

RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY.

TRUSTEE'S MINUTES BOOK #I(?)

2/26/1910 to 12/1/1911.

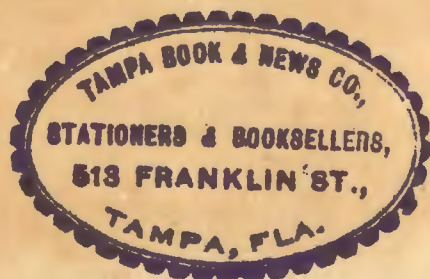


Secretary's Book
for
Trustees of Communion Society.

Kushin, Florida

March 3-1910.

Harriet E. Brent
Secretary



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Seven Trustees of Commonweal Society
Trustees of Bonshim, Florida, were elected at
the adjourned evening meeting of
the Commonweal Society, held
Feb. 26, 1910.

Three women and four men were
elected, according to the provision in
the By-Laws. Then three were elected
as Executive Committee - two men
and one woman.

Mrs. Linder.

Mrs. Doane

Miss Brentt

J. O. Durbett

Ed. P. Diekmars

Elijah L. Cole.

P. Ed. Herman.

The above were duly elected as Trustees.
The Commonweal Society then proceeded
to elect three of the above members as the
Executive Committee.

J. O. Durbett 42 votes.

Harriet E. Brentt 35 votes

Elijah L. Cole 28 votes

Largest number of votes cast during the
evening was 45. Usually only from
36 to 40 votes were cast, when voting
on the By-Laws which were passed
just previous to this election.

The Executive Committee met as soon
as the Commonweal Society adjourned
and appointed a meeting to be held Sunday
at 8 P. M. Feb. 28. - of the Executive Committee.

Feb. 28 - 1910.

An account of the business transacted at the meeting of Executive Committee held Feb. 28, 1910, is to be found in the Memorandum Book of the Committee.

The first meeting of the Trustees was called, to be held Wednesday evening March 2, 1910 in Mrs. Orent's room.

— Record — Trustees Meeting —

March 2, 1910.

The first meeting of the Trustees of the Commonwealth Society was called to order at about 8 P. M. by J. O. Dickett Chairman of Executive Committee.

The first business was the election of officers.

J. O. Dickett, Chairman of Executive Committee was unanimously elected Chairman of the Trustees.

Harriet E. Orent, Secretary of Executive Committee was unanimously elected Secretary of the Trustees.

The Secretary then read from the Memorandum Book the report of the work planned and done by Executive Committee.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Dicksman moved that we have 12 typewritten copies of the By-Laws and that a copy be placed in the hands of each officer of the Commonwealth Society. Carried.

Moved that the Chairman of the Executive Committee, J. O. Dickett, be authorized by the Commonwealth Society to place his name upon checks, together

with the treasurer, and that two names be sufficient. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Miss Brentt that Mr. Cole be given a time allowance of 30 minutes for all necessary trips to attend Executive Committee meetings. Carried.

Moved that the Secretary of the Commonwealth be instructed to make carbon copy of minutes, to place on file with the Executive Committee. Carried.

Report of A. B. Howk, regarding his work in Lampa, March 1st concerning trust deeds; partnership liability of Commonwealth members; protection to allottees; opinion of title on east corner sections; description of deeds and securing of quit claim deed. Report accepted, 12h.

Mr. Dickman ^{12 hours time allotted} moved that Mr. Howk be instructed to file plat and pay bill and present the bill to the Executive Committee. Carried unanimously.

Mr. L. L. Dickman with his books was present, but as the report which he is making out in connection with Mr. Howk and Mr. Duchett was not finished, it was decided to receive said report Saturday afternoon.

Mr. L. L. Dickman has been doing a large amount of work in regard to allotments for the Commonwealth, sometimes amounting to several hours per day, for which he has received no pay. He stated to the Trustees that he would present no claim for pay for this extra work already done,

but he did desire that proper arrangements for compensation in the future should be made.

Mr. Cole moved that Mr. G. G. Dickman be allowed time at the rate of 25 cents per hour for his work in regard to allotments for the Commonwealth. Carried.

Mr. Cole moved that it be the sense of this meeting that our Secretary be instructed to keep a Bureau of Information open from 7 to 8 each morning for the benefit of the Commonwealth; and that the heads of all departments be instructed to report to the Secretary.

Unanimously Carried.

The Secretary stated that no charge will be made for this hour, when no one comes to make use of it. Any member of the Commonwealth can come and consult with the Secretary at this time.

Mr. Dickman moved that the Executive Committee have power to pay any bills that they think it wise to pay before Commonwealth meeting. Carried.

Mr. Cole moved that Mr. G. G. Dickman be appointed Official Guide and Locator of Rushin Colony. That the rate of compensation be 25 cents per hour for himself and 40 cents per hour for himself and team.

Carried unanimously.

March 5, 1910

Harriet E. Credit, Sec.

Read and accepted and approved by Commonwealth.

March 5 - 1910

Trustees Meeting.

Half hour session before commonwealth
Meeting at 2.30

Present: J. V. Dickett, A. P. Dickman
Philip Korman, Julia S. Doane, Harriet
E. Brentt, Kate, Mr. Kates
Albert, Mrs. Binder.

Examined reports and discussed plans.
Mrs. Doane moved that the action of
the chairmen of Executive Committee
in depositing commonwealth funds in
American National Bank of Tampa be
approved. Unanimously carried.

Mr. A. P. Dickman moved that all bills
presented up to date to the Executive
Committee and approved by them be also
approved by the Trustees.

Unanimously carried.

Harriet E. Brentt, Secretary.

March 6 - 1910.

Special Trustees Meeting.

Met at the home of Mr. Kates former
Treasurer of the Commonwealth Society.
The books had been audited the previous
day by J. V. Dickett and Harriet E. Brentt
of the Executive Committee and Mrs.
Doane Mrs. Binder and Philip Korman
of the Trustees. Everything found in
good order.

Mr. Kates, Notary Public was present
and the Trustees signed an affidavit
to the effect that the books were in good
order, after having adopted the
following Resolution:

Moved and seconded that the Treasurer's books be accepted and approved as presented.

Carried unanimously.
 All of the Trustees were present.

Harriet E. Brent. Secretary.

March 19 - 1910.

Special Trustees Meeting was held near Cedar Swamp, Saturday, March 19.

It was arranged that the Executive Committee and the Trustees should give a day's time to examining the land with a view to making proper reservations for the benefit of the Common good, and also to arrange for a change in price. The Trustees hired a conveyance, took their own lunch and gave the day's time to this work, so that the trip was no expense to the Common good Society. We gathered at about nine in the morning, started at about ten and returned at about six thirty.

This meeting was originally planned at the Executive Committee meeting of March 5 to take place Saturday, March 12 and it was then decided at that time that the Trustees should pay their own expenses and it was so announced repeatedly. There was never any intention, not even for one moment, to take this trip at the expense of the Common good. It was deferred from March 12 to March 19 on account of illness, and then Mr. Cook and Mrs. Davis could not

herewith.

As this was a Special Meeting only two matters were up for consideration the land question and *Roushin News*.

The land question was studied in all of its phases, and the following resolutions adopted:

- + It was moved that theypress lands in Section 8, Section 10 and Section 122 be reserved for the benefit of the common good. *Carried.*
- X It was moved that the next 80 of the town site be reserved for higher prices. *Carried.*
- X It was moved that the lots numbered 124 to 137 inclusive be reserved until further notice. *Carried.*

It was moved that the matter of getting out "*Roushin News*" be left to the editors.

Carried.

It was moved that each resident member, so desiring, may have as many as 15 copies of this edition of "*Roushin News*" provided such member promises to send them out by mail, or make good use of them. *Carried.*

Trustees Meeting - March 30, 1910

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees took place, March 30, at the Bureau of Information.

Present - Mr. Drichett, Mr. Dickman, and Mr. Herman. Mrs. Binder and Miss Orentl.

Absent - Mr. Cole and Mrs. Doane.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee were read and approved. Some reports were presented and a long list of subjects relating to the welfare of the Commonwealth was discussed.

The following resolutions were passed: All carried unanimously.

The Secretary of Executive Committee is hereby authorized to attend to the Commonwealth correspondence.

The Secretary is also authorized to engage Mr. Kouk, if possible, to make out a typewritten, alphabetically arranged list of the Co-operative Commonwealth Company's members.

Mrs. Binder moved that Mr. Whitaker's advice be followed in requiring written authority to be given when a deed is to be made to any other than the person in whose name an allotment is taken.

Trustees Meeting at 1-30 Saturday.

March 2 April.

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Special Trustees Meeting called for
April 2, at 1-30 P. M.
Commonwealth Meeting at 2-30.
All Trustees present.

Mr. Cole moves that the present
action submitted April 2, 1910, by
the Panskin's Commissioners to the
Panskin's Commonwealth Society
be recommended for acceptance
by the Commonwealth Society.

Unanimously carried.

Read at Commonwealth Meeting
April 2-1910, and accepted
and approved.

Harold E. Orentt
Secretary.

Executive Committee
Feb. 26 to March 31.

J. D. Dickett - Chairman
152 hours = \$39.00

Harriet E. Orent - Secretary
159 h. = \$39.75

Elijah G. Cole
19 h 45 m = \$4.94

Total salary of Executive Committee
for March = \$77.69

Salary of Treasurer = \$1.75
Total = \$79.44

Assets for March.

	Bank balance.	\$ 17.60
	February Deposits of Commonweal Funds.	548.98
March 22	Penskin's subscriptions paid in by Dr. Miller.	\$ 21.81
	Sale of blue print	.25
March 29	Mr. Horne's subscriptions to Penskin's Press.	10.00
	Other subscriptions to Penskin's Press	2.50
March 25	Co-operative Homestead Co's account with Penskin's Press, December issue	15.00
March 29	Receipts from Commonweal Fund.	58.00
	Store rent	10.00
	Total receipts during month	\$ 669.14

Paid out during March.

	Public Improvements - road work	\$ 81.23
	Surviving	143.50
	Miscellaneous expenses and officers	
	Salaries	\$ 386.78
	Total	\$ 611.51
	Amount in Bank March 31.	\$ 43.48
	Smallest balance during the month - March 29.	\$ 42.69
	See Report et.	

April 28 - 1910

Number of allotments.
 Number of Farm Tracts and
 Town Lots on our books, April 28 - 1910

Those who have taken both
 Farm Tract and Town Lot.
 226 Both = 228

Those who have taken Farm
 Tracts only.
 155 Farm Tracts = 155

Those who have taken Town
 Lots only.
 157 Town Lots = 157

Number of different persons
 who have taken Farm Tracts
 and Town Lots = 540
 540

Total number of Town Lots sold
 385

Total number of Farm Tracts sold.
 383

assets for April.

Bank balance	\$48.48
Settlement with Poushin Home-makers	\$70.41
Poushin skins.	9.70
Store rent 2 mo.	10.00
<u>Total resources for month</u>	<u>\$738.99</u>

Paid out for the month of April.

Surveying	\$824.57
Road work grubbing	90.42
" " bridges	12.55
" " supplies	9.15
for Road committees	6.00
	<u>120.12</u>
Total of Road work	\$120.12

Store

dot read.

Old lumber bill	\$72.
Men	7.21
Labor 6.07 + 1.65 =	7.72
Total for store =	<u>86.93</u>
Paid by Executive Committee	86.93

February = ⁴118.50
 April = 71.00
 #47.80 less than February

March = \$106.11
 April = \$71
 #35.11

Road work done under Mr. Estes.
 College Ave. 1 mile $16\frac{1}{2}$ ft wide.
 6th St. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and other streets of various
 widths making about five miles of
 streets partially opened.
 5 wagon bridges and 4 foot bridges.
 68 stumps have been removed.

Surveyors. Surveyors Bills Paid in March.
 Total \$152.85

Surveyors bills for work
 done in April. \$324.57

Surveyors bills paid by
 Executive Committee = \$477.42

Road. Bills for Road work paid in March.
 #81.98
 Paid for Road work done in April
 #120.12

Road work paid by Executive Committee
 \$202.10 Total.

Total Road work and surveying bills
 paid by Executive Committee \$676.52

Official Salaries.

February. (Approximate.)
 Common good agent, salary and Tampa
 expenses to Mr. Hawk about \$80.
 Paid Mr. Swank for correspondence
 and clerical work. 14.
 Paid to Mr. Barnes as treasurer
 for work and Tampa expenses. \$24.80
 ----- \$118.80

March.

Executive Committee & Treasurer.
 J. O. Dockett \$38.00
 Harriet E. Dockett \$39.75
 Elijah Cole 4.94
 Ed. B. Doane 1.75
 ----- \$79.44

Mr. Swank clerical work. \$2.25
 Making list of non-regular members.

Mr. Hawk's time and expenses the
 first 12 days of March, finishing
 up business that was in his hands
 amounted to \$24.42. \$24.42

Total Clerical expenses for month \$106.11

April Executive Committee.
 J. O. Dockett. \$24.42
 Harriet E. Dockett \$36.63
 Elijah Cole \$1.75
 Ed. B. Doane 5.00
 ----- \$71.00

Blackboard Report May 7-1910

Boston News.
 Expense of publication \$113.67
 " " mailing about \$21.
 Total expense to Commonwealth \$134.67
 Total receipts \$29.50
 Balance to be paid by Commonwealth \$105.17

March and April.
 Surveyor's Bills \$474.42
 Road Work \$202.10
 Total Roadwork and Survey \$676.52

April salary of Executive Committee
 + Treasurer \$71.00

April 28-1910.

Number of Town Lots sold 385
 " " Farm Tracts " 383
 Number of persons who have
 taken allotments 540
 Number of persons who have taken
 both Town Lot + Farm Tract. 228

July 1st-1910.

Number of Town Lots sold 156
 " " Farm Tracts 213

Number of persons who have
 taken both Town Lot + Farm Tract. 251

Total number of persons who
 have taken allotment 621

Minutes of Trustees Meeting
 May 7 - 1910. A.M. 9-35 No 11.35

Present: J. O. Duckett.
 Harriet E. Brent
 Absent - Elizabeth Cole.

Present A. P. Dickman.
 Philip Herrman.
 Mrs. Belle Linder.
 Mrs. Julia Doane.

Mr. Harrington, Chairman of Reservations Committee, read a report which was carefully considered by Trustees.

A. P. Dickman It was moved and seconded that the Reservations Committee's Report be approved with the following changes:

West boundary line of lot 355 be straightened.

Land west of lot 354 be added to 354 and price be \$100.

Also straighten southwest corner of 352.

Unanimously carried.

Election Committee's report read and accepted.

Mrs. Doane. It was moved and seconded that after one week's time the minutes

be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Statement concerning Legal Business.

Quit-claim deed on section 9 from C. L. Williams is in the hands of the recorder.

ed. P.

Dickman

Abstract for Ireland & Co is in the hands of Mr. Whittaker for his opinion.

We obtain both quit-claim deed and abstract for \$50.

Abstract for four east sections is in the hands of Mr. Whittaker.

The Board of Trustees authorized the execution of an instrument giving permission to Bushnell College to carry on manufacturing and mercantile business in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Commonwealth Society, Dec. 6, 1869, which instrument was duly executed by Chairman and Secretary.

Harriet E. Grant,

Secretary.

Read at Commonwealth Meeting May 7-1870 and accepted and approved. Harriet E. Grant
Secretary.

Permission of Manufacture
to College for 99 years

Minutes of Trustees Meeting.
June 11 - 1910. Evening. 6:30 to 11:30

Present J. C. Dickett,
Harriet E. Orcutt,
Elyah Cole,
E. P. Dickmann,
Philip Herman.

The following statement in regard to legal matters was read:

Opinion of title has been furnished by Mr. Whittaker on four cart sections which is satisfactory except as to some inaccuracies of description which will be corrected.

Opinion of title was also furnished on Williams 60 which is found satisfactory except as to some releases desired from Mr. Williams. He has indicated his willingness to give them, and called at Mr. Whittaker's office to sign the necessary papers but did not find Mr. Whittaker. He will attend to the matter at his earliest convenience.

The quit-claims from the Florida Naval Stores Lumber and Lumber Co. called for in opinion has been obtained and is in the hands of the Executive Committee.

As to the extension of option to the Commonwealth Society, while Mr. Whittaker has decided that the option given some weeks ago was valid, to avoid confusion he advised having a contract printed from the trustee alone, which has been obtained.

The matter of getting out a July number of *Commonwealth* was considered and deemed advisable, as the college offers to pay quite a part of the expense.

The following resolution was offered and discussed.

U. P.

Dickman

We recommend the disposal of half or three quarters of the space of the next issue of *Commonwealth* to the college or other parties, under the supervision of the Executive Committee.

Carried.

+ Mr. Cole moved that the Commonwealth Society be asked to specify by vote who shall have charge of the *Commonwealth*.
Carried.

The subject of the necessity of a secretary for *Commonwealth* was brought up by Miss Brent and considered.

Mr. U. P. Dickman moved that

the Commonwealth Society be requested to appoint a committee to find a suitable location for a cemetery.

Carried unanimously.

The proposition of the Board in honor makers to the Commonwealth Society in regard to Section 6 was carefully considered by the Trustees and favorably received, as it would tend to preserve the unity of the town and would increase the funds of the Commonwealth Society.

+ Mr. Cole moved that the Board of Trustees recommend to the Commonwealth Society the acceptance of the honor makers' proposition for the disposal of Section 6 and fractional portion of Section 5.

Unanimously carried.

Matters concerning the Store Investigation and Mr. Whittaker's opinions on that and other legal questions submitted to him were carefully considered by the Trustees.

The Executive Committee presented the following report which was concurred in by the Trustees and recommended as a final report on this subject.

Report of Executive Committee.

After having made a thorough investigation the Executive Committee feels that there are not sufficient grounds for taking legal action against anyone for possible violations of the restrictions.

And the situation is such at present that we do not fear intentional violations in the future.

Concurred in by Trustees and recommended as final report.

Harriet E. Brewster.
Secretary.

Store Investigation and other
 Legal matters - Restrictions.

Thursday, May 11th, Miss Orcutt spent about six hours on legal matters, four in preparing questions to present to Mr. Whittaker on several legal points concerning colony affairs, and about two hours in consultation with him.

Friday, May 12, Miss Orcutt bought supplies for the Commonwealth.

Friday, May 12, Miss Orcutt spent about 4 hours preparing legal questions and answers according to Mr. Whittaker's directions, and one hour with him in going over the work, so that it should be correct.

As Miss Orcutt went to Tampa on business of her own, and did this work for the Commonwealth in her leisure time no charges are made.

Plans to conduct the Store Investigation as ordered by the Commonwealth Society took up much of the time of two Executive meetings.

50 hours	Tuesday, May 24th	4 hours
7-50	Wednesday " 25 "	5 "
	Thursday " 26 "	5 "
	Friday " 27 "	4 "
	Saturday " 28 "	1 "
	Sunday " 31 "	5 "
		50 hours

The from house to house and.

— Restrictions —

personal investigation took 80 hours
at a cost of \$7.50

Several hours were used in discussing
plans and making out questions.
The cost of the investigation must
have exceeded ten dollars.

Restrictions

Restrictions—explained
As the Store Investigation concerned
restrictions, and as restrictions were
up for discussion at the Commonwealth
meeting, and it would be very little
additional expense, the Executive
Committee decided to take an
expression of the people in regard
to the restrictions.

Of the first 33 notes taken during
the first three or four days
seventeen were in favor of all
the restrictions and sixteen were
against the two last. Part of these
notes were taken with the two last
undivided, so if the notes objected
to either he voted No. Finding that
some were in favor of one but
not the other, the question was
divided. For this reason the
negative vote appears larger than
it should.

Restrictions
Questions asked.

- 1) Do you approve of all the restrictions set forth in our deeds?
 A) Do you not approve of the liquor and cigarette restrictions?
 B) Do you believe in keeping out black people?
 C) Do you believe in the transportation restriction, underground pipes, wires &c.
 D) Do you believe in the manufacturing, mercantile and banking restriction?

This was the result when 45 votes had been taken.

45 — For liquor and cigarette restriction = 45

45 — For restrictions in favor of white people = 45
 On transportation, wires, rails &c.

Yes = 20 Uncertain = 11 Abs. = 14

For manufacturing, mercantile and banking. Yes 21 uncertain 3 Abs. 21

Of the next 4 votes 6 were for all the restrictions, two against part of them. Two or three more votes have been taken but did not have time to clarify them for this report.

During the entire vote there seemed to be a large majority in favor of some of the restrictions and a small majority in favor of them all.

Store Investigation—
 Questions.

— 2 —

Do you know of any violations of the restrictions set forth in our deeds?

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Have you bought goods since Dec. 6th at any place or store located in this colony except the co-operative store?

4

Of whom did you buy?

5

Where was the place of sale?

6

Did you buy for cash?

7

Were these goods ordered in connection with other people and for your own use?

8

Did you pay the person of whom you bought for his or her services in handling goods?

9

Have you sold goods for profit at any time since Dec. 6th?

Minutes of Trustees Meetings - 1910

A Special Trustees Meeting was held June 15th previous to Special Commencement Meeting held the 16th.

This Special Meeting was called by petition to consider Pomfret Commencement Land Propositions and the Board's petition regarding Bay-Louis.

The Trustees approved of the Land Propositions, but no formal action was taken.

Regular Meeting of Trustees was held June 29th.

Present, J. C. Duxchett, Harriet E. Duxchett, Elizabeth Cole, Mrs. E. C. Hayelthine, Mrs. Belle Leinder.

Mr. Ester's report in regard to road work was considered.

Report of surveying committee considered. It was decided to at once have permanent stakes placed at corners.

Report of bath-house committee considered.

Also lack of report of cemetery committee considered.

Mr. Cole's proposition concerning
the buying of dredge and
dredging the Inlet was
thoroughly discussed and considered
favorably by the Trustees present.

Order to Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Legal Business. Page 30

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Mr. Whitaker has corrected the description in his opinion of the four East sections and the opinion is now satisfactory.

An addition was made to the proposition of Ruskin Homeinakers to The Commonwealth Society, relating to the allotment of Secs. 5 & 6, before the acceptance was signed by the President and Secretary of the Society, as follows;

It is already agreed and understood that, no part of the Commonwealth fund arising from the sale or use of property in the original Colony Tract shall be expended directly for the benefit of allottees in this tract."

The bond for conveyance of the residue of the Colony tract now becomes effective as the option of the Cooperative Homestead Co. has expired. The Bond was deposited in the American National Bank June 20th to be recorded as soon as possible after July 1st or before July 1st if the quit-claim to the same property should be filed by the Cooperative Homestead Co. before that date. A few days later,

it was discovered that there was an omission in the description, although the amount to be paid as recited in the bond called for the full number of acres in the residue of the Colony Tract. It appears from this, that there is no ground for regarding the omission as otherwise than purely an oversight. On June 2nd the description was corrected and the instrument is now subject to being made a matter of record as soon as the Commongood Society fulfills its part of the Contract which it is ready to do. However, as some sales have been made since the bond was executed a further correction in the description will be necessary and all matters included in the bond will be carefully checked and scrutinized before the instrument goes to record and all details made to conform strictly to the proposition as accepted by the Society June 16

The Commongood is prepared to pay the \$200⁰⁰ required as Cash payment, and the July payments due July 10th, and will make these payments.

Commonwealth Memberships.

May 2 received order for a membership certificate from J. D. Pritchett, Forest Grove, Oregon.

On consultation with Mr. Howk he kindly consented that the Commonwealth Society, through the corresponding secretary of the Executive magact as the depositor of a full membership, the understanding being that where another agent had interested the party the Commonwealth should divide the membership fee with such agent. The 10 was put in the bank to the credit of the Commonwealth. Mr. Pritchett wrote that Dr. Miller first interested him, so paid Dr. Miller his half 5. by check.

May 6, Mrs. E. P. McKenry of Cozysman or Harrison, Montana sent 10 for land payment, not understanding that she must take membership first. The 10 was deposited in the bank but have not yet learned to whom the half belongs.

May 14, O. S. Billings of Silver Springs, Arkansas sent 10 for membership, 5 of which was paid to C. E. Diekmann who first interested him.

#5. D. Albert Beebe, of Kelso, Ind. took membership through the commonwealth directing that \$5 be sent to William Beebe of Harrison, Ohio, which has been done and letter acknowledging receipt received.

#25 The commonwealth has therefore \$25 to its credit, but may have to pay someone \$5 on Mrs. McKays Membership.

Back to Legal Business.

Minutes read and approved at regular commonwealth meeting of July 2nd.

No Trustees meeting was held in the month of July as one was held for June on June 2nd and the July meeting was held Aug. 4 in order to come within the 8 days preceding the commonwealth meeting.

Minutes of Trustees Meeting.

August 4 - 1910. 3 P.M. to 6-35.

Present. A. G. Duckett, Harriet E. Great
 Elizabeth Cole, Philip Heymann, A. P. Dickman,
 Mrs. Belle Linder - Mrs. Edna Haythorn.

Thursday afternoon.

It was reported that in a trip across
 section 9 through a part of 10 and to the
 middle of section 15 stakes were
 found in good condition.

It was recommended that the
 locator be instructed to carry stakes
 with white tops with him to put
 in wherever he finds that stakes
 are gone. Locator should also be
 instructed to put down stakes at
 the corners of each tract when he
 locates a well point.

The Road Supervisor was requested
 to see that parties grubbing streets
 do not displace palmetto roots
 containing tack heads placed
 there by surveyors. People grubbing
 their own lots are also requested
 to leave palmettus containing
 tack heads, undisturbed.

Mr. Cole. It was moved that the Road
 Supervisor be instructed to receive
 bids for opening roads and streets,
 and submit same to Executive
 Committee. Carried

A. P. Dickman. It was moved that the Road
 Supervisor have authority to

dispose, to the best of his judgment, of broken tools or waste materials of the colony, and return proceeds to Executive Committee.

Mr. Cole moved that the Commonwealth Society take out Full Membership in the Bushin Colonization Company and that said membership should be held by the corresponding Secretary of the Executive Committee as Trustee.

Unanimously carried. Over
Expd business

Advised that the Cemetery Committee should report to the Commonwealth Society.

Proposition for building store and other matters concerning store considered. Decided that the Store Committee should report to the Commonwealth.

Recommended that the matter of individuals furnishing their neighbors with a water-supply be brought up as new business before the Commonwealth Society.

Recommended that the cultivation of business lots and the giving of a day's grubbing

be brought before the Commonwealth
Society.

Recommended that the Dredging
Committee's Report be brought before
the Commonwealth Society for
immediate action. E. B. C.

Legal Business.

All incumbrances have been
paid on the Ireland right, but there
has been some delay in regard to
getting Mr. Willigms to sign a release,
the controversy being over the
warding of the release, which he
thought included other property. A
release has been prepared according
to his request and is awaiting
his signature.

The Bond for conveyance of
the residue of the Bushkin colony
Tract consisting of 420 acres of
Tamm Tracts and 152. ¹⁰⁰⁰875 acres in
towns, was duly delivered and filed
for record July 5th. In looking
over Bonds of Conveyance it was
found that Tamm Tracts 257 and
258 known as Willow Hammock,
which belonged to the Commonwealth
Society by former settlement had
been included by mistake. This
mistake was corrected by Bushkin.

Honoringers crediting \$200 on the note which had been given.

572.7 acres @ \$10 per acre = \$5728.75 due Penskin Homemakers.

Cash payment of \$200 left amount of note \$5528.75

July 5th Trust Payment \$200.

Error credited by Homemakers \$200.

Balance due Aug 1st \$5128.75

Aug. 5 August Payment \$200

Balance of \$4928.75

Whittaker's Opinion.

The Executive Committee requested Mr. Whittaker's opinion on the execution of an instrument of acknowledgment of contract by the Trustee and Penskin Homemakers, the substance of which is included in the following extracts:

Tampa, Fla. July 15, 1910.

This is to certify that I have examined into the matter of the contracts having been given by Albert P. Dickman, Trustee, to the several allottees of the Commonwealth

Society, and in my opinion the contracts
 issued to the several allottees by the
 Trustee, fully protects said allottees
 in their holdings, under said contracts,
 against every one save and except
 as to the dishonesty of the Trustee! + +
 + + + I advise against the execution
 by the Trustee and the Parish
 Home-makers, any instrument of
 acknowledgment, for the reason that
 each of the allottees would have to be
 named and their particular piece
 of property described. + +
 B. B. Whitaker

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Read and approved by
 Commonwealth Society,
 August 4 - 1910

Harriet E. Grant
 Secretary.

COMMONGOOD OFFICERS

J. C. LINDER, Pres.
~~J. S. JONES~~, Sec.
 A. B. DOANE, Treas.

RUSKIN
 COMMONGOOD SOCIETY

OF
 RUSKIN COLONY
 HARRIET E. ORCUTT
 Corresponding Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. O. DUCKETT
 HARRIET E. ORCUTT
 ELIJAH COLE

RUSKIN, FLA. Sept. 2, 1910.

OFFICIAL SALARIES.

February---\$118.80

Under Commongood Agent.

Salary and Tampa expenses to Mr. Hawk, about ----- \$80
 Mr. Swank for correspondence and clerical work-----\$14.
 Mr. Carnes as Treasurer and Tampa expenses-----\$24.80
 Total expense for February-----\$118.80

March---\$106.11

Executive Committee and Treasurer.
 J. O. Duckett-----\$33.
 Harriet E. Orcutt-----\$39.75
 Elijah L. Cole-----\$4.94
 A. B. Doane-----\$1.75

Total \$79.44

Mr. Swank making list and finishing up letters---\$2.25
 Mr. Hawk time and expenses first 12 days of March--\$24.42
 Total for March-----\$106.11

April----\$71.

Executive Committee and Treasurer.
 J. O. Duckett-----\$27.42
 Harriet E. Orcutt-----\$36.83
 Elijah L. Cole-----\$1.75
 A. B. Doane-----\$5.

Total-----\$71.

May -----\$71.69

On account of illness of Mr. Doane Executive Committee did the Treasurer's work.

J. O. Duckett-----\$29.31
 Harriet E. Orcutt-----\$40.00
 Elijah L. Cole-----\$2.38

Total-----\$71.69

Oct. --- \$7.13
Executive Committee Treasurer
J. O. Duckett --- \$20.44
H. E. Orcutt --- \$15.00
E. L. Cole --- .50
A. B. Doane --- .75

OFFICIAL SALARIES.

June \$71.

J.O.Duckett-----\$29.63
 Harriet E.Orcutt----\$39.62
 Elijah L.Cole-----\$1.75
 Treasurer's work done by J.O.Duckett.
 Total ----- \$ 71.00

July-----\$66.40

Executive Committee and Treasure r.
 J.O.Duckett-----\$27.13
 Harriet E.Orcutt----\$33.12
 Elijah L. Cole-----\$2.00
 A.C.Sill-----\$4.15
 Total-----\$66.40

August-----\$88.

Executive Committee and Treasure r.
 J.O.Duckett-----\$33.12
 Harriet E.Orcutt----\$39.38
 Elijah L.Cole-----\$14.25
 A.C.Sill-----\$1.25
 Total-----\$88.

Total amount paid Executive Committee and Treasurer for
 six months work.----- \$447.53
 Average cost to Commongood Society per month for Executive
 Committee and Treasurer----- \$74.58
 Amount paid J.O .Duckett for six month hs--\$179.61.
 Average amount paid J.O. Duckett per month----\$29.93

 Amount paid Harriet E.Orcutt for six months----\$228.70
 Average amount paid per month----- \$38.11

 Amount paid Elijah L. Cole for six months----\$27.07
 Average amount paid per month----- \$4.51
 Amount paid Treasurer-----
 Amount paid Treasurer-----\$12.15
 Average per month----- \$2.02

Sept. --- \$71.03
Executive Committee + Treasurer
J. O. Duckett --- \$20.25
Harriet Orcutt --- \$36.50
E. L. Cole --- \$3.28
A. C. Sill --- \$1.00

Amount received from
settlements with Reister
Wagonmakers.

February	\$	543.98
March	\$	570.81
April	\$	781.68
May	\$	906.43
June	\$	462.56
July	\$	763.88
August	\$	848.89

Total amount handled by
Eccentric Committee
September 1st = \$4857.23

Minutes of Trustees Meeting
August 21 - 1910.

Present - J. O. Dwyer -
Harriet E. Orvitt - Mrs. Hazeltine
Mrs. Linder - Philip Kernan
A. P. Dickman.

The Board of Trustees considered
the report of the committee on
repleting lots favorably, but finally
decided to advise the submission of
their report to the common council for final
action.

Matters concerning the sale of
land discussed at some length.

Cemetery business discussed.
Decided to ask cemetery committee
to report to common council.

Surveying business considered.

Report of Dredging Committee
carefully studied. Decided
that the committee should
make a full report of their
plans to the common council
for further action.

It was decided by the Executive Committee to make the reports and the minutes as short as possible this month, in order that there may be time to finish up the important business that is to be brought before the Society.

Read before Commungood Society and approved Sept. 3-1910

Harriet E. Orant
Secretary

Minutes of Trustees Meeting
Sept. 27th. 1910.

Present. J. O. Duckett Harriet E. Orent
E. L. Cole. A. P. Dickman
Philip Herman - Mrs. Belle Linder
Mrs. Edna A. Hageltime -

On account of illness of Miss Orent
Mrs. Hageltime was nominated to act as
Secy. Nomination seconded. Mrs. Hageltime
duly elected.

Subjects considered by Trustees.
Roads - bids on roads -
Cemetery -

X Report of Dredging committee.

X Repricing of allotments -

Dredging Committee on Temporary
Channel reported - About 14 sub-
scribed and several days work
promised.

X Publication of "Ruskin News"
Store Business. New Addition
Insurance - Shall lot be leased
or sold? How long a lease?

What rent shall be charged
for the store when completed?
The Recommendations of the Board of
Trustees in regard to the sale or lease
of lot to the Ruskin Co. Operator Mercan-
tile Co. and the price of rent for Store-
building when completed will be pre-
sented to the Common Board Society for
action when Store Business is under
consideration.

Recommendations made by Trustees
at regular Trustees meeting, Sept. 29, 1910

Moved by Capt. Dickman - that the
Trustees recommend that the Executive
Committee be given power to sell or
lease lot for The Ruskin Co. Operator's
Mercantile Business. Motion seconded
and carried.

Moved by Mr. Cole - that the Trustees
recommend to the Common Council Society
that the rate of rent for the store
when completed, be \$10.00 per month.
Motion seconded and carried.

(Mrs.) Edna A. Hazeltine
Secy. - has term

Minutes of Trustees Meeting
Nov. 3, 1910.

Read and approved.

Minutes of Trustees Meeting
Nov. 3 - 1910.

Present J. C. Dewkett, Harriet E. Brentt,
Philip Heyman, Belle Tomler,
A. P. Dickman.

Various reports from various
committees considered.

The Executive Committee
of Store and of Common good
Society met Thursday evening
Nov. 1st to consider the subject
of insurance and store rent.

The following resolutions
were adopted by the committees.

Store rent.

It was moved that the price of
rent for the store be placed at 10 (ten)
per month until the first of May
1911. Unanimously carried.

Insurance.

Motion made that an investigating
committee of two, consisting
of D. D. Estes and A. P. Dickman
be elected with instructions to get
rates of insurance and report
to joint Executive Committee
as soon as possible.

Carried.

In the Trustees meeting of Nov.
3 it was moved that L. L. Dickman
be authorized to reprice each farm
tract returned by delinquents

according to its individual value. Carried.

Salaries.

Amount paid Executive Committee and Treasurer for eight months work ending October 31, 1910 = 546.29

Total amount paid Executive Committee and Treasurer, \$546.29

Average cost to Commonwealth Society per month = \$68.28

J. O. Duckett } Amount paid J. O. Duckett for eight months work \$220.74
 Duckett } Average amount per month \$27.60

H. E. Orentl } Amount paid Harriet E. Orentl for eight months work \$280.20
 Orentl } Average amount per month \$35.02

E. L. Cole } Amount paid E. L. Cole \$30.95
 Cole } Average amount per month \$3.87

~~Amount paid Treasurers for eight months \$14.40
 Average per month \$1.80~~

Average amount paid Executive Committee and Treasurer for their work during the past eight months is \$68.28 per month.

(Read and approved) Harriet E. Orentl. Sec.

Minutes of Trustees Meeting.
December - 1910.

Present - A. P. Dickman - Mr.
German - Mr. Dychett - Miss
Overall.

Mr. Cole is in Tampa.
Mrs. Hopelvine and Mrs. Linder
are both ill.

Mr. Cole's resignation as a
member of the Board of Trustees
and of the Executive Committee
was considered. As Mr. Cole is
likely to be absent from Bushkin
for sometime, the Board of
Trustees suggest that his
resignation be laid upon the
table until the next meeting.

The proposed amendments
to By-Laws were carefully
considered.

As reports were read the 25th
and our time to-day is needed
for other matters, it was considered
advisable to make this report
as short as possible.

Harriet E. Overall
Secretary.

Read and approved

Minutes of Trustees Meeting.
Thursday evening, Jan. 5 - 1910.

Present, J. O. Dickett, Harriet E. Orcutt,
Mrs. Belle Linder, Ch. P. Dickman
Philip Korman.

Erritory business was considered.
The Executive Committee reported that
according to the instructions of
the Commonwealth Society, regular
meeting of Nov. 5, 1910, the deal with
the Korman makers had been closed, and
the five acre tract on the river secured
at the price of \$125, with the privilege
of paying for it at the rate of \$10 per
month. The first payment has
been made.

The subject of Willow Hammock
and of the cypress reservations
was considered, and the following
recommendations unanimously
passed:

The Trustees recommend
that Tracts 2579 & 258
known as Willow Hammock be
put on the market for sale, and
also, that the Executive Committee
be authorized to dispose of a part
or all of the cypress on the cypress
reservation, and sell the land
when cleared.

Financial report concerning
Executive Committee from
time of Election, Feb. 26, 1910 to end
of year, Dec. 31, 1910.

Total amount paid Executive
Committee and Treasurer = \$622.23

Average cost to Society per month = \$62.22

Amount paid J. O. Dickett for 10 mo = \$259.62
Average per month = \$25.92

Amount paid Harriet E. Orcutt
during 10 months = \$54.92
Average per month = \$5.49

Amount paid Elizabeth L. Cole = \$30.95
Average per month = \$3.09

Amount paid Treasurer for
ten months = \$22.71
Average per month = \$2.27

Our first month, March, the
business cost the Society \$46.11,
as the Executive was paid \$79.44
Mr. Swank \$2.25 for finishing
letters, and Mr. Koubk was paid
\$24.42 for his time and expenses
for the first 12 days of the month.

In April, we cut down expenses
to \$41 which is \$35.11 less than
the previous month, and \$47.80

less than February expenses under the Commonwealth Agent.

At the end of six months, the Executive Committee and Treasurer had received \$447.53 for their work, which made an ^{average} cost to the Commonwealth Society of \$74.58 per month.

At the end of eight months, ending October 31, 1910, the Executive Committee and Treasurer had received \$546.29. This is an average of \$68.28 per month.

At the end of ten months, the Executive Committee and Treasurer have received \$722.23. This is an average of \$72.23 per month.

The expenses under the Commonwealth Agent in Feb. were \$116.40 - probably more. One half of that amount would be \$58.20. The Executive Committee has cost the Commonwealth Society on an average for the whole 10 months \$2.43 per month more than half as much as the Commonwealth Agent government cost, the last month of its existence.

To make this matter still plainer, 10 months of

Longmound Agent management
at the February price would have
cost \$1188 - probably more. \$1188.

Ten months of Executive
Committee management has
cost \$622.23 a difference of \$565.
which we have had to use for
roads and public improvements.

Harriet E. Orentl, Sec.
Read and approved.

Minutes of Trustees Meeting
Feb. 1 - 1911 - Wednesday Evening.

Present - Wm. Miller - Mrs. Haylett
Mr. Keenan - Mrs. Binder, Miss
Orentl.

The minutes of the Executive
meetings of the month were read
and approved.

Many subjects came up for
consideration, on which no
action could be taken by the
Trustees at present.

The Trustees make but
one recommendation this
month.

They recommend that
"Bushnell News" be published

Dr. in February, if possible.
 Miller
 thought
 it too
 short.

Harriet E. Brent,
 Corresponding Secretary.

Read and accepted.

Trustees Meeting, March 2, 1911
 Thursday evening.
 Present. H. J. Kirkindy, Mrs. Hazeltine
 John Herrmann & Wm. Miller.
 Mrs. Brent was in Tampa getting
 out Burkim skins.

Minutes of Executive Committee
 read and approved.

Moved by Mrs. Hazeltine that
 we recommend to the congregation
 the matter of rescinding order
 now in force allowing property
 owners to do work in front of their
 property and only allow such work
 to be done when road has been
 ordered through.

Mrs. Hazeltine's motion
 seconded and carried.

Telephone business discussed
 but no action taken.

Moved by Mr. Wm. Miller that
 Mr. H. J. Kirkindy consult with

the owners of land adjoining
the colony tract concerning
3 miles of the Tampa road not
yet opened with a view to having
the road opened.

seconded and carried.

moved by Mr. Hermann that we
recommend to the board of good
that they give the privilege of opening
a lumber yard to Mr. H. J. Eckhardt.

seconded and carried.

There being no further business
it was moved and seconded
that we adjourn. Carried.

Wm. Miller

Secretary Pro Tem.

moved as an amendment that
report be accepted except as to the
matter of permission to conduct
a lumber yard by Mr. H. J.
Eckhardt, until next regular
meeting.

seconded; carried.

Read and accepted.

Harriet E. Overth.

Dr.
Miller

Minutes

Trustees Meeting.

March 28 - 1911

Present. H. J. McKirdy, Wm. Miller
 Mrs. Kasettine, Mr. Barnum,
 Ed. S. Dickerson, Harriet E. Orcutt.
 Absent. Mrs. Linder.

Financial situation considered.

Cypress business.

Telephone business.

Cemetery business: duly
 brought up and considered
 but no recommendations
 made.

Mr. Barnes offers to pay cash for
 his farm tracts considered and
 decided that the discount required
 was too large.

Railroad and sanitarium
 matters considered, but no
 action taken.

Banking and other matters discussed.

Meeting adjourned.

Harriet E. Orcutt, Sec.

Read and accepted April 1st.

April 1st - Saturday 57.

Minutes of Special Trustees Meeting,
called at 11-30 to consider railroad
proposition as per terminal.

Present, G. J. McKinstry, Wm. Miller,
Mrs. Harestone, Mr. Haysman,
Ch. P. Dickman, Mrs. Sanders,
Harriet E. Orentt.

The Trustees recommend
for favorable consideration
the resolution relating to
railroad franchise presented
to the Trustees by George
Chas. Miller.

Seconded - carried.

Shown by Ch. P. Dickman that
the resolution relating to
train road be recommended
for the favorable consideration
of the Commonwealth Society.

Seconded - carried.

Read and accepted.

April 1st - 1811

April 13 - 1911

Special Trustees Meeting.

Thursday evening 7-30 to 10.

Present, H. J. McKindy, A. P. Dickman,
Philip Hornum, Mrs. Gayltime,
Mrs. Binder, Miss Orcutt.
Absent, Wm. Miller.

The Executive Committee at its regular weekly meeting, Tuesday April 11, decided that the Secretary, Miss Harriet E. Orcutt, be authorized to arrange an interview with Mr. Edwards and work out the details of the "Land for Sanitarium Proposition," and come to some agreement suitable to present to the Trustees for consideration.

The special meeting was called to review the proposition presented by the committee.

After considerable discussion Miss Orcutt moved that a committee consisting of Mr. McKindy, A. P. Dickman, Wm. Miller, & Mr. Edwards be appointed to examine the tract of land, as to number of acres above water, and other important details.

Motion seconded and Mr. Hornum's name added to the committee.

Motion unanimously carried.

Decided that committee should meet and examine land and water constituting tract, Friday morning and report to Trustees Friday evening. Adjourned.

Harriet E. Orcutt, Secretary.

April 14 - 1911

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Special Trustees Meeting
Friday Evening - 8-9-30

Present. H. J. McHardy, Wm. Miller,
Ed. P. Dickman, Philip Hornum,
Mrs. Kayette, Mrs. Orcutt,
absent Mrs. Linder.
Mr. Edwards was also present.

Committee report received
and considered.

Details in regard to width and
depth of sub-channel worked
out; both propositions carefully
considered; and decided to
recommend the
proposed agreement, for
adoption by the Cambridge
Society, in case it should be
accepted by Dr. Jones.

Harriet E. Orcutt
Secretary.

Read and approved. May 6 - 1911

May 4 - 1871.

Minutes of Regular Trustees Meeting
May 4 - 1871

Present - Wm. Miller - Mrs. Kajetnie
Mr. Sherman - Miss Oveit
Edw. A. Ed. P. Dickman - H. J. McKirdy
Mrs. Linder.

Dr. Miller and Mr. Edwards also present, to present for the consideration of the Trustees another Sanitarium Proposition, to in part take the place of the one which had been rejected. Dr. Jones failed to accept the proposition presented by Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Jones and concurred in by the Trustees, preferring to seek some other location where more and cheaper land could be secured together with better transportation facilities, and other advantages belonging to an older settled country.

Dr. Miller in behalf of the College worked out a proposition satisfactory to Mr. Edwards, by which the College will unite with Mr. Edwards in the rebuilding of a Sanitarium, provided their proposition be accepted by the Commonwealth.

After a general discussion

of the Proposition presented by Mr. Edwards and the College. The trustees present decided to recommend said Proposition to the favorable consideration of the Commonwealth Society.

Road business was then discussed at some length. Road work amounting to probably more than \$100, is requested immediately by various members of the Commonwealth Society, which should be done before the beginning of the rainy season.

The financial situation was considered, and found that there are more bills due than there is money to pay them.

Harriet E. Orvett

Secretary.

Read and approved. May 6 - 1911

June 1 - 1881

Minutes of Trustees Meeting
 Thursday evening, June 1 - 1881
 Present, Mrs. L. Linder, W. P. Dickman,
 Henry G. Lawrence, Harriet E. Orchest,
 Absent, Mr. de Kinsky - Mrs. Koylaine
 Mr. Sherman.

The proposition concerning sale of
 land to Sanitarium people was duly
 considered.

In view of the fact that they have
 met with some unexpected courses
 of delay in the way of business
 tangles, it was unanimously
 recommended by the trustees present
 that they be given more time in which
 to work out the details of their
 proposition.

The Elkins Brothers Proposition
 concerning much needed ditching
 on sections 5 and 6 considered.
 The Trustees found themselves in
 need of further information
 concerning the lay of the land,
 before coming to a decision which
 involves the expenditure of some
 hundreds of dollars.

Moved by Mrs. Linder that a
 committee consisting of W. P. Dickman

W. J. McKirdy and Henry Johnson be appointed to investigate the ditching problem on sections 5 and 6.

Abstract business was next considered.

The Executive Committee had authorized Miss Orcutt, when in Lampa, to call on Mr. Guins and see if it would be possible to so modify his proposition, that we can accept.

Mr. Guins asked for \$250 cash, the price of 50 abstracts at \$5. each. So far, but 6 non-resident allottees have sent in their money, making a fund of but \$70 toward the \$250.

The Commonwealth is unable to advance money for this purpose, although it would be a great saving to allottees to be able to get an abstract for \$5, that as individuals, if no contract is made, they will have to pay from \$20 to \$25 for according to number of entries!

Mr. Guins only made this proposition in view of having the work of the tract to do. When the care was stated to him, he was found willing to reduce the number

of abstracts that must be taken at once to 20, or 100 cash.

If all resident allottees who desire abstracts, will leave their names and money — or the assurance that the money can be had on call — at the Executive Office, it will help us to decide whether or not we shall be able to accept Mr. Givens' proposition.

At the Executive meeting of May 9th 1911, on going over the bills it was found that we owed \$600.66 and had \$445.01 to pay it with, leaving a deficit of \$155.65.

The Hornes have kindly consented to give us a month's time on one half of the note on the residue of land, that we might come a little nearer to settling our other common fund bills.

This leaves us with \$300 due on land at the present moment, also \$55.65 old bills to be paid, making a total indebtedness of \$355.65 besides all the expenses and bills of the month of May now due.

The May settlement gives us \$429.25

of which \$1.18 goes to the C. H. Co. payable to Mr. Hawk; leaving us a balance of \$63.07 with which to pay land and old bills to the amount \$55.65 and the bills for May.

That is, we have a balance of \$7.42 towards paying the bills for May, which are not all in yet, but will probably exceed \$100.

Also there is a demand for about \$20 worth of road work that should be done before the rainy season.

On considering this situation the Executive Committee again appealed to the Homeowners to allow the land note for this month to go over until such time as the Homeowners has more available funds with which to pay.

The Homeowners have consented to wait for this \$200 until after the rainy season. This gives us the use of funds with which to pay our other debts and a little to start the road work with.

Letters have been written to 38 delinquents in May and others will be written this month. We are hoping that enough of them will pay up to enlarge our fund next month.

Harnett E. Orcutt, Secretary.
 Read and approved, June 5 - 1911.

— June 29 — 1911

Minutes of Regular Trustees
Meeting, Thursday, June 29 - 1911
Present: Philip Hornum, Henry
Morrow, A. P. Dickinson, Harriet
E. Orcutt.

Absent: Mrs. Hejeltine Mrs. Linder,
Mr. McKindy.

The abstract matters were carefully
considered. Mr. McKindy had
been authorized to see Mr. Allen
when he was in Tampa, but Mr.
Allen was not in his office, so the
Executive Committee authorized
Miss Orcutt to see Mr. Allen.

25 If the Commingood will pay for the
printing, at a probable cost of
Mr. Allen if they certify the abstracts
we have had printed for \$3.50 each.

Mr. Dickinson, Assistant Deputy
Clerk of Circuit Court suggests
that the Commingood Society
have a copy of the original abstract
printed, with a note at bottom certifying
that it is a true copy; note to be
signed by Trustee of Commingood
Society. This copy of abstract
could then be furnished to all
others deriving it at a very small
cost. But a printed sheet as copy
made of the original abstract is
not a merchantable abstract,
unless certified by an abstract

company, and would not satisfy the seven allottees who have sent in their \$5 each for a merchantable abstract.

Mr. Givens stated, that in view of the arrangements previously made, and the notice printed in March, Bushin & Co., to which the seven allottees have responded by sending their money, he would, if furnished the abstract from which to copy, make us the seven abstracts desired, at \$5.00 each - typewritten copies, properly certified.

225 deeds have been issued. The notice in regard to abstracts was printed four months ago. Only seven people have responded by sending money, which shows that the people are not worrying so much about abstracts as we had supposed.

In view of the above facts, all of the Trustees concur in recommending that Mr. Givens proposition to make the seven abstracts paid for by allottees at \$5.00 each be accepted.

and we wait until there is a greater demand from clippers for abstracts, before the Commission undertakes any expense in the matter.

Harriet C. Overath, Sec.

Report on Kershwin Steyer,
Editions, 1000. Printers bill 16.
Clips 1.00 Postage to date about
6.00 Tampa expenses, boat fare
1.00 Lodging two nights 1.00 One
half of food expense for the three
days, Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday June 26-27-28 = 40 cents.
Total \$25.80

Work on paper, writing, reading
proof, making up paper 7.00
20 hours = 5.

Total cost of paper to date \$30.80

Work of addressing, folding
putting on clips, stamping
and sorting into states ready
for the mail was done by
me. Mrs. Pearl Dickman took
charge of the card index, and
was assisted by Florence, Esther,
and Emme Pitcher, Pauline and Paul
Dickman, Fred Linder. Grace,
Gladys and Zada helped fold
and put on clips.

In the afternoon Mrs. Pearl Dickman,
assisted by Gladys and Grace Cole
and Sigert Buckley did the

Stamping. Time of all counted with some deductions made for child help, equals about 26 hours of good work, for which the Commonwealth would have to pay nearly \$7.00, making total cost of the paper \$7.50, not counting the work of the writers done in Ruskins.

The real cost to the Commonwealth of getting out such a paper as Ruskin's Items, if all the work were hired done, would be at least \$40. Postage is the same on a small paper as on a larger one.

Semi-annual Report.
Salaries of Executive.

Jan. 1911 -	\$65.87
Feb.	65.46
March	73.38
April	58.60
May	56.63
June.	63.17
Total for six months	\$382.61
Average per month	\$63.76

Residue of Bond Account.

Bought July 5 - 1910	
Price to be paid =	\$5728.75
Paid during year	\$2600.00
Balance due.	\$3128.75

Total amounts received
per year Purkin Commission on land
each month of year 1911.

Jan.	567.87	Lo. Co. H. Co.	\$ 120.26
Feb.	281.48	" "	\$ 57.80
March.	594.53	" "	\$ 102.59
April	418.40	" "	\$ 79.52
May	426.75	" "	\$ 61.18
June	568.07	" "	\$ 45.09
	<u>\$ 2848.60</u>		<u>466.52</u>

Average receipts per month = \$ 474.76
Average paid to H. Co. per month = \$ 77.75

Minutes of Meeting of Trustees
of Ruskin Common good Soc
aug 5, 1911

Minutes of Last meeting read
and accepted.

Minutes of Ex. Com. Meetings
read & accepted.

Recommended that a ditch be
allowed on 5 to 6 running from
inlet to north.

Recommended that piling & brush
be used to protect store and water
front immediately.

After some minor considerations
adjournment.

The Sept meeting of the trustees
was not held because of weather
conditions and the settlement
coming on Fri & Sat Morn.

Minutes of Meeting of Trustees
Ruskin Common Good Soc.
Oct. 6. 1911.

Mrs Linder, Mrs. Hageltime
Mr Elkins & Mr Monroe being
present.

Mrs. Hageltime acting as chairman.
Minutes of last meeting read
and approved

Reports of Road Supervisor
D. D. Estes read and
accepted.

Report of acting Road Supervisor
H. R. Monroe for Month of August
read and accepted.

In absence of Mr H. G. McKinley
Mr Monroe made
report of expenditures and
receipts for month.

Sec. Carried
Report of amt of Settlement with
Ruskin Homemakers read
and accepted.

Report of amt's due city & county
roads read and accepted.

Bond of Treas G. W. Brooks
read and accepted as read.

adjournment.

Minutes of Meeting of Trustees
Ruskin Common Good Soc.
Nov. 2, 1911

Mr. McKinley Mrs. Linder
& Mr. Moore being present -
a quorum not being
present we adjourned to
meet Sat. Nov. 4 at 2 p.m.
reg. meeting.

Minutes of Meeting of
Trustees,
Ruskin Common Good Soc.
Nov. 4, 1911 ^{two} meeting ^{was} approved.
Report of Ex Com. approved.

Proposition referred to Trustees by exec. com.
to cut timber
on west 20 acres at 25¢ per
cord stumpage. considered
after discussion the trustees
decided it was not advisable.
as it would make the land
less valuable. ~~adjournment.~~

Suggestion by Mr. G. P. Dickman
that we try to get ditching done
by parties who would take
land in payment.
The suggestion approved.

adjournment,

Dec. 1 - 1911

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Minutes of Regular Trustees Meeting
Friday, Dec. 1 - 1911

Present. Henry Monroy - J. E. Elkins
Dr. Lushman, P. J. McKeedy
Harriet C. Orvitt.
Absent. Mrs. Binder - Ed. P. Dickman

Mr. Monroy gave (and) report of
Executive Committee Meeting
held Wednesday Nov. 22 - 1911

The financial condition of the
Commongood Society was then
considered.

The residue of Land Account shows
that \$400 has been paid, which
is more than \$500 more than
half of the whole amount which
was \$5728.75. There is still \$2328.75
to be paid. The Society has met its
land payments, but has not been
able to do much more for some
time past, as the settlements have
been very small for the past three
months leaving practically no
funds for work. The State has
very kindly taken up road work
orders to the amount of about \$121.00
which the Commongood Society
therefore owes to the store. Its bills
for the making out of deeds have
been presented since July, 1911
and that bill is undoubtedly large.
Bill due for locating is \$21.25

less store
rent for
3 months =
\$30.91

Dr. Thatcher presented a bill for road work, some of it done a long time ago, amounting to \$27.50
 Mr. Howver's bill for remainder of September and all of October and November, salary is \$62.62
 Corresponding secretary's salary for work done in July and November is \$19.75

Mr. Che Kirkby makes no charges for his services as chairman of the Executive Committee.
 There is also a postage bill, and bills for supplies, and other bills for work not yet in, making a total of over \$200.
 The settlement this month is \$376.91
 To b. H. Co. \$51.89, leaving main general fund with which to pay debts, \$150.96

Considerable work has been ordered done by the Commonwealth Society, for which there are no available funds at present. Some of this is ditching which needs to be done soon, in order to protect trees that have been set, and growing crops. In view of these facts the suggestion that was made at the last Trustees meeting was considered, and it was moved and seconded that, the Executive Committee and the Road Supervisor be authorized, if possible, to get road work done and pay in Commonwealth land. There is nothing discouraging in the situation as we have good land which is becoming more valuable by the delay in selling. The above motion was passed unanimously.

cemetery business was then considered.
 There are 405 full lots and 18 partial
 lots in the cemetery as plotted. Each
 full or family lot is 16 feet square.
 Those who wish only half lots
 can arrange with someone else
 to buy the other half. The price to be
 charged for these family lots was
 then discussed. The cemetery needs
 funds of its own, to buy fencing
 as there are no common or general
 funds available for that purpose
 at present. It takes money to put
 a cemetery in order and keep it
 in order, and it will be a number
 of years before all the lots are
 sold. If sold at \$10 each it would
 give a fund of a little more than
 \$4,000 which is enough to put the
 cemetery in creditable shape and
 pay for the land. The immediate need at the cemetery
 is not only fencing, but steps to
 the river, tools, and a house to
 keep them in.

In view of all these considerations
 it was moved and seconded that
 the Trustees recommend that the
 price of cemetery lots be placed at
 \$10. Unanimously carried.

cemetery
 lots
 10.

In view of the fact, that for the best good of all, it seems necessary that the Executive Committee through its corresponding secretary do more or less real estate business in the way of selling lots and farm tracts for both resident and non-resident allottees, it is a matter of justice that the Commonwealth receive pay for this work necessarily done by its corresponding secretary as it takes time and postage for which the Commonwealth pays.

Therefore after due consideration the Trustees recommend that five per cent charges be made to the seller on the sale of all land not belonging to the Commonwealth which is sold through the Executive Committee Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried.

Harriet E. Orcutt
Secretary.

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Commonwealth Memberships
Purkin Colonization Company.
To apply on Full Membership.
see page 84

School Officers

A. C. Sill Supervisor

L. Buchholz County Superintendent

School Building Committee

A. C. Sill,
W. Harrington,
J. C. Binder.

Store Directors.

Executive Committee -
 J. S. Jones - J. C. Larrick
 E. B. Lyman.

Directors
 J. O. Durett
 Dr. Miller
 A. P. Dickman
 W. B. Dunham
 E. E. Gye
 Wm. Kates

Store Manager D. D. Estes.

Election Jan. 7-1911

Ponshin Colonization Co.
 Can't find the paper on which I
 was keeping record.

This is Admrs Miller's record
 from the Companies books.

Mar. 8 - 1911	J. Lushner	\$ 5.00
April 6 - 1911	W. Soult	\$ 2.50
May 20 - 1911	E. A. Buckland	\$ 2.50

Commissions
 Mar. 23 Com. on T. M. Lhas
 McKeindy. \$ 5.00

Commonwealth Memberships.

May 2 - 1910

J. E. Pritchett

Forest Grove, Oregon.

Sent P.O. order for \$25 of which
\$10 was to apply on membership.
I have put this in bank to the credit

of the Commonwealth, but if
Department makes a proper election
of \$5 will have to be withdrawn to
pay agent.

Mr. Hawk has consented that
the Commonwealth Society may
act as the possessor of a Tull
chiller membership in the Co-operative
Homestead Co.

May 6 - 1910.

Mrs. C. P. McNeely

241 South Seventh Ave.,

Bozeman, Montana.

Sent \$10 for land payment not
understanding that she must
take a membership first. Wanted

Berth two ten acre tracts but there were
Departments left answering her description.

Reserved two pipes recently exchanged
until we can hear from her,
promising to return certificate
money if she is not satisfied.

May 14 - 1910.

O. S. Billings

Silvaco Springs, Ark.

Bank sent \$10 for membership of
 depart¹⁵ which belonged to C. G. Dickson
 as they were attracted by his
 "ed" in Woman's Daily, and he
 had sent folders. Have paid him.

May 14 - 1910

J. B. Bristol,

Byesville, Ohio.

Sent P. O. order for \$20.20 for
 membership and two ten
 acre tracts adjoining. None
 suitable left. Have reserved
 five acre tract with promise
 to return money if not desired.
 Money returned on request.

Delbert Bibbey

Kelso, Indiana Dearborn Co.

Bank stated May 15th reached him.
 Depart¹⁵ Toop allotments and directed that
¹⁵ \$5 of his membership fee be retained
 by the Cornmen and the other
¹⁵ \$5 be sent to William Beck of Harrison
 Ohio, the member, who first told
 him about Ruskis, and this
 I am doing by Tuesday mail
 May 31 - 1910.

Have received receipt from Mr. Beck
 for the \$5 sent him.

Harriet E. Owen H.

Abstract Account. - 1911

March 28. \$5.00 from Miss
Lienell for abstract.
April 8. "5.00 for second " = \$10 +

March 21. \$5.00 from James E.
Townsend, of Springfield,
Ohio, for abstract. = \$5 +

April 11. - From L. G. Dickman for
abstract for C. S. Billing. = \$5 +

May 6. R. D. Hayer \$5 for abstract. \$5 +

May 7. From L. G. Dickman, sent by
C. H. Marsh, \$5, for abstract
for Mynatts and Harroy and
Smith. \$5 +

Purt Ireland, 1115 - 15 Ave. S. E.

Minneapolis, Minn.

1911
May 20. Wrote inquiry concerning abstracts,
but sent no money.

June 21. Fred. W. Duffer, five dollars for
abstract to fa' in tract 229. \$5 +

June 28. Herbert J. Washburn, Laurel
Springs, Penn perrey desires to know
if he can come in for a \$5 abstract if he
forwards money immediately.

July 3. C. Hedges, St. Joseph, Mo. \$5

Surveying Committee.

Apportionment Committee

Appointed March 15 - 1809

W. C. Barr - E. E. Gore - A. B. Hawk

June 12 - 1809 - W. C. Barr and
A. B. Hawk resigned.
M. E. Dickman and J. C. Allen
elected to fill their places.

July 7. Mr. Brower appointed
to fill Mr. Allen's place.

October 16. J. C. Dickett appointed
to succeed Mr. Brower.

November 17. General Business
Agent, Mr. Hawk, appointed as
Chairman of Surveying Committee.

Jan 15. J. C. Dickett tendered resignation.

Jan 22 J. C. Dickett's resignation accepted.

Feb. 26. Mr. Hawk resigned from
Surveying Committee and Mr.
Estes was appointed to fill his place.

Surveying Committee as it
stands July 2 - 1910.

M. E. Dickman, D. D. Estes -
W. R. Morrow appointed July 2.

Literature Committee.

November 1 - 1908. Minutes. (old)

"Moved and carried that a committee of three be elected to draft some literature to accompany notification of advance in prices. Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Mr. Hook were appointed on this committee."

Committees — 1909 & 1910

Dr. Miller

Tampa Shell Road Committee.
appointed Dec. 22 — 1909

D. Miller — G. L. Dickman
E. Barnes. Minutes. Page 4.

Sept. 3. A. G. Sill, D. O. Estes and Will Harvington
were added to above committee. Page 82.

Noted by Mrs. Miller that this
same committee get also in
connection with the Committee
of the Wimmoma Road.

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Wimmoma Road Committee
appointed at Tampa March 1, 1910

Estes — Jones — ^{Harvey} Saffold.

Stare Committee
appointed Jan. 1, 1910
C. A. Hedges — E. Barnes — Ed. P. Dickman
Ed. Bitelie — J. T. Gunther. Page 6

Committees - 1910

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Committee on Constitution and
By-laws. Jan. 1, 1910.
Dr. Miller, W. E. E. Kates, Harriet E.
Orentl. Minutes Page 8.

Land Committee
Committee to consider proposition
of Bushin Homeowners to E. S. S.
regarding taking over 5000 acres.
Appointed Jan 11 - 1910.
E. Barnes, J. C. Leinder, C. Hedges.
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Sanitary Committee
Appointed Jan 15 - 1910
Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Kates, Mrs. Hawk.
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Committees - 1910.

— Street Committee —
 appointed Jan. 22 1910. Page 23.
 ed. Ritchie, D. Estes, J. C. Leinders,
 Mrs. Barnes, Miss Crentz.

Died a lingering death through loss of
 its members, Mr. Ritchie and Mrs. Barnes
 and the election of the Executive Committee

{ Dredging Inlet Committee —
 appointed Jan. 22. Page 24.
 Dr. Miller, J. Gunther, Ed. B. Houck.
 Enc 4th, Ed. P. Dickman elected to fill Mr.
 Gunther's place. New Committee
 July 2. to consider Mr. Cole's Proposition, elected
 July 2. Elizabeth G. Cole — Ed. P. Dickman
 and Will Harrington.

Committee discharged May 6 - 1911
 (See page 15)

Election Committee
 appointed Feb. 26 - 1910. Page 45
 Dr. George Med. Miller — J. C.
 Leinders. J. S. Jones.
 Report accepted May 7 - 1910.

Committee - 1910.

Fire Insurance Committee
Appointed March 5 - 1910 Page 52
Mrs. Miller - E. E. Dickman
D. D. Estes (A. B. Howk) - J. B. Leides
W. B. Dunham.

Committee discharged, May 7, 1910.

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Reservation Committee
Appointed April 2 - 1910 Evening Session.
Wm. Harrington.
H. R. Monroe
George Chas. Miller
D. D. Estes
W. B. Dunham.
Report accepted and committee discharged
May 7 - 1910

June 4
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Sanitary Committee
E. E. Dickman, E. E. Miller.
W. B. Dunham. - Discharged -
- 1911 -
Yellow Hammock Committee
Over - Page 95

Committees 1910.

June 4 - Bath - House Committee.
 Mrs. L. G. Dickman, Mr. Harrington
 Page 68, Adm. Miller.

School Committee
 Ed. C. Sill - Commissioner
 Harrington - Binder-Cole.
 Original Committee appointed
 at school meeting probably in July.
 Above Committee adopted by
 Community Sept. 8 - 1880
 Mrs. L. G. Dickman and Mrs.
 Ed. C. Sill added to Committee
 Sept. 7 - 1910.

Tampa Shell Road Committee
 See Page 90 Reappointed Sept. 8 - 1910
 Dr. Miller - L. G. Dickman
 Ed. C. Sill - D. D. Estes - Will Harrington

Committees - 1911

Jan. 7 - 1911 Willow Hammock Committee.
 Ed. C. Sill - Will Harrington
 and Robert Buckley.
 Elected to investigate as to the value
 of the marsh in Willow Hammock.
 Committee discharged on
 April 1 - 1911

Dredging Committee

May 6 - 1911

May 6 - 1911

Moved by J. C. Durbett that the
 same committee that was appointed
 by the Trustees to consider the
 Edwards College Sanitarium
 proposition be re-elected. Seconded
 Carried.

This committee was H. J.
 McKeever, Ed. P. Dickman, Mrs.
 Shilly, Philip Harman and
 Mr. Edwards.

Committee reported May 18
 and discontinued.

Standing Dredging Committee.

May 6 - 1911

Executive Committee.

Dr Shilly moved that the Executive
 Committee take charge of all
 dredging matters except as the
 C. S. Society sees fit to take
 matters in its own hands.

Seconded, Carried.

1911
May 13.

May 13 - 1911 - To secure Dredge.

U. D. Miller nominated Capt. A. P. Dickman, A. C. Sill and C. A. Doane as a special committee on securing a dredge. W. B. Dunham added to the committee. All elected. Jan. 6 - 1912 Mr. Wheeler added in place of Mr. Dunham. Committee renewed. Jan. 6 - 1912

Tampa Road Committee

Cemetery Committee

Ditching south of College Ave. Committee

Shade Tree Committee

Cemetery Clearing Pierre Committee

Tampa Shell Road Committee
Reappointed Sept. 3 - 1910

Dr. Miller - L. G. Dickman - A. C. Sill
D. O. Estes - Will Harrington.

Cemetery Committee.
Executive Committee.

July 1 - 1911 Special Cemetery Committee
A. D. Miller to act with G. P. Monroe
in staking out the cemetery.

Cemetery Clearing Picnic Committee.
Nov. 4 - 1911 Mrs. Harrington - Mrs. L. G. Dickman
Miss Aurora Miller - Mr. J. O. Duckett
Mrs. Sill - Mr. Amstrong - Mr. Sill
Mr. Brooks - Mr. A. D. Miller -
Mr. P. E. Dickman.

Sept. 2 - 1911 Shade Tree Committee
Mrs. Miller - Mr. Buckley - Mr. Estes.

Committees

Aug. 5-1871 Ditching south of College Ave.
Road Supervisor - Ed. C. Sill.
Wm. Miller. Chairman Ed. C. Sill.

Map of "Rushin City" recorded in
Plat Book 5 at page 75.
Verified by George W. Miller.
March 21, 1910.

