

Novitiate
Covenant.

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Covenant
of
Novitiate Members
of the
Second Family
of the
United Society called Shakers
of
New Lebanon,
Columbia Co.,
N. Y.

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Article, II.^{st.}

Acknowledgement and declaration of the Members, covenanted.

We, the subscribers,
desiring to claim membership
with the Society aforesaid, but
not being prepared to sign
and seal a covenant of full
consecration, Covenant and
Agree as follows,

That we will receive and

acknowledge those Elders
in the Gospel, who have
been or may be duly ap-
pointed by the Leading
Authorities of said United
Society, as the leading, El-
ders and Eldresses of this
family, and as such we
heretofore promise and agree
to submit ourselves to their
instruction, in accordance
with the acknowledged prin-
ciples of the Gospel of Christ,
in all things necessary to the
obtaining & maintenance of

of our union to this community; to yield obedience to the precepts of the Gospel taught by them, and conform to the rules and by laws of this family, relative to all things spiritual and temporal, also to the Leaders in temporal care.

Article III.

Release of claims for Services.

In consideration of the mutual benefits, and privileges

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conferred on the Members of
this society and family, in
which we freely participate,
and deem a valuable treasure,
and adequate compensation
for personal services rendered
by us, or any of us,

We therefore covenant and
agree, that, for the enjoyment
of the same, we will volun-
tarily devote our time, tal-
ents and services, entirely
to the interests, support,
and upbuilding, of the family
and community with whom

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we are associated, and in
which we claim a novitiate
memberships. And that
we will never, under any
circumstances, claim nor de-
mand wages for any services
rendered by us, or any of us,
severally or individually, while
living in, or holding any re-
lation to this family or society.
But, our signatures to this
Covenant shall forever bar
all claims, before all men,
for wages, for any services ren-
dered by us while residing in
said family or society.

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Article III.

Privileges and Obligations of Members
and Society.

It is hereby mutually understood that every member of this compact shall enjoy the benefits derivable from the use of the consecrated property and interests of this covenant family, according to his or her needs and circumstances, in health, sickness, or infirmity, and the

privileges of membership here-
 tofore and herein expressed,
 shall be held sacred to every
 signer of this Covenant,
 so long as he or she shall
 render compliance with and
obedience to the principles
 and by laws of this covenant
 al community; but, per-
 sistent and determined, or
 very gross violations of the
 same, shall terminate all
 covenantal claims on the
 part of the offender, or

offenders, at the discretion
of the Leading Authorities
of this community.

In witness whereof we
have hereunto affixed, or
do affix, our names and
seals.

