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# SNYDER & LEE, Real Estate Agents, NO. 14 NIXON BUILDING,

N. E. Cor. Monroe and LaSalle Sts.,

IN PRESENCE OF

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK, CITY OF CHICAGO.

I, cale S. Mell a Notary Public for, and residing in, said City of Chicago, in the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that Durily A. Talt and personally known to me as the person whose name S all subscribed to the foregoing Warranty Deed, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that signed, sealed and delivered the same as there and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth; and expressly waived and released all right, benefit and exemption under any and all exemption and homestead laws. Given under my hand and Notarial Seal this Sturtett day of October in the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Horel harles 18. Shedd Notary Public,

Edward Fowler My Bonjaman Gates Trustees si The united society of Sheekers new Labouron new York

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STATE OF VESSION COUNTY OF Addison SS. I, Rufus Warningho a Justice of the Prace in said County, in the State aforesaid, residing in said County, in the State aforesaid, residing and Rockwall of Misallowy in the State aforesaid, residing said Rockwall of Misallowy in the State aforesaid, residing said Count me as the same person described in and who executed the within Warranty Deed, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that 4 he signed, sealed, and delivered the same, as \_\_\_\_\_\_free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of all right under, and benefit of, the exemption and homestead laws of the State of Illinois, in and to the premises therein described, with the appurtenances. Elisabet Rocherell with said Sylvester B. Rodline been by me examined separate and apart, and out of the hearing of \_\_\_\_\_said husband , and the contents and meaning of the said Warranty Deed having been by me made known and fully explained to her and show and having been by me fully informed of her rights under and by virtue of the homestead and exemption laws mentioned and referred to in said Deed, acknowledged that had freely and voluntarily executed the same, and relinquished for dower, and conveyed all he right, title, and interest, including he homestead and exemption right, as aforesaid, to the lands and tenements in said Deed mentioned, without compulsion or fear of her said husband, and that the does not wish to retract the same. Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy- Three at said Miadlebrus,

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State of Vermont,

ADDISON COUNTY, SS.

I, Rufus Wanningth Clerk of said Co and of the Courts of Record thereof, hereby certify that Rufus Clerk of said County

Municipal whose signature appears to the certificate of proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, was at the date thereof a Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, and authorized by law to take such proof or acknowledgment. I further certify that I am acquainted with his handwriting, and believe said signature to be genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged in accordance with the laws of this state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County

Court for said County, at Middlebury, this 15th day of November A. D. 1873

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Court for said County, at Middlebury, this 24 day of January A. D. 187X

Rufus Manuary CLERK.

State of Vermons SS. I, Rufus Marienistat Justin of the Peace in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that Surron D. Rockwell personally known to me to be the same person whose name subscribed to the foregoing Instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed, and delivered the said Instrument as free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead. Given under my hand and seal, this 24 th day of January A.D. 1874 Rufay Naminght, Justier of the Peace.

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CHICAGO.

May 5,1883.

Benjamin Gates Esq

Mt.Lebanon, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 2nd inst. with enclosures correctly signed, is at hand. We will report to you as soon as there is anything new either in the matter of the suit, or prospect of sale of the property.

Since you were here I have made a change in my business relations and enclose card of my new firm.

Very truly yours,

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May 17,1883.

DICTATED.

Benjamin Gates Esq Trustee. Dear Sir.

We have this day filed a bill and obtained an injunction against the prosecution of the ejectment suit and to prevent Hulet Smith from the interfering with the possession of the lots.

The Real estate agent thinks he cannot at present get more than \$750. apiece for the lots. You understand that those pur -chased from Mr. Gray, are not in the suit, and there is nothing to prevent their sale at any time that you are satisfied with the price that can be obtained.

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CHICAGO,

March 18,1885.

Benjamin Gates, Esq.

Mt.Lebanon, N.Y.

Respected Friend;

Our friend Levi Shaw has written us that you wish us to send you a copy of our Statute forbidding foreign corporations to acquire the title of land in this State, that you may show the same to your lawyer at Hudson. There is no such Statute, but I will make the legal status of the matter as clear as I can and you can show the letter to your lawyer.

The Supreme Court of this State decided in 1873 that a corporation created in another State for the sole purpose of buying and selling lands, could not acquire the title to lands in this State as it had always been contrary to the policy of this State to create domestic corporations for a similar purpose.

Carroll v. City of East 6t. Louis, 67, Ill. 568.

In 1874 our Supreme Court decided that The American Bible Society could not take land in this State under a will, but this Society was incorporated under the law of New York and had no right to take real estate in New York, and our Court held the Society could have no greater power in this State than in New York.

Starkweather v. American Bible Society 72 Ill. 50.

The right of a foreign corporation to take and hold the title to land in this State has been discussed by our Supreme Court since the decisions above cited, in the following cases:

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U.S.Trust Co. v. Lee 73 Ill. 142.

U.S. Mortgage Co. v. Gross, 93 Ill. 483.

Stevens v. Pratt 101, T11. 210.

Columbus Buggy Co. v. Graves 108, Ill. 459.

Our Statute requires that domestic corporations may hold so much real estate as shall be necessary for the transaction of their business, and if they acquire any beyond this in satisfaction of any debt, it shall be offered for sale at public auction at least once in each year, and if it is not sold in five years, it shall be the duty of the State's Attorney to take proceedings in Court for its sale.

The same act provides that no foreign corporation, established or maintained in any way for the pecuniary profit of its stock-holders or members, shall purchase or hold real estate in this State, except as provided for in this act. The act does not provide in what manner or to what extent foreign corporations shall acquire and hold real estate, and it must, therefore, mean that foreign corporations may purchase and hold real estate in like manner as, and only in like manner as domestic corporations may purchase and hold real estate under the provisions of said act.

A subsequent Section of the same act provides that "the foregoing provisions shall not apply to any religious corporations."

The statutory provisions, to which I allude, are found in the

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Assuming, for the sake of the argument, that your people are a foreign corporation, that is, foreign to the State of Illinois, our Statute permits you to acquire and hold permanently, so much real estate as is necessary and requisite for the transaction of your business within this State. No one of the decisions above cited, militates against this. In fact they sustain this position, and if your people had acquired this real estate in question, for the purpose of establishing one of your families thereon, we have no doubt that you could hold the same in perpetuity.

As, therefore, your people, if incorporated, would have the right for certain purposes to acquire and hold the title to this land, the conveyance to them is not void and their right to hold the land can be questioned only by the State authorities.

Hough v. Cook Co. Land Co. 73 Ill. 23.

National Bank v. Matthews 98 U.S.628.

Assuming that your people are incorporated as above, it is extremely doubtful whether they can be said to be established or maintained in any way for the pecuniary profit of the members.

We think they are rather an exclusively religious organization, and our Statute provides that religious corporations may hold the title to any quantity of land less than ten acres. This provision is found in Section 42 of Chapter 32 of our Revised Statutes. The

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provision is that "any corporation that may be formed for religious purposes under this act, or under any law of this State"etc.

But we think, from the decisions above cited, and the remainder of the act, that a religious corporation organized under the laws of another State would be allowed in this State the same privileges as a domestic corporation, and that your people, if a religious corporation, can acquire and hold the title to ten acres of land in this State.

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If your people have the right then to acquire and hold the land for religious uses, the question whether or not it is acquired and held for this use can be raised only by the State itself and the conveyance to your people is not void. There are other authorities, besides those we have cited above, which sustain this position and we think there is no doubt that this is the law. There is a late decision in this State looking in the other direction. In that case a feed of eighty acres of land was made to a religious corporation of this State, which at the time held and owned ten acres, and our Supreme Court held that under those circumstances the deed of the eighty acres was absolutely void.

Roman Catholic Congragation v. Germain 104 Ill. 440!

It does not, however, by any means follow that they would hold a deed of less than ten acres void where the grantee held no other land, even if it appeared that the grantee had not devoted the land

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to religious uses.

The gist of the decisions of our Supreme Court is that the policy of the State of Illinois does not favor perpetuities. The Statute of New York, under which your trustees hold, provides that the title of lands instead of descending to the heirs of the trustees shall go to successors in trust chosen in accordance with your polity. This gives a perpetuity, and is, therefore, open to the same objection in this State as if your people were regularly incorporated in New York by private charter or under some general law. But we are, nevertheless, of the opinion, for the reasons we have given fully above, that your trustees took and hold a good title to the land in question in this State.

The conveyance from Emily H.Pratt is to "Edward Fowler and Benjamin Gates, trustees in the United Society of Shakers in New Lebanon in the County of Golumbia and State of New York"...

"To have and to hold ... unto the said party of the second part their hoirs and assigns forever". This conveyance is not made to the trustees and their successors. If upon the death of Friend Fowler the title which he held vested in his successor, Friend Valentine, it did not do so by virtue of anything contained in this deed, but solely by virtue of the law of New York and the Articles of Association of your Society. We will not now express an opinion whether the interest held by Friend Fowler descended to

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his heirs or a vested in his successor in trust. We are not through with our consideration of this question. We raise this point now to say that the law will not defeat this grant, if it can be sustained, and if the Supreme Court of this State whould refuse to recognise the right of perpetuity conferred by the Statute of New York, it would hold that the title was conveyed by this deed to you and Freidn Fowler and the heirs and assigns of you both in trust.

We are, therefore, decidedly of the opinion that there is no danger that the deed to you and Friend Fowler will be declared void. We are pleased to hear that you intend to lay this matter before your lawyer at Hudson, and we have written you fully and in a technical way that he may thoroughly understand the legal position of the matter. He will understand that the land is vacant and that Smith has brought an ejectment suit against your people as a corporation organized under the name of Benjamin Cates and Robert Valentine, trustees in the United Society of Shakers in the town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York, Our Statute permits an ejectment suit to be brought by any party claiming title to vacant land against any other party claiming title to such land.

Our present intention is to file a petition under a Statute of Illinois asking that your title to this land be established and the ejectment suit enjoined, and the deed to Smith removed as a cloud upon your title. Before doing this it is necessary for us

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to consider further the question of the descent of the interest held by Edward Fowler. This we shall do at once. We will send you very shortly, the deed and mortgage of which we talked, and expect also to prepare a new deed from the Rockwells which we shall forward to Friend Gray with the request that he visit the Rockwells, as talked by us with Friend Shaw, and procure its execution if he can.

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Respectfully Yours,

Swift + Complete.

WILLIAM H. SWIFT.

CHICAGO,

March 19,1885.

Benjamin Gates, Esq.

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Mt.Lebanon, N.Y.

Respected Friend;

Since we wrote you yesterday we have made a further examination of your matter including the Statutes of New York, and the case of White v. Miller reported in the 71st N.Y. page 118.

We think the Statutes of New York, in reference to the holding of property by your trustees, are simply Statutes regulating the manner in which the property of your people shall descend. As such they would not control the descent of the title of land in this State because land descends according to the law of the State where it is situated.

Under the law of this State yourself and Edward Fowler, being trustees, took the title of the land in question as joint tenants, and upon the decease of Edward Fowler the title to the whole of the property became vested in you as the surviving trustee. In the event of your leath the title would descend to your heirs and not to your successor, and Robert Valentine has no title whatever in the property.

The deed to you and Edward Fowler runs to you in this manner "Edward Fowler and Benjamin Gates, trustees in the United Society of Shakers in New Lebanon, in the County of Columbia and State of

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New York, and there is no other mention of a trust anywhere in the deed, and nothing other than this to show that you received it as trustees. We are of the opinion that the words "trustees in the United Society of Shakers, etc. are merely descriptive of the persons of the grantees and that the leed does not in itself create a trust. It is, of course, easy to show that yourself and Edward Fowler did actually receive this property as trustees for your people, but upon our records here the title appears to have vested in yourself and Edward Fowler individually. We request, therefore, that you give us the names and place of residence, if possible, of the heirs at law of Edward Fowler, that we may make them parties to our proceedings here, and thereby make the record title of the property here such that you will be able to sell without trouble when the occasion therefor arises.

In support of our views, expressed in yesterday's letter, we cate for the use of your lawyer at Hudson, the case of Christian Union v. Yount 101 U.S. 352. We intend to try these questions in the Federal Court. If there is an appeal it will take longer for a final conclusion of the matter, but the conclusion is more likely to be satisfactory, and if it is in our favor, as we confidently expect, it will be of permanent value to your people all over the country, as the construction of the New York Statute must be discussed and will be passed upon by the highest tribunal in the land.

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If you and Edward Fowler, or either of you, ever executed a written declaration of trust, please send us a copy, and oblige.

Respectfully Yours,

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WILLIAM H. SWIFT.

DAVID CAMPBELL.

CHICAGO,

March 21,1885.

DICTATED.

Benjamin Gates, Esq.,

Mt. Lebanon, Columbia Co., N. Y.

Respected Friend;

Enclosed please find the deed, mortgage and note, which you requested. You will notice that the name of the grantee in the deed, and the name of the grantor in the mortgage are left blank, but the parties can execute the papers as they stand, and we will have the blanks filled after they are returned to us. If your friend, who is to make the mortgage, is a married man, his wife must sign the mortgage. The papers need not be witnessed. The parties can acknowledge before a Notary Public, and no certificate that he is a Notary need be attached. His notarial seal will be sufficient.

Respectfully yours,

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CHICAGO,

March 25,1885.

Benjamin Gates, Esq.,

Mt.Lebanon, N.Y.

Respected Friend;

We received yesterday from Levi Shaw a telegram saying "Does Gray's deed to us read to the trustees and their successors in trust, or same as Rockwell's" to which we replied "Gray deeds to trustees and their successors for use of Society. All right" which we beg to confirm.

We have received a letter from Mr.Gray saying that he has forwarded to the Rockwells the quit claim deed which we prepared and will not go to Vermont until after he has heard from them. We have this day sent him the deeds, already made by the Rockwells, that he may take them with him to show if he finds it necessary to go.

We have prepared a plea to be filed in the case, and enclose the same herewith. Will you and Robert Valentine please sign the same where marked in pencil, and affirm before a Notary Public with a seal, and have it returned to us at once, and oblige.

Yours very truly.

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March 30,1885.

Benjamin Gates, Esq.

DICTATED. Mt. Lebanon, Columbia Co. N. Y.

Respected Friend;

Your favor of the 27th inst. with note, mortgage and deed enclosed, came to hand this day. The papers are executed in due form. We trust there will be no delay about forwarding the balance of the papers.

Very truly yours,

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WILLIAM H. SWIFT. DAVID CAMPBELL.

CHICAGO,

April 2,1885.

Levi Shaw Esq.,

Windsor, N. Y.

DICTATED

Respected Friend;

Your favor of the 31st inst.is duly received. We have received from Benjamin Gates a deed from Frederick W. Evans to George W. Bagg conveying the lots purchased from Mr. Gray; also a mortgage from George W. Bagg to Benjamin Gates and Robert Valentine trustees, conveying the same lots and given to secure said Bagg's note for \$9,000. upon five years time with interest at six per cent payable semi-annually, which note has also been sent to us.

Mr.Gray's deed of these lots had no seal upon it. We have sent it to him asking him to correct this error, and we shall record it before we record the deed and mortgage above mentioned.

As to the other lots, that is the lots conveyed by Mrs. Pratt, we have placed upon record the leeds made by the Rockwells at the time of the original purchase, and have prepared and forwarded a quit claim deed from the Rockwells to Benjamin Gates. Mr. Gray writes us that he has, as yet, heard nothing from this deed. If he does not hear in due course of time, he will visit the Rockwells, as we understand.

This puts the matter in good shape but does not, as you will understand, do away with the suit with Smith, which will still have

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to be contested, and we shall have to file a bill in equity to remove the leed made by Mrs.Pratt to Smith as a cloud upon your title. We expect to file this in the United States Court and remove the present suit from the State Court to the United States Court, as we prefer to try the matter in the latter tribunal.

Respectfully yours,

Singe . Compose .

CHICAGO, April 2,1885.

WILLIAM H. SWIFT.

DAVID CAMPBELL.

Benjamin Gates Esq.,

DICTATED. New Lebanon, Columbia Co., N.Y.

Respected Friend;

Your favor of the 30th inst. with jeed from Lorinda Cooper, came duly to hand. We do not think the deed is necessary, but it will do no harm, and while you were getting it we regret that you did not have it cover all of the lots instead of only those which came from Mrs. Pratt. You may as well get another deed covering them all, or covering those not described in this deed, and have Mrs. Cooper sign and swear to the affidavit enclosed herewith, if the facts are correctly stated therein.

You say that the other papers will be executed as soon as Robert Valentine returns from New Jersey, but as you do not say when he will return, and it is absolutely necessary that we file the plea on or before next Wednesday morning, we have just telegraphed you "Have you sent other papers? Must have them Monday next without fail. Reply."

Very truly yours.

Swift a Campbell.

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DAVID CAMPBELL.

Benjamin Gates Esq.,

Mt. Lebanon, Columbia Co., M. Y.

Respected Friend;

CHICAGO,

April 4,1885.



enclosed, is this day received, but we are sorry to say the papers are not executed right, and we send duplicates, herewith enclosed, which we wish you and Robert Valentine would execute at once. Make affirmation before a Notary Public as before and send them to us by the next mail. There is no time to lose. Just write your names as we have written them in pencil. Do not add the word "trustees" nor seals, nor anything else. This plea which we file is a very technical one and it must be executed just as we direct.

None of the deeds which have been made change the status of the suit brought by Smith, because the deed to Smith was made by Mrs. Pratt and recorded before any of the other deeds were recorded, except the deed to you and Edward Fowler.

We shall do only what is necessary to protect your interests in this matter, and perfect your title, and we trust you have sufficient confidence in us to believe that we shall not make any unnecessary litigation.

Respectfully yours,

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WILLIAM H. SWIFT. DAVID CAMPBELL.

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Benjamin Gates, Esq.,

Mt.Lebanon, Columbia Co., N.Y.

Respected Friend;

Your favor of the 7th inst.with papers enclosed, is this day received. The papers are all right this time. We regret that you have been put to so much trouble in the matter. Perhaps we are to blame for not having been more specific in our instructions. We shall remove the cause to the Federal Court at once, and get it along as speedily as possible.

Very truly yours,

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WILLIAM H. SWIFT.

DAVID CAMPBELL.

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Levi Shaw, Esq.

Windsor, N. Y.

Respected Friend;

DICTATED.

Enclosed please find receipt for taxes paid. We have removed the suit commenced by Smith to the United States Court and will keep you posted on all steps taken, and dispose of the matter as speedily as possible.

Very truly yours,

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WILLIAM H. SWIFT.

DAVID CAMPBELL.

CHICAGO,

July 22,1885.

Levi Shaw Esq.,

Windsor, N. Y.

DICTATED.

Esteemed Friend;

Your favor of the

20th Inst. is this day received. Your case
will be likely to come up some time in the

Fall. It is not possible to speak more definitely than this at this time.

Very truly yours,

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WILLIAM H. SWIFT.

DAVID CAMPBELL.

CHICAGO,

April 17,1886.

Levi Shaw Esq.,

Windsor, N.Y.

Dear Sir;

Your favor of the 8th inst.came duly to hand, and enclosed please find the tax bill for taxes upon your lots.

Since you were here we have had several controversies in Court, in your suit. Smith made a new motion to have the cause sent back to the State Court, but we defeated it. Some few days since he made another move, but we have met that. I think there will be a jury some time this spring to enable us to try and dispose of the case.

Very truly yours,

Sift Company.

P.S. The Common Council has recently passed an ordinance for the opening of Calumet Avenue. I do not know whether this will subject your lots to a special assessment to pay the damages for land taken in opening the street. If the street is paved there will, of course, be a special assessment for that, and for water pipes, etc. but the passage of the ordinance is a good thing for the property.

J. L C.

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DAVID CAMPBELL.

CHICAGO,

December 1,1886.



Mr. Levi Shaw,

Windsor, New York.

Dear Sir;

when the calendar of cases for trial in the Federal Court was made up we found that the case of Smith v.Gates et al. stood No. 48, and it was reached and called yesterday, the very first day of the term. We obtained a verdict and judgment for the defendants. The plaintiff's counsel was not present at the time the case was called and was not present in the morning at the preliminary call of the entire calendar. Mr. Smith has always had associated with him in this litigation a Mr. Beach, but neither of them was in Court. We are unable to tell whether this indicates that they are satisfied by the recent decisions of our Supreme Court, of which we told you when you were last here, that they cannot maintain their action, or whether they overlooked the matter.

Under our Statute the defeated party in an ejectment suit can come in any time within one year and obtain a new trial by paying all costs up to that time. This is a matter of right and cannot be refused by the Court, the only condition being the payment of costs. The costs which the plaintiff would have to pay in this case must amount to about \$40, and we think it is very doubtful whether they will put that much more money into it; but the judgment in our favor cannot be considered as finally settling the

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matter until the one year has elapsed. It is, however, a very material step in our favor. As heretofore Smith and Beach have never failed both of them to be in Court whenever they thought there was any chance of getting an advantage over us, we are led to believe they have wisely concluded to abandon the fight as hopeless.

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We give you below the exact language of that section of the Statute giving the right to a new trial at any time within one year.

We told you when you were last here that an ordinance had been passed for opening Calumet Avenue to 35th street. We understand the damages for the land taken by the new street have been assessed at \$40,000, and the next step will be to appoint commissioners to assess the benefits upon the contiguous property. We fear there will be a heavy assessment upon your lots. We consider \$40,000 a very large assessment of damages. When the matter of the assessment of benefits comes up we suppose you desire that we shall appear for you and protect your interests and get the assessment upon your lots made as light as possible.

Sincerely Yours,

Sinft - Complete .

WILLIAM H. SWIFT.

DAVID CAMPBELL.



December 3,1886.

Mr. Levi Shaw,

Windsor, New York.

Dear Sir;

Mr. Smith has this day served a notice upon us that upon Monday morning next he will ask the Court to set aside the verdict and judgment in your favor. It seems, therefore, that it was an oversight on his part.

We think the Court will not set aside the verdict and judgment except on payment of costs in accordance with the Statute, of which we sent you a copy. To this we shall not object and shall try to urge the second trial as soon as possible.

Another real estate man has to-day called for a price on the North lots; says he thinks he can get a purchaser. We told him we thought you would sell for \$40 net. Cannot tell whether anything will come of it.

We will write you as soon as the Judge has decided Mr. Smith's motion.

Very truly yours,

Sinft Complete.

WILLIAM H. SWIFT.

DAVID CAMPBELL.



CHICAGO,

December 13,1886.

Mr. Levi Shaw,

Windsor, New York.

Dear Sir;

ceived. Moody's Subdivision is a subdivision of a tract of land between 36th and 37th streets upon the North and South, and between the Boulevard and Forest Avenue upon the East and West. It does not occupy all of the distance between 36th and 37th streets, but only about one half of that distance. When the subdivision was platted a street was left 66 feet wide in the line of Calumet Avenue, which had been opened only as far as 35th street. The tract between Moody's subdivision and 35th street upon the North has never had the street cut through, and the tract between Moody's subdivision and 37th street upon the South has never had the street cut through.

The parties whose lands are now taken upon the North and upon the South of Moody's subdivision, claim for the land which will be taken by the proposed improvement, and the damages to the remainder of their land, \$40,000. If this improvement is made the parties who own Moody's subdivision will be obliged to pay their portion of the damages, and no allowance whatever will be made for the land which they themselves gave (or rather which was given by the parties who subdivided the property) for the purposes of a street.

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> This is looked upon as a gift which they were at liberty to make, or to withhold. They made a mistake in making this gift until the adjoining parties were ready to make a similar gift, so that the street would connect with other cross streets upon the North and upon the South. If this \$40,000 of damages is assessed upon the property lying between 35th and 37th streets along the line of Calumet Avenue, the assessment will be very heavy upon your lots, and the parties owning property North and South of Moody's subdivision will, probably, insist that it is Moody's subdivision alone, or chiefly, which is benefited by the proposed improvement.

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It is our opinion that the opening of the street is likely to be defeated, because it will be impossible to assess benefits equal to this amount of damages, upon the adjacent property. The rule is for the city to pay all damages which cannot be assessed upon the adjacent property, but we are satisfied that the City will not, in this case, pay any considerable sum, and we think, therefore, that the improvement will be defeated.

You make no mention of having received our letter of the 6th inst.submitting an offer of \$40 per foot for two lots. We fear the letter has gone to Windsor, Vermont, or some other place of the same name.

Messrs. Beach and Smith called up again this morning their

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motion to set aside the verdict and judgment. It came up before Judge Blodgett. He declined to hear it at this time, and intimated pretty strongly that he would overrule it when he did hear it.

Very truly yours,

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WILLIAM H. SWIFT.

DAVID CAMPBELL.

Chicago, April 15, 1887

Mr. Levi Shaw,

Windsor, New York.

Dear Sir;

Your favor of the 13th inst., enclosing your check for \$103.70 on account of taxes, is this day received, and we will attend to the payment of same.

We have been delayed in getting the abstract of title continued, but it is now in the hands of Mr. Ingledew, and we presume the sale will shortly be closed.

Very truly yours,

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## Chicago, March 5, 1889:

Benjamin Gates et al, Trustees, To Swift & Campbell, Dr.

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1883				
	17,	То	preparing and filing bill in Chancery to re- strain ejectment suit at law and to remove cloud; and examination of organization of Society in	
				\$100.00
		,,	procuring order for injunction,	15,00
		,,	preparing and filing injunction bond,	5.00
		,,	pash paid Master's fees on injunction,	5.00
		,,	,, ,, Clerk's costs,	6.00
		,,	time spent in preparing brief and attendance upon Circuit Court three different days, and	2.50
			full argument before Judge Moran against motion to dissolve injunction and dismiss bill,	125.00
1884				
Harch	189	,,	cash paid Stenographer reporting testimony, examination of motion for allowance of damages on dissolution of injunction, attendance upon Court and examination of witnesses defeating	2,50
June	30	,,	said claim, attendance upon Court in suit at law and oppos- ing motion for default and making motion to	25,00
			quash service by publication,	15.00
1885				
Apr.	13	**		10.00
			U.S.Court and bond for removal,	25.00
			drafting special plea in abatement in Smith suit serving notice of motion for removal of Smith	, 25.00
			suit to Federal Court with copy of petition and bond, appearance in Court and argument of motion	
			to remove,	25,00
		,,	cash paid recording fees,	1.95
		,,	,, ,, defendant's costs Smith case,	1.50
May	4	,,		4.00
		3 3		5.00
	18	,,	attendance on Court and argument of motion to remand Smith case to State Court,	20.00
			preparing and filing copy of pleadings missing	
		"	from files and alleged to have been lost,	10.00
1885				
	25		cash paid costs in Charcery suit against Smith,	3.50
1886				
Feb.	1		attendance on Court and argument of demurrer to	
		• •	plea and procuring order overruling same,	15.00
June	7	,,	drafting and filing pleas and affidavit in Smith case,	15.00
Dec.	24	,,	obtaining judgment in ejectment suit and attend- ance on Court on motion to set aside judgment,	50.00
1887				
Feb.	ð	,,	examining assessment roll in matter of opening Calumet Avenue, and preparing and filing objec-	
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	경기가 가 보니 하고 있었다. 이번째 보고 없었다. 아스로 하는 데 이번 경향 중국의 교육을 다 보고 하는 때 경험을 하는데 되었다.			
	tions to same, and further services in connec-	\$512.95		
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	tion with same matter,	\$50,00		
	,, paid one half appearance fee,	.75		
1887				
Apr. 14	,, cash paid continuing abstract on sale to Staga,	5.00		
May 23	,, ,, copy of abstract for Staga,	8.80		
1889	,, ,, ,, recording trust doed from Staga,	1.20		
Jan. 14	,, preparation for trial of Smith case and attendance			
	on Court,	100.00		
	,, cash paid copy of deed Rockwell to Pratt,	1.45		
		\$680.15		