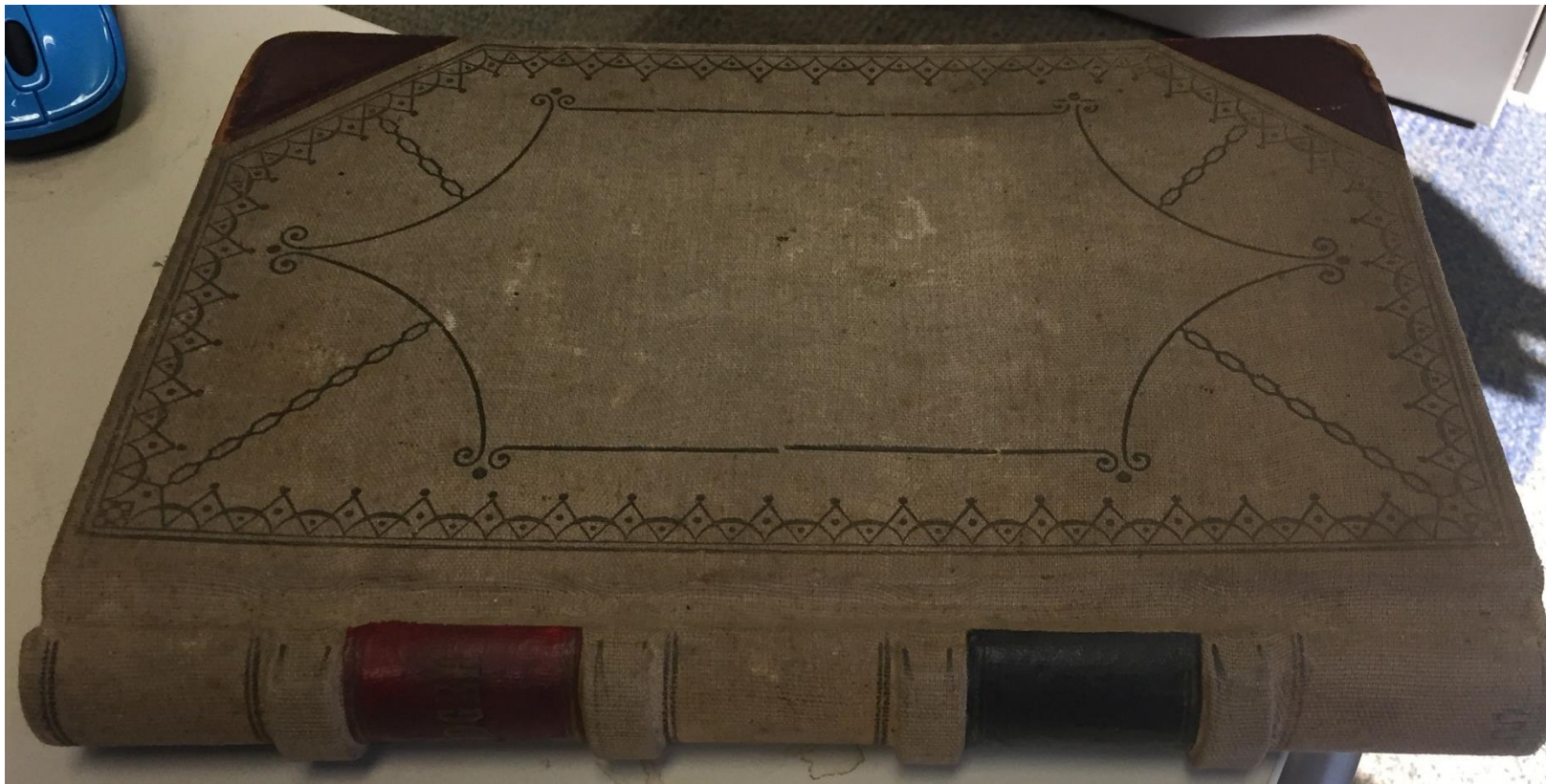


We are cleaning out the 150 year old Ackerman farm house and we find this

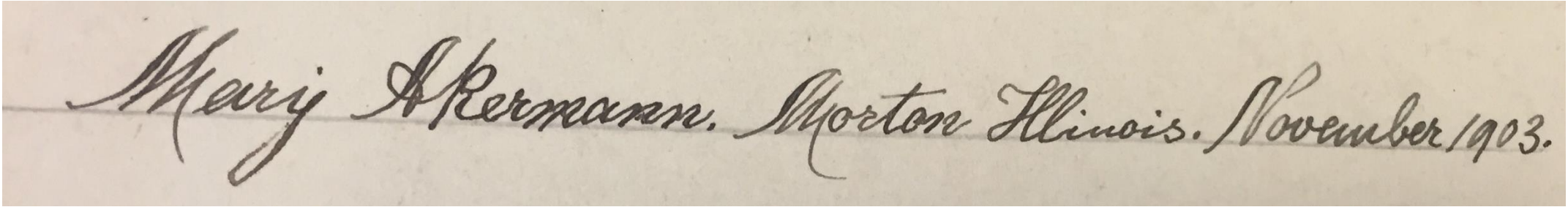
AMAZINGLY MYSTERIOUS

book in one of the many, many nooks and crannies



It's like it should be on the set of Harry Potter!!!!

Inside the front cover is this?



Mary Ackermann. Morton Illinois. November 1903.

Now Mary skips the c in Ackerman and adds an extra n, to spell Akermann instead of Ackerman but we're thinking she knows how to spell her name... but this is November 1903!!!?!?!!!!

That's 114 years ago. 11 years before World War I!

A month before the Wright Brothers famous first flight!

The Titanic was on the drawing board, 5 years away from being built!

The Hindenburg's wasn't even thought about back then!

Evers, to Tinker to Chance were not yet famous as the Cubs lineup. McKinley was finishing up 8 years of his presidency and a controversial new fellow, the "Donald Trump" of his day, "Teddy Roosevelt" has just won the November elections!

[illegible]

Any help you can give us in deciphering this is welcome!

Post it to a German speaking friend or relative you know.

Now if this is embarrassing to the family, or is directions to where the ancients hid the family's gold we will need to have a conversation, but other than that it is.....

A fun mystery!

I don't think any of your parents had even been born in 1903!??!
I wish Mary could have known what an amazing century was ahead of her.
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