on Passoni's account - say how
for him to pay them his education in London
or must it be paid Mrs Mill.

Lend me you Passoni's school receipt -
It is a nice little fellow - with good features -
I am yours truly
S. J. Wilson

July 22/77

Franklin D. Webb Esq

Dear Sir -

I enclose you \$10 for
fee of \$15 for provisions - which
please send as per accompanying
list - If not quite enough you
must leave out one item or two -

You were recommended to be by
Mr Sullivan - wife of the Bishop

I remain
Yours truly
S. J. Wilson

Address
Rev. S. J. Wilson
Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

Dear Sir

Rev Amos
Dear Brother

In reply to yours of the
11th inst. We all thank you very
very much. While I am here - I was
very sorry that he had in his eye
after his unfortunate accident

Compelled him to leave us - I wish
hope that you will accept the
protection of your wife's home - & ?

Am sure you will find her kind
associations & attention well
deserving. I cannot say any of about
recent history, as she had some of us
wisdom in that while she was
at -

Yours truly
S. J. Wilson
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The Ojibwa Indians

The Editor of the Mail

Dear Sir Following is the copy of a letter I have just sent to E. Rev. W. Maasdaley, the Methodist Minister at Ojibwa. I ask you to publish it, hoping that it may stir up the Protestants who have more means than I have to help the cause -

Shigwanuk Home, Sault St. Marie
July 20 1887

Dear Sir I have just read the appeal of yourself and Chiefs in Saturday's 'Mail' - & tho' I am not a rich man & have a large family to support I send you twenty dollars to help your cause. We Protestants must I am persuaded make common cause against Roman Catholic oppression. If we do not help you now to stand your ground, our own foundations will I believe before long be going away. The Roman Catholics are without doubt aiming to bring the whole Indian population of Canada under their domination, and to prevent this I believe the only way is for all Protestants engaged in Indian work to unite and resist them. The Indian Department is already ~~completely~~ under Roman Catholic domination. Thousands of dollars are being expended on the erection and maintenance of Roman Catholic seminaries for Indian children while Protestant institutions appeal for your help. Tell your Chiefs they have my most hearty sympathy and I want all Indians who are loyal to our Queen to desire to have their children taught the Bible, to unite in resisting the Roman Catholics & let the Government know plainly that they wish their children to be brought up as Protestants -

Yrs faithfully

Edward P. Wilson

Leeds 23/8/57

My dear Lord

I am not well enough to call on you
 to-day but am anxious to know at once about my salary -
 as if it is reduced I am unable to find pasture to the Mill
 College. When I asked you to reduce my salary
 first - before any of the other measures - if it should be
 needful to do so - I would find from your reply that it
 would not be necessary to do so - I have received no
 word since with regard to yourself or Mr Campbell that any
 reduction was for to be made - yet without any notice
 whatever has been made my cheque for the past 3 months
 is withheld. & when I write asking Mr Campbell to send it
 (thinking it was an oversight) - he sends me a postcard -
 "I write the Bishop about it" - What does this mean? It
 is certainly most unbecomingly way of doing business - & I do
 not think it is reasonable to curtail a clergyman's salary without
 the notice being given. When I write you asking you
 to put down my salary in the list of the Stus - I intended if you
 did so to send pasture into business like Archie - & give
 up the Mill Coll. as of course I could not afford it - But now
 since you had not accept my offer - I have gone to the expense
 with the Stus - & the boy has proved well - not with of
 course he is a great disappointment to him to have to give it up -

Dear Mr. Hale
July 25/53

Dear Mr. Hale
I enclose you receipt for
the \$50.00 which you have kindly
sent - I am glad to hear that Dr
Wilson approved my Report - As
regards the future I am at present
quite at a stand still - Can get no
help beyond what my private sister from
Framm's Society - or the Church -
of help it is the dining table of a
big woman preparing to a big walk
up the beach - I have sometimes
thought that I could get the Ladies
on my side - They were dig a great deal
for the Ladies in the State - Some Churches
will be wonderfully generous about
helping to work the Methodist Church of Exe
I hope the full price do not hurt them -
Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

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I had heard Alice Sampson was your
last contact.

Wynona Miss. News

London

July 25 1887

Dear Lord

I herewith send you list of names
Wynona Miss. News subscribers - (about 400) -
with the account of what I have owing to
you for the number 7/87 - total \$199.⁶⁹

I propose to exclude ourselves from all claim
to the sum of \$199.⁶⁹ - further than that any
subscriptions that come in to us between this time &
the time that the paper is again issued under another
name we have the right to keep. After you
& Elton has brought out his first issue you shall
be able to bring any subscriptions that may through error
come into our hands.

subscriptions for current year paid in advance
shall be kept & kept - just the same as those in
the past which we paid you the benefit of. This is
the simplest way of settling the matter. It
is an endless job to make out the exact d. & c. acct of
each subscriber.

The type cases, &c. belong to the Diocese will be forwarded
to the office of publication when desired.

Yours sincerely
C. H. Wilson

Vertical text on the left margin, including "Wynona Miss. News" and other illegible handwriting.

Recd of Dr. Dr. Dr.
July 26/87

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...should be given over into the hands of the Roman
Catholic priests? Is it a matter of indifference to Protestants
in Canada & in England whether the Indians are brought up
in the Roman faith, under Roman & French influences, or
whether they be taught the gospel of Jesus Christ?

12 I have my own views - strong views - on the subject,
but, with the government refusing help, English contributions
diminishing, the Canadian Church so insignificant, I am at
a loss about the whole question, what am I to do?

I commit my cause into God's hands and pray for
patience to await His time.

E. F. WILSON.

17 La Prairie
July 27 1857.

A. Buckley, Esq.
Dear Sir

I have not William's
letter to you about the money - and
as it is now so far past the time -
I will not trouble you with it - I
trust you will be able to find
some way to get the money - I
will be glad to hear of it -
I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
E. F. Wilson

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