

Answer

Fitchburg Mass.
Dec 13th ✓

1906.

Mr Holden, Dear Sir
Enclosed please find my
check for forty two (\$42.) dollars.
for payment of interest on
Mortgage note for Oct 1st
1906 and Apr 1st 1907.

Had intended to ^{have} make pay-
ment on principal, but find it
impossible this year. hope to
do better next year.

Resptly yours
Stephen W. Davis

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R. M. WAGAN & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF THE GENUINE

Shaker



Chairs.

Mount Lebanon, N.Y., Apr 21st 1913

Respected Friend:

Paid by Check to Elder Joseph Holden.
West Pittsfield, Mass.

Bal of Sisters Cash acct. also two Bank
Books, City Savings Bank (no. 2086.) \$ amt. 1114.16
also Berkshire Co " " " no. 53870.) 808.19

Sisters Cash acct Paid by Check = 1055.41
to Elder Joseph Holden.

Dep't in Agl. Bk) Total in full. \$ 2977.76
drawn to day.

By Check to April 1st 1913.

Statement for William Anderson,
of Sisters Acct that was an Agl. Bank with
R. M. Wagan & Co Acct. and two Bank Books
as above, in Acct of Sarah Collins Agt
South Family. for Trustees of Mt Lebanon Shakers,
Mt Lebanon N.Y. Mt Lebanon N.Y.

4 Days

25/10

Time 24 Days -

R.R. - Printing Citations & Adv
 146.98 Total Expenses
36.00 time

182.98 Total cost
 including
 atty fees

LIT 89.2.1455

24.50

~~24.50~~
~~30.00~~

~~Will you please send
to Mrs Eugene Durbin of
West-New Brighton
Staten Island, N.Y.
Two of your illustrated
catalogues and oblige
Yours truly A G Durbin~~

~~March 30th - 1900 -~~

Dr.
Received from E. Barrett. 1500.-
Mar 28/99

Aug 3/99 - " " " 477.48

Dr Total Rec'd, 1977.48

Cr. Cash. to ~~Jay Lawson~~ for
Church Family Shakers
Apr 17/99. 1000.-

Apr 17/99 Cash. to ~~Wm Anderson~~ 300.-
South Family Shakers
Jan 30, 1900 - " " " " 100.- for Imp't
" " " " " 50.- L.R. use

May 22/99. " ~~Harriet Butler~~ 50.00 Ministry
of Mt. L. Shakers
Sept 18/99. South Family Shakers 477.48

Paid out

Expenses - R.R. &c	42.23	Feb 9/97
"	1.07	" 3 " "
"	10. —	Sept 6. " "
"	1.37	Oct 30. 97.
"	2.25	Jun 28/98
"	75	Aug 9. "
"	1.38	" 10 "
"	2.50	Mar 29/99.
"	1.04	" 16/90.
" for 3d Ret.	8.34	Apr 10 " "
"		Sept 3. " "
"	2.49	Dec 27. " "
"	3.50	Feb 7. 1902
" Printing &c.	32.50	" 10. " "
—	2.49	
" —	1.75	Apr 23/ " "
"	1.50	June 14 " "
"	3.52	Apr 17. 1903
"	2.00	Nov 19. " "
"	1.54	Mar 18 1904
" Lawyer's fee	75.00	" " " "
" R.R. fee	.25	Mar 17 " "

86.98

Nov 17/99	Wife (sisters)	1000.00
" "	WA	300.00
Jan 11	" " for D. J.	100.00
30/900	" " L.P.	50.00
May 22/99	Ministry sisters	50.00

Sept 18/99 Dep. J. V. 477.48

Nov 22. Ira R. Lawson fr¹⁰⁰

Shellac at the special price of
, F.O.B. Mount Lebanon; terms, 30

r, test our goods, and you will

uly,

IMPERIAL VARNISH WORKS.

Carl Poyes.

Vice Pres.

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SHAKER MILLS,

JOSEPH
HOLDEN,
Prop.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
Flour, Grain, Meal, Feed, Etc.

Agent for the
SHAKER SWIFTS,

A Reel for Winding
and Doubling Yarn.

West Pittsfield, Mass.,

Apr 24th

1913

Beloved Elder Joseph,

I called last Tuesday Eve-
and you were at Dapper I supposed, and I called
this P.M. and you were in Springfield, so I
write to let you know what I think of the proposition
you made, last Monday P.M. when I was here, in
regard to letting the Sisters run the farm, to
all help. Pay all Bills, and they to have all the
produce, grown, also all dairy products, (after the
feed is used that is on hand at present, for the cows
that I purchased last fall.) I to retain the Chain
Proceeds, until the frames + Brand is sold, then
I give up the Chain business entire.
② I to retain all moneys invested and in
my possession, in Savings Banks + Commercial
Bank. In lieu of the above, I assume to pay
the taxes, + pay insurance on buildings, except
situated at South Family, Mount Lebanon, N.Y.

which is not in the Chain factory.

Also the Chairs to be seated as they have
been for the past 10 years or more, until
I get thro' with the business, as I will
not have any source of income from farm
+c.

If the foregoing is satisfactory
I will sacrifice: for Peace sake, and
give a wide swath for some others to
exercise their talents &c.

Ever Yours,

P.S.

W. A. —

You can do what you think best in regard
to the above. and have some copies, one
for Ante & Brethren of the South Family
also one to be retained by the Ministry
for future reference, if need be. as
sometimes people are liable to forget.

R. M. WAGAN & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF THE GENUINE

Copy

Shaker



Chairs.

Returned Statement of Goods bot by D.A.C. 225.-+

Mount Lebanon, N.Y. Aug 26th 1913

Respected Friend:

A. H. Clark & Son.

There must be some Mistake Somewhere. I enclose Statement of acct of Wm Anderson. As he has not Contracted of Any goods whatever, and have no invoices of goods purchased, as I do not have the Controll of the farm, at South Family. Teams or Men, or purchase- ing of any goods. for the farm &c. as I do not have any of the Proceeds of the farm &c. Our Accts were settled in full to Mar 26th 1913. and have not bot anything since from you. I notified you last Apr of the Change, and also twice since

Verbally. That the Sisters were running
the farm. under Management of Eld's
Sarah A. Collins. and if teams of the
South family have been. after goods,
she is responsible and not Wm A.
They cannot get any goods at Shaker Mills
from Eld Jos. Holden. without they send
Money to pay for them. as there is
No Tick there. Further I do not
transact any business in my own name
and have not in nearly 30 years.

Mother warning.

Do not transact any business with
So family Shakers of Mt Lebanon N.Y.
or there foreman. without a written
order, or Cash with order & C.

Ever Yours Respectfully.

(over my
Name) = William Anderson.

Mt. Lebanon N.Y.

Oct 30th 1871

All the Society know the years the hired help at South Summit has been a disgrace & menace. Very indecent, destructive to house-furnishings, farm machinery & wagons. And while drawing wages, much of their time was spent in carousals in saloons. Teams were frequently out till two or three morning, giving Eldess S. much anxiety in guarding premises when she should have been resting. Men & horses both unfit for work the following day.

So many men of that grade added greatly to Sisters work and expense in guarding. For three years the Ministry and Elders Wm have been repeatedly appealed to for a change

for a more decent & industri-
ous class.

Up to April 1st of present year
no heed having been taken, the
Sisters of South Family notified
Elder Wm that until there was
a change no more provision
would be made by them in board-
ing hired men. In this stand
the sanction of Min. Sis, was long
ago given. In fact it was urged
by us as the only way we could see
to bring to an end the oppression,
galling servitude and indecencies
not fit to mention.

Rather than make any
effort to change men, El. Wm
said he would give up the man-
agement to the Sisters, excepting
the dairy which he said he would
retain till feed had been consumed
for which he had paid.

Up to July 1st Eld W^m paid
herdsman but, from Apr 1st Eld.
S. has paid all other hired help
and many other farm expenses.

Fertilizer had not been bought
nor fences put in repair. Black
smithing also was necessary - All
of these Eld. S. has paid for: ~~W^m~~
also for the repairing of all the chimneys.

By our advice she retained such
cash for chairs as she received from
customers, but all is strictly account
ed for on books, all

All the other chair money
nearly all from farm since Jan 1st
has been retained by Ed. W^m
who persistently declares he will
not pay the bills, while we, the
Wm Sisters, are as decided with
Eld. Sarah that she shall not
draw the little in Savings bank

change was
made
full at

under sister's ⁴ control, a very small allowance for household necessities, clothing, dentistry &c.

If Eld. S. has run up debts for feed bills, she is not to blame.

We have told her over and over again that if Wm would not pay them to send same to Eld. Joseph, the only one placed in authority over Eld. Wm.

~~not~~ ~~long~~ At last, after months of importunity, the largest feed bill has been paid by him, but, we learn that E. Wm talks & writes to all dealers in vicinity not permit any bill in interests of South Family to be placed to his account, & we have heard from many outsiders that Wm has asserted that "he had the money & would keep it, that Sarah's pin-money would not last long, & she was not to be trusted;"

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awfully fab.

and when she has plead with him to do his part that things could not go on in this shape he has scornfully pointed to the road, saying "there's the street, you can take it."

A bitter pill for one who has devoted himself faithfully & late for fifty years to build up the home - We all know that except for his labor the South Family would have ceased to exist. = (P.A)

Why was the South family 30 years ago last November (when R. W. died and left debts behind) (also Dankon Men) told the Ministry to have me come here, as the South family had no one to take R. W.'s place. More could be said. I have said enough for this time. Plenty more to follow.

We will now give a few figures tho' very incomplete because we have had little access to the accounts.

Since Jan 1st Rec. by Edl Wm from chairs \$1,761.77
 During 3 months from farm 637.47
 \$2,399.24

for the other 7 months.

have no account, but some inference can be drawn that rec'd during 3 months.

Also, all the interest on coupons or that placed in banks in name of R. M. Wagon Co, is held by Edl. Wm

On the other hand El. Sarah has rec'd since Jan 1st from chairs \$1,685.99
 & this Edl. Wm charges back against the cushion money which should go to her account \$134.72
 This she ought to have now in hand to buy yarn & get plush for holiday orders.
 also the \$2,00.00 helped Spence for repairing beam he said he would charge back to Edl Sarah

Like others better situated for
trade in store, this has been a
poor season at S. T., yet Eld. Sa-
has paid for hired men's wages
alone nearly \$8,00, but
can go no further till some
arrangement can be made by
which the abundant funds of
South Family can be used for
its requirements.

About the chair income we
wish to add that from time to time
Eld. S. has paid for many old chair
frames, had them mended at his expense,
has cleaned & usually finished them
throughout, also has pd C. Potter for
making many of the stools & Geo
Maston for seating numerous chairs,
yet all the money for same has
gone on Eld. W.'s account.

For 20 years nearly all the
seating, wrapping & much of

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the crating has been done by
El. Sa, + that would include
thousands of chairs - ~~WRONG~~

No allowance for this has ever
been placed on Sister's account
nor did El. S. desire it, nor
does she wish it for the future,
but does ask that the "R. M.
Wagon Co. should represent the
South Family + not Wm An-
derson with unlimited power
to hold, use or dispose of, as at
present - That funds should
be accessible for repairing build-
ings + keeping up the business
Should not El. S. know the
Ammonit in bonds, where placed
& how interest is spent.

They represent family industries in
sweet-corn + on chairs before El. Wm
took control. All this has been spent
ten times ~~more~~ more, for the business + improvement
(to)

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In any settlement made if
two accounts are continued
for S. T. - E. S. should re-
ceive full return for all her
farm & horse repairing expenses -
& should not longer try to buy
the flour & coal for family.

The foregoing Epistle was read
before a Meeting of Ministers, Trustees &
Elders. As I was so deaf I could
not hear, but the minister made a
promise, and I was requested to ans it.
Which I have done. (See Answer)

X Except they were not balanced up as
heretofore every month &c. but carried on
accts. and checked out - when needed to pay
their bills &c. of which there is a strict
acct. to the letter, which my books & papers
will show, for the past 30 years or since
Jan 15th 1884.

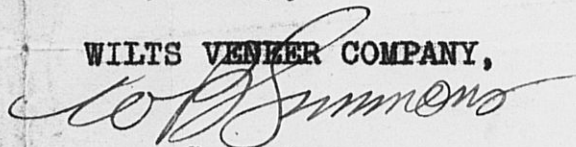
I have a few questions to answer that
I was requested to put in writing, to defend
my Character - as it is assailed.

Got - It was intimated that I held the Sisters
funds, and that I would not give them up, this
was scattered broad cast and I heard it from several
Persons. I have taken care of the Sisters accts,
also, looked after their banking &c since Polly's
death, and have been very careful, in regard
to them, and I have never used one penny of their
money, in the 30 years past, or nearly, they gave
all their just dues, to a penny, which I drew
out by check and gave to Elder Joseph together X

We are selling some of the largest chair manufacturers three ply Veneer Panels to be used in chairs that have to be upholstered and need a good, stiff board underneath: also for use in Slip Seat Diners. These panels we are able to sell at very low prices and believe we can save you some money. If you will let us have the sizes you use, we will take pleasure in quoting, and, if our prices are of interest, in sending samples.

Yours very truly,

WILTS VENEER COMPANY,



Secretary.

R. M. WAGAN & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF THE GENUINE

Shaker



Chairs.

P.S. 3rd

Mount Lebanon, N.Y.,

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Respected Friend:

When you hear such expressions as the following, what do you think of the Matter?

"At Joe Holden's office West Pittsfield also" "What does Joe Holden know what this family needs &c."

"Wait until I can see a Lawyer to this &c." "You'd see if he don't give up his pocket book before the summer is over" &c. "I'm not going to furnish any feed for the Cows" &c. "The foreman told arround that he was going to turn the Cows in the Young Cummings Orchard, which I have kept out for 25 or more years, and others sanctioned it" and it has been done!"

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which will be a great Damage, as the trees have been headed low, &c. — and it has been said that we'll show the Old Man, which side his bread is buttered, when I get things under my thumb — later &c." ("Old Bill is getting rather Drank in his Old Age." + "I am glad Elderess Sarah got as much as she did from the wreck &c." — this is from an outside Party.) &c &c &c —
P. S. 4th.

Elder Joseph, asked me to put the above in writing, so it could be understood, also to mention that their bills were not paid at Shaker Mill, and he had to, notify the Miller not to let them have any horse feed until they paid their bills &c. ^(bills sent twice and no notice taken)
The foreman said he was going up to Clark at the Springs and get 50 Bushels of Oats for the Horses. &c. (perhaps the bills are running there also, but I do not know.) More if you wish it.
Your Bro W.A.
LIB 89.2.1.439

XX) ^(no) In regard to flour &c. In 1903.
the sisters wanted to change the flour and
get another brand. The Union flour had been
used in the Church, Second Family & So F.
for more than 30 years - as I had got it from
1884 to 1903. amt Paid in that time \$2157. 85 I
told Sarah it would cost considerable more.
She said get the other brand and charge it to us,
which I did, and have done so since then. Since
1903 to date 1912. She has bot \$957. 70 worth of flour.
5th As to Provisions &c. I furnished all up
to Jolly's death, except some tea (special for visitors)
which she bot, and since her death up to date.
I have bot the Tea. Coffee. Molasses, by the bbl
& hogshead. all the Sugar, except, since 24 Dec
1900. the first bbl was bot by the sisters for sweetening
instead of Molasses. I bot all the rest that was ^{used}
in the family up to date. also spices, soap, soap powder
As to my Character, that was railed. I choose
not to utter the sentences, and as there were more
to be told, that others would not tell. - "Out of
the heart the mouth speaketh, either for good
or bad, and it shows just where the standing of
such people are. It don't make any matter
where they are, or where they live, either as Cannibals
or Christians". No Choice. XXX

MARSHALL FIELD & COMPANY

104 WORTH STREET,

NEW YORK,

DEP'T. Office.

CHICAGO WHOLESALE, ADAMS, QUINCY, FRANKLIN, FIFTH AVE.
CHICAGO RETAIL, STATE, WASHINGTON, RANDOLPH & WABASH.
NEW YORK, 104 WORTH STREET.
MANCHESTER, 38 GEORGE STREET.
NOTTINGHAM, 20 A FLETCHER GATE.
BRADFORD, 49 PEEL PLACE.
PARIS, 22 & 24 RUE ST GEORGES.
CALAIS, 4 RUE AUVER.
LYONS, 15 RUE D'ALSACE.
CHEMNITZ, 17 LOH STRASSE.
ST GALL, 34 ROSENBERG STRASSE.

June 11, 1913.

The R.M.Wagan & Co.,
Mount Lebanon,
N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reference to your invoice dated June 10th., amount \$7.80, would thank you to advise how you arrive at the discount which you show as \$2.70.

Your prompt attention in the envelope herewith, will oblige,

Yours truly,

MARSHALL FIELD & CO.

WGS/MEH.

J. J. Ferris

~~14th~~ ~~6th~~ As to Conditions that exist at present.
it has been smoldering a long time.
Circumstances of which I do not care to relate,
and instances that occurred. that is best to keep smothered
but when the female part of this place, rise up,
and say, on a certain date do & so will be done,
and such & such, must be done, and put the
threat in black & white, with their Signatures.
then, the only alternative I had was to utter my
ultimatum, and take up with advice & persuasion
which I did, and as you have seen it ere this, it
is of no use now to mention it again.

As I have made a great sacrifice, and given up
a great deal, which people wonder at. The farm
is in a great deal better condition than it was when
I took it in 1884, when there was not enough hay to winter
what stock they had, 12 cows and a few young stock &
5 horses & 1 yoke of Cattle. And they did not make butter
enough for their own use & men that boarded here,
they were buying butter, and I had to do the same for two
or three years, until in 1889, the family & men consumed
over 1900 lbs of butter in ¹⁹⁰⁰ each year. & other things I could
mention similar. Now who made the change, &
~~14th~~ ~~6th~~ Who has paid the taxes from 1884 to 1913?
Aml - Total, about \$5000. was it the sisters money,
not one penny. There is also the insurance on all
the buildings, over \$4000. - did the sisters pay any
cash for this? not one penny. Who furnished the
raw material for the chairs, and supplies such as ~~meat~~

Lumber. Coal. Oil. Tannish. Webbing. & other incidentals
 Then Comes the thousands of Dollars for labor, both
 in factory and on farm &c. Male & female.
 Did the sisters pay any of these bills? Not a
 penny - except their own weaver, which they hired.
 and I paid him for weaving the plush & rugs &c. but
 who boarded him or them? for (30 years nearly) @
 from 12 to 14 Dollars per month each. this is the first
 time this has ever been put on paper.

I think I have made things plain so all can understand
 as to the matter they
 Yours truly
 June 21/13.

Sec'y.

AMM/I

[Handwritten signature]

C. MATTISON MACHINE WORKS,

Yours truly,

Will you give us one chance to show you, to talk
 to you in person, where we have the opportunity of proving
 what the other fellow is doing? Use of the card saves dictation.

No. 4--Enable us to prove that a tool of this
 kind is just as valuable and necessary
 as a Sander.

No. 3--Enable you to turn out a higher class
 of work than you could do before.

No. 2--Enable you to design patterns heretofore
 impossible, due to your manufacturing equip-
 ment.

No. 1--Enable you to produce your turned work,
 be it round or square, at a fraction
 of your hand method costs.

So we ask you to let us demonstrate at our risk
 and expense, a tool that will do the following:

L 15 89. 2. 1. 462

TO SHEET NO.

C. MATTISON MACHINE WORKS

Other items could be added if wanted

RANSOM H. GILLET

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

NEW LEBANON CENTER, N. Y.

BELL TELEPHONE

April 17th, 1914.

South Family of Shakers,

Mount Lebanon, N. Y.

Messrs. A. H. Clark and Son of Lebanon Springs, N. Y.,
have requested me to write you asking your attention to their
account of \$97.40 which I understand was contracted last October.

Won't you be good enough to take this matter up with them
and straighten it out?

Yours very truly,

RHG::LET

Ransom H. Gillet

Copy of Mrs.

Yours of 17th inst to S. F. Shakers was handed
me by Trustee E. J. M. She wished me to write you and explain
the matter as it really is. We at the S. F. (Male part) have
been giving the female Woman Suffrage full being the past
year, to see how they would manage the farm, pay & hire
all the white winged Angels they could find, as help, that did
not use intoxicants &c. pay all bills and have all proceeds
and see which end of the horn they would come out, at the end
of the year, &c. I as Manager for 30 years on this farm and
transacted all the business &c.

I notified Messrs Clark & Son and all the other Merchants
in town & at Otisfield Mass. that I would not be responsible
for goods sold to South Family Shakers, except they pay
the Cash or receipt of goods &c. All Completed
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except Clark & Son, they let them ~~have~~ run up large
bills against the Order of Trustees also
Elder Joseph Holden, Head of our Colony,
any loss come to the Trustees, and dishonor
to the Community. I helped Clark & Son
out of their trouble, and warned them
not to sell any more goods on credit.
they promised me that they would not
sell any more goods except they paid on
receipt &c. this was last August, when I paid over
\$300.⁰⁰. Now you have a bill for Collection of 97.⁴⁰
after all that has been said & done.

As I understand the law in regard to above,
Mr Clark & Son, could not collect the bill,
for they were forwarned time & again not to sell the
goods to S. Sam Shapers, &c.

Please let me know what you think about
the matter.

Ever Yours, Respectfully,
Wm Anderson
Manager.

West-Pittsfield Mass Feb^y 20 / 15

Beloved Elder William

Enclosed please find money
for \$300.00 due from Shirley property

You have met with some
loss Best of love for your
health & prosperity

Your Bro

Joseph Wolcott

300.00
Feb-20th
1875

from
Elder Joseph Holden
Feb 20/15.

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Sisters: Act
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Beckshire Co. S Bank

Jan 1/16.

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2nd Family Shakers, Mount Lebanon, N. Y.

Monday, December 9th, 1918.

To Elder Joseph Holden, Elder Walter Shepherd, the Ministry Sisters, and the Trustees of the Shaker community, Mount Lebanon, New York State.

It has been the very painful duty of the undersigned members of the Second Family on several occasions to appeal against the mismanagement and the shameful condition of our household caused by the Elder appointed by you.

To these soulful appeals there has been no good result.

Early in 1916, the writer, Brother William Herbert Perkins, made several personal appeals to the resident minister at Mount Lebanon, Eldress Sarah Burger, verbally, also to Elder Joseph Holden by letter, concerning this matter; the only result being that the Elder complained of intensified his insults and ill conduct, and continued to seek a personal quarrel with the writer.

A crisis was reached in June 1917, when I again appealed to Elder Joseph Holden, Elder Walter Shepherd, the Ministry Sisters, Trustees and the members of the community generally by a mailed manifesto in three parts. To this most urgent appeal for justice there was no satisfactory result; and in some cases the circular letters of appeal were returned to me contemptuously and I still hold them as evidence.

In June 1918, at the beginning of my fifth year in the village, I appealed to Elder Walter Shepherd by letter to give me a hearing, he being then and now is resident Ministry Elder at Mount Lebanon. He refused to hear me and recommended me to prayer. I made him a second appeal, to which I received no reply. I immediately appealed to Elder Joseph Holden by letter, enclosing copies of my correspondence with Elder Walter Shepherd. Here again I received no reply.

Things have gone from bad to worse and are at the present time a

perfect disgrace not only to a Shaker community but to this justice loving country America. You, brethren and sisters, are fully informed of all this and much more, and yet you take no steps to alter this shameful condition. This is no mere personal thing,- it is the cry of earnest souls in deep distress.

We of the Second Family, the undersigned, now suggest most respectfully to you Elder Joseph Holden, to you Elder Walter Shepherd, to you Ministry Sisters and to you Trustees, that if the task before you is too great and you still feel yourselves unable or unwilling to deal with it, we hereby beg of you to go with us in a friendly, brotherly and sisterly way to the State Law Courts and there let us see if we cannot arrive at some sane and honest way of clearing away the accumulations of evil doings of the past years.

We are quite sure that the Shaker faith as God's last, best and sweetest gift to humanity has no need of secret intrigue or of fear, and we on our part have nothing to conceal.

Our appeal is for justice and a righteous Peace for all. To serve unselfishly, to express our Shaker faith in upright, noble conduct, is our earnest desire.

We of the Second Family trust that you will no longer turn a deaf ear to our prayers, but rather help us to make it possible for us to serve God by serving each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Signed by Brother Wm. H. Perkins.

Margaret Egelson

Susie P. McLaughlin

Ida Lillian Barlow.

May 27/21
Ans. S.

Dave This Man

UNITED SOCIETY OF SHAKERS
MOUNT LEBANON, N. Y.

Dear Elder William

May 6. 1921

The post. Card enclosure is received
The editor and publisher of "Investing for Profit."
is the notorious H. L. Barber

I used to receive his paper some years ago.
He is a very able man, and understands the wall
Street game and high finance.

He writes very entertainingly of his wishes for
the laboring man to get in on the ground floor
of Commercial enterprises and make money like
the big bugs do.

The trouble with him he has no conscience.
He is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

He will induce a poor man to buy stock that he
is offering, and which he knows has no bottom to it,
for the sake of the Commission that he will get.
He talks a lot about the law of averages. This is his
excuse when you draw a blank.

There are thousands of men & women who would walk
miles to see him hung. But he does not care.
He works on the creed that there are a fresh crop of
quakers produced every year.

I am one of his victims for a small amount.

Kindly your brother
Walter Shepherd.

WWS

P.S.

Your man Measham borrowed an old one horse wagon from the Roth family. He has told our man that he would like to make a trade for it.

You are welcome to keep it.

We do seldom use it. that ^{it} is little use to us. It will not cost you anything.

H.S.

P.S. ~~Payment~~ ~~stopped~~ on checks sent to H. L. B. of Chicago, Ill. for stocks of Instant Heat Co of America. Thus saving — loss, as checks were returned to H. L. B. when received by Bank for Payment, and stamped "Payment Stopped." etc.

May 27/21

Your Bro. H.A.

from
Elder Mattias

Elder William Anderson

P.S.
Much Obliges for
use of Car. N.A.
ans' 5th Sept 10/16

United Society of Shakers

~~Thos. S. Bates, Trustees~~

Breeders of Shorthorn Cattle

Walter Shepherd,

Mount Lebanon,

N. Y.

~~South Union, Ky.~~

April 5 1926.

Dear Elder William

If I were in your fix I would drop general farming.

I would hire only one man -

I would have a vegetable garden, and I would grow what potatoes I could.

I would sell off the Cows and buy butter and milk -

You would have to keep a team of horses but I would sell the standing grass, or harvest part of it on shares.

With regard to taking care of your Coupons when due - You could go up to the Bank with one if you felt able to. Or Eldress Sarah Collins could go with me - She bringing the Bank deposit book

With regard to depositing checks we could arrange the same way - I would make out two slips just as you have always done, and after a time or two

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Eldress Sarah would probably be able to do it without me. Or she could make out the slips at home and submit them to me for examination before going to the Bank

Our car is at your service anytime you wish to go to Pittsfield -

I will be up to see you in a day or two

With love

Your brother
Walter Shepherd