

THIS INSTRUMENT entered into this 19th day of October 1916, between the New York State Convention of Universalists, through Brayton A. Field, of Watertown, N. Y., one of the Trustees thereof, appointed with power, of the first part, and *Union Free School Dist. No. 1,* of the ~~Village~~ of Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York, through the Board of Education of said Village, of the second part, witnesseth:

That in consideration of the rents and covenants hereinafter entered into the first party has demised and leased, and does hereby demise and lease, to the second party the Universalist Church Building and premises situate in said Village of Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York, with the privileges and appurtenances belonging thereto, for the term from date hereof until July 1st, 1917, and the second party shall have the right at its own expense to carefully remove from said building and carefully store elsewhere all furniture, including pews and pulpit belonging to said church, and also to put into the basement of said building water closets, water pipes, faucets, water and sewer connections and the proper and necessary partitions therefor, and the second party, in consideration therefor, hereby covenants and agrees to pay to the first party the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars rental therefor; and in addition thereto at the expiration of said term to surrender and return to said first party said church building and said furniture, pews and pulpit returned to and placed therein as and where they now are, said building and personal property all put back in and restored to the same condition in which they now are, and in case the same, or any part thereof, shall have suffered injury, or loss, to make good said injury and loss to the first party, and to repair any and all injuries done during said term to said building, or any part thereof, except that the second party shall leave in

said basement and connected therewith the water closets, water pipes, faucets, water and sewer connections and partitions put in by the second party to be and remain the property of the first party without payment therefor by the first party; and if the first party, or any of the ministers of its denomination desire to hold religious services in Massena during said term to help the first party and its said ministers in securing the Town Hall therefor on reasonable terms; and in case any taxes shall be assessed or levied upon said church property during the year 1917 to pay the same, together with all water rents, if there be any.

The second party covenants that at the expiration of said term it will surrender up said premises and property to the first party in the condition aforesaid save ordinary wear.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

*New York State Convention of  
Universalists by G. F. Field* L. S.

*Union Free School Dist. No 1,  
Town of Massena*

*L. A. Chittenden, President* L. S.  
*J. W. Maylor, Secretary*

L I T A S E

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NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION  
OF UNIVERSALISTS

WITH  
*Union Free School Dist No 1*  
*town*  
~~VILLAGE~~ OF MASSENA, N. Y.

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DATE: October 19, 1916.

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*J. B. A. Field*

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February 19, 1923

Mr. Lynn S. Randall,  
309 Pine Street,  
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randall:

I have received your letter with the tax bill on the Massena church property this morning. I am taking the matter up with Mr. Field. I will let you know what he advises. As I recall it, Mr. Field recently told me that the Board of Education of Massena want to get out of paying the rent this year. They formally paid the taxes as well as the rent. Mr. Field felt that they should pay the rent in as much as they had had the building for a part of the year. We will let him settle with them.

Sincerely yours,



GDW/RL

Copy of letter from  
New York State Convention of Universalists

n J Charles Andrews  
Insurance  
Manua N.Y.

Decemb 13<sup>th</sup> 1923

Dear  
Mr J S Randall  
Syracuse N.Y.  
Dear Sir:

Your Church building is in  
very good need of some repairs,  
unless the roof is repaired it may  
sustain serious damages.

Very truly yours  
J. C. Andrews.

12-15-23

My dear Dr Walker.

I refer this letter to you.  
As stormy weather is coming on, I  
susume this matter needs immediate attention  
with you see to it. Please advise

OFFICE OF  
LYNN S. RANDALL  
TREASURER  
309 PINE STREET  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Sincerely,  
L. S. Randall.

Treasurer

Mr Andrews has the insurance on the buildings

March 8, 1923

(copy)

Brayton A. Field, Esq.  
Savings Bank Building  
Watertown, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that you are looking after the property owned by the Universalist Church on Andrews Street in the Village of Massena. A sprinkling tax of \$8.11 has been returned unpaid by the village collector for the year 1922 and the matter has been placed in my hands for collection and with instructions to advertise the property for sale for unpaid taxes if not paid within one week. Kindly give this matter your attention and advise me if you desire to pay the same.

Yours very truly

Andrew J. Hammer  
Village Attorney.

**FIELD & SWAN**

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS

36-38 SAVINGS BANK BUILDING

WATERTOWN, N. Y.

BRAYTON A. FIELD

MASON M. SWAN

November 21, 1923.

Mr. Lynn S. Randall  
309 Pine Street  
Syracuse, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Randall:-

I herewith inclose check from Massena of \$170.00  
made payable to your order.

After a long controversy and a number of inter-views with the superintendent of Massena Schools, I finally arrived at an adjustment and settlement of the rent for the last school year for our Church at Massena. I do not know if this will meet the approval of the Board or yourself, but I thought it better than litigation with the Massena Board of Education in an action to recover the \$300.00, and I have accepted \$170.00 in full settlement of the rent for last year. I have left the superintendent and the board with cordial feeling to help us in renting or disposing of the property. They did not use the building for school purposes last year. The superintendent informs me that the pews, pulpits, and all church supplies have been restored in the building as they found them when they began to use the building. I rented the building to the old superintendent. This is a new superintendent who knew nothing about the contract with the former one, as the present superintendent says that they could not find any letters or records in the matter.

Very truly yours,

BAF:BRB

Enc. 1.



*Received Nov 22 1923*

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1923

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THOMAS E. SHEAN  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
MASSENA, NEW YORK

April 20th, 1927.

John M. Atwood, Esq.  
Theological School  
St. Lawrence University  
Canton, New York.

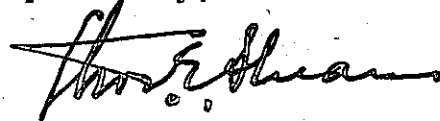
My dear Sir:

In the matter of the transfer of certain property situate in the Village of Massena, from the New York State Convention of Universalists, to the Macabees Tent No. 575, of Massena, New York, I am sending you herewith Treasurer's check of The Massena Banking and Trust Company for \$2695.83, being the amount of the principal and accrued interest to this date.

Trusting that this is all satisfactory,

I am,

Very respectfully,



*Received*  
AM 22<sup>nd</sup> 1927  
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