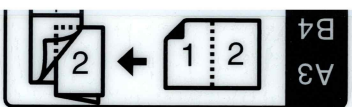


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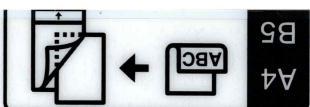
Dear Mamma:-

I suppose you got my letter from Calgary. I am just back. They told me at the Calgary land office that extension of time was not granted to any one who had not commenced actual residence on his land and put on certain improvements. It seems funny they didn't tell me that when I asked before I wrote my application nearly three months ago. I have written about the matter to Ottawa and also to Mr. Williams, Canadian Immigration Agent Gardner Block Toledo, who, you remember, met me in Oberlin. I am pretty sure ~~that~~ I can get my time extended on account of this fire that has swept the country. I have told both Mr. Williams and the Secy of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa how I am fixed financially and what we have risked and have referred them to Mr. Loveland and you in case they doubt my word. You know a married man gets more lenient treatment than a single so I have said that ~~I was~~ <sup>we were</sup> making a home for you as well as for ourselves and that you have mortgaged your home in Oberlin and that we only have about \$500

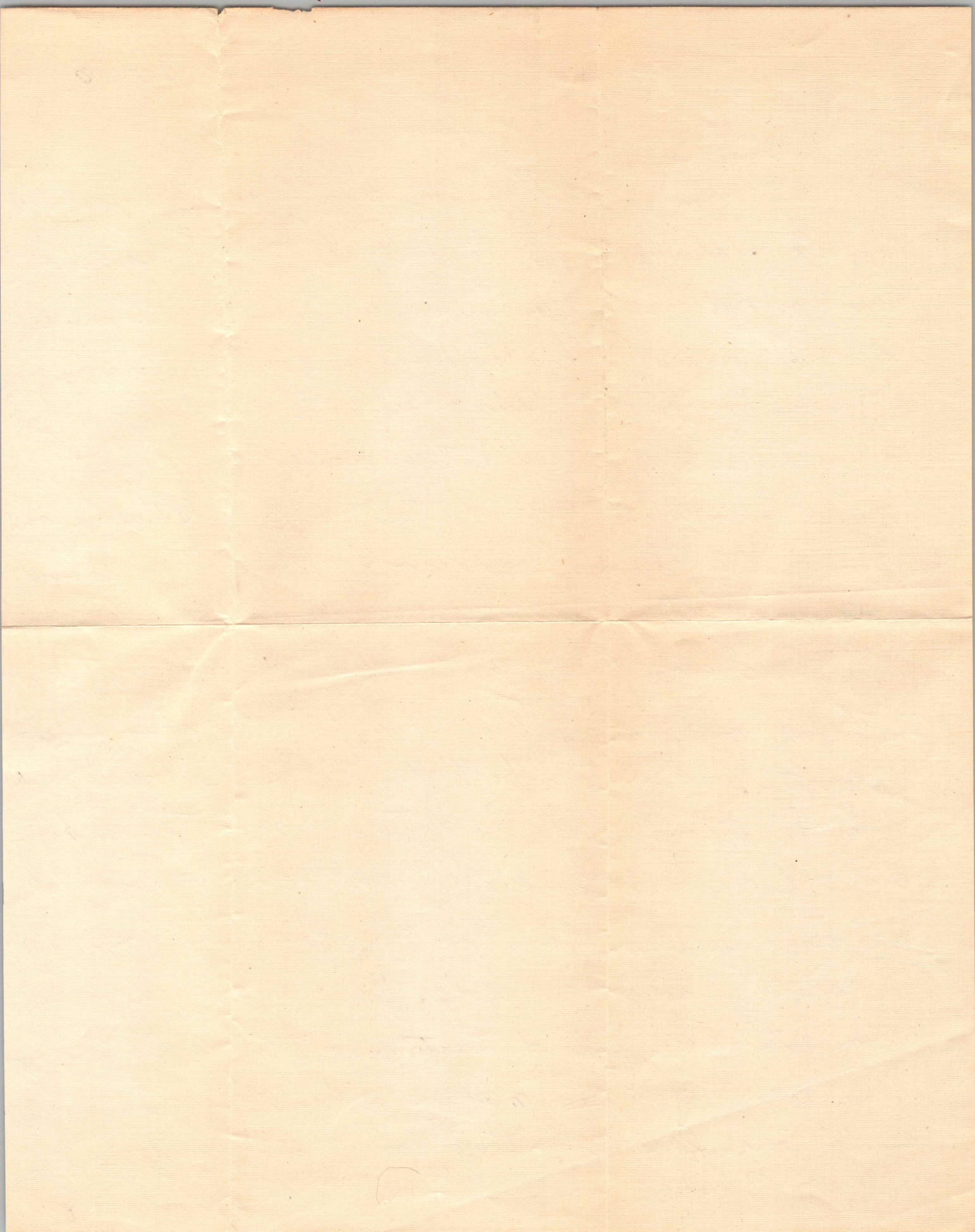
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to spend for our equipment. We really haven't that much  
I guess. I still think I can get my time extended.

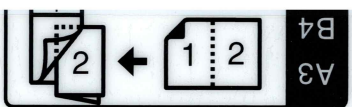
I hope you will send the \$150.00 I requested just  
as soon as possible as I am not sure I can get  
a job around here and don't want to wait long.  
I could have ~~got~~ had a job when I left but since  
then the different outfits seem to have gotten  
men and there will soon be more men than  
jobs. It will be especially bad this winter  
as many who planned to be on their <sup>homesteads</sup>  
will have to work on account of the freeze.

I hope every one is well at home and that  
Ellen is getting along well.

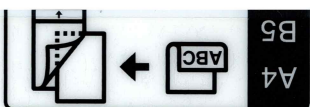
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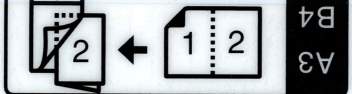
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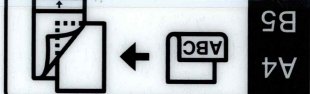
Mrs. W. H. Belden.  
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O'belein Ohio.

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