

Mt. Lebanon, N. Y., September 20<sup>th</sup> 1920

I, the undersigned, George Duncan, having by my misconduct broken the rules of my home at the South family at Waterloot N. Y.; I hereby acknowledge that I have made myself liable to lose my privilege as a member of the Society, under the Conditions and obligations which I subscribed to and accepted, on signing the Probationary Covenant of the United Society of Believers at Mount Lebanon N. Y. at the time of my entering the Society as Probationary member.

Due however, to the lengthy forbearance extended to me in the past, and to my present age and frailties; the Ministry have offered to extend to me a further trial with the North family of Believers at Mount Lebanon N. Y. under the express condition that it will be my last trial, and that if I fail to obey the rules of the family and the well known rules of the Shaker Order of life, and especially to abstain from yielding to my besetting weakness to take intoxicating liquors; I do hereby promise and agree to release the North family and the United Society of Believers from all further and future obligations with regard to me, and I promise to peaceably withdraw from said family and Society and provide for myself elsewhere as stipulated and provided for, in such cases, in the Probationary Covenant signed by me as above stated. George Duncan  
Witness. - Walter Shepherd.

Be it known to all whom it may Concern  
 That I Etta Gilson having enjoyed the privilege  
 of residing with the North family of Shakers of Mt Lebanon N.Y.  
 as a guest for several months past, do this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
 December 1921, consequent upon the offer of a continuation  
 of this privilege, declare that whatever services I  
 may render to the family during my residence with them,  
 are fully covered by the board and lodging and other  
 like recompenses that I may receive, and that for clothing  
 and other personal expenses I undertake to provide  
 out of my own means.

I also agree that whenever the Elders or duly  
 appointed leaders of the said North family of Shakers  
 deem it inexpedient that I should remain as a  
 guest of the family any longer I will, upon due  
 notice, peaceably withdraw and return to the home of  
 my son.

Etta Gilson

Witness Sarah Burger

North Family of Shakers  
 Mount Lebanon N.Y.  
 June 9<sup>th</sup> 1924

For the privilege of spending the summer months during the year 1924 as a guest of the North Family of Shakers of Mount Lebanon N.Y. I, the undersigned, agree to assist in the family's domestic duties to the best of my abilities and to claim no wages for such or for any of my services to the family during my residence ~~with~~ in it.

It is my intention to conduct myself in an orderly manner, conforming to the rules of the family.

Witness

Signed

Ella C. Winship

Margaretha R. Chubb.

To whom it may concern

Mount Lebanon, New York  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1930

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My conscience urges me to make the following statement.  
I am a single man of German parentage, and an American Citizen.  
I came to America in 1902. at the age of 41.

During the World's War I suffered much injury from prejudice on account of my parentage.

In my distress I called at the North Family of Shakers of Mount Lebanon N.Y., having heard of these people while in Philadelphia.

I asked for employment - I stated that I was not able to do heavy work and that I would work for my board and clothes.

The Elder of the Shaker family answered me that I could stay, and he would consider what arrangement could be made.

I have lived with the family ever since - but not as a member.

My disabilities and infirmities are likely to increase as I grow older and I do not feel that the Shaker family or Society should be held responsible for me when the time comes that I cannot work.

It is now my earnest desire to place on record that I am not a member of the Shaker Society - and that the Shaker Society is in no way responsible for my condition or maintenance when I cannot work for my support.

Karl Friedrich Mayer.

The above statement was written out at the urgent request of Karl Friedrich Mayer by Walter Shepherd of the North Family of Shakers who here testifies that he witnessed the above signature.

Signed Walter Shepherd