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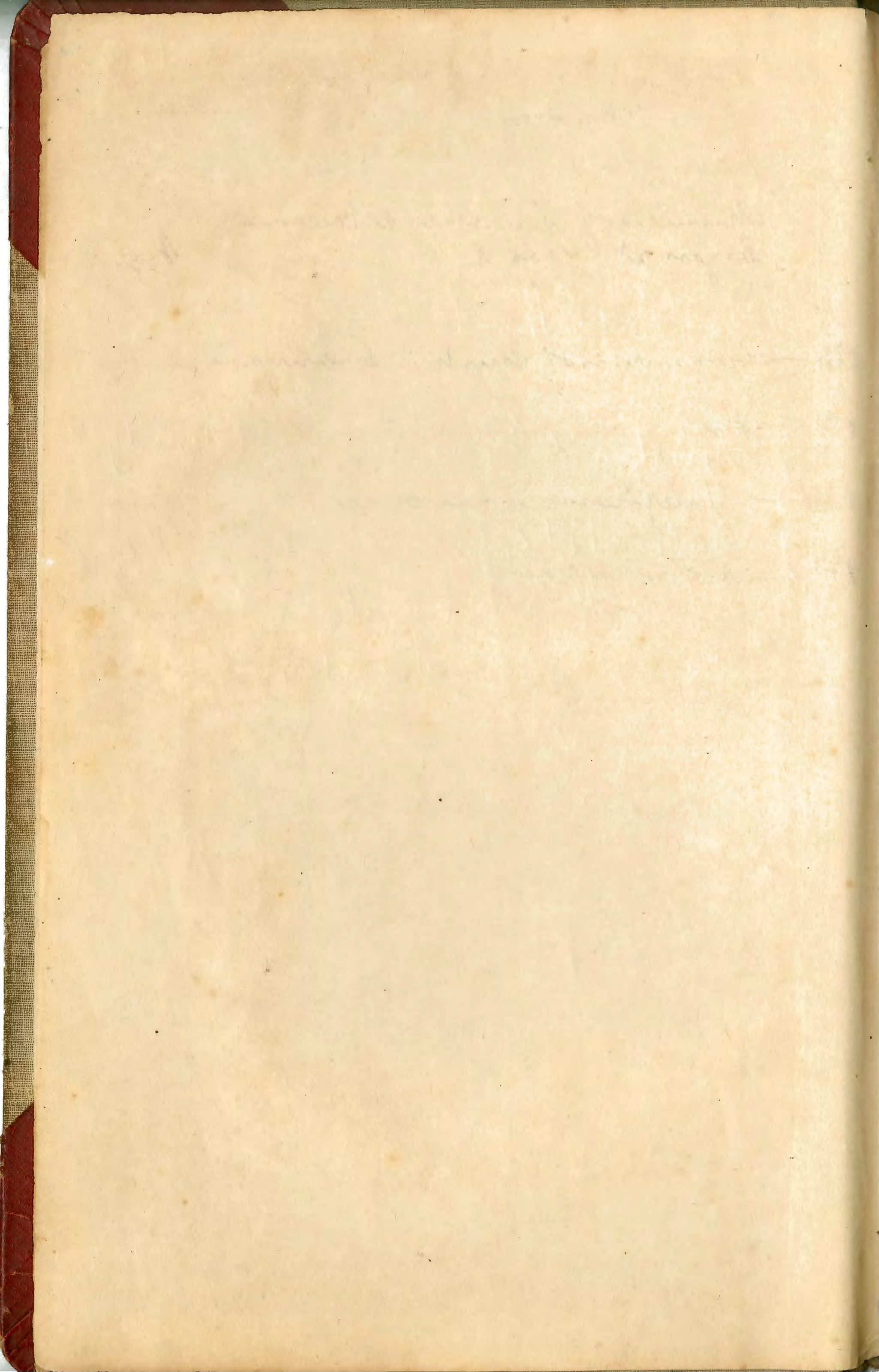
Secretary's Book  
for

Trustees of Commonwealth Society

Jan. 4 - 1912

Harriet E. Brentt

Secretary



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The first part of the book is devoted to a general  
 introduction to the subject of the history of the  
 world. The author begins by pointing out that the  
 history of the world is not a mere list of events,  
 but a study of the human mind in action. He  
 then proceeds to discuss the various stages of  
 human civilization, from the earliest times to  
 the present day. He shows how the human mind  
 has developed from a state of ignorance and  
 superstition to a state of knowledge and  
 reason. He also shows how the human mind  
 has been influenced by the environment, and  
 how it has shaped the course of human  
 history. The author concludes by pointing out  
 that the history of the world is a story of  
 progress, and that the human mind is the  
 driving force behind this progress.

January - 1912

Minutes of Trustees Meeting

Jan. 5 - 1912 - Evening 8 - 9-30.

Present. A. P. Dickman - Henry Brown

Dr. Kushman - Harriet C. Cheyfitz

Absent. B. J. McKirdy - J. E. Elkins

Mrs. Linder

As the rainy season seems to be still with us, and many people are badly flooded, the subject of ditching was discussed. The Trustees were thoroughly agreed that ditches were badly needed in many places. But the Commongood Fund for the month of Dec. 1911 amounts to but \$261.62 and after the land note of \$2.00 is paid and the C. G. Co's commissions of \$1.74 are paid to Mr. Hawk there is but \$28.88 left with which to pay running expenses. There are bills due to the amount of about \$420.

\$261.62  
\$1.74  
\$28.88

Part of which  
is to be  
paid in  
land

work  
on or near  
his land

leaving a deficit of about \$160, a considerable amount. This makes it quite impossible for the Commongood to undertake any more road building or ditch digging except the long ditches which can be paid for in Commongood lots or farm tracts. There is no money at present to pay for road work and there is not likely to be much for that purpose until more of the land is sold. It is also impossible to promise any person, whatsoever, that down road work that the Commongood will pay for such work at either any definite or indefinite time, and for many reasons. 1st etc one knows when

or at what time the Commingood  
 will have funds for that purpose.  
 2nd. The town has already had more  
 than its share of money expended.  
 The farm tracts have had less than  
 their proper percentage. Resident  
 allottees have had more work done than  
 non-resident allottees; and it is the duty  
 of the Executive and the Trustees to  
 protect the interests of the absent.  
 Therefore, the Trustees find themselves  
 unable to authorize any one to do work  
 near his place with the expectation  
 of having the Commingood pay for  
 it, either now, or at some indefinite  
 period of time. There are absolutely no  
 funds for that purpose. The Trustees  
 can entertain propositions for digging  
 the long ditches which will benefit  
 the farm tracts, if the people  
 will take their pay in land. From  
 all parts of town comes the same  
 complaint: That other people have  
 had the most ditching done, and that  
 it was not so much needed. That is,  
 we all see very plainly and know  
 all about the mud-puddle at our  
 own door, that we ourselves have  
 to wade through; but we don't know  
 much about the mud-puddle our  
 neighbor a mile away is wading  
 through. The Executive and the Board  
 Supervisor have had to hear about  
 all the mud-puddles and have done  
 the best they could with the limited



found at their disposal, to get rid of as many as they could.

There is now \$20.73 in the 5 & 6 Fund.  
It was suggested that there should be a ditch on 5 & 6 on Central Ave, or Second St. running from ditch on Pearl St. south to Front St.

Also suggested that there should be a ditch on north line of 6 to Bay.  
These are not recommendations but suggestions, to be considered by the Board, as the Trustees did not feel that they had sufficient information in regard to the wishes of the people on 5 and 6 to make any recommendations.

The store insurance runs out at noon the 26th of January. The Mercantile Building is insured for \$300, at an expense of \$10.50

It was moved and seconded that the Trustees recommend that the store insurance be renewed for one year.

Unanimously carried.

Harriet E. Orest

Read and approved. Jan. 6 - 1912

corrected Feb. 2, - 1912

Financial Report for year 1911.

Received in monthly settlements  
from Roush in Cognomenahers  
during the year \$4740.26  
\$395.02 This is an average of \$395.02 per month.

Paid on land \$200 per month except  
May and June \$100 each. Total for year \$2200.  
\$2449.46 This leaves the sum of \$2449.46  
which is the amount we have  
had for running expenses and  
for public improvements.

The salary of the Executive Committee  
during the year has been \$554.78

This is \$46.23 per month that the  
Executive Committee has cost the Society.  
During the year \$1110.33 has been  
expended on road work.

This is an average of \$92.53 per month.

Under Miscellaneous is included the  
publishing of the papers, postage  
getting out of all literature, and  
all expenses except Executive salaries  
and road work. \$3501.00  
Average per month \$291.75

The 546 Fund during the year  
amounts to \$159.75

# Commongood Property

The following is unsold commongood property.

The prices given of lots and farm tracts are the prices set upon them by the Re-purposing committee many months ago, before we had the present railroad prospects, and can therefore be considered as conservative, and representing real values.

(36)	The commongood has 34 lots	(36)	\$36.00
	@ \$100 each =		\$3400
✓	5 lots at \$250 each =		\$1250
(11)	12 lots at 50 " =		\$600
	also 311 small lot not priced		550
			<u>5250</u>

✓	22 ten acre tracts = 220 acres		
✓	5 of these in sand belt. \$100 each =		\$500
✓	2 tens in Willow Hammock		
	\$350 each =		\$700
✓	2 tens in section ten		\$800
✓	13 tens in Cypress Land		
	value \$150 each =		\$1950
			<u>\$3450</u>

Add timber value on 180 acres.

✓ The west 80 probably contains about 60 acres which will make something over 100 lots. These will soon be worth \$100 per lot = \$10,000

\$5400 + \$3450 + \$10,000 = \$18,850

\$5250 + \$3450 + \$10,000 = \$18,700

The store buildings and four lots forming business blocks.

Harriet E. Orrell, Secretary

— Common good Property —  
Auditing Committee's Estimate

Town lots —	\$5	400
Farms	\$3	450
Mest 80	\$10	000
Store Bldgs —		500
Business Bldgs —	\$2	000
In Sec 9 — 50 acres @ \$30 per acre	\$1	500
Water front —		
Parks —		
Streets		
		<hr/>
		\$22,850

Timber on 130 acres of cypress.  
50 acres at \$50 = \$2,500      2,500  
 22,850  


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 \$25,350

The above report of auditing committee is correct as to town lots, and the common good is really worth about \$25,000 at the present time. The business blocks are undoubtedly worth the \$2,000 estimated, although we might not be able to sell them for that now.

— Election of Officers —  
Jan. 13 - 1912.

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Annual election of officers should have taken place Saturday, Jan. 12 - 1912. But other business occupied the time until so late that it was thought best to adjourn until Saturday, Jan. 13 - 1912.

Nominations for 3 women Trustees were first called for. Mrs. Brentt - Mrs. Sill - Mrs. Doane and Dr. Bushman were nominated. Mrs. Sill wished to withdraw her name as she was already overworked. Accepted. Nominations were then closed and the secretary instructed to cast a ballot for Mrs. Brentt - Mrs. Doane and Dr. Bushman, who were declared elected as Trustees for 1912.

Nominations for four men Trustees were then called for. Mr. Buckley - Mr. Lynam - Mr. A. P. Dickman - Mr. Brookes - Mr. Hogan - Mr. Elkins - Mr. Barrett were nominated and received the following number of votes.

Humbert Buckley	28
Everett Lynam	33
A. P. Dickman	28
S. H. Brookes	7
Martin Hogan	7
J. E. Elkins	24
Simon Barrett	5

Humbert Buckley - Everett Lynam - A. P. Dickman and J. E. Elkins were declared elected Trustees.

Nominations to select Chairman  
of Executive called for.  
Mr. Buckley elected by Sec. Ballot.

Nominations for Corresponding Secretary  
Mrs. Harriet E. Brentt — 28  
Mrs. Julia Doane — 6

For Third Member of Executive.  
Everett Lyman by ballot of Sec.

For President — J. L. Linder — Sec. Ballot

Vice-President — Will Harrington " "

Secretary — J. S. Jones Pres " "

For Treasurer.  
S. H. Brooks 8  
W. Woodworth 12  
E. A. Buckland 16  
Two highest candidates voted on.  
E. A. Buckland 23  
W. Woodworth 7

Office of Road Supervisor and  
Grade and Levator united by  
consent of the Common good.

Road Supervisor Grade and Levator.  
D. D. Estes — Secretary's Ballot.

Re-elected

8 — 8 officers re-elected 4 trustees A. P. Dickman  
J. E. Ellins — Dr. Lushman Harriet E. Brentt  
New Mr. Linder — Harrington — Jones — Estes.  
4 New — Mr. Buckley — Lyman — Buckland — Mrs. Doane.

February — 1912.

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Minutes of Regular Trustees Meeting.  
Feb. 1 1912. Evening 7 to 10-20

Present. Humbert Buckley — Everett L. Lynn —  
J. E. Elkins — Mrs. Julia Doane —  
Ed. P. Dickman — Dr. Krishman.  
Harriet E. Orcutt.

Road Supervisor's report received.  
J. E. Elkins wishes to take a contract  
for digging a ditch west along the  
north boundary of section 6 from  
Central Ave. to the Bay. This main  
ditch will be about a mile long, 6 ft  
wide and about 3 feet deep.

The contract also includes some  
ditches from the interior of section  
6 to the main ditch so as to connect  
with ditches already dug.

He will charge  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent per cubic  
foot for ditching and the clearing  
and ditching will cost about \$50.  
He agrees to take payment in land.

After due consideration, all the  
Trustees being present, it was  
moved and seconded that the  
Elkins proposition for ditching  
on section 6, be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

Moved, seconded and carried that  
Mr. Binder's proposition concerning  
use of Fifth St. between Willard St.  
and Lewis St, adjoining his  
property on the west be recommended  
to the common council for favorable  
consideration. Carried.

Moved that 7 foot lightern wood posts  
or unsold Commonwood property  
be sold at ten cents each, stumpage  
carried.

Mr. Duckett's resignation as Trustee  
of Record for the Commonwood  
Society was read and considered.

It was recommended that Mr.  
Duckett's resignation as Trustee of  
Record be accepted and that Edward B.  
Lynn be nominated to fill the  
vacancy. Unanimously carried.

And it is requested that the  
Commonwood take action upon  
this nomination at once.

Next the present Dredging Proposition  
was considered.

It was recommended that all bills  
connected with the Dredging of the  
Inlet be made out and presented to  
the Executive Committee before Feb.  
20th, 1912.

The Executive Committee is not  
prepared to pay these bills, but wishes  
to keep track of them until such  
time as the Dredging Proposition  
will be able to pay them.

An occasional pledge for the railroad  
is still coming in. The allottees  
all seem delighted at the prospect  
of having a railroad to Louisiana.



There are about 50 pledges from resident allottees amounting to about \$468; and about 100 pledges from non-resident allottees amounting to about \$1042

Total amount pledged to Feb. 2-1912 about \$1510.

Cemetery committee's report was read and left over for future consideration of some details.

You have just heard the financial report of the chairman and the secretary. A number of bills will be paid in land - the bill for deeds, some bills for work, and the part and present Executive salaries. We now owe H. B. Morrise \$46.37 on salary, which he will take in land. There is due Harriet E. Orcutt for part of July and part of November salary \$13.75 For December salary \$39.25 For January salary \$45.87 This will be taken in land. Herbert Buckley's salary for January is \$2.87 He has given a great deal of time to the colony work for which he makes no charge. Everett G. Lyman's salary for January is \$17.37 He will also take his pay in land.

Harriet E. Orcutt  
Secretary.

Read and approved  
by Comm. and Gov. Society Feb. 2-1912

Special Trustees Meeting.

Evening of Feb. 8 - 1912.

The Trustees were called together for a few minutes preceding the Special Commongood Meeting to sign an agreement to make a note for the loan from Mrs. Doane provided the following proposition which was presented by the Dredging Committee should be accepted by the Commongood:

Feb. 8, 1912

The Commongood Society of Pensacola in meeting assembled, this 8th day of February authorize herewith, the Trustees to sell or mortgage an amount of the tract of land known as the West Eight sufficient to provide for the dredging of the Inlet.

Recommended by the

Dredging Committee,  
 & other business transacted at  
 this Special Meeting.

Adjourned to attend the  
 Special Commongood Meeting.

Harriet E. Overth  
 Secretary

Read and approved  
 by Commongood Society  
 March 2 - 1912

## Minutes of Trustees Meeting.

Thursday evening Feb. 29 - 1912. 7:30.

Present - A. Humbert Buckley - Everett C. Lyman - Harvot E. Orcutt - Dr. Bushman - Ed. P. Dickman - Mrs. Julia Dogue.

Absent - J. E. Elkins.

The Road Supervisor made a report and presented a bill as Locator which was read and discussed by those present at the time.

The Minutes of the Executive were read and approved.

The dredging proposition was considered at some length. The matter of repairs for the pump could not be acted upon for lack of sufficient information as to cost of different parts from different companies. But the Dredging Committee has the matter in hand and will work out the problem.

Lot owners on College Ave. have requested that a decision be made in regard to the extra five feet of space which the Surveyor left between College and Markham avenues. They wish to know where to put their fences.

After due consideration of the subject it was recommended by the Trustees that the space between College and

Marbham Avenue be equally divided.  
 Moved by Dr. Lushman, seconded  
 and carried.

Mr. Lymans report on errors in cash  
 book was then read.

After considerable discussion, it was  
 moved, seconded and carried that  
 Edmund Miller, who was on the  
 auditing committee be authorized  
 to assist Mr. Lymans in adjusting  
 errors in the common good books.

The replating of the West 80 was  
 then considered, but the Trustees  
 arrived at no final decision. It will  
 be necessary to have a special Trustees  
 meeting to consider this matter.

Mr. Wheeler, Manager of the  
 Telephone Co., requested instructions  
 as to where the telephone lines  
 should be placed.

It was moved that the telephone  
 lines be placed in rear of lots, where  
 practicable. Carried.

It was suggested that extra  
 high poles be used in town.

Financial Report.  
 Executive salaries for February 1912  
 Humbert Buckley \$7.88  
 Harriet E. Orcutt \$48.62  
 Everett L. Lyman \$27.50

The February settlement with the  
 Hornumakers gives us \$178.68 of  
 which we pay Mr. Hawk \$19.29

As the Executive Committee, the  
 Board Supervisor and Locator, and  
 some others have agreed to take pay  
 for services in land, while necessary,  
 we will have sufficient funds to pay  
 small bills now due, that have been  
 headed in, and pay \$150 on our land  
 note.

Harriet E. Orcutt  
 Secretary—

Read and approved by  
 Commonwealth Society—after  
 considerable discussion as regard  
 to the place where telephone poles  
 should be put—March 2—1912.

Minutes of Regular Trustees Meeting.  
Thursday evening April 4 - 1912.

Present - Everett C. Lyman - Dr. Bushman  
Mr. Buckley - Mr. Elkins - Mrs. Doane  
Harriet E. Corcutt.

Absent - Capt. Dickman detained in Tampa.

Minutes of seven Executive Meetings held since the last community meeting were read and approved by the Trustees. There has been a good deal of business transacted during the month and the Executive minutes were sixteen pages long.

Report of the Board Supervisor was read and discussed. Also the big ditching propositions were discussed.

The March settlement with the Homeowners gives us \$345.92 in the General Fund, of which \$34.44 goes to the Co-operative Homestead Co, leaving us \$311.48 to use.

We will pay \$250 on our land which leaves \$61.48 with which to pay bills. To pay for stamps, letter heads and Florida Grower literature will take about \$35 leaving us with a balance of about \$25 for expenses.

Executive salaries for the month of March are:

Everett C. Lyman. \$ 7.37

Herbert Buckley. 4.37

Hearmont E. Orcutt #48.62  
 This makes a total of \$50.36  
 for the whole Executive Meeting, in March,  
 which is to be paid in land.

Delay in securing repairs for the  
 dredge was discussed. These repairs  
 were reported at Executive Meeting  
 of March 12 as ordered through agent  
 at Tampa, from Syracuse, New York.  
 A drawing of the parts required was sent.  
 The latest report received by the Trustees  
 was that the repairs had been sent  
 by Clyde line instead of Mallory line.  
 Not able to hear from them.

#### Replotting of Port 80.

It was found that more information  
 was needed in regard to land, water  
 and marsh grass, as the map is  
 incorrect. Mr. Lyman was authorized  
 to make a sketch, which should  
 show the outlines of real land not  
 covered by tide water, of the marsh  
 grass, and of the water of the Inlet.  
 This sketch was made. It so differs  
 from the map, as to make many  
 former plans seem impracticable.  
 The Trustees decided that they did  
 not wish to spend time on the  
 replatting, until the dredge has been  
 tried, and they have more knowledge  
 concerning the actual cost of making  
 lots.

water survey

Mr. Wheeler's proposition concerning hour checks, to be used in payment for labor, was considered.

This proposition is:

That certificates called hour checks - value 25 cents per hour - be issued, redeemable in land, for use in payment of labor done for the Commonwealth in the Colony. These checks are to be negotiable as payment for farms, tracts, town lots, or anything the Commonwealth has to sell. When necessary, checks must be withdrawn, so that there shall not be in circulation, at any time, certificates to a greater value than one half of the Commonwealth property at that time.

It was suggested that checks be for 1 hour, worth 25 cents; 4 hours worth 1 dollar; 8 hours, worth 2 dollars; 20 hours, worth 5 dollars; 40 hours worth 10 dollars.

Also suggested that different denominations be printed on different colored paper and numbered consecutively.

Also suggested that larger denominations be signed by any member of the Executive Committee, when to be used.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Wheeler's proposition be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Commonwealth Society.  
Unanimously Carried.



At the Executive Meeting of March 18  
 Captain Dickman and Mr. Estes  
 made a report of the needs and requirements  
 of the store. It must have more room  
 on which to establish the canning  
 factory, and to put up the other buildings  
 which a growing town and a growing  
 trade demand.

Captain Dickman suggests:

That the Board should deed  
 to the store the Business Block, No. 372  
 West of Fourth St., in consideration of  
 the cancellation of the present  
 indebtedness of the Board to the store,  
 and with the following  
 restrictions: That the business of the  
 store must be continued co-operatively,  
 and that all Boarding allottees be  
 permitted to buy a share of stock in  
 the store at par value.

Moved and seconded that the above  
 proposition be recommended to the  
 favorable consideration of the  
 Boarding Society.

Carried.

Resolved Proposition.

Captain Dickman being detained in Tampa, and  
 Dr. Bushman being called away before the  
 close of the meeting the Trustees present  
 considered the railroad proposition with favor  
 but decided to make no recommendation.

It will be brought before the Boarding.

Harriet E. Orant. Secretary.

Read and approved April 6 - 1872

Minutes of Regular Trustees Meeting,  
Thursday evening, May 2 - 1912

Present - Herbert Buckley, Everett B. Lynn,  
Harriet E. Orcutt, Capt. Dickman,  
— Dr. Lushman.  
Absent. Mrs. Julia Doane. Mr. Elkins.

The program made out for the Trustees Meeting was:

Reading of Minutes  
Dredging.  
Ditching  
Credit Checks  
Delinquency List  
Minerograph.  
Mailing out of Florida Grover  
Literature.  
Bills.

The presence of two of the Trustees was required at another meeting where important business was to be transacted. As there was no new business to come before the Trustees, and the meeting would be but a consideration of the work of the Executive during the month, the Trustees decided to adjourn, leaving the Secretary to give a short report of work done in the Executive office, directly to the Commonwealth Society.

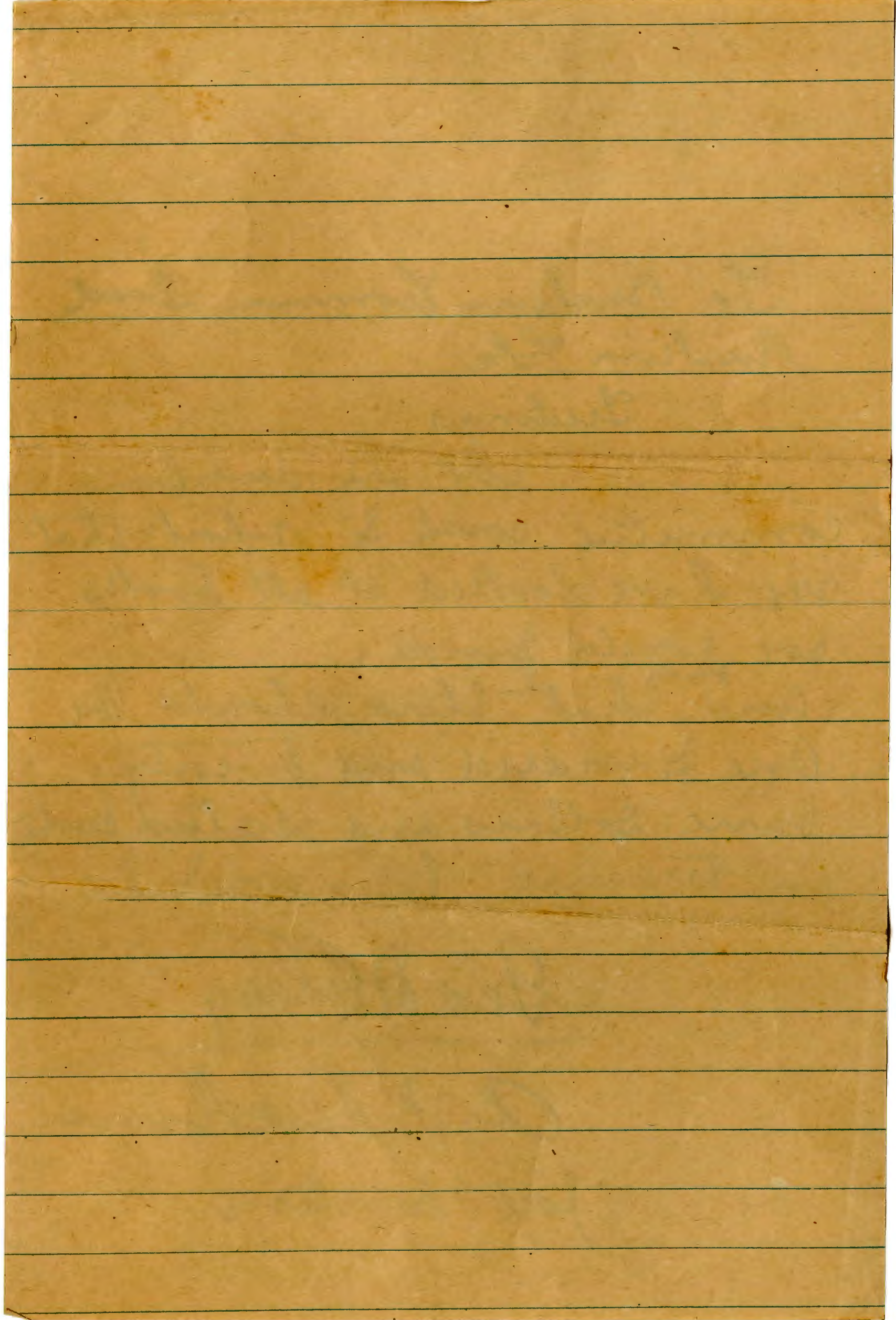
To Ruskin Common Good  
Ruskin Fla

Greetings

we the Auditor  
Committee wish to report - that  
we have looked at all books  
we could find  
and <sup>find</sup> that there should be  
One Hundred and twenty  
nine Dollars and sixteen cents  
in treasure taxes unpaid

Geo D Glegg

A. P. Dickman  
Jas Austin



## Dredging

Repairs for the dredge ordered from Syracuse, N. Y. arrived, and other necessary equipment is being added. The dredge is at work on the channel of the Inlet and is doing good service.

## Ditching

Everybody is so busy that our ditching progresses very slowly. Some headway is being made on the Collins ditch on Sand b.

Mr. Amstrong has begun grubbing for the College Ave. ditch, and Mr. Studwell promises to begin work on his part soon.

## Credit Checks

The Executing Committee took up the subject of credit checks at its first meeting after the adjourned Commencement Meeting. A number of details, such as size, color, matter to be printed on them, etc. were decided upon.

Proofs have been received from Beacon Publishing Co. at Tampa, twice but as it was reported that the printing plant would move to Ruskin, Thursday it was decided that to discuss the matter with Mr. Sullivan personally would be more satisfactory than writing letters. But the Beacon did not come Thursday so Mr. Buckley took the proofs with him Saturday night. We hope to have checks ready for use soon.

## Delinquent List.

A part of the work of the month has been looking up the old Delinquent Lists, and sending legal notice to about seventy allottees that they can have their allotments at present prices and on present terms if they so desire.

Rushin's article in Florida Grower. During the month about 1500 copies of the Rushin article printed in the Florida Grower, was sent out to allottees; to members of G. H. Co.; and to other lists and inquirers. The mail is beginning to show good results from this work. People are not coming to Rushin unless they know there is such a place, and can get information about it. I have also recently written eight Rushin newspaper articles and have received answers from two editors and two of the articles are already in print.

The settlement with Rushin Homeoburg gives us \$352.26 in the General Fund. Paying G. H. Co. \$28.26 we have left \$324.54. A fund of \$37 to be applied on the Gilman's ditch. After paying Delinquent Letter postage bill, Florida Grower bill of \$12. and other small bills we will still be able to pay \$800 on our land note, which leaves us only one hundred dollars behind.

The sending out of literature is causing an increase in the monthly payments.

Salaries

Mr. Buckley's salary for the month including Tampa expenses amounts to \$5.87	\$5.87
Everett C. Gynmar's salary, \$0 <sup>42</sup> hours work = \$22.62	22.62
Miss Orent's salary for the month 171 hours = \$42.75	42.75
Total bill for the Executive =	\$71.24

Railroad Pledges.

Pledged on lots	\$174
Pledged on farm tracts	\$1880
1912. Total pledged to Fruit of Day	\$1554

About 160 allottees have responded to the request for pledges, probably less than one third of the whole number of allottees.

Harriet E. Orent  
Secretary

Read and approved with the word  
- late - stricken out.

Trustees Meeting - May 30 - 1912  
 Thursday evening - 7-30 to 9-20  
 Present. Herbert Buckley, Everett L. Lyman,  
 Capt. Dickman, Mrs. Julia Doane,  
 Harriet E. Orcutt,  
 Absent. Mr. Elkins - Dr. Bushman.

After the reading of the minutes  
 of the Executive Meetings held during  
 the month dredging matters were  
 considered. Dredging -

The dredge has been put in very good  
 repair at last, and Mr. Davis from  
 St. Petersburg who has had long  
 experience in dredging has charge  
 of the work at present. The dredge  
 is now at the Button, which is  
 probably the most difficult place  
 in the Inlet to dredge through on  
 account of the formation. Instead  
 of sand, there is found a mixture of  
 clay and shell which breaks up into  
 rocky balls, that are occasionally  
 sucked up into the pipe, with  
 troublesome results. This rocky  
 formation is exceedingly difficult  
 to dredge through and makes  
 progress disappointingly slow.  
 The channel has to be dredged wider  
 than the dredge in order that it may  
 keep a float.

The corresponding Secretary was  
 requested to write to the War Department  
 stating that dredging on Casheen  
 Inlet according to permit  
 has begun. The dredge is at



present making a temporary channel.

### Ditching

Some progress has been made on nearly all the ditches, but not as much as we wish. The rainy season is at hand and the ditching ought to be pushed, or we shall have the usual complaints about being flooded.

The Blummenon ditch is reported as completed, and the men say that it is about as good a piece of ditching as has ever been done in Pensins.

We find that there are quite a large number of Pensins edletters that we cannot reach by mail, although our registered letters to Delinquents — we sent 67 of them — have reached quite a number that an ordinary letter did not reach. We find that there are about 280 that we think we can reach; that have not signed the railroad pledges. It was decided to write to Mr. Bell, the Secretary of the C. O. G. Railroad to get the latest news before issuing the letter. When his letter was received it was decided to use it as the foundation for our letter to the edletters. The following is a copy of the letter to be sent to the 248 who have failed to respond as yet:

May 1912.

Dear Allotee:--

We quote below a letter recently received from T. P. Bell, Secretary of Atlantic Okeechobee and Gulf Railway Company. The letter speaks for itself and shows the necessity of a prompt response on your part.

We believe the coming of this railroad will accelerate the development of the Colony to the extent of achieving in three years what it would otherwise take us six years or more to accomplish. He says:-

" Dear Miss Orcutt:-

I am writing you with reference to your proposal to run our railroad through Ruskin Colony.

The recent reorganization of the officary of this Company has put matters into splendid shape and we are rapidly carrying out our plans to award contracts for the construction of the road during this summer. Now at the last moment we do not wish to have work delayed on by the failure of the Ruskin Allotees to make responses to their pledge of \$1.00 per acre as outlined in our preliminary arrangements. We propose doing our part if the Ruskin Allotees will do their part; but they must act before we can proceed. As the pledge of \$1.00 per acre carries with it absolutely no responsibility to pay the amount unless the road is built, I can not see why there should be any delay or hesitancy. Ruskin Allotees will certainly be benefited by the railroad and the actual value of their land will go up at least 5 to 10 dollars per acre if we build through Ruskin.

Our contract is so worded and the pledge to pay \$1.00 per acre is so thoroughly conditioned upon the actual construction of the railroad that it is equivalent, in every day language, to the man who said to his son: "John if you will make 90% average in your studies in school at Christmas time, I will give you a \$10 gold piece. If John makes good the father puts up the money. If he falls down that ends the proposition. If we build the railroad we want you to promise in advance that the Allotees will give \$1.00 per acre on every acre, and if the road is not built they are under no obligation.

Yours truly,

T. P. Bell. Secretary."

Are you aware that the failure of even a small number of the Allotees to co-operate with those who have already given pledges, may cause us to lose the road entirely? Even if you should be indifferent to the coming of the railroad as far as your own holdings are concerned, do you consider it right to refuse to co-operate with other Allotees who do desire the road?

Hoping for a prompt return of the enclosed pledge properly signed,  
signed, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Harriet E. Orcutt.

Corresponding Secretary.

There is quite a large number of Resident ballots who have not yet signed. Will all of them who are present and have not signed, please do so at the close of this meeting to save the Executive the time, and the Community the expense, of our having to visit you at your homes. Please ask your friends who are not here to call at the Executive Office and sign the railroad pledge, if they have not already done so.

### — Store —

J. M. Reynolds asked permission to start a meat market, handling also butter, eggs, chickens and milk. He requests the Community to furnish him a building for which he is willing to pay rent.

This proposition was considered by the Trustees, but as the Community has no money with which to put up a building, and since such permission would remove the restrictions against the Co-operative Mercantile Co. which require the store to be operated co-operatively, and provides that the lot shall revert to the Community if it is not conducted in such manner, permission could not be granted without breaking the contract with our present Mercantile Company.

## Credit Checks.

The Purkin Commodity credit checks are printed and ready for use except as to numbering.

Those desiring credit checks as pay for their work, should present their bills in time to have them approved at the Executive Meeting on Monday.

Credit checks will be issued for all approved bills each Tuesday beginning June 4, 1912.

## Settlement

The settlement with the Home Bakery gives us \$269.23

Deducting 5 + 6 fund and land commissions, we have left \$226.42 which will pay our land note and our postage bills.

## Salaries of Executive Committee.

Humbert Buckley 5h =	\$ 1.25
Ernest C. Layman 25h =	\$ 6.25
Harriet E. Orcutt 221h =	\$ 55.25
Total Executive salaries =	\$ 62.75

Harriet E. Orcutt  
Secretary.

Read and approved.

Trustees Meeting - July 4 - 1912.  
 Thursday evening - 7-45 to 9-45.  
 Present. Dr. Bushman - Everett C.  
 Lyman, Capt. Dickman,  
 J. C. Elkins, Herbert Richley  
 Mrs. Julia Doane, Harriet E. Brent.

After the reading of the minutes of the Executive Meetings of the month Dredging and ditching problems were considered. Channel should be staked.

The best way to manage the ditching with the limited amount of money at our command is a real problem.

The Trustees believe that the Commonwealth Fund should be used mainly for the larger ditches, which will help the farm tracts, and the whole of Bushman by carrying off the overflow of waters, in the heavy rains. The Trustees also believe that the large ditches should empty into the river or the bay when possible, so as to avoid an overflow of water in the Inlet and also to avoid filling up the Inlet with sand as fast as the dredge can pump it out.

Mr. Elkins reports 40 rds of ditching, 8 in deep and 6 ft wide; and also 60 rds 8 to 18 in deep as dug. Also 240 rds of grubbing done. This ditch when completed will tap 6 good sized ponds, and drains to the bay.

The Trustees have decided to call a special Trustees meeting to consider the plating of the W. Co.

credit checks.

The first issue of the Commonwealth credit checks was made June 4 1912. The bills of seven people were paid, amounting to \$138.10 for work on dredges. Other bills to the amount of \$78. have been presented to be paid in Commonwealth checks.

The Trustees recommend that the arrangement for the redemption of credit checks be altered, so as to allow the Executive Committee to redeem them in the order of their listing, with any funds that may be available.

Salaries of Executive Committee  
for June 1912.

Humbert Buckley	1.75
Harriet E. Orrent	84.75
Everett C. Lyman	8.25
Total for month of June	\$89.75

Harriet E. Orrent  
Secretary.

Semi-annual Financial Report.  
Executive salaries from Jan 1st 1912  
to July 1st 1912.

Jan = \$ 66.11  
Feb. = 78.00  
March = 60.84  
April = 71.24  
May = 62.75  
June = 89.75

Total \$ 370.71      \$ (61.78 average)  
per month.

Clerk hire during six months \$ 2.47  
Treasurers salary six months \$ 10.00

Total expense of doing Executive  
work. 383.58      \$ 383.58

Average cost per month of doing  
Executive work = \$ 63.93

Total amount paid on land during  
six months = \$ 1800.

Total amount paid on land note  
\$ 5100.

Principal still due \$ 628.75

Int. due at present time \$ 441.02

Total amount now due \$ 1069.77

Harriet E. Brent  
Secretary.

Board and approved.

## Special Trustees Meeting.

Saturday evening July 27. 7-30 to 9-30

Present Herbert Buckley, Dr. Lushman

A. P. Dickman, Everett C. Lyman.

Harriet E. Orant.

Absent, Julia Doane, J. E. Ellins.

Called to consider the platting of  
the W. 80.Plan of W. 80 presented by Everett C. Lyman  
was considered at length, and adopted  
with some slight changes.After two hours discussion the  
outline of report to be presented  
by the committee were decided  
upon.

Meeting adjourned

Harriet E. Orant  
Secretary.



Regular Trustees Meeting. - 1912  
 Thursday evening Aug 1. 1912. 7-30 to 9-30  
 Present. Herbert Buckley, Capt. Dickson  
 Dr. Kushman, J. E. Elkins, Julia Doane  
 Everett C. Lyman, Harriet E. Brentt.

Dredging and ditching business  
 considered.

partly Mr. Elkins reports 105 rods of ditching  
 completed, and 470 sq rods of grubbing  
 done ready for ditching. It will  
 take two weeks longer to get the  
 ditch to the first woods.

The repricing of land was  
 considered.

About 250 letters were sent out  
 this month to allottees who had  
 neglected to sign their railroad  
 pledges. Thirty-six responses have  
 been received and they are still  
 coming in nearly every mail.

68 letters were sent to non-resident  
 allottees who had failed to pay  
 their 1911 taxes. A number of letters  
 of thanks were received, and also a few  
 wrathful letters from people who thought  
 we should have notified them sooner.

1912 Salaries of Executive Committee - July.

Herbert Buckley	\$ 2.87
Harriet E. Brentt	48.87
Everett C. Lyman.	24.87

Plat of W. 80 drawn by Everett C. Lyman was carefully considered. Decided that he be requested to place it on the blackboard for consideration in the Commongood Meeting.

Since the Trustees, in regard to the W. 80, are acting as a special committee appointed by the Commongood their report will be presented later, under reports of committees.

Harriet E. Overell  
Secretary.

Read and approved Saturday, Aug. 3-1912

## Commongood Officers

LINDER, President  
 EMMA SILL, Vice-President  
 JULIA DOANE, Secretary  
 EVERETT C. LYMAN, Treasurer  
 D. D. ESTES, Road Surveyor

## RUSKIN

## COMMONGOOD SOCIETY OF RUSKIN COLONY

HARRIET E. ORCUTT  
 Corresponding Secretary

## Trustees

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Hubert Buckley      Harriet E. Orcutt  
 Everett C. Lyman

## OTHER TRUSTEES

A. P. Dickman      J. E. Elkins  
 Minerva B. Cushman      Julia Doane

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RE-PLATTING OF W. 30.

Your committee elected to draft a proposition for the re-platting of the W. 30, and for the pricing of the lots in order to put them on sale, reports as follows:

## REPORT.

We recommend---

- 1) Plat on W. 30 to be vacated.
- 2) That southern tract of the W. 30 be called the first Commongood Subdivision.
- 3) That Emerson and Markham Aves. be extended through tract at same width of 60 feet.
- 4) Street 270 feet north of Emerson Ave., 60 feet wide be named -----
- 5) This makes blocks about 270 feet square. Lots to face east and west, 10 in each block; lots 54 feet or thereabouts in width and 135 feet or thereabouts deep.
- 6) North and south streets 60 feet wide, and 270 feet apart to be named G, H And I Streets.
- 7) Lots to be numbered in units of ten, beginning in the northeast block with number 1.

## TERMS OF SALE.

8) Lots to be sold alternately, except when buyer desires two or more adjoining.

10) The first 50 lots sold to be sold at the rate of \$75 for corner lots, and \$50 for inside lots.

11) Ten dollars down and ten dollars per month with interest on deferred payments at 7 per cent. shall be the terms of sale.

*Accepted by Commongood - Aug 3 - 1912.*



Regular Trustees Meeting  
 Thursday evening Sept. 5 - 1912 7 to 9-30  
 Present - Herbert Burchley  
 Everett L. Lyman - Mrs. Julia Deane  
 Capt. Dickman - Harriet E. Brentt.  
 Excused by telephone. Dr. Kushman.  
 Absent. J. E. Elkins  
 Road supervisor, Mr. Estes was present  
 with his report, which will be presented  
 to the Society.

The subject of dredging was  
 considered. Very little progress  
 has been made in regard to  
 dredging the Inlet on account  
 of lack of funds to furnish  
 gasoline and keep the dredge in order.  
 We expect to have the \$50 ready for  
 the market by the time fall business  
 opens, and hope this will relieve the  
 situation, as the Executive Committee  
 has been badly hampered in its  
 work for a long time, on account  
 of lack of funds. It is necessary  
 that the dredge should be put in good  
 repair so as to be ready for work  
 as soon as funds are available.

The situation in regard to boats  
 was also considered. Our transportation  
 facilities are very unsatisfactory.  
 We need a daily boat from Tampa to  
 Bushkin. We wish that some plan  
 might be worked out, by which we  
 would be enabled to assure  
 incoming allottees that there

will be a daily boat during the coming season. If anybody has any suggestions to offer, we would be glad to hear them.

Early in the month a letter was received from the Engineers Office of the War Department, asking for information as to the amount of business done over the Little Manatee River. A report was made out and sent.

A second letter was received Sept. 5 enclosing numerous blanks and asking for detailed information with the urgent request that they be filled out as accurately as possible and the statement that it would be impossible to recommend the appropriation to the Board of Engineers unless detailed information was furnished.

Followed by Miss Orchitt that Captain Dickman assisted by Mr. Buckley be authorized to get information to make out the report required by the War Department in regard to dredging the Little Manatee.

Secured and unanimously carried.

The Next 40 has been surveyed. 90 lots have been staked out with a stake at each corner; but the plat has not been received yet.

We had hoped to get out our Pensions News Supplement, to be published in connection with the Beacon, early in September; but the plat of the No. 40 has not been received yet, and the general opinion seemed to be that it would be best to wait until we could give our Allies the news in regard to incorporation.

Salaries of Executive Committee.

Herbert Buckley	1. 25
Harriet E. Orcutt	44. 62
Emmett C. Layman	13. 25

Total for month of August 63. 12  
To be paid in land, as there are no other available funds.

Commonwealth Credit Checks.

Report for June, July and August. 1912	
Credit checks Outstanding	\$ 294. 10
Credit checks listed for Redemption	" 205. 75
Credit checks cancelled	" 37. 75
Total amount Issued.	\$ 381. 45

As no Commonwealth Land has been sold for cash during these three months, there is no Redemption Fund as yet.

We are finding the credit checks extremely useful as we have been able to get about \$300 worth of work done, that we could not have done without them. Harriet E. Orcutt.

Regular Trustees Meeting —  
 Thursday evening, Oct. 2 - 1912  
 Present. Herbert Buckley, Capt. Dickman  
 Everett C. Layman, Harriet E. Orcutt  
 Absent. J. E. Elkins - Julia Doane.  
 Dr. Bushman ill.

The subject of ditching was considered. It was decided to set men who are willing to take a common-law check for their pay, at work on the Section Lane Ditch south of College Ave. This ditch has been needed for a long time but we have been unable to procure workers, until now.

Dredging matters were next considered. The proposition of Capt. Benefield to dig us a channel and take the dredge for his pay, was looked into. For lack of funds, we have been unable to keep the dredge in repair, and furnish gasoline and labour to keep it at work. It was decided to refer Capt. Benefield's proposition to the common-law for action. It will be brought up by the Dredging Committee.

Next 80 Business.

A plat of the W. 80 has been received and a map made, which will appear in the Bushin Supplement. We hope you will send copies of the Supplement to your friends as it contains considerable information in regard to common-law property that we have for sale. There will be an edition of 3000 copies



leaving us about 400 supplements to use in the office during the coming months. We expect to mail out several hundred copies from the office this coming week. We are hoping for a revival of business which has been dull during the summer as far as the selling of land is concerned. We are receiving many inquiries, but have had no good literature to send out for some time.

### Salaries of Executive Committee.

Humbert Buckley \$1.50

Harriet E. Orent \$44.50

Emmett C. Lyman. \$15.87

Total Executive Salary for  
Month of September \$61.87

To be paid in land as there are no other available funds.

Harriet E. Orent  
Secretary.

Read and Approved Oct. 5, 1912.

## Regular Trustees Meeting.

Thursday Evening Oct. 31, 1912.

Present - Julia D. Sane, Hubert Buckley,  
J. E. Collins, A. P. Dickman, Everett C.  
Lyman and Harriet E. Orcutt.

Absent - Dr. Cushman on account of  
serious illness.

Since Miss Orcutt was not feeling  
well, Everett C. Lyman read the  
Executive reports and acted as  
secretary for the meeting.

The Executive Minutes were read  
and approved.

Dredging matters were considered.  
Capt. Benefield came Saturday, Oct.  
26 to see about getting the dredge.  
His plan is to take the dredge to  
his ways to be repaired. Then the  
Dredging Committee will consult  
with Capt. Benefield to determine  
what supplies are necessary to  
make the repairs and have Capt.  
Dickman get them. Capt. Benefield  
expected to come after the outfit  
on the first high tide, but his boat  
became disabled on the way up here,  
so he may be delayed in getting  
the dredge promptly.

After discussing the Section Line  
Ditching problem south of  
College Ave. some time, the matter  
was left over to be arranged between  
A. P. Dickman and the Exec. Com.

The matter of securing a release  
of the 19 Farm tracts and 11 City  
Lots from the real estate given as

security for the Common good bonus according to the contract with the A. O. & G. R. R. and other concessions asked by the Commongood Society at its last regular meeting was considered.

Moved - That the Exec. Com. confer with legal counsel and get a paper signed by the proper A. O. & G. R. R. officers to release the above mentioned real estate and secure the concessions asked by the Commongood Society. Seconded and Carried.

After some discussion about the recently erected Farmer's Union Store House on Ruskin Boul., A. P. Dickman moved, That the Trustees send a protest to the Hillsboro County Commissioners for giving permission to the Farmer's Union of Ruskin to build a store house on land under the authority of the Commongood Society and ask them to order its removal. Seconded and Carried by five votes. Miss Orcutt protested on the ground that the County Commissioners already had the matter in hand and it is useless and unnecessary to arouse further controversy.

The Ruskin Supplement to the Florida Beacon was published Oct. 4th and we have sent about 875 of them with the Beacon to

to Allottees, inquirers and other lists. About 1500 Supplements were sent with the regular edition from the Beacon Office.

The returns from the supplements are rather disappointing and the Resident Allottees have not assisted by sending them out to their acquaintances as they have done before.

The Executive Salaries for the month of October to be paid with land are:

Hubert Buckley	\$ 1.50
Harriet C. Orsett	\$ 50.12
Everett C. Lyman	\$ 24.75
Total	\$ 76.37

Everett C. Lyman.

Read and Approved Nov. 2, 1912.

## Regular Trustees Meeting

Thursday Evening Dec. 5, 1912. - 7:45 to 8:30

Present - Hubert Buckley, A. P.

Dickman, Dr. Cushman, Mrs. Blegg  
Julia S. Doane and Everett C. Lyman.

Absent: J. E. Elkins.

The Executive minutes were read and approved.

A letter was read from <sup>mission</sup> M. H. Phillips Sr. and Jr. asking for assistance to drain their Farm Tracts Nos. 197-198.

It was moved that Mr. Estes and Everett C. Lyman be instructed to investigate the matter and have ditching done as they thought best. Seconded and Carried.

A. P. Dickman towed the Dredge to Gulf City some time ago and it has been taken out of the water, but Capt. Benefield cannot repair it immediately since he has to launch his boat the Imp, which was blown ashore during a recent storm.

Everett C. Lyman reported that he went to see Sec. Bell of the A. O. & G. R. R. Co. Dec. 5th.

Mr. Bell said that the Company was going ahead with the construction work soon. He also assures us that the Company will release the Farm Tracts and City Lots, which were allotted before the Bonus Contract was made and included in the list of real estate given as security for the Common good bonus.

The Executive Salaries for the month of November to be paid with land are:

Hubert Buckley	\$ .75
Harriet C. Orcutt	\$ 6.25
A. P. Dickman	1.00
Everett C. Lyman	\$ 19.62
Total	<u>\$ 27.62</u>

Everett C. Lyman,  
Secretary.

Read and approved Dec. 7, 1912.

## Regular Trustees Meeting

Thursday Evening Jan. 2, 1913, 7:45 to 8:45.

Present: Herbert Buckley, A. P. Dickman, Dr. Cushman, Everett C. Lyman.

Absent: Mrs. Julia D. Sage, out of town, Mrs. G. Legg, J. E. Elkins.

The Executive Minutes were read and approved.

The matter of raising the price of ditching and grubbing done for the Common good, provided the worker takes his pay in Common good Farm Tracts or City Lots was considered and the Trustees recommend that the price of ditching be raised from thirteen and one half cents (13½¢) to twenty cents (20¢) per cubic yard and that the Road Supervisor be allowed to use his judgement about paying more than twenty-five cents (25¢) per square rod of grubbing, which is extra difficult, provided the laborers take Common good Farm Tracts or City Lots for their compensation.

The following communication from Chas. E. Lang was read and discussed:

Ruskin, Fla. Dec. 31, 1912  
 To The Executive Board of Ruskin  
 Commongood Society,  
 Meeting:

This is to ask for

permission to erect a "Marine Ways" at some point on the Inlet to be designated later for the purpose of carrying on a general repair and manufacturing plant.

and is to be conducted on the Cooperative plan and is to be known as the Ruskin Cooperative Marine Ways.

Respectfully yours,  
Chas. C. Lang.

It was moved, seconded, and carried: That we recommend the acceptance of Mr. Lang's proposition by the Commongood Society.

The Trustees recommend the following proposition from N. E. Dickman to the favorable consideration of the Commongood Society: Jan. 2, 1913,

Board of Trustees of Ruskin Commongood Society:

Ladies and gentlemen: I herewith make application for the privilege of fencing in the Boulevard along my place until such time as needed for the use of the public or until the rest of the Boulevard is opened up for travel, also to fence in 5th St. until such time as the balance of the Street shall



be opened up.

I have cleared 5th St and for this privilege I will not present a bill for same.

Yours truly,  
N. E. Dickman.

A list of Commongood property and its valuation prepared by the Secretary was read discussed and corrected.

The Executive Salaries for the month of December and to Jan. 4th to be paid with land are:

Hubert Buckley	\$ .25
Everett C. Lyman.	18.25
A. P. Dickman	.25
Total.	\$ 18.75

Everett C. Lyman,  
Secretary

Read and Approved Jan. 4, 1913.

Special Action was taken on The  
Marine Ways Proposition and N. E.  
Dickman's proposition. See Minutes

## Financial Report for the Year 1912.

Received C. G. Settlements from Ruskin Home-makers Cash	30 82 64
Rec'd for Land, Rent, Drower Subscriptions Cash	200 66
Business Lot 372 by Cr. on Store Bill	92 12
Use of Mimeograph	50
Rec'd for Land Clearing Estimates	9 50
" " Commissions Cash	26 13
" Loan from Mrs. Flera B. Doane	600 00
Sec. 506 Fund Settlements	159 97
Recd. Rent for Store Buildings by Cr. On Dredging, & Store Building Supplies	780 00
Recd for Cypress & Lighter Posts by Cr. on Store and Road Work Bills	8 30
Pd. for Store Insurance & Lumber Cash	45 10
Pd. for Store Building Supplies & Labor by Cr. on Rent	41 17
Pd. Executive Salaries Cash	27 87
" " " " by Cr. on Land.	677 55
Total Exec. Salaries for the year \$705.42, which is an average of \$58.78½ per month.	
Pd. for Country Road Work. Cash	13 77
" " " " " " by Cr. on Land	56 82
Total	70 59
Pd. for City Road Work by Cr. on Land	168 57
Pd. for Advertising, Literature, Taxes Cash	195 24
Pd. Bal. of Principal & Interest for Cemetery. <sup>Cash</sup>	133 10

Pd. for Stationery, Postage & Supplies	Cash	\$ 104 28
" " " " " " " "	by Cr. on Land	25
	Total	104 53
Pd. to A. H. Makers, for Land Residue	Principal	
	Cash	1998 75
	Interest	Cash 483 91
	Total.	2412 66
Pd. for Recording Deeds & Plat	Cash	10 00
Pd. Coop. Homestead Co. Com.	Cash	158 02
Pd. for Dredging	Cash	676 51
" " " " " " " "	by Cr. on Store Rent	150 00
" " " " " " " "	" " on Land & Corn	30 32
	Total	856 83
Pd. To Redeem Cr. Checks	Cash	1 25 00
" " " " " " " "	by Cr. on Land	37 75
	Total	162 75
Pd. Sec, Locator, Salaries, Mimeograph	Work	
	Cash	35 25
	Pd. by Cr. on Land	55 70
	Total	\$ 90 95
Sec. 5 & 6 Fund Pd. for Road	Work	160 77
" " " " " " " "	Com.	19 90
	Total	180 67

The above cash statement disagrees with the bank balance by \$ 5.27, so it is not exactly correct.

Everett C. Lyman.

Credit Check Report				
Credit Checks Issued for Dredge Work and Supplies				\$ 286 95
Credit Checks Issued for Country Rd. Work.				113 80
"	"	"	" City " "	68 40
"	"	"	" Surveying Pt. 80.	70 00
"	"	"	" Making Plott	2 00
"	"	"	" B. on Loan from 596 Fund	10 70
Total Issued				\$ 551 85
Credit Checks Canceled				162 75
"	"	Outstanding		389 10
"	"	Listed for Redemption		352 75

## List of Commongood Real Estate Jan. 1, 1913.

2 - 5 A. Tracts	\$ 450 00
5 - 10 A. " @ \$250	1250 00
5 - 10 A. " @ \$150	750 00
13 - 10 A. " Cypress Res. @ \$250	3250 00
50 A. - Equity on Sec. 9 @ \$30	1500 00
Cemetery - About 5 A.	200 00
35 A. on Mt. 80 @ \$150	5250 00
36 Lots " Mt. 80 @ \$75	2700 00
54 Lots " Mt. 80 @ \$50	2700 00
1 Business Block	500 00
8 City Lots - Not for Sale, Small or Irregular.	400 00
9 " " Reserved @ \$200	1800 00
24 " " @ \$125	3000 00
3 " " @ \$250	750 00
Store Buildings	550 00
Water Front	
Parks	
Total	\$ 25050 00

## Commongood Liabilities.

Loan from Flora B. Doane	\$ 600 00
One year's Int. @ 10% nearly Due	60 00
Dredging Bills	111 05
Credit Checks Outstanding	389 10
C. H. Co. Land Com. Due	82 78
Bill for Deeds	174 00
	\$ 1416 93

Read and Approved Jan. 4, 1913.

Regular Trustees Meeting.  
Thursday Evening, Jan 30 - 1913.

Present: Hubert Buckley, A. P. Dickman, Dr. Cushman, Mrs. Eslegg, Julia S. Doane, Lester W. Hargue, J. E. Elkins.

Minutes of Executive Meetings read and approved.

The corresponding Sec. made a short report on correspondance. It was thought by Trustees that work was progressing satisfactorily along that line.

Discussion  
The Deeding to the Commongood Society, by the Homemakers, the Residue, which is now paid for in full.

A. P. Dickman stated that the Homemakers desire the Deeds to be made over at once.

The Trustees recommend that the Society have this matter attended to as when all funds received will be turned over directly to the Society.

The report on the Dredge is ~~that~~ Capt. Benifield is doing all that can be done while he is waiting on supplies which will be furnished as soon as funds are available.

The Trustees next discussed the Annual Letter to Allottees which is being gotten ready by the Executive.

Moved by Mrs. Cushman that the Annual letter to absent allottees be laid over and discussed at a ~~special~~ meeting of the Board. Motion recorded and carried.

A communication from Mr. Buckland in regard to ditching and grubbing in exchange for Land, read, and referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication from Harriet C. Orcutt, read. Moved that it be laid on the table. 2<sup>nd</sup> & carried.

Moved by A. P. Dickman that the Board of Trustees recommend that the Common-good Society give, to any one who would put up a hotel of at least 20 rooms, plans and specifications to be approved by Trustees. 2 lots for location of same. 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

The Executive Salaries for January 1913.

Hubert Buckley -	\$	1.50
Julia S. Doane.		9.52
A. P. Dickman		.50
Corrith C. Lyman.		3.62
Total.	\$	15.14

Julia S. Doane.  
Secretary.

Feb. 27-1913.

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ruskin Commonroad Society met at the office at 9:30 P.M.

Present Hubert Buckley, A. O. Dickman, Mrs. Islegg, Lester McHargue, Julia S. Doane  
Absent, Dr. Cushman, Mr. J. E. Elkin.

The chair asked that the meeting be as brief as possible owing to the fact that Mr. Cullum a visitor to Ruskin, ~~had~~ <sup>was</sup> to meet the Board to discuss plans for installing an Electric Light Plant also plans for St. Railway from Tampa to Bradenton via Ruskin.

Minutes of Ex. Com. meetings for the mo. approved.

Capt. Dickman reported to the Board that he had been in communication with The Palmetto Machine Co of Tampa who wanted to make arrangements with the C. I. S. for use the muck in the dulet for the manufacture of Fertilizer. After some discussion of the matter, several good points being brought out, the muck taken out could be gotten from places where the Channel needed straightening, the people could get Fertilizer much cheaper etc.

Capt. Dickman moved that we recommend to the C. I. S. that the company be given free a sufficient amt. of muck to furnish fertilizer to allottees to be used on allotted land, but that the Co. pay a Royalty to the Society on all Fertilizer sold to others than allottees, motion carried.

The Ex Com reported on the Deeding of the Residue, as follows:

There being considerable work to be done



getting up the Data necessary for making out the Deeds, they had employed Mr. Everett C. Lyman - Trustee of Record to do this, as he is the one most familiar with the records.

He is working on it and the Deeds would probably be made out the first of the week. Mr. Lyman to make Formal Report at next meeting of the Society.

Report on Dredge. Machinery ready to install, and Capt. Benefield hopes to be at work soon.

The Following are the Salaries to be paid in Land.

Hubert Buckley -	1,00
A. O. Dickman -	1,00
D. S. Estes - Road repairs	45
Julia S. Joane, Cov. Decty & Treasurer -	12.50

Julia S. Joane,  
Decty.

Regular Trustees Meeting.  
Apr. 3 - 1913.

Present Dr. Cushman, Lister W. Harque, Mrs. Islegg, A. P. Dickman, Julia S. Doane.

Absent Hubert Buckley, on account of injury to his foot. J. E. Elkins - ~~not~~ away.

Dr. Cushman was appointed Chairman.

Minutes of Ex Com. Meeting read, discussed and approved.

The Report of the Ex. Com. showed that they had made arrangements with Mr. Billings to ~~build~~ a bridge on Willard St. between Mr. Hazeltine's and Mr. Billings'. A bridge is badly needed at this place, and the Ex Com. expects to push the work to completion as fast as possible but will be held back some by having to wait for lumber.

The Ex. Reported also the following arrangements <sup>made</sup> with the Beacon Pub. Co.:

There are 50 or more Ruskin allottees who at the time Ruskin News was being issued subscribed for same for 1 year. as only three numbers of the news were issued this leaves the Commongood Society in debt to these allottees who subscribed, as a means of fulfilling

this obligation on the Part of the  
Commongood Society, the Beacon  
Publishing Co. agrees to send the  
Idea. Beacon to these parties for  
8 mo. and that the next issue  
of the Beacon will be a Pushkin  
Edition, that is especially featuring  
Pushkin, and this issue will be  
sent to all Pushkin allottees.

They also agree ~~that~~ during the  
8 mo. to pub. any thing in the  
way of news items that the Ex office  
wants to feature, such as the  
Hotel proposition, Common Labor  
wanted opening here for Bakers  
etc. and in payment will take  
Lot # 80 on F. St. in West 8d.  
The Trustees approved of these  
arrangements.

Mr. L. L. Dickman came in to  
report that the Tax col. had asked  
that notice of Taxes are be sent to  
allottees - It was decided to leave the  
matter in the hands of Ex Com. with  
the suggestion that they get the  
Beacon Pub Co. to print notice and  
send out with <sup>the copies of the</sup> Beacon.

The matter of the South of College  
ave. ditch was taken up and  
discussed at length, this ditch being  
so necessary for the comfort &  
convenience of the town, it was  
decided that something should be  
done at once, moved by Mr.

Mr. Harque that Mr. Ambury be notified to begin and push to completion that part of ditch that he had contract for, from 7<sup>th</sup> St. to limit of town site, or fit his land contract.

Motion discussed and amended to read, "begin + push to completion by May. 15<sup>th</sup>" Motion carried.

The Ex Salaries for. Nov. 1913.

Robert Buckley	\$ .25
a. P. Dickman	1.00
Julia S. Doane	10.97
Total	12.22

Julia S. Doane  
Secty.

Read & approved. May. 1-1913.

Trustees  
Executive Committee  
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RUSKIN COMMONGOOD  
SOCIETY  
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Commongood Officers  
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TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF TOWN LOTS AND FARM TRACTS FOR SALE  
Proceeds to be used for Public Improvements

## Order of Business.

Meeting called to order.

Reading of minutes of last meeting.

Reading of Executive Meeting

Reading of minutes of Trustee Meeting

Reports of officers

Report of committees

Unfinished business

Communications. Bills & Accounts

New business

Adjournment.

Commongood Officers

J. L. FITTS, President  
CHAS. E. LANG, Vice-President  
EMMA SILL FORD, Secretary  
C. BEEMS, Treasurer  
D. D. ESTES, Road Supervisor

RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY

RUSKIN, FLORIDA

EMMA SILL FORD  
Corresponding Secretary

Trustees

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
L. L. Dickman O. P. Brown  
Emma Sill Ford  
OTHER TRUSTEES  
Hubert Buckley C. Beems  
Minerva B. Cushman Mary D. Glegg

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Regular Trustees Meeting.  
May. 1- 1913.

Present: Hubert Buckley, A. P. Dickman  
Mrs. Slegg, Dr. Cushman, Mr. Barrett,  
Lester Mc Hargue, Julia S. Doane.

Minutes of Ex Committee read  
discussed and approved.

Road Supervisor Mr. Estes was pre-  
sent with his report, which will  
be presented to Society.

Subject of ditches considered at  
length. Mr. Amstrong is at work  
on So of College ave. Ditch.

The Hornemakers have advanced  
the money to the common good to  
put in big Ditch in 5 & 6. This  
amt. to ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~paid~~ <sup>paid</sup> ~~back~~ <sup>back</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~6~~ <sup>6</sup>  
outside. Work has commenced  
on Ditch.

Mr. Billings is getting ready  
for bridges on Willard ave.

After discussing matter with  
Road Supervisor, he was instructed  
to see Mr. Harley Laintance in  
regard to getting some of the large  
trees, which he is taking off his  
lot near the Bridge, for stringers.

The Mill is running and the Ex  
Com. will arrange to get lumber for  
this Bridge and <sup>for</sup> one near Mr. Pries  
on College ave. This Bridge is badly  
needed.

The following communication was read

"Mrs. James Bellings Linder and Wallace here by make application to the Ruskin Commorgood Society for the privilege of opening and maintaining a bakery and lunch-room in Ruskin: this privilege being desired for not less than 5 years: after discussion of the matter the trustees decided to leave it to the favorable consideration of the Society.

The Ex. Com. reported that they had made settlement in full with Ruskin Homemakers for Jan. Feb. & Mar.

Had paid all deed bills, a Dredging Bill etc. This clears up all indebtedness to Homemakers, leaving Gen. Fund clear <sup>and</sup> from now on payments, on property recently deeded to Society, will come direct to Treasurer.

The following is credit ch. report for Jan. Feb. Mar.

Credit chs. Outstanding	\$ 536.80
" " Listed for Redemption	327.75
Amount issued during 3 mos.	147.70

Ex Salaries for mo of April.

Hubert Buckley	1.00
A. P. Dickman	3.00
Julia S. Doane	15.12
Total	<u>19.12</u>

Julia S. Doane.  
Secy.

Read & approved June 5.



June 5. 1918.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ruskin Com. Good Society met at the C. G. office at 7:30 P.M.

Those Present were Hubert Buckley (Chairman) A. P. Dickman Lester M. Hargue, Mr. Rushman Mr. Barrett Lillian Lang.

Minutes of the Ex Com. meeting read and approved.

It was decided, any one wanting an abstract, could come to the Sec. providing they could ~~agree~~ <sup>secure</sup> an agreement of favorable terms. ~~could be secured.~~

It was duly moved and recorded that Mrs Julia Doane's Resignation as a member of Board and Corresponding Sec. be accepted.

Duly moved and recorded that the Board of Trustees recommend that Mrs L. Lang act as Trustee and Corresponding Sec. of R. C. G. made vacant by Mrs Doane.

Motion made and carried that we order one thousand (1000) Letter heads with names of officers at the head.

Motion made and carried that the Postmistress be instructed to send the present lot. of Envelopes back to Washington.

Motion was duly moved and acc. that Mr M. Daniels see Mr Estes in regard to the 8th Street ditch being cleaned out.

Motion made and carried that the meeting adjourn.

Ex Salaries for the month of May.

Hubert Buckley . . . . \$ 2.62

A. P. Dickman	4.62.
Julia S. Loane	13.37.
Total	<u>20.61</u>
Lillian Lang. - Sec. Protein.	

Read and approved June 5.

July 5 1913.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of R. C. S. L. met at the assembly Hall. Those present A. P. Dickman, Mrs Lang, S. Barrett. Lestie M. Farque as Chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. No minutes read as there were no meetings.

Card Index was discussed and it was decided that it should be revised and straightened to date and to be kept in perfect order hereafter.

It was moved and seconded that all bills presented by for work on North Side ditch be paid.

Bill for Beacon Publishing Co. was passed and amount ordered to be paid. Am't \$ 3.25.

The following is credit ch report for April May and June.

Credit checks outstanding - - - - -	471.80
Credit ch. listed for redemption - - - - -	258.25
Am't issued during 3 months.	35.95
Total Am't issued	736.00

Ex. Salaries for Mo. of June.

L. Buckley	.62
A. P. Dickman	1.62
Lillian Lang for May + June	<u>18.00</u>
Total	20.36

Read and approved June 5.

The Regular Trustees meeting held  
at C. G. office August 3, 1913.

Those present were A. P. Dickman,  
Mr Buckley, Lillian Lang, Mr  
Barratt and Mr L. M. Harque.

The ~~actions~~ of the Ex-board were  
~~They were not minutes read as there~~  
~~were no minutes,~~  
were only read and approved.

The Ex-<sup>trust</sup> meeting discussed the situation  
of books and it was duly decided after  
due consideration that the Sec'y be  
authorized to systemize matters as  
much as possible.

The Ex Treasurer was authorized  
to pay all bills for No. 5. ditch,  
8<sup>th</sup> Ave ditch, and a bill of  
Lumber for use for the college,  
Ave. Cadoret, also a bill for Mr  
J. S. Jones, for work done on  
the Bridge and repairing of  
store roof.

Ex Salary for month of July,

Hubert Buckley.	.25
A. P. Dickman for Treas. + Exp.	5.00
Lillian Lang.	17.00
Total.	<u>22.25</u>

Read and approved Aug 3.

The Regular Trustees meeting was held at the Common good Office. Sept 4. 1919.

Those present were Herbert Buckley, A. P. Dickman, M. M. C. Harque, and Lillian Lang.

Minutes of Ex-meetings were read and approved.

The following Requirements were for discussion and Perm. Mercantile Co. were discussed and approved.

1. First - That all allottees of Ruskin Colony may have the privilege of becoming share holders in the store on equal terms.
- 2 - To effect this the company must incorporate on plan of Ruskin Co-operative Mercantile Co.
3. By laws must also be similar to Ruskin co-operative Mer. Co's and especially in regard to selling to members and non-members at the same price and on same terms.
- 4 - The building must be located on Commongood land.
5. Must agree that all rights of Lease be restricted to operating a co-operative store and privilege of operating, not transferable without vote of C. G. Soc.
6. If land is purchased from the Commongood Soc. deed should provide that it shall revert, if not used for a co-operative purpose, store.
7. When constructing permanent building it must be under the direction of the Commongood Soc., but may have use of land without cash payment or

of rent till equal cost of building, which shall be long to common good Soc.

Mr. Laughy's bill of \$35.00 Bal on Surray bill was presented, & the Trustees decided to refer it to the P. G. with out comment.

Bills for ditches and Road supervisors were accepted and paid.

Ex Salaries for Aug.	
Hubert Buckley	.50 x
A. P. Dickman	1.00
Lillian Lang.	19.75
Total.	20.75

Lillian Lang. Sec.

Read and approved Sept 4.

The regular Trustees meeting was held at the C. S. office Oct 2, 1913.

Those present were, A. P. Dickman  
S. Barratt, Mrs Mary Mlegg. Lillian Lang.

Mr A. P. Dickman was elected to act as chairman of the meeting in Mrs Buckley's absence.

Minutes of previous meetings were approved as read.

A final notice was sent to all allottees who were back in their payments; after which notice, if they failed to answer within 30 days, their land would be so declared delinquent and resold.

A report of adjustment and settlement of Mr Barratt's bill for Ditching 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Mr Haughy's Bill, were given and accepted.

Mr Barratt's Bill to be paid in Commongood checks.

The following is credit check report for July, Aug, Sept.

Credit checks outstanding	\$ 568.75
Unit issued during 3 months	107.75
Unit listed for redemption	258.25
Total unit issued	<del>874.75</del>

Executive Salaries for Sept.

Isabel Buckley. .75

A. P. Dickman for Treasur & C. 8.50

Lillian Lang. 18.37

Total 27.62  
Lillian Lang. Cor. Sec.

The regular Trustee meeting was held at A. P. Dickman's No. 1st, 1913.

Those present were. Hubert Buckley.  
A. P. Dickman, Dr. Cushman, Mrs. Slegg  
Lester M. Hargreaves, Lillian Lang.

The actions of the Ex board were discussed and approved.

A recommendation has been duly moved and seconded and carried, that Mr. George W. Brooks be suspended from the Commongood Society, for the space of one year, for persistent misrepresentations of colony affairs.

There was an informal discussion regarding the condition of Fourth Street, as it now appears, and much regret was expressed as to its present unsightly appearance.

Executive Salaries for Oct.	
Hubert Buckley.	5.00
A. P. Dickman	5.00
Lillian Lang.	16.88
Total.	<u>22.38</u>

Lillian Lang.  
Corr. Sec'y.



The regular Trustees meeting was held at A.P. Dickmans Dec, 4, 1918.

Those present were Hubert, Buckley & P. Dickman, Mrs. Eslogg, Lester ~~M. Hargue~~, J. Barratt, and Lillian Lang.

The actions of the Executive board were discussed and approved.

Mr. Ester came before the meeting and brought up the matter of Bridges, Ditches and clearing of roads. A motion was made and carried that he be given the privilege of going ahead with the work, and do the best he can.

Mrs. Brooks was invited to meet with the Trustees, but failed to put in an appearance.

All Bills presented were read, and accepted.

Mrs. Lillian Lang's resignation was read and referred to the Com. on good Soc.

Executive salaries for Nov.	
Lillian Lang	10.12
Herbert Buckley.	.50
Total!	<u>10.62</u>

Regular meeting of Trustees  
 Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup>, 1914

Meeting called to order at 7:30, P. M.  
 Present: H. Buckley, A. P. Dickman,  
 L. M. Hargue, M. C. Glegg, S. Barrett.

Mrs. Ford was appointed temporary clerk  
 by the Executive board, vice Mrs. Laing, resigned.  
 G. R. McDonald turned in road orders for  
 \$70.64 to be applied on farm tract 309.

38.00 Three other sums amounting to  
 have been received during the month for  
 various purposes.

Two road orders #50052 were authorized  
 paid.

Moved & seconded that the preparation of  
 the annual report be deferred until the  
 election of a corresponding Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

(signed) Mary C. Glegg.  
 Sec. pro. tem.

The regular meeting of Trustees was held at Common good Office Feb'y 7, 1914  
Meeting called to order at 1:30, P. M.

Minutes of 4 Executive committee meetings were read & circular letter to all lottees in reference to selling land. - approved.

It was recommended that because of the difficulty in getting necessary ditching done at past prices we pay  $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per. cub. ft. for ditching thro palmetto land and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ where work is thro plain sand, when payment is made in C. G. Chks. Where cash payments are demanded in cash  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per. cub. ft. all thro, as heretofore.

The Treasurer has failed to qualify, therefore it has been necessary for old Treas. to hold our Minutes approved.

Adjourned 2:30.

Present, L. L. Dickman, O. P. Brown, Dr.  
M. B. Cushman, Mrs. M. J. Glegg,  
Mr. Beers, H. Buckley,  
Emma Hill Ford,

Emma Hill Ford,  
Cor. Secy.

Regular meeting of Trustees  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1914 - at C. G. Office

Present - L. L. Dickman, O. P. Brown,  
Mrs. Gregg, C. Beems & Mrs. Ford.

The actions of the Executive board were presented and were approved except as to the recommendation to make the 40 ft. roads narrower. It was proposed to make all roads round farm tracts only 30 ft. wide except on sections & p. sec. lines.

The Treas. Mr. Beems was to secure bonds, but the recommendation was to be made that hereafter the C. G. Soc. furnish a mercantile bond for its treasurer.

All bills presented were allowed.

Executive salaries for Jan'y & Feb'y.

L. L. Dickman	2.75
O. P. Brown	2.25
Emma Sill Ford	<u>14.25</u>
Total	<u>19.25</u>

Emma Sill Ford,  
Cor. Sec'y.

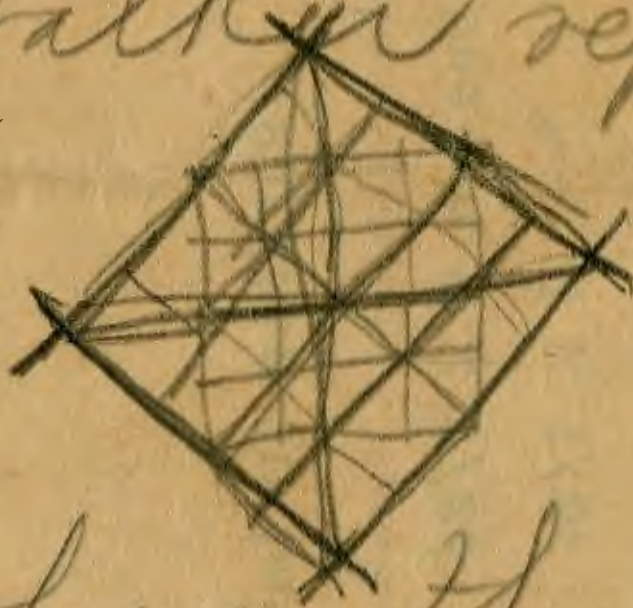
Trustees Jan 31, 1919,

Meeting called to order  
by sec.



A discussion of the  
drainage situation.

Mr. Walker reported



that when the bills  
that had been voted  
on were paid there  
would be about \$40.  
Taxes could not be paid  
until next year.

Adjournment

Forward

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Cut of map

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1000 Circulars (3 things)

1 25

500 - #10 Envelopes

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2000 - Ruskin Colony Farms 1/2 #4 1/2 #5

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Cr. Payment

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Ruskin Commongood Society

TO

Beacon Publishing Co.

Payable in Land according to agreement.

	400 copies Beacon @ 2 1/2¢	10	00	
	300 " " @ 2 1/2¢	7	50	
1914	6/25 Ruskin Day Posters and 500 hand bills	2	00	
	6 special subscriptions	1	50	21 00

2000 circulation 25 00



Regular meeting of Trustees  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Commongood Office

Present L. L. Dickman, Dr. Cushman,  
Mrs. Glegg, & Mrs. Ford.

Called to order at 8:20

The minutes of Mar. 7, C. G. meeting,  
last Trustees meeting and three  
Executive meetings were read and on  
motion of Dr. Cushman, duly seconded  
were approved.

The new literature was looked over, circular  
letter setting forth what the Soc. had for sale  
and the possible income to the Soc. was all  
approved.

Lands sold and bills paid were  
also approved.

A request was sent in to close the road  
in front of Farm Tract 79 so the owner could  
use the land, but the request was  
refused on the ground that the street  
was likely to be needed for draining  
through.

Adjourned

Emma Sill Ford,

Cor. Secy.

Regular meeting of Trustees  
held at C. G. Office April 30.

Present L. L. Dickman, C. Beems  
Mrs. Glegg & Mrs. Ford.

Read minutes of C. G. meeting  
of April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Talked over work of office for  
past month, Secy made report of  
letters & literature and work  
in general was discussed

Emma Lee Ford,  
Secretary.

Regular meeting of Trustees held at Commongood office July 2, 1914 at 5 P. M.

Present L. L. Dickman, O. P. Brown, Mrs. Glegg, Mrs. Ford.

Minutes of last Executive meeting read and approved.

L. L. Dickman reported on trip to Tampa on July 1<sup>st</sup> for the purpose of paying taxes on the Commongood real estate and turned over tax receipt showing payment of \$39.16 and reported that there was still some lots returned from purchaser declared delinquent.

Mrs. Glegg reported having paid the taxes on Farm tract 309 but she must be reimbursed as it is Commongood property.

Report of sale of city lot #256 for \$50<sup>00</sup> which enabled the Treas. to pay the taxes.

It was agreed to ask the Commongood Soc. whether in case of a court case being imminent and legal notice served, the Exec. Com. was authorized to employ competent legal help.

Emma Sill Ford  
Secy

Approved at Commongood meeting,

Regular meeting of Trustees  
held at College building, Sept. 5,  
1914.

Present; L. L. Dickman, Mrs.  
Glegg, Mrs. Billings, J. S. Jones,  
S. Barratt, Mrs. Ford, O. P. Brown

The minutes of Executive meeting  
of August 3<sup>rd</sup> were read and  
approved.

L. L. Dickman reported that he had  
authorized Mr. Estes to set a man  
at work on Bellamy Ave. to be  
paid in C. G. checks as work was  
needed between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave's.

O. P. Brown moved to consider  
offers for Lots 95 & 96 to pay on obligation  
to the store.

Mr. Groenbacher made a request  
for permission to get some posts and  
poles on Commongood lots. Mr. Jones  
moved and it was seconded and carried  
that he might have what he needed,  
9 posts at 5<sup>¢</sup> each - and 16 poles @ 10<sup>¢</sup> each.

The request of Mr. Webster for  
permission to build a dock house  
was recommended.

Considerable discussion was held  
as to whether it would be advisable  
to reduce the prices of Commongood  
lots until the obligations of the Society  
were paid. It was voted to make a  
recommendation to the Society that  
a reduction of 25% be allowed on all  
Commongood property until all our  
obligations were settled.

Emma Sill Ford,  
Secy.

Approved at Commongood meeting Sept. 5, 1914

Regular meeting of Trustees  
held at College building Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>  
1914 at 2 P. M.

Present - L. L. Dickman,  
J. S. Jones, Mr. Barratt, Mrs.  
Billings, Mrs. Ford.

The minutes of the meeting  
of Sept. 5 were read and approved.

L. L. Dickman reported setting  
Mr. Macdonald at work on Fourth St.  
ditching and cutting weeds and  
putting in culverts on the Boulevard.

The Secy reported that Mr. W. H.  
Phillips had written asking if  
something could be paid on his  
bill and on motion of Mrs. Billings  
see. by Mr. Barratt, the \$4<sup>00</sup> in  
the treasury was advised to be paid  
on it.

There was considerable talk  
about getting out more advertising  
matter but this could not be  
considered for lack of funds.

Emma Bill Ford.  
Secy.

Regular meeting of Trustees  
held at College building 2 P. M.  
Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup> 1915.

Present L. L. Dickman, Mrs.  
Glegg, Mrs. Billings, Mr. Baratto,  
Mr. Jones, Mrs. Ford, and  
Mrs. Chandler.

The minutes of meeting of Dec.  
5<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The reports of receipts of Soc.  
Expenses - Commongood checks,  
and inventory of Commongood  
property were read.

The following bills were presented

Dr. Ford as Health officer	\$ 2.50
Mrs. Ford as recording & corresponding Sec'y	29.00
L. L. Dickman bridge at Bakery	2.48
L. L. Dickman for executive salary	<del>27.49</del>

The bills were accepted and ~~64.47~~  
recommended paid.

Emma Sill Ford,  
Secretary.

Approved in Commongood  
Society Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup> 1915.

Approved Feb. 6, 1915 L. S.

Trustees' meeting at college library Feb. 6  
1915.

Present L. L. Dickman, D. D. Estes, S. Barratt, J. S. Jones, Mrs. Ford and Sec. Executive minutes read and approved.

Mr. Estes spoke of ditch on first street to town line.

L. L. Dickman reported R. Walker made proposition to do work on South ditch is allowed to put in lateral by his two farm tracts.

Much discussion regarding ditching.

Mar. 6, 1915.

A quorum of the trustees failing to assemble in time, no business was transacted prior to the C. S. meeting.  
A. S. C. Sec.

Apr. 3, 1915.

Trustees' meeting held in Library at Assembly Hall. Present L. L. Dickman, D. D. Estes, S. Barratt, J. S. Jones, Mrs. Billings and the secretary.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dickman.

A proposition from Mr. + Mrs. Buckland was read, relative to lots 83 + 84, requesting the use of Carlyle Boulevard until needed granted on condition that if any one should want the use of the Boulevard at any time for drawing out much he may so use it.

Bank statement read and put in possession of the treasurer.

Advertising B. G. property was discussed but not favored by Mr. Estes and Mr. Barratt.

W. H. Phillips' bill was presented. Mr. Jones said he had forwarded a check of \$4.00 on same.

Meeting adjourned.

Evaline S. Chandler, Sec.



Apr. 29, 1915.

Regular trustees' meeting was held at the house of S. Barratt. Present Messrs. Barratt, Estes, Jones and Messdames Billings and Chandler.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Mrs. Billings.

Relative to the cutting of cypress previously spoken about, it was ascertained that permission had been granted by the executive board, but no record could be found of such action.

An offer of \$325-cash was made by Mr. Estes for the unplatted portion of the West 80.

Moved by Mr. Jones, sec. by Mr. Barratt that the C.D. be recommended to accept the offer. Carried.

It was reported that the insurance on the store building had been cancelled.

Moved by Mr. Estes, sec. by Mr. Jones that the store building be insured. Carried.

Information has come to the trustees that cord wood was being cut on the land of some of the allottees. Discussion as to what should be done about it - but no decision reached.

Moved by the secretary that the President of the Southern Good Society be invited to attend the trustees' meetings. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Jones reported that Adner Miller would accept the position of attorney

for the L. G. to carry the pending suit to court for \$50. This was thought excessive as the suit was brought against the Society by reason of the connection of the Welles and Dickmans with the Society; that Admes Miller was personally interested and should take the suit for a less sum.

Moved by Mr. Estes, sec. by Mr. Jones, that we employ Admes Miller to fight the case, but that he be talked to to make his charges as reasonable as possible. Carried.

The L. G. has paid for the cemetery but has never received a deed.

Moved by Mr. Estes, sec. by Mr. Barratt, that J. S. Jones be instructed to push the matter and get the deed. Carried.

Mrs. Sweetland's proposal in regard to the bridges on Ruskin Boul. was not favored, as there are other bridges on more general routes of travel more needed.

Moved by Mr. Estes that we adjourn. Carried.

Avaline S. Chandler, Sec.

Ruskin, June 3, 1915-

Regular meeting of trustees held at C. G. Office Present Messrs. L. L. Dickman, Estes, Barratt Mrs. Chandler.

Called to order at 8:30.

C. G. minutes read.

Executive meeting minutes read.

Mr. Estes reported interview with County Commissioner at Tampa.

Measurements of West part of West 80 sold to Mr. Dodd by Mr. Estes discussed. Recommended that plat be corrected by C. G. Soc.

Mr. Estes presented his claim of commission on sale of land.

To be referred to C. G. Soc.

Bill of work from Mrs. Estes for presented.

Mr. Estes reported from bath house committee as to where house might be located.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

Avalise S. Chandler  
C. G. Sec.

\$16.25

\$4.10

Ruskin, Aug. 5, 1915.

Trustees' meeting held at Common  
Good office, present, L. L. Dickman,  
J. S. Jones, S. Barratt, D. D. Estes,  
Mrs. D. D. Estes, Mrs. E. S. Ford and  
the secretary, also Mr. Shrigley and  
Mr. M. C. Hague.

Called to order at 8:15 by the  
chairman.

Minutes of last meeting read  
and approved.

Mr. Estes reported the County Com-  
missioners had promised 5 or 6  
miles of the Bay Shore road to be  
graded, work beginning Jan. 1,  
to be shelled as far as the shell  
now on hand will go.

Mr. Estes had gone over the  
road to be cleared and graded,  
had taken note of all trees, stumps  
etc. and palmettos to be removed  
and thought he could do the work for  
\$250.

Mr. Dickman thought it would be  
a good plan to call a meeting of all  
who will work to see how much  
each will do, but each to stand to  
make or lose, as the case may be  
but to stand together.

Matter of the bridge that has gone  
out at A. P. Dickman's discussed  
and matter of getting it back  
and replaced called out several  
opinions.

Other bridges needing repairs are  
at Henry Monroe's, Fourth street

and on Third street. The one on College Avenue was repaired today.

Mr. McHargue presented the following petition:

Ruskin, Fla., Aug. 5, 1915.

I, Lester McHargue hereby apply to Board of Trustees of Ruskin Common Wood Society for permit to manufacture sugar cane products on farm tracts 664 & 665 for a period of 99 years.

(Signed) Lester McHargue

Moved the permit be granted. Amended by Mr. Estes that a permit be granted to any one for like purpose, carried.

Mr. Estes presented the following petition:

In view of the fact that the restrictions in the deeds to Ruskin Colony are daily being contravened:

We, the undersigned, request herewith that the Board of Trustees investigate the present situation and ascertain what legal steps are necessary to annul that restriction regarding manufacturing, mercantile and banking businesses.

A. P. Dickman

Hubert Buckley

Rachel W. Billings

O. S. Billings

Avaline S. Chandler

Myron W. Chandler

John T. Hower

Mrs. J. T. Hower

W. J. Glegg

Mrs. W. J. Glegg

Mrs. A. Walker

L. S. Witmer

Robt A Walker

S. Barratt

S. E. Barratt

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| L. R. Barratt       | L. L. Dickman      |
| Nana A. Reece       | W. C. McMichael    |
| Ray G. Edwards      | G. W. Andrews      |
| L. E. Parks         | Edward E. Gore     |
| S. J. Gore          | F. W. Dulfer       |
| Herman Schmitz      | G. W. Brooks       |
| Mrs. E. Brooks      | W. F. Cooper       |
| Mrs. W. F. Cooper   | J. C. Linder       |
| Belle Linder        | F. O. Olson        |
| J. H. Thatcher      | L. H. Thacher      |
| Mrs. L. B. Farleigh | Mrs. E. Morrison   |
| Rose B. Dickman     | Paul B. Dickman    |
| Pauline B. Dickman  | W. C. Smith        |
| H. G. Thorndale     | A. E. Dickman      |
| Pearl D. Dickman    | D. D. Estes        |
| Minnie Estes        | J. Boyd Irvine     |
| J. T. McClain       | Naive McClain      |
| J. O. Duckett       | C. L. Ford         |
| J. R. Walker        | M. Hess            |
| D. B. Spencer       | H. D. Spencer      |
| Lester McHargue     | Mary Monroe        |
| Mary Jones          | J. S. Jones        |
| W. J. Manning       | Emma Manning       |
| Mrs. H. A. Morse    | H. A. Morse        |
| C. Dell             | B. Dell            |
| G. Dell             | Edna A. Hageltrick |
| Pardon Hageltrick   | E. P. Bachelder    |

Webster

Moved by Mr. Estes, sec. by Mrs. Jones the C. G. investigation

\$10.00

A bill from the postmaster for stamped envelopes held at the post office was presented.

It was suggested that each trustee should purchase these by the bunch as needed and use them in private correspondence.

#4.00 a bill for the printing of letterhead presented by the Triangle.

The use of Common Good Stationery by one of the trustees enquired about.

Mr. Estes spoke of deepening his ditch the request having been granted by C. G. some time since. Mr. Brigham spoke of clearing ditch near the property he is working.

Moved we adjourn. Carried

Avaline S. Chandler  
Secretary.

Ruskin, Aug. 10, 1915:

Trustee meeting held at C. G. office  
 there being present L. L. Dickman,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Estes, Mr. Shrigly, Mr.  
 Barratt, Mr. Jones, Adner Miller,  
 Mrs. Ford and the secretary.

Mr. Estes spoke of the bridge near  
 Henry Monroe's needing to be repaired,  
 and said he had told Mr. Monroe to  
 go ahead and repair it - by making  
 it a pole bridge.

Mr. Estes offered his resignation  
 as road supervisor.

Mrs. Ford moved we accept it  
 with regret. Seconded by Mr. Jones  
 and carried.

Discussion as to how the trustees  
 can investigate in regard to the  
 validity of the reservations in the  
 deeds.

Moved by Mrs. Ford that the secretary  
 be instructed to write to three attor-  
 neys in Tampa and find terms.  
 Carried.

The secretary was instructed to ask  
 terms ~~of~~ <sup>for</sup> an opinion as to the validity  
 of the reservations in deeds enclosed  
 by the following:

Hon. Don C. Mc-Mullen, Tallahassee  
 Judge Parkhill, Tampa,

Hon. Peter O. Knight, Tampa

Judge Weyn, Tampa, Cor Franklin & Lafayette

Hon. K. J. Mc-Kay, Tampa, Am. Nat. Bank

Parkman & Carter, Tampa,

Hon. H. P. Bailey 504 1/2 Franklin

Moved to Adjourn Carried. A. A. Chandler  
 Sec.



Ruskin, Sept. 2, 1915.

Trustees meeting held at Common  
Good office. Present, Mrs Ford, Mr.  
Shrigley, Mr. Barratt, Mr. Dickman,  
Mr. Jones and the Secretary.

Meeting called to order by chairman  
Executive minutes read and ap-  
proved.

\$6.00 L. L. Dickman reported getting the  
inlet-bridge from the Messrs. Williams  
Five dollars was paid to the young man  
who anchored the bridge and \$1.00  
for advice given regarding it by Mr.  
Dickman.

An application was read from  
Onton D. Miller and Willard B. D.  
Miller asking privilege of putting in  
a garage at some point they may select  
between Emerson Ave and College Ave on  
Fourth street, and selling the necessary  
supplies and accessories, same to be  
established as soon as trade may  
justify, and such privilege to be  
limited to ten years. Board recom-  
mend the privilege be granted.

Bills from Beacon Publishing Co  
presented. Left for investigation.

Request from George Sligg to have  
his work of grubbing and ditching  
measured.

\$1.00 One dollar received from Lester McHague,  
for contract regarding the manufacture  
of cane products, turned over to treas-  
urer.

Mr. Jones reported doing certain  
ditching near his house

\$5.00 Mr. Hubert Buckley turned in a bill of five dollars for his work and use of boat in getting inlet bridge tacks credited on land.

Araline S. Chandler  
Secretary.

Trustees met at Common Good office on the evening of Sept. 30. Present Mrs. Ford, Mr. Barratt, Mr. Jones, Mr. Shrigley and the secretary.

There were several matters came up for discussion, but no action was taken.

It was expected that A. P. Dickman, ~~is~~ elected as a committee of one to act with the trustees, would be present; but he failed to appear.

Araline S. Chandler, sec.

Ruskin, Dec. 30, 1913:

Trustees met at Common Good office  
Present L. L. Dickman, O. S. Billings,  
Mrs. Billings, Mrs. Ford, Mr. Shugly  
and the Secretary.

\$39.75-

L. L. Dickman presented his bill  
for Executive Salary, Road work,  
Labor etc. Bill allowed & order drawn

\$16.37

Also presented Road order drawn to  
Lhas. Dell, \$6.75; and Road order drawn to  
A. P. Dickman, \$4.37, and \$5.25 - b. 4.

checks, the sum to be applied on  
bill for cypress lumber owed by  
A. P. Dickman. Credit allowed.

\$2.80

Bill for lumber allowed to

1.50

" " 4 signs advertising Ruskin, Maria J  
Buckland. Bill allowed.

Various reports looked over and sug-  
gestions made.

Adjourned.

Evaline S. Chandler Sec

Mr. Estes bill -

Ruskin, Feb. 5, 1916

Trustees met at Common Good  
office. Bills of Mrs. Buckland -  
transferred to Mr. Lee - for painting  
sign and of Mr. Buckland for  
Notary work were considered, but  
no orders drawn. The bond for Ex  
Com. and Trustees was drawn up  
and the land list examined. As  
there was nothing else for consid-  
eration the trustees adjourned.

Rachel W. Billings Sec.

Feb 3. 1916

Trustees met at Common Good office. Members present, L. L. Dickman, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Billings.

The applications of Mr. Russell and Mr. Warren to have the streets cleared and ditches dug past their property and it was decided that as soon as some one could be found to do the work and take C. G. land for pay, the work would be done. It was decided, too, that it should be learned just what Mr. Russell was promised in regard to the ditch.

It was moved and carried that the following resolution be recommended. Resolved that the C. G. society reimburse those who stood behind the Trustees in the suit brought against them by G. M. C. Miller.

The following application was approved to be recommended to the C. G. "I hereby apply for the privilege of doing a manufacturing, mercantile and banking business on any of the land owned by me I own or shall own in Ruskin for a term of 99 years. Business to be started as soon as conditions justify. D. D. Ester"

Moved and carried that the matter of disposing of the dredge be brought up for consideration in the C. G.

Mrs. Doane being in town and wishing to collect the interest due on the mortgage she holds on the west 80, ways and means were considered. It was decided to write to several purchasers of lots and farm tracts in regard to overdue payments, in order that some money might be raised for present needs.

The motion by Mr. Edwards that the Ex. Com. prepare a statement of what the Society would be willing to turn over to a city corporation was not acted upon for lack of time.

Adjourned,

Rachel W. Billings. Sec.

Ruskin, Apr. 6, 1916

Trustees met at the college, the following members being present.

L. L. Dickman, D. D. Estes, Mr. Hard,  
Mrs. Billings, Mr. Brown.

Permit allowing Lester McHargue the privilege of running a grist mill on farm tract 664-665 for a period of 10 years was considered and referred to the Com. Good.

Permit of D. D. Estes to do manufacturing and mercantile business on certain lots and farm tracts now owned by him in Ruskin, was considered and referred to the Com. Good.

The Road Supervisors report was received and approved.

The trustees adjourned

Rachel W. Billings. Sec.

Trustees Meeting May 12/1916.  
 Trustees met at school house. Bill of  
 L. L. Dickman for \$9.00 expenses to  
 Tampa in defense of the injunction  
 suit brought against the Trustees of  
 the C. G. Society by Dr. S. M. Miller was  
 presented and allowed.  
Report Accepted

Trustees Meeting June 3, 1916.  
 Trustees met at the school house  
 with five members present.

Petition of E. E. Robinson, John L. Evans  
 and Chas. Dell for permit to build and  
 operate an artificial ice and cold storage was  
 considered and <sup>agreed</sup> passed for ~~recommendation~~.

Motion to ~~put into~~ authorize the Sec of the  
 Common Good Society to issue permits to  
 persons wishing to do business in Ruskin  
 was considered and decided to submit to  
 the C. G. without recommendation.

The Bill of the Road Supervisor of \$43.87  
 was examined and approved.

Report ~~accepted~~ considered  
 item by item.

Trustees Meeting July 1, 1916  
 The application of Mr. Ben Dell  
 for permit to operate a fish, The  
 following application was considered  
 and after cutting out the words  
 for myself and mine, was heartily  
 agreed to recommend.

"I Ben Dell, being a resident  
 allottee of Ruskin do herewith  
 make application for a permit for

myself and heirs to open up and operate a market for the sale of fish, oysters, clams & also meat, for the term of 99 years. The said market to be located on my town lot No 113

Respectfully Submitted  
Ben Dill.

The trustees recommend that some one be appointed to look after the Cemetery, stake off the lots, and keep a record of all cemetery affairs.

That the C. S. suggest to the builder of the new bridge across the Inlet, that a light be kept at the bridge entrance at night, and a sign be placed at the corner of College Ave. and 4th St to direct teams and autos.

That the C. S. urge the necessity of a resurvey of portions of the N. Side in order to locate <sup>putting piping for stakes</sup> corners, the stakes having been burned off. Adjourned

Call meeting of Trustees July 22, 1916.

Six members present. Meeting called to consider the proposition of the Merchants Co. to buy the counters and shelving in the store building for use in their building. Their offer of \$10.00 for the whole was considered too low. On motion it was decided to offer the Merchants Co. the counters for \$10.00, or accept <sup>to accept</sup> \$5.00 for ~~counters~~ and shelving. Adjourned

Rachel H. Billings Sec.

Trustee Meeting Feb. 3, 1917

Common Good office.

Meeting called to order by Mr. L. Dickman, Trustee chairman, & L. Dickman and Sec. Rachel W. Billings were selected to their respective offices.

Application of W. H. Woodworth for permit to operate a knitting factory in Ruskin was considered, and voted unanimously to recommend.

Suggested that non-residents <sup>should be</sup> notified of necessity of having their improved property protected from fire.

Matter of Mrs. Davis' interest was brought up but no action could be taken.

Feb. 3, 1917

Trustee Meeting. 5 members present. Moved and carried that it be recommended that Mr. Woodworth be at once given his permit to equip and operate a knitting factory.

Trustee Meeting. Nov. 3, 1917

In the absence of the Chairman R. A. Walker was chosen chairman pro tem. It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the C. G. that the telephone poles be removed from the middle of 4th. It is in order that the shell might be placed in the middle of the street. After some discussion the motion was carried. Adjournment.

Minutes of Sept. 9  
in P. 106



## Commonwealth Committee.

1910 - Tampa Shell Road Committee  
 Sept. 3 Reappointed Sept. 3 - 1910  
 Dr. Miller - G. L. Dickman - A. C. Sill  
 D. D. Estes - Will Harrington.

August 9 - 1912. G. W. Amstrong and Leonard  
 Wheeler were elected to fill the vacancies  
 created by death of Mr. Sill and removal of  
 Mr. Harrington.

1911 - Cemetery Committee  
 July 1. Executive Committee.  
 Special Cemetery Committee elected  
 by Commonwealth to work with  
 Executive Committee.  
 Adm'r D. Miller to act with G. R. Monroe  
 of the Executive Committee in settling  
 out the Cemetery.

1911 - Ditching South of College Ave.  
 Aug. 5 Road Supervisor - A. C. Sill -  
 Wm. Miller - Chairman A. C. Sill.

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

Hallowien affair was discussed. Decided to  
 recommend that it should be left in the hands of  
 the Ex. Com. Adjournment.

-1911- Cemetery Clearing Picnic Committee  
 Apr. 4 Mrs. Harrington - Mrs. G. L. Dickman  
 Miss Aurora Miller - Mr. J. C. Duffett  
 Mrs. Sill - Mr. Stanley - Mr. Sill  
 Mr. Brooks - Mr. Ed. D. Miller -  
 Mr. C. E. Dickman.  
 Ed. D. Miller says it is dead but it has  
 never been discharged on the minutes.

-1911- Standing Dredging Committee.  
 May 6 Executive Committee.

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

Seconded; carried.

1911 To secure Dredge.  
 May 13 Ed. D. Miller nominated Capt. Ed. P.  
 Dickman, Ed. G. Sill and E. H. Doane  
 as a Special Committee on securing  
 a dredge. W. B. Dunham added to  
 the Committee. All elected.

1912 Above Committee Renewed.  
 Jan. 6 Mr. Dunham having moved from Portsmouth  
 Mr. Wheeler was elected by the Commonwealth Society  
 to take his place, and the former  
 Committee was reelected.

In regard to securing dredge.

Minutes Page 48. Dr. Miller also reported

that he had had several talks with W. D. Davis, of Garden City, in regard to his going into partnership with us in buying a dredge, which is now at Larfor Springs, and which can be purchased for \$50<sup>00</sup>

After some discussion it was moved by Dr. Miller that this matter be referred to the Dredging Committee, and that Mr. C. Wheeler, be elected in Mr. W. B. Dunham's place on the committee. That this committee report to the Trustees in regard to the matter, and that they have power to act.

Seconded; carried."

Feb. 3 1912 Natural Drainage Committee.  
 Moved by Mrs. Adeline D. Miller that a committee of three be elected to investigate and look over the entire ground and to study the natural drainage and report to Commons and Society. This referring only to farm tracts. Seconded. Carried.  
 E. A. Dvane - Herbert Buckley and D. D. Ester were elected as this committee.

1912. Commongood Flour checks  
Committee.

April  
6. Elected by Commongood.  
E. A. Doane - A. C. Sill  
Leonard Wheeler - Admer Miller  
Capt. Dickman.

Elected by Secretaries ballot.  
To report at Special Commongood  
Meeting - April 13.

July 6 Incorporation Committee.  
Committee of Five to investigate  
the best plan for incorporation.  
Elected by Commongood by written  
ballot.

Leonard Wheeler	22
Capt. A. P. Dickman	21
Admer Miller	19

(On the first vote there was a mis-  
upon names - Dr. Miller received  
13 votes, Mrs Miller written on blackboard  
A. D. Miller - G. W. Brooks S.)

Decided to have a second election  
for the two women of the committee  
Second vote - women.

Mrs. Emma Sill	18
Mrs E. C. Lyman	14
Mrs. L. G. Dickman	11
Mrs. A. P. Dickman	8
Mrs. Belle Binder	7
Mrs. Julia Doane	6

Elected:

Mrs. Emma Sill	18
Mrs. E. C. Lyman	14

Mrs. Brent and Mrs. Miller declined  
nomination.

1912

July 6.

Incorporation Committee  
Elected: Leonard Wheeler  
Capt. Dickman Edmund Miller  
Mrs. Emma Sill Mrs. E. C. Lymann  
To report at August meeting of  
Commongood.

Sept. 9. Five members present.  
 Meeting called to consider the matter of  
 the bridge. Discussion of the material  
 and construction of the bridge as compared  
 with the specifications.

Moved that a public meeting be  
 called at once to a protest against the  
 acceptance of the Little Manatee bridge.  
 Motion carried.

Moved that a Com. of three be appointed  
 to inspect the bridge and get the  
 specifications. Shrigley, Smith + Walker  
 were appointed.

Moved that the Com. request Mr. Tom  
 Saffold to go with them to inspect the  
 bridge. Motion carried. Adjourned.

April 4, 1918.

The trustees met after the Executives had organized. 6 members present. Minutes of last common good meeting read.

The trustees discussed the Halloween deprivations but could not come to any definite action but recommended that next Halloween notices be posted asking the young people to try in their fun to not destroy property or to endanger life.

Moved and seconded that Mr. McKinley be allowed to put roof on the old store building with 3 ply paper and deduct the expense from the rent. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mr. McKinley's offer of \$5 a month be accepted and building rented for 1 yr. Carried.

The trustees recommended that Mr. McKinley be authorized to put on a coat of paint and allow the expense to come out of rent.

The matter of the depot location was brought up, and recommended that it be brought before the Common good.

Adjournment.

meeting called to order by chairman.  
 Minutes of Commongood read.  
 Minutes of last trustee's meeting  
 read and approved.

The offer of Paul Dickman's offering  
 3<sup>rd</sup> for posts was read and discussion  
 followed.

Motion made and seconded that  
 the secretary be instructed to post  
 notices for a special meeting of the  
 Commongood to consider the above over  
 carried.

Mr. Walker reported \$280 in treas-  
 ury.

The matter of phone for secretary  
 was brought up and it was stated that  
 the secretary could have a phone by  
 applying for it.

Adjournment.

July 1, 1918.

Meeting called to order by L. L. Dickman  
 Motion made and seconded that we  
 sell the cypress poles, least 3 in <sup>20 ft long</sup> at 30¢  
 each Carried.

Adjournment.

Aug 1, 1918.

Meeting called to order by L. L.  
 Dickman.

Discussion of assets and liabilities.  
 We recommend to the Society  
 that the Commongood Check system  
 be suspended. Carried.

Motion made that the treasurer



road supervisor secretary and L. L. Dickman get together before Sept. meeting and make statements of assets and liabilities. Carried  
Adjournment

Sept 3, 1918.

Meeting called to order by L. L. Dickman.

Minutes of Commongood read. ✓

Moved and seconded that the Commongood elect a new trustee for records and ask Mr. Lyman to deed property to new trustee. Carried.

Moved that the secretary be instructed to write to Mrs. Adams and ask her what her cash price for 3 yrs. would be and if she would entertain any kind of a trade for any property in town. ✓

Moved and seconded that the Church of God be asked to vacate the Common Good building by Oct 1. Adjournment.

Nov. 1, 1918.

Meeting called to order by secretary. Mr. Robert Walker was elected chairman.

In view of the little money the Commongood has it was recommended that no work for Commongood hereafter be paid by cash. We encourage the taking of land in payment.

L. L. Dickinson bill <sup>of \$14</sup> for the following  
 deeds was allowed, Geo. Mc A. Miller  
 trustee - 11 to 30 9 no C.G. Sub. J. H. Phabster  
 555-556-557. Mis. Barrett - 6-7 C.G. sub.  
 Ben Dill . 118, Geo. Dill 186, Chas. Dill  
 260 Mary Steel Newman 726-727,  
 E. T. Smith 266, Margaret A. Pierce  
 312-313-314-315-334-335-336-337,  
 Emma A. Morrison 414-415.  
 A. C. McKinley N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of City Lot - 3711.  
 H. C. Harris Farm tract - 489, A. M.  
 Canble 38 - J. E. Clark 1.

Adjournment.

Jan. 31, 1919.

Meeting called to order by  
 secretary.

A discussion of the  
 drainage situation

Mr. Walker reported that  
 when the bills that had been  
 voted on were paid there would  
 be about \$40.

Taxes could not be paid  
 until next year.

Adjournment.

May 3, 1919.

We, the Executive Committee of  
Common Good Society rent the  
old stone building <sup>for 1 yr.</sup> to H. W. Lamm  
for the purpose of a garage. We to  
receive \$3 per month.

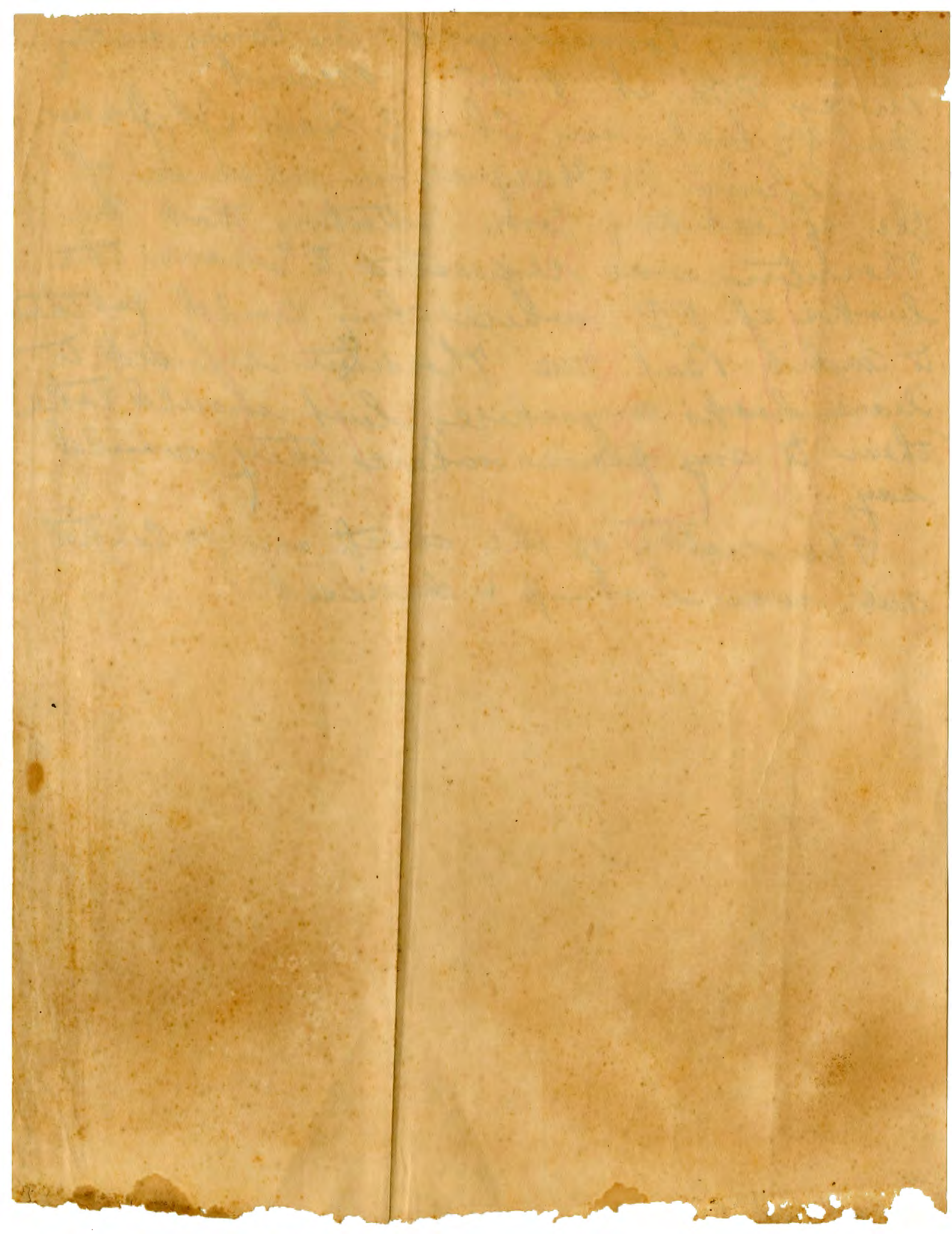
We allow him \$34 for repairs  
to be applied on rent.

H. W. Lamm.

Ruth A. Miller  
L. L. Dickman <sup>sec.</sup> chair.  
C. A. Buckland

Ruskin Commongood Ex Com. meeting  
Friday P.M. at 8:45. Present:  
Paul B Dickman, Chas C Hall, + J. Jones  
Alvin McHargue, in absence of  
Chr. of Auditing Com. stating that Mr.  
Thornton was requested to leave the  
books at P.O., where they could get them  
to audit. But Mr Thornton refused to  
leave books anywhere, but would take  
them to any place where they would  
say.

The matter of the ditch on N Central  
ave. was brot up + discussed



Feb. 6, 1919.

Meeting called to order by president L. L. Dickman.

Moved and carried that the exchange of lots 2-8-9-10 for lots 21-22-24-30 in Common-good subdivision.

The following is a copy of letter.

Feb. 5, 1919.

Mr. J. O. Duckett,

Trustee Commongood Society

Dear Sir: My contract with the Commongood Society covers lots 2-8-9 and 10 of the First Commongood subdivision George Mc A. Miller Trustee for Ruskin College, desiring to convey the major part of the block in which these lots are located to Kate Richards O'Hare and F. P. O. Hare, who plan to establish a tourist winter camp there. offers to deed to you as trustee lots 21-22-24 and 30 in exchange for these lots.

I hereby consent to such an exchange and will be willing to take the latter list of lots instead of the former at such time as I may be entitled to a deed therefore under my contract.

Yours Truly

Robert A. Walker.

Those present were L. L. Dickman Mr and Mrs. Buckland Mr. Bancroft Mr. Walker and Mrs. Ruth A. Miller. See

Roxbury - Morris Park Inter - Women. 145

First meeting to organize, was held  
in Assembly Hall, May 5 - Wednesday.  
The following officers were elected.

President - Dr. Miller.  
Vice President - L. G. Dickman.

Secretary - E. C. Sill.

Treasurer - Everett C. Lyman.

General Manager - Leonard Wheeler.

Voted to have nine directors. The  
above five officers are directors.

Additional Directors.

D. D. Estes

Herbert Buckley

M. E. Dickman

Harriet E. Orcutt

Attorney - Admus Miller.

Second meeting to consider Charter  
Thursday evening, May 16.

Director's meetings to be held the third  
Thursday of each month.

## Telephone Association - 1912

President J. C. Linder

Vice President Adner Miller

Secretary & Treasurer J. S. Jones

Managers Leonard Wheeler

## Directors

Dr. Miller 11

Adner Miller - by office.

W. E. Dickman 12

J. C. Linder - by office.

W. H. Woodworth 12

Ed. C. Sill 13

Harriet E. Brent 13

W. P. Dickman 12

Harbert Buckley 13

Telephones up and nearly wired at meeting held April 10. If materials had come phones would have been in working order.

Decided to have meetings once in two weeks during construction work.

## Meeting of May 22.

Mr. Jones having gone west, W. E. Dickman was elected Secretary & Treasurer. To incorporate as Poushby Telephone Electric Light and Power Co.



Burbin Colonization Company. - 1912  
 Officers elected at Annual Meeting of  
 Stockholders, held at Assembly  
 Hall, Burbin, Fla. at 7.30 P. M., Thursday  
 Feb. 13 - 1912

Chairman  
 A. C. Sill.  
 Secretary  
 Admur Miller  
 Vice President  
 E. A. Buckland.

Directors  
 A. C. Sill  
 George McAd. Miller  
 Harriet B. Overitt  
 L. B. Dickman  
 A. E. Dickman  
 W. R. Hubbard  
 Admur Miller  
 E. A. Buckland.

(Hampden?)

46 Full Members.  
 158 Associate Members.  
 \$655 paid in on stock.

— Store Directors —

Annual meeting of stockholders  
took place Jan. 23-1912

There are nine directors.

Three vacancies at the end of each year.  
4 p Stockholders on list. 24 present and voting.

Board of Directors at close of 1911

Dr. Miller

Ed. C. Sill

D. D. Estes

J. S. Jones

Hold over.

L. W. Ambury.

J. E. Eskins.

J. C. Lysman.

J. C. Linder.

Henry Monroe.

Subject to reelection.

Some of them

had been elected

to fill vacancies.

It was moved, seconded and carried  
that those having highest votes should  
be three year men, next two years &c.

Nominations in order of nominations.

(1)	Leonard Wheeler	—	22 votes
(2)	Humbert Buckley	—	18
(4)	E. A. Doane	—	17
(5)	J. E. Eskins	—	13
(3)	J. C. Linder	—	14
(6)	L. W. Ambury	—	16
	L. G. Dickman	—	14

Tie between J. C. Linder } 14  
L. G. Dickman } 14

Second Vote

J. C. Linder — 10

L. G. Dickman — 14

Board of Directors for 1912.

Dr. Miller  
A. B. Sill  
D. D. Estes  
J. S. Jones

Holdovers.

New Members:

Leonard Wheeler  
Humbert Buckley  
L. W. Amstrong  
E. A. Doane  
L. G. Dickman

President of Directors

Dr. Miller

Vice-president — Mr. Sill

Treasurer — Mr. Estes

Executive Committee.

A. B. Sill.  
D. D. Estes.  
J. S. Jones.

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Telephone Franchise

Penskin, Florida, Feb. 4, 1911

Whereas, application has been made to the Trustees of Penskin Commonwealth Society by the Penskin Telephone Association for a franchise for operating a telephone system in the Town of Penskin and in Penskin Colony Farms, and in addition thereto, the same to have connection with long distance lines, and,

Whereas, it is the sense of this Society that such an enterprise would be a great convenience to all resident allottees, and also accelerate the development and improvement of Penskin Colony as a whole, therefore,

Resolved, that the Trustees of this Society are hereby authorized to enter into a franchise contract with said Association relating thereto for a period of five years, subject to the following conditions:

1. The terms of membership and rates of service shall be reasonable and equal rights and privileges must be extended to all resident colonists, and all who shall hereafter become residents of the Colony subject to such terms of membership and such reasonable regulations.
2. That the consideration for this franchise shall be the free use of a local telephone for the Society during the period of the franchise.
3. That this franchise shall terminate at any time that the Town of Penskin, after becoming incorporated, may offer to take over the telephone plant of said Association at the cost incurred by the said Association in installing the same.

Proposition of Penskin Colonization Co.

(copy)

Penskin, Fla. January 7, 1911.

To Penskin Commonwealth Society,  
Penskin, Florida,

Pursuant to action heretofore taken with regard to Penskin Colonization Company assisting in the disposing of Commonwealth land, we submit the following proposition:

1. That five (5) per cent of the retail price of allotments be turned over to the Secretary of Penskin Colonization Company to be paid agents as commissions for selling the land; settlements for same to be made at least once in six months.

2. And that a compensation of one (1) per cent on the net allotment price of farm tracts, and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of one (1) per cent on net allotment price of town lots be paid Penskin Colonization Company for services in said matter including advertising of said lands.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penskin Colonization Company.  
per Adner D. Miller  
Secretary

Accepted on behalf of the Penskin Commonwealth Society this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, A. D. 1911.

J. C. Linder  
President.

J. S. Jones  
Secretary



