

IRA R. LAWSON,
Miller and Grain Dealer,
WEST PITTSFIELD, MASS.

El. Joseph
Oct. 11. 1901.

About Penn.
property.



for use

Address Annie White
Mount Lebanon
W.V.

Col County

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West Pittsfield Mass.
Evening of Oct 10 1907

Beloved Eldress Annie

In thinking the matter over
about the "Freemans Land Property"

We thought if the North family
at Lebanon would take the
whole responsibility of paying
the taxes until the property
was sold. You should have
our full consent in regaining
the title in the name of both
societies and we would agree
that when the property was
sold. you should take off
from the \$25,000 dollars the part
of taxes due this society

Ministry Brethren

By Joseph Holden

We the undersigned, Trustees for the United Society commonly called Shakers, of New Lebanon, New York State, and in this case particularly representing the North Family, Mt. Lebanon, Columbia County, New York State, and the Hancock Family, West Pittsfield, Massachusetts, do hereby appoint-----
 Nettie Arthur Brown-Weitz, of New York City, attorney or agent to procure deed of the property situated in Pike County, Pennsylvania, including a tract of 10.000 acres known as Big Pond, or Fairview Lake, Promised Land, and Egypt, from one William Kelly, residing in County of Lackawanna, City of Scranton, State of Pennsylvania. Thereafter to dispose of said property to the best advantage, within three years.

We hereby set our hand and seal this twelfth day of October, Nineteen Hundred and One.

Levi Shaw----North Family, New Lebanon, New York.

Timothy D. Rayson. " " " "

Sarah Burger, North Family, New Lebanon, New York.

Ira R. Lawson--Hancock Family, West Pittsfield, Mass.

Louis Basting-- " " " " "

Contract October 12th
1901

64. Fifth Ave.
New York City
Nov. 1st 1901.

Elder Levi Shaw,

W. Lebanon, New York.

Dear Elder Levi:—

Your letter of Oct. 31st just received. Mr. Kelly does not doubt my power to act, and I can get the deed, but my proposition in Eldress Anna's letter is in principle matter. If I were not known to be thoroughly honest and straightforward, and acting as your friend and that of the community, I should not suggest such a course.

But if the deed could be made out in my name (I acting for you just the same) I could deal directly with the Prospector Purchaser, make the best terms possible, and push the deal through without delay, thus saving travelling expenses and time. Sometimes delay in these matters kills everything, because it gives people too much time to think, and they want to back out.

I am looking ahead for your interests in the matter, and now is the time to decide while the deed is being made out.

If Mr. Kelly wants to make out the deed himself so much the better for it saves expense, if he will do so immediately without too much delay. I would be willing to sign a paper if you wish, stating that I was holding the deed in trust for you.

I could explain this to you thoroughly if I were at Mr. Taborn, but cannot write all the details, or you would see things in the same light as I do.

However, it makes so little difference to me personally except for the reasons I have stated, that if you do not agree to the proposition, let me know just how you wish it made out (in what name) the nature of the deed that Mr. Kelly now holds, and I will push the thing through.

But if to simplify the sale, you wish to use my name write yourself to Mr. Kelly as follows: - "I hereby authorize you in behalf of the Trustees to make the Pike Co. deed out in the name of Nathl Arthur Braun-Witz, of New York City. Kindly attend to the matter at once, and send to Mrs. Witz, and advise, Yours Truly, Levi Shaw." This will make him understand everything is all straight. Hoping you are well, and to hear from you soon, I remain, Respect. Nathl Arthur Braun-Witz.

M^t Lebanon N.Y. April 9th 1902

Nettie Arthur Brown White

Kind Donuch's esteemed friend

Yours of the 8th inst is before me.

I arrived home night before last from my Pa. Trip. As regards the number of acres. I understand from Eldredgama that you have obtained a map of the whole property which you have been, & still are, engaged in selling; if so, you should not have much difficulty in making out the number of acres contained therein 1st The Promised Land tract of 12 lots contain according to the map 5644 acres strict. out of which there has been a portion of ~~one~~ lot containing 453 acres sold to other parties this part was sold off long before we bought the tract of Dr Jones. 2nd The Egypt property contains 1907 acres strict. out of which there has been 122 acres sold off to other parties long before we bought. 3rd The Big Pond Property contains 2266 acres strict. out of which there had been a portion of two lots sold to another party containing 155 acres which leaves after deducting the above 430 acres 9967 acres strict. The 340 acres you allude to

This is another tract which we purchased from the Allerton estate, and held a short time & then sold to Joseph Atkinson of Hawley, but not connected in any manner whatever with the other property that you have on sale, altho I suppose it is in the same county.

The lot that Harry Atkinson owns between Big Pond & Egypt Lots they owned before we bought in any of the lots. As regards the farms you speak of as noticing on your travels thro the property I was not aware that there was any squatters settled there on. 'There is, or was when I was last on the place a couple of families living on it near the place where the mill formerly stood on the Promised Land tract, they had permission to occupy the buildings there

Lot 103 containing 352 acres is as you will see by the map, on Big Pond Tract in Warranted name of Jacob Kinble. Lot 147, is on the Egypt Property in Warrantee name of John C Stacker. I saw Harry Atkinson, did not make any positive arrangement with him could not do so at present under existing circumstances

The abstract title is not in Jones's possession
I think it is in Mr. H. Dimmock's possession,
he resides in Concord, I was there almost one
day with him, he professed to look for it but failed
to find it. said he would make further search
for it & send it to me if he could find it.

One thing more I wish to mention, that is,
in regard to our hold on the title in case of
your death. Should we not have a mortgage
executed by you to the Trustees of both
societies, New Lebanon N.Y. & West Pittsfield
Mass. This would make it secure to us in case
of your death which might come in a sudden
and unlooked for manner. please think it over.

The mortgage should be made to the above
as Trustees & to their successors in office, not
to their heirs & assigns

Very Respectfully Yours,
Levi Shaw

Cat. No.
10,212-F

Articles of Agreement made
Jan. 8th 1876 between Joseph
Jones of Homestead Pa. and
Leri Shum, Frederick Isaac, &
Henry Cantrell. They do this day
dissolve partnership in their
her business.

Parties of second part take
Big Rock, Egypt and
Promised Land etc.

Joseph Jones takes
Waldson Mill, Homestead
Farm etc, and

All personal property in
Pike Co., Pa. valued at
\$10,160.

A mortgage is personal
property. Dr. Jones must
have assumed the liability
of the Fitch and Tracy mort-
gages at this date, Jan. 8th 1876.
Please explain.

102. Webb Avenue,
Ocean Grove, N. J.

Dear Elder Levi: -

This terrible compli-
cation in which the Pike Co. property
has been involved, is slowly but
surely unravelling, and I have
come to a place now, where
W. A. Dimmock claims that there
were satisfaction pieces made out
at one time for the Fitch and
Tracy Mortgages, and that you
had the papers.

Now if this is true, why on
earth didn't you have them
recorded, and so save all this
trouble? Please explain in
full. Tell me everything you
know about it, and who

signed them?

You know, Elder Turi, as things stand now, they are in a very precarious condition.

These mortgages standing against the property, make it unmarketable. And although I have gone to the trouble of finding a purchaser, who was willing to pay a handsome price, unless you and Dr. Jones either furnish proof that the mortgages have been fully paid, or actually pay \$10,000 in cash, the whole thing will fall through, and as the deed is in my name, I can hold both Dr. Jones and the Chapers

responsible. Now you know
that I do not want to make
any trouble, but I have been
put to a great deal of bother
and expense, because these
things were held back from
me, and if I have to return
the unmarketable property, I
shall have to have some
redress for my trouble and
wasted time.

I received the letter you
forwarded, and answered it,
but you know nothing can
be done at this time.

It is too bad, when there is
a demand for the property,
not to be able to dispose

of it. Unless you can pro-
duce proof, so you can have
the mortgage cancelled, I will
have to let about \$10,000
stand as a first mortgage,
and all the Shaker owned
yet, would be a second
mortgage of \$10,000.

I return the enclosed paper,
for you to secure the
State's acknowledgment that
R. B. Baird is a notary public.
The same goes for the paper that you
had on Kelly's satisfaction of
Mortgage. This must be done
to make the paper complete, and
then return to me.

My advice to you, Elder Levi,
is not to worry, but to

3.

make a clear breast of the whole thing, and tell me in detail why those cancellation papers were not filed. No one knows anything about this but myself, at this time, and I want you to be confidential. Answer as soon as you can.

Yours sincerely,
Nettie A. C. Weitz.

Sept. 25th 1902.

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Yours sincerely,
Katie A. B. Weitz.

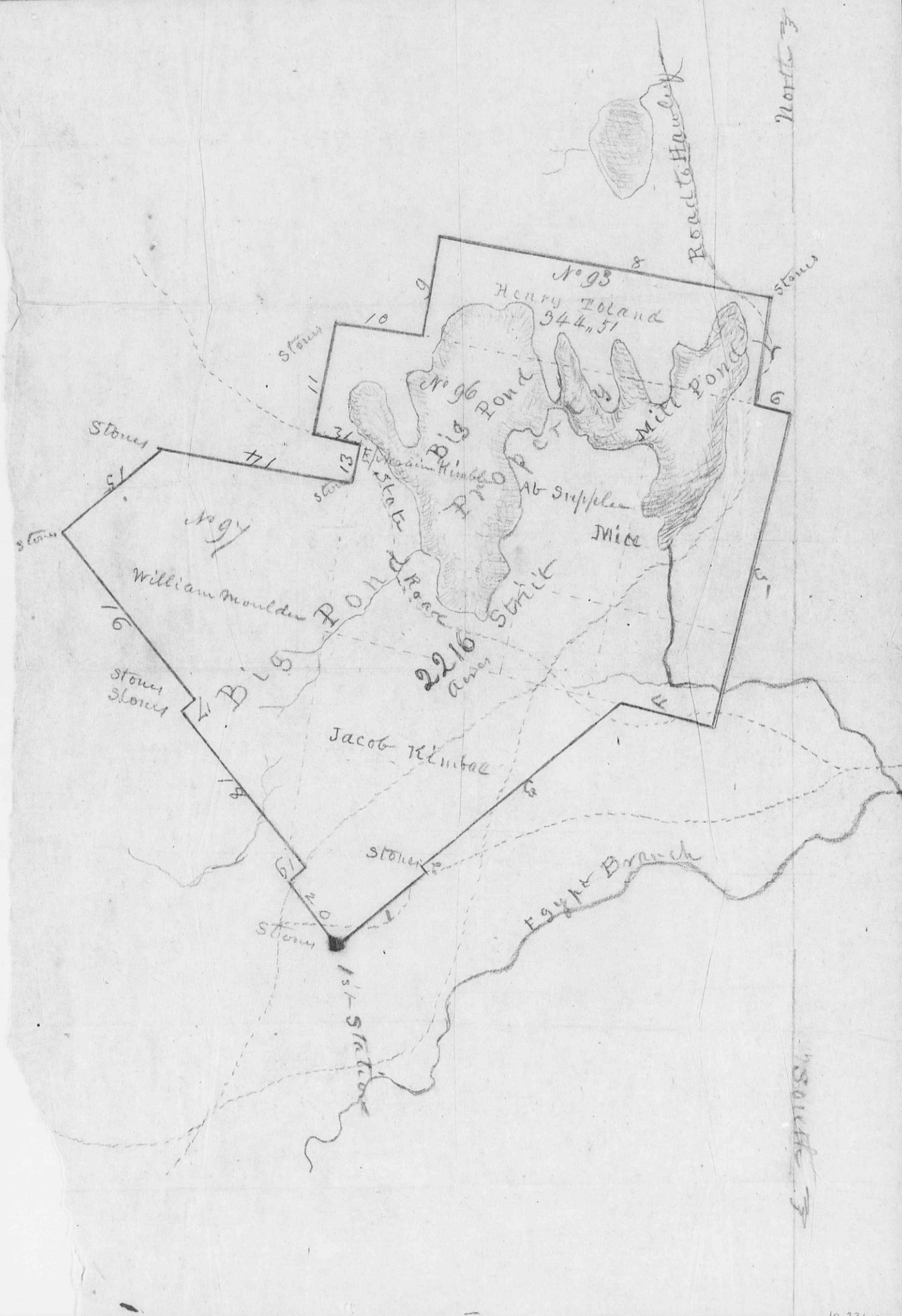
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Suppose map that
belongs to land sold
in Penn.

Promised land.



North

South

AGREEMENT, made the seventeenth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and three BETWEEN Levi Shaw, Timothy D. Rayson, and Sarah Burger, trustees for the United Society called Shakers of New Lebanon, New York State, County of Columbia, and Ira R. Lawson, and Louis Basting,

The parties further agree, if in accepting less than \$ 25,000, the party of the second part, Nettie A. B. Weitz, shall receive % 10 of the amount.

Except in the case of the Lake bringing \$ 8000.00, and the rest about \$ 15,000, the party of the second part, Nettie A. B. Weitz, shall then receive \$ 3000.00.

The time limit, October 12th, 1904, stipulated in body of paper, shall take effect, unless some contingencies arise, where it would be of mutual advantage to extend the time.

Daniel Offord

Anna White

Sarah Burger

cutors, administrators and assigns of the respective parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first

above written.

Witness to L.S., J.O.R. & J.R.S.
E. Wood

Witness to L.B.

Daniel Offord

Levi Shaw

Timothy D. Rayson

Ira R. Lawson

Louis Basting

Nettie A. B. Weitz

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A. A. B. Weitz

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Namely, the real estate, formerly known as the SHAKER PROPERTY, now named THE MINNEWAWA RESERVATION, includes nearly 10,000 acres. It is situated in Green, Palmyra, and Blooming Grove Townships, in the County of Pike, and State of Pennsylvania. It adjoins the BLOOMING GROVE ASSOCIATION on the West.

AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD that the stipulations aforesaid are to apply to and bind the heirs, successors in office, executors, administrators and assigns of the respective parties.

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Epworth
written to L.B.
 Daniel Offord

written to
N.A.B. Weitz
 Daniel Offord

Levi Shaw
Timothy D. Rayson
Ira R. Lawson
Louis Basting
Nettie A. B. Weitz

STATE of Massachusetts

County of Berkshire SS.

On the seventeenth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and three, before me personally came Levi Shaw, Timothy D. Rayson and Ira R. Lawson, Trustees as aforesaid, to me known, and known to me to be the individuals described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

Edgar M. Hood
Justice of the Peace

*Agreement
between N. W. B. May
and North Family and
Hancock*

THIS INDENTURE, made the seventeenth day of April, in the year nineteen hundred and three Between LEVI SHAW and TIMOTHY D. RAYSON, Trustees for the United Society called SHAKERS of NEW LEBANON, COUNTY of COLUMBIA, STATE of NEW YORK, and IRA R. LAWSON and LOUIS BASTING, Trustees for the United Society called SHAKERS, of PITTSFIELD and HANCOCK, MASSACHUSETTS, parties of the first part, and MARY E. KIPP, of WILSONVILLE, Post Office address, HAWLEY, COUNTY of WAYNE, STATE of PENNSYLVANIA, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of one dollar, and other good and lawful consideration hereinafter described, lawful money of the United States, paid by the party of the second part, do hereby grant and release unto the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns forever, ALL that certain parcel of land and real estate, belonging to the parties of the first part, situated on BIG POND, COUNTY of PIKE, STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, adjoining ROBERT SMITH'S lot on the West, and the first lot taken from Warrantee tract, EPHRAIM KIMBLE; beginning on straight with ROBERT SMITH'S lot, on the West, and extending back three hundred feet on a straight line, then across to the West, fifty feet rear, and extending three hundred feet back to water edge, so that there will be fifty feet frontage on Lake, or fifteen thousand square feet in all.

THIS DEED is given by parties of the first part for and in consideration of the full release, duly acknowledged by party of the second part, of contract for timber, on tract known as PROMISED LAND PROPERTY, (12 Warrantee Tracts) containing 5644 acres, given by FREDERIC W. EVANS, LEVI SHAW, HENRY CANTRELL, and IRA R. LAWSON, TRUSTEES for the above named SHAKERS, to GEORGE W. MILLARD, and WILLIAM A. COLLINGWOOD, dated January 10th 1882, and assigned by them to HORACE E. KIPP, husband to the aforesaid MARY E. KIPP, dated February 3rd, 1893, and recorded February 14th, 1893, at the COUNTY SEAT, MILFORD, PENNSYLVANIA.

In consideration of the entire relinquishment of all right, claim, title and interest, to property therein described, or any part thereof, and to all timber thereon, by the said party of the second part, and her husband, their heirs and assigns, to the parties of the first part, their predecessors and successors in title, successors in office, and assigns. TOGETHER with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the parties of the first part in and to said premises, with the privilege of rowing and fishing on the Lake. TO HAVE and TO HOLD the above granted premises unto the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns forever.

The HISTORY of the lot is as follows:-

From LORD, FITCH AND TRACY, to DR. JOSEPH JONES, by deed dated June 16th, 1870. From DR. JOSEPH JONES and MARY S., his wife, to EDWARD FOWLER, and BENJAMIN GATES, TRUSTEES for the United Society called SHAKERS, of NEW LEBANON, by deed dated May 8th, 1871.

From LEVI SHAW et al, TRUSTEES for SHAKERS, to WILLIAM KELLY, deed dated May 18th, 1899, recorded July 19th, 1899.

From WILLIAM KELLY, of SCRANTON, to NETTIE A. B. WEITZ, November 18th, 1901. Entered January 6th, 1902.

From NETTIE A. B. WEITZ, to SHAKER TRUSTEES, April 7th, 1903.

And the said parties of the first part, do covenant with said party of the second part as follows:

FIRST. That the said part are seized of the said premises in fee simple and have good right to convey the same.

SECOND. That the party of the second part shall quietly enjoy the said premises.

THIRD. That the said premises are free from encumbrances.

FOURTH. That the parties of the first part will execute or procure any further necessary assurance of the title to said premises.

FIFTH. That the said parties of the first part, will forever warrant the title to said premises, against all persons claiming by or under them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written. In presence of witness to L.S., T.D.R., I.R.L. E.M. Wood.
Witness to L.B. Daniel Offord.

Levi Shaw, Seal.

Timothy D. Rayson, Seal.

Ira R. Lawson, Seal.

Louis Basting, Seal.

Deed of Promised Land.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS)
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W. W. MOORE

[ca. 1901]

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Eldress Anna White to Nettie Arthur Brown-Weitz, Dr.

Travelling expenses to Stockbridge
and same in New York on account of
business,
Advertising,
Stationary, telephoning, etc.,

\$ 35.00
9.25
.75

\$ 45.00
\$ 25.00

\$20.00

Rendered on account,

Received Payment,

Travelling Expenses

[ca. 1901]

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Taxes.

Blooming Grove, \$49.74
Discount of %5,\$49.74
2.48

Road Tax

\$47.25
31.09
-----\$78.34
-----Palmyra Township
%5 discount,\$182.73
9.136
-----\$173.59
-----Green Township
%5 discount\$109.95
5.497

\$104.45

Total, -----\$356.38

^{my} Tapes on
Promised Land

New York City Oct 11. 1901.

Mr The North Family Shakers

To Nettie Arthur Brown - Westy Dr.

Terms.....

To Scranton and incidentals	18	50
To Hawley " "	23	25
Actual cost of photos (not counting labor)	42	57
	<u>1</u>	<u>50</u>

Esley Organ

43. 57

40.

\$83. 57

Received Payment,

Nettie Arthur Brown - Westy

Organ and
Property in Penn.
Traveling Expenses of
Nettie A. B. Witz.
Oct. 11. 1901

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New York, Jan. 28, 1902.

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Mr Eldress Anna White

To Nathaniel Arthur Brown-Weitz, Dr.

Terms

Nov.	14.	For certified copy of deed	3	25	
Jan.	1.	Expenses to Scranton	16.	00	
Jan.	6.	For recording of new deed and cancellation of mortgage.	6	10	
					\$ 25.35
		Red'd Payment,			
		Nathaniel Arthur Brown-Weitz			

N. A. B. Keitz.
Feb. 7. 1902.

June 3rd

1902.

Mr Eldress Anna White

To Nettie Arthur Brown West, Dr.

Terms

March	10.	Map of Pike Co. Property	\$ 10. 00		
"	"	Trip to Millpond, Pa. to get information about title, and to clear up title.	14. 55	+	
"	11/12	Consulting lawyer twice	13. 00	+	
"	15.	Advertising Property	2. 50	+	
"	20.	Postage stamps and stationery	3. 58	+	
April	15.	Telegrams to obtain information quickly.	1. 42	x	
"	20.	Car fare in city, telephoning, special d. stamps for impressions.	3. 25	+	
"	22.	Having photos enlarged to make To Promised Land and return, to obtain	2. 60	x	
"	24.	necessary information for customer.	14. 10	x	
			65. 00		
March	10.	By cash on account	40. 00		
					\$25. 00

N.A.B. Weitz
June 3. 1962

64 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Received of Eldress Anna White check for \$ 356.38, being taxes due on Shaker
Property, Pike Co., Pa., for 1902.

Aug. 20th, 1902.

Nathan A. B. Watz

N.A.B. Weitz
Aug. 20. 1902

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New York City,

Nov. 15th, 1902.

Eldress Anna White to

Nettie A. B. Weitz, Dr.

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Aug.		
1902.	Expenses to Hawley, Honesdale, Wilsonville, and Milford, Pa.,	\$65.00
	Lawyer's services	10.00
		<u>\$75.00</u>
	Cash paid by Eldress Anna on account June 9th,	25.00
		<u>\$50.00</u>
	Extra taxes.	
	Palmyra Township(not allowing 5% abatement,)	\$1.48
	" Working road-tax,	49.39
	Green Township(not allowing 5% abatement)	1.48
	" " Working road-tax,	42.29
		<u>\$94.64</u>
		\$94.64
	Total	\$144.64
	Cash on hand Nov. 22nd,	55.36
	Paid by check, signed by Sarah Burger, Trustee,	\$ 200.00
	Received Payment,	

Nettie A. B. Weitz.

N. A. B. Weitz
Nov. 15. 1902.

N. A. B. Weitz's Expenses.

Traveling	\$ 35.00
Advertising	9.25
Stationary, telephoning &c	75
Maps of Pike Co., property	10.00
Traveling to clear title	14.55
Consulting lawyer twice	13.00
Advertising	2.50
Postage, Stamps and Stationa.	3.58
Telegrams	1.42
Car fare in city, telephoning	3.25
Photos enlarged of Promised L.	2.60
Travel. to obtain info. for Custs.	14.10
To Hawley, Honesdale ^{Wilford Pa.} Wilsonville &	65.00
Certified copy of Deed	3.25
Expenses to Scranton	16.00
Recor. of deed & cancellation of Mortgage	6.10
	<u>210.35</u>

Expenses,

My
Taxes on P.L.

\$356.38

94.64

910.48

1361.50

Cash

\$25.00

40.00

200.00

265.00

Taxes and other Expenses

1361.50

210.35

\$1571.85

my
Jayes.

Statement of Expenses Pertaining to Pike County, Pennsylvania Property.

Taxes for 1904	390.18	
Survey of Richard Thomas Tract required by State.	25.00	
Two business trips.	43.20	
Necessary expenses of settlement.	240.79	
Sundries.	148.83	
Lawyer's advice.	152.00	
	\$ 10 00.00	
 Sale of Property.	 \$ 10,000.	
Net proceeds.		\$ 9000.00
Paid Sept. 15 ^{<u>th</u>} 1904.		4000.00
Balance. Paid Jan. 10 ^{<u>th</u>} 1905.		\$ 5000.00

Expenses pertaining
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