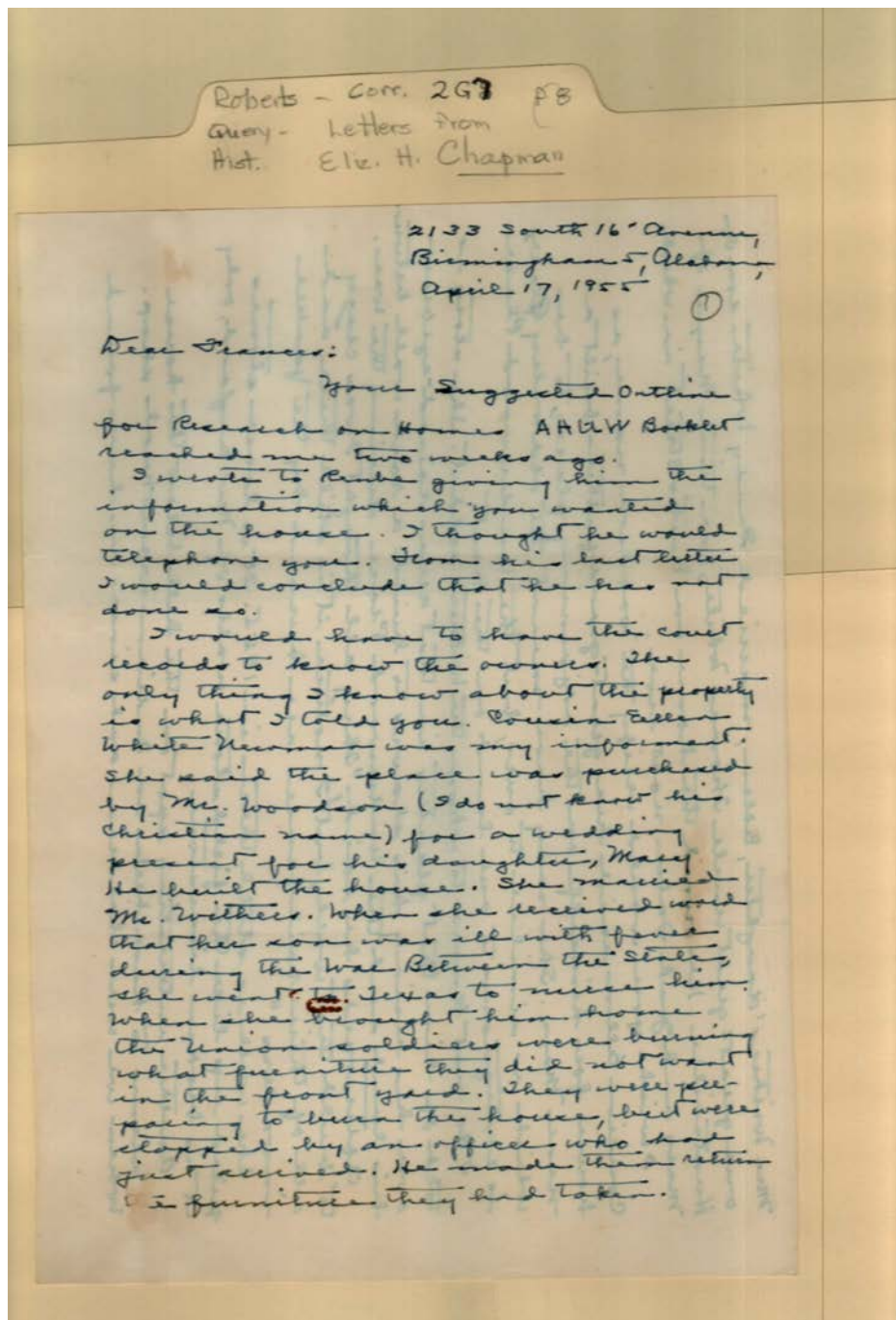


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Withers, Mary
Woodson
Woodson,

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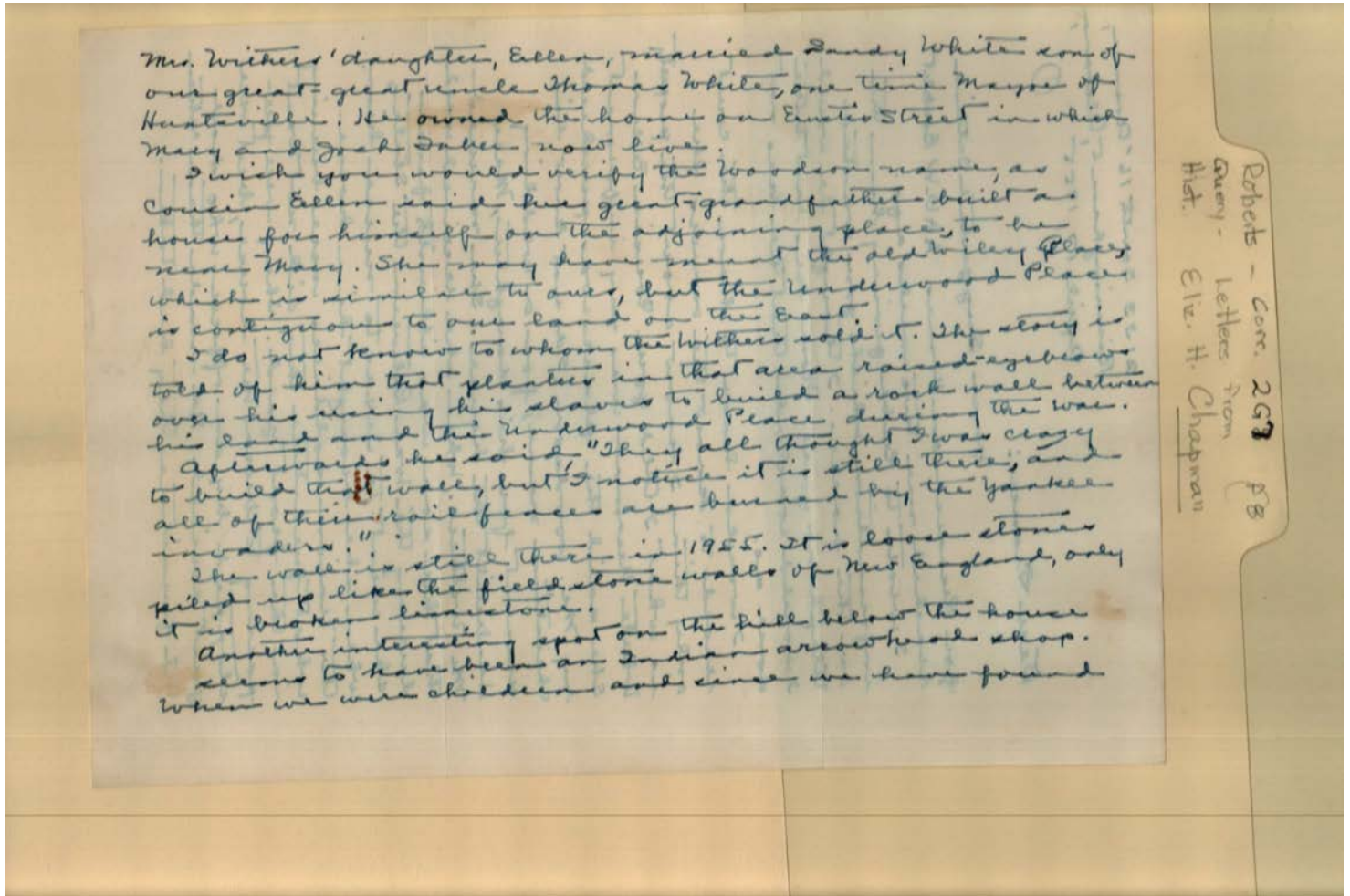
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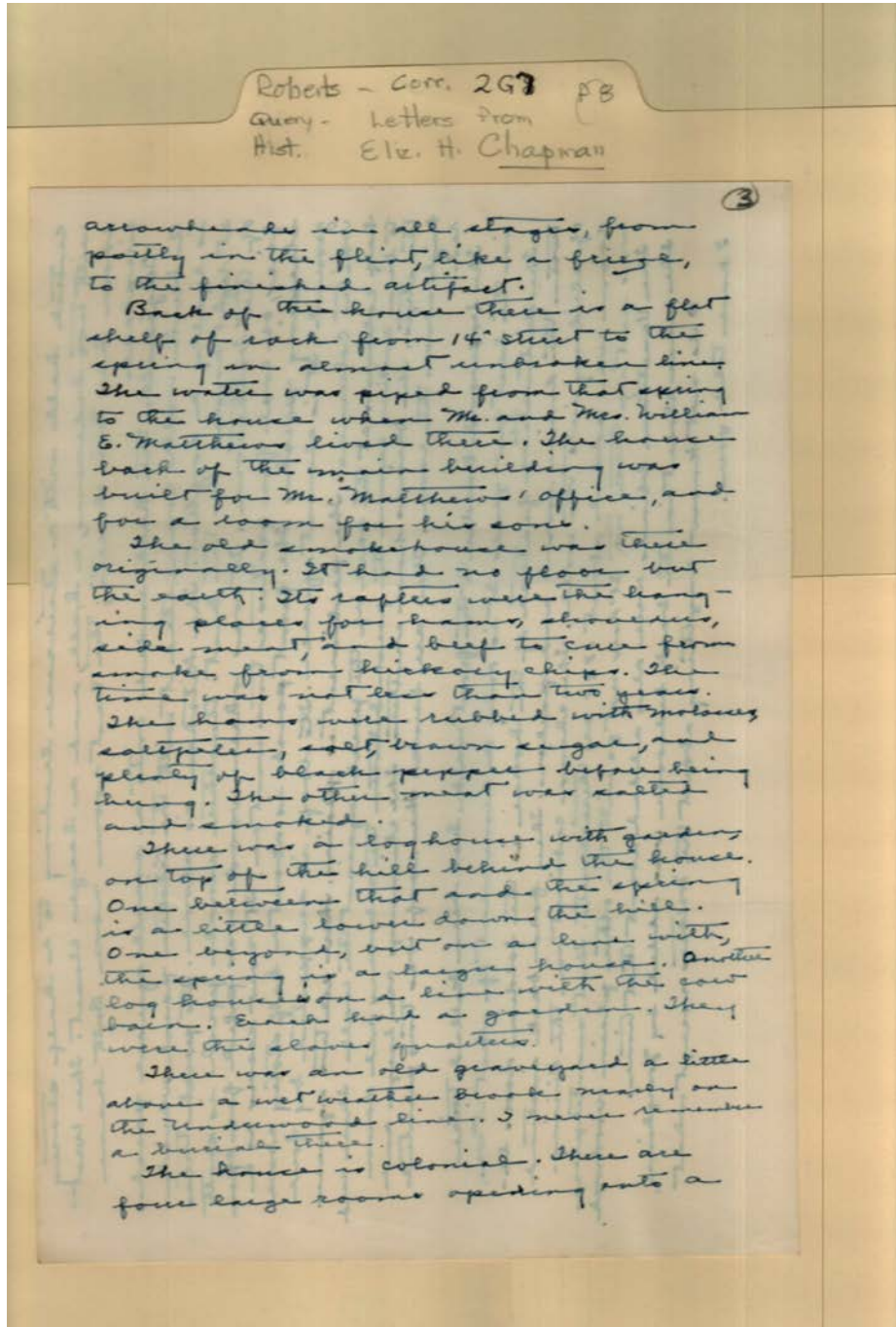
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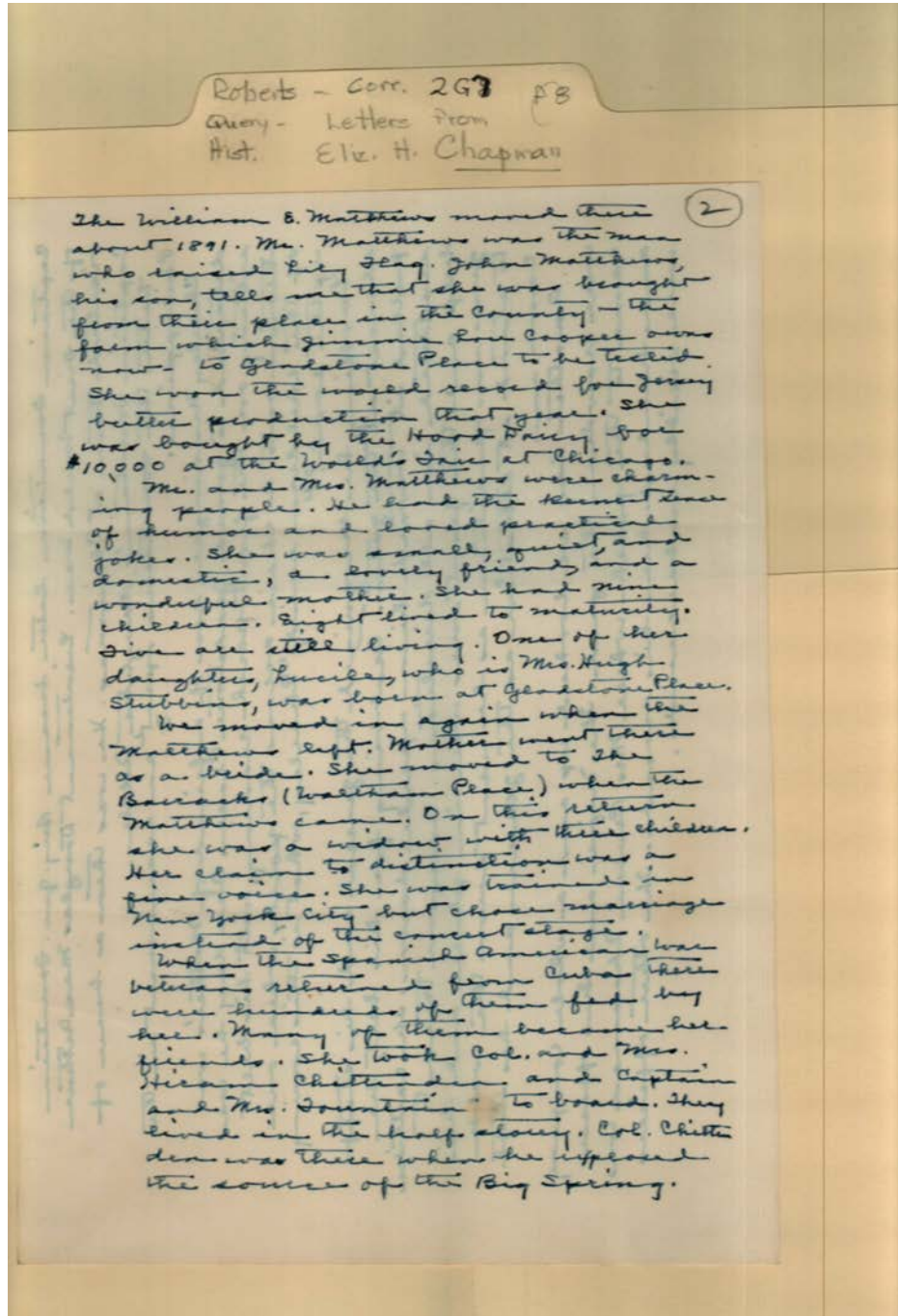
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	Matthews, John	Stubbins, Lucile
	Matthews, William B.	Matthews

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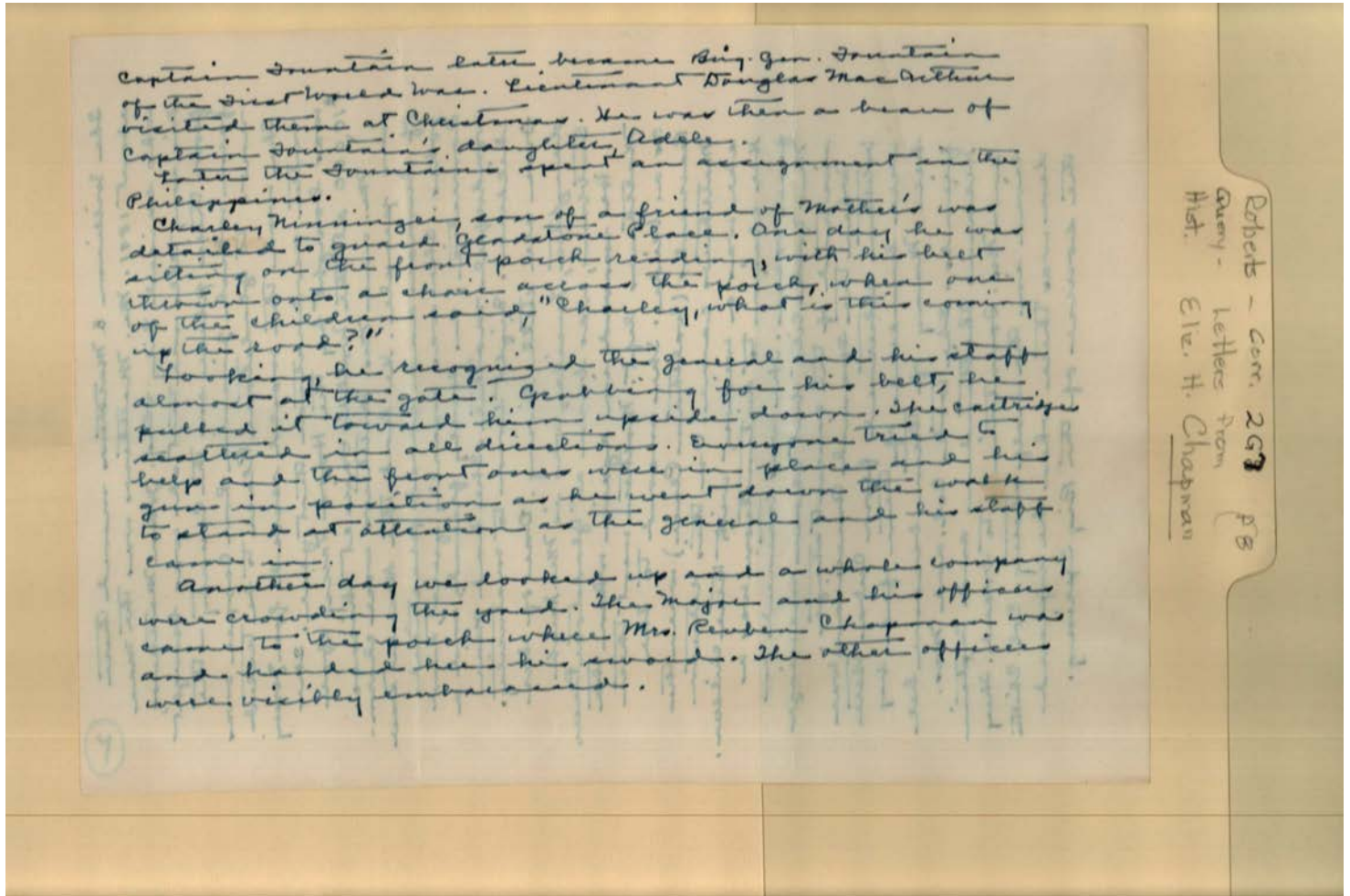
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Nininger, Charley

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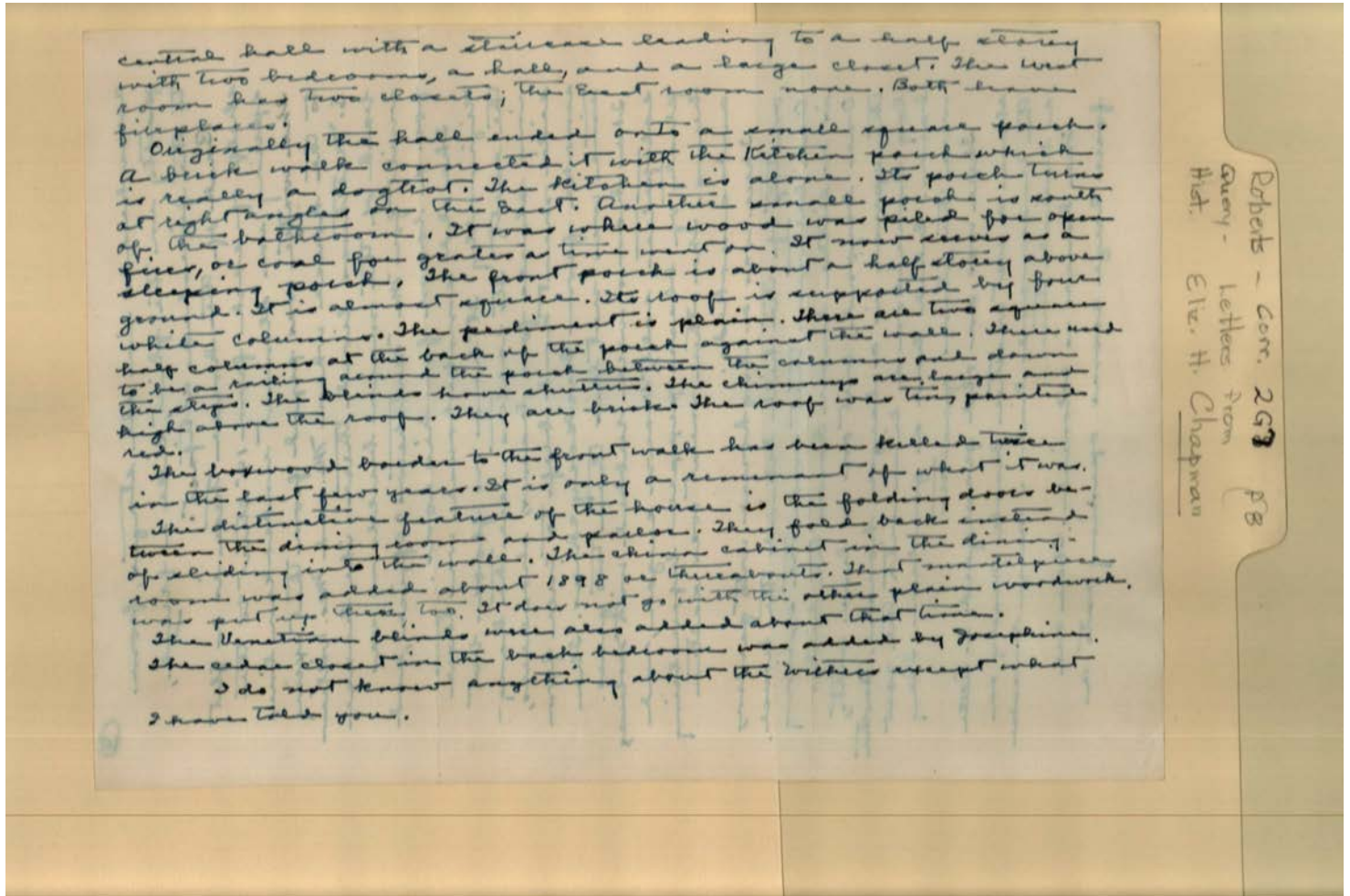
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There have been some faithful negroes who served on this place too. When Mother came here as a bride Papa's body servant was a former slave of Governor Reuben Chapman's Oscar Greer. Mother taught him to read and write. He studied and became a Methodist minister. His church was in McAlister's Alley. After Mother left the place, he went to work for other people, but in 1918 he heard that we were all sick with fever and came to Birmingham to nurse us. When Reuben Chapman returned here, he came back to help him. His wife Mattie kept house for Reuben until he married.

Our Mammy was Margaret Robertson former slave of Dr. Mick Robertson. She knew all the medicinal herbs. Going through the woods she pointed them out to us so that we recognized them. She taught us the names of all the trees on the place. In the fall she took us nutting. In the spring we gathered mustard, lamb's quarters, and pepper grass from the fields. In the summer horshound, calump, dillany, persimmon, pamproyal, plums, and other fruits and berries were brought in for use.

former slave

Names:

Chapman, Reuben,
Governor

Greer, Mattie
Greer, Oscar

Robertson, Margaret
Robertson, Mick, Dr.

Places:

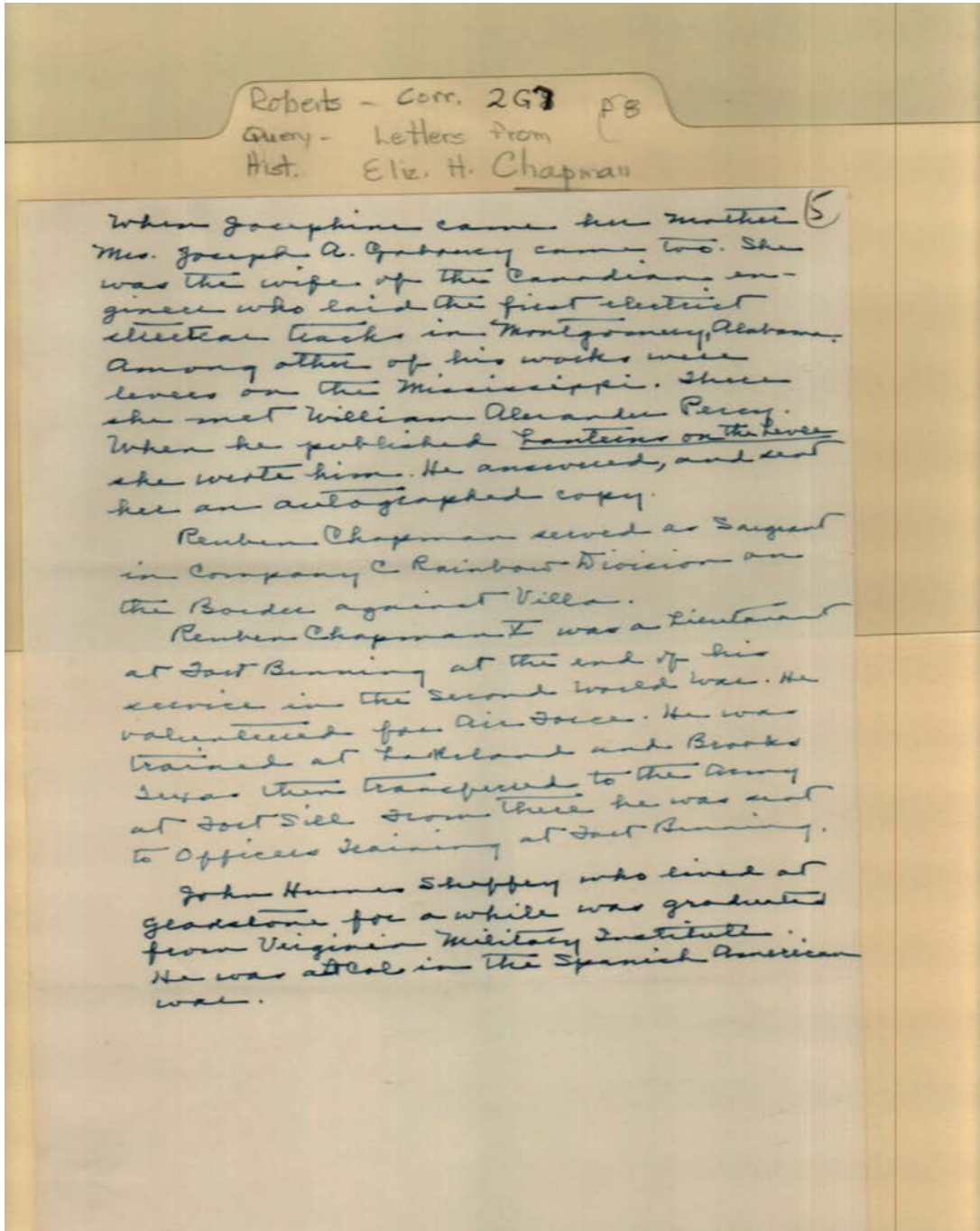
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Names:

Chapman, Josephine
Chapman, Reuben

Galoway, Joseph A.,
Mrs.

Percy, William
Alexander

Sheffey, John Humes

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Hist. Eliz. H. Chapman

2133 South 16th Avenue,
Birmingham 5, Alabama,
April 3rd, 1955

Dear Reuben and Josephine:

This is a gorgeous day after a dreary morning. After lunch I went up to my garden to empty the traps, and saw something yellow in the top bed. Going up I found ten Lord Wellingtons. I imagine their having come through a cold that has made the rest of the garden, except the wild Phlox and some of Mrs. Hendrix's daffodils, look as if they had been scalded. Even the trees are like that. What must Reuben's pasture look like! It is still chilly but not really cold. Last night we had a hard rain just as Ellilee and I left for Edward to take care of the children while they went to Walker Constantine Lambson for dinner. Walker has been so sweet to Eleanor ever since Ada died. So have Betty Crawford and Mary Ellen Smith Myers. If they can't do something for her, they take the children somewhere to relieve her for a while.

I imagine Ellilee wrote you about the trial. Eule had to see if he could stop the city's condemning property in the Jefferson-Hillman area to let other people buy it for next to nothing, so that they can make a big profit off of it.

Names:

, Ada
, Eleanor
, Ellalee
, Eule

Chapman, Elizabeth
H.
Chapman, Josephine
Chapman, Reuben

Crawford, Betty
Hendrix, Mrs.
Lambson, Walker
Constantine

Myers, Mary Ellen
Smith

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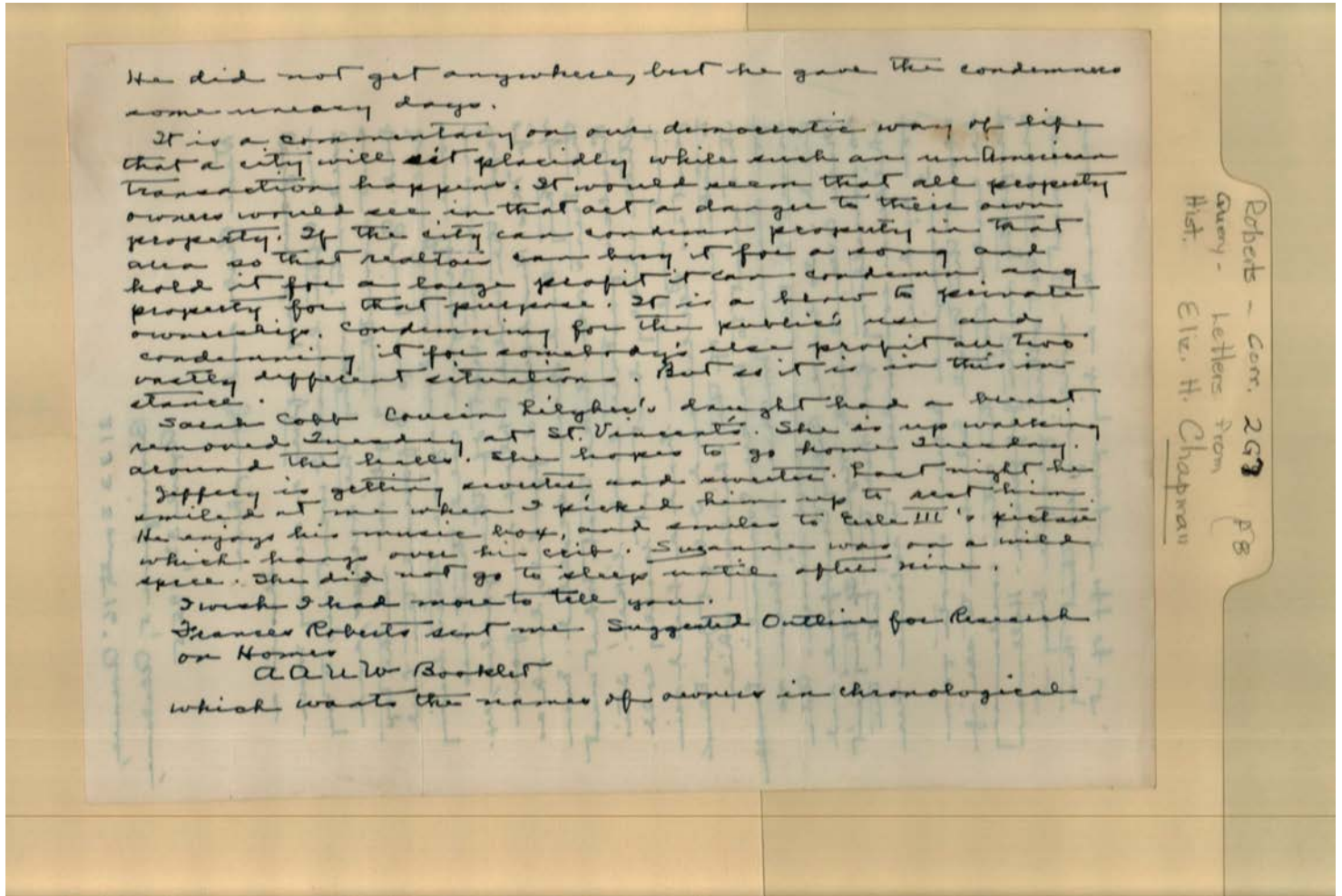
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Names:

, Eule III
, Jeffery

, Suzanne
Cobb, Sarah

Roberts, Frances

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have lived in that house for
so many years. He does not rem-
ember about the kitchen & pantry.
He does not know Mr. Meadows.
I am surprised at that. I thought
Mr. Meadows helped to buy Lily Day.
He told me he did.

I expect the size of the windows and
window panes are other uncommon
features. I remember when the Venetian
blinds were put in. They are considered
a very stylish feature now. And the
china closet in the dining room.
The stair is very pretty, too.

Reuben could give Frances far more
information than I can at this dis-
tance from records. Maybe between
us she can get enough to publish.

Lina and Lucile plan to go on
the pilgrimage. The Matthews house
on Franklin Street (Mrs. John Matthews'
place) is on it. I will be glad to go
through that place. We used to go there
with Lina and Aunt Ellen. She and
Miss Carrie were cronies. It was one
of the most unusual arrangements
I remember. Miss Laura Bassett's
place was another interesting place.
We went to school to Miss Laura
and loved her dearly.

In the event that I do not get to
write you again I wish you a
Happy Easter and hope we shall
see each other soon.

Love from each of us
Devotely,
Elizabeth H. Chapman.

Names:

, Carrie
, Ellen
, Lina

, Lucile
Bassett, Laura

Chapman, Elizabeth
H.
Chapman, Reuben

Matthews, John, Mrs.
Meadows, Mr.
Roberts, Frances

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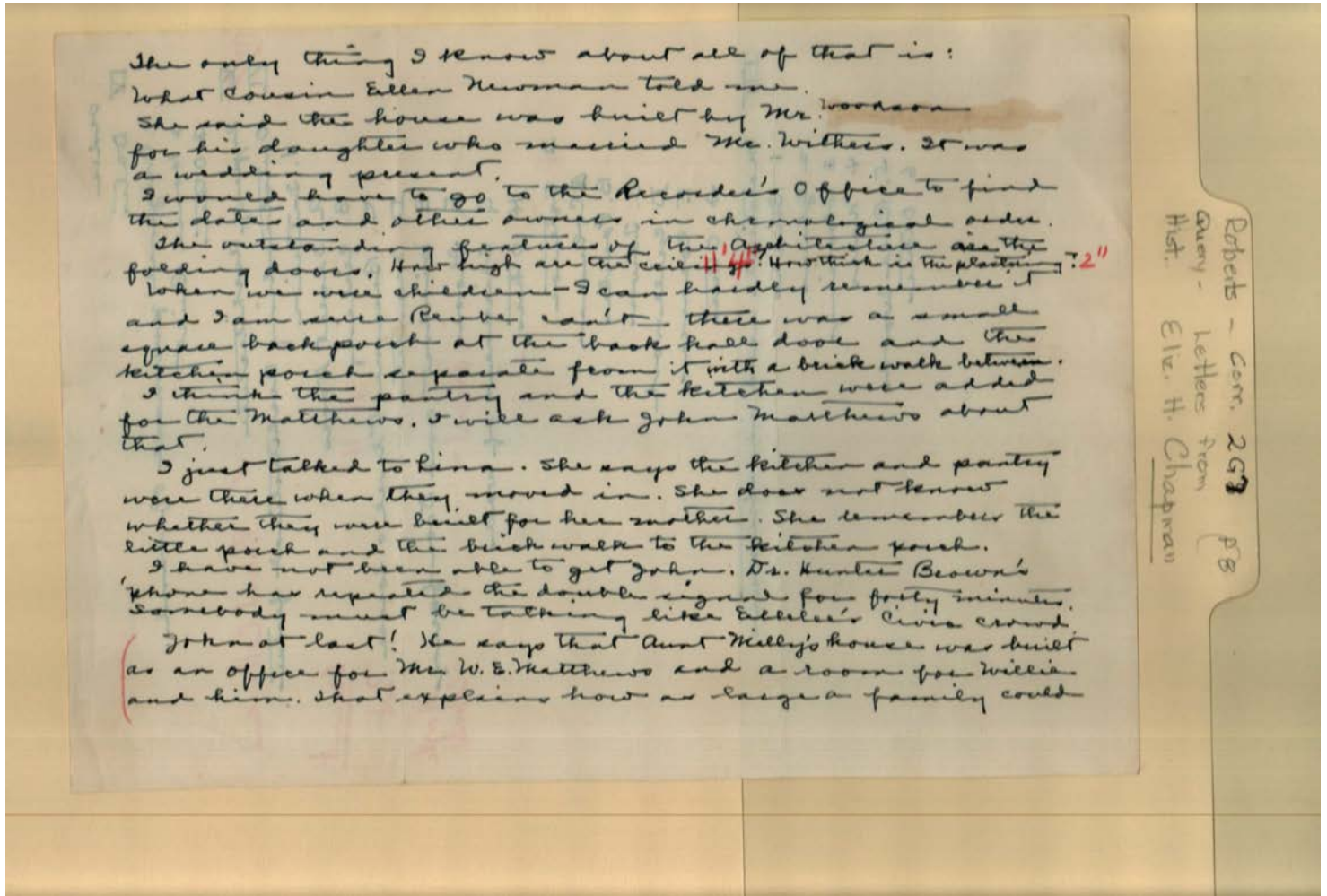
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Names:

, Ellalee
 , John
 , Lina

, Milly
 , Willie
 Brown, Hunter, Dr.

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 Matthews, W. E.
 Newman, Ellen

Withers,
 Woodson,

Places:

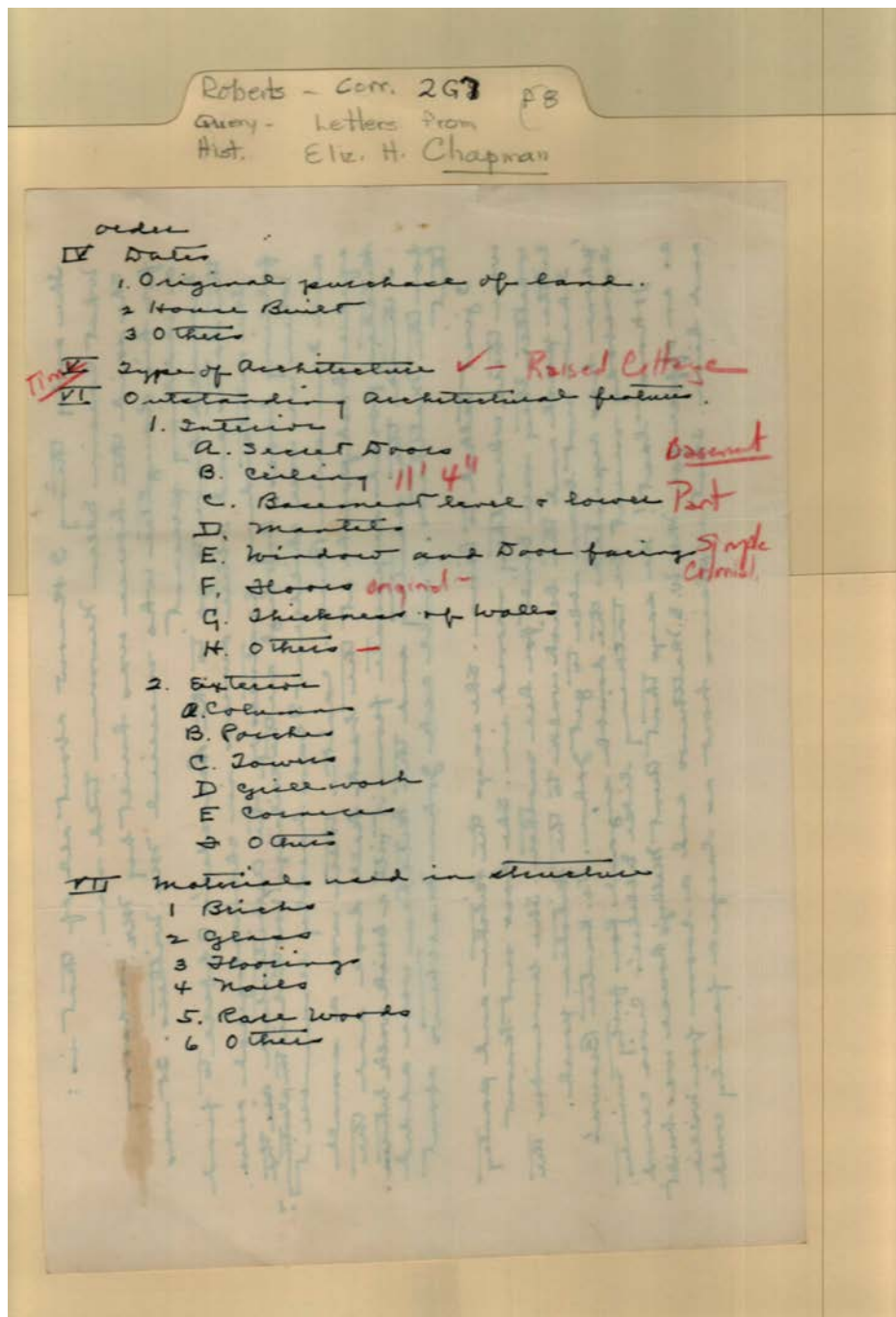
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