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The train I purpose coming  
with arrives at York at 2+31  
& leaves York for Birmingham  
at 4.40

I should be glad if Miss  
Wootton could be ready

Yours Truly

Charles Wootton

Dr. Bedford Parce  
York

High Street  
Wednesfield  
near Wolverhampton  
June 6<sup>th</sup> 1907

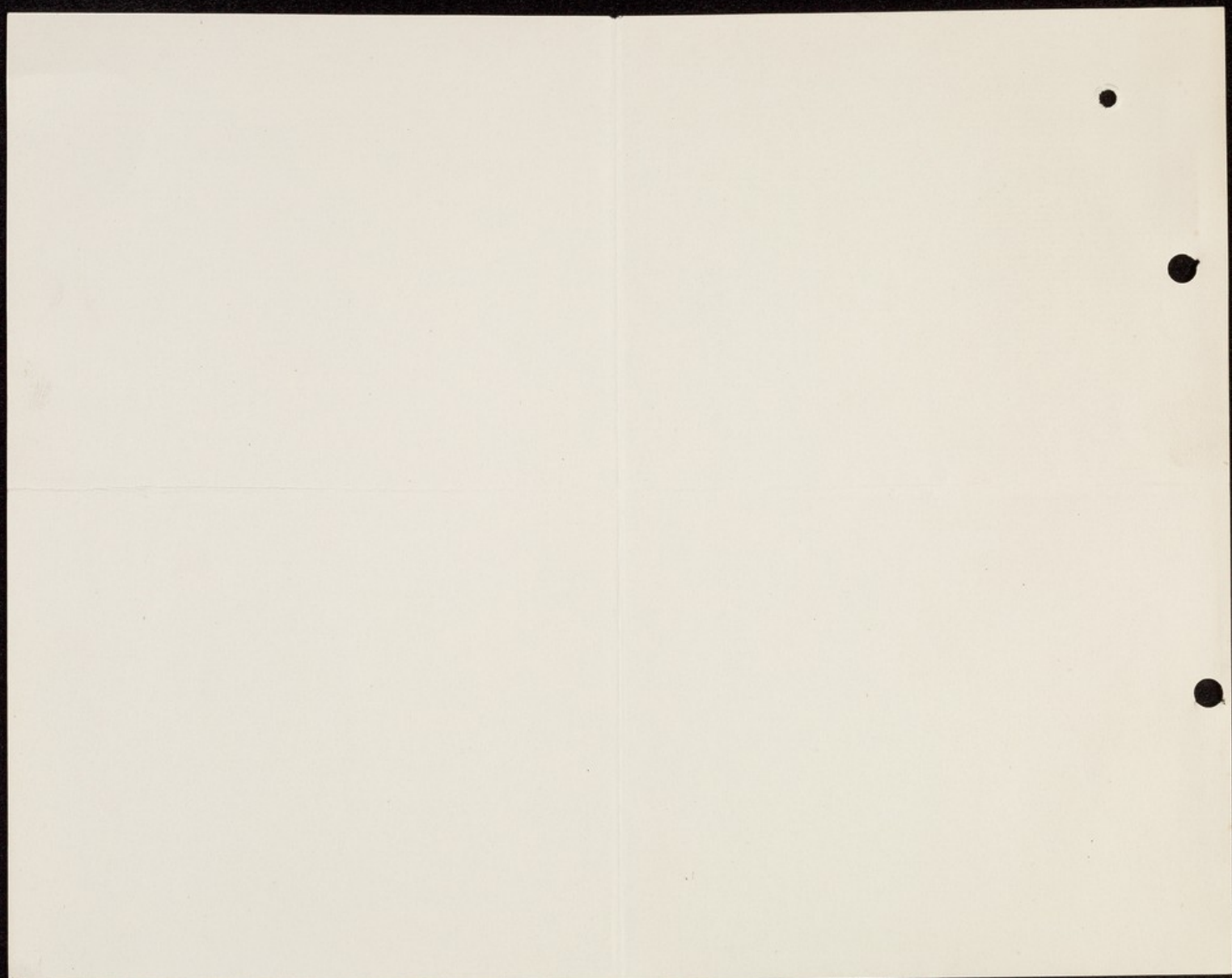
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Sir

We have been  
considering the advisability of  
having my sister Miss Wootton  
home again, to see if the change  
back would be beneficial to her.  
My sisters who visited her  
at the Retreat say she  
is not sociable with the  
inmates and keeps herself  
aloof from everyone all she  
can.

We think perhaps if she  
comes among her friends  
it may help her.

Therefore I think of coming  
for her on Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>





Though prior to this she had  
not made her home with me,  
her extreme nervousness & depression  
acted on me badly, but still  
I am willing to sacrifice much  
for sister if coming back to me  
would benefit her & not retard  
her recovery. Would you tell me  
if in your opinion she would  
be likely to be happier with me  
& my children (who are not young)  
but vary in ages from 26 to 14 years  
of age than with strangers & if you  
think I should be able to manage  
her or does she need constant  
supervision.

She always confided  
more in me than any one  
else in the world & me

May 25<sup>th</sup> 1907

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Dr. Peirce

Dr. Sir Will you kindly  
tell me how my sister Miss Wootton  
is by now. Sisters Mrs Readmore  
& Pritchard seemed to think she  
looked somewhat better, & less nervous  
but they said you thought she  
fretted on account of being such  
a long distance from her friends.  
I am not able to come myself or  
I should have liked to have seen  
her & had an interview with  
you May. I request you to answer  
these questions as I am exceedingly  
anxious about her. I had much  
more to do with her through her  
illness than Mrs Readmore  
or Mrs Pritchard as she chose to  
be with me.

are very attached to each other  
probably because I am a  
widow & she has always been  
so sympathetic towards me

You will believe I am sorry  
to cause you so much trouble  
but I & all of us have so much  
confidence in you & therefore  
I ask you to please tell me  
what you think best for her

Thanking you for the kind  
consideration you have (I am  
quite sure) shewn to sister  
allow me to remain

yours very truly

Annie Reynolds

My address is

Garra Villas

209 Prestwood Road

Heath Town

Wolverhampton

Staffs



answer the letters written  
to her. Has she still  
the delusion.

I am Yours Truly  
Charles Woolton

Bedford Peirce M.D.  
York.

High Street

Wednesfield

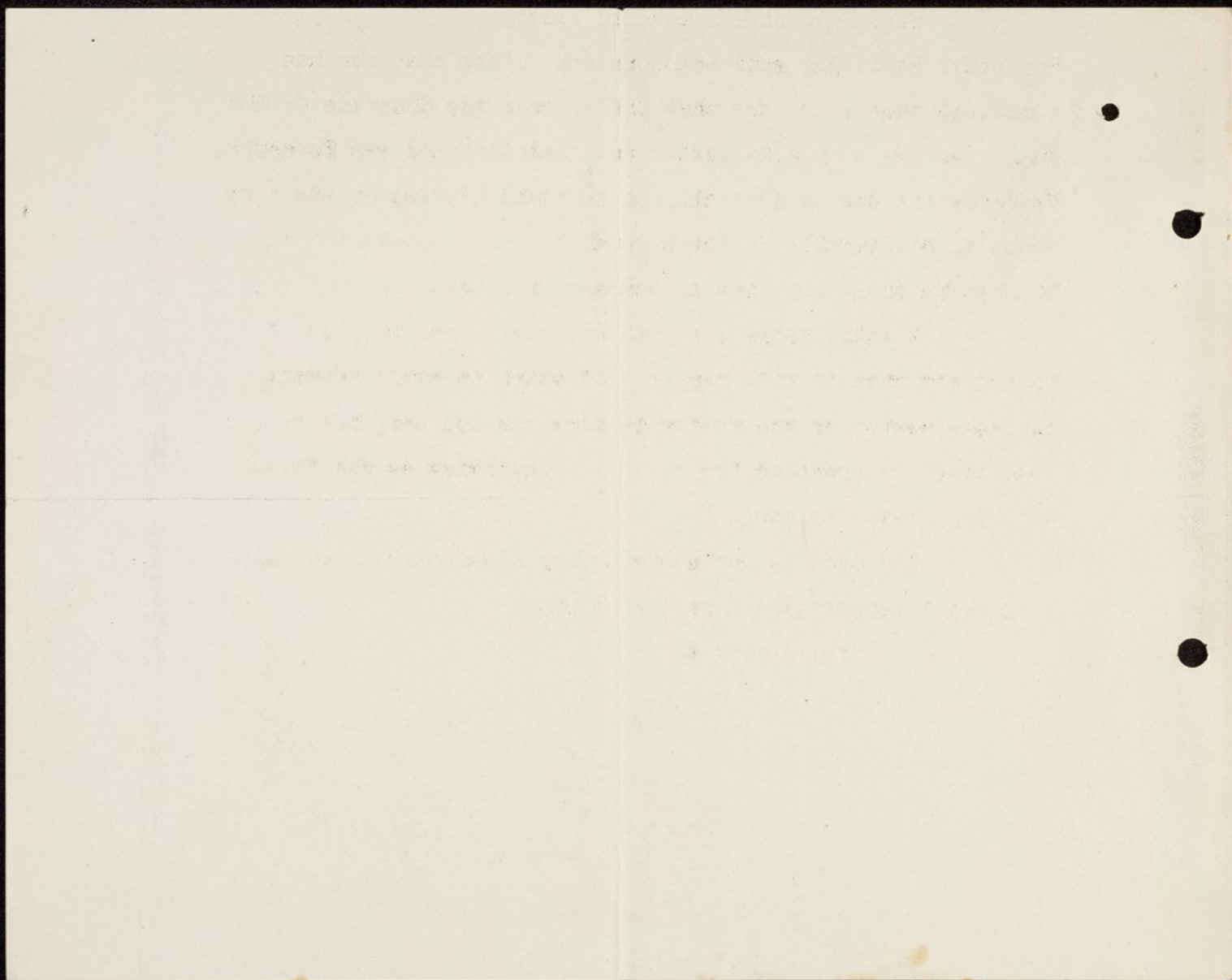
near Wolverhampton

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Sir

Will you please let  
me know how my sister  
Miss Woolton is progressing;  
she will soon have been at  
the Retreat six months &  
we think she should be  
showing signs of improvement  
if she is likely to become right  
again. None of her friends  
have been to see her, fearing  
it would upset her.

Her sisters are very concerned  
about her as she does not





March 15, 1907

Dear Sir,

Miss Wootton has made exceedingly little progress. She still holds the same opinions and thinks that she has committed some crime and that she is bringing disgrace on the whole family. She is better employed than she was formerly. Nevertheless she is generally to be found sitting or standing about in a miserable dejected condition, and is quite a wet blanket on those who come in contact with her.

I still think she will eventually recover, but I cannot say when it will happen. I think it would be well for some member of the family to come and see her, but whoever comes must be prepared for a painful interview as she is so very distressed in mind.

The case is certainly a very disappointing one, and am sorry I cannot give a better account.

Yours very truly,





consider there is any sign  
of improvement in her  
mental condition

It is a great trouble  
to us that we have not  
visited her yet, but we  
have been advising not to  
do so for a time for fear  
it should unsettle her

but from her letter to  
me a few weeks ago, she  
very much wished to see  
us, if you think it  
would do her good to see

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Westholme,

Hollies Drive,

Mednesbury.

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Dear Pearce

Dear Sir

Will you please  
let me know how my  
sister Miss Brotham is  
progressing

We are all very anxious  
to hear your opinion of  
her at the present time  
and to know if you



us, perhaps you will  
kindly say, as it  
seems a very long time  
since we saw her

Awaiting your reply  
I am yours sincerely  
J. Beadmore



years

Oh how I do long  
to see her. I am so  
afraid she thinks us  
heartless and unkind  
but I assure you we  
have stayed away,  
not trusting ourselves  
to see her if she is  
not any better. but at  
times I feel I cannot  
bear it much longer

If you think it  
would do her in any  
way a little good

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THE HAWTHORNS  
WEDNESFIELD

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1907

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

Not hearing anything  
of my sister lately. although  
we have all pressed her  
very hard for a few  
lines. I feel I must again  
trespass on your valuable  
time

I hope she is all right  
but being so far away,  
we seem at times to  
have such foghazy

would you mind  
letting me know  
and I will come  
at the earliest  
convenience. If you  
think it would not  
be advisable I will  
certainly say and  
be so.

leaving the matter  
entirely to your  
opinion.

Yours Sincerely  
Lizzy Hatchard



High Street  
Wednesfield  
near Wolverhampton  
Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1906

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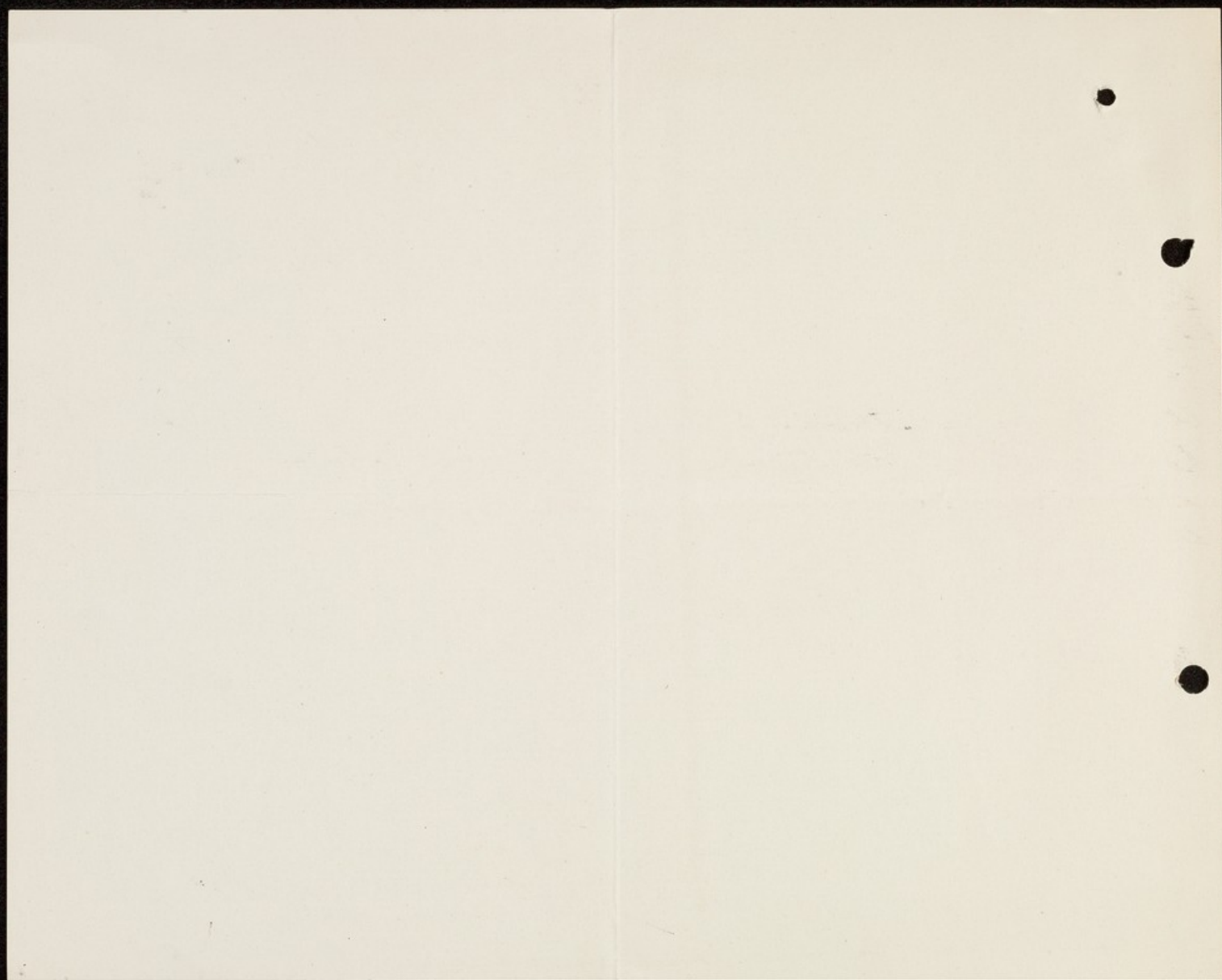
Dear Sir

Will you kindly inform me how my Sister Miss Woolton of Wednesbury is progressing. Her sisters are very anxious about her, especially as she wrote very piteful letters to them the day after her arrival at the Retreat & since then not writing at all.

Do you think she is making progress, & has she the same delusion, is she more contented than at first, & do you think her case hopeless.

I am sorry to trouble you but my sisters are very anxious  
Yours Resp<sup>y</sup>  
Dr B. Pierce  
York  
Charles Woolton





Dear Sir

You will see the  
name of L. H. Thoutyman  
crossed off the Magistrate's Certificate  
The reason being he had signed  
his name before he had noticed  
it required a Magistrate under  
the Lunacy Act. Hence I  
had to get Mr. J. Marston who  
is a justice appointed under  
that act

Yours faithfully  
Charles Wootton

W. E. Waller Esq  
York.

over

High Street

Wednesfield

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Oct 3/06

Dear Sir

In reply to  
your letter of Sep<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1906  
to Mr. Beardmore of Wednesbury  
I the brother of the patient  
in question beg to forward  
you the forms which I trust  
you will find satisfactory

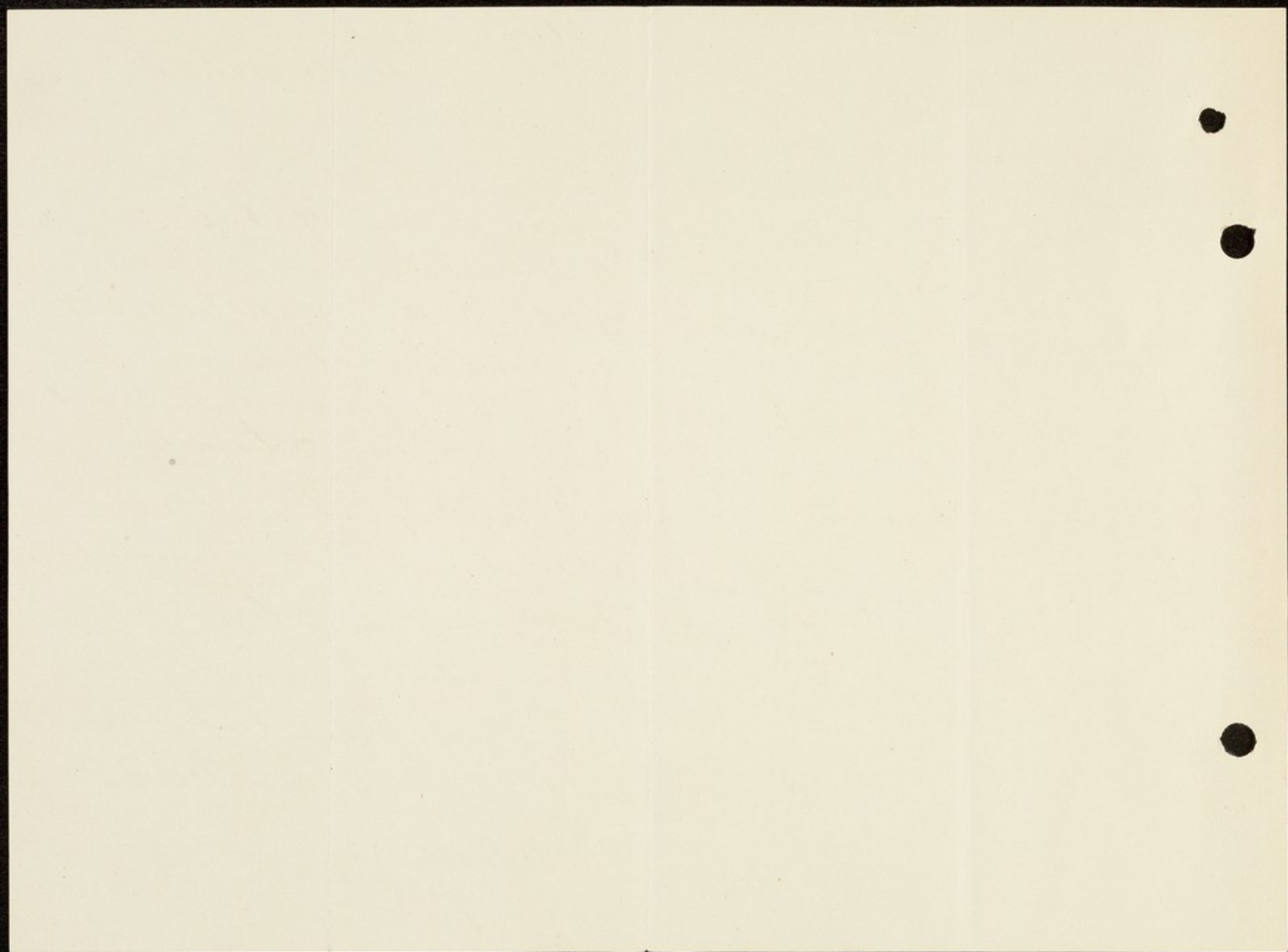
Kindly let me know  
when it will be convenient  
to receive my sister

awaiting your reply

I am yours faithfully  
Charles Wootton

W. E. Waller Esq  
York

over





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 the Retreat.



## YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Martha Wootton of West Holme, Hollies Drive Wednesbury as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dring Cote, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 19 06

Name Charles Wootton  
Residence Green High Street Wednesfield  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED by the said

Charles Wootton

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Joseph Tompkins

High St Wednesfield

Late Rate Collector

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.

