

Cleveland, Ohio.

June 9th, 1926.

Eldress Emma Neale,  
Mt. Lebanon,  
Columbia County,  
New York.

My dear Eldress:-

I got in touch with Mr. Cathcart today and found he did not stop at Lebanon as he intended. We have some fine people interested but who do not care to come on till they get a complete description of the property. They would like to know if all the Mt. Lebanon property can be purchased (North Family and other property remaining), what stock there is, what the acreage is, how much timber and meadow land, the number of buildings, size and condition they are in and also what the assessed value is. Can you also tell if the Watervliet property is for sale and give description if it is? These people are the Van Sweringens who bought the Shaker property in Cleveland here, and who control a number of large railroads. Therefore, if they take an interest you can depend that you will be treated fairly and the purchase will be cash. Mr. Cathcart I am sure will recommend them highly and you can be sure that if they do business you will be fortunate.

If you have any blue prints or maps showing the property and buildings, it would be desirable. As soon as this information reaches me, we will see that it will not be long before they will come and arrange terms with you. It would be extremely desirable to buy the tract as a whole in order to market it in a desirable manner, such as for school purposes or gentlemen's farm estates.

Hoping you will get this information and that we can reach an early agreement and sale, I remain

Yours,

Fred. M. Seiverd  
#330 St. Regis Hotel,  
E. 82nd & Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

After 5 days, return to  
GEO. McCLELLAN,  
Box 257,  
CHATHAM, N. Y.



Miss Emma J. Neale,  
Mt. Lebanon, New York.

Cat. No. 9730 b



[Oct, 5, 1927]

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

Tuesday

My dear Emma:

When I left Mr. Gulden at Canaan after coming from your place he told me he had to go to New York on Sunday and had several days of important work, but he was very much taken up with the idea of disposing of your property. At least he seemd to want to get a try at it. I told him if he would let me know when he was coming to Canaan again that if it was convenient for you I would bring him up and he could go over matters a little more. He realized his disadvantage the other day with his Silent Partner but it couldn't be helped. She will not have to come again. She means all right and is always trying to help some one, but is 'nigh impossible herself.

Of course all real estate men have a game of talk as they say, and this man may be praising himself, but he claims to have put over some good things among people of wealth, and it is some one or ones with money that we will have to get to take your property.

Mr. Gulden took your name and address, don't know whether he means to write you. I do not know his New York address, but if he does not come back to Canaan soon, will look it up and write him for you.

Yours, as ever,

Nora.

[Mallory?]

F. S. STOEPEL & CO.

30 EAST 42<sup>ND</sup> STREET

NEW YORK



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TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 7080  
CABLE ADDRESS "STOEPEL"

30 EAST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK

October 6, 1927

Miss Emma J. Neale,  
Mt. Lebanon, Columbia Co. N. Y.

My dear Miss Neale:-

We have your memorandum of sizes of buildings and would suggest that you also forward us the dimensions on the following buildings which you have not given us:

- 1 - Frame horse barn
- 2 - frame cow barns
- 1 - Frame barn, small
- 1 - Frame dairy house
- 1 - Frame store house & work shop
- 2 - Frame workmen's dwellings
- 1 - Small school house
- 6 - Frame buildings
- 2 - Cottages in good condition
- 1 - Cottage in poor condition

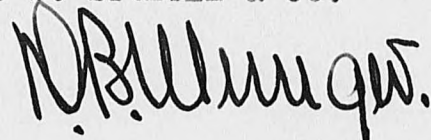
Is our understanding correct that you want to exclude some of these buildings should you make a sale? If so, would you be good enough to let us know which houses you will retain so we can leave them out of our appraisal.

With kind personal regards,

Very truly yours,

F. S. STOEPEL & CO.

By



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# Tan Barn

CAT. NO. 9734.

[ca. 1927]

85 x 42 ft

1<sup>st</sup> floor Basement 10 ft ceiling2<sup>nd</sup> floor 30 ft under roof  
drive way and hay mows

Wing 42 x 32 x 30 ft ceiling

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# Meeting House

80 x 70 ft

1<sup>st</sup> floor 22 ft ceiling2<sup>nd</sup> floor 15 ft under roof (garret)

Wing 28 x 32 ft

1<sup>st</sup> floor 8½ ft ceiling2<sup>nd</sup> floor 8 ft ceiling3<sup>rd</sup> floor 8 ft ceiling

4 " garret 4 ft ceiling

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# Seed Shop 50 x 35 ft

1<sup>st</sup> floor Basement 9 ft ceiling2<sup>nd</sup> floor 9 ft ceiling

3 floor 8 ft ceiling

4 floor 8 ft ceiling

5 garret 7 ft under roof

Basement under whole house divided  
into 12 compartments 9 ft ceiling

1<sup>st</sup> Floor in main building

Dining Room	$25 \times 47 \times 8 \frac{1}{2}$ ft
Bake Room	$14 \frac{1}{2} \times 27 \frac{1}{2} \times 8$
Pantry	$17 \times 5 \frac{1}{2} \times 8$
Coal Celler	$10 \times 13 \times 11$
Passage Way	$25 \times 4 \times 8$
Wood Room	$10 \frac{1}{2} \times 16 \times 8$
Store Room	$8 \times 17 \frac{1}{2} \times 8$
Store Room	$15 \times 17 \frac{1}{2} \times 8$
Hall	$68 \times 7 \frac{1}{2} \times 8$
Fruit Room	$15 \times 18 \frac{1}{2} \times 8$
Bath Room	$19 \times 10 \times 8$
Kitchen	$18 \frac{1}{2} \times 31 \times 8$
Pantry	$8 \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 8$
Dining Room	$10 \times 8 \times 8$
Veranda	$32 \times 10 \times 9$
Pantry	$6 \times 4 \times 8 \frac{1}{2}$



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Room 5 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Sitting Room  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times 8$

Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Sitting Room  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 19\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Room 6 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Room 4  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Room 1 -  $27\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Room 2  $27\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Room 3  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Hall  $92 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

Hall+v.  $29 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

- Room 11 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Room 13 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Room 15 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 8$   
Room 16 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 8$   
Room 14 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Room 12 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Room 10 -  $27\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Room 9 -  $27\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
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Hall  $92 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Hall  $29 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Hall  $20 \times 11 \times 8$

# 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

- Room 19 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$
- Room 21 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$
- Room 23 -  $30 \times 12 \times 8$
- Room 24 -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet -  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$
- Room 22 -  $15 \times 18\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$
- Room 20  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$
- Room 18 -  $27\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$
- Room 17  $27\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Closet  $18\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$
- Hall  $92 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 8$   
Hall  $29 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 8$



## 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Store Room 50 x 11 x 7

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Room 25. 20 x 11 x 8½

Closet 8½ x 6 x 8½

Store Room 36 x 11 x 7

Store Room 15 x 11 x 8½

Room 26. 20 x 20 x 7½

Closet 11 x 11 x 7

Store Room 36 x 11 x 7

Store Room 15 x 11 x 8½

Room 27. 20 x 11 x 8½

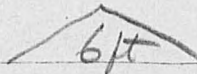
Closet 11 x 11 x 7

Hall 92 x 11 x 8½

Hall 12½ x 8½ x 8½

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## 6<sup>th</sup> floor Garret

92 x 23 x  6ft

# 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>III</sub> Floor of Wing

Bath Room	11 X 8 X 8 <sup>H</sup>
Room	18½ X 11 X 8
Room	20 X 11 X 8
Store Room	10 X 12 X 7½
Toilet Room	14 X 11 X 8
Room	21 X 11 X 8
Closet	4½ X 11 X 8
Dining Room	13 X 11 X 8
Porning Room	13 X 9½ X 8
Hall	54 X 5 X 8
Hall	8 X 6 X 8

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Wing

Room 14 x 11 x 8½

Room 19 x 11 x 8½

Room 20½ x 11 x 8½

Room 14½ x 11 x 8½

Closet 11 x 5½ x 8½

Room 27 x 11 x 8½

Closet 11 x 6 x 8½

Closet 10 x 2½ x 8½

Hall 54 x 5 x 8½

Hall Room 9 x 10 x 8½

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Wing

Meeting Room 53 x 29 x 12

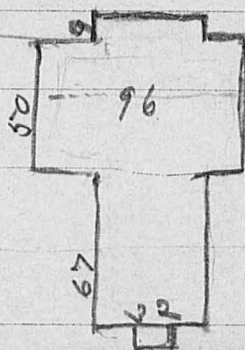
Entrance Room 11 x 11 x 8

### Outside Dimensions

Main Building 96 x 50 ft

Wing 67 x 32 ft

Projection on front 9 x 42½





Machine Shop 45 x 40 ft  
4 floors 8 ft ceilings

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Grainery 25 x 30 x 15 ceiling

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Dairy Building 22 x 34

1<sup>st</sup> floor 8 ft ceiling

2<sup>nd</sup> floor 7 ft ceiling

3 floor 7 ft ceiling

4 floor garret 7 ft <sup>under</sup> ~~to~~ roof

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Ice house 20 x 20 x 15 ceiling

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Dry Kiln 22 x 47

2 floors 7 ft ceilings

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Cottage  
Work Mens Building

22 X 35 ft

1<sup>st</sup> floor basement 8 ft ceiling  
2 floor 8 ft ceiling  
3 floor 8 ft ceiling

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Horse Barn 40 X 70 ft

1<sup>st</sup> floor Basement 7 ft ceiling  
2 floor carriage floor and stalls, grainery  
7 1/2 ft ceiling  
3 floor 15 ft ceiling Hay mow

Wagon Shed. 45 X 20 15 ft ceiling

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Wood shed 35 X 20 X 15 ft ceiling

Wood shed 40 X 50

1<sup>st</sup> floor 10 1/2 ft ceiling

2<sup>nd</sup> floor 7 ft under roof

Garage 20 X 18 10 ft ceiling

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## Dairy Barn

out side measure 140 X 50 ft

1<sup>st</sup> floor Basement 9 ft ceiling

2 floor Hay mows and driveway  
30 ft under roof

1 wood silo 1 cement silo

Milk House 10 X 11 X 8 ft ceiling

1 Tool Shed 135 X 28 ft

1<sup>st</sup> floor 10 ft ceiling

2 floor 15 ft under roof.

1 Wagon shed 143 X 23 ft

15 ft <sup>under</sup> ceiling roof

1 Barn 25 X 30 ft

1<sup>st</sup> floor 8 ft ceiling

2 floor 10 ft. under roof.

F. M. Seiverd  
2200 PROSPECT AVENUE, S. E.  
CLEVELAND



Miss Emma J. Neale,  
Church Family, Mt. Lebanon,  
Columbia County,  
New York

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*cat. Nos. 9731, 9732*



MEMORANDUM

November 12, 1928.

Dear Miss Neale:-

Robert H. Tannahill of Detroit is a wealthy man who is a connoisseur of all kinds of antiques, both American and European. He is also a curator of the Detroit Museum, and a buyer for a large number of America's richest men.

In the near future--very likely this week--he expects to visit Mt. Lebanon and look over the village in detail. Mr. Lawrence G. King is a friend of Mr. Tannahill's, and he (King) told Tannahill about Mt. Lebanon. Tannahill knows that King has never met you and that King learned about Mt. Lebanon from me, and by driving through there last summer.

Tannahill may or may not say that he represents Mr. Ford, but he is coming down especially to look over Mt. Lebanon, and he will get in touch with you. I think it will be perfectly all right for you to show him around, and point out everything of interest, especially the natural beauty and the historical aspects of the place, and then suggest to him that it might be a fine thing for some rich man to take over and preserve for future generations of Americans the whole of this quaint community. Plant the idea and nourish it; ask him to turn it over in his own mind and consider the possibilities and advantages, but do not try to urge Mr. Tannahill too strenuously. Be sure and show him anything of antique value, as he is keenly interested in such things.

If Tannahill likes the place he will go directly to Mr. Ford, to whom he is related, and I know that Mr. Ford will go a long way on his recommendation. Please keep Mr. King's name out of the conversation because he never commercializes his acquaintance with either of the Fords.

Very truly yours,

*Fred M. Seiverd*



# The Hotel St. Regis

EUCLID AVENUE AT EAST 82<sup>ND</sup> STREET

Cleveland, Ohio

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 28

Miss Emma J. Neale

My Dear Eldress;

Yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> received and was glad to know that you still are open on the Sale or lease for I think if my plan goes through it will be far better for you than any other way.

I hope you can show Mr Ford or his representative everything, including the other families if they desire to come in, for it will be a splendid opportunity to straighten out now what they will have to do later but perhaps will not have such a good chance.

I am enclosing a roughly drawn memo that Mr Kennedy who is interested with me in the matter, wrote me to tell you



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It is really dictated <sup>by</sup> Mr Tammahill  
of Detroit who was here last Sat.

Robert Tammahill is a relative of  
Henry Ford, directly connected in the  
way explained in memo, who is  
governed by Tammahill's recommendations.

The Mr King is a close friend of  
Tammahill and it was through him  
that Mr Kennedy and I got in touch  
with him (Tammahill) and then Mr Ford.

It sounds rather complicated, but  
it is the only way to reach Ford.

It is greatly to be desired that Mr  
King is not mentioned in the  
matter for the reasons given and  
as you do not know him anyway  
it probably will not be.





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as it is Mr Tammahill (who represents Mr Ford) and perhaps Mr Ford or Son will be down to Mt Lebanon to look it over and it would be well to elaborate the Historical and Romantic background of the Community.

It seems that Mr Ford is particularly interested in preserving just such places and know arrangements can be made that you all can stay at Mt Lebanon on part of the property. Mr Tammahill should be at Mt Lebanon this week and if you could show him personally around, know it would be done right.

am sorry I can not be there but you will appeal more to him than I and that is what we want.



So do not be afraid, you were  
charming to us and I know you will  
to others.

Kindly let me know when you need  
me.

My best love to Sister, yourself.

I am yours

Fred M. Sevier

Remembrance to all

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The Church Family is one of the four families of the Shakers which comprise the Shaker Village. This settlement is on the hillside overlooking the Lebanon Valley, at Mt. Lebanon, about one mile from the village of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York. Each family has a separate group of buildings.

The State Road, from Albany, N.Y. to Pittsfield, Mass. as it runs over what is called Lebanon Mountain, is about a quarter of a mile above the village buildings. The old road to Pittsfield formerly went through the village and this road is also open now from the State Road at New Lebanon to the State Road near the top of the mountain. There is also a side road running from the center of the village to the State Road, at New Lebanon.

Number of acres in Church Family, about 2000.

Most of the land is tillable, with several orchards. Between the Church Family and the State Road is a splendid sugar maple grove.

Elevation of the Shaker Village 1000 ft. at center.  
1200 at upper end and  
mountain rises to height of 3000 ft.

The hillside slopes to the southwest and this village gets sunlight most of the day. The summers are seldom hot.

#### Transportation-

Busses on state road, to Albany or Pittsfield.  
Busses to Bennington and Chatham.  
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Mt. Lebanon, N.Y.

Large frame meeting House or Church.  
1 Large brick dwelling house, ( 5 stories and attic)  
1 frame guest house and office building.  
1 frame hospital  
1 frame laundry and work shop  
1 frame horse barn  
2 frame cow barns  
1 frame barn, small  
1 frame dairy house  
1 frame store house and work shop  
2 frame workmen's dwellings.  
1 small brick building  
1 large brick work shop  
1 small school house

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