

May 1926 FSTC Correspondence

Palos Park. Ill
May 3^d 1926

Mr. E. B. Gaston

Secretary Fairhope S. T. Corporation

Fairhope Ala

My dear Mr. Gaston -

Evidently you think I am not
in earnest when I express my continued
interest in Fairhope if not as a second
year around home - at least as a winter
vacation place for myself and family.

I subscribed some time ago for the Courier
added some cents for the booklets you offered
through the paper, asked about what lots
were offered for lease. So far have only received
the paper, which was the main thing after
all for the other information will follow I am
sure. This is just to hurry it along.

I see by the last issue that there are
lots offered in the former Ball Park. I do not
remember the location - but would like to have
whatever information you are sending out
about it.

Also please let me know if there are
other offerings - leases.

You may remember that I once
leased the lot 3 + 1/2 of lot 4 in Blk 1 - Div 3 -

Over

at the time I thought I should be able to return
for Winters very soon - but many things
prevented. The war principally. afterward
High School & University for the boys.

John - who began in kindergarten
in Fairhope is now finishing his freshman
year in Univ of Chicago. I shall ~~xxx~~ let
him look after himself for a while &
hope to go South next year.

I hope someone has enjoyed
my "Lot all these years - but I wish you
would persuade them to let me have it
for a while now. If not come over just
as pleasant.

Please note that
~~_____~~ I would like to have all the
booklets, plats, prices & printed matter
you ordinarily send out. If there is a
charge include bill.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly

Drene S. Monroe.

Mrs. F. W. Monroe
Palos Park, Ill.

Ent

Gladbrook, Ia.

May 4th 1926

Dear Brotha Gaston:- Will
leave here evening of the
7th inst. after which
time my address
will be 2504, 30th St.
Des Moines, Ia. until
you are otherwise
advised.

The acknowl-
edgement that should
have gone to you prompt-
ly from Des Moines I
herewith enclose. Ex-
cuse delay and oblige
yours fraternally
J. E. Maule

May 8, 1926

RECEIVED of Norman B. Maddocks Draft for \$2,000
to be applied to purchase of Mann Land, (east half of north-
west quarter and west half of northeast quarter of section
fourteen) deed to be made by him and contract to be made
for its acquirement by Colony, as per agreement.

E. B. Gaston

Deed Norman & Susan B. Maddocks

May 8, 1926

Mrs. F.H. Monroe,
Palos Park, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Monroe:-

Yours of 3rd just at hand and I hasten (for this time) to reply. I am glad to know of your continued interest in Fairbore--though I need not to have doubted that, and did not. I certainly wish you could visit Fairbore again and see what advances we have made since you were last here, but under the domination of the "Plutes" railroad fares are so high that common folks can hardly afford to travel. However we have the autos and many, many people make the trip by motor.

I am sending you a couple of copies of our recently issued folder, though an edition of 3,000 is about exhausted and we will have to print another; also our revised application for land and copy of lease; am also enclosing a rough little map, on which I have made notations indicating the few lots that are now available for lease. I am expecting however, that others will come back into the Colony's hands in the near future. The Pal Park lots were promptly applied for and bonuses bid on another a number of them, so there are none available there. There were a number only waiting for it to be opened up. We have quite a lot of land a little to the south of the ball park, where a lot can be obtained. It appears a little far off just now, but is really right in town and lays beautifully. Lots 8, 9 & 10, of Blk. 47 have bay view and lay very prettily, and are open for application. The rent is \$10.67 a year. The 11 to 20 are open with exception of lots 11 and 14, and are just half the rent of the lots 1 to 10. These however, have no view of the bay. They are nice big lots. There is a common fence about them and some of them are cleared. In which case there will be a charge for clearing of ~~\$12.50~~ \$12.50 a lot. There also has to be paid with each application a half year's rent at current rating and a dollar for a lease.

My own advice is to not take a lot until you are ready to use it, but I enclose applications and will be glad to receive your application for any of those indicated if you want to get one at once. There are now houses on lot 3 and lot 4, which you used to have. There has for years been an unsatisfied demand for bay front lots and Ettel recently sold only a part of his place, which you perhaps remember, for about \$17,000.

Pleased to have the news of the family. With very best regards, in which Mrs. Gaston, who is with me, joins,

Most sincerely yours,

May 8, 1936

A.A. Burt,
2219 Cottage Grove Ave.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your recent favor I am taking pleasure in mailing you matter which will give you, I think, a full understanding of our Single Tax Colony plan.

You ask for the value of land in this vicinity. I am not clear as to whether you wish information of rental charges of Colony land or selling prices of land.

In the illustrated folder which I am mailing you will find information regarding typical rentals. Just now there are very artificial values claimed for land hereabouts according to my view. For instance \$400 an acre is said to have been refused for land just outside the Town limits, which nobody thought of being worth more than \$50 to \$100 a year or two ago, and in my opinion that would be a good price for it now. Right across the street from it we rent land averaging better for about three dollars an acre a year and pay taxes on land and on improvements and personal property of lessees.

Hoping the matter sent will be of interest, I am,

Yours very sincerely secretary

Replying to your communication addressed to Chamber of Commerce.



NICK J. LUDWIG

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The Fairhope Courier

St. John, Lake County, Ind., *May 10* 19*26*

E. P. Gaston

Fairhope Ala.

Dear Sir: Have received your sample copies of your paper and 2 circulars of Fairhope. Enclosed please find \$1.00 for half year Subscription of Fairhope Courier. Can you please send me a map or Town Platt of Fairhope or where can I get one at ~~the~~ what price.

Will you please let me know what kind of Electric power & light you have A.C. or D.C. what Volts, cycles & phase and what price per K. W. H. for Power and what price for light and if 24 hr. service. Please let me know if you have a blacksmith in your Town or where do the farmers get their work done I do not have horses but am O.K. in any other work is there a young or old man in your Town would be might sell out. Now I want to Thank you for your information

what you can give me and hope to
meet you some day
I thank you again

Sincerely yours
Wick J. Ludwig

May 13, 1926

2504 Mann,

T.F. Mann,
2504 30th St.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Brother Mann:-

I am enclosing herewith ~~check~~ draft by Security Trust Company, of Detroit, Mich., on First National Bank, of same city for \$2,000, endorsed to my order by the payee and also endorsed by me, completing the payment of \$2500 for the land, which it was agreed would be accepted by May 15th in full payment.

Mr. Maddocks is taking over the contract which was entered into with your corporation, and giving the Single Tax Corporation the full benefit of the saving effected by the cash payment, we paying him four payments of \$500 each instead of five.

I have sent an Alabama form and of deed, partially filled out and attached the form of acknowledgement for a corporation as used in this state.

With the very best regards, and appreciation,

Yours most sincerely

ALBERT D. MURRAY, PRES.

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TELEPHONES
RANDOLPH 1687
RANDOLPH 1688

May 14, 1926.

Mr. Gaston,
c/o Chamber of Commerce,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Enos of River Park was in my office and told me if I would write to you, you would tell me about Fairhope in regard to locating there.

Will you sendme particulars about the one tax colony and about other properties; would like to know about the water frontage lots.

Thanking you

Yours very truly,

ADM/GH

2947 Indiana ave., Chicago, Ill.
May 14th 1926

Sec. Single Tax Corp.,
Fairhope, Ala.,

Dear Sir:—

Expect^{to locate} in or near Fairhope
next fall. Would be glad to have
particulars regarding Single Tax
Corporation, & to know something
about the way one can acquire the
use of land through it.

Any & all available
information pertinent to the
subject would be thankfully
received & carefully studied.

Cordially yours,

Louis R. Guibor,

2947 Indiana ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Kinderlou Ga., May 15, 1926.

Secretary of Fair Hope Colony,

Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in the single tax principle. Therefore, I would be glad to have some information from you as to how your system works.

Any information or literature you may send me concerning this matter will be highly appreciated.

Yours truly

D.H.Roberts.

May 17, 1936

A.D. Murray,
C/o. Geo. G. Newbury & Co.,
9th fl. 8 So. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I am~~x~~ taking pleasure in sending some printed matter which I think will give you the information desired about our Single Tax Colony; also an illustrated folder of the Fairhope Chamber of Commerce, which gives more information about the section. Am also referring your inquiry to my friend, Mr. Carl Bloxham, of the Lowell Realty Company, who will, no doubt write you about water frontage. Our Colony has none now available, though we have some property with a view of the bay.

Yours very truly

May 17, 1926

D.H. Roberts,
Kinderloun, Ga.

Dear Sir:-

Am pleased to learn of your interest in the Single Tax principle and am mailing you under another wrapper matter which I hope will put the subject fairly before you and our method of ~~principles~~ applying the principle in our Single Tax Colony. I hope the same will reach you and prove of interest and will be glad to answer any further inquiries, if any, you wish to make. We have absolutely no secrets and no question is in the slightest degree embarrassing to us.

Hoping to hear further from you,

Yours very sincerely

Secretary.

May 17, 1926.

Louis R. Guibor,
2947 Indiana Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Am pleased to learn that you contemplate locating in or near Fairhope next fall. You will certainly not make any mistake in doing so. I am taking pleasure in mailing you some printed matter relative to our Colony which will, I think, give you a fair idea of our proposition. I might however add, that in applying for ground one is limited in his application direct to the Colony to land which is not already under lease to anyone. If it is already in the hands of a lessee, he has to be negotiated with and if he is willing to sell his improvements and transfer his lease right, such agreement as may be mutually satisfactory is entered into and the lease issued to him is turned into us, for approval and if approved a new lease is issued to the transferee, direct by the Colony corporation.

For an unleased portion it is necessary only to apply with payment of a half year's rent at current rate.

An application has to be made whether for a transferor an entirely new grant and I am enclosing form of application and also of lease, which will show you exactly the contract which is entered into between corporation and lessee.

Hoping to hear from you further,

Yours very truly

Stackton, Ala.,
May 18, 1926.

Mr. E. B. Gaston,
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston;

I do not want to
raise the bid on the
lot. you can send me
the money I paid for it,
which was \$6. 28.

yours truly,
W. M. Shaw.

Abvinstow, Ont. May. 24-26.

Mr C. B. Gaston,

Fairhope,

Alabama.

Dear sir;-

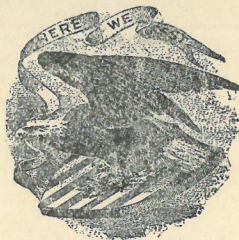
Do you think
a Soda Water Bottling
Plant would pay in your
Town? How far away are you
from Mobile? What is the
selling price of cultivated
land and cut over land,
what is the cost of clearing
cut over land per acre. What
is the outlook for the Poultry
Business. Will you give
me some information on the
growing of Pecans, Figs,

other Fruits and vegetables
that are Staple in your
locality. Is there an
I. O. O. F. Lodge in your
Town, Will you send me
a Copy of the Courier.

Trusting this will meet with
your approval I remain
Yours respectively

James Bell

A. G. PATTERSON, PRESIDENT
H. F. LEE, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER
F. P. MORGAN, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER



HUGH WHITE, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE COMMISSION
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JOHN BRANDON, SECRETARY

Alabama Public Service Commission Montgomery

May 26, 1926.

Mr. E. C. Gaston, Secretary,
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Some time during July of 1925 you very kindly sent me a copy of your paper in which you wrote up the improvements at the dock. I appreciated the write-up very much. It was complimentary to both myself and my Commission. I prized the article so much that I put it in a safe place intending to keep it. Evidently, the place was too safe and I am unable to find it at this time.

You, no doubt, know that Commissioners Lee and Morgan are candidates to succeed themselves and it was my intention with your permission to use this article in their behalf. Now, Mr. Gaston, would you be kind enough to look in your file and if you have another copy send it to me. If you have but one copy, which is your file copy, would you copy the article and send me the bill for same. I feel sure that this write-up in your paper would be of value to our Commissioners in their campaign.

Thanking you in advance and asking you to please send me the bill for whatever expense, I am

Sincerely,

Conrad H. Ohme

Gladbrook, Ia

May 31, 1926

Dear Brother Gaston, Sr.

Fairhope S. T. Corpin

Apply enclosed
Ck for \$46.00 on taxes on
the land recently trans-
ferred the Maddocks.

You have better
luck than I in obtain-
ing responses from the
Bayminette tax officials,
so I will again trouble
you for a statement
from them of our status
as tax payers on that land.

Some time back
I wrote you that our title
to this land is embodied
in a single document or
deed in which father
conveyed all his Baldwin
county holdings to The S. S.
Mann Corpin including
all the lands he later and

personally sold to the Colo²
ny there. I also explained
why this document had
not been recorded.

Now to put the G. &
C. title beyond question
or quibble this document
(deed) must be recorded
in Baldwin County, along
with a quit-claim deed from
The S. S. M. Corp'n.

That this quit-claim
may bear the identical de-
scription given in Jeth-
er's deed to you I am
sending a blank in which
to carefully copy said de-
scription. If essential,
use an Alabama form of
deed.

While you and I yet
live and know these
things should be attend-
ed to.

Fraternally Yrs.
J. E. Mann Sec

Return quit-claim with required description and we will
complete execution of same and return to you J. E. Mann Sec.