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Attorney At Law
Mills Building
San Francisco

June 3, 1922

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Yours very truly,

(Signed) Arthur H. Redington.

ARTHUR H. REDINGTON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MILLS BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO

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Yours very truly,
Arthur H. Redington

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Exhibit 2

June 7, 1922.

Mr. C. H. Redington,
Attorney at Law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 3d instant. Replying thereto will say that the corporate name of this institution is "Oregon State Agricultural College". The governing body is the "Board of Regents of the Oregon State Agricultural College." It is my understanding that a bequest of this kind should be made to the governing body, to be administered as may be directed in the will in behalf of the institution.

If additional information may be desired, we shall be very glad to have you write us.

Very truly yours,

President.

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Miss Dickey and Mrs. McDonald Matter.
Attached are all the papers and records
regarding the prospective benefaction to
the college by Mrs. McDonald. The matter
is totally unknown to anyone outside of
this office except two or three of the
deans and Mr. Weatherford of the Board
of Regents.

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Mr Donald
Dickey

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August 4, 1922.

My dear Miss Dickey:

Since our conversation on Wednesday, it has occurred to me that it may be pleasant and convenient for you to peruse the Junior Annual while you are on the train traveling southward. I am, therefore, leaving this copy for you at Snell Hall. Other publications are being forwarded to the San Francisco address. I am giving you at this time, also, the following pertinent information regarding this institution:

1. Student enrollment 1921-22:

a. Total enrollment-

(1) Regular long term courses (9 months)	3914
(2) Summer session (1921) and short courses	1597
Total	5511

b. Classification of regular long course enrollment-

(1) By major courses-

Agriculture, School of	856
Engineering, School of	800
Commerce, School of	935
Home Economics, School of	573
Forestry, School of	120
Mines, School of	83
Pharmacy, School of	203
Vocational Education	98
Chemical Engineering, Dept. of	81
Music Only	81
Optional	76
Military Science and Tactics	8

3,914

(2) By Classes-

Graduate students	32
Seniors	424
Juniors	720
Sophomores	778
Freshmen	1,122
Special	321
Rehabilitation men and special vocational	360
Optional	76
Music Only	81

3,914

c. Average ages of undergraduates-

Collegiate - - - - -	21.5
Regular vocational - - - - -	21.08
Rehabilitation students - - - - -	27.73
Members of graduating class - - - - -	24.25

d. Geographical distribution of students in regular long courses-

All Oregon counties - - - - -	2,845
42 other states - - - - -	1,015
18 Foreign countries - - - - -	54
	<u>3,914</u>

The states with the largest representations are: Washington, 379; California, 335; Idaho, 108; Montana, 38; Phillipine Islands, 15; Illinois, 17; etc.

e. College and University transfers-

Of applications for transfer from other institutions for the year 1921-22, 263 have been accepted from 75 different institutions in 24 different states and territories and 5 foreign countries. Among the institutions represented in these transfers are the following: University of California, 29; University of Oregon, 28; Oregon Normal School, 19; University of Washington, 38; Washington State College, 13; University of Montana, 10; while one to six transfers came from each of these institutions: Leland Stanford University; Whitman College; University of Missouri; University of Minnesota; University of Idaho; Purdue University; Iowa State College; Kansas Agricultural College; Pennsylvania State College.

2. Value of institutional plant-

Buildings - - - - -	\$1,884,662.34
Land - - - - -	553,132.50
Equipment - - - - -	506,071.98
Livestock - - - - -	57,780.00
Library books, periodicals, etc. - - - - -	143,121.79
	<u>\$3,144,768.61</u>

3. Inspection of Oregon Agricultural College by United States Bureau of Education-

In April, 1922, Dr. George F. Cook, Specialist in Higher Education of the United States Bureau of Education, made an official inspection of the colleges and universities in the State of Oregon. The following are brief excerpts from Dr. Cook's official report dated April 6, 1922:

"In conducting the inspection, the Specialist in Higher Education, as upon previous occasions, visited the institutions; examined the records; inspected the material equipment including buildings, grounds, laboratories and libraries; held conferences with college officers and teachers; visited classes, and in short did those things which seemed to yield a fairly adequate picture of the educational efficiency and standards of each institution. After a careful review of the situation at each institution, it has been judged that the following institutions should be regarded as standard:

University of Oregon
Oregon Agricultural College . . .
etc.

"Recently the Bureau of Education completed for the year 1920-21 a statistical study of the residence of students above high school grade in all types of higher institutions.....it was found that there were 7020 residents of Oregon who were attending colleges and universities last year, which is one student for every 112 people in the state, a proportion of students to population which is higher than any other state in the Union. It should be a source of pride and gratification to the people of the State of Oregon that its young men and young women so keenly appreciate the value of higher education. Oregon is followed by Iowa, Utah, Kansas, Nebraska, Washington, Nevada, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, and Montana, all of which are states west of the Mississippi river.

"The state.....is taking care of a high percentage of these students in its own colleges and universities. Only one state, California, exceeds Oregon in this respect. California cares for 89.9 percent of its students; and Oregon 85.3 percent. The average for the states of the Union is 74.3 percent."

"In this period of economic depression it is natural and very proper that the people of a state should insist that their higher institutions use the funds appropriated to them economically. As a result of a three day visit at each of the state institutions during which time I held many conferences with officials at the respective institutions and examined buildings and official records, I concluded that both the University and the Agricultural College were serving the people of the state satisfactorily, not only as to the standard of work attempted but in as economic a way as can be expected."

".....by common consent they are generally recognized as fulfilling each requirement of a standard college."

4. There is a marked atmosphere of democracy prevailing on the campus, both among student body and among the College staff, and it is generally conceded that one of the reasons why O.A.C. has had such remarkable growth is that here everyone is given a chance and a square deal regardless of family connections or the size of the pocketbook. Student self-government has prevailed with success for ten years. Through a student body fee of \$15 a year every student enjoys the following privileges: free service from the Health Service, which comprises the full time of two resident physicians and four resident nurses, a consultation and office building on the campus, and a hospital building with eighteen beds; admission to all athletic events on the campus; an annual subscription to the Barometer, the twice-a-week newspaper issued by the students; admission to all forensic and musical exhibitions given on the campus by student-body organizations; admission to all entertainments of the Lyceum Course, which includes lecturers and musicians of first quality.

The College Glee Club, the Madrigal Club, the College Orchestra, and the Mandolin and Guitar Club, as well as the Military Band, are instructed and directed by members of the faculty of the School of Music without cost to the students participating. This arrangement has the effect of developing musical talent among the students generally, regardless of their ability to pay for instruction. A considerable number of the students trained in the School of Music have attained distinction as musicians.

In oratory and debate the students of the College have competed for years with the leading colleges and universities of the Pacific Slope, and have participated also in some inter-sectional debates. For the past four years the total decisions of judges in favor of O.A.C. have been in the ratio of three to two as compared with their opponents. During the year just ended in forensic contests with such institutions as the University of Oregon, Reed College, University of Washington, University of California, Washington State College, Occidental College, Pennsylvania State College, the total of all votes of the judges for O.A.C. was 20 as compared with 13 for her competitors.

Very respectfully yours,

Miss M. Ruth Dickey,
510 North Mentor Avenue,
Pasadena, California.

August 2, 1922.

On this date the writer had a conference with Miss M. Ruth Dickey, whose address is 510 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena. Miss Dickey is at the College this week in attendance at the convention of the National Home Economics Association. She is a teacher of Home Economics.

Miss Dickey is a close friend of a Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald whose business address (her lawyers' is 591 Mills Building, San Francisco. Mrs. McDonald is an elderly lady near eighty years of age, still rather active in business but "failing fast". She is "extremely wealthy", as reported by Miss Dickey. In fact, she, Miss Dickey, is doubtful if Mrs. McDonald knows just how wealthy she is. Part of her wealth is in Oregon properties, timber lands, etc. Miss Dickey estimates that the McDonald Oregon interests would go into hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars. Her California interests are very extensive. She owns large homes in several California cities, including San Francisco, Santa Barbara, "but does not live in any of them because she is too lonesome. She rather lives in a hotel."

Mrs. McDonald's husband died two or three years ago. He was the man who invented the glass insulators for telephone and power wires. The McDonalds are old San Francisco people. He had a fortune in his own name, and Mrs. McDonald had a fortune in her own name. The McDonalds have no children; Mrs. McDonald has no blood heirs; she is the last of her family. Mr. McDonald has several relatives, and very likely much of his fortune will go to them.

Part of Miss Dickey's mission here this week was to pass judgment on the College as a possible beneficiary for some of Mrs. McDonald's money. In fact, it appears that Mrs. McDonald has already decided, at least subject to Miss Dickey's report, that she will make the College the beneficiary of at least all of her Oregon interests. Miss Dickey is to advise her next week whether in Miss Dickey's judgment it would be better to put "any strings" on the gift or whether it should be left to the judgment of the Board of Regents. Mrs. McDonald has never been to O.A.C. She has become interested, however, from readings and reports of what she considers the splendid service O.A.C. is rendering to its constituency, and thinks it would be fair and right that the College in its good work should be recognized by her in the distribution of her wealth. It was not Miss Dickey's idea in the first place that she would even disclose the name of Mrs. McDonald, but felt that she could do so within the confidences of the executive office.

Mrs. McDonald is a very quiet, plain, retiring woman, very much against publicity or public recognitions. In fact, is so against public worries and troubles and all that recently she refused to go into court to save herself \$25,000, rather relinquishing the \$25,000 than to appear in court for even ten minutes, or some short period.

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Mrs. McDonald is not very well pleased with conditions generally at the University of California. She has extensive farms interests, having several large farms in various parts of California, and is above all interested in the great work of developing the agricultural industry of the country, more especially the Pacific coast. Mrs. McDonald believes that upon Washington, Oregon, and California will more and more devolve the responsibility of leadership in some lines of agriculture. She thinks Oregon will be the hope of the country for the retention and promotion of the live-stock industry.

Judging from what Miss Dickey said, Mrs. McDonald has in mind at this time these two questions:

1. Shall the money be left without any conditions, except a preference that it be used primarily for the promotion of the agricultural part of the work of the College? or
2. Shall she provide in her will that the money can be used only for certain particular things in connection with the promotion of agriculture in this state?

Mrs. McDonald had asked Miss Dickey to find out what the College was doing in research along agricultural lines; what the College was doing for the training of men in the field of agriculture, etc.. In order to have Miss Dickey fully informed and correctly influenced on this matter, the writer called in Dean Cordley and Director Jardine, and the four of us were in session for perhaps one and one-half hours, then the writer was in conference with Miss Dickey for perhaps an additional one and one-half hours. Without attempting to enumerate methods of procedure or suggestions to Miss Dickey, the following, I gathered, will be her recommendations to Mrs. McDonald:

1. That O.A.C. is all and more than she estimates.
2. That it is a large institution in a state comparatively small in population and wealth.
3. That any confidence which Mrs. McDonald reposes in O.A.C. will be fully justified.
4. That she will suggest to Mrs. McDonald that any benefaction be given to the College subject to the disposition of the Board of Regents, with the expressed wish, however, that first consideration in the use of the money be for the betterment of the agricultural phase of the work of the institution.

Miss Dickey stated that Mrs. McDonald is very much interested in hospitals, and has much money in hospital investments. Upon learning of the hospital facilities and conditions at the College, she gave me to understand that, opportunity permitting, she will suggest to Mrs. McDonald that at least \$100,000 be stipulated

for the construction of a suitable hospital to serve all students of the institution, whether men or women and regardless of course in which registered, Agriculture, Mining, etc.

Miss Dickey leaves the College on Friday and will be with Mrs. McDonald Sunday evening and for a week following. We have so parently so successfully succeeded in "selling" O.A.C. to Miss Dickey that I think we may rest assured of her favorable report to Mrs. McDonald. Mrs. McDonald assisted Miss Dickey in securing her education. Miss Dickey would have selected O.A.C., except she felt under the circumstances that, since she must work for her own living, a degree from Columbia University to many people would mean more than O.A.C., therefore she selected and attended Columbia University.

Miss Dickey is a woman, I should judge, 35 to 40 years of age; very much interested in the fundamentals of life, particularly the fundamental industries such as agriculture. She is frank and open in her criticism of the policy of the University of California in failing to respond to the wonderful opportunities in that state, and states that her opinion is merely representative of the majority of people having to do with agricultural or rural life in California, and further that the University is losing, and will lose, many large gifts and opportunities for service through their failure to sense their great opportunity in the development of a strong and efficient department of Agriculture, and indicates that only one of the losses which the University of California will suffer is the loss of the gift which Mrs. McDonald proposes for O.A.C.

W.A.J.

August 17, 1922

My dear Mr. Weatherford:

The Mrs. McDonald of San Francisco, about whom I talked with you last week, is Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald. The address of her lawyer was given me, which is 591 Mills Building, San Francisco.

Very respectfully,

Mr. J. K. Weatherford,
Albany, Oregon.

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December 20, 1923.

My dear Mr. Weatherford:

Last night's paper announced your departure for San Francisco and other California points. I learn from your son, Railto, that you may stop at the St. Francis Hotel. Noting that you are to be in San Francisco, it occurred to me that you might care to make an opportunity to meet Attorney Arthur H. Redington, Mills Building, San Francisco, who, on June 3, 1922 wrote the following letter of inquiry.

"A client of mine is contemplating making a bequest, by way of will, to your institution and I am writing to inquire as to the full and correct corporate name, and also whether, in a case of this kind, the bequest should be made to the governing body of the institution, and if so, its proper name or designation."

Upon receipt of the above letter, President Kerr talked with you over the telephone and Mr. Redington was advised as follows:

"I am in receipt of your favor of the 3d instant. Replying thereto will say that the corporate name of this institution is "Oregon State Agricultural College". The governing body is the "Board of Regents of the Oregon State Agricultural College." It is my understanding that a bequest of this kind should be made to the governing body, to be administered as may be directed in the will in behalf of the institution.

"If additional information may be desired, we shall be very glad to have you write us."

You may recall, also, that in August, 1922, a representative of Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald called at the office advising that she had been requested by Mrs. McDonald to investigate certain conditions at the College as Mrs. McDonald was contemplating providing in her will that the College be made the beneficiary of part of her estate. Mrs. McDonald was reported to be an elderly lady, very wealthy. She is perhaps near eighty years of age. It developed that Mr. Redington was her attorney.

I have talked with President Kerr this morning in regard to the matter and he thinks it would not be presumptuous, in view of the above quoted correspondence, for you to call on Mr. Redington. This letter is intended merely as a suggestion of a matter you may wish to know about while you are in San Francisco.

Very respectfully yours,

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December 11, 1924.

My dear Miss Dickey:

Under separate cover I am sending you two College bulletins:

1. A Liberal and Practical Education
2. The College Girl at O. A. C.

It occurs to me that these may interest you. Also under separate cover, I am sending copy of the 1924-25 catalogue. I do not believe that a copy of the current catalogue has been sent to you.

Our President, Dr. Kerr, is planning a trip to Southern California next week. He expects to spend a week or two in that part of California primarily for the benefit of his health.

I am just wondering if you would care to see him in reference to the subject of our conference in August, 1925. If so and you would telegraph me, I shall communicate with him to the end of having him arrange a conference with you.

Very respectfully yours,

Miss M. Ruth Dickey,
510 N. Mentor Avenue,
Pasadena, California.

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January 8, 1926.

Mr. Arthur H. Redington,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Redington:

While in New York last November, I received from Mr. Adelsperger, of Marshfield, Oregon, a suggestion that upon my return I call at your office in San Francisco, and probably arrange also to see Mrs. McDonald. I found it impossible to return West by way of California. I expect to visit California sometime between January 14 and 25. I shall spend at least a day or two in San Francisco, and if agreeable to you shall be glad to see you at that time, and, with her permission, shall be pleased also to call on Mrs. McDonald. Will you kindly advise me what date will be most convenient for you, and if there may be opportunity to see Mrs. McDonald, either in San Francisco or Los Angeles. As soon as I may hear from you I shall arrange accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

President.

A. E. ADELSPERGER
MARSHFIELD, OREGON

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Exhibit 5 X

Nov. 6, 1926

Ore. Agricul. College
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Office of President

McDonald
Mr. W. J. Kerr, President
Oregon Agricultural College
Corvallis, Oregon

My dear Mr. Kerr:

Mary J. L. McDonald, a very fine old lady in California, is the owner of a section of timber land described as Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 4 East, in Josephine County.

The Section is situated in an area of Forest Reserve lands and what timber is on it is useful,, principally from a reforestration standpoint. In other words, there is no operation near it and it would probably be a good many years before it would be good for anything, although it could probably be sold now for something from a speculative standpoint.

Mrs. McDonald is a very philanthropical old lady and is very much in love with forestry and agriculture and has done considerable in the way of endowing chairs in the University of Berkeley and the University of Southern California. She is interested in agricultural lands largely in California and Southern Oregon.

She has had some very flattering returns on some timber investments that she has made in Oregon. The writer has looked after her Oregon property for a good many years and on one of her trips three or four years ago, she expressed the thought that when she passed on, inasmuch as she has no near relatives and inasmuch as she has had such splendid returns on her Oregon investments and in view of the fact that she is so much in love with the forest of Oregon, that she might possibly do something for one of the Colleges in Oregon that would be helpful to the students who attend there and to the State at large.

She is very quiet about these things, a woman that seeks no notariety at all so that nothing was said about it and nothing was done.

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A. E. ADELSPERGER
MARSHFIELD, OREGON

Mr. W. J. Kerr, President2

Her San Francisco attorney was in my office for the last couple of days and he said that when he left her in San Francisco she had remarked that if the Section that she has in Josephine County would be useful to the Forestry Department or the Agricultural Department either from a soil or timber standpoint, that she might give it to them at this time.

I told him that I was not quite up on the Forestry end of the Oregon Agricultural College but that I would take the matter up with you.

The Section is valued on the tax roll at \$8,000.00 and I told him that while it is so far removed from the actual field of study that the Oregon Agricultural College students follow, still that it might be useful to the institution if they wanted to hold it for sometime as it would probably eventually become of some considerable value and it would be my opinion that the institution would not be required to pay any taxes on it. I may be wrong about that.

I told him that I might write up to you and if the Institution could use it or keep it for a while or if they wanted to sell it and use the funds for the benefit of the Institution, that I would let him know. He is quite sure that Mrs. McDonald would give it to them without any strings on it. They could do as they pleased. He said she would wish, of course, that they would use the funds either in some experiment or on reforestation or some experiment on soil. Those things seem to be her hobby, soil particularly. I told him I would write you, consequently the letter.

Naturally, as I stated, this land is located surrounded by Forest Reserve lands. It is in the pine area although my impression is that there is not very much pine on this Section. It is East of Medford towards Crater Lake.

I know trades are made with the Forestry Department whereby they can acquire lands for reforestation or that have timber on them and do in turn give lands for the same that are more available for present operations. That would be in case that the Agricultural College wished to make a sale and secure the money. And it would be my opinion that

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MARSHFIELD, OREGON

Mr. W. J. Kerr, President3

the Institution, by reason of its prominence, would be in position to make a much more desirable trade with the Forestry Department than perhaps any other individual could do. So if you will express to me whether your institution could use this in any way as she has suggested, I will follow the matter up further and I rather think that Mrs. McDonald would present you with a deed to it.

Even though the Section is not of any great value it must have some valuation or it wouldn't be assessed for \$8,000.00 and I am sure the Institution would realize something out of it in time that might help them in some experiment as she suggested.

Awaiting your reply and assuring you of my personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. E. Adelsperger

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OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

W. J. KERR, D.Sc., LL.D., PRESIDENT

SCHOOL OF FORESTRY

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CORVALLIS, OREGON

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November 9, 1926

The President
Oregon State Agricultural College

Dear Sir:

Your recent statement that there is a possibility that the School of Forestry may secure for its use, Sec. 16, T. 33 S., R. 4 E., ^{in Southern Oregon,} is of decided interest to me. The time is rapidly approaching when Oregon must grapple with its forestry problem and solve it, or take the consequences of deforestation in the shape of millions of acres of unproductive forest land. ^{as you know,}

Oregon is the foremost timber state in the Union. It has twenty per cent of the remaining standing timber in this country. It has over 20,000,000 acres of land good for nothing else except to grow trees. The future economic and social welfare of the State demand that this land be kept producing timber crops.

We know but little about the practice of forestry in this country. As with agriculture, forestry has a broad field for investigative work.

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We must know our forest soils. We must know what trees to grow under the varying conditions of site. We must know how these trees should be managed during the period of growth. We should be able to state definitely the kind of timber which should be put to different commercial uses. These are only a few of the outstanding problems which demand painstaking investigation in their solution. Consequently, any suggestion which indicates even the remotest possibility of securing funds to begin experimental work in forestry, is of great interest to me.

Resulting
(You will recall that) the students, alumni and faculty *of the School of Forestry* contributed a sum of money which made possible the purchase of eleven acres of land, on which experimental tree planting was started. Afterwards the College provided an eighty acre tract of land for arboretum purposes. On this land we have planted forty or more different species of timber trees.

It is our plan to try out every species of timber tree, not only native but exotic as well, which gives any promise of success in this region. To create natural forest conditions, a space of at least two acres should be given to each species. In the United States we have more than two hundred different trees which reach timber size. We may figure on an equal number

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of exotic species. I am stating this so that you may understand something of the scope of this single project.

The students of the School of Forestry have been very generous in contributing time and money to experimental tree planting work. We should, however, have funds adequate in amount to prosecute all of the investigative work indicated above, in a manner commensurate with the magnitude of the forest interests of the State. When one considers that the last great stand of virgin timber is in the Northwest, and when one knows the speed with which this timber is being removed, it is easy to understand that the forestry problem of Oregon is an urgent one. *Insert B.*

Substitute C

The tract of land in southern Oregon is too remote from the College to be of use to the School of Forestry for experimental work. If it should be conveyed to the College it should be sold and its proceeds devoted to our investigative work here.

Yours very sincerely,

Bill Peary
Dean, School of Forestry

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November 17, 1926.

Mr. A. E. Adelsperger,
Marshfield, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 6 to President Kerr is received in the President's absence in the east. President Kerr is in Washington, D.C., attending the convention of Association of American Colleges and Universities.

President Kerr will be very much interested in the subject of your letter. In his forthcoming report to the 1927 State Legislature, he will emphasize the urgency of the College having more land for its forestry arboretum. The proposed benefaction of your client, Mrs. McDonald, opens up a prospect for initiating certain investigations in forestry that will be of profound significance to the future of Oregon and the prosperity of her people. Your announcement, therefore, that there is a possibility that the Oregon State Agricultural College may secure for its use, as a gift from Mrs. McDonald, a certain section of land in Southern Oregon is of very great interest. As a benefaction to the School of Forestry in particular it would come to a division of the institution admirably prepared to render constructive service to the State and Pacific Coast, but handicapped at present for lack of land and for even moderate means for the prosecution of experimental and demonstrational work in the field of forestry. The time is rapidly approaching when Oregon must grapple with its forestry problem and solve it, or take the consequence of deforestation in the shape of millions of acres of unproductive forest lands.

Oregon, as you know, is the foremost timber state in the Union. It has twenty per cent of the remaining standing timber in this country. It has more than 20,000,000 acres of land good for nothing else except to grow trees. The future economic and social welfare of the State demands that this land be kept producing timber crops.

We know but little about the practice of forestry in this country. As with agriculture, forestry has a broad field for investigative work. We must know our forest soils. We must know what trees to grow under varying conditions of site. We must know how these trees should be managed during the period of growth. We should be able to state definitely the kind of timber which should be put to different commercial uses. These are only a few of the outstanding problems which demand painstaking investigation in their solution. Consequently, any suggestion which indicates even the remotest possibility of securing funds to foster experimental work in forestry is of great interest to us.

Mr. Adelsperger -2-

The School of Forestry has excellent facilities for instruction in forestry through the Forestry Building on the campus, erected in 1917 and valued at \$100,000, an adequate staff of technically trained and efficient instructors, and other resources in the way of laboratories, equipment, and cooperative help from the other divisions of the College, but it has had no funds to conduct investigations in forest problems except small and occasional donations. These have been made principally by students and alumni whose studies at the College have given them an insight into the vast possibilities for constructive service to Oregon through investigation and research.

Recently the students, alumni, and faculty of the School of Forestry contributed a sum of money which made possible the purchase of eleven acres of land, on which experimental tree planting was started. Afterwards the State provided a three hundred forty acre tract of land for arboretum purposes. On this land we have planted forty or more species of timber trees.

It is our plan to try out every species of timber trees, not only native but exotic as well, which gives any promise of success in this region. To create natural forest conditions, a space of at least two acres should be given to each species. In the United States we have more than two hundred different trees which reach timber size. We may figure on an equal number of exotic species. I am stating these things to indicate something of the scope of this single project.

Although students and alumni of the School of Forestry have thus been very generous in contributing time and money to experimental tree-planting work, we should have funds adequate in amount to prosecute all of the investigative work indicated above, in a manner commensurate with the magnitude of the forest interests of the State. When one considers that the last great stand of virgin timber is in the Northwest, and when one knows the speed with which this timber is being removed, it is easy to understand that the forestry problem of Oregon is an urgent one.

In the interest of a wider first-hand knowledge of the forestry problems and methods of Europe, especially as applicable to our Oregon problem, Dean H. W. Peavy, head of the School of Forestry, was sent to Europe last spring as the representative of the College and Oregon State Board of Forestry at the International Forestry Congress held at Rome, and spent the entire summer in studying the reforestation and forest management work of the principal European countries. Dean Peavy is the author of many bulletins and articles on the forest problems of the Northwest, one of which, "Oregon's Commercial Forests", issued by the State Board of Forestry, I am mailing you under separate cover.

Mr. Adelsperger -3-

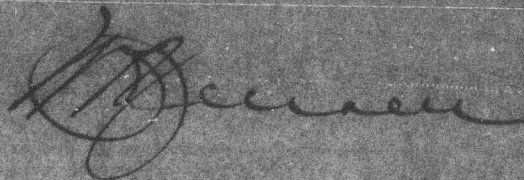
The College would be sincerely interested in securing the tract of timber land which you mention. We would propose making a thorough investigation as to its possibilities for the greatest use to the people of the State. Dean Peavy of our School of Forestry is inclined to believe that on account of the distance this tract is from the College campus, it would be desirable and practicable to secure an exchange with the United States Forest Service for a tract more readily accessible, or to sell the Southern Oregon tract and add to the present acreage of our forestry arboretum. For years our forestry specialists have urged the importance of an adequate area of land for the conduct of experimental and demonstrational work in forestry problems. Our present tract of three hundred forty acres is entirely inadequate for the requirements of experimental forest tree planting and for the establishment of demonstration forests.

We should have a tract of forest land on which practical forest operations could be carried out on a scale sufficiently large to insure definite results. We have in mind an area six thousand acres in extent. A tract of this size would permit the planting, tending and harvesting of crops of all of Oregon's timber trees. It would permit us to determine how thick to plant, how much to thin out and when, how long to hold the trees before cutting and the possible yields of material under varying conditions of forestry practice. It requires about sixty years to grow a tree of timber size. To carry out work of this character for this length of time will require large areas of land. The land, however, can be cheap land, unsuited to any except tree-growing purposes.

President Kerr will return from the east via California. I am wondering if you might care to arrange for President Kerr to have personal conference with Mrs. McDonald while he is in that State. The President will be in California some time between the first and tenth of December.

Very respectfully,

WAZ:W



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November 19, 1926.

McDonald
Mr. Henry F. Chaney,
Yeon Building,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Henry:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I just received from the Oregon Agricultural College.

Mary J. L. McDonald, a client of ours, is going to convey to the State of Oregon a tract of pine land that has very little timber. It is so situated in the Forest Reserve that the College will be able to trade it to the Forest Department for lands closer to the institution where the students will be able to make some use of it in their forestry study.

The thought came to me that you hold, as trustee for yourself, Nichols, Young Whitney, and myself, these Hayes claims up on Lambs Creek. They are valueless to us, but they would be desirable to trade to the Government, and there is really a very good stand of reforestation started on it, as the timber has been removed. In fact, I guess it is one of the best stands in Oregon, and the Forestry Department is quite anxious for it.

From a money standpoint it is not worth much, and I do not suppose it is even worth much for taxes, but as far as I am concerned, what little interest I have in it, I would be willing to turn over to the Forestry Department, and I thought you might feel the same way about it.

If it were turned over to the Oregon Agricultural College, they could take that, together with Mrs. McDonald's holdings, and they might start a trade that would be of some considerable value to the College, and it would be something worth while to do.

I suggest this to you as a thought, and very much hope, of course, that you see your way to do something like that. We formerly felt that it was worth something from a mineral standpoint, but it is hard to tell. I would not consider it of very much value.

If you and the rest of the fellows would be agreeable to that, take it up with President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College.

✓ If I owned this section alone, I would do this myself.

Yours very truly,

A. E. ADELSPERGER.

Nov. 19, 1926

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Yoon Building
Portland, Oregon

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Mr. Henry S. Chaney2

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A. E. ADELSPERGER
MARSHFIELD, OREGON

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Exhibit 7

Nov. 19, 1926

Oregon Agricultural College
Corvallis, Oregon

Attention of Mr. W. A. Jensen

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 17. Mrs. McDonald spends part of her time in San Francisco and part of her time in Los Angeles so that I could hardly make a definite arrangement for President Kerr to meet her, but I would like to have him call at Mrs. McDonald's office. Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald, 501 Mills Building. He may of course, be unable to meet her there because she is a very busy lady but, on the other hand, her attorney, who looks after all of her affairs for her is Arthur H. Redington. His office is on the sixth floor of the Mills Building, I believe 642, but he will be able to find it.

I was very much interested in your reply and I should think it would be mighty easy for the School Department to get an area of land from the Forestry Department if they could persuade some of the lumbermen to turn over to them some different sections of land that the Forest Reserve want, to bring up some of their holdings in outside localities.

Some of my associates have a section or two of that sort of property that the Forest Reserve have offered to trade us. We have removed all the valuable timber but being the only descriptions inside their area they have tried to trade us out of it.

I am sending a copy of your letter to my Associates who own this land and if they would be willing to turn it over to you you might effect some trade for a thousand or two acres or something like that..

Of course, for the study of Forestry, I very much believe that you must have a good sized tract of land and lay it out for a definite period covering many

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A. E. ADELSPERGER
MARSHFIELD, OREGON

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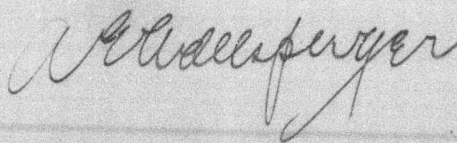
years, some seventy-five to a hundred years so that your operation could be continuous.

Now, as I say, you arrange for President Kerr to call on Mr. Redington by all means, by sending him copies of the correspondence that has passed between us and I have written Mr. Redington this morning that I have asked President Kerr to call at his office and to be sure and try and have him meet Mrs. McDonald.

Mrs. McDonald might have something else in her mind. She is rather modest about what she does and may not have conveyed to me as deep an interest in the State of Oregon as she really has.

I am enclosing copy of a letter that I have written to my Associate Mr. Chaney, regarding the cut over lands that we have and I very much hope that he will agree with me that that will be a desirable way to do something useful with this property because I honestly think you fellows could make a very effective trade with the Forestry Department.

Yours very truly,



AEA:A

McDonald

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Doris V. Rushing,
Secretary to Mrs. McDonald

Letter written on letter head of
Mr. Reddington, Mills Building,
San Francisco.

WAJ

Adelsperger

McDonald

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November 20, 1926.

My dear President Kerr:

The attached letter from Mr. Adelsperger is received in this morning's mail. You will note his deep interest in the matter under consideration, and his urge that you see Mr. Redington, and, if possible, Mrs. McDonald.

Please advise on leaving Chicago your routing, that we may communicate with you if necessary.

Sincerely,

Dr. W. J. Kerr,
La Salle Hotel,
Chicago, Illinois.

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OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
W. J. KERR, PRESIDENT
CORVALLIS, OREGON

W. A. JENSEN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 20, 1926.

My dear President Kerr:

The attached letter from Mr. Adelsperger is received in this morning's mail. You will note his deep interest in the matter under consideration, and his urge that you see Mr. Redington, and, if possible, Mrs. McDonald.

Please advise on leaving Chicago your routing, that we may communicate with you if necessary.

Sincerely,



Dr. W. J. Kerr,
La Salle Hotel,
Chicago, Illinois.

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H. F. CHANEY
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Mr. W. J. Kerr, Pres. O. A. C.
Corvallis, Ore.

Dear Sir:

*Adelsperger - Chaney
Forest Land*

*Copy to Dean Peavy
Conference with Dean
Peavy 12-10-26*

Mr. A. E. Adelsperger of Marshfield has suggested giving to the Agricultural College a section of cut-over lands which we own jointly with two or three others in Township 32 South, Range 12 West, Coos County, Oregon. This of course is useless for any experimental purposes for the students of Corvallis, but it occurs to us that as it is within the limits of the Siskiyou National Forest it might be traded by the State to the Government for lands within reach of Corvallis. Should the Agricultural College be interested in having this transferred we think it can be worked out.

Yours very truly,

H. F. Chaney

HFC:MH.

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November 30, 1926.

Mr. H. F. Chaney,
Pacific Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 26 is received in President Kerr's absence in the east. President Kerr will be, indeed, glad to have your letter expressing a willingness to present to the College your equity in a certain section of timberlands. President Kerr will write you personally upon his return to the office.

Respectfully,

WAJ:W

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December 8, 1926.

Mr. H. P. Chaney,
Pacific Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Chaney:

Returning from a trip East, I find on my desk your letter under date of November 26. We are very much in need of additional land for certain of our work in Forestry. I want to assure you of our sincere appreciation of your offer. I am referring your letter to Dean Peavy, of our School of Forestry, with the suggestion that he get in touch with you. It occurs to me entirely feasible to secure the exchange of the land you mention for a tract sufficiently near Corvallis to be of value.

Again assuring you of our appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

President.

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C O P Y

Exhibit 8

Dec. 16, 1926

A. E. Adelsperger
Marshfield, Oregon

Dear Mr. Adelsperger:

Mrs. McDonald is anxious, ready and willing to sign a deed, in appropriate form, conveying to the Oregon State Agricultural College at Corvallis her property in Jackson County. She wishes this deed to be outright with no strings or limitations and she has expressed to me the wish that the college be informed that they are to make any use of the property as they see fit to do. Her sole thought is that the gift may result in benefit to the college, perhaps by way of experimentation, but she has no suggestions to offer, and, as before stated, the gift is to be outright.

I prepared a form of warranty deed such as seems to be customary in conveyancing under the Oregon procedure but Mrs. McDonald, when I read same, demurred to the warranty clause, which is not customary in this state. She said she wished to give her right, title and interest to the college but with no possible comeback to her because of the warranty. I suggested that we had better ask Mr. Goss to prepare a good and sufficient document containing all the necessary legal requirements and she heartily agreed. Will you therefore, please, without delay, request Mr. Goss to send us down a deed of gift, if that be in order, and without the covenant of the warranty.

I am quite anxious to have this document signed, sealed and delivered before January 1st, because I wish to take advantage of same as a contribution to an educational institution, as premitted under the income tax law. It is therefore necessary that the transaction be closed and the deed recorded before January 1st.

I therefore suggest that you and Mr. Goss give this your immediate attention. I believe the legal designation of the College is "Oregon State Agricultural College, situate at Corvallis in the State of Oregon" but if I am in error you undoubtedly can set me right. The legal description of the property is:

All of Section Sixteen (16) in Township 33 South,
Range 4 East, Willamette Base and Meridian.

This will also acknowledge receipt of the check from the Western Lumber Manufacturing Company in the sum of \$1000.00 which reached my office in my absence and which I have turned over to Mrs. McDonald.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) Arthur H. Redington

AHR:W

A. E. ADELSPERGER
MARSHFIELD, OREGON

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Office of President

Dec. 20, 1926

Exhibit 9
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M. McDonald

Oregon Agricultural College
Corvallis, Oregon

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a letter from Arthur H. Redington, attorney for Mrs. McDonald, who considered giving the College the benefit of a section of land that she has in Josephine County and I have drawn a deed and sent it to Mrs. McDonald for her execution.

Having heard nothing further from you I did not know whether President Kerr had called on Mr. Redington or Mrs. McDonald or not and in the event that the College does not care to receive this deed I wish you would advise me.

Yours very truly,

A. E. Adelsperger

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Exhibit 10

December 23, 1926.

Mr. A. E. Adelsperger,
Marshfield, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Adelsperger:

I have before me your letter of December 20 and enclosed copy of letter you had received from Mr. Arthur H. Redington.

I was very much disappointed that I could not arrange while in the East to return by way of California. I am expecting that sometime in January I may make a trip to California, when I should be glad to have the privilege of seeing Mr. Redington and possibly Mrs. McDonald.

We very much appreciate the gift from Mrs. McDonald, and the interest taken in the matter by you and Mr. Redington.

It occurs to me that you may be planning a visit to Portland or Salem during the winter, and if so, I should appreciate it if you would advise me, that I might have opportunity of arranging to see you. We should be very glad, indeed, to have you visit the College. If this should not be practicable, I could meet you either in Portland or Salem, if I might be advised some days in advance.

Sincerely yours,

President.

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A. E. ADELSPERGER
MARSHFIELD, OREGON

Exhibit 11

Dec. 28, 1926

Mr. W. J. Kerr, President
Oregon Agricultural College
Corvallis, Oregon

My dear Mr. Kerr:

I have your good letter of December 23 and I wish that you had been able to call on Mrs. McDonald.

I think that Mrs. McDonald, with proper drawing out, might do something of considerable importance for the Oregon Agricultural College. I happen to know that she has endowed several chairs in California, Berkeley, Stanford and University of Southern California. She is very much interested in agriculture, soil and timber and she is a delightful person to meet and know.

I recently drew a deed and sent it down to her for her execution, which will arrive here by the first of the year.

One of my associates, Mr. Chaney, in a letter offered to the Agricultural College a section of land that we own. In that territory where we own this land there are four or five thousand acres of cut-over lands having been cut by the Coos Bay Lumber Company. It is within the limits of the Siskiyou Forest Reserve and the regrowth of timber on it is very substantial and is a very heavy stand. Reforestation conditions are ideal and my opinion is that the Forest Reserve wishes to acquire the entire unit.

It seems to me, of course, that it could be brought about whereby the Agricultural College could practically secure a gift of this land and effect a trade with the Forestry Service or the Department of the Interior for five or six thousand acres of O & C lands close to the college.

I am going to try and make it a point sometime before spring, to stop and have a visit with you and

A. E. ADELSPERGER
MARSHFIELD, OREGON

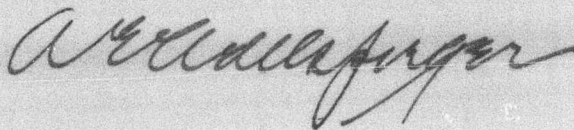
Mr. W. J. Kerr, President2

I might offer you some thought that would be of interest in the grouping of some land for the benefit of the Forestry Department of the institution. I am going up to Portland next week but I don't know just how my time will be so that I could let you know. In any event, if I can see an opportunity of spending an afternoon with you, or I might even stop on my way back, as I am driving back, I would very much like to have a visit with you.

Assuring you of my personal regards,

I am,

Yours very truly,



AEA:A

LAW OFFICES OF
GOSS & MURPHY
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
MARSHFIELD, OREGON

JOHN D. GOSS
HERBERT S. MURPHY
M. W. SKIPWORTH
J. BLAINE SELLECK

December 28, 1926.

Exhibit 12

Secretary of Board of Regents,
Oregon State Agricultural College,
Corvallis, Oregon.

Re- Gift from Mary J. L. McDonald

Dear Sir:

Inclosed please find a deed of a section of land in Jackson County, State of Oregon, from Mary J. L. McDonald a resident of San Francisco, California, to the Board of Regents of the Oregon State Agricultural College.

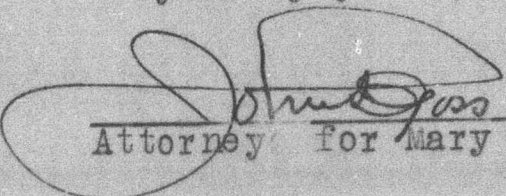
Mrs. McDonald is making this deed as an unrestricted gift by reason of her interest in education in general and in agricultural matters in particular.

Although a resident of California she has owned considerable property in Oregon from which she has received some income and profit and therefor makes this gift to your institution.

If the land is found adapted to any special use, to which your institution can devote it in the line of its experimental or other work, she would prefer that it be so used, but if in the judgment of the proper authorities the best thing to do is to sell the land and use the funds derived therefrom, they may feel at perfect liberty so to do.

Trusting that this gift may be accepted and may be found useful and that the spirit in which it is given may at any rate meet with appreciation, I remain,

Very truly yours,


Attorney for Mary J. L. McDonald

December 29, 1926.

Mr. A. E. Adlesperger,
Marshfield, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Adlesperger:

Your letter of December 28 comes to President Kerr in his absence from the campus. President Kerr will be very happy if you can stop at the College on the occasion of your visit to Portland. If you are driving, perhaps you could arrange to reach Corvallis in time for luncheon. President Kerr will be very happy to have you take luncheon with him, which would give an opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest without much loss of time on your part.

You will be interested in knowing that the morning's mail brings through Mr. Goss, the deed from Mrs. Mc Donald.

Very respectfully yours,

WAJ:MG

Executive Secretary.

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MARY J. L. McDONALD

The following data, regarding Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald of San Francisco, are taken principally from memoranda August 2, 1922, on information given by Miss Ruth Dickey, ward of Mrs. McDonald, and from 1926 correspondence with A. D. Adelsperger of Marshfield:

Residence-

Office her attorney, Arthur H. Redington, 591 Mills Building, San Francisco. Time spent principally between residence in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Has several large homes in State, but in recent years has lived principally at hotels.

Personal-

Her husband was the inventor of the glass insulators used on telegraph poles, etc. Mr. McDonald died some years ago, no heirs. Mrs. McDonald is last of her blood. There are relatives living of Mr. McDonald. Mrs. McDonald well above eighty years of age. Said to be woman of outstanding personality and ability; "very quiet, plain, retiring woman, much against publicity or public recognition", desires to be free of business cares, as illustrated by incident in which she accepted a judgment against her of \$25,000 rather than go to court.

Financial Standing-

Both Mr. and Mrs. McDonald "had fortunes in their own name". Very extensive holdings in California; extensive interests also in Oregon. Wealth would aggregate millions. Miss Dickey stated that the McDonald interests in Oregon would certainly go into the hundreds of thousands, if not into the millions.

Contemplated Disposition of Wealth-

Miss Dickey stated that Mrs. McDonald had given much money to hospitals and similar public welfare projects. Funds have been given to University of California and other educational institutions. Mrs. McDonald, however, was not satisfied with the University of California, particularly to the extent in which it functioned in serving its constituency. Particularly was she not satisfied with the University of California's leadership in the development of the State's resources, more especially agriculture and forestry. Mrs. McDonald had expressed the opinion that she considered the great hope of the West ~~to be~~ agriculture and forestry in the Pacific Northwest. She had been ~~more~~ favorably impressed with reports of O. A. C. and its work. She had expressed the opinion that O. A. C. was serving its constituency better than any institution of which she had knowledge. The thought was that O. A. C. should be encouraged and assisted, and she had in mind bequeathing in her will at least her Oregon property to O. A. C. Miss Dickey was sent here to investigate conditions and to report to Mrs. McDonald. At the conclusion of her visit, Miss Dickey told Mr. Jensen that her report to Mrs. McDonald would say

1. That O. A. C. is all and more than she estimates.
2. That it is a large institution in a state comparatively small in population and wealth.

3. That any confidence which Mrs. McDonald reposes in O.A.C. will be fully justified.
4. That she will suggest to Mrs. McDonald that any benefaction to the College be subject to the disposition of the Board of Regents, with no "strings" to it.
5. That if any wish be expressed in connection with any bequests it be to the effect that the money be used for the betterment of the agricultural (which included in her meaning forestry) work of the institution, whether instruction or research.
6. Mrs. McDonald, being much interested in hospitals and having extensive hospital investments, might be interested in suggesting or stipulating that some money, perhaps \$100,000, be for the construction of suitable hospital to serve all students of the College.

President Kerr's Conference with Mrs. McDonald-

The following quotations are from letters of A. E. Adelsperger, December, 1926:

"Mrs. McDonald spends part of her time in San Francisco and part of her time in Los Angeles, so I could hardly make a definite arrangement for President Kerr to meet her, but I would like to have him call at Mrs. McDonald's office * * * *He may, of course, be unable to meet her there because she is a very busy lady. * * * *

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Arthur H. Redington, Attorney, 591 Mills Building, San Francisco-

Our first contact with Mr. Redington was his letter of June 3, 1922, as follows:

"A client of mine is contemplating making a bequest by way of will to your institution, and I am writing to inquire as to the full and correct corporate name, and also whether in a case of this kind the bequest should be made to the governing body of the institution, and if so, its proper name and designation."

The second reference to Mr. Redington was by Miss Dickey personally in her visit to the College August, 1922.

The third development with Mr. Redington was in November 1925. When in San Francisco, I called at Mr. Redington's office, and presented my card to his secretary, who advised that Mr. Redington was in conference, but she was sure that he would wish to see me. She went to an inner office and Mr. Redington came out immediately to another conference office. We visited for at least an hour. He asked many questions about the College and about Oregon, and was much interested in O. A. C. athletics. He stated that his client had completed the will and that the College would be a beneficiary in the will. I told him nothing of Miss Dickey's visit to the College and of our knowledge of just who the client was. He did not volunteer any information as to the identity of his client, and I asked him no questions. Mr. Redington is a graduate of the University of California, a man, I should judge, fifty years of age, charming personality, very congenial and pleasant. He has been in Oregon a number of times, more particularly at Marshfield and Coos County.

WAJ.

*Copy
of original letter
see date in chronological
order.*

November 19, 1926.

Oregon Agricultural College,
Corvallis, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

ATTENTION OF MR. W. A. JENSEN

Replying to your letter of November 17. Mrs. McDonald spends part of her time in San Francisco and part of her time in Los Angeles, so that I could hardly make a definite arrangement for President Kerr to meet her, but I would like to have him call at Mrs. McDonald's office, -- Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald, 501 Mills Building. He may, of course, be unable to meet her there, because she is a very busy lady, but, on the other hand, her attorney who looks after all of her affairs for her is Arthur H. Redington. His office is on the sixth floor of the Mills Building, I believe 642, but he will be able to find it.

I was very much interested in your reply, and I should think it would be mighty easy for the School department to get an area of land from the Forestry Department if they could persuade some of the lumbermen to turn over to them some different sections of land that the Forest Reserve want, to bring up some of their holdings in outside localities.

Some of my associates have a section or two of that sort of property that the Forest Reserve have offered to trade us. We have removed all the valuable timber, but being the only descriptions inside their area, they have tried to trade us out of it.

I am sending a copy of your letter to my associates who own this land, and if they would be willing to turn it over to you you might effect some trade for a thousand or two acres, or something like that.

Of course, for the study of Forestry, I very much believe that you must have a good-sized tract of land and lay it out for a definite period covering many years, some seventy-five to a hundred years, so that your operation could be continuous.

Now, as I say, you arrange for President Kerr to call on Mr. Redington by all means, by sending him copies of the correspondence that has passed between us, and I have written Mr. Redington this morning that I have asked President Kerr to call at his office and to be sure and try and have him meet Mrs. McDonald.

Mrs. McDonald might have something else in her mind. She is rather modest about what she does, and may not have conveyed to me as deep an interest in the State of Oregon as she really has.

I am enclosing copy of a letter that I have written to my associate, Mr. Chaney, regarding the cut-over lands that we have, and I very much hope that he will agree with me that that will be a desirable way to do something useful with this property, because I honestly think you fellows could make a very effective trade with the Forestry Department.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. E. ADELSPERGER.

Adelsperger-Chaney

McDonald

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Exhibit 13

March 11, 1927.

Mr. E. M. Smith.

Business Office.

Dear Sir:

With this I am sending you deed from Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald to the Board of Regents of the Oregon State Agricultural College, covering all of Section 16, Township 33 South, of Range 4 East of the Willamette Base and Meridian in Jackson County, State of Oregon. This is a section of timberland, a gift to the College from Mrs. McDonald. Proper acknowledgment and record has been cared for from this office. The deed is forwarded to you, with the request that it be placed in safe keeping and is available as there may be occasion to use same. If any further official recording is required, will you kindly care for this.

Respectfully,

WAJ:W
Encl.



California trip, March, 1927.

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Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald -

Gift section timber land.
Spends time between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Upwards 80 years old.

Last of her "blood".

Miss Ruth Dickey's visit OAC summer, 1922.

Interested education -- gifts California, Stanford, etc.

Interested hospitals; given much money.

Greatest interest agriculture forestry and related industries.

Adelsperger says "by all means have Pres. Kerr see Mr. Redington and if possible Mrs. McDonald. He has written Redington "to be sure to try to have him meet Mrs. McDonald."

*Note: - saw Redington
Presday 4/5, '27.*

*He is to visit O.C. &
College - will advise
in advance
Mrs. McDonald very
much interested
Not wise to attempt
to see her personally
about gifts to College
She will be glad to
see me personally.*

March 14, 1927.

Dean G. W. Peavy

Oregon State College.

Dear Sir:

We are today sending to Mr. Smith of the Business Office, for file in the College vaults, the deed from Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald to the Board of Regents, covering Section 16, Township 33 South, of Range 4 East of the Willamette Base and Meridian in Jackson County, State of Oregon.

Respectfully,

WAJ:W

March 15, 1927.

My dear Mr. Redington:

You will recall the writer as having called on you in November, 1925. You will recall also correspondence passing between you and this office in regard to the gift to the College by your client, Mrs. McDonald, of a certain tract of timberland in Southern Oregon.

Some weeks ago President Kerr wrote you of his expectation of being in California and of his desire to meet you personally, expressing the hope also that he might have opportunity to personally meet Mrs. McDonald. Developments here during the legislative session, however, made it impracticable for the President to get away as contemplated. Yesterday, however, President Kerr started on a trip to the east, and will return via California, stopping at Los Angeles and at San Francisco. I would judge that he would be in California about April 1st, although it may be a few days earlier or a few days later. At that time President Kerr hopes to meet you personally, and he would appreciate also an opportunity of meeting Mrs. McDonald.

I am sending under separate cover copies of our biennial report just off the press, and also copies of a recently issued illustrated booklet.

Very truly yours,

WAJ:W
Enc. Sep.

Mr. Arthur H. Redington,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

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McDonald

March 15, 1927.

My dear Mr. Adelsperger:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter I have today sent to Arthur H. Redington at San Francisco. I am sending you copies of the two publications mentioned in my letter to Mr. Redington. I hope that it will be convenient for President Kerr to meet both Mr. Redington and Mrs. McDonald.

Very truly yours,

WAJ:W

Mr. A. E. Adelsperger,
Marshfield, Oregon.

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McDonald Land

December 26, 1929.

Mr. E. M. Smith,

Oregon State Agricultural College.

Dear Sir:

Herewith is letter from the secretary of Mrs. McDonald, returning a tax notice from Jackson County, covering the tract of timber land in that county recently presented to the College. I assume that the deed for this property is in your possession; that the deed has been recorded; and that the property is tax exempt. Will you give whatever attention may be necessary to the matter.

Respectfully,

WAJ:W

THE BUSINESS OFFICE
E. M. SMITH, MANAGER

OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
W. J. KERR, PRESIDENT
CORVALLIS

*Davis V. Rushing
Says to Mr. McDonald*

December 27, 1929

Ore. Agr. Coll. Corvallis
DEC 27 1929
Office of President

RE: MacDonald Land Taxes

Mr. W. A. Jensen
Executive Secretary
Oregon State Agricultural College

Dear Sir:

I was surprised to learn that Jackson County was any longer expecting taxes from the MacDonald land, after the title passed to the State.

This matter was taken up with the county at the time of the transfer, and, on February 25, 1929, we were notified by Alex Sparrow, county judge of Jackson County, that, acting under instructions from the district attorney, he had ordered the taxes for previous years on this land, cancelled.

We are writing Mr. Sparrow again, requesting an explanation in regard to this matter.

Yours very truly,

E. M. Smith
Manager of Business Office

EMS:MWC

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February 14, 1930.

Mr. E. M. Smith,

Oregon State Agricultural College.

Dear Sir:

In regard to the fire patrol tax on the McDonald tract of land in Jackson County, covered in your letter of February 12, I assume that there is no way of avoiding this charge. If there is no way, I suggest that you have the requisition made in the form that it ought to be in to cover the cost and that the charge be carried against College Miscellaneous. If you think well, you might write Mrs. McDonald's secretary advising of the facts in the matter. Her letter was sent you on December 26 in connection with a tax notice from Jackson County.

Respectfully,

WAJ:W

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JACKSON COUNTY COURT

MEDFORD, OREGON

February 7th, 1930

Mr. S. H. Rondeau,
Oregon State Agricultural College,
Corvallis, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of January 30, relative to delinquent taxes on S. 16 T 33 R. 4E will say that the matter of publishing a Court Order last year was overlooked.

The taxes have now been cancelled with the exception of Fire Patrol, which still remains a lien against the land in

amounts	1926	\$ 32.00
"	1927	12.80
"	1928	<u>25.60</u>

Total	\$ 70.40
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Yours very truly,

(Signed) Alex Sparrow

ALEX SPARROW,
County Judge.

NY/

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OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

W. J. KERR, PRESIDENT

CORVALLIS

Attach

THE BUSINESS OFFICE

E. M. SMITH, MANAGER

February 12, 1930

Taxes on
McDonald Land
Jackson County

Mr. W. A. Jensen
Executive Secretary
Oregon State Agricultural College
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Herewith is copy of letter just received from the county judge of Jackson County, Oregon regarding taxes on the McDonald tract of land.

It will be noted that the taxes proper have been cancelled, but that the assessment for fire patrol has not been paid.

Regarding the fire patrol assessment, the law provides that "every owner of timber land in the State of Oregon shall furnish or provide a sufficient fire patrol thereof during the season of the year when there is danger of forest fires, which patrol shall meet with the approval of the State Board of Forestry."

The law further provides that "in case any owner or owners shall fail or neglect to provide such fire patrol, then the State Forester shall provide the same at a cost not to exceed five cents per acre, and that any amount so paid, or contracted to be paid, by the State Forester shall be a lien upon the property, and shall be reported by the State Forester to the county court in the county in which such lands are situated."

The above extract is from Sections 8970 and 8971 of Oregon Laws. I presume under the provisions of this law the College will be compelled to pay this fire patrol assessment, as there seems to be no exceptions in this respect as to ownership.

Yours very truly,

E. M. Smith
Manager of Business Office

90 E. 1st St.
Corvallis, Ore.
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