

to the State of Ohio by John O. Breidick, et. al., by deed dated May 14, 1855, and being part of the west half of the southwest quarter of section 19, town 1, south, range 5 east, Putnam County, Ohio, that is described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the berme bank of said canal in line with the head of said lock No. 28, and thirty-three (33) feet east of the center thereof, and running thence southerly, parallel with the center line of said lock produced two and one-half chains; thence easterly 2 chains to the southeast corner of said lot, thence northerly with the easterly line of said lot 5 chains; thence westerly, at right angles, 2 chains; thence southerly 2½ chains to the place of beginning, and containing one (1) acre, more or less, excepting therefrom so much of the above described ground as is occupied by the canal and tumble races around said Lock No. 28."

The lease here under consideration is one for a stated term of fifteen years and the same provides for an annual rental of six per cent upon the appraised value of the parcel of land leased, which appraised value is the sum of three hundred dollars.

Upon examination of said lease, I find that the same has been properly executed by you in your capacity as superintendent of public works, acting on behalf of the State of Ohio, and by The Odenweller Milling Company, acting by the hand of its president pursuant to the authority of a resolution of the board of directors of said company.

The lease in its terms and provisions is in conformity with the act of the 86th General Assembly, 111 O. L. 208, providing for the abandonment of the Miami and Erie Canal and the same is likewise in conformity with other statutes relating to the execution of leases of this kind.

Said lease is accordingly approved by me as to legality and form, and my approval is endorsed upon said lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned to you.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

3413.

APPROVAL, LEASE FOR RIGHT TO USE FOR BOATHOUSE, DOCK-LANDING, ETC., LAND AT PORTAGE LAKES, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—RALPH M. TURNBAUGH—W. B. AUGUSTINE.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 8, 1931.

HON. I. S. GUTHERY, *Director of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of even date herewith submitting for my examination and approval a certain reservoir land lease in triplicate, which communication is one over the signature of the Chief of the Bureau of Inland Lakes and Parks in the Conservation Division of your department.

The lease above referred to is one executed by the state of Ohio through the conservation commissioner under the authority of section 471 of the General Code, and by the terms of which there is leased and demised to one Ralph N. Turnbaugh

and to one W. B. Augustine of Akron, Ohio, the right to use and occupy for boat-house, docklanding, lawn and walkway purposes, the water front and state land in the rear thereof, lying immediately in front of Lot No. 41 of J. M. Thornton's Turkey Foot Allotment located on the east side of Turkey Foot Channel of Portage Lakes in Summit County, Ohio.

The stated term of said lease is fifteen years and the annual rental therein provided for is six per cent upon the appraised value of the property leased, which appraised value is the sum of one hundred dollars.

Upon examination of said lease, I find that the same has been properly executed by the conservation commissioner acting on behalf of the State of Ohio and by the lessees above named.

I likewise find that said lease, in its terms and provisions, is in conformity with the provisions of section 471, General Code, above referred to, and other statutes relating to leases of this kind.

Said lease is accordingly approved by me as to legality and form and said approval is endorsed upon the lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned to you.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,

Attorney General.

3414.

APPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF ELIZABETH C. WOOD
AND AGNES A. WOOD IN UNION TOWNSHIP, SCIOTO COUNTY,
OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 9, 1931.

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

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your letter submitting for my examination and approval an abstract of title, copy of real estate option, authority of controlling board, encumbrance estimate No. 816 and executor's deed, relating to the proposed purchase of approximately 342.65 acres of land, more or less, in Union Township, Scioto County, Ohio, from the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Elizabeth C. Wood and Agnes A. Wood, as executor and executrixes of the estate of Ada H. Wood, deceased.

The abstract of title, certified under date of February 10, 1931, reveals that a good and merchantable fee simple title to this land is held by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Elizabeth C. Wood and Agnes A. Wood, as executor and executrixes of the estate of Ada H. Wood, deceased, with the exception of several items hereinafter noted.

The taxes for the latter half of 1930 and all of the taxes for 1931 are now a lien upon this property.

On March 9, 1915, one G. S. Knorr, the then owner of caption land, executed a deed therefor to the said Ada H. Wood (Abstract, page 33). Nothing is said in the deed about the marital status of said grantor. Since there is a possibility that, at that time, he may have been married to a woman who may still be living, and since said instrument shows no release of dower, an investigation should be made