

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF N. L. WELCH AND WIFE,
IN NILE TOWNSHIP, SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 31, 1928.

HON. CARL E. STEEB, *Secretary Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—There has been submitted to me an abstract of title certified by the abstracter under date of March 1, 1928, and warranty deed signed by one N. L. Welch and wife, covering certain lands situated in Nile Township, Scioto County, Ohio, the same being a part of Ohio State University lots numbers 6 and 7, and being more particularly described as follows:

“Beginning at a hickory and maple on the North bank of a branch South-west corner to Survey No. 15444; thence with one line thereof N. 20 deg. 45' E. 84 poles crossing McEltsee of 30 to a chestnut Hickory and stone, northwest corner to said Survey and southeast corner to Survey No. 15847, and corner to lots No. 6 & 7; thence with one line of said Survey No. 15847 N. 13 deg. E. 40 poles to a stone and small locust on a point; thence West 118 poles to a stone at the foot of a hill on the East side of a branch; thence up the branch N. 17 deg. 40' W. 41 poles to an ash, hickory, and poplar on the west bank of said branch; thence S. 55 deg. 30' W. 52 poles to a stone on the west bank of Point Lick branch and near the forks thereof; thence South 139 poles crossing ridge at 130 to three pines; thence East 142 poles to a stone-pile, locust and small red oak on the hillside, in line of Survey No. 15889; thence with one line thereof North 23 28/100 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and fifty-two and one fourth (152¼) acres be the same more or less.

Save and except the following parcel of land sold by Anthony Welch and Fannie Welch, his wife, to K. F. Hunter by deed dated March 17, 1885, and recorded in Deed Book 41; page 530, reference being had from abstract of title on page 6, said parcel of land being described as follows:

All the following described tract of land situate on McEltree, a branch of Ohio-Turkey Creek in Nile Township, Scioto County, Ohio, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: “Beginning at a hickory and maple on the North bank of a branch S. W. corner to Survey No. 15444;

Thence with one line thereof, N. 21½ deg. E. 83 poles and crossing McEltree Run at 30 poles to a chestnut oak, and hickory and stone on top

a ridge, N. W. corner to said Survey and S. W. corner to Survey No. 15847, also corner between Lots 6 and 7.

Thence with one line of 15847, N. 13 deg. W. 39 $\frac{6}{10}$ poles to a stone and small locust on a point on said line;

Thence N. 89 deg. 35' W. 111 $\frac{5}{10}$ poles to a stone, white oak and small pine on a hill side and on lines of the tract of which this is a part;

Thence leaving said line and through the tract south crossing McEltree at 34 poles 142 poles crossing a ridge and a drain to a stone on a point on the south line of the tract;

Thence with said line S. 89 $\frac{3}{4}$ deg. E. 68 $\frac{2}{3}$ poles crossing a branch to a stone pile, and locust and small red oak on steep hill side on the line of survey No. 15887;

Thence with said line N. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ poles crossing a branch to the beginning;

CONTAINING 76 and $\frac{1}{8}$ acres, being a part of Lots Nos. 6 and 7 and being the equal one-half of a certain tract of land containing 152 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, conveyed to said Anthony Welch by The Ohio State University, by deed dated bearing date July 29, 1879, and recorded in Scioto County, Ohio, Record of Deeds, Vol. No. 29, page 199."

An examination of the abstract of title submitted shows that Nathan L. Welch has a good and merchantable fee simple title to the lands to be conveyed to the State of Ohio, indicated by the descriptions above given; and that he holds the same free and clear of all encumbrances except taxes for the last half of the year 1927, amounting to \$2.00; and the undetermined taxes for the year 1928, all of which taxes are a lien on said land.

An examination of the warranty deed, signed by N. L. Welch, and Louise Welch, his wife, shows that the same has been properly executed and acknowledged and that it is in form sufficient to convey to the State of Ohio a fee simple title to said lands free and clear of the dower interest of said Louise Welch, as the wife of said N. L. Welch, and free and clear of all encumbrances whatsoever.

The encumbrance estimate submitted to me with said abstract and deed shows that there are sufficient balances in a proper appropriation account sufficient to pay the purchase price of said lands. It is likewise noted from a copy of the certificate over the signature of the secretary of the Controlling Board that the purchase of said lands has been approved by said board.

I am returning to you said abstract of title, warranty deed, encumbrance estimate and controlling board certificate.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

2418.

APPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF CHARLES F. REICHELDERFER AND WIFE, IN THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 3, 1928.

HON. HARRY J. KIRK, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date, submitting for my examination and approval an abstract of title and a warranty