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May 17, 1915

Dear Mr. Walker,

There would be no objection whatever to saying that Mrs. Walker died at Heslington Road, but I do not see how you can give any other name than the Retreat if the authorities want one. Possibly the words Friends' Hospital might be used, but it is somewhat of a misnomer. The death certificate necessarily contains the word Retreat, and I fancy there is no possibility of avoiding its use.

Yours very truly,

May 17, 1915

Dear Mr. Walker,

There would be no objection whatever to saying

that Mrs. Walker died at Hurlingham Road, but I do not

see how you can give any other name than the Hurlingham

if the authorities want one. Possibly the words 'Hurlingham'

might be used, but it is not a name of a person.

The death certificate necessarily contains the word

Hurlingham, and I know there is no possibility of avoiding

its use.

Yours very truly,

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

May 14/15

Dear Sir

I am taking
out letters of
administration re
my mother's personal
estate as she was
now ill. The Solicitor
informs we place
of death must be
stated. Seeing
Miss Walker is very
desirous people
should not know
this could any

nevertheless be stated
say Westington Road
instead of using
the words The Retreat.

If you can suggest
any way out of the
difficulty, or previously
had this point to
deal with. I should
be greatly obliged
by an immediate
reply.
With kind regards.

Yours faithfully
Deborah Walker

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

May 31/15

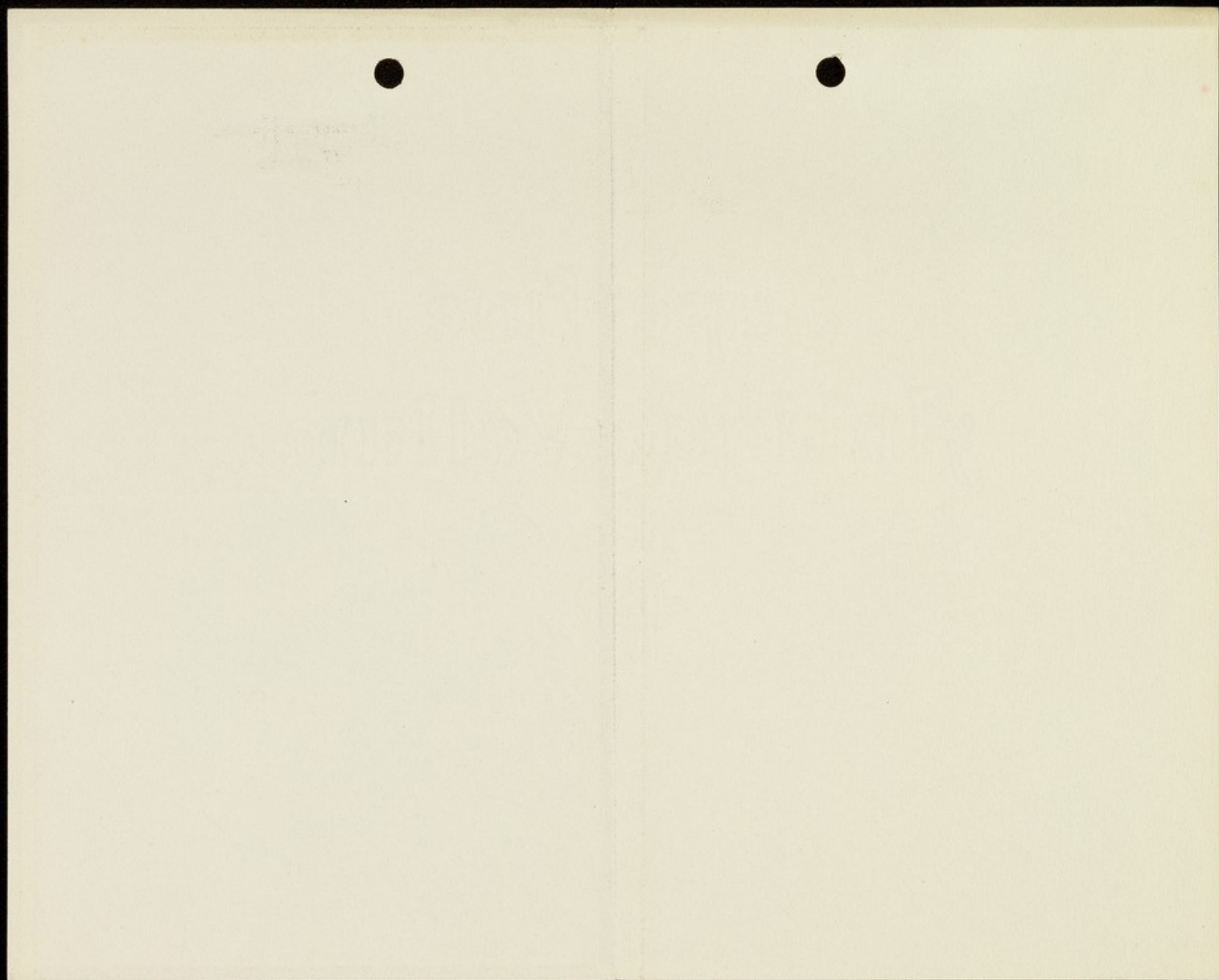
W. E. Wacker Esq.

Dear Sir.

I enclose
cheque in settlement
in full of all
charges in connection
with my late
dear Mother.

Thanking you & Dr.
Price for all the
last arrangements
you made for us.
Kind regards

Yours faithfully
Denton Wacker.



HEATHFIELD HOUSE,

HALIFAX.

May.

April 5/15.

Dear Dr. Price

I should like
to have at an early
date all the charges
(including the
funeral expenses)

that I owe in
connection with my
late dear mother.

I am hoping to get
things straight &
settled off as quickly
as possible.

all your arrangements

were splendidly
carried out, and
it was much the
best way to do as
you suggested
again thanking you
most sincerely for
your never ending
kindnesses to myself
& Miss Walker.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Denton Walker

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

apl 8/15
Dear Dr. Price
Many thanks
for your letter, we do
feel anxious, and wish
to hear every day.
I will ring up and
enquire. Do you advise
us coming over again
say Sunday or Monday?
We were glad to hear
mother was a shade
better, & hope the
breathing may be
relieved quickly. When

we were over on Tuesday
we noticed a strong
drought thro. the door
near the bed, and
mentioned to Sister
Hannah, who readily
put a screen up.

If Mr. Walter asks for
either of us, we will come
any time.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly
Dutton Walter

16th February, 1915.

Dear Mr. Walker,

Mrs. Walker still continues to be variable. Sometimes she is dull and unresponsive and seems to be worse than she is; at other times she is cheerful and elated and seems better than she really is. Just at present she is very cheerful, and if you came to see her you would be pleased with her.

She is, however, certainly slowly failing in health. She looks thinner, is more helpless, and the movements of her arms are more restricted from chronic arthritis. She is, however, very strong on occasion, and can resist attentions very powerfully when not in a good humour. I think on the whole her health is very good considering her years.

Mrs. Walker would certainly appreciate letters and little gifts in her present state, but I do not think that there is anything else that can be done to help her.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Febry 14/15

Dear Dr. Paine,

It seems quite
an age since I saw you
or had a chat with you.
I trust you do not think
me careless in not
writing oftener, and
enquiring directly from
you how my dear
Mother was keeping.
The last time I was over
about 3 weeks ago I was

a little shocked to
see her so very feeble
& listless, but rather
think she was tired.
Sister Hannah informed
me she had been
suffering from a bad
cold some time, & could
not easily shake off at
her age.

I suppose nothing possibly
can be done at her age.
than what is already being done.

You will I am sure do
everything you possibly
can.

Miss Walker & myself
are not able to come
over for a week or ten
days, so we wish to know
how she is.

I suppose she really
likes us to come, & see
her, Can we do
anything else to please her?
With kindest regards & many
thanks for all your past
attention & kindness,

Yours faithfully
Denton Walker.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Aug. 12/14

Dear Sir, I regret the
delay in sending Mr.
Walker's acc. due.
You will quite understand
owing to the special
circumstances one is very
hard put to it
not only little or no
business & money coming
in, but an advance
charged as well on the
acc. at times I quite

quite for the
future in this
respect. But trust
I can meet all
these obligations for
my dear Mother's
sake whatever may
happen to one's self
afterwards

Yours truly
Denton Walker.

W. E. Walker Esq.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Sept. 18/13.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I have heard
nothing further re
Mr. Walker's photographs.
I trust they are being
proceeded with.
My sister self would
be glad to have some
when ready.

I should be glad to
know your opinion as
to Mr. Walker. Do you
consider her condition

HEATHFIELD HOUSE

HALEFAX.

about as usual,
Miss Walker has been
rather busy with
Visitors, which has
prevented our coming
over the last week or
so. I am hoping however
to come over at an
early date.
Miss Walker joins with
me in kindest regards
to yourself.

Yours very Sincerely
Dorothy Walker

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX

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Dear D. Price Feb 2/13
My sister and
myself would like to
know from you how
you consider Mrs Walker
is keeping. We are
rather afraid the
recent wintry weather
may have tried her.
We do hope it will be
possible to keep her

from cold, as it
would be serious
at her age.
Does she keep in bed
the very cold days?
I am sorry not to have
come over as frequently
as I hoped, but business
engagements, & the
weather have prevented.
Will it be quite right
if I come over one
day this week?
Miss Walker I fear dare

not venture this cold
weather.

We both trust you are
keeping well & again
wish to thank you for
all your kindness both
to Mr. Walker, and
ourselves.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly

Henry Walker

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A.R.

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

August 15/12.

Dear Dr. Price,

I am anxious to know how you consider Mr. Walker is. I have been prevented coming over the last week or so partly owing to the bad weather, and partly as I am rather awkwardly fixed at business just at present.

I quite hoped if the

weather had been at
all warm and settled
to take Mr. Walker
one or two drives,
she seemed to so enjoy
the last one we had
together.

Is Mr. Walker well
enough for me to bring
Miss Walker over next
week? or had I better
come alone.

We have had nothing

but rain here day
after day, and so very
cold.

Trusting you are keeping
well this trying weather.
With kindest regards.
Believe me.

Yours faithfully

Stanton Walker

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

April 20/12

Dear Dr. Cairns

My Sister &
myself are naturally
anxious to hear how Mrs.
Walker is after her
accident. How do you
account for it?
We were glad to hear
also you got a Surgeon's
advice, although of course
we know you would do
everything possible

We quite understand
how very feeble she is.
Last time Dr. was over to
see her about a
fortnight ago. I thought
how nicely she was,
or was looking forward
to bringing Miss Walker
at any early date to see
her.

You don't think another
Patient has given her a
knock at any time.

It struck me if she
fell out of bed, she
was too feeble to get
back again.

Had she better have
another pair of Spectacles
tough? we cannot find
another pair here. or the
prescription for same.

very sorry she has lost
her old pair.

When you deem it
advisable I will come
over.

Kindest regards from
self + Miss Walker.

Yours faithfully
Linda Walker.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Oct 8/11.
Dear Sophie.

as I have not
recently seen or heard
from you I should just
like a word about my
Mother. Is she keeping
tolerably well and happy?
The last time I have
been over she certainly
seemed bright and
cheerful, and enjoyed
two very pleasant drives

Wm

we had. As you know
I think, my sister and
myself are very anxious
to do everything possible
to make her "evening
days" happy and bright
and would welcome
any suggestions you
might make, always
thanking you + your
staff for what you have
done in the past.

I regret owing to
great pressure, and
calls of business I have
not been over to the
Retreat as much this
summer as I intended,
but always felt what
good hands Mr. Walder
was in.
My sister joins in kind
regards. Trusting you are
quite well.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Denton Walder

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Feb 19/11.

Dear Dr. Price.

I should like to know how you think Mr. Walker is. It seems some considerable time since I had a conversation with you. Have you any suggestions to make? I am quite hoping all being well to give a little more time to Mr. Walker this coming Spring in the way of taking her occasional drives, & coming over to see her, if she is

well enough and you
advise. I suppose any
coming home for a time
quite out of the question.
Would a short stay
near York somewhere
be good.

My sister joins me
in wishing to thank you
for all your past
kindnesses and help.
Trusting you are well.
With kind regards.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Denton Walker

June 27, 1910

Dear Mr. Walker,

I am sadly afraid your letter of the 23rd has been overlooked.

Mrs. Walker goes on much as usual. She is as a rule very pleasant to do with, but is now feeble, needing a great deal of attention, and I really do not think it would be worth while having her at home.

If it were possible for you to take rooms at some nice place, not far away from York, say Coxwold or Kirby Moorside, she might join you for a little while with a nurse, but I hardly think she is able to do more than this.

Yours very truly,

EXTRAORDINARY

REFERENCE

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

June 23/10.

Dear Dr. Pierce

It seems some considerable time since I either saw, or heard from you.

I wonder how you consider my Mother is, and if you advise anything different being done. I suppose it would not be advisable to

attempt any
coming home, although
one always thought
in the summer time
it might, if ever
be managed.

My sister is in a
fairly good state
of health at present.
I have had her at
Bridlington the last
fortnight, and it has
done her a world of
good.

I am quite anxious
to come over and see
Mrs Walker, & should
like my sister to see
her if you have no
objections but should
not like to unsettle
her any way.
Trusting you are
quite well.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully
Linton Walker

Dec. 31, 1909

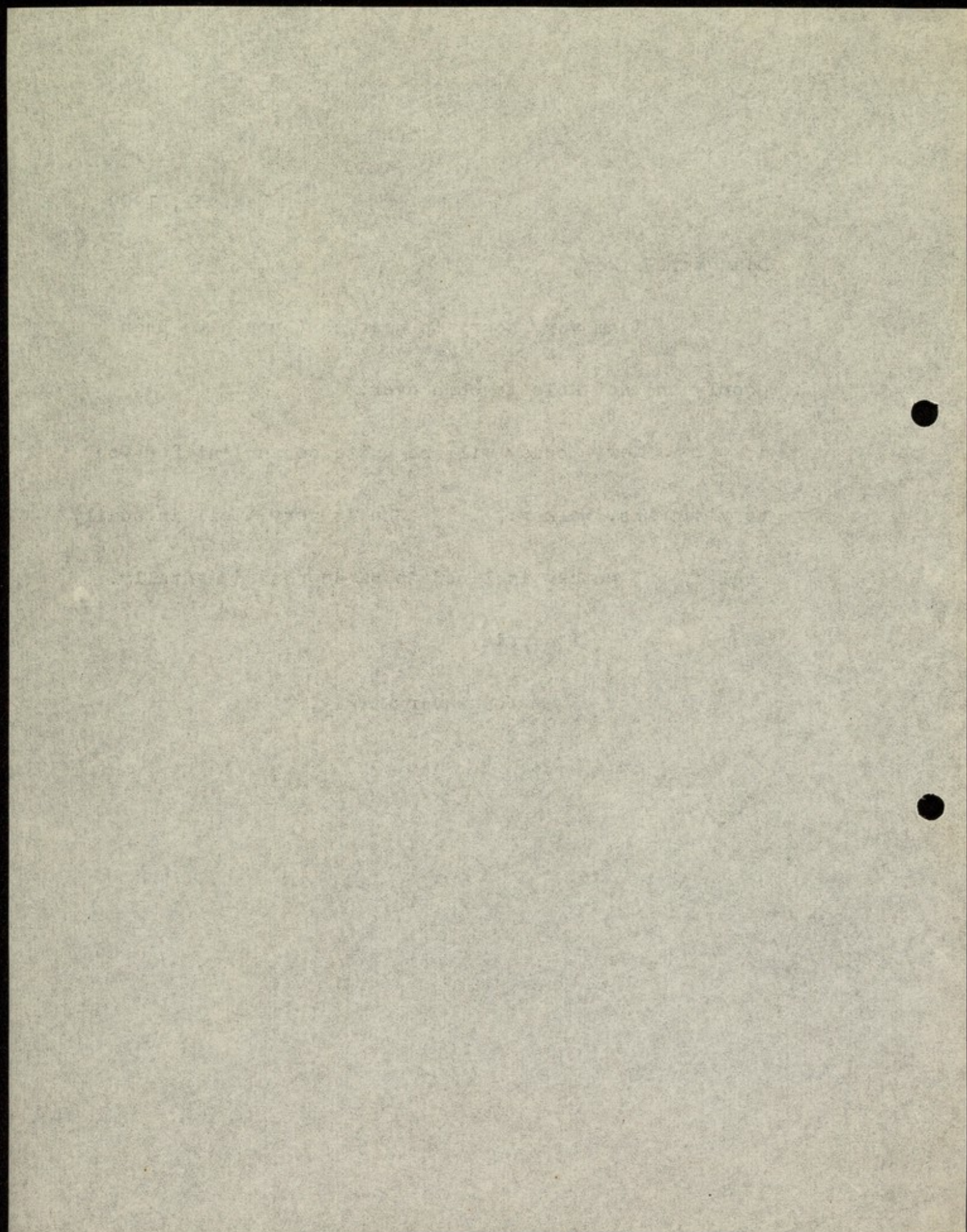
Dear Mr. Walker,

I am very sorry to hear that you have been poorly and not able to come over.

Next Monday will be quite convenient for you to visit Mrs. Walker. She is very well in bodily health, but rather inclined to be depressed mentally.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Dec. 30/09

Dear Dr. Purice.

I am sorry
that owing to sickness
and various other causes
I was not able to come
over and see Mrs Walker
last week. I hope
however to come early
next week (possibly
Monday) unless you
think it advisable
otherwise. We have not
heard much from
Mrs Walker just lately

but do trust she
is keeping fairly
well. With kind
regards. wishing you
a very Happy New
Year.

Yours faithfully
Linton Walker

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

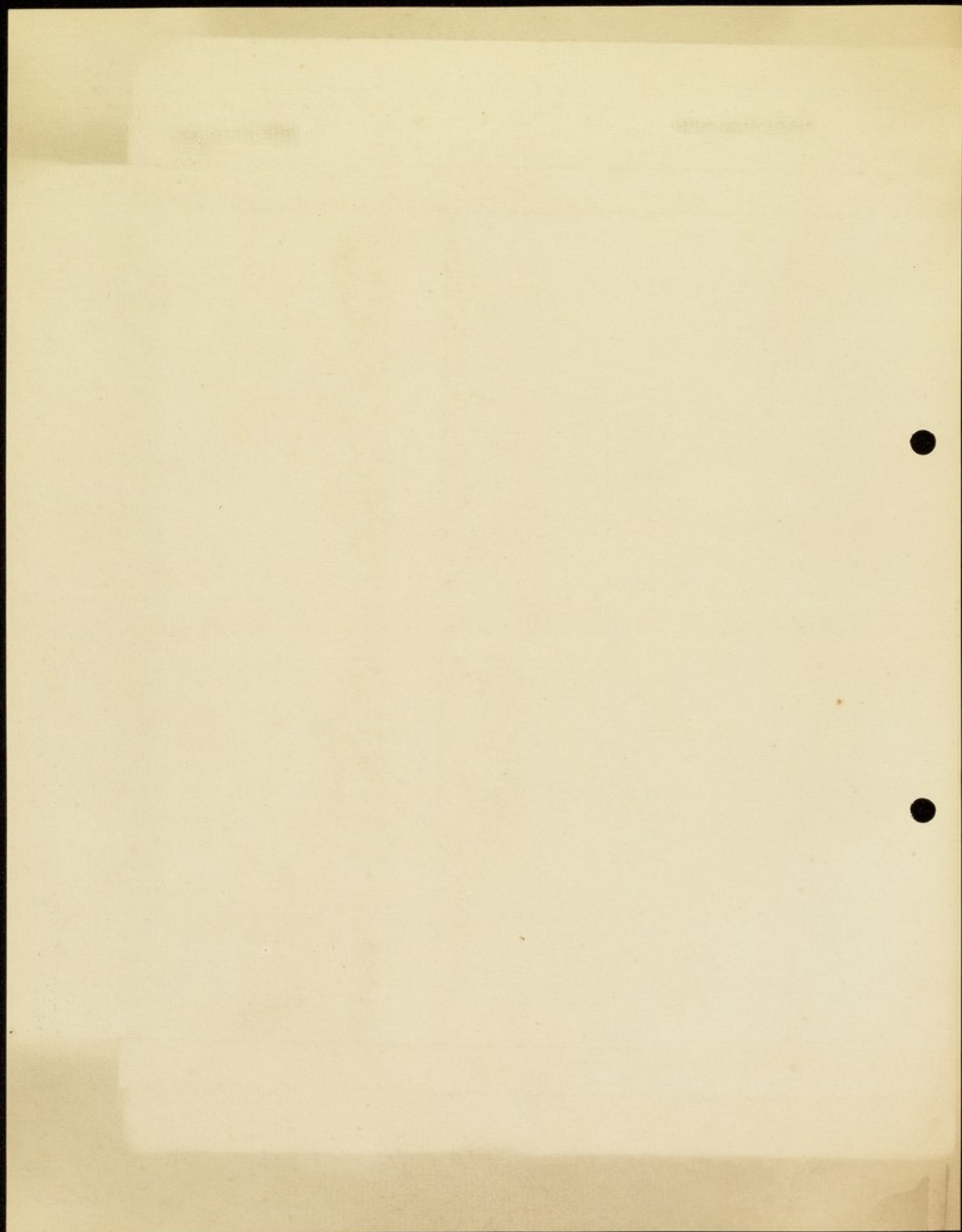
Sept. 19, 1909
Sept. 13, 1909

Dear Mr. Walker,

There is no doubt that Mrs. Walker's powers of walking are very much reduced. This is largely due to a chronic rheumatic tendency which affects both arms and legs and limits the range of movements of the limbs.

She is at present rather lively and exciteable, certainly too much so for an ordinary household, but there is no reason why you and Miss Walker should not visit her, and we would arrange for you to have meals with her and a quiet time for as long as you thought desirable. I have little hope of her being much better than she is at present.

Yours very truly,



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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Novr. 7/09.

Dear Dr. Fair

I should like
to know from you how
you consider Mrs Walker
is. I was sorry the last
time I was over. I was
not able to see you.
However I was pleased to
find as far as one
could gather Mrs Walker
was fairly well.
She seemed quite happy
and contented, which was

very gratifying to
one. I suppose you
would not for a
moment advise her
coming back home,
especially during the
Winter. I wondered if
Mrs Walker would
prefer to be in the
"West Villa" than where
she at present is.
possibly she is quite
comfortable in her present
quarters. I would not care
to move, but would

like her to have the
choice.

I am intending coming
over again very shortly
unless you think it
unwise.

With kindest regards.

Yours faithfully

Denton Walker

make, I shall be
glad to act upon
if at all feasible.
With kindest regards

Yours faithfully

Stanton Walker

Dr Bedford Pierce.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX

Sep 12/09.

Dear Dr. Pierce

It seems a
considerable time
since I wrote to you
regarding Mr. Walker.
When I was over a
month or so ago. I
was pleased and
gratified to find her
nicely well, and
cheerful, but rather
shocked to notice
how very bad at walking
It was all one could

do to get her
a very little
distance in the
garden.

Seeing she appeared
so content and happy
where she was nothing
was said about
coming home. I suppose
you would not
advise anything of
that kind being
attempted.

Do you consider her
health satisfactory,
and improvement
mentally?

For some things it is
a blessing she is not
at home just now.

As we have a lady
visitor ill with very
severe attack of shingles,
and somewhat depressed
in consequence.

One question I should
like to ask you before
closing my letter i.e.
Would you advise me
bringing my sister over
some time when I come
to see Mr. Walker.

If you think advisable
I will do so next time
I am over.
Any suggestion you

If you think my
coming over to see
Mrs. Walker would
afford her any pleasure
I shall only be too
delighted to do so.
With kindest regards.
Trusting you are well.
Believe me.

Yours faithfully
Denton Walker

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

June 17/09.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Not having heard
anything lately, I am
anxious to know how
Mrs. Walker is keeping.
I had quite anticipated
taking her either to
Bridlington (as named
to you) or having her
at home again ere
this. When at Bridlington

last month with my
sister for a few days.
We looked at a few
furnished houses with
an idea of possibly
taking Mr. Walker
as my sister was not
very well. I took a
house for a month & she
is there now until July
7th & having friends as
company as I am not
able to be away from

business except at the
week end.

Do you think Mr. Walker
will be well enough
to return home about
July 7th? Or do you
advise us to adopt any
other course. Our garden
is just nice now, we
think if well Mr. W.
would as soon come
home as go elsewhere.
We wish to be however
entirely guided by
what you say.
Trusting you can
report favourably.

anticipation of
your reply.
With kind regards.

Yours faithfully
Denton Walker

✓
A.K.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Apr 18/09.

Dear D. Luce,

Since I saw
you last at York and
named my intentions
as regards Mrs. Walker
my plans have had to
be altered somewhat.
In the first instance
Miss Walker has had
a slight attack of
Influenza. & been very
far from well, in fact
I have been rather
uneasy about her.
During this "spring

"cleaning" was in
operation at our house.
consequently matters
in this direction have
had to be delayed.
I now wonder if it
would not be better
for me to get Miss
Walker away for a
week or ten days before
arranging as to Mr. W. We of course should
the rather fancy going
to Bridlington. & if so
& you think it advisable
I thought I could then
take the opportunity of
looking for a house
suitable for Mrs. Walker.
But would first like
to hear from you your
opinion, & if place quite
suitable, or elsewhere.
I suppose early in May
it would have to be
for Mrs. Walker.
Would you think any
other place, country or
sea, more suitable
or of course should
not thinking of taking
her away from the
Retreat until she was
well enough for one
Nurse to manage.
Thanking you in

✓
N.R.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Jan'y 17/09.

Dear Dr. Price

I had intended
writing you before
this saying how pleased
I was to find Mr.
Walker so happy & well
the last time I came
over to see her.

I trust the improvement
is maintained.

My sister and myself
feel much as we

should like her to
be at home with us
she is better at the
Retreat during the
Winter as we should
not be able to get her
out at this time of the
year. and also would
have great difficulty
in finding the
necessary amusement
or recreation.

I suppose you fully
agree to this view.

I should like to
have a line saying
how you consider
Mr. Walker. as to
the desirability of
my coming over
occasionally. Again
thanking you for all
you have done. Trusting
you are well.
With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely
Lenton Walker.

✓
H.K.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Feb'y. 25/09.

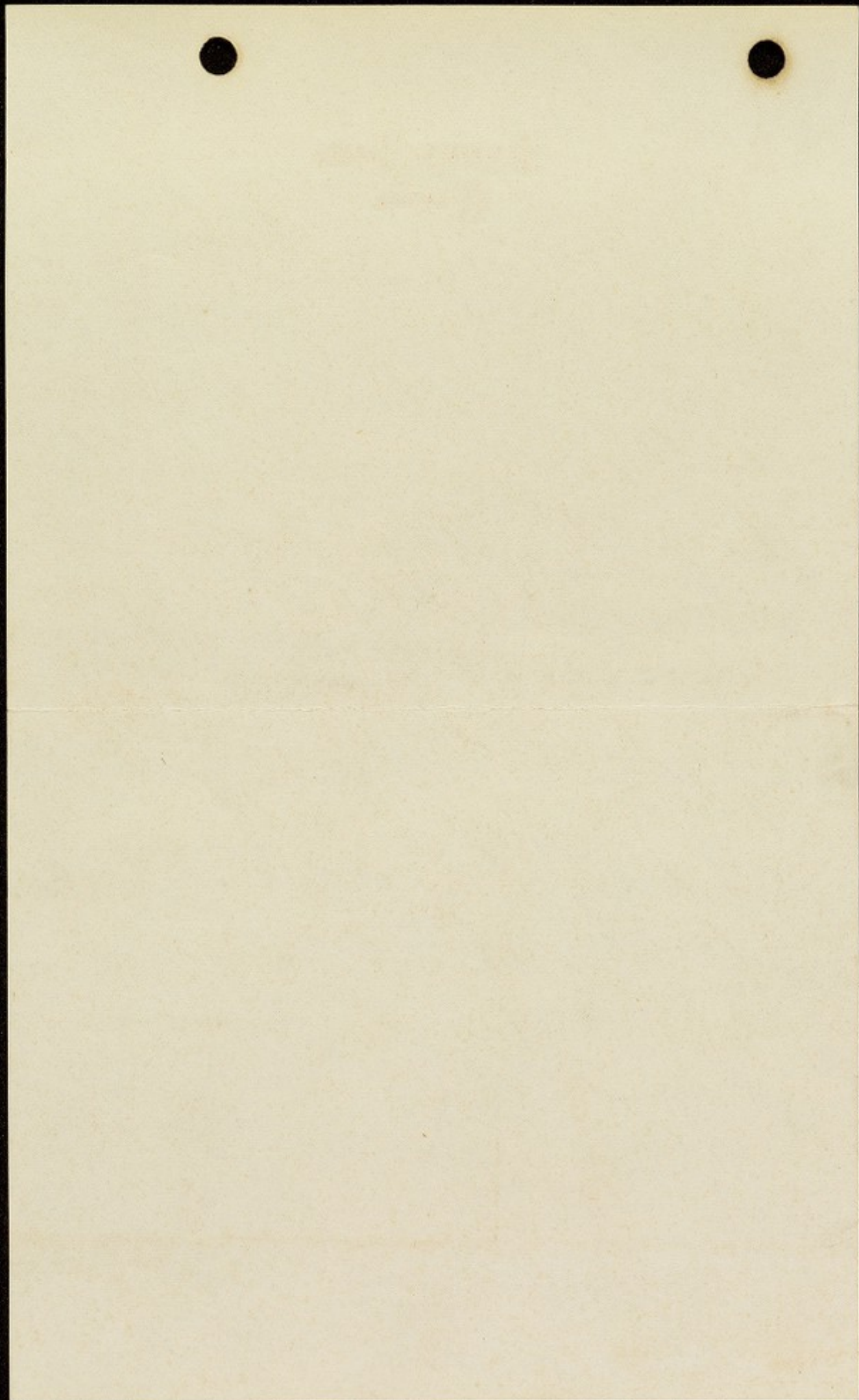
Dear Dr. Parrie.

I should like
to hear from you as to
how Mr. Walker is
keeping. It seems some
considerable time since
we heard anything.
Mr. Walker herself is not
sending home any letters.
If you think wise I
will certainly come over
and see her!

Trusting you are well
With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Stanton Walker



✓
H.K.

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Nov: 1st/08
Dear D. Pierce.

We have been
very pleased to receive
today two letters from
Mr. Walker and gather
from her being able to
write she is somewhat
better. Do you consider
there has been much
improvement lately?
Is she easier to manage
& quieter at night.
If you think it wise

I would come over
and see her, but
of course should be
exceedingly sorry if
my coming over
helped to upset her
in any way. When I
was over last I was
sorry she was not in
the West Villa, as I
think she is 'happier
& more comfortable there
& if tolerably well
suppose there is nothing
to prevent her being there.
As we are very anxious

for her to have all
the comfort possible.
I suppose her coming
home is quite out of
the question at present
& I fear Halifax is
colder & we have
worse weather than at
York during the winter.
Again thanking you
for your continued
kindnesses.

Believe me

Yours faithfully
Denton Walker

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Sept. 20/08

Dear Dr. Kemp.

I am encroaching upon your kindness I fear but am anxious to hear how Mrs. Walker is getting on. And not being certain if Dr. Purice is at home or not. thought I would drop you a line.

Is she well enough for home? that is really what I want to know. We had a letter about 3 weeks ago from her

for which we were
very delighted.

I fear this wet &
dull weather of today
will be very trying
for all Invalids. It is
bad enough for anybody.
Trusting you are well
& can report favourably.
With kindest regards
& many thanks for all
your favours.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Horton Walker

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

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August 18/08

Dear Dr. Pirc.

Looking thro
my diary this evening
I find it will be
on Aug. 20. just 12
months since my Mother
left home to go to the
Retreat, naturally it
does seem a very
long time to us for
her to be away from
us. When I was over

in York to see her
three weeks ago.
she seemed fairly well
but not in a state
to bring back home.
Do you consider there has
been any improvement
since then? and could
you advise as to try
her at home again
or wait a little longer.
I did think when I
saw Mrs Walker she
would prefer to be
in the West Villa,

seeming to take a
prejudice against
several of the ladies
who shared the sitting
rooms etc where she
was.

We wish her to have
every comfort possible
& ourselves prefer her
to be in the West Villa
which she always
seemed preciously to
like & enjoy.

With kindest regards.

Yours faithfully

Denton Walker

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

July 23/08

Dear Dr. Pierce

I suppose you
do not yet advise
Mr. Walker's returning
home? We are not
receiving any letters
from her so fear she is
not quite so well.
I am intending coming
over to see her next
week, unless you think
I had better not do so.
With kind regards.

Yours faithfully

Linton Walker

House

House

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

June 15/08
Dear Dr. Pierce

We are anxious
to know how Mrs.
Walker is now.
Do you consider her
quite well enough
to come home or not.
We do not wish her
to come home until
she is quiet during
the night, & that one

Nurse can manage
her altogether. It
would be painful
for us to have her
home only to return
again immediately
to York. She appears
happy where she is
& does not speak of
longing to come
home. We are
anxious to do the

best for her but
feel we must be
guided by what
you think best for
~~us~~ her.

If wise I could
come over any time
to see her.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

Leontine Walker

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.Monday evening
June 1/08.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Your letter to
hand this evening
we are very sorry to
hear that Mr. Walker
is not so well again
I think all things
considered I had
better postpone my
coming for her, until

I hear from you
again, say if all
goes well after
the Whitsuntide
holidays.

Yours faithfully

Ednton Walker

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX. ✓

May 31/08

Dear D. Pierce.

We were rather
afraid Mrs Walker
was not quite so
well again not
having heard from
her just recently.
We would like to
hear from you how
she is before coming
for her on Tuesday

as arranged.
unless you advise
differently. We are
very anxious for her
to be at home if
really advisable,
Trusting you can
report favourably.
With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Denton Walker

Thanks for all
your Kindnesses,

Believe me

Yours faithfully
Denton Walker

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

May 25/08.

Dear D. Pierce.

I had intended
coming for Mr. Walker
this week, but my
sister has gone to-day
for a weeks visit to
an Aunt in London
so think I had better
wait until to-morrow
Tuesday week June 2nd.
Will you kindly
arrange for Mr. Walker

to be ready then.
I wrote her a line
yesterday (Sunday)
saying when I
intended coming for
her.

We shall require a
Nurse from the Retreat.
Unfortunately Nurse
Piggott who did so
well before has a case
so cannot come.

As regards the question

of payment, I suppose
you could let us
have a Nurse for less
than £1/6 per week
the terms we paid last.
I find Mrs. Walker's
expenses such a "pull"
upon myself I have
to be most careful
in these matters of
expenditure.
We should like
however as I am sure
you are aware of
a nice & competent Nurse
serving. Trusting you
are keeping well &
with continued

well. With
Kind regards.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Denton Walker

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

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Apr 26/08

Dear D. Price

Since I was
over at York to see
Mrs Walker. I feel
anxious to know if
she was any worse
with my visit. I hope
not. She appeared to
have a slight cold
but otherwise I was
glad to find her quite
as well as I expected.
The weather having been
so bad my sister has

not yet been from
home for a little
change which she is
badly needing before
Mrs Walker's return.
I am hoping to come
for Mrs Walker about
the middle of next
month, hoping by then
the weather will be
warmer, & more suitable
for her going out.
It has been intensely
cold, snow etc here the

last week.

We have not had any
letters from Mrs Walker
for some time, and
consequently wondered
if not so well.

Since I saw you Mr.
Walker's only sister has
passed away. & I have
had a great amount of
trouble & anxiety in
connection with it.

Kindly do not mention
her death to Mr Walker
as we specially do not
wish her to know at
present.
Trusting you are keeping

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

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Mar 3/01.

Dear Dr. Purce.

Can you report
much progress as regards
Mrs Walker's condition the
last few weeks?

From one of her letters we
gathered she was not just
then at the West Villa
but in another part of the
house. we think we must
be wrong in this conclusion.
Please say if this is so.
Is Mrs Walker taking her

food well, and sleeping
well, and generally
happy and content.

Of course we don't expect
her getting out this wintery
weather.

Trusting you are keeping
well & have escaped this
Influenza so prevalent
just now.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

Denton Walker

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Jan 23/08.

Dear D. Pierce.

I should like
a line to know how
Mrs Waiker is.

We are not getting
letters from her with
any regularity which
I fear means she is
not so well. It seems
a very long time since
she left home, and
one wonders when she
will be sufficiently

well to be with as
again.

We should like to
know a few particulars
as to whether she is
better & more cheerful.
Would you advise my
coming over to see her
With kindest regards.

Yours Sincerely

Edenton Walker.

W.H.

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Dec 8/07

Dear Dr. Pierce

I should like
to know from yourself
how Mrs Walker is.
We have had one or
two letters from her
fairly good, but
she does not write
nearly as often as
formerly. Of course
I expect there is
no immediate prospect

of her returning
home. I am sure she
is better at this
time of the year at
any rate all the
Retreat, not having here
the facilities for change
and in-door exercise
she must have them.
Would you advise
me coming over to see
her some day before
long. I should be
pleased to do so.

if you thought it
would not upset
her.

Trusting you are
Keeping well.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Denton Walker.

D. Bedford Peirce.

B.K.
✓

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

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Oct 27/07.

Dear D. Peirce.

My Sister and
self are anxious to
know how Mr. Walker
is. We fear she does
not read our letters
which we send occasionally.
Is not this so?

Can you report any
improvement mentally.
We hope she is sleeping
well, and not worrying
about us. Does she
also get out when

suitable & take her
food well,
We are naturally
anxious that she is
as happy and cheerful
as possible.

With many thanks and
sincere gratitude for
your continued kindnesses
to us.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Edenton Walker.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

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Sept. 17/07

Dear Dr. Pierce

My Sister &
self are anxious
to know how you
consider Mrs. Walker
is. Possibly you
would hear from
Nurse Piggott how
exceptionally well
she had been
whilst with us at

Home, and how
very grieved we
were that she should
again break down
so suddenly.
Trusting you are
in good health
Believe me

Yours faithfully,

Denton Walker

and had time for
nothing else.
With kindest regards
in which my Sister
joins

Yours faithfully
D. E. Walker

Ans

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

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May 26/07

Dear D. E. Walker.

If it is
agreeable to you, and
you think advisable
I am thinking of coming
for Mrs. Walker about
Monday or Tuesday
week. I have been
away with my sister
for a week to Bridlington
& all is now quite
ready for Mrs. Walker's
return home. I am glad

to say I have been
able to engage Nurse
Piggott again, she is
at home at present and
quite able to come to
us, We should be
glad to know how you
consider Mr Walker is
in comparison ^{with} previous
times. Can you give us
any suggestions as to
diet etc when Mr W
returns. or any other
hints which may be
desirable for us to know.

You may not know
today is Mr Walker's
75th birthday (born
May 26. 1832) in her 75th
year!!

It is desirable for her
to be kept quiet when at
home, or would you let
her see a few friends.
Thanking you in
anticipation.

I intended writing you
during last week but
unfortunately have had
a serious robbery at
place of business during
my absence from home
so have been very busy
trying to investigate

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Mar 28/07

Dear L. Price

It seems now
some time since I
wrote you enquiring
how Mrs Walker is.
Both myself & sister
are anxious she should
return home as soon
as you can recommend.
Our house is now
ready for her return

the usual cleaning
down being finished
last week. We
should of course not
wish Mr. Walker
back until you think
perfectly advisable
every way. although
the absence has appeared
very long to us this
time. One little
thing I should like
to mention viz the
number of drives Mr.

W. is having from
her letters we gather
she is having drives
every day. Is this so?
I know how pleased
she is to have them
but still we have to
consider the cost
which I fear we shall
find heavy to us.
With kindest regards
Believe me.

Yours Sincerely

Denton Walker

To Bedford Place.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,

HALIFAX.

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Jan 6/07
Dear Dr. Pierce.

I should like
to know how you
consider Mr. Walter
if any possibility
of her being at home
in the immediate
future, although both
my sister & self have
occasionally written
to her. we have never
had a line in return

Is it any good
us writing at present
had we better not
We have been anxious
to know if Mrs Walker
is taking her food
well, & also sleeping
better.

Wishing you a very
Happy & prosperous New
Year.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Denton Walker.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Nov. 13/06

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I am writing
to ask how you think
Mrs. Walker is. and
also if you think it
probable we may have
her at home for Christmas
which we are especially
anxious for if possible
otherwise I think I
should make arrange-
ments for my sister to

spend Christmas at
some Hydro. She
feeling dull at home
now that the house
is so very quiet.
Trusting you are
well. With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Denton Walker

Dr. Bedford Pierce

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Thursday
evening

Dear Dr. Peirce.

I am sorry
to say Mrs. Walker
is less well than
she was some days
ago. We are very
anxious if possible
to avert an attack.
but think it better
to ask you to hold
a Nurse in readiness

at night but in the
day time is restless.
With kind regards.

Yours faithfully,
Horton Walker

for us. should we
wire you to send
us one say Saturday
morning early.
If necessary we think
of trying the two Nasses
say for a week at
Lome, and then if Mr.
Walker was no better
suppose we should have
to take her to the Retreat
Mrs. Walker has slept
somewhat well for her

also to know she
is under your charge
& advice. We do hope
by taking such prompt
action she may be able
to be back with us
again very shortly. and
should like to know in
a few days how Mrs. W
has settled down and
is in health. I must
again say how pleased
we have been every way
with Nurse Piggott. &
certainly hope we may
have her again with us
when Mrs. Walker is well
enough to come home.
Kindest regards

Yours very truly

Denton Walker.

D. Pierce,

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Oct 28/06

Dear D. Pierce.

You may be
surprised how things
have turned out since
my interview with you
in Leeds Tuesday last.
Mrs. Walker however
seemed to get a little
worse each day. &
Thursday & Friday she
was considerably worse
so we thought it best
to bring her to York

again immediately
Our own Doctor seeing
Mr Walker yesterday
morning strongly
advising us to bring
at once (Saturday if
we could manage
Sunday at latest.)
So seeing Mrs Walker
had not been discharged
no papers required to be
filled up. We decided
to come yesterday.

Thanks for sending us a
second nurse so promptly
she was very useful to us

in bringing Mrs Walker.
Needless to say both
Mr Walker & myself are
extremely sorry & sad
to think Mrs Walker
has broken down in
health again within
the three months especially
seeing how remarkably
well she was a fortnight
ago, the financial
strain we also find
a heavy burden to us
mind this so much
as long as we know
everything is being done
for Mr Walker that
can be possibly.
this is a great
satisfaction to us. and

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Oct 15/86.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am writing
to ask you if we may
keep Nurse Piggott
beyond the usual
three months which will
be up Novr 1st & which
I understood was the
usual time for a
Nurse to stay at a
private case.
Both my sister & myself

are so pleased with
the care & attention
shown to Mrs Walker
who has quite taken to
Nurse. we should be
sorry to change for
another unless absolutely
necessary. We also think
she has done better for
Mrs Walker than any
previous Nurse we have
had. Beyond a slight
attack of indigestion
a week ago Mrs Walker

has kept perfectly
well since her return
from York.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely.

Denton Walker.

L. Bedford Pierce

Ans/

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

(705)

Sept. 10/06.

Dear Dr. Purce.

I am glad to
inform you Mrs. Walker
is keeping really
very well, & I do wish
to specially say how
very pleased we are
with the Nurse you
let us have (Nurse
Piggott) I do assure
you it is a very

Great comfort to both
my sister and myself
I thought you might
possibly like to know
how things were going
on so venture to send
you this. With renewed
~~thanks~~ thanks for all
your kindness to us.

Believe me.

Yours Sincerely

Denton Walker

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

July 25/08

Dear D. Pierce.

After due
consideration both
my sister and self
wish to avail
ourselves of your
suggestion as to a
Nurse for my Mother
at home viz that you
let us have one of
your Retreat Nurses

at the rate of £60
per annum. which is
I surmise without any
extras, as this is quite
as much as I told
you on our interview
together as we are able
and justified in
paying. As to the
question of wearing
uniform we prefer it
if possible when in-
doors at any rate.

I should like to fix
today (Wednesday)
week for Mother
coming home when I
purpose coming for her
if agreeable and
convenient to you.

If so I should be
glad if you will
kindly tell my
Mother as she is
now frequently writing
asking the day she
is coming home.

With kind regards
Yours Sincerely

Denton Walker.

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

June 29th 06

Dear D. Pierce

I am very much
obliged by your letter
of the 18th inst. I shall
not be able to see
you in Leeds to-
morrow at the time
stated, but hope to
have the pleasure in
course of a week or so
As I take it you do
not advise Mrs Walker
returning home for a

few weeks yet.
We are anxious for
her to be with us
during the fine
summer weather so
that she could get
out into the garden
With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Edison Walker.

L. Bedford Pierce.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

(407)

June 17/66

Dear D. Pierce.

I am writing
to ask your advice as
to Mother returning
home soon now. and as
to what arrangements
you recommend as
adapting as regards a
Nurse or companion
for Mother when she
returns, My sister and
self also hope that one

extra person in the house will be sufficient help with our present servants, my sister self at home.

We are now receiving very nice letters well written, expressed, and containing much gratitude for all that has been done at the Retreat.

Now we feel naturally anxious if wise + you can recommend to have Mother at home. it does look to us a very long

time since she went away quite six months. My sister is going on a visit to an Aunt of hers at Bournemouth on Friday next for a fortnight or three weeks but as soon after then as possible we should like to have Mother at home.

If you would like to see me personally I could arrange to see you in Leeds some day on hearing from you.

With kindest regards
Believe me

Yours faithfully
Denton Walker.

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

May 28/11

Dear D. Peice.

I am anxious
to know your opinion
about my Mother and
as to the desirability
of her returning home
soon. She is writing
letters now saying she
is expecting some one
coming every day.

Will you be in Leeds
this week if so I

would be pleased
to meet you and have
a chat. With kind
regards.

Believe me

Yours faithfully,

Denton Walker.

Dr. Bedford Pierce

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

Am. N. K.

April 21/66

Dear Dr. Pierce

I should be glad to know how you consider Mrs. Walker is, and when we may with safety have her at home again. We are getting letters from her now pretty frequently but wonder if she is as well as her letters give us to understand. She is naturally insoucious

to be at home again
we are to have her if
you think it wise.
It does seem to us a
long time this last
attack.

When she does return
home I suppose you would
suggest we make
similar arrangements as
to a nurse as before.
We do (my sister myself)
wish if at all possible
to keep Mrs Walker at home.

Again thanking you
for your continued
kindnesses.

With kind regards.
Believe me.

Yours faithfully
Denton Walker.

Dr Bedford Pierce

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HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

McL 18/06.

Dear D. Pierce

I thank you for your letter, we are very grateful to hear of any even slight improvement in Mr. Walker's condition. As regards our application for a reduction in terms to the Committee. Now that my Mother is left a widow we find our position a very different one. we do not see how we can

meet all the expense
of Mother's illness.

but still we both feel
anxious that she receives
the same attention and
comforts as previously, as
we could not bear to think
that now she is in the
evening of her days she
should have one comfort
less than formerly.

My sister & myself both
feel most grateful for all
past care & attention at the
Retreat & quite hope its

curative properties may
again restore to health
our dear one.

We need hardly say I
think how well aware we
are of the amount of care
& nursing Mr. Walker
requires when she is ill.
but still think considering
the number of years Mrs.
Walker has been a patient
of the Retreat, the Committee
will consider our request
favourably as it is so
imperative to us.

Again thanking you for
your many kindnesses to
us all
With kind regards

Yours very truly
Linton Walker

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

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Jan 28/06.

Dear Dr. Peirce.

I am writing to ask if you would bring before your Committee the question of a reduction being made in the charges for Mrs. Walker. As you will quite understand our affairs and position are very different since Mrs. Walker was left a widow. And we do not

see how we are to meet
the heavy expenses of
Mr. Walker's continuous
illnesses. Considering the
great number of times Mr. W.
has been to the Retreat
& the very large sum which
has been paid altogether
we feel sure your Committee
would grant us some
concessions when these facts
are duly considered. We
are of course not at all
wishful that Mr. Walker
has inferior attention in
any way, or less comfort,

as we could not bear
to think of this.
Trusting you will be able
to assist us in this
matter. We shall always
feel most indebted to you
for all the skill and
kindness you have shown.
Hoping you are now
quite convalescent. With
kindest regards in which
my sister joins.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Denton Walker.

D. Peirce



(2249)

N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by Retreat.

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Elizabeth Walker of Beethfield House Halifax as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dring Cte, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 24th day of February 1915.

Name Edenton Walker
Residence Beethfield House, Halifax
Occupation Drapier

SIGNED by the said Edenton Walker

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

C. H. Hobbethwaite

15 Avondale Place Halifax

Architect & Surveyor.

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.

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