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Riding Mill

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1916

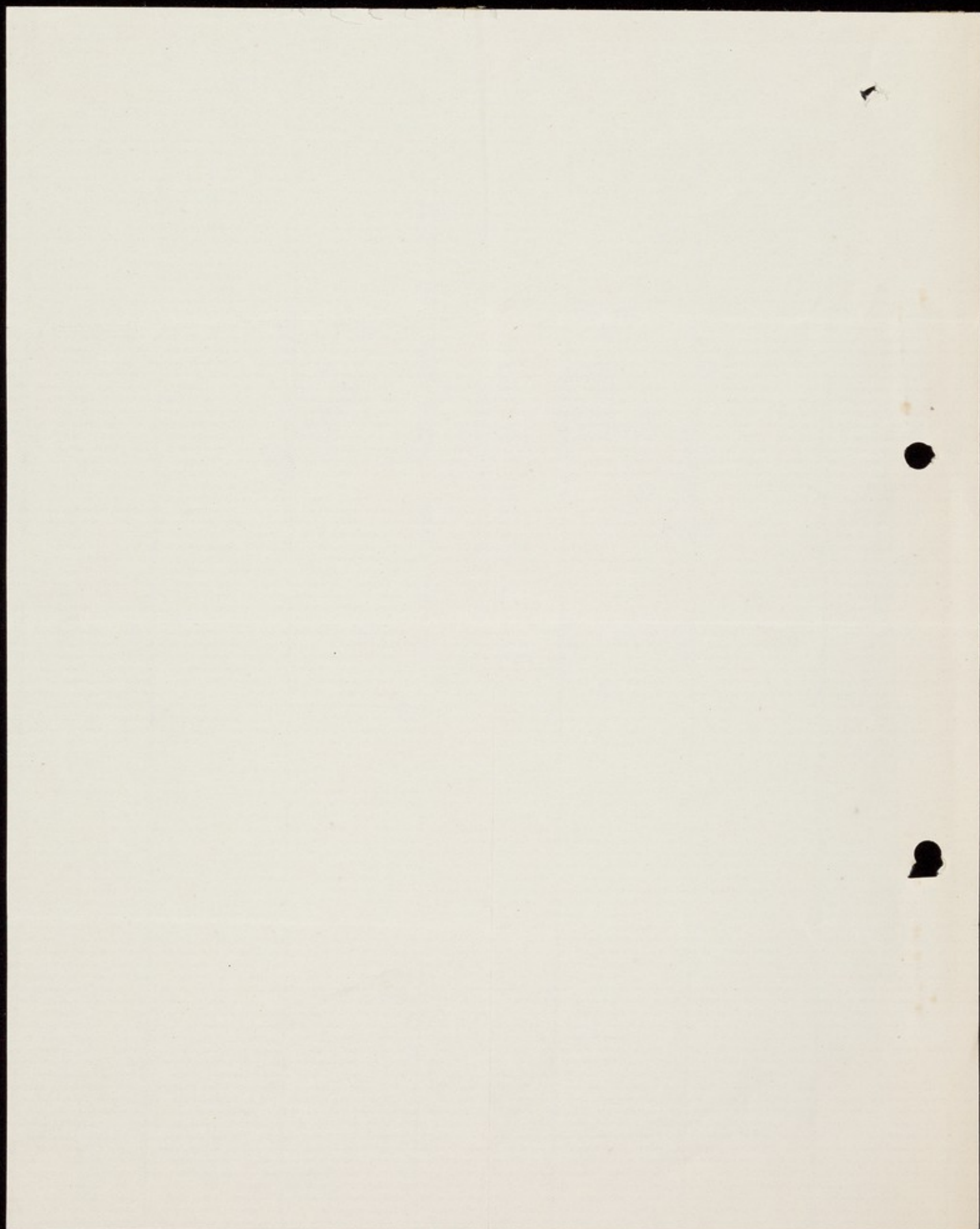
Dear Sir

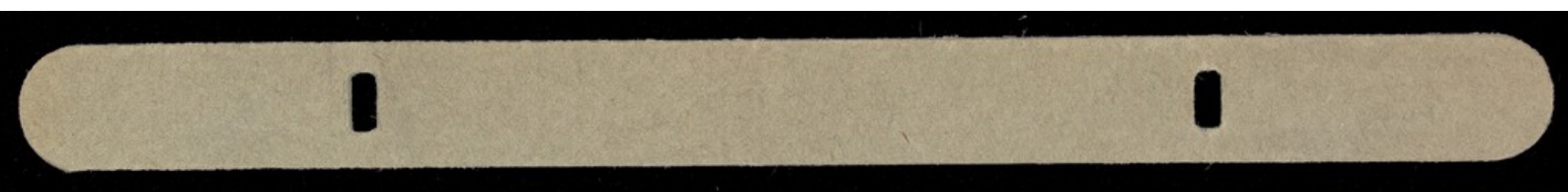
We are having trouble with Mrs Ada Bell again who was a patient in The Retreat last Spring. You wanted her discharged as relieved. She gets delusions periodically and is very troublesome to her friends. We have had her in our charge now since May 1915. We want to get her into some Home or Asylum again for a change for her and for us. Will you give us any advice how to proceed as she was certified last Year, will it have to be done over again. I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for reply

Yours Truly

(Mrs) M. Vipond

P.S. We will have to try and find a place for her more in this part and within her means. She is very troublesome







888  
Cowboys

Blanchland.

Riding Mill

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1915

Dear Sir

Mr Bell of the  
Inamor Farm near Shursk  
wishes us to let you know  
the state of Mrs Bell's  
mental health. It is her  
peculiarity now to be very  
restless and to take a lot of  
management. She is really  
what is known as "mental".  
She has had a bad time for  
the last three Springs.

She is always worst in the Spring and we were quite agreeable to keep her name on the books of the Retreat as she got a lot of benefit when she was there and has said herself that she might return some time. She requires changes and it is not always suitable to take her to ordinary lodgings. She is not recovered by any means as she has been pretty much like this for two or three years now

and is a trial in an ordinary house but we put up with her as long as she is ordinary but she has mental breakdowns or times of extra strain in the Spring and needs changes and lots of attention which she cannot very well get in an ordinary farm-house.

Yours truly  
J. Vipond.

Manor Farm  
Thornton-le-St  
Thirsk.

204.

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1915.

Dear Sir, Your letter to  
hand this morning.

Mrs Bell is not with us  
now, she is with her other  
sister, Mrs Vipond. to whom  
I will send on your letter.  
The last account we had  
of her, she was in a  
very restless state. We  
think she should not

be discharged, for she  
is not really recovered.

We will write again  
when we hear further.

Yours truly,

Jacob Bell  
A.B.

Dr. Bedford Pierce

The Retreat.

York

16th August, 1915.

Mr. Jacob Bell,  
The Manor Farm,  
Neasham, Thirsk.

Dear Sir,

The time has now come when Mrs. Bell's name should be removed from our books and I hope we shall be doing right in discharging her as recovered, and I propose to do so on Wednesday next unless I hear from you to the contrary.

If there is any doubt about the recovery she should be discharged as relieved.

Yours faithfully,

John Adams, 1818

Mr. Jacob Bell,

The Mayor of

Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sir,

The time has now come when the public  
have decided to remove from our ranks and I hope we  
shall be doing right in doing what we have resolved to  
do. I propose to do so on Wednesday next unless I  
hear from you to the contrary.  
If there is any word about the meeting

and should be delayed as follows.

Yours faithfully,

Pipond

May 26<sup>th</sup> / 1915

Blanchland

Riding Mill on Lyn

Dear Doctor

Please send

The Bill for my Board is  
at the Retreat at York.

as soon as convenient

yours respectfully

Ada Bell

To

Dr Pearce

the Retreat

York



Cowhigars

Blanchland

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1915.

Please find P. O for  
10/. enclosed on account  
of Mrs Ada Bell, as  
1 months contribution.

From.

(Mrs) M. Vepond.



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From Mrs Vipond,

Blanchland,  
Riding Mill,  
Northumberland

Dear Sir

I enclose postal order  
for ten shillings in payment  
of one month's fees at 2/6 per week,  
for Mrs Ada Bell, to keep her  
name on the books of the Retreat.

Yours respectfully  
J. Vipond.



May 27, 1915

*Ada*

Dear Mrs. Bell,

I hope you keep quite well.

The account was paid before you left  
the Retreat, so there is nothing  
more required.

Yours very truly,



THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

66, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

11 May 1915.

Re Ada Bell

Admitted 8 April 1915

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Control to request from you, at the expiration of one month ~~weeks~~ from the present time, a further and full statement with respect to the mental and bodily condition of the above-named patient, if at that time still an inmate of the Asylum. If he has been, or is about to be, sent out on trial, you are requested to state for what period the trial has been granted, and the date of its expiration.

For your convenience a form is enclosed.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

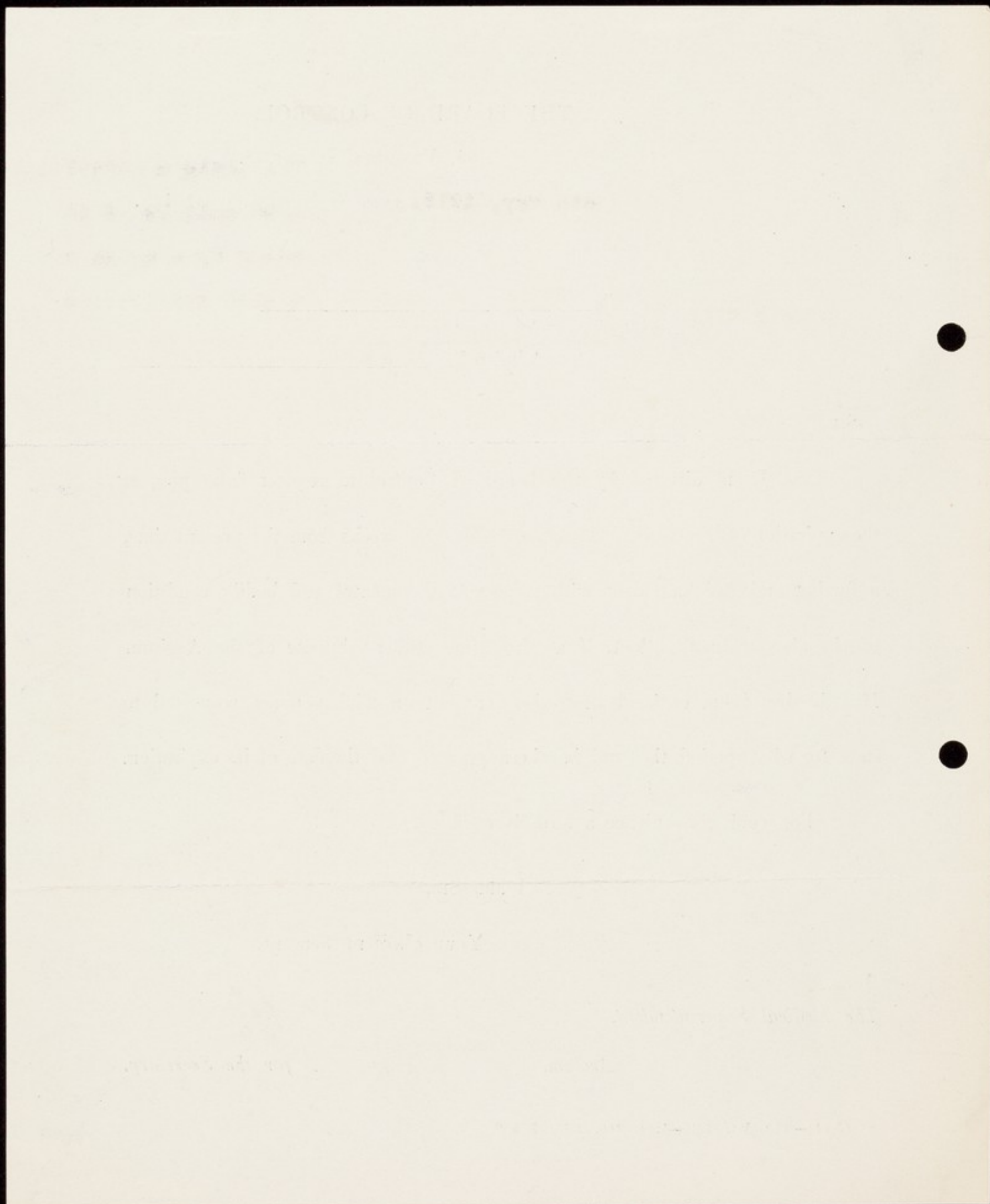
The Medical Superintendent,

York Retreat Asylum,

R. Kirk

for the Secretary.

June 11



690.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1915  
Manor House  
Ghirish

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To Dr Pierce

Dear Sir.

we intend removing  
Mrs Bell on Friday first  
if it is in order with your  
rules

yours respectfully  
Jacob Bell



KIRKGATE,

THIRSK.

3 May 1915

Dear D. Pierce.

I have seen

Mr. Bell about his  
Sister-in-law, Mrs. Bell,  
& conveyed to him the  
news contained in your  
letter. He is pleased  
to learn that she is  
now in a fit state  
to be taken home, &  
this I believe he intends  
to do on Friday, but  
I will notify you

definitely before then.

Yrs sincerely.

W. G. MacArthur

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6th May, 1915.

Dear Sir,

It will be quite  
satisfactory for Mrs. Bell to  
leave to-morrow as you propose.  
She is very much better, and I  
hope that she will go on all  
right.

Yours very truly,

Jacob Bell, Esq.

Manor House,

Thirsk.

6th May, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I will be quite

satisfied for Mr. Bell to

have the review as you propose.

There is very much better, and I

hope that you will go on all

the way.

Yours very truly,

Joseph Bell, Esq.

and House,

Thames.

7th April, 1915.

Dear Dr. MacArthur,

By a strange mischance Dr. Craig's certificate was sent to the wrong address, and we only found it out to-day. I am, therefore, sending by a nurse a new certificate of Dr. Craig's and also spare blank forms for the rest of the papers. Strictly speaking the Petition should be presented to the Magistrate to-day, and if Mrs. Bell's relative has signed it I hope you will be able to arrange this. Of course if this cannot be done the matter must be left until to-morrow, but there is a doubt as to whether your certificate will not be out of date then, seeing that you saw the patient on the 1st. Perhaps it would meet the case if you could present the Petition, possibly incomplete, to the Magistrate to-day, and then have it finished to-morrow. If it has to be left until to-morrow kindly send the papers by express post, so that they may reach us to-morrow afternoon. I am very sorry to have to worry you in this way.

I remain,

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very sorry to have to worry you in this way.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Chief, Home Dept.

8th March, 1915.

Dear Dr. MacArthur,

I am afraid that it is scarcely proper for Mrs. Bell to remain as a Voluntary Boarder. She knows that she is in the Quaker Retreat, but beyond that she has practically no idea of her position and surroundings. She cannot identify the people around her, makes the most extraordinary statements, and is altogether muddled. I am, therefore, sending you a form for a medical certificate, as it is desirable that she should be certified before the end of the week. I will get another certificate in York and send it to you directly I hear that you are ready for it. I conclude that the Magistrate's Order will be obtained in Thirsk. I may remind you that the Petition must be presented within seven days after you have examined the patient, so there is not much time to be lost.

Dr. Mackenzie says you hesitated <sup>before her coming</sup> to sign a certificate for Mrs. Bell. <sup>if you have any difficulty about it</sup> Would it be possible for you to come over and see her, as I do not think that you would have much difficulty now.

Yours very truly,

30th March, 1915.

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Dear Dr. MacArthur,

I am afraid it is scarcely proper for Mrs. Bee to remain as a voluntary boarder. She knows that she is in the Quaker Retreat, but beyond that she has practically no idea of her position and surroundings. She cannot identify the people around her, makes the most extraordinary statements, and is altogether muddled. I am, therefore, sending you a form for a medical certificate, as it is desirable that she should be certified before the end of the week. I will get another certificate in York and send it to you directly I hear that you are ready for it. I conclude that the Legislature's Order will be obtained in time. I may remind you that the Petition must be presented within seven days after you have examined the patient, so there is not much time to be lost. Dr. Beckenham says you hesitated to sign a certificate for Mrs. Bell. Would it be possible for you to come over and see her, as I do not think that you would have much difficulty now.

Yours very truly,

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.



H.K. & POTTISWODE, Ltd., Lond.

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Thank  
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York  
Can You take female tomorrow  
afternoon three grinnias for several  
Weeks Macarthur

"Yes can receive patient Friday

The Patient"

Name. Ada Bell      Age. 80      Date of Adm. Apr. 8. 1915.  
Address Manor Farm, Newsham, Thurst, Yorks.  
Description Farmer's widow.  
Religious Persuasion Congregationalist.

P.H. Perfectly healthy, mentally and physically. of cheerful disposition, hard working and always temperate.

One previous attack in June 1913 lasting 10 or 12 weeks. Taken away from home for a change and recovered completely.

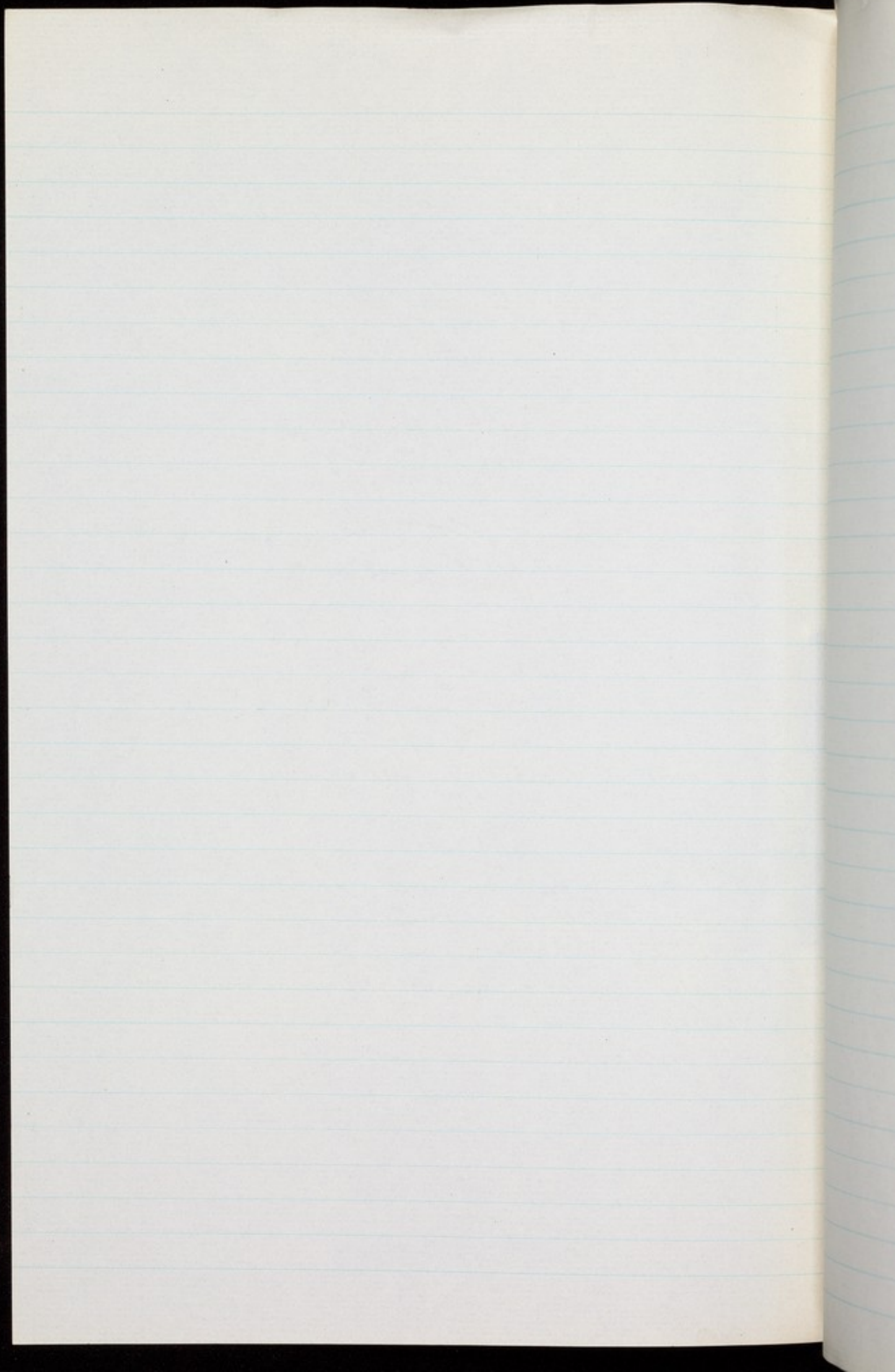
H.P.C. No cause known except gradual loss of mental powers from old age.

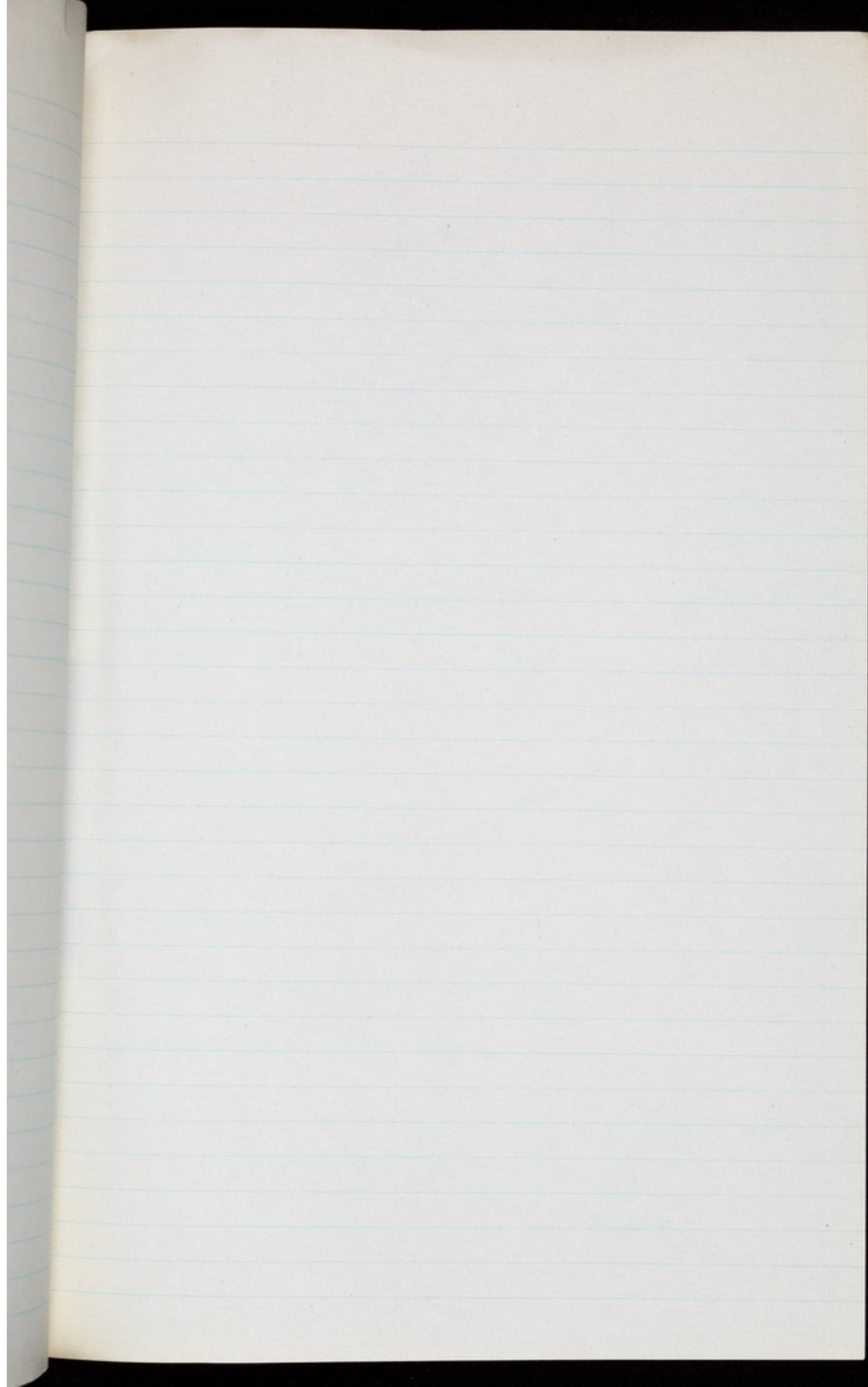
F.H.

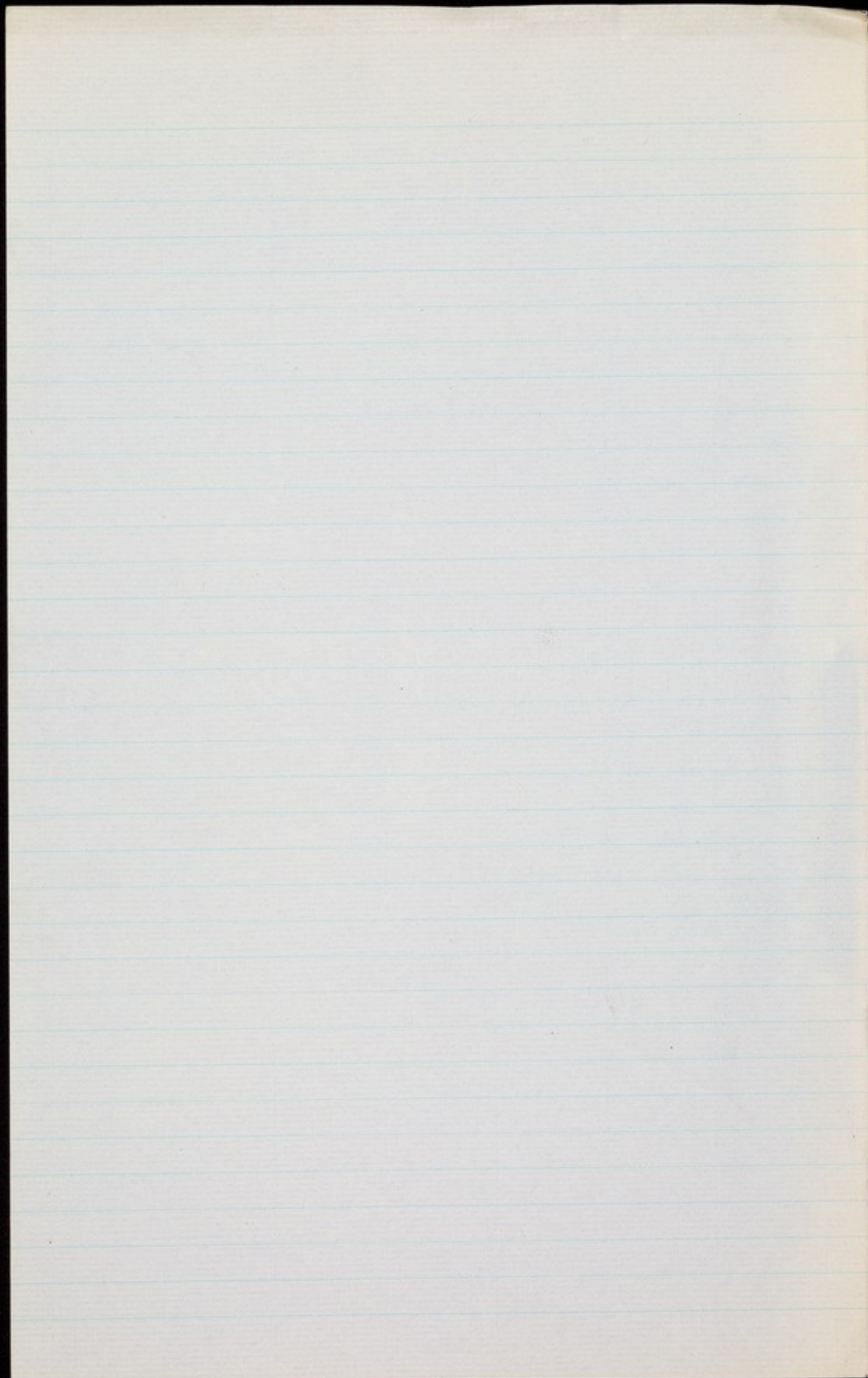
Father died aged 81 of senility.  
No history of mental disease.

Abstract of Certificate.

Rambling and incoherent in her talk, and cannot keep to any subject for long. Is excited and confused & does not know where she is. Makes misstatements of impossible conduct on the part of her relatives and friends.







Name. Ada Bell.

Ward

Date of Adm. Apr. 8, 1915.

General Bodily Condition

Height

Weight (without clothes)

Nutrition

Injuries (if any)

Deformities

Head & Neck

Teeth

Hair

Trunk

Arms & Legs

Skin

Complexion

Colour

Tongue

Respiration

Pulse

Temperature.

Mental Condition

General Appearance

Conversation

Clearness

Orientation

Memory

Coherence

Delusions & Halluc.

Emotional State

Complaints

Conduct & Behaviour.

