

NOTES AND COMMENT

Mrs. Clara V. Weaver, widow of the late Gen. James B. Weaver, died in Des Moines on July 7, 1913.

A monument on the site of Fort John, built by the early settlers at the time of the Indian scare of 1854, was unveiled at Janesville, Iowa, on June 21st.

Sixteen medals were awarded this year by the Iowa Sons of the American Revolution to students in the various colleges of Iowa who ranked highest in the study of American history.

The last General Assembly of Iowa passed a law providing for the granting of pensions to survivors of the famous Spirit Lake Expedition. Five persons have thus far applied for pensions under this law.

A tablet to the memory of William Salter, George Temple, William B. Remey, Bernhart Henn, Anthony W. Carpenter, William F. Coolbaugh, and Levi Hager, all pioneer residents of Burlington, was installed at the Historical Department at Des Moines on June 17th. The tablet was provided for in the will of the late Edward Ames Temple.

The Old Palace of the Governors at Santa Fe, New Mexico, which dates back over three hundred years to the early days of the Spanish régime, has been repaired and restored as nearly as possible to its original appearance. This historic building, one of the oldest in America, is now the home of the Museum of New Mexico, the School of American Archaeology, and the Historical Society of New Mexico.

The Fourth of July was very fittingly celebrated at Lincoln, Nebraska, by a historical pageant depicting in a number of scenes the history of the State. There were nineteen floats in all, representing

the Indians in camp and on hunting trips, the purchase of Louisiana, the Lewis and Clark expedition, the fur traders, military life in the West, the missionaries, the Mormons, the days of the freighters, the pony express, and various other phases of pioneer life.

The forty-second annual reunion of the Old Settlers Association of Cedar County was held at Tipton on June 10, 1913. The following persons were in attendance, the year indicating the year in which each person settled in Cedar County: Samuel P. Foy (1838), Charles W. Carl (1838), Thomas Gray (1839), James H. Fulwider (1839), Mrs. Catherine Hall (1839), Alexander Moffit (1840), Mrs. Ellen McClure (1842), John P. Mathews (1842), Margaret Birely Huber (1843), Peter McNee (1843), Mrs. John Mason (1843), William Murray (1845), Mrs. Angelina Walters (1846), Amanda Walters (1847), W. L. Van Meter (1847), Mrs. Robert Gaige (1848), John W. Reeder (1850), W. B. Reeder (1850), A. C. Reeder (1850), Mrs. Fred Hecht (1850), Mrs. J. W. Argo (1850), and William Elliott (1850).

TABLET DEDICATED AT FAYETTE

At Fayette, Iowa, on the 10th of June, 1913, during commencement week at Upper Iowa University, there was dedicated a bronze memorial tablet, bearing the names of a group of students who went from that school into the army in the fall of 1861 as members of the Twelfth Iowa Infantry.

On September 15, 1861, in response to a call, a meeting was held in the college chapel, which was largely attended by students and instructors. After several patriotic speeches twenty-two names were quickly enrolled, thus forming the nucleus of what became Company C of the Twelfth Infantry. On the following day the boys separated to their respective homes for the purpose of securing recruits, returning by agreement in one week, when they were able to report one hundred and one names, including the original enrollment. Just thirteen days after the meeting in the chapel the company was accepted by Governor Kirkwood, and just one month from the day of the chapel meeting the company marched in lumber wagons to Manchester, the nearest railway station, on its way to

Camp Union at Dubuque. Of the original chapel enrollment two went into other regiments and one was rejected, leaving nineteen of the originals. Later, other Upper Iowa students joined the regiment, finally swelling the number in the Twelfth Infantry to twenty-six.

The following is the list of names on the tablet, without designation of rank:

William W. Warner, David B. Henderson (later Speaker of the United States House of Representatives), George W. Cook, Henry J. Grannis, James Barr, David W. Reed, Philo R. Wood, Frank W. Moine, Daniel D. Warner, Henry O. Curtis, G. Irwin Comstock, John E. Kent, Samuel C. Beck, Abner C. Bushnell, Andrew J. Davis, Leroy Lewis, Albert P. Munger, Henry C. Smith, Jacob R. Smith, Edward H. Adams, John Hazlet, Joseph W. Rich, Nelson B. Burdick, Frank Comstock, Robert Z. Latimer, and John P. Strong.

The dedication ceremonies, presided over by Comrade Joseph W. Rich, were very simple, the main feature being an address by Comrade Philo R. Wood. Mr. Wood told of the organization of the company, and of the making of a flag by the young women of the school and its presentation by them to a young man of their own choice. The tablet was unveiled by Misses Dorothy and Blythe Parker, granddaughters of the first surgeon of the regiment. The presiding officer presented the tablet to the Trustees of the University, and the response was made by President R. Watson Cooper.

In the presentation speech it was suggested that it would be peculiarly fitting for the young women of the University to erect a monument over the grave of Sergeant Henry J. Grannis in commemoration of his devotion to the flag given into his care by the women of the University fifty years before.

Only six or seven of the comrades whose names appear on the tablet are now living and only three were present at the ceremonies. The memorial tablet is the gift of Henry C. Curtis, whose name appears thereon.

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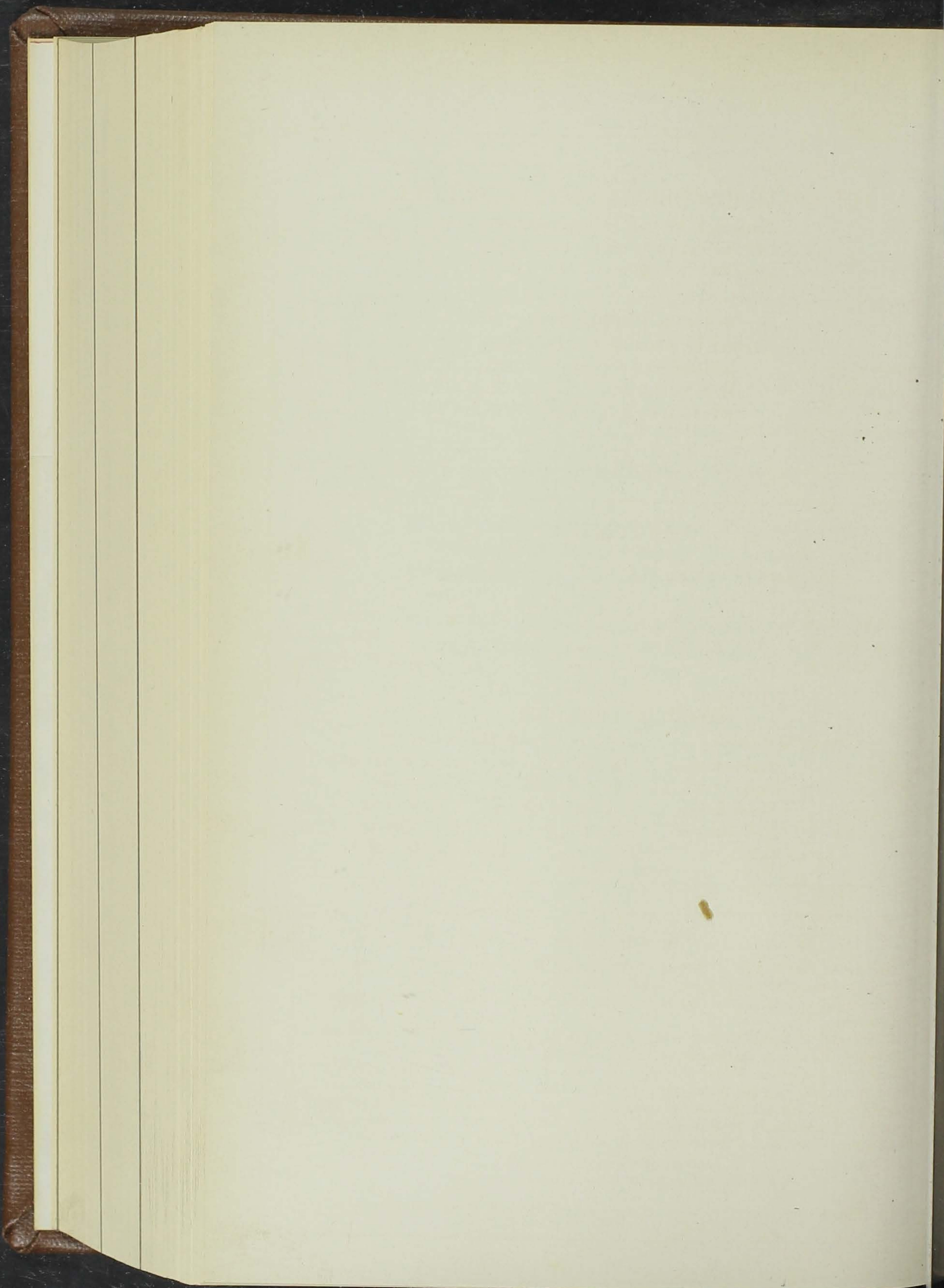
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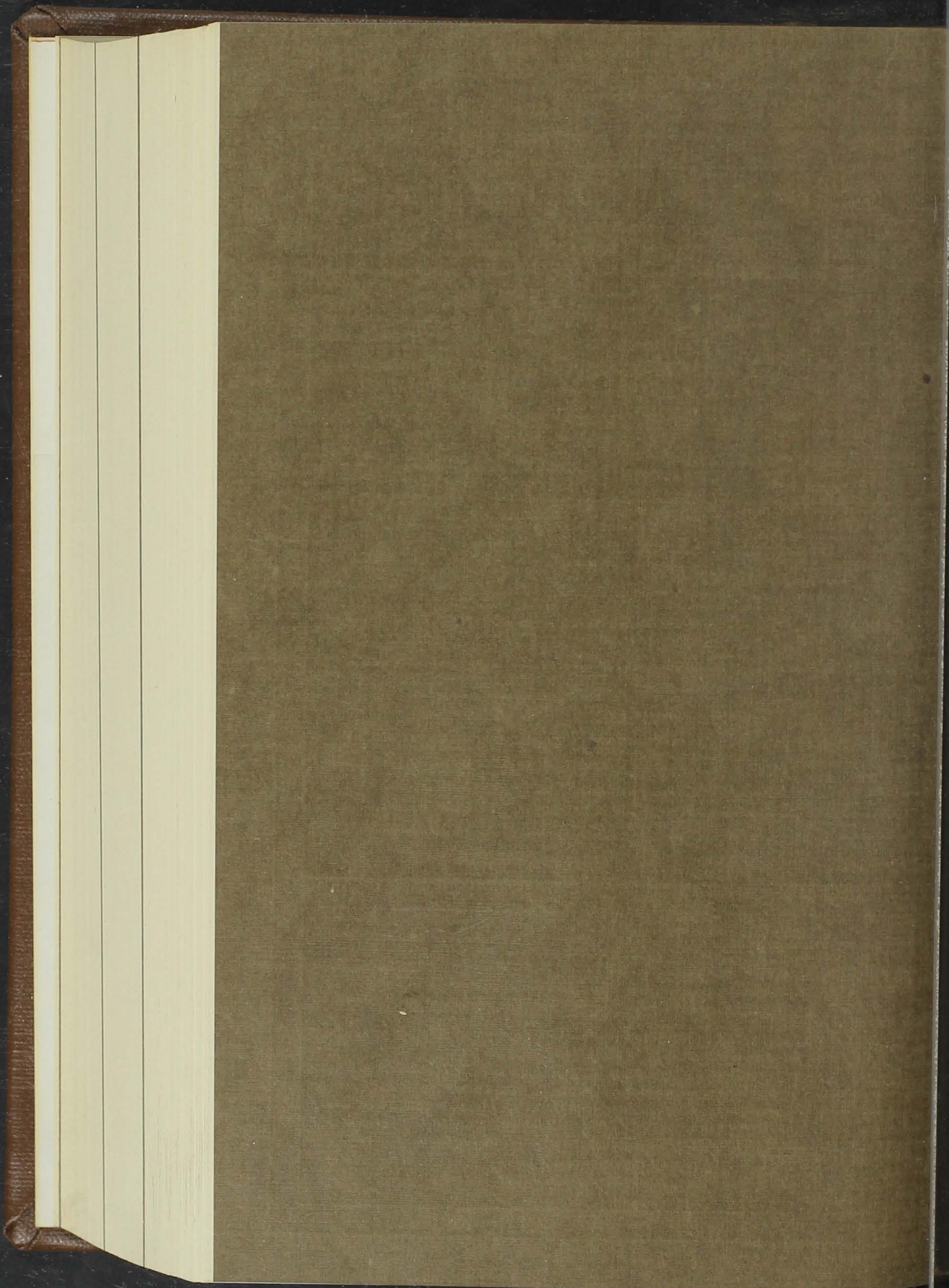
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