

OFFICE OF  
SURROGATE OF COLUMBIA COUNTY  
COURT HOUSE

HUDSON, N. Y.

Feb. 11, 1911.

Daniel Offord,

Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.

My dear friend Daniel:

I am enclosing you proposed contract between the Trustees and Mr. Crowe, which I believe to be in accordance with you instructions. If anything more is wanted let me know and I will draw it over to meet your requirements, if possible.

There is one thing I desire very much to call your attention to and that is, does the right of way which your people deeded to the Electric Railway Company run through this farm; if so, it should be excepted from this agreement otherwise your people would be liable to Mr. Crowe for damages, and you could not fulfil your contract. I recollect distinctly that you told me that there was a building on the property where some Italians had camped out, but of course that doesn't amount to anything; what I want to know is whether the property you deeded to the Electric Company goes through this farm. I write you this so you will not make any mistake.

I should be pleased to meet Mr. Justice Le Boeuf and go over the Railroad matter with him. Have the two Trustees and Mr. Crowe execute this agreement before a justice of the peace or notary.

Trusting that you are well, and with my kind regards, I am,  
Very truly yours,

*Geo McClellan*

COLUMBIA COUNTY SURROGATE'S OFFICE  
HUDSON, N. Y.



Miss Sarah Burger,

Mt. Lebanon,

N. Y.

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NORA H. MALLORY  
STENOGRAPHER

GEORGE McCLELLAN  
SURROGATE

JOHN V. WHITBECK, JR.  
CLERK

OFFICE OF  
SURROGATE OF COLUMBIA COUNTY  
COURT HOUSE

HUDSON, N. Y. March 7, 1911.

Miss Sarah Burger,

Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.

My dear Miss Burger:

Your letter by Miss Taylor was received. I endeavored to reach you over the 'phone yesterday, but was unable to. I have the contract that I drew for Daniel, your people with Crowe. Daniel brought the contracts down at my request the Saturday before he died, as at the time I drew them I did not know that the right of way which the R. R. Co. wanted extended over a portion of this land. We talked over the matter and I told him you better not sign this contract without a reservation as to the right of way. At that time we had expected that Judge LeBoeuf and myself would come to Mt' Lebanon the next week and as soon as the deed was prepared would make the reservation accordingly. I afterwards received a letter from the Judge stating that he could not come as he had planned, and no doubt since Daniel's death he has put off the matter. I am writing him to-day and will let you know what he says.

I will be glad to come up any time you desire to have me, except on Mondays or Fridays, when I hold Court here.

I trust that you are well, and with kind regards to all, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Geo McClellan*

*For Miss Sarah*

EMMA J. NEALE, and  
SARAH BURGER, as  
Trustees &c.  
with  
EDWARD CROWE.

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Agreement.

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Geo. McClellan,  
Attorney,  
Chatham, N. Y.

Chas. E. Houghtaling, Publisher, Albany, N. Y.

For value Received, I hereby  
assign the within contract  
to Mary E. Stouffer and  
Catherine Crowe, and request  
that the deed be made to them  
as joint tenants. The time  
for the completion of said  
contract is hereby extended  
10 days

Dated Dec 29, 1916.

Edward Crowe

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, made this 23 day of  
March in the year of our Lord, 1911, in  
duplicate,

BETWEEN - Emma J. Neale, and Sarah  
Burger, as trustees of the United Society of Believers,  
commonly called Shakers, of Mt. Lebanon, Columbia County,  
New York, parties of the first part, and Edward Crowe  
of the same town, party of the second part, in the manner  
following:

The said parties of the first part in consideration  
of the sum of One Dollar to them duly paid, hereby agree  
to sell unto the said party of the second part, the follow-  
ing described premises-

ALL that part of the tract or farm of land, sit-  
uate in the town of New Lebanon and known as the  
"Royce" farm, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:  
Beginning at a post standing in the easterly side of  
the State Road and at the southwesterly corner of a  
piece of land conveyed by the parties of the first part  
to E. C. Clark. From thence running North seventy two  
degrees East along said land eight chains and sixty  
seven links. Thence north fifty three degrees and  
fifteen minutes East ten chains and twenty seven  
links to lands of S. G. Shumway. Thence south fifty  
four degrees East thirty chains and seventy seven links.  
Thence south twenty four degrees and forty five minutes  
west seven chains and fifty five links. Thence  
south sixty four degrees and thirty minutes East fifteen  
chains sixty six links to the New York and Massachusetts  
State Line. Thence south twenty eight degrees and  
five minutes West along said line twenty two chains  
and fifty links. Thence north sixty four degrees  
and thirty minutes West fifteen chains and ten links to  
the end of a fence. Thence the same course along said  
fence twenty three chains and twenty five links to the  
easterly line of the State Road aforesaid. Thence along  
said road North twenty degrees and thirty minutes  
West one chain and thirty links. Thence north eighty  
eight degrees and fifteen minutes West fourteen chains  
and sixty six links to the lands of Chas. W. Spencer.  
Thence along said Spencer's lands the following three  
courses North twenty nine and one half degrees East  
one chain and sixty three links, North sixty one and  
one fourth degrees West seven chains and forty six links  
North sixty degrees West five chains and fifty nine  
links to land of the Browns, thence north sixty four  
degrees East one chain and ninety two links. Thence

North thirty nine degrees and forty five minutes East one chain and eighty seven links. Thence North thirty three degrees and fifteen minutes East six chains and ninety three links. Thence north ten degrees West five chains and four links. Thence north seventy three degrees East eight chains and sixty seven links. Thence north eighty five degrees and fifteen minutes East four chains to the Westerly line of the State Road. Thence North thirty four degrees East across said road one chain and ten links to the place of beginning. Containing after deducting the land occupied by the State Road that runs through said farm, one hundred and eighty one acres and sixty four square rods of land be the same more or less.

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING, however, from the above a strip of land through said farm, heretofore deeded by the United Society of Shakers to the Troy, Rensselaer and Pittsfield Railroad Company, a domestic railroad corporation, as laid down upon a map annexed and made a part of said deed.

for the sum of \$12,000. which the said party of the second part agrees to pay the parties of the first part as follows:

\$100. on the execution of this agreement.  
900. on the first day of July, 1911.  
1000. on the first day of January, 1912.  
1000. on the first day of July, 1912.  
1000. on the first day of January, 1913.  
1000. on the first day of July, 1913.  
1000. on the first day of January, 1914.  
1000. on the first day of July, 1914.  
1000. on the first day of January, 1915.  
1000. on the first day of July, 1915.  
1000. on the first day of January, 1916.  
1000. on the first day of July, 1916.  
1000. on the first day of January, 1917.

Said party of the second part agrees also to pay all taxes and assessments that shall be taxed or assessed on said premises from the first of April, 1911, until the said sum of \$12,000. shall be fully paid as aforesaid. And the said parties of the first part on receiving the final payment, to-wit on the first day of January, 1917, shall at their own proper cost and expense, execute and deliver to the said party of the second part, or to his assigns, a warranty deed for said premises, free and clear from encumbrances.

All payments to be made, and deed delivered at the office of the North Family of Shakers at Mt. Lebanon, New York.

WHEREAS, the parties of the first part have reserved a strip of land running through said farm, It is Agreed and Understood by and between the parties hereto that from the last payment of \$1,000. on the first day of January, 1917, there shall be deducted the sum of \$66. for each acre reserved or fractional part thereof as and for an allowance for the land reserved; if, however, the title of the land reserved should be in the parties of the first part on the first day of January, 1917, the date fixed for the delivery of the deed pursuant to this contract, then the parties of the first part are to include the land reserved, in their deed to the party of the second part, and in that event the party of the second part is to pay the full sum of \$1,000. for the last payment.

X / It is mutually agreed between said parties that the

# ( It is understood and agreed: that the parties of the first part will permit the party of the second part to cross with man and team over the above land reserved to the lots of the above described premises, necessitating four crossings. If for any cause the parties cannot agree as to location of said crossings, the location is to be fixed by the Public Service Commission.

holding over without permission, and may take immediate possession of the premises, and remove the party of the second part therefrom.

It is agreed and understood that the party of the second part shall keep the buildings on said premises



All payments to be made, and deed delivered at the office of the North Family of Shakers at Mt. Lebanon, New York.

WHEREAS, the parties of the first part have reserved a strip of land running through said farm, It is Agreed and Understood by and between the parties hereto that from the last payment of \$1,000. on the first day of January, 1917, there shall be deducted the sum of \$66. for <sup>paid all</sup> ~~unpaid or back~~ <sup>paid</sup> as and for an allowance for the land reserved; if, however, the title of the land reserved should be in the parties of the first part on the first day of January, 1917, the date fixed for the delivery of the deed pursuant to this contract, then the parties of the first part are to include the land reserved, in their deed to the party of the second part, and in that event the party of the second part is to pay the full sum of \$1,000. for the last payment.

It is mutually agreed between said parties that the said party of the second part shall have possession of said premises on the 1st day of April, 1911, and he shall keep the same in as good a condition as they are in on the first day of April, 1911, until the said sum of \$12,000. shall be paid as aforesaid; and if the party of the second part shall fail to perform this contract, or any part of the same, said parties of the first part shall immediately after such failure, have the right to declare the same void, and retain whatever may have been paid on this contract, and all improvements that may have been made on said premises, and may consider and treat the party of the second part as a tenant holding over without permission, and may take immediate possession of the premises, and remove the party of the second part therefrom.

It is agreed and understood that the party of the second part shall keep the buildings on said premises

insured by a good solvent insurance company, to the amount of at least \$ 6700.00 . Said policy to be made payable to the United Society of Believers, commonly called Shakers.

WHEREAS, certain lumber is now stored on the property above described, that belongs to — Story, it is understood and agreed that said Story may enter upon said premises, at any time, up to November 1st, 1911, for the purpose of removing the same, doing as little damage as possible.

It is agreed and understood that the stipulations aforesaid are to apply to and bind the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of the party of the second part, and the successors in office of the party of the first part.

The parties of the first part state that this contract is made pursuant to the authority and approbation of the Ministers and Elders of said Society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties hereto, have set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

In presence of:

Geo W. Cullen

Emma J. Neale L.S.

Sarah Burger L.S.

Trustees of the United Society of Believers, commonly called Shakers.

Edward Crowe L.S.

State of New York,  
County of Columbia, SS.

On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of March 1911, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared Emma J. Neale, Sarah Burger and Edward Crowe, to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged that they executed the same. The said Emma J. Neale and Sarah Burger, that they executed the same as Trustees of the United Society of Believers, commonly called Shakers.

Geo W. Cullen  
Recorder of Col Co N.Y.

We, the undersigned, constituting the Ministers and Elders of the United Society of Believers, commonly called Shakers, of Mt. Lebanon, Columbia County, New York, do hereby certify that the annexed agreement, dated the 23<sup>d</sup> day of March, 1911, by and between Emma J. Neale and Sarah Burger, as Trustees of the United Society of Believers, commonly called Shakers, of Mt. Lebanon, Columbia County, N. Y., of the first part, with Edward Crowe, of the town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York, of the second part, is made with our authority, consent and approbation.

Dated, Mt. Lebanon, N.Y., March 23<sup>d</sup> 1911.

*A. G. Hollister*      *Harrist Bullard*  
*Amelia J. Calver*      *M. Catherine Allen*  
*Sarah Burger*  
*Leila S. Taylor*  
State of New York,  
County of Columbia, SS.      *Joseph Holden*

On this 23 day of March 1911, before me, the subscriber, personally came *Amelia J. Calver, Sarah Burger, Leila S. Taylor, Harrist Bullard and M. Catherine Allen*, to me known and known to me to be *six* of the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

*Geo. W. Sullivan*  
*County of Col. Co. N.Y.*

State of *Pa.*,  
County of

On this      day of      1911,  
before me, the subscriber, personally came

to me known and known to me to be      of the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate and      acknowledged that      executed the same.

State of New York,  
 County of Columbia, SS.

On this <sup>1st</sup> ~~15~~ day of ~~March~~ <sup>April</sup>, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared George McClellan, known to me and to me known to be the subscribing witness within named, and who being by me sworn, did depose and say that he resides in the town of Kinderhook, in the county aforesaid, that he knows Joseph Holden, one of the grantors within named, and knows him to be one of the grantors who is described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he was present and saw the said Joseph Holden execute the same and he acknowledged to him, the said George McClellan, that he, Joseph Holden, the said grantor, executed the same, and that he, the said George McClellan thereupon subscribed his name as a witness thereto.

*George McClellan*

Sworn to before me Nora H. Mallony  
 this 1st day of April, 1911,  
Nora H. Mallony  
 Notary Public

*Payment on Royce Place*

March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1911	\$ 100.00	
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	"	500.00	
Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	"	200.00	
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	"	200.00	
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Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	1912	\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	"	\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00
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Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	"	\$ 300.00	
" 27 <sup>th</sup>	"	\$ 100.00	
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	"	\$ 100.00	
" " Jan "	"	7.00	
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Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	"	200.00	1,000.00
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	1913	\$ 700.00	
Feb 30 <sup>th</sup>	"	150.00	
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	"	102.90	1,000.00
	May 26 <sup>th</sup> 1910		

## Payment on Bryce Place

	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1913	\$400.00	
	" 29 <sup>th</sup> "	\$250.00	
	Aug 27 <sup>th</sup> "	\$150.00	
	Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> "	\$200.00	1,000.00
	1914		
	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$333.00	
	Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	\$367.00	
	Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	\$300.00	1,000.00
	July 16 <sup>th</sup>	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> 1915	1,000.00	1,000.00
	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> "	500.00	
	Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> "	400.00	
	Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> "	100.00	1,000.00
	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> on Jan. payment	200.00	
	Dec 28 " " "	286.41	
	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup> 1916	422.00	
	" 15 <sup>th</sup> "	96.59	1,000.00
	July 5 <sup>th</sup> "	400.00	
	" 6 <sup>th</sup> "	100.00	
	Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1916	340.53	
	Oct 8 <sup>th</sup> 1916	159.47	1,000.00
	Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup> 1916 on Jan 1917 acct	300.19	
	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> " " " "	330.21	
	" 18 " " " "	250.00	

Katie Corne  
Administratrix  
Mr Corne.

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Callie Corne  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mary Hunter

Mr Corne

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" "

At a conference May 8, 1912 between George L. Putnam and John W. Von Hamlin representing the North Family shakers, and Mr. John Stouter, farm foreman for and representing Edward Crowe regarding the building of a line fence between the properties of the two principals, respectively. It was found necessary to measure the entire distance to be fenced which was done with a hundred foot tape measure by Mr. Von Hamlin and Mr. Stouter. They found as follows, to wit: That the entire distance to be fenced by both parties was 3808 feet, of which 720 feet is already fenced, which the parties are to own jointly, each one half; and to fence the balance of each one half, of which the North Family's fence to begin at the boundary of Charles Spencer's farm and run East to the state road some

920 feet, Mr. Crowe's, since to begin at the termination of the present line fence of 720 feet now built, which runs East of the state road, the North Family to build the balance of their proportion on the hill East of the state road, the balance of their quota being West of the state road and all of Mr. Crowe's quota being East of the state road.

We estimate that the North Family's quota on the hill East of state road will require 40 posts and 30 rods of wire. Their quota West of the state road will require 75 posts and 56 rods of wire. They have on hand at this time, 250 rods of wire and 500 posts.

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1392 feet for north family  
to build

472 on hill to build

<sup>8</sup>  
3808 in bill



40 posts on the hill  
30 rods of wire

75 posts on the flat  
56 rods of wire

on hand 250 rods of wire  
and a 500 posts

July 9<sup>th</sup>

\$300.00

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

300.00

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" 27<sup>th</sup>

\$600.00  
150.00  

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750.00

Duplicate

Mount Lebanon, N. Y., Aug 2 1902

M. Edward Crowe, Lebanon Springs N.Y.

BOUGHT OF NORTH FAMILY SHAKERS.

Sarah Burger

~~DANIEL OFFORD~~, AGENT.

117	"6" Line Posts, 50 inches above ground @ 18 <sup>c</sup> each	32 76
8	End Posts and braces, 50 inches above ground @ 10 <sup>c</sup> each	8 00
		<hr/> 40.76

11/2/13

1500

Ports	End	Brace
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10	1	Brace
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WOODSIDE FARMS,  
HARRY D. NICHOLS, PROPRIETOR.

Canaan Four Corners, N. Y.

May 13

1908

Mr. Daniel Offord

Dr.  
Harry D. Nichols.

To CANAAN BRAND CREAMERY

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS

CANAAN BRAND PRINT BUTTER.

250 Rods 9.50 Page Fence  
Less Freight

110.

893

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250 Rods 9.50 Lion "  
Less Freight

8680

855

78.25

3 Gates, 12 ft. x 48 in @ 780  
Less disc. & Freight

2340

540

18 00

1 Gate 4 ft. x 48 in.  
Less disc & Freight

340

80

Received check May 16. 1908

2.60  
\$199.92

Harry D. Nichols,

Harry D. Nichols

Harry D. Nichols  
May 13. 1908

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NEW YORK,

May 15th,

1908.

Mr. Daniel Offord,

Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.

TO J. H. DOWNS, DR.  
299 BROADWAY

May	9	150 "E" Line Posts, 50 in. above gr. 28¢ each,	\$ 42	00
		26 End Posts, 50 in. above gr. at \$1.00 each,	26	00
		3 Corner Posts, 50 in. above gr., at \$1.25 each	3	75
		1400 Staples, at 10 cents per hundred,	1	40
			\$ 73	15
		1% off for cash in ten days,		73

7242

Received payment,

J. H. Downs

10,264.19c

J. H. Dims.

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1908



Duplicate

Mount Lebanon, N. Y., Sept. 20 1912

W. Edward Crowe Lebanon Springs N.Y.

BOUGHT OF NORTH FAMILY SHAKERS.

Sarah Burger DANIEL OFFORD, AGENT.

To payment due July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1912	1000.00	
" Don'tance Post as per bill rendered Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>		40.76
		<u>1040.76</u>
Co. By Cash July 9	300.00	300
" " " Sept. 12	300.00	600
		<u>440.76</u>
Interest to date		7.00
		<u>447.76</u>
Co. By Success Fertilizer 7 1/2 Tons @ 22 <sup>10</sup> -		165.75
		<u>282.01</u>

RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO  
C. R. NELSON  
MILLER & SAWYER  
MOUNT HERMON, MASS.

10,232 - Aa



*about 7/28/12*

*Edward C. ...*  
*Ans Sept 28*

*1912*

*W 9/28*

*Mrs Sarah Burger.*

*Mt Lebanon, N. Y.*



G. R. NELSON  
MILLER AND SAWYER  
DEALER IN  
GRAIN AND FEED

MOUNT HERMON, MASS. Sept 25 1912

Miss Sarah Burger  
Mt Lebanon N.H.

Dear Madam  
Enclosed please find \$k.  
for \$0.50.

The statement you sent  
me in regard to fertilizer  
don't compare with mine.  
you had some potato and  
some corn fertilizer.

The weight was correct.  
7 1/2 tons but it was not  
all success as you  
state

Yours truly

Edward Brown.

cat. No.  
10,232-A0

G. R. NELSON  
MILLER AND SAWYER  
DEALER IN  
GRAIN AND FEED

W 10/17

MOUNT HERMON, MASS., Oct 14, 1912

Miss Sarah Burger.

Mount Lebanon, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed please find Chk of  
107. on farm payment.

In regard to fertilizer I think  
you had 7 tons but can't  
say for sure as I have no  
account of it with me when  
I go home I will look it up.  
As I remember it was 6000  
lb of success @ 22.<sup>10</sup> per ton  
6000 lb potato maxime @ 33.<sup>30</sup>  
per ton 2000 lb @ Comed potato  
@ 23.<sup>40</sup> per ton, I can say  
just now that this is right  
but it is very near, I will

Send you the weights when  
I get home which will be in  
a short time. In regard to  
posts I thought I was to have  
the post with the form and  
I was going to give you some  
wooden post. I thought that  
was settled. But if you  
insist on them I will return  
the posts.

Yours truly

Edward Cross.

10,232-Ba

*Edward Corvle,*

*Steno about Royce Farm*

**J. H. DOWNS**

**Manufacturer of Steel Fence Posts**

**39 CORTLANDT ST.,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

## Things to be considered.

Interest on \$12,000 <sup>00</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 1/2% per cent	600.00
would be		
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	\$ 8,000.00	400.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	" 6,000.00	300.00
4 <sup>th</sup> year	4,000.00	200.00
5 <sup>th</sup> year	2,000.00	100.00
		<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>

Interest on \$12,000 <sup>00</sup> paid in installments			
1 <sup>st</sup> payment	2,000 <sup>00</sup>	2 1/2% Per cent	100.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> payment added	4,000 <sup>00</sup>	" " "	200.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> " "	6,000 <sup>00</sup>	" " "	300.00
4 <sup>th</sup> " "	8,000 <sup>00</sup>	" " "	400.00
5 <sup>th</sup> " "	10,000.00	" " "	500.00
6 <sup>th</sup> " "	12,000 <sup>00</sup>	" " "	600.00
			<u>2,100.00</u>



The reasons why interest could not be paid.

- 1<sup>st</sup> The farm is considerably run down, a good deal run down from what it was 30 years ago.
- 2<sup>d</sup> The timber has been cut off.
- 3<sup>d</sup> The inside fences are all demoralized.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The blind drains that were put in in years ago are a large part stopped.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and not the least, there is no orchard or fruit trees on the farm except a few scattered apple trees.

The total amount of land as surveyed  $181 \frac{25}{100}$  which is \$66.18 per acre.

Copy of Letter to Edward Crowe.

" Mount Lebanon, etc. Oct. 16, 1912

Mr. Edward Crowe  
Lebanon Springs

Dear Sir,-

Your favor of the 14th inst. inclosing check for \$107.00 is at hand for which please accept our thanks. We notice you say regarding fertilizer that you will send us the exact weights of the fertilizer when you get home, which will be in a short time. Please do so for we wish to get a final settlement of these three items.

Regarding the iron posts, Mr. Van Hamlin says after the transfer of the property he took everything belonging to us away from the barns but the posts and says he asked you if we might leave them in the barn until we wanted to use them as they did not take up much room, to which he says you replied we might leave them there as long as we wished. Later, when we wanted to use them he found them gone. He met you on the road and asked you about them, when you said you wanted to use some posts in a hurry and had used them but would replace them, since which time nothing has been done about them, though we have written you on the subject. We wrote you fully regarding the number of the posts and billed them at exactly the price we paid for them in May 1908 and will show you the invoice to us, if you wish it. We have

We have been thinking that perhaps you would like to have a deed to the property. If it would be an accommodation to you, if you will make a prompt settlement of the balance of the July payment posts included and will meet the January payment promptly when due or before, we will give serious consideration to the matter of giving you a deed and taking mortgage for the deferred payments. We do not say positively we will do this, as we should want to talk with our lawyer on the subject. He might think it advisable to have another payment in addition to the above, but as we say after this payment was closed up and the January payment made promptly or before, if you wish us to do so, we will talk with the lawyer on the subject and come as nearly as we can to meeting your views on the matter.

Please send us the fertilizer weights without delay as you say. We will then render memorandum of just the amount still our due so that you can remit us the amount and finally close up the past due items. With kind regards

Very truly yours,

North Family Shakers.

Sarah Burger."

"Dictated "

G. R. NELSON  
MILLER AND SAWYER  
DEALER IN  
GRAIN AND FEED

MOUNT HERMON, MASS., Nov. 25 1912

Dear Madam.

Enclosed please find \$100.00  
for 100.00 I have ordered part  
to replace parts on Rice fan.  
Will be home in a few  
days and will call and  
see you and Stratton  
Every thing satisfactory

Yours truly  
Edw. Howe.

Came Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1912

Mr Lebanon Cor. Co  
N. Y.  
Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1912

Mr Edward Corne  
Lebanon Springs N. Y.  
Dear Sir: -

Referring to our conversation  
yesterday and the figures you gave us  
of the Fertilizer viz

4 ton Success Fertilizer @ 22.10	\$88.40
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton Linn & Potats " @ 23.60	\$ 11.80
3 tons Potats Mamre @ 33.30	99.80
Total	200.00

This with \$807.07 paid balances the  
July payment leaving us indebted to you  
104 and leaving you still indebted to  
us for the Iron Posts as per duplicate  
enclosed of the bill we rendered Aug.  
2<sup>nd</sup>. You will find by examination of  
the bill that the prices are very low.  
They are exactly as billed to us. Of course  
if it suits you better to replace them,  
it will be entirely satisfactory to us.

or if these prices are as low or lower than you can purchase them, it will be equally satisfactory if you will remit us the amount \$40.76 less the 10¢ overpaid on Fertilizer, and that will straighten us all up once more. With kind regards

Very truly yours  
With Family Shakers  
Sarah Burger

Dictated.


Dec. 3, 1912?

Mr. Crowe reports that we had

4 tons Success Fertilizer	@ \$22.10	\$88.40
1/2 ton Com + Potato "	@ \$23.60	\$11.80
3 tons Potato Manure "	@ \$33.30	\$99.90
		<u>\$200.10</u>

This with the \$800.00 paid balance the July payment and 10¢ more leaving him indebted to us \$20.96 for iron posts as per bill rendered. In his talk with us, he said the total bill of fertilizer for his and ours was \$405.85 making our half \$202.93 This would leave us indebted to him \$2.83

The  
New City HOTEL



J. W. RILEY, Prop.

COR. PLEASANT & PEARL STS.

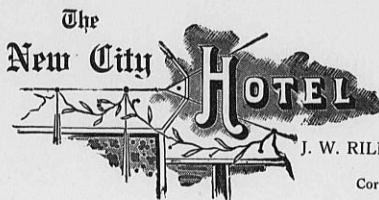
Northampton, Mass., July 1, 1918

Miss Sarah Burgess,  
Mount Lebanon N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed please find ck for  
\$4.00. Will send you some  
more in a few days.

Yours truly  
Edwards & Stone.



Northampton, Mass., July 27, 1913

Miss Sarah Burger  
Mount Lebanon, N. Y.

Dear Madam:—

Enclosed please find check for \$2.50.  
Will send more in a few days.

Yours truly

Edward Brown.



[1913]

The Inn at Charlemont

Among the Mountains

Charlemont, Mass.

Sept. 15, 13.

Miss Sarah Burger.

Mount Lebanon, N. S.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed please find \$ for 20.00

Yours truly  
Edward Lowe.

The  
New City  
HOTEL

J. W. RILEY, Prop.  
Corner Pleasant and Pearl Sts.  
NORTHAMPTON, MASS.



*Mary & Poppy Lane*  
*Miss. Sarah Burgess,*  
*Mount Lebanon,*  
*N. Y.*

The  
New City HOTEL

J. W. RILEY, Prop.

COR. PLEASANT & PEARL STS.

Northampton, Mass., Aug 27, 1913.

Miss Sarah Burgh.  
Mt Lebanon, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed please find \$100 for  
150.00 Will send balance  
in a few days.

Yours truly,

Edward Brown.

Pittsfield Mass.

Feb. 17, 1914.

Miss Sarah Burger.

Mount Lebanon, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed please find check for \$367. Will be  
home Thursday or Friday and will call and see you  
then and will bring the balance with me then  
am awful sorry that I have kept you waiting so long.  
But will explain matter when I call Thursday  
or Friday until then I remain

Yours truly

Edward Lewis.

Edward Lane

10,264.28

LAW OFFICE OF  
GEO. MCCLELLAN  
CHATHAM, N. Y.

Dec. 5, 1916.

Miss Sarah Burger,

Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.

My dear Miss Burger:

I am enclosing you a letter from Judge Le Boeuf, which explains itself. I think the only thing for you to do to be on the safe side is to exclude that portion of the Crowe farm for the present. After a while the Receiver will undoubtedly be discharged if the railroad does not go through, and then you can deed the property to Mr. Crowe later.

You told me you had a map of the right of way given to the railroad company, and as I suggested I would have Mr. Kohlhofer make a survey of it, he can find out just what the acreage is. After that is done, if you will send me his minutes I will have the deed prepared. Of course I could explain this to Mr. Crowe if he would come down. You have not a great deal of time to complete your purchase and I would suggest having this survey done at once, as it will take a little time to get the deed prepared, the consents, and signatures taken.

You will remember I also suggested to you, that if you desired to get rid of this matter you could give Mr. Crowe a quit claim deed of all your right, title and interest in this strip through his land, and be willing to take half price for it.

I trust that you and all your friends are well, and with kind regards I am,

Sincerely,

*Geo. McClellan*

Kindly return the Judge's letter when you are through with it.

LAW OFFICE OF  
GEO. MCCLELLAN  
CHATHAM, N. Y.

Dec. 16, 1916.

Miss Sarah Burger,  
Miss Leila Taylor,

Mt. Lebanon:

Dear Ladies:

Yours of the 15th received. If Mr. Sackett knows where the lines are of the railroad company he could do this business I suppose as well as Mr. Kohlhofer; however, he made a blunder when he was employed to do somework for the Shakers in the Bates transaction- went to work and divided the large reservoir that supplies the water for Mrs. Langford. I don't think he did it intentionally, but I had this in mind when I suggested tht other young man,

Of course you could without a survey at all, if you and Mr. Crowe could agree on the acreage covered by the right of way so you could figure on the amount to be deducted. I presume the survey would cost you from \$15. to \$20. If the surveyor made a mistake it would be up to you; if you agreed on the acreage that is all there would be to it.

You know it will be necessary to get the consent of the ministry and elders, and I am enclosing such a consent to you. If you and Miss Allen sign the same, it will only be necessary to have Joseph Holden sign as I understand there are only four ministers, (you have to have a majority); if Miss Allen is not there, it should be sent out to Mr. Shepperd in Connecticut. This is the reason I am sending you the consent. You two sign it, send it on to Mr. Holden, requesting him to sign it and acknowledge before a notary, and return to me. I will then attach it to the deed, and later have the elders sign. You and Miss Allen can acknowledge it before a notary later. The principal thing now is to get the signature of those outside the state.

Now as to the deed,- if you and Mr. Crowe agree to the acreage, let me know just what you agree to , and I will prepare the deed accordingly. If you have a survey made, have it

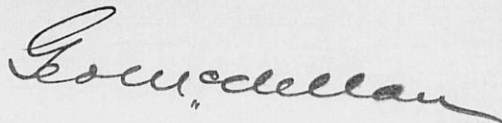
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CHATHAM, N. Y.

attended to as quickly as possible, so we will be ready to turn over the deed, all properly executed, Jan. 1st.

I will be at home Wednesday, if you and Mr. Crowe desire to talk over the matter here. Let me know by 'phone as soon after the receipt of this letter as possible. In the meantime send on the consent so that will be back when we get the deed ready. I have left the name blank to whom the property is to be deeded. You can insert that from your memorandum.

I have tried to make this clear, but if I have not let me know. I presume you have had a little touch of the winter up there too. We ought not to complain we have had such a pleasant fall. With kind regards to all your people, I am, with all good wishes for a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geo. McClellan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "GEO. MCCLELLAN".

Tell Joseph Holden to have county clerk's certificate attached.



LAW OFFICE OF  
GEO. McCLELLAN  
CHATHAM, N. Y.

Dec. 23, 1916.

Miss Sarah Burger,

Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.

Dear Miss Sarah:

I am in receipt of your letter in which you state you and Miss Leila and Mr. Crowe would like to meet me next Friday, at which time I would be glad to see you and do whatever I can for you.

In the meantime, I cannot draw the deed until the survey is made. You state Mr. Crowe has expended to the time a few days, you state that Joseph has signed, you and Miss Allen sign, and you understand the elders and eldresses have to sign as in former deeds.

Concerning the blanks for Income Tax Reports, which Miss ~~Emma~~ wrote me about- the department usually sends them out about this time. I will get you some the next time I am in Albany, if you do not receive them in the meantime.

Wishing you and yours all the compliments of the season, I am,

Sincerely,

*Geo McClellan*

