

August 1927

FSTC Correspondence

Coal Grove, Ohio 8-1-27.

"Colony Land Corporation";

Dear Sirs:

We read in "The American Review of Reviews" an article by R. F. Powell about your Single Tax Colony.

We are interested and would like to hear direct from the colony corporation some facts.

Will you write us please 1st - What kind of soil.

2nd - " " " water for home use soft, warm or cool.

3d - What can you grow there of fruit vegetables etc.

4th - What do men work at for a living.

5th - Can you find rooms or small
houses for rent + at what prices

Board by day or week the cost,

6 - Can you turn or sell your lease
with improvements over to a
nother."

Please explain fully and
we thank you,

Rev M. L. Shepach.

Coal Grove, Ohio,

26 Memorial Ave.

Denver, Colorado.
August 1, 1927.

Post Master,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Post Master:

I just read an article in "The Review of Reviews" for August telling about the fine opportunities offered by Fairhope for those who want to live in a good climate, with fair chances to make a living.

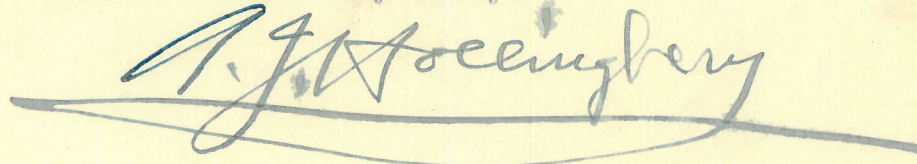
Unfortunately, I have the asthma and bronchitis and have lived in Denver quite a few years, but the climate now fails to help me, and if the climate is good at Fairhope for asthma and bronchitis, I would like to try it. If the climate cures the asthma I should either want to buy a bungalow or have one built.

The Single-Tax idea strikes me all right as I have always been in favor of the Single-Tax theory, and did not know there was a community like Fairhope.

If you are too busy to answer the letter, will you kindly hand it to someone in Fairhope who will write me. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours very truly,

220 East 20th Avenue,

A. J. Hoenesberg

9 8/3/27

Mrs., L. E. Brown,
Magnolia Beach,
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Brown:-

The matter of your injury and claim for damages on account thereof was before the Colony Council at its meeting the evening of the first. The investigation made by officers of the Corporation, was reported by them as in their opinion establishing the fact that there was no negligence by the Corporation or its agents, which would justify a claim for damages. However, the Council regretted greatly the injury sustained by you, and authorized an offer of settlement in the amount of \$250, which amount I am authorized to make immediate payment of, ~~xxx~~ for a proper receipt in full for all claim against the Corporation.

Yours very respectfully

McHenry Miss Aug 4-27

Dunk of Fairhope
Fairhope, Ala.

Gentlemen:-

I will appreciate it very much if you will hand this letter to the party who will send me information about your city & association.

My wife & I are interested in your plans there.

My wife who was Edith M. Dunkler is acquainted with Ernest Littlefield if he is living there.

We are both from Iowa.

Thanking you for your kindness

I Am Yours Respt

H. C. Williams

Box 457

Now located 24 miles north of Gulfport
on G & S. V. R. R.

Stamped envelope enclosed

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a barber for 40 yrs, coming to this section from Los Angeles Cal 10 yrs ago.

Am a live wire salesman and considered a valuable man with any corporation. How are you "hooked up" on the Barber business?

Wife + I are Baptists, I am a Mason, we both try to be a help in any place. Have been here 4 yrs.

Do Ernest Littlefield's folks at Fairhope?

Have about 50 Red Carnean pigeons (20 young ones) for sale. If you have any one then interested in pigeons. I will sell them reasonable as I am going to get ready to sell out every thing. Not that my business is not good, but the wife + I wish to get close to the Gulf again.

"I'll tell the world I am interested."

Best Yms

H. C. Williams
McHenry, Miss

P.S.
Please send me
blank lease.

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Magnolia Beach
August 6-1927.

Mr. E. B. Gaston, Secy.
Fairhope Single Tax Co.
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston-

Your letter of August 3rd. I am willing to make settlement for damages in amount of \$250⁰⁰ and doctors fees.

I have received bill from Dr. Gaillard-Warren Laboratory, Mobile, for f-rans five dollars.

Dr. Lygard has not rendered bill as I have another visit to make, but he advises me the amount for setting and treating my wrist will be thirty dollars.

The full amount for settlement will be \$285⁰⁰, including expenses. For that amount I will be glad to make proper

receipt for all claims against
the Corporation.

Yours truly,
(M^{rs}) L. E. Brown.

Beaver Crossing Neb. Aug. 6-1924

Gentlemen of the single tax
colony Fair Hope Alabama
I have just read the article
in the "Review of Reviews"
about Fair Hope.

I will say that I am
the widow of a Union
Soldier and wish to come
south for the winter.

I had thought of going
to Lynn Haven Fla.

What can one get furnished
room with kitchenette for
in Fair Hope? What does
board cost in private
boarding places? If there
is no railroad to Fair
Hope how can I get

to your town.

Please send me any
literature about the
colony. I should like
to establish a small
home in the south
where I can spend
the winters.

Any information will
be gratefully received

Emma C. Sadler

Elks Club

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LONG BEACH, CALIF.

8/8/27

Sing & Tax Colony,
Gentlemen:-

Am a Southern man and
am thinking of going back.
Kindly send me some
of your literature or
information as to cost
of coming into your
Colony.

Can furnish best of references
R R.

Yours truly,
Geo. Washburne

8./8/27

Wilson Hunt,
Gravette, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 13th to "Municipal Authorities" has just been handed us for attention. We are glad to learn of the interest aroused by the Review of Review's article. We are sure that with the amount you mention Fairhope offers you advantages which you could not find anywhere else. We have a community of very high average intelligence, and unusual freedom of thought and action. We have a fine library and much to entertain thoughtful people--as well as a good motion picture house to furnish entertainment in that popular line. We have a delightful location right on the shore of Mobile bay and we have reserved our frontage for common enjoyment.

In a material or financial way, we offer you beside exemption from taxation on your improvements sites for making same free of purchase price. We offer you a reasonable return from investments in improvements for rental purposes or on loans on improvements of others with a good margin of security and safety through insurance in your interest as it may appear.

We are enclosing an illustrated pamphlet giving condensed information and mailing a copy of our local paper.

Hoping to hear further from you,

Yours very sincerely

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION

Secretary.

4327 Lake Park Ave
Chicago Aug 10 1927
Single Yaf Cor.
Fairhope Ala

Enclosed please find 10 cts-
for which please send
me a copy of your Fairhope
paper. Also if you have
any farm land for lease
& oblige
John Scott

6131 N. Fairfield Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.
August 11, 1927.

Mr. M.B. Gaston,
Fairhope Single Tax Corp.,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Gaston :

You will probably recall that on March 19, 1927, after reading an announcement in the March 10, 1927 Fairhope Courier of the transfer of my lot 7, in block 6, division 3, I wrote you regarding my lot 8 in the same block and section which also was to have been transferred to Mr. C.A. Cedarlund. Mr. Arthur Gaston, whom I met just as I was about to return North, had promised to inform you concerning lot 8. I did not receive any reply to that letter, and, therefore, assumed that the transfer had been effected.

Recently I received a statement for the rent ^{the} on lots which I hold and doubted its correctness. In answer to a letter of July 19, 1927 asking to have the statement verified, Mrs. M. H. Brown returned the following itemized bill:

1927 Rent on Lots 13 and 14 Block 2, Division 3....	\$24.07
1927 " " " 7 " 8 " 6, " 3....	\$22.58

March 7 Cr. on lot 7 for balance of year...\$9.41
March 25 by check for lots 13 & 14 to July 1..\$9.63

Balance due on 3 lots held. 1/1/28.....\$27.61

Obviously you see that this is not correct for I now hold only lots 13 and 14.

I trust that you will give this matter your immediate attention as I am anxious to have this confusion cleared up. On receiving the corrected statement I will at once forward the amount due.

Yours truly,

C. Anderson

9/16/27

Carl Anderson,
6131 Fairfield Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Anderson:-

I remember the circumstances with regard to lot 8, blk, 6 div. 3. You transferred to Mr. Cedarlund lot 7, which was passed on by the Council and later wrote me that you had intended to have Mr. Cedarlund have both lots. I wrote Cedarlund once or twice to sign an application for lot 8 and send it in but he never did. I find that you paid the rent on 8 up to the middle of the year and under the circumstances think we will let you off on 8 and lease it to some one else, for I am sure some one will want it right away.

If however, you have a lease covering eight you should send it in to me.

Yours very truly

10/22, 1927

Carl Anderson,
6131 No. Fairfield Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Regarding rent due from you would report that I had the Council ---never hearing anything from Cedarlund regarding same--to accept your surrender of lot 8, blk. 6, d div. 3, effective July 1st, and enclose bills from Treasurer accordingly. Your account was credited, as your statement shows, with the rent for the balance of the year from March 10th for the lot which Cedarlund took, but the rent for the other lot for the first half was due and payable January first and nobody paid rent on it.

I trust this is satisfactory

Yours very truly

P.S. I find that I was in error in writing you Sept. 16, that you paid the rent on lot 8, up to the middle of the year. E.B.G.

8/12/27

Emma C. Sadler,
Beaver Crossing,
Nebraska.

Dear Madam:-

Yours of Aug. 6th received. I am taking pleasure in sending you an illustrated folder of Fairhope and the last issue of the local paper---of which I am publisher. I do not know where you could find a pleasanter place to establish a Southern home than at Fairhope, nor one where you would find the cost of living less--considering the advantages.

You could probably get a furnished room and kitchenette, at around \$15 a month, possibly a little less. There is almost no boarding in private family here. We have a number of hotels and several excellent restaurants, where meals can be had at 40 cents and 50 cents, complete including drinks and dessert.

If you will write me a little later about the time you would want to come I will see what I can find for you.

Yours very truly

Sent

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York,

1816 W Main St

Alhambra

Fred C. Hathaway,
 Manager,
 6th Floor Hill Street Bldg.
 Eighth & Hill Streets.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug 12th 1927.

Manager,
 Single Tax Corporation
 Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Sir, I read a very interesting article in the Review of Reviews Magazine for August about Single Tax Colony located in Fairhope and as I am desirous of further information about the Colony I would thank you to send me full details about it, price of land &c. I lived in Biloxi Miss before coming out here and am going to return to the Gulf Coast and before deciding on where to locate, I want to know more about your Colony.

Yours truly

A. Penn Kumbhaar

1816 W Main St

Alhambra

Calif.

THE GRAVETTE BOARD OF EDUCATION



GRAVETTE, ARKANSAS

August 13, 1927.

Municipal Authorities,
Fairhope, Ala.

Gentlemen:

I have just finished reading an article in the Review Of Reviews on your colony experiment. My wife and myself are both school teachers. We have saved up in real estate by work and inheritance about \$20,000. How would it be of advantage to us to lease land and build a house in Fairhope in which to live in our retirement which we must soon do as we are getting old?

What inducement besides tax savings can you offer?

Very truly yours,

Wilson Hunt

University Y.M.C.A.,
Madison, Wisconsin,
August 15, 1927.

The Mayor,
Fairhope,
Alabama.

Dear Sir :

I am a graduate student this summer at the University of Wisconsin majoring in education. Mrs. Johnson's three lectures given here convinced me that she is using fundamental principles which our public school teachers know very little about.

The article in the August Review of Reviews entitled " the single Tax Idea " has further aroused my interest and desire to know more about Fairhope, its system of education, industries, and occupations.

Kindly let me have the address and name of the party with whom I should communicate relative to securing a teaching position in your community; also send me any circulars or descriptive literature which will give me further information regarding your community. I hold a Fla. State Graduate Teacher's Certificate and have had two years of High School teaching experience.

I am looking forward to hearing from you with great interest.

Yours very truly,

Carl M. Stenwall.
Carl M. Stenwall.

JNO. W. HILLDROP
LAWYER
506-507 EXCHANGE BLDG.
NASHVILLE, TENN.

8/15/27

Fairbairn Single Tax Corp.

Forbes, Ala.
Gentlemen:

I have been reading of
your town in Review of Reviews
& am very interested. Expect
come down soon, with a thought of
acquiring a home there.

In the meanwhile, kindly
send me your pen & literature.

Very truly
Yours
J. W. Hilldrop

8/18/27

Jno. W. Hildrop, Lawyer,
506-507 Exchange Bldg.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 15th received. I am glad to learn of your interest and the prospect of your visiting us. I am enclosing an illustrated folder giving condensed information regarding the Colony plan and location and noting that you are a lawyer am also adding a pamphlet reporting the decision of the Supreme Court of Alabama in a suit which was brought for the dissolution of the Colony which was brought some years ago.

I am also mailing you a copy or two of our local paper--of which the writer is editor and publisher.

Yours very truly

Secretary.

8/18/27

Rupert East:-
23 Castle Street,
Ayelsebury,
Bucks, England.

Dear Sir:-

We are taking pleasure in mailing you a copy of our form of lease; also copy of illustrated folder regarding our Single Tax Colony, and under another wrapper a copy or two of the Fairhope Courier, of which the writer is editor and publisher as well as secretary of the Colony. We are glad to note your interest and hope you will find our matter satisfying your desire for information. If not call on us further.

Yours very sincerely

Fairhope Single Tax Corpora'n

Secretary.

8/18/37

Geo. L. Washburne,
Elks Club,
Long Beach, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of 8th we are taking pleasure in mailing you an illustrated circular giving information about our Colony, which, with your knowledge as a southern man, will probably meet your desires. If anything further is desired.

There are no socialistic features about our Colony. It does not undertake to provide employment for any one.

It costs One Hundred Dollars to become a member of the Colony Corporation, and one must satisfy the members that he can safely be relied upon to help further the purposes of the Colony. But anybody can come and live in the community and pursue any useful activity for which he finds opportunity and has knowledge and one can rent land of the Colony for the same rents and the same enjoyment of all the advantages of the Colony as a member, except participation in the government, without becoming a member.

Yours very truly

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION.

By

Secretary.

8/18/37

Carl M. Stenwall,
University Y.M.C.A.
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 15th at hand and read with interest. We are glad you have been interested by the Review of Reviews article on Fairhope in our Single Tax Colony proposition as well as previously interested in our excellent Organic School here, through hearing Mrs. Johnson's lectures.

We are taking pleasure in enclosing a condensed illustrated circular, descriptive of the section and explanatory of the Colony policies, in addition to which we are sending you a copy or two of the local paper (of which the writer is editor and publisher) and which is primarily devoted to the policies of the Colony.

In regard to teaching here, if in the Organic School inquiries should be addressed to Mrs. M.L. Johnson here. She is not here at present but communications to her here would reach here. The employment of Public School teachers in Fairhope as well as throughout the county is in the hands of the County Board of Education, through S.M. Tharp, County Superintendent, Bay Minette, Ala.

Yours very sincerely

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,

Secretary.

8/20/27

John Scott,
4327 Lake Park Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received. We are taking pleasure in sending you a late copy of the Fairhope Courier, also herewith an illustrated folder about Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

Yes, we have some excellent farming land for lease, as low as 75 cents an acre a year. Better come down and investigate.

Yours very truly

Fairhope Single Tax Corp.

Secretary

3/20/27

A.J.Hollingsberry,
220 East 20th Ave.,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 1st to "Postmaster" has just reached us. GH
Glad to learn of the interest awakened by reading the ar-
ticle in the Review of Reviews and that you have long been
favorable to the Single Tax idea.

We are sending you herewith an illustrated folder
which will give you further information about how we ap-
ply the Single Tax principle and the advantages we claim
from doing so.

In regard to asthma ~~xxxxxx~~ we hardly know what to say
That is a mysterious complaint. Several people have come
here and been entirely relieved. Others have gotten it here
and found relief elsewhere.

One of our officers recently recently went to Alpine,
Texas, on account of his own case of asthma and his son's T.B.
and writes that he did not have a bit of trouble after start-
ing on the trip. That appears to be something of the his-
tory of your going to Denver. We have a low altitude, the
main part of the Colony being 100 to 120 feet above sea
level and are right on the coast with over sixty inches av-
erage annual rainfall.

We should be glad to have you with us if you find
the climate beneficial to you.

We are sending you also a copy of our weekly pa-
per--of which the writer is editor and publisher, as
well as secretary of the Colony.

Hoping to hear further from you,

Yours very truly

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION.

By _____
Secretary.

Ans 9/5/27

11 Maple Ave
Hinter Hill, Mass
Aug 21, '27

Selection Fairhope
Alabama

Will you please send me
full information regarding your Colony
and requirements and cost of joining
it; also cost of establishing and
maintenance of a home with a
gro. or capital.

I am desirous of settling in the
South. Do not care for Florida as
I have an idea it is overdone. Would
like to find a place with a fair steady
growth and the summers not too
oppressive.

Anything you can tell me and
chances of succeeding will be greatly
appreciated.
Very truly yours,
Fred T. Elliott

Elks Club

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LONG BEACH, CALIF.

8/25/27

Gairhops Single Tax Corp.

Gentlemen:

I have your form with
enclosure - but I would like
a little more information.

Have you a map of your
village showing the different
kinds of lots or plots that
you lease and the possible
price of a lease of say one
① acre - close to town that
can be built on and in
which garden stuff chickens
can be raised.

What fuel do you use -
presume pine wood.

Yes I am a Southern man
but from Texas. but have
been all over the South at
different times.

What I like about your Single
Tax Corp. is not only the
idea - but that there are no

Railroads and it looks like
it may be a nice quick
place to live.

Let me know all the information
you can
I thank you -

Yours Truly
G. W. Wadsworth

8/26/27

Geo. L. Washburne,
Elks Club,
Long Beach, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 23rd just at hand. Replying would say that we do not have a plat showing the different sizes of lots, etc., in shape for distribution. The only thing giving this information we have is a blue print of the Town, which sells at \$1.50. I am however, enclosing a littel plat gotten out originally for the purpose of valuation according to the Somers System, which gives a general idea of the pñan. Lots vary very much in price rental, according to location as related to business center, Bay, etc. I have indicated on plat locations where an acre might be had suited to chickens and garden, and approx. price.

Wood is mostly used for fuel, though in summer coal oil is largely used in cooking. Yes, the lack of railroads conduces to making this a quiet place. Just now we are in some fear of losing our boat service, on account of the recent opening of a bridge and causeway making physical connection between the city of Mobile and our shore, with bus and truck service.

Yours very truly

W. B. Washburne

A.E. Schalkenbach
Taconic Lake
Petersburg
N.Y.

8/27/27

Dear brother Gaston

Your favor of the 22nd. with your paper delivered
at the international conference duly received.

I am very much disappointed at your inability
to attend the New York conference and I do not
agree with you that I can represent Fairhope
as efficiently as you.

You know I can't talk at length, my fireworks all
get ignited in one flash besides I lack self confidence
before a large body. Also I always feel a lack
of inspiration talking to a body of single taxers. It
is quite different talking to more believers. It
however I suppose it will be up to me to do my duty
as best I know how. By all means furnish me with
as much data as you can that may be used at the con-
ference.

If the Colony deems it wise to be represented of course
I shall be proud to present its credentials but whether
I will equal to the high type of representation that
Fairhope deserves is another matter entirely.

Certainly I should feel a deep feeling of shame
and resentment if Powell presents credentials in
fact I shall retire from active participation if
that Judas becomes a credited representative
of Fairhope. My credentials should state whether
there are more than one representative.

All the foregoing is based on the proposition that
you can't by any possible means attend. In the
face of Powell's intuition I do hope you will find
ways and means. I will take care of everything
on this end.

Sincerely yours

A.E. Schalkenbach

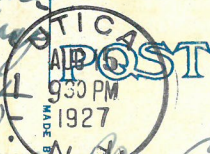
Respectfully to Mrs. L. T. ...



ST. JAMES HOTEL, UTICA, N. Y.

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8/15
We are on our way home from
Niagara Falls. Spent two days
at the Oil Licks, two at
Niagara Falls and by to-
morrow we expect to arrive
at the Lake.
Had a pleasant time and
lunch with Mr & Mrs Beards,
of Niagara Ontario, they were
at Merthons with a Dr.
Owyler. They hope to visit
Fairhope again this winter.
Had a royal good time
Completed 1200 miles when
we reach the Lake.
Fraternally R. E. Dehaut-Lentz



Mr. Ernest Gaston
Fairhope
Alabama

2/22/27

George Kerr,
867 Oakwood Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I much regret to find that for some reason your letter of January 17th remains unanswered.

Replying at this date and with hope that you are still interested, I take pleasure in enclosing printed matter, which will, I trust, make clear to you the plan upon which our Colony operates, and on which land may be obtained of it.

I am going to ask the Mobile Chamber of Commerce to send you a copy of a folder they have recently issued, going more into detail than anything I have at hand, regarding the crops of this section.

I may say however, that we have an excellent country here, capable of producing a wide range of crops. The dairying industry is quite well established here, Fairhope having a creamery capable of taking care, I think, of any amount of milk which is likely to be offered it; it is also a good hog country, a good general farming country, including corn, upland rice--but not much small grain, except that oats are extensively grown for winter pasture--cowpeas, velvet beans, crimson clover, Japan clover or lespedeza; also a trucking country, shipping large quantities of Irish and sweet potatoes, cucumbers, watermelons, snap beans, cabbage, carrots, etc. etc.

Then we are a fruit country too, capable of growing the finest of peaches, grapes, strawberries, as well as

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famous Satsuma oranges. I must not fail to add that this
has become one of the foremost poultry raising sections
of this state and of the South.

I hope this information will interest you and
will be glad to hear from you further.

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etc. etc.

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