

North Weare, N.H. 5/27, 1894

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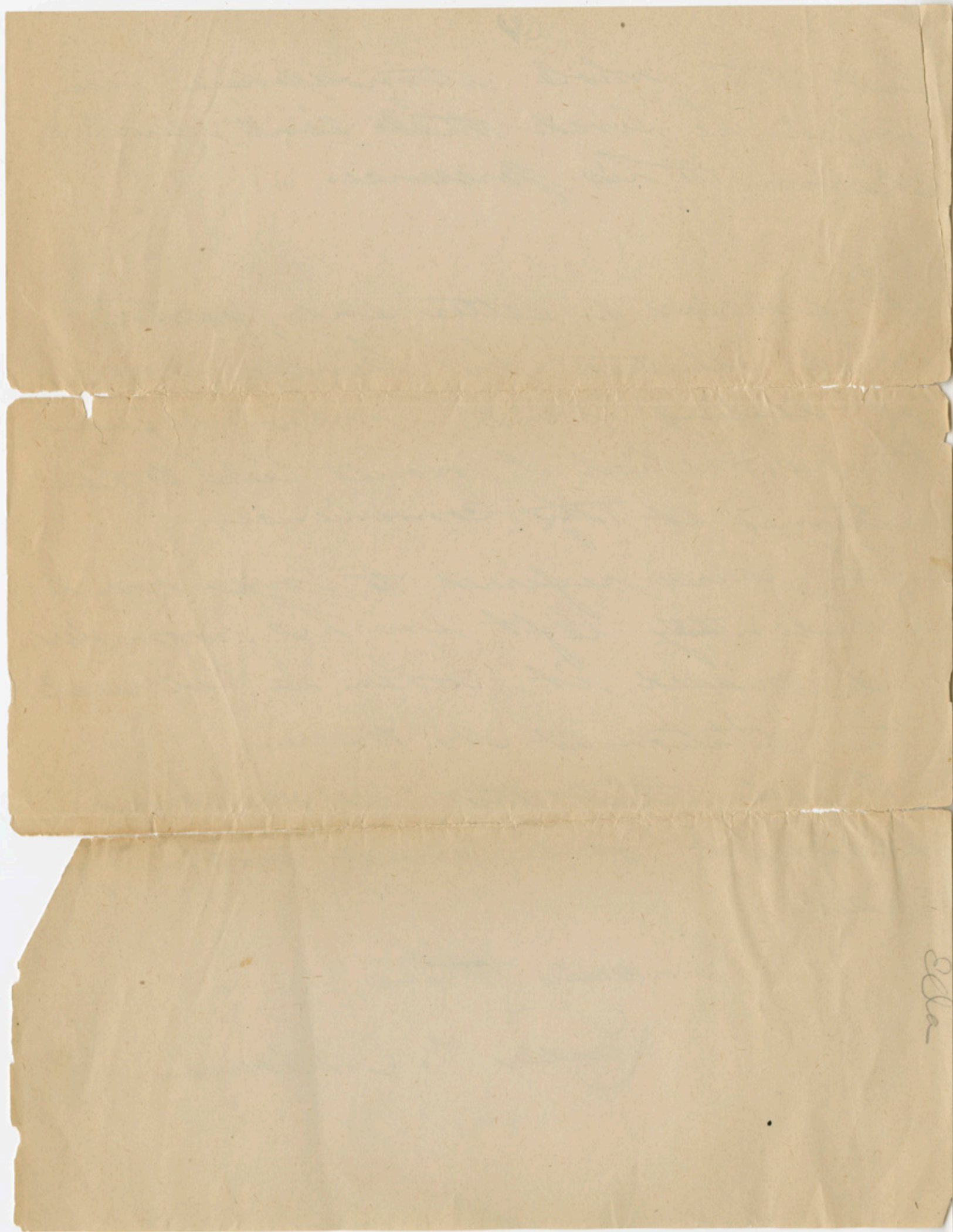
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328 5/27/1894 *From:* Lindley H. Osborne *To:* Gen. C.H. Howard

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New York 10.

July 20. 1896.

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of grateful memory, and sincere sorrow, that
precious life should have to give place to memories
even though tender and blessed.

I am sure you will be glad to receive the
reports of our action, even though it is faintly
dependent to the facts you have known so well.

It gave me personally great pleasure to find them
with my best wishes and prayers.

Yours faithfully, W. Palmer.

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 pathies were quick and large, and his judg-
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1896
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dopted by the representatives of the Class at
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to forward a copy of the same to the widow of
our beloved classmate.

There were present, Classmates, James Loring,
Lucas, Melcher, Moses, Palmer, Robie, Strunk and
Gustafson.

E. W. Palmer.

Class Secretary.

329 1/20/1896 *From:* E. B. Palmer

To: Mrs [Helen G.] Howard

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Newfane Vt.

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Janry 20, 1896

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There were present classmates, Farrar, Loring, Luce, Melcher, Moses, Palmer, Robie, <Stronk> and Yeaton.

E. B. Palmer.
Class Secretary

Gen'l O. O. HOWARD,
156 College Street,
BURLINGTON, VERMONT.

Miss Ella Howard,
Walnut Hill Sch
Natick Mass



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nobody then to hold the
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mother & brother are over
there on the other shore:
I hope they are, her. mine
& I think will not have to
wait long before seeing one
another with the Lord our
Saviour. Affectionately your
niece with abiding love O. O. Howard

Gen'l O. O. HOWARD.

156 COLLEGE STREET,
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Feb. 3^d
1897

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From: O. O. Howard

To: Miss Ella Howard

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156 College Street,
Burlington, Vermont

Walnut Hill School
Natick, Mass

Source: Bowdoin

[LETTERHEAD]

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[ENVELOPE]

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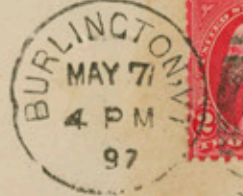
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Natick, Mass

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Gen'l O. O. HOWARD,
156 College Street,
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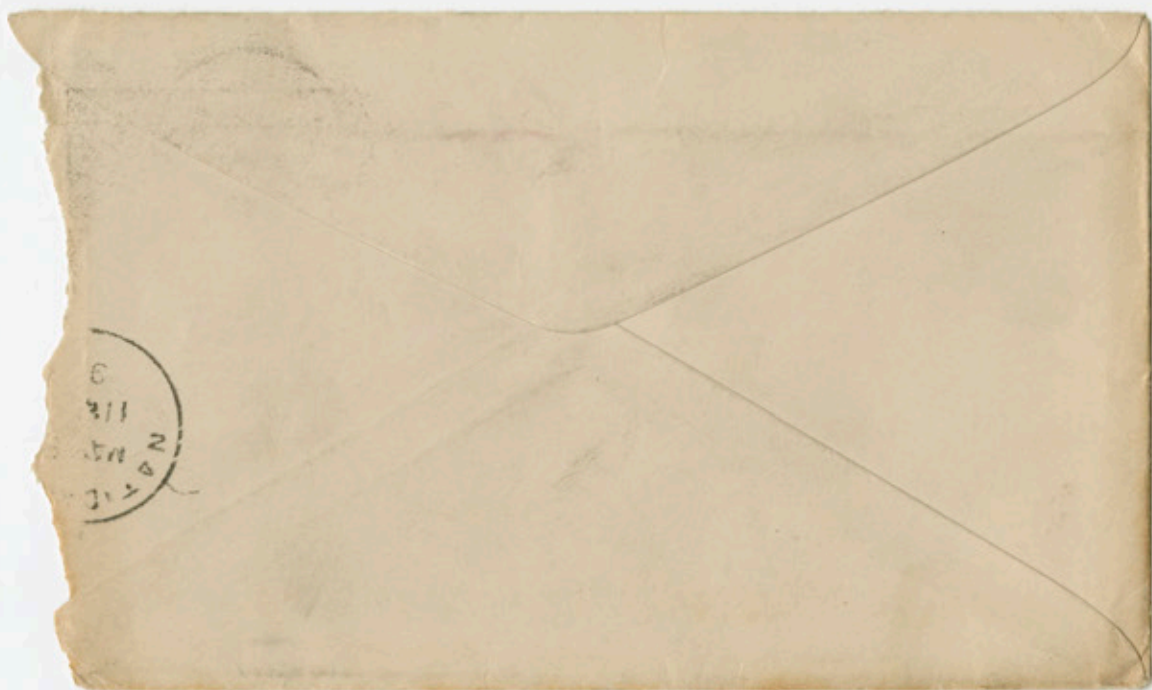
156 COLLEGE STREET,
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May 7th
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Dear Ella:

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may have some engagement.
A note from you will meet me
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at Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

Sincerely Yours
O. O.



Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the
Hotel Brunswick, Boston, has been
selected for the purpose of holding the
annual meeting of the Association of
Physicians and Surgeons of the
United States, on the 22nd of September.
The Hotel Brunswick is situated in
the heart of the city, and is one of the
most comfortable and convenient places
for the purpose. It is also one of the
most beautiful and well-furnished
hotels in the city. The rooms are
large and airy, and the food is
excellent. The hotel is also
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Very respectfully,
O. W. Howard

1891
100 College Street,
Burlington, Vermont.
Wm. F. Phelps

332 11/8/1897 *From:* Oliver Otis Howard *To:* Dear <Maria>

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Charter House,
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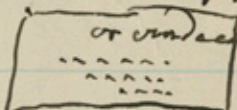
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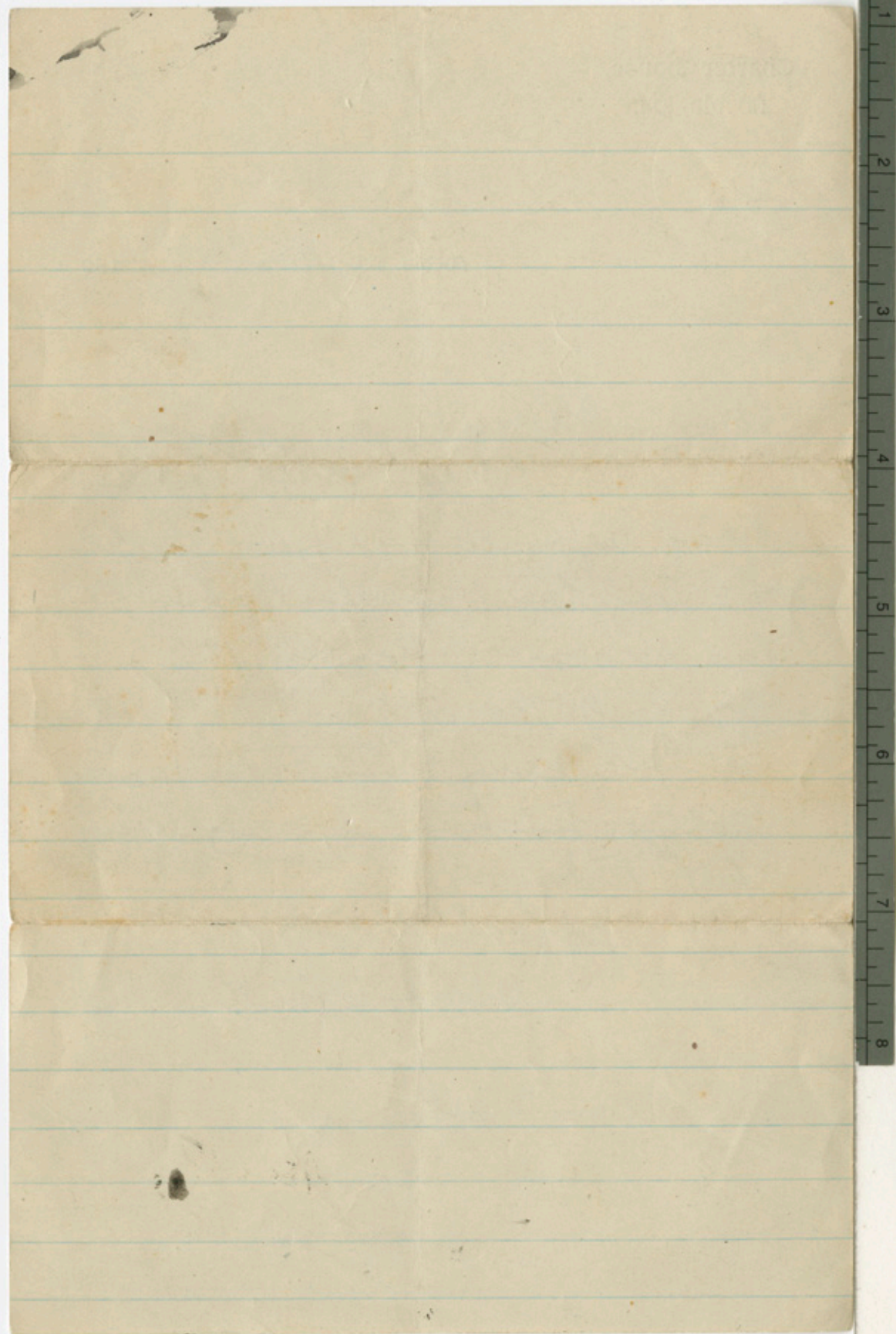
Media, Pa. Nov. 8. 1897

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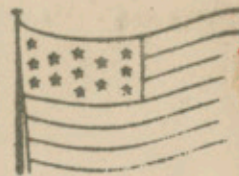
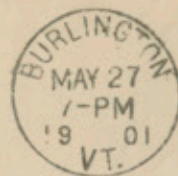
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NEW YORK.



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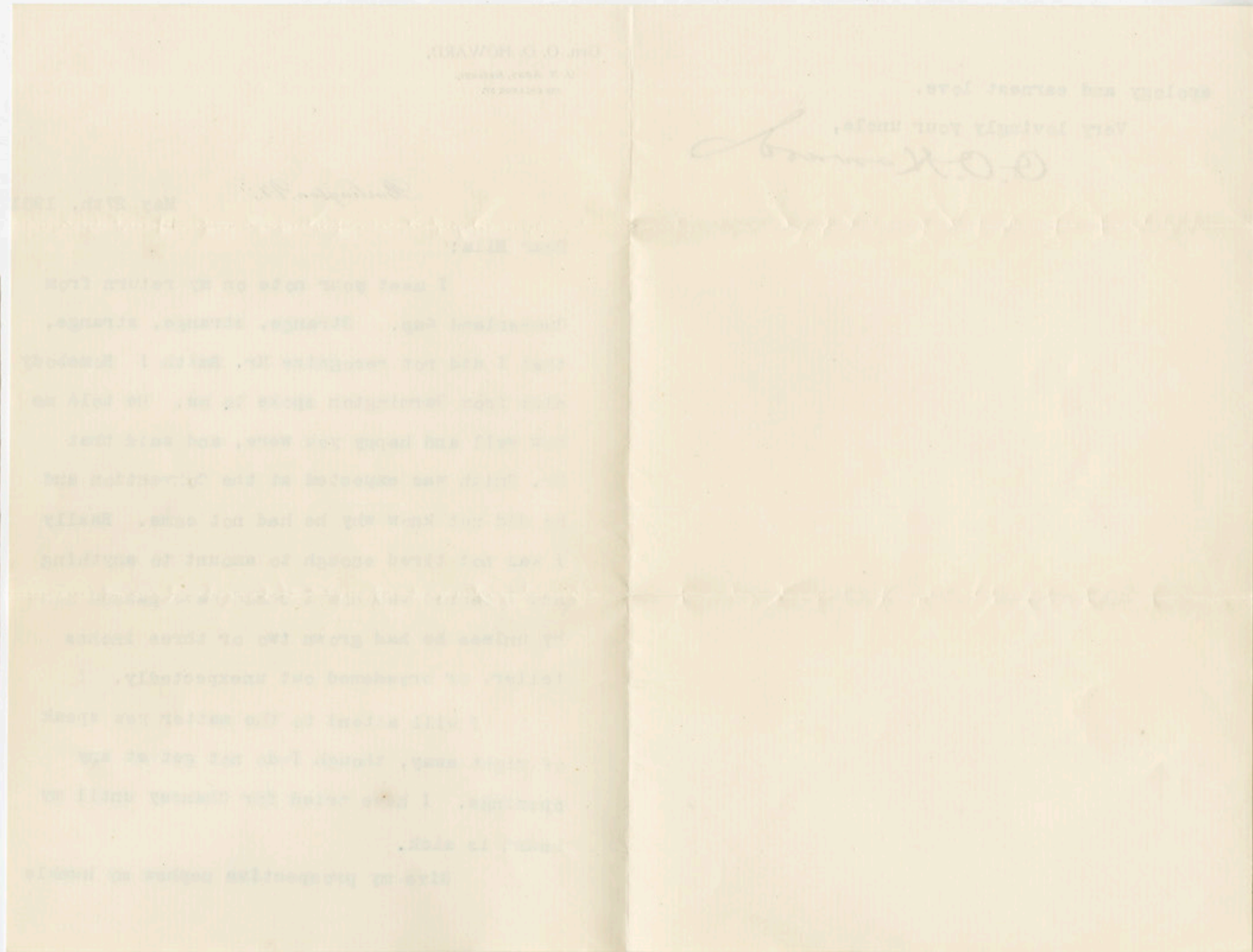
May 27th, 1901

Dear Ella:

I meet your note on my return from Cumberland Gap. Strange, strange, strange, that I did not recognize Mr. Smith! Somebody else from Farmington spoke to me. He told me how well and happy you were, and said that Mr. Smith was expected at the Convention and he did not know why he had not come. Really I was not tired enough to amount to anything and I cannot see how I could have passed him by unless he had grown two or three inches taller, or broadened out unexpectedly.

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Give my prospective nephew my humble



333 5/27/1901 *From:* Gen O. O. Howard *To:* Miss Ella Howard
RBH-291 156 College Street, Farmington, Maine
Source: Bowdoin Burlington, Vermont

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[POSTMARK] BURLINGTON VT MAY 27 1901 7 PM
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[Letter is typewritten except for signature.]