

Jan 1928 FSTC Correspondence

Treas. report for January, 1928.

	Recd.	Paid.
Rent	\$3762.14	
Penalty	69.73	
Wharf	546.32	
Telephone	25.48	
Land fund, via memberships \$200, leases \$6	206.00	
Cemetery	30.00	
St. Imp.	141.12	
Taxes		\$2942.00
Wharf		208.20
Additional State & Co. taxes		18.17
Library Asso.		75.00
Salaries		125.00
Parks \$10.35, Bath houses 75 cts		11.10
Bills pay.		36.96
Courier ad.		12.50
Rent, Council room		14.00
Rent acct. via tax refunds		309.11
	<hr/> \$4780.79	<hr/> \$3752.04
Cash Jan. I		
Cert. Jan I	578.28	
	177.25	
Cash Jan 31		1607.03
Cert. Jan 31		177.25
	<hr/> \$5536.32	<hr/> \$5536.32

*W. H. Brown, Treas.*

FAIRHORE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION

INCORPORATED IN NEW YORK

Fairhore Single Tax Colony

ADMINISTRATIVE

FAIRHORE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION



WM. CALL, PRESIDENT

E. B. GASTON, SECRETARY

MINNIE H. BROWN, TREASURER

# FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION

ADMINISTERING

## Fairhope Single Tax Colony

ESTABLISHED 1895

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION  
RECEIVED FROM THE  
SINGLE TAX COLONY  
FOR THE YEAR 1903  
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3210 Bronx St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.,  
January 12, 1928.

Fairhope Land Colony Corporation,  
Fairhope, Ala.

Gentlemen:

A few months ago I read an article in The Review of Reviews about your community, and it was so in accord with my way of thinking and belief that I wish to become one of you.

With the exception of the past three years in this city, I have lived all my life on the farm, with three years experience in South Mississippi growing and shipping vegetables. I am twenty-six years of age and can furnish responsible references of people who have known me all my life.

I desire to start in a small way with a few acres, so that I can build up a permanent home.

Will you please give me full particulars of your lease plan and of the crops grown in that locality?

Trusting that I may hear from you soon, I am  
yours very truly,

D. H. Compton.



204 Pennyson Ave.,  
Highland Park -  
Michigan.  
January 16-28-

Mr. E. B. Easton  
Fairhope - Michigan.  
Dear Sir: -

As we are not planning  
to come to Fairhope this  
winter and have rather  
changed our minds as to  
building on the colony lot  
which we secured last winter -  
at least in the near future -  
perhaps it would be better  
to allow someone else to take



one hear from you as  
to the prospects of transferring  
them - as I suppose you  
have many calls for  
colony lots -

We are having a  
wonderful winter here and  
see by your paper that  
some of Fairhope's weather  
is as cold as ours - most  
unusual -

We  
enjoy keeping track of  
people and things that we  
know here through the  
medium of your paper

them: who would use them  
for a home. As you  
suppose I could get back  
the money which they have  
cost me? I have them  
cleared up - plowed and  
fruit trees planted - which  
together with the cost of  
fencing - rental and etc  
stand up in about \$175.00 -  
which includes \$25.00 advanced  
to the city for water mains.  
I would like to get this  
back in case I decide to  
dispose of them.  
Will you please let



and hope some day to  
come back again.  
Thanking you for  
information as to the late,  
Jah. Yours truly  
Merrell F. Cross



Friend Gaston :

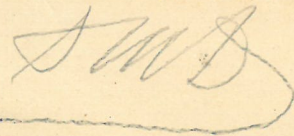
Your letter found me down with the "flu", a fact that explains my delay in writing.

I am interestsed in your comments and in Mr. Conn's letter. But tell me, pray, why a teacher of economics in a collage calls on single taxers for literature relating to the single tax. The ignorance they display on the subject -- well, it is simply hell.

I must cut this short. I regret that I can not go down on the 25th. I should like to see you and talk over the manner in which I handle some of these Alabama se-called educators. I may be too caustic on them, though I think it now time for plain speech. These men that do not understand the single tax are INCOMPETENT; those taht understand it but fear to advocate it are moral cowards and intellectual degenerates.

But, darn it, I can not hit the right letter. So here's to you for a jolly good year.

Cordially yours ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'SMB', with a long, sweeping horizontal line underneath it.

Jan. 15, 1928



# FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION

ADMINISTERING

## *Fairhope Single Tax Colony*

ESTABLISHED 1895

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

Jan. 18 1928

E.B.Gaston, Secretary  
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:

Owing to the condition of my health, I hereby tender my resignation as Superintendent of Highways, that some one to serve in my place may be elected at the annual election, in February.

Respectfully,

*J. H. Lorenzen,*



Jan. 21, 1928

D.H. Compton,  
3210 Bronx St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 12th at hand and am glad to learn of the interest in Fairhope aroused by reading the Review of R Reviws article; also that it was in accord with your way of thinking.

I am taking pleasure in enclosing you a copy of our form of lease, and am asking North and South, published by the L.& N.R.R. at Louisville, Ky., to send you one or more of their issues dealing with our county, which is Baldwin, and which is looked upon as one of the best counties in the south.

We have a great variety of products, ranging from corn, potatoes, Irish and sweet, rice (upland) sugar cane, peanuts, cow-peas, soy-beans, crimson and lespedeza clover, Bermuda, carpet and other grasses for hay and pasturage to fruits, peaches, pears, grapes Japanese persimmons, plums, etc., to oranges--especially the Japanese "Satsuma" variety; and a fine poultry hog and dairying country.

I was just talking yesterday with one of our old gentleman whose son has 1200 hens yesterday, --a former Iowan and he said he thought there was no better chicken country in the world than this. Poultry is receiving an increasing amount of attention here.

I am very sorry our last edition of illustrated booklets regarding Fairhope is just exhausted, but I am sending you a copy or two of my paper, the Fairhope Courier--for which I strongly recommend your subscribing if interested--and a pamphlet giving ~~our~~ a history of our Colony on occasion of the celebrating of our quarter centennial. Jan. 1st we celebrated our 33rd anniversary. Hoping to hear further from you I am,

Yours very sincerely



Jan. 21, 1928

Merrill F. Cross,  
204 Tennyson Ave.,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Cross:-

Yours of 16th received. Am sorry to learn that you think you will not go ahead now with the improvement of your lots and may decide to give them up.

Subject to the value being there in the consideration of any one desiring the lots, the Colony would be agreeable to a transfer of them which would bring you what you have invested in them--but not including rent-- we do not look upon rent paid as in the nature of an investment, but rather an item of expense which one is not entitled to pass on to another. It might however, be compensated for by growth in value of fruit trees within the time for which rent was paid.

I would be very glad to call them to the attention of inquirers--and we are constantly having such--though the general slackening up of business in general and real estate activity in particular, is having pronounced effect in this locality.

I do not know anything about the trees you have planted and how desirable they might seem to some one else. People's tastes in that direction vary greatly. I would regret to have you lose any money on the lots, but am inclined to think that it would be difficult to move them without some price inducement. Your father would be something of a judge with regard to that and I would be glad to cooperate with him.

I presume you refer to the lots which your wife took as well as yourself.

Regretting the change in your plans but hoping to see you here again, I am,

Yours very sincerely



Darhope 1-23-1928

We the undersigned hereby  
petition for the nomination  
of the following for the offices  
mentioned

For Supt. Lands & Highways  
Marion Smith.

For Trustee  
A. E. Schalkebach

J. A. Batterson

W. H. Edwards

Thos. P. Craig

F. L. Brown

M. Dyer

Amie B. Ball

C. A. Gaston

E. B. Gaston

W. H. Brown

N. P. Lyon

Clara M. Gaston



HARDWARE  
PLUMBING  
HEATING

TINNING  
STOVES  
PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

B. E. WIDGER & CO.  
2 MAIN STREET  
HOMER, N. Y.

January 25-

Mayor of Fairhope  
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Sir,

A resident of your town sent an article to a Syracuse paper in regard to your town that has excited quite some interest in our family and we would like to know just what there is to it anyway.

Would you kindly give us such information as a man of middle age with a family consisting of a wife and three sons of the ages thirteen, seventeen and nineteen to educate and find a place for in the world, would want to know.

What advantages have you in education business social life etc.

Is there not for a man who understands hardware plumbing etc. to do, are there houses to rent if so about how do your prices compare with us in the north.

Do you have good water and is the Water



law enforced or winked at?

We would not feel to cross the continent to chase a rainbow and would appreciate any information you could give us.

We are tired of the winters here but would not want to risk the change unless there was a certainty of comfortable living there and conditions favorable for the boys. I should have said my husband could no doubt do many other things beside the two mentioned. my thought of a home would be a small place where we could have a little land.

Thanking you in advance for any trouble you may take on our account (and please do not paint a rosy picture if conditions do not warrant it) I am most sincerely yours

Wm. B. E. Widger.

Homer. 28.7.



Jan. 30, 1928

Mrs. B.E. Widger,  
3 Main St.,  
Homer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:-

Our Mayor has handed your favor of 25th to him, to me for reply, and I take pleasure in giving you some information about our place---especially our Single Tax Colony. I have no inducement to paint too rosy a picture, for I have no Purpose or opportunity to make anything out of your coming here, if you should do so.

We are entirely out of illustrated literature about Fairhope, though have some on the press. We have, however a very beautiful and healthful location and a thriving community of unusually liberal and kindly people and our Colony is just what it claims to be an effort to provide equality of opportunity for all who come here as nearly as possible. Of course we have nothing to do with such inequality of possessions as people may come here with, but we try to keep down the means by which the early comers are able to get up and ride on the back of later comers.

I am enclosing a copy of our form of lease showing exactly the terms upon which the Colony leases lands.

Am also sending a copy of two of our local paper, of which I am editor, as well as secretary of the Colony.

I honestly do not think there is a better place in which to live than Fairhope taking everything into consideration, but the problems of making a living, etc. are individual here as elsewhere. The problem of a man getting into the work for which he is fitted, and having the ability and stick-to-it-iveness to make a success out of it.

We have a good agricultural and horticultural section here and some are making a good success in various branches of it--but more are not--which I think is true of farming everywhere. The problem of successful marketing is a good deal more difficult than that of raising the stuff.



Our water is very pure and absolutely soft, no lime in the soil, which is an advantage in some and a disadvantage in others, plant life which requires lime in the soil not doing as well here as where there is lime.

I wish you or your husband or both of you could come down and look the situation over for yourselves. That is always the best way to do.

There are always houses to rent, with prices varying of course, according to size and style--most usually houses are rented furnished, for this is considerable of a resort. I rent a comfortable four room cottage, with toilet and bath, unfurnished, for \$17 a month, if furnished I could get probably \$25 a month, but tenant would only be found for the summer or winter, leaving it vacant the balance of the time.

A number of people are making money out of chickens here. This is a fine chicken country and those who understand the business and attend to it systematically have a fine chance of succeeding.

There is also work of various kinds to be had, but if we could assure jobs to all the people who want jobs, we could treble our population in thirty days. It is a matter of finding an opening and when one does giving such satisfaction that his employer does not want to make a change.

You will not find this too rosy--but I am trying to give you a true understanding of conditions.

Will be glad to hear from you further.

Very sincerely yours,