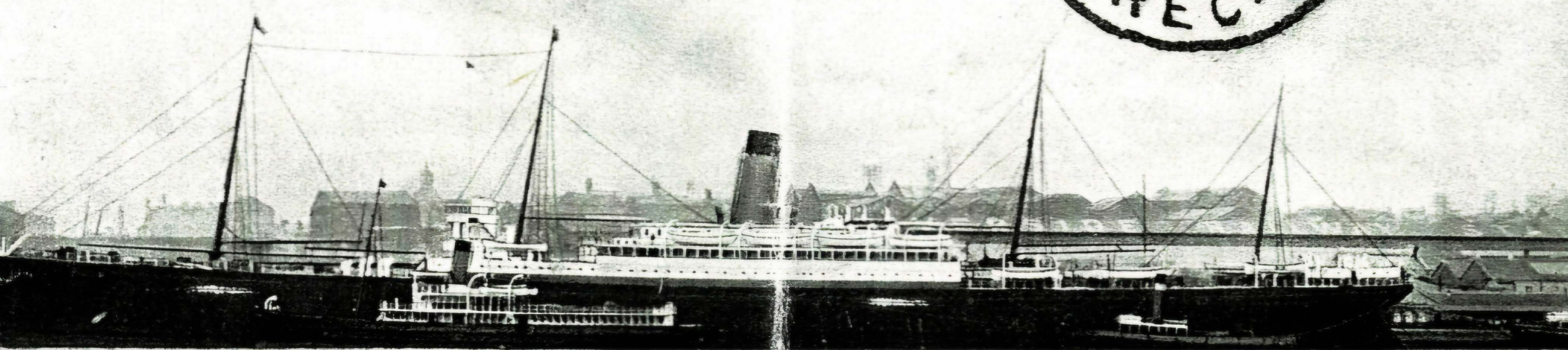


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THE JOURNEY

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David Laffey Menlough



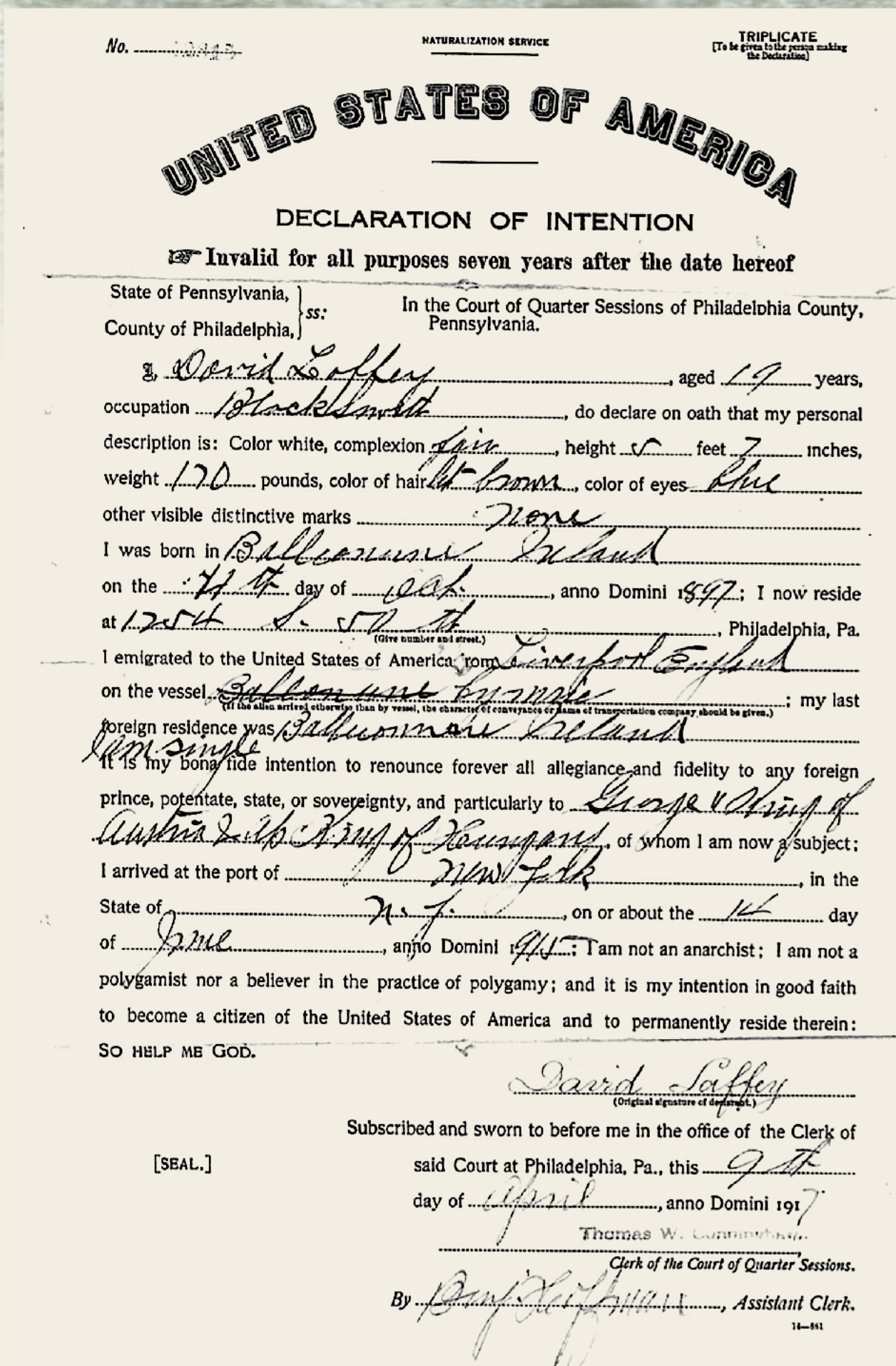
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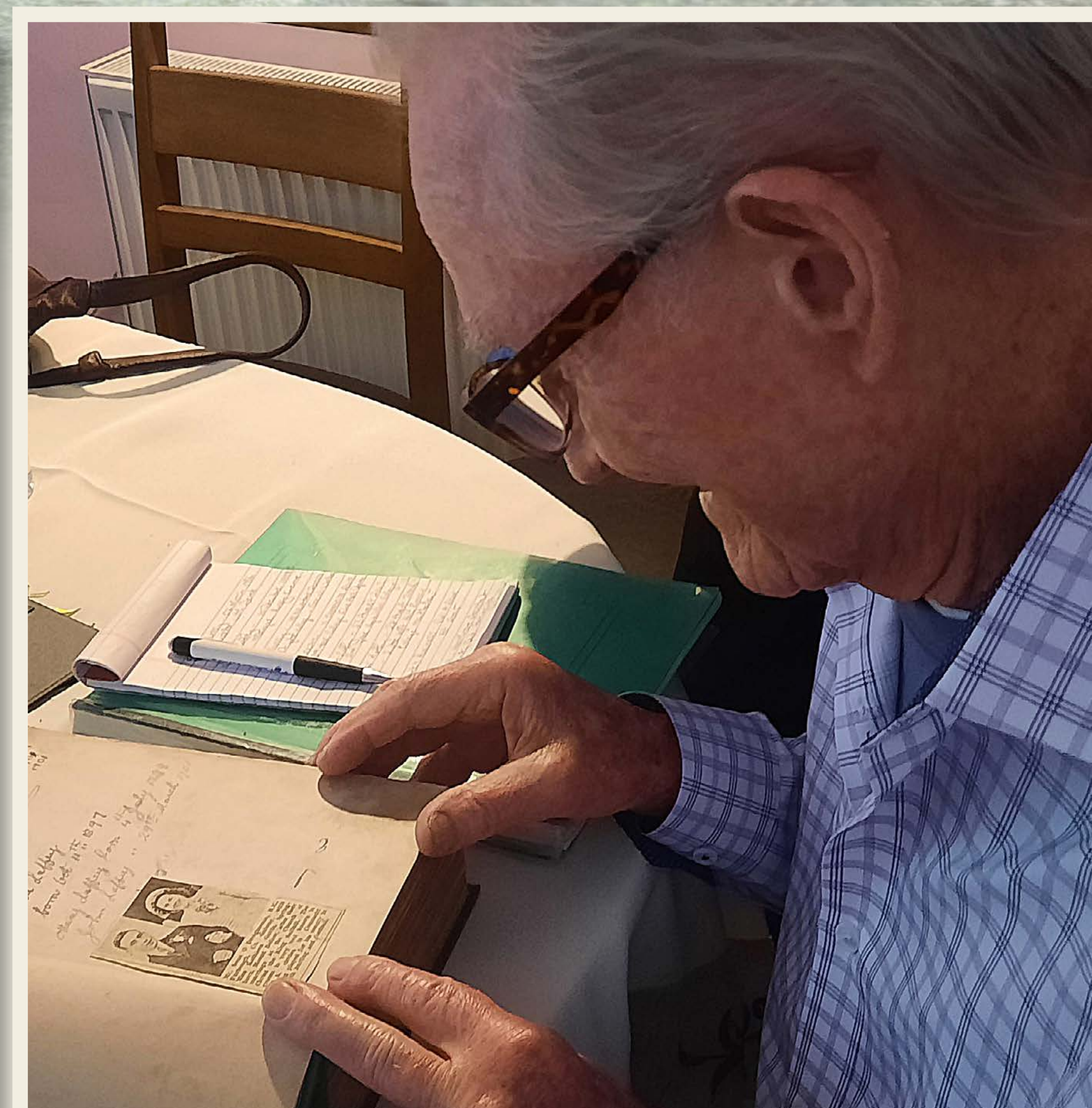
David Laffey, 1897-1957.



This is the pathway that David Laffey took leaving his parents and Windfield Road for his journey to America.



David Laffey's USA Declaration.



Mike is reading his Grandmother's bible (Ellen Laffey nee Mahoney) where she has written his father David's name and birth date. This was a huge tradition during this period.

David Laffey born 1897, left Windfield Road Menlough in 1915 alongside his neighbours, brothers Martin and James Warde and Pat Hansberry.

They boarded SS Cymric from Liverpool to New York with the journey taking them eleven days. On arrival they took lodgings in New York with an Aunt of the Warde men.

Mike, David's son tells of a remarkable story of his father through his rise and falls of an emigrant in early 20th century New York, during what were very difficult times there with 'The Great Depression'.



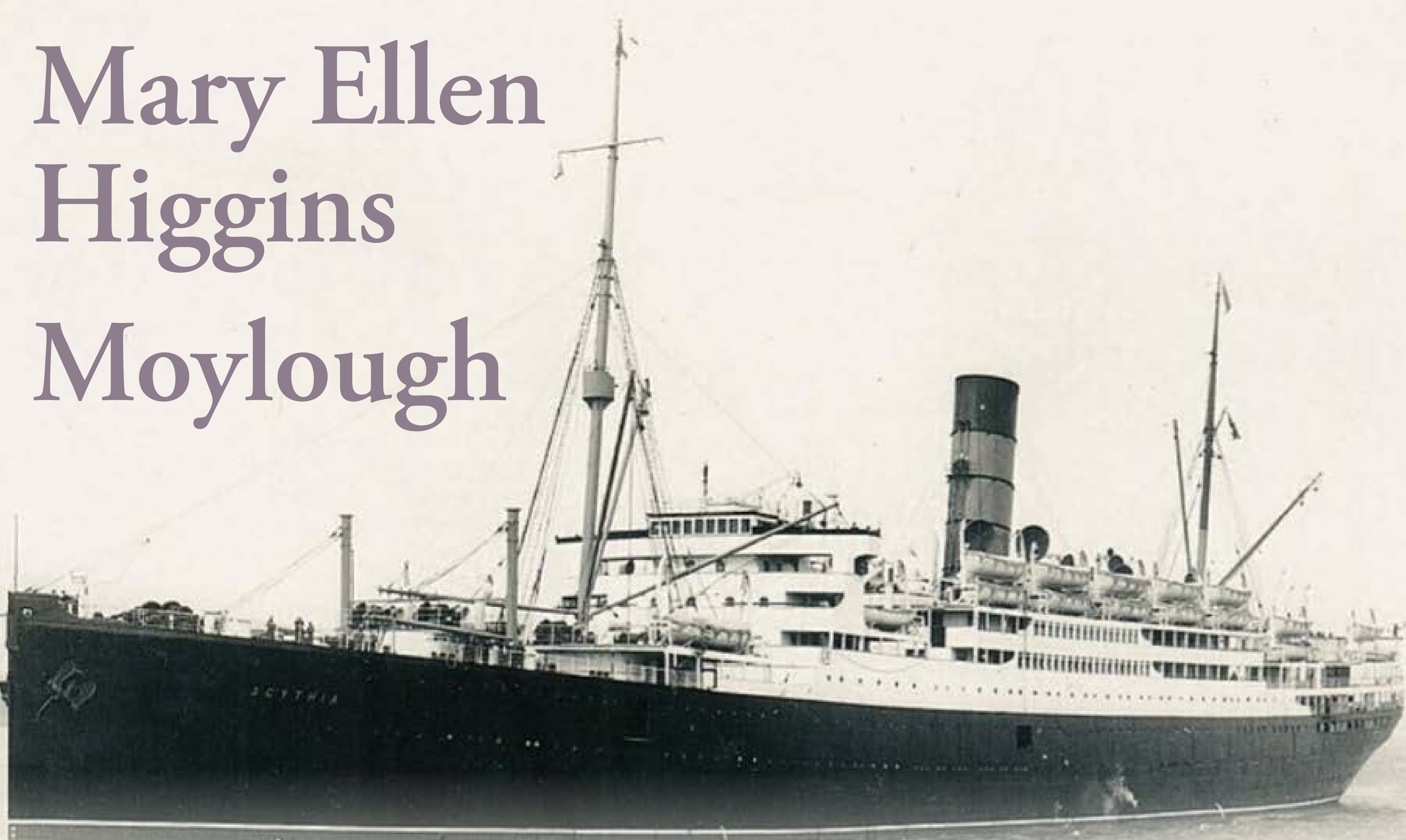
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THE DIARY

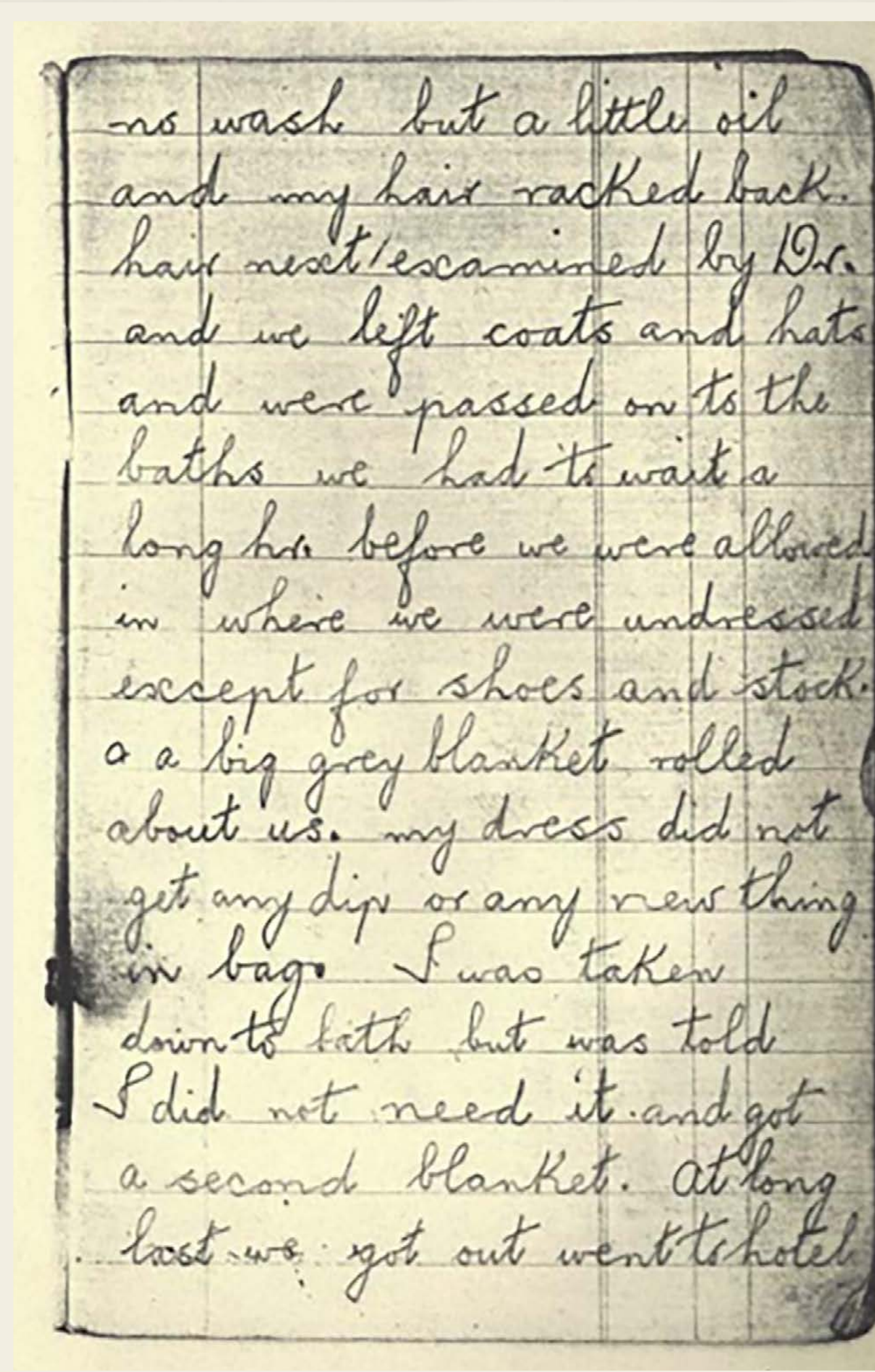
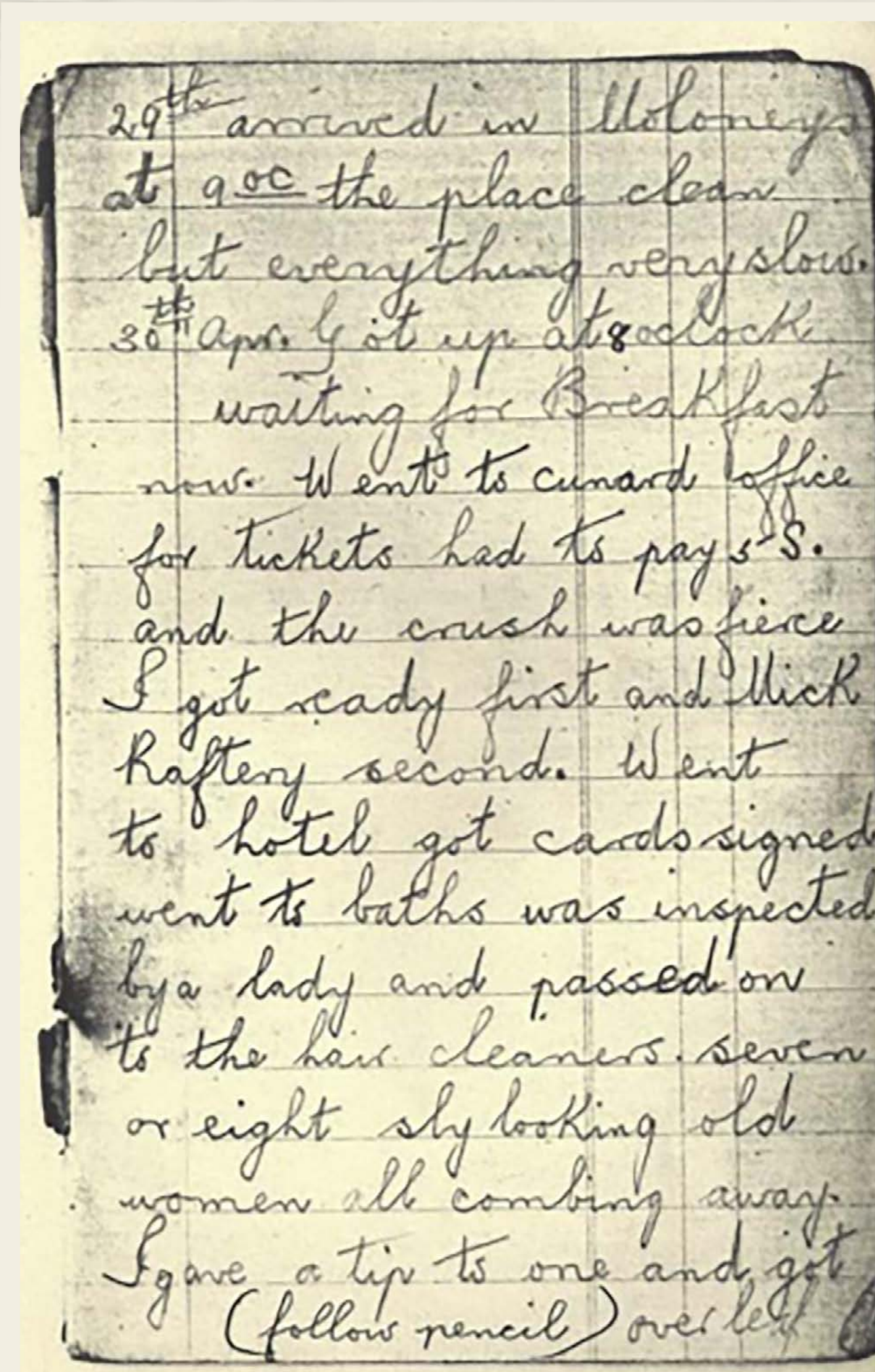
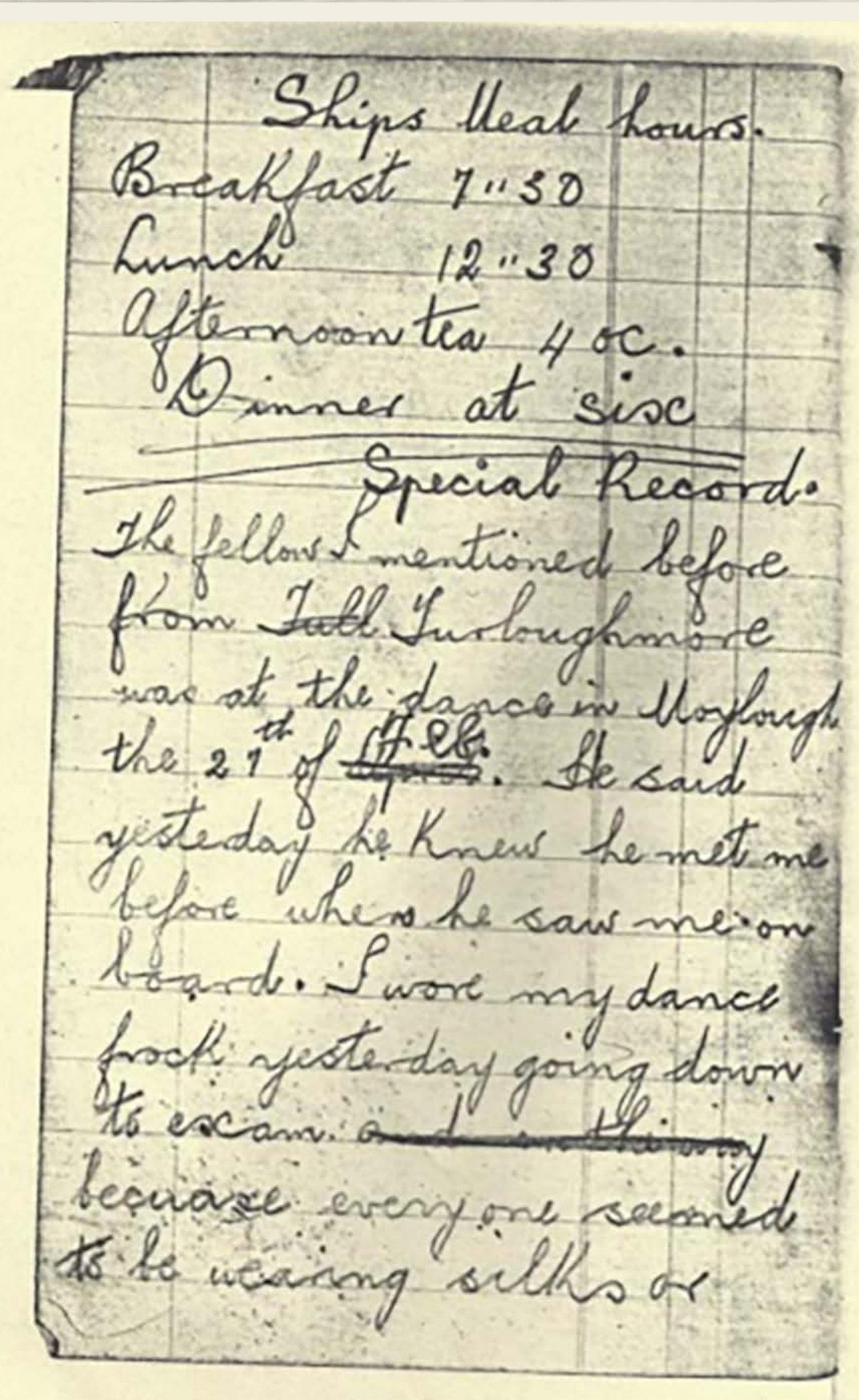
Mary Ellen
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Moylough



The R.M.S. Scythia passenger ship.



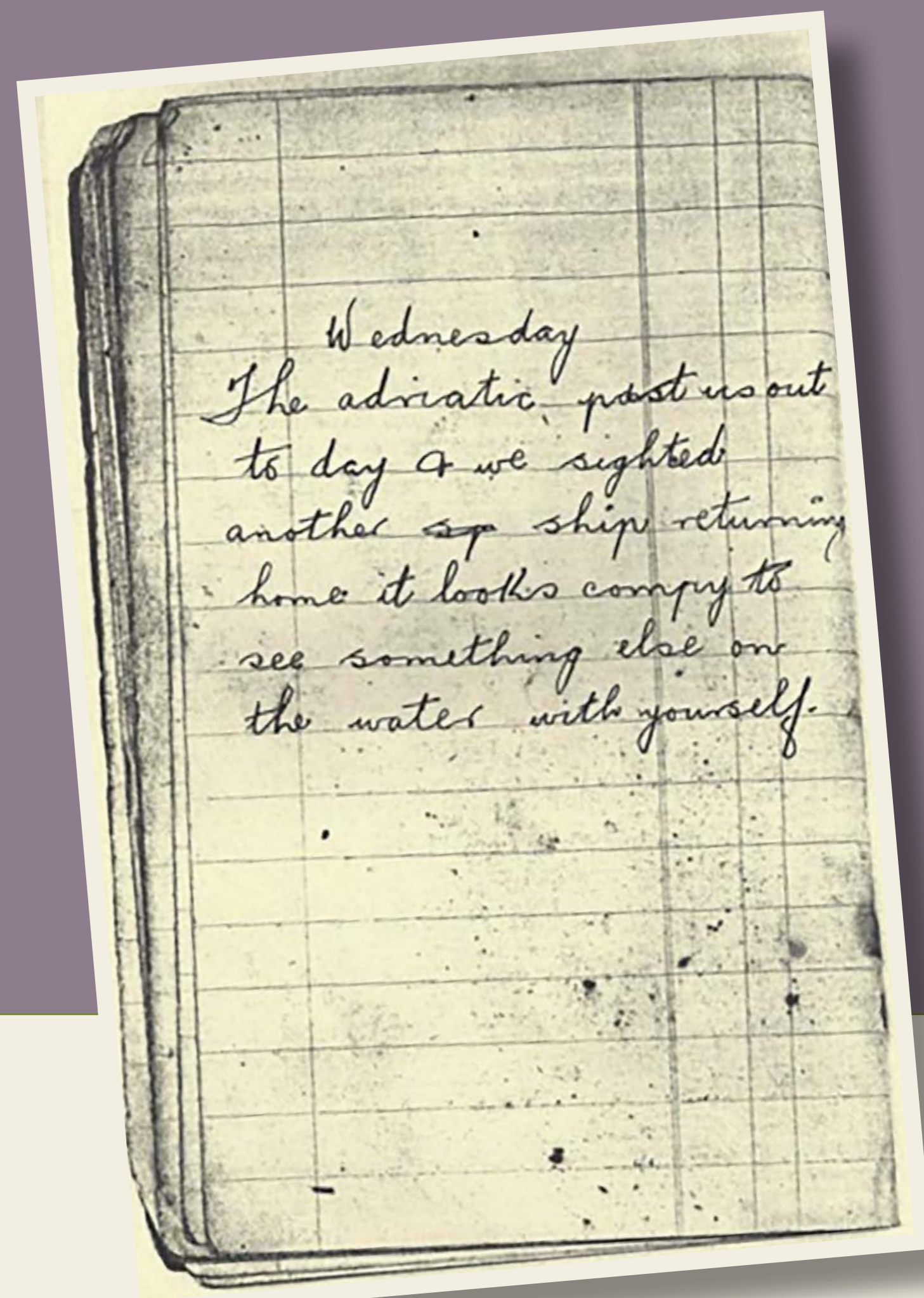
Mary Ellen Higgins, Lakeview,
Moylough, County Galway.



Excerpts from Mary Ellen Higgin's diary detailing her trip across the Atlantic.

A wonderful hand written diary of a detailed account by Mary Ellen Higgins, Lakeview, Moylough, County Galway, and her emigration journey in April 1927 to the United States. Her diary recounts her travels from Moylough to Athenry, to Cobh, County Cork before her arrival in New York.

Mary Ellen was born in 1907 and at just 20 years old, she took this journey across the Atlantic Ocean on the *R.M.S. Scythia*, like so many others during this period.



In her diary Mary Ellen gives an account of buying her tickets, those she met on her journey, the cost of food on board, how sickness fell on them with high seas crossing the Atlantic and of course the entertainment on board.



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