

Form 74 Std.

New Lebanon
Columbia Co., N.Y.

No. 1530

STATE OF NEW YORK—SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

June 23 1937

RECEIVED OF Emma J. Neale

Thirty DOLLARS, TO BE

CREDITED TO Personal ACCOUNT OF PATIENT

Martha Sturdevant

E. C. Taylor
Dep. treas.

\$ 30.00 Check



CHARLES E. ROWE, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

State of New York
Department of Mental Hygiene

SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

Syracuse, N. Y.

January 3, 1938.

Miss Emma J. Neale,
New Lebanon,
Columbia County, N. Y.

Dear Miss Neale:

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
the check for Martha Sturdevant:

At present I have no particular plan in
mind for Martha Sturdevant in case it should be necessary
for her to leave your home. I think that probably the
best solution, when this time comes, would be to secure
with a private family a place for her to board. She has
been so many years away from this school that it would
no doubt be rather difficult for her to adjust in any
institution; and since she has saved a considerable sum
of money, and as at the present time we have no information
regarding any one of her relatives, it would seem only
fair that her earnings should be spent in taking care of
her and making her last years comfortable and pleasant.
If you should know of such a home where she would receive
the proper attention, I shall appreciate any information
that you may be able to send on to me. Also I would be
glad to take under consideration your suggestion that
probably some other Shaker family might be able to
accommodate her and her board to this family could be
advanced from her bank account. Since she has lived with
you and your sister so many years, I think no doubt she
would feel more contented and probably happier if she
could pass the rest of her days in some Shaker community.
If this plan could be brought about through your help
I would appreciate it very much.

Thanking you for your interest in
Martha and your kind cooperation, and wishing you and your
family a very happy New Year, I remain

Yours very truly,

C.E. Rowe, M.D.
Superintendent

CMH/H

VISITING DAYS ARE ONLY ON WEDNESDAYS, SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS FROM 10 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Mount Lebanon, N. Y.

No. 654

STATE OF NEW YORK--SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

January 3, 1938RECEIVED OF Emma J. NealeSeventy-eight 50/100 DOLLARS, TO BECREDITED TO Personal ACCOUNT OF PATIENTMartha Sturdevant\$ 78.50 Check.E. O. PoolerDep. Treas.



CHARLES E. ROWE, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

State of New York
Department of Mental Hygiene

SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

Syracuse, N. Y.

April 15, 1940.

Miss Emma J. Neal,
Trustee, Shaker Colony,
Mount Lebanon, N.Y.

Dear Miss Neal:

I have given considerable thought to the placement of Martha Sturdevant in a private Old Ladies' Home in her native county, which is Tioga. The Commissioner of Public Welfare of that county, Mr. H.A. Tompkins, has informed me that there is a private Old Ladies' Home in his county, but that it would be necessary for Martha to be a resident of the county in order to be admitted. Of course Martha has her settlement still in Tioga County; but it seems to be one of the requirements that she also be a resident of Tioga County. He did not state how long it would be necessary for her to be a resident before being admitted, but I shall ascertain that information. Martha has ample funds to pay her board for a reasonable length of time in order to become a resident of her native county.

Since Martha is now about sixty-eight years of age it would seem necessary that some definite plan should be made for her in the near future. If it seems advisable for Martha to be sent as a boarder to Tioga County would this interfere very much with your plans during this Spring and coming Summer. Would you prefer that we defer such a plan, or do you think it advisable that we should go ahead with it. Of course there may be a long waiting list, but as to that I have not been informed.

I hope, Miss Neal, that you and your sister and other members of your family are in good health and that you may have a very pleasant Spring and Summer.

Thanking you for your many kindnesses and cooperation, I remain

Yours very truly,

C. E. Rowe, M.D., Superintendent

CMH/H



O. H. COBB, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

STATE OF NEW YORK
SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL FOR MENTAL DEFECTIVES

SYRACUSE
July 14, 1927

Miss Martha Sturdevant,
Shaker Colony,
Mt. Lebanon,
Columbia County,
N.Y.

Dear Martha:

You have \$540.78 in the Onondaga County Savings Bank. I am sending your pass book to the bank to have the interest written up to July 1st.

You should be very thankful that you are in such a delightful instead of a hot City.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "O. H. Cobb, M.D.", written in dark ink.

CMH/H

Superintendent.



O. H. COBB, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT
JAMES D. EDWARDS
STEWARD

State of New York
Department of Mental Hygiene

SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

Syracuse, N. Y.
July 2, 1929.

Miss Emma J. Neal, Trustee,
Shaker Colony,
Mt. Lebanon, N.Y.

My dear Miss Neal:

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your communication of June 28th, enclosing a check for \$40.20, which has been deposited to the account of Martha Sturdevant.

I am very glad to know that Martha is well and happy and is of some help to you and your community.

We regret very much that you have all these cares and burdens to carry, and trust you will be successful soon in disposing of your large establishment, and that you may have many years of quietude and leisure.

Yours very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to O. H. Cobb.

M.D.

CMH/H

Superintendent.



O. H. COBB, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT
JAMES D. EDWARDS
STEWARD

State of New York
Department of Mental Hygiene

SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

Syracuse, N. Y.

July 2, 1929.

Miss Emma J. Neal, Trustee,
Shaker Colony,
Mt. Lebanon, N.Y.

My dear Miss Neal:

William Carr told Miss Hannon that Brother Benny had spent \$6. on him, car fare from Albany to Syracuse and balance for luncheon, etc:

You mentioned that you would shortly straighten out William's account. There is not anything due William, since \$6 was given to pay his car fare. I also want to take into account Brother Benny's kindness in taking William to Albany, so for the few days that William was with you I feel that the account now is balanced.

You may be pleased to know that William was placed in the home of a husband and wife, who had recently lost a son, a young man, and their only child. This couple are very much attached to William, and he is responding nicely under this individual attention.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I remain

Yours very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to O. H. Cobb.

M.D.

MMH/H

Superintendent.

Shaker Colony
Mt. Lebanon, N.Y.

No. 1292

STATE OF NEW YORK—SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

November 30, 1929.

RECEIVED OF Miss Emma Neal, TrusteeFifty-seven $\frac{50}{100}$ DOLLARS, TO BECREDITED TO Personal ACCOUNT OF PATIENTMartha Sturdevant\$ 57.50 Jas. D. Arnold
Dep. Treas.

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MA. Lebanon, N. Y.

No. 26

STATE OF NEW YORK--SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

July 6 1935

RECEIVED OF *Emma J. Neal*

Thirty-five DOLLARS, TO BE

CREDITED TO *Personal* ACCOUNT OF PATIENT

Martha Sturdevant

E. L. Power
Dep. Treas.

\$35.00 *Check*

Secure Your
SURETY BONDS and BURGLARY INSURANCE
FROM THE
American Surety Company of New York
Capital \$5,000,000

M. L. Perry, Manager
Tel. Main 2795 100 State Street
Albany, N. Y.

Sister Emma J. Neak

Dear Sister:

We do not think
it will be necessary to trouble
you further as your papers
will be accepted by the
Prohibition Dept.

Enclosed find old
permits & forms which you
are to keep

M. L. Perry Sgo.
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CHARLES E. ROWE, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

State of New York
Department of Mental Hygiene

SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

Syracuse, N. Y.

June 4, 1936.

Miss Emma J. Neal,
North Lebanon,
Columbia Co., N.Y.

Dear Miss Neal:

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your recent letter enclosing a check for \$10.00 to be deposited to the savings account of Martha Sturdevant.

I appreciate greatly the attention that Martha has received from you and I hope that she is helpful and not too great a trial.

I thought that Martha had no relatives, but to-day a letter was received from a Mr. S. Bert VanPatten, R. D. No. 2, Box 154, Union, Broome County, New York, copy of which I am enclosing. I think at least for the present it would be inadvisable for Martha to know anything regarding this man, who calls himself her younger brother. I shall have the Commissioner of Public Welfare of Broome County make an investigation of his home and shall communicate with you again as soon as I receive a report regarding it.

With best wishes to you and your family, I remain

Yours very truly,

C. E. Rowe, M.D., Superintendent

CMH/H

COPY

June 1, 1936

C. E. Rowe, M.D.,

Dear Sir.

I am writing you regarding my sister Miss Martha Sturdivant, who was placed in your institution many years ago. Now I will explain who I am. I am her youngest brother and when the home was broken up at the death of our mother I was adopted in a family by the name of VanPatten and Martha was lost sight of. Now while visiting in Syracuse I met a girl at the house of a friend who used to know her and she said that Martha is living with a Shaker family in Lebanon, N.Y. Now I am financially able to give her a home with me I would like to have her address. I understand that she was placed with this family some ten years ago. Now what steps can I take to get in touch with her. I will appreciate further light on the matter as soon as possible.

Very truly yours

(signed) S. Bert VanPatten.

Union Broome Co. N.Y. RD#2, Box 154.