

terminated taxes on said property for the year 1929, which the abstract shows are the only lien thereon.

An examination of the warranty deed tendered by said Helen M. Bishop shows that the same has been signed and otherwise properly executed and acknowledged by her, and that the same is in form sufficient to convey to the president and trustees of Miami University an indefeasible title in and to the land here under investigation, under the power granted to said Helen M. Bishop by the last will and testament of Eliza A. Bishop above noted; and said deed is accordingly hereby approved.

I have examined encumbrance estimate No. 6002, submitted as a part of the files in this matter and find that the same has been properly executed, and that there are sufficient balances in the proper appropriation account to pay the purchase price of this property. Inasmuch as this appropriation was out of land rents accruing to Miami University, no action of the controlling board with respect to the purchase price of this property was necessary.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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1150.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT FOR THE ELIMINATION OF GRADE CROSSING  
OVER HOCKING VALLEY RAILROAD, NEAR CARROLL, FAIRFIELD  
COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 5, 1929.

HON. ROBERT N. WAID, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 28, 1929, enclosing contract providing for the elimination of the grade crossing over the tracks of the Hocking Valley Railway Company just north of the village of Carroll in Fairfield County, Ohio, on state (intercounty) Highway No. 49, in which you propose to enter into a contract with the Hocking Valley Railway Company in reference to said grade crossing elimination.

I have carefully examined the agreement and find it correct in form, and hereby approve the same.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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1151.

APPROVAL, TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SALE OF LAND OF  
NORTH FORK FEEDER OF OHIO CANAL IN THE CITY OF NEWARK,  
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 5, 1929.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication submitting for my examination and approval a transcript in duplicate of your official pro-

ceedings as Superintendent of Public Works relating to the proposed sale to John W. Griffith and Charlotte E. Griffith of Newark, Ohio, of a parcel of land which was formerly a part of the north fork feeder of the Ohio Canal in the city of Newark, Licking County, Ohio.

The parcel of land above referred to is more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at the southerly line of the lands of the grantees herein, said southerly line intersecting the transit line of the W. C. Row survey of said feeder property at or near Station 46-80 and running thence northerly with the lines of said feeder canal property, twelve hundred (1200) feet, more or less, to its intersection with the North Fork of Licking River, and containing one and sixty-five hundredths (1.65) acres, more or less. Reference being hereby made to Page 1-A, Volume No. 8, of the Records of the W. C. Row survey of said feeder property."

An examination of the transcript of your proceedings relating to the sale of the above described parcel of land shows that the proceedings had by you relating to this matter are in conformity with the provisions of Sections 13971 and 14203-31 of the General Code relating to the sale of the abandoned canal lands here in question, and that the findings made by you are such as to bring your authority to sell this parcel of land within the authority of said statutes.

The proceedings relating to the sale of this property are therefore approved as to the legality of the same, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon said transcript and the duplicate copy thereof.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

1152.

APPROVAL, CERTIFICATE OF TITLE TO LAND OF W. W. SHINKLE IN  
THE VILLAGE OF POINT PLEASANT, CLERMONT COUNTY, FOR  
U. S. GRANT MEMORIAL PARK.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 5, 1929.

HON. ALLEN B. NICHOLS, *Chairman, U. S. Grant Memorial Centenary Commission,  
Batavia, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination and approval a certificate of title certified by the law firm of Nichols, Speidel & Nichols of Batavia, Ohio, warranty deed and encumbrance estimate relating to a parcel of land in the village of Point Pleasant, Clermont County, Ohio, which parcel of land is to be purchased and used as an extension to the U. S. Grant Memorial Park, and is more particularly described as being the southeast one-half of lots numbers twenty (20) and thirteen (13) as known and designated on the recorded plat and plan of the village of Point Pleasant.

From an examination of the certificate of title presented, I find that W. W. Shinkle, the present record owner of said above described property has a good merchantable title to the same, subject only to the taxes for the year 1929, and to the contingent claim against this and a large amount of other property purchased by said W. W. Shinkle from the heirs of one John Winspear.