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HARRY HOLDEN &c :
To :
TRUSTEES OF UNIVERSALIST CHURCH :
McLean :
: Harry Holden of the Town of

Groton in the County of Tompkins and State of New York and
Amelia his wife of the first part and ^{Sylvanus} ~~Sylvanus~~ Lamed, Ethan ^{Mix} ~~Mix~~,
George Fish, Henry Boynton, Horace Baker & Harry Holden of the
same place Trustees of the first Universalist Society of Groton
aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth that the said parties
of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of two
hundred and fifty dollars to them in hand paid by the said
parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby con-
fessed and acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, remised,
released, aliened and confirmed, and by these presents doth
grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm unto the
said parties of the second part and their successors in office
office ^{of} all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying
and being in the town of Groton & is a part of lot number ninety-
nine in said town bounded and described as follows, to-wit:
Beginning at the southwest corner of Edwin G. Burke's village
lot in the Village of McLean running thence north sixty-seven
degrees east two chains and ninety-one links, thence south 24°
east one chain, thence west along the north line of said Harry
Holden's house lot two chains and seventy-seven links to the
east line of the highway, thence north along the east line of said
highway one chain to the place of beginning, supposed to contain
forty-five square rods of land be the same more or less, together
with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging

or in any wise appertaining thereto & all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim & demand whatsoever as well in law as equity, of the said parties of the first part of, in or to the above described premises & every part thereof with the appurtenances, ^{and} To have and to hold the above granted premises, with the appurtenances, to the said parties of the second part & their successors in office, for the purpose of erecting thereon a church or meeting house, to be owned and occupied by the above described society & their benefit and behoof forever, and the said parties of the first part doth for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators covenant and agree to and with the said parties of the second part and their successors in office that the said parties of the first part at the time of the sealing and delivery of these presents are the true and rightful owners of the said premises, with the appurtenances, and of every part thereof and have a full and perfect estate therein and also that they have lawful right, power and authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey the same to the said parties of the second part and their successors in office and the said parties of the second part & their successors in office shall at all times hereafter peaceably and quietly have, ~~held~~ hold, possess, and enjoy the said premises for the above stated purposes without ^{the list} ~~threat,~~ suit or disturbance of any person or persons lawfully or equitably claiming the same or any part thereof. ^{And} the said parties of the first part for themselves and their heirs or assigns against all & every person or persons whatsoever lawfully or equitably claiming the same shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In testimony whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day & year first above written.

Harry Holden L.S.

Amelia Holden L.S.

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THIS INDENTURE made this day of March, 1953,
between Ernest Reniff of MacLean, Tompkins County, New York,
Marguerite Fitts of MacLean, Tompkins County, New York and
~~Carry~~ Mineah of Freeville, Tompkins County, New York, constituting
all of the surviving trustees and a majority of the entire Board
of Trustees as last elected of the First Universalist Society
of Groton, parties of the first part,

THIS INDENTURE made the _____ day of March, 1953,
 between Ernest Bluff of Maclean, Tompkins County, New York
 and Carry Vinograd of Jewett, Tompkins County, New York of
~~the same part~~ ^{all the surviving trustees and a majority of the entire Board}
~~as Trustees of the First~~ ^{as Trustees} of the First
 Universalist Society of Groton, ~~parties of the first part and~~
 NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS, a religious corpora-
 tion organized and existing under the laws of the State of New
 York, having an office at 373 Argonne Drive, Kenmore, Erie
 County, New York, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH that the parties of the first part, in
 consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) lawful money of the United
 States paid by the party of the second part, do hereby grant
 and release unto the party of the second part, its successors
 and assigns forever ~~(insert description)~~ a to a

Being the same premises conveyed by Harry Holden and
 Amelia, his wife, to Sylomus Lamed, Ethan Mix, George
 Fish, Henry Boynton, Horace Baker and Harry Holden,
 Trustees of the First Universalist Society of Groton
 and their successors in office by Deed dated April 19,
 1842 and recorded in the Tompkins County Clerk's
 Office on April 25, 1842 in Liber QQ of Deeds at page
 497.

Universalist
 It being intended to convey by this deed the ~~Church~~
 property and the ~~edifice~~ ^{church} located thereon in the Village
 of Maclean, Town of Groton, County of Tompkins and
 State of New York, and ~~in this connection~~ ^{in this connection} the grantors
 herein, ~~the sole surviving trustees~~ ^{the sole surviving trustees} of the First
 Universalist Society of Groton, make this deed to ~~the~~
 grantees herein, as the governing religious body of all
 Universalist Churches in the State of New York pursuant
 to the provisions of Chapter 188 of the Laws of 1862,
 as amended by Chapter 356 of the laws of 1880, by
 Chapter 398 of the laws of 1902, by Chapter 48 of the
 laws 1905, by Chapter 33 of the laws of 1907 and by
 Chapter 231 of the laws of 1918.

TOGETHER WITH the appurtenances and all the estate and
 rights of the parties of the first part in and to said premises.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the premises herein granted unto
 the party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever.

THIS DEED is executed and delivered by the grantors
 herein without any previous application to any court or judge
 thereof pursuant to the provisions of said Chapter 188 of the
 laws of 1862, as so amended.

*and a majority of the Board of Trustees and not elected
 and a majority of the members of the entire Board
 of Trustees as first elected
 elected trustees
 for the uses and purposes of the missionary,
 educational and charitable work of the
 said grantors*

The New York State Convention of Universalists

January 13, 1953.

Dear Fred:

Thanks for the resolution or whatever it is on the McLean Church. I stopped to see Mrs. Howe early this month in Ithaca. I could not get far as her daughter was very adverse to let me talk to her so I could not get the information I was after. Mrs. Howe did tell me about this resolution however and also said that the Church records were no longer in existence. To-day I wrote to a Mrs. Fitts and will now await her reply. If I cannot get the facts about who are the surviving Trustees etc., I may have to take the Church over by Court Order which I would like to avoid especially way down there.

From your letter of the 7th inst I take it that we should not sell the Hornell Church of course, that you think Cicero should be held, and that the Morris, Ellisburg and Cooperstown properties should possibly be sold. I am not just clear whether or not you want me to see if I could find a purchaser for these three properties. PLEASE ADVISE!

Sincerely,

Ms. Law Feb. 6-53

Dear Mr. Beebe,

I showed Bill French last night and found the information you wanted was in the hands of my next door neighbor, Miss MacLachlan, secy. for the Federated Church.

The reason you didn't find it was evident. It is there in Itasca, listed as the First Universalist Church of Graton. The Baptist Church was listed the same way according to French.

Graton is the township and maybe at that time the hamlet had not been named as I understand that it

was called Moscow until the
post-office came and there was
another Moscow in N. Y. State
so was named after the post
master general at that time, ^{W. S. S.} W. S. S.

Thank Heaven for the change,
or I might have been born
a Russian.

You will find a copy of the
deed granted to Harvey Helder
in 1842 in book 29 - P. 497.

Hope you will call again
while working on this as I shall
be anxious to know the outcome.

I also enjoyed our barn-
yard chat and think we might
continue it under less smelly
conditions. Sincerely,

Ernest Reniff.

March 16, 1953

Tompkins County Clerk
Courthouse Building
Ithaca, New York

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing, herewith, original deed dated March 13, 1953, executed by Ernest Reniff and others as Trustees to the New York State Convention of Universalists covering property in the Town of Groton, your county.

Will you kindly record this deed in your office and return it to me when the recording has been completed. I will at once send check for your fees upon advice of the amount thereof.

Very truly yours,

DWB/car
Encs.

*3-18-53
Received bill 2.10
and sent check
#1336*

Deed Form 587 Covenant Against Grantor with Lien Covenant

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ERNEST RENIFF of McLean, Tompkins County, New York, ^{Carrie}
MARGUERITE FITTS of McLean, Tompkins County, New York and ~~GARRY~~ MINEAH
of Freeville, Tompkins County, New York, constituting all of the sur-
viving trustees and a majority of the entire Board of Trustees as
last elected of the First Universalist Society of Groton, parties of
the first part

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NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS, a
religious corporation organized and existing under the laws of the
State of New York, having an office at 373 Argonne Drive, Kenmore,
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east two chains and ninety-one links, thence south 24° east one chain,
thence west along the north line of said Harry Holden's house lot two
chains and seventy-seven links to the east line of the highway, thence
north along the east line of said highway one chain to the place of
beginning, supposed to contain forty-five square rods of land be the
same more or less, together with all the privileges and appurtenances
thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining thereto & all the
estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim & demand
whatsoever as well in law as equity, of the said parties of the first
part ofk in or to the above described premises & every part thereof
with the appurtenances.

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Church property and the church edifice and appurtenances located
thereon in the Village of McLean, Town of Groton, County of Tompkins

and State of New York, and for such purpose the grantors herein, as the sole surviving trustees and a majority of the entire Board of Trustees as last elected of the First Universalist Society of Groton, make this deed to the New York State Convention of Universalists, the grantee herein, as the governing religious body of all Universalist Churches in the State of New York for the uses and purposes of the missionary, educational and charitable work of the said grantee, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 188 of the Laws of 1862, as amended by Chapter 356 of the laws of 1880, by Chapter 398 of the laws of 1902, by Chapter 48 of the laws of 1905, by Chapter 33 of the laws of 1907 and by Chapter 231 of the laws of 1918.

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Fifty-three

ERNEST RENIFF of McLean, Tompkins County, New York, MARGUERITE FITTS of McLean, Tompkins County, New York and CARRY MINEAH of Freeville, Tompkins County, New York, Trustees of the First Universalist Society of Groton

t. y. duly

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Donald W. Beebe

Notary Public

DONALD W. BEEBE Reg. No. 5363
Notary Public, State of New York
Residing in Erie Co. at time of appointment
My Commission Expires March 30, 1953

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its successors

THIS DEED is executed and delivered by the grantors herein without any previous application to any court or judge thereof pursuant to the provisions of said Chapter 188 of the laws of 1862, as so amended.

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As Trustees of the First Universalist
Society of Groton

THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

New York State

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Phone: East Syracuse 77-3711

September 1, 1955,

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Dewitt

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Re: The Sale of the McLean Church Property.

An offer of \$1000.00 has been received for our church property in McLean, N.Y. Both Mr. Beebe and myself feel this is a fair offer. Rev. Max Coats, our minister in Cortland, thinks this is a good offer also. You are asked to vote on the following resolution. In order to authorize the treasurer to make the sale, a unanimous vote is necessary. Will you make your decision and return your vote right away.

RESOLUTION

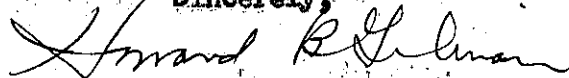
WHEREAS, The McLean Universalist Church property is owned by this Convention; and

WHEREAS, the windows, personal property and equipment therein have been removed therefrom; and

WHEREAS, ROBERT H. JACKSON, of McGraw, New York, has offered \$1,000.00 for said property as it now is, minus the bell;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the McLean Church property, as it now is, minus the bell, be sold and conveyed to said Robert H. Jackson for \$1,000.00 in cash, and that the President or Vice-President and the Secretary of this Convention are hereby authorized to execute, seal and deliver proper deed of conveyance therefor, and to take any other steps that may be found necessary to complete said sale and conveyance.

Sincerely,


Howard B. Gilman, sec.

My vote on the above Resolution concerning the McLean Church property

is Yes ✓ No

(signed) 

September 14, 1955

Mr. Robert H. Jackson
RD #1
McGraw, New York

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I have today received authority from the Executive Board of the New York State Convention of Universalists to prepare the Deed covering the McLean Universalist Church property to you, for \$1,000.00, on which you have already sent me your check for \$100.00, on the following conditions:

1. Being as the price is so low, no Abstract of Title is to be furnished by the Convention.
2. The Deed is to except the bell on the premises and give the Convention until December 1, 1955 to remove same.
3. You are to assume, on a pro rata basis, the present insurance which the Convention has on the property, to-wit: \$2,500.00, expiring March 16, 1956. The prorated premium, as I figured it, would cost you approximately \$9.00, depending on the actual date of closing.
4. The Deed shall be in Covenant Against Grantor form and of course must be properly executed and acknowledged by the President of the Convention, etc.

If you will kindly let me know if the foregoing meets with your approval, I will prepare the Deed at once, send it to Schuyler Lake, New York, for execution by the Convention's President, and then to Syracuse to have the Convention's seal placed thereon and attested by the Secretary. I will then send the Deed, through our bank, to any bank that you designate, for examination by you, with sight draft attached for \$900.00, plus the insurance proration.

Unless I hear from you otherwise, I will prepare the Deed to you alone, to-wit: Robert H. Jackson of McGraw, Tompkins County, New York. If you wish the Deed drawn in some other name, or you wish your wife's name added to it, please let me have explicit instructions. I will await hearing from you before preparing the Deed and sending it for execution.

Very truly yours,

DWB:apn

Sept. 20, 1955

Mr. Ashley Strong
Schuyler Lake, New York

Dear Ashley-

All of the votes came in approving the sale of the McLean property to Robert H. Jackson for \$1,000.00. As you know, the building has been practically stripped and it is just the bare structure that still stands there.

When it came to preparing the deed, Mr. Jackson asked to have it also run to his wife so I have prepared it in that form. Howard tells me that he may want the bell for Unirondack and so I have reserved all right to it and the right to remove it until December 1st, 1955. Certainly if we want the bell, we should be able to get it out before that date.

I enclose, herewith, the deed which I have prepared. If you will kindly execute it as President of the Convention, signing your name where I have placed the "x", dating the instrument at the top of the first page where I have placed a check-mark, and swearing to same before a Notary Public, who fills out and signs the acknowledgment on the last sheet, and then send it to Howard with the extra copy of this letter, which I enclose herewith, so that he can attest the seal, Howard can then return it to me and I will close the matter. Mr. Jackson has already paid \$100.00 down, and before delivering the deed to him I will collect the balance of \$900.00, plus an adjustment on the insurance policy which Mr. Jackson will take over and assume.

I hope you had a good Summer.

Sincerely,

DWB/M

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*Received
Deed
9-29-55*

Sept. 30, 1955

Mr. Robert H. Jackson
R.D. 1
McGraw, New York

Dear Mr. Jackson-

I have just received the deed from the New York State Convention of Universalists to you and Mrs. Jackson, covering the McLean property. This deed appears to me to be in proper form for recording, has been executed and acknowledged by the President of the Convention and the seal, which is attached thereto, has been attested to by the Secretary. The deed, which is under date of September 26th, 1955, together with the insurance policy, to-wit, No. 8785 in the Home Insurance Company for \$2500.00, expiring March 16th, 1956, I am sending today, ^{through the Marine Trust Co} ~~through the Marine Trust Company of this City, to the First National Bank of Cortland at Cortland, New York, for delivery to you upon~~ payment of \$908.60.

As you know, the selling price of the property was \$1,000.00 on which you have paid \$100.00, leaving \$900.00 due at this time, and the additional \$8.60 covers five and a one-half month's adjustment on the insurance policy.

Assuming that you pick up the deed, I would suggest that you at once contact the Buffalo Insurance Agency and ask them to change the ownership, as shown on the policy, to your name and that of Mrs. Jackson.

I trust that you find everything in order when you go to the Bank, and that the matter can be closed very shortly.

Yours very truly,

DWB/M

Placed thru Remo at Marine Trust - no receipt