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General Bates was born in Sumner County, Tenn., November, 7th, 1826, His Grandfather having come to Sumner County the last part of the 18th Century; his mother was Mrs Amanda Wethered, the daughter of Wm. Wethered who was the son of Frank Wethered, a private soldier of the Revolution and was in the last charge on the british redoubts at York Town under General Lafayette, and who lived until he was 95 years old and died on the farm recently owned by General Bates. Frank Wethered married a sister of General Sumpter and from that union springs all the Wethereds of Tennessee and Texas, and some of those of the latter state served with distinction in all her wars from the war of independence to the close of our rebellion.

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Therefore, Be it Resolved by this Camp, that in the death of Senator Bates we have lost a brave and chivalerous soldier and comrad, whose self denial and magnanimous heart, ever contributing to the cause that he loved most, adhering to those exalted principles of justice and honor, which is the embodiment of all human greatness; in the National Council his able defense of justice and the upbuilding of his beloved South, *is written upon the memory.* has written his epitaph of every man who loved honor more than fame.

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Respectfully submitted.

Yours
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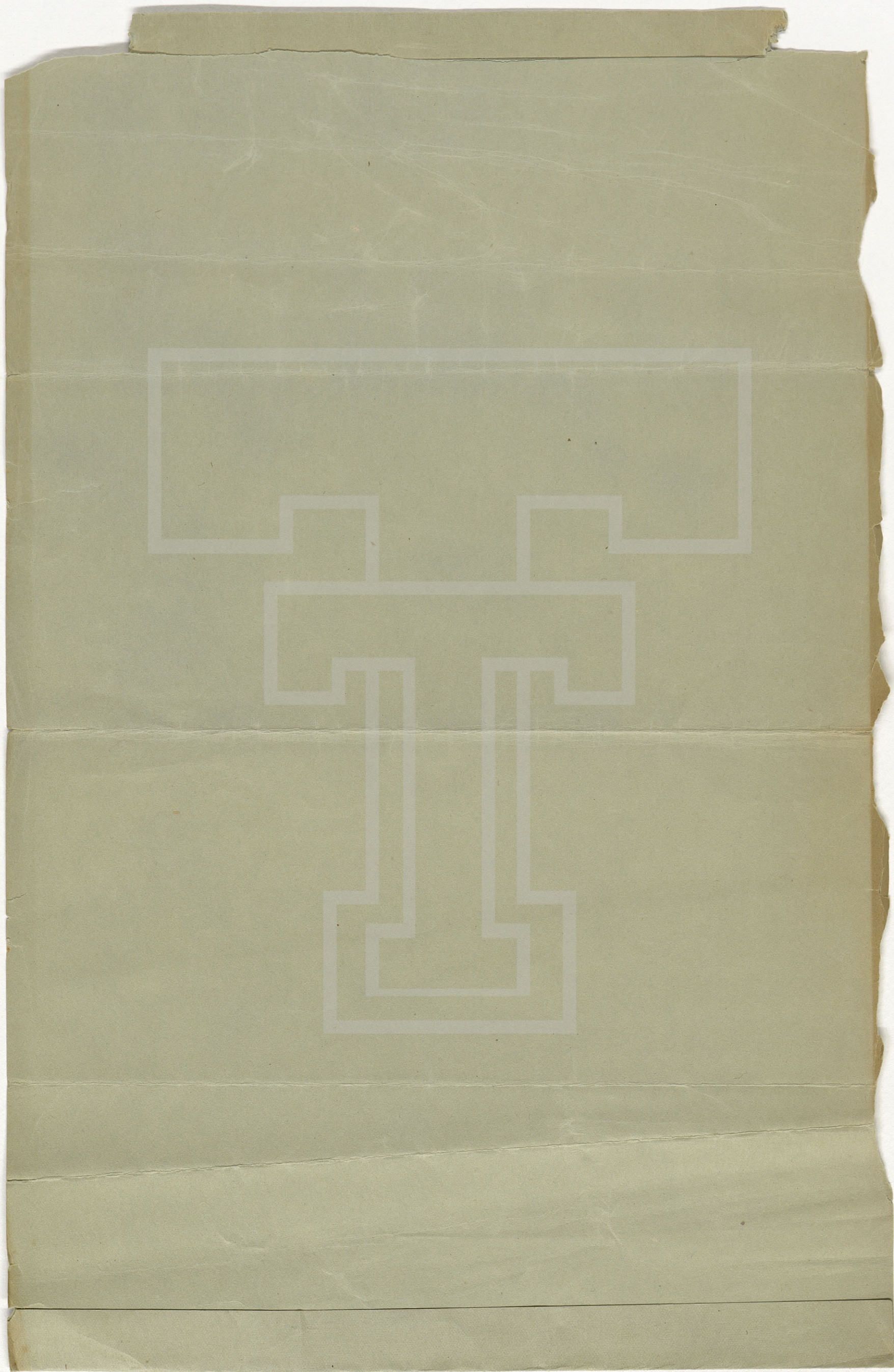
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