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C. A. Gaston
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June 13, 1946

Mr. Fred W. Habeck
1161 Berner Street
Green Bay, Wisc.

Dear Mr. Habeck:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 5 asking if our corporation is still leasing lands as it was when your father had a leasehold. Our lease contracts are still fully in force but we do not have, as we did then, unleased land that may be had by direct application to the Corporation. That is we do not have any such land in the country for acreage leaseholds. We do still have land in town for use as residence leaseholds.

There are, however, frequent opportunities to purchase the improvements of existing lessees and to secure a transfer of their leasehold rights. At the present time all such improvements command a price that is higher than had formerly been considered reasonable, but in large part, we learn that the same condition prevails elsewhere.

Fairhope and all of Baldwin County have grown considerably in the past sixteen years, Fairhope now having a population of probably more than 3000. If you are considering returning to Fairhope I would suggest that you make a trip of investigation first. I believe that prices will become more stable during the latter part of the year and that it would be best to visit us next year.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Green Bay, Wis
June 5, 1946

Dear Sir it has been some time
since we had lived down there
my father and mother leased land
from the single tax corporation.
Would you please tell me if they are
still leasing land down there as before
and also tell me how much you have
to lease, I have decided some day
to make my home down there.
my wife is from the state of
Alabama.

One thing I like the Southern Climate.
If possible I would like to lease
about 20, acres.

I am sending stamp for a return
answer

I plan in the near future

So please answer soon

Yours Truly

Fred W. Haback

1161 Berner St.

Green Bay, Wis

Aug. 16, 1950

Mr. Geo. Hafner
1000 Mohawk Lane
St. Joseph, Mich.

Dear Mr. Hafner:

We do not have any unleased land such as you want. There are opportunities from time to time to get such holdings from lessees who want to sell their improvements, but in all such cases these are buildings. Sometimes holders of larger leaseholds will transfer 5 or 10 acres, but this is seldom the case.

We do not act as agent for any sales of improvements but there are several local real estate agencies who do handle transactions for our lessees, in fact all of them do.. There is a 10 acre leasehold 2½ miles east from the center of town leased to Mr. J. E. Gooden who is also a real estate agent. There are no buildings but all is under fence and about 7 or 8 acres are cleared and in cultivation. The land is not of the best quality but is light and easily worked. It will, I believe produce fairly good crops. I do not know what he is asking for it. One could not afford to pay more for it than the value of the clearing, fences, etc.

Other agents here are Carl L. Bloxham, R. C. Keeney and Eastern Shore Realty Co. It is my judgment that it is a mistake to buy anything unless you are on the ground or unless you already have good acquaintance with the property. I suggest you and Mrs. Hafner wait until you can come down and see what may be available.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

August 13, 1950.

Mr. Gaston,
c/o Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Mrs. Hafner and I spent last winter in Fairhope and liked it very much. While there I was in your office several times inquiring about property. Mrs. Hafner's mother became quite ill and we had to leave earlier than we had hoped to, and consequently came away without having purchased or leased any land. We are still interested in acquiring some tillable land.

We have been hearing from friends there who have written that a number of families are planning to sell out and migrate to Costa Rica. We wonder if some of these places are Colony land. What we want is good land, a tract of about five acres, not over ten and without buildings if possible. If the land is good tillable soil we may consider it if it has old run down buildings as I am handy and able to fix them up.

I will appreciate hearing from you as to whether or not you have anything at present and am enclosing a self addressed envelope for your convenience. If there is nothing right now will you please advise me if something should turn up in the near future.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

Geo. Hafner/d

Mch. 15, 1950

Mr. Charles E. Haines
140 Montgomery Circle
New Richelle, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Haines:

Your letter of Dec. 27 came at a time when I was overwhelmed with year-end business that had to be attended to. I laid it aside and have only brought it to light again this morning. I am certainly sorry, since had I replied earlier you might have had opportunity to call here on your trip⁴ Florida.

While it is my conviction that a general application of Single Tax Principles would result in there being more jobs than men in every productive section of the country, our partial application of those principles to a few isolated acres of not too productive land in Baldwin County can have little influence in bringing about that happy situation.

I am enclosing a copy of our annual report for 1949 which I am sure you will find of interest as well as being to some degree explanatory of the job situation.

If you have not yet heard from Dr. Campbell I suggest that you write him. However the school cannot offer anything substantial in assuring an economic livelihood. The staff contributes the major part of the service rendered. None get more than \$60.00 a month in cash pay. The school is always hoping for greater competence but none is in sight at the present time.

I am sorry to be unable to offer you encouragement. I believe you and Mrs. Haines would find congenial company here and that you would be assets. We will hope that chance may bring you our way and that you may find the means to stay with us.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

140 Montgomery Circle
New Rochelle, N. Y.
December 27, 1949

Mr. C. A. Gaston, Secy.
Fairhope Single Tax Colony
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I have not answered your letter of October 14th, with its interesting enclosures, as I was hoping to hear from Dr. John R. Campbell concerning the possible development of the farm school.

Your colony sounds like a very interesting one. What concerns me is what type of work there might be which I could do. I have had no particular training, except in sales and personnel work. I am 50 years of age; have had a college education, and think I have enough intelligence to handle a good many different types of jobs well, altho I do think it a good idea to get into the type of work for which one is best fitted, and in which one has an interest. I am particularly interested in work of an agricultural nature and in education connected with that field. For the past 4 or 5 years, I have been associated with schools which were supposedly based on the soil, but which I found did not give the children a well-rounded education for living.

Mrs. Haines is a first-class secretary, and has had pre-school training, as well.

It is possible that we may be in Georgia and Florida this January or February. I am writing to inquire what you think the possibilities might be of our finding work in your community which would be of service to the community and, at the same time, bring us satisfaction and remuneration.

I would certainly appreciate it if you would let us know what the possibilities might be for us at Fairhope. We could then plan to visit your community.

Very truly yours


Charles E. Haines

Oct. 14, 1949

Mr. Charles Haines
140 Montgomery Circle
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Haines:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our constitution and forms used in our corporation's contracts with its lessees, together with other material that will give you a clearer understanding of the nature of our Colony.

Unlike some colonies where a large amount of the productive and commercial activity is conducted on a cooperative basis, all such in Fairhope is conducted on the basis of private enterprise and individual initiative. There are a large number of associations based on the religious, economic and political slants of the various individuals that comprise our community; also their cultural, educational and recreational tastes and convictions, all such are on a purely voluntary basis.

Unfortunately our land here does not have the capacity for wealth production that is found in the richer sections of the East, the Mid-West or the Pacific coastal section and it is not possible for a small holder to produce for himself an adequate income. We do have a pleasant location in which to live and it is possible to have good gardens and have a fair subsistence homestead here, supplementing income with outside employment.

We do not have a school that embraces the farm school type of education, but we do have a small private school that is conducted along progressive lines, founded by Marietta L. Johnson, one of the pioneers in progressive education. The school has some ambition to develop along lines of farm school type of education, but as yet has not been able to achieve the aim. I am handing your card to the principal, Dr. Jno. R. Campbell and you may hear from him.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

WILLIAM J. HALE
1205 WEST PARK DRIVE
MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

May 24, 1950

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

My dear Mr. Gaston:

Thank you heartily for your letter of April 29, together with interesting pamphlets on the Fairhope Colony. I certainly appreciate your kindness in presenting the subject in such clearly written style. Shall be glad to hear of your continued progress.

Under separate cover I am sending to you for your library a copy of my recent volume FARMER VICTORIOUS. I think some of your farming enthusiasts may appreciate my chemical analytical studies.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Hale
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WJH:w

Apr. 29, 1950

Mr. William J. Hale,
1205 West Park Drive,
Midland, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hale:

Please excuse my delay in replying to your letter of February 7, requesting information concerning Fairhope. Enclosed and under separate cover I am sending material I believe you will find of interest.

In the past decade Fairhope's growth has been considerably accelerated, it being presumed that our population has doubled since 1940. Our Corporations provision for the collection of land rent has provided Fairhope with a much larger local fund for public improvements than is available to other communities. This has enabled Fairhope to forge much farther ahead of other communities in its development of its roads, sidewalks, etc.

Since those who secure the use of our lands do not have to expend any of their capital in the purchase of land they can establish themselves in homes of their own much more economically than elsewhere. The attractiveness of this feature is evidenced in the fact that a recent directory shows that from 60% to 65% of the homes in Fairhope are located on lands leased from our corporation though we own only one-fifth of the total area available for private development.

It is our continued hope that Fairhope may so conclusively illustrate the efficiency as well as the equity of securing public revenue through the collection of the publicly created rent of land, that governmental revenue agencies may consider incorporating this plan into the public revenue system of government. Present systems of raising public revenue by taxation are proving so destructive and hindering in the wholesome development of our social and political ~~structure~~ structure it would appear that a change must be sought.

I will be glad to hear further from you if you desire to make further enquiry.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

WILLIAM J. HALE
1205 WEST PARK DRIVE
MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

February 7, 1950

Mr. C. A. Gaston,
Secretary Fairhope Corporation,
Baldwin County,
Fairhope, Alabama

My dear Mr. Gaston:

Sometime ago, January 1946, I read in MARCH
OF PROGRESS a short skit on Fairhope of the Future. Again in
looking this over I find that I would like very much to know
something more about your little city, and for this reason I am
asking that you send me any little brochure or circular that
you have setting forth your origin and your policies.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

William J. Hale

WJH:w

Oct. 21, 1937

Mr. Leslie Hall
Bay Minette, Ala.

Dear Mr. Hall:

I have your letter of Oct. 14
and shall take the matter before our Executive
Council tonight.

I am sure we will delay as little
as possible in making proper disposition of
this matter but it must be referred to the
Council before any action can be taken.

Respectfully,

Secretary

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November 12, 1938

Mobile, Alabama

Secretary,
Fairhope Chamber of Commerce,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

I today have a request from an editorial writer of Madison, Wisconsin, who visited Fairhope some years ago, that I secure for her all data possible regarding your Single Tax organization, growth, etc., etc., as she is anxious to write it up. She particularly asks for the history.

Will you kindly send me this data - which you no doubt have printed already to meet such requests - for tell me where I may secure same.

A stamped envelopes is enclosed for your convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation of your reply,

Very truly,

(Wise) G. L. Hamburger,

Mailed 11/17/38

C. A. S.

Oct. 28, 1944

C. S. Hammond & Company
88 Lexington Ave.,
New York 16, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have received my Encyclopaedia Britannica World Atlas and am generally well pleased with it, however there is a defect in the binding of the copy sent me.

Plates 48-49 to 62-63 are transposed and instead of being where they should be are between pages 30-31 and 32-33.

While this defect is annoying and inconvenient I would not object to keeping the copy I have if sufficient defect discount is allowed.

I shall await your reply before giving further attention to your bill, dated October 20, but not received until this morning.

Very truly yours,

March 13, 1953

Mrs. Laura V. Hamner
Herring Hotel
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hamner:

I have read your manuscript and want to congratulate you on the clearness with which you have grasped our principles and presented them. You will note that I have made a few corrections which I presume may have already been discovered by you.

We very much appreciated your visit to Fairhope and to our home. We hope we may have the opportunity of a repeat visit. Of course a copy of the published article would be appreciated. With sincere admiration and very best wishes I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Secretary

Oct. 23, 1936

Mr. J. H. Hancock, Engineer
South-Eastern Underwriters Ass'n
Atlant, Ga.

Dear Sir:

Mayor Howard Fuge handed me your letter of Oct. 8th for reply.

The Town of Fairhope's relationship to its taxpaying residents is just the same as that of any other municipality in the state. It is true that a corporation, The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, owns about 30 percent of the land within the corporate limits and that the majority of our tax-paying citizens live upon the lands of the Corporation.

Last year the Corporation paid in the municipality \$4223.18 in advalorem taxes on the assessed valuation of their lands. The greater part of the remaining tax revenue was derived from the advalorem tax levied on the assessed valuation of the improvements and personal property of the Corporation's lessees.

The leases are for 99 years but are transferrable should the lessee sell or make other conveyance of his improvements or should the ownership of such improvements pass from the lessee through any legal process.

The terms on which land is acquired and held are as follows:

1. An application describing the desired land, and accompanied by payment of six month's rent is filed with the Secretary of the Corporation. The application is presented to the Executive Council at its first meeting thereafter and if approved the Secretary issues a lease at a fee of \$1.00, if disapproved the rent deposit is returned to the applicant.

2. The lease contract provides that the lessee must pay to the lessor the annual rental value of the land as it may be fixed by the Executive Council of the lessor Corporation from year to year. The Corporation agrees to accept from the lessee on rent receipts of the County Tax Collector or Clerk of Town of Fairhope, for taxes paid to State, County, School District, or Town, upon the improvements and personal property (moneys and credits excepted)

held by lessee upon the land herein leased; or, if all rent due be paid, will give him a certificate in amount equal to such acceptable tax receipts remaining, receivable from bearer at face value on rent, or in discharge of any indebtedness to the Corporation; provided that in no event shall the Corporation be bound to accept tax receipts on more than a fair assessed valuation of the property, on the basis that required by law, or to a greater amount for any year than the rent for that year on the land on which such improvements and personal property are held."

I enclose herewith a copy of the application and lease contract and under separate cover, additional literature. I shall be glad to be of any further service.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

H. N. PYE, CHIEF ENGINEER

October 8, 1936.

Honorable Harwood Ruge, Mayor,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Sir:-

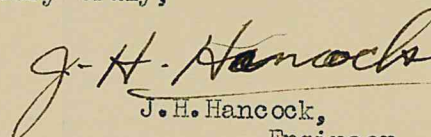
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, FIRE PROTECTION.

Since my visit to Fairhope on September 28th, I have been advised that Fairhope is what is known as a single tax colony, and that the land is not owned by the residents but is leased for a period of years.

This is to ask that you kindly advise me by whom the land is owned, the length of time and conditions of leases, and any other information that appears to you to be pertinent, so that my report to the Member Companies will cover the situation properly.

Please accept my thanks for the courtesies extended me during my visit to Fairhope and be assured that it will be a pleasure to have you call on me, if at any time I can be of service to you.

Yours very truly,


J. H. Hancock,
Engineer.

May 5, 1937

Mr. Geo. C. Hannaway
700 Security Blvd.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I wish to advise you that I took up the matter of the sale of block 36 in the Magnolia Beach subdivision with the officers and Executive Council of our corporation and they do not care to part with the title to this land. Under our leasing plan, as set forth in the lease contract within enclosed, the present rental on this block is \$71.32 a year and it is estimated that the value of the timber on the land is approximately \$25.00.

I wish to call to your attention paragraph three of the lease contract, which provides that the corporation pay the taxes upon the land and binds itself to accept from the lessee, on payment of rent, any receipts for taxes paid upon the improvements and personal property of lessee held upon the land leased, up to the amount of rent paid by the lessee for the year in which the taxes are paid. This makes our plan particularly desirable to lessees whose intention is to improve their land. However, it offers no inducement to those who desire a property for the holding of land except for use.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

CAG/mg

Mobile, Ala.
Sept. 8, 1936

Hannon

Dr. C. Gaston,
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Doctor:

I recently saw a Mrs. Fred McKenzie, who, in the past, you may have had an opportunity of examining. She reported to my office suffering with a mass over the right 7th rib in the mid-axillary line. Xray disclosed an osteogenitic carcinoma.

I have referred this case to Dr. Peake at the Mobile Infirmary for deep xray therapy before operation is considered. This mass should be removed and later another course of therapy given. The prognosis in this case is bad and I question if surgery will be of any value whatsoever.

I thought you would be glad to have the history on this case.

Sincerely,

W. C. Hannon

W.C.Hannon, M.D.

WCH:DM

Sept. 29, 1936

Dr. W. C. Hannon
Mobile, Ala.

Dear Doctor:

My failure to acknowledge your letter of Sept. 8, earlier was due to no lack of appreciation of your courtesy in informing me of your diagnosis of osteogenitic sarcoma in the case of Mrs. Fred McKenzie whom I referred to you.

When Mrs. McKenzie came to me and exhibited the growth, relating some what the history of the case, I immediately suspected that it was malignant and urged immediate consultation with you, though it appears that she delayed about three weeks. About two weeks ago I had my first report from the family when I learned that Mrs. McKenzie had gone to the Baker Hospital or some such institution at Muscatine, Iowa. Word had been received from her that nothing could be done and she was returning. Later they took her to the Sealey Hot Salt Mineral Springs at Cottonwood, where she stayed five days without satisfactory results.

Do you want her to return for additional x-ray treatment or examination? She reports some disagreeable reactions from the x-ray treatment, which I presume was to be expected. The family appear rather hopeless of the case and ask me whether it is worth her while to undergo treatment which adds to her discomfort with practically no hope of its being successful. I did not feel competent to answer these queries so pass them on to you.

I hope you will find time to give me an early reply as Mrs. McKenzie is anxious to know what to do. With appreciation of your past cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

DR. WILLIAM C. HANNON

1257 SPRINGHILL AVE.

MOBILE 16, ALABAMA

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Dr. C. A. Gaston,
Fairhope, Ala.

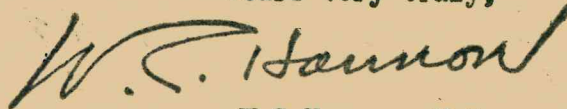
Re: James H. Hoppe

Dear Doctor:

The above named patient's xray was negative throughout.

I believe that hot fomentations, a period of observation, and rest should suffice in this case. If he should develop any further trouble I shall be pleased to see him.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W.C. Hannon", written in a cursive style.

W.C. Hannon, M.D.

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DR. WILLIAM C. HANNON

MOBILE

Feb. 21, 1939.

Dr. Gaston,
Fairhope, Ala.

IN RE: Robinson, Mrs. Inez

Dear Doctor:

Please allow me to thank you for the reference of the above named patient, who I find is suffering with a rupture of the anterior bundle of the external lateral ligament of the ankle. This is a very common injury, often seen, and requires several weeks to repair, in fact, I have seen it run into several months. Often there is an associated arthritic condition, which is more or less superimposed on top of the injury and for this reason, makes the injury go on to chronicity.

I made very few suggestions other than support with a pressure pad at the site of the injury, a continuation of the epsom salts foot baths followed by a massage. I believe that her intestinal tract is at fault and recommended continuation of the things that she was doing for this condition plus a colonic flushing at least once every two weeks.

Due undoubtedly to an acidity she was given an effervescing form of an alkalie. I would like very much for Mrs. Robinson to give me some report on her condition in two weeks.

Thanking you for this reference, I am

Yours very truly,

W. C. Hannon
W. C. Hannon, M.D.

WCH:DM

(George & White property)

Narrar

Oct, 22, '36

Secy, Single tax Corp,

Dear Sir,

I see by your letter I am back in my rent & will real soon try & send you some money. ^{real soon}

One of my tenants bought a house, another jumped a \$209. rent bill after he & his family had been very sick & allowed to stay & the thing is leaving because his wife left him, so you can see, that untill I can rent at least one there won't be any cash to send.

Will try & very had to send you some soon.

Wish we were going to be there this year. Yours truly

Benj. C. Narrar
1115 Melrose Ave. ^{Bellevue} Del.

Svend E. Hansen,
Vangedevej 2,
Gentofte, Denmark.

Gentofte

1st July 9.

Redaction of "FAIRHOPE COURIER",
Fairhope,
Alabama, U. S. A.

Dear Sirs,

As we young georgeist here in Denmark have got the idea in colaboration with the georgeistic papers in the whole world to make a better link of connection between the young georgeists in every country, I have the honour by the present to ask if you would please place a little advertisement in your paper that young georgeists in the whole world wish to correspond with young people in Alabama. And please tell your young readers to state when writing to me in which language they wish to correspond, English, German, French, or perhaps Esperanto.

The organisation of young georgeists in Denmark is JUSTICE UNION's YOUTH ASSOCIATION. I beg to ask if you would be willing to send your paper for circulation among the direction without we have to pay for that, as we cannot offer to pay for all the papers it is necessary to read for knowing the position of our movement in all the world.

Hoping soon to hear anything about your meaning of an international correspondence, and if you are willing to hand your paper free, we remain,

Yours truly
JUSTICE UNION's
YOUTH ASSOCIATION

RETSFORBUNDETS UNGDOMS LANDSFORBUND

Svend E. Hansen,
Vangedevej 2,
Gentofte.

Gentofte, August 9th, 1939.

E. 15/1939.

Redaction of "FAIRHOPE COURIER",
Fairhope,
Alabama.

Dear Sirs,

Referring to my letter of 1st ult. I beg by the present to re-
new our adress of mentioned date.

For the case that our letter of 1st ult. my(a) be lost or for-
gotten, we enclose copy of above letter.

By the way we can tell that the secretary for the INTERNATIO-
NAL UNION FOR LAND VALUE TAXATION AND FREE TRADE, Mr. A. W.
Madsen, London, has given this correspondence-service his best
recommendations and that our untertainment has economic sup-
port from the Danish Henry George Foundation.

Hoping to be favoured with your early reply, we remain,

Yours truly
JUSTICE UNION's
YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Sv. E. Hansen
General secretary.

Dec. 3, 1945

Mr. Whittier L. Hanson
475 Gulf Boulevard
Clearwater Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Enclosed and under separate cover I am sending you literature concerning Fairhope and our Colony plan, as requested in your letter of Nov. 28.

The annual rent on lots of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, generally 66 ft front by 132 ft deep is in the neighborhood of \$40.00.

Rent expense is a minor factor, since the taxes on a modest home will generally absorb the greater portion of the rent. No charge other than rent is made for the lot unless it has on it physical items of value such as ~~xx~~ shade trees, etc.

I hope it will be possible for you to call and visit us. We believe we have an attractive town and it has been selected by teachers from various states as a site for retirement and they appear to be generally well satisfied. Assuring you I will be pleased to be of such further service as I may I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary

BOSTON UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
84 EXETER STREET
BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

475 Gulf Boulevard,
Clearwater Beach, Florida.
November 28, 1945.

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me whatever printed matter you have descriptive of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony, together with other information helpful in arriving at a decision as to the best place to locate after retirement from active work.

Information such as map of city together with some indication of rentals or annual charges for leases will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Whittier L. Hanson
Whittier L. Hanson

WLH:cs

HARBERT & CARGILE, INC.

CONTRACTORS

WASHINGTON AVE. AT MONROE PARK

MOBILE 21, ALA.

January 24, 1953

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
Attention : Mr C.A.Gaston, Secty
Fairhope Ala.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of 21st regarding
payment of retainage on work done for your corporation.

Our Mr Williams handled this matter with
you and at the present time he is under doctor's care following
slight operation, and will not return to the city until after the
29th of this month. We would prefer that he continue the handling
of the matter with you and you may expect to hear from him soon
after his return.

In the meantime, however, we wish to call
your attention to the fact that the original set-up was for
PLANT MIX seal on the job, over the surface treatment. The writer
had stated that the PLANT Mix seal should go over onto the gutter
to protect the job from washing- NOT THE SURFACE TREATMENT. In
no case could a surface treatment be placed over a gutter, as it
would ravel, due to its make-up and it was intended that the surface
treatment come upto the gutter and the SEAL go over onto the gutter
to form a seal.

Yours very truly,

HARBERT & CARGILE INC.,

Chas J Cargile
Chas J Cargile

Mch. 29, 1946

Mr. H. H. Hardinge
1133 Newport Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hardinge:

Your letter arrived early this month and was followed in a few days by a visit from George Strachan and Mr. White. I had intended going into your prospects more fully with them but they left unexpectedly early and I fear will not be able to give you a very satisfactory report on your individual matter.

I really do not feel competent to advise you and feel sure the wisest procedure is for you to come to Fairhope on a prospecting visit and look the situation over. You no doubt know that we have no railroad. Everything has to be brought to Fairhope and taken from it by truck express and I believe the charges are rather high.

At the present time all of our sites that would appear to me to be suitable to your need are under lease but transfers of leaseholds are easily accomplished and our collection of the economic rent of the land causes lessees continually to put their lands to such new needs as will best serve the interests of the community. Thus expanding business and industrial needs are steadily pushing residence leaseholds away from the business and industrial areas.

I am sure we have no machine shop such as yours, but there are several garage machine shops and a specialty shop for servicing marine motors, etc. is now under construction. There is no building here that is immediately available and probably the new restrictions on building instituted to make materials more available for residences will be somewhat of a bar to getting a suitable building built for some time. However I hope it will be possible for you to pay us a visit and it is possible you might find something you could buy. Prices here are high too, but it is mainly building price that is high, due to shortage of buildings rather than enhanced land value.

If I can be of further service please write me and be assured you will be welcome in Fairhope.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

H. H. HARDINGE

DESIGNER AND MANUFACTURER OF LAWN MOWER SHARPENERS AND SPECIAL MACHINERY

1133 NEWPORT AVENUE · TELEPHONE LAKEVIEW 7080 · CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

My Dear Mr Gaston

Mar 4 - 46

I have occupied this place at 1133 for 43 years have recently been told that the owners are going to sell it and that the new owners want the space that I now occupy. If this happens I will have to move and I want to move to a warmer climate. I am getting old and the cold weather bothers me. Have you got a machine shop in Fairhope? Have you got a building not now occupied that would house a shop one story 40' X 30' or thereabouts. Heating is a real expense up here and the taxes are high. The building business has been paralyzed for twenty years. The only building is outside the city limits and of course there is a very high premium on both houses and factories. I think the climate of Fairhope would suit me and if I have to move I believe I will go south.

Will be glad to hear from you.

Cordially H. H. Hardinge

Feb. 13, 1951

Mr. Andy Hardy
211 Spring St.,
Eureka Springs, Ark.

Dear Mr. Hardy:

In response to your request of Feb. 9, we are enclosing information concerning our colony and Fairhope. You will note that there is no requirement for membership in the colony since the colony has the authority to deal with non-members on the same basis as it deals with members. Non-member lessees are assured of equal consideration with members in the benefits afforded by the colony plan. The only difference is that members may vote and hold office in the colony corporation. Only a small percentage of our lessees are members and have elected to occupy colony land only because of the economic advantage.

The rapid growth of Fairhope and this entire section in the past ten years testifies to the attractiveness of our location as a place for residence. We will be pleased to have you pay a visit before you decide on another location after you sell your interests in Arkansas. I remember Mrs. Ellis quite well and trust you will give her my sincere best wishes. Hoping we may have the pleasure of making your acquaintance in the near future, we are,

Very truly yours,

Secretary

211 Spring Street
Eureka Springs, Arkansas

February 9, 1951.

Dr. C. A. Gaston,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Dr. Gaston:

A neighbor here, Mrs. Ellis, lived with you Single Tax folks for twenty-five years, and loved it there. She left only because her heart condition demanded a higher altitude than Fairhope.

We want to sell and get out of the tourist business here, and have not decided just where we will go when we sell.

Would you please send us some literature telling about your Single Tax Colony, and its requirements for membership, and everything -- also a little about the country and climate??

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Andy Hardy,

Enclosure:

*1 Dime for
Postage -*

Andy Hardy,
211 Spring Street,
Eureka Springs,
Arkansas.

Feb. 25, 1943

Mr. Andrew G. Hardy
1300 Maple View Place, S.E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hardy:

I have your letter of Feb. 21 addressed to Fairhope Colony and in addition to this reply I am sending you printed material under separate cover and a copy of our local paper.

While Fairhope was founded by singletaxers or those who embraced the single tax in sufficient amount to join in an attempt to establish an experiment in the general principles proposed by Henry George, the community now is composed of people of an unusually cosmopolitan character. These have been attracted by the greater opportunity available to them by reason of the land policy established by the founders, which policy is still in force and directed by our corporation.

While one must be declare himself to believe in the principles of the single tax and must satisfy examiners of an understanding of the single tax to become a member of the corporation, all unused lands are available to any who may want land for use, provided he is willing to agree to the lease contract terms.

The greater personal freedom resulting from the more equal opportunity makes it possibly here for those of strongly individualistic ethical or religious opinion to exercise such practices as their opinion dictates with a greater immunity from public restraint or criticism than is general. Our constitution provides that so far as the corporation is concerned: "the only limit to the exercise of the will of individuals shall be the equal right of all others.

As you will note in the printed material Fairhope is in Baldwin County, on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, and is not on a railroad, but has convenient bus service with Mobile. At the present time our population is swelled considerably by people who have come to our section for employment in the war industries located in Mobile and these are pressing heavily on housing accommodations.

Our corporation has available an abundance of residence sites, some with good land for home gardening, but suitable agricultural lands in the country are all under lease though there is opportunity from time to time to secure a lease transfer by

purchasing the improvements belonging to the existing lessee.

I believe that living in Fairhope would appeal to you because we are rich in "God's fresh air and sunshine" but our lack of industrial development also ceates some difficulty in finding remunerative employment. Gainful occupation here is largely confined to the professions and employment in service institutions such as stores, banks, garages, hotels, etc., other than the industrial work available in Mobile.

Very possibly I have neglected to inform you in some particular you may be interested in and I invite your further inquiry.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

1300 Maple View Place S E
Washington D C

Sunday, February 21, 1943.

Fairhope Colony,
Fairhope,
Alabama.

Gentlemen:

Good Morning . . .

In the Colonization issue of the Humanitarian Digest, we find your address.

We are vegetarians. Use no flesh, no liquor, tobacco, drugs, tea, coffee. Our religion is the Golden Rule. Mrs. Hardy is a native of Virginia. I hail from Iowa, where I was born (at Drakesville) sixty years ago. (I have been an ethical vegetarian for 31 years.) Have been here in Washington nine years. At present I am a Microfilm Machine Operator for the Federal Works Agency.

Washington is very crowded. The buses and street cars are not ventilated. and one is forced to breathe such vile air. The same goes for so many of the public buildings here, also -- the one in which I work being one of such. I would like to get away from it all, out into God's fresh air and sunshine. So would Mrs. Hardy. We both are crazy about gardening.

What are things like down your way ?? Will you please give us some information about your Colony, and the requirements for joining it?? What county is Fairhope in, and on what railroad?

Thanking you, and wishing you every success, I am

Very truly yours,

Andrew G. Hardy

Andrew G. Hardy,
1300 Maple View Place, S.E.,
Washington, D. C.

March 12, 1952

Mr. Curtis Hare
Rt. 2, Box 770,
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hare:

We have a note from Miss Catherine A. Coulon telling of your interest in Fairhope and your desire to know if we have any lots open for lease. We are enclosing a copy of our constitution and our application and 99 year lease form. You will note that it is not necessary to secure membership in our corporation to entitle one to hold lease to its lands.

We do have lots available for residence use, and from time to time one is able to secure leases to business and agricultural sites by purchase from present lessees of their improvements on the land. We consider that it is best for a prospective resident to first come to Fairhope on a visit and make a thorough investigation and enquiry before making any definite plans. If you desire further information please write.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Nov. 6, 1953

Mr. Alfred B. Harrell
4318 Old Shell Road
Spring Hill, Alabama

Dear Mr. Harrell:

We wish to thank you for submitting bids on our proposed alley and parking area projects.

The bids were presented to our executive council at its regular meeting last evening. It was the conclusion of the council that it would be best to withhold execution of these projects until they could be included in a much larger 1954 improvement program, thus justifying a more economical offer.

When these and other projects are revived we shall hope that you will be interested to make us an offer. Again assuring you of our appreciation for your consideration we are,

Very truly yours,

Secretary

P. O. Box 2062
Mobile, Spring Hill Station
Phone 7-1440

G. G. STEPHENSON
Phone 7-5150

ALFRED B. HARRELL

LAND CLEARING
ROAD GRADING
SITE PREPARATION

CONTRACTOR
4318 OLD SHELL ROAD
SPRING HILL, ALABAMA

BULL DOZER
ROAD PATROL
PAN

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
Fairhope,
Alabama

Gentlemen:

In reference to the alley back of Post Office:

I propose to do the necessary grading and blacktop
the entire area, which consist of approximately 660 sq. yds.
for \$700.00.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Yours truly,


Alfred B. Harrell

ABH/b

P. O. Box 2062
Mobile, Spring Hill Station
Phone 7-1440

G. G. STEPHENSON
Phone 7-5150

ALFRED B. HARRELL

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4318 OLD SHELL ROAD
SPRING HILL, ALABAMA
November 4, 1953

BULL DOZER
ROAD PATROL
PAN

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
Fairhope,
Alabama


Gentlemen:

In reference to the area in front of washerteria:

Providing the city takes the tree and the bulk of
the dirt out, I will grade and blacktop this area
which consist of approximately 170 sq. yds for \$175.00.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Yours truly,



Alfred B. Harrell

ABH/b



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THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY

NEW YORK

BERNARD M. CULVER, President
FRANK A. CHRISTENSEN, Vice-President

SOUTHEASTERN DEPARTMENT

ATLANTA, GEORGIA
LOUIS P. JERVEY, Secretary
R. G. TURNER, Agency Superintendent

McHUGH, HAMILTON, LYON CO., Agents
60 St. Francis Street
MOBILE, ALA.

October 7, 1940.

Mr. C. A. Gaston, Secretary,
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Re: 1940 State & County taxes
Mrs. Mary M. Harris

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your form letter of October 1st and would appreciate if you will pay Mrs. Harris' taxes as outlined in your letter.

Thanking you, we remain

Yours very truly,

McHUGH, HAMILTON, LYON CO.

BY:

GBT:LB

Ent. C. H. B.



Harris

McHUGH, HAMILTON & LYON, Inc., Agents

60 ST. FRANCIS STREET

PHONE DEXTER 1331

MOBILE, ALABAMA

JEROME & COWAN, Inc.
MANAGERS
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

July 22nd, 1936.

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Gentlemen:

We are herewith enclosing check for \$39.57 in payment of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation \$36.42, and 1936 Street Improvement Rent Charge Fairhope Single Tax Corporation \$3.15. Kindly receipt and return to us.

We are paying these accounts for Mrs. Mary M. Harris, who owns this property in Fairhope, but she nor our firm understand what the \$3.15 Street Improvement covers and for what purpose. We will appreciate it if you will write us explaining this charge and how many years she has to pay this tax. We note from the statement it is rent, and we trust that this will not go on indefinitely.

we are

Thanking you for the information,

Yours very truly,

McHUGH, HAMILTON & HORN, Inc.

By: *A. C. Hamilton*
President.

HCH:LB
Encs.

July 24, 1936

McHugh, Hamilton & Horn, Inc.
Mr. H. C. Hamilton, President
60 St. Francis Street,
Mobile, Ala.

Dear Sirs;

Thank you for your remittance of
July 22nd in payment of the rent charges
of Mrs. Mary M. Harris.

In reply to your question about the
\$3.15 Street improvement rent charge,
this is a charge by reason of the hard
surfacing of Mobile Ave., similar to the
additional charge made against the pro-
perty for curb and gutter, the last pay-
ment of which was made with the 1935 rent.
I am not able to state just how long the
additional charge will be made but it
appears probable that it will be for
eight years.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

CAG/mg
Enc.

Harris

O. G. Lessee

Dec. 16, 1938.

McHugh, Hamilton, Lyon Co.,
60 St. Francis St.,
Mobile, Ala.,

Dear Sirs:-

In reply to your letter of Dec. 14th, by "rent", I mean the payments to this Corporation which were made during the present year.

Customarily we have accepted tax receipts only in payment of currently due rent or in advance payment of rent not yet due. This year, however we are offering to our lessees whose current rent is fully paid the option of either cash refund for taxes paid or advance credit on 1939 rent.

We will appreciate your sending to us before the first of the year the receipt for the \$5.00 Town tax which you have paid and the receipt for the State and County tax, \$10.50, which you no doubt have by now and we will send you a receipt either for advance payment on 1939 rent, or a refund check, as you may desire.

Bills for the first half of the 1939 rent will be mailed about the first of January.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.



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AMERICAN CENTRAL INSURANCE CO.
SOUTHEASTERN DEPARTMENT
A. H. TURNER, MANAGER
ATLANTA, GA.

McHUGH, HAMILTON, LYON Co.
REALTORS
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS
60 ST. FRANCIS STREET
MOBILE

GUS B. THAMES
JOHN O'C. JACKSON

December 17, 1938.

Mr. C. A. Gaston, Secretary,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mary M. Harris Property

We wish to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of December 16th and thank you for same.

We are enclosing herewith Mrs.
Harris' receipt for \$5.00 and her State and County tax
receipt for \$10.50. If you will kindly send us a check
for the refund you mentioned we will thank you and
endeavor to keep this account straight in the future.

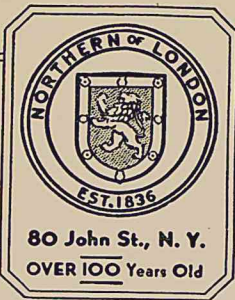
Yours very truly,

McHUGH, HAMILTON, LYON CO.

BY: *Gus B. Thames*

Check mailed Dec. 19, 1938
C. A. S.

GBT:LB
Encs.



McHugh, Hamilton, Lyon Company

60 St. Francis Street
Mobile, - Alabama

Fire, Automobile,
Windstorm, Business
Interruption (U. & O.)
Rent and Rental Value,
Leasehold, Sprinkler
Leakage, Explosion,
Inland Transportation
& Special Covers, Riot,
Personal Effects and
Tourists Baggage, Furs,
Salesman's Samples,
Fine Arts, Radium,
Ocean Marine, etc.

December 14, 1938.

Mr. C. A. Gaston, Secretary,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 12th concerning the rent and taxes of Mrs. Mary M. Harris. We do not quite understand what you mean in your letter. When you say 1938 rent do you mean the \$5.00 tax that we pay the Town of Fairhope each year? We made this payment on December 10th.

We have not yet received the receipt for the 1938 State and County taxes which amounted to \$10.50. We will probably have this in the next day or two.

If you will kindly advise us that the two above mentioned are the ones that you wish we will forward same to you so that you can make proper credit on Mrs. Harris' account.

Awaiting your reply, we remain

Yours very truly,

McHUGH, HAMILTON, LYON CO.

BY:

Gus B. Thomas

GBT:LB

Dec. 12, 1938.

McHugh, Hamilton & ~~McHugh~~, Lyon Co.,
60 St. Francis St.,
Mobile, Ala.,

Gentlemen:-

I note that the 1938 rent of your client Mary L. Harris is paid in full and I am therefore authorized to make offer to pay for her the 1938 State and County taxes and the 1938 tax to the town of Fairhope if bills for these taxes are delivered to this office before the end of the year.

If the taxes have already been paid we would appreciate having the receipts turned in for refund or for credit on next year's rent before the close of business this month.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

July 17, 1939.

Mr. F. E. Harrison,
R. D. No. 3, Arden,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

Yours of the 11th. received, and I am particularly glad to hear from you.

At Fairhope we use the Somers system, and I understand that you use an adaptation of that system in Arden. I had intended writing you earlier to learn the address of the agents for this system so that I could get information as to later developments of its use.

From what you tell me of the effects of rentals in Arden, I should judge that you are correct in stating that you are collecting the full economic rent. It is difficult for me to make a comparison it being unfortunate that I have never had the opportunity to visit Arden. However, I consider that there is a fair guide to economic rent in the following:- If rent is at the proper level, the development of lands is taking place in normal order; that is, the most desirable lands are being first developed, development is not forced on to lands that are less desirable and the size of the leasehold is such that the lessee will fully use it. If rents are too low land will be taken in excess of requirements for use and used for purposes unsuitable to the location. Also, as you stated, in Arden, lands outside of the colony will be taken up for development in preference to the colony lands.

In Fairhope there are several prime factors in producing rent. Primarily there is a natural factor; the waterfront, next is the business center one half mile inland, then physical defects, industrial development, and public improvements such as paved streets, sidewalks, sanitary sewers, primary water and electric distribution systems, as well as parks, playgrounds, churches, schools, etc.

Many of these factors are inconstant, and we find it necessary to constantly review our rent lists changing the ratings where there has been a change in economic factors or shifting of demand from one section to another.

Also we must consider the expense of supplying public services for which there is a popular demand and take care to see that the total rent levied is adequate, which is acquired through ~~selecting~~ a multiplier which applied to the rates will produce the required amount.

While the above explanations are general, I hardly know how to make them specific but shall be glad to hear further from you, and will appreciate your sending me such information as you can regarding present agents handling the Somers system.

I am hoping to make a trip to the Worlds Fair in New York in August, and if possible to visit Arden, or if my schedule did not permit, perhaps we could meet at some convenient place along my route.

With sincere best wishes for you and your success, I am

Enclavically yours,

SECRETARY

CAG:HGO

Frank E. Harrison
R. D. No. 3, Arden
Wilmington, Delaware

July 11/1939

Mr. C. I. Gaston

Dear Mr. Gaston

Will you please inform me what method you use to appraise your land values in Fairhope, I am one of the assessors of Arden Del. I am curious to know what methods you use

I claim that if our assessments in Arden were applied to outside lands encircling Arden, and if our land rents are high enough to make it economically impossible to speculate in these outside lands, we are carrying out Henry George's doctrine

Our lands rents average 85 dollars an acre, while land values across the road are assessed at five dollars an acre, I claim we are collecting the full rental value, when Leases are sold we find no cases of the seller walking out with any of the ~~economic~~ economic rent in his pocket, in fact most register a loss. But rentals of properties make a better showing and earn a reasonable rate of interest on the improvements

Over

I mention these facts to give you
an idea of the situation here
these are factors which we use in
determining Land values.

But what I am interested in is
how you do it. Hoping you
will favor me with this information

I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Frank C. Hanson

Arden Dec

June 22, 1946

Mr. W. Clint Harrison
Alabama Public Service Commission
Montgomery 4, Alabama

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am in receipt of your letter expressing your appreciation for such support as I was able to give in the recent primary. I very much regret that it was not sufficient to reflect the appreciation I feel was your due from Fairhope and the general public, for the able service you rendered.

My contact with and observation of the PSC prior to your appointment was that the commission had developed a wholly inadequate conception of the dual character of its obligation, with the result that the public was continually getting the short end of the deal. Shortly after your appointment I appeared with others representing the Town for a hearing and was very grateful to you for the type of consideration you insisted on us receiving, despite the fact that you were in the minority.

It was a very great satisfaction to watch the character of the decisions of the commission change under your influence and I feel sure that during your tenure of office Alabama's Public Service Commission attained a level of fair service both to utilities and public that was far above the average. I was somewhat dissatisfied that you did not make a greater personal effort to secure the nomination in the recent primary. I am hoping that the reason you did not make a more determined fight is that you held in some esteem the character and ability of your opponent. If such is the case I sincerely hope he will prove to have been worthy of the trust and that he will carry on the good work you so ably pursued throughout your occupancy of the office.

I do hope that you will have long and happy years in your so-called retirement, which I am sure will not be to the exclusion of availing yourself of every opportunity to do service to the great institutions of democracy.

Yours sincerely,

W. CLINT HARRISON
CANDIDATE FOR
Alabama Public Service Commission
Place No. 2
Montgomery, Alabama



June 20, 1946.

Mr. C. A. Gaston,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I am writing you just a few lines to express my sincere appreciation of your efforts in my behalf during the recent elections.

While in office I have tried to discharge my duties as commissioner reasonably, fairly and efficiently. I have enjoyed the work and the association with my friends, and I can retire to my home in Marengo County without any serious regrets, where, in the sunset of life, I can reflect and enjoy the pleasant memories that my public life afforded me.

With every wish for your future happiness, health and prosperity, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. C. Harrison
W. C. HARRISON.

WCH/s

Nov. 3, 1944

Mr. Scott Harris
Rout 1, Box 3
Jay, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Harris:

I was quite interested to hear from you recently and to learn of your continued interest in the principle on which our Colony was founded fifty years ago. That principle is applied with undiminished force in our colony. It's justice and economic efficiency become more apparent each year.

I have managed to find a copy of the folder you referred to and find that the poem "Uncivilized" by Edmund Vance Cooke was copied from the Cleveland Press. It was published by us through permission from the National Editorial Association, 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, who had it Copyrighted in 1918. I presume permission would have to be secured from them. We would have no authority.

I note the folder you refer to gave the financial statement for 1918. As evidence of Fairhope's growth that statement reported rent receipts amounting to \$8,013.97 and our report for 1943 shows rent receipts amounting to \$38,395.65. We have now become the largest town in our county though we are relatively less favorably situated with reference to transportation now than then.

We sincerely believe that the establishment of our principle must be established politically in the great nations of the world if a lasting peace is to be had. So long as the laws secure to men the power to monopolize the natural resources there will be wars either to extend or resist such monopolies. I hope you may secure the publication of "Uncivilized" in the Delaware County Journal. Education in the true elements of private property are essential to the salvation of our civilization.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Gaston
Secretary

Copy to
National Editorial Association
Delaware County Journal

Jay. Oklahoma

Oct 25th 1944

Fairhope Single Tax Colony.
Fairhope Ala.

Dear Sirs

Some years ago I visited your Colony
& in one of the folders given me at that time
was the poem entitled *Uncivilized whitech* I
prized very much. So much so that I cut
it out & pasted it in my Scrap Book

A few weeks ago I handed it to our local county
paper & ask him to publish it. He told me he could
not publish it without permission from you
as it was Copyrighted. So I am writing you
to ask your permission to publish same in the
Delaware County Journal (our County Paper)
hoping for an early reply

I am Respectfully

Scott Harris
Rt-1. Box 3

Jay. Oklahoma

LAW OFFICE
ALFRED L. DRURY
5612 SEVENTH AVENUE
TELEPHONE 6113
KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

July 21, 1938

Mr. Carl L. Bloxham,
Fairhope,
Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find original lease dated May 24th, 1916 between Fairhope Single Tax Corporation and Mrs. Caroline C. Harry, which has been assigned by Charles H. Pfennig, as executor of the last will and testament of Caroline C. Harry, deceased, to Mrs. Mabel Cuthbert, the purchaser, by endorsement on the back of the lease.

I was requested by Smith & Johnston to have this lease assigned to the purchaser and to forward it to you with the request that you go to the Single Tax Corporation at Fairhope and get a lease from it to the purchaser inasmuch as you handled the sale.

Will you kindly attend to this matter promptly so that the sale may be completed without further delay.

Very truly yours,

A. L. Drury
p-j

ALD:ST

JUL 25 1938
JUL 25 1938

Harry

CHARLES H. PFENNIG, INC.
REAL ESTATE - INSURANCE - LOANS
SEVENTH AVENUE AT FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET
KENOSHA, WIS.

CHARLES H. PFENNIG, PRES.
FREDERICK S. PFENNIG, VICE-PRES.
G. E. SHIELDS, SEC'Y-TREAS.

December 10, 1937

Mr. Carl Bloxham
Fairhope, Alabama

Dear Mr. Bloxham:

I am mailing herewith a copy of a letter received by Attorney Drury from Attorneys Smith & Johnston of Mobile, which is self-explanatory.

I will appreciate it if you can do anything to get this matter straightened out so that the sale of the property can be completed. If you can get the "consent of sale" required by the Fairhope Single Tax Colony, kindly forward same to Smith & Johnston and let either Mr. Drury or myself know about it.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours truly,

Charles H. Pfennig

Copy

November 26, 1937

Mr. Alfred L. Drury
5612 Seventh Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

Dear Sir: RE: Estate of Caroline C. Harry, deceased.

We beg to advise that the court has entered an order allowing the executor to sell the property which we applied for, and we are now ready to proceed to advertise the sale of it, but did not want to do so until we had found out whether or not the Fairhope Single Tax Colony approves the sale and will execute a lease to the purchaser. If we advertised before getting their consent, it might lead to their disapproval. Therefore, kindly advise us if this consent has been obtained and we will proceed to prepare for the sale.

Very truly yours,

SMITH & JOHNSTON,

By

PCF:G

Dec. 15, 1937

Smith & Johnston, Attorneys
Mobile, Ala.

RE: Estate of Caroline C. Harry, deceased.

Dear Sirs:

Through Carl Bloxham I am in receipt of your letter of Nov. 26 addressed to Mr. Alfred L. Drury, Kenosha, Wis. I wish to inform you that the Single Tax Corporation, under its policy, stands ready to execute a lease to the purchaser of the improvements on lot 8, block 30, division 2 of its lands in the town of Fairhope, Alabama now under lease to Mrs. Caroline C. Harry, deceased, provided:

FIRST that the lease of Caroline C. Harry be delivered to this corporation with the properly executed transfer to purchaser endorsed on the back thereon.

SECOND that all charges for rent to this corporation be paid up to the time of transfer.

I wish to call to your attention that paragraph three of Mrs. Harry's lease provides that receipts for taxes paid to the state, county and municipality may be delivered to our treasurer for credit on rent owed by the lessee. I find that no receipts for 1936 or 1937 taxes have been received and that the amount now allowable for credit, when such taxes are paid and the receipts delivered, is sufficient to pay all rent charges now due against the property.

I shall be glad to furnish any further information you may need.

Very truly yours,

CAG/mg

Secretary

Copy to Charles H. Pfennig,
Kenosha, Wis.

APPLICATION FOR LAND
of
FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION

Fairhope, Alabama, *Apr 25* 191*6*.

TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION

I, the undersigned, hereby make application for lease of

Lot Eight (8) Block Thirty (30)
Division Two (2)

upon the terms and conditions set forth in the leases given by you.

I make this application with the full knowledge that I will be required to pay your Corporation the full rental value of the land exclusive of my improvements thereon. I understand that the rental values will increase as demand for the land increases, whatever the cause; that said values will be determined by the corporation in the manner set forth in its constitution and lease contracts; that out of the land rentals the corporation will pay the state and county taxes on the land, improvements and personal property of its lessees held thereon, moneys and credits excepted; and that the balance will be spent for the public good in local improvements and services.

I have read your constitution and pledge myself that while I hold lease of Fairhope land I will not oppose the full application of the principles set forth therein and contracted in your leases.

Respectively yours,

Mrs. Caroline C. Henry

LEASE

This Indenture, made this 24th day of May, 1916, by and between

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION, of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, and Mrs.

Mrs. Caroline C. Harry, - - - - -

of Fairhope, Ala., - - - - -, hereinafter designated as the Lessee.

WITNESSETH: That the said Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, for and in consideration of the annual rentals and covenants hereinafter mentioned, has this day leased and does by these presents lease, set over and convey possession to said lessee, of the following described portion of land to wit: Lot eight, (8)
block thirty (30) division two (2), of the land of lessor in the
Town of Fairhope, Ala., as per its plat thereof, filed Sept. 13, 191,

frac. 1/2, Section 18, township 6 south, range 2 east, Baldwin County, Alabama,
to have and to hold the same for the term of ninety-nine years from this date and subject to the following conditions, to wit:

(1) The said lessee, his heirs or successors, shall pay to the said Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, its successors or assigns, in equal payments, on the first days of January and July of each year, the annual rental value of said land, exclusive of his improvements thereon, to be determined by the said Corporation through its Executive Council or Board of Directors, under its avowed principle of so fixing the rentals of its lands as to equalize the varying advantages of location and natural qualities of its different tracts and convert into the treasury of the Corporation for the common benefit of its lessees, all values attaching to such lands, exclusive of improvements thereon. And the said lessee, for himself and his heirs, hereby expressly agrees that the said annual rent shall be determined by the said Corporation upon the principle just stated, and shall be expended by said Corporation, subject to the conditions hereinafter stated.

(2) The land herein leased shall be used for such purposes only as may not be physically or morally offensive to a majority of the resident members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, and the lessee shall be subject to such reasonable sanitary regulations as may be imposed by the Executive Council or Superintendent of Public Health of said Corporation.

(3) In consideration of the payment of the rents herein provided for, the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation agrees with the said lessee to pay all taxes levied by county and state upon the land herein described and on receipt of the County Treasurer's receipt for taxes paid by him upon the improvements and other personal property held upon such lands—moneys and credits excepted—to give him a certificate of equivalent amount, receivable from bearer at its face value on rent, or in the discharge of any indebtedness to the Corporation. Provided that said lessee will appoint whomsoever may be designated by the Corporation as his agent to return his property for taxation, where permitted by law so to do; and that in no event shall the Corporation be bound to pay taxes on any more than the fair valuation of the property, on the basis required by law.

(4) And the said Fairhope Single Tax Corporation further agrees in consideration of the covenants of the said lessee herewith evidenced, that no part of the rents paid by him upon the land herewith leased, shall be appropriated as dividends to its members or any other persons, but that all shall be administered as a trust fund for the equal benefit of those leasing its lands.

(5) And the said Corporation still further agrees, that in the distribution of the benefits which its purpose is to secure for residents upon its lands, no distinction shall be made between individuals, whether members of the corporation or not, but that with the exception of the right of members as participants in the government of the Corporation, all shall be treated with strict equality.

(6) It is agreed by the parties hereto, that time is of the essence of this contract. All rents not paid within ninety days of the time the same become due, shall be subject to a penalty of one per cent per month until paid; and the lessor shall have a prior lien on all improvements upon the land herein leased, to secure the payment of the rent and for the payment of all other indebtedness of any description whatsoever, by the lessee to the lessor. If the land leased be unimproved, or in the judgment of the Corporation the improvements thereon are not of sufficient value to secure the payment of the rent and cost of collecting same, then, in such event, all rights under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture without notice, after the rents shall have been due and unpaid for ninety days; and the improvements, if any, shall revert to the lessor. Upon failure to pay the rents or any portion thereof, for six months after the same become due, the lessor is hereby authorized to sell at public sale the improvements on any leasehold, for satisfaction of the amount due, after first giving ten days' notice by one publication in some paper published at Fairhope, Alabama, the cost of such publication and the making of such sale to be paid with the rent out of the proceeds of such sale, and the remainder, if any, to be returned to the lessee or such other person as may be authorized to receive the same. The lessor, its agent or attorney, may conduct such sale; and the party so conducting the sale is authorized to make, in the name of the lessee, proper conveyance of the property so sold. The lessee hereby waives all right of exemption of any property as against the collection of any debt due under this contract. The sale of the improvements under legal process shall work a forfeiture of all rights under this lease.

(7) The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation agrees that in case of its dissolution, either by voluntary act of its members or otherwise, and the division of its assets among its members, the said lessee, if a member, shall be entitled to have the land herein described and leased—or so much of it as he may designate—included in his portion, at its actual value at the time, exclusive of improvements thereon, and if it exceed in value such portion, to purchase the excess at such valuation. If not a member, the lessee may at such time acquire title to the land herein leased by paying to the Corporation its actual value exclusive of improvements upon it.

(8) The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation believes its title to the land herein leased to be good, and will use every proper means in its power to maintain the same; but it is distinctly understood that the Corporation, acting only with the benevolent purpose to secure land and administer it for the benefit of those who may desire its use, shall not be held liable for any losses resulting from defects in its title.

(9) The right is reserved by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to resume possession of all or any portion of the land herein described, for public purposes only, on payment of the appraised value of the improvements thereon.

(10) Should it become necessary to determine the value of said land or of the improvements thereon, in compliance with the provisions of sections 3, 7, or 9 of this lease, the same shall be determined by a board of arbitration, one to be chosen by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, one by the lessee, and a third by the two.

(11) This lease is assignable only to members of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, or to persons acceptable to it. Assignments must be filed for record in the office of the Corporation, and the person to whom the assignment is made becomes the tenant of the Corporation. It is not the intent of this provision to interfere with the temporary sub letting of this property or any portion of it.

(12) Surface rights only leased. All mineral rights reserved by lessor.

In witness whereof, the parties hereunto have set their hands this 24th day of May, A. D. 1916

By order Ex. Council, May 15, 1916.

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION.

By E. B. Gaston Pres.

Mrs. Caroline C. Harry Lessee

Sec.

The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

I, _____ a Notary Public in and for said county in said state, hereby certify that whose name as _____ president of the FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION, a corporation, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he, as such officer, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____

Notary Public.

Winthrop Ark, 1-21-47
Fair Hope courier
Fairhope Alabama
Dear Sirs-

Inc. enclosed five dol.
m. P. for which please pay
my arrears and my name
as a subscriber to the cour-
rier and oblige.

I have been away about 3.
years working ⁱⁿ ship yards
at Portland Ore. and I want
to get back in circulation again
You see I am only 79 yrs young
and I have been here since
1893, stil going strong
W. R.

G. S. Hall

Winthrop
L. R. Co. Ark

over

P.S. I saw in the
Courier an item where
there was published a
tract called Cause^{and}
an effect Please give
me the address Oblige
G.D.H.

For additional information concerning the Single Tax movement I refer you to the addresses given on the back page of the pamphlet "What Is The Single Tax?", enclosed herewith; also Cause And Effect, Suite 1217, 127 North Dearborn St., Chicago and The Forum, 1323 East Poplar Street, Stockton, Calif. I can particularly recommend a new book published by the Schalkenbach Foundation "Economics Simplified" by E. E. Bowen M. D. and George L. Rusby.

We will be pleased to have you visit Fairhope and if you have any further questions you wish to write about I shall be glad to hear from you.

Oct. 27, 1942

Mr. Dennis Hart
819 East 5th Street
Alton, Illinois

Very truly yours,

Dear Mr. Hart:

Secretary

In reply to your recent enquiry about Fairhope I am enclosing and sending under separate cover literature and forms I hope you will find interesting.

You will note that Fairhope, the incorporated municipality, is no different than other towns with regards to taxation and land ownership but that the lands of our corporation are not sold but leased and that the lease provides that the lessee shall pay the full rental value of the land to the Corporation Treasurer and that this fund is used to defray ordinary taxes and to provide public improvements and advantages in which all may share.

Since lessees are required to pay the full rental value into this common fund there is no incentive to hold lease title to land except one can make profitable use of it. In this manner speculation in land is entirely curbed. While we do not believe speculation in land to be the only evil with which society has to contend we believe it to be the greatest, though closely followed by taxation. While we have found it possible to relieve most of our lessees from all advalorem taxes on their improvements and personal property it is not possible to relieve them from the multitude of indirect taxes they must pay in their purchases of goods and services.

Since lessees are assured by our constitution that they shall have "absolute freedom in production, exchange, associations, beliefs, and worship, that these shall never be abrogated or impaired by the Corporation, and that the only limit to the exercise of the will of individuals shall be the equal rights of all others," there is no marked distinctiveness about the people of Fairhope, except it be that they are possibly more varied in their beliefs and their expression of such varied beliefs than is commonly found in the average community.

The freer access to land here has attracted both the ordinary and the extraordinary. Probably due to the latter it has been said of Fairhope that there is a higher than average intelligence among our people. The limited demonstration it has been possible for us to conduct has given us assurance that a full application of the principles of the Single Tax would bring a satisfying solution of the World's ills.

819 East 5th Street,
Alton, Illinois.

Oct. 13, 1942.

The Henry George Incorporated Community,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Gentlemen:

I have heard of the incorporated community at Fairhope, Alabama, which is modeled after the teachings of Henry George.

I am very much interested in the problem of overcoming the evils attendant upon private ownership of land and capital goods and I would like, therefore, to learn more about the type of community organization with which you are working, the economic and social classes of people attracted

to and participating in your movement, the basic beliefs, principles, policies, and programs involved, and something about your achievements and problems.

Perhaps I am placing quite a large order but I assure you that any information you may send and any sources of reading material you may advise will be earnestly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Dennis Hart.

March 23, 1937

Mr. Hercules Harwell
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover I shall send you printed information and forms that should give you a clear idea of the methods through which this corporation makes land available to those who want to use it.

An outstanding advantage, you will note, is the removal of the necessity of making any investment in the purchase of land. Country lands rent for from 80¢ to \$3.00 an acre on our 99 year lease contract and the requirement for getting possession of a site to farm is the payment with the application of six months rent. The section along the railroad, Loxley, Robertsdale, Summerdale and Foley has been more desirable because of its ready access to transportation. At the present time, however, this section is assured of an all weather, hard surfaced road to the railroad and having other attractions of a superior character will no doubt increase in population with agricultural operatives. I do not know where you can get a detailed map of this section but trust your inquiry to the county agent has produced it.

Our section being on the bay front is a very popular resort section and this winter brought a considerable number of the trailer tourists. Several local people have been talking about establishing trailer tourist camps but thus far no definite action has been taken. It is my opinion that properly equipped camps can be operated profitably.

There are clay deposits in this section of a high quality and I suggest that your friend communicate with the Clay Products Co., Fairhope, Ala., and with the Dryer Pottery, Daphne, Ala.

This section is in the hurricane path as is all of the gulf coast, though few destructive storms have struck at this particular point, only three in the past 42 years.

Please pardon the tardiness of this reply.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

CAG/mg

Post Office Box 334
Charlotte, N. C.

March 18th, 1937.

Secretary,
Fairhope Single Tax Corp.
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you sometime ago with reference to leasing a farm from your organization, also I asked for full information regarding your section and the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

In discussing my plans with neighbors, two other parties have become very much interested in Fairhope. One contemplates the establishment of a trailer tourist camp if your section has sufficient tourist trade to justify it.

The other wants to locate a pottery making studio somewhere in that section if the clay deposits are suitable.

Please give me complete information about your single tax colony and how I can benefit by it. At the same time you can outline the advantages you may be able to offer my two friends and I will see that they get the information.

Cordially,

Hercules Harwell
hercules harwell

hercules harwell
P. O. Box 334
Charlotte, N. C.

P. S. I have been advised by friends that your section of the country is in the path of wind-storms, is this true?

P. O. Box 334
Charlotte, N. C.

March 2, 1937.

Secretary,
Fairhope Single Tax Colony
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed copy of a letter is self-explanatory. I would greatly appreciate any help you could give that might speed my settlement in your county.

My son has told me that I should get in touch with you folk, since possibly you may have farms for leasing.

I would appreciate literature about your movement and how I might benefit under your plan.

I have been a farmer all my life, except for periods of off-season work when I did carpenter contract work. In turn I have worked as a plumber, steam-fitter and general mechanic as well as carpentry.

A detail map of your section would be quite helpful to me in determining a location, if you do not have a map could you tell me where I could secure one?

Cordially,



Hercules Harwell

Hercules Harwell
P. O. Box 334
Charlotte, N. C.

P. O. Box 334
Charlotte, N. C.

March 2, 1937.

County Farm Demonstrating Agent
Baldwin County
May Minette, Ala.

Dear Sir:

For a number of years I have been thinking of moving to some part of Alabama, since I think the climate there would be more agreeable to my health.

For the last 12 years I have farmed a 2-horse farm in this section. I have several grown sons and all necessary stock and tools for farming. I do not own a farm, but have leased.

One thing that has kept me from moving has been the fact that I have not accumulated sufficient capital to start out new in another section. I believe that I could profitably make a move now, or at the beginning of the next farming season after this year.

I have a son who has travelled through your county quite a bit and he suggests somewhere around Loxley as a good place for me to settle.

What are the chances of leasing land in that section? Also could you send me bulletins and other literature that would be helpful to me in making a choice?

Can you tell me where I can get a detail map of Baldwin County, showing secondary roads prominently?

Cordially,

Hercules Marwell

Hercules Marwell
P. O. Box 334
Charlotte, N. C.

converse harwell

POST
OFFICE
BOX
334

charlotte, north carolina

August 25th, 1936.

Mr. Ernest B. Gaston
The Fairhope Courier
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I want to thank you for the sample copy of the Courier sent to me at New Orleans ... please put me on the mailing list as far as the enclosed 50¢ will carry me. I will subscribe later on.

I am very much interested in your single tax colony and I wish that you would send me every possible piece of literature on the subject.

The Organic School is something else of extreme interest to me ... can you give me full information on the school also?


For 20 years I've dreamed of such a place as Fairhope and unless my mind is changed (and that's hard to do) I may yet become a "native".

My profession is advertising ... in other words I write advertising copy ... at one time I was production manager for a large firm producing printing and advertising.

Outside of advertising ... I can do most anything under the sun. I want to work out some plan whereby I can start living while I am yet young ... money means nothing to me ... as long as I have congenial friends around me, books and something to keep my mind and hands busy ... I am happy.

Can you give me any information about H. J. Stuart the Tolstoyan Idealist? I would rather he not know that I ask for this information ... I paid him two visits while in your neighborhood and was quite intrigued with him. Was he one of the original group that came down from Iowa?

Cordially,


Converse Harwell
the potter's husband

P. S. Edith (my wife) has a very interesting little business which I believe will some day support the two of us and allow us to lay away something for old age.

January 8, 1937

Mr. Bolton Hall
Free Acres
Scotch Plains, N. J.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Several years ago you sent an autographed copy of your translation of the Bible to my father, Mr. E. B. Gaston. This I had in my possession for some time but it since has been lost.

I have a boy nine years old and feeling that no one can claim to be adequately educated without a knowledge of the Book, I would like to know how I may acquire another copy. I thought your edition to be of particular value because of your elimination of duplications and because you had preserved in such good form the language of the St. James version.

Fairhope as a Single Tax Colony (Enclave) appears to be prospering and the evidence of the superiority of our plan is more apparent from year to year through comparison with other communities of the county.

My father has retired from active work. He does not feel capable of attending to the detailed work of wither the Colony or his paper. He wishes me to send to you his best regards.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your attention to this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary

CAG/mg

Feb. 27, 1939.

Mr. Roger B Haszard,
Washington St.,
Topsfield, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Since I wrote the article on Milk River Mrs. Crawford handed me your letter for reply.

I got my material from a clipping from the Lethbridge Herald, Lethbridge, Alberta and it was written by Charles Tinsworth, Milk River. In the article the writer quotes from Fred Pease, of whom he says:

Fred Pease has studied economics for 47 years. He has served on the village council for 13 years, four years as mayor, as your correspondent interviewed him on the administration of this system. I quote Mr. Pease, father of the Single Tax system."

Fairhope is progressing most satisfactorily and the advantages of our only partial application are becoming more apparent each year. I hold cordial remembrance of you as does Mr. McCott. I am sending you a few copies of an explanatory leaflet which I feel sure you will find interesting. With very best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

February 21, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Crawford:

We were very much interested in the article on Milk River, Alberta, in last week's "Courier" and would like more detailed information about the place and its principles. Could you give us any further information or the name of some person or group we could write to at Milk River?

Sincerely,

Roger B. Hazard
Washington St.
Topsfield, Mass.

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DISTRICT 96, COOK COUNTY

RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS

L. J. HAUSER, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

July 7, 1938.

Mr. C. A. Gaston,
Associated Editor,
Fairhope Currier,
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston:--

I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the June 30th, issue of the Fairhope Currier, which contains a brief story on freedom of learning for students.

Also found the article "Seek new Curriculum for Alabama School" of interest.

I am enclosing a copy of an explanation of our Elementary School report card, which I thought might prove of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

L. J. Hauser

L. J. Hauser,
Superintendent.

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Oct. 9, 1937.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds Havard,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Havard:

Mr. G. E. Perkins handed me your letter to him, of recent date for reply in so far as information about the Single Tax Colony is concerned.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation has been conducting a demonstration colony here at Fairhope for fortytwo years and as a result Fairhope is one of the most progressive small towns in the south.

The Corporation leases its lands on 99 year leases to those who want land for use. The lessee improves the land, building homes, stores, factories or for agricultural purposes. The lessee is required to assess his personal property and improvements for taxation and to pay to the state, county and/or municipality the taxes levied on such properties. He is, however entitled to turn in his tax receipts to the Corporation treasurer and receive full credit for the amount shown on the receipt, in the payment of his rent, provided the taxes do not exceed the rent, in which case the rent account is balanced without any payment of cash to the Corporation.

I am ~~making~~ sending under separate cover some literature and forms in use by the Corporation which I hope will give you a clear understanding and if you should desire any further information I shall be glad to give it to you.

In the last issue of the Alabama Legionaire is an advertisement of the Corporation and an article on the inside which was contributed by me. If you can get a copy I am sure you will find it interesting. A copy can probably be secured from any Legion member.

Vary truly yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Ed Havel, Mgr.,
Union Express Freight Co.,
Mobile, Alabama.

Dear Sir:-

Those interested in the Mrs. Higgins stock
I hold are very much interested in realizing some-
thing on it. Can you tell me whether there is any mar-
ket for this stock now and if so at what price?

I will be very glad to hear from you at your
earliest convenience in this matter.

Very truly yours,

April 6, 1940.

Mr. L. A. Hays,
Fairhope, Ala.,

Dear Mr. Hays:

I regret to dissappoint you with regard to your application for the 2 acres in Sec. 10. However the Council held as they had on a previous occasion that it was not wise to continue the small division of leaseholds in that section.

It is believed that sooner or later there will be a consolidation of the present scattered holdings and the land desired by you will be needed to make a satisfactory larger holding. I hope you may find something else that will be as satisfactory to your needs.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Experimental Station
Baldwin, County
Fairhope, Ala.

MISS SUE HAYLES

S. J. C.
Troy, Ala.
April 28, 1941

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me
any information or maps
in your district on soil,
climate, rainfall, limitations,
etc.

Thanking You,
Sue Hayles

P.S. Please send samples of soil.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute
Auburn, Alabama

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
AND AGRICULTURAL SUBSTATIONS

Fairhope, Alabama,
May 12, 1941.

Mr. Corney Gaston,
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Do you have any of the material this
lady wants? If so I shall appreciate it if you will
take of this request.

Very truly yours,

Otto Brown
Otto Brown, Supt., *b*
Gulf Coast Sub-station. *-*

*Sent I to County
Corney folder
What is B.T.?*

Spring Valley, Calif.
Route 1 - Box 388

Nov. 3, 1948.

Mr. C. A. Gaston,
Fairhope, Alabama.

My dear Sir:

Haven't heard any thing from you since I wrote a rather lengthy letter recently, setting forth ~~some~~ some ideas of the kind of place I will be interested in when I arrive in Fairhope.

I recall that I told you I wasn't sure that I would move to your fair town, but at the present, my books, etc., a total of 680 lbs., are in the Freight Forwarding

Company's hands, and should be in Mobile about the time I expect to arrive, which I hope will be two or three days before Christmas.

I presume that I can find a safe place to store my goods in Fairhope to await the time when I find a place to live.

I sent goods in my name to Mobile, and gave Fairhope my mailing address to of Dr. C. A. Gaston. The railroad will have to notify me when goods arrive. And of course your postmaster doesn't know me. Therefore, if you will hold my mail till I arrive, that is, if the goods get there before I do, I will appreciate your favor.

Best wishes to you. Sincerely, Harry R. Heal.

(P.S. - Spring Valley is my daughter's address.)

5441 Hollywood Boulevard,
~~Atlanta, Ga.~~
²⁷
Hollywood Calif.
Nov. 6, 1948.

Mr. C. C. Gaston,
Fairhope, Alabama.

My dear Friend:

You gave to me quite a thrill by sending the literature, and having that good-looking sister of yours send two copies of the "Courier", and also, having the School send some of their literature.

Have shown same to a couple of my friends here in Hollywood.

I have been reading a book written on the history of "Alabama - a Guide to the Deep South," sponsored, I presume, by the Alabama State Planning Commission, and Federal Works Agency.

Quite a history. And whilst the book doesn't say much about the great experiment of the Henry George "theory," and the Organic School,

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Nevertheless, we people in the U. S. A., who are historically inclined, and who have a chance to read the Alabama book will at least learn that all that Henry George taught was more than just theory.

I got a thrill from the late editions of the "Courier." More real "news" in the "Courier," in proportion to size, than to be found in our degrading metropolitan dailies.

That place I spoke about near top of hill, with gully in rear, which you so kindly describe, was evidently vacant when I was still there. Is it still vacant? And what size lot is it? I can recall crossing that gully, over a bridge, and as I shall aim to have a sort of "Garden of Eden," with many flowers and with shrubbery, I could possibly use the land if it has more than one lot to the property. Furthermore, I would like to be near the Bay, so as I can see the sunsets, which I feel must be very beautiful. I can realize that the soil near the Bay is likely to be inferior to that of the soil farther eastward. But, as we know, we can't always have the penny and the candy at the same time.

I am merely seeking to give you an idea of what kind of an abode I prefer, so if you know of such a combination as I prefer, and will let me know about it, and its location on the map you expect to have ready shortly, it would give me a chance, perhaps, to get in touch with owners and see if they would give me fuller particulars, as I don't expect you to play the role of a realtor. I know that such work is not consistent with your position as Secretary of the Corporation. I don't want you to violate ^{the ethics of your position}.

Another thing, I would like to have a place with some fruit trees already in bearing.

Am enclosing a check for a few copies of the "Courier," to be sent to my present address. I hope to be in Fairhope before Christmas, if something unforeseen doesn't happen. In the meantime, with the "Courier" arriving, I shall have some interesting reading and keep in touch with the real estate column.

Sincerely yours.

Harry R. Heal.

P.S. - Excuse heading of this letter. After letter was nearly finished, letter-carrier gave me some new instructions.



ARGONAUT

12-16-48

On the train,
Arizona

Dear Mr. Gaston:

My train is due in New Orleans Saturday morning, and I expect to be in Fairhope Saturday afternoon, if the bus service is frequent enough.

If you can "spot" a room for me, I will appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Harry R. Neal

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Oct. 15, 1948

Mr. Harry R. Heal
1553 North Bronson Ave.
Hollywood 28, Calif.

Dear Mr. Heal:

I am sorry that there is no suitable map at the present time and no photostatic service available in Fairhope. However I anticipate that within a very short time a small map will be available, probably a week or so and I will get one for you.

Since you have decided you might be able to contain yourself on a Town lot I have no doubt we could find a suitable location for you. If you should decide to come again to Fairhope it would be best for you to make your selection on the ground. The place you speak of near the top of the hill is a quite shallow lot backing up on one of our large gullys and would be deficient in area for your purpose. Also the ground near the bay lacks more in fertility than does that farther out.

Most of our lots are 66 feet front by 132 feet deep and many holdings are of a lot and a half or 99 feet front. Other lots may be had of greater depth and of frontage to suit one's desire.

Under separate cover I am sending you some printed material and I am asking the School to mail you such literature as they may have. Mrs. Crawford is mailing you a couple of recent issues of the Courier. Assuring you of our appreciation of your continued interest I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary

1553 North Bronson Ave.,
Hollywood 28, Calif.

Oct. 13, 1948.

Mrs. C. A. Gaston,
Fairhope, Alabama.

My dear Sir:

Your welcome letter of Sept. 8 arrived, and it came in ample time before I left for San Francisco, where I now am writing this letter.

I expect to leave here early next week and return to Hollywood. Therefore, when you answer this letter, please send same to above address, and a friend living there will forward same to me in case I fail to get lodgings at that address.

As to the land-area question, I have changed my mind. If a town-lot has a good depth, say 100 feet or more, I can make it do for my purpose. Seems to me, as I recollect, the width of your lots in town are over 50 feet wide. You will, I know correct me. In fact I would like to have a map of the town-lot section of the colony. If you don't have one to spare, you could have a photostatic copy made and charge same to me.

2/ I have always been with plant-life since I was five years of age. I've had 200 varieties of roses in my time, most of that number growing on the same plot of land. Then I have had a wide variety of fruit trees, grapes and bush fruits, etc., etc. I want the same thing again. Not to make profit, but for the inspiration I receive in working with the development of plants. I have a new strawberry of my own creation growing down in Spring Valley where my daughters live. Has a very small percentage of acid.

There was a property on the street your office is on, and the same side of street, down near the top of hill as you ascend from the wharf. There was much shrubbery on the lot, and the house seemed to be in the early stages of decay. Looked if some noble soul has made a brilliant start, and then either "passed out" or moved away. I have wondered whether such place was taken over and renovated?

For my own use, I do not need a large building. But being able to build a house from top to bottom—another one of my life-long hobbies—I wouldn't hesitate to buy an abandoned property and make something out of it.

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I wish you would send to me some literature pertaining to the Organic School. I want to lend same to a highly intelligent woman in Hollywood to whom I have told some things about Fairhope.

The literature you gave to me, is, I think, with my library now carefully stored with a big storage company in Hollywood, where the books, etc., will remain till I have a place that I can call "home."

I am interested in the financial statement you sent to me. Thanks!

If you have some reading matter that will possess some educational value to me relating to Fairhope, I wish you would send it. Keep in mind that I am not absolutely sure that I am going to Fairhope, but she thought sticks with me—and that means much to me. If I were out to get rich by buying and selling property, I could start in now out here, and make some money, even before the bubble bursts. But I've seen so much of such workings in Calif. that I am utterly disgusted with such a way of life.

Sincerely,
Harry R. Neal.

I'll be waiting patiently for your next letter.

P.S.—If you would mail a couple of recent numbers of the "Caucasian," please several months' subscription due me.

Sept. 8, 1948

Mr. H. R. Heal
1553 N. Bronson Ave.
Hollywood 28, Calif.

Dear Mr. Howell:

Your letter of the 6th arrived today and I hasten to answer. There are from time to time opportunities to purchase improved leaseholds such as you mention. I do not know of any that are immediately available. Our office does not handle any brokerage business. It may be that you would have to take a larger holding to get what you want but there would surely be a chance to transfer to others so much as you did not want to hold. Our country lands are all leased and there is always a demand for small holdings, larger than a town lot.

With respect to a "fair price", that is a question that is hard to answer. I have no doubt that prices are greatly inflated at the present, how long they will remain so is impossible to predict. It is my judgment they will not hold for long. Here there is still a scarcity of houses and building material scarcity and high cost with high wages tend to keep the price of existing structures up. I believe, however, there is good chance you might get located here at a not too unreasonable figure by shopping around.

Thanks for your pleasing and gratifying reference to our town and my relatives. Mr. Goodhue was in New Hampshire the last we heard from him. I do not know whether he will come back South or not. If he does I'll give him your greeting. With sincere best wishes for a satisfying adventure and assurance we will welcome you to Fairhope, I am,

Very truly yours,

P. S. Our son returned from a year and a half in Korea in April and will be off to college in a week or so. He came back to us apparently no worse for his experience but rather with a greater understanding.

1553 North Bronson Ave,
Hollywood 28, Calif.
September 6, 1948.

Dr. C. A. Gaston,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Friend:

It has been over two years since I enjoyed my trip to Fairhope, but as you now see by receipt of this letter, I haven't forgotten you, nor have I forgotten the one place on Mother Earth where I could feel such ^a sense of Justice.

Am writing to ask you if there is on the Associations land a three or four-acre plot with improvements that are for sale at a fair price?

I expect to go north from here at the end of this week - no doubt as far as Mt. Shasta, where I understand that there is an abode of people who have descended from the sunken con-

continent of Lemuria. These people don't mingle with our American befuddled souls, only when they need certain commodities that they can't produce. There are very high psychic forces, naturally, with a people who spurn the white man's way of life. I am not sure that I can even contact them, but I'm taking a chance.

I hope you will answer this letter at once, so that I may receive it before I leave Hollywood. I get air mail from Florida within 24 hours.

My regards to your brother, Mrs. Crawford, Messrs. Woolcott and Thomas, and your wife. If brother Goodhue drops in, tell him I was asking about him.

Hope this message finds all of you well and happy.

Sincerely yours,

Harry R. Heal.

How is that nice son of yours doing?

Aug. 21, 1950

Mr. U. S. A. Heggblom
2527 David Stott Bldg.
Detroit 26, Mich.

Dear Mr. Heggblom:

I will have to disappoint you with respect to the "monetary reform program". We did provide in our constitution for the issuance of non-interest bearing obligations in the form of certificates or scrip which would act as a medium of exchange and be receivable by the corporation ~~for~~ in payment of all obligations. In the earliest days of the colony when there was very little money we did use the plan to finance the building of a wharf. The system was patterned on the Guernsey Market-House Plan, used on the Island of Guernsey, in the English Channel.

The plan worked quite well and served the colony admirably. However as we passed from the more primitive form of society and more and more of the community business passed into the hands of private individuals and extended beyond the borders of the colony, it became more practical to use the coin of the realm. Also it was presumed that the corporation would own and direct public services such as water, electricity, etc. for its lessees and it did in the early days when the colonists constituted almost the entire population. However as the picture changed and a municipal government was formed it seemed best to let it take of the utility services.

Our concern as you will see from the enclosed is solely with the application of the single tax principle in the leasing of land for development. Our experience in this field leads many of us to believe that a general application of the single tax principle of securing public revenue by the collection of the annual rental value of the land would result in a minimizing of the monetary and many other social and economic problems. Though Fairhope was located on a somewhat inferior site at a time when other communities in this section were well established. It is now substantially the largest of the towns on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay and is growing most rapidly and wholesomely. I am enclosing printed material that will probably interest you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

U. S. A. HEGGBLOM
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR
2527 DAVID STOTT BUILDING
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Fair Hope Single Tax Corp.,
Fair Hope, Alabama.

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate it very
much if you would send me your
interesting literature on the Monetary
Reform program you are carrying
forward.

Respectfully,
U. S. A. Heggblom
Moderator, Golden Rule
Open Forum of Detroit.

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January 16, 1950.

Dr. C. A. Gaston,
The Fairhope Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Dr. Gaston:

A meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, January 23d, at 3 p.m. in Room 76 St. Nicholas Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of electing a trustee to fill a vacancy, and also to consider a report of the Committee on Policy and Program, appointed by President Charles R. Eckert at our recent Philadelphia Congress.

If you cannot be present, we shall be pleased to receive nominations or suggestions for action.

Important forward steps are being planned and a report will be made to all trustees at an early date.

Sincerely yours,


Executive Secretary.

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Nov. 9, 1950

Mr. Charles R. Eckert, Pres.
Henry George Foundation of America
417 Grant St., Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

Dear Mr. Eckert:

I am in receipt of your letter of Nov. 6, concerning the proposal to employ Mr. Williams to prosecute the educational campaign to secure an extension of the Graded Tax Plan to Third Class Cities in Pennsylvania. I wish to assure you that I heartily approve the action of the Foundation in promoting this movement. I believe the possibilities of successful accomplishment are greater than they might be in any other direction. I am convinced that we shall yet see broad influence from the examples produced by the application of the Plan in Pittsburgh and Scranton.

Also I heartily approve the selection of Mr. Williams to direct the program and wish that my financial position were such that I could comply with the request. However my only income is my salary as secretary of our corporation, and with a boy at Swarthmore and a home to maintain in these inflationary times I cannot make any new commitments. I do not know what the expense to the Foundation is for the Henry George Congresses but, if the saving would be sufficient to help I believe we might better forego a Congress to promote this plan.

While our colony has not increased its area in some years the number of its lessees is increasing continually as is the rental value of its land. This is evidenced by the fact that our collection of such rent, \$37,353.63 for the year 1944 increased to \$61,686.50 for the year of 1949. I enclose a copy of last year's reports which I am sure you will find of interest. With sincere personal regards, best wishes for the success of the program and regret that I cannot offer financial aid I am,

Yours sincerely,

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November 6, 1950

Dr. C. A. Gaston
Fairhope Single Tax Corp.
Fairhope, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gaston:

This is a reminder that the Henry George Foundation of America is committed to the task of putting on an educational campaign in Pennsylvania, for the enactment of legislation that will enable Third Class Cities of Pennsylvania to adopt the Graded Tax Plan, commonly known as the Pittsburgh Graded Tax. This is a task that will require all the skill, energy and means that the Foundation can muster, and in order that this program may be prosecuted efficiently and effectively, the Pittsburgh contingent of the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that Percy R. Williams who is now the Executive Secretary of the Henry George Foundation, should be employed as a full time executive and given such compensation as may be agreed upon between Mr. Williams and the Board of Trustees, the same, however, not to exceed \$300.00 per month. Therefore, the budget of the Henry George Foundation must be increased considerably in order to meet such extra expense. It has been suggested that the Trustees underwrite Mr. Williams' proposed salary for a period of one year from the first of November 1950.

In order to get your reaction I am addressing this letter to the Board of Trustees and would like to get the reaction of each member to the proposal, and if agreeable, the amount of your guarantee.

With personal regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Charles R. Eckert
CHARLES R. ECKERT

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P.S. The above letter is intended to inform you of the action of the Pittsburgh members of the Board of Trustees of the Henry George Foundation. If you can see your way clear to join in the guarantee we will be happy, but no matter what your decision may be, my regard for you as a Georgist will not be diminished in the least.

C.R.E.

Sept. 8, 1941

Mr. P. W. Williams,
809 Keystone Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.,

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please excuse my delay in responding to your invitation to attend Sixteenth Annual Henry George Congress. I had also heard from Mr. Ewing with regard to the convention and had communicated to him that it appeared it would be impossible for me to attend.

Happily, however, there has been a change in the situation and I am now making plans to be in attendance and I shall have a report on Fairhope if the Congress can find time at this late date to make arrangements for me to be heard. At least I shall be there and available to all who may be interested and I feel that some surely will.

I am sure that many of the national single-taxers as well as some local residents were sure that the Fairhope Colony was being carried on the momentum of the enthusiasm and faith of its founders, but today, with many of the older leaders gone on the Colony is evidencing the community building powers of its policy more markedly than ever before.

Mr. Ewing suggested a twenty minute report to be delivered by me, if possible for me to attend, and if not to be read to the convention. I realize it is probably too late to get on the printed program but will appreciate such consideration as the report from Fairhope can be given.

Mr. Ewing informs me some 2,000 announcements were sent out from your office but I have been unable to find one in Fairhope. Will you please send one and any matter that would help us to give publicity to the convention?

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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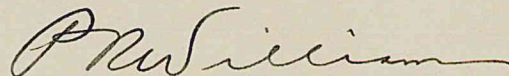
Mr. C. E. Gaston, Editor,
Fairhope Courier,
Fairhope, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Gaston:

We are now preparing a program for our Sixteenth Annual Henry George Congress, which will assemble at the Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, September 29th, 30th and October 1st, and I am writing to extend to you a cordial invitation to address this gathering.

We are very hopeful that you can be with us to represent Fairhope and would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary.

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Jan. 5, 1940.

Henry George Foundation of America,
809 Keystone Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

We are particularly pleased with
your recent publication, "What Is The Single Tax",
and would like to know what lots of five hundred
and one thousand would be made available to us
for.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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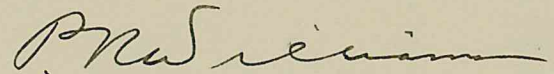
Editor, The Fairhope Courier,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

I have recently had some correspondence with Mr. Perry D. Plain, a veteran Single Taxer of Wichita, Kansas, who is an ardent advocate of the Single Tax enclave and who has written an interesting manuscript.

At his suggestion, I am sending the manuscript to you with the thought that you might possibly wish to publish it in some form. If you are able to make use of it, I would appreciate your advising Mr. Perry D. Plain, 2331 Jackson Avenue, Wishita, Kansas.

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

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Perry D. Plain,
2331 Jackson Ave.,
Wichita, Kansas.

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Romance of Fairhope Colony.

In the year 1892 six Iowa families moved and settled near the East end of Mobile Bay in the State of Alabama. The one hundred and sixty acres of land which these families purchased was the nucleus of what is known today as Fairhope Colony, established by disciples of that great commoner, Henry George, who advocated the untaxing of labor products and in lieu thereof, tax exclusively, the land values which were created by the presence and intelligent industry of the people, with the aim in view to give the world a practical example at a glance, of how the single tax as applied to the land, worked in practice. The taxing of these land values created by the presence of the people becomes a romance impregnated with evolution that is not only intriguing but intense fascinating to those who feel the impulse for a great forward movement to not only humanize the Government but to socialize such property as that created by the presence and industrial energy of the people. Fairhope Colony has added many hundred acres to their original purchase. The intriguing, romantic philosophy as exemplified by this Colony's land policy, showing to the whole wide world the economic truism, that man given access to the land and given the crudest kind of tools, will work out his own salvation in his own way, and further, being allowed to thus solve his own problems in his own way, gives poise and stability to his own contentment, thus making toward that element so essential to man's

happiness, industrial freedom. The promoters of Fairhope Colony were anxious to work out this idea of taking nothing less than the full annual rental value of land as the sole revenue for Government expenses. The title to the land in this Colony is held in trust by a Board of Managers, thus leaving to the user of the land whatever he desires in the way of improvements. Therefore, the "ground rents" are paid into the colony treasury for county and state taxes, as well as financing needed local improvements. These men who made possible Fairhope Colony, like all Henry George followers, look upon these "ground rents" as being not only a natural fund but a logical one that is created and comes into existence for public use when needed and does so just as naturally "as the milk which comes into the mother's breast to feed the new born babe." While these devout "single taxers" conceived the idea that such a colony would not only be a fine place to live but would give the world some idea as to its soundness, yet with all of that upon a critical analysis of such a system of gathering Public Revenues, it is readily seen that "Land, the essence on which men build houses and homes", and who plow, plant and gather the raw materials of commerce belongs to him who possesses title to it; but those values which accrue to the land belong to the people who by their presence and intelligent industry created such values. The real secret of this economic Romance that stands out so vividly and clearly on this venture of these colonists is that of capturing at first hand, the wealth created by the industrial activity of the people in the community, for common use. Now in such a plan as holding titles to land, in the public treasury, the State could cease taxing what is put on the land and live on land value only, thus leaving such values as result from productive industry

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in the hands of the users. To make Fairhope Colony more appealing and more intriguing, a certain young man and his wife, desiring to establish a farm home, leased twenty acres of land for a long term of years and immediately began improving their leasehold. This young man and his wife were nearly grown when their parents settled at Fairhope. But today after thirty-five years of farm life, John Martin and his comely wife, Lucy, have not only raised two children, a boy and a girl, but also gave each one a College education, besides possessing one of the best improved leaseholds in the Colony.

Now these farm folks after an arduous life were thinking about retiring and turning their leasehold with improvements over to the son, but before they made a definite decision as to just what they would do, a stranger from another part of the State visited the Colony seeking an improved leasehold to purchase. The homestead of John Martin appealed to him as just what he wanted. On being asked if this place was for sale, John Martin replied that he hadn't thought much about selling, but he would talk to Lucy and see what she thought. If she was willing and the price was right he might sell. The result of John's interview with his wife was an offer to sell the improvements on leasehold for \$5000.00. Mr. Perkins, the buyer, paid John Martin the full amount in cash for the improvements but not the land, for the land was held under lease and John Martin merely assigned the lease to Mr. Perkins, thereby closing the sale of the leasehold. John Martin and Lucy has been thrifty and therefore with the cash they received for their truck farm, had a sum sufficient to keep them in comfort the balance of their days. But John Martin had been too active, too keenly alive, to idle away his time living a retired life. He became too restless to continue in idleness, so about six months

after he had moved to the city, John, after talking it over with Lucy, decided to buy a Grocery store. John was once more happy; he was doing something. John and Lucy Martin were not only money makers, but money savers, therefore prospered. The outlook for them was bright. But they had been in business a little less than a year when a relative from another State made them a visit and during the visit prevailed upon John and Lucy to invest in City lots where they could double their money without any risk whatever. They drew \$1,000 from their bank and invested it as suggested by this relative.

The investment turned out to be highly speculative and it looked for a while as though John and Lucy would make a handsome profit out of this investment. These city lots were booming, but just about the time John decided to sell out his holdings, one of the leading banks of the city closed its doors and about that time the bank where John kept his account, reduced his credit limit until he was unable to profit by discounting his bills. This curtailment of credit and loss of his investment, seamed lines of care and worry in John Martin's once happy, smiling face. With falling prices came falling wages, hence unemployment, and to John and Lucy loss not only of business but also loss from the inability to pay of many of their customers. Even the bank where the Martins had their money deposited closed its doors and thus John and Lucy were forced to close out their business. This failure to be successful in the Grocery business made sad havoc with John Martin's fighting spirit; for had he not always been able to wring laurels from most adverse conditions, and now to lose it all after having in his possession the fruits of hard earned toil was almost more than most men could stand. But John Martin was no quitter. He

sought position after position only to be told he was too old. "Why, how is that? Have I not experience? Oh, I see, I am in keen competition with youth, and therefore my age is a bar to winning a position in this modern whirl of business." John even traveled into other states and visited other cities only to be disappointed in his search for something to do. John finally tired of his search for work only to become more discouraged than ever when he returned home to find another of the leading Banks in the city had closed its doors. But he found Lucy, his wife, both cheerful and willing to again face the world and help establish a home. Being in that frame of mind, Lucy, the wife, after John had been at home a few days and rested up, said, "John, you are not so old, why not take another long time lease of the Colony land and again build us another truck farm home?" "Why Lucy", said John, "that would be the very thing to do. I had about come to the conclusion that it was over to the poor-house for us." Thus John and Lucy were again to establish themselves a home on land which they could occupy and use, paying into the Public Treasury the rental value of the leasehold. Such a land policy as established by Fairhope Colony made it possible for John and Lucy Martin to begin life anew and revel not in the romance of youth, but in the ever intriguing and deeply fascinating ever present days that are so rich and full of contentment that the pain of disappointment is appeased and the spirit of to do and to conquer is revived until that degree of happiness is attained wherein the aged and toilworn, of earth look upon each day as a life unto itself, impressing on each of us that the Romance of life is to bask in the shade of our own vine and fig tree.

Such was the Romance that Fairhope Colony bestowed upon John Martin and his wife, and access to the land should likewise bestow upon all men the inalienable right to establish through toil the right to what he eats as well as to what he wears.

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May 19, 1949.

Dr. C. A. Gaston, Secretary,  
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,  
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Dr. Gaston:

I am taking the first opportunity to acknowledge receipt of your cordial letter of April 30th.

We can now advise you that the conference will be held in Philadelphia, September 16th and 17th. We are beginning work on program and other arrangements and will have further information for announcement in the very near future.

I am sorry that you are not sure that you can attend but hope it may prove possible as we would like very much to have you as a speaker. In any event, we shall appreciate your active interest and the cooperation of the "Fairhope Courier," which for many years I read regularly with keen interest though I have not kept up with it in recent times.

Perhaps you could give us the addresses of some of the more active Georgists in Fairhope or elsewhere in Alabama or the South. Our mailing lists are becoming somewhat obsolete and need to be revised. We would like to reach as many good friends as possible as one never knows just who might be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

  
Executive Secretary.

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August 8, 1950.

TO THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE HENRY GEORGE FOUNDATION:

The annual business meeting of the Henry George Foundation of America will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 1950, at 3:30 p.m. at Room 712, Bakewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the election of Trustees and the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

The terms of the following trustees expire in September, 1950:

Charles R. Eckert, Beaver, Pa.  
J. Rupert Mason, San Francisco, Calif.  
Charlotte O. Schetter, Northport, N.Y.  
Charles Joseph Smith, Irvington, N. J.  
Abe D. Waldauer, Memphis, Tennessee.  
Percy R. Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A form of proxy is enclosed for your convenience so that you will be represented in the voting if not able to be present in person. Please return this proxy and, if you desire to have the proxy act in any particular manner, so advise.

A decision has not yet been made as to the time and place of our next national conference but you will be advised in due time.

Respectfully yours,

*P. Williams*  
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June 25, 1949.

Dr. C. A. Gaston, Secretary,  
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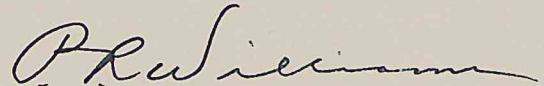
Dear Dr. Gaston:

We have now made very substantial progress with our plans for the Philadelphia Conference and I am sending you herewith a brief news story which I hope will be suitable for publication in the next regular issue of the Fairhope Courier.

I appreciated your very cordial and interesting letter in reply to our invitation to you to address the conference and hope that you may yet find it possible to be with us for this occasion, as we would like very much to hear from you and from the Fairhope Colony and I am sure that you would find it both pleasant and profitable to meet with old friends and associates in the movement and participate in interesting discussions.

If you think you may be able to come, I would suggest that you add your name to those mentioned as prospective speakers. All of these may not make formal addresses but I think nearly all of them will be there and probably other prominent Georgists from whom we have not yet heard.

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary.

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New Address: 417 Grant Street

April 7, 1949.

Dr. C. A. Gaston,  
Fairhope Single Tax Colony,  
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Dr. Gaston:

President Charles R. Eckert has requested me to arrange a conference at some convenient time and place, preferably in September or early October, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, the purpose being to have a free and frank discussion and to take such action as may be deemed appropriate.

Due to the interruption of the war and other complications, we have not had a representative meeting for a long while and several of our officers and trustees have expressed a desire for a meeting to survey the situation and determine upon a program of action. Among the cities suggested for this meeting are Washington, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Will you please inform us whether or not you favor a meeting and give us any suggestions you may have with reference to time, place, program and as to persons who should be invited to participate?

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

PRW-A

April 30, 1949

Mr. P. R. Williams, Exec. Sec.  
Henry George Foundation of America  
417 Grant Street Building  
Pittsburgh 14, Pa.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am pleased to learn of the prospect of resuming the conferences. I am sure there is a value to the cause in holding these conferences. In addition to the value to those interested, in having an opportunity to exchange views and information, they offer an opportunity for educational publicity. Whether the latter is favorable or unfavorable, of course, depends to some extent on the judgment of those who plan and supervise the conference.. In this, I believe, there is a good past record.

In these days when the effects of government's inequitable, unsound and insufficient revenue systems are so acutely felt in our entire social and economic structure it will be more than ever difficult to avoid the appearance of alliance with some of the most objectionable forces criticising these effects. While I cannot offer any suggestions as to particular individuals who should be invited to participate I feel care should be given to selecting such as can best present the soundness of our proposal and the benefits that may be expected from its adoption.

I do not know that it will be possible for me to attend but I am sure the best wishes of the Fairhope group will be with the conference. We feel we are making real progress here and that we are really demonstrating that rent for public revenue is greatly superior to taxes. Given a few more years I believe the truth of this will be made unquestionably apparent by the superior physical accomplishments in our sections of this community.

The last decade has brought many changes to Fairhope. In the past economic opportunity here was greatly restricted due to our very meagre endowment in natural resources. This made it unprofitable to locate industries here that might furnish employment for residents and made it necessary for many of our young people to leave Fairhope to find employment. Now our highway connection with Mobile has been so greatly shortened by a tunnel as to make it possible and practical for Fairhope residents to find employment in Mobile.



In the past decade there has been great industrial expansion in the Mobile area. I am sure you will be interested in what I consider to be the greatest factor influencing this expansion. Mobile's strategic location has always made it a natural for such development. Its great river system has given it economical access to a rich interior section and its deep water port facilities make possible shipping to the markets of the world and the bringing in of raw material resources for industrial manufacture.

Industry has not been blind to these advantages but when they investigated the possibilities of locating in Mobile where these advantages were available they found the owners of the prospective sites were either interested in retarding the industrial development or asked so high a price as to make their location in Mobile uneconomical. In its undeveloped state the potential value of this land was obscured and the low assessed values made it expensive to hold it in idleness.

Finally Mobile's undeveloped opportunities became a matter of concern to the entire state and a State Docks Commission was formed to ~~be~~ accomplish the development of her latent port facilities. An exceptionally enlightened and broad view of the situation was taken. The Commission not only took a long range view of the amount of land needed for port facilities but saw that the port could be of little use unless those it might serve could secure sites on economical terms. To this end they acquired title to an area sufficient for their own needs and also with which to supply sites for industries.

Industrial corporations may lease these lands for a nominal rental charge, but with an enforceable condition that they occupy the sites with their plants and keep such plants in operation. This has not only opened the way for the rapid development of the State lands, but has given the negotiators with private owners an advantage in securing sites at reasonable prices. They can always threaten to occupy State lands. I think it interesting that Mobile is now giving support to the development of Fairhope by accomplishing through arbitrary measures what Fairhope accomplishes by simply collecting the economic rent of land, a wholly justifiable democratic process.

✍ I am sure the Fairhope Courier will be pleased to give publicity, any advance notices of the conference with which they are supplied. With every good wish for a successful conference and assurance of my desire to be of such service as I am, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary



HENRY GEORGE FOUNDATION, AUSTRALIA, LITERATURE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Excelsior House: 17-19 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, C.1.

CENTENARY AND COMMEMORATION OF HENRY GEORGE.

15/11/38

Dear Sir,

Suggestions for increasing interest in the Commemoration of Henry George have been before the Foundation, and the Publicity Committee takes the liberty of addressing you on the subject.

Throughout Australia, and in many countries, there is a Yearly Commemoration, but all are not held on the one date. For reasons of sentiment, and on the score of publicity for the Leader and for the Movement, it is felt that in all countries the Celebration should be on the Birthday - September 2nd: when that date falls on Sunday, it might be held on Saturday 1st or Monday 3rd September.

If this were done, it would permit of inspiring platform references in every country - the event would have more News-value, and the press would give it greater publicity. Finally, "Henry George Day" might become established in the minds of others besides his followers.

A matter of great importance is that the year 1939 marks the Centenary of Henry George's birth, and a move everywhere to make the event known would give great publicity to our Movement. It is not too early, now, to begin an exchange of ideas and suggestions, so that the best possible programme may be evolved. The main celebration in each country should on that occasion be on the Birthday, and the Commemoration should be world-wide.

One immediate step would be securing a Meeting Hall for ~~Monday~~ *Saturday*, September 2nd.

Each League or organised group will, of course, work within its capacity and in its own way, but there might be some attempt to achieve a function to catch public attention. It may be the unveiling of a Bust or Painting of Henry George, presentation of a Library Set of George's Works to some Public Institution, a Prize Oration or the like. But, instead of, or besides a Dinner for the elect, a Public Meeting and an Address by some prominent citizen.

All this is but suggestive. The matter is submitted and commended to Henry George Leagues of Australia, and to Overseas kindred organisations.

With Greetings,

Yours faithfully,

For the Literature & Publicity Committee.

A. L. GIBSON. Chairman.

P. J. MARKHAM. Secretary.

*Would be glad to hear  
from you at any time.  
Send along a copy of  
"The Courier" - haven't seen  
one for years.  
With Season's Greetings  
and continued success  
to the Colony P.J.M.*



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HENRY GEORGE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA  
417 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

August 18, 1948.

TO THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE HENRY GEORGE FOUNDATION:

The annual business meeting of the Henry George Foundation of America will be held on Thursday, September 2, 1948, at 4:00 p.m., at Room 712 Bakewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the election of Trustees and the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

The terms of the following trustees expire on September 2, 1948:

Walter R. Demmler, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Dr. C. A. Gaston, Fairhope, Ala.  
Clayton J. Ewing, Maywood, Ill.  
Charles H. Ingersoll, East Orange, N. J.  
J. C. Lincoln, Cleveland, Ohio  
Wm. E. Schoyer, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Harold Sudell, Philadelphia, Pa.

A form of proxy is enclosed for your convenience so that you will be represented in the voting if not able to be present in person. Please sign and return your proxy.

Respectfully yours,

  
Secretary.



HENRY GEORGE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA  
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August 21, 1947.

TO THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE HENRY GEORGE FOUNDATION:

The annual business meeting of the Henry George Foundation of America will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 1947, at 3:30 p.m. at Room 705 Keystone Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the election of Trustees and the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

The annual meeting is called at this time in compliance with the provisions of our charter. It is our purpose, however, to arrange a larger and more representative conference within the next month or two at such place as may prove most convenient.

The terms of the following trustees expire on September 2, 1947:

Charles R. Eckert, Beaver, Pa.  
Charlotte O. Schetter, Northport, N.Y.  
J. Rupert Mason, San Francisco, Calif.  
Charles Joseph Smith, New York, N.Y.  
Abe D. Waldauer, Memphis, Tenn.  
Percy R. Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Hugo W. Noren, Pittsburgh, Pa. (deceased)

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Respectfully yours,

  
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April 16, 1946.

Dr. C. A. Gaston,  
Fairhope Single Tax Colony,  
Fairhope, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Gaston:

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Henry George Foundation will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at 1 P.M. at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

This meeting is called by our new President, Mr. Charles R. Eckert, for the purpose of canvassing the situation to determine what might be done in the direction of formulating a practical program, and Philadelphia has been selected as the meeting place likely to be most convenient for a majority of those who might attend this meeting. All members of the Board are most cordially invited to participate so far as possible or convenient, but for the benefit of those who are situated at distant points, it is planned to have another meeting later in the year at which time a more extensive program will be provided and the officers of the Foundation will then be in a position to report some specific recommendations.

The conference will open with a luncheon in a private room at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, and will continue through the afternoon until there has been a full informal discussion of all suggestions that may be presented for consideration and action.

Now that the war is over, your officers feel that it is important to reach an early decision with reference to the future activities of the Henry George Foundation, and we shall greatly appreciate your counsel and cooperation. Will you please advise if you expect to be able to meet with us in Philadelphia?

Sincerely yours,

  
Executive Secretary

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December 27, 1945.

Dr. C. A. Gaston,  
Fairhope, Alabama.

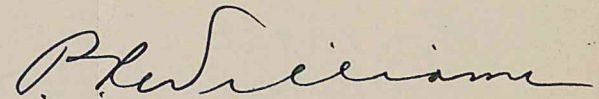
Dear Sir:

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Henry George Foundation will be held on Thursday, January 10, 1946 at 3:30 P. M. at Room 809 Keystone Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

We would like to have as large a representation as possible of our trustees at this meeting, and we hope you can be present. If, however, it is not possible for you to personally participate, we would welcome your suggestions for our guidance.

Immediately following the choice of a new President to succeed the late George E. Evans, consideration will be given to the question of formulating some practical program of action. Arrangements will probably be made at an early date for a conference of leaders in the movement who would like to see a revival of activities, now that the end of the war has cleared the way.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary

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September 7, 1945.

Dr. C. A. Gaston,  
Fairhope Single Tax Colony,  
Fairhope, Alabama

My dear Mr. Gaston:

I take pleasure in advising you that at the annual meeting of the charter members of the Henry George Foundation, held September 4th, you were unanimously elected as a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of three years.

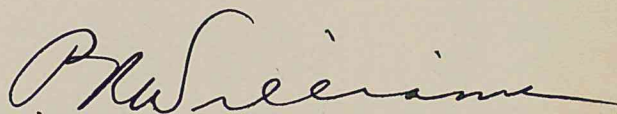
We trust that you will favor us by accepting this place as we would greatly appreciate the benefit of your counsel and cooperation, especially in view of the active part you have taken in the movement for a number of years and the fact that we should have the South more adequately represented.

As you perhaps know, the Henry George Foundation has not attempted any very active program for the past few years, but it is the intention of the officers and trustees to maintain the Foundation as a permanent organization in the hope that we may see our way clear to develop and finance a practical program of action when the time seems to be ripe and conditions favorable.

I have not personally been in touch with our good friends in Fairhope for several years, but I had many pleasant contacts with your father in the early days of the Henry George Foundation, and some of our trustees like Mr. Ewing and Mr. Waldauer have been making frequent visits. It was on the nomination of Mr. Waldauer that you were chosen at this time as a member of our official board.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

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September 13, 1941.

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

My dear Mr. Gaston:

I am delighted to have your letter of September 8th advising me that you will be able to come to Chicago and will therefore accept our invitation to address the Henry George Congress opening on September 29th.

I am glad to advise you that the official program has not yet been printed and we are still reserving a place for you so we shall immediately place your name on the program for at least a twenty-minute period.

I am enclosing a copy of the printed announcement and am sorry if one did not reach you. I did, however, write you about a month ago enclosing a typewritten announcement and had intended to follow up with further material.

Thanking you for your cordial cooperation and looking forward with keen interest to seeing and hearing you at Chicago, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


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September 23, 1941.

Mr. C. A. Gaston, Secretary,
Fairhope Single Tax Colony,
Fairhope, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Gaston:

Here is our official convention program, just off the press, and you will note we have scheduled you to speak at the Tuesday morning conference, which I hope will be agreeable to you.

We are counting strongly on you and I know our delegates will be eager to hear about Fairhope and its recent progress. I am also hoping that you may be able to bring some other good Georgists with you from Fairhope.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing and hearing you at Chicago, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

P. Williams
Executive Secretary.

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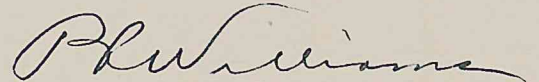
February 4, 1952.

Dr. C. A. Gaston,
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Dr. Gaston:

For your information as a member of the Board of Trustees, I enclose herewith financial report showing receipts and disbursements for the year 1951.

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary.

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HENRY GEORGE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

Financial Report - Year 1951

Balance in Peoples First National Bank & Trust Co., January 1, 1951 - \$1,020.73

Cash Receipts:

Contributions -----	\$4,417.65	
Return from Investments -----	<u>166.08</u>	<u>4,583.73</u>
		5,604.46

Disbursements:

Salaries -----	\$3,350.00	
Office Rent -----	700.00	
Printing, Postage & Misc. Expense --	992.58	
Traveling Expense -----	250.00	
Telephone & Telegraph Service -----	113.84	
Convention Expense -----	<u>97.50</u>	<u>5,503.92</u>

Balance in Peoples First National Bank & Trust Co., December 31, 1951 - \$100.54

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August 1, 1954.

TO THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE HENRY GEORGE FOUNDATION:

The annual business meeting of the Henry George Foundation of America will be held on Thursday, September 2, 1954, at 4:00 p.m., at Room 710 Bakewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the election of Trustees and the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

The terms of the following trustees expire on September 2, 1954:

Sidney J. Abelson, New York, N. Y.
Dr. C. A. Gaston, Fairhope, Alabama
Clayton J. Ewing, Mobile, Alabama
John C. Lincoln, Cleveland, Ohio
Bernard B. McGinnis, Pittsburgh, Pa.
William E. Schoyer, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A form of proxy is enclosed for your convenience so that you will be represented in the voting if not able to be present in person. Please sign and return your proxy.

Respectfully yours,

Phyllis Williams
Secretary

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Dear Friend:

You will get some idea of how the Henry George Foundation is carrying out its current program from the enclosed folder. Working in cooperation with the Graded Tax League, the Foundation is using every means available with its limited resources to have the Graded Tax Plan adopted by Pennsylvania's third class cities -- a step made possible by our recent legislative victory.

We are appealing to mayors, other officials and citizens on the sound basis that adoption of the Graded Tax Plan is the practical way to modernize their municipal tax structures. This approach is winning favorable attention and every week brings new encouragement and added prospects of success.

But one factor, more than anything else, is holding us back from making faster progress -- we lack the means to make contacts with officials and citizens in various sections of the state as frequently as the magnitude of our task requires. It is therefore difficult to take full advantage of the momentum gained by our legislative victory and by the subsequent encouragement given us by the municipalities we hope to win over. In short, we need more money -- and we need it badly!

It is not pleasant to make frequent appeals for funds. But it is less pleasant to see our prospects lessen because the funds are not at hand! And so again we have to appeal to you. Please send as much as you can now, and make as large a pledge as you can for the remainder of the year.

Believe me, not a cent of your money is wasted. Overhead is kept ridiculously low -- every dollar is spent on direct agitation for adoption of the Graded Tax Plan, for furthering the cause of Henry George! You can be sure that whether you send \$5, or \$10 ... or \$1,000, your money will be put to use for the cause that is dear to your heart!

We greatly appreciate the support of those who have made recent contributions and pledges. We know that many more will want to join them.

Please don't delay -- send your contribution and pledge in the return envelope right now!

Cordially yours,

Charles R. Eckert
President

May 24, 1952

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August 14, 1952.

TO THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE HENRY GEORGE FOUNDATION:

The annual business meeting of the Henry George Foundation of America will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 1952, at 4:00 P.M., at Room 710, Bakewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the election of Trustees and the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

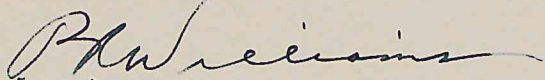
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Robert C. Bowers, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Cornelius D. Scully, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., Harriman, N.Y.
Carl D. Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Gilbert M. Tucker, Albany, New York

A form of proxy is enclosed for your convenience so that you will be represented in the voting if not able to be present in person. Please return this proxy and, if you desire to have the proxy act in any particular manner, so advise.

A decision has not yet been made as to the time and place of our next national conference but you will be advised in due time.

Respectfully yours,


Executive Secretary.

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October 31, 1951.

Dr. C. A. Gaston, Secretary,
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Dr. Gaston:

I am pleased to advise you that, at the annual meeting of the Foundation held October 6th in New York, you were re-elected as a trustee of this organization for the ensuing term of three years.

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary.

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HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

Commerce and Industry Division

April
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Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
Fairhope, Alabama

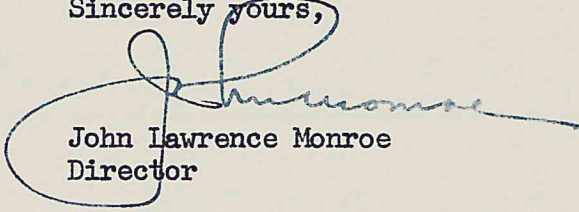
Dear Sirs:

Thank you for the 1949 and 1950 reports of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

Will you please keep me on your mailing list to receive any of your Corporation's mailings possible.

A great deal of interest in Fairhope has been created by the widely syndicated article of Hal O'Flaherty which appeared in the Chicago Daily News last Saturday. The telephone wires of the School were buzzing all day Monday with friends calling about the article.

Sincerely yours,



John Lawrence Monroe
Director

Aug: 9, 1946

Miss Alice Davis
% Henry George News
50 East 69th St.,
New York 21, N. Y.

Miss Alice Davis

Dear Miss Davis:

Your letter of June 24, addressed to Mrs. Frances Gaston Crawford was handed me for reply. I regret my delay in giving it the attention it deserves. I am the associate editorial writer for the Fairhope Courier and it is my task to give attention to such communications as yours.

It was the ambition of Fairhope's founders to provide a demonstration that would give physical proof of the soundness of the Henry George principles. It was not their desire, but a necessity of their poverty that caused them to start with what was expected to be merely a subsistence homestead community. They too saw, as did many of the single tax associates of your friend's father, that it would be more desirable and more effective to have the demonstration conducted in an industrial community.

At the time of Fairhope's founding (1894-95) this section was reckoned by many to be submarginal land, and there are some who still hold that the low income and backwardness of the South is due to the submarginal character of the land, or a large part of it. The site available to our colonists lay between developed sections both above and below, here on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, a fact that would seem to testify to its inferior character. The land was cheap though, and undaunted the colonists went to work, cleared land for homes, gardens and kitchen orchards, and laid out their town site.

The crudity of pioneer life in the early days was too much for several of the half dozen families who shared in that first effort and they quickly moved on, but others who had learned of the prospect while it was in contemplation were tempted to join us. Some stayed but many of these too were unwilling to undergo the hardships and either returned whence they came or went to more developed sections, deciding to continue their work for the cause in more pleasant surroundings.

My father, E. B. Gaston had been elected secretary of the organization, The Fairhope Industrial Association, when the Association was formed in Des Moines, Iowa, early in 1894 and our family came south with the first to arrive and ours was the first house to be built on the newly purchased land. We stayed and our

March 30, 1950

Mr. Robert Clancy, Director
Henry George School of Social Science
50 East 69th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Clancy:

A part of the information requested in your letter of March 9 will be found on the last page of the enclosed copy of our 1949 report. Mr. Rockwell's first class will complete the ten lessons in Economics Simplified this week. I and Mrs. Gaston have attended the classes and believe they have been of great value.

Two additional classes are in progress now. One is composed of the faculty and seniors of the School of Organic Education, our private school and the other of towns people. I am referring your letter to Mr. Rockwell. I am sure he will appreciate any assistance you can give him. I hope it will be possible for us to keep classes going here continuously.

As you will note by the report Fairhope is making continued progress. Had Fairhope had the advantage of a site where the natural resources were capable of giving labor a high return I am sure that long ago we could have provided undisputed proof of the practicability and superiority of George's principles. In spite of the natural obstacles I believe our value as an effective demonstration will rapidly increase due to factors you will find in the report.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Oct. 13, 1949

Miss Alice Elizabeth Davis, Editor
Henry George News
50 East 69th St.
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Editor Davis:

Thank you very much for the copies of the October issue of the Henry George News. The personal note about Paul is much appreciated. His address is Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.

As a result of Paul's paper which he was permitted to read to the Congress, I have had a couple of letters from interested listners and Paul has written of several others who may write, orbetter yet, may visit Fairhope.

I found all the articles in the News interesting but am particularly impressed with the favorable reports from Pittsburgh and Denmark. Both are strategically located to make great contributions to our cause as examples of the effectiveness of its economic influence even though only partially applied. It is most significant that in these times when many Eastern sections are losing their industries to the South, Pittsburgh industries are expanding. It is also significant that the western European Nations and particularly the Benelux nations whose economies are receiving so much studied guidance, cannot make as good a showing as Denmark. Denmark, unlike Pittsburgh is not richly endowed by Nature. She suffers much of the natural resource poverty that is an obstacle to the effectiveness of Fairhope's demonstration, but unlike Fairhope and Australia she has considerable prominence of location that should make her demonstration of great value.

I do not desire to indicate any lack of appreciation of the value of the work in the field of education and publication. I am sure the world will some day be grateful for the earnest endeavor made by all to keep alive the great teachings of Henry George. I trust that in the not too distant future it may be the privilege of Fairhope to make a more substantial contribution as an effective demonstration.

Very truly yours,

Dec. 1, 1951

Alice Elizabeth Davis, Editor
Henry George News
50 East 69th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Editor Davis:

The Henry George News is performing a most valuable service in keeping this generation acquainted with the sound and necessary economic solution rejected by its predecessors to our present great peril. It is of vital importance that you continue the fine work you are doing, with the sincere hope that this generation will heed before it is too late.

Sincerely,

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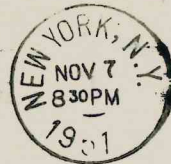
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to our present best belief. It is of vital importance that you
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Best wishes,

New York 21, N. Y.
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Dec. 1, 1951



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Mr. C. A. Gaston

Fairhope

Alabama

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Alice Elizabeth Davis, Editor

Nov. 6, 1951

Dear Mr. Gaston,

I am engaged in the odd job this eve of writing a few friends to see if they would like to say something nice about the News, in a sentence or two, which could be quoted over their signature.

We intend to reproduce an article by Robert Clancy and there will be space left over which he suggested we use for an advertisement. I think the best adv. is quotations from people, and it would be interesting to have one from Fairhope. Don't bother unless you really want to, but we'd appreciate it of course.

Yours very sincerely,

Alice E. Davis

Sept. 14, 1951

Miss Alice E. Davis, Editor
Henry George News
50 East 69th St.,
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Miss Davis:

Thankyou for your kind expressions concerning the
article in the Alabama Local Government Journal.

I am sure there will be no objection to your use of
the article in any way you may choose. If you can use them
I might be able to mail you an additional copy or so. With
much appreciation of the good work you are doing there I am,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



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Mr. C. A. Gaston

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Alice Elizabeth Davis, Editor

August 30, 1951

Dear Mr. Gaston,

Thank you so much for sending a copy of the article - it is very interesting and a much needed portrayal. So glad Fairhope is being appreciated for its uniqueness and tradition. Perhaps we can use a section of this in the News - I don't suppose there would be any objection if we give credit to the magazine. I'll certainly see that it gets around - in fact we are putting it on our bulletin board. Thanks again,

Yours very sincerely,

Alice E. Davis

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October 8, 1953

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

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Thank you for your letter of September 22nd. I don't know why you didn't get the letter relating to the stamp. It might be that you didn't receive it because we sent the letter only to individuals and not to periodicals, and I believe your name is on as editor of the Fairhope Courier. Anyway, I was quite pleased with your letter to the Postmaster, especially since it comes from a person like yourself and represents a whole community based on George's principles.

I saw the Assistant Postmaster last week, and while he seemed most receptive to the idea of a stamp and was impressed with the volume of requests from all over the country, there is some doubt as to whether the stamp will be issued, due to certain changes in policy, etc., but we will keep trying.

I am glad to have up-to-date information on Fairhope. I am turning your letter over to Alice Davis, editor of the Henry George News. Perhaps she will want more information from you.

I read recently, in the Courier, that Paul Gaston is back from Denmark and is now studying at the University of North Carolina. We would be most pleased to hear from him, too.

Sincerely,

Robert Clancy
Robert Clancy
Director

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Sept. 22, 1953

Mr. Robert Clancy, Director
Henry George School of Social Science
50 East 69th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Clancy:

It would appear that I am not on your regular mailing list since your suggestion concerning a Progress and Poverty commemorative stamp reached me only recently through the thoughtfulness of Mr. Alexis C. Fern.

Belatedly I have addressed a letter to the Postmaster General per enclosed copy. I appreciate that some of my statements may be challenged, even by singletaxers, particularly that in the last paragraph. I believe, however, that statement can be substantiated provided the term "comparable land" is strictly interpreted.

Surely there are equivalent areas that have had greater population growth and on which there has been greater wealth production, but I dare say that, in every such case, there were local conditions that made the land uncomparable to our land in Fairhope. Some such local conditions are huge expenditures of public funds as in TVA, Boulder Dam, Oak Ridge, etc., routing, rerouting or concentration of transportation facilities, large expansion of employment opportunity by the advent of industrial plants, etc., discovery or development of inherent natural resources and intensive promotional programs.

Fairhope has enjoyed no exclusive benefit from any of these. Its location is unsuited to location of industry and there has been no discovery of inherent natural resources. Surrounding and adjacent lands share, some in greater degree, the natural attractions and transportation facilities that serve Fairhope Colony lands. Having to compete with the free Colony land has deterred private land owners from initiating any high pressure promotional programs in or adjacent to Fairhope. I thought the letter to the Postmaster General and these observations might interest you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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SUMMER, 1953

Dear Friend:

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One of the possibilities now being discussed is the issuance of a special U.S. postage stamp in 1954 commemorating this anniversary. Think of the millions of people who would thus hear about "Progress and Poverty"!

Around October of this year the post office will decide on what special stamps to issue next year. Between now and then they will be receiving recommendations.

Many friends have already written to the Postmaster about a "Progress and Poverty" stamp. But many more letters are needed to convince the post office that this stamp is really wanted. Will you help? Your voice in this matter will help realize this goal! Write now - or sometime between now and September - to the Postmaster General in Washington, D.C., suggesting a "Progress and Poverty" 75th anniversary stamp in 1954. A letter to your senator or congressman would also be helpful. I'll be interested to hear of any response you get from the Postmaster or from your Senator or Congressman. Ask your friends to write, too.

Here's to the success of this project!

Sincerely,

Robert Clancy
Robert Clancy
Director

P.S. If you have heard about this project, but haven't written yet - let this serve as a reminder!

P.P.S. A friend has just told us of a letter written by his civic organization, at his request, to the Postmaster. This, too, is a good idea!

Henry George School of Social Science
A letter to the postmaster

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Oct. 31, 1946

Mr. Robert Clancy, Acting Director
Henry George School of Social Science
50 East 69th Street,
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Clancy:

I am in receipt of your letter of Oct. 28 requesting a bundle of the folder "The Single Tax Colony at Fairhope, Alabama" and I regret very much to inform you it is out of print. We have been giving consideration to the publication of a new folder better suited to serve the purpose in the changed world conditions and the changed local conditions.

The Fairhope Colony is entering into a new phase. That which is passing has been one of expansion of the leased area of its lands. This phase is rapidly coming to a close as you will note in the 1945 report, page two, "Our Land Problem". Since it is not probable that there will be available to the corporation any considerable additional undeveloped area of land in this section so that that phase can be resumed our attention must be devoted to the next phase.

As I see it this new phase will be new only to the extent that it will be exclusive. It is the phase of more intensive use of land already held and the refinement and extension of public services. Of course this phase started years ago when the increase of rent in the center of the community forced a breaking up of the subsistence homestead leaseholds to make room for a business district and a purely residential neighborhood. I believe the result will be a demonstration unit that is more of a finished product except that the more intensively developed area will continue to expand.

As I have indicated before one of the purposes of Fairhope's founders was to found a community the fundamental basis of which should be the Henry George principle of land value taxation so that the soundness of those principles might be demonstrated to the world. We do not have the facilities for making the contact with the world that you and other groups have so it is particularly gratifying to have your invitation to send you the folders and to have you give Fairhope the publicity you gave it in your Memorial Number of the Henry George News.

Up to the present date I have received only two enquiries as a result of the article, but more may come and the type of

questions asked both by them and by a considerable number of college students who write us for information give me information concerning the type of material that should go into a new folder on the operations and character of the Fairhope Colony. I shall give immediate attention to the preparation of such a folder and will be pleased to avail of the opportunity you offer for their use. It occurs to me it might be a good idea for me to have some of your announcements to enclose with my replies to student enquirers. Assuring you of our interest in the great work your institution is accomplishing and of our appreciation of the opportunity to participate I am,

Yours, Sincerely

Secretary.

P. S. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of The Alabama Local Government Journal, featuring our town.

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TELEPHONE RHINELANDER 4-8700

October 28, 1946

Mr. C. A. Gaston
The Single Tax Colony
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

We would like to have a quantity of your little folder "The Single Tax Colony at Fairhope, Ala." for distribution among our teachers. When the inevitable question comes up in our classes - "What is being done about it?" information of this nature would be very helpful in supplying an answer. We could use about 100 of these folders for this purpose.

May I suggest that you also send a supply to our extensions, a list of which you will find on the enclosed bookmark.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Robert Clancy
Robert Clancy
Acting Director

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HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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June 24, 1946

Mrs. Frances Gaston Crawford
Editor, The Fairhope Courier
Fairhope, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Crawford,

We are much interested here at the News in the regular advent of The Fairhope Courier, and there is so much about it that is good that we would like to know more about the inside story--the background--the human interest side. . .

One member of our staff remembers as a little girl hearing her father speak of the Fairhope experiment and the fact that unfortunately from a Georgist standpoint it might not be as valuable as it could be if Fairhope were an industrial community.

We plan a big Henry George Memorial issue of the News in September, and it occurs to me that if you know of any good old timer who can refer back to the origin of the Fairhope plan and trace it down to the present, commenting on what it has proved in its operation, such an article would be very interesting to us. Do you receive the Henry George News? A copy of the latest issue is enclosed.

Thanking you in advance for your trouble and your kindly interest, we are

Yours very sincerely,

Alice Davis

HENRY GEORGE NEWS

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July 24, 1951

Mr. P. R. Williams
417 Grant St.,
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have a card from J. Ripert Mason, Calif., informing me of your success in getting the legislature and the governor to provide legal means for Pennsylvania's 47 third class cities to adopt the graded tax plan. I am anxious to receive direct word concerning this monumental step forward in the right direction and will appreciate any material you can send me for publication in the Fairhope Courier. Is a copy of the law available?

Are there any reports concerning the effectiveness of the graded tax plan's operation in Pittsburgh and Scranton? Surely there can be no question of the effectiveness else it would scarcely have been possible for you to have succeeded in making the plan available to the 3rd class cities.

Of late years the south has been enjoying great industrial expansion and in many cases, unfortunately, our gain has meant a loss to another section. No doubt considerable factors influencing the change have been high local taxes and high prices for land needed for expansion. I judge that Pittsburgh and Scranton show unparalleled success both in the retention and expansion of their home industries. I will appreciate any confirming information you can give me.

While there would be much personal satisfaction in seeing Alabama become the first state in the single tax column as well as first alphabetically, I consider it most appropriate for Pennsylvania, Henry George's birth place to have that distinction. Also Pennsylvania's strategic location would, I am sure make the example there of greatest value. May we hope that progress will continue.

The Alabama Local Government Journal published an article I supplied entitled "Fairhope's Single Tax Colony" I believe will interest you. Under separate cover I am mailing you a marked copy. With much appreciation for the great accomplishment of you and associates I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mch. 4, 1946

Mr. William B. Truehart
333 N. Madison Ave.,
Los Angeles 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Truehart:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter of Jan. 30. Pressure of Corporation business made it necessary for me to lay aside for future attention your letter and a number of others, prompted by an article "Fairhope, The Hope Of The Future, appearing in the January issue of March of Progress, Chicago.

In Fairhope's early days the poverty of the founders and the accompanying crudeness of a life in a pioneer community developed many trying problems in human relations. Fortunately those days of common hardship have passed and, as compared with other towns of this section, we have accomplished the "Purpose" set forth in ARTICLE II of the constitution (copy enclosed).

We do not have available for distribution any copies of Enclaves of Economic Rent and I do not know where any could be secured. I believe the last publication was in 1933. It may be that a letter addressed to Mrs. Rachael Lothrop, Tahanto, Harvard, Mass. might be successful. Her father, Fiske Warren was the publisher. Other material I am sending enclosed and under separate cover. You will note in the Fairhope Courier, our 1945 reports, both financial and otherwise.

still collects

Your question as to whether Fairhope the full economic rent is a debatable one, both as to the present and the past. The level of rent collected does seem to encourage a progressive development of leaseholds and does, in the main, tend to discourage the holding of excessively large leaseholds, with their inadequate development. That, in my opinion is one of the safest guides. We are maintaining in full effect the provision contained in the lease contract at the end of paragraph (3). However, of our more than 700 rental accounts in 1945, the ad valorem taxes on the improvements and personal property of only 61 exceeded the rent.

I do hope you will be able to visit us this summer for I feel sure much valuable use could now be made of Fairhope by all who are working in the broad field of education and propaganda. Be assured I shall be glad to hear further from you.

Very truly yours,

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January 30, 1946

C. A. Gaston, Secretary
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
Fairhope, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I wish to learn more about Fairhope and its application of Henry George's principles. Let me introduce myself: I am a third generation Georgist. I am a good friend of John L. Monroe and know Albert Schalkenbach, who was formerly one of your trustees.

If you have any illustrative material, particularly the "Enclaves of Economic Rent" by Fisk Warren, dealing with Fairhope and/or some later publications, I shall appreciate your sending same to me. Send C.O.D. or bill me.

What is the present situation in Fairhope? That is, does the colony still collect the full economic rent and refund the full amount of taxes on improvements and personal property as it used to do? I have heard that during the last few years, especially during the depression, it was forced to abandon its policy of refunding the improvement taxes when they exceeded the ground rent.

I shall look forward to visiting Fairhope sometime in the future, possibly this coming summer.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours cordially,

Wm. B. Truehart

William B. Truehart, Director.

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Paul A. Strachan

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1374 Hall Place Bldg.

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father continued as executive secretary of the corporation almost continuously until his resignation in 1936 at which time I was - elected to the position, which I still hold, having been reelected each year without opposition.

Fairhope has now become the largest town in Baldwin x County, a fact that I am sure can be accounted for only by the fundamental soundness of the economic principles the colonists placed and have maintained in operation here for more than fifty years. While we are well pleased with Fairhope's physical location we cannot but admit that the sites of other communities in the county have economic advantages by reason of their location that cannot be available to us. However, the fact that Fairhope has outstripped them all and has maintained the most rapid rate of growth as shown by U. S. census figures, but gives further weight to the evidence of value of our plan.

While the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation owns only about one-fifth of the land now within the corporate limits of the municipality of Fairhope its lands comprise probably 70% of the total developed area with the corporation and its lessees paying a proportionate amount of the tax revenue received by the municipal government. The central business section is entirely on lands leased from the corporation.

Some might attribute the greater growth of Fairhope to the higher intelligence of its citizenry since people who have the mental capacity to delve into and arrive at a solution of complex economic problems are generally rated above the average. I believe it to be true however, that many such ~~are~~ suffer a handicap rather than an advantage by reason of their comprehension. Also it is my observation that by far the greatest number of those who have been attracted to Fairhope and who have been responsible for its physical growth, were attracted by the economic opportunity it offered. Most of them, I would say, did not and do not analyze the vital factors that made such opportunity more freely available at Fairhope than elsewhere.

I believe that Fairhope is now reaching the capacity to be of the service its founders hoped it might eventually perform. That hope was that our application of the fundamental principles propounded by Henry George would enable Fairhope to offer so great a contrast to surrounding communities that did not enjoy the beneficent influence of those principles as to make it of value as a practical demonstration for you and the many others. Indeed I sometimes think that if more of those who had accepted the theory at the time of Fairhope's founding, had engaged in the establishment of demonstration units, the present day value might exceed that of their accomplishment in other directions.

Under separate cover I am sending additional printed material. I want to assure you of our appreciation of your interest and our desire to give you all possible assistance.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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July 8, 1940

Mr. C. A. Gaston, Secretary
Fairhope Single Tax Corp.
Fairhope, Alabama

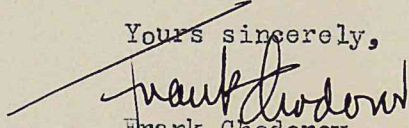
Dear Mr. Gaston:

In compliance with your request of the 3rd we sent you 12 copies of Prof. Brown's abridgement of "Progress and Poverty" and have entered your name on the subscription list of the FREEMAN. Enclosed you will find an invoice.

The abridgement cost us 26¹/₂¢ to print. Therefore you will see that our price of 25¢ does not cover the cost, and as a consequence we could hardly be expected to make any reduction. It may be that we will have a new printing of this abridgement this fall. Maybe that will cost us less.

If you will be kind enough to send us a story of Fairhope showing how it demonstrates the practice of George's fiscal theory, pointing out if necessary, the handicaps under which Fairhope might be placed because of the non-Single Tax surrounding territories, and such other details as you might think of interest, we will be pleased to entertain such an article for the FREEMAN. It should not be over 1000 words.

Yours sincerely,


Frank Chodorov
Director

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August 2, 1940

Mr. C. A. Gaston
Fairhope, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Your check received. The subscription for the FREEMAN has been entered in the name of the Fairhope Public Library as per your instructions.

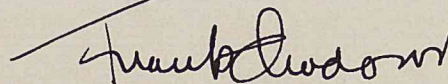
And this gives me an opportunity to ask you whether there is any possibility of starting a class in Fundamental Economics based on "Progress and Poverty" in Fairhope. I think there was a class in your city some time ago but I do not recall who taught it.

Fear of Communism will not help us get students. Fear of Communism will probably help strengthen the forces of Fascism. Fear of any kind will not help us. What will help us is understanding, and understanding can be had only through education.

I presume that you are familiar with the growth of the School. This growth has been made possible simply because we have taken an attitude of academic objectivity and have not deviated from this line one iota. We teach objectively, we do not ask the student to subscribe to anything, we have no political ideology and no organization to which the student is asked to join. If he is interested he may continue to study other books by George, he may contribute to the cost of running the School, he may address envelopes, he may get other students. Activities for those who are interested are plentiful - but no organization. And that is why the School has grown in numbers and in popularity.

I do hope that you will see your way clear towards starting a class in Fairhope. I assume that you are familiar with our teachers manual and our classroom helps. If not I will be glad to send them to you.

Yours very sincerely,



Frank Chodorov
Director

FC:v

July 15, 1940

Henry George School of Social Science,
Frank Chodorov, Director,
30 East 29th Street,
New York City,

Dear Mr. Chodorov:

Enclosed find our check to cover your invoice #458. We are much pleased with the books and are glad to pay your price which we consider generous. I feel that this edition is going to be of great value. The length and the complexity of the subjects discussed in the original have been a great bar, particular in these latter years when there is so much to occupy peoples time, to getting people to study the Henry George presentation.

I appreciate your invitation to prepare an article on Fairhope and I shall do so at the earliest opportunity. At the present I have plans for visiting New York several days in the week of Aug. 4-10 and hope I shall have time to come to your office to pay my respects to the school.

You apparently misunderstood my letter. I wanted the subscription to The Freeman entered in the name of Fairhope Public Library. I shall deliver the copy sent me but request that you make the necessary change on your mailing list. I get to see the copy coming to the exchange table of the Fairhope Courier, of which I am an associate editor.

There is a possibility that the present perilous times may be of great advantage to our great cause. ~~Communism~~ Fear of Communism has been a great factor, I believe, in paving the way for fascism and nazism, and may it not be possible that the combined fear of both these may lead the way to the adoption in America of our democratic remedy?

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Fairhope, Alabama
April 29, 1947

Mr. A. G. Herbel:
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Herbel:

I had not intended the discourtesy you may have inferred due to my delay in replying to your letter of April 1 and now your later communication of April 26.

I regret there is a difference of opinion with reference to the matter of payment for your service. I believe I did pay your repair bill on the piano. Mrs. Gaston and others I believe competent to judge state that the piano was worse after you attempted tuning of it than it was before.

I am no judge of such matters but I suspect that the abilities and skills of earlier years may be lost in later years and I do know that many people are of this opinion. I know some such who have realized this and have withdrawn their offers of service in the field of activity where their former skill had become appreciably diminished.

There is no question of my ability to pay for any service I apply for when that service is rendered. I believe that was evidenced by my willingness to pay for the repairs you made. I am convinced you did not tune the piano. At least I did have to pay to have it tuned before it could be used after your attempt.

As stated before I do regret this difference of opinion, but I do believe I am correct in ~~me~~ not acknowledging any indebtedness to you.

Very truly yours,

Fairhope 4/26/47

Dr. C. A. Gaston

I spoke to Mr. & Mrs. Dyson about my piano Bill. After I had asked Mr. Perkins what I could do about it. He said there are two methods. One to Garnish your wages by serving the notice to the President of the Single Tax Corp. The other way to file a mechanics lien on your Piano & take the Piano if you do not pay plus the costs. The Dysons were very much surprised at your refusing to pay the 2.00 for the two tunings. I told them you paid 2.00 for the repairing & material but nothing for the tuning. Told them while I was tuning & had tuned about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the keys your wife came in & struck the upper keys while I

was tuning & said this is not in
tune I won't pay you. I informed
her I had not tuned the upper
keys yet. Then she came in again
& said I won't pay you a tuner
told her he would spray the action
with a mixture he invented so
the action would never swell
again. Mr. Dyson shook his head
at that. Told her that man had a
fortune if ~~he~~^{he} could do that & need
never tune again. Mrs. Dyson said
they surely can pay such a small
bill. & Mr. D. said you are earning
a good salary & can pay it, but
give him another chance & report to
me the result. As it would put
you in a terrible position as Secy
& Treasurer of the S. T. Corp. not to
pay the Piano Tuner. When I tuned
your piano when you bought it
the upper keys had no tone at all
& your wife knew it, but made no
complaint about that, but this
time she said I won't pay you the
upper notes won't sound & some are
out of tune. Caused by some being
more damp than others as the Piano
was at an open window all summer.

Yours Truly
A. S. Herbel -

Fairhope 4/1/17

Mr. C. Gaston.

Referring to your debt for
tuning your Piano two times.

You only paid \$2.50 for the repairs and
material. When I tuned it the Piano was
not only very much out of tune but the
action badly swollen from being so near
the open window. This causes many notes
incorrect. Then I tuned it again a few months
later when you informed me your wife
would not be home. - She wanted a man
to tune it who said he has a preparation
of his own that he would guarantee the
action or keep never to swell again. I told
your wife if he had any such dope he would
have a fortune. When I tuned it the second
time some parts were still swollen. And
he had not improved the extreme treble
notes at all. As I informed you, all pianos
are false in the higher notes. I have only
found one a Steinway that was perfect there.

And you surely would not expect me or
any other man to do the impossible. I have
asked Lowell (Gordon) about this and he
said also, no pianos can be tuned perfectly
in the higher notes & many notes have
no tune at all. The mobile tuners told
me the same. I have never had a customer
in my life time refuse to pay me; they all
knew the higher notes were imperfect as
other men could not correct this fault.
I do not think you willfully mean to
avoid this debt but that you simply
do not understand Pianos as Piano men
do. Your piano is not a very good make
but only a medium quality piano. You only
paid \$35- for it. It was left at Mrs. Anacker's
home to sell, & was a long time before it even
sold for \$35- My first charge was for the
one tuning \$4 + 2.50 for repairs etc. But since
I tuned it later, the bill is for two tunings
I make you a price of \$4 + 2 instead of \$18-
I think you understand now, and I will
expect a check as I do not want to injure
your reputation, by another method to
collect this bill. Yours Sincerely -

Albert L. Herbel -

Feb. 15, 1939.

Mr. John Herberger,
3813 Forrest Park Blvd.,
St. Louis, Mo.,

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Kirby Wharton, President of the Bank of Fairhope has informed me of your enquiry about Fairhope and has asked me to send you some literature about our Corporation and to send you a copy of the Fairhope Courier. I am mailing these under separate cover and hope you will find them of interest.

We, in Fairhope, feel that the prevailing method of securing revenue through taxes bearing heavily on private property and industrial activity is responsible for a large part, if not all, of our economic difficulties. By it labor and industry are deprived of a large part of their legitimate earnings while the failure to place the revenue burden where it belongs, on the socially created land values, encourages the monopoly ownership and control of the sites and resources necessary for industrial expansion.

Should you desire further information I will be glad to have you write me.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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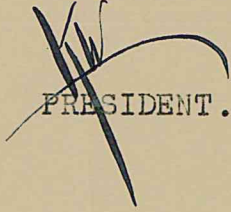
February 11, 1939

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
Fairhope, Alabama

Attention C. A. Gaston: Secretary.

We have today received an inquiry regarding Fairhope from Mr. John Heberer of 3813 Forest Park Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri. Will you be kind enough to mail him some literature regarding the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, and, if possible, see that he gets a sample copy of the Courier?

Yours sincerely,


PRESIDENT.

KW:DP

Dec. 23, 1938.

Mr. H. Herschend,
701 Gordon Terrace,
Chicago, Ill.,

Dear Hugo:-

Please do not measure our interest in hearing from you by my delay in replying. The Corporation's business at this season of the year is quite heavy and I have not felt that I could give the time warranted in a reply to your letter.

We were shocked and are deeply grieved to learn of your loss of Gudren. We very much appreciated her fine character and had a deep affection for her. You may be assured that we sincerely sympathize with you in the loss and with the little boy who has lost so fine a mother.

I appreciate your interest in Fairhope and I enclose some literature which I hope may be helpful to your friend in deciding on a location in the south.

Fairhope does not have the tropical climate of central and southern Florida but we do not customarily have any severely cold weather. We do have frost somewhat frequently during the winter but we also have many warm, sunny days and many of the northern people who winter here declare their greater satisfaction with our moderate weather than with the continually summer-like weather of Florida.

Fairhope also has the attraction of the exceptional sociability of its citizens and a higher intelligence rating than is found in most small communities. We have unusual educational advantages in the location here of the famous progressive School of Organic Education, founded and operated by Marietta L. Johnson and a publicly supported consolidated district school. We have a good public library, churches of all variety (almost), a tourist club for the entertainment of visitors, a number of acres of fine public parks, an attractive municipal golf course and tennis courts and considerable number of our streets are paved and sidewalks constructed.

I should say that an average rental for a cottage or for an apartment is \$25.00 monthly. There are not many

opportunities to secure board and room and I do not have any information as to any such at the present time. The Fairhope Hotel, however furnishes such accommodations and is very conveniently located. I am informed that their rate would be \$125.00 monthly for the two.

Should your friend decide to come to Fairhope I shall certainly be pleased to have her call on me for any assistance I can give and if there is any further specific information she may desire I assure you I shall be glad to give it. We hope it will be possible for you to come here some day and pay us a visit or better, locate at or near Fairhope. This is a fine section for children and I always feel sorry for a child who has to be denied the wonderful advantages we have here.

The advantages of our Single Tax policy are becoming more and more apparent in Fairhope and the need of the nation for the just revenue system that the Single Tax alone supplies is also becoming more evident with each succeeding year. I believe that the benefits to be received would be sufficient to completely cure the economic ills that are causing our people so much distress and if the cure were not complete the benefits derived would be as great as to greatly diminish suffering and injustice.

Margaret and I appreciate your thoughtful Season's Greetings which we shall enjoy sharing with our 11 year old boy who gives us much pleasure and I want to assure you that you and your boy have our every sincere wish that this Christmas time may bring you an exceptional measure of cheer to make less poignant the keenness of your loss. We are also wishing for you that the years will bring about a readjustment that will bring much satisfaction and happiness to you and the little boy.

Sincerely yours,

regarding Fairhope, I have a
friend who has been ordered
south for her health, she needs
a lot of sunshine and quiet
and always having, due to your
description, had a soft spot in
my heart for your community
I promised her to try to
find out what fairhope offers
and at what price. — —

she has a little boy 6 years
old who would probably be
going to school. She would
like to know what one can
live on either in a bungalow
or in a pension —

Hoping that I am not putting
you to too much trouble and
whining you and Margaret
a very merry Christmas, I am
sincerely yours
Hugo Hunkeler

701 Gordon Ter
Chicago Ill
12-9-38

Dear Corrie!

You no doubt will be surprised to receive a letter from me after all these years.. (I believe it was in 1925 you lived on Bittersweet St.)

I wonder how you and Margert are getting along? and I remember you got a baby shortly after you left Chicago, any more

Things are changed a lot as far as I am concerned.

I lost Gudrun in the spring and I am now alone with a little boy 4 years old, so I have sort of got my hands full.

One of my reasons for writing you Corrie is to ask you for some information

March 30, 1937

Mr. Fred Hethershaw
Route 7
Des Moines, Ia.

Dear Mr. Hethershaw:

We are interested in opening an alley on the land dividing our property and yours, east of Summit St. We have considered that this alley should be 20 feet wide and wish to propose to you that we each give 10 feet. If my figures are correct your land extends east of Church St. 213.5 ft. to the west line of the Corte holding.

We had at first aimed to extend the alley clear through to Church St., but the house on the back of lot 4 was too close to the south line to permit us to give 10 feet and Mr. Corte did not fall in with the idea. I believe that this alley would make your lots fronting on St. James St. more valuable and would give access to our lots without the necessity of taking Fairhope Ave., frontage for drive ins. We would expect to carry a narrow alley on across our lot 3 as I have shown on the drawing enclosed.

Hoping this proposal will meet with your approval and requesting an early reply, I am

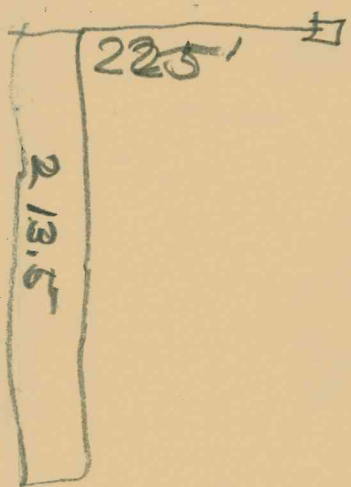
Very truly yours,

Secretary

CAG/mg

SUMMIT ST,

FAIRHIRE AVE,



FRED HETHERSTADT
ROUTE 7
DES MOINES IA,

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