

**RG 5081**  
**TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON**

**Minutes**

**December 1869**  
**to**  
**December 1908**

At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the seventh day of December A.D. 1869,

present  
Elihu Jefferson, President,  
William Herbert, Israel H. Fuls, John Mahony, John Jarvie, James G. Shaw, William H. Dobb, Wm. Couper, Ferdinand Leckler, and Peter B. Vandover,

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved,

On motion, Resolved, That the rent of the Farm now in the tenure of William R. Stroup, be changed from the share rent to a money rent, and that the rent be Eleven hundred dollars per annum, upon the usual terms and conditions, and that the acting committee offer the Farm to Mr Stroup at that price,  
Stroup  
Rent  
\$1100. <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

On motion of James G. Shaw, Resolved that the rent of the Farm and Lots now in the tenure of John C. Morrison, be raised from Fourteen hundred dollars to Two thousand dollars, Mr Dobb offered as an amendment to that resolution, that the sum of Sixteen hundred dollars, be substituted for the Two thousand dollars which was seconded, and the question being taken on the amendment, it was Carried, Whereupon,  
J.C. Morrison  
Rent  
\$1600.

On motion, The original resolution as amended was adopted,

On motion of James G. Shaw, Resolved that the sum of Eight hundred dollars, be the rent for the Farm, now occupied by Douglas McCoy, and William Herbert moved the following amendment, and that he have the privilege of taking the Farm at that price or to retain it under the share rent, which amendment was carried, and  
D. McCoy  
Rent

On motion the original resolution as amended was adopted,

On motion, the following resolution was passed, Resolved, That the rent of the Farm now in the tenure of Alexander Biggs be changed from Eight hundred dollars to Nine hundred dollars,  
Alex Biggs  
Rent  
\$900. <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

On motion the following accounts were allowed,  
To Henry Eckel for printing statement of Tr. \$16.00  
" Hammer Barry for Rope for Fire Engine 8.86



To Samuel Y. Green, Jr Horse, dubbing & Spanning \$563.50  
Newcastle Gas Co, for Gas to Sept 25, 1869 10.00  
\$573.50

Newcastle Institute  
On motion, The following Ordinances were passed,  
Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars, be and the same is here by appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee in Education, for coal and for sundry incidental expenses for the Newcastle Institute, and the further sum of eight hundred and fifty five dollars is also hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the said Committee to pay the teachers and janitor for the quarter ending, in the thirty first inst, and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the said appropriations

Acting Committee  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Ten members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of eight hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, for taxes and repairs, and that an order be drawn for the payment of the same

Committee in Public Buildings  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Ten members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of seventy five dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee in public buildings for repairs, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

Insurance  
On motion, Resolved, That the acting Committee cause all the new buildings erected on the Common lands to be insured.

Newcastle Water Works Co  
On motion of William Herbert, the resolution offered by him at the last meeting of the Board and upon which the question had not been taken, was called up, which said resolution is in the following words,  
Resolved, That the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, guarantee to the Newcastle Water Works Company the payment of the annual sum of three thousand dollars" Mr Cooper offered an amendment to that resolution, to substitute two

thousand dollars, in lieu of three thousand dollars, which was not seconded.

On motion, the question on the passage of that resolution was taken by yeas and nays, which resulted as follows, -  
Yeas, William H. Dobb, Israel H. Fols, William Herbert, John Janvier, Elisha Jefferson, Ferdinand Leckler, John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw and Peter B. Vandover, Nine votes, - Nays William Cooper, one vote, so the original resolution was adopted.

Committee to draw Article of Agreement  
On motion, Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to act with a like committee of the Newcastle Water Works Company, to prepare an article of agreement between the Trustees and the said Company, the same to be submitted to the Board of Trustees for their consideration and approval or rejection, Whereupon in motion Elisha Jefferson, Israel H. Fols and Ferdinand Leckler, were appointed said Committee, with power to employ counsel to draw the article of agreement.

Land for Reservoir  
On motion, Resolved, That this Board not being prepared to grant any of the land held by them, in fee simple, declines to vest any part of the said lands in the Newcastle Water Works Company, but are willing that the land for the location of the Reservoir of the said Company shall be ceded in the manner specified in the Act of the Legislature incorporating the said Company, And the Trustees hereby give their assent to the said Company entering the Common land for such purpose, before such conveyance is made, provided the said Company will put up the fence necessary to protect the remaining land of the Trustees.

And on motion  
The Board adjourned.  
Attest of  
Peter B. Vandover,  
Secretary.

Monday evening, December 20th 1869, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to a call of the President, in request of two members,

Members present,  
Elisha Jefferson, President,  
Andrew C. Gray, John Mahony, Ferdinand Leckler, Israel H. Fols, Allen D. Lesley, James G. Shaw, William H. Dobb, John White, William Herbert, William Cooper, and

Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,

The committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Newcastle Water Works Co, made report in writing of certain stipulations as the basis of an agreement between the Trustees and the said Company, which was read,

and on motion the said stipulations were amended by substituting the first day of October A.D. 1870 as the time for the introduction of the water in lieu of the first day of August 1870, and the first day of January 1871,

Whereupon on motion the report was accepted and the committee directed to have the articles of agreement drawn, to be submitted to this Board at the next meeting,

On motion, Resolved, that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to Wednesday evening next, at 7 1/2 o'clock,

And on motion

The Board adjourned

Attest

Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Wednesday evening December 22<sup>d</sup> 1869, the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to adjournment, present,

Elihu Jefferson, President,

William Couper, John Jarred, William H. Debb, James G. Shair, John Mahoney, Allen W. Lesley, Israel H. Felt, William Herbert and Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

The committee appointed to draw articles of agreement between the Trustees of the Newcastle Common and the Newcastle Water Works Co. reported the following articles of agreement,

to wit:

Articles of Agreement, made and concluded the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine, Between the Newcastle Water Works Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, of the one part, and the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, a Corporation existing under the

laws of the same State, of the other part, as follows, to wit;

The said Newcastle Water Works Company for and in consideration of the covenants hereby made and entered into by the said Trustees of the Newcastle Common, and hereinafter mentioned, does for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Trustees of the Newcastle Common, their successors and assigns, to furnish and lay the iron pipes or mains necessary and proper for the distribution of the water to be supplied by the said Company in and along such streets of the Town of Newcastle as are hereinafter named free from any expense or charge whatsoever to the said Trustees or to the inhabitants of the said Town, The said pipes to be properly and skillfully laid in the manner usual in Cities, and Towns, where water is distributed by water works, and to be of the dimensions, and to be laid for the distances on the several streets as hereinafter specified and mentioned, to wit;

On Washington Avenue, from the Newcastle and French Town Turnpike to Smith street, the pipes or main to be of the diameter of Eight inches, the distance sixteen hundred and sixty three feet,

On Smith street, from Washington Avenue to the Rail Road a distance of 1087 feet, the pipe or main to be of the diameter of Eight inches,

On Smith Street, from Rail Road to Delaware street a distance of 920 feet, the pipe or main to be of the diameter of Eight inches,

On Delaware street, from Smith street to Market street, a distance of 2658 feet, the pipe or main to be of the diameter of six inches,

On Delaware street, from Market street to Water street, a distance of 348 feet, the pipe or main to be of the diameter of Four inches,

On Harmony street, from Union street to Water street a distance of 1205 feet, the pipe or main to be of the diameter of Four inches,

On Water Street, from Delaware street to Harmony street a distance of 740 feet, the pipe or main to be of the diameter of Four inches,

On Market street, from Delaware street to Chestnut Street, a distance of 1300 feet, the pipe or main to be of the diameter of Four inches,

On Orange street, from Delaware street to the Wilmington Road, a distance of 1425 feet, the pipe or main to be of the diameter of Four inches,

On Pine Street from Harmony street to a pump on the Rail Road, a distance of 1260 feet, the pipe or main

Report of Committee on Articles of Agreement with Newcastle Water Works Co.

Members

Articles of Agreement with Newcastle Water Works Co.

Iron Pipes

Free of Expense

Length

and

Size

of

Pipes



Length  
and Size  
of  
Pipes

to be of the diameter of four inches,  
On Pearl Street, from Delaware street to the Gas Works  
a distance of 1575 feet, the pipe or main to be of the  
diameter of four inches,

On Union Street, from Harmony street to William  
Street, a distance of 1260 feet, the pipe or main to be  
of the diameter of four inches

On Washington Avenue, from Ninth street and thence  
to the National Mills, a distance of 500 feet, the pipe or  
main to be of the diameter of four inches,

And the said Newcastle Water Works Company for  
itself, its successors and assigns, doth further covenant  
and agree to and with the said Trustees of the New-  
castle Common and their successors to furnish and  
procure seventy five plugs, of cast Iron, made in a  
good and substantial manner, to place the same in  
conjunction for use, at convenient places, in the said town  
of Newcastle, and supply the same with all the water  
necessary for the extinguishment of fires, and the clean-  
ing of the gutters, free from any cost or charge to the  
said Trustees, or to the said Town, or its inhabitants  
forever,

And the said Newcastle Water Works Company for it-  
self, its successors and assigns, further covenants and  
agrees to and with the said Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common and their successors, to furnish and supply  
the four farms belonging to the said Trustees called and  
known as "Flockton" "Oglethorpe" "Centur Hall" and  
"Model Farm", water for farming and dairy purposes, free  
from any cost or charge whatever, so long as the said  
Trustees shall continue to make any payments to the  
said Water Works Company as hereinafter provided, and  
after the said payments shall cease according to the stip-  
ulations and terms of the Covenant of the said Trustees  
hereinafter expressed, then the said Company to furnish  
water to the said Farms, at a fair and reasonable charge  
(It being understood that the said Company is not  
by anything herein contained, required to furnish  
the pipes necessary to distribute the water hereby agreed  
to be supplied from the main to the aforesaid farms,

And in consideration of the foregoing covenants  
on the part of the Newcastle Water Works Company and  
also in consideration of the benefit and advantage that  
will arise and accrue to the inhabitants of the said  
Town of Newcastle from the construction of Water  
Works by the said Company, party to this agreement,  
and the distribution of pure water in a plentiful

Twenty  
Five  
Plugs

Water  
for  
Four  
Farms

Covenant  
of  
Trustees  
to pay  
Annual  
sum of  
\$3000.00

Time of  
Semi  
Annual  
payments

Proviso,

Payments  
by the  
Trustees  
to abate

supplied throughout the said Town, thereby promoting the health  
and comfort of its inhabitants, and giving increased security  
and protection from the destruction of their property by fire,  
The said Trustees of the Newcastle Common, for themselves and  
their successors do hereby covenant and agree to and with the  
said Newcastle Water Works Company, its successors and as-  
signs to pay to the said Newcastle Water Works Company,  
the yearly sum of three thousand dollars, at the times and  
in the manner, and upon the conditions following, that is to  
pay, the said Trustees or their successors to pay the said sum  
of three thousand dollars to the said Company, its successors  
or assigns, in semi-annual instalments of fifteen hundred  
dollars, the first instalment of fifteen hundred dollars  
to be due and payable on the first day of January A.D.  
one thousand eight hundred and seventy one, provided that  
the said Water Works Company shall have completed their  
works and introduced into the said Town of Newcastle from  
the said Works through all those streets heretofore mentioned,  
water in good and sufficient quantity, on or before the  
first day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and  
seventy, and a semi-annual instalment of fifteen hun-  
dred dollars to be paid by the said Trustees to the said Com-  
pany as aforesaid, at the expiration of each six months  
thereafter, that is on the first day of January and the  
first day of July in each and every year.

And provided further that in case the said works shall  
not have been completed, and water introduced into the  
said Town as aforesaid, on the first day of October A.D.  
one thousand eight hundred and seventy, then the first  
semi-annual instalment shall be paid at the expiration  
of three months after the said works shall have been  
completed, and water introduced as aforesaid, and a  
semi-annual instalment of fifteen hundred dollars at the  
expiration of each six months after the said first instal-  
ment,

And it is further expressly understood and agreed  
and hereby mutually covenanted by the parties to these  
articles of agreement respectively, that whenever in any  
year the annual revenue of the said Water Works Company  
(exclusive of all sums received by them from the said Trustees)  
clear of operating expenses shall exceed the sum of three  
thousand dollars (\$3000.00) then the payments to be made by  
the said Trustees as hereinbefore provided shall abate by the  
amount of the excess of the said revenue over the said  
sum of three thousand dollars (the first fiscal year  
of the said Company for the purposes and intended  
of this stipulation to commence on the date of



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first payment made to the said Company by the said Trustees, and so successively.)

Trustees to have access to the Books

And it is further covenanted and agreed by the said Company for itself, its successors and assigns that the said Trustees or their successors shall have access to the Books of the said Company, for the purpose of ascertaining the financial condition of the said Company, twice during each year, that is to say at the time of the said semi-annual payments, and shall be entitled to receive from the said Company a full and fair exhibit of its affairs,

Payments to continue so long as water shall be supplied,

And it is further understood and agreed by the said parties to these articles that the payments herein before agreed to be made by the said Trustees, shall continue only so long as water shall be supplied as aforesaid by the said Company, except when prevented by unavoidable accidents or by the necessary repairs of their works,

Limitation

And it is further understood and agreed that unless the works of the said Newcastle Water Works Company shall have been completed and water introduced into the said Town of Newcastle in the manner herein before provided, before the first day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, this agreement and the covenants herein contained shall be void and of no effect,

In witness whereof, are hereunto set the Corporate seals of the parties to this agreement and the hands of their respective Presidents the day and year first above written,

Agreement to be executed,

Whereupon, on motion, the said articles of agreement were accepted and approved by this Board, and the President of the Board directed, to execute the said articles of agreement, as the act of this Board, in duplicate, under his hand and the Seal of this Corporation,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary

Friday evening February 4th 1870 a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common was held, the same having been called by the President on the request of two members present  
Elihu Jefferson, President

Members

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Allen W. Lesley, William Herbert, James G. Shain, Ferdinand Leckler, Isaac H. Tols, William H. Dobb, William Cooper and Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Newcastle

Water Works

to remove

Clay

On motion, the following resolution was passed,  
Resolved, that the Newcastle Water Works Company have the privilege of removing from the Model Farm as much clay as they shall require for the purposes of their Reservoir, the same to be taken from the side on the westerly side of the Newport Road, in the field adjoining the farm in the tenure of William H. Stroup, provided the said Company will remove the soil and replace it so that it will not be left in gullies or holes, but in a proper condition to be worked, and shall also erect a suitable fence to protect the remaining portion of the field from trespass, the whole to be done to the satisfaction of the Acting Committee,

James McCoy  
Posts &  
Rails,

A communication from James McCoy relative to Posts and Rails, was received.

And on motion the same was read and referred to the Acting Committee,

New

Seal,

On motion, Resolved, that the secretary procure a new seal for this Corporation, together with a press, the seal to be of the same diameter and with the same device and inscription as the present seal,

Herrmann  
Hall,

On motion the following resolution was read,  
Resolved, that this Board in conjunction with Jefferson Lodge, rent Herrmann Hall for the balance of the year,

And the question being taken on the adoption of that resolution, it was lost,

And on motion,

The Board adjourned,

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday evening March first A.D. 1870, An Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, was held at the Town Hall  
present, Elihu Jefferson, President



William Herbert, Allen V Lesley, William Cooper, John Mahoney, Isaac H. Fols, William H. Dobb, Ferdinand Leckler, John White, James G. Shaw and Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

On motion,

The Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, William Cooper and Isaac H. Fols were appointed Tellers,

Election

Whereupon on counting the Ballots it appeared that

of

Elihu Jefferson was duly elected President,

William Herbert

Isaac H. Fols &

Officers

John White, were duly elected the Acting Committee

James G. Shaw

William H. Dobb &

Peter B. Vandever, were duly elected the Committee on Education, they having respectively received a majority of all the votes.

On motion,

Committee

Allen V Lesley and William Cooper were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Acting Committee,

On motion,

on

William H. Dobb and John Mahoney were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this Board,

On motion,

Accounts

William Herbert, & Peter B. Vandever were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Committee on Public Buildings,

On motion,

William Herbert and William Cooper were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education,

On motion,

Amphion

Coronet

Band

Resolved, That the privilege heretofore granted to the Amphion Cornet Band of the Town of Newcastle, to occupy a room in the Town Hall is hereby revoked, and in case the said Band may hereafter desire to use the said room on special occasions, it must be so occupied and used only by the consent of the Board of Trustees first had in writing.



On motion the following accounts were allowed,

Account of	Jo. Geo. Gray, for drawing article of agreement	\$ 15.00
p <sup>d</sup>	" James G. Shaw, for new Seal, paid by him.	12.00
p <sup>d</sup>	" Newcastle Gas Co, for Gas to Dec. 25 1869	20.00
Allowed	p <sup>d</sup> Paul Barru, Janitor	30.00
p <sup>d</sup>	" William Herbert, Salary as Treasurer	150.00
p <sup>d</sup>	" Peter B. Vandever " " Secretary	50.00
p <sup>d</sup>	" Brighman, Thomas Ho, for minute Book	12.00
p <sup>d</sup>	" W <sup>o</sup> Holschurnacker Ho, " repairs to Fire Engine	25.75
		\$ 314.75

It being represented to the Board that William R. Stump required 400 Rails, On motion the matter was referred to the acting Committee,

Articles of agreement

The President of the Board made report that he had executed the article of agreement between the Newcastle Water Works Company and the Board of Trustees on the thirtieth day of December last agreeably to the directions of the Board

Ordinance

to pay

Newcastle

Water Works

Company

\$ 3000.00

Annually

\$ 150.00

for Poor

On motion, the following Ordinances were passed,  
 Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present, and nine thereof assenting thereto, that the annual sum of three thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid to the Corporation of the Newcastle Water Works Company, in equal semi-annual payments of fifteen hundred dollars, at the times and on the conditions set forth in certain articles of agreement made by and between the said Newcastle Water Works Company, and the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, bearing date the thirtieth day of December A.D. 1869, and the rents, issues and profits of the lands held by the said Trustees are hereby pledged for the payment of the said annual sum of three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, until the payments by the said Trustees to the said Newcastle Water Works Company shall cease and determine agreeably to the covenants and conditions of the said articles of agreement, and that checks or orders be drawn for the said semi-annual payments as they shall respectively become due and payable,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common: Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated

Paid, - subject to the order of Mrs Olivia H. Garrison, to purchase fuel for the Poor of the Town of Newcastle, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

#900. - Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Nine hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, to pay the Teachers and Janitor for the Quarter ending on the thirty first inst, and for incidental expenses, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

#2000.00 - Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Two thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the Acting Committee, for Lumber, material, repairs &c. and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same

to <sup>paid</sup> Acting Committee  
#1200. Jan 4. -  
500 4. -  
J. H. Holz  
Isaac H. Holz tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee on Public Buildings, Whereupon on motion, the resignation was not accepted.

Geo. Jackson on Exchange of Lands  
A communication from George Jackson, relative to the exchange of some land, <sup>and</sup> which communication was on motion referred to the acting Committee with instructions to make report to this Board at their next meeting.

And on motion the Board adjourned.  
Peter B. Vandever Secy

Tuesday evening June 7th 1870, being the day for holding a stated quarterly meeting, Peter B Vandever, was the only member present, consequently no business was transacted,  
Peter B. Vandever Secy

Thursday evening June 9th 1870, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, was held, the same having been called by the President on the request of two members present, Elisha Jefferson, President, William H. Cobb, William Couper, William Herbert Ford and Leckie, James G. Shaw, J. H. Holz, Alon O-

Lesley, John Mahoney, John Janvier, and Peter B. Vandever, The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting read and approved,

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, made report that they had performed that duty, and found the account correct; - which report, on motion, was approved and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Committee on Public Buildings, stated that they had not received the vouchers until this evening, consequently they were not ready to report, - Whereupon on motion the Committee was continued.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this Board, reported that they had examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and that they were correct, - and on motion the report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the acting Committee, made report, that they had examined the account, compared it with the vouchers and found them to agree, - on motion the report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed to make an examination in relation to the boundaries and quantity of land belonging to the Trustees, and now held by Mr. Jackson, reported progress, and on motion the Committee was continued.

On motion the following accounts were allowed, -  
To Henry Eckels printing Treasurers account \$16.00  
" J. A. Robinson Ho. for sundries for Good Will. 23.42  
" J. J. Jaggart, Insurance 31.68  
" Washington & Monro, for pipe, stop cocks & valves 135.01

On motion, the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, to pay the salaries of the Teachers



14.  
and the Janitor, for the Quarter ending on the thirteenth inst, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion, Resolved, That the water from the Newcastle Water Works, be carried to the Buildings on the Farm occupied by William R. Stroup, Douglas McCoy and Jesse Gooding, And on motion the matter was referred to the acting Committee, to make report to the Board as to the proper location of the Hydrants, the distance or length of pipe required for each farm, and the probable expense thereof, also as to the time, in their opinion, when the work should be done.

On motion, The propriety and necessity of procuring a new lightning Rod for the Town Hall, was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with power to act.

A communication from the Good Will Fire Company was read.

Whereupon, On motion, Resolved, That the Committee of this Board, who have in their charge the Good Will Fire Engine, are hereby authorized to purchase such necessary articles for the said Engine, as they in their judgment shall determine, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars.

On motion, Resolved, That the privilege of taking the Good Will Fire Engine to Salem, on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst, is hereby granted to the members of the Good Will Fire Company.

And on motion the Board adjourned.

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Wednesday evening August 10<sup>th</sup> 1870 A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, was held pursuant to a call of the President on the request of two members present.

Ephraim Jefferson, President  
Israel H. Hild, William Herbert, John James, William H. Cobb, William Cooper, John Mahoney, John White, James S. Shaw and Peter B. Vandever.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

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The Committee on the Good Will Fire Engine made report that they had expended the sum of seventy two dollars and fifteen cents, for necessary articles for the Engine, to wit:

Homer & Poole, 3 sets double male screws	\$ 10.50
J. A. Robinson, harness &c	6.00
Samuel G. Green for horse & screws	50.00
James Wilbur for straps & leather	2.50
Comegys	1.00
Fulton	15
J. Leckler repairs	2.00
	\$ 72.15

Paid  
And on motion the said bills were severally allowed and seventy two dollars fifteen cents appropriated for the payment thereof, and checks or orders ordered to be drawn for the payment of the same.

Paid  
On motion the account of the Newcastle Bay Company for gas to June 25 1870 was allowed for seven dollars and fifty cents.

Paid  
On motion an account of J. S. P. Hagg for \$2.38, and an account of Samuel E. Massey for \$50.00 to wit, thirty dollars for winding Town Clock & for repair & cleaning \$20.00 were severally allowed, & checks ordered to be drawn for the payment of the same.

A communication from John H. Rodney, A. J. Brown & J. H. Rogers, a Committee representing a Fire Company recently organized in the Town of Newcastle, was presented to the Board, and read by Mr. Rodney.

Whereupon, on motion the following resolution was adopted,  
Resolved, That the Good Will Fire Engine, together with the hose, and fire apparatus be and the same is hereby placed in the hands of the present Fire Company, in the Town of Newcastle, with this understanding and upon these conditions that they are only to retain the possession of the said Engine, hose and fire apparatus so long as the said Company shall be an efficient fire organization, and upon the said Company (and upon the said Company) becoming inefficient, then and in that case the possession of the said Fire Engine, hose and fire apparatus shall be sent back to the Trustees, and of which inefficiency the Trustees shall be the sole judges, and it is hereby expressly understood that the name plate on the said Engine shall not be altered or removed.

Douglas  
M.  
McCoy

A communication from Douglas M. McCoy, claim-  
ing Eighty dollars for damages sustained by him  
by reason of the erection of the Reservoir, by the New  
Castle Water Works Co, was read,  
& on motion laid over until next meeting,

And on motion the Board adjourned,  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secy

Sept 6 1870

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Jus-  
tices of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening  
the sixth day of September A.D. 1870, present  
Elisha Jefferson, President  
William Herbert, Israel H. Hols, William H. Dobb, John  
C. Mahoney, William Carpenter, James G. Shaw, John White  
Ferdinand Leckler, Allen V. Lesley, John Janvier and  
Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

Account  
of the  
Committee  
on  
Public Buildings

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the  
Committee on Public Buildings made report that  
they had performed that duty, found the accounts  
correct, that the Committee had received the sum of  
\$1216.<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> up to the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March last, and had expen-  
ded the sum of \$1219.<sup>87</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, leaving a balance due to the  
Committee of \$3.<sup>13</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
which report, was on motion adopted and the  
Committee discharged,

W. H. Cannon  
\$121.<sup>87</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
paid

On motion the account of William H. Cannon for \$121.<sup>87</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for  
Hardware furnished for school room, was allowed, and an ap-  
propriation made, & check ordered to be drawn for the  
payment of the same,

Schools  
\$855.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
paid

On motion, the following ordinance was passed,-  
Be it ordained by the Board of Justices of the New  
Castle Common, Twelve members being present and all  
assenting thereto that the sum of Eight Hundred and fifty  
five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the  
payment of the salaries of the Teachers & Janitor, for the  
Quarter ending the 30<sup>th</sup> of inst, payable to the order of the  
Treasurer of the Committee on Education, and that a  
check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

on motion Resolved, that it is the opinion of this

Douglas  
M.  
McCoy

Board, that Douglas M. McCoy is not entitled to any  
damages from the Trustees, by reason of the Newcastle  
Water Works Co erecting a Reservoir on the Farm in his  
tenure,

Acting  
Committee  
Report

The Acting Committee made report that they had  
measured the distances, necessary in introducing water  
on the Farm occupied by Douglas M. McCoy, William R  
Thompson & Jesse Birding, that they had selected locations  
for the Hydrants &c on these farms, also a location for  
a Hydrant in the Lane of James McCoy, near the  
Road, and that the entire cost would be about Four  
Hundred and seventy five dollars, -

&  
to  
introduce  
Water

Whereupon on motion the acting Committee were  
instructed to have the pipes laid, Hydrants located, and  
all the necessary work done, in order to carry out, the above  
report, and for the introduction of water on said Farm,

old  
Horse Carriage  
given  
to  
Good Will Co,

On motion Resolved, that this Board hereby give and  
grant to the Good Will Fire Company of the Town of New-  
Castle, the old Horse Carriage now in the possession of the  
said Company, who are to sell the said Horse Carriage and  
apply the proceeds of such sale towards purchasing a  
new one. -

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday Evening December 6<sup>th</sup> 1870, a stated Quarterly  
meeting of the Board of Justices of the Newcastle Common  
was held, present  
Elisha Jefferson, President  
Israel H. Hols, William Herbert, John C. Mahoney, John Janvier  
William H. Dobb, William Carpenter, Allen V. Lesley, Ferdinand  
Leckler, John White, James G. Shaw & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

It having been represented to this Board that William Banks  
the tenant of Thomas J. Jaster Senr, had change the line fence  
between the said Jaster and the Commons land,  
on motion the Acting Committee were instructed to view  
the premises, and cause the fences to be put in the proper  
place. -

Paup  
Paid

on motion the following accounts were allowed  
Thomas Banks for repairing stone fence \$2.50  
Joseph Garrall repairs to harness, Leckler Nov 27, 59



Paid

on motion the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, twelve members being present, and all assenting thereto,  
that the sum of Eight hundred and fifty dollars, be and  
the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the  
Treasurer of the Committee on Education, to pay teachers  
and janitors for the Quarter ending the 31st inst and that  
a check be drawn for the payment of the same,

Paid

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
Castle Common, twelve members being present and all as-  
senting thereto, that the sum of Fifty six dollars and forty  
cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated payable to the  
order of Mrs Oliver W Common, to pay for the balance due for  
Coal, purchased last winter and spring, and that a check be  
drawn for the payment of the same

A communication from John C. Morrison asking the Board  
to rent him the Farm now in his tenure, without the two  
eighths acre Lots for the sum of Eleven hundred dollars  
was read, Whereupon on motion the following resolution was  
read,

Resolved, that the Farm and Lots of land, be offered  
to John C. Morrison at the same rent he now pays,

Allen Wesley, moved an amendment to that resolution  
increasing the rent to \$200.—

And the question being taken the amendment was lost  
And on motion the original resolution was adopted,

On motion the original resolution was taken up for re-  
consideration, Whereupon

Mr. Doth offered the following resolution as a substitute  
for the original,

Resolved that this Board offer to John C. Morrison, the Farm  
without the Lots at the price named in his communication  
& the resolution being seconded and the question taken it  
was lost,

And the question being again taken on the original resolu-  
tion it was passed,

James McCoy having applied for a reduction of his Rent  
on motion the following resolution was adopted

Resolved, that the Farm now in the tenure of James  
McCoy be offered to him at the same rent he now pays

On motion, the rent of William R. Stroup was in-  
creased one hundred dollars

On motion Resolved, that the Model Farm be rented for a  
money rent, and that the annual rent be the sum of Five  
hundred dollars

On motion, Resolved, that the rent of George W. Morrison be  
increased Fifty dollars,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,  
to wit;

Paid,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common,  
twelve members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum  
of Fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable  
to order of the Committee on Public Buildings, for incidental  
expenses, and that a check be drawn for the payment of the same,

Paid,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, twelve members being present, and all assenting  
thereto, that the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars be and the  
same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the acting  
Committee, for structural, repairs, Lime, Lays &c, and that a  
check be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion, Resolved, that the acting Committee are hereby  
instructed, to use <sup>any</sup> pipe of 1 1/2 in in diameter in conducting  
the water on the Farm of in the tenure of Douglas McCoy  
in lieu of Lead pipe as heretofore determined on,

And on motion, the Board adjourned,

Peter B. Vanderveer  
Secretary

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, held on Tuesday evening Jan'y 3<sup>d</sup> 1871, on the re-  
quest of two members, present

Oliver Jefferson, President  
Ferdinand Leckler, John White, John C. Mahoney, William Herbert  
James G. Shaw and William Couper

The Secretary being absent

On motion William Couper was appointed Secretary, pro tem

The acting Committee reported that they had notified all  
the tenants, in accordance with the resolution passed by this Board  
at the last meeting, and that they all agreed to take the Farm in  
their tenure, viz; George W. Morrison, W. R. Stroup, James McCoy &  
John C. Morrison;

On motion It was resolved to proceed to ballot for a tenant  
for the Model Farm, Whereupon the proposals of Solomon Keulore at \$500.  
was accepted,

And on motion the Board adjourned



At an Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening the 7th day of March A.D. 1871,

present,  
John Jannin, William Herbert, Israel H. Fols,  
John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, Ferdinand Leckler  
John White and Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,

On motion, the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, Israel H. Fols and James G. Shaw were appointed Tellers,

Whereupon on counting the Ballots, it appeared that,

- Elihu Jefferson was duly elected President,
- William Herbert, Treasurer,
- James G. Shaw
- William Couper } Committee on Education
- Peter B. Vandever, }
- William Herbert }
- Israel H. Fols } Acting Committee
- John C. Mahoney }

The Revd; Mr Daily having through one of the Trustees, represented to this Board, that the Principal of the Newcastle Institute at the opening of the schools, reads a Chapter from the Bible, and repeats the Lords Prayer, and that he Mr Daily does not object to the reading of the Chapter, but that he does object to the reading of the prayer

On motion the matter was referred to the Committee on Education,

Ezekiel Fols made application to the Board, to change his rent, from a share rent, to a money rent at the price of Nine dollars per acre,

Whereupon on motion the application, of Mr Fols was granted and the rent fixed at Nine dollars per acre to commence on the 25th inst,

On motion Resolved, that the propriety and necessity, of introducing the Home-buck Water on the Farms now in the tenure of James McCoy and Ezekiel Fols was referred to the acting Committee, who are to ascertain the different elevations, the Cost and all other matters

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FROM WHICH THEY ARE TO BE TAKEN TO THE COMMONS OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

STEWART

OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

1870





Common, twelve members being present, and all assent-  
ing thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred and seventy  
five dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated,  
payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on  
Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute, and  
that a check be drawn for the payment of the same

Paid

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
castle Common twelve members being present and all as-  
senting thereto that the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars  
be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the  
order of C. Kimsey, Cashier, to pay the bond given by  
the Trustees to the Farming Bank at Newcastle for  
money advanced by said Bank to pay the first in-  
statement of the Trustees to the Newcastle Water Works  
Co, and that a check be drawn for the payment of the  
same.

Paid

The Acting Committee made report that they had as-  
certained, that the cost of carrying water to the Build-  
ings on the Farms in the tenure of James Mc Coy and  
Ezekiel Holz would be about sixteen hundred dollars  
and that the fall from the Reservoir to the Buildings  
on the Farm of Mr Holz was at least twenty five feet,

On motion the following resolution was read  
Resolved, That the acting Committee are hereby  
instructed to have the water of the Newcastle Water Works  
Company introduced on the Farms now in the tenure  
of James McCoy and Ezekiel Holz, provided that the  
tenants will pay the interest on the cost until the  
debt is paid, And the question being taken on  
the passage of the resolution it was lost,

A Communication from the Good Will Fire Co, sta-  
ting that the quantity of Hose now in their possession  
was not sufficient, and asking the Trustees for an ap-  
propriation to purchase 250 feet Hose, was read

Whereupon on motion, the following resolution  
was passed,  
Resolved, That James B. Shair and William  
Mc Cobb purchase two hundred and fifty feet Hose for the  
use of the Good Will Fire Company  
And on motion the Board Adjourned  
Attest of  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday evening June 6th 1871. The Board of  
Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held their Quarterly  
meeting, present

Elihu Jefferson, President,  
William Herbert, Israel W. Fild, William H. Cobb, James  
B. Shair, William Cooper, John C. Mahony, Ferdinand  
Leikler & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting were read and  
approved,

The Committee, appointed to audit the accounts of  
the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, made  
report, that they had examined the accounts & vouchers  
and found them correct, & that the Treasurer had in  
his hands the sum of \$15,35, which report was on  
motion approved & the Committee discharged,

Paid

On motion the account of Henry Eckel, for printing  
the Treasury statement was allowed for the sum of  
Fifteen dollars, & on motion that sum was appropriated  
and a check ordered to be drawn for the payment of the  
same,

Paid

On motion, the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, Nine members being present and all assenting  
thereto, that the sum of Four hundred and sixteen  
dollars and twenty cents, be and the same is hereby ap-  
propriated, payable to the order of Samuel B. Greer,  
for 258 ft. Hose, Couplings, & 2 Leather Hose pipe Couplings  
with nozzle, and that a check be drawn for the pay-  
ment of the same,

Paid

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
castle Common, Nine members being present and all  
assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred  
and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby ap-  
propriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the  
Committee on Education, for the support of the New-  
castle Institute, and that a check be drawn for  
the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
castle Common, Nine members being present and  
all assenting thereto, that the sum of Fifteen hun-  
dred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated

June 1871  
\$200.00 Paid  
500  
577.12  
282.88  
750.00

Common, twelve members being present, and all assent-  
ing thereto, that the sum of Eight Hundred and seventy  
five dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated,  
payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on  
Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute, and  
that a check be drawn for the payment of the same

Paid

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
castle Common twelve members being present and all as-  
senting thereto that the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars  
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the Trustees to the Farming Bank at Newcastle for  
money advanced by said Bank to pay the first In-  
statement of the Trustees to the Newcastle Water Works  
Co, and that a check be drawn for the payment of the  
same.

Paid

The acting Committee made report that they had as-  
certained, that the cost of carrying water to the Build-  
ings on the Farms in the tenure of James McCoy and  
Ezekiel Holz would be about sixteen hundred dollars  
and that the fall from the Reservoir to the Buildings  
on the Farm of Mr Holz was at least twenty five feet,

On motion the following resolution was read  
Resolved, That the acting Committee are hereby  
instructed to have the water of the Newcastle Water works  
Company introduced on the Farms now in the tenure  
of James McCoy and Ezekiel Holz, provided that the  
tenants will pay the interest on the cost until the  
debt is paid, And the question being taken on  
the passage of the resolution it was lost,

A communication from the Good Will Fire Co, sta-  
ting that the quantity of Hose now in their possession  
was not sufficient, and asking the Trustees for an ap-  
propriation to purchase 250 feet Hose, was read

Whereupon on motion, the following resolution  
was passed,  
Resolved, that James G. Shaw and William  
H. Dobb purchase two hundred and fifty feet Hose for the  
use of the Good Will Fire Company  
And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest of  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday evening June 6th 1871. The Board of  
Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held their Quarterly  
meeting, present

Elihu Jefferson, President,  
William Herbert, Israel H. Fols, William H. Dobb, James  
G. Shaw, William Couper, John C. Mahoney, Ferdinand  
Leikler & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting were read and  
approved,

The Committee, appointed to audit the accounts of  
the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, made  
report, that they had examined the accounts & books  
and found them correct, & that the Treasurer had in  
his hands the sum of \$15,00<sup>00</sup>, which report was on  
motion approved & the Committee discharged,

Paid

on motion the account of Henry Eckel, for printing  
the Treasury statement was allowed for the sum of  
Fifteen dollars, & on motion that sum was appropriated  
and a check ordered to be drawn for the payment of the  
same,

Paid

On motion, the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, nine members being present and all assenting  
thereto, that the sum of Four hundred and sixteen  
dollars and twenty cents, be and the same is hereby ap-  
propriated, payable to the order of Samuel V. Greer,  
for 258 ft. Hose, Couplings, & 2 Leather Hose pipe Couplings  
with nozzle, and that a check be drawn for the pay-  
ment of the same,

Paid

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
castle Common, nine members being present and all  
assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred  
and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appro-  
priated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the  
Committee on Education, for the support of the New-  
castle Institute, and that a check be drawn for  
the payment of the same,

June 1871  
\$200.00  
500.00  
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282.88  
750.00

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
castle Common, nine members being present and  
all assenting thereto, that the sum of Fifteen hun-  
dred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated



payable to the order of the Acting Committee, for  
pay for Lime, repairs, taxes &c, and that a check  
be drawn for the payment of the same,

Report  
on acct  
Public  
Buildings

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts  
of the Committee on public buildings made report  
that they had performed that duty, found the acct  
correct & that the said Committee had a balance in  
its hands of \$42<sup>48</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, which report, was on motion  
approved and the Committee discharged,

Treasurer  
to  
borrow  
\$1500.-

On motion, Resolved, that the Treasurer of this Board  
be and he is hereby authorized, to borrow the sum of  
fifteen hundred dollars, at sixty days, or so much  
thereof as may be necessary, in order that this Board  
will be ready to pay the second instalment, to the  
Newcastle Water Works Co, which will become due on  
the first day of July, next,

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Peter B. Vandervo  
Secretary

Tuesday evening September 5<sup>th</sup> 1871, The Board of  
Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held a Quarterly  
meeting at the Town Hall, present,  
William Herbert, Allen V. Lesley, John C  
Mahoney, James G. Shaw, Ferdinand Leckler, Israel  
H. Holz, John White, & Peter B. Vandervo,

The President of the Board being absent, on motion  
James G. Shaw was appointed President pro tem,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved

There not being a sufficient number of Trustees present  
to make appropriations,

on motion the Board adjourned to Tuesday  
evening next the 12<sup>th</sup> inst at 8 o'clock.-

Tuesday evening, September 12<sup>th</sup> 1871, The Board of  
Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to ad-  
journment, present,

James G. Shaw, President, pro tem  
A. V. Lesley, William Herbert, Israel H. Holz, Ferdinand  
Leckler, John C. Mahoney, William Couper, John White  
and Peter B. Vandervo

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved  
on motion the following accts were allowed

paid to Samuel G. Massey for repairing & winding barrel \$50.00  
paid to Mr Couper for Cash paid by him to S. Hanna for Plot 2.00

Report

on motion the following report was read and adopted,  
The undersigned Committee appointed to examine  
the account of William Herbert, Treasurer, for the year  
ending March 25<sup>th</sup> 1871, report that they have examined  
the Treasurers book and compared it with the vouchers sub-  
mitted to them, and found the same correct, the balance  
in the hands of the Treasurer on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1871 being  
Eleven hundred and thirty four dollars

Treasurer  
acct

Allen Herbert Lesley  
W. Couper, Committee

\$675.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

to  
Schools

paid

paid

On motion the following ordinances were passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common five members being present and all  
assenting thereto that the sum of Six hundred and seventy  
five dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated  
subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee  
on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute  
and that a check or order be drawn for the payment  
of the same.-

\$590.-

to pay

Leckler  
for pipes

paid

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common, five members being present and  
all assenting thereto, that the sum of Five hundred  
and ninety dollars, be and the same is hereby appro-  
priated, payable to the order of the Acting Committee  
for the payment of the bill of Ferdinand Leckler for  
laying pipes &c, on the Common Farm, and that  
a check or order be drawn for the payment of the  
same.-

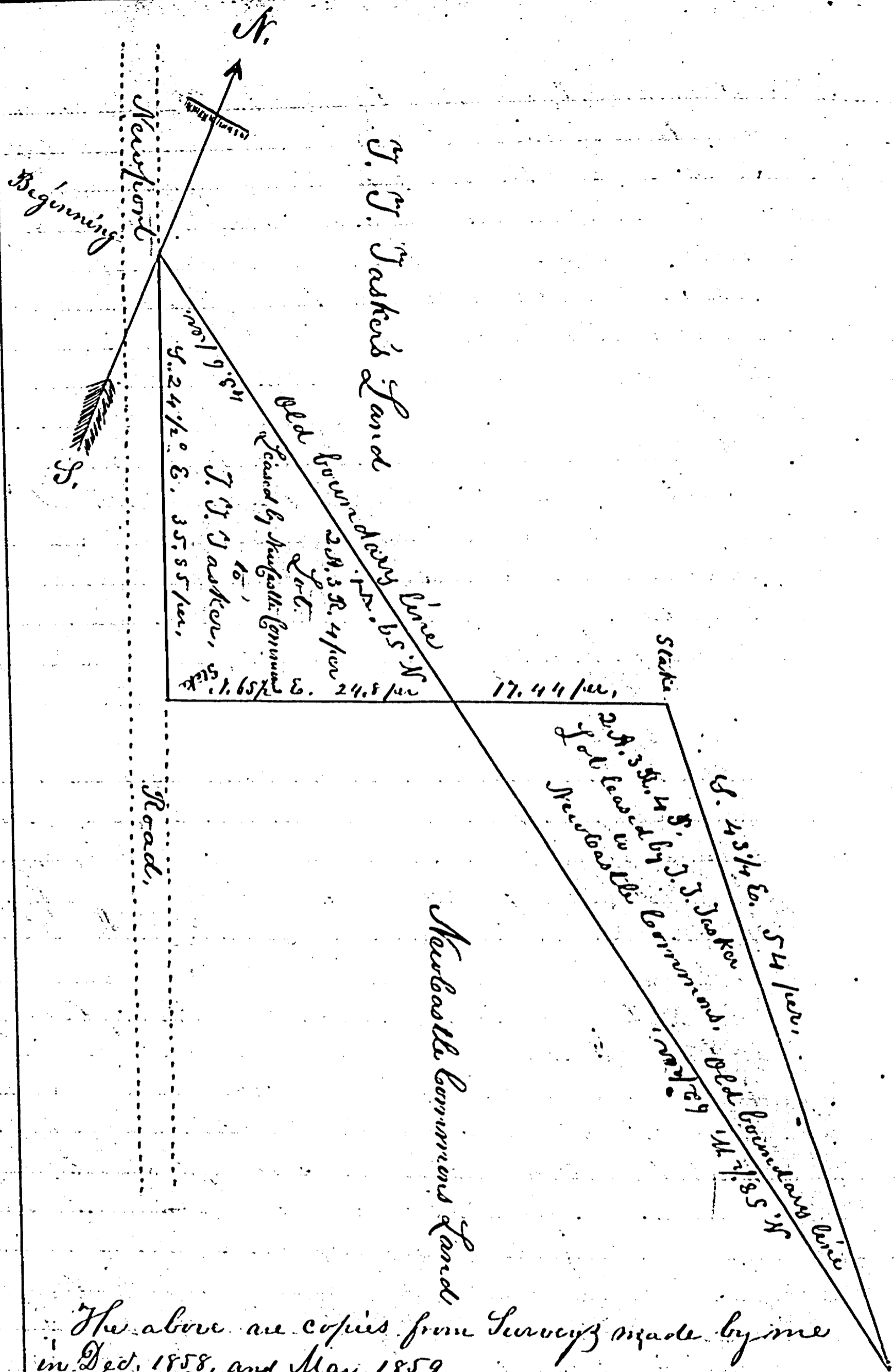
gravel

on  
Callahan  
Farm,

On motion, Resolved, that the propriety of removing  
the gravel from the hill in the Lane on the Farm  
in the tenure of Mrs Callahan, be and the same is  
hereby referred to the Acting Committee, with full power  
to act in the matter

The Committee appointed to inquire about the lines of  
the land between Thomas S. Jester and the Trustees of the New-  
castle Common, made report that they had received  
from Daniel Hanna, Surveyor, copies of the surveys made by  
him - which report was adopted, and the Secretary directed  
to record those copies on the minute Book of the Board of Trustees





The above are copies from surveys made by me in Dec. 1858, and May 1859.

Dani'l Parra, Surveyor  
April 16 1870.

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest of  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

C. J. Vandever Dec 6 1870

Tuesday evening December 5, 1871 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Commons held a Quarterly meeting at the Town Hall, present

James G. Shaw, President, pro tem,  
William H. Cobb, William Herbert, Ferdinand Leckler,  
Israel H. Holz, John Mahoney, William Cooper and  
Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved

A Communication from George Morrison, asking the Trustees to erect a new House on the Farm in his tenure was read, and on motion referred to the acting Committee, who are to ascertain if the old House can be repaired and at what cost, also to report on the propriety and necessity of building an addition to the present House and the cost thereof,

On motion Resolved, that the Farm now in the tenure of Mrs Callahan and Douglas Wilcox be changed from a share rent to a money rent of nine dollars per acre, and that the acting Committee offer these farms to the present tenants at that rent,

On motion Resolved, that the acting Committee advertise the Haws Corner Farm and the two Lots for rent, and that the acting Committee tender to the tenants of all the other farms, the acceptance or refusal at the present rents, - and in case any tenant declines to retain his farm on these terms that the said Committee advertise such farm for rent. -

On motion Resolved, that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening the 19th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock, -

Mr. William Cooper presented and read to this Board the following preamble and resolutions, which were on motion unanimously adopted, -

Whereas this Board desiring of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Elisha Jefferson whose decease took place on the 26th ult, therefore

Dean of  
Jefferson

Resolved, that in the death of Mr Jefferson, this Board has lost one of its oldest members, and one who for a number of years its presiding officer, in which position he was marked by punctuality in his attendance, courtesy towards his fellow members, and care for the interests of the Trust Confided to us,



Resolved, That the members of this Board in common with their fellow citizens generally have to regret in the death of Mr. Jefferson a loss to the Community of one of its prominent members, widely known and respected, for many years actively engaged in business, and always interested in whatever was done for the prosperity of this, the place of his residence,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be communicated by the Secretary to the family of our late President, together with an expression of the sincere sympathy of the Board.

And on motion the Board adjourned,  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday evening December 19th, 1871. The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to adjournment, present,

James G. Shaw, President, pro tem,  
William Herbert, Israel H. Fols, John Jamieson, William H. Cobb, William Couper, John C. Mahoney, John White, Jr. Leckler, & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,

On motion Resolved, that the number of acres in the Farm in the tenure of Douglas M. May, be reduced one acre, on account of the land occupied by the Newcastle Water Works Co, and making the number of acres eighty seven for which the tenant is to be charged nine dollars per acre,

On motion Resolved that George Jackson have the privilege of retaining the three acre Lot, at ten dollars per acre until the exchange of land is satisfactorily arranged between the said Jackson and the Trustees,

On motion the following accts were allowed  
To The Newcastle Gas Co for Gas to Sept 25 1871 \$32.00  
" Henry Eckel, Admiration; Farm Lots & Renting bills 4.00  
" G. O. Johnson " " " 5.75  
" Joseph J. Taggart to pay Insurance 62.68  
\$102.43

On motion the following Ordinance were passed  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred

dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the Treasurer of the Committee on Education for the support of the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred and two dollars and forty three cents be and the same is hereby appropriated, to pay the accounts passed by the Board at this meeting, and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same,

An account of Jesse Gooding for papering house and for digging trench for water pipes, was read and the question being taken on its allowance, it was lost,

On motion the proposals for the Hears Corner Farm and the two 18 acre Lots were read, to wit:  
John Elliott for the Farm & the two Lots \$1825.00  
Edward M. Hastings " " " 2500.00  
John B. Harris " " " *in amount* 260.00  
Alex. Briggs for the two Lots 100.00  
Elmer W. Clark " one Lot 110.00  
Hos. Holcomb " for both Lots 200.00

Whereupon on motion, the proposals of Edward M. Hastings were accepted by the Board, and the rent to be paid in equal quarterly payments of six hundred and twenty five dollars each, the tenant to commence on the 25th day of March next, and to continue for one year,

On motion the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, that an Election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newfane Saturday the thirtieth day of December inst. between the hours of twelve o'clock noon, and five o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees, occasioned by the decease of Elmer Jefferson Esq, and that William Herbert and Ferdinand Leckler be the Committee to hold said Election, giving six days notice of the time and place of holding the same, and in

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case a Trustee should not be elected on that day then and in such case the said Committee are hereby authorized to proceed in holding other elections giving six days notice thereof, until a Trustee be duly elected to fill said vacancies,

And on motion the Board adjourned. —  
Peter B. Vandoren Secy  
Tuesday evening March 5<sup>th</sup> 1872, The Board of Trustees held their annual meeting at the Town Hall  
Present,  
William Herbert, Israel H. Fols, Allen V. Lesley, William H. Dobb, Ferdinand Leckler, John G. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, John White, John J. Black & Peter B. Vandoren,  
Here being no President on motion Allen V. Lesley was appointed President, pro tempore,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved  
The Committee appointed to hold an Election for one Trustee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elisha Jefferson Esq, made the following report,  
That they held an Election, of which due notice was given, on Saturday the thirtieth day of December A.D. 1871, at the Court House in the Town of Newbottle between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and five o'clock, in the afternoon, that one hundred and twenty eight votes were polled, and that John J. Black received the entire number of votes cast, there being no other candidate  
W. Herbert } Committee  
F. Leckler }

which report was on motion adopted and the Committee discharged.  
Whereupon the President of the Board, declared John J. Black to be duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Newbottle Common, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Elisha Jefferson Esq and on motion John J. Black took his seat as a member of this Board.

On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. — John G. Mahoney and Israel H. Fols, were appointed tellers,  
Whereupon on counting the Ballots it appeared that the following persons were duly elected they having respectively received a majority of

all the votes, to wit,  
For President of the Board, Allen V. Lesley,  
Committee on Education, William Cooper, John J. Black & Peter B. Vandoren,  
Acting Committee, — William Herbert, Israel H. Fols and Ferdinand Leckler,

On motion the following accounts were allowed,  
To Paul Barry, Janitor \$ 30.00  
William Herbert, Treasurers Salary 150.00  
Newbottle Gas Co, for Gas to Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1871 — 16.00  
P. B. Vandoren, Secretarys Salary, stationary, &c — 63.66  
Newbottle Water Works Co, Interest 32.25  
W. H. Jefferson, W. Cooper & Joseph H. Rogers, Committee to Washington relative to improvements, to be done to the Harbor of Newbottle, Expenses & Wages } 57.50

on motion, Resolved, that hereafter it shall be the duty of the acting Committee to see that all the Leases made by the Trustees, are properly drawn and executed.

Resolved, that hereafter, the expenses of drawing Leases and the cost of the necessary stamps therefor shall be paid equally by the Trustees and the tenants,

on motion the following Committees were appointed to wit,  
on the account of the Treasurer } William H. Dobb, John G. Mahoney & F. Leckler,  
of the Committee on Education }

on the Treasurers account, } William Cooper and William H. Dobb. —

on the acting Committees accty } John Janvier and John J. Black,

on the accounts of the Committee } John J. Black and on Public Buildings } William Herbert,

on motion the following Ordinance were passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newbottle Common Ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars be and the same be lawfully appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer



of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present, and all assenting thereto that the sum of Five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the acting Committee, for the purchase of Lumber, material &c and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

The acting Committee stated that they were not fully prepared to make a report on the House of George W. Morrison, but stated that an additional Building would cost Ten or Eleven hundred dollars.

On motion, Resolved, That the Knights of Pythias, and Jefferson Lodge of A. F. M., have the privilege of using the third story Room of the Town Hall, for such length of time as the Trustees think proper, they having first obtained the consent of St. Johns Lodge of A. F. M., and the Consent of Washington Lodge No. 5, I. O. O. F., to occupy the Room jointly.

On motion the following Preamble and Resolutions were read, and adopted.

Whereas George W. Morrison has made application for the erection of a new House on the Farm now in his tenure.

And whereas it is suggested that said Farm could be annexed to the two adjoining farms, thereby saving the expense of a set of Buildings, which would be beneficial to the Trustees.

Therefore Resolved, That John Janover, Ferdinand Leckler, William Herbert, James G. Shaw and Allen W. Lealey, be and they are hereby constituted a Committee to go upon and view the farms now in the tenure of John G. Morrison, George W. Morrison, and Alexander Biggs, for the purpose of ascertaining the propriety or impropriety of dividing the farms occupied by George W. Morrison, between the other two farms, also to ascertain the probable number of acres which should be annexed to the other two farms respectively, and to make report of all the facts and circumstances relative thereto at the next meeting of this Board.

On motion the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted.

Whereas it is considered by many citizens of the Town of Newcastle that the Trustees of the Newcastle Common should provide a suitable burial place for the dead, by setting apart a portion of the Land held by them for the purpose of a Cemetery,

Therefore Resolved, That William Cooper, James G. Shaw, John J. Black, John G. Mahoney and Peter B. Vandever, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to view the Land held by the Trustees, and select a suitable location for a cemetery. To ascertain about what number of acres would at first be required for that purpose, the probable cost of laying it out and erecting a suitable entrance, together with a suitable building for a superintendent, if necessary, also an estimate of the cost of a fence for enclosing the lot, To make a rough plan of the entire Lot to be enclosed, showing the Roads and walks, also the sub-division or separate Lots, To fix a rate or price for the several Lots according to size and location, Also to give their opinion as to the probability of disposing of a sufficient number of Lots to reimburse the Trustees for these expenditures, And after having so done the said Committee are to make report of their proceedings and determinations to this Board for its consideration.

A communication from Edmund M. Hastings relative to the Hanes Corner property was read, and on motion it was referred to the acting Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Board shall in all his annual statements of the Finances publish the aggregate amount of the receipts and the aggregate amount of the expenditures for each Farm respectively.

And on motion the Board adjourned,  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday evening April 29, 1872, a special meeting called by request of the acting Committee, held at the Town Hall. Present,  
Allen W. Lealey, President,  
John J. Black, William Herbert, J. N. Kelly, John Janover, James G. Shaw, Ferdinand Leckler, William Cooper, John G. Mahoney, John White, William W. Hill and Peter B. Vandever.



The minutes of the last meeting read and approved

The acting Committee made report, that they had examined the back building of the Hotel at Hoare's Corner and had found it to be rotten and entirely worthless and would not bear repairing

On motion the acting Committee were instructed to procure a competent Architect to visit the Hoare's Corner Hotel property and give his views and opinions in relation to the building of an addition to the present Hoare,

Resolved, that when the Board it adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Hoare's Corner on Saturday afternoon next at 2 o'clock,

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary,

Saturday afternoon April 6th 1872 The Board of Trustees met at Hoare's Corner pursuant to adjournment, present,

Allen V. Lesley, President  
William Cooper, William H. Dobb, John Janvier  
Herdinand Leckler, William Herbert, James G. Shaw  
John C. Mahoney, Israel H. Polz, John White and  
John J. Black,

The Secretary being absent on motion John J. Black was appointed Secretary pro tem.

On motion the following resolution was read

Resolved, that in case an additional building is erected to the Hotel at Hoare's Corner it shall be of Frame, and the question being taken on the passage of this resolution it was lost.

And on motion the following resolution was passed, Resolved that the building if erected shall be Brick

On motion, Resolved, that the Trustees will grant a Lease to Edward M. Hastings for the Hoare's Corner property & the two eighteen acre lots for the term of five years from the 25th day of March A.D. 1873, at the rent of \$2500 per annum payable in equal quarterly payments provided the said Hastings

complies with the present Lease ending March 25th inst. and furnishes the House and stocks the Farm in a proper manner,

On motion, Resolved, that Richard A. Gelpin make all necessary drawings and write out specifications for the erection of such a Building as would be in accordance with his rough draft exhibited this day and present the same to the Board at its next meeting

Resolved, that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday evening the 15th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock,

And on motion the Board adjourned,  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Monday evening April 15th 1872 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met at the Town Hall in the Town of Newcastle pursuant to adjournment, present;

Allen V. Lesley, President  
William Herbert, Israel H. Polz, John J. Black, William H. Dobb, John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, Herdinand Leckler, William Cooper, John White, John Janvier and Peter B. Vandever, The minutes of the last meeting read, and approved,

Mr. R. A. Gelpin exhibited to the Board, Plans and specifications for the erection of an additional Brick Building to the Hotel at Hoare's Corner, and after some explanation they were on motion accepted by the Board with the following additions &c. -

The North Easterly wall to be stripped, the back building or Kitchen to be increased in width with Pantry in Kitchen, The joint for the first floor except the Kitchen, to be 3 in. + 11 in, Torch Roof tin, well painted on both sides, Contractor to use such old material as may be good and suitable for the purpose,

Resolved that Property be received for the erection of the said building according to the plans and specifications as amended, up to 7 o'clock P.M. on the 25th inst, subject to the approval or disapproval of the Board

Resolved, that the plans and specifications be deposited in the office of the Secretary until the 22d inst and from that time until the 25th inst in the office of R. A. Gelpin in the City of Wilmington



Resolved, That the Secretary advertise for Proposals for building the addition to the Hotel at Haves Corner agreeably to the plans & specifications, in the Daily Commercial Delaware State Journal, and by hand bills, stating all the necessary facts, -

And on motion the Board adjourned to Thursday evening the 25<sup>th</sup> inst, at 8 o'clock,  
 Peter B. Vandover  
 Secretary

Thursday evening April 25<sup>th</sup> 1872. The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to adjournment,

present  
 William H. Dobb, William Cooper, John Janvier, William Herbert, J. H. Holz, Ferdinand Leckler, John White, John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, John J. Black, & Peter B. Vandover

The President being absent on motion William H. Dobb was appointed President pro tem,

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting read and approved, -

The President of the Board appeared and took his seat as the presiding officer,

The Secretary stated that he had advertised for Proposals for the improvements at Haves Corner, agreeably to a resolution passed by the Board at its last meeting, & that he had received seven Proposals, which he now presented to the Board, -

On motion the said Proposals were opened and read, to wit;

Kerns & Webb	.. .. .	\$9,144.00
Washington Mason	.. .. .	9,987.00
Andrew J. Brown	.. .. .	8,350.75
Amos C. Mitchell	.. .. .	8,345.00
William Gregg	.. .. .	21,87.00
J. G. Chandler	.. .. .	8,480.00
Gardner L. Jensen	.. .. .	8,350.00

On motion, Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Trustees of the Poor, relative to the purchase of

of the School House in the woods, formerly owned by George McNamee, and make report to this Board, -

Whereupon the President appointed, John C. Mahoney, Ferdinand Leckler and Israel H. Holz, said Committee,

On motion, Resolved, That this Board will erect an additional building, to the present Hotel property at Haves Corner, also alter and repair the present building as may be considered necessary,

On motion the following resolution was read, Resolved this Board will erect an additional building, to the Hotel at Haves Corner, & alter and repair the old one in conformity to the plans and specifications of R. A. Gilpen, the architect, - And the question being taken on the passage of that resolution, <sup>by yeas & nays</sup> resulted as follows,

Yeas	Nays
Israel H. Holz	John C. Mahoney
W. H. Dobb	John Janvier
W. Herbert	William Cooper (three)
Ferdinand Leckler	
James G. Shaw	
John J. Black	
John White	
Allen D. Lesley	
Peter B. Vandover, (Nine)	

and the resolution adopted,

On motion the following resolution was read, Resolved, That the sum to be expended in erecting the new building at Haves Corner and altering & repairing the old Hotel shall not exceed the sum of Eight thousand dollars, And the yeas and nays being ordered on the passage of this resolution they were as follows,

Yeas	Nays
W. H. Dobb	J. H. Holz
W. Herbert	Ferdinand Leckler
James G. Shaw	John J. Black
Peter B. Vandover	John C. Mahoney
John White, (Nine)	John Janvier
	W. Cooper
	Allen D. Lesley (Seven)

and the resolution Lost, -

On motion, Resolved, That this Board give the preference to the bid of William Gregg, provided he can give satisfactory security for the performance



of the Contract; and proper arrangements can be made as to the payments, and in case changes are made in the present plans and specifications, a proper addition or subtraction is made to his present bid,

Resolved, That Allen V. Lesley, William Couper and John J. Black be and they are hereby appointed a committee to confer with William Gregg, and make report at the next meeting of the Board,

Resolved, That R. A. Gilpin architect, be employed to superintend the improvements intended to be made to the Hotel property at Hoares Corner,

On motion James G. Shaw and William Herbert are appointed a Finance Committee, to ascertain if the money can be obtained for the improvements at Hoares Corner, and upon what terms,

On motion, Resolved, That the difference between fifteen hundred dollars, and the rent which shall be hereafter received for the Hoares Corner property, shall be applied and is hereby pledged as a sinking fund for the payment of the money, Principal and Interest to be borrowed for the improvements now about being commenced on said property

And on motion the Board adjourned to Monday evening the 29<sup>th</sup> inst. at 8 o'clock,  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary,

Monday evening April 29<sup>th</sup> 1872, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to adjournment,

Present, Allen V. Lesley, President  
J. H. Fols, William Herbert, John Mahoney, Ferdinand Leckler, William Couper, James G. Shaw, William H. Dobb, John White, John J. Black, John Janvier, & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to ascertain and establish the line between the Trustees at Hoares Corner and the three corner lot now held by Philip B. Clark and George Williamson  
Whereupon on motion the President appointed

William Herbert, William H. Dobb and John Janvier said Committee,

Resolved, That a door be substituted for a window in the Bar Room in the South East side and that the Cellar window be placed under the Reading room, in lieu of the Bar Room.

Resolved, That a Cellar be dug under the Kitchen, and that the additional cost for digging & walling the same shall be Forty dollars.

Resolved, That the Secretary prepare the Contract between the Trustees and William Gregg.

Resolved, That the earth taken from the Cellar be deposited in the Sand on the Road in the field in the wheat field, and such other places in the vicinity as may require filling up, and that the damage to the wheat which may be required, be assessed to John C. Morrison and allowed by the acting Committee.

Resolved, That the Secretary prepare a paper to be signed by Edmund M. Hastings the tenant of the Hotel property at Hoares Corner, waiving any claim or demand for damages in any way whatever, for or by reason of the contemplated repairs, alterations, and new building to be made and done to the said property.

The Committee appointed to confer with William Gregg, made report,

That Mr Gregg will take the Contract agreeably to his proposals, that all payments to be made on account thereof, are to be made to the parties entitled to receive it, on his order and after the Architect has certified that so much work has been done according to the Contract, as entitles the Contractor to the payment, the last payment to be made when the whole work is fully completed and so certified by the Architect and this Board is satisfied that no Mechanics Lien is or can be filed or created on the said property,

The Finance Committee reported, that the funds necessary for the improvements at Hoares Corner can be obtained of the Farmers Bank at Newcastle renewable every six months.

On motion an account for \$15.00 was allowed to W. H. Jefferson, being so much paid Murphy for printing petitions to Congress in reference to the Hoares at Newcastle.



On motion, Resolved that the Trustees of Newcastle of Newcastle Common, borrow from the James Bank at Newcastle, for the purpose of paying for the improvements to be made at Hoares Corner, a sum of money not to exceed in amount the sum of Eight thousand dollars and that the same be secured to said Bank in such form as may be deemed expedient. Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, the members being present and assenting thereto that the sum of Seven thousand and two hundred and twenty seven dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, for the payment of the expenses to be incurred in making the improvements at Hoares Corner, the same to be paid at such time or times and in such amounts as shall be in conformity with the contract to be made between the Trustees and William Gregg the Contractor, and that checks be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following Resolution was read

Resolved, that all bills for the improvements at Hoares Corner be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval,

and the question being taken on the passage of the resolution it was lost

On motion, Resolved, that the acting Committee make such arrangements as will make, Mr Hoastings as comfortable as possible, while the improvements are being made at Hoares Corner

Resolved, that, the use of the Room on the second story of the Town Hall is granted to a Company from Wilmington for a pleasure party this evening,

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary,

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening the 4th day of June A.D. 1872, present,

John Janies, W. H. Cobbs, John J. Black, William Herbert, William Couper, Ferdinand Eckler, John C. McKinney, Samuel Kelly, James G. Shaw & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved

The President of the Board being absent on motion William Couper was appointed President, pro tem; on motion the following accounts were allowed  
G. G. Goer for Dubbing, Oil & Cards, \$41.46  
Edward Challenges, for work on Horse &c 8.98  
Samuel E. Massey for winding & repairing Clock 50.00

William Couper and William H. Cobbs the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers accounts, made report "that they had examined the Treasurers Book and the vouchers submitted to them, by which it is shown that there was due to the Treasurers on the 25th March last the sum of \$1602.29, and that there remained due and unpaid at that date, rents then due amounting to \$3406.39. - which report was on motion adopted, and the Committee discharged,

The Committee appointed in reference to the lines of the three corner Lot at Hoares Corner, made report,

that the trespass made by George McCombe on the Road leading from the French Town Turnpike to the Green Tree Hotel, is not a trespass on the Commons land, but a trespass on the Public, we think the remedy is through the Road Commissioners, there is a likelihood of a trespass on the Turnpike Road by the same party

William Herbert  
William H. Cobbs  
John Janies  
Committee

On motion the report was accepted, and the Committee directed to pursue the investigation and if necessary to employ Counsel,

On motion, Resolved, that hereafter all the tenants of the Trustees shall be notified on or before the 25th day of September in each year to leave the premises in their respective possessions, on the 25th day of March next following such notice, and that all new Leases shall be executed before the 25th day of December in each year

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Poor in reference to the purchase of the school building in the Woods Latch, owned by George McCombe at Hoares Corner, made report that the Trustees of the Poor would sell the Building, together with the foundation for the sum of three hundred dollars, and on motion



was laid over until the next meeting of the Board

On motion the following ordinances were passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Ten meeting being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, to pay the Teacher & Janitor, for the Quarter ending the 30th inst., and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Ten meeting being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Nine hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee for Lumber, Paint & Repairs, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion, Resolved, that a sum of money sufficient to make up the deficiency, if any, in paying the semi annual payment to the Newcastle Water Works Co, on the first day of July next, be borrowed for ninety days from the Farmers Bank, or in any other way which may be convenient,

Resolved, that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Thursday evening the 13th inst, at Eight o'clock.

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary  
Thursday evening June 13th, 1872 the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to adjournment  
present

Allen V. Lesley, President  
Andrew C. Gray, William Herbert, James G. Shaw,  
Isaac H. Holt, William H. Dobb, John James,  
John J. Black, John C. Mahoney, William Couper,  
Henderson Leckler & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved

The committee on the division of the Farm in the tenancy of George W. Morrison made no written report. But Mr. Shaw one of the committee presented to the

Board a plot of the Farm, and stated the fact that the Committee had concluded to leave the matter to the decision of the Board,

Whereupon, on motion the following resolution was passed. Resolved that it is inexpedient to divide the Farm now in the tenancy of George W. Morrison,

On motion, Resolved, that the report of the Committee made at the last meeting of this Board relative to the purchase of the House and foundation in the land at Haves Corner from the Trustees of the Town for the sum of three hundred dollars, is hereby accepted,

Resolved, that the acting Committee are hereby authorized to conclude the bargain with the Trustees of the Town, for the purchase of the House and foundation provided the same can be removed from the land to the present House occupied by George W. Morrison as and for the condition thereto, dug and well the cellar, put the House in good tenable condition, and repair the present old House including all alterations, additions repairs and expenses of every description, to both buildings, for a sum of money not to exceed three hundred dollars, and on motion John C. Mahoney was added to the said Committee.

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Saturday evening June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1872, a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common was held at the Town Hall, present  
Allen V. Lesley, President,  
William Couper, William H. Dobb, W. Herbert, I. H. Holt, James G. Shaw, John C. Mahoney, John J. Black & Peter B. Vandever

The President of the Board stated that this meeting was called at the request of the Citizens of the Town of Newcastle for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of this Board contributing to the erection of a Narrow Gauge Rail Road from the Town of Newcastle to the City of Wilmington

On motion certain Resolutions passed at a Town meeting of the Citizens of the Town of Newcastle



to the building of a Narrow Gauge Rail Road  
were ready and after considerable discussion the  
matter was referred to John J Black, William Cooper  
and Peter B. Vandever, a Committee appointed for  
the purpose of consulting with a Committee of the  
Citizens of the Town of Newcastle;

A statement of the Income and disbursements  
of the Trustees having been read on motion it was  
referred to the same Committee

Resolved, That when they Board adjourns, it ad-  
journ subject to the Call of the above Committee

And on motion the Board adjourns

Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Saturday evening August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1872 The Board of Trust-  
tees of the Newcastle Common met at the Town  
Hall, present

Allen V. Lesley, President,  
William Cooper, William W. Dolb, William Herbert  
Israel W. Fols, James G. Shaw, John C. Mahoney,  
John J. Black & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved

On motion the following report was read & accepted  
The Committee appointed for the purpose  
of purchasing from the Trustees of the Town the House  
in their lands at Hares Corner and removing it to  
the farm in the tenure of George W. Morrison,

Report, That they have had several persons to  
examine the Building and they all agree that it  
will be an expensive job for the following reasons  
1<sup>st</sup> The lower floor will come out as the joists rest  
on the walls and not on the pillars, and that will  
cause the stonework to come down,

2<sup>nd</sup> The walls being brick panned, the Bricks would  
fall out which would destroy the plastering, and  
when it is on the foundation we cannot make a  
respectable job of it,

We have seen a man Wilmington who fol-  
lows moving buildings for a business and the lowest  
he would take the job for is Twenty five dollars per  
day and find one man,

We have also ascertained that an addition

45  
could be made to the old House at Morrisons at a  
Cost of \$7500-

W<sup>o</sup>. Herbert }  
J. Leckler } Committee  
J. W. Holz }

Whereupon on motion the following resolution  
was passed,

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred  
back to the same Committee, and in case the removal  
of the old building, and all necessary alterations and repairs  
cannot be done for the sum of \$3000, - then the said Com-  
mittee are freely authorized to cause to be erected a  
new building as an addition to the present House, and  
repair the old building, provided that the entire cost  
shall not exceed the sum of Seven thousand and fifty  
dollars; - The said Committee to receive proposals for  
the work. -

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secy

Tuesday evening September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872, The Board  
of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held a Quarterly  
meeting at the Town Hall

Present Allen V. Lesley, President,  
William Herbert, Israel W. Fols, W<sup>o</sup>. W. Dolb,  
John J. Black, Ferdinand Leckler, W<sup>o</sup>. Cooper  
and Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved

The Committee, on the improvements to the property  
of Geo. W. Morrison, made report in writing, which  
was read, & laid over.

On motion, Resolved, That the acting Committee  
cause to be erected a Hog pen for James McFoy  
using as much of the old material at Hares  
Corner as necessary, possible, and if there should  
be an insufficiency to supply it with new material

On motion the acting Committee were instructed  
to sell the wheat belonging to the Trustees, on  
the farm in the tenure of Mrs. Callahan and  
Dorothy McFoy. -

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Acting Committee for the year ending March 25<sup>th</sup> last made Report

That they had performed that duty and found the account correct,

Whereupon on motion the report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

A communication from Edward M. Hastings asking an abatement in his rent, was read, and on motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Board Mr Hastings has no claim for any deduction of Rent on account of the improvements now being made at Hoare's Corner, and that the Secretary furnish Mr Hastings with a copy of this resolution.

A communication from the Amphion Cornet Band here asking an appropriation of one hundred dollars, having been read,

on motion, Resolved, that this Board commit make the appropriation for want of funds

Resolved, that in all cases where the present tenant does not agree by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October to remain for another year upon such terms as the Trustees may impose, then the acting Committee are to advertise the premises for Rent

The acting Committee having represented to the Board that some repairs to the House on the Farm occupied by Solomon Newbery were necessary,

on motion Resolved, that the acting Committee procure estimates of the expense of such improvements, and report to the Board at its next meeting

Resolved, that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening the 17<sup>th</sup> inst, at 7 1/2 o'clock,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

Attest,

Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary.

Tuesday evening Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1872, an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Comm<sup>on</sup> was held at the Town Hall,

present Allen V. Lesley, President,  
Andrew C. Gray, William Cooper, William Herbert  
Israel H. Holz, William H. Cobb, Ferdinand Leckler  
John J. Black, James E. Shaw and Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,

The report of the Committee on the improvements on the Farm tenanted by Geo. W. Morrison, made at the last meeting of the Board and laid over, having been called up and read, on motion the report was accepted, and the following Ordinance passed

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Comm<sup>on</sup> ten members being present and <sup>thereof</sup> assenting thereto that the sum of eight hundred and seventy seven dollars and eighty seven cents be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of the acting Committee; Seven hundred and fifty dollars part thereof to be paid to Andrew J. Brown for building an addition to the house occupied by George W. Morrison and repairing the old one, - and sixty seven dollars and eighty seven cents to be paid to George W. Morris on for digging and walling the Celler, and that a check or checks be drawn for the payment of the same

on motion the following Ordinance was passed  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Comm<sup>on</sup> ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Comm<sup>on</sup> for the support of the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following accounts were allowed  
To the Newcastle Com<sup>on</sup> for Gas to June 25<sup>th</sup> 1872 \$40.00  
" Henry Eckel, for printing Dr. statement &c. 30.10  
" Peter B. Vandever for sundry bills of printing 10 by him 7.23  
- Peter B. Vandever for sundry bills of printing 10 by him 7.23  
\$78.03

On motion, the acting Committee were directed to have the front of the new and the front of the old Building at Hoare's Corner painted and sanded, and the South West



gable and the South East side of the old Building, Line washed with the same color,

On motion the acting Committee were authorized to cause a new Fwy to be erected at Hares Corner, also all necessary grading ~~work~~ done which may be considered necessary by reason of the erection of the new Hotel,

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

A stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Commerce, was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872,

Present,

Allen T. Leoley, President  
William Cooper, W. C. Dobb, William Herbert, J. H. Fols,  
Hermand Leckler and John White & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,

The report of N. A. Gilpin, Esq. Architect and the report of the acting Committee, in relation to the completion of the Hotel at Hares Corner, were severally read, accepted and ordered to be filed

An account of William Gregg, having been read, it was on motion referred back to the acting Committee for the purpose of procuring from Mr. Gregg, a bill of items, for the \$387. - which he has charged against the Trustees. -

On motion, Resolved, That for the purpose of an amicable settlement of the Rent due and to become due from Douglas M. McCoy for the year ending March 25<sup>th</sup> next the acting Committee are directed to fix the number of acres, eighty two, at nine dollars per acre, and in case the said McCoy will not settle upon this basis, that then the Treasurer of this Board, be and he is hereby instructed to proceed in collecting the Rent from the said McCoy,

On motion Resolved, That the rent for the Farm now in the tenure of Solomon Newlove, for the year commencing March 25<sup>th</sup> 1873, shall be four hundred dollars

The acting Committee stated that they had advertised for Rent, the Farms now in the tenure of James McCoy, Douglas M. McCoy, William R. Stroup, Mary Callahan and Alexander Biggs, that they had received a number of Proposals, which they now laid before the Board,

Whereupon on motion the said Proposals were severally opened and read, - which said Proposals were as follows, -

For the Farm now in the tenure of James McCoy, -  
Alexander Biggs \$1300. - Eugene Stroup \$1000. - and  
Robert Morrison \$1200. -

For the Farm in the tenure of Douglas M. McCoy,  
Joseph Higgins \$725. - Walter Beck \$600. and Robert  
Morrison \$600.00. -

For the Farm in the tenure of W. R. Stroup,  
Jesse Gooding \$1000. - William R. Stroup \$900.00  
Walter Beck \$900. - & Robert Morrison 900.00

For the Farm in the tenure of Mary Callahan,  
Mary Callahan \$1000. - Walter Beck \$900.00

For the Farm in the tenure of Alexander Biggs,  
Jesse Gooding \$700. - Alexander Biggs \$700.00  
Walter Beck 700. -

On motion Resolved, That the proposals of Joseph Higgins, for the Farm now in the tenure of Douglas M. McCoy, be accepted, for the term of one year from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next subject to the usual Covenants and Conditions

It being considered by the Board that the other bids are too low, the acting Committee are instructed to offer the Farms at the following rents

Farm in tenure of James McCoy, to Alex Biggs at \$1400.00  
and the Farm he now occupies at 800.00

and in case he declines to take either, then to the other bidder,  
Farm in tenure of W. R. Stroup to him at \$1100.00  
and in case he declines to take then to the other bidder,

Farm in tenure of Mary Callahan to her at \$1150.00  
and in case she declines to take it then to other bidder

Farm in tenure of Alex Biggs to him at 800.00  
and in case he declines to take it then to other bidder.

On motion Resolved, That the rent for the Farms now in the tenure of George W. Morrison and Ezekiel Fols

for the year commencing March 25<sup>th</sup> 1873, shall be as follows,

From George W. Mearns Eight hundred dollars and from Ezekiel Hols, seven hundred and twenty five dollars in lieu of the rents they are now paying.

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary,

Saturday evening December 28<sup>th</sup> 1872 a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common was held at the office of the Secretary in the office of Newcastle, present,

William H. Cobb, John James, John C. Mahoney, William Herbert, Israel H. Hols & Peter B. Vandever

The President being absent, on motion William H. Cobb was appointed President pro tem

There being no quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary in the Town of Newcastle, on Tuesday evening Dec 31<sup>st</sup> inst at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Attest of  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary,

Tuesday evening December 31<sup>st</sup> 1872 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met at the office of the Secretary, pursuant to adjournment present,

Allen D. Leacy, President  
W. H. Cobb, W. Herbert, John White, Israel H. Hols, John J. Black, James S. Shaw, John C. Mahoney & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the two last meetings read & approved,

The acting Committee made report that Alexander Biggs would take the Farm now in the tenure of James McGoy at the rent of \$1400.- and Robert Beatty the Farm now in the tenure of William R. Stroup at the rent of \$1100.- and that the Farms in the tenure of Mary Callahan and Alexander Biggs were not rented.

Whereupon on motion Resolved that the Farm now in the tenure of James McGoy be rented to Alexander Biggs for the term of one year from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of

March next at the Rent of \$1400.- and the Farm in the tenure of W. R. Stroup to Robert Beatty for the same time for \$1100.- subject to the usual covenants and conditions and the acting Committee directed to advertise the remaining two farms for rent.

The acting Committee not being ready to make report on the account of the Greys they were directed to report at the next meeting of the Board,

On motion Resolved, that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be borrowed from the Farmers Bank at Newcastle for ninety days to make the semi annual payment to the Newcastle Water Works Co, due January 1<sup>st</sup> 1873, and that the Note of the Trustees be given for the payment of the same,

On motion the following accounts were allowed.

To R. A. Gelpin Architect	\$ 146.00
" Geo. W. Vernon for printing	3.50
" Newcastle Gas Co. for Gas Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> 1872	50.50
" Peter B. Vandever for Leases & notices	12.00
" W. B. McGoy for taxes for 1872	474.05
" C. P. Johnson for printing	3.50
" Blatt & Eckel "	8.75
" Acting Committee to pay Insurance	100.00
" " " for use of old building & new floor, in school	90.00
	\$ 888.30

On motion the acting Committee were directed to procure an additional Insurance of two thousand dollars on the Hotel at Hares Corner,

On motion the following ordinances were passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education for the support of the Newcastle Institute and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, for the payment of expenses incurred in additional improvements at Hares Corner, and for printing material, and that checks or orders be drawn for the



payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of eight hundred and eighty eight dollars and thirty cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the accounts passed at this meeting, and that checks or notes be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the best mode to be adopted to increase the annual income of the Trustees, whereupon the President appointed, John J. Black, William H. Dobb, and Peter B. Vandever, said Committee.

And on motion the Board adjourns

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Friday evening January 10th 1873 a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common was held at the office of the Secretary in the Town of Newcastle, pursuant to a call of the President, present

Allen V. Lesley, President,  
William Herbert, John J. Black, William Cooper, William H. Dobb, John G. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, Ford, Leckler, Isaac A. Jobs & Peter B. Vandever,

The acting Committee reported that they had two applicants for the Farm in the tenure of Alexander Biggs & Wm. Frazer & William Cleaver,

Whereupon on motion the said Farm was offered to William H. Frazer for one year at \$800. rent, from the 25th day of March next, subject to the usual covenants and conditions, provided his father, Samuel Frazer will guarantee the payment of the rent, and in case Joseph Keegins declines to take the farm in the tenure of Douglas M. Wilby, then that the acting Committee rent that farm to the said William Cleaver at a Rent of \$725. - and should the said Cleaver prefer the Callahan Farm at \$1150. - to rent him that Farm.

On motion an account of Edward C. Johnson for repairing pump &c at the Farm in the tenure of Mary Callahan was allowed for \$23.50 and a check or notes directed to be drawn for the payment

of the same,

An account of William R. Strip for \$14.00 for putting up a certain fence on the farm in his tenure was read, and on motion disallowed.

On motion Resolved, That Allen V. Lesley, John J. Black and William Herbert, be and they are hereby constituted a Committee to invite the Proprietors of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and others to visit the Town of Newcastle for the purpose of selecting suitable grounds for the location of their works,

On motion the following preamble and resolution was read.

Whereas it is the opinion of this Board that it would be greatly to the interest and advantage of the citizens of the Town of Newcastle, that the act entitled "an act of the General Assembly, enlarging the Corporate Powers of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common," passed at Dover January 25th 1792 should be amended by increasing the term of years for leasing the lands held by the Trustees,

Therefore Resolved that this Board hereby requests the Legislature of the State of Delaware to amend the said act, by striking out the word "thirty" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "thirty nine and ninety nine"

and after some consideration laid over until the next meeting of the Board,

Resolved that when this Board adjourns to meet on Monday evening next at the office of the Secretary at 7 1/2 o'clock.

And on motion the Board adjourns

Attest,  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Monday evening January 13th 1873, the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met at the office of the Secretary pursuant to adjournment,

present, Allen V. Lesley, President,  
William Cooper, James G. Shaw, John J. Black, Wm. H. Dobb, & Peter B. Vandever

There being no quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary on Friday evening next at 7 1/2 o'clock

Attest,  
Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary

Friday evening January 17<sup>th</sup> 1873, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, met at the office of the Secretary in the Town of Newcastle pursuant to adjournment,

present,  
John Jamner, Ferdinand Leckler, William H. Dobb,  
John J. Black, James G. Shaw, W<sup>m</sup>. Herbert, Israel H. Fols,  
and Peter B. Vandever,

The President being absent on motion William H. Dobb was appointed President pro-tem,

The minutes of the last two meetings read and approved,

On motion  
Resolved, That in all future Leases a clause shall be inserted, giving to the succeeding tenant the right of filling the ice house,

On motion the Preamble and resolution laid over by the Board at its meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, until the next meeting of the Board, was called up,

which preamble and resolution are in the following words,

Whereas it is the opinion of this Board that it would be greatly to the interest and advantage of the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle, that the Act entitled "An act to enlarge the Corporate Powers of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common" passed at Dover, January 25<sup>th</sup> 1792 should be amended by increasing the term of years for leasing the lands held by the Trustees, Therefore

Resolved, That this Board hereby requests the Legislature of the State of Delaware, to amend the said Act by striking out the word "thirty" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Nine hundred and ninety nine"

And the question being taken on the passage of the said Preamble and Resolution, they were carried without a dissenting vote,

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest

Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary,

An Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening March 4<sup>th</sup> 1873,

present  
William Couper, William H. Dobb, John J. Black, John C. Mahoney, William Herbert, Israel H. Fols and Peter B. Vandever,

The President being absent on motion William Couper was appointed President pro-tem,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,

On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, William H. Dobb and Israel H. Fols were appointed tellers,

whereupon on counting the Ballots it appeared that the following persons were duly elected, they having respectively received a majority of votes,

- For President Allen O. Lesley,
- " Treasurer, William Herbert,
- " Acting Committee, William Herbert and Ferdinand Leckler,
- " Committee on Education, John J. Black, Allen O. Lesley and James G. Shaw,

It appearing that but two persons were elected on the Acting Committee, after several ballotings the election of one other person to that Committee, was on motion postponed until the next meeting of the Board,

The Treasurer of the Committee on Education laid before the Board his account and vouchers for the past year, which were on motion referred to a Committee of two consisting of John Jamner & W<sup>m</sup>. H. Dobb, and when examined and approved to be published with the Treasurer's statement, or on a separate sheet as may be most convenient,

On motion, Allen O. Lesley and Peter B. Vandever were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's account and vouchers for the year ending the 25<sup>th</sup> inst,

On motion William H. Dobb and William Couper were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts and vouchers of the Acting Committee for the past year,

On motion, The Treasurer was authorized to sell to Douglas M. McBoys, for his rent due the 25<sup>th</sup> inst for the



sum of Seven hundred and twenty five dollars with interest, and in case he is not now prepared to pay the money, then to take his note with James McCoy as in dorse,

Jas. McCoy allowance for Linn

James McCoy made application for reduction of Rent on account of alleged deficiency of Linn. Whereupon it was considered by the Board that under the peculiar circumstances of the case, this Board cannot make the deduction or allowance asked for by Mr. McCoy.

Report of Finance Committee

John J. Black, chairman of the Committee of Ways and means made report, that the Committee had taken the financial condition of the Board into consideration and were satisfied, that with proper economy, the income of the trustees would be sufficient for the current year's expenses of the Board.

And on motion, the report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

And on motion the Board adjourned.

Attest Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Friday evening March 21st 1873, a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common called by the President of the Board was held at the Town Hall present,

Allen D. Lesley, President, Andrew C. Gray, William Couper, John Janney W. Herbert, William H. Dobb, James G. Shaw, John J. Black, Israel H. Fols, Ferdinand Leckler, John C. Mahoney, John White and Peter B. Vandever.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Election of W. H. Dobb acting Committee

On motion, Resolved, that the Board proceed to elect the third member of the acting Committee, Ferdinand Leckler & John C. Mahoney were appointed tellers.

Whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that William H. Dobb was duly elected, he having received a majority of the votes cast.

Accounts allowed

On motion the following accounts were read and allowed: To Paul Barr, 1 year's salary as Janitor Paid \$30.00; To W. Herbert, Treasurer Paid 150.00; To Peter B. Vandever, Secretary, writing laws & stationery \$60.00; To W. R. Stump for steps, Bucket chains & fixtures \$252.60.

Note to Farmers Bank \$8000.-

On motion Resolved that the President of the Board is hereby instructed to consolidate the present indebtedness of the trustees to the Farmers Bank at Newcastle, in one Note for the sum of Eight thousand dollars, to bear date the seventh inst, payable at six months, and take up and cancel the four Notes now held by the said Bank.

Committee on Education

On motion the following ordinances were read and passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Thirteen members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Eight hundred and twenty five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education for the support of the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

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Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Thirteen members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Two hundred and fifty two dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the accounts passed at this meeting, and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same.

Acting Committee

\$1000.-

paid

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Thirteen members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the acting Committee, for Linn, fencing material, repairs, & that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same.

And on motion the Board adjourned.

Attest Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Tuesday evening June 3rd, 1873 a stated quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, was held at the Town Hall,

present, John Janney, William Couper, John J. Black, William Herbert, John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, William H. Dobb, Israel H. Fols and Peter B. Vandever.

The President of the Board being absent, on motion William Couper was appointed President, pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this Board made report, that they had

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examined the accounts of William Herbert, Treasurer for the year ending March 25th 1873, and found them correct, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$28.41, - and the following rents due at that date and unpaid, viz; From Jesse Gordeny \$138.10, from Edward M. Hastings \$62.50, and from Mary Callahan \$334.<sup>50</sup> - which report, on motion, was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Acting Committee for the year ending March 25th 1873, made report that they have compared the same with the vouchers presented therewith and found them to agree, the balance shown to be in the hands of the Acting Committee on the 25th March last being \$15.<sup>00</sup>. Their Committee also reported that the cost of the new building at Hoares Corner, and the other improvements connected with it, as taken from the acting Committees statement and vouchers, has been as follows. -

Amounts paid under the contract with W. G. Gregg \$ 7227.00  
Commission paid the Architect, Mr. Gelpin 146.00

Expn of sundries for grading, curbing and paving around the House, building cistern with its connections & for materials, the sum of 1653.99  
Total Costs \$ 9026.99

The acting Committee state that so far as they can ascertain, the bills for these improvements are all in, and the discount on the \$8000, borrowed from the Bank to make them has been paid up to September next,

which report was on motion accepted and the Committee discharged. -

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Committee on Education, made report that they had attended to that duty and find that the statements of the Treasurer of the Committee with the vouchers therefor agree on motion the report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

On motion the account of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education for the past year, was ordered to be published in hand bills for distribution among the Citizens, the same to be done by the Committee on Education.

On motion Resolved, that the Committee on Education are hereby authorized to expend annually the sum of twenty five dollars to be expended in prizes and distributed among the most successful Pupils of the Newcastle Institute, until

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otherwise ordered by this Board.

On motion Resolved, that the President of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars, for sundry days, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to meet the semi-annual payment due to the Newcastle Water Works Company on the first day of July next,

On motion the following Ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Eight Hundred and twenty five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Four Hundred and fifty five dollars & twenty three cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated payable to the order of Israel H. Fols, Collector of taxes for Newcastle Hundred for the year 1873, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of ten dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated payable to the order of John J. Black for clearing & repairing the Good Will Fire Engine, and the further sum of fifteen dollars and sixty cents, payable to the order of Blatts & Cook for printing the annual statement of the Treasurer, and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same, -

Attest

Peter B. Vandoren  
Secretary,

Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1873 a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common was held at the Town Hall, in the Town of Newcastle.

Present,

Allen V. Wesley, President  
John Janney, John J. Black, William Herbert, W. Cooper  
William H. Fols, Ferdinand Lecker, John C. Mahoney, John White, Israel H. Fols, and Peter B. Vandoren

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,

The President of the Board stated that he had borrowed \$1500 from the Farmers Bank for ninety days to meet the semi-annual payment due to the Newcastle Water Works Co. July 1st last.



A communication from Thomas Holcomb was read relative to leasing for the term of 999 years a triangular Lot of land containing about five acres, adjoining his property on the Newcastle & Frenchtown Turnpike,

And on motion the following Resolution was passed, Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Board, that the time has not yet arrived to lease any part of the Common Land for a term of nine hundred and ninety nine years, -

on motion, the President was added to the Committee on the location of a Cemetery,

on motion the following Ordinance was passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred and twenty four dollars, be the same is lawfully appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

on motion Resolved, that the Treasurer of this Board is hereby authorized to exercise his best judgment in reference to collecting the rent now due and to become due from Edward M. Hastings for the Haves Corner property, for the past and also the current year,

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever

Secretary

Thursday evening, October 30th, 1873, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common called by the President, was held at the office of the Secretary in the Town of Newcastle, present

Allen V. Lesley, President,  
John Janney, William Herbert, William McDolly, Brad H. Holz, John C. Mahoney, John J. Black, James G. Shaw & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved, a communication from Thomas Holcomb desiring to rent the triangular piece of land adjoining his property on the Newcastle & Frenchtown Turnpike, containing about five acres was read and considered

Whereupon the following Resolution was passed, Resolved, that the said piece of land be rented to the said Thomas Holcomb for the term of one year from the twenty-fifth day of March next, at ten dollars per acre,

Resolved, that the acting Committee wait on

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the several tenants for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is their desire to remain for another year at the present rent, and make report at the next meeting of the Board,

Resolved, that when the Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet at the office of the Secretary in the Town of Newcastle, on Tuesday evening next, at 7 1/2 o'clock,

Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed to stay further proceedings for the present against Edward M. Hastings, on Landlords warrant which has been issued against him, for six months rent, due 25<sup>th</sup> September

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest,  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Tuesday evening November 4th 1873 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, met at the office of the Secretary in the Town of Newcastle, present

Allen V. Lesley, President,

John Janney, William McDolly, William Herbert, John C. Mahoney, John J. Black and Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved,

The acting Committee reported that they called on the several tenants of the Trustees, and that all the tenants desired to remain another year, but that they wished a reduction of rent, with the exception of Solomon Sculore, -

on motion the Model Farm was rented to Solomon Sculore for one year from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next, at the same rent and upon the same conditions, as he now holds it,

on motion Resolved, that the acting Committee be requested to advertise the Haves Corner Hotel property, and each and every farm, except the Model Farm, as economically as possible in such papers and in such way as may offer the greatest advantages, and that this Board meet to receive Proposals on the evening of the first Tuesday in December next,

on motion the Secretary was authorized to procure a Certified Copy of an act of the Legislature, passed at Dover July 18<sup>th</sup> 1873, entitled, an act to amend the act entitled "an act to enlarge the Corporate powers of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common" and cause the same to be Recorded in the Recorder's Office at Newcastle agreeably to law

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

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Tuesday evening Dec. 2<sup>d</sup> 1873 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held a stated quarterly meeting at the Town Hall, present

Allen V. Leiby, President,  
William Cooper, William McCobb, Ferdinand Leckler  
Israel H. Holy, W<sup>o</sup> Herbert, John F. Black, Geo. B. Mahoney,  
John White and Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The acting Committee reported that they had advised the Farmers for rent agreeably to a resolution passed by the Board at its last meeting, & now laid before the Board the Proposals they had received. — which Proposals on being read were as follows. —

For the Hares Corner Property,  
B. C. Pearce, \$1650. — E. M. Hastings \$1750. —

For the Clayton Farm  
Abrn. E. Wright \$750. — Geo. W. Morrison 725.

For the Stockton Farm  
Alex. Biggs \$1250. —

For Centie Hall Farm  
Abrn. E. Wright \$1000. — David McCoy \$950. —

For the Perm Farm  
Walter Beck \$1075. —

For the Bayard Farm  
John Garding \$650. — Higgins \$800. —

W. H. Frazer 700  
A. E. Wright — 725

For the Oglethorpe Farm  
Jean Garding \$700. — Higgins \$725

R. R. Morrison 650. — David McCoy 650  
A. E. Wright 675.

For the Jefferson Farm  
Ezekiel Hols \$650. —

On motion the Renting of the Hares Corner property was laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

On motion, the following Farms were let to the following named persons and pieces for the term of one year from the 25th day of March next, subject to the usual Covenants and Conditions,

Clayton Farm to Geo. W. Morrison for	\$750.00
Stockton Farm to Alex. Biggs	1300.00
Centie Hall to David McCoy	1000.00
Perm Farm to Walter Beck	1100.00
Bayard Farm to W <sup>o</sup> H. Frazer	750.00

Oglethorpe Farm to Robert R. Morrison for \$675.00  
Jefferson " " Ezekiel Hols " 675.00

On motion the following accounts were allowed,  
To Peter B. Vandever, to pay secretary of State, State Tax for Act of Assembly,

Paid \$13.25  
Paid 44.00 To the Newcastle Gas Co. for Gas to Sept 25th 1873,  
Paid 28.25 " W<sup>o</sup> H. Person, for Blinds for Bar Room at Hares Corner,  
\$85.50

Two bills of Edward M. Hastings, for sundry work at the Hotel property at Hares Corner, having been laid before the Board were not allowed. —

On motion the bill of William Gregg for work and material at the Hotel at Hares Corner, was referred to the acting Committee with power to settle the same, provided they do not pay a greater amount than \$35.00. —

Resolved that when the Board adjourning its adjournment meet this night, two weeks at 7 1/2 o'clock. —

On motion the following ordinances were passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common ten members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same. —

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the acting Committee, for Lime, material, repairs &c. — and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of \$85.50 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the accounts passed at this meeting and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same,  
And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary

\$600. paid  
350 paid



Tuesday evening December 16th, 1873 the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met at the Town Hall, pursuant to adjournment

present  
 Allen W. Lesley, President,  
 William Cooper, John Janvier, Wm. H. Dobb, J. Leckler  
 Wm. Herbert, Israel H. Holz, John J. Black, John C. Mahoney  
 John White & Peter B. Vandervoer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

The acting Committee made report, that all the tenants had accepted the Farms on the terms offered by the Trustees. - That they had again advertised the Hoags Corner property for rent, & that some proposals were received which were now before the Board, which were as follows:  
 John Keegan \$1700.00 James H. Wood \$1800.00  
 Wm. L. Gilbert 1650.00 Geo. Mackay 1700.00  
 Thos. T. Chandler & M. J. Jordan 1300.00

on motion of Peter B. Vandervoer, seconded by Mr. Leckler Resolved that the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board renting Center Hall Farm to David McCoy be reconsidered, and the question being taken on the passage of this resolution it was lost.

on motion the following resolution was read, Resolved, that the Farm and Hotel property at Hoags corner be rented to Benjamin C. Pearce for the term of five years from the 25th day of March next at the annual rent of \$1600, payable quarterly, the said B. C. Pearce and family to reside on and occupy the premises during the lease, and subject to the usual covenants and conditions, The Yeas and Nays, being called for and ordered, were on the passage of the resolution were as follows:

Yeas,	Nays
John Janvier 1	Allen W. Lesley 1
John White 1	Wm. Cooper 1
Wm. Herbert 1	John C. Mahoney 1
I. H. Holz 1	Peter B. Vandervoer 1
Wm. Dobb 1	
John J. Black 1	
J. Leckler 1	

on motion of Mr. Dobb, the following resolution was passed, Resolved, that the foregoing resolution, and the vote taken thereon be re-considered,

on motion the following resolution was read, Resolved that the word 'Five' be stricken out of the original resolution and, the word 'Three' substituted therefor. - The yeas and nays being called for in the passage of this resolution, resulted as follows:

Yeas,	Yeas
Allen W. Lesley	William Herbert
John Janvier	William H. Dobb
William Cooper	Israel H. Holz
John White	John J. Black
J. Leckler -	Peter B. Vandervoer

Nays,  
 John C. Mahoney. -  
 so the resolution was carried, and the original resolution is for three years instead of five years. -  
 And on motion the Board adjourned to Tuesday next the 23rd inst at 7 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Attest,  
 Peter B. Vandervoer  
 Secretary

Tuesday evening Dec. 23rd 1873 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met at the Town Hall, pursuant to adjournment,

present, William Cooper, William Herbert, William H. Dobb, Israel H. Holz, John C. Mahoney, John J. Black & Peter B. Vandervoer, -

The President being absent, on motion William Cooper was appointed President pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, -

The acting Committee reported that Benjamin C. Pearce accepted the Hoags Corner property & Lots of land for the term of three years but that he preferred to pay the rent semi-annually.

Whereupon on motion, Resolved, that the payments of the rent of Benjamin C. Pearce for the Hoags Corner Property & Lots of land shall be semi-annually, instead of quarterly, as heretofore proposed.

Whereas the personal property is advertised for sale by Constable Ward, therefore

Resolved, that the acting Committee are hereby instructed, to not let the field of wheat to be sold for a less price than ten dollars per acre, and the part of a field at less than \$6. per acre, and if sold at or under these prices to purchase the same for the Trustees, -

on motion, Resolved, that in case it is necessary, the Treasurer of the Board, is hereby authorized to borrow

Fifteen hundred dollars for ninety days, to meet the semi annual payment due the Newcastle Water Works Co

On motion, Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, in consideration of the large reduction in its income, caused by the decrease of rents, are satisfied that there will be the ensuing year a deficiency in the payment of the usual annual expenses of about \$1500, and that it will be necessary to decrease the appropriations for the schools to that amount

And in motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary,

Friday evening January 2<sup>d</sup>, 1874, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held a special meeting at the Town Hall, on the call of the President of the Board,

present, Allen V. Lesley, President,  
William Couper, John Janvick, John C. Mahoney, William Herbert, W. H. Cobb, Ferdinand Leckler, Israel H. Fols, John J. Black & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved  
The President stated that the object of the meeting was in reference to the present vacated condition of the Hows Corner Hotel property, Edward M. Hastings, the tenant having absconded

Whereupon on motion

Resolved, that the acting Committee, put the Hows Corner Hotel property, in the possession of Benjamin C. Pease or some other suitable person until the twenty fifth day of March next upon the best terms that can be obtained for the same,

On motion, Resolved,

That the acting Committee are hereby authorized, to employ Counsel to prosecute the persons who aided in carrying away the goods and chattels of Edward M. Hastings from the Hows Corner property,

On motion the bill of J. E. Massery for \$50. for attendance on the Town Clock was allowed, and an order ordered to be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion, Resolved that the price for landing & lading case of the Town Clock shall be \$30. from the first day of July last, & all repairs done to the Clock in the future shall be under the directions of the Committee on Public Buildings

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest, Peter B. Vandever, Secretary,

Tuesday evening March 3<sup>d</sup>, 1874 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held an annual meeting at the Town Hall,

present, Allen V. Lesley, President  
John Janvick, William Couper, William H. Cobb, William Herbert, Ferdinand Leckler, Israel H. Fols, John C. Mahoney, John White & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting read and approved,

On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, Israel H. Fols & Ferdinand Leckler were appointed Tellers, -

Whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that,

Allen V. Lesley was duly elected President,

John J. Black

Allen V. Lesley &

James G. Shaw } were duly elected the Committee on Education, - and

William Herbert

William H. Cobb }

Ferdinand Leckler } were duly elected the acting Committee, they having respectively received a majority of all the votes,

The Treasurer of the Board made report of the sale of the personal property of Edward M. Hastings by Constable John J. Ward, - showing the nett proceeds to be after deducting costs & expenses \$869.04

From which deduct the Bill of the Trustees for articles purchased, to wit;

Wheat in the ground	\$200.00
Lot of Straw	25.00
" " Corn fodder	16.00
Counter in Bar Room	30.00
Marble shelf	10.00
Registers & Heater pipes	25.00
Reversing	10.00
	<u>316.00</u>

Leaving a cash balance of \$544.04 which report on motion was accepted by the Board,

On motion, the following Resolution was read.  
Resolved, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to receive the sum of fifteen dollars from Benjamin C. Pease in payment for the straw and corn fodder sold by Constable Ward at the sale of the personal property of Edward M. Hastings. - And the question being taken



on the passage of the resolution it was lost,  
 on motion the following bills were allowed,  
 To Paul Barr, Salary as Janitor \$ 30.00  
 " Newcastle Gas Co. for Gas to Dec 25 1873, 21.00  
 " J. P. Jones for Coal 1.75  
 " William Hurburt, Treasurer Salary 150.00  
 " Peter B. Vandever, Secretary Salary, including Lease 57.00  
 " W. H. Harbert, to pay sundry bills for adu. Farms, 24.25  
 \$ 282.70

A communication from B. C. Pearce relative to putting  
 in a Range in the Hotel at Hares Corner, was read,

And on motion, the following resolution was passed,  
 Resolved, that in case the said Benjamin C.  
 Pearce will furnish a proper Range complete in every  
 respect, that then the acting Committee are instructed  
 to have the same put in at the expense of the Trustees  
 the same to be left there by the said Benjamin C. Pearce  
 at the termination of his Lease, and to be the property  
 of the Board of Trustees.

The acting Committee laid before the Board a state  
 ment of their accounts for the past year, which was  
 on motion referred to a Committee of two consisting  
 of William Couper and John Jamieson,

The Committee on Public Buildings presented a state  
 ment of their receipts & disbursements, which was referred  
 to a Committee of two consisting of Peter B. Vandever &  
 John C. Mackenzie,

on motion the following ordinances were passed,  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
 Common ten members being present and all assenting, that  
 the sum of Eight hundred and fifty dollars be and the  
 same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer  
 of the Committee on Education, and that a check or order  
 be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
 castle Common, Ten members being present and all as-  
 senting, that the sum of one hundred dollars be and  
 the same is hereby appropriated payable to the order of the  
 Committee on Public Buildings and that a check or order  
 be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
 castle Common, ten members being present and all  
 assenting, that the sum of Two hundred and  
 eighty two dollars & seventy cents be and the same is hereby  
 appropriated, to pay the accounts allowed at this meeting and  
 that checks or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

And on motion the Board adjourned,

Attest  
 Peter B. Vandever  
 Secretary

Friday evening May 1st. 1874, The Board of Trustees  
 of the Newcastle Common held a special meeting at the  
 office of the Secretary in the Town of Newcastle pursuant  
 to a call of the President of the Board,

present  
 Allen G. Lesley, President,  
 John Jamieson, William Couper, William H. Colby, W.  
 Harbert, James G. Shaw, John C. Mackenzie, John J. Black  
 Israel H. Hols & Peter B. Vandever,

The President of the Board stated that he had called  
 this meeting for the purpose of taking into consideration  
 a new Road about being laid out, through the lands  
 of the Trustees and other, beginning near Churchmans Bridge  
 and terminating on the Road leading from Hares Corner  
 to Wilmington, at a point about two hundred yards from  
 the Hotel

After some considerable discussion, the following  
 resolution was read,

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Board that  
 the Road under discussion is not needed.

And the question being taken on the passage  
 of the resolution it was lost.

On motion the following resolution was read and  
 adopted,

Resolved, that this Board will not oppose the  
 making a road through the Farms of the Common from  
 the point where the straight line between Messrs Vandegrift  
 and Stoops touches the line of W. Frezer, to a point on  
 the Hares Corner and Wilmington road about fifty yards  
 of the Hotel, and that a Committee of two be appointed  
 to carry out the intent of this resolution - Whereupon the  
 President appointed John J. Black & John Jamieson the  
 Committee, And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest,  
 Peter B. Vandever, Secretary,

Tuesday evening June 2<sup>d</sup> 1874 The Board of  
 Trustees of the Newcastle Common held a stated  
 quarterly meeting at the Town Hall,  
 present,  
 Allen G. Lesley, President

William H. Cobb, Israel H. Fols, John C. Mahoney,  
William Herbert, James G. Shaw, John F. Black, J. Lester  
& Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,  
The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the  
Acting Committee, reported, that they have examined  
the accounts for the year ending March 25<sup>th</sup> 1874, and found  
the same to agree with the vouchers submitted to them and  
that there is shown to be a balance due to the acting  
Committee of ninety four <sup>and</sup> dollars,

And on motion the report was accepted and the  
Committee discharged

On motion William Couper and William H. Cobb  
were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's  
accounts for the year ending March 25<sup>th</sup> 1874

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the  
Board in reference to a proposed Road terminating near  
the Hotel at Haves Corner, made report that the Free-  
holders appointed by the Court to lay out and locate  
the said Road, had changed the termination of said  
Road, on the Haves Corner & Wilmington, to about fifty  
yards from the Hotel,

On motion the bill of the Newcastle Gas Co, for gas  
to March 25<sup>th</sup> last was allowed for \$26.00, and an order  
directed to be drawn for the payment of the same,

A communication from J. Dillion in reference to  
putting Lightning Rods on the Hotel at Haves Corner,  
was presented to the Board, and on motion the following  
resolution was read

Resolved that Mr Dillion erect Copper Cable Light-  
ning Rods on the Hotel at Haves Corner, the cost of which  
shall not exceed seventy five dollars & to be guaranteed  
for ten years agreeably to his proposition,

& the question being taken on the passage of the resolu-  
tion it was lost.

On motion the following resolution was read,  
Resolved, that the Committee on Public Buildings attend  
to the Lightning Rod on the Town Hall.

And on motion the following amendment was offered by  
Mr Fols - "and in attending to it take it down" & the  
question being taken on the amendment it was lost.

And the question being taken on the passage of the original  
resolution it was carried,

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts  
of the Committee on Public Buildings made report that  
they have performed that duty, found the accounts correct  
leaving a balance in the Committee's hands of \$66.37

On motion the report was accepted and the Committee dis-  
charged

On motion the acting Committee were directed to harvest  
the wheat crop, lately purchased from Mr Hastings, and to exercise  
their judgment as to the time for selling it.

On motion, Resolved, that the Treasurer of this Board  
is hereby directed to issue a Landlord warrant, against  
Robert Betty for the balance of the Rent due from him to  
the Trustees of the Newcastle Common

On motion, Resolved, that the Treasurer of this Board  
is hereby authorized and directed to borrow the sum of  
fifteen hundred dollars, at ninety days, for the purpose  
of paying to the Newcastle Water Works Co, the semi-annual  
payment due on the first day of July next,

On motion the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, nine members being present and eight thereof  
assenting thereto that the sum of Seven hundred dol-  
lars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support  
of the Newcastle Institute, payable to the order of the Treasurer  
of the Committee on Education, & that a check or order  
be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common nine members being present and all assenting  
thereto, that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and  
the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of  
the Acting Committee, for Lime, material, repairs &c, and  
that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the  
same,

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest, of  
Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary,

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of  
Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town  
Hall on Tuesday evening the first day of December  
A.D. 1874. - present

Allen V. Lesley, President,  
William H. Cobb, Ferdinand Hebler, William Herbert,  
James G. Shaw, John F. Black, John C. Mahoney, Israel H.  
Fols & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved,  
William H. Cobb on behalf of the Committee appointed to  
audit the Treasurer's accounts made report that they had  
examined the accounts & vouchers and found them correct,



and that a written report would be made at the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Education stated that the Committee decided to continue the schools to the 31st day of March next, and would require an appropriation of \$1950.

Whereupon on motion the following resolution was passed. Resolved, That this Board taking into consideration the present and prospective increase in the population of the Town, have come to the conclusion that the Board will not be able to continue the schools heretofore maintained by them out of the trust estate, the schools will therefore be closed on the 31st day of March next.

On giving this notice to the citizens of the Town of Newcastle, we recommend them to apply to the General Assembly of the State which will meet at Dover in January next, for such legislation as may be considered necessary in order to establish a proper system of schools for the benefit of the citizens of the Town.

Resolved, That the secretary procure fifty printed bills of the foregoing and put them up for the information of the citizens.

On motion the following ordinance was passed. Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Nineteen hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute to the 31st day of March next and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of Three thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of a Note for \$1500, discounted at the Union Bank and the semi annual payment of \$1500, due to the Newcastle Water Works Co, on the first day of January next.

On motion the following accounts were allowed,  
To Glabb & Eckel, for printing Treasurers statement \$20.00  
" Isaac H. Fols, Collector for Taxes for 1874 519.04  
" H. C. Dobb, for delivery of Lime 15.00  
\$ 554.04

On motion, Resolved that the Acting Committee rent the farms to the present tenants on the same terms and conditions as they now hold them, and in case any tenant should refuse, then to advertise that farm for rent.

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1875.  
\$950. paid.

The following Preamble and resolutions were read,  
Whereas since the last meeting of this Board death has called away one of its members,

Therefore,  
Resolved, That it was with the deepest feelings of our nature, that we heard of the death of William Couper, who departed this life suddenly on the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo,

Resolved, That in the death of Mr Couper, this Board has lost one of its best and most efficient members; the Community an honest man, and his family the best of friends.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be certified by the Secretary to the family of the deceased, and in motion unanimously adopted.

On motion the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, that an Election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle, on Saturday the Ninth day of January A.D. 1875, between the hour of twelve o'clock noon and five o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees, occasioned by the death of William Couper, and that Ferdinand Leckler and William Herbert be the Committee to hold said election giving six days notice of the time and place of holding the same, and in case a Trustee should not be elected on that day, the said Committee are authorized to proceed in holding other elections giving six days notice thereof until a Trustee be elected to fill said vacancy.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed at this meeting amounting to the sum of \$554.<sup>04</sup>

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest, Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary.

Tuesday evening March 2<sup>d</sup> 1875 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held an annual meeting at the Town Hall in the Town of Newcastle, present  
Allen S. Lealey, President,  
William H. Dobb, William Herbert, James C. Shair, Israel H. Fols, Ferdinand Leckler, John C. Mahoney, John J. Black & Peter B. Vandever,  
The minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The following report was read,  
To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
Gentlemen,

At an Election held the Ninth  
day of January 1875 for one Trustee to fill the vacancy  
in the Board caused by the death of William Cooper  
there were 319 ballots cast

John Mc Rodney,	received	207
A. M. Herzan	"	91
Edmond Challenger	"	47
G. H. Tolliver	"	3
Dr. G. J. Maxwell	"	1
	Total	319

Respectfully submitted by  
Wm Herbert } Committee  
J Lecker }

and on motion the report was accepted & the Committee  
discharged,

Whereupon the President of the Board declared  
John Mc Rodney to be duly elected a member of the Board  
of Trustees of the Newcastle Common to fill the vacancy  
occasioned by the decease of William Cooper

And on motion John Mc Rodney appeared and took  
his seat as a member of the Board,

On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers  
for the ensuing year, John Mc Rodney & James G  
Shaw were appointed Tellers

Whereupon on Counting the Ballots it appeared  
that the following persons were duly elected

For President Allen C. Feeley  
" Treasurer William Herbert  
" Acting  
Committee } William Herbert  
" William Mc Cobb  
" Ferdinand Lecker,

On motion Resolved that the present Committee  
on Education be continued until the schools are  
closed agreeably to a resolution heretofore passed by  
this Board,

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts  
of the Treasurer for the year ending March 25<sup>th</sup> 1874  
made report in writing, that they had performed that  
duty & found his accounts correct leaving a balance  
in the hands of the Treasurer of \$593.00, on the 25<sup>th</sup> March  
1874.

On motion the report was accepted and the  
Committee discharged,

The Committee on public buildings submitted a statement  
of their accounts, which was on motion referred to a Committee  
of two consisting of John C. Mahony & John Mc Rodney,

On motion Resolved, that so soon as a new School Board  
is established in the Town of Newcastle, the Committee on Edu-  
cation are instructed to loan the said Board all the school  
furniture and furniture of the school rooms, making an Inventory  
thereof and taking a receipt therefor

On motion Resolved, that Geo. C. Gray Esq is hereby  
authorized to discontinue the suit of the Trustees against  
Tutton & Biddle on payment of Costs,

On motion Resolved, that not less than the sum of one  
thousand dollars be paid annually to the extinguishment of  
the debt of the Trustees to the Farmers Bank,

On motion Resolved that the Committee on public  
Buildings are directed to take down the Lightning Rod  
on the Town Hall.

On motion the following accounts were allowed,

To Land & Money for winding & claiming Town Clerk due July 1/74	\$50.00
" The Newcastle Gas Co. for Gas to Dec 25/74	58.50
" Mrs. B. Smith, opening Court House for Election	2.00
" Expenses holding election June 9 <sup>th</sup> 1875	4.00
" William Herbert, Treasurers Salary	150.00
" Paul Barr, Janitor	30.00
" Peter B. Vandever, salary as secretary	50.00
" Printing	1.75
" Notifying Tenants	2.00
" William Mc Cobb for delivering Lime	20.00
" Board Mill Hill Co	19.00
	\$378.25

On motion Resolved, that the acting Committee are hereby  
instructed to notify the Rail Road Co, to erect a stone wall  
along the line of the land of the Trustees and the land of  
the Newcastle and Wilmington Rail Road Co, to prevent the  
lands of the Trustees from being away,

On motion the President of the Board is directed to sell  
at not less than \$7.00 per share the two hundred shares of  
of stock in The Newcastle Gas Co now held by the Trustees  
the proceeds of such sale to be applied to the liquidation  
of the debt of the Trustees to the Farmers Bank at New-  
Castle,



On motion the following Ordinances were passed  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, ten members being present and all assenting  
thereto, that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the  
same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the  
Committee on public buildings, and that checks or orders  
be drawn for the payment of the same;

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, ten members being present and all assenting  
thereto, that the sum of two hundred dollars, be and the  
same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the  
acting Committee and that checks or orders be drawn  
for the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, ten members being present, and all assenting thereto  
that the sum of \$378.<sup>25</sup> be and the same is hereby appropriated  
to pay the accounts found by the Board at this meeting  
& that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the  
same.

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

At a Stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of  
Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town  
Hall on Tuesday evening June 1st A.D. 1875,  
present

Allen W. Leoley, President  
John Janvier, William Herbert, Israel H. Holt, John  
Black, William H. Dobb, Ferdinand Tackler, James  
G. Shaw & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved

William Herbert, Treasurer laid before the Board a  
statement of the finances for the year ending March  
25th 1875, which was on motion referred to John  
H. Rodney, and Ferdinand Tackler to examine the same  
and make report to this Board,

The Acting Committee also laid before the  
Board an account of their receipts and disbursements  
for the year ending March 25th 1875, which account  
was on motion referred to Peter B. Vandever and John  
White, a committee to examine the same and make  
report to this Board

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The Committee on taking down the Lightning Rod  
not having performed that duty, were on motion con-  
tinued.

The Committee on the stone wall to protect  
the land of the Trustees from the encroachment of the  
Rail Road Company reported progress and were  
continued

The Committee on Education reported that  
the schools were closed on the 31st day of March  
last. - an inventory of the school furniture taken and  
also a receipt for the same from the new Board  
of Education, and that after satisfying all claims  
there was a balance in the hands of the Committee  
of something over \$300. And on motion the Com-  
mittee on Education were instructed to pay the  
balance in their hands to the Treasurer of this Board  
and William H. Dobb, and William Herbert were ap-  
pointed a Committee to Audit the accounts of the  
Committee on Education and make report to this  
Board.

On motion the following Ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
castle Common nine members being present and all  
assenting thereto, that the sum of five hundred and  
twenty eight dollars and eleven cents, be and the same  
is hereby appropriated subject to the order of John  
Barkstoner, Collector for Newcastle Hundred, to pay the  
County Road and Poor and school taxes for the year 1875  
and that a check or order be drawn for the payment  
of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common nine members being present and all  
assenting thereto, that the sum of Twelve hundred  
dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject  
to the order of the Acting Committee, for Lime, material  
& that a check or order be drawn for the payment  
of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
castle Common nine members being present and all  
assenting thereto, that the sum of two hundred dollars  
be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable  
to the Treasurer of the late Committee on Education  
to cover that amount heretofore paid to them by the  
Treasurer of this Board and for which no appropriation

June 12<sup>o</sup> 1875  
1870. paid,

has been made, and that a check be drawn for the payment of the same.

John J. Black, President of the Good Will Fire Co made a report, that the company had disbanded and that he now in behalf of the said Co. delivered to the Trustees the Engine, Horse & apparatus thereto belonging.

And on motion the same was accepted by this Board.

on motion the Fire Engine, Horse and apparatus are now offered to the City Council on the same terms the Good Will Fire Co, held the same.

on motion the acting committee were instructed to ascertain the most feasible plan of supplying the Penn Farm with water, together with the probable expense thereof, and make report to this Board at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

on motion, Resolved, that the Note given by the President of this Board to the Farmers Bank for the sum of Twenty three hundred dollars for the purpose of raising the sum of \$1200. for the Committee on Education, and the sum of \$107.33 in the balance due to W<sup>c</sup> Herbert, the Treasurer as per statement up to the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March last is hereby sanctioned and approved by this Board.

Resolved that in case the Treasurer has not sufficient funds to meet the semi annual payment in July next to the Newcastle Water Works Co, he is hereby authorized to borrow ~~the~~ amount necessary for ninety days.

on motion, Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to examine the Books of the Newcastle Water Works Company to ascertain the financial condition of the Company, agreeably to a provision contained in the agreement between the said Company & the Trustees.

Whereupon the President appointed William H. Cobb, John Janvier and John W. Rodney the Committee.

And on motion the Board adjourned.

Attest

Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Monday evening June 14<sup>th</sup> 1875, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common was called by the President, was held at the City Hall,

present,

Allen V. Lesley, President,

John Janvier, John C. Mahoney, William Herbert, John J. Black, William H. Cobb, J. Leckler, Israel H. Nels, John W. Rodney and Peter B. Vandever,

The President stated that object of the meeting was to receive the report of the acting Committee relative to the introduction of the water to the Penn Farm,

The Committee reported that they had obtained estimates for the work & that the entire cost would be about \$800. - That Mr. Leckler would do the work and give the Board one years credit with interest from the time the work was completed,

and on motion the following resolution was read, Resolved, that the acting Committee proceed to have the water introduced to the Penn Farm, and the question being taken on the passage of the resolution it was lost.

And on motion the Board adjourned.

Attest

Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary.

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1875, at the City Hall, present.

Allen V. Lesley, President

John Janvier, William Herbert, Jas. G. Flaw, John Mahoney, J. W. Nels, J. J. Black, J. Leckler, W. H. Cobb, John W. Rodney & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved, The following reports were made by the respective Committees the reports accepted & the Committees discharged, The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the acting Committee for the year ending March 25<sup>th</sup> last reported that they had performed that duty and found the accounts correct.

The Committee on the accounts of the Committee on public Buildings, reported that they had examined the accounts & vouchers and found the same correct,

The Committee on the Treasurers account reported that they had examined the account, found them correct.



and that there was due to the treasurer the sum of \$1093.<sup>00</sup>

The Committee on the accounts of the late Committee on Education, reported that they had performed their duty & found a bal in the hands of that Committee of \$341. - which has been paid over to the Treasurer of this Board.

The Committee appointed to examine the Books of the Newcastle Water Works Co, made an elaborate report, which after being read was accepted, and ordered to be filed, & the Committee discharged, and on motion the secretary was directed to certify a copy of the Report to the Newcastle Water Works Co.

On motion a Committee from the Lone Valley Cemetery Company were admitted.

And Thomas Holcomb Esq of the Chairman, represented that the object of the Cemetery Co, was to ascertain if the Company could procure ground <sup>(from the Trustees)</sup> sufficient for the purposes of the Co, & upon what terms, and the Committee withdrew.

Whereupon on motion William H Colth, Ferdinand Leckler, John Jamieson & John Mc Rodney were appointed a Committee to confer with the Lone Valley Cemetery Co, in reference to the selection of proper ground for said Cemetery and the proper mode of transferring the same to the said Co, and all necessary information on the subject, and to make report to this Board at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

On motion the following ordinances were passed.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common eleven members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Twenty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the benefit of the Good Will Rice Co, subject to the order of Geo Gray the Treas of said Co, & that an order be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of \$164.<sup>00</sup> be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of J. W. Mc Joly, Collector, to pay City taxes for the year 1875 and that an order be drawn for the payment of the same.

And on motion the Board adjourned.

Attest  
Peter B. Vanderey  
Secretary

(Oct. 6, 1875)  
Wednesday evening a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, called by the President was held at the City Hall;

present Allen W Lealey, President  
H. Herbert, John Jamieson, J. Mc Joly, John Black, John C Mahoney, James G Shaw, John White, John Mc Rodney, and Peter B. Vanderey.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with,

The President stated that the object of the meeting was to receive the report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Lone Valley Cemetery Co, and to consider a communication from Benjamin C Pearce.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Lone Valley Cemetery Co, not being ready to report, and on motion continued,

A notice from Benjamin C Pearce, notifying the Trustees that he would deliver up on the 25th day of March next the peaceful possession of the House and premises now in his possession, was read,

Whereupon on motion the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the lease now existing between the Trustees of the Newcastle Common and Benjamin C Pearce for the House Corner Hotel & Farm shall cease & determine on the 25th day of March 1876 instead of the 25th day of March A.D. 1877, the said Benjamin C Pearce to do and perform all the covenants and agreements in the said lease contained on his part to be done and performed up to the said 25th day of March A.D. 1876,

And on motion the acting Committee were directed to advertise the House Corner Hotel & Farm for Rent,

Whereby the lines dividing the Bayard & Clayton Farms have become somewhat disarranged, by the opening of a new Public Road terminating near Hoares Corner.

On motion Resolved, That the acting Committee, fix the lines between the said two Farms in the most convenient and equitable manner,

On motion the following ordinance were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to order of the acting Committee to defray the expense of erecting a new fence along the line of a new public road terminating

near Hayes Corner, & that an order be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, the members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Fifty dollars is hereby appropriated payable to the order of Samuel E. Harey for sundry & repairing Black up to July 1st 1875, and that an order be drawn for the payment of the same.

And on motion the Board adjourned to Tuesday evening next the 12th inst at 8 o'clock.

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary.

Tuesday evening October 12th 1875 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met at the City Hall pursuant to adjournment.

present, Allen V. Wesley, President  
William H. Dobb, William Herbert, Daniel H. Dobb, John White  
John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, John J. Black and John H. Rodney.

on motion the minutes of the proceedings of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The following report was read.

To the Trustees of Newcastle Commons  
The Committee who were appointed, to confer with the Lane Valley Cemetery Company in reference to the application made by the said Company for the leasing, to them for the purposes of a Cemetery, ground belonging to the Town of Newcastle.

Report, That the said Company was organized on Tuesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1875 and Dr. John J. Black elected President. That on Saturday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1875 your Committee had a Conference with the President of said Company and the following propositions was submitted to the Board of Trustees. - The Lane Valley Cemetery Company desire to Lease from the Trustees of Newcastle Commons, Twenty acres of land lying on the West side of the Wilmington and Hayes Corner Road at the corner of the Road leading to Newport. The said Company desires to lease the said land at such sum payable semi annually as the Trustees and the said Company may agree upon for the term of 999 years with a power, That if the said Company shall within a certain number of years pay a sum of money to be agreed upon that then the rent before reserved shall cease and determine and thereafter the said land shall be held by the said Cemetery Company upon a nominal rent. Your Committee appointed to ascertain specifically

what was desired by the Cemetery Company and to report the feasibility of carrying into execution any plan suggested, do not deem it proper for them to remark upon the location selected by the Company, considering that is a matter which can properly be discussed and settled by the whole Board of Trustees, but in reference to the plan proposed it seems to this Committee that grave doubts may arise as to the power of the Trustees to lease the Commons land at a nominal rent or for any other purpose than the Act of Assembly 1792 sets forth, the said act was passed in order that the land might be cultivated and improved, and this question suggests itself, whether if the Lease asked for should fail for any cause and the land revert (having been used as a Cemetery) to the original owner, it would properly be considered to be improved for the benefit of the people of the Town.

Again, in the 2<sup>d</sup> clause of the same Act it is expressly provided that in leasing or disposing of said Land the Trustees shall reserve an annual or other rent as a reasonable equivalent for such Leasing.

It seems to your Committee that there is at least a question whether such wording does not prohibit the Trustees from reserving a nominal rent, and that careful action is required and probably legal Counsel

Wm. H. Dobb,  
John J. Fawcett  
per John H. Rodney  
John H. Rodney

And on motion the report was accepted.

on motion the sum of Fifteen dollars was allowed to David McKay, for two acres of ground owned by Robert Beatty, the remaining tenant in March 1874.

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest,  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary.

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held at the City Hall on Tuesday evening the 2<sup>d</sup> day of December A.D. 1875,

present  
Ferdinand Eckler, William H. Dobb, William Herbert  
James G. Shaw, John J. Black, John White, John H. Rodney  
and Peter B. Vandever

The President of the Board being absent, John J. Black was appointed President pro tem.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.



The Acting Committee reported that all the tenants except Mr. Peice would remain for another year, that they had admitted the Hoares Corner Hotel and Farm for Rent, had received some Proposals, but none satisfactory to the Committee,

on motion the Acting Committee were directed to continue advertising that property for rent, in such manner, <sup>not including</sup> as they may deem proper,

An application of Walter Beck for the reduction of his Rent was read,

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest,

Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday evening Dec. 21st 1875 a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common was held at the office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle present,

William H. Dobb, William Herbert, John C. Mahoney, John White, Israel H. Holz, John H. Rodney and Peter B. Vandever,

The President of the Board being absent, William H. Dobb was appointed President pro tem, who stated that the object of the meeting was in reference to the renting of the Hoares Corner Hotel property.

Whereupon the acting Committee reported that Joseph Garrall was an applicant for that property at \$1200. - that they had received no other additional proposals & recommended the Board to Lease the Hotel & Farm to Mr. Garrall,

And on motion the following resolution was passed Resolved, That the Hoares Corner Hotel & Farm be Leased to Joseph Garrall for the term of one year from the 25th day of March 1876, on the usual Conditions for the sum of Twelve hundred dollars payable in equal Quarterly payments

on motion, Resolved, that the Acting Committee ascertain the amount of work done by Walter Beck, <sup>(by the lease)</sup> which he was not bound to do, and report to this Board

on motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$1500. for ninety days to meet the semi-annual payment due to the Newcastle Water Works Company on the first day of January next,

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest

Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Tuesday evening Dec. 28th 1875, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, called by the President, was held at the City Hall,

present John Janvier, John J. Black, William Herbert, James G. Shaw, Ferdinand Leckler, Israel H. Holz & W. H. Dobb,

The President and the Secretary being absent, on motion John J. Black was appointed President pro tem & William H. Dobb, Secretary pro tem,

on motion the Board adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary on Tuesday evening Jan'y 4th 1876 at 8 o'clock

Tuesday evening Jan'y 4th 1876, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to adjournment at the office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle, present,

William H. Dobb, Ferdinand Leckler, Israel H. Holz, William Herbert, John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, John J. Black, John Janvier, John H. Rodney & Peter B. Vandever

The President of the Board being absent on motion William H. Dobb was appointed President pro tem The minutes of the last meeting read & approved

on motion, Resolved, That the action of the Board in renting the Hoares Corner Hotel & Farm, at the meeting held on the 21st day of December last is hereby approved and confirmed.

on motion the following accounts were passed,

Joseph J. Jaggart for Insurance on Buildings	\$74.68
M. M. Beaver	9.00
E. P. Johnson Advertising	28.20
Every Evening	9.99
O'Brien Bros	11.28
Clatt & Elkington sundries for schools	2.56
Newcastle Gas Co. for Gas to Dec 25 / 75	127.00
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	\$262.71

on motion the following ordinance was passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common ten members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of two hundred and sixty two dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the accounts passed at this meeting and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same

on motion the acting committee were directed to  
leave the three acre lot, to the successor of George  
Jackson on the best terms that can be obtained  
And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest,  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

At an Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common, held at the City Hall on  
Tuesday evening the fourth day of March A.D. 1876  
Present John Janvier, William H. Dobb, Ferdinand  
Leckler, William Herbert, James G. Shaw, John C. Mahoney,  
Israel H. Holz, John J. Black, John R. Rodney & Peter B.  
Vandever,

The President of the Board being absent, John Janvier  
was appointed President pro tem,

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting  
were read and approved,

On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers  
for the ensuing year, & J. L. J. appointed

Whereupon on counting the Ballots  
it appeared that John J. Black was duly elected  
President &

William H. Dobb, Ferdinand Leckler and  
William Herbert were duly elected the acting committee,

The Board of Education of the City of Newcastle,  
having made application for an appropriation of Five  
hundred dollars to meet its deficiency for the past year

On motion the following ordinance was read,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common, ten members being present and seven  
of them assenting thereto that the sum of Five hundred  
dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to  
Board of Education of the City of Newcastle and that  
an order be drawn for the payment of the same,

After considerable discussion and the question being  
taken on the passage of the Ordinance it was lost, there  
being only six affirmative votes. John J. Black having  
voted in the affirmative and John R. Rodney in the negative  
both requested that the fact should be entered on the  
minutes

On motion the Treasurer was directed to sell to  
Edward Bingham fifty eight shares of Stock in the  
Newcastle Gas Company at \$7.50 per share, and apply  
the proceeds in payment of the principal debt due from  
the Trustees to the Farmers Bank at Newcastle

On motion the following accounts were allowed,  
To W. Herbert, Salary as Treasurer \$ 150.00  
Peter B. Vandever " Secretary 50.00  
Paul Barr " Janitor 30.00  
W. H. Dobb for delivering Lime 17.00  
O'Byrne Brothers for advertising 3.50  
\$250.50

On motion the following ordinances were passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto  
that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is  
hereby appropriated payable to the Acting Committee for  
repairs &c, and that an order be drawn for the payment of  
the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto  
that the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars and fifty  
cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment  
of the accounts allowed at this meeting and that orders  
be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion the use of the North West basement of  
the City Hall was granted to the Good Will Fire Company  
during the pleasure of the Board,

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest,  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common, called by the President, and  
held at the office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle  
on Tuesday evening March 21st at 1876  
Present John J. Black, President,  
John Janvier, William H. Dobb, William Herbert, I. H. Holz  
John C. Mahoney, John White and Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board read & approved,

On motion the acting committee were directed to  
rent the triangular lot of about three acres adjoining the  
Farm late of Geo. Jackson to Levi K. Miller the present  
owner of said Farm at Eight dollars per acre,

On motion, the acting committee were instructed to pay  
cash from B. C. Pearce the enclosed cash stand & Cupboard  
case from B. C. Pearce the enclosed cash stand & Cupboard  
in the Bar Room at the Hotel at 7000 Corner, at a cost  
not exceeding \$20 - if the Committee considered it necessary to make the



purchase  
on motion Resolved, that the acting Committee require Benjamin C Pearce to sow the Clover seed agreeably to his Lease, and in case he declines to do it, that the acting Committee see that the seed is sown,

The Acting Committee reported that in their opinion Walter Beck is entitled to the sum of Two hundred dollars for extra work done on the Farm in his tenure,

Therefore on motion Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to make an abatement in his rent to that amount,

On motion, Resolved, that the Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to notify the P. W. & D. R. Co. to put up some suitable protection for the land of the Trustees on the line of the Rail Road from Newcastle to Wilmington, to prevent the Land sliding down on the Rail Road.

On motion the following Committees were appointed  
William H. Doll } on the accounts of the Treasurer  
John H. Rodney }  
John Jamieson } on the acting Committee's accounts  
John C. Mahoney }  
John White }  
Wm Herbert } accounts of Com. on Public Buildings

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Tuesday evening June 6th 1876, the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held a Quarterly meeting at the City Hall, present,

John J. Black, President,  
John Jamieson, Wm H. Doll, Wm Herbert, James G. Shaw, J. H. Holy & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,  
The Committee on the Treasurer's account made report that they examined the accounts & vouchers of William Herbert, for the year ending March 25th 1876, and found the same correct, - & on motion the report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Acting Committee & the Committee on Public Buildings, reported progress and on motion was continued,

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And on motion the Board adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary on Tuesday evening next the 13th inst. at 8 o'clock  
Attest, Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Tuesday evening June 13th 1876, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, met at the office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle, pursuant to adjournment.

Present  
John J. Black, President,  
John Jamieson, William H. Doll, William Herbert, James G. Shaw,  
Ferdinand Zetler, Israel H. Hols, John C. Mahoney, John White  
& Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board read and approved,  
on motion,

Resolved, that the Acting Committee are hereby given authority to rent to the Philadelphia Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company so much land as may be necessary to properly hold the fence and protect the property of the Trustee on the Jefferson Farm, and that the lease shall be for thirty years or less, for the sum of Twenty five dollars per annum, and that the said Rail Road Co. agreeably to the original Covenant and agreement shall erect a good and substantial fence along both sides of the Rail Road on the said 'Jefferson Farm' and keep the same at all times hereafter in good order and repair.

on motion the following accounts were passed  
To Edward Reynolds for printing Treasurer's statement \$18.00  
" John Bartholomew, Collector, Taxes for 1876 579.68  
\$588.68

on motion the following ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, <sup>John</sup> members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee for repairs &c & that an order be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of \$634.<sup>46</sup> be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to William Herbert, being the amt over paid by him as Treasurer on settlement up to March 25th 1876, & that an order be drawn for the payment of the same

on motion Resolved, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$2500, - for ninety days for the purpose of paying the semi annual payment to the Newcastle

Water Works Co, due the first day of July next, also for the  
payment of the balance due to the Rev. William Keblet as Treas-  
urer being £424.17.6. - an affair by his annual statement to March 25 1876  
on motion, the following ordinance was passed

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
in meeting being present and all assenting thereto that the sum  
of £588.12.6 be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment  
of the dues for the year 1876 to John Bullholme-Collector, and the  
sum of £15.000 to Edward Reynolds for printing the statement of the  
Treasurer, and that orders be drawn for the payment of the same

on motion, Resolved, That the <sup>(in Public Buildings)</sup> ~~Public Buildings~~ Committee, are hereby authorized  
to have the faces of the Town Clock repaired & put in good order  
provided the expenses does not exceed the sum of twenty dollars  
also to ascertain the proper cost of transporting faces for the clock  
and for lighting the same with gas, & make report to this Board

And on motion the Board adj<sup>d</sup>

Attest

Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday evening Sept 5th 1876, The Board  
of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met at the City  
Hall present,

John J. Black, President  
John Janvier, W. K. Colby, William Herbert, James G.  
Shaw, Israel K. Holz, John K. Rodney & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved  
The Committee on Public Buildings, made report  
that they had the faces of the Town Clock painted and  
gilded, agreeably to a resolution of the Board passed  
June 13th 1876. -

On motion the following resolution was read  
Resolved that the annual rent of Joseph Yawell  
for the Hoare Corner Hotel & Rooms be increased to the  
sum of \$1500. - from the 25th day of March next,  
and the question being taken on the passage of  
the resolution it was lost.

and on motion the Board adjourned

Attest

Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Tuesday evening Dec. 5th 1876 The Trustees of the New-  
castle Common held a Quarterly meeting at the City Hall  
present, John J. Black, President  
W. K. Colby, Israel K. Holz, William Herbert, Ferdinand  
Lestler and Peter B. Vandever,

There not being a sufficient number of the Board to  
make appropriations,

on motion the Board adjourned to meet at the  
office of the Secretary, on Thursday evening the 7th inst  
at 7 1/2 o'clock

Attest

Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Thursday evening Dec 7th 1876 The Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common, met at the office of the Secretary  
pursuant to adjournment.

present John J. Black, President  
W. K. Colby, William Herbert, Israel K. Holz, James G.  
Shaw & Peter B. Vandever

There being no quorum present on motion the Board  
adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary, tomorrow  
evening the 8th inst, at 7 1/2 o'clock

Attest

Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Friday evening Dec. 8th 1876 The Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common, met at the office of the Secretary  
pursuant to adjournment

present John J. Black, President  
William Herbert, Israel K. Holz, Jas. G. Shaw, W. K. Colby,  
John C. Mahoney, Ferdinand Lestler, John White & Peter B.  
Vandever

The minutes of the three last meetings read and  
approved

on motion the following resolution was read,  
Resolved, That this Board will rent to Walter Beck and William  
H. Hager the Hoare Corner in their town for one year from the  
25th day of March next, provided they agree to pay such rents  
as the Board of Trustees may impose on them,

And the question being taken on the passage of this resolution  
it was lost.

on motion, Resolved, That in case the Treasurer cannot  
collect the rents now due and to become due from Walter Beck  
and William H. Hager without legal process, then he is hereby  
directed by this Board to issue warrants for the collection thereof



Water Works Co, due the first day of July next, also for the payment of the balance due to the said William Herbert as Treasurer being \$434.17, - as appears by his annual statement to March 25 1876 on motion, the following ordinance was passed

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Council, members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of \$588.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment of the dues for the year 1876 to John Bullock - Collector, and the sum of \$15.00 to Edward Reynolds for printing the statement of the Treasurer, and that orders be drawn for the payment of the same

On motion, Resolved, That the <sup>(on Public Buildings)</sup> Public Buildings Committee, are hereby authorized to have the faces of the Town Clock repaired & put in good order provided the expense does not exceed the sum of twenty dollars also to ascertain the probable cost of transparent faces for the clock and for lighting the same with gas, & make report to this Board

And on motion the Board adj'd

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday evening Sept 5th 1876, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Council met at the City Hall present,

John J. Black, President  
John James, W. K. Solly, William Herbert, James G. Shaw, Israel H. Holz, John H. Rodney & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved  
The Committee on Public Buildings made report that they had the faces of the Town Clock painted and gilded, agreeably to a resolution of the Board passed June 13th 1876.

On motion the following resolution was read  
Resolved that the annual rent of Joseph Yarnall for the Hoare Corner Hotel & Barn be increased to the sum of \$1500. - from the 25th day of March next, and the question being taken on the passage of the resolution it was lost.

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Tuesday evening Dec 5th 1876 The Trustees of the Newcastle Common Council held a Quarterly meeting at the City Hall present, John J. Black, President  
W. K. Solly, Israel H. Holz, William Herbert, Ferdinand Leckler and Peter B. Vandever

There not being a sufficient number of the Board to make appropriations,

on motion the Board adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary, on Thursday evening the 7th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock

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Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Thursday evening Dec 7th 1876 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Council met at the office of the Secretary pursuant to adjournment

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Secretary

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William Herbert, Israel H. Holz, J. G. Shaw, W. K. Solly, John C. Mahoney, Ferdinand Leckler, John White & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the three last meetings read and approved

on motion the following resolution was read  
Resolved, That this Board will rent to Walter Beck and William H. Thayer the Hoare Corner and their tenure for one year from the 25th day of March next, provided they agree to pay such rents as the Board of Trustees may impose on them, and the question being taken on the passage of the resolution it was lost.

on motion, Resolved, That in case the Treasurer cannot collect the rents now due and to become due from Walter Beck and William H. Thayer without legal process, then he is hereby directed by this Board to issue warrants for the collection of the same

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Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

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of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met at the City  
Hall present,

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John Janvier, W. K. Solby, William Herbert, James G  
Shaw, Israel K. Holz, John K. Rodney & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved

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and the question being taken on the passage of  
the resolution it was lost,

and on motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Tuesday evening Dec. 5th 1876 The Trustees of the New-  
castle Common held a Quarterly meeting at the City Hall  
present, John J. Black, President  
W. K. Solby, Israel K. Holz, William Herbert, Ferdinand  
Leckler and Peter B. Vandever,

There not being a sufficient number of the Board to  
make appointments,  
on motion the Board adjourned to meet at the  
office of the Secretary, on Thursday evening the 7th inst  
at 7 1/2 o'clock

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Thursday evening Dec. 7th 1876 The Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common, met at the office of the Secretary  
pursuant to adjournment

present John J. Black, President  
W. K. Solby, William Herbert, Israel K. Holz, James G  
Shaw & Peter B. Vandever

There being no quorum present on motion the Board  
adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary, tomorrow  
evening the 8th inst, at 7 1/2 o'clock

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Friday evening Dec. 8th 1876 The Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common, met at the office of the Secretary  
pursuant to adjournment

present John J. Black, President  
William Herbert, Israel K. Holz, J. G. Shaw, W. K. Solby,  
John C. Mahoney, Ferdinand Leckler, John White & Peter B.  
Vandever

The minutes of the three last meetings read and  
approved

on motion the following resolution was read,  
Resolved, That this Board will send to Walter Beck and William  
H. Hager the having now in their hands for one year from the  
25th day of March next, provided they agree to pay such rents  
as the Board of Trustees may impose on them,  
And the question being taken on the passage of the resolution  
it was lost,

on motion, Resolved, That in case the Treasurer cannot  
collect the rents now due and to become due from Walter Beck  
and William H. Hager without legal process, then he is hereby  
directed by this Board to issue warrants for the collection of the same



Water Works Co. due the first day of July next, also for the  
payment of the balance due to the Messrs William Herbert as Treas-  
urers being \$434.17. - as appears by their annual statement to March 25 1876  
on motion, the following resolution was passed

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common-  
ton meeting being present and all assenting thereunto that the sum  
of \$588.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment  
of the Taxes for the year 1876 to John Bullholman - Collector, and the  
sum of \$15.00 to Edmund Reynolds for printing the statement of the  
Treasurer, and that orders be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion, Resolved, That the <sup>(on Public Buildings)</sup> Selecting Committee, are hereby authorized  
to have the faces of the Town Clock repaired & put in good order  
provided the expense does not exceed the sum of twenty dollars  
also to ascertain the probable cost of transporting faces for the clock  
and for lighting the same with gas, & make report to this Board.

And on motion the Board adj'd

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday evening Sept 5th 1876, The Board  
of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met at the City  
Hall present,

John J. Black, President  
John Janvier, W. H. Colby, William Herbert, James G  
Shaw, Israel H. Holz, John H. Rodney & Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved

The Committee on Public Buildings, made report  
that they had the faces of the Town Clock painted and  
gilded, agreeably to a resolution of the Board passed  
June 13th 1876. -

On motion the following resolution was read  
Resolved that the annual rent of Joseph Yarnall  
for the House Corner Hotel & Stable be increased to the  
sum of \$1500. - from the 25th day of March next,

and the question being taken on the passage of  
the resolution it was lost.

and on motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Tuesday evening Oct. 5th 1876 The Trustees of the New-  
castle Common held a Quarterly meeting at the City Hall  
present, John J. Black, President  
W. H. Colby, Israel H. Holz, William Herbert, Ferdinand  
Leckler and Peter B. Vandever

There not being a sufficient number of the Board to  
make appropriations,

on motion the Board adjourned to meet at the  
office of the Secretary, on Thursday evening the 7th inst  
at 7 1/2 o'clock

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Thursday evening Oct. 7th 1876 The Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common, met at the office of the Secretary  
pursuant to adjournment

present John J. Black, President  
W. H. Colby, William Herbert, Israel H. Holz, James G  
Shaw & Peter B. Vandever

There being no business present on motion the Board  
adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary, tomorrow  
evening the 8th inst. at 7 1/2 o'clock

Attest  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Friday evening Oct. 8th 1876 The Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common, met at the office of the Secretary  
pursuant to adjournment

present John J. Black, President  
William Herbert, Israel H. Holz, Jas. G. Shaw, W. H. Colby,  
John C. Mahoney, Ferdinand Leckler, John White & Peter B.  
Vandever

The minutes of the three last meetings read and  
approved

on motion the following resolution was read  
Resolved, That this Board will send to Walter Beck and William  
H. Hager the names now in their hands for one year from the  
25th day of March next, provided they agree to pay such rents  
as the Board of Trustees may impose on them,

And the question being taken on the passage of the resolution  
it was lost.

on motion, Resolved, That in case the Treasurer cannot  
collect the rents now due and to become due from Walter Beck  
and William H. Hager without legal process, then he is hereby  
directed by this Board to issue warrants for the collection of the same.

On motion the Acting Committee were instructed, to advertise for Rent, by hand bills, the Bayard & Pease Farms

On motion Resolved, That the rent for all the farms from the 25th day of March next, except for the Union and Model Farms shall be seven dollars per acre,

Mr Holt moved an amendment fixing the price at \$6.55 per acre, which not being seconded, the question was taken on the passage of the original resolution and it was carried

On motion the Acting Committee were authorized to rent to all the present tenants, Respecting the Pease, Bayard, Union and Model Farms, the Farms now in their respective possessions at seven dollars per acre,

On motion the following accounts were paid,  
James H. Wade, Collector, City Taxes for 1876 . . . \$157.43  
Samuel E. Massey, winding up Town Clock, to July) 50.00  
Richard G. Cooper, Costs, Taxes on Middle Street 26.34  
\$233.77

On motion Resolved that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow for sundry days the sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars, to enable him to pay the same annual payment due to the Newcastle Water Works Company on the first day of January next,

On motion the following ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Twelve Hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Acting Committee for Laws, repairs, &c, & that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same, —

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Two hundred and thirty four dollars and seventy seven cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the accounts allowed at this meeting and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same, —

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest, of  
Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary

Tuesday evening, Jan'y 16th 1877 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at a special meeting at the office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle, — the meeting having been called by the President of the Board, present John J. Black, President, — John Gardner, William H. Cobb, Ferdinand Luttler, William Herbert, James G. Shaw, Israel H. Holz, John Callaway, John H. Rodney & Peter B. Vandever,

The President of the Board stated that the meeting was called at the request of the acting committee, for the purpose of renting the Bayard & Pease Farms,

The acting committee reported that they had advertised the Bayard & Pease Farms for rent, & that had received a number of Proposals which they now laid before the Board, — The Committee also reported that the tenants of all the other Farms, would remain for another year at the rents fixed by the Board,

The second proposal having been read and considered on motion, the Board proceeded to ballot for a tenant for the Pease Farm, and in counting the votes, it appeared that Walter Beck was duly chosen, the tenant for one year from the 25th day of March next, —

On motion, Resolved, that the Acting Committee be authorized to rent the Bayard Farm to Smith Hewitt for \$750.00 or if in their judgment they shall consider him a responsible person, otherwise to rent the same to John Eversom according to proposals, except Phosphate & Clover seed, —

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest, of  
Peter B. Vandever  
Secretary

Tuesday evening March 6th 1877 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held an annual meeting at the City Hall, present

John J. Black, President  
Ferdinand Luttler, William Herbert, James G. Shaw and John H. Rodney,

There being no quorum present the Board adjourned, to meet at the office of the Secretary on Friday evening next the 9th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock,



Friday evening March 9th 1877, The Board of Trustees of the New-Castle Common met at the office of the Secretary in the City of New-Castle, pursuant to adjournment,

present, John J. Black, President,  
 William H. Cobb, John Janvier, William Herbert, Israel H. Fols, John H. Rodney, Ferdinand Leckler, John White and Peter B. Vandever,  
 minutes of the last meeting read & approved,

On motion the Board went into an election for officers for the ensuing year, J. H. Rodney, Teller, whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that the following persons were duly elected. —

John J. Black, President  
 William Herbert Treasurer  
 William H. Cobb & Acting Committee  
 Ferdinand Leckler

The acting Committee reported that they had rented the Bayard Farm to Smith Hewitt for the term of one year from the 25th day of March inst, agreeably to a resolution passed by this Board at their meeting on the 16th day of January last,

On motion the following committees were appointed, to wit,  
 on the Treasurers accounts, James G. Shaw & Ferdinand Leckler  
 a acting Com<sup>tee</sup>, John H. Rodney & John White  
 a acct of the Com<sup>tee</sup> on Pub Buildings, Wm Herbert & Peter B. Vandever

On motion the acting Committee were instructed to ascertain what would be the probable cost of a new Barn on the Centre Hall Farm, also whether the old Barn could be repaired and at what expense.

On motion the following accounts were allowed,  
 To C. P. Johnson, for printing \$ 4.50  
 " J. H. Fols, Costs & expenses, suit vs Robert Betty 12.00  
 " Mark M. Cleaver, agt, Insurance 9.00  
 " Joseph J. Taggart agt. do 74.68  
 " B. G. Pearce for Capt and Ke 22.50  
 " Paul Barr, Janitor 30.00  
 " Peter B. Vandever, Secretary 52.00  
 \$ 204.68

STATEMENT  
 —OF—  
 Receipts and Expenditures  
 —OF—  
**TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON,**  
 FROM MARCH 25th, 1876, TO MARCH 25th, 1877.

Dr.		Cr.		
1876.	Cash rec'd from Trustees, note discounted \$ 2,400 83	1876.	March 25. Balance due the Treasurer \$ 624 44	
July 1.	" " Alexander Biggs, 6 months' rent, due March 25th, 1876. 650 00	May 13.	Cash paid John Bartholomew, Taxes 1876. 570 68	
" 2.	" " Ezekiel Fols, 6 months' rent. 337 50	July 1.	" " New Castle Water Works. 1,500 00	
Sept. 25.	" " H. H. Morrison, 6 months' rent. 337 50	" 1.	" " Acting Committee. 300 00	
" " "	" " George W. Morrison, 6 months' rent. 337 50	" 1.	" " Edward Reynolds, printing statements. 18 00	
" " "	" " David McCoy, 6 months' rent. 225 00	Sept. 26.	" " Acting Committee. 500 00	
Nov. 22.	" " Wm. W. Frazer, on account of rent, 300 00	Oct. 1.	" " Trustees' note. 2,500 00	
" 23.	" " Walter Beck, do do 110 00	" 20.	" " Discount on \$3,000 note. 245 33	
1877.	Trustees note discounted at 90 adjs. 1,475 90	Dec. 9.	" " S. E. Maser, winding town clock. 50 00	
July 3.	" " Alexander Biggs, 1 years' rent, due March 25, 1877. 1,300 00	1877.	Jan. 5.	" " J. I. Taggart, Agent Insurance. 74 63
" 18.	" " Walter Beck, on account of rent. 250 00	" 5.	" " M. M. Cleaver, do do 9 60	
" 20.	" " Solomon Newlove, 1 years' rent. 400 00	" 5.	" " New Castle Water Works. 1,500 00	
" 27.	" " David McCoy, 6 months' rent. 500 00	" 25.	" " R. G. Cooper, costs, etc. 26 34	
" 30.	" " 220 Shares of Gas Stock. 1,650 00	Feb. 1.	" " J. M. Wise, City Tax. 159 43	
" 31.	" " Gas Company dividend, 1876. 110 00	" 1.	" " Acting Committee. 700 00	
Feb. 26.	" " H. H. Morrison, 6 months' rent. 337 50	March 10.	" " C. P. Johnson, for printing. 12 00	
Mar. 21.	" " Walter Beck, 1 years' rent, in full to March 25, 1877. 1,100 00	" 10.	" " I. H. Fols, cost on execution. 22 50	
" 24.	" " Ezekiel Fols, 6 months' rent. 337 50	" 10.	" " Benj. G. Pearce, for lar fixtures. 39 00	
" 24.	" " Jos. Yarnall, 6 months' rent. 600 00	" 10.	" " Paul Barr, Janitor. 52 00	
" 24.	" " Thos. Holcomb, 1 years' rent of lot, Wm. W. Frazer, rent in full to September 25th, 1876. 525 00	" 10.	" " P. B. Vandever, Secretary. 142 10	
" 24.	" " Paul Barr, use of Town Hall. 16 00	" 10.	" " New Castle Gas Co., Gas for Town Hall. 1,500 00	
Total	\$14,205 23	" 25.	" " Farmers' Bank, on acct of note of \$8,000. 3,000 00	
AMOUNT DUE TRUSTEES.		" 25.	" " Wm. Herbert, Salary as Treasurer. 150 00	
March 25, 1877, Wm. W. Frazer, 6 months' rent. \$375 00		" 25.	" " Balance in hands of Treasurer. 504 23	
Jos. Yarnall, do do 600 00		Total	\$14,205 23	
	\$975 00	Amount due Farmers' Bank	\$3,000	

STATEMENT OF THE ACTING COMMITTEE.

Dr.		Cr.	
1876.	Received from Trustees \$ 300 00	1876.	March 25. Balance due Farmers' Bank \$ 23 90
July 1.	do do do 500 00	March 25.	Cash paid Shoemaker & Robinson for Lime. 446 76
Sept. 26.	do do do 700 00	" 25.	" " Z. Gemmill, wharfage on Rails. 5 00
1877.	Received from Trustees 700 00	April 10.	" " Giles Lambson, for Lumber. 29 20
Feb. 1.	Received from Trustees 700 00	July 1.	" " Springer, Morley & Gause, for Sash. 43 00
		" 1.	" " Capelle & Bro., for Closer Seed. 43 00
		" 3.	" " John McCaulley, Carpenter Work. 110 50
		" 14.	" " Thomas Earley, Smith Work. 1 00
		" 14.	" " C. T. Dill, do do 3 50
		" 14.	" " Hoops & Cranston, for Lumber. 144 35
		Sept. 26.	" " Wm. G. Goyer, for Brick. 4 20
		Oct. 10.	" " Pat. Duffey, Mason Work. 40 00
		1877.	Feb. 2. Cash paid Hoops & Cranston, for Lumber. 49 46
		" 2.	" " Giles Lambson, do do 26 97
		" 2.	" " John McCaulley, Carpenter Work. 56 49
		" 2.	" " David Boulden, for Hardware. 19 14
		" 2.	" " Platt & Elkinton, do 6 85
		" 2.	" " S. P. Truss, for Posts and Rails. 433 50
		" 14.	" " G. L. Jemison, for Window Sash. 1 50
		" 17.	" " Balance in Bank to the credit of the Acting Committee. 34 98
Total	\$1,500 00	Total	\$1,500 00

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., Pres. | PETER B. VANDEVER, Sec'y. | WILLIAM HERBERT, Treas.

Trustees of New Castle Common:		Farms Belonging to the City.			
NAME	TERM	NAME	SO.	RENT.	EXPENSES.
ANDREW C. GRAY	Elected, Sept. 23, 1839.	1 E. Fols		\$ 630 00	\$ 216 68
JOHN JANVIER	" June 31, 1847.	2 Alexander Biggs		1,225 00	715 22
WILLIAM H. DOBB	" June 10, 1852.	3 R. R. Morrison		600 00	230 47
FERDINAND LECKLER	" May 26, 1855.	4 David McCoy		924 00	183 54
PETER B. VANDEVER	" May 2, 1857.	5 Walter Beck		957 00	6 90
WILLIAM HERBERT	" May 14, 1859.	6 Joseph Yarnall		1,200 00	249 00
ALLEN V. LESLEY, M. D.	" May 23, 1863.	7 Smith Hewitt		750 00	184 20
ISRAEL H. FOLS	" Dec. 16, 1865.	8 Geo. W. Morrison		707 00	193 32
JOHN WHITE	" June 23, 1866.	9 Soloman Newlove		400 00	
JOHN MAHONEY	" April 3, 1869.	10			
JAMES G. SHAW	" May 8, 1869.	11			
JOHN J. BLACK, M. D.	" Dec. 30, 1871.				
JOHN H. RODNEY	" Jan. 9, 1875.				
				\$7,433 00	\$1,426 13

WILLIAM HERBERT,

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of New Castle Common.

On motion the following ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Five members being present and all assenting, that the sum of \$204.68, be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the accounts found at this meeting, and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same,

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest

Peter B. Vandever,

Secretary,

Tuesday evening June 5th 1877, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held a Quarterly meeting at the City Hall,

present

William Kerber, John H. Rodney & Peter B. Vandever,  
The President being absent on motion John H. Rodney was appointed President pro tem,

There not being a quorum present, on motion adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary on Tuesday evening next the 12th inst, at 7 1/2 o'clock

Attest,

Peter B. Vandever,

Secretary,

Tuesday evening June 12th, 1877, The Board of Trustees met at the office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle, pursuant to adjournment

present

William H. Holt, Wm Kerber, Allen V. Lesley, Israel H. Holt,  
John White, James G. Shaw, Ferdinand Lecker, John H. Rodney,  
& Peter B. Vandever,

The President being absent on motion Allen V. Lesley was appointed President pro tem, -

The minutes of the two last meetings read & approved,

The Committee, on the accounts of the Committee on Public Buildings, made report that they had examined the accounts & vouchers, & found them correct, - & on motion the report was accepted & the Committee discharged,

The Committee appointed to Audit the accounts of the Acting Committee, reported that they had performed that duty & that the accounts were correct,

On motion the report was approved & the Committee discharged. -



The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending March 25<sup>th</sup> last, reported that they had examined the accounts together with the (books and found) them all correct, -  
And on motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged, -

The acting committee reported that pursuant to a resolution of the Board passed March 9<sup>th</sup> last, they had examined the Barn on the Centre Hall Farm, found the same in a bad and dangerous condition and that it could not be advantageously repaired, that a new one should be built of about the following dimensions, &c. -  
60ft x 35ft, stalls for 14 cows, 2 or 3 horses & one Colt, with double door, gangway &c. at a cost of about \$1500. = this would include the tearing down the old Barn. -  
On motion the report was adopted.

On motion, Resolved that the Trustees will erect a new Barn on Centre Hall Farm, -

On motion the following accounts were passed  
To Edward Reynolds for printing Treasurers statement \$ 18.00  
" Douglas M. McGee, Col. Taxes for 1877 425.18  
\$ 443.18

On motion the Treasurer was authorized to borrow the sum of \$500. = to meet any deficiency in paying the semi annual payment to the Newcastle Water Works Company due July 1<sup>st</sup>,

On motion the following ordinances were passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of the Committee on public buildings, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same, -

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Four hundred and forty three dollars & eighteen cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the accounts passed at this meeting & that checks, or orders be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion, Resolved, That the plan of the present Barn on the Farm of W. S. Allen in Newcastle Township is adopted as the plan for the new Barn to be erected on the Centre

Hall Farm, but on a larger scale, and that the acting committee receive proposals for building the Barn, the same to be laid before the Board at the Quarterly meeting in September next, -

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest, Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary,

Tuesday evening Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1877 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held a stated Quarterly meeting at the City Hall, present  
William H. Dobb, William Herbert, John C. Mahoney and Peter B. Vandever,

The President being absent, on motion William H. Dobb was appointed President pro tem,

A quorum not being present, on motion adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary, on Saturday evening next the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. at 7 1/2 o'clock

Attest, Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary,

Saturday evening Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1877 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, met at the office of the Secretary pursuant to adjournment, present,  
John J. Black, President

W. Herbert, Israel H. Holz, John C. Mahoney, W. H. Dobb, James G. Shaver - John White, John H. Robney & Peter B. Vandever, -

The minutes of the proceedings of the last two meetings read and approved,

The acting committee not being ready to report on proposals for building the Barn on Centre Hall Farm, further proceedings are hereby postponed for the future action of the Board and in the meantime the acting committee are instructed to have a drawing and specifications made for the use of the Board, -

On motion the following accounts were passed  
To W. J. Kuntz, Collector, City Taxes for 1877 \$ 159.43  
" Samuel C. Massey, for winding & repairing clock \$ 50.00  
\$ 209.43

On motion, Resolved, that the roof of the Barn to be erected on the Centre Hall Farm shall be slate,

On motion Resolved, that the Committee on public buildings are hereby authorized to have the Town of City Hall, painted inside & outside, and receive proposals for doing the work.

On motion the following ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for Lime, Material &c, subject to the order of the Acting Committee and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of \$209.<sup>00</sup> be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payments of the accounts passed at this meeting of the Board and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same.

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest,

Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary

Tuesday evening Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1877 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held a Quarterly meeting at the City Hall,

present John Janvier, William H. Dobb, J. H. Hols, James G. Shaw, John C. Mahoney, J. Leckler, William Kerbut, John White & Peter B. Vandever.

The President being absent on motion William H. Dobb was appointed President pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the following accounts were allowed,

To Newcastle Sav. Co for Sav. City, Newcastle Sept. 25 1877	\$60.00
" Henry J. Johnson for Painting City Hall	134.00
" W. H. Dobb " Delivering Lime	25.00
" Smith Kerbut for hauling material & putting up fence for Geo. W. Morrison, division line	12.68

On motion, Resolved, that the acting Committee are hereby instructed to collect the sum of \$12.68 from Geo. W. Morrison, to reimburse the Trustees for that amt. paid to Smith Kerbut, for hauling & putting up fence on the line division line between the Farms occupied by the said Kerbut & Morrison, the said fence being on that part of the line to be kept up by the said Morrison, but which he declined and refused to do.

and motion Resolved, that from and after the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next the annual Rent of the Farm now in the Tenure of Smith Kerbut shall be seven dollars per acre.

on motion the following ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, to pay for Lime and material, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Two hundred and thirty one dollar and sixty eight cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the bills allowed by the Board at this meeting and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same.

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest,

Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Wednesday evening Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1878, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common called by the President, was held at the office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle,

present John J. Black, President

John Janvier, William H. Dobb, Herndon Leckler, Peter B. Vandever, William Kerbut, Israel H. Hols, John White, John Mahoney, and John W. Rodney

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting read and approved.

It being stated that the object of the meeting was in reference to the renting of the Kang Corner Hotel & Farm that Joseph Small the present tenant was about selling out to William H. Dobb of the City of Philadelphia provided the Trustees would lease the property to the said Dobb for the term of five years,

Whereupon after some consideration, on motion the following Resolutions were adopted. Resolved, that the Union Farm & two Lots of land containing in the whole about 128 acres, together with the Hotel & buildings at Kang Corner be leased to William H. Dobb for the term of five years from the twenty fifth day of March A.D. 1878, for the annual rent of twelve hundred dollars payable in equal semi annual payments, on the usual terms and conditions for renting the Farms.



said William Noble to have the privilege of erecting  
such stables and sheds on said premises as he may require  
with the right to remove the same at the expiration  
or other determination of this Lease;

Resolved that the Secretary notify the said Noble  
of the Action of the Board in reference to the said property,  
And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest,

Resolved, that the rent for the Lot of land in the  
town of Thomas Nelsons shall be thirty dollars per  
annum from the 25th day of March 1878, - payable  
said annually -

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest, Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary,

Tuesday evening March 5th 1878, the Board  
of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held an annual  
meeting in the City Hall, present

John J. Mack, President  
William H. Solly, Ferdinand Leckler, William Herbert  
John C. Mahoney, James E. Shaw, John White, Israel  
Holtz, John H. Rodney and Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board read and  
approved,

on motion the Board proceeded to elect by ballot  
officers for the ensuing year, William H. Solly, and  
Ferdinand Leckler were appointed Tellers

whereupon on counting the votes it appeared  
that

John J. Black was duly elected President  
William Herbert " " Treasurer &  
Ferdinand Leckler, James E. Shaw and John  
H. Rodney were duly elected the acting Committee,

on motion the following accounts were allowed

Dr. Joseph J. Juggart for Insurance	74.68
" Mark M. Cleary	9.00
" William Herbert, Treasurer's Salary	150.00
" Peter B. Vandever, Secretary " & drawing Lease	52.50
" Paul Barr, Auditor	30.00
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	386.18

on motion the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the

Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all  
assenting thereto, that the sum of \$56.00 be and the same  
is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of Wm Herbert  
Ferdinand Leckler, and Wm H. Solly, late acting Committee  
for the purpose of balancing their account for the past  
year, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment  
of the same.

on motion the President appointed the following  
Committees,

on the Treasurers accounts, John H. Rodney, }  
John C. Mahoney, }  
on the Acting Committees acts, John White and }  
Peter B. Vandever }  
on the acts of Union Public Buildings, John Janner and }  
William Herbert. - }

on motion the following ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all  
assenting thereto that the sum of \$316.18 be and the  
same is hereby appropriated to pay the accounts passed  
at this meeting of the Board and that checks or orders be  
drawn for the payment of the same,

And on motion the Board adjourned to the  
first Tuesday in April next at 8 o'clock P.M.

Attest, Peter B. Vandever, Secretary

Tuesday evening April 2<sup>d</sup> 1878 The Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to adjournment  
present John J. Black, President,  
Wm H. Solly, Wm Herbert, Ferdinand Leckler, John White,  
J. H. Holtz, James E. Shaw, John H. Rodney, & Peter B. Vandever,

The following Preamble and resolutions having been read and  
on motion adopted,

Whereas <sup>Walter Beck</sup> ~~Hollman~~ Beck the tenant of the Penn  
Farm has deceased, and his family being desirous that  
the Trustees should release his estate from the tenor of the  
Farm & rent it to some other person. Therefore

Resolved, that the Trustees hereby release the estate of  
the said Walter Beck of and from all liability for the rent  
of the said Farm for the current year, provided another tenant  
can be put in possession.

Resolved, that the Penn Farm be rented to Ezekiel  
Wheatley for the term of one year from the 25th day of March  
A.D. 1878 on the usual terms, provided proper arrangements  
can be made with the parties interested, and with the acting

Committee of this Board  
 on motion the Proposals for Building a Barn on  
 Centre Hall Farm were opened and read, as follows, -

McCauley & Gaskill	\$1500.00
John Wayne	1111.07
William Gregg	1348.00
George J. Ball	1075.00
Andrew J. Brown	1376.00

on motion the Account of Glatts & Eckel for printing  
 the annual statement of the Treasurer, was allowed  
 for the sum of \$6. - & an order directed to be drawn  
 for the payment of the same,

on motion, Resolved That when the Acting Committee  
 get the Plan and specifications for the erection of the Barn  
 on Centre Hall Farm, they advertise for proposals and  
 submit the same to this Board for consideration

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest,  
 Peter B. Vandever, Secretary,

Wednesday evening 2d of April 17th 1878, a special  
 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 called by the President, was held at the City Hall,

present,  
 William Herbert, Israel H. Hols, John C. Mahoney, Edward  
 Leckler, John Janner, James G. Shaw, John H. Rodney, and  
 Peter B. Vandever,

The President being absent, on motion James G. Shaw  
 was appointed President pro tem,

The Acting Committee laid before the Board  
 Plans & specifications for the Barn to be erected on  
 Centre Hall Farm -

on motion, the Resolutions heretofore passed by this  
 Board fixing slate for the Roof of the Barn, was rescinded  
 and ordered that a shingle roof be put on the Barn  
 in lieu of slate

The Pitch of the Roof be in the discretion of the  
 acting Committee -

on motion the Plans & specifications were approved  
 and the Acting Committee directed to advertise for Proposals  
 to build the Barn,

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest,  
 Peter B. Vandever  
 Secretary

Monday evening May 20th 1878, a special meeting, called  
 by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 was held at the City Hall, present

John J. Black, President  
 Israel H. Hols, John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, William Herbert  
 W. H. Cobb, John White, Ferdinand Leckler, John H. Rodney, and  
 Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting read  
 and approved,

The Acting Committee reported that they had advertised  
 for Proposals for Building the Barn on Centre Hall Farm, and  
 had received several bids which they now laid before the Board

And on motion the said Proposals were opened and read  
 which are as follows,

George J. Ball for the sum of	\$1443.50
John Wayne " " "	1400.00
Andrew J. Brown " " "	1496.00

Whereupon after due consideration, and motion the following resolution  
 was passed:

Resolved, That the proposals of George J. Ball are hereby accepted  
 by the Board, and the acting Committee instructed to prepare a  
 Contract between the Contractor & the Trustees, also to consult with  
 Mr. McCoy the tenant as to the time the said Barn shall be  
 built.

on motion the President of the Board was authorized to  
 subscribe for a Map of Newcastle Hundred, which is about to be  
 issued

on motion Resolved, that all bills heretofore paid by the  
 Acting Committee shall hereafter be allowed & paid by this Board,

on motion the following accounts were passed,

Thomas Porter for Laying Hedge	\$29.60
Hughes Holcomb. Posts	102.20
Andrew J. Brown for Drawing Specifications for Barn	10.00
	\$141.80

on motion the following ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 ten members being present and all assenting that the sum of \$141.80  
 is hereby appropriated to pay the accounts allowed at this meet-  
 ing of the Board & that checks or orders be drawn for the pay-  
 ment of the same,

It having been suggested that the water from the Works  
 of the Newcastle Water Works should be introduced to the Barn  
 & Buildings on the Farm occupied by Alex. Biggs, on motion  
 the matter was referred to the acting Committee, to examine  
 the ground, distance &c, & make report,  
 And on motion the Board adjourned, Attest, Peter B. Vandever,  
 Secretary



Tuesday evening June 4th 1878, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held a Quarterly meeting at the City Hall,

present,  
John J. Black, President,  
William H. Dolb, William Herbert, John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, John White & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting, read and approved,

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Acting Committee for the year ending March 25th 1878, Reported, that they had carefully examined the accounts & vouchers, & found them correct, with the exception of an error of one dollar in the addition of one account, which the acting Committee were to rectify.

And on motion the report was adopted and the Committee discharged;

The other Committees not being ready to report were continued,

Dr George Joseph Maynard, representing a Committee appointed by the Board of Education, to confer with the Trustees having been admitted, stated that the roof on the Institute Building was in a decayed, leaking condition and absolutely required a new roof & that the funds of the Board of Education would not allow of the expenditure, it being all required to keep the school in good working order, that it would cost about \$2000 - & solicited an appropriation by this Board for that amount,

Whereupon on motion the following Resolution was passed

Resolved that this Board will contribute to the Board of Education of the City of Newcastle, ~~the~~ a sum of money, not exceeding three hundred dollars, for the purpose of defraying the cost of a new roof on the Institute Building

And on motion the Board adjourned,

Attest,  
Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary,

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Tuesday evening July 16th 1878, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held a special meeting, called by the President, at the City Hall,

present,  
John J. Black, President,  
William Herbert, W. H. Dolb, Ferdinand Leckler, John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw and John White.

The secretary being absent on motion James G. Shaw was elected Secretary pro tem,

Resolved, that George J. Ball the Contractor shall have the plans of the new Barn, to aid him in erecting the Building, the specifications to be filed in the office of the Secretary,

Resolved that the acting Committee make the best arrangement possible to have the material hauled;

Resolved, that the Board hereby authorize the Treasurer, to the order of the acting Committee on account of the Contract for Building the Barn,

And on motion the Board adjourned,  
Attest,

Tuesday evening Sept 3rd 1878, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held a Quarterly meeting at the City Hall, present,

John J. Black, President,  
John James, W. H. Dolb, Ferdinand Leckler, James G. Shaw,  
John C. Mahoney, and Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,  
The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts and the accounts of the Committee on public buildings, not being ready to report, were as motions continued,

On motion John J. Black, John James, William H. Dolb and William Herbert were appointed a Committee to view the new Barn, on Centre Hall Farm, to act with the acting Committee in such view, and to make report to this Board.

On motion the acting Committee were instructed to have the water pipes on Centre Hall Farm extended to the new Barn,

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest  
Peter B. Vandever,  
Secretary,

Friday evening September 6th 1878 The President of the Board called a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common at the office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle

present, John J. Black, President  
 John Jameson, Ferdinand Leckler, William H. Dobb, Israel H. Holz, John G. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, John White, John H. Rodney, William Herbert & Peter B. Vanderer,

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved.  
 The Committee appointed to examine the new Barn on Centre Hall Farm, made a favorable report and recommended that the Barn be accepted by the Board of Trustees, the Contractor to change the cow stalls as suggested by the Committee.

And on motion the report was adopted and the Barn accepted from the Contractor.

On motion the acting Committee were instructed to have the new Barn painted using such color as they may deem most appropriate.

On motion the following Bills were allowed

William H. Lamborn for Lumber	\$ 77.98
George J. Ball for Extra work on Barn 10.00	
" " Tearing down old Barn 24.00	34.00
J. E. Maasey for mending Town Clock	50.00
Newcastle Gas Co for Gas to June 30 1878	62.80
John J. Black for Map City & Hundred of Newcastle	7.00
W. J. Kintner Collector, City Taxes for 1878	160.00
Douglas May do County Taxes " "	425.17
James M. Price for Lumber	7.55
Samuel P. Jurey for Rulz	52.00
William J. Singler for new pumps, Stockton Farm	16.00
Geo. Wollaston, repairing pump Penn Farm	4.25
North Townsend hauling Stone Centre Hall Farm	3.00
Board of Education extra expenses of Roof on Institute	5.88
	\$ 905.43

On motion the following ordinances were respectively read and adopted,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same be hereby appropriated to the Board of Education of the City of Newcastle to defray the expense of a new Tin Roof on the Institute Building and that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of fourteen hundred and forty three dollars and fifty cents be and the same be hereby appropriated to George J. Ball, the Contractor price for building the new Barn on Centre Hall Farm, and that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of nine hundred and five dollars and forty three cents be and the same be hereby appropriated to pay the Bills allowed at this meeting and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer shall be allowed interest on any money advanced by him in payment of the appropriations made at this meeting, until he collects rents sufficient to pay the same.

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest, Peter B. Vanderer, Secretary,

Friday evening Oct 11th 1878, the President of the Board called a special meeting held at the office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle

present, John J. Black, President,  
 William H. Dobb, William Herbert, Israel H. Holz, James G. Shaw and Peter B. Vanderer,

The President of the Board stated, that this meeting was called to consider the Rents of the Farms for the year commencing March 25th 1879.

A number of the present tenants were admitted who represented that they were not able to pay the present rents, for the reason that grain and produce generally, was very much reduced in price.

Whereupon after some consideration by the Trustees the following resolution was adopted, -

Resolved, that the Rents on all the Farms, for the year commencing March 25th 1879, - except the Farms now in the tenure of Solomon Newlove, and William H. Dobb shall be fifty dollars & fifty cents per acre, estimating the number of acres for each Farm as heretofore.

On motion the following Preamble and Resolution was adopted.

Whereas there has appeared at divers times in the



Delaware Republican a newspaper published in the City of  
Wilmington, certain slanderous, malicious and untruthful  
communications against the Trustees of the Newcastle Commons  
and in order that the said Trustees may obtain such  
redress as may be just and right

Therefore Resolved, That the Secretary request Mr.  
George W. Vernon the editor of the said paper to furnish  
the Trustees with the name of the author of said com-  
munications,

And on motion the Board adj<sup>d</sup>

Attest  
Peter B. Vandover, Secy

Thursday evening November 28th, 1878, a special  
meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common-  
wealth called by the President, was held at the office of the  
Secretary in the City of Newcastle,  
present,

John J. Black, President  
John White, Israel H. Sells, John W. Rodney, John J. Jarrist  
William Herbert, John C. Mahoney, Ferdinand Leckler and  
James G. Shaw & Peter B. Vandover,

The President of the Board stated that the principal  
object of the meeting was in reference to holding an Election  
for one Trustee, to supply the vacancy caused by the death  
of our late fellow member William H. Dobb,

Whereupon after proper consideration and on motion  
the following Ordinance was adopted,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Commonwealth that an Election be held at the Court House in the  
City of Newcastle on Tuesday the third day of December  
A.D. 1878, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and five  
o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common-  
wealth to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death  
of William H. Dobb, this election to be held in accordance  
with the charter of the said Board of Trustees and the provisions  
of the Act of Assembly passed in 1792.

on motion  
Resolved, That William Herbert and Ferdinand Leckler  
be and are hereby appointed to hold the election on the 3d day  
of Dec. 1878 to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death  
of William H. Dobb, giving notice of said election -

on motion. The Acting Committee were instructed  
to have the shed belonging to the Trustees on the Head Corner Farm  
which was blown down by the recent storm, rebuilt & repaired

on motion the following accounts were allowed

To William Herbert to pay Duces non Note	\$150.00
J. M. Jaggart for Insurance	4.37
W. M. Hoopes & Co. for Luncheon	13.03
J. A. Hols Hauling	5.00
Richard King for new Pump	54.75
Guy W. Vandover for Brick	10.00
	<u>\$237.15</u>

on motion the following ordinance was passed

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Commonwealth, Town meeting being present and all assenting  
thereto, that the sum of Two hundred and thirty seven dollars  
& fifteen cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to  
pay the accounts passed at this meeting & that order in  
check, be drawn for the payment of the same,

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest,  
Peter B. Vandover Secretary

Tuesday evening December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1878, The Board of  
Trustees of the Newcastle Commonwealth held a stated Quarterly  
meeting at the City Hall, present

John J. Black, President  
William Herbert, John W. Rodney, Ferdinand Leckler  
John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, John White, Peter B. Vandover,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved  
The Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Board to  
hold an Election to supply the vacancy caused by the death  
of <sup>Mr. H. Dobb</sup> made the following report,

At an Election held at the Court House in the City of  
Newcastle (now the City of Newcastle) on Tuesday (December 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
1878) the following persons were voted for

William H. Lane received one hundred and thirty seven votes	137
Jacob Kernan received three votes	3
Samuel Etchells received fifty one votes	51
Edward Challenger received six votes	6
James J. Scott received three votes	3
John Keegan received one vote	1

We the undersigned Judges of the said Election duly  
appointed by the Trustees of Commons and by the citizens assem-  
bled at the voting place at the time of the election do hereby certify  
that William H. Lane having received a majority of the votes cast is duly  
elected under the charter and laws a Trustee of Commons to fill the vacancy caused  
by the death of William H. Dobb,

William Herbert, Judges  
Ferdinand Leckler

which report and election was adopted and approved,  
And on motion William H. Lane appeared and took his  
seat as a Trustee of the Newfelle Common, -

On motion the sum of seven dollars & fifty cents was allowed  
for the expense of Advertising & holding the Election on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> inst, payable to the order of William Herbert, -

On motion the following was adopted unanimously,

Be it resolved by the Trustees of the Newfelle Common  
Whereas our fellow Trustee, William H. Dobb, has removed  
from among us by a Visitation of Providence on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
November A.D. 1878,

Resolved, That we desire to collect our roll of this  
faithfulman to his term as the representative of the people of  
this City, as a member of this Board; And that he was diligent,  
active, and true in his conduct and course as such Trustee

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish a copy of these  
resolutions to the family of the deceased,

On motion, It was voted that Solomon Scourse be notified  
to remove from the Model Farm on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March  
next, -

The Acting Committee were instructed to view the  
funds on the Model Farm, at the junction of the Turnpike and  
Market Roads, and make report to this Board, as to the propriety  
of leasing it, or a portion thereof, for the purposes of a Brick  
Yard, -

And on motion the Board adj<sup>d</sup>

Attest:  
Peter B. Vandover,  
Secretary

Tuesday evening Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1878, a special meeting  
of the Board of Trustees of the Newfelle Common, called by the  
President, was held at the office of the Secretary in the  
City of Newcastle, present,

John J. Black, President,  
W. Herbert, Israel H. Doby, John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw,  
John White, John H. Rodney, William H. Lane and Peter B.  
Vandover.

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,  
on motion the following accounts were allowed,

To Joseph J. Taggart for Insurance	78.68
" Mark M. Cleaver	169.00
" W. Tabnatt	9.00
" J. H. McCarley	103.00
	<u>469.68</u>

C. P. Johnson,

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William H. Dobb having requested the Trustees the privilege  
of removing from the Harey Corner Hotel & Farm on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of March next, also the payment for some improvements,

Whereupon on motion the following resolutions were  
adopted, -

Resolved, That Benjamin C. Pearce would be accepted as  
the tenant of the Harey Corner Hotel & Farm on the same terms  
and conditions as the said property is now held by William H.  
Dobb, for the term of four years from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March  
next,

Resolved, That this Board declines to make any allowance  
to Mr Dobb for repairs &c. done to the Harey Corner Hotel & Buildings  
confining themselves to the terms on which the rental was made,  
and any allowance for such repairs to be settled by Mr. Dobb  
and the succeeding tenant,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newfelle  
Common, since myself being present and all assenting thereto  
that the sum of \$250.96 be and the same is hereby appropriated  
for the payment of the accounts paid at this meeting, and that orders  
be drawn on the Treasurer for the payment of the same,

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest, Peter B. Vandover,  
Secretary

Wednesday evening Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1879, a special meeting  
of the Board of Trustees of the Newfelle Common, called by  
the President, on the request of two members, was held at the  
office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle

present  
James G. Shaw, Ferdinand Leckler, John H. Rodney, William  
H. Lane & Peter B. Vandover

The President being absent on motion Ferdinand  
Leckler was appointed President, pro tem,

No quorum being present on motion the Board adjourned

Attest, Peter B. Vandover,  
Secretary



Tuesday evening March 4th 1879, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held an annual meeting at the City Hall,

present, John J. Black, President, Ferdinand Leckler, William Herbert, David H. Holt, John C. Mahoney, James G. Shaw, John White, William H. Lane & Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the proceedings of the two last meetings read & approved.

On motion the Board proceeded to elect by ballot a President and Acting Committee to serve the ensuing year, John C. Mahoney & Ferdinand Leckler were appointed Tellers,

Whereupon on Counting the ballots it appeared that John J. Black was duly elected President & Ferdinand Leckler James G. Shaw & John C. Rodney the Acting Committee,

on motion the President appointed William H. Lane on the Committee on Public Buildings to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of Mr. Holt,

on motion Resolved, That the Rent of the Model Farm from and after the 25th inst shall be five hundred dollars,

The applications of Oliver W. Clark, Joseph Yarnall, John W. Colburn & John Dempsey, for the Model Farm were severally read

Whereupon on motion the Board proceeded to elect a tenant for that farm & on Counting the votes it appeared that Oliver W. Clark had received a majority of all the votes cast.

on motion Resolved, That in case Oliver W. Clark declines to take the farm, then and in that case the Acting Committee are authorized to offer it to John W. Colburn,

on motion, William H. Lane, William Herbert and James G. Shaw were appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee who recently visited Washington relative to an appropriation by Congress for the erection of a Custom House & Post Office, and make report as to what amount the Board should contribute towards the expenses incurred by that Committee,

on motion John C. Rodney and John C. Mahoney were appointed the Committee to audit the Treasury accounts and John James & William Herbert a Committee to audit the accounts of the Committee on Public Buildings

On motion the following accounts were passed,

William Herbert, one year Salary as Treasurer	\$150.00
Paul Barr " " " " Janitor	39.00
Peter B. Vandever " " " " Secretary & clearing Leases &c	59.50
Newcastle Express for Gas to Dec 25th 1878	36.40
Thomas Guyon	55.12
Ans Lambson	13.98
H. Jellow	125.00
W. H. Hoopes & Co	172.74
G. L. Johnson	7.00
Halt & Elkinton	7.44
William Herbert	28.50
S. D. Jones	57.23
F. Leckler	47.20
	<u>\$784.11</u>

on motion the following ordinances were passed  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of seven hundred and eighty four dollars and eleven cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the accounts passed at this meeting and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, on account of the payment of the present debts to the Farmers Bank, & that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

And on motion the Board adjourned.  
Attest, Peter B. Vandever, Secretary,

Friday evening March 14th 1879, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common called by the President, was held at the office of the Secretary in the City of Newcastle,  
present

John J. Black, President  
Ferdinand Leckler, W. Herbert, John C. Mahoney, J. Holt, James G. Shaw  
John White, John C. Rodney, W. H. Lane and Peter B. Vandever,





Saturday Evening April 19<sup>th</sup> 1879 - A Special Meeting of the Trustees of New Castle called by the President was held at the office of the Secretary - Peter B. Vanderer - in the City of New Castle

Present - Mr. J. Black Pres - Mr. Horbach J. H. Fells, J. K. White, John Callahan, Jas. G. Shaw, J. L. Keller, Mr. F. Lane & Peter B. Vanderer - Nine

The President stated that the meeting had been called to receive and consider, an application from the Board of Education of the City, for an appropriation to be applied to building a school house in the West part of the city -

Mr. George Gray the Pres<sup>t</sup> of the Board of Education being present <sup>stated</sup> the need of increased facilities for accommodating the scholars desirous of attending the Public Schools, and the inability of the Board to furnish these facilities, with their present means; and asked aid from the Trustees of the Common -

After the consideration of the subject by the Board, the President offered the following resolution -

Resolved that the Trustees of New Castle Common agree to assist the Board of Education, in building a school house on Gray Street to the amount of two thousand (2000) dollars, payable at such times as the said Board may request - whereupon -

On motion, the following Ordinance was passed & Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of New Castle Common Nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of two thousand (2000) dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to aid the Board of Education of this City in building a school house on Gray Street; the same to be payable to the order of the Treasurer of said Board of Education, at such times as may be required, and that orders be drawn for the same.

On motion the Board adjourned

The above minutes were left uncorrected by Peter B. Vanderer late Secretary, at his decease, and were read to, and adopted by the Board of Trustees at their stated meeting held June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879.

Attest William F. Lane Secretary

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Wednesday Evening May 21<sup>st</sup> 1879  
 A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
 Newcastle Common was held in the City Hall  
 Present - Mr J. Black President - Jas. G. Shaw  
 Mr Herbert, John White, Jas. Secker - J. H. Fols  
 John H. Rodney, and Mr F. Lome - eight

On motion Mr F. Lome was appointed Secretary  
 pro. tem

The President stated that the meeting was  
 called on account of the death of Peter B. Vanderover  
 a member of the Board and for many years  
 its Secretary -

The following Resolutions were presented  
 read by Mr J. H. Rodney and unanimously adopted  
 by the Board -

Whereas Peter B. Vanderover our Co. Trustee and  
 the Secretary of this Board, was removed from us by  
 death on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May instant and

Whereas his services to this community as  
 Trustee of the Newcastle Common and his association  
 with us as a fellow-member of this Board, deserves  
 such recognition as we can give therefore

Resolved that in his death this community has  
 suffered a loss which will be greatly felt and sorely  
 supplied; and that this Board a Secretary whose experience  
 accuracy and judgment were invaluable; and  
 that the uprightness and care with which his public  
 duties were performed, established a character for  
 integrity which was as determining as it was high

Resolved that we sympathize with the family of our  
 deceased friend in the double calamity which has  
 so lately befallen them -

Resolved that these Resolutions be published in the  
 Every Evening Commercial, and a copy be sent to the  
 family of the deceased; also that they be put  
 upon the minutes of the Board -

On motion the following Ordinance was passed  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of Newcastle  
 Common, that an Election be held at the Court  
 House in the City of Newcastle, on Saturday  
 the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May instant, between the hour  
 of 12 o'clock noon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon  
 for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common, to fill  
 the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned

Resolutions of  
 respect on the  
 death of Peter  
 B. Vanderover

Election  
 Ordinance

by the death Peter B. Vanderover, this Election to be held in  
 accordance with the Charter of the said Board of Trustees,  
 and the provisions of the Act of Assembly passed at Dover  
 on the Twenty fifth day of January 1792

At the request of the Board, the President appointed Messrs  
 Jas. Secker and J. H. Fols a committee to hold said Election

On motion the President was authorized to appoint sub-  
 -stitutes if this committee, or either of them should be unable  
 to serve

On motion the Board adjourned -

Attest  
 William F. Lome Secretary pro. tem

Thursday Evening June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879  
 The Board of Trustees of Newcastle Common  
 held their stated Quarterly meeting in the City Hall  
 Present - Mr J. Black - Jas. G. Shaw  
 Mr Herbert, John White, J. H. Fols, J. Secker  
 and Mr F. Lome - seven

The minutes of the special meetings held  
 April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> were read and approved

The committee appointed to hold an Election for one  
 Trustee to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned  
 by the death of Peter B. Vanderover made a verbal report  
 that they had held said Election with the following results

The total number of votes cast was	270
Of which Elmer W. Clark received	102 votes
Robert H. Wright "	69 "
George A. Kellyne "	61 "
Samuel P. Stimp "	32 "
John O. Roberts "	6 "
	270

therefore no one having a majority of the votes  
 cast there was no choice -

On motion the following Ordinance was  
 passed -

Be it ordained by Board of Trustees of the  
 Newcastle Common, that an Election be held in  
 the Court House in the City of Newcastle, on Saturday  
 the fourteenth (14) day of June instant - between the  
 hours of half past twelve o'clock - noon and half past  
 six in the afternoon for one Trustee of the Newcastle  
 Common to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Peter  
 B. Vanderover in the Board of Trustees, and that  
 Secker and J. H. Fols be a committee to hold

Report of  
 Election  
 Committee

A second elec-  
 tion ordinance



Wednesday Evening May 21<sup>st</sup> 1879  
A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
Newcastle Common was held in the City Hall  
Present - Dr. J. Black, President - Jas. G. Shaw  
Mr. Herbert, Wm. White, Jas. Seckler - J. H. Fols  
John H. Redney, civic. Mrs. F. Lane - civic

On motion Mrs. F. Lane was appointed Secretary  
pro. tem  
The President stated that the meeting was  
called on account of the death of Peter B. Vanderover  
a member of the Board and for many years  
its Secretary -

The following resolutions were presented  
read by Mr. J. H. Redney and unanimously adopted  
by the Board -

Whereas Peter B. Vanderover our co-trustee and  
the Secretary of this Board, was removed from us by  
death on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May instant and

Whereas his services to this community as  
Trustee of the Newcastle Common and his association  
with us as a fellow-member of this Board, deserves  
such recognition as we can give, therefore

Resolved that in his death this community has  
suffered a loss which will be greatly felt, and solemnly  
supplicated, and this Board a Secretary whose experience  
accuracy and judgment were invaluable, and  
that the uprightness and care with which his public  
duties were performed, established a character for  
integrity which was adorning as it was high -

Resolved that we sympathize with the family of our  
deceased friend in the double calamity which has  
so lately befallen them -

Resolved that these resolutions be published in the  
"Every Evening Commercial", and a copy be sent to the  
family of the deceased, also that they be put  
upon the minutes of the Board -

On motion the following Ordinance was passed  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of Newcastle  
Common, that an election be held at the Court House  
in the City of Newcastle, on Saturday  
the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May instant, between the hour  
of 12 o'clock noon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon  
for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common, to fill  
the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned

Resolutions of  
Respect on the  
death of Peter  
B. Vanderover

Election  
Ordinance

by the death Peter B. Vanderover, this election to be held in  
accordance with the Charter of the said Board of Trustees,  
and the provisions of the Act of Assembly passed at Dover  
on the Twenty fifth day of January 1792

At the request of the Board, the President appointed Messrs  
Jas. Seckler and J. H. Fols a committee to hold said Election

On motion the President was authorized to appoint sub-  
stitutes if this committee, or either of them should be unable  
to serve

On motion the Board adjourned -

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary pro. tem

Thursday Evening June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879  
The Board of Trustees of Newcastle Common  
held their stated quarterly meeting in the City Hall  
Present - Mr. J. Black, President - Jas. G. Shaw  
Mr. Herbert, John Callahan, J. H. Fols, J. Seckler  
and Mrs. F. Lane - seven

The minutes of the special meeting held  
April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> were read and approved -

The committee appointed to hold an election for one  
Trustee to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned  
by the death of Peter B. Vanderover made a verbal report  
that they had held said election with the following result  
The whole number of votes cast was 270

of which Elmer W. Clark received	102 votes
Robert W. Wright "	69 "
George H. Skelleyne "	61 "
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John O. Roberts "	6 "
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therefore no one having a majority of the votes  
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On motion the following ordinance was  
passed -

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hours of half past twelve o'clock noon and half past  
six in the afternoon for one Trustee of the Newcastle  
Common to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Peter  
B. Vanderover in the Board of Trustees, and that Messrs  
Seckler, and J. H. Fols be a committee to hold

Report of  
election  
committee

A second elec-  
tion ordinance

Wednesday Evening May 21<sup>st</sup> 1879  
 A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
 Newcastle Comm. was held in the City Hall  
 Present - Dr. J. Black, President - Jas. G. Shaw  
 Mr. Herbert, John White, Jas. Leecher - J. H. Fols  
 John H. Radway, com. Mr. F. Lane - eight

On motion Mr. F. Lane was appointed Secretary  
 pro. tem -  
 The President stated that the meeting was  
 called in account of the death of Peter B. Waudover  
 a member of the Board and for many years  
 its Secretary -

The following resolutions were presented  
 Read by Mr. H. Radway and unanimously adopted  
 by the Board -

Whereas Peter B. Waudover our co-trustee and  
 the Secretary of this Board, was removed from us by  
 death on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May instant and

Whereas his services to this community as  
 Trustee of the Newcastle Comm. and his association  
 with us as a fellow-member of this Board, deserves  
 such recognition as we can give, therefore

Resolved that in his death this community has  
 suffered a loss which will be greatly felt, and deeply  
 supplied; and this Board a Secretary whose experience,  
 accuracy and judgment were invaluable, and  
 that the uprightness and care with which his public  
 duties were performed, established a character for  
 integrity which was as determining as it was high

Resolved that we sympathize with the family of our  
 deceased friend in the double calamity which has  
 so lately befallen them -

Resolved that these resolutions be published in the  
 "Every Evening Commercial", and a copy be sent to the  
 family of the deceased, also that they be put  
 upon the minutes of the Board -

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 the vacancy in the Board of Trustees, occasioned

Resolutions of  
 respect on the  
 death of Peter  
 B. Waudover

Election  
 Ordinance

by the death Peter B. Waudover, this election to be held in  
 accordance with the Charter of the said Board of Trustees,  
 and the provisions of the Act of Assembly passed at Dover  
 on the Twenty fifth day of January 1792

At the request of the Board, the President appointed Messrs  
 Ford Leecher and J. H. Fols a committee to hold said Election

On motion the President was authorized to appoint sub-  
 -stitutes if this committee, or either of them should be unable  
 to serve

On motion the Board adjourned -  
 Attest  
 William G. Lane Secretary pro. tem

Tuesday Evening June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879  
 The Board of Trustees of Newcastle Comm.  
 held their stated quarterly meeting in the City Hall.  
 Present - Mr. J. Black, Pres. - Jas. G. Shaw  
 Mr. Herbert, John Cullum, J. H. Fols, J. Leecher  
 and Mr. F. Lane - seven

The minutes of the special meeting held  
 April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> were read and approved -

The committee appointed to hold an election for one  
 Trustee, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned  
 by the death of Peter B. Waudover made a verbal report  
 that they had held said election with the following results

The entire number of votes cast was	270
Of which Elinor W. Clark received	102 votes
Robert H. Wright "	69 "
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Samuel P. Trapp "	32 "
John C. Roberts "	6 "
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therefore no one having a majority of the votes  
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On motion the following ordinance was  
 passed -

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 the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) day of June instant - between the  
 hours of half past twelve o'clock - noon and half past  
 six in the afternoon for one Trustee of the Newcastle  
 to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Peter  
 B. Waudover in the Board of Trustees, and for John  
 Leecher and J. H. Fols be a committee to hold

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 tion ordinance



Said election, the election to be held in accordance with the Charter of said Board of Trustees and the provisions of the Act of Assembly passed at Dover June 25-1799 and in case no Trustee should be elected on that day then the aforesaid Committee are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed to hold other elections in accordance with the aforesaid provisions, until a Trustee shall be duly elected to fill said vacancy and the Secretary is directed, at the request of the Committee, to give due notice of the time and place of holding the election.

On motion the following bills were allowed -  
 Expended of a Committee to Washington in the matter of a New Post Office \$100 -  
 Publishing Resolutions of respect on the death of Peter B. Vanderover 1.80  
 Wm. J. S. Bell for printing Treasurer's Statement 60  
 Albert Sutter for Carpenter work 17.02  
 Thomas Peck for plumbing & pipe 24.60  
 John M. Carr for Carpenter work 24.75  
 Jonathan E. George for posts 70.60  
 The F. Thompson - County Tax 1879 441.32  
 \$696.09

On motion the Board proceeded to elect a Secretary in the place of Peter B. Vanderover deceased. The President appointed J. Leckler and Wm. J. S. Bell. On the votes being taken Wm. J. S. Bell was declared duly elected.

On motion it was ordered that the Salary of the Secretary for two months of the current year be paid to the Administrators of Peter B. Vanderover.

On motion the Board adjourned.  
 Attest  
 William F. Lane  
 Secretary

Thursday Evening September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1879  
 The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Commission met in regular quarterly session in the City Hall.  
 Present -

Am. J. Block - Pres, Messrs Leckler, Joll, Herbert and Lane Five.  
 There not being a quorum present - On motion the Board at 8:45 o'clock adjourned.  
 Attest

William F. Lane  
 Secretary

Election of  
 Wm. F. Lane  
 Secretary

Friday evening September 5<sup>th</sup> 1878  
 The Board met in the City Hall in Special Session called by the President -

Present  
 Messrs Joll, Herbert, White, Shaw, Leckler and Lane - Six.  
 On Motion Mr. Shaw was appointed President. There not being a quorum present the Board on motion adjourned to the call of the President.  
 Attest  
 William F. Lane  
 Secretary

Thursday Evening Sept 11-1879  
 The Board of Trustees of New Castle Commission met in adjourned Session in the City Hall.  
 Present - John J. Block President - Messrs Schuch, Redney, Mr. Herbert, John Mahoney, James G. Shaw, Ford Leckler, John White, Isaac H. Joll and Wm. F. Lane - Nine.

The Minutes of the meeting of June 3, Sept. 3, and Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The reports of Committee being called for, the Committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer submitted the following Report:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account Report: That they have examined the said account compared the vouchers with the entries and found them correct with the exception of twenty three dollars and fifty cents (23.50) charged by the Treasurer at discount on money advanced by him. This being allowed by the Board the account is correct.

Signed: John Mahoney } Committee  
 John C. Mahoney }

The Committee appointed to hold an Election made the following Report:

The undersigned appointed a Committee to hold an Election for a Trustee to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees caused by the death of Peter B. Vanderover reports that they held said election at the time and place directed by the ordinance ordering the same, with the following result: Over

Report of Com  
 Audit the  
 Treas' Account

Report to  
 hold  
 Election

The whole number of votes received was 371  
 of which Ebenezer W. Clark received 149.  
 Robert W. Wright 124.  
 George F. Deakigne 63.  
 Lewis E. Elister 21.  
 Robert S. Martin 8.  
 Robert Murray 3.  
 Samuel P. Trull 2.  
 John O. Roberts 1 371

In electing a majority of the whole number there was no choice.

Signer J. Secker }  
 J. H. Fols } Committee

An motion the following ordinance was passed  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the  
 New Castle Comm. nine members being present &  
 all consenting thereto, that the sum of six hundred  
 ninety six dollars and nine cents be and the same  
 is hereby appropriated to pay the accounts passed at  
 this meeting held since the 31st last passed, and that  
 orders be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion the following bills were allowed  
 Wm. Roberts - Interest on money advanced July 1879 \$23.50  
 Alfred Timmers for printing election notices 1.25  
 Geo. A. Smith & Co. City Taxes 1879 160.00  
 Saml. H. Black - clerk at two elections 4.00  
 Saml. C. Mapey - attending two block meetings 50.00  
 DeLawrence Small North for iron pipes 178.39  
 James B. Lancaster for laying pipes 17.20  
 John Chumside for iron work 2.00  
 Sherman & Robinson for Lime 354.87  
 \$791.21

On motion the following ordinance was passed  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New  
 Castle Comm. nine members being present and  
 all consenting thereto, that the sum of seven hundred ninety  
 one dollars and twenty one cents be and the same is  
 appropriated to pay the accounts allowed at this meeting  
 and that orders be drawn for the payment of the same.

A communication was laid before the Board  
 from Alfred Supton of Providence New Jersey asking  
 for the lease of a tract of clay land for a term of  
 six or ten years for the purpose of making bricks.  
 The communication was read and

Ordinance for  
 pay of bills  
 Passed June 3  
 by the Board  
 June 3

Alfred Supton  
 applies for lease  
 of ground to  
 make bricks

An motion referred to the Acting Committee with instructions  
 to obtain an interview with Mr. Supton for the purpose  
 of ascertaining more fully his wishes and report the  
 result of such interview to this Board.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Attest  
 William F. Lane  
 Secretary

Tuesday Evening December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1879  
 The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Comm.  
 held their stated quarterly in the City Hall  
 Present - Messrs Jas. F. Shaw - The Herberts - Lord  
 Secker - J. H. Fols, W. C. Selley, John White and  
 Wm F. Lane seven -

The President being absent - a motion Jas. F. Shaw  
 was appointed President Pro tem -

The minutes of the last meeting were read and  
 approved -

George Gray Esq. President of the Board of  
 Education was present, and made a statement of the  
 need of the Board for additional funds to pay the balance  
 of the cost of their new school house, amounting to fifteen  
 or sixteen hundred dollars and asked an appropri-  
 ation of the trustees for that purpose.

Mr Secker for the Acting Committee reported  
 that they had had an interview with Alfred Supton  
 in regard to the lease of clay land for a brick yard, as  
 instructed at the last meeting of the Board; but the  
 place pointed out was not satisfactory to him  
 and he had obtained ground of another party.

On motion the following accounts were allowed  
 J. Saml. P. Trull for posts and rails \$277.93  
 " W. H. Defferent & Co - posts and rails 278.85  
 " Henry F. Jettens for printing 20.47  
 " Mr. H. M. Scammon for lumber 17.47  
 " Estate of Peter B. Beside for bricks 1.60  
 " Thomas Dixon for carpenter work 89.92  
 " Harry M. Gaudley - do 24.50  
 " Edward H. Crosby for spraying 10.48  
 " Wm. W. Horpesh for laundry bills for 3 months 371.44  
 " B. C. Pearce - for milk, fuel, other work, and other articles 4.50  
 " Platt & Ellington for Hard Ware 22.21  
 \$1119.31



but reflecting the views of the members of the Board in respect to the application of the Board of Education, as made through Mr. Gray, were taken, and all expressed themselves favorable to such appropriation.

The Committee appointed to hold an election for a Trust reported that they had taken no further action since the last meeting of the Board.

On motion the Board adjourned  
till

William F. Lane  
Secretary

Tuesday Evening December 20, 1879  
The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held a special session called by the President at the request of two members, Wm. Shaw, Herbert  
present - John S. Black, President  
Jas. G. Shaw, John C. Mahoney, Ferdinand Lecker  
William Herbert, John H. Rodney, John White  
and William F. Lane

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The object of the meeting, as stated by Mr. Shaw, at the request of the President, was to consider the renewed application of Alfred Supton for ground for a Brick Yard.

After some general conversation on the subject by the members of the Board in regard to the particular wishes of Mr. Supton as stated by Mr. Shaw

On motion the following resolution offered by Mr. Herbert, was adopted.

Resolved, that the Acting Committee be authorized to lease a tract of land to Alfred Supton, for the purpose of making bricks on the best terms obtainable.

On motion the Board adjourned  
till

William F. Lane  
Secretary

Tuesday evening March 2<sup>d</sup> 1880 - The Board of Trustees of Newcastle Common held a stated quarterly meeting in the City Hall.

Present - Mrs. J. Black - President -

John Fols, Ferd Seeller, John H. Rodney, William Herbert, Jas. G. Shaw, John C. Mahoney and William F. Lane.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Rodney of the Acting Committee made a verbal report in regard to leasing ground to Alfred H. Supton for the purpose of making bricks, stating that the Committee had leased to him, and had measured, four acres of ground from the Model farm, for which he agreed to pay thirty cents per thousand of bricks made, and that the number shall not be less than two hundred and fifty thousand in any one year; also that he had commenced work on the ground and was ready to execute a lease.

On motion - Resolved that John W. Colthorn be allowed to retain the Model farm at an annual rent of four hundred and fifty dollars - \$450.

On motion the Board proceeded to elect by ballot Officers for the ensuing year, viz. a President, a Treasurer and an Acting Committee.

The President appointed Wm. Seeller & Rodney tellers, and on the votes being counted, the following officers were declared duly elected.

President - John S. Black  
Treasurer - William Herbert  
Acting Committee { Ferdinand Lecker  
John H. Fols  
John C. Mahoney

On motion the following bills were allowed

To the Order of Peter B. Daulers - two months salary as Secy	8.24
William F. Lane Secy - salary to date	41.66
Paul Barr farmer - one year salary	30.00
F. Lecker, repair on farm buildings	70.88
J. W. Cooper, plating at Oglethorpe farm	32.00
David B. Wulden - Home ware	2.81
	97.20
Newcastle Gas Co.	78.68
Farmer Mutual Insurance Company	7.00
Newcastle County Mutual Ins. Co	10.00
Wm. A. Minney, surveying ground for Board	38.15
	381.57

Order for Indemnity

On motion. The Treasurer was instructed to have the City Hall Building insured; also the School Building known as the Academy and the lot situate together with the school furniture contained in them.

On Motion the Board adjourned  
Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening June 1<sup>st</sup> 1880  
At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common held in the City Hall the following members were present  
Jm. S. Black President - James G. Shaw, John B. Mahoney, William Herbert, John H. Fols, Israel H. Fols and William F. Lane - seven

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.  
The Treasurer presented his Annual printed Statement of the finances of the Board and for a Committee to audit his account, he also reported that he had expected the Indemnity referred by the Board at their last meeting.

The Board appointed Jm. F. Lane and J. F. Lane a committee to audit the said account.

Mr Fols of the Acting Committee stated that application had been made to Mr Leckie and himself by Theodore J. Borne, for the renting of the small lot at the corner of the Newport and Haver corner roads, for the purpose of erecting thereon building for carrying on the Saddle Smith and Wheelwright business; that after consulting the most of the Trustees and after supporting obtaining their assent thereto, they had rented the lot to Mr Borne for the term of ten (10) years at an annual rent of thirty (30) dollars, to be paid semiannually; the Trustees not to be to any expense whatever, either for insuring the same, or for any improvements thereon. Several members of the Board made objections to the length of the time of the rental, when Mr Herbert the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the Acting Committee be empowered to lease the lot at the corner of the Newport and Haver corner roads, to Theodore J. Borne for the term of five (5) years at an

Leasing Lot  
Corner of Haver Common  
& Newport Roads

Resolves  
Dec. 7. 1880

Annual rent of thirty (30) dollars, to be paid semiannually.

The subject of an additional appropriation in aid of the Board of Education, as applied for by said Board through their president, at a previous meeting, being called up, different opinions being expressed thereon Mr Shaw offered the following resolution -

Resolved, that this Board appropriate to the use of the Board of Education, a sum sufficient to pay the Teachers of the Public Schools one Quarter salary - The Ayes and Noes being called for on the passage of the resolution, the vote returned follows  
Ayes - Messrs. Black, Shaw, Herbert and Lane 4  
Noes - Messrs. Rodney - Fols and Mahoney 3  
The President declared the resolution adopted.

Admitted  
7-1880

On motion of Mr Rodney the following resolution was passed:-

Resolved, that a Committee of two be appointed to act with the Treasurer in borrowing a sum of money sufficient to meet the payment to the Water Works Company due July 1<sup>st</sup> proximo.  
The President appointed Messrs Rodney and Fols a committee -

and on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening September 7. 1880  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common met in stated quarterly session - the quorum being present - did not organize -  
Wm F. Lane Secy

Tuesday Evening December 7. 1880  
A stated quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common was held in the City Hall - Present Dr John S. Black President, Cesty Hoall - Present Dr John S. Black President, Messrs A. C. Gray - John Janvier - Allen W. Lacey - William Herbert - Israel H. Fols - John White - James G. Shaw - John C. Mahoney - William F. Lane

The minutes of the last meeting (June 1<sup>st</sup>) were read and approved.





to transferring or cancelling his lease, giving as his reasons for the request, the impaired condition of his health. In a second communication also before the Board, he stated, that he had agreed with James O. Bayle, on terms of transfer, provided the Trustees would accept Mr Bayle as tenant for the unexpired part of his lease.

At the suggestion of a member of the Board Mr. Bayle was requested, to appear and state to the Board his intentions in regard to the manner of conducting the place if rented to him. He did so, but wishing time for further consideration, Thursday evening the 20<sup>th</sup> instant was fixed for a full and final statement.

Mr Rodney having called the attention of the Board to a notice of the sale of the materials of the Old Market House, by the City Council, and also to the authority of the Trustees of the Common in the case of the same, the following resolution was adopted -

Resolved - That this Board consent to, and approve of the sale of the materials of the Old Market House in accordance with the notice given by the City Council.

Application was made by the New Castle Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, through a member of the Board, for the use of the room in the third story of the City Hall, on Wednesday evening of each week for holding meetings. said on motion the application was granted -

Adjourned to meet Thursday evening the 20<sup>th</sup> instant at eight o'clock.

Witness  
 William F. Lane Secretary

Thursday Evening January 20<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common met pursuant to adjournment on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst in the room of the City Council.

Present - Mr. J. P. Black, President  
 J. H. Fols - John White - James G. Shaw - John C. Mahoney - Wm. Herbert - F. Leckler & Mrs. F. Lane - 8.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Acting Committee reported that James O. Bayle had declined renting the Market House.

Sale of Materials of Old Market House

# STATEMENT

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

### TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON, From March 25th, 1880, to March 25th, 1881.

DR.		CR.	
1880.		1880.	
Mar. 25 Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$500.16	April 1, Cash paid Glatts & Eckel, Printing Statement.....	\$7.00
Cash rec'd from Farmers' Insurance Company.....	33.67	" " Thomas Dikson, Carpenter work.....	9.90
" " John J. Jackson, one years rent of Bayard Farm No. 9.....	661.00	May 13 " William F. Thompson, County Tax 1880.....	433.00
" " Alexander Biggs, one years rent of Stockton Farm No. 2.....	1137.50	June 8 " George A. Smith, City Tax, 1880.....	100.00
" " Ezekiel Fols, one years rent of Jefferson Farm, No. 1.....	583.00	July 1, " New Castle Water Works.....	1500.00
" " Robert H. Morrison, one years rent of Oglethorpe Farm No. 3.....	565.50	" " Three Months' Interest on \$1500.00.....	22.50
" " David McCoy, one years rent of Centre Hall Farm No. 6.....	538.00	Aug. 21, " Pierson Brothers, Blinds, etc.....	2.52
" " Benjamin C. Pearce, one years rent of Union Farm No. 8.....	1200.00	" " John D. Vining, Jr.....	3.83
" " George W. Morrison, one years rent of Clayton Farm No. 10.....	656.50	" " Shoemaker & Robinson, Lime.....	61.22
" " Interest due on the same.....	9.84	" " Edward C. Johnson, Pump work.....	14.15
" " Thomas Holcomb, one years rent of part of Union Farm No. 8.....	32.00	" " Jacob Hermann, Cement, Pipe, etc.....	8.90
" " Theodore J. Bruce, one years rent of part of Oglethorpe Farm No. 3.....	20.00	Sept. 18, " A. W. Randolph, Painting.....	1030.00
" " Fredrick Eagle, one years rent of Room under Town Hall.....	60.00	" " Farmer's Bank on account of note.....	120.00
" " New Castle County Mutual Insurance Company Dividend.....	1.50	" " Farmer's Bank, six months interest on \$5000 up to Sept 25, 1880.....	90.00
" " Sale of Old Market House.....	131.31	" " Farmer's Bank, six months interest on \$5000 up to March 25, 1881.....	1300.00
" " Clay used off Model Farm No. 11.....	29.27	Dec. 7, " Wm. F. Lane, Treas. Board Education.....	133.00
" " John W. Calhoun, on account of rent of Model Farm No. 11.....	13.25	" " Henry F. Telford, Painting.....	2.00
" " Paul Barr, use of Town Hall.....	978.01	" " Saml. P. Truss, Post and Halls.....	2.00
" " Balance due the Treasurer.....	7811.41	" " Geo. F. Drakys, Hardware.....	4.50
Total.....	7811.41	" " Saml. E. Massey, repairing Town Clock.....	39.00
Amount due the Trustees - Ezekiel Wheatley.....	4916.50	Jan. 1, 1881, " New Castle Mutual Fire Insurance Co.....	1500.00
" " John W. Calhoun.....	459.73	" " New Castle Water Works Co.....	78.68
		" " Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co.....	69.02
		" " Edward Handy work on Common Farms.....	15.00
		Feb. 25, " Shoemaker & Robinson, Lime.....	31.00
		" " Paul Barr, Janitor.....	15.00
		Mar. 1, " Thomas Pool, Repairing Hedge.....	443.32
		" " William H. Jefferson & Co, post and rails.....	50.00
		Mar. 23, " William F. Lane, Secretary.....	150.00
		" " William Herbert, Treasurer.....	7811.41
		Total.....	3,000.00
		Amount due Farmers' Bank.....	3,000.00

#### OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D. President. | WILLIAM F. LANE, Secretary. | WILLIAM HERBERT, Treasurer.

#### TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON.

NAME	NO.	TENANT	ACRES.	RENT.
ANDREW G. GRAY	Elected, Sept. 28, 1839			
JOHN JANVIER	June 31, 1847			
FERDINAND LECKLER	May 26, 1855			
WILLIAM HERBERT	May 14, 1859			
ALLEN V. LESLEY M. D.	May 23, 1863			
ISRAEL H. FOLS	Dec. 16, 1865			
JOHN WHITE	June 23, 1866			
JOHN MAHONEY	April 3, 1869			
JAMES G. SHAW	May 8, 1869			
JOHN J. BLACK, M. D.	Dec. 30, 1871			
JOHN H. RODNEY	Jan. 9, 1875			
WILLIAM F. LANE	Dec. 3, 1878			

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#### FARMS BELONGING TO THE CITY.

NAME	NO.	TENANT	ACRES.	RENT.
Jefferson	1	Ezekiel Fols	90	\$ 585 00
Stockton	2	Alex. Biggs	175	1137 50
Oglethorpe	3	Robert R. Morrison	87	565 50
Centre Hall	5	David McCoy	132	858 00
Paub	6	Ezekiel Wheatley	141	916 50
Union	8	B. C. Pearce	132	1200 00
Bayard	9	John J. Jackson	102	663 00
Clayton	10	Geo. W. Morrison	101	656 50
Model	11	John W. Calhoun	110	450 00
Lot, part of No. 8		Thomas Holcomb	4	30 00
				\$7062 00

WILLIAM HERBERT,  
 Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of New Castle Commons.

Star Job Print, New Castle, Del.



Hotel and Farm and that Frederick J. Bayle had made an application for the same - An application was also received from Joseph Yarnall for the rental -

After some discussion Mr Herbert offered the following Resolution - That the Secretary be directed to notify Mr B. C. Pearce that the Trustees are willing for him to rent the Hotel and Farm to Fred. J. Bayle, but that they will look to him (Pearce) for the rent for the remainder of his lease - The resolution was adopted -

On motion the Board adjourned to meet next Monday Evening  
Called  
William F. Lane Secretary

Monday Evening Jan'y 24 - 1881 -  
The Board and pursuant to adjournment in the City Hall -

Present - Isaac J. Black - Pres  
J. H. Fols - John C. Mahoney - Tom. Leckler - Mr Herbert  
and Mr F. Lane -

The Secretary stated that he had sent a copy of the Constitution passed at the last meeting to B. C. Pearce as directed by the same -

No quorum being present the Board adjourned  
Called  
William F. Lane Secy

Tuesday evening March 1<sup>st</sup> 1881 -  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common held the stated annual meeting in the City Hall -

Present  
Dr John J. Black - President  
Messrs - Mr Herbert - Leckler - Fols - Isaac H. Fols -  
John White - John C. Mahoney - John Rodney  
and William F. Lane - Secy

The minutes of the meeting held Jan'y - 18 - 20 - and 24<sup>th</sup> were read and approved -

The President stated that he had received a communication from B. C. Pearce saying he had rented the Hooper corner Hotel and Farm to Frederick J. Bayle in accordance with the

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The Acting Committee reported that James O. Bayle had declined renting the Hooper corner

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to Fred. Bayle

Resolution passed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January -  
Mr Fols also stated that Mr Bayle was occupying  
the House and keeping it as a hotel -

On motion - The Board proceeded to the election of a  
President and an Acting Committee for the en-  
suing year. The election resulted in the choice  
of Dr John S. Black for President  
and Israel H. Fols  
Levinus Seckler } Acting Committee  
John Callahaney }

The Treasurer reports that he has settled with  
Clyde H. Supton for the rent of the Official Jail for  
the past year and had received from him the sum  
of one hundred thirty one and 3/4 dollars (\$131.75)  
a rent for the year 1880. He also reports that  
he has received thirty seven (37) dollars from the  
sale of the material of the old Market House and  
had credited the Trustees with the amount -

On motion of Mr Rodney, that a committee be  
appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer the  
President continues the committee appointed to  
audit the last years account but who have not  
reported - (The Board were Seckler & Lane)

Mr Seckler Chairman of the Committee on public  
building, asked for a committee to audit the  
account of that Committee and the President  
appointed Messrs Herbert and White -

On motion - Resolved that the bills of the Com-  
mittee on Public Buildings, be paid by the Treasurer  
after being certified by the Committee, instead of  
by an appropriation to that Committee as was  
formerly done -

On motion - It was ordered that the salaries of  
the Treasurer, of the Secretary and of the Janitor  
for past year be paid -

On motion the Board adjourned.

Attest -  
William G. Lane Secretary

Recd of Brock 1880 \$131.75

Com. to audit  
Treas. account

Com. to audit  
Acct of Com.  
on Pub. Building

Payment of bills  
of Comm.  
Pub. Buildings

Salaries  
Paid

Friday evening June 7<sup>th</sup> 1881  
The Trustees of the New Castle Common held a stated  
quarterly meeting in the City Hall

Present - Dr John S. Black President  
Messrs Andrew C. Gray, John Sanvier, William Herbert  
Israel H. Fols, John White, John Mahoney, James G. Shaw,  
John N. Rodney and William Lane -

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved -

The subject of repairs to the dwelling house on the  
Jefferson farm, occupied by Elizabeth Fols, was discussed  
but no action was taken -

On motion, the following preamble and resolution  
were adopted -

Whereas it is understood that the Trustees of  
the Poor are looking for a site for a new almshouse  
Therefore - Resolved - That a Committee of three (3)  
be appointed to confer with the said Trustees of the  
Poor in regard to leasing a part of one of the Common  
farms for a site for a County Almshouse and  
report to this Board at a special meeting called  
for that purpose -  
The President appointed Messrs Herbert, Shaw and White -

On motion - Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized  
to borrow the sum of fifteen hundred (\$500) dollars to  
meet the payment due the Water Works Company  
on the first of July -

On motion the Board adjourned -  
Attest  
William G. Lane Secretary

Friday Evening June 17<sup>th</sup> 1881  
The Board met in the City Hall in special  
session called by the President pursuant to the  
resolution passed at the last meeting -  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved -

Present - Dr John S. Black, President  
Messrs. J. G. Shaw - W. L. Leroy, J. H. Rodney, W. Seckler -  
J. H. Fols, J. White and W. G. Lane -

The Committee appointed at the last meeting  
to confer with the Trustees of the Poor in regard to  
a site for a County Almshouse -  
Reported that they had met a Committee of



the said Trustees and had shown them sites on the Jefferson, the Stockton, and the Oylethorpe farms.

After an interchange of views on the subject by the members present, it was proposed to postpone any decision to another meeting, as it was desirable to have a full Board when final action is taken; therefore on motion the Board adjourned to meet Monday evening next - the 20<sup>th</sup> instant.

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Monday evening June 20 - 1881

The Board met pursuant to adjournment on June 17<sup>th</sup> in the City Hall.

Present - Dr Black - President  
Messrs - A. C. Gray - John Morrison - J. H. Fols - John White - John C. Mahoney - James G. Shaw - John H. Rodney - Sam<sup>r</sup> Sicker - William Herbert and William F. Lane - absent.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The object of the meeting being, as per adjournment to take action in regard to leasing land to the Trustees of the Poor of New Castle County, for a site for an almshouse; the following resolution was offered by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Rodney.

Resolved: That the Committee recently appointed by this Board, to confer with the Trustees of the Poor of New Castle County, in reference to a site for Almshouse buildings, viz - Mr. Herbert, Jas. G. Shaw and John White - be and are hereby empowered to lease to the said Trustees of the Poor, from one to fifty acres of land of either the Jefferson, the Stockton or the Oylethorpe farms as may be selected, or the whole of the Oylethorpe farm if desired. Said lease to run for a period of nine hundred and ninety nine years, and the compensation to be three (3) dollars per acre annually. Said lease to be null and void and the land to revert to the Trustees of the New Castle County, whenever it shall cease to be used for Almshouse buildings for New Castle County.

The vote on its passage being taken, it resulted as follows:  
Ayes - Dr. Black Messrs Gray Morrison Shaw Sicker Herbert White Fols Rodney & Lane 10.  
Mr Mahoney not voting - Adopted nem. con.

Resolution to lease land to Trustees of Poor

Further action beyond to leasing land trustees of poor

On motion the following bills were allowed -

J. H. Fols Collector - County Tax 1881 - \$491.43  
Jas. H. Holliday Coll - City Tax " 160.00  
Evening Star Printing Treasurers Statement 6.00  
Joseph Speckman - Plumbing 23.32  
\$690.82

On motion the Board adjourned.

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Wednesday evening July 6<sup>th</sup> 1881  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle County met in Special Session, in the City Hall, having been called by the President (Reading minutes last meeting).

Present - Dr Black president  
Messrs - Jas. G. Shaw - John H. Rodney - J. H. Fols - John White - Mr. Herbert and Mr. F. Lane - absent.

The object of the meeting as stated by the President being to hear a report of the Committee on leasing land to the Trustees of the Poor; Mr. Shaw on behalf of said Committee, stated that they had attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Poor at the Almshouse on the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo; and had submitted to them the proposition contained in the resolution passed at the last meeting of this Board, that the said Trustees after discussing the subject at some length deferred action for the present, and proposed to meet the Committee again on the ground, on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> instant for further examination.

Mr Rodney then offered the following resolution which was adopted -

Resolved - That the Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Poor, be authorized to arrange definitely with them, when they meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst, the matter leasing land to them for County purposes upon such terms as in their discretion may be considered advisable.

On motion it was resolved, that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet at the Oylethorpe farm, on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> instant at ten o'clock in the forenoon - and the secretary was ordered to notify the absent members of this meeting.

On motion the Treasurer was requested to provide suitable refreshment at said meeting.

On motion the Board adjourned.  
Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

New Castle September 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common held a stated quarterly meeting in the City Hall

Present Dr Bro J. Black - president  
Messrs Geo. H. Rodney - J. H. Fols - Fr Lecker - John White  
H. C. Mahoney - Mr Herbert and Mr. Lane - Esqrs.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

Mr Shaw of the Calverton Committee reported that they had again met the Trustees of the Poor and offered them lease for Calverton property at an annual rental of one dollar per acre for the term of nine hundred and ninety nine years but the said Trustees, preferring to hold their land by deed, declined to accept the offer - and in motion the report was accepted and the Committee discharged

Applications were presented by Joseph Higgins and by James M<sup>o</sup> Weston for the leasing of the Bayonet Farm, which applications were referred to the Acting Committee.

On motion the Board adjourned -

Attest  
William A. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening Dec<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common held a stated quarterly meeting in the City Hall

Present Dr Bro J. Black - president  
Messrs Geo. H. Rodney - James G. Shiao - J. H. Fols  
John C. Mahoney - John White - William Herbert  
and William A. Lane Esqrs.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Mr. Fols of the Acting Committee made a statement in regard to the Penn Dam and its location by Ezekiel Wheatley which was not very satisfactory either as to the farm or the tenement, when after remarks by several members of the Board on motion of Mr. Shaw, it was resolved that Mr. Wheatley be allowed to remain on the farm another year, provided he transfers his present Corn crop to the Treasurer of the Board towards

Three reports  
leaving land to  
Trustees of Poor

Mr. Wheatley to  
remain on  
other year

liquidating his present indebtedness, and also give a Chattel Mortgage on the best of his personal property as further security for his rent -

The renting of the Bayonet Farm being then considered on motion resolved that the application of Jos. M. Mahan and Joseph Higgins, which were presented at the last meeting of the Board, and are now in the hands of the Chairman of the Acting Committee, who is absent, be here regarded as if before the Board as others -

On motion the Board proceeded to ballot for a tenant for the farm to the following result:

James M<sup>o</sup> Mahan received six votes - 6  
James J. Morrison " " one " 1

and the Acting Committee were instructed to rent the farm to James M<sup>o</sup> Mahan -

On motion of Mr Herbert the rent of the Model Farm for the next year was fixed at four hundred & twenty (425) dollars -

On motion the following ordinance was passed -  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common - That an Election be held in the Court House in the City of New Castle, on Tuesday the tenth (10) day of January 1882, between the hours of eleven (11) o'clock in the forenoon and four (4) o'clock in the afternoon, for two Trustees of the New Castle Common to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the deaths of Peter B. Nimmerer and of Allen B. Lesley, and that Ferdinand Lecker and Grace H. Fols be appointed a Committee to hold said Election in the Election to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of said Board of Trustees, and of the Act of Assembly passed at Dover Jan<sup>y</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1792 - And in case no Trustee shall be elected on that day, then and in that case the said Committee are authorized and empowered to proceed to hold other elections in accordance with the aforesaid provisions until two Trustees shall be duly elected to fill said vacancies, and the Secretary is directed at the request of the Committee to give due notice of the time and place of holding the Election (over)

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New Castle September 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common held a stated quarterly meeting in the City Hall  
Present Dr Bro J. Black president -  
Messrs J. H. Shaw - J. H. Fols - Fr. Lecker - John White  
H. C. Mahoney - Mr Herbert and Mr. Lane Supt.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

Mr Shaw of the Calverton Committee reported that they had again met the Trustees of the Poor and offered them lease for Calverton property at an annual rental of one dollar per acre for the term of nineteen hundred and ninety years but the said Trustees, preferring to hold their land by deed, declined to accept the offer - and on motion the report was accepted and the Committee discharged

Applications were presented by Joseph Higgins and by James M. Meahan for the leasing of the Bayonet Farm, which application was referred to the Acting Committee.

On motion the Board adjourned -

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common held a stated quarterly meeting in the City Hall  
Present Dr Bro J. Black - president  
Messrs Bro. H. Rodney - James H. Shaw - J. H. Fols  
John C. Mahoney - John White - William Herbert  
and William Lane Supt.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Mr Fols of the Acting Committee made a statement in regard to the Penn Dam and its tenant Ezekiel Wheatley which was not very satisfactory either as to the farm or the tenant, whom after remarks by several members of the Board on motion of Mr Shaw, it was resolved that Mr Wheatley be allowed to remain on the farm another year, provided he transfers his present Com. Bro to the Treasurer of the Board towards

Final report on leasing land to Trustees of Poor

Mr Wheatley to remain on farm another year.

liquidating his present indebtedness, and also give a Chattel mortgage on the rest of his personal property as further security for his rent -

The renting of the Bayonet Farm being then considered, on motion resolved that the application of Jas. M. Meahan and Joseph Higgins, which were presented at the last meeting of the Board and are now in the hand of the Chairman of the Acting Committee, who is absent, be regarded as if before the Board as other -

On motion the Board proceeded to ballot for a tenant for the farm with the following result  
James M. Meahan received six votes - 6  
Joseph J. Morrison " one " 1

and the Acting Committee were instructed to rent the farm to James M. Meahan.

On motion of Mr Herbert the rent of the Wood Farm for the next year was fixed at four hundred & twenty (420) dollars -

On motion the following ordinance was passed -  
Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common - That an Election be held in the Court House in the City of New Castle, on Tuesday the tenth (10) day of January 1882, between the hours of eleven (11) o'clock in the forenoon and four (4) o'clock in the afternoon, for two Trustees of the New Castle Common to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the deaths of Peter B. Nameler and of Allen B. Lerley, and that Ferdinand Lecker and Grace H. Fols be appointed a Committee to hold said Election in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of said Board of Trustees and of the Act of Assembly passed at Dover July 25<sup>th</sup> 1792 - and in case no Trustees shall be elected on that day, then and in that case the said Committee are authorized and empowered to proceed to hold other elections in accordance with the aforesaid provisions until two Trustees shall be duly elected to fill said vacancies; and the Secretary is directed at the request of the Committee to give due notice of the time and place of holding the Election (over)

calling the Board of Trustees

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On Motion - The President was authorized to fill any vacancy in the Aforementioned Committee caused by the inability of the Committee or either of them to discharge said duty -

and  
On Motion the Board adjourned  
Witness  
Wm. Adams Secretary

Tuesday Evening March 7<sup>th</sup> 1882  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Comm. held its stated Annual Meeting in the City Hall  
Present Bro. J. Black - President  
Messrs. Wm Herbert - John White - Ferd<sup>d</sup> Leckler  
John G. Maloney - John Carrier - Isaac H. Fols  
James G. Shaw - John H. Roberts and Wm. Adams - 10  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Committee appointed to hold an election for two trustees, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Peter D. Manselver and Col. W. Leiby presented the following report -

New Castle January 10<sup>th</sup> 1882

An election held by the undersigned at the Old Court House, the following persons were voted for for Trustees of the New Castle Comm. with the following results -

Elmer W. Clark	Received two hundred twenty two votes	
Thomas Holcomb	" Eighty seven votes	87-
Robert M. Wright	" Forty eight "	48-
Samuel E. Massey	" Eleven "	11-
Davis Brouden	" Ninety four "	94-
Edward Challenger	" One hundred "	100-
George Maxwell	" Three "	3-
Walter Wolfliet	" one "	1
Julius S. Lawrie	" one "	1

There were cast at said election two hundred and thirty eight ballots.

Elmer W. Clark having received one hundred and twenty two votes being a majority of the votes cast was duly elected a trustee of the New Castle Comm.

(Signed) Ferdinand Leckler  
Isaac H. Fols  
John Adams

Report of  
Election Com.

Election of  
Elmer W. Clark

On Motion - Mr Clark being present, took his seat as a member of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Comm.

Mr Shaw stated that a New Paper reporter had made a request to be admitted to the meeting of the Board for the purpose of reporting the proceedings for publication in the newspaper every evening, but objection being made Mr Shaw that he be admitted, and as the question being put it was not carried.

On Motion the Board proceeded to elect by ballot a President, a Treasurer and an Acting Committee for the ensuing Year - The following is the result -

- For President Bro. L. Small - Received Nine (9) votes
- For Treasurer Wm Herbert " Eight (8) "
- For Acting Committee  
Isaac H. Fols Received 9 votes  
F. Leckler " 8 " " "  
L. C. Maloney " 8 " " "

All of whom, were declared duly elected.

On Motion the following bills were allowed, and the proper ordinances passed for their payment, since members being present and all attending thereto -

J. J. Jaggart Agent - Insurance	78.68
Sam. P. Trip - Post & Rails	24.65
W. C. Johnson - Wells and Ampts	168.40
C. C. Vincent - Carpenter Work	30.00
Baymore and Smith - Brickwork	34.05
Isaac A. Fols - Hauling Rubbish	7.50
Chas. Supton - Brick	63.70
Farmers Bank - Interest	180.00
Wm Herbert - Refreshment for Board of Poor	152.60
Edward W. Handy - Sprouting on Farms	14.41
ditto " " " " " " " "	5.25
ditto " " " " " " " "	11.89
Herbert & Kemp - Paint & Hardware	11.89
Wm. Jefferson Ho - Post & Rails	255.33
J. A. Cranston - Lumber	183.25
Chas. E. Ferris Store - Blank	0.33
St. M. Holzgar - Printing, Walls, City Hall	10.00
A. J. Brown - Carpenter Work	7.00
Herbert & Kemp - Hardware	23.12
Fols & Leckler - Holding Election of Clock House	31.00
New Castle Gas Co. - Gas bill	156.90
Ho. R. Schless - Glazing on City Hall	2.00
Platt & Ellington - Nails & Broon	1.60
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 F. Sceller - Repairing Spouting in City Hall 1879 5.50  
 Star Pub Co. - Printing Steam Notice 1.50  
 David Bryson - Repairing City Hall - Horse Car 2.75  
 Saml E. May - attending Clock 14 Apr. to July 1, 1881 50.00  
 Wm. H. Lane - Salary as Secy. one year 50.00  
 Wm. Herbert - " " Treas. " 150.00  
 Paul Barr - " " Senator " 30.00  
 Total 300.00

The following communication was received 15 9 63

The following communication received from J. A. Whitlock - and recd. -  
 "New Castle Del. March 7 - 1882

To the President & Members of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Comm'n.

Gentlemen -  
 In behalf of many citizens I respectfully petition your honorable body to grant to us the privilege of using the Town Hall one evening in each week (when not otherwise engaged) for the purpose of conducting a public meeting, debating society, Lyceum &c.

Very respectfully  
 J. A. Whitlock

On the President inquiring what should be done with the paper, it was moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with power to grant or refuse the request. And on the question being put it was lost by a standing vote.

Mr. Rodney then moved that the paper be laid on the table, which motion was carried. News. Con.

The following communication was received from the City Council recd.

"New Castle Del. March 7 - 1882

To the Officers & Members of the Trustees of the Comm'n. Gentlemen.

At a regular meeting of the City Council held in Nov. 1881 a resolution was passed appointing a committee of three to confer with your Board in reference to getting a Steam Fire Engine for our City.

The committee now waits to be heard -  
 (Signed) John P. Gormley

On motion the committee were invited to appear and present the subject to the Board when on motion Messrs. White and Clark

Committee on Steam Fire Engine

were appointed a committee to confer with the said Committee of Council, and a committee previously appointed at a public meeting of citizens in regard to the matter and report to this Board.

The President stated that he had in his possession the original Articles of Agreement with the Water Works Company, and suggested that they should be recorded in the County Records - which suggestion on motion was agreed to.

And on motion the Board adjourned -  
 Wm. H. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening June 6<sup>th</sup> 1882

The Board met in stated quarterly session in the City Hall -

Present - John D. Black President - John White - Oliver W. Clark - John C. Mahoney - James G. Shaw - John W. Rodney - Fred Schickel - Wm. Herbert - Israel W. Fols and Wm. H. Lane (10)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Mr. Clark of the Committee of Fire Engine stated that they had nothing to report, and no action was taken by the Board in the matter.

A committee of the Board of Education were present and made a statement in regard to the financial condition of their Board and asked for aid in liquidating their present indebtedness. On motion the following resolution was adopted all the members present assenting thereto. Resolved - That the sum of Five Hundred dollars (\$500) be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Board of Education for the benefit of the Public Schools, to be paid out of any money available for the purpose.

500.00 appropriated to Schools

Under June 7<sup>th</sup>

Order to have the agreement with Water Works Co. recorded

On motion The President of the Board was authorized to have the agreement entered into between this Board and the New Castle Water Works Company, at the time of the introduction of Water into the City, properly executed, and to have the same recorded in the County Records.

On motion the following bills were allowed and the proper ordinance passed for their payment - Nine members being present and all attending thereto -

Mr W. Hooper for lumber	\$ 23.15
Whitlock & Sparks - printing statements	6.00
Edwin F. Eckles - printing	10.35
Obediah Vincent - Carpenter's work	36.00
Herbert & Kemp - Paints & Hardware	157.39
Sam E. Mathey - Leland Clark - by check July 1880	50.00
	\$ 280.92

The following resolution was offered by the President and read -

Resolved, that the Secretary be requested to communicate with the City Council and offer the assistance of this Board peculiarly or otherwise in endeavoring to accomplish the obtaining of the Board (known by the name of the Union) the resolution was laid over to another meeting, as that subject had been considered by the Council -

On motion The Acting Committee was instructed to ascertain and report to the Board the probable cost of building a suitable addition to the trial portion of the dwelling house on the Jefferson farm in the town of Ezekiel Fold.

and on motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Friday Evening Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1882  
The Board of Trustees of the New-Castle Commu-  
net in regular quarterly session in the City Hall  
Present - Messrs - J. Seeller, Mr Herbert  
J. H. Fold, John White, John H. Rodney, E. W. Clark  
and Mr. F. Lane - Seven -

The President - Dr Black being absent  
On motion - Mr Rodney was chosen Pres. Pro Tem -  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The Committee appointed to audit the  
Account of the Treasurer of the Board made  
the following Report -

The undersigned, appointed a Committee to audit the  
Account of the Treasurer of the Board Report that they  
have examined the accounts and vouchers for the year  
ending March 25<sup>th</sup> 1881 and March 25<sup>th</sup> 1882 and find them  
correct and that there remained in the hands of the  
Treasurer at the last mentioned date the sum of Seven  
hundred ninety and 65/100 (790<sup>65</sup>) dollars -

Signed J. Seeller - Committee  
W. F. Lane

The Report was adopted and order to be put upon  
the minutes - and the Committee was discharged -

Mr Rodney stated that he had looked into the subject  
of procuring the agreement with the Water Works  
Company, which was ordered at the last meeting of  
the Board, and had found that the paper was not  
of such a nature as to be a matter of Public Record  
and therefore could not be recorded in the County  
Records -

On motion the following bills were allowed  
Sam E. Mathey - Repairing Windy Clock Case \$ 65.00  
Chauncey Carter - for an whole oak post 1.00  
\$ 66.00

The Acting Committee stated that they had nothing  
to report in regard to the house on the Jefferson farm  
in addition to what they had already stated at  
former meeting of the Board -

The following communication was presented and  
read by Mr Rodney -

To the Trustees of the New-Castle Commons  
The undersigned Committee - desire to make  
application for the use of the third story room of the  
Town Hall (subject to the use of the present occupants) -  
We are willing to pay a moderate sum for the use of  
the same  
Signed Geo. H. Maxwell  
George M. Peley  
William W. Dredell "

Collected

The Request was granted and

On motion the Board adjourned

Attest William F. Lane Secretary

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March



Tuesday evening Dec. 5-1882  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common  
met in the City Hall.

Present - Dr. J. Black - President - Messrs  
Shaw - Fols - Mahoney, White, Clark, Rodney,  
Herbert and Lane - Nine (9)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A communication was received from the  
tenant on the Jefferson farm - S. Fols - in regard  
to the condition of the fence along the said road  
and stating that one of his horses had been  
killed by the means of the insufficient fence.  
On motion of Mr. Rodney, a Committee of One  
was appointed to confer with the Road & Road Co.  
in regard to the matter.

The President appointed Mr. Shaw as said Co.

On motion the following bills were allowed  
and the proper ordinance passed for the  
payment of the same - Nine members being present  
and all attending thereto -

Dr. L. E. Johnson for Lumber	\$ 123.20
C. C. Johnson - Pump work - Stockton farm	80.70
Robert B. Morrison - Posts	37.00
Frank E. Herbert - Milling Mortgage	6.75
Thomas Molen - Repairing Gate Posts	2.50
Wm. F. Lane - Timber for papers	1.50
John M. Hill & - Sand and Lime	1.00
	<u>\$ 249.65</u>

On motion of Mr. Shaw a Committee of Three  
was appointed to inquire into the expediency  
of fitting up the City Hall for better  
accommodations for the meeting of the  
Board. The President appointed Messrs  
Shaw, Herbert & Clark as said Committee.

A communication was received from the  
Young Men's Democratic Club, asking permission  
to use the third story room of the City Hall on  
Saturday evenings - the organization now  
occupying it, being about to vacate it - On motion  
the request was granted on which the Board adjourned  
at this  
William F. Lane  
Secretary

Committee to  
confer with Road  
and Road Company

Committee of  
fitting up Hall

**STATEMENT**  
-OF-  
**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**  
-OF-  
**TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON,**  
From March 25th, 1882, to March 25th, 1883.

DR.		CR.	
1882.		1882.	
March 25, 1882 - Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$790 65	Cash paid Whitlock & Sparks, for printing	6 00
Cash received from Ezekiel Fols, one year's rent of Jefferson Farm, No. 1	585 00	William F. Lane, treasurer of the Board of Education	1,200 00
" " " Alexander Biggs, one year's rent of Stockton Farm, No. 2	1,177 50	Edwin F. Eckel, for printing	10 35
" " " Robert B. Morrison, one year's rent of Oglethorpe Farm, No. 3	563 50	William W. Hoopes & Co., for lumber	36 00
" " " David McCoy, one year's rent of Centre Hall Farm, No. 5	838 00	Obadiah W. Vincent, for carpenter work	266 85
" " " Ezekiel Wheatley, on account of rent of Penn Farm, No. 6	1,925 00	Herbert & Kemp, for lime and hardware	494 52
" " " Frederick Eagle, one year's rent of Union Farm, No. 8	1,900 00	Israel H. Fols, County Taxes for the year 1882	1,180 00
" " " James McLahan, one year's rent of Bayard Farm, No. 9	661 00	Farmers' Bank, on account note \$3,000 and interest	100 00
" " " George W. Morrison, one year's rent of Clayton Farm, No. 10	656 50	William J. Hunter, City Taxes, year 1882	222 30
" " " John W. Calhoun, on account of rent of Model Farm, No. 11	203 67	George W. Morrison, posts and rails	3,000 00
" " " Thomas Holcomb, one year's rent of Lot, part of Union Farm, No. 8	70 00	New Castle Water Works Company	2 75
" " " Albert H. Lupton, percentage on clay	240 00	David Bryson, repairing cistern at Hare's Corner	25 75
" " " James O. Eagle, one year's rent of room under City Hall	60 00	F. E. Herbert, writing Chattel Mortgages and Leases	1 00
" " " Joseph H. King, one year's rent of room under City Hall	25 00	James M. Wise, Sr., lime and sand	2 50
" " " Theodore J. Bruce, one year's rent of part of Oglethorpe Farm, No. 3	20 00	Thomas Mason, dressing gate posts	1 50
Total	\$8,279 82	William F. Lane, tin box	205 41
Amount due Trustees - Ezekiel Wheatley, \$1,400 15. John W. Calhoun, 240 52.		J. T. & L. E. Eliason, lumber	82 70
Amount due Farmers' Bank \$2,000 00.		Edward C. Johnson, pump work	101 00
		Samuel E. Massey, winding town clock two years	8 40
		Every Evening Publishing Co., printing statements	59 00
		New Castle Co. Mutual Ins. Co., insurance to Jan. '84	75 68
		Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co.	22 50
		New Castle Gas Company, gas in Town Hall	70
		David Boulden, for hardware	9 00
		James H. Wilmot, hydrant Model Farm	5 63
		James Linn, repairing chimneys Town Hall	2 00
		Henry F. Tetlow, glazing at Town Hall	11 12
		Edward W. Handy, repairing roofs at farms	50 00
		William F. Lane, salary as Secretary	20 00
		Paul Barr, salary as Janitor	150 00
		William Herbert, salary as Treasurer	175 75
		Samuel P. Triss, posts and rails	576 10
		March 25, 1883 - Balance in hands of Treasurer	576 10
		Total	\$8,279 82

**OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:**

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., President.

WILLIAM F. LANE, Secretary.

WILLIAM HERBERT, Treasurer.

**TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON.**

NAME	NO.	DATE	REMARKS
ANDREW C. GRAY	1	Elected Sept. 28, 1879	
JOHN JANVIER	2	June 31, 1877	
FERDINAND LECKLER	3	May 20, 1855	
WILLIAM HERBERT	4	May 14, 1859	
ISRAEL H. FOLS	5	Dec. 16, 1863	
JOHN WHITE	6	June 23, 1860	
JOHN MAHONEY	7	April 3, 1860	
JAMES G. SHAW	8	May 8, 1860	
JOHN J. BLACK, M. D.	9	Dec. 30, 1871	
JOHN H. RODNEY	10	Jan. 9, 1875	
WILLIAM F. LANE	11	Dec. 3, 1878	
ELNER W. CLARK	12	Jan. 10, 1882	
ONE TO ELECT.			

**FARMS BELONGING TO THE CITY.**

NAME	NO.	ACRES	RENT
Ezekiel Fols	1	80	\$385 00
Alexander Biggs	2	175	1,137 50
Robert B. Morrison	3	87	565 50
David McCoy	5	152	558 00
Ezekiel Wheatley	6	141	916 50
Frederick Eagle	7	132	1,200 00
James McLahan	8	102	663 00
George W. Morrison	9	101	656 50
John W. Calhoun	10	110	450 00
Thomas Holcomb	11	4	30 00
Total			\$7,062 00

**WILLIAM HERBERT,**

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of New Castle Common.

New Castle Star Print.

Tuesday evening March 6 - 1882 -  
The Board held the Annual meeting in the  
City Hall - Present - Dr. Black President  
Messrs - Herbert, White, Lecker, Fols, Mahoney,  
Shaw, Rodney and Lane Sec - 9 -

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved -

On motion - The Board proceeded to elect a president  
and an Acting Committee for the ensuing year -  
The President appointed Messrs Fols, Mahoney, Lecker -  
and the votes being counted  
Dr. John H. Black was declared duly elected - President  
& Messrs Fols, Mahoney and Lecker an Acting Committee

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to the  
the  
board

Messrs Lewis, D. Eliam and Mr. J. Fenio - appeared  
before the Board as a Committee from the Board of  
Education, to ask for an appropriation to liquidate  
the existing liabilities of the School Board, and  
stating that the amount of money allowed by  
law to be raised by taxation was not sufficient  
to meet the expenses of the schools of the City at the  
present time, and that the present indebtedness  
of their Board amounted to between \$700 and \$800 -  
After their withdrawal a statement was made  
by Mr Herbert, Treasurer - as to the finances of the  
Trustees and on motion - The sum of Eight  
Hundred (\$800) dollars was appropriated to the  
use of the School Board payable to its Treasurer &  
on motion the proper ordinance was passed for its  
payment - All members being present and  
all assenting thereto -

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Mr Shaw, who at the last meeting of the  
Board was appointed a Committee to confer with  
the Rail Road Company in regard to the con-  
struction of the fence along the road through the  
Dupper Farm - Reported that he had had a  
conference with the Officers of the Road Company  
and they had agreed to give the subject proper  
proper attention - His report was accepted  
and he was continued as said Committee

Mr Rodney - as one of the Trustees of Market  
Square, asked for a small appropriation  
for repairing and improving the fence



Appropriation of \$60. to the Trustees of Market Square

inclosing the School Green, as the same Trustees have no assets or receipts & consequently no fund for said repairs & improvements - On Motion a Committee consisting of Messrs Rodney & White was appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Green in expending a sum not exceeding sixty (60) dollars for the purpose

Report of Com. on Furnishing Hall

The Committee appointed at the last meeting upon furnishing the Hall for a meeting room of the Board reported verbally and presented drawings and estimates for furniture and fixtures and on Motion the report was accepted and the Committee continued

Com. on Treas. Acct

The Treasurers of the Board ask the appointment of a Committee to audit his Account and the President appointed Messrs Shew & Fols

On Motion the following bill were allowed and the proper ordinance was passed for their payment

Herbert & Kemp - Hardware	7.60
J. E. Herbert - Writing - Leases &c	19.00
J. J. & C. Williams - Lumber	82.21
E. W. Stanley - Sporting	11.12
Jas. H. Wilcox - Plumbing	9.
H. J. Jettow - Glazing, City Hall	2.
James Lewis - Mason Work - Bay and farm	51.69
William Herbert Green - Salary	15 0.
William Adams Secy - "	5 0.
Paul Barr. Sanitar - "	3 0.
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	\$ 366.62

Report of Com. on Treas. Acct on Return and Report from Auditor

Dr Black offered the following resolution: "Whereas Ezekiel Wheately, Tenant on Pease farm is largely in arrears for rent & whereas he has the farm largely overstocked, to the great disadvantage of both himself and the farm

In regard to overstocking farms

therefore be it resolved, that the Treasurer of this Board be requested, in such manner as may seem to him best, to make a sale of the surplus stock of Ezekiel Wheately now held by the Board under a chattel mortgage & place the amount realized to the credit of rent due by the said Ezekiel Wheately" - for which he accepted the following offered by Mr Rodney

Resolved - That the Acting Committee be instructed to ascertain whether any of the tenants on the several farms have their farms overstocked, and if so to require them to reduce the same, and further to call upon the Treasurer to enforce payment of arrears of rent - Adopted

On Motion of Mr Herbert, the Acting Committee were instructed to see that the farm tenants paid proper attention to their outlying buildings and On Motion the Board adjourned - Admitt William Adams Secretary (Approved 2m 5m)

Friday Evening March 23, 1883 Board met in special session in the City Hall at the call of the President - Present - Dr Black - President - Messrs Herbert White - Mahoney - Shaw - Rodney - Fols - Lane - (8)

The President stated that the meeting was called to hear the report of Mr Shaw, in the East Road matter - Whereupon Mr Shaw presented a plot showing the arrangement desired by the Rail-Road Company which was examined and discussed by the members of the Board - Where it was moved and carried that a Committee of five (5) be appointed to examine the grounds in connection with the plot and report to the Board on Friday evening next (the 30)

The President appointed - Messrs Shaw - Rodney - Clark - Herbert and Fols. as said Committee - A bill of J. P. Trup for Posts & Rails for one hundred twenty five and 7/10 dollars (\$175.76) was presented and on Motion it was allowed - and On Motion the Board adjourned to Friday evening the 30th instant - to hear the report of the Committee

Admitt William Adams Secretary

Friday Evening March 30 - 1883 The Board met in the City Hall pursuant to adjournment

Present - Dr Black president - Messrs Shaw Herbert - Sealer, Clark, Fols, Rodney, White - Mahoney and Lane - 10 - Minutes of last meeting read & approved -

Committee to make final settlement with R.R. Co. in view of Jefferson Farm

Mr Shaw reported that Committee appointed at the last meeting have attended to the duties assigned them and he presented a drawing showing the proposition of the Rail Road Company when it was moved and resolved that a Committee of three (3) be appointed with full power to make and conclude an arrangement with the Rail Road Company in regard to the exchange of land & the establishing of lines on the Jefferson Farm

The President appointed Messrs Shaw, Rodney & Herbert On Motion an Ordinance was passed. 1883 Members being present and all assenting thereto for the payment of the account of S. D. P. full allowed at the last meeting amounting to \$175.76 and on Motion the Board adjourned

Attest William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening June 5 - 1883 The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common met in regular quarterly session in City Hall President Mr Black - present - Messrs S. D. Shaw, Robert M. Clark, John H. Portney, J. H. Fols, Jr, White, J. C. Mahoney, Mr Herbert & W. F. Lane - 9

The Committee appointed (Dec 6 1881) to hold an election for a Trustee of the New Castle Common to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Allen N. Dealey - presented the following Report -

"This is to certify that at an election held on May 29<sup>th</sup> 1883 for one member of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Allen N. Dealey -

The number of votes cast was one hundred and nine (109) of which Mr Thos. J. Ferris received one hundred & two, and Mr Edwin Challenger received seven Mr Thos. J. Ferris having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees"

Ferdinand Decker } Committee to  
J. H. Fols. } have elected  
Attest - Robert C. Gordon Clerk -  
Whereupon the President requested Mr Rodney to notify Mr Ferris of his election when he appeared and took his seat as a member of the Board -

Election of Mr Ferris as Trustee - 5-29-83

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts account stated that they were not ready to report

The following bills were allowed and the proper bills - names passed for their payment - 1881, members being present and all assenting thereto:

John J. Turner Coll. of N. R. Trans. Tax for 1883	\$476.05
Thos J. Hamilton City Collector - Tax for 1883	190.90
Samuel E. Malley - Attending to Clock one year to July 1, 1883	50.00
David Bryson - Work Material Repairing pavement Broadway Hall	41.85
Joseph C. White - Printing Statements etc	10.
James H. Wilmer - Printing	3.15
	<u>\$737.95</u>

On Motion the Com. on Public Building was instructed to notify Jas. D. Eagle to keep the gutter at the side of the City Hall clear of ashes and rubbish

An application was received for the use of the third story room of the City Hall, but on Wednesday evening of each week for meetings of an organization called the "Commonwealth Association" - and - On Motion the application was granted subject to revocation

The attention of the Board being called to the unsafe factory manner of the strutting of the City Clock - on Motion the President was requested to have the matter corrected -

Mr Rodney moved the following Resolution which was adopted -

Resolved - That a Committee be appointed to ascertain the financial condition of the New Castle Water Works Company in accordance with a clause in the Articles of Agreement entered into by the said Water Works Company and the Trustees of the New Castle Common to wit -

"That the said Trustees or their successors shall have access to the books of the said Company for the purpose of ascertaining the financial condition of the said Company, twice (twice) during each year that is to say at the times of the semi-annual payments and shall be entitled to receive from the said Company a full and fair exhibit of its affairs" and on Motion Messrs Rodney - Ferris and Mahoney were appointed said Committee

And on Motion the Board adjourned -

Attest William F. Lane Secretary

City of New Castle

Committee of the New Castle Co



Thursday  
Friday Evening July 31<sup>st</sup> 1883  
The Board met in the City Hall in special  
session at the call of the President

Present - Dr Black - President -  
Messrs - Shaw, Fols, Mahoney, Herbert, Clark  
Rodney, Ferris, White and Lane - 10  
On motion, the reading of minutes was omitted  
The President stated that he had been  
requested to call the meeting on account of  
a fire at the Bayport Farm -

Mr Fols of the acting Com. then reported  
that a fire had occurred at the Bayport farm  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, destroying the Barn, the  
Hayhouse, the granary and all the adjoining sheds

The Treasurer Mr. Herbert stated that the  
buildings destroyed, were insured to the amount  
of \$1800 - that he had met a committee of the  
Insurance Company at the farm, and that they  
had agreed to pay the insurance in full - and  
he proposed that a committee of three be  
appointed to visit Mr. Mahan the  
tenant in possession, and ascertain what he  
wished to do, or have done - Also - to consider  
whether it is advisable to rebuild at present or  
otherwise dispose of the land, inasmuch as the tenant  
wishes or is willing to leave the place and  
the motion was adopted -

The President appointed Messrs Herbert  
Fols and Mahoney as the Committee and  
on motion the Board adjourned to meet  
on Friday evening Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> to hear the report  
of the Committee -

Attest, William F. Lane Secretary  
Friday Evening Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1883  
The Board pursuant to adjournment  
Present - Dr Black President - Messrs -  
Mahoney, Clark, Rodney, Fols, Herbert  
White, Shaw and Lane - 9

On Motion, Reading of Minutes was omitted  
As the meeting was for a special purpose  
Mr Rodney, asked and obtained leave to present  
the Committee's report on the Water Works Com  
and on motion the report was accepted and ordered  
to be placed on file -

(The report closed as follows: "From the statement of  
the officers, the annual receipts from Water Works  
exceeds the annual ordinary expenses by about

Meeting in account  
of fire at Bayport  
Farm

Committee on  
Water Works Co  
Report

three hundred dollars, and there seems to be no prospect  
that the Trustees will be relieved from the annual payment  
at the same amount only occur when the annual receipts exceed  
the annual ordinary expenses by the sum of three thousand dollars)

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Mahan  
then stated that they had attended to the duty assigned  
them, but they were prepared to make a full report  
this was accepted and the Committee continued, and  
on motion the Board adjourned to meet Thursday  
Evening Aug 9<sup>th</sup> to hear further business Committee  
Attest

Wm. F. Lane Secretary

Thursday Evening August 9<sup>th</sup> 1883  
Board pursuant to adjournment - in City Hall  
Present Dr Black - President - Messrs Herbert, Clark  
Rodney, Mahoney, Shaw, Fols, Ferris, White  
and Lane (10)  
Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Mr Herbert Chairman of the Committee  
reported that they had had another conference with  
Mr Mahan but were unable to make any  
definite arrangement with him, as he declined  
to name any terms of settlement or suggest  
what would be satisfactory to him - whereupon  
Mr Black offered the following:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to rebuild the  
buildings on the Bayport farm at the present time  
Mr Rodney moved a postponement of the resolution  
- action of the resolution - and that Yes and Nays  
being called for were taken with the following result  
Yes - Messrs. Shaw, Rodney, Fols and Ferris - 4  
Nays - " Black, Herbert, Clark and Lane - 4  
The President declared the motion lost -  
The vote was then taken on the resolution  
Yes - Black, Herbert, Clark, Fols, Ferris - Lane - 6  
Nays - Shaw - Mahoney - White, Rodney - 4  
and the Resolution was declared adopted

On Motion the Committee was continued and  
instructed to make further effort for a settlement with  
Mr Mahan and report the result to an adjourned  
meeting Saturday evening next - Aug 11 - and  
on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest - Wm. F. Lane Secretary

Resolution  
to rebuild

Saturday evening Aug 11 - 1883  
Board met according to adjournment -  
Present - Dr Black president - Mellor Mahoney  
Rodney, Clark, White, Shaw, Fols-Lane - 8.  
Reading of Minutes omitted -

Mr Herbert Chairman of continued Committee  
being absent there was no report  
On Motion - Mr Shaw was added to said Committee  
and on Motion Board adjourned to Wednesday  
evening next Aug 15 -  
Attest - Wm F Lane - Secretary

Wednesday evening Aug 15 - 1883  
Board met pursuant to adjournment  
Present - Messrs Rodney, Shaw, Mahoney, Ferris  
White and Clark - (5)

The President and Secretary being absent  
Mr Shaw was appointed President and Mr Rodney  
Secretary Pro Tem -  
There not being a quorum present the Board  
adjourned to meet "tomorrow" (Thursday) evening -

Thursday evening Aug 16 - 1883  
Board met in City Hall pursuant to adjournment  
Present - Dr Black President  
Mellor Shaw, Mahoney, Rodney, Herbert  
Ferris, White and Lane - 8

Dr Black offered the following  
resolution which was seconded by Mr  
Herbert and adopted by the following (Vote  
Ayes - Mellor, Black, Herbert, White, Lane 4  
Nays - " Shaw, Mahoney & Ferris 3  
Mr Rodney not voting and  
On Motion the Board adjourned -  
Attest

William F Lane Secy  
\* Resolved - That the Acting Committee be re-  
quested to settle with Mr McMahon by allowing  
him six (6) months' debate on his rent for the  
present year in view of not putting up the  
buildings & notify him to vacate the farm  
on March 25 - 1884 - & to rent the farm to  
J. J. Boyle at the same price per acre as is  
paid by Mr McMahon  
(Attest - Wm F Lane Secy)

Settlement  
with Mr McMahon

Tuesday evening September 4<sup>th</sup> 1883  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common  
held their stated quarterly meeting in the City Hall  
Present - Mellor Mahoney - Clark - Rodney, White  
Ferris, Herbert - Leckler and Lane - 8.

The President of the Board - Dr Black - being absent  
on motion Mr Rodney was chosen President - Geo. Ferris  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved  
The Acting Committee reported that they had taken  
no further action in regard to the settlement with  
Mr McMahon -

On Motion Resolved that the President & Secretary  
of the Board be instructed to notify the tenants on  
all the farms to surrender possession of their (vested  
or farms on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1884 -

On Motion - The Committee appointed (?) to sell the  
old Fire Engine were discharged from duty and  
The Committee of Public Buildings were directed  
to sell the engine to the best advantage -

The Chairman of the Acting Committee presented  
a bill from J. T. D. S. Eliason for lumber and binding  
materials used at the farm, amounting to  
seven hundred twenty eight and 7/10 (728.70) dollars  
which, after examination, on Motion was approved -

The Acting Committee were authorized to have  
a tin roof put on a building at the Center Hall farm  
used for storing farming implements - The cost of  
which was not to exceed ten (10) dollars - and  
On Motion the Board adjourned -

Attest  
William F Lane Secretary

Tuesday evening December 4<sup>th</sup> 1883  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common  
held their stated quarterly meeting in the City Hall  
Present - Dr John F. Black - President -  
Mellor James G. Shaw - Oliver W. Clark - John H.  
Rodney - John C. Mahoney - John White - Wm F.  
Ferris and Wm F Lane - 8 -  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved -

The President reported that in accordance

with the  
tenants

and old  
engine

amount bill  
728.70

in respect  
center hall



tenants notified to quit

with the resolution passed at the last meeting the tenants on all the farms had been notified to give up and quit the farms on the twenty fifth (25) of March 1884, and that certified copies of the notices were in possession of the Secretary -

Mr Rodney of the Committee to audit the account of the Treasurer reported that an account of the sickness and death of Mr Fols had not been examined - where on Mr. Motion Mr White was put on the Committee in the place of Mr Fols deceased - and the Committee continued.

On Motion - Mr Clark was put on the Acting Committee, and Mr White on the Committee on Public Buildings in the place of Mr. Fols deceased.

Mr Newberry of the Acting Committee reported that Daniel McCoy, tenant of Center Hall farm had put a new floor in the kitchen a thing which was much needed & the recommendation that Trustees pay the expense, which recommendation was on Motion adopted.

On Motion - Messrs Rodney and Ferris were appointed a Committee to prepare suitable resolutions in regard to the death of our own fellow-member Israel H. Fols -

Mr Rodney offered the following Resolution which was adopted on Motion.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to prepare leased for the several farms and to suggest the name of a suitable person to act as Agent, in connection with the Acting Committee, in the management of the farm property of the Trustees and report on Tuesday evening.

The President appointed - Messrs Rodney, Shaw, and Ferris as the Committee.

A communication was received from the G. A. R. Post in regard to the vacating of the third story room of the City Hall, whereupon the following Resolution offered by the President was adopted.

Resolved that the third story of the City

be placed in charge of the janitor of the Trustees of the Common and that he be responsible for its proper care and condition and that he be authorized to charge each Society meetings there by permission of their Trustees, Ten (10) dollars a year as a fee for his services as janitor - payable semi-annually on Jan'y first and July first, in each year.

On Motion the following bills were allowed:  
Jas. G. White. Printing Writings of Deed Book 3.50  
A. H. Packer. Glazing Town Hall 3.60  
\$ 7.10

A communication was received from the Mayor in relation to the unreported condition of the City, in case of fire, and recommending the purchase of a suitable fire engine and apparatus; and on Motion the matter was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Ferris, White and Shaw and

On Motion the Board adjourned to meet Dec-11-  
Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary -

Tuesday Evening Dec. 11 - 1883.  
The Board met pursuant to adjournment  
Present - Dr. Black - President  
Messrs - Shaw, Rodney, Clark, Maloney  
White, Ferris, and Lane - eight.

Minutes of last meeting read & approved -

A notice was received from Mrs S. S. Madley widow of the late Saml S. Madley; that she would give up the care of the City block on Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1884; and on Motion the block was placed in charge of Mr. R. Scatoph, he having made application for the same.

A bill was presented by J. Clayton Madley for fixing the striking hammer on the clock which on Motion was allowed, the amt being \$ 10 -

The Committee appointed to prepare Resolutions on the death of our fellow-member Israel H. Fols - offered the following which on Motion was adopted -  
Resolved - Israel H. Fols - a member of the

committee  
mayor in  
and to purchase  
the engine

Madley  
\$ 10 -

Board, departed this life on the eighth (8) day of November A.D. 1883, and when as the Board it desired of placing upon it 15 minutes their appreciation of their loss.

Resolutions on death of J. H. Tob

Therefore - Resolved - "That it is the death of Mr. Tob we have lost a useful and active member of the Board who carefully preserved the interests with which he was charged and whose impartial amiability established the pleasantest relations with all associated with him - sound judgment and practical good sense distinguished him and we shall greatly miss his advice"

The manner in which the farm tenants - Man - aged the farms being under consideration and their management not being satisfactory to the Board the following resolution was adopted - Resolved - That it is advisable and expedient to employ an Agent at a salary not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum, who in consultation with the Acting Committee, shall have the general supervision of the farm property belonging to the Trust and who shall see that the tenants manage the farms in accordance with the conditions of their leases.

Resolution to employ a farm agent

The question being called and the vote taken it resulted as follows:

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| <p>AYED</p> <p>Dr. J. P. Black - President</p> <p>Messrs. James Shaw</p> <p>Blair H. Clark</p> <p>John H. Rodney</p> <p>Mr. J. Ferris</p> <p>John White</p> <p>Mr. F. Lane</p> | <p>MOVED</p> <p>John C. Mahoney</p> |
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and the resolution was declared adopted

On Motion, the Board proceeded to vote for an Agent - the names of James J. O'Leary, Robert Sutton and Joseph H. Callahan having been proposed - and James J. O'Leary was declared duly elected, he having received seven (7) votes on the several ballot and Joseph H. Callahan one (1) whereupon - Mr. O'Leary having been sent for appeared and accepted the position at a salary of five hundred dollars a year

J. J. O'Leary  
Chosen Farm Agent

Mr. Clark advised that the Haver Corner farm be rented to Frederick J. Bayle for the term of five (5) years and the rent being put was lost by unanimous vote -

On Motion, the Agent was instructed to call upon all of the Farm tenants, and ascertain if they wished to remain on the farms, and on what conditions, and report at an adjourned meeting of the Board, also to inform Mr. Bayle that the Board declined to rent the farm for five (5) years; and

On Motion, the Board adjourned to Thursday evening, December 13<sup>th</sup> at eight o'clock

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Thursday Evening Dec. 13 - 1883

The Board met in the City Hall according to adjournment

Present - Dr. J. P. Black - President  
Messrs - J. Leckler - J. H. Rodney - J. C. Mahoney -  
J. White - Mr. J. Ferris and Mr. Lane (Secy)  
Minutes of last meeting corrected then adopted

Mr. O'Leary, Agent, reported that in accordance with instructions he has called upon the farm tenants and they had each expressed a desire to remain on the same, general terms as at present.

On Motion - The Committee appointed to prepare leases for the farms - Messrs Rodney, Shaw & Clark - were instructed to prepare a general form of lease & present it to the Board for consideration at an adjourned meeting to be held Thursday evening Dec 20 - and on Motion the Board adjourned -

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Thursday Evening Dec 20 - 1883

The Board met pursuant to adjournment  
Present - Messrs Shaw, Clark, Mahoney, Ferris, White and Lane - (Secy) -

It being stated that the President - Dr. Black - would not be present -

On Motion Mr. Shaw was chosen President pro tem  
As there was not a quorum present - at 8:40 o'clock the Board adjourned -

Attest  
Mr. F. Lane Secy



Thursday Evening Dec. 27, 1883.

The Board of Trustees of New Castle Common met in session called by the President at the request of the Committee on Leases.

Present - Dr. Black President - Messrs - Shaw - Black - Rodney - Ferris, White & Lane. Minutes of the last two meetings read & approved.

The Committee on Leases presented a general form of lease for the farms, with the recommendation that the rents of the following named farms be increased as follows: viz.

The rent of the Hare Corner farm \$200=  
" " " Stowell farm " 175=  
" " " Jefferson " " 75=

which form of lease presented was adopted after being amended by the Committee by striking out the "Recommendations".

On Motion of the President it was resolved that the rent of all the farms remain for the year 1884 as they are at present.

It being represented that Robert R. Morrison the tenant of the Dycktopp farm, had for three years been paying rent for the three acres of ground, rented to Theodore J. Bruce.

On Motion of Mr. Ferris it was resolved that the Treasurer of the Board be instructed to allow Mr. Morrison a rebate of seventy-eight (78) dollars on this years rent, that being the amount overpaid by him, and that the rent in future be calculated on eighty-four (84) acres. - and

On Motion the Board adjourned.

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday evening Feb 12, 1884

The Board met at request of the Committee on Leases. Present - Dr. Black President - Messrs - Shaw - Rodney - Black - Mahoney - White - Ferris and Lane (8)

Minutes of the last meeting read & approved.

Allowance to R.R. Morrison on rent of farm

Mr Rodney of Committee on Leases presented and read a lease for the Centre Hall farm as a general form of lease for all of the farms which on Motion was adopted and the agent instructed to prepare leases for the tenants in accordance with said form and also to arrange with them in regard to the amount of stock to be kept.

On Motion a Committee consisting of Messrs - Rodney, White and Shaw was appointed to confer with the Trustees of Market Square in regard to renting a room in the Old Court House for meetings of the Board.

On Motion the Board adjourned.

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening March 4<sup>th</sup> 1884

The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common held the regular Annual Meeting in City Hall.

Present - Dr. John G. Black President - Messrs - Shaw - Black - Rodney - Herbert - White - Mahoney - Ferris and Lane - 9.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On Motion - The Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year - when Dr. John G. Black was elected - President - William Herbert " " Treasurer and William F. Lane " " Secretary - Messrs. John C. Mahoney - Elmer W. Black and Mr. Herbert were elected Acting Committee.

On Motion the Committee which had been appointed (2) to audit the account of the Treasurer was discharged and Messrs Mahoney and White were appointed a new Committee for the same purpose.

Mr Rodney of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, on obtaining a room in the Court House for meetings of the Board. Reported that they had made application for a room to the Trustees of Market Square and that the room formerly occupied by the Recorder of Deeds could be obtained at an annual rental of \$1000.

Room in Court House

fifty dollars. and - On Motion it was  
 Resolved to rent the said room on the  
 terms proposed - and the same Committee  
 Messrs. Rodney - White & Shaver were appointed  
 consider the letting up of the room for occupancy  
 and report at the next meeting of the Board.

The following communication from the  
 Vestry of Immanuel Church was received  
 read and On Motion was reference to a Com-  
 mittee consisting of the President & Mr White  
 with power to have the matter adjourned.

Communication  
 from Immanuel  
 Church in regard to  
 Bell

" To The Trustees of the New Castle Common  
 At a Meeting of the Vestry of Immanuel Church  
 held January 11<sup>th</sup> 1884 The following Resolution  
 was adopted -

" Resolved That the Secretary notify the  
 Trustees of the Common that it is reported to  
 the Vestry that the hammer of the clock in the  
 steeple of the Church is not striking the bell in a  
 proper way - and to ask them to get some expe-  
 rienced person to examine, and if necessary to  
 perfect the same - notifying them also that the  
 Trustees would be held responsible for any  
 claims to the bell from that cause."

Adopted

John H. Rodney Secretary -

Election  
 Committee  
 appointed

On Motion - A committee was appointed  
 to hold an Election for a Trustee to fill the  
 vacancy caused by the death of Asa H. Tol-  
 land. Said Committee to be empowered to hold  
 successive elections till a Trustee shall be chosen.  
 The time and place of hold said election to be  
 fixed by said Committee.

The President appointed Messrs. Herbert & White.

On Motion. The following bills were allowed  
 and an Ordinance passed for the payment of  
 the same. Nine Members being present and  
 all assenting thereto.

A. M. Toigar for Lince	\$ 2.28
O. C. Vincent " Carpenter Work	15.78
A. H. Radberg " Flagging City Hall	3.60
John Smith - Carpenter work	12.74
Job. C. White - Printing	3.50
	<u>37.90</u>



Gas Company - Gas for City Hall	Journal	37.90
M. C. Co. Mut. Ins. Co. - Annual premium		18.00
Farmers Mut. Ins. Co. do		39.00
Water Works Company - Semi-Annual payment		78.68
E. C. Johnson - Pump work		150.00
J. W. Callahan - Digging ditch		41.25
J. D. E. Eliason - Posts - Rails & Lumber		11.05
J. C. Hatley - Repairing clock		728.79
Herbert Kemp - Hardware		10.00
F. E. Herbert - Serving notices		27.17
William Herbert - Salary as Treasurer		12.00
William F. Lane do " Secretary		150.00
Paul Barr do " Sanitor		50.00
		30.00
		\$ 2733.84

Ordinances

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common. Five members being present and all attending thereto, that the sum of Twenty Seven hundred thirty three and 8/100 dollars be and are hereby appropriated for the payment of the bills allowed at this meeting and that orders be drawn for said payments.

Mr Herbert stated that he wishes his dissent from the action of the Board in appointing a <sup>committee</sup> agent, as he was prevented by sickness from attending the meeting at which the appointment was made.

1000 10 of Excess

One Motion. The sum of one thousand (1000) dollars was appropriated to the use of the Board of Education, subject to the order of its Treasurer. Five members being present and all attending thereto.

On Motion. The Board adjourned to the first Tuesday in April - (April 1st)

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening April 1<sup>st</sup> 1884  
The Board met by adjournment in the City Hall. Present Dr Black president. Messrs Romney - Clark - Ferris - Herbert - White Mahoney - Shaw & Lane - 9

Minutes of the last meeting read & approved





Wednesday Evening May 7 1884

Board met in the City Hall pursuant to adjournment - Present - Dr Black - President Mellor, Clark, White, Herbert, Leckler, Ferris, Mahoney and Lane &

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved The Committee of furnishing a room in the Court House reported progress -

On Motion of Mr Herbert seconded by Mr Leckler It was ordered that the consideration of the appointment of a farm agent be postponed till the regular meeting in March 1885 -

The Committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer present the following report -

The undersigned having been appointed a Committee to audit the account of Mr Herbert, the Treasurer of the Board -

Report: That they have attended to the duty assigned them and find the accounts correct, both for the year ending March 25 1883, and for the year ending March 25 1884 and that there remains in the hands of the Treasurer at the last account date (March 25 1884) the sum of three hundred forty eight and 87/100 (348<sup>87</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) dollars -

New Castle May 1<sup>st</sup> 1884 -  
Signed - John C. Mahoney } Com.  
- John White

The report on motion was accepted and the Committee discharged

On motion - Mr Leckler was allowed the sum of twelve (12) dollars for holding Elections for Trustees - it being for himself for the Estate of J. H. Fols deceased, and for Clerk hire -

Mr Herbert of the Acting Committee made a verbal report of the condition of the farms, and their management, which with few exceptions was favorable

And on motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Report of Com on furnishing room

Appointment of Agent postponed to Mch 1885

Report of Auditor of Treas Account

Report on the condition and management of farms

Thursday Evening June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1884  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Comm met in regular quarterly session

Present - Dr John G. Black - President Mellor - James G. Lusk, John H. Rodney, Oliver B. Clark, William Herbert, John C. Mahoney, John White and William F. Lane Secy &

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Rodney of the Committee on furnishing the room in the Court House made a verbal report stating that furniture could be obtained as follows:  
Suitable desks at about \$7.50 each - 13 and 15 \$97.50  
" Chairs " " 4.00 " " " " 52.00  
" Table " " 7.50 " " " " 7.50  
\$157.00

And Dr Black offered the following resolution which on motion was adopted. Resol. Com.

Resolved that the Committee be authorized to furnish the room on the basis of this report and that the Board meet there at its next regular meeting in September and thereafter -

Mr Herbert of the Acting Committee reported the death of John W. Calhoun the Tenant on the Herdell farm stating that at the request of the widow he had this day taken out Letters of Administration on the Estate of the deceased also that Mrs Calhoun declined to leave the place - when

On motion Mr Herbert as Administrator was authorized to sell the lease for the remainder of the year to a tenant to be approved by the Board

On motion the following bills were allowed

Alfred H. Lupton - Shell Lime	599.20
Estate of John W. Calhoun - Posts	2.25
Am J. Hammer Coll - City Tax - 1884	190.00
G. J. Eckels - Auditing Statements	131.25
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	\$804.70

And on motion the Board adjourned to the call of the President at the request of the Administrator of J. W. Calhoun's Estate

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

furnishing room in Court House

death of J. W. Calhoun

Friday Evening June 20<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 Board met in special session, called by the  
 President at the request of the Administrator of  
 John W. Calhoun - according to adjournment

Present - Dr Black - President - Messrs Shaw, Rodney,  
 Clark, White - Herbert & Lane 7

Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved -

The meeting having been called in regard  
 to a tenant for the Model farm;

After a free discussion of the matter of the  
 Board, it was concluded that the Administrator  
 of Mr. Calhoun, stood in his (Mr C's) place as to  
 the rental of the farm, and therefore no formal  
 action of the Board was necessary at present.  
 And on motion, the Board adjourned -

Attest  
 William F. Lane  
 Secretary

Tuesday Evening Sept. 2<sup>d</sup> 1884  
 The Board of Trustees of New Castle Common  
 met in regular quarterly session, in City Hall  
 President - Dr. Black - President  
 Messrs. Shaw, Clark, Herbert, White -  
 Mahoney and Lane - 7

Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The Acting Committee reported that they  
 had visited the farms, and found them  
 conducted, for the most part in a satisfactory  
 manner

On motion the following was adopted  
 Resolved, that the Acting Committee be  
 authorized to expend an sum not exceeding  
 one thousand dollars, in repairing and  
 improving the buildings at the Model farms  
 including a new back building to the house  
 and providing for a good supply of water, both  
 for the house and the barn from the Water  
 Main in the road

Action of J. W. Calhoun  
 standing in Mr. Calhoun

Repairs at the  
 Model farm  
 not to exceed  
 \$1000 =

On Motion the following bills were allowed as  
 approved by the Acting Committee

A. L. Shanks	- Two pumps	\$ 16.50
Herbert Kemp	- Hardware & Pump	48.42
John Weldon	- Hauling	52.25
Hogland Price	- Carpenter work	17.00
Henry Whitlock	- do	16.00
Thomas Madon	- Fencing	24.50
A. M. Hoizer	- Lime & Mason work	48.21
Herbert Kemp	- Hardware & Pump	31.23
Henry A. Garrison	- Tin Roofing	44.57
Granston Newbold	- Lumber	5.63
Samuel P. Trip	- Posts & Rail	206.22
W. H. Jefferson	- do	38.56
J. D. S. Pham	- Lumber	56.11
Also the following were allowed		738.14
New Castle Gas Company	- Gas bill	6.60
do	- Water Work Co - Semi Annual pay	1500.00
Jos. J. Jones	- County Taxes 1884	524.47
Wm. F. Rudolph	- Repairing City Clock	47.00
Jos. C. White	- Printing Elections notices	2.00
		\$ 2818.21

On Motion of Mr Herbert, it was resolved, that  
 when the farms are again leased, it be for the term  
 of three years; also that the Board is opposed to  
 putting stable ground in wheat unless the tenant  
 is to continue under a new lease

On Motion - Resolved - that the Board furnish  
 the tenants with stable manure to the amount  
 of one dollar and a half (1.50) per acre, and that the  
 rents in future be increased by the same amount -

And on Motion, the Board adjourned  
 Attest  
 William F. Lane  
 Secretary

Saturday Evening Sept. 20, 1884  
 Board met in City Hall at the call of the  
 Pres<sup>t</sup> at request of Acting Committee  
 Present - Dr Black - President -  
 Messrs - Herbert - White - Ferris - Shaw -  
 Mahoney - Clark - Rodney and Lane - 9

3 years

the manure



The Minutes of the Meeting were read & approved

The Acting Committee reported that they had seen the farm tenants, and informed them of the conditions of the future rentals; that Messrs. Fols - Biggs - Geo. W. Morrison and R. R. Morrison, accepted the conditions, but the remaining tenants declined the offer for the present

On motion of Mr. Shaw, the report was accepted and the Acting Committee instructed to advertise for rent, such of the farms as were not retained by the present tenants on the the conditions stated, and to receive proposals for the same and report the results to the Board

And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest  
William F. Lane  
Secretary

Advising the farms

Saturday evening Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1884  
The Board met in special session, called by the President at the request of the Acting Committee  
Present - Dr. Black president  
Messrs. Herbert, White, Clark, Ferris, Shaw & Lane

On motion the reading of minutes was omitted

The Acting Committee reported that they had had further interviews with the farm tenants and they now all declined to continue on the farms on the conditions last adopted by the Board (the tenants being present considered the proposition withdrawn) when on motion, the resolutions adopted Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> fixing the time for which the farms should be leased in future at three years, and for furnishing the tenants with stable manure were re-demanded when Mr. Clark moved that the tenants be allowed to remain another year on the present conditions of rental, which motion was adopted by the following vote -  
Yea - Messrs. Clark, White, Herbert and Lane  
Noes - " Black, Shaw and Ferris 3  
And on motion the Board adjourned  
Attest - William F. Lane  
Secretary

Tenants decline to remain

Resolutions of Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> rescinded

Tuesday evening December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1884  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common met in regular quarterly session, in the City Hall  
Present - Dr. Black president  
Messrs. Mahoney - Clark - Shaw - Rodney - Herbert - Ferris and Lane 8

Minutes of the last two meetings read and approved

The Acting Committee reported that in accordance with their instructions they had advertised the Hares Corner property and the Model farm for rent and presented applications which were commented upon and then the subject was postponed for two weeks

On motion of Mr. Shaw, it was resolved to advertise the Hares Corner property in the "Philadelphia Ledger" to an amount not exceeding ten (10) dollars

The Committee appointed March 30, 1883 (consisting of Messrs. Rodney, Shaw & Herbert) to make a final agreement with the Railroad Company in regard to lines on the Jefferson farm, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them and presented duplicate leases for the exchange of land and the fixing of lines on said farm between the Railroad Company and the Trustees of the Common, which were read and discussed and on motion of Mr. Herbert were referred back to the Committee for alterations and additions

On motion the following bills were allowed  
to James P. Lane carter for water pipe and laying the same at the Model farm - \$140.00  
to Henry J. Lettore - flaying at City Hall 1.50  
\$141.50

And on motion the Board adjourned to meet two weeks from this evening - December 16<sup>th</sup> 1884

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday evening December 16<sup>th</sup> 1884  
Board met in City Hall pursuant to adjournment  
Present - Dr. Black president  
Messrs. Shaw - Leckler - Herbert - Mahoney - Clark - Ferris - Rodney - White and Lane 10  
Minutes of last meeting read & approved

minutes in the Ledger

report of the Board Com-

The Acting Committee Reported - That in accordance with the Resolution passed at the last meeting, they had advertised the Hares Corner property in the Philada Ledger and had received letters of inquiry in regard to the place but no offers from abroad for renting it.

Proposals were then read for renting the place, from H. P. Bullen, Joseph Gorman and James J. Morrison, which not being sufficiently explicit and satisfactory, action in the case was postponed for one week - (to see 23)

Proposals for renting the lots on the South side of the Hares Corner road were presented from William H. Clark - action on which was also postponed for one week - (to see 23)

Applications for renting the Model farm were read as follows: From Solomon A. Nelson at \$450 per annum; from Alex Boyler at \$500 - per ann. and from Jas. J. Morrison at \$520 dollars annually. And on motion the Acting Committee was instructed to rent the farm to James J. Morrison, for one year from the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1885 at the annual rental of Five Hundred and twenty 1520 dollars -

Applications were also made for the Boyana farm by Jas. J. Morrison and by Joseph Higgins, but no action was taken in regard to them -

Notice was given by the New Castle Iron and Linc Manufacturing Company, the present owner of the Brick Yard on the Model farm; that the Company would vacate the said yard, as soon as they could remove the materials thereon, and would settle for the rent thereon due -

Application was made by the same Company for a lease of the lot adjoining the Brick yard on which a frame house is standing belonging to same Company - the rent of which lot has been ten (10) dollars a year -

The Board were divided as to rent the lot separate from the farm or Brick yard but on motion of Mr Shaw that it be rented to them at twenty dollars per annum - which motion was amended by Mr Rosny, and accepted - that the rent be fifty dollars. It was resolved that the Board would rent the lot to the same Company at annual rental of fifty dollars provided the Company in case it with a suitable frame otherwise the Company should be notified to remove the same

Model farm rented to Jas. J. Morrison at \$520 per annum.

Brick yard given up.

Renting small lot near brick yard at \$50.

On motion the following bills were allowed -  
Joseph C. White for advertising Hares Corner farm - \$5.00  
Thomas Dixon for building house for contract Model farm 700.00  
\$705.00

Mr Leckler of the Acting Committee of Public Buildings which Committee had been directed to see the old Philadelphia Fire Engine, Reported that the engine had been taken to pieces & the wheels sent to Blumer H. Clark for ten (10) dollars and the amount paid to the Committee, and the board of copper to Mrs H. Peto of Phila. but it was awaiting payment before shipment -

The President laid before the Board a communication from Thomas H. Peto of Philadelphia, giving a minute description of a Steam Fire Engine, and also of a completely equipped Hook & Ladder truck, which he has for sale and offering them to the Board at the following prices: - For the Engine at \$1000; the original cost being \$1200 - " " " " " " " " \$800 - " " " " " " " " \$1200 -

And on motion - It was resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to proceed to Philadelphia, and examine the engine & truck, in connection with some competent persons whom they might select, and report the result to the Board at an adjourned meeting - Dec 22 - The President appointed Messrs. Herbert, Shaw & Leckler -

On motion the following Ordinance was passed  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common Ten Members being present and all assenting thereto, that the following sum be and be hereby appropriated for the payment of the bills allowed at the following dates respectively  
On June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1884 - \$ 804.70  
" Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> " " 2818.21  
" Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> " " 140.50  
" " 16 " " 705.00  
\$ 4468.41

And that orders be drawn for the payment of the same. Also on motion an ordinance was passed for the payment of the installments due the Water Works Company Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1885 - ten members being present and all assenting thereto, and that an order be drawn for the payment thereof. And on motion the Board adjourned to Tuesday evening Dec 23, 1884 at 8 o'clock.

Attest William F. Lewis Secretary

Using old engine

Com. to go to Phila. examine engine & truck

Ordinance for payment of Water Works Co



Tuesday evening Dec 23, 1884  
 The Board met in the City Hall by adjournment  
 Present Mr. Black president -  
 Messrs Maloney, Clark, Shaw, Rodney - Herbert  
 White and Lane (8)  
 The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted

The Acting Committee reported that they  
 had informed Mr Morrison of the Board's ac-  
 ceptance of his proposition for the Model farm  
 and would consider it rented to him accordingly

Proposals for rentings were read as follows:  
 From J. J. Bayle for his present building - by the Union  
 and Bayard farms & two lots on the turnpike -  
 Eighteen & sixty three dollars a year for lease of five years  
 From H. P. Bullen for Hares corner Hotel & farm - \$975 yearly  
 or for Hotel & farm & two lots on turnpike - \$1200 yearly  
 or for Hotel & farm & Bayard farm without lots - \$1300 "  
 From Jos. Yarnall for Hotel & farm only \$1100 "  
 From Jas. T. Morrison for Union farm \$1200 "  
 From Jas. Higgins for Bayard farm \$650 per acre  
 From Eugene Stroup for Bayard farm \$650 " "  
 From E. A. Sloops for Bayard farm \$600 yearly  
 for a suitable building one put up -

From Mr. H. Clark for the two lots on the turnpike  
 at a yearly rent of six dollars & half \$6.50 per acre  
 and the Board thinking it advisable to rent  
 the lots separate from the farm  
 On motion - It was ordered to rent them to Mr Clark  
 at his proposed rental -

Dr Black offered the following resolution  
 Resolved that the Board rent the Union or Hares  
 corner & the Bayard farms to H. P. Bullen for  
 one year at his offer of fifteen hundred dollars -  
 To which Mr Rodney offered as an amendment  
 that the Board rent the Union farm to Jos Yarnall  
 at his offer of eleven hundred dollars and borrow  
 two thousand dollars and put up building on the  
 Bayard farm and rent it to Joseph Higgins at  
 six dollars and a half per acre yearly -  
 The vote being taken on the Amendment it was lost  
 The original Resolution was then put & adopted

On Motion - A bid for seven dollars and fifty cents for  
 advertising the Hares corner property in the Philadelphia Ledger

Proposals for  
 rentings

Lots rented to  
 Mr H. Clark

Rent Union &  
 Bayard farms

Bill had bid in  
 the Ledger

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to  
 go to Philadelphia and inspect the fire engine and the truck  
 offered for sale by Mrs T. C. Peters, reported that they went to Phila-  
 delphia with them two competent men from Wilmington  
 Messrs. McCafferty and Singler and carefully examined the  
 engine & the truck and found them fully to correspond with  
 the statement of Mrs Peters, and that so far as they could judge  
 from the appearance, they considered them remarkably  
 cheap at the price at which they were offered, also  
 that Mrs Peters would ship them to New Castle for trial, consigned  
 to Mr Shaw, without expense to the Board -

The Committee to settle with the Rail Road Co.  
 reported progress -  
 And on motion adjourned to Dec 30 next -  
 Done at New Castle Dec 9

Tuesday evening Dec 30 - 1884  
 There not being a quorum present no meeting was held  
 Those present were Messrs - Shaw, Herbert Clark, Maloney  
 and Ferris - (6) -

Thursday evening January 1<sup>st</sup> 1885  
 The Board of Trustees met in Special Session  
 Present - Messrs - Shaw, Rodney, Herbert Clark  
 Maloney, White and Ferris (7)

The President and Secretary being absent -  
 Mr Shaw was chosen president - and Mr Ferris Secretary  
 Pro. Tempore -

Mr Rodney presented an Amendment to the  
 agreement between the Trustees and the Rail Road  
 Company, in reference to the proposed exchange  
 on the Jefferson farm, and after a discussion of the  
 matter by the members, the agreement was  
 on motion of Mr Rodney referred back to the Committee  
 to have a proviso inserted to insure the protection  
 of the bank either by sloping or masonry -

Mr Herbert, of the Acting Committee, stated that  
 Mr Bullen, whose proposal for renting the Union &  
 the Bayard farms had been accepted by the Board,  
 desired a lease for three (3) of five (5) years - and  
 on motion of Mr Herbert, a lease for three (3) years  
 granted to him -

part of Com  
 inspect fire  
 engine & truck

reporting  
 above bank

calling give  
 as per 3 year

Trial of Steam Fire engine

The subject of a Steam Fire-Engine coming up for consideration, the committee on the subject reported; that they yesterday had a public trial of the engine brought here by Mr. Peto, and that it had given good satisfaction, having been tried at several different points in the City; and on motion of Mr. Mahoney, the committee was instructed to purchase the apparatus, at a cost not to exceed fifteen hundred (1500) dollars for both engine and the Hook & Ladder truck.

Instructions to purchase engine & truck

On motion of Mr. Rodney the committee was requested to confer with a committee of the city council in regard to the proper disposition of the engine and truck.

Consent to purchase with money

Mr. White was put on the committee in place of Mr. Leckler who was absent from town. & on motion of Mr. Mahoney the committee was given full power to act in the case.

Authority to borrow \$1500.

On motion of Mr. Herbert, the President and Secretary were authorized to borrow if necessary the sum of fifteen hundred dollars - and on motion the board adjourned.

Signed Wm. J. Ferris Secretary Pro Tem  
Attest  
William J. Ferris Secretary

Thursday Evening June 29, 1885  
The Board held a special meeting called by the President at the request of members Present Dr. Black present Messrs. Clark, Herbert, Ferris, Sharo, Rodney and Mahoney &c.  
The Secretary not being present, Mr. Ferris was on motion appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

Report of Election Committee

The committee authorized - see May 4, 1884 to hold an election to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Israel Ho. Fold - presented the following Report -

To the Trustees of the New Castle Common - At an election held January 24, 1885 - for the purpose of electing one trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Israel Ho. Fold. There were three hundred & sixty (360) votes polled as follows; viz

George A. Maxwell received - 242 votes  
Edward Challenge " 116 "  
Jervis Boulesse " 2 " - 360 total  
George A. Maxwell having a majority of all the votes polled was declared elected. Trustee of the New Castle Common

a. Maxwell elected

Signed (Mr. Herbert) (John White) Committee

Mr. Maxwell being present, took his seat as a member of the Board - (making this 8th present).

and all seat

The committee on "Fire Engine" reported that they had hauled the engine and truck on the first floor of the Red Men's Hall - and at the next meeting of the Board they would make a full report in writing.

bringing of engine & truck

The committee on Public Building, stated through Mr. Herbert that Mr. John Wall has made application for renting the lower room of the City Hall formerly used as an engine house. and on motion the committee was instructed to have the room put in proper condition to rent, and rent it to Mr. Wall at a yearly rent of sixty (60) dollars.

Application for renting room

rented to Mr. Wall \$60. per an.

The Treasurer reported that he had paid the following bills which on motion were allowed:  
J. D. Taggart Lumber for farm - \$78.68  
Frank E. Herbert Lumber for " " " " 39.00  
New Castle Gas Co - for Gas for City Hall from June 1st to 15th 24.90  
Edmond M. Hoemel 8.00  
J. L. E. Elverson - Lumber for beam farm 6.27  
Thomas Neaton - Laying Hedge and fencing 121.27  
Thomas Ho. Peto - for Steam Fire Engine 1000.00  
Christian M. Gilley - for Hook & Ladder truck 500.00  
Total \$1775.12

committee on making room

Mr. Sharo, desiring to be excused from serving on the committee for furnishing the room, which had been obtained in the old Court House building for the previous meetings of the Board the President appointed Mr. Maxwell in his place - making the committee to consist of Messrs. Rodney, Herbert, Maxwell.

Mr. Rodney, presented the following Resolutions in reference to the death of Andrew Co. Gray, which on motion were unanimously adopted -



Resolution on the death of A. C. Gray, the senior member of the Board

Whereas Providence has removed from this Board by death Andrew C. Gray Esq. the oldest member thereof; therefore

Resolved, That this Board joins with the deepest in the expressions of grief and sorrow, caused by his death has called forth from all classes in this Community -

Resolved - That this Board feels, and desires to express in behalf of the people of this City the loss which is sustained by the death of one who for more than forty five years has been a position of trust and given his advice & services to the Public.

Resolved further, that we individually desire to express our sense of personal loss, and respectfully join with those nearer to him, in sorrow at his death

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the widow and family be printed in the "New Castle Star" and spread upon the Minutes of the Board

Mr White now appearing and reading nine members of the Board present

On Motion the following Ordinance was passed

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, Nine members being present and all assenting thereto - That the sum of Seventeen hundred and seventy five dollars and twelve cents - (\$1775.12) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the bills allowed at this meeting and that orders be drawn for the payment of the same

On Motion of Mrs Shaw Messrs Rodney & Maxwell were appointed a Committee to examine the Law in reference to holding elections to fill vacancies in the Board caused by death of members or otherwise, and report the result to the Board at a future meeting -

And on Motion the Board adjourned

Signed - Wm J. Ferris Secy Pro Tem  
Attest  
William J. Lane Secretary

Appropriation Ordinance

Committee on Election Law

Meeting Room and Home building

Report of Committee on Election Law

Friday Evening July 27 - 1885  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common met in Special Session in their New Meeting Room, in the old County Office Building. The meeting having been called by the President at the request of several members -

Present - Dr John J. Black - President  
Messrs. John Garrison, William Herbert, John White, John C. Mahoney, James S. Shaw, John N. Rodney, Oliver W. Black, William J. Ferris, George S. Maxwell and William J. Lane. (11) - Absent Ferdinand Zollner  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The Committee appointed to prepare the room for occupancy, which had been located in the old County Building, for the future meeting of the Board, Reported - That they had attended to the duty assigned to them, and in doing so, they had contracted the following bills.

J. J. R. Hoarman for furniture	\$ 88.00
Jacob Hermann " Repairing plastering	10.65
George Brodine " painting	39.50
McCartney & Kenney " Matting & Laying the same	59.85
William Lantorn " Chandeliers & Hanging	12.00
Henry G. Skinner " Store and fixture	21.65
Herbert & Kemp " Sundry Hardware	3.60
Joseph Jenkins " cleaning room	3.00
\$ 238.25	

On Motion, the bills were allowed and an Ordinance passed for their payment. Eleven (11) members being present and all assenting thereto

The Report was accepted with thanks of the Com. Board

Messrs Rodney and Maxwell, who had been appointed a Committee to examine the Law in regard to holding elections to fill vacancies in the Board - Reported; that they had looked into the matter, and that all they could find in reference to it, was ineffectual and obscure and suggested that an Act of the Legislature be obtained, defining the mode of procedure more clearly

The Report was accepted and the Committee continued, and requested to take measures to secure proper legislation in the case

The Committee on Public Buildings Reported that according to instructions given them,

Renting old  
engine room

They had had the old engine room under the  
city hall put in condition for rent, under the  
supervision of Mr Herbert, and had rented it to  
Mr John Wall, at a rental of sixty (60) dollars  
a year as directed, and that the following  
bills were contracted in making the necessary repairs

J. D. E. Blinn	for Lumber	8.37
Spring Morley & Game	" Tools	10.00
Ward A. Fols	" Freight & Hauling	1.00
Herbert & Kemp	" Glass & Hardware	10.85
Andrew J. Brown	" Carpenter work	26.50
George Boone	" Printing & Glazing	52.25
		\$73.97

On Motion the bills were allowed and an  
ordinance passed for their payment. Eleven  
(11) members being present and all assenting thereto

The committee on the Fire engine reported  
progress and asked to be continued - granted -

The Acting Committee reported, the  
Ezekiel Fols, wants to leave the Jefferson farm  
and remove from the State, on account of  
his wife's health; and that Gregg, who  
has been in the employ of Mr Fols, has made  
application to rent the farm on the same  
terms as Mr Fols - and. On Motion, it was  
Resolved, to release Mr Fols from the rent and  
rent the farm to Gregg on the conditions named

The following bills presented by the Treasurer  
On Motion were allowed and an ordinance  
passed for their payment. Eleven (11) members  
being present and all assenting thereto

Henry G. Garrison	for work at Home Corner	\$ 10.00
Joseph C. White	for printing notices & adroit	5.00
Herbert & Kemp	for sundries	4.17
S. D. South	for coal for meeting room	5.50
		\$ 24.67

On Motion of Mr Herbert. The Secretary was  
instructed to notify the New Castle Gas Company  
that the Trustees of the Common will not be  
responsible for any gas consumed in the  
city hall building after the twenty fifth  
(25<sup>th</sup>) day of March 1885 -

Releasing  
Ezekiel Fols

Notice to Gas  
Company  
minimum  
Notice given  
as required

On Motion an Ordinance was passed for the  
payment of the following salaries due March 25, 1885

William Herbert - Treasurer	\$ 150.00
William F. Lane - Secretary	50.00
Paul Barr - Janitor	30.00
Mr J. Rudolph for care of clock to June 1, 1885	50.00
	\$ 380.00

Eleven Members being present and all assenting thereto  
The Treasurer asked for the appointment of a  
Committee to audit his account for the past year  
and the President appointed Messrs. Maxwell and Clark

Mr Shaw stated that some members of the Water  
works Company had expressed a desire or willingness  
to sell the works to the Trustees or to the City, and after  
some discussion of the subject by members of the Board  
On Motion, a Committee ordered, to consider the matter  
and report the result to the Board.  
The President appointed Messrs. Shaw, Rodney and Ferris

And on Motion, The Board adjourned  
Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common  
held the Annual Meeting in their meeting room  
Present Dr John J. Black - President  
Messrs. James G. Shaw - John Rodney - John White  
Elihu W. Clark - John C. Mahoney and Wm F. Lane  
(Absent - Messrs. Garrison, Herbert, Decker, Ferris & Maxwell, due to being away)

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved -  
No reports from committees -

On Motion, the Board proceeded to elect officers  
for the ensuing year with the following result  
Dr Black was elected President  
Wm F. Lane " Secretary and  
Messrs. Clark - Mahoney & Herbert - Acting Committee  
The Treasurer having been elected last year  
for two years held over  
Paul Barr was continued as Janitor

Committee to  
audit Treasurer  
Account

Committee  
water works -

Annual  
Meeting

Annual Election  
Officers



Action of Farm  
Agent postponed

Action on the appointment of a Farm  
Agent, which on May 7<sup>th</sup> 1884, was postponed to  
this time was on Motion postponed to the same  
Meeting next following -

Com. to revise  
By Laws

To Messrs Rodney and Maxwell - the Committee  
appointed to examine the law in regard to the  
Election of Members to fill vacancies in the Board  
was also on Motion referred the Revision of the  
By Laws of Corporation when  
on Motion the Board adjourned.

Attest

William F. Lane - Secretary

Monday evening March 23 - 1885  
The Board met in special session -  
called by the President -

Present - Dr Black president -  
Messrs - Shaw - Maxwell - Clark - Mahoney  
White - Rodney and Lane

Reading Minutes of last meeting omitted -

The business for which the meeting  
was called, being the matter of applying  
to the Legislature for the passage of an  
Act of Assembly, giving the Trustees power  
to sell the Farms, or Real Estate, belonging to  
the Trust, the subject was taken up for con-  
sideration, and after an interchange of  
views in the case by the members of the Board  
it was considered advisable to first lay the  
matter before the citizens for an expression  
of their views thereon; we have therefore

On Motion, It was Resolved, That a Committee  
of One be appointed to prepare and post notices  
of a Public Meeting of the Board to be held  
in the City Hall on Saturday evening next  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 1885 - at 7.30 o'clock P. M. and  
inviting citizens generally to attend -

The President appointed the Secretary  
said Committee, and  
on Motion the Board adjourned

Attest

William F. Lane Secretary

And make a good and valid title thereto.

Applying to the  
Legislature for  
Power to sell the  
Farms

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
-OF-  
TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON.  
FROM MARCH 25TH, 1884, TO MARCH 25TH, 1885.

1884. RECEIPTS.		1884. EXPENDITURES.	
Mar. 25, 1884, Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 348 89	Cash paid J. T. & L. E. Eliason, lumber &c.,	\$ 187 24
Cash rec'd, Joseph T. Taggart, overpaid premium refunded,	5 50	" " Lewes E. Eliason, repairing city clock,	7 50
" " John W. Calhoun, deceased, balance in full for rent to June 25, 1884,	597 78	" " James T. Eliason, Superintendent of farms,	50 00
" " Ezekiel Fols, one year's rent of Jefferson, No. 1,	585 00	" " Edward W. Hanby, roofing, &c.,	118 16
" " Frederick Eagle, one year's rent of Union, No. 8,	1200 00	" " Wm. H. Jefferson & Co., post and rails,	228 93
" " " " " Bayard, No. 9,	663 00	" " Samuel F. Truss, post and rails,	234 12
" " Robert R. Morrison, one year's rent of Oglethorpe, No. 3,	540 50	" " Alfred H. Lipton, brick and lime,	615 63
" " David McCoy, one year's rent of Centre Hall, No. 5,	858 00	" " Robert R. Morrison, gas posts,	20 00
" " Ezekiel Wheatley, one year's rent of Penn, No. 6,	916 50	" " New Castle Gas Co., gas for City Hall,	49 80
" " Alexander Higgs, " " " Stockton, No. 2,	1137 50	" " Ezekiel Wheatley, ditching &c.,	20 42
" " Elmer W. Clark, one year's rent of Model, No. 11,	100 00	" " Ferdinand Leckler and others, holding elections,	12 00
" " Thomas Holcomb, one year's rent of four acres lot Turnpike,	30 00	" " William J. Hunter, City Taxes,	190 00
" " Thos. H. Peto, for old brass,	63 50	" " James J. Toner, County taxes,	524 47
" " Elmer W. Clark, wheel off of old engine,	10 00	" " Edwin F. Eckel, printing statements,	13 25
" " " " old engine house doors,	2 00	" " John W. Calhoun, gate posts,	2 25
" " New Castle Co. Mutual Insurance Co. Dividend,	4 20	" " Herbert & Kemp, hardware,	83 81
" " Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Dividend,	28 80	" " John Weldin, hauling on Model farm,	58 25
" " Jacob Hermann, old lead pipe,	15 00	" " Hyland Price, carpenter work,	17 00
" " Joseph H. King, one year's rent, room under Hall,	25 00	" " New Castle Water Works Co., annual payment,	3000 00
" " New Castle Brick Co. one year's rent part of model Farm,	85 00	" " Henry Whitlock, carpenter work,	16 00
" " James O. Eagle, one year's rent, room under Hall,	63 00	" " Thomas Macon, laying hedge,	145 77
" " Theodore J. Bruce, one year's rent, part of Oglethorpe,	30 00	" " Cranston & Newbold, lumber,	5 63
		" " A. L. Sharpe, plumbing,	16 50
		" " A. M. Hizar, mason work,	48 21
		" " H. A. Dennison, roofing,	54 51
		" " Wm. F. Rudolph, repairing City clock,	47 00
		" " Joseph C. White, printing,	12 00
		" " Wm. P. Singles, repairing pumps,	12 00
		" " John Smith, carpenter work,	47 82
		" " Jas. B. Lancaster, laying water pipe, Model farm,	140 00
		" " Thomas Dixon, building house, Model farm,	770 00
		" " William Herbert, painting,	8 10
		" " Thomas H. Peto, for fire engine,	1000 00
		" " Christian McGinley, hook and ladder truck,	500 00
		" " New Castle Co. Insurance Co., insurance,	39 00
		" " Farmers Mutual Insurance Co., insurance,	78 68
		" " Wm. F. Rudolph, winding City clock,	50 00
		" " Committee on Trustees Room,	238 25
		" " " " Public Buildings,	73 98
		" " Ezekiel Fols, repairs to building,	11 87
		" " Edward C. Johnson, repairing pumps,	7 87
		" " William F. Lane, salary as Secretary,	50 00
		" " Paul Barr, salary as Janitor,	30 00
		" " William Herbert, salary as Treasurer,	150 00
			\$686 02
Balance due Treasurer,	7312 17		
	1673 85		
	8986 02		
AMOUNT DUE TRUSTEES.			
Ezekiel Wheatley,	1,200 00		
George W. Morrison,	656 50		

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., Pres.

WILLIAM F. LANE, Sec'y.

WILLIAM HERBERT, Treas.

TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON.

NAME	NO.	TENANT	ACRES	RENT
JOHN JANVIER,	Elected June 31, 1847			
FERDINAND LECKLER,	" May 26, 1855	James G. Gregg,	90,	\$ 585 00
WILLIAM HERBERT,	" May 11, 1859	Alexander Biggs,	175,	1,137 50
JOHN WHITE,	" June 23, 1866	Robert R. Morrison,	87,	546 50
JOHN MAHONEY,	" April 3, 1869	David McCoy,	132,	858 00
JAMES G. SHAW,	" May 8, 1869	Ezekiel Wheatley,	141,	916 50
JOHN J. BLACK, M. D.,	" Dec. 30, 1871	Price Bullen,	132,	1,500 00
JOHN H. RODNEY,	" Jan. 9, 1875	George W. Morrison,	101,	656 50
WILLIAM F. LANE,	" Dec. 3, 1878	James Morris-on,	110,	520 00
ELMER W. CLARK,	" Jan. 10, 1882	Thomas Holcomb,	4,	30 00
WILLIAM J. FERRIS,	" May 29, 1883	E. W. Clark,		208 00
GEORGE A. MAXWELL,	" Jan. 24, 1885			
	One to elect.			\$6,958 00

FARMS BELONGING TO THE CITY.

NAME	NO.	TENANT	ACRES	RENT
Jefferson,	1,	James G. Gregg,	90,	\$ 585 00
Stockton,	2,	Alexander Biggs,	175,	1,137 50
Oglethorpe,	3,	Robert R. Morrison,	87,	546 50
Centre Hall,	5,	David McCoy,	132,	858 00
Penn,	6,	Ezekiel Wheatley,	141,	916 50
Union,	8,	Price Bullen,	132,	1,500 00
Bayard,	9,	George W. Morrison,	101,	656 50
Clayton,	10,	James Morris-on,	110,	520 00
Model,	11,	Thomas Holcomb,	4,	30 00
Lot, part of No. 8,		E. W. Clark,		208 00
Two Lots Turnpike,				

Edward Phillips  
June 20 1885

WILLIAM HERBERT,  
Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of New Castle Common.

Saturday evening March 28<sup>th</sup> 1885  
The Board held a public meeting in the City Hall pursuant to the resolution passed at the last meeting, and in accordance with the public notice which had been given

Present - Dr John J. Black president  
Messrs. Shaw. Maxwell. Rodney. Herbert. White.  
Mahoney - Ferris and Lane - members of the Board  
and as many citizens as chose to be present -

The President stated the object of the meeting to be, as given in the notice calling it, to consider the advisability of applying to the Legislature for an Act authorizing and empowering the Trustees to sell the real estate of the Trust and give a title in fee simple therefor

After a somewhat full discussion of the subject by Trustees and citizens, and the opinions expressed being very generally favorable to such action -

On Motion it was resolved to appoint a Committee of three (3) to prepare an Act and present it to the Legislature and urge its passage

The President appointed Messrs. Rodney - Shaw & Maxwell said Committee and adjourned the Board adjourned.

Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

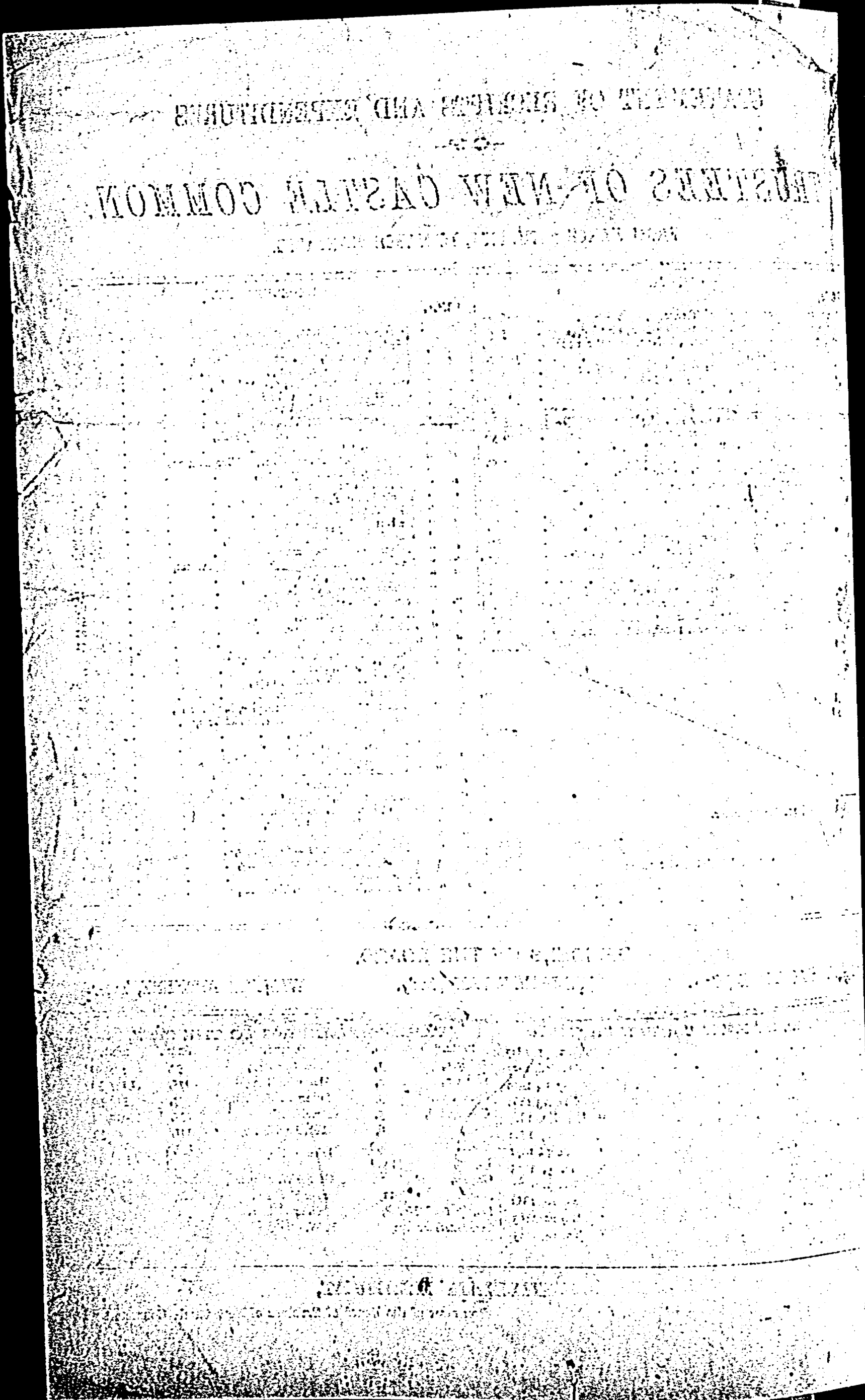
Tuesday evening May 5<sup>th</sup> 1885

The Board of Trustees met at the call of the president - Present - Dr Black president  
Messrs. Herbert - Clark - Maxwell - Shaw - White - Ferris - Mahoney & Lane - Later Mr. Rodney

Minutes of the last meeting read & approved

The Acting Committee reported the following bills for repairs at farms and for incidentals which on motion were allowed and the proper ordinance passed for the payment - All members being present and all assenting thereto. i.e. nem. con.

over



Public Meeting  
in City

Minutes



List of bills of Acting Committee Allowed

Ezekiel Fols	Repairs at Model Farm	\$ 11.87
E. C. Johnson	Repairing Pumps	7.87
Jas. B. Lancaster	" Water Pipes	51.00
J. D. Garrison	Rent of Room to July 25/85	50.00
Lancaster & Wilcox	Laying Water Pipes at Oldthrop Farm	172.00
A. H. Parberry	Painting at Union Farm	115.53
Mr. Herbert	Interest paid on Trustee Note	23.50
John Duncan	Plastering at Union Farm	12.00
James Lewis	Board Work " "	7.50
Frank E. Herbert	Writing Lease Fee	23.50
Thomas Mason	Laying Hedge at Union	87.50
Joseph C. White	Printing -	14.00
		<u>\$ 530.69</u>

Ordinance for the payment  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common. That the sum of Five Hundred thirty and 69/100 dollars be and are hereby appropriated for the payment of the bills passed at this meeting. Nine Members being present and all assenting thereto and that orders be drawn for the payment of the same.

The Committee on the Fire Apparatus reported verbally that they had the first story room in the Red Men's Hall for an Engine House for the term of three (3) years at an annual rental of Two Hundred and Fifty (250) dollars; that the Tribe had made necessary alterations to it and that the Engine and Truck were safely stored therein.

On Motion It was resolved that the Fire Apparatus recently purchased by this Board be transferred to the care and control of the Mayor and Council; and that a sum not exceeding Four Hundred (400) dollars be annually appropriated by the Board for defraying the expenses of the same including the rent of the storage room - and that the Board reserves the right to resume the control of the apparatus at such time as it may see fit.

The Legislative Committee appointed at the public meeting of the Board March 28<sup>th</sup> that they had attended to the duty assigned them

Renting Engine Room

Fire apparatus in Control of Mayor and Council to Annual appropriation not exceeding \$400 - for support of same

Report of Legislative Committee

and had prepared an Act in accordance with the resolution appointing them, and procured its passage by the Legislature, and the said Act would be published as a Public Act.

Report of Audit

The Committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer reported that they had examined the account and found it correct - The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

Resolution to borrow money

One Motion Resolved that the Board borrow the sum of Two thousand (2000) dollars for bonds to meet current expenses.

Resolution Committee

It was moved that a Committee of two (2) be appointed to hold an election for a Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Gray - Adopted  
 The President appointed Messrs. Clark & Feen's  
 And on Motion the Board adjourned  
 Attest  
 William F. Lane Secretary -

Repairs at Union Farm \$120 Allowed Payment ordered

Election

Tuesday Evening June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885  
 The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common met in regular or stated quarterly session  
 Present Dr John J Black - President  
 Messrs - George A. Maxwell, John H. Rodney, Ferdinand Leeleer, Oliver W. Clark, James G. Shear, William Herbert, John C. Mahoney, William J. Ferris, and William F. Lane 10.  
 The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Acting Committee reported reports at the Union Farm to the amount of twelve (12) dollars, and presented a certified bill for the same which on Motion was allowed and an order directed to be drawn for its payment ten (10) members being present and no one dissenting therefrom.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to hold an election reported no action, as notice or place for holding the elections had been given by the resolution. And on motion an election was ordered to be held at the Mayor's office in the Hall.

Order for holding an Election

Court House building, on Saturday the twentieth (20) day of June instant, between the hours of twelve (12) o'clock noon and seven (7) o'clock in the afternoon, for our Trustees to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Andrew C. Gray Esq. (the oldest member of the Board) said election to be held in accordance with the ordinances of the Board, and the Acts of Assembly in such case provided.

The President appointed as Judges of said Election Messrs Elmer W. Clark and Wm. J. Ferris the Committee named in the minutes of the last meeting. And the Secretary was directed to give notice of the Election, by inserting a notice thereof inserted in two issues of "The New Castle Star".

\$2000. borrowed

The Treasurer reported that in accordance with the resolutions passed at the last meeting he had borrowed two thousand dollars for four months for current expenses.

Acting Commr. empowered to sell land to R. B. Co

On motion. The Committee appointed to arrange with the Rail Road Company for the exchange of land on the Jefferson farm were empowered to sell to the said Company under the Act of Assembly passed at its last session authorizing the Trustees to make or lease in fee simple - but a acre of land more or less at the rate of not less than two hundred (200) dollars per acre.

Farm Agent

On motion. The appointment of a Farm Agent, which had been postponed to this meeting was indefinitely postponed.

Order to borrow \$1500. to meet payment to Water Works Co.

On motion. The Treasurer was authorized to borrow fifteen hundred (1500) dollars, to meet the July installment due the Water Works Co. and an order was passed for the payment of the same. Ten (10) members being present. All assenting thereto.

striking of clock

On motion the Committee of Public Buildings were requested to call Mr. Rindolfer's attention to the irregular numbering and striking of the City clock and on motion the Board adjourned. Attest: William J. Lane Secretary

Report of Judges of Election

Tuesday evening August 4<sup>th</sup> 1885 - Board met in special session called by the President. Present: Mr. Black president Messrs Maxwell, Clark, Mahoney, Rousey, Herbert, White, Ferris & Lane - The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Challenges listed

The Judges Messrs E. W. Clark & W. J. Ferris - appointed to hold an Election for a Trustee in the place of A. C. Gray deceased. Reported that they had held said Election in accordance with the ordinance passed at the last meeting and that at said Election the following named persons received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

Edmond Challenger	308 votes
Henry Foster	142 "
David Brindley	5 "

and on motion the report was accepted and Edmond Challenger was declared by the President duly elected a member of the Board and he being present took his seat as such.

burning of buildings insured

The Acting Committee at whose request the meeting had been called. Reported that the out building - the barn & granary - at the Arnold farm had been destroyed by fire so that the destruction was total, and that the insurance on the same was eleven hundred (1100) dollars. Also that the Insurance Agent stated that the Company would decline to rebuild.

On motion the Acting Committee were instructed to consult with the Smart Profound J. Morrison, in regard to his wishes and proposed and to have temporary shelving put up if desired. Also to consider what out building it would be advisable to build and to report plans & the probable cost of the same.

Mr White of the Committee of Public Buildings to whom the numbering and striking of the clock had been referred reported that he had seen Mr Rindolfer and he had promised to give the matter proper attention.



On Motion the following bills were allowed and an ordinance passed for their payment ten (10) members being present and all assenting thereto

Newcastle Brick & Lime Co. for lime	\$ 91.88
J. H. E. Eliason - Lime & Lumber	175.80
Newcastle Gas. Co. - Bill to Mch 25/85	9.90
Wm J. Hunter Collector - City Tax for 1885	209.00
Wm B. McCoy " - County " " "	565.68
	<u>\$1055.26</u>

Mr Herbert stated that he has a list of all the members of the Board of Trustees from its organization to the present time together with the dates of their elections and on Motion the President appointed Messrs Herbert and Romney a committee to have a list prepared in a suitable form to be placed in the meeting room of the Board

List of Members of the Board from its organization

and on Motion the Board adjourned  
Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary -

Thursday Evening September 1<sup>st</sup> 1885  
The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Comm. held its stated quarterly meeting in its room  
Present Dr John G. Black President  
Messrs - Mr Herbert - Elmer W. Leckler - G. A. Maxwell  
J. H. Rodney - John White - J. Leckler - J. C. Mahoney  
Edw. Challenger & Mr F. Lane  
Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The following bills were presented & read and on Motion were allowed and an order passed for their payment ten members being present & all assenting thereto

Thomas Mason for shedding at Model Farm	\$16.50
Joseph C. White - Advertising Election	3.00
Jacob H. Lawrence - Work at Hares Corner	7.05
Thos. Hurson - Laying Hedge at Impulse Lot	20.05
E. N. Jensen - Work at Trustees Room	3.65
	<u>\$50.25</u>

members in Cab. School

for out buildings at Model Farm

for buildings more uniform to occur 1500

A communication was presented from the Trustees of the Colored School, asking for aid for repairing and furnishing their school house - The Board though favorable to rendering the desired assistance did not feel that with their present circumstances they had funds to appropriate to the purpose and on Motion the matter was laid over for the present

The Acting Committee reported that in accordance with the Resolution passed at the last meeting they had procured plans for out-building at the Model Farm and presented them to the Board for inspection - The plans were examined and discussed by members of the Board but no action in regard to them but on Motion the Acting Committee were instructed to ascertain from Mr Morrison whether he would wish to remain on the farm if suitable out-buildings should be built - Also to inquire if by a division of the farm the same amount of income could be derived therefrom without any additional buildings -

and on Motion the Board adjourned to Thursday Evening Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> next

Attest William F. Lane Secretary -

Thursday Evening September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885  
Board met pursuant to adjournment  
Present - Mr Black - President -  
Messrs - Maxwell - Mahoney - Challenger - Leckler - Clark - Herbert - Shaw - White - Rodney and Lane (M) -  
Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Acting Committee reported on the instructions of the last meeting - That Mr Morrison was desirous of remaining on the Model Farm if the necessary buildings were put up but did not report on the division of the farm

When on Motion of Mr Shaw - it was Resolved - That the building of a barn and granary together on the Model Farm be put in the hands of the Acting Committee - The cost thereof when completed not to





The Treasurer stated that the insurance on the burned building - amounting to eleven hundred dollars, had been paid in full when on motion an ordinance was passed appropriating the sum of eleven hundred and twenty five dollars payable to the Acting Committee for the purpose of satisfying the contract with George J. Ball for building the barn on the Model Farm - 12 members being present and all assenting thereto -

(See under Minutes of June 1<sup>st</sup> 1886 for bills paid on this date)

On Motion - The Treasurer was directed to collect without delay, all rents now due from tenants on the farms, and the Secretary was directed to notify delinquents of the passage of the resolution -

The subject of an appropriation for the relief of the needy of the city, being presented and considered on motion - It was resolved that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be appropriated for the said purpose and placed in the hands of a Committee of the Board to be appointed by them to the purpose, at their discretion - The President appointed Messrs Challenger & Rodney and Herbert said Committee -

And on motion the Board adjourned -

Attest  
William J. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886

The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common held its Regular Annual Session Present - Messrs Herbert White, Mackenzie, Clark, Ferris, Maxwell, Challenger & Lane (7) The President - Dr Black - being absent - on Mr Black was elected President Bro. Tom -

Mr. George J. Ball, who was present with a bill for extra material (\$51.07) and labor (\$75) on the Barn build by him on the Model Farm, was given an opportunity to explain the same before the Board - proceeded to its regular business then retired -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved The first business in order that of election of officers for the ensuing year, was postponed on account of the absence of several members

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Mr Herbert of the Acting Committee presented the following bills for expenses at the farms, which were read and on motion allowed

J. P. & E. Eliason for lumber for temporary shedding at the Model farm, and for post rails and lumber for the Jefferson and Centre Hall farms	\$ 125.72
D. Donaldson Nails spikes for shedding at Model farm	10.57
Herbert & Kemp - Horse care at Model farm (Stables)	8.38
Thomas W. Starnes - Plumbing at Centre Hall	14.20
Farmers Mutual Insurance Company - Insurance	74.76
Newcastle County Mutual Ins. Co	59.00
Newcastle Gas Company - Gas for Trustees House	4.60
do do " " Centre Hall	5.90
Edward W. Hardy - Stone for Centre Hall	9.87
	\$ 286.63

On motion a bill of the Goodyear Rubber Company for production of the Company for the Fire Engine in addition to amount of bill & expressage

Amount of bill & expressage	\$ 72.59
Total of bills allowed	\$ 359.22

The Committee, in witness whereof the appropriation for the relief of the needy of the City was placed for distribution. Reported that in their disbursement they had transferred the amount to the Ladies Philanthropic Society for their disbursement and that the Ladies had made a full report of the disbursement made of it, which report was presented to and approved by the Board. And that report of Committee was accepted and the Committee discharged.

And on motion the Board adjourned to the first Tuesday in April at 8 o'clock. Evening  
 Attest  
 William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening April 6<sup>th</sup> 1886  
 Board met pursuant to adjournment  
 Present - Messrs Herbert - White - Mahoney - Shaws - Romney - Clark - Maxwell - Chalmers and Lane (9)

The President Dr. Black not being present Mr Romney was elected president pro tem. The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The election of officers for the ensuing year having been postponed at the regular meeting in March on motion the Board

Ordinance for payment of bills next meeting

Report of Board

action upon

all bills allowed by present of interest allowed

amount for payment of paying bills 100.00

bills to head of in amount to fund

allowance 200.00 to fund

proceeded to an election with following results:  
 For President Dr. Black was elected  
 " Treasurer Mr Herbert  
 " Acting Committee - Messrs Mahoney - Clark & Herbert  
 & in addition the secretary and janitor were continued.

The bill of George J. Ball, presented at the last meeting was taken up for consideration and on motion the amount of Fifty one <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars was allowed for extra material - Also a bill of fifty (50) dollars for one year rent of room

On motion the following Ordinance was passed  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Justice of Newcastle Common. nine members being present and all attending thereat, that the sum of Three hundred fifty seven (357) and <sup>32</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the bills allowed at the last meeting of the Board and that over be drawn for the same also that the sum of one hundred one and <sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub> be appropriated for the payment of the bills allowed at this meeting and the order be drawn for the same

The matter of the line fence on the Jefferson farm being brought before the Board on motion the following Resolution was adopted.

Resolved That the Railroad Company be informed that the line fence along the railroad at the Jefferson farm is in a dangerous condition and must be immediately repaired, and that Mr James H. Shaws is hereby appointed to cooperate with the said Company in regard to the transfer to the Company of a part of said farm.

The Acting Committee stated that James J. Mason son of the tenant on the Model farm had asked for an allowance, or deduction from his rent on account of the loss he sustained in the burning of the out building on the farm and on motion it was resolved that he be allowed a deduction of two hundred (200) dollars from the rent of the current year in consideration of his loss.

On motion the Board adjourned  
 Attest  
 William F. Lane Secretary



Friday evening April 30<sup>th</sup> 1886  
The Trustees of the Common held a Special Session called by the President

Present - Dr Black - President - Messrs Herbert White - Mahoney - Shaw - Rodney - Ferris - Maxwell - Challenger and Lane (10)

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

The President stated that the meeting had been called with reference to the fence along the Railroad on the Jefferson farm, and Mr. Shaw who had been appointed to confer with Railroad Company in regard to the matter presented the following communication from George W. Massey Esq. Attorney of the Company

"Iver Island April 26. 1886  
James H. Shaw Esq. Newville N.C.  
My dear Sir;

Your Superintendent - Kerney has concluded that it is preferable to purchase rather than exchange and it is therefore proposed to purchase the parcel of land mentioned in the enclosed description at the price of \$200 - (The description refers to, gives the course & distance of the "Parcel" containing two and eighteen thousand six hundred and six)

It may be considered (desirable) advisable to put the paper in the form of a Lease with power to convey at any time upon the demand of the Company for a merely nominal consideration.

The Company continue to desire to maintain the fence and such covenant shall be introduced in the papers. If you will refer to the same, and they approve, and will consent that the fence may be put up at once, I see no reason why the fence should not be immediately erected. It will take some time to have the papers prepared and pass through the required channels for approval and I venture the suggestion concerning the fence in order to expedite its erection. I have not forgotten the "Horse" that was and that payment is to be made for him, as understood between us at our recent interview.

Will you kindly have the papers prepared by me some time ago returned to me so that I may return them to Real Estate Department

Communication from Attorney of Rail Road Co

"Awaiting your further advice in the premises  
I am very truly, Yrs Geo. D. Massey"

The paper having been read and considered the following resolution presented by Dr. Black was adopted: Resolved. In the matter of land bordering on the Railroad on the Jefferson farm - that the proposition of the R. W. & B. Railroad Company be accepted subject to the lease of James Gregg. Lease to March 25<sup>th</sup> 1887.

R. R. Proposition accepted

Res. authorized to execute paper

Committee

On Motion Resolved. That the President of the Board be authorized to execute the lease referred to in the foregoing communication subject to the supervision of the Committee on the Railroad matter. Messrs Herbert Rodney and Shaw.

The Treasurer asked for a Committee to audit his account and the President appointed Messrs Shaw and Maxwell as said committee.

The following bills were passed for payment ten (10) members being present and all attending to the same.

J. F. Tallon's bill for glazing in the City Hall - \$ 0.50  
J. C. White - printing books, Annual Statement - 15.00  
\$ 15.50

On Motion The Board adjourned.  
Attest William F. Lane Secretary

Friday Evening May 4<sup>th</sup> 1886  
The Board met in Special Session  
Present - Dr Black President  
Messrs - Herbert White - Mahoney - Shaw - Black - Ferris - Maxwell - Challenger and Lane (10)

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved  
The President stated that he had been requested to call a meeting of the Board to consider the matter of furnishing hose for the fire apparatus - where after an expression of their views by the members present. On Motion it was Resolved - That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with the City Council in regard to the purchase and care of hose with power to expend a sum not exceeding four hundred (400)

Amount of hose - note seen \$400

dollars for the purpose. The resolution was adopted without dissent - (10 Members present)

The President appointed Messrs. Mahoney, Challenger and Ferris as a sub-committee on motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
William F. Lane - Secretary

Tuesday Evening June 14<sup>th</sup> 1886

The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Community met in regular quarterly session

Present - Dr. Black - President  
Messrs. F. Leckler - Mr. Herbert - J. White - J. B. Mahoney - J. G. Shaw - J. H. Rooney - Chas. Ferris - G. N. Maywell - C. Challenger and W. F. Lane Secy

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Reports of Committees being called for  
The Acting Committee had nothing to report  
The Committee on the Canal Road matters reported progress and were continued

The Committee on the purchase of a house reported that they had had a conference with Council in regard to the matter, but no action had been taken in the case and the committee was continued

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account reported that they had attended to the duty, and found the account correct for the year ending March 25, 1886  
Their report was, on motion, accepted

A motion was made and adopted that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Herbert - Lane and Challenger be appointed to act with the Committee on the revision of the Bylaws of the Board, in regard to having all Acts of Assembly relating to the Trusts, and the Bylaws and Ordinances of the Board published in pamphlet form, together with such other matter as the Board may think important or desirable to insert

On Motion Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to notify Mr. Wm. F. Rudolph that

Report of House Committee

Comm. on Treasurer's Report

Comm. on Publishing Laws & Ordinances

Notice to Mr. F. Rudolph

his services in attending to the City Clock would no longer be required by the Trustees of the Common

It was moved and adopted that Mr. Challenger be appointed a Committee to ascertain whether the Vestry of Emmanuel Church would assume the care of the City Clock. The Trustees of the Common agreed to make an annual appropriation of Fifty (50) dollars for the expenses of the same and in case the Vestry declined the charge, to employ some suitable person to attend to the clock

On Motion the Board adjourned

Attest  
William F. Lane - Secretary

Bills Allowed December 1<sup>st</sup> 1885 - but omitted by mistake in the Minutes of that meeting. An Ordinance for their payment being passed at the same time ten members being present and all attending thereto

J. Bryson et al - Foundation for Dam Mohawk	\$ 571.13
A. Mahone - Clastering at Stockton	50
S. P. Inup - Posts & Rails	96.33
J. C. Braden - Plumbing - Hones Corners	7.65
W. M. Cauley - Repairs - Stockton	16.83
W. H. Peppermole - Posts & Rails	398.19
Thos. Dixon - Plans for Dam under farm	50
J. C. Herbert - Writing Specifications for Dam	1.50
W. F. Rudolph - Minding Clock rope	60
	<u>\$ 611.15</u>

Bills Allowed Dec - 1885

Report on Care of Clock to Vestry of Em. Ch.

Friday Evening June 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

Board met in Special Session called by the President - Present Dr. Black President  
Messrs. White - Mahoney - Shaw - Rooney - Black - Ferris - Maywell - Challenger and Lane Secy

The President stated that he had called the meeting at the request of Mr. Challenger the committee on the clock who then reported that he had had a conference with the Vestry of Emmanuel Church and they were willing to take charge of the clock and they were willing to put it in good repair - And on motion it was resolved that Mr. Challenger be authorized to have the clock put in



thorough repairs, preparatory to the transfer of the care of it, to the Vestry, ad spontanea

Report  
Rudolph notifies

The Secretary reported, that, as instructed he had notified Mr Rudolph that his services in attending to the clock would no longer be required by the Trustees

To borrow  
\$1500. to pay  
Water Works Co

The subject of providing for the payment of the July installment to the Water Works Co being suggested by Mr Shaw - On Motion it was resolved, that the President and Secretary be authorized to borrow on a note of the usual form, the sum of Fifteen Hundred (1500) dollars, or as much thereof as may be needed to pay the said installment, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same Jan 1st next at a meeting of the Board

On Motion the Board adjourned  
Attest - William F. Lome Secretary

Tuesday Evening Sept. 7, 1886  
Board met in their quarterly session  
Present Dr Black president  
Messrs. Herbert, Mahoney, Clark, Ferris, Maxwell and Lome - (7)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The Acting Committee reported the following bills as having been which were read and on Motion allowed -

W. C. Humphries - Mason work - Centre Hall	6-
D. Boulden - Nails used on Farm	8-
J. W. Johnson - Pump work & materials - Sewer	44.66
Th. H. Jefferson & Co. - Nails	130.
J. L. E. Clinin - Lumber	209.36
The following bills were allowed	
Gas Company - Gas used in City Hall	11.10
Mr. Rudolph - Rep't clock & winding & mos	30.-
Interest on Loan similar last year	45.-
John M. Cue - Coll City Taxes 1886	209.-
Mr. B. McCoy - Coll County " "	529.48
\$ 1272.58	

A bill of Geo. J. Ball was before the Board for the sum of Seventy five (75) dollars, for extra work on the Contract for building the barn on the Model Farm, but objection being made to it, it was on Motion laid over till the next meeting of the Board -

Com to confer  
with Council  
John Langford

The City Council appeared before the Board and represented the need of the City for more efficient means for extinguishing fires; and asked for an appropriation to aid in purchasing a new Steam-fire engine - After they retired the Board considered the matter and on Motion a committee consisting of Messrs Ferris, Clark, was appointed to confer with Council and report to this Board -

W. H. Jeffers  
on Motion

Mr Herbert of the Committee on the Rail Road called the attention of the Board to the long standing subject of the fence on the Giffert farm and the delay of the Company in erecting the same, when the President was requested to communicate with the Attorney of the Company in regard to it which he consented to do -

and On Motion the Board adjourned  
Attest William F. Lome Secretary

Tuesday evening December 7, 1886  
Board met in regular quarterly session  
Present - Dr J. B. Black president -  
Messrs Herbert - White - Mahoney - Shaw - Rodney - Ferris - Maxwell - Challenor and Lome - (10)

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Tenants apply for  
extinguishing Quarts

Messrs. Bugg - McCoy - & Robt. R. Morrison - Tenants on the Common Farm, appeared before the Board and stated that owing to the low price of farm products, they would be unable to pay the present rents and asked a reduction of said rents (retired)

On Motion - The consideration of the subject was postponed to the next meeting -

The following bills were presented, read & on motion allowed. And an ordinance passed for their payment - Ten members being present and all assenting thereto. (Mem con)

Newcastle Brick & Lime Co - Carving Street - Stockton - 2.40  
 Wm Co. Thompson. Water Works Stockton & Yorkton 21.13  
 Allen Spearman - Plumbing - Union 12.35  
 W. H. Jefferson & Co. Rails for Farms 233.50  
 John A. Walls - Repair at Holtz Hall 7.65  
 Committee of Wood for Repairs 59.47  
 336.83

On motion. The bill of W. H. Jefferson & Co. was ordered to be offset against rents due from Geo. W. Morrison.

On motion. The sum of fifty (50) dollars was allowed on the bill of Geo. J. Ball - laid over at the last meeting - for extra work on the Barn at the Model Farm. And an order passed for its payment. Ten members being present and nine assenting thereto. Mr Mahoney dissenting therefrom.

On motion. An ordinance was passed for the payment of the bills allowed at the last meeting of the Board - Sept 7 - amounting to the sum of \$1272.<sup>53</sup> dollars. Also an ordinance for the payment of the January 1887, installment to the Water Works Company - Ten members being present and all assenting thereto.

On motion. It was ordered that all tenants on the Farms be properly notified to give up possession of the Farms on the 25th March 25th - 1887 -

On motion. It was resolved to borrow on a note of proper form an amount sufficient to meet the bills passed, and not otherwise provided for.

Mr Challenger presented a communication from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, accompanied by a petition of citizens, asking the Trustees to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on the premises known as the Home (or properly)

Geo. J. Ball's bill for extra work

Ordinance

Notifying tenants

Borrowing

The Secretary was requested to respectfully acknowledge the receipt of the same. with the statement that the said premises are under a lease which will not terminate till March 25 - 1889 and are therefore beyond the present control of the Board.

And on motion the Board adjourned  
 Attest  
 William J. Lane - Secretary

Thursday Evening December 30th 1886.  
 Board met in special session -  
 Present. H. Black president -  
 Messrs Rodney - Maxwell - Challenger - Herbert Mahoney - White and Lane (8) -

Reading of the Minutes, was on motion omitted

The President stated that the meeting was called to consider the matter of a new Post Office Building, a bill for which had been introduced in Congress by the Hon. Geo. B. Lore. And a letter from Mr Lore in regard thereto was read. After discussion on motion the matter was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Herbert - Rodney and Maxwell, with power to take such action in the case as in their judgment they should think best. And on motion the committee was authorized to add to their number from the Trustees or City Council if they should think it advisable to do so.

The Treasurer stated that the money had been paid by the Rail-Road Company for the land from the Jefferson Farm (\$400<sup>00</sup>) and on motion he was instructed to deposit the amount to the credit of the Trustees in the Wilmington Savings Fund Society, or the Wilmington Safe Deposit and Trust Company, in order to preserve it distinct from the income of the Farms as contemplated by the Act of Assembly authorizing a sale.

On motion. The Board adjourned -  
 Attest  
 William J. Lane Secretary

Comm. on Post Office

Reporting money from W. H. Jefferson Farm



Tuesday Evening March 1<sup>st</sup> 1887

The Board of Trustees of the New York Common held its Regular Annual Session  
 Present - Messrs Shaw, Clark, Herbert  
 Rodney - Challenger, Ferris, White  
 Mahoney and Maxwell (9) -

On Motion Mr Shaw was chosen Pres: pro tem  
 and Mr Maxwell Secretary pro tem

The Minutes of the last two meetings were read and adopted -

On Motion of Mr Herbert, the rent of Mr Gregg on the Jefferson farm was reduced in proportion to the reduction of the acreage by sale to the Rent-Road Company

Reduction of Gregg's rent

The Committee of the block Mr Challenger reported bills for repairing block from J. C. Madley - per contract \$30.00 do for extra work on same 10.00

The latter bill was on Motion allowed and the former laid over till the June meeting the time of contract not having yet expired -

The Committee on Post Office reported progress

On Motion of Mr Herbert an Ordinance was passed for Fifty (50) dollars per cent of room payable to Mr J. D. Fenwick

Rent allowed of room

On Motion of Mr Herbert, the Board proceeded to elect Officers for the ensuing year with following result.

Election of Officers -

President - Mr John G. Belmont  
 Acting Committee - Messrs - Herbert Mahoney and Clark

The Acting Committee reported the following bill which on Motion was allowed

A. M. Herzog - Lease	\$ 2,25-
On Motion - Pres: Salary was allowed	150,00
" Secy " " "	50,
" Janitor " " "	30,
	<u>232 25-</u>

Bills Allowed

J. C. Madley	\$10.00
A. M. Herzog	2,25-
Mrs Herbert - Treas: Salary One Year	150,00
Mr J. Lane Secy	50,00
Paul Barr Janitor	30,00
Room Rent - J. D. Fenwick	50,00
	<u>\$ 292,25-</u>

On Motion Resolved That an Ordinance be passed for the payment of the bills following at this meeting - \$ 292,25 - Nine (9) members being present and all assenting thereto  
 And on Motion the Board adjourned

Attest - William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening June 7 - 1887  
 Board of Trustees of the New York Common met in Regular Quarterly Session

Present - Messrs Herbert, Mahoney, Rodney, Maxwell, Challenger, Shaw, Ferris and Lane (8)  
 On Motion Mr Rodney was appointed Pres pro tem

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, amended and on Motion adopted -

The Acting Committee reported the following bills which were read and on Motion allowed -

J. L. C. Blodson - Lime for Center Hall	128,00
Theodore Fincher - Plumbing - Model	9,75-
Granston Newbold Lumber - Stockton	47,79
A. M. Herzog Lime & Cement	2,70
Granston Newbold Lumber - Hudson	17,67
W. H. Jefferson Ho - Posts & Rails	<u>290,09</u>
	\$ 496,00

The following bills also were allowed

J. C. Madley - Repairing & Attending Clock	50,00
Thomas Dixon - Contracting	25,00
J. C. White - Printing Yearly Statement	15,00
Jasper Loan Association - Interest	45,00
Geo. W. Beiler - Circulating P. O. Petition	10,00
Frank C. Herbert - Hotting tenants	<u>12,00</u>
	\$ 653,00

minutes for School

The Trustees of the Colored School appeared before the Board and made an appeal for aid

Application for  
aid from P. C. Sch.  
Com. from Board  
of Education  
See Amendment  
Sept 20.

in very much needed repairs of their school building, to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150)

A communication was presented from the Board of Education, asking permission to hold their meetings in the room of the Trustees  
On Motion - Permission was granted, provided their meetings did not conflict with the meeting of the Trustees - (see amendment Sept 20. minutes)

Aid granted  
to Col. School

On Motion - The application of the Trustees of the Colored School, was granted, and Messrs. Challenger and Ferris were appointed a Supervising Committee upon whose order the Treasurer was instructed to pay for the benefit of said school the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150)

The Committee on Park Office was on order discharged

Building shed  
at Model Farm

On Motion - The Acting Committee were authorized to build a shed on the Model Farm. The cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars

To borrow \$1500.

On Motion - The Officers of the Board were authorized to borrow the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to pay the July installment to the New Castle Water Works Co

Comm on Treas Acct

On Motion - Messrs Ferris & Challenger were appointed a Committee to audit the account of the Treasurer

and on Motion the Board adjourned  
Attest -  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday evening Sept 6. 1887  
Board met in regular quarterly session  
Present - Dr. Black President  
Messrs Ferris, Herbert, Maxwell & Rodney (5)  
Mr Ferris was appointed Secretary pro tem  
There not being a quorum present the Board adjourned to Tuesday evening  
September 13. 1887

Tuesday Evening Sept. 12. 1887  
Board met pursuant to adjournment  
Present - Messrs Shaw, Rodney, Clark & Lane (4)  
On Motion Mr Shaw was chosen Pres pro tem  
As there was not a quorum present the Board adjourned for one week to Sept. 20. 1887 -  
Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening Sept 20. 1887  
Board met in adjourned session  
Present - Dr Black President  
Messrs Shaw, Maxwell, Rodney, Ferris, Herbert, Clark, Mahoney & Lane (9) -  
The minutes of the last three (3) meetings were read, amended & on Motion adopted

Mr Lewis E. Blinn, of the Board of Education was present, and asked for an appropriation from the Trustees, of one thousand (1000) for the use of the Board of Education in defraying the expenses of the Public Schools  
On Motion - Action in the matter was postponed to a future meeting of the Board -

The following, as an amendment to the Minutes of the meeting of June 7. 1887. was on Motion passed & Resolved - That the application of the Board of Education, for the use of the room of the Trustees, for holding their meetings be granted, with the proviso, that the said permission may be withdrawn whenever the Trustees may desire and that the janitor of the Trustees shall be employed to take care of the room

The Treasurer of the Board made a statement of the finances of the Board showing the amount of orders drawn to date to exceed the amount of receipts by eleven hundred fifty eight <sup>02</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars + 1158.<sup>02</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
The following bills were on Motion allowed -  
Robert Wadswley Coll of County Tax 1887 - \$583.01  
Alex. Suggs bills paid by him 25.32  
D. Povolesen - Rail fare for farm 13.72  
Jed. A. Morgan - Rep am at City Hall 1.87  
\$623.<sup>86</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Application for  
aid from P. C. Sch

Com. on  
amendment

Statement of  
Treasurer



Application for  
Building for  
Col. School  
See Amendment  
Sept 20.

in very much needed repairs of their School  
Building, to the amount of one hundred and fifty  
dollars (\$150)

A communication was presented from the  
Board of Education, asking permission to hold  
their meetings in the room of the Trustees  
On Motion - Permission was granted, provided  
their meetings did not conflict with the meeting  
of the Trustees - (see amendment Sept 20. minutes).

On Motion - The application of the Trustees of the  
Colored School, was granted, and Messrs Challenger  
and Ferris were appointed a Supervising Committee  
upon whose order the Treasurer was instructed to  
pay for the benefit of said school the sum of  
one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) -

The Committee on Park & Fire was on motion discharged

Building shed  
at Model farm

On Motion - The Building Committee were authorized  
to build a shed on the Model farm. the cost not to  
exceed one hundred and fifty dollars

To borrow \$1500.

On Motion - The officers of the Board were authorized  
to borrow the sum of fifteen hundred dollars  
to pay the July installment to the New Castle Water Works

Committee meet

On Motion - Messrs Ferris & Challenger were  
appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the  
Treasurer

and on motion the Board adjourned.  
Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1887  
Board met in regular quarterly session  
Present - Dr Black President  
Messrs Ferris, Herbert, Maxwell & Rodney (3)  
Mr Ferris was appointed Secretary pro tem  
There not being a quorum present the  
Board adjourned to Tuesday evening  
September 13<sup>th</sup> 1887

Tuesday Evening Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1887  
Board met pursuant to adjournment  
Present - Messrs Shaw, Rodney, Clark & Lane (4)  
On Motion Mr Shaw was chosen Pres pro tem  
as there was not a quorum present the Board  
adjourned for one week to Sept. 20 - 1887 -  
Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1887  
Board met in adjourned session  
Present - Dr Black President  
Messrs Shaw, Maxwell, Rodney, Ferris, Herbert, Clark  
Mahoney & Lane (9) -  
The minutes of the last three (3) meetings were  
read, amended & on motion adopted -

Mr Lewis E. Eliason, of the Board of Education  
was present, and asked for an appropriation from  
the Trustees, of one thousand 000 for the use of the  
Board of Education in defraying the expenses of  
the Public Schools  
On Motion - Action in the matter was postponed to  
a future meeting of the Board -

The following, as an amendment to the minutes  
of the meeting of June 7. 1887 - was on Motion passed  
Resolved - That the application of the Board of  
Education, for the use of the room of the Trustees,  
for holding their meetings be granted, with the  
proviso, that the said permission may be  
withdrawn whenever the Trustees may desire  
and that the janitor of the Trustees shall be  
employed to take care of the room

The Treasurer of the Board made a  
Statement of the finances of the Board  
showing the amount of orders drawn to  
state to exceed the amount of receipts by  
eleven hundred and fifty eight <sup>05</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars - 1158.<sup>05</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
The following bills were on Motion allowed -  
Robert Wadsway Coll of County Tax 1887 - \$583.01  
Alex<sup>o</sup> Meigs bills paid by him 25.32  
D. Proulxen - Paint for farm 13.72  
Jed. A. Morgan - Repair at City Hall 1.81  
623.<sup>86</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Application for  
Sept 20  
Building for  
Col. School  
See Amendment  
Sept 20.  
Building shed  
at Model farm  
To borrow \$1500.  
Committee meet  
Statement of  
Treasurer

On motion the proper ordinance was passed for the payment of the aforesaid bills, Mr. Lane Member being present and all assenting thereto.

The Committee on Revision of the By-Laws & Ordinances of the Board reported progress -

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer-Reporter that they had examined said accounts and found them correct as given in the statement of March 25, 1887.

On Motion. The following Ordinance was passed & it was declared by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common. Wm. G. Lane Member being present and all assenting thereto: that the sum of twenty three hundred and three (2303) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of bills and allowances passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1887, and that order be drawn for the payment of the same.

- Bills of Auditing Committee \$ 496-
- Sundry other bills 157-
- Appropriation to Colored School 150-
- July installment to Water Work Co 1500-
- \$ 2303-

A communication was presented from the City Council, asking permission to hold their meeting in the Trustee Room.

On Motion the Communication was laid over.

On Motion Mr. Shaw was appointed a Committee, to make inquiries in regard to the sale of the steam fire engine purchased by the Board - and now in charge of the City Council on Motion the Board adjourned latest.

William G. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1887  
The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common held its regular quarterly meeting, Present: Messrs Herbert - White Mahoney - Rounney - Clark - Ferris - Challenger and Lane (8)

Report of Auditing Com.

Ordinance for pay of bills

Comm<sup>n</sup> from City Council

Comm on Sale of Steam Fire Engine

On Motion Mr. Rodney was chosen President pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Treasurer presented the following statement of the financial affairs of the Board

March 25, 1887 - Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$ 1359.97
Total receipts since that date	2225.09
	3585.06

Total amount of orders paid 3791.01.  
making an overpayment on the part of 205.95  
3791.01

In the amount paid is included the sum of Four hundred three <sup>60</sup>/<sub>100</sub> (403<sup>60</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) dollars, which was received from the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad Company, for lease of land from the Jefferson Farm, and which has been deposited in the Wilmington Savings Fund Society to the credit of the Trustees of the New Castle Common at an annual interest of five (5) per centum.

On Sept 25, 1887 there was due from tenants \$ 2082.00  
" March " 1888 there will be due half year Rent 3474.00  
\$ 5561.00

The following bills were presented, read and on motion allowed -

- J. L. E. Eliason - for fence boards \$ 4.56
- Mrs. C. H. Humphries, Madam Proctor at Harpers Corner 5.62
- Edwood Herndy - repairs at City Hall 13.61
- S. Thomas Clock Co. - wire rope for City Clock 4.55
- \$ 28.34

The following communication was received from the Vestry of St. Ann's Church - New Castle Del. 6/28-1887

To the Trustees of New Castle Common through Mr. Edwin Challenger Committee

" In reply to communication received from you in regard to the City Clock the following Resolution was adopted by the Vestry of St. Ann's Church last night -

" Whereas the matter of accepting the control of the City Clock has been informally talked about in the Vestry, but no action has been heretofore taken on any official expression made upon the subject as the communication from the Trustees of the Common would indicate, but as it is desirable as a matter of safety to the Church that the control of the clock should be in the hands of the Vestry - Therefore

statement of answer

report in ... and Society ... 30, 1886

Communication from Vestry of St. Ann's Church in regard to City Clock



"Resolved, That this Vestry will willingly assume control and care of the City clock until further notice provided the trustees of the Common will agree to pay all expenses attending such care which expenses it is understood will not exceed the sum of Fifty dollars per year, payable quarterly except in case of extraordinary repairs or the removal of parts of the clock.

Attest L. E. Eliason Secy pro tem

At a subsequent meeting of the Vestry, the following Resolutions was passed:  
 "Resolved, That the trustees of the N. C. Common be requested to pay to the order of the Treasurer of the trustees of Emmanuel Church, all moneys appropriated or hereafter appropriated for the care and control of the City clock.

Attest L. E. Eliason Secy pro tem

Newark N.J. Dec 5, 1887

On Motion: The Treasurer of the Board was instructed to pay to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Emmanuel Church, the sum of fifty (50) dollars for the care of the City clock from July 1<sup>st</sup> 1887 to July 1<sup>st</sup> 1888.

Pay trustee of Emmanuel \$50

A request was presented from the Union Winery and others (Constitutional Clubs) for the use of the upper room of the City Hall on Monday evenings -  
 Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with power to act.

A Communication was laid before the Board from the farm tenants, asking a reduction of their rents, as "at present prices of grain were unable to pay their rents".  
 Signed by all the farm tenants.  
 Referred to the Acting Committee to investigate and report at a special meeting called by them if necessary.

Tenant call for Reduction of Rents

On Motion Mr Challenger was added to the Committee on "List of Members".

On Motion a Committee of two was appointed to request of the Water Works Co.

Comm on Water Works

a detailed statement of its receipts & expenditures for the present year.

The president appointed Messrs Ferris and Challenger and on Motion the Board adjourned.

Attest William F. Lome Secretary

Friday Evening December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1887

Board met in Special Session at the call of the President - Present - Herbert - White - Mahoney - Shaw - Rodney Clark - Challenger & Lome (8)

On Motion Mr Rodney was appointed President pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

The meeting was called at the request of the Acting Committee to take action in regard to the communication received from the farm tenants at the last meeting and referred to said Committee.

The members of the committee made individual statements of their interviews with the tenants, but as they had prepared no joint report, no action was taken on the statements and on Motion, the subject was indefinitely postponed. - When

On Motion - The Board adjourned.

Attest William F. Lome Secretary

Letter on communication from farm tenants

Friday Evening December 30<sup>th</sup> 1887

The Board met in Special Session at the call of the President on request of two members - Present - Mr Black President - Messrs Rodney Clark - Herbert - Shaw - Maxwell - White - Challenger Ferris and Lome (10)

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The President stated that the meeting was called for action in regard to the payment of the January installment to the Water Works Company.

The Treasurer stated that there were not funds in hand to meet the payment. When a motion was made and adopted, that the payment be made and that the funds be furnished by a note made in the usual form by the President's Secretary.

Payment to Water Works Co

Appropriation for relief of the poor

Mr. Challenger introduced the subject of an appropriation for the relief of the poor of the city, and on motion it was resolved, that the sum of one hundred (100) dollars be appropriated for said purpose, to be expended by a committee consisting of Messrs - Herbert - Challenger & Rodney through the Ladies of the M. C. J. M. Society -

On motion the Treasurer was authorized to refund the sum of five (5) dollars to James J. Morrison as overpaid rent -

The following bills were presented & read on motion allowed -

J. W. Johnson - Pump work at Penn farm	11.00
J. M. Morrison - bill off J. H. S. Eliason - lumber for shed	33.05
J. H. S. Eliason - Pickets / Hails - Clayton farm	13.93
W. H. Jefferson - Hails for farms	159.94
	<u>219.95</u>
J. J. Morrison - Rent of furniture	5.00
Appropriation for relief of the poor	100.00
January installment to Walter Wells for	150.00
	<u>\$ 1824.95</u>

Ordinance for payment

On motion the following ordinance was passed Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, Ten (10) members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of eighteen hundred twenty four <sup>95</sup> dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the bills and allowances passed at this meeting - and that order be drawn for the payment of the same - And on motion the Board adjourned -  
Attest

William F. Lane Secretary -

Tuesday Evening March 6 - 1888  
The Board of Trustees held their regular quarterly session -

Present Dr. Black - president  
Messrs - Herbert - White, Mahoney, Shaw - Rodney - Clark, Morris and Lane (9)  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved -

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of President - Treasurer and Acting Committee for the ensuing year -

Collection of Officers

with the following result -  
For President - Dr. John J. Black  
for Treasurer - William Herbert and  
for Acting Committee - William Herbert, John Mahoney & Elmer W. Clark were declared duly elected -

A committee from the Board of Education came before the Board and asked for assistance to build a new school building or to repair and enlarge the Academy building, stating that the said building had from age become unsafe for occupancy, it also that it was too small to accommodate the school -

On motion a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Shaw - Mahoney - Clark was appointed to employ a competent person and make a thorough examination of the Academy building as to its condition and report the result to a meeting called for that purpose -

Mr. Rodney of the Committee of By Laws and Ordinances (Messrs Rodney & Maxwell) made a verbal report that they had examined the By Laws & Ordinances of the Board - and recommended the revival of the Ordinance requiring the Treasurer to give security in the sum of two thousand dollars instead of five hundred pounds - and also they recommended that the Board hold monthly instead of quarterly meetings -  
The report was accepted and on motion adopted -

On motion it was resolved to have published in pamphlet form - Five hundred copies of the By - Laws and Ordinances of the Board's all of the Acts of Assembly relating to the Trusts with the names of all the Trustees from its commencement -

The following bills were read, passed and on motion allowed, and the proper ordinance passed for the payment of the same - Nine members being present and all assenting thereto

City Tax for the year 1887	\$ 247.-
Rent of Room 1 year to Feb 25 1888	50.-
Salary of Treasurer one year	150.-
" Secretary "	50.-
" Janitor "	30.-
J. H. S. Eliason - Board of Scambling Jeff's farm	10.80
	<u>\$ 537.80</u>

(And on motion the Board adjourned)  
Attest William F. Lane Secretary - Over



City Hall for  
School purposes

On Motion Resolved that the City Hall  
be tenanted to the Board of Education for  
temporary use for school purposes -

And on Motion the Board adjourned  
Attest  
William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1888

Board met in Monthly Session

Present - Mr B. Clark President  
Messrs Herbert - Mahoney - Shaw - Rodney  
Clark - Ferris - Maxwell - Challenger & Lane (9)

On The President being absent - On Motion  
Mr Rodney was chosen President Pro. Tem -  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The Committee appointed at the last  
meeting to examine the Academy building  
reported verbally that they had attempted to  
but they did not agree in their conclusions  
Messrs Shaw and Clark were of the opinion that  
the building was past repairing so as to make a  
substantial structure of it and recommended the  
erection of a new building in a more suitable  
Location - Mr Mahoney stated that he had  
taken Messrs McLeanley & Baymore to examine  
the building and had obtained from them the  
probable cost of thoroughly repairing it including  
the securing of the walls, putting in new inside  
work, removing the cupola and covering with slate  
roof; this they thought could be done for about  
three thousand (3000) dollars. They also estimated  
the cost of putting a addition in the rear of the  
Center, two stories high and extending to  
Harmony Street with an entrance on that Street  
would be about two thousand (2000) dollars making  
the whole cost about five thousand (5000) dollars

The two reports were discussed at length  
by members of the Board but no definite action  
was taken on either, when the following Resolution  
drawn by Mr Rodney was offered and adopted  
Resolved that a committee of two be appointed  
to meet the Board of Education and talking  
to their assistance a competent builder  
inspect the Academy and report whether the  
said building can be repaired and the cost there

Report of  
Committee on  
Repairs of the  
Academy  
building

also the cost of two additional rooms in the rear, to  
furnish plans if deemed advisable, at a cost not  
exceeding one thousand (1000) dollars

The President appointed Messrs Challenger  
and Maxwell said Committee

The Supervising Committee of the appropriation  
to the Colored School, reported that the amount - one  
thousand and fifty (1500) dollars had been properly  
applied to repairing of their school house, and  
presented vouchers for the same; and on Motion  
the report was accepted and the Committee discharged -

The Committee charged with expending the appro-  
priation for the relief of the Poor, reported that  
agreeably to the resolution they had placed the  
amount, one thousand (1000) dollars, in the hands  
of the Ladies' (Women's) Christian Temperance Union  
Society and had received from them an itemized  
statement of the manner in which it had been  
expended with vouchers therefor, the report was  
accepted and the Committee discharged -

And on Motion the Board adjourned  
Attest William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening May 1<sup>st</sup> 1888

Board met in Monthly Session

Present - Messrs Herbert - Rodney, Maxwell -  
Challenger & Lane 5

On Motion Mr Rodney was chosen President Pro. Tem  
and on Motion the Board adjourned for want  
of a quorum  
Wm F. Lane Secretary

June 5<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup> there were no meetings -

Tuesday Evening August 7<sup>th</sup> 1888

Board met in Monthly Session

Present - Messrs Rodney - Herbert - Seckler -  
Shaw - Clark - Maxwell - Mahoney - Challenger  
and Ferris - 9

On Motion Mr Rodney was chosen Pres & Pro. Tem  
and Mr Ferris Secretary Pro. Tem -  
Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A communication was received and read from the Board of Education.

The Committee appointed in April under Mr Rodney's Resolution, to examine the Academy Building. Reported Progress - and submitted two plans furnished by Architect Frank Corbitt but as Mr Corbitt was not present to explain them the following bills were presented and allowed

- City Tax for 1888 - - - - 247 -
- County Tax for 1888 - - - - 583.70
- Printing Annual Report of Progress 15 -
- July installment to Water Works Co 1500 -
- Appropriation for month of July Est. 100 -
- \$ 2445.70

On Motion of Mr Herbert an ordinance was for appropriating the sum of twenty four hundred forty five <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> (2445.70) dollars for the payment of the bills allowed at this meeting. Members being present and all assenting thereto. Mr Corbitt then came in and explained his plans, estimating the cost of repairing the Academy, raising the present walls at about four thousand (4000) dollars; and the cost of two additional rooms toward Flannery Street at about six thousand (6000) more - making the whole cost for both about ten thousand (10000) dollars, these figures would cover plumbing, draining, steam heating and all other items.

Mr Carswell also estimated the cost of an entirely new building at about twelve thousand (12000) dollars.

On Motion of Mr Herbert the Verbal Report of the Committee was accepted and the Committee continued with the request that they report at length and in writing at the next meeting of the Board.

On Motion of Mr Herbert the Board guaranteed the expenditure of a sum not exceeding five hundred (500) dollars for the Arsenal Building, said repairs to be made under the direction of the committee on school property of the Board of Education and a Committee of two (2) from the Trustees of the Common. The President appointed Messrs Challenger and Mahoney said Committee. Mr. J. F. Farris Secy. Albert M. Williams & Lane Secretary.

Report of Com. to examine Academy building

Mr Carswell's statement

Amount to be expended in repairs on Arsenal building - works to be done \$500

Wednesday Evening October 3. 1888  
Board met in Special Session called by the President - Present Mr Black President - Messrs Leckler - Herbert - Mahoney - Strand - Rodney - Challenger & Lane (8)  
Minutes of the last meeting were read. Amended as suggested by Mr Rodney and then approved.

The Committee on the Academy Building Messrs Challenger & Mahoney - Reported Progress - The Committee - Messrs Challenger & Mahoney - appointed to act with the Com. on School Property of the Board of Education, in the repair of the Arsenal Building Reported Progress -

Mr Mahoney of the Acting Committee. Reported that he had been out to see what injury was done at the Center Hall and Ogletorp farms by the cyclone of August 27. and found the shedding at both places destroyed beyond possibility of repair, and presented specification for new sheds at both places.

After discussion of the matter by members of the Board the following Resolution offered by Mr Challenger was adopted - Resolved that the Acting Committee be authorized to decide on plans & specifications for new sheds at farm Nos 3 & 5. and notify all builders Contractors & Carpenters in New Castle for proposals for building the same.

Mr Mahoney also presented specification for a new porch at the Ogletorp farm, but the Board did not think it advisable to take any action in the matter at present time.

A communication was presented from Messrs Heald & Co of Wilmington, and also one from Mrs Emma D. Bruce, requesting the Board to purchase the House built by the late Theodore J. Bruce on the lot belonging to the Trustees at the corner of the Newport & Hones Corner Roads. Mr Bruce having lost his life in the destruction of his other buildings by the late cyclone. Mrs Bruce wishes to leave the place.

In reply to the letter of Messrs Heald & Co the following Resolution presented by Mr Rodney was adopted and the Secretary was instructed to send them a copy of the same. Whereas the Trustees have received a communication from Mrs Heald & Co for Mrs Bruce asking that they purchase the house erected on their land for \$1000.

Report of Com. on Academy

Minutes on

Communication from Heald & Co and from Mrs Bruce



Resolution in  
reply to the call of  
copy sent them  
by Secy

Resolved That in the judgment of this Board they are not authorized to make any such purchase, but that any transfer of the lease for a term not exceeding fifty years will meet the approval of this Board and the rent coming due on March 25<sup>th</sup> 1889. is hereby released to the Estate of the said Therefore J. Bruce.

Can't reply  
to Mrs Bruce

On motion of Mr Challenger a committee of two was appointed to reply to the communications of Mrs Bruce. The president appointed Messrs Challenger and Rodney

On motion. The matter of the fence around Mrs Bruce's property was referred to the Acting Committee with power to act.

And on motion the Board adjourned.  
Attest

William G. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening Dec 4, 1888

Board met in regular quarterly session

Present Dr Black president

Messrs. Clark, Herbert, Matney, White, Challenger, Roseney, Ferris & Maxwell. 19

The Secretary being absent. On motion Mr Ferris was chosen Secretary Pro. Tem.

Lanape Fire Co

Mr Jones addressed the Trustees on the part of the Lanape Fire Co. asking that the Annual appropriation of four hundred (\$400) be paid directly to the Fire Company, instead of through the City Council as heretofore.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved.

Sheds built

The Acting Committee reported that they had had built and repaired the Sheds at the Center Hall and Dyestrap farms. (Mr Ho. McCauley having obtained and fulfilled the contract at a cost of five hundred fifty eight (\$558) and  $\frac{63}{100}$  dollars

On motion. An Ordinance was directed to be drawn for thirteen hundred twenty one (\$1321) and  $\frac{51}{100}$  dollars for the payment of the following bills nine (9) members being present and all assenting thereto.

Ho. McCauley - Building Sheds	3558.63
S. P. Trust - Posts & Rails	160.45
J. D. & L. E. Liarm - Lumber Posts	162.42
Granston & Newbold "	138.32
Mr. L. Baymore - Repair at Penn farm	3.18
Co. M. Whitman - Setting fence	7.90
Geo. M. Morrison Agt Post & Rails	238.50
H. Broncken - Lime, Nails &c	32.11
Geo J. Morrison - Building Sheds	20.00
	<u>\$1321.51</u>

On motion an Ordinance was directed to be drawn for fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars for the payment of the January 1889 installment to the Water Work Company nine members being present and all assenting thereto.

The Treasurer reported that he had received forty three hundred and forty three (4343) and  $\frac{150}{100}$  dollars and paid orders including July installment to Water Works Co. and City Taxes, to the amount of Twenty eight hundred forty five (\$2845) and  $\frac{70}{100}$  dollars leaving a balance in hand of fourteen hundred ninety seven (1497) and  $\frac{10}{100}$  dollars.

On motion of Mr Herbert the President & Treasurer were authorized to borrow, if necessary, a sum not exceeding one thousand (1000) dollars.

On motion of Mr Ferris, the Secretary was instructed to request the Secretary of the Water Work Company to furnish the this Board at their next meeting with a statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Water Company for the Year 1888 showing the total Receipts from Water Rents, and separating in the statement the expenses, the necessary running expenses from the expenditures for permanent improvements or extensions of the Works.

James J. Morrison gave notice that he would give up possession of the Model farm on the twenty fifth (25) of March 1889.

On motion of Mr Challenger, the President was authorized to notify Mr Wheatley to give possession of his farm (the Camp) on March 25<sup>th</sup> next.

On motion and Ordinance was directed to be drawn from of the N. C. Gas Co for three and  $\frac{20}{100}$  dollars for gas from July 25<sup>th</sup> 1888 to Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1888.

agmt to water  
works Co

Treas. Report

minutes being

Statement from  
Water Works Co

J. J. Morrison  
gave up Model  
Farm

directed to be  
notified

gas bill

Payments for  
care of clock

Also an Ordinance was directed to be drawn  
in favor of J. E. Platt Treasurer of the Trustees of Immigrants  
for Fifty (50) dollars annual appropriation for the  
care of the City clock -  
The members being present and all assenting thereto

Repairs on  
'Ordinance'

The Committee on Repairs of the 'Ordinance' building  
Reported that they had paid the following bills -

J. J. Morgan - Carpenters work	\$ 25.-
Mr. Payne - Brickwork at Academy	40.45
A. H. Paulberg. Plastering	76.50
J. H. Reed " "	115.45
E. W. Howdy " Roof	62.05
	<hr/>
	\$ 349.45

On motion of Mr. Rodney an Ordinance  
was directed to be drawn for three hundred and  
thirteen (313) and <sup>47</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars for the payment of  
the above bills nine members being present  
and all assenting thereto.

Fire Company

The subject of application of the Fire Company  
being taken up and discussed on motion action  
was put over for one month and the Secretary  
was requested to procure information in regard  
to the organization of the Fire Company

Attest  
W. J. Ferris Secy. Pro-tem

William F. Lane Secretary

Tuesday Evening - Jan'y. 1<sup>st</sup> 1889.

Board met in monthly session.

Present: - McBlack, pres., - Messrs Herbert,  
White, Mahoney, Shaw, Rodney, Maxwell, Chal-  
lenger & Lane @

Minutes of last meeting read and ap-  
proved.

The Acting Committee by Mr. Herbert, re-  
ported that Mr. Wheatley had been notified to  
leave his farm on March 25<sup>th</sup> 1889, and that he  
had asked for another year as he thought he wd  
reduce his indebtedness in that time, - on mo-  
tion of Mr. Herbert he was allowed a lease for  
another year, to March 25<sup>th</sup> 1890; provided he  
gives a new chattel mortgage. The Com. also  
reported an application from J. B. Howlock  
for the Model Farm. Application read and  
filed

As there will be no wheat on the farm, Mr. Amlock a-  
gred to pay \$400. the first year and \$520. for all years follow-  
ing.

On motion, resolved - that the Acting Com. be authorized  
to rent the farm to Mr. Amlock for \$520. - at their option,  
and if he declined it, to advertise it for rent.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, the salary of the San-  
itary - Paul Brown - was made \$50. per annum - instead  
of \$30.00 as at present; - the change to be made from date.

On motion of Mr. Herbert - the sum of \$100. was ap-  
propriated for the benefit of the Poor. Payable to the order  
of the Treas. of the W.C.T.U., Mrs. Lizzie Dickerson; - nine  
members being present and all assenting thereto.

Board adjourned.

W. F. Lane, Secy.

Monthly Meeting, Feb'y. 4<sup>th</sup> 1889

Present - Challenger, Herbert, Max-  
well & Ferris.

Challenger made Pres. pro-tem., and  
Ferris, Secy. pro-tem. There being no quorum pres-  
ent, the Board adjourned.

W. J. Ferris -  
Secy. pro-tem

Monthly Meeting, March 4<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Present - McBlack, Rodney, Herbert, Maxwell,  
Challenger, Shaw, & Ferris.

Mr. Ferris made Secy. pro-tem.

Mr. Rodney offered the following resolutions: -

"Whereas, - This Board has learned with feelings of  
"the deepest sorrow of the death of its Secretary and  
"our fellow-trustee, William F. Lane, which occurred  
"on the afternoon of March 3, 1889; -

"Resolved: - that the Board of Trustees of New  
"baste commons desire, as a fitting tribute to his  
"memory, to record their appreciation of his worth and  
"of the loss that they in common with the communi-  
"ty at large have suffered in the death of this good  
"man. - Although not a native of this State, for  
"a long time, it had been his State of his a-  
"doption, and his earlier years were devoted to the  
"cause of education, with a singleness of purpose  
"and wide faithfulness to duty; that necessarily en-  
"sured success and left an impress never perhaps  
"to be effaced. - In every relation of life since, he  
"bore his part acceptably, honestly and manly



fully. Resolved; That by the conscientious discharge of every public duty, by his amiable relations in private life, and his devout consistent example of true piety, he has raised for himself a character upon which, as upon an enduring monument, his friends may inscribe his epitaph, recording these virtues, and deploring his loss.

Resolved; - that a copy of these proceedings be spread upon the minutes of this meeting Board and a copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased, and to the public-press.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rodney also offered the following resolutions which also were unanimously adopted:-

"Whereas, - Death has been busy in our midst and our fellow-member, Elmer W. Clark on February 7<sup>th</sup> AD 1889, was suddenly stricken down,

Resolved; that the Trustees have heard with unfeigned grief of the sudden taking off of one who, one of the latest elected to this Board, ever showed himself prompt and punctual in the discharge of his duties as Trustee; -

Resolved; - that we are sensible of the loss we have sustained in the withdrawal of his active aid and practical knowledge and the cessation of our cheerful and pleasant intercourse with him, -

Resolved; - that we recognize that in his death the community has been deprived of an estimable citizen and an honest, upright man, and we tender to his sorrowing widow and family our sincerest condolences upon their overwhelming loss of a husband and father.

Resolved; - that these proceedings be placed upon the minutes of this Board, and a copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased and printed in the daily press -

On motion, the Board adjourned until Friday next, March 8<sup>th</sup> out of respect to the memory of Messrs Clark and Lane

W. J. Ferris,  
Secy. pro-tem.

Adjourned meeting = Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 1889,  
Pres. Dr. Black, Challenger, Ferris, Herbert, Mahoney, Maxwell and Shaw. - Minutes preceding meeting read and approved. -

Acting Committee presented Bills

David Boulden 120 Bets Paris Corner	33.60
Edw Haney - Repairs Hove-Town Hall	1.50
Trades Old Court House - Rent to 2/25/89	50.-
W. Thane. Year's Salary as Secy.	50.-
W. Herbert. Year's Salary as Treas (150)	150.-
Paul Ban - Janitor's Salary	33.33

all of which were approved. -  
Mr Shaw presented the statement of of the Water Works Co and on motion its reading was postponed for one month.

The Board going into an election for officers, the following were voted for

For President Dr. Black received six votes and Mr. Shaw one vote and Dr. Black was declared elected.

For Treasurer - Mr. Herbert received six votes and Mr. Ferris one vote and Mr. Herbert was declared elected

For Secretary - Mr. Ferris received six votes and Mr. Maxwell one vote and Mr. Ferris was declared elected

For Acting Committee

Mr. Ferris received	2 votes
Mr. Shaw	3 "
Mr. Maxwell	4 "
" Herbert	4 "
" Mahoney	5 "
" Rodney	1 "
" Challenger	2 "

and Messrs Maxwell, Herbert, and Mahoney were declared elected. -

On motion of Mr. Herbert, the last ~~Sunday~~ in Saturday in April was appointed as the day for the election of two trustees to fill vacancies caused by the death of Elmer W. Clark and William Thane. Polls to be open from 12 to 6 P.M. - The Pres. apptd Messrs Herbert and White as judges.

The Acting Committee reported that they had rented the Model Farm to J. C. Hurllock at a rental of \$20<sup>00</sup> per annum.

Board adjourned.  
W. J. Ferris  
Secy.

Monthly meeting - April 2, 1889.  
 Present: Dr. Black, Challenger, Ferris, Herbert, Mahoney, Maxwell, Pooney & White.

Mr. Challenger presented the result of his examination of the books of the Water Works Co and on motion the statement was directed to be entered on minutes: -

Newcastle, Del., Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1888.  
 The books of the Water Co (as far as they have been properly kept) examined by me, show the are

Dr. To amt. of shares of stock issued \$51,330. -  
 for supplies and cash -  
 " amt. of bonds issued \$50,000. -  
 " additional bonds 4500. - 54,500. -  
 \$105,830.

Cr. -  
 By amt. of pipes \$36,840.  
 " Henderson Engine 7000.  
 " Blake Engine 1900.  
 " Basin 10000.  
 " Dwelling House 1400.  
 " Engine House 4000 61,140  
 \$44,690.

Improvements paid for from receipts from revenues, water-rents &c = \$16,759.09  
 (signed) E. Challenger

The President, Dr. Black also presented a report of the cost of building of the Water Works as prepared by the Secy. of the Company which is as follows: -

- An account of the cost of Building the Newcastle Water Works as per P. R. Sanders's Accounts and revised by Wm. H. Black - March 29<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Receipts  
 5000 shares of stock at \$10.00 - 50,000. -  
 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage 20,000. -  
 2<sup>nd</sup> " (10000) @ 88% 8,800.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> " (20000) @ 98% 19,600.  
 98400.00

Expenditures  
 Cost of Basin 7579.09  
 " " Pipes - Morris Jaskette 38294.41  
 " " " McNeal & Son 11319.12  
 Paid Jno Worthington - laying pipe 4658.19  
 Robt Hicks " " 601063  
 67861.44

Forward 67861.44 98400. -  
 Paid Tril - Digging trench 504.80  
 " J. A. Tols " 1792.76  
 " Rail Road Mt. on pipes 822.48  
 " Hauling pipes 306.37  
 " Phila Ford Works - Pump 6450. -  
 " Blake Pump 1975.01  
 " Boilers 2000. -  
 " House & Lot 1481.75  
 " John Surfer & Son - bricks 2416.74  
 " Am Heizer Bricklaying 1457.96  
 " Lime 275. -  
 " Lumber, Tools &c 3564.08  
 " J. E. Cassin - Civil Engineer 1600. -  
 " Cleaver Bros - Commissions 565. -  
 Balance can't find - presumably used for betterments and operating expenses 93068.39  
 5331.61

Cost of improvements to Water Co's property since 1876. -

1876  
 Kelly and Luding - Blake Pump 1975.01 - 1975.01  
 1877  
 Extension of Main (10<sup>th</sup> & Clayton) 26457 - 26457  
 1880  
 New Boiler and Settings 1451.89  
 R. D. Wood & Co - Large pipe 445.65  
 Laying pipe 85.46 1983.00  
 1882  
 R. D. Wood & Co - pipes for Clayton St. 164.76  
 Extra labor - laying pipe 65. - 229.76  
 1884  
 New pumps 3103.10  
 Large pipes 273.96  
 Steam pipes 164.96  
 Freight on pumps and pipes 45.35  
 Hauling pumps &c 28. -  
 Extra Labor 50. -  
 Mason Work 49.25 3714.62  
 1885  
 Aizer on acct. Boiler House 150. -  
 Repairing Blake Pump 105.29  
 Fire Brick & freight 113.06 368.35  
 8535.31

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8535.31

1886		
Nonessuch Marsh Co	2932.50	
Wetherill & Co - Boiler	1198.43	
Dredge Co - Extra for Basin	800.-	
Hoizer in full for Boiler House	591.67	
Granston Newbold - Lumber	319.91	
Carpenter	32.50	
Roofing	67.43	
Large pipe	193.91	
Sunk-building forebay	87.43	6223.78
1887		
Alwood Meldin - Trunk & connect	1500.-	
New House	500.-	2000.-
		16759.09

Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Newcastle Water Works Co. for the year 1888.

Am't rec'd from Water Rents	5555.65	
" " " Trustees of Commons	3000.-	8555.65
Am't taken from 1887 ac- count, - to meet expenses		69.36
		8625.01

Expenditures

Total cost to run Works	6698.11	
3% Divid. on 5133 Shares Stock	1539.90	
Extension (sic) to Dwelling House	387.-	8625.01

Respectfully,  
W.H. Clark,  
Treas. (of Water Co.)

Treas. Herbert reported Mr. Gregg having paid full rent of his farm including the land sold to the Rail road Company and on motion of Mr. Rodney, the Treas. was authorized to refund to Mr. Gregg \$225.00 being rent for 2 years on 2 1/2 acres.

Dr. Black gave notice of a proposed "act to enlarge the corporate powers of the Trustees," allowing members to resign from the Board.

The following bills were approved.

Jos & White for printing notices of Resolutions of regret - death of Messrs Lane & Clark	4.76
News Publishing Comp'y do. do.	2.00
John A. Walls - for repairs to room under Town Hall and for erection of an awning frame	39.41

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, the President was authorized to appoint an additional member of the Committee on public Buildings, vice Mr. Lane, deceased. The President appointed Mr. Challenger.

On Motion the Com. on Pub. Buildings was authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$50.00 to put second-story room in Town Hall in proper condition.

The President appointed Messrs Maxwell, Rodney, & Challenger a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

On motion the Board adjourned.  
W.J. Ferris, Secy.

Monthly meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Present - Dr. Black, Maxwell, Rodney, Herbert Mahoney, Challenger and Ferris, Shaw & White -

Pres. reported the law passed by the General Assembly in reference to the resignation of members and on motion it was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows: -

An Act to enlarge the corporate powers of the Trustees of the Newcastle Commons: -

"Whereas, By reason of the infirmities of age or other causes, one or more of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Commons are frequently incapacitated from attending to their active duties as members of the said Board of Trustees; -

And Whereas; By reason of such inability on the part of one or more Trustees, there is often a difficulty in getting together a legal quorum of members for the purpose of transacting the necessary business of the board much to the detriment of the proper workings of the Board Trust; therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring therein: -

Section I. That any member of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Commons, who, from mental or physical inability of any kind, or from any other cause, shall find himself unable to properly attend to the duties of ~~the~~ his office may of his own volition offer his resignation as a member of said Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Commons, at any regular meeting of the said Board; such resignation having been offered in writing, it shall be the duty of the Board

of Trustees of Newcastle Commons, to accept such resignation and have a copy of such resignation entered on the minutes of the Board, and the said Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Commons shall at once issue its call according to its usual custom in such cases for an election to fill the vacancy caused by such resignation.

Section II - This act shall be deemed and taken to be a public act.

Passed at Dover, April 17<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Mr. Maxwell, from the Committee on Printing Title Papers and By-Laws, reported "Progress."

The Auditing Committee reported Treasurer's report accounts "Correct."

Bills Newcastle Gas Co. #120 to March 25<sup>th</sup> was ordered paid.

The Treasurer presented Annual Report which he had had printed.

A Committee of the Board of Education, Messrs. Janney, Riley, Eliason, and Stewart presented a request from that body for an appropriation of \$250. for the purpose of erecting a school-house in Dobbinville.

Mr. Maxwell offered a motion ordering that the Annual Appropriation for the use of the Fire Company be made hereafter directly to the Treasurer of the Company instead of being paid through the City Council as at present, and that they (the Fire Company) make an annual report at the March meeting of the Trustees in each year.

Mr. Rodney offered a motion ordering an appropriation of four hundred dollars to the Senape Steam Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Co. Passed.

The Committee appointed to hold the election for successors to E. Clark and W. F. Lane reported as follows:—

To the Trustees of the Newcastle Commons:—

Gentlemen:—

At an election held on Saturday, April 27, 1889, for two members of the Board of Trustees, the following votes were cast:— The total number of votes

being 488.

Name	Received	Votes
James D. Roman	221	votes
Hiram R. Borie	199	"
James D. Lancaster	163	"
Michael King	126	"
Robert W. Wright	93	"
J. Alwood Stewart	40	"
Benj. J. Colles	70	"
Fra. Lunt	13	"
Thomas Holcomb	3	"
David Boulden	10	"
Richard Gloopner	4	"
William Elwright	1	"
John Schurhardt	2	"

Mr. Herbert moved that the judges hold another election on the last Tuesday in May to fill the vacancies caused by the deaths of Messrs Clark and Lane. Pres. appt'd Herbert, White and Mahoney as judges.

Mr. Rodney moved - "That legal steps be taken to test the authority of the Trustees of the Commons to convey the real estate of the Trust in fee-simple as authorized by Act of General Assembly, and that a committee of two (2) be appointed to carry this resolution into effect. Carried. - Pres. appt'd Mr. Rodney and Mr. Shaw.

The consideration of the application of the Board of Education, was, on motion of Mr. Rodney, postponed for one month.

Jos. C. White's bill was referred back.

The following bills were approved:

- Every Evening Publishing Company; printing statements 9.00

Allen Speakman - Force pump (Jefferson farm) 7.00

J. T. L. E. Eliason - Lumber (Union Farm) 7.68

Edward Challenger - Repairs to second story of City Hall 50.00

Nine members being present and seven assenting thereto an ordinance was directed to be drafted for this amount and also the other appropriations previously approved.

Adjourned

W. J. Lewis Secy.



Monthly meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> 1889.  
 Present Dr Black, Herbert, Maxwell, King  
 Dorie, Challenger and Ferris.

The Committee on Election reported as follows:

At an election held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1889 for two Trustees of Newbottle Commons, there were four hundred and ninety-four (494) votes cast and the following persons received the same:—

Name	Votes
Hiram R Dorie	413
Michael B King	274
James B Tomlin	214
Robt. W. Wright	47
Richard G Cooper	4
John Gibney	1
John S. King	1
James B. Lakecaster	1
S. A. Stewart	1

and on motion Messrs Dorie and King were declared elected and the report was accepted and ordered entered on the minutes.

On motion of Mr. Herbert, an additional appropriation of \$19.50 was authorized for the further repairs of the Old Town Hall.

The acting Committee reported bill of W. H. Jefferson & Co for posts and rails for \$224. The bill was allowed and the acting Committee were instructed to use hereafter wire-fences instead of rail-fences wherever practicable.

The bill of the judges for holding two elections for \$27.00 was allowed and ordered paid.

On motion the bill of Jos. White of 44.01 was allowed and the Treasurer was instructed to print the annual statements hereafter only in circular form and not in detailed form in the newspapers.

Mr. Blewells bill (15.00) for chairs and lounge was presented by the Room Committee and on motion of Mr Dorie the bill for lounge was approved but on motion of Mr. Herbert an amendment was adopted allowing the whole bill for lounge and chairs.

On motion of Mr. Dorie, the Treasurer

was authorized to pay the Water Co. on July 1<sup>st</sup> next, the semi-annual appropriation and, at the same time demand from the Treasurer of the Water Co a detailed statement of their receipts and expenditures for the last six months separating their running expenses from any appropriations for betterments—Passed

Messrs Dorie and Herbert withdrawing the Board adjourned for lack of a quorum.  
 W. J. Ferris, Secy.

July 2, 1889, Present Challenger, Maxwell, King and Ferris.  
 Mr. Challenger was made president-pro-tem. No quorum being present the Board adjourned.  
 W. J. Ferris, Secy.

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1889, Present Dr Black, Seckler, King, Herbert, Challenger, Maxwell, and Ferris.  
 Treasurer handed in report of Treasurer of Water Works to which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:—

Financial Statement of the Newbottle Water Works Co Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1889 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Balance in Bank Jan 1, '89	2045.86
Recd from Fines of Commons	1500.00
" " Water-rents	2158.87
	<hr/> 5704.73

Expenditures

Interest on Bonds	1325.00
3% Dividend on Stock	1539.90
Running expenses for 6 mo	1458.47
	<hr/> 4323.37
Balance in Bank June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1889	1381.36

Respectfully  
 W. H. Black Treas.

The following bills were approved:

Edw'd W Hardy = Fin Work = Bullen farm	15.89
Ellason = Lumber & Lime = O'M'Boys farm	15.98
Wm - Mite = " " "	4.05
Wm Lumber = Bullen "	8.23
W. L. Daymore - Brickwork = G. W. Morrison Farm	16.85
" " = Bullen "	21.15
A. M. Hagan = Lime = Robt Morrison "	4.45
" " = O'M'Boys "	4.00
County Tax	623.00
City Tax	247.00

It was ordered that a committee of two (2) be appointed to inquire into the assessment of the property of the Trustees and report to a future meeting. Pres. appointed Herbert and Challenger. On Motion adjourned. W. J. Ferris, Secy.

September 3rd 1889.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Present Dr Black, King, Shaw, Maxwell, Mahoney, Herbert

and Ferris

Com. on Taxation reported Progress

Com. on Revised By-laws reported Progress

Bills of H. Dennis approved for work at Diggs, M'Boys, and

Hare's Corner Farm

Acting Committee reported new roof needed on Granary at M'Boys farm at a probable cost of \$120. @ \$150. - The Committee was ordered to proceed with the repairs.

The matter of repairs to G. W. Morrison house was left to Acting Committee with power to act.

The repairs at Hare's Corner farm were left to Acting Committee with power to act.

The matter of repairs in general was, on motion of Mr. Shaw, left to acting Committee with power to act.

On motion of Mr. Ferris the subject of establishing a cemetery on some part of the Commons property was referred to the Acting Committee with a request to report at the next Quarterly meeting.

Adjourned. W. J. Ferris Secy.

October 1st 1889.

Regular Monthly Meeting.

Present Dr Black, Bone, Challenger, King, Maxwell, Ferris & Mahoney.

Acting Committee reported repairs at M'Boys and Hare's Corner Farms as under way.

Com on Taxation reported "Progress" and that the corrected bill for county-taxes should be 578<sup>10</sup> instead of 623<sup>00</sup>.

Com on By-laws reported "Progress" and that they were waiting until the "last case" was settled.

Com on Public Buildings reported "Progress" and were authorized to put the Town-hall chimney in good repair.

Adjourned

W. J. Ferris, Secy.

November 5, 1889

Regular Monthly Meeting

Present Dr Black, Mahoney, Bone, Challenger, Herbert,

White & Ferris.

Com. on Public Buildings presented bills of	
Wilson L Daymore repairing Chimney <sup>Town Hall</sup>	43.00
Ed W Hardy " Clove "	6.40
Platt & Elkhinton locks &c "	.61
H. Dennis on Clove bollars &c "	20
	50.21
less amt remaining in P. B. Bone's hands.	52
	49.69

and on motion an order was directed to be drawn for this amount in favor Com on Pub Buildings.

The Committee were also authorized to put in new gas-pipes in old City Hall and to have necessary repairs made to upper rooms and to old City Council Room.

Acting Committee reported bills as follows: -

J. E. Herbert - drawing Chattel Mortgages & recording	7.00
A. P. James Posts & Rails	194.20
Thomas Mason setting Gate & Fence	6.00
James B Lancaster Plumbing (O'M'Boys)	7.00
J. T. & E. Eliason Boards & Posts (Wheatley)	12.36
P. A. Harrington Roof forch (O'M'Boys)	21.50
P. A. Harrington " Granary ( " )	117.50
Harry M'Cauley Hare's Corner Contract	59.74
Isaac Pickups collector Taxes	578.90

The matter of furnishing lumber for a new shed-building on Dookton farm was left to Act. Committee with power to act.

A resolution, offered by the President reducing the rent of the Farms for one year from March 25, 1890,



was laid over for one month.

The Treasurer and Acting Committee were instructed to take any necessary steps to secure payment of a chattel mortgage held by the Board against Mr. Wheatley.

Adjourned - W. J. Ferris, Secy.

December 3, 1889.

Monthly Meeting

Present: W. Black, Mahoney, White, Masowell, King, Herbert & Ferris.

Acting Committee reported bill of AM Hazen - bushels lime - 80 cents which was approved.

Com on By-laws reported "Progress."

Bill for repairs to store formerly occupied by Bradley was referred to Com. on Pub Buildings.

An application was received from Hannah M. Morrison for the tenantry of Clayton farm and also asked that she be considered the tenant from date to March 25, 1890. Granted.

The resolution reducing the rent of the farms for one year from March 1890 to March 1891 one dollar per acre was carried.

M. M. Coy applied for Penn Farm - Granted.

M. A. Clark applied for continued tenantry of Turnpike lots - Granted.

The President and Secy were instructed to notify Geo W. Morrison and Ezekiel Wheatley to give up possession of Clayton Penn farms on March 25<sup>th</sup> next.

On motion an application of Trustees of colored Schools for \$25.00 was granted and an order directed to be drawn.

The Acting Committee were authorized in case Mr. Queen did not desire to continue as tenant of Union Bayard farms to advertise the two farms for rent.

Adjourned

W. J. Ferris Secy.

Jan'y. 7<sup>th</sup> 1890

Present: W. Black, King, Challenger, Herbert, Masowell, White, Mahoney & Ferris.

Acting Committee reported that Mr. McCoy had withdrawn his application for Penn Farm and that Mr. Queen had again rented Union Bayard Farms.

Com on Pub Buildings presented bills for repairs to Town Hall amounting to \$119.53 and reported that the Lodges had paid \$45.00 towards the repairs leaving a balance due the Committee of 74.01. This bill was approved.

The report of the Secy. of the Water Co. was received and ordered entered on the Minutes as follows:-

Financial Statement of the Newcastle Water Works Co. for the year of 1889:-

Balance in Bank Jan'y. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1889	2045.86
Rec'd from Trustees of Commons	3000.-
" " Water Rents	4325.93
" " Running Work	648.09
	<hr/>
	10019.88
Expenditures	
Interest on Bonds	2650.-
3% dividend on Stock	1539.90
* Running Expenses for year 1889	4277.54
Balance on hand Dec 31. 1889	1552.44
	<hr/>
	10019.88

Respectfully  
W. A. Clark  
Secy.

In these running expenses is included payment of a bill of \$1000.00 by W. J. Ferris Secy.

The Secy. of the Trustees was directed to draw up to be submitted to the Board a blank form to be used hereafter by the Water Co. in making their Semi-Annual Statements to the Board.

The Officers of the Board were authorized to borrow \$2000.00 to pay the Water Works Appropriation and other bills.

The Treas. reported amount N. Co. Mutual Ins. Premium to be 3900 less 8.64 = 3811.36. The Treasurer was instructed to pay Farmers Mutual Ins. Co., Amt due.

Bill of W. Herbert for 3 mos interest on 1500 = 22.50 was approved. - Also Bill of E. W. Handy for repairs to Trustees' room.

Nine members being present and seven assenting thereto an ordinance was passed appropriating 1616.49 and amount due Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. for the payment of orders drawn since June Meeting. The Acting Committee was instructed to advertise the Penn Farm

for rent, and report to the Board. The collection of Mr. Wheatley's rent was left in the hands of the Acting Committee but they were instructed to exempt his household goods. - An application was received from Louis M. Elvee for the Farm.

The Acting Committee were instructed to rent the Model Farm to Mr. Hurlock for another year. (by a vote of 4 to 3)

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

Jan'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1890 -

Special Meeting

Present - Shaw Herbert, Ro-  
nie Mahoney, King White Maxwell. Mr. Shaw made  
Pres-pro-tem and Mr. Maxwell Secy. pro-tem

The Act-  
ing Committee reported that the object of the meeting  
was for the purpose of taking action upon the applica-  
tion of tenants for the Wheatley farm.

On Motion and on the Recommendation  
of the Acting Committee the farm was rented to  
James M. Elvee.

Adjourned  
G. D. Maxwell -  
Secy pro-tem

Feb'y 4<sup>th</sup> 1890

Pres. D. M. Black, King Challenger White Her-  
bert, Mahoney and Ferris.

Acting Comm. presented bills as follows:

Platt Elkinton Hardware Rigs Farm	3.17
W. W. Elhason Lumber " "	64.64
" " " Morrison "	4.02
Thomas Maxon Hedging	57.60
Morning News Advertising Farms	4.80
Evening Evening " "	5.00
Evening Journal " "	4.59

Robt. Morrison sent a Communication  
to the Board desiring to give up Oylethorpe farm  
and recommending Robert Wadley as a Tenant.  
His proposition was accepted and, on the re-  
commendation of the Acting Committee the farm  
was rented to Robert Wadley.

The Acting Committee requested that they  
be allowed to employ Counsel if they found

if necessary in collecting Mr. Wheatley's rent. Their re-  
quest was allowed  
The President and Treasurer were au-  
thorized to issue a Landlord's Warrant if necessary, for  
the Collection of Mr. Hurlock's rent.

Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris, Secy.

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1890

Annual Meeting

Present, D. M. Black King Challenger, Herbert  
Mahoney, Maxwell, Rodney Ferris White.  
The Trustees resolving to go into an elec-  
tion of officers:-

For President D. M. Black was unanimously elected  
For Secy, W. J. Ferris was unanimously elected.  
For Acting Committee a ballot was taken with the follow-  
ing result:

Name	Received	Notes
Mr. Mahoney	7	votes
King	3	"
Rodney	2	"
Herbert	6	"
Challenger	2	"
Shaw	2	"
Ronie	1	"
Maxwell	1	"

The Pres. declared Mahoney and Herbert elected and,  
another ballot being taken

Name	Received	Notes
Mr. King	4	votes
Shaw	1	"
Ronie	2	"
Challenger	1	"

Pres. declared No Election, and, a third  
ballot being taken

Name	Received	Notes
Mr. King	5	votes
Ronie	2	"
Challenger	1	" and the Pres-

ident declared Mr. King elected.  
A Committee being present from the Senape  
Fire Co; Mr. McGrouy the Chairman, stated that the Fire  
Co desired to build an Engine House at a cost of 3 to  
400, and did ask the Trustees to appoint a Com-  
mittee to confer with the Company with reference to some  
pecuniary assistance. President appointed Her-  
bert, Challenger and King.  
On Motion the Com. on Pub Build was  
authorized to receive and receipt for rents of houses



under their charge.

Acting Committee presented following bills

S.P. Jones 393 ft. Cedar Rails @ 13	50.68
W.A. Jeffers Co 8 Gate Posts @ 2.00	16.-
Pice Dullen Window Sash Glass Labor	110.-
J.T. Ebbason Posts Hardware	107.30
Motes of Court House - Rent one yr.	50.-
McWent - Salary Treas.	150.-
W.J. Ferris - Saly. Secy.	50.-
Paul Day - Painter	50.-
Geo E. Platt. Treas. - Clock	50.-
Jones Publishing Co.	10.56

On Motion an Ordinance was passed, nine members being present and seven assenting thereto for the payment above itemized.

The Names of Messrs Hopkins and Montgomery were presented as tenants for the Model Farm and the fees presented an application for the same year from Leander Eckles, who requested it at a rent of \$350.

On Motion the farm was rented to Robert Montgomery at a yearly rental of \$410.

The Treasurer was authorized to act for the Board in the Wheatley Sale and to take time notes if necessary.

Adjourned.  
W.J. Ferris Secy.

April 1st 1890

Present - Challenged Herbert Maxwell  
King & Ferris.

Challenger made President pro tem.

No Quorum

Adjourned  
W.J. Ferris Secy.

May 6th 1890

Present - Dr. Black, King, Challenger, Rodney Mahoney, White, Herbert Maxwell and Ferris.  
Com on Revised By Laws reported "Progress".

Acting Committee reported large outlays necessary for repairs on each farm and, on Motion the Acting Committee was requested to report to the next meeting, in writing what repairs were needed on each farm and their probable cost.

Semi-Annual Report  
of the  
Newcastle Water Works Company,  
for the six months ending

Capital Stock -	\$	.
Bonds @	%	- \$
Bonds @	%	- \$

Balance in Treasury at last Statement  
Amount due Company at last Statement  
Amount Water Rents last six months  
Receipts from other sources as follows:

Paid - Salaries:-  
" For Coal & Freight  
" Plumbers Supplies, Oil, &c  
" Labor & other incidental Expenses  
" For Repairs to Property  
" For Improvements and betterments as follows:

" Payment of Bonds	% on \$
" Interest	% on \$
" " "	% on \$
" Dividends	% on \$
Balance due Water Company	
Balance - Cash on hand	

The above statement of the financial condition of the Newcastle Water Works Co is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief

Secy & Treas.

Newcastle, Dela.

The following bills were approved,  
~~Wheatley~~ Herbert Treas - Services & in  
Wheatley & Hurlock Dale 27<sup>75</sup>

Thomas Mason - Medging 19<sup>10</sup>  
Evening Journal Advertising 3<sup>29</sup>

Nine Members being present and seven assenting thereto  
an ordinance was passed for amount above itemized

A Committee from Trustees of Market Square  
presented request for assistance in improvement of  
what is now commonly called the "Green."

Messrs Piley and Eckles a Committee from the  
Board of Education presented a request for assistance  
toward the Building of a School House in Dobbinville

A Committee of Three consisting of Challenger Maho-  
ney & Rodney was appointed to confer with the Board of Edu-  
cation in reference to the exact needs of the Schools at  
Dobbinville and report at the next meeting.

A Committee of Three consisting of Herbert Max-  
well & Challenger was appointed to act with a Committee  
of the Trustees of Market Square in paving the side-walk of  
the Green on Orange St and curbing the Green on Delaware  
Street, if deemed advisable and otherwise improving the  
Green at a cost not to exceed \$500.

Messrs Challenger and King were appointed  
a Committee to audit the Treasurers accounts.

Treas reported Cash Receipts from Wheatley's  
Dale as \$1072<sup>85</sup> and Notes amounting to 497<sup>23</sup> and from  
Hurlock's Dale as Cash 248.73 of which 27<sup>75</sup> was due the  
Treasurer as costs - which report was accepted.

The Secy presented the blank form for report  
of the Financial Condition of the Water Works Co - as  
follows: →

The report will be found pasted in at this page ←

and on motion the President was requested to  
request the Newcastle Water Co to submit their Semi-  
Annual statements in accordance with this form.

On motion the Board of Trade was, until  
further notice allowed the use of this room for their  
Monthly and Committee Meetings.

Adjourned WJ Ferris Secy



June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1890  
— No Meeting —  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1890  
Dnaw. Pres. pro. tem - Corrie, Maxwell, Mahoney and Ferris Secy. — No. Quorum —  
Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris, Secy.

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Present. Dr Black, Herbert, Mahoney, Maxwell, Challenger, King, Ferris, Rodney White.

Acting Com. rept'd the following estimate of repairs needed at different farms

Wheatley	500
Hare's Corner Granary	1000
Model - Draining Cellar	60
Gregg House	1000
Nadley - Repairs	300
McGoy - Pump	20

The Com. were authorized

to invite bids for the different repairs and improvements necessary and were given power to expend a sum not to exceed \$3000.

Bills were approved as follows

Water Co -	1500.-
Amthys Lane	2.80
Dr Blackburn Repairs	-.90
EW Handy - Linework	28.55
MADan City Taxes	266.-

1798.25

A Com. of the Board of Trade, J. E. Bounoley, Chairman, asked aid from the Commons in getting up a descriptive and advertising Pamphlet of the City and in otherwise setting forth its advantages.

Another Com. of the Board of Trade introduced Mr. McDevitt, the inventor of a process for separating Tin and Iron - in scrap - tin - who made propositions to the Trustees in reference to the gratuitous use of land for the establishment of a large plant for the development of his patent. The first proposition to the Board of Trade was for \$8000 and 2 acres of land. Mr. McDevitt's proposition to the Trustees was that they give him from 20 to 50 acres of land. A Committee was appointed to confer with Mr. McDevitt and a Committee of the Board of Trade and report to a Special Meeting of the

Trustees = Pres. appt'd Rodney, Mahoney and Challenger.  
A Com. of three was appointed to expend \$100.00 (if they deemed it advisable) in connection with the advertising Com. of Board of Trade. - Pres. appt'd Challenger, Maxwell, and Herbert.

An ordinance was ordered drawn for 1898.25, nine members being present and all assenting thereto. In Mr. Challenger's absence, Mr. Ferris had been appointed by the Pres. on the auditing Committee. This Committee, Messrs King and Ferris, now reported that they had audited the Treasurer's accounts and found them correct.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

August 8<sup>th</sup> 1890  
Special Meeting

Present, Dr Black, Rodney, King, Herbert, White, Maxwell, Challenger Secy. pro. tem. and afterwards Ferris.

Com. to confer with Com. of Board of Trade and with Mr. McDevitt reported as follows:

To the Trustees of Newcastle Commons -

Gentlemen

The undersigned, appointed a Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Commons to confer with a Committee of the Board of Trade of Newcastle and with Mr. McDevitt in relation to the proposed industry by the latter of converting and utilizing tin-scrap beg leave to report:

That upon Conference with Mr. McDevitt they find that he will require more land and a longer lease than in the opinion of your Committee should or could be given by the Trustees of the Commons. They therefore report it inadvisable to enter into the proposed arrangement

(Signed) { Jno A Rodney  
Edward Challenger  
Jno B Mahoney

Which report was adopted. Mr. W. K. Black appearing before the Trustees, a reduction of rent of \$1.00 per acre was granted to begin

March 25. 1891 The following bills were approved

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Saml. P. Jones for Rails 65.00  
 Speakman Supply Co. .75  
 Eliason Dummies 101.66  
 McCarley Repairs 54.  
 Thos Mason Repairs 31.80

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy

Sept. 2. No Meeting, No Quorum

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1890

Monthly Meeting. - Present Rodney, Pres protem,  
 King Challengers Maxwell, Herbert, Mahoney & Ferris.  
 Com on Public Buildings reported the following

Bills:

Ratt & Kniton	— .32
H. S. Lettow	1.80
E. W. Handy	2.25
F. W. Gemmies	4.75

which were approved.

Acting Committee reported the following:-

Jas Morgan - Penn Farm	3.75
East Laneaster - Diggs "	9.00
Israel Riding Collector - Co Tax	497.17

The following resolution was adopted:

That the Secy. be instructed to notify the Water Co., that the Trustees had not yet received the Semi-Annual Statement of the Financial Condition of the Water Co., which they had asked for last June and would request that the same be handed in before the next regular Monthly meeting (the first Tuesday in November)

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris, Secy.

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1890. = Evening of General Election -  
 No. Quorum - Adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

Dec 2, 1890.

Monthly Meeting

Present - Shaw Pres protem, King Rodney, Challenger Maxwell, Herbert, Mahoney & Ferris.

Secy reported that he had received from the Treasurer of the Water Co a statement of their financial condition for the six months ending June 30, 1890 which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:-

Financial Statement of the Newcastle Water Works Co.  
From Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30, 1890

Capital Stock 5,33 shares @ \$10. -	51330.-
Bonded Debt	52000.00

Balance Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1890.	1552.44
Amt. due Company	2549.50
Amt. due for Six Months Water Rents	3342.00

Receipts

Amt. recd from Trustees of Commons	1500.-
" " " Plumbers Supply Acct.	178.84
" " " Water Rents	1989.50
	<u>3668.34</u>

Expenditures

Coal & Freight	768.92
Salaries	604.50
Labor	171.70
Plumbing Supplies	150.47
5% Int. on \$52000.	1300.-
3% Divid on \$5200	1536.00
	<u>4531.59</u>

Balance July 1<sup>st</sup> 1890. = 689.19  
 Amount due Company. 3902.00

Respectfully,  
W. Clark, Treas

A communication was received from the Trustees of the Colored School asking for assistance in the purchase of desks, maps and coal; on motion of Mr. Rodney, a Committee of 3 was appointed to inquire into the matter and



report at the next meeting of the Board, Pres. appt'd Challenger, Rodney & Herbert.

A committee of two was appointed to draft resolutions in regard to the death of Mrs. Janvier, Pres. appt'd Messrs Rodney & Ferris and, on motion Mr. Challenger was added to the committee.

Next Action in regard to an election for Mr. Janvier's successor was postponed until after the report of this committee.

The question of notifying tenants as to tenancy for the ensuing year was left to the Acting Committee, and they were instructed to notify Mrs. Hannah Morrison to leave should she not pay up her rent (to March 25<sup>th</sup> 1890) before the twenty-fourth day of December.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris, Secy.

Dec 13, 1890.

Special Meeting - by request of Acting Committee -

Present: Black White Mahoney, Rodney, Herbert, Maxwell, King, Shaw and Challenger Secy pro tem.

Acting Committee reported the Granary built on the Haris Corner Farm by Harry McAuley to be completed according to contract and requested an order for \$1088<sup>87</sup> for the payment thereof, and upon motion of Mr. Maxwell it was resolved that upon receipt of releases from parties who furnished labor and materials the Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the above amount and on motion it was resolved that an order be drawn for amount of 1088<sup>87</sup>.

The Acting Com. reported amount of repairs done on building at Penn Farm \$209<sup>00</sup> and on motion it was resolved that an order be drawn to the Acting Committee for the amount of 209<sup>00</sup> to be used when the repairs are completed.

On motion it was resolved that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount of \$1500<sup>00</sup> to pay A. C. Water les semi annual appropriation due Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1891.

On motion it was resolved that the President and Treasurer be authorized to borrow the amount needed to pay the appropriations made at this meeting.

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The Treasurer reported about \$600<sup>00</sup> cash on hand and about \$3000<sup>00</sup> due from tenants.

The Secy. was instructed to notify on or before the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1890 all tenants who are six months in arrears for Rent to give up peaceable and quiet possession on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next.

Adjourned  
Challenger Secy. pro tem

Monthly meeting Jan'y 6<sup>th</sup> 1891

Present: Dr. Black, Rodney, Challenger, King, Herbert, Mahoney, White & Ferris.

A bill of Harry McAuley for 15<sup>th</sup> for repairs to building at Haris Corner was approved.

The Clayton Farm was rented to Mrs. Hannah Morrison for the ensuing year and Stockton Farm to Alex Riggs and Model Farm to Mrs. Palmer.

Committee on Resolutions as to death of Mrs. Janvier reported as follows: -

Whereas this Board has been deprived by death of the services of John Janvier for many years an active and useful member of this Board - be it

Resolved, that the Trustees of Newcastle Commons desire to place on record their appreciation of the high character and qualities of their deceased Co-Trustee; and while failing physical powers prevented his active participation in the affairs of the Board for some time, yet for many years his sound good sense and judgment guided and assisted the affairs of the Trustees to the great advantage of the Public and of the Property in the charge of the Trustees.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and sent to the family of the deceased

Committee

{ J. W. Rodney  
W. J. Ferris  
Edw. Challenger }

An election was ordered to be held on the first Tuesday in Feb'y. at the Mayor's Office between 12 M and 6 P M. to elect a successor to Mrs. Janvier. Pres. appt'd Messrs Herbert, White & King to hold the election. In case any of the Judges cannot serve, the Pres. was authorized to fill the vacancy. A communication from the Trustees of the Colored Schools was presented and referred to the Committee appointed Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1890.

Dec 2 Adjourned - W. J. Ferris, Secy. pro tem

Monthly meeting Feby 3, 1891.  
 Present Shaw, Pres. pro. tem., King Herbert, White,  
 Rodney, Maxwell, Mahoney & Ferris.

The Committee appointed to hold the election for a successor to Ino. Samvier reported as follows:

To the Trustees of the Commons:  
 The Committee appointed to hold an election to fill the vacancy created by the death of John Samvier respectfully report: - That at an election held under the Charter and laws on Tuesday Feby 3, 1891,

James B. Toman	received	225	votes
Julian D. Samvier	"	67	"
John A. Walls	"	69	"
Elwood L. Wilson	"	53	"
Robert S. Martin	"	5	"
Alwood Stewart	"	1	"

the total number of votes cast being 420.

(Signed) John White  
 Michael King

and upon motion Mr. Toman was declared elected a member of the Board.

The Secy of the Water Co. presented the following report: - for the six months ending Dec 31, 1890,

Capital Stock	5330.00
Bonded Debt	51000.-
Balance in Treas at last Statement	689.19
Amount due Company	3902.-
Amount Water Rents last six mos.	2754.30
Recd from Trustees of Commons	1500.-
" " Plumbers Supplies	295.94

Paid Salaries	678.50
Coal & Freight	335.40
Plumbers Supplies	248.50
Labor & Incidental Expenses	152.09
Payment on Bonds	1000.-
Interest on Bonds	1300.-
Dividend on Stock	1.50
Allowances made on bills for Water Rent	14.-
Balance due Water Company	3969.30
Balance Cash on Hand	1442.14

W.A. Clark Secy & Treas

Com. on Colored School reported "Progress"  
 Acting Committee reported that Mrs. McElwee had given up "Penn" Farm.

On motion Mr. McElwee, Administrator was allowed permission to sell such an amount of Hay as in the judgment of the Acting Committee wd be commensurate with the expense and trouble of harvesting the crop.

The following bills were ordered paid  
 Ino. Meggison Jr. Carpenter Work 15.-  
 J. L. & G. Mason Pump. Dr. Coy 39.50  
 D. F. Blackburn repairing Clock 2.-

which, nine being present and seven assent, ing thereto were passed together with the bill of Harry McCauley approved at last meeting.

The Acting Com. were authorized to rent the Penn Farm to Mr. Shockley at the same rent as paid by Mr. McElwee, provided he give sufficient security for the rent.

The attention of the Board having been called to the death of Paul Barr, who for many years had been Janitor of this Board the matter of the election of a successor was deferred until the regular meeting in March and a Committee of Two (Messrs Rodney & Ferris) was appointed to draw suitable resolutions in reference to his death.

Board adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris, Secy.

March 3, 1891. Present, Challenger, Pres. pro. tem.

King, Mahoney, Rodney & Ferris  
 No Quorum. Adjourned until Thursday, March 5, 1891.  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

Adjourned Meeting March 5, 1891.  
 Pres. Dr. Black, Rodney, Challenger, Rorie, Toman, Mahoney, Maxwell, Shaw & Ferris.

The Election of officers being in order, the Secy. was instructed to cast the ballot of the Board for Dr. Black.  
 For Treasurer, Mr. Herbert recd 2 votes  
 Mr. King recd 1 vote  
 Mr. Ferris recd 6 votes and was

declared elected.  
 For Secy. Mr. Ferris was continued.  
 On motion the salary of the Treasurer was reduced fifty Dollars to \$100.00 per annum.



A vote being then taken for three members of the Acting Committee

- Mr Mahoney recd. 8 votes
- " King " 5 "
- " Challenger " 1 "
- " Maxwell " 5 "
- " Bonie " 3 "
- " Toman " 3 "
- " Herbert " 1 "
- " Rodney " 1 "

Messrs Mahoney, King and Maxwell were declared elected.

The Acting Committee was authorized to rent the Penn Farm to Dr. Shockley on the best terms.

Communication from Executor Louis McElwee was referred to Acting Committee to investigate and report.

Com. of two was apptd to audit the Treasurer's accounts. Res apptd Challenger & Ferris.

Bennett F. Lancaster was apptd Janitor.

Orders were directed to be drawn in payment of Salaries of Treasurer, Secretary and Janitor.

A Committee of two was appointed to examine the Water Works accounts. Res. apptd Challenger & Maxwell.

Mr. Mahoney was refunded \$15.00 for expenses of securing plans and specifications.

The Com. on Public Buildings was allowed to expend not exceeding \$10.00 on repairs to City Hall.

The following resolutions in reference to the death of Paul Barr were presented, adopted, and ordered entered upon the minutes:

"Whereas, this Board has been deprived of the services of a faithful and attentive officer, by the death of Paul Barr, who for many years was janitor of this Board,

Resolved, that this Board desires to place on record its sense of his faithful interested and acceptable services as such Janitor;—in his position he quietly performed all the services required of him and is justly entitled to have his name held in honorable remembrance.

Com ( Mr. Rodney  
W. J. Ferris

The bill of the Trustees of Market Square for \$50 for one year rent of meeting room was approved also \$50 appropriation to Vestry of Immanuel Church for one year attention to town clock — and

Five members being present and seven assenting thereto an ordinance for One Hundred and Fifteen dollars was directed to be drawn to settle these appropriations.

Communications from City Council and from Lenape Fire Co were referred to Auditing Committee and a copy of the Report of Committee on the Apparatus presented at meeting of May, 1885, was directed to be sent to City Council.

Res apptd Rodney & Maxwell to take the Bond of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer was instructed to keep his bank account at the Farmers Bank at Newcastle in the Name of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Newcastle Common.

Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris Secy. —

April 7 1891.

Present:— Dr. Black, White, Challenger, King, Herbert, Maxwell, Rodney, Mahoney & Ferris.

The following bills were allowed to Treasurer's Statement

Republican Printing Co	7.92	} These are in annual statement 7/25/1891 but had not previously been ordered paid.
Jas Armonan Repairs Penn Farm	4.50	
Jacob Wright Painting Clayton Farm	18.70	
Frank & Herbert Serving Notices	6.00	
Frank & Herbert Writing leases	12.00	

Frank & Herbert serving notices	5.00
G. H. Thomas Co. Printing Statements	6.25
Thomas L. Fms. Rails	119.53
J. T. & E. Eliason	98.93

Auditing Com. rec'd Approval of Treasurer's Accounts.

Com on Pub. Building turned in \$50 sent from John A. Walls.

Com. to Examine Water Company's Accounts was enlarged by the addition of Mr. King.

Motion was made by Mr. Maxwell that a donation of \$75 be made to the widow of Mr. McElwee last year's tenant of Penn Farm. The motion was indefinitely postponed.

The late Treasurer was instructed to turn over to the new Treasurer the amt of Cash on hand \$288.47 and the book of deposit in the Wilmington Savings Fund.

An order was directed to be drawn in favor of Mr. Herbert, Chairman of Election Committee for holding election for successor to John Janvier.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Present = Shaw, Pres pro tem, Herbert Mahoney & Ferris.  
No Quorum being present, the Board adjourned  
WJ Ferris Secy.

June 2, 1891

Present = Shaw Pres, pro tem, Herbert, Mahoney, Challinor,  
Joman, Maxwell & Ferris.

Treasurer reported \$03<sup>26</sup> on hand

Acting Committee reported following bills which  
were approved:-

Eugene Rogers - posts Ann Farm -	6.00
Geo. J. Sloops	3.24
AMHizan Lime	-.40
R. E. Watts Carriage Hire	2.00
Geo Duncan Plastering Ann	47. -
Edmond Hance Carp Work	41.50
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also R & Watts Carriage hire for Committee  
to exam. Water Works Accounts 2.00  
Com on Pub Buildings for sundry bills  
paid by them <sup>absent 150</sup> <sub>275</sub> } 5.75

An order was directed to be drawn in favor of  
The Co for \$300.00

Adjourned  
WJ Ferris Secy.

Special Meeting June 26<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Called for the purpose of considering the  
request of the Com. on Fourth of July Celebration for an  
appropriation.

Present - D. Black, Mahoney, King, Al-  
bert, Rodney, Joman, and Maxwell; - and afterwards  
Borie and Ferris.

On motion of Mr. King it was resolved  
that the sum of \$50 be appropriated to the Committee,  
to be paid when the funds are in hand; - Mr. Mahoney  
voting in the Negative.

The Treasurer was authorized to borrow  
\$1500. or less to pay Water Works Appropriation.

Adjourned  
Geo A Maxwell Secy

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Present King Mahoney, Challinor, Rodney, Borie,  
Herbert & Ferris

Com. on Water Works Accounts reported Progress.

Report of Secy of Water Co for six months ending  
June 30 was received and ordered entered on the minutes  
as follows:-

- Semi Annual Report of the Newcastle Water Works  
Company for the six months ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Capital Stock	- 51330.00
Bonded Debt	- 51000.-

Balance in Treasury last Statement	1442.14
Amt. due Company	3969.30
Amt. Water Rents last six months	3411.00
Recd from Trustees of Common	1500.-
" " Plumbing Supplies	570.42
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	10862.86

Paid - Salaries	590.50
Coal Freight & Hauling	543.64
Plumbers Supplies <sup>534.23</sup> Freight <sup>12.62</sup> Labor <sup>4.05</sup>	593.-
Labor & Incidental Expenses	148.57
New Valves to Pump	90.18
Allowances Made on Bills	289.35
Interest on Bonds	1275.-
Dividend on Stock	1539.90
Balance due Water Company	4619.80
Balance Cash on Hand	1172.92
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	10862.86

Respectfully  
- M. Black Treas. -

Newcastle Del, July 1<sup>st</sup> 1891.

The Acting Com. rep'd the following bills wh. were ap-  
proved:-

Thos L. Jones posts Rip & Wadley	43.75
Jacob Wright Painting	53.48
Geo Woodaston repairs to pumps	2.-
David Boulden Lime 5 bu.	2.50
M. L. E. Hason Lumber & Sundries	94.74
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	196.47

Adjourned  
WJ Ferris  
Secy.



May 5<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Present = Shaw, Pres pro tem, Herbert Mahoney & Ferris.  
No Quorum being present, the Board adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

June 2, 1891

Present = Shaw Pres, pro tem, Herbert, Mahoney, Challenger  
Joman, Maxwell & Ferris.

Treasurer reported \$403<sup>26</sup> on hand

Acting Committee reported following bills which  
were approved:-

Eugene Rogers - posts Ann Farm -	6.00
Geo. J. Sloops	3.24
AM Azar Lime	-.40
R. E. Watts Carriage Hire	2.00
Geo Duncan Plastering Comm	47. -
Geo Mance Carp Work	41.50
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also R & Watts Carriage hire for Committee  
to exam. Water Works Accounts 2.00  
Com on Pub Buildings for sundry bills  
paid by them <sup>Challenger 140</sup> <sup>Maxwell 120</sup> <sup>Russell 275</sup> } 5.75

An order was directed to be drawn in favor of  
The Co for \$300.<sup>00</sup>

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

Special Meeting June 26<sup>th</sup> 1891.

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request of the Com. on Fourth of July Celebration for an  
appropriation.

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bert, Rodney, Joman, and Maxwell; - and afterwards  
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On motion of Mr. King it was resolved  
that the sum of \$50 be appropriated to the Committee,  
to be paid when the funds are in hand; - Mr. Mahoney  
voting in the Negative.

The Treasurer was authorized to borrow  
\$1500. or less to pay Water Works Appropriation.

Adjourned  
Geo A Maxwell Secy

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Present King Mahoney, Challenger, Rodney, Borie,  
Herbert & Ferris

Com. on Water Works Accounts reported Progress.

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Bid - Salaries	590.50
Coal Freight & Hauling	543.64
Plumbers supplies Freight <sup>534.23</sup> Labor <sup>12.62</sup> <sup>4.05</sup>	593. -
Labor & incidental Expenses	148.57
New Valves to Pump	90.18
Allowances Made on Bills	289.35
Interest on Bonds	1275. -
Dividend on Stock	1539.90
Balance due Water Company	4619.80
Balance Cash on Hand	1172.92
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	10862.86

Respectfully  
- M. A. Black Treas. -

Newcastle Del, July 1<sup>st</sup> 1891. -

The Acting Com. rep'd the following bills wh. were ap-  
proved:-

Thos L. Innes posts Rip & Wadley	43.75
Jacob Wright Painting	53.48
Geo Woolaston repairs to pumps	2. -
David Boulden Lime 5 bu.	2.50
M. L. Chaison Lumber & Sundries	94.74
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	196.47

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris  
Secy.

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1891

Present King Pres. pro tem = Herbert Mahoney + Ferris.  
No. Quorum - Adjourned.  
WJ Ferris Secy.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1891.

Present Rodney Pres. pro tem. = King, Mahoney, Herbert + Ferris =  
No. Quorum - Adjourned.  
WJ Ferris, Secy.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Present:-  
Mahoney - Pres pro tem - Berie, King, Herbert, Joman,  
Ferris + Rodney,  
Com on Water Works reported Progress

The following were approved:-

Stephen Black - Dipping Ditch +	12.90
EW Handy - repairs M'Boy farm	102.40
Chas L. Frost - Posts + Rails	86.54
Raymore + King - Making Well - Model	13.30
AM Hagan - Lime 16 bushels	6.-
Will Bailey - Water Closet	10.-
Jno Mequison Jr. - Carpenter Work	14.60
Jno J. Cloops - Pump - Model Farm	20.-
County Taxes - less 3%	508.81
City Taxes	311.61
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	1386.15

Mr. Rodney moved, seconded by Mr King that the Trustees buy the corner-lot at Hare's Corner now owned by Mr. Herbert at a price not to exceed \$125, which motion was carried.

Mr. Jas L. Rice, representing a Com. of the Senape Fire Co. appeared before the Trustees, asking that the Trustees make an appropriation in favor of the Fire Co. - Mr Herbert moved and that an appropriation of \$500. be made to the Company to square up balance of two annual appropriations to May 1891.

Adjourned.  
WJ Ferris, Secy.

Nov. 3. 1891

Mahoney Pres pro tem = Challenger Secy pro tem = No other members being present the meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1891

Rodney - Pres pro tem = King, Challenger, White Joman, Herbert Maxwell, Mahoney, Shaw + Ferris.

The Acting Com. made no report but recommended that the Secy be instructed to notify all the tenants to give up possession of the farms on March 25<sup>th</sup> next wh. was ordered by the Board.

Mr. Challenger moved that the rents of the Farms be raised 50 cents an acre beginning March 25<sup>th</sup> 1892 wh was so ordered.

Mr. Herbert moved that all the tenants who desire to stay at the increased rent be allowed to do so. wh. was ordered by the Board.

Com on Public Buildings reported \$50. cent paid for various rooms in City Hall. - and were authorized to put a new stove in the City Hall (second floor) at a cost not to exceed \$15.00

An order was directed to be drawn in favor of Wm W. Stroup for \$12.00 School Tax and of Henry F. Tellow for \$3.00 for Glazing and of Wm Herbert for \$125.00 for lot at Hare's Corner adjoining Hotel.

Mr. Maxwell called up for consideration his resolution offered last April making a donation of \$75 to the widow of Lewis D. McElwee, last year's tenant of Elm Farm, and (an amendment appropriating \$50.00 having been lost,) the original motion was carried. - Nine members being present, and seven assenting thereto, an ordinance was directed to be drawn for 1621.24 to pay bills approved since May, 1891.

Adjourned.  
WJ Ferris, Secy.

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1892.

Present, Rodney, Pres pro tem, Challenger, Herbert, Joman + Ferris.

No Quorum; adjourned until ~~Friday~~ Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> inst. -  
WJ Ferris Secy.

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 1892.

Present Rodney, Pres pro tem, King, Shaw, Herbert, Challenger, Mahoney + Ferris.

Secy reported that all the tenants desired to remain at the increased rent except Gregg, Shockley and Black.

The Board ordered that those desiring to remain should do so and that the Secy be instructed to have leases prepared for them. Several applications for tenancy of Jefferson Farm were presented, and a vote being taken, the farm was rented to Thomas M. Barry for one year from March 25<sup>th</sup> next at a rental of \$300.

The Elm Farm and the two fields now rented by M Black were rented to Robert Montgomery.



The following bills were approved:

Hannah M Morrison	Boats & Rails	37.50
Thomas L. Trues	Boats and Rails	32.00
Newcastle Gas Co	Gas to Dec 25,	7.20
Robert Montgomery	Handy Work at Plum Farm	48.24
B. F. Lancaster	Copying Notices	4.50
G. F. Thomas & Co.	Treasurer's Book	1.65
J. T. & E. Eliason	Sundries Lumber & Hardware	57.35
Geo. H. Rodney	Repairs deed Haris Corner Lot	10.-
Mrs Lizzie Dickerson	Treas. for the Poor	100.-

The Secy. & Treas. & Pres were authorized to borrow money from the Farmers Bank sufficient to meet all present indebtedness of the Board.

The Report of the Water Company was received and ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:

Semi Annual Report of the Newcastle Water Works Company for the Six Mos ending Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Bal in Treas at last Statement	1172.92
Amount due Company " " "	4619.80
Amount Water Rents last Six Mos	2958.50
Receipts from Trustees of Commons	1500.-
" " Plumbers Supplies	337.50
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	10588.72

Paid

Salaries	678.50
Coal Freight + hauling	1096.19
Plumbers Supplies <sup>231.39</sup> Freight <sup>5.94</sup>	237.33
Labor + incidental Expenses	224.62
Allowances on Bills	63.45
Payment of Bonds Mos 8 + 9	1000.-
Interest on Bonds	1275.-
Daniel Kelley = repairs to main	69.72
Balance due Water Co	2499.-
Balance Cash in hand	3444.91
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	10588.72

Respectfully,  
 W. A. Blarky  
 Newcastle Del Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1892  
 Treas

The report of the Committee to examine the accounts of the Water Co was received and ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:

Newcastle Del Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1892

Your Committee would respectfully report that in their judgment no further appropriation should be made to the Newcastle Water Works Company until the liability of the Trustees of Newcastle Common for their claim, is legally ascertained.

Michael King  
 El Challenger.

Mr. Ferris moved that an appropriation of \$1500 be made to the Water Co, without prejudice to an exception to their account in July, or Carried, or

Adjourned,  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

Feb 2, 1892

Present = Pres Dr Black Mahoney White King Rodney

Herbert + Ferris

Acting Committee was instructed to ascertain the cost of the necessary repairs at Jefferson farm and report at next meeting.

The Bill of Geo J. Hayes 5<sup>th</sup> County Taxes was approved.

The Treas was authorized to have 200 blank leases <sup>printed</sup>.  
 The Secy was instructed to notify Mr. Gregg that the Trustees would require him from him one half of the wheat raised on the Jefferson farm beyond that grown upon the eighteen acres and that he must not remove from the farm any manure or straw.

A communication was read from Mrs Shookley asking for a reduction of \$275<sup>00</sup> in the rent of the farm, but the Board voted that they did not see their way clear to granting the request.

The Secy was instructed to notify Mr Riggs that the Trustees will expect the rent to be secured before the sale at Jefferson farm is proceeded with.

Adjourned,  
 W. J. Ferris Secy

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1892

Pres. of Black King Toman Herbert Rodney Mahoney + Ferris

Mr. Gregg appeared before the Board and offered to sell his 39 Acres of Wheat for \$350.

At Mr. Bullen's request he was released from his lease of Union + Bayard farms and Mr. Peter Fagan was accepted in his place as tenant.

On motion of Mr King the Salaries of Secy + Treas and of Janitor were ordered paid.

The following bills were approved:

Monaghan Dr. Carp Work Oglethorpe 40.00

of Thomas + Co 7.50

Jno + V Platt Treas Clock 50.00

Meets of Market Square - Rent 50.00

On motion the Board proceeded to election of President. The Secy was instructed to cast the ballot of ~~the~~ Black on

the Board for Jno. D. Black for President, Election for acting Committee being

ordered

Mr Mahoney received 6 votes

Rodney	"	2	"
King	"	6	"
Herbert	"	4	"
Toman	"	1	"
Shaw	"	1	"
White	"	1	"

Whereupon Messrs Mahoney King and Herbert were declared elected.

Acting Com. reported that they thought the necessary repairs at ~~Shaw~~ Jefferson farm would cost nearly a thousand dollars, and were authorized to put an addition to the buildings thereon first obtaining specifications and making a report to the Board.

Adjourned,

W. J. Ferris, Secy

# Statement of Receipts and Expenditures OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON

From March 25, 1891, to March 25, 1892.

RECEIPTS:	EXPENDITURES:
Balance in Treasury March 25, 1891.....\$ 288.47	To William Herbert, for holding election.....\$ 12.00
From James G. Gregg, on account rent..... 450.00	" Frank E. Herbert, for serving notices..... 5.00
" Alex. Biggs, rent in full..... 962.50	" C. F. Thomas & Co., for printing statements and leases..... 13.75
" Robert Wadsley, one year's rent to September 25, 1891..... 459.50	" Thomas L. Truss, for posts and rails..... 281.82
" David McCoy, rent in full..... 1,089.00	" J. T. & L. E. Eliason, for lumber and sundries..... 290.52
" H. P. Bullen, on account rent..... 1,016.00	" John Megginson, Jr., for carpenter work..... 69.60
" Mrs. H. M. Morrison, one year's rent to March 25, 1891..... 555.50	" B. F. Blackburn, repairs to clock..... 2.00
" Robert Montgomery, rent in full..... 149.00	" Lenape Fire Company, appropriation..... 800.00
" John Palmer, on account rent..... 260.00	" Michael King, to pay sundry small bills..... 69.90
" John A. Walls, 18 months rent in full..... 150.00	" John M. Hance, carpenter work..... 41.50
" William H. Clark, rent in full..... 176.00	" A. M. Hizar, lime..... 6.40
" Direct Tax Refunded..... 133.59	" John T. Stoops, pump and sundries..... 23.24
" Sundry Interest and Discount on Tenants Notes..... 25.62	" Committee on Public Buildings, to pay sundry bills..... 5.75
" Proceeds Note Farmer's Bank..... 295.30	" New Castle Water Company, appropriation..... 3,000.00
" Proceeds Note Farmer's Bank..... 1,973.33	" Jacob Wright, painting..... 2.00
	" George Woolaston, repairs to pumps..... 2.50
	" David Boulden, lime..... 514.27
	" County Taxes..... 311.60
	" City Taxes..... 50.00
	" Jas. F. Cannon, Treas., Fourth of July celebration..... 10.00
	" Harry McCauley, carpenter work..... 13.30
	" Baymore & King, brickwork, Model Farm..... 102.40
	" E. W. Handy, tin work, Centre Hall Farm..... 15.00
	" H. A. Dennison, new stove in City Hall..... 3.70
	" H. F. Tetlow, glazing..... 125.00
	" Wm. Herbert, for corner lot at Hare's Corner..... 12.03
	" Wm. Stroup, Collector, for school tax..... 75.00
	" Mrs. Lewis McElwee, appropriation..... 40.20
	" Jno. E. V. Platt, Agt., insurance..... 7.20
	" New Castle Gas Co..... 43.24
	" Robert Montgomery, work at Penn Farm..... 4.50
	" B. F. Lancaster, serving notices..... 1.65
	" C. F. Thomas & Co., blank book..... 10.00
	" John H. Rodney, legal services..... 100.00
	" Mrs. Lizzie Dickerson, Treas., appropriation for poor..... 28.56
	" Frank E. Herbert, Agt., fire insurance..... 50.00
	" Jno. E. V. Platt, Treas., appropriation for clock..... 50.00
	" Trustees of Market Square, one year's rent..... 150.00
	" Wm. J. Ferris, Sec. and Treas., one year's salary..... 50.00
	" B. F. Lancaster, Janitor, one year's salary..... 300.00
	" Note Repaid Farmer's Bank..... 1,231.70
	Balance in Treasury, March 25, 1892.....
	\$7,983.81
<b>AMOUNT DUE THE TRUSTEES,</b> March 25, 1892.	
From James G. Gregg, balance Jefferson Farm.....\$ 51.25	
" Robert Wadsley, six months rent, Oglethorpe..... 229.75	
" Estate D. W. Shockley, one year's rent, Penn Farm..... 775.50	
" H. P. Bullen, balance rent Union and Bayard Farms..... 883.00	
" Mrs. H. M. Morrison, one year's rent Clayton Farm..... 555.50	
" John Palmer, balance rent Model Farm..... 150.00	
" Thomas Holcomb, one year's rent..... 30.00	
" Mrs. Theodore Bruce, two year's rent..... 60.00	
	\$2,715.00
Deposited in Wilmington Saving Fund Society.....\$403.60	
Interest to December 31, 1891..... 72.99	
	\$ 476.59
	\$3,191.59
The Trustees owe \$2,000.00 to the Farmer's Bank.	

## OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., PRESIDENT. WILLIAM J. FERRIS, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

### Acting Committee:

JOHN C. MAHONEY, MICHAEL KING, WILLIAM HERBERT.

### Committee on Public Buildings:

JOHN WHITE, EDWARD CHALLENGER.

Farms Belonging to the Trustees.	Trustees of New Castle Common.
NAME. NO. TENANT. ACRES. RENT.	FERDINAND LECKLER.....Elected May 26, 1855
Jefferson, 1, Thomas W. Barry, 87 1/2, \$ 300.00	WILLIAM HERBERT..... " May 14, 1859
Stockton, 2, Alexander Biggs, 175, 1,050.00	JOHN WHITE..... " June 23, 1866
Oglethorpe, 3, Robert Wadsley, 87, 503.00	JOHN C. MAHONEY..... " April 3, 1869
Centre Hall, 5, David McCoy, 132, 792.00	JAMES G. SHAW..... " May 8, 1869
Penn., 6, Robert Montgomery, 141, 846.00	JOHN J. BLACK, M. D..... " Dec. 30, 1871
Union, 8, Peter Fagan, 164, 1,575.00	JOHN H. RODNEY..... " Jan. 9, 1875
Bayard, 9, Peter Fagan, 102, 604.00	WILLIAM J. FERRIS..... " May 29, 1883
Clayton, 10, Mrs. Hannah M. Morrison, 101, 604.00	GEORGE A. MAXWELL..... " Jan. 24, 1885
Model, 11, John Palmer, 110, 465.00	EDWARD CHALLENGER..... " June 20, 1885
Lot part of, 8, Thomas Holcomb, 30, 30.00	HIRAM R. BORIE..... " May 28, 1889
" " " 3, Mrs. Theodore Bruce, 30, 30.00	MICHAEL B. KING..... " May 28, 1889
	JAMES B. TOMAN..... " Feb. 3, 1891
	\$6,197.00

Audited and Found Correct April 18, 1892.

WILLIAM HERBERT, } AUDITING COMMITTEE.  
MICHAEL KING, }

WILLIAM J. FERRIS,  
SECRETARY AND TREASURER.



April 5<sup>th</sup> 1892,

Present: Dr Black King, Challenger Rodney Herbert Mahoney White & Jenis

Pres and Treasurer were authorized to renew balance of Note due next week

Com on Pub Buildings reported 50<sup>00</sup> rent from Mrs A. Walls due Mar 25, 1892 and asked to be allowed to put City Hall in good condition which was granted and the Committee was especially instructed to waive the Barber Shop at a cost not to exceed 10<sup>00</sup>

On motion of Mr. Rodney the Pres. and Secy were authorized to deed the corner lot at Hares Corner back to Mr Herbert on payment of 125<sup>00</sup> the price paid for it in December.

Bill of Frank Herbert for 12<sup>00</sup> for writing and serving leases was approved.

The Matter of the Boundary line between J. J. Tasker's farm and farm tenanted by Mr Riggs was referred to acting Committee with request to report at next meeting.

On motion Mr. King was authorized to have <sup>made</sup> certain "necessary and extraordinary repairs" to the City block as per resolution of June 28<sup>th</sup> 1887.

Com. on Pub Buildings was continued for the ensuing year.

The financial statement of the Lenape Fire Co was read and ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:-

Newcastle Dec Apr 5, 1892

To the President and Members of Newcastle Commons - Gentlemen - You will find herein enclosed a statement of the Receipts and Expenditures from Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 91, upto and including Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 1892. =

Balance cash on hand Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> - 91,	170.38
June 21. From Trustees common in part payment of appropriation for 1890 due in May	300.-
May 25 To Loan of Hove	2.-
Sept 6 " Proposals for Membership	3.-
Oct 4 " " " "	1.-
Nov 1 " " " "	13.-
" 8 " " " "	2.-
Dec 6 " Collecting Com + Proposals	26.74
" 13 " Recd from City Council Balance from 4 <sup>th</sup> July Exercises	7.70
Jan 27 1892 Entertainment Committee	126.25
Oct 1891 Appropriation from Trustees	500.
Tr. Common in full for 90 <sup>th</sup> 91	500.
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1151.68 (sic)</b>
	1152.93

Expenses for the same time		
1891. Apr 4.	Frechtlauf for badges	4.50
	White Sanitor	11.68
June 22	W. Jones 2 tons Coal	11.68
	J. L. & S. Blaxson Three Tons Coal	10.80
	Platt & Elmiton Supplies	16.50
		2.66
29	Geo B. Toman horses	28.-
July 5	White Sanitor	5.84
	W. M. Gray Work on Engine	8.25
	Mutes Seminole Tribe Rent to Dec 25, 1890	250.-
14	Expenses Joining State Fmns Ass'n.	6.-
13	Alfred Green Lumber, water Dues &	1.-
	Geo B. Toman part payment on lot	30.-
Aug 1	Geo Lenoir Delivering horns	2
	" " Proving Horns & Axes	2
	Chris White Sanitor	5.84
	J. M. Gray Printing	4.50
	Gov Taylor Attending State Fmns Ass'n.	4.92
Sept 5	James Toner Supplies	4.55
	Mrs Mallett Poles containing State Fmns Ass'n	1.20
	Seminole Tribe Rent	250.-
	Chris White Sanitor	5.84
	Weggs = 23 pairs Gloves @ 10	2.30
21	Gov Taylor, State Delegate Mt. town	4.-
Oct 5	Chris White Sanitor	5.84
	Richard Conway Engine, Fire Dept. on lot	5.50
12	Geo Brady Mould to Cover Engine	2.75
	At Ross 50 caps @ 54¢	27.-
13	Thos Sherwin 50 Badges	10.-
	Expenses Delegate State Fmns Ass'n	6.-
Nov 2	Ferris' Son Soap &c	50.50
	R. Conway Horse Feed	50
	W. M. Gray Supplies	90
	Shannon Jies Gloves	14.60
	Geo White Hire of Horses Oct 14	5.-
	Chris White Sanitor	5.84
	Geo B. Lancaster Mules 10/14	55.-
	Geo Schuchardt Indian Suit	2.-
	Samuel Toppin 10/14	1.50
16	W. M. Anshebeck - Lettering	1.25
23	McDermis Co Badges	25.-
Dec 6	Chris White Sanitor	5.84
1892 Jan 13	Seminole Tribe Rent to Dec 25, 91.	250.-
4	J. L. & S. Blaxson	15
	Geo. T. Sloop 25 Hays @ 20	5.00
	Chris White Sanitor	5.84
	Geo J. Toner Supplies	26.5

1892 Forward		1122.11
Feb 14	Geo B. Toman Supplies	5.30
	Edward Handy Repairs	2.30
	McCarthy Lock	50
	McDermis Co Coal	25.65
	W. M. Gray Seal	7.-
	Chris White Sanitor	5.84
21	W. M. Gray Printing	6.25
	Receipts from all sources	1151.68
	Expenses	1175.03
	Balance in Treasury	236.42
	Geo. T. Campbell R.S.	

915.26 (circled)  
 After wh. the Board adjourned.  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

May 2, 1892.  
 Res. Dr. Black Res. Mahoney, Challenger, Toman, Bone Herbert and Ferris  
 Acting Com. rept'd Progress on boundary question referred to them last month.  
 The following bills were approved:-  
 Geo. T. Sloop Bats and Rares and Pump 137.85  
 Geo. T. Sloop & Main Street Barber Shop 9.50  
 The Treasurer was authorized to have 150 copies of his report printed after its approval by the auditing committee.  
 Mr. King presented bill of J. W. Bridgewater for repairing and adjusting striker of town clock 30.00. Was ordered paid.  
 After which the Board adjourned.  
 W. J. Ferris, Secy.

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1892  
 Res. Dr. Black, Rodney, Shaw, Toman, Herbert King, Mahoney & Ferris  
 Acting Committee reported "Progress" on boundary question.  
 Com. from Senape Fire Co. represented their present quarters as being too cramped and stated their desire to put up a hall for themselves and respectfully requested that the Trustees would render them whatever assistance they could. Stated the probable cost as about \$3500. and that the Compy had on hand about \$1000.  
 Mr. Rodney offered the following resolution:  
 "Resolved that the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed not to rent the Town Hall to any



colored persons for any purpose whatever". And the resolution was unanimously adopted, -  
 Mr. Maxwell having withdrawn from the City Mr. Ferris was appointed to his place on the Committee of which Mr. Rodney is Chairman to prepare a revised copy of the Charter by Laws and Acts of Assembly in reference to the powers of the Trustees.

The following bills were approved:-

Geo. J. Adams Adware	36.54
Geo. Mequison Jr. Capt. Work	29.40
J. Morgan Capt. Work	42. —

Treas rept'd cash on hand \$634<sup>5</sup>

Upon motion of Mr. Herbert the Pres. and Treas were authorized to borrow from the Farmers Bank whatever money may be necessary to pay Water Works Appropriation in July.

Upon motion of Mr. Rodney the Treasurer was instructed to pass into his General account the interest derived from the \$403<sup>00</sup> deposited in the Wilmington Savings Fund Society.

Mr. King moved that when we adjourn, it be to meet Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> Carried.

Upon motion of Mr. Rodney an appropriation of \$400. was made to the Kenape Fire Co. as its annual appropriation - And upon motion of Mr. Herbert an appropriation of \$250.<sup>00</sup> was made to assist in the erection of the Fire Company's New Building

After which the Board adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1892

Rodney, Pres. pro tem; Cha. King, Herbert, Joman Ferris

No Quorum being present the meeting adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1892

Present: Dr. Black, Rodney, Joman, Herbert King, Ferris

Com. on Revised By Laws reported "Progress"

Treas rept'd 113<sup>72</sup> on hand

Act. Com. rept'd following bills:-

J. J. & E. Elison	268.85
Edward W. Handy	136.99
Jno. M. Newbold	82.05
Am. H. H. H. H.	6.65
Robt. A. Harrington	51.40

wh. were approved and ordered paid

The Acting Committee was authorized to fix amount due from Fagan and Montgomery and the Secy was instructed to have leases written and signed at once.

Treasurer was instructed to notify Mr. Gregg that the Trustees want 1/2 of 21 Acres of Wheat which he had planted in excess of his Ailage.

Mr. Rodney was requested to act as Attorney in cases where legal advice was necessary.

The Treasurer ~~was~~ and Attorney were instructed to notify Mr. Bullen that the Trustees wanted some security for his personal note of \$383.

The Semi-Annual report of the Water Works Co. was received but was ordered to be returned with the request that the Water Co. submit a report in the form requested by the Trustees in their resolution of May 6<sup>th</sup> 1890.

It was unanimously resolved that the Pres. and Treas be authorized to borrow \$1500. for waterworks and other appropriations made this night and that the Treasurer pay the semi annual amount to the Water Works under protest and make a claim as against the said Water Co. for a balance of \$71<sup>9</sup> based upon the report of 1890 and also a rebate based upon the report of 1891 in relation to amount actually collected.

The Pres. apptd. Rodney Herbert and Ferris a Committee to confer with a similar Committee of the Water Co. as to an amicable settlement of the questions involved in the above resolution

Adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris Secy

Aug 2, 1892.

Present: Rodney = Res pro tem = Herbert Mahoney Toman, King

and Ferris.

No Quorum being found present, the Board adjourned  
to Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1892.

WJ Ferris Secy.

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1892

Present = Rodney = Res pro tem = Herbert Mahoney Toman  
King and Ferris

No Quorum being found present, the Board adjourned  
to Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

WJ Ferris Secy.

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1892

Present = Rodney Res pro tem. Mahoney Toman King Ferris  
Shaw

Acting Committee reported the Building at  
Jefferson Farm finished and that there was due the  
Contractor \$960.<sup>50</sup> An appropriation was ordered to  
be made in favor of the acting Committee to meet this bid.

An order was also directed to be drawn  
in favor of John D. Dickey Receiver for \$28.<sup>44</sup> in payment  
of County Taxes less the 5% allowed for payment before  
September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Res. and Treas. were authorized to borrow from  
the Farmer's Bank \$200 to meet these two appropriations  
and the \$650. already appropriated to the Fire Company.

The Secy rept'd having received the following  
notice from the Water Co. =

Newcastle Dec Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1892

Mr. WJ Ferris Secy of the Trustees of the  
Newcastle Commons =

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Directors of the Newcastle Water Co. held August 6<sup>th</sup>  
A committee of three consisting of Messrs Shaw King &  
Blank were appointed to confer with Committee of the  
Trustees in reference to annual appropriation to the  
Newcastle Water Works Co.

Attest

M. A. Blank  
Secy

And the Secy (of the Trustees) reported that he had not yet re-  
ceived the financial report of the water Co for the six months  
ending June 30<sup>th</sup>.

It being moved and seconded that the City Hall be rented to the Democratic Club for 25  
openings in the coming three months when it is not used by the Loan Association who  
occupy it at a rate of 100 per week and the cost of the gas the motion was carried and  
the Secy was instructed to notify the Com. on Public Buildings of this action.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: -  
Resolved, that the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dol-  
lars be appropriated annually to the Lenape Fire Co (paya-  
ble semiannually) for 5 years, so long as they continue in  
active operation and occupy and own their new building -  
the first payment to be made six months from date,  
after wh. the Board adjourned =

WJ Ferris Secy.

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1892

Pres. D Black Herbert Shaw Toman Mahoney Bone and  
Ferris =

Acting Committee rept'd the following bills wh were ap-  
proved:

Geo. V. Woods Sundries	66.51
Platt & Elkinton "	37.51
J. T. L & Elason "	66.30
R. H. Harrington Painting	4.-
James B Lancaster Plumbing	9.25

after wh. the Board adjourned

WJ Ferris Secy.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1892

Present: Mahoney Res. pro tem. King Herbert Toman Ferris.  
There being no quorum the Board adjourned.

WJ Ferris Secy.

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1892

Special Meeting of Trustees of Commons =

Present = D Black President, Mahoney, Herbert, King  
Rodney and Shaw.

No Quorum present, but those members present a-  
greed to approve the Acting Committee in erecting improve-  
ments to Stockton Farm to cost not more than \$600.<sup>00</sup>

Wm A Rodney  
Secy pro tem



November 1st

Regular Meeting

Present: Dr. Black, Shaw, Herbert Mahoney, King, Rodney, Borie and Ferris

Treasurer reported \$1398 cash on hand

The following bills were approved:

- ✓ James Amorgan - labor Halls Corner - 26.75
  - Thomas L. Ames - for rails 41.76
  - Newcastle Gas Co. to Sept 25. 1.50
  - J. T. L. Eliason - Sundries Hardware 5.59
  - ✓ Wilmington Star = statements 5.25
  - ✓ W. Johnson = Pump Repairs 31.50
  - Eno Mahoney = procuring specifications 10.00
  - Robt. W. Hamington = Bid Printing Halls for 135.00
  - " " " Extra = Glazing 3.34
- ~~261.43~~ 261.43

Upon motion of Mr. Rodney, the President and Mr. Mahoney were added to the Committee on Public Buildings and it was also unanimously ordered that beginning in March next the Committee on Public Buildings should be elected annually.

The Secy was instructed to obtain Mr. Maxwell's resignation on account of his removal from the City and also instructed to write Mr. Leckler in reference to his resignation in case he does not expect to return to the City.

Adjourned.  
W. Ferris Secy

December 6th 1892

Regular Meeting

Present: Dr. Black, King, Shaw, Herbert Mahoney, Rodney, Joman & Ferris.

Treasurer reported 44.64 on hand and some bills passed last month still unpaid; - that ~~\$225~~ \$2250 was due the Farmers Bank and about \$2200. due the Trustees for rent due Sept 25th.

It was ordered that the Treasurer secure cash or notes from tenants for rent due Sept 25th with interest from that date.

A committee from the Fire Co., Messrs McGraw and White asked that the Trustees advance their 93 payment in order to tide them over their present shortage in paying for the completion of their new building.

The following bills were approved:

- Eno. J. Stroops Pump & Sundries 37.78
- A. J. Jettow = Glazing in City Hall 6.65
- City Taxes 273.60

A motion that the Pres. & Treas. be authorized to provide in the usual way for the payment of the semi-annual appropriation due the Water Co on Jan. 1st next was postponed until the regular meeting in January.

The Secy presented the resignations of Messrs. Leckler and Maxwell as follows:

" Adams, Mass., Nov. 21. 1892

" To the Trustees of Newcastle Commons: -

" I hereby com-

" pley with your request and send in my resignation

" which I should have done long ago. With my best

" wishes and respects to all I remain

" Ferdinand Leckler

" Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 7. 1892

" To the Trustees of Newcastle Common

" Gentlemen -

" I hereby tender my resigna-

" tion as a member of your honorable body,

" to take effect at once.

" I take this step on ac-

" count of my having removed from New-

" Castle.

" Very Respectfully

" Geo A Maxwell

which were accepted and ordered entered up on the minutes.

An election was ordered to be held on Saturday Dec 31st for their successors: Messrs Herbert Toman & King were appointed to hold the election.

Upon motion of Mr. Rodney it was ordered that the 1893 appropriation of 250<sup>00</sup> be paid the Tre. Co. now in advance. —

The Secy was instructed to notify Montgomery and Barry to sign leases or leave.

Adjourned  
W J Ferris Secy.

Decr. 20. 1892-

Present Dr Black Challenger King Herbert Rodney Mahoney + Ferris

It was ordered that a reduction of 50¢ per acre be made in the rents of the farms excepting the lots rented to Mr Holcomb and Mrs Bruce.

The Treasurer was instructed to do what he can towards securing Mr. Palmer's rent.

A committee of two Messrs Herbert and Challenger were appointed to see that the Assessment of the Commons Farms was not too high.

Adjourned  
W J Ferris Secy

Janry. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1893.

Pres. Dr. Black Herbert Toman Challenger, Rodney Mahoney + Ferris

The Committee to hold election presented Reports of Judges as follows:—

"To the President and Board of Trustees Newbaste Common:—

We the Committee appointed to hold the election for two Trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Ferdinand Leckler and Geo Maxwell respectfully report that an election held Saty. Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1892 there were 417 votes cast. The vote is as follows:

Patrick McGroary	237
Henry Kolschumaker	158
John A Walls	142
Robt. R Morrison	95
Geo M Wise	136
Julian Janvier	4
W. J. Cooper	2
P. Whalen	2
Wm. Hanson	1

J A Rogers	5
W Bishop	1
J King	1
D Boulden	1
Jno Thompson	1
Jra Hunt	2
A Padberg	2
E. L. Chase	2
Jno. Taliaferro	1
J. Jones	2
Wm. Herbert	1
James Marvin	2
R W Wright	2
Geo Stecher	1
G Winterhoff	1
W. Simpson	2
J A Rodney	1
J. Lynch	1
Wilmer Hanson	1
W. Cooper	1
Geo Ford	1
P. Madden	1

All of which is respectfully submitted  
Wm. Herbert }  
James B Toman } Judges

and upon motion Mr. McGroary was declared elected a member of this Board and another election was ordered to be held by the same Committee on the last Saturday of this month to fill the existing vacancy.

The Treasurer was instructed not to receive any more notes in payment of rent from tenants.

The report of the Committee on Water Works was received and ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:—

To the Trustees of Newbaste Common:—

Gentlemen,  
Your Committee appointed to confer with a similar Committee of the Newbaste Water Works Co., in reference to an amicable adjustment of the questions now in dispute between this Board and the Water Co., would respectfully report that they have been awaiting a call, as was agreed



upon, from the President of the Water Co., but that on account of a difficulty in finding a date which would suit all the members of the Committee they have as yet been unable to meet.

But as a part of their duty they have thought it proper to examine again the articles of agreement between the Trustees and the Water Co., and would report:

That so far as they have been able to discover from the books and from the recollections of the older members of the Board the annual Appropriation of \$3000. was intended by the Trustees to be a guarantee of the interest upon the \$50000. worth of Bonds which the Water Co found it necessary to issue to complete their plant. And, that while we consider the establishment of the Water Works to have been of great benefit to this City and that a suspension of our annual payments would be an almost incalculable injury, yet we think it was not the intention, and certainly not the expectation of the framers of this Agreement that the Trustees after more than Twenty (20) annual payments should still receive no rebate upon the original amount; and that it is our duty toward ourselves and toward the people of this City to insist upon any rebate that may be due us.

But - although it would appear from the Secretary's report that there was in 1890 by one method of calculation, or in 1891 by another method, a rebate due us, this Committee would recommend that no claim be made for this rebate as it is small in amount but principally because the Trustees had not previously agreed upon a definite method of calculation - and we would recommend that for the future and beginning with this present year the following method of calculation be pursued:-

As representing the "Annual Revenue" of the Water Co should be put the amount of Water Rents charged by it during the year. (As to whether or not these rents are collected by the Company is not a matter for us to consider, but for the attention of the Treasurer of the Company.)

And upon the other side, as "Operating Expenses" should be put the amounts paid for Salaries, Office Rent, Coal, Taxes, Insurance and all Labor and Accidental Expenses necessary to the proper maintenance and repair of the Water Works; and from this side of the account is to be excluded all Dividends, or payment of Bonds, or Interest on Bonds, or payments on what is known as "Plumbers' Account" as well as all sums paid for any extension of the mains of the said Company, or additions to its plant.

This we think is strictly according to the Agreement and should be insisted upon by this Board. And the Committee would ask an expression of the opinion of this Board upon these points, for the proper guidance of the Committee when it shall hereafter confer with the Committee of the Water Co.

Respectfully Submitted

John A. Rodney }  
Wm. Herbert } Committee  
Wm. J. Ferris }

Newcastle Dela Jan'y 2<sup>nd</sup> 1893.

After which the method of calculation proposed in the report was approved by the Board.

The following fees were approved:-

James B. Ferris on Repair Ch. Hall	4.00
Ch. Sentman Notices Election	4.00
Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.	37.50
W. Co. Mutual Insurance Co	41.52

The report of the Water Co. being presented, it was ordered returned to the Company and a report made out in accordance with the form requested by the Trustees in their resolution of May 1890 be asked for. After which the Board adjourned.

Wm. Ferris Secy

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1893

Adjourned meeting -

Present: - John Rodney Pres. pro. tem. - Challenger,  
Ying McGray, Chas Mahoney, Ferris & Herbert.

The committee to confer with the Water Co made  
an informal report that the Water Co. had accepted  
the method of computation presented in <sup>the committee's</sup> report  
of a week ago with the possible exception of the last  
clause of the report which refers to the additions to  
its plant, the Water Co considering that a replacing  
of any smaller mains by larger mains should  
properly be charged to operating expenses

The report of the Water Co was received and  
ordered entered upon the minutes as follows: -

= 1892 =

Financial Statement  
of the Newcastle Water Works Co  
from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1892 to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1892

R. H. Martindale, Treas

Amount on hand Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 1892	3444.91.
Amount due Co Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 1892	2499.00
Amount of rents <del>due</del> charged for the year	6326.67
Received from Trustees of Commons	3000.-
Recd from Plumbing Work	27815
Recd from City for Fire Plug	28-
Recd fr. & Challenger Refunds & Divs	650

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Int on 50000 @ 5%	2500.-
4% Divd. on 5133 shares	2053.20
Paid Salaries	1297.-
" Coal <sup>808.97</sup> Hauling <sup>239.47</sup>	1048.44
Froelich Bros Plumbing & Carp	181.01
Morris Taster & Co	43.37
DeLa Electric & Supply Co	15.12
R. Wood Co New main on 8 <sup>th</sup> + Dottins	104.09
R. Wood Co Fire Hydrant	28.-
Extra Labor	87.85
Leonard & Ellis Oils	79.20
N. P. Miller Co	19.92
Cleaning out Reservoir	97.25
County Taxes for 1891	16.38
Elison Bros Lumber	23.39
Office Rent	37.50
Fire Insurance 1892	475

7636.47

87.70 R. Woodley - 265  
Dec 19. 1891  
Dec 3. 1892  
Dec 27. 1893

Forward	7636.47
Phil & Fire Brick & Clay Works	20.-
Stationery & Office Expenses	31.63
Amalgam	77.27
Edw & Handy <del>for</del> Hove	29.10
Ono Wamamaker Furniture	145.54
Balance Due Water Co	2619.52
Balance in Hand Dec 31. 1892	5023.70

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Motion by Mr. Ferris seconded by Mr. Mahoney that  
an order be drawn in favor of the Water Co for 1248<sup>04</sup>  
was lost.

Three applications were made for the Model Farm  
Leander C. Eckes, Harry McCauley and Mr. Peice, which  
were referred to the Acting Committee with power to act.

A committee of two was appointed to draft res-  
olutions in reference to the death of John White, a mem-  
ber of this Board; - the Chair apptd Messrs Challenger  
and Ferris and, upon motion the Chairman, Mr. Rod-  
ney was added to the committee.

After which the Board adjourned,  
W. Ferris,  
Secy.



Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1893

Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: At Black Challenger Rodney McGrouy Herbert Toman Shaw Mahoney King and Ferris

The Committee to draft resolutions upon the death of Mr. White made the following report:-

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Resolved; that the Trustees of Newcastle Common desire to place on record their appreciation of the character and qualities of their deceased Co-Trustee; and, while failing physical powers to have for some time prevented his personal participation in the affairs of the Board yet for many years his active aid and practical knowledge have been of great value in the deliberations of this Board, and that we tender our most sincere condolences to his bereaved wife and family; - and

Resolved that a copy of these proceedings be presented to his family and published in one newspaper.

signed John H. Rodney  
Edw. Challenger  
W. Ferris

which was adopted and ordered entered on the Minutes -

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Henny Polechumaker recd 202 votes  
Robt. Morrison " 109 "  
James Murree Jr " 99 "  
all of which is respectfully submitted. =  
signed Wm Herbert } Judges  
Geo B Toman }

Mr. Rodney moved that an election be held on the last Saturday of February from 12 to 7 to fill the two vacancies now existing in the Board and that in case of any member of the Committee being unable to serve his place shall be filled by the Chairman of this Board wh. was carried.

The Chair apptd. Messrs Rodney Challenger and Mahoney to hold election =

The Treasurer was instructed to take all necessary proceedings to secure the rent due from John H. Palmer

The Committee to confer with the Water Co. was discharged.

Price of L. Bentman for printing = 4<sup>00</sup> = allowed

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Nays: Challenger = Shaw = At Black = 3 =

The motion was carried and an Ordinance passed for the amount =

The Pres and Treas were authorized to borrow the necessary funds =

A committee of Messrs Challenger and McGrouy = were appointed to revise the By Laws and report to this Board =

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W. Ferris Secy

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W Ferris Secy

Notice given in meeting Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> and W Ferris Secy. asked for and given without objection Per Signal



March 7<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Present = Dr Black, McEron, Joman, Herbert  
 Challenger Mahoney, Boie, King and Ferris <sup>Rodney, Shaw</sup>  
 The report of the Committee to hold election  
 on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> was presented as  
 follows:-

Newcastle Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1893.  
 Resident and members of Newcastle Com-  
 mons:-

Gentlemen:-

Election held Feby. 25. 1893 in  
 Mayor's Office for Trustees of Newcastle Common  
 at which 547 votes were cast as follows:-

Robt. Morrison	288	votes
James M Wise Jr	284	"
Alexander M Caughan	202	"
Henry Holschumaker	195	"
Mr Newlove	2	"
J H Rogers	7	"
Geo Waller	7	"
Chas Hofmann	7	"
Ed Janvier	7	"

Attest John E Connolly Clerk  
 Signed { John H Rodney }  
 { Geo Mahoney }  
 { Challenger }

After the reading of which report Messrs Robt. R.  
 Morrison and James M Wise Jr. were declared  
 elected members of this Board.

The following orders were drawn:-

Mr Herbert	Judge of Election (2)	= 6.00
Geo B Joman	" " " (2)	= 6.00
Michael King	" " " (2)	= 6.00
H W Herbert	Clerk " " (2)	= 6.00
Geo Connolly	" " " (1)	= 3.00
Geo H Rodney	Judge of Election (1)	= 3.00
Edw. Challenger	" " " (1)	= 3.00
Geo Mahoney	" " " (1)	= 3.00
MSentman	For Printing	4.00
Motes Market Square	for rent	50.00
M Ferris Secy + Treas	Saly	150.00
Boylan castel	Saly as Janitor	50.00
Geo W Platt	Annual ap Town Clock	50.00
Geo W Platt	for insurance	3.05

The Treasurer reported 3387 on hand notes for  
 3500 coming due this month upon which notes the  
 Res. and Treasurer were directed to make what re-  
 duction they could from the revenues wh. might come in

The Treasurer was authorized to credit Mr.  
 Palmer with 65.00 for his slaughter house.  
 Going into an election for officers

For President  
 Dr Black received 9 votes  
 Mr. Shaw " 2 "  
 " Boie " 1 "

Whereupon Dr Black was declared elected.

For Treasurer  
 Mr. Ferris received 7 votes  
 " Herbert " 3 "  
 " Mahoney " 1 "  
 " Wise " 1 "

Whereupon Mr. Ferris was declared elected

For Com. on Public Buildings

Mr Wise received 4  
 " King " 3  
 " Morrison " 3  
 " Challenger " 3  
 " Mahoney " 3  
 " Joman " 3  
 " Black " 2  
 " Ferris " 3  
 " Herbert " 1  
 " Shaw " 1  
 " McEron " 2  
 " Rodney " 1  
 " Boie " 2

whereupon the  
 President de-  
 clared Messrs  
 Mahoney and  
 Wise and  
 elected and or

dered a second ballot to be taken  
 which resulted as follows

Mr King received 3 votes  
 " Joman " 2 "  
 " McEron " 3 "  
 " Challenger " 3 "  
 " Morrison " 1 "

No choice being made, a third ballot re-  
 sulted as follows:-

Mr. Joman recd 1 votes  
 " McEron " 6 "  
 " King " 3 "  
 " Challenger " 2 "  
 " Morrison " 1 "

whereupon Mr.  
 McEron was  
 declared &  
 elected.

A Ballot being taken for Acting Committee  
 Mr Mahoney received 7 votes  
 " King " 8 "  
 " Morrison " 8 "  
 " Challenger " 3 "  
 " Mae " 2 "  
 " Herbert " 5 "  
 " McGrovy " 3 "

and Messrs Mahoney, King and Morrison were declared elected.

Secy was authorized to notify Stephen P.M. Tasker, Esq. that he should pay 12<sup>00</sup> as he has been accustomed for the 2 acres of Commons Land wh. he holds.

Pres. apptd Messrs Borie and King to audit the Treasurers accounts.

A Communication from the Lenape Fire Co. was received and ordered filed.

after which  
 the Board  
 adjourned,  
 W J Ferris  
 Secy.

## Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

# TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON,

For the Year Ending March 25th, 1893.

RECEIPTS:	EXPENDITURES:
Balance in Treasury March 25, 1892. . . . . \$ 1,231.70	To John H. Palmer, for slaughter house. . . . . \$ 65.00
From James Gregg, balance rent due March 25, 1892. . . . . 31.25	" Mrs. H. M. Morrison, for posts. . . . . 37.50
" Ebert Wadley, rent in full to March 25, 1892. . . . . 229.75	" Frank E. Herbert, for preparing leases. . . . . 12.00
" Ebert Wadley, on account rent due March 25, 1892. . . . . 401.50	" John S. Wise, repairs to city hall. . . . . 9.50
" Ezra D. W. Shockey, rent in full to March 25, 1892. . . . . 775.50	" John T. Stoops, for hardware, posts and rails, and pumps. . . . . 278.68
" H. P. Bullen, rent in full to March 25, 1892. . . . . 883.00	" Michael King, repairs to town clock. . . . . 30.00
" Mr. H. M. Morrison, balance rent to March 25, 1892. . . . . 37.50	" James A. Morgan, carpenter work. . . . . 68.75
" John H. Palmer, rent in full to March 25, 1892. . . . . 150.00	" Jno. Mezzinson, for carpenter work. . . . . 29.40
" John H. Palmer, on account rent due March 25, 1892. . . . . 65.00	" Thomas Holcomb, posts. . . . . 77.00
" Thomas Holcomb, rent to March 25, 1892. . . . . 30.00	" J. T. & L. E. Eliason, lumber, hardware and building material. . . . . 340.74
" Thomas Bruce, rent to March 25, 1892. . . . . 60.00	" H. H. Harrington, tinning and painting. . . . . 194.48
" Thomas Barry, rent to September 25, 1892. . . . . 150.00	" E. W. Handy, tinning and painting. . . . . 136.99
" Alexander Biggs, on account rent due March 25, 1892. . . . . 1,020.00	" New Castle Water Company, appropriation. . . . . 2,748.04
" David McCoy, rent to September 25, 1892. . . . . 336.00	" John M. Newbold, building material. . . . . 82.05
" Peter Fagan, on account rent due March 25, 1892. . . . . 413.30	" N. C. Brick & Lime Co., lime. . . . . 6.65
" Sundry Interest and Discounts on Tenants' Notes. . . . . 24.33	" Acting Committee, repairs and new building at Jefferson Farm. . . . . 930.50
" Medical Loan from Farmers' Bank. . . . . 700.00	" County Taxes. . . . . 528.44
" Church of Tenants' Notes Discounted. . . . . 815.35	" City Taxes. . . . . 400.00
" Sundry Fund Interest. . . . . 72.99	" Lenape Fire Company, appropriation, '92. . . . . 250.00
<b>\$7,613.77</b>	" Extra Appropriation. . . . . 250.00
	" Appropriation, '93 in advance. . . . . 9.25
	" J. B. Lancaster, plumbing supplies. . . . . 5.25
	" Star Publishing Company, statements. . . . . 37.51
	" Platt & Elkinton, sundries. . . . . 31.50
	" J. N. Johnson, pump. . . . . 40.55
	" Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company. . . . . 41.52
	" New Castle Co. Mutual Insurance Company. . . . . 12.00
	" G. H. Sentman, printing. . . . . 1.50
	" New Castle Gas Company. . . . . 4.00
	" J. C. Jenison, repairs to City Hall. . . . . 6.65
	" H. C. Tetlow, repairs to City Hall. . . . . 41.70
	" Thomas L. Truss, rails. . . . . 10.00
	" Jno. C. Mahoney, amount paid for procuring specifications. . . . . 3.00
	" Jno. E. Connolly, Election Clerk. . . . . 6.00
	" H. W. Herbert. . . . . 150.00
	" W. J. Ferris, salary, Secretary and Treasurer. . . . . 50.00
	" B. F. Lancaster, salary, Janitor. . . . . .75
	" B. F. Lancaster, posting bills. . . . . 6.00
	" Wm. Herbert, Election Judge. . . . . 6.00
	" Jas. B. Tomian. . . . . 3.00
	" Jno. H. Rolney. . . . . 3.00
	" Edward Challenger. . . . . 3.00
	" John C. Mahoney. . . . . 50.00
	" Trustees Market Square, one year's rent. . . . . 50.00
	" Annual Appropriation, for care of Town Clock. . . . . 150.20
	" Sundry Interest and Discounts on Notes. . . . . 112.01
	" Balance on hand, March 25th, 1893. . . . . \$7,613.77

**AMOUNT DUE THE TRUSTEES.**

March 25, 1893.

From James W. Barry, six month's rent. . . . . \$ 150.00
" Alexander Biggs, balance. . . . . 24.00
" Ebert Wadley, balance. . . . . 101.50
" David McCoy, six month's rent. . . . . 330.00
" Ebert Montgomery, balance. . . . . 624.70
" Peter A. Fagan, balance. . . . . 1,251.00
" John H. Palmer, balance. . . . . 400.00
" Mr. H. M. Morrison, two year's rent. . . . . 1,101.50
" Thomas Holcomb, one year's rent. . . . . 30.00
" Mr. Bruce, one year's rent. . . . . 30.00
" John A. Walk, one year's rent. . . . . 100.00
<b>\$4,280.70</b>
Deposited in Wilmington Saving Fund. . . . . \$403.00
Interest to December 31, 1892. . . . . 10.14
<b>\$ 410.74</b>
<b>\$4,700.44</b>

The Trustees owe \$3,521 to the Farmers Bank.

**OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.**

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., PRESIDENT.      WILLIAM J. FERRIS, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

**Acting Committee:**  
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 JOHN C. MAHONEY,      JAMES M. WISE, JR.      PATRICK MCGROVY.

Farms Belonging to the Trustees.				Trustees of New Castle Common.	
NAME.	NO.	TENANT.	ACRES.	RENT.	Elected
Jefferson	1	Thomas W. Barry	874	\$ 481.25	May 14, 1859
Stockton	2	Alexander Biggs	175	962.50	April 3, 1869
Oakthorpe	3	Robert Wadley	87	459.50	May 8, 1869
Centre Hall	5	David McCoy	132	726.00	Dec. 30, 1871
Union	6	Robert Montgomery	173	951.50	Jan. 9, 1875
Payard	8	Peter Fagan	132	1,268.00	May 20, 1883
Chapin	9	Mrs. Hannah M. Morrison	102	555.50	June 20, 1885
Mold	10	Frank Moore	110	410.00	May 28, 1889
1st part of	8	Thomas Holcomb	30.00	30.00	May 28, 1889
"	3	Mrs. Theodore Bruce	30.00	30.00	May 28, 1889
<b>\$5,872.25</b>					

Audited and Found Correct, April 4th, 1893.

HIRIAM R. BORIE, } AUDITING COMMITTEE.  
 MICHAEL KING, }

**WILLIAM J. FERRIS,**  
 Secretary and Treasurer.



April 4<sup>th</sup> 1893,

Present = Mahoney Pres pro tem = Wise, Morrison, King Herbert, Toman, McErony, Challenger + Ferris.  
Treasurer's report was ordered received as examined and approved by the Auditors.

Mr. Fagan being represented as being Twelve Hundred and Fifty Three Dollars in arrears = The Treasurer was instructed to notify Tenants to report to the Trustees some satisfactory settlement within 30 days = which was amended so as to apply to all Tenants who are in arrears six months or more.

The following letter from S.M. Tasker Exr. Thos. J. Tasker was read and ordered entered upon the minutes

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Philadelphia March 10<sup>th</sup> 1893,

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This is my view of it - if Mr. J. J. Clark acts in the matter that is his privilege.

Respectfully

Stephen P.M. Tasker +  
Exr. Thos. J. Tasker decd.

The Treasurer was instructed to have printed 200 copies of the Annual Statement.  
Mr. Herbert moved the passage of an order for \$250.00 in favor of the Lenape Fire Co to pay rent, which motion was ordered to lie over for one month.

Adjourned

Wm Ferris Secy

WILLIAM J. MALLIN  
Notary Public

# Lenape Steam Fire Engine

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

New Castle, Del., March 6 1893

To the president & members of the trustees  
of the commons New Castle Del  
gentlemen we beg leave to submit the  
following report of all money received & expended  
from March 1<sup>st</sup> 91 to Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1893

Balance in treasure March 1-1891	\$ 170.38
Received from trustees for 91 & 92	800.00
Committee on intertainment	126.25
Dues and inniation fees	55.12
Received from trustees for 92 & 93	650.00
Dues and inniation fees	111.30
From committee on fall	47.79
From committee on program	35.00
Rent of hall for election	10.00
Check from building loan	27.00
Total receipts to Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 1893	\$ 2032.84



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HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

New Castle, Del.

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Expenditures were as follows

Rent of eng house for 2 years	\$500.00
Janitor one year fees	70.08
Parade in wilmingon	127.90
Supplies for one year	27.00
Delegates at conventions	26.22
Coal & Wood one year	52.95
25 Keys for door	5.00
Horses at fires	20.00
Repairs to apparatus	30.07
Seal for company ins	7.00
Printing one year	20.85
For 92 & 93 Janitor one year fees	70.08
Supplies one year	30.00
Printing one year	31.35
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Respectfully

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Exr. Thos. J. Tasker Decd.

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Adjourned

My Ferris Secy

.. HALL OF ..

# Lenape Steam Fire Engine

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

New Castle, Del.,

189

New castle gas co	\$ 27.60
Delegates to conventions	22.00
Building Loan	417.00
Minut & Ledger Book	3.08
Rent of eng house one year	250.00
Horses at fires	19.00
Expenses of parade	165.50
Material in building	250.00
Coal & Wood for one year	56.33
Total expenditures to feb 28 93	\$ 2,257.73
Total receipts to feb 28 93	2,032.84
Leaving a difuncy of	\$ 224.89

I Remain very respectfully  
yours John J. Sheridan  
Secy



April 4<sup>th</sup> 1893,

Present = Mahoney Pres pro tem = Wise, Morrison, King Herbert, Toman, McErony Challenger + Ferris.

Treasurer's report was ordered received as examined and approved by the Auditors.

Mr. Fagan being represented as being Twelve Hundred and Fifty Three Dollars in arrears = The Treasurer was instructed to notify Tenants to report to the Trustees some satisfactory settlement within 30 days = which was amended so as to apply to all Tenants who are in arrears six months or more.

The following letter from S.M. Tasker Esq. Thos. J. Tasker was read and ordered entered upon the minutes

1328 So. 5<sup>th</sup> St.,

Philadelphia March 10<sup>th</sup> 1893,

W. Ferris Esq Secy. Trustees of Newcastle Commons  
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May 2, 1893.

Present - Dr Black, Morrison King, Jowan Mcbert Challenger, McGray, Borie, Shaw, Rodney, Wise, Mahoney + Ferris

Treasurer reported having notified all tenants who were in arrears six months and expected to have Mr. Morrison, Mr. Fagan and Mr. Montgomery to make their statement to the Board at this meeting. = Reported indebtedness to Farmers Bank to have been decreased 500<sup>00</sup> and the present cash balance to be 100.82

Mr. Fagan appeared before the Board and after hearing him it was ordered that the Treasurer take a chattel mortgage upon such stock, implements and material - together with growing crops - as he may have in order to secure the rent. It was ordered that Mr. Montgomery give a judgment-bond as security for payment of his rent due Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>

Com on Revised By Laws made report and it was ordered that they have 500 copies of the Charter, revised bylaws, and Acts of Assembly printed.

The Acting Committee made a report upon the condition of the Farms and were thanked for their work.

The following orders were drawn

Chapman - printing statements -	5.25
Geo. D. Sloops = Sundries	40.80
Geo. Megginson Jr. Repairs	51.78
R. E. Watts Horse-hire	4.50
Geo. Henry - Labor -	15.45
W. Handy - Repairs	18.40
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	136.18

The Secy was instructed to obtain bids for surveying farms and making plat of same and report to the Board -  
Adjourned

W. J. Ferris  
Secy.

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Present - Dr Black, Challenger, King, Morrison, Borie, McGray, Miss Mahoney, Rodney + Ferris (9)  
Treasurer reptd. Balance on hand 76<sup>64</sup> and was instructed to allow tenants paying rent in advance a rebate of interest @ 6%

The following orders were drawn:

Wm. W. Stroup (Coll) Dist 4 <sup>th</sup> School Tax	14.52
Frank R. Carswell Architect - Plans	25.00
M. L. Raymore Brickwork Centre Hall	20.71
Geo. D. Sloops Sundries	
Blockton	10.62
Jefferson	14.72
Model	23.75
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	49.09
A. Maherd. (Model)	9.00
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	118.32

The Com on Pub Buildings were authorized to put City Hall in good repair at a cost not to exceed \$100<sup>00</sup>. The next regular meeting being July 4<sup>th</sup> the Board adjourned to meet on the second Tuesday in July

W. J. Ferris  
Secy.

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Present - Dr Black, Miss, Morrison, Challenger, McGray, Borie and Ferris  
Treas. reported \$10<sup>37</sup> on hand and two orders amounting to \$9<sup>52</sup> unpaid.

Report being presented from the water Co, was upon motion read and ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:

see next page



1893

Semiannual Statement of the Newcastle Water Works Co from Jan 1st to July 1st 1893  
W. A. Martin Dale, Treas.

Am't on hand Jan 1st 1893.	5023.70
Amount Due Co " "	2619.52
Am't rents charged during 6 mos	3327. —
Am't. rec'd from Trustees of Commons	1248.04
Am't " " Plumbing work	135.20
" " " Challenges & Dividends etc.	2. —
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	12355.46
Interest on Bonds	1250. —
1% Divid on Stock	2047.20
Salaries Paid	624.50
Coal & Hauling	1121.68
Froelich Bros. Plumbing Supplies	118.94
Morris Tasker Co	57.86
R. D. Wood Co	81.80
Extra Labor	49. —
County & School Tax 1892	24.74
Office Rent 6 mos	18.75
Allowances on Rices	79.83
Hauling, Freight & Expressage	9.36
Office Expenses	15.41
Del. Electric & Supply Co	19.19
Fire Insurance	4.75
Small Rices	53.41
Balance Due for Water	1664.25
Balance Cash on hand	
June 30th 1893	5114.79
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	12355.46

The following resolution was offered:  
 "Resolved that it is the sense of this Board that it will be good policy to rent the house on Bayard Farm and 10 or 15 acres of land separately. The Hares Corner Hotel with sufficient stabling & with not over 30 acres of land separately and to rent a dwelling house at Hares Corner and with it and the Hares Corner Farm Buildings rent the remainder of farm; the idea being to separate the Hotel from the large Farm.  
 Which resolution was referred to the Acting Committee and the Board adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

August 1st 1893  
 Present Dr Black Wise Rodney Morrison Thomas McGoy Ferris

Com. on Collected by Laws & reported that they had had 497 Copies printed and presented Bill of Gentlemen for 54 67 which was ordered paid and the Janitor was directed to distribute 10 Copies to each Trustee and the balance to be kept in the meeting room. The Committee was thanked and discharged.

A Committee, Messrs Rodney and Wise presented the following resolution:-

"Whereas, our Fellow Trustee Michael B. King, has been removed from us by death - and  
 Whereas, we desire to place on record our sincere testimonial of his character and worth;

Resolved that in the death of Michael B. King this Board and community have lost the presence and services of an amiable upright and faithful member, ever ready to perform his duty honestly and fearlessly. He only sought to know the light; and, knowing it, his sole aim was to act in accordance with it.

A Conscientious but kind spirit actuated him in all the relations of life, both public and private and he leaves to his family the imperishable record of an untarnished name which belongs to an honest man -

Resolved that a copy of these eulogiums be printed in the public press, be spread upon the minutes of this Board and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Treasurer was directed to pay County Taxes out of first available funds.

Mr. Rodney was requested to represent the Board in any litigation arising from the abrogation of the Water Company agreement.

Adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1893

Pres = Wise Pres pro tem - Mahoney Monison  
 M'Grouy Coman Challenger + Ferris

The Board going into an election for a member of the Acting Committee to succeed Michael King dead

	second Ballot	Pres
Coman received 3 votes	4	Clare
Challenger " 1 "	1	Tou
M'Grouy " 2 "	1	elect
Wise " 1 "	1	

Whereupon Mr Monison presented his resignation as a member of the Acting Committee and upon motion it was accepted. = Going into an election for his successor

	second ballot	there being no election further balloting was postponed until the next regular meeting
Prodney recd 1	1	
Wise 3	3	
Challenger 2	1	
Borie 1	2	

Motion to hold an election on the last day of September was ordered postponed for one month

The following bills were approved:-

Jno Mance	668.37
Jno Mance	10.84
R.A. Hamilton	18.16
W. L. Daymore	24.50
M. G. G. G.	14.50
Jno M. Newbold	10.20
G. W. Handy	9.92
Jno. C. Sloops	29.40
R.A. Hamilton	23.00
Water Co	8.60
J. L. E. Eliason	303.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>1120.81</b>

A special Committee Messrs Challenger & M'Grouy was appointed to view repairs at Model Farm and take necessary action

It was resolved that the present tenants of Union Bayard Farms be informed that they would be rented separately after March 25<sup>th</sup> next -

The Secy was instructed to notify tenants that they must not put in more ground in wheat than allowed by their lease unless permitted so to do by the Acting Committee

Adjourned  
 W. Ferris Secy.

Oct. 3. 1893.

Present = Dr Black - Wise Challenger, Rooney, Herbert Mahoney, M'Grouy, Ferris.

Mr Edmondson made application to rent 15 Acres - a part of Bayard farm @ 7.00 per acre which application was referred to the Acting Committee. Treasurer reported no money in the Treasury - Outstanding orders amounting to 1190 and rents due Sept 25. amounting to 5485.189

The Treasurer presented also a communication from the Newcastle Water Works Co as follows:-

Newcastle Del September 12. 1893  
 Treasurer of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common = Newcastle Del  
 Dear Sir

The Newcastle Water Works Company in accordance with the contract existing between itself (sic) and the Trustees of the Newcastle Commons hereby makes formal demand for the payment of the semi-annual appropriation of 1500.00 which was due and payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1893.

Dyned  
 At Martindale Secy - Treas  
 of the Newcastle Water Works Co

The Treasurer was instructed to reply under instruction from Mr Rooney, the Attorney of the Board.

Mr Rooney was not requested to represent the Board in the suit brought against them by the Water Co and his suggestion as to the submission to the Court of an amicable case was endorsed.

An election was ordered to be held on the last Saturday of October for a successor to Michael



King. Election to be held between 1 and 7th  
 Pres. apptd Challenger, McGrouy & Rodney as  
 Judges.

The election of a third member of  
 the Acting Committee was postponed for  
 one month.

Mr. Challenger presented a report of  
 the W.C.T.U. which was ordered entered as  
 follows:-

Receipts	Expenditures
Cash recd from Trustees	Paid for Coal 100 <sup>80</sup>
of Newcastle Common 100 <sup>00</sup>	" " Groceries 10 <sup>60</sup>
Donated by Miss McGrouy 10 <sup>00</sup>	" " Bread .86
" " Miss Danvers 5 <sup>00</sup>	" to Mrs Davidson 2 <sup>74</sup>
<u>115<sup>00</sup></u>	<u>115<sup>00</sup></u>

Newcastle Sept 7. 1893  
 Cordelia Deakrnye  
 Treas

After which the Board  
 adjourned.  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

Nov. 7th 1893  
 Pres Dr Black, Wise, Jouman, Challenger,  
 Herbert, Mahoney, McGrouy & Ferris

The Judges to hold Election Saty Oct 28<sup>th</sup>  
 presented report as follows

"At an election held at the Mayor's Office  
 Newcastle Dec Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1893 for one Trustee of  
 Newcastle Common

Edw Dalby recd 183 votes,  
 Mr Newlove " 120 "  
 Julian Danvers " 8 "

Patrick McGrouy } Judges  
 Wm Herbert }  
 Edw Challenger }

Whereupon Mr Dalby was declared  
 elected.

It was ordered that Mr. Montgomery  
 and Mr. Fagan be notified to give up  
 possession of their farms the 25<sup>th</sup> of next  
 March.

The Treasurer was authorized to  
 use all legal means to collect the  
 rents from Fagan and Montgomery.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid.

Newcastle Gas Co	3.60	for Nine Months
Chapman	1.50	" Printing
McBrien Linc Co	5.68	" Linc
Mr Herbert	3	—
Mr McGrouy	3	—
Edw Challenger	3	—
Wm Herbert CLK	3	—
Wth Lancaster Bill Porter	—	75 <sup>53</sup> 123

Ordinance passed.

The Treasurer was instructed to have made a  
 new Order-Book.

Secy. was authorized to advertise for  
 rent the Bayard Farm of 102 Acres

Going into an election for Third member  
 of the Acting Committee

Mr. Challenger recd 2 votes	{	second ballot
" McGrouy " 2 "	{	2
" Herbert " 1 "	{	2
" Wise " 4 "	{	5

Whereupon Mr. Wise  
 received was de-  
 clared elected.

After which the Board adjourned.  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1893  
 Present, Rodney, Pres pro tem, Wise, Jouman,  
 Challenger, Bowie, Morrison, Mahoney, McGrouy,  
 Herbert & Ferris

Treasurer reported having received during  
 the month 1156<sup>25</sup> in cents and that there  
 was now on hand 753<sup>70</sup> and that the City  
 and County taxes were still unpaid.

It was ordered that the parties in  
 occupancy of the Town Hall be notified to  
 give up possession of the premises.

Mr. Thomas Fagan of Wilmington ap-  
 peared before the Board making applica-  
 tion for the renting of Union Bayard  
 Farms again, to his son Peter A. Fagan,  
 and engaging to receive the rent of the  
 same.

An application was also received  
 from Mr. D. H. D. of Wilmington making  
 application for the same farm.

It was ordered that the Board go into an election for a Tenant for Union Bay and Farms. Pres. apptd Dalby and Toman as Tellers. — Put upon reconsideration the renting of these farms was postponed for one week and the Secy. was instructed to ascertain the soundness of the security offered by Mr Fagan.

The Acting Committee was authorized to do whatever in their judgment was best for the Board in the matter of the sale of what was seized by the constable on the Montgomery Farm.

The Treasurer was authorized to use his discretion in the acceptance of notes at the sale of Robert Montgomery on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.

It was ordered that the Penn Farm be advertised for rent and that intending renters make application by next Tuesday.

The following bills were ordered paid

City Taxes	349.60
County Taxes	423.22
M. & E. Elison Ambrs	29.20
W. Bentman Order Book	5.75
R. Lancaster Constable's Ambr	2.—
R. Steu Watts Carriage Hire	2.—
Geo J. Sloops	4.50
R. Lancaster Analyt	25.—

The Acting Committee reported to the Board certain irregularities in the Model Farm remaining from the old Brick yard and the Board gave the committee power to act.

The following communication from Mr Rodney was read:

Gentlemen of the Trustees of Newcastle Common: — In regard to the controversy between the Newcastle Water Works Co and this body, I have had a good deal of thought. In view of the fact that adverse criticism

has been made by a member of this Board, as to my connection with the case, and to believe the Board of any imputation at all, I beg to suggest that someone should be associated with me in the conduct of this case, I would advise that a Committee be appointed with whom I could act — as to the selection of this Committee I would suggest immediate action as the sooner the matter is brought to a conclusion the better. I am entirely willing to assist in this matter, but positively refuse to take the first position.

Your John W Rodney

P.S. I would say that my opinion is very decided ~~the~~ without having considered the matter exhaustively, I believe the Trustees exceeded their Charter powers in making the contract with the Watts Co.

Whereupon a committee of three Messrs Black, Ferris & McGrou was apptd by Pres pro tem Mahoney.

Mr Herbert moved that an appropriation of \$500 be made to the United Charities for the benefit of the poor of the town, but the consideration of this motion was postponed for one week.

Whereupon the Board adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy.

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1893  
Present — Wise Pres pro tem — Toman, Challenger Dalby, Herbert Borie, Monison, McGrou, Mahoney, Rodney, Ferris.

Mr. Rodney reported that Mr. Neild had been associated with him to present the case of the Trustees in their suit with the Watts Co.

Mr. Rodney reported that he had examined into the security offered by Mr Fagan and found Mr. Fagan's own property in Christiana to whose probable value was between 4000 + 5000 and against which there was a mort-

part property



gage of \$100; and four houses in Wilkes-  
borough of a probable value of 4000 agst wh.  
there was a mortgage of 1100. And that  
Mr. Fagan and his son Peter A. Fagan had  
executed a Bond for \$16,000 as security  
for the rent of Union and Bayard Farms  
to March 25<sup>th</sup> 1895 conditional upon  
the Trustees renting the Farms to Pa-  
gan for the ensuing year.

An application was also handed in  
for the same farms from Robert M. Cadden

The Board decided to rent Union &  
Bayard Farms to Peter A. Fagan for the en-  
suing year accepting the bond signed by  
himself and father as security for the rent  
to March 25<sup>th</sup> 1895.

An order for \$10 was ordered to be  
drawn to pay for recording Bond.

The matter of renting Penn Farm was  
postponed until the next regular meeting  
and the Acting Committee was instructed  
to inquire into the reliability of the differ-  
ent applicants and report to this Board.

The matter of the disposition of the  
fodder on the Penn Farm was left to the  
Acting Committee with power to act.

The Secy was instructed to draw  
orders for the payment of the Fire Insur-  
ance Premiums due.

The \$500. Poor Appropriation was  
postponed until the next regular meet-  
ing

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy

July 2, 1894

Present: Mahoney Pres-pro-tem - Touan Dalby  
Challenger, Morrison, Herbert, McGrou & Ferris.

Treas reported having received \$20.00 since last  
meeting and that there was about 10.00 on hand.

Acting Committee reported having sold the  
fodder in the field at Montgomerys for 38.00 to  
Ester M. Daniel.

The Penn Farm was rented to Wm. B. McCoy  
(173 acres) at 4.00 per Acre.

The following bills were passed

Every Evening Printing Co (Advertisement Penn Farm for rent.	1.36.
Newcastle Gas Co	.90

The matter of a Watchman at Penn Farm  
was referred to Acting Committee with power  
to act.

Geo. A. Walls applied to rent rooms now  
occupied by him in City Hall which applica-  
tion was ordered filed.

A communication from the Water Co  
making a formal demand for \$1500 as a Semi-  
Annual appropriation due July 1<sup>st</sup> 1894  
and submitting therewith an Annual  
Statement was referred to the Council re-  
presenting the Board in the suit of the Water  
Co. against the Trustees.

The two stores under the City Hall were  
again rented to Mr. Walls at the present  
rent.

The renting of the other rooms in the  
City Hall was referred to Committee on  
Public Buildings with instruction to re-  
port at next meeting.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris  
Secy.

Feby 6<sup>th</sup> 1894 =

Present Rodney Pres-pro-tem - Dalby Challenger  
Yoman Herbert Wise Morrison Mahoney Ferris.  
Treasurer reported having received \$134.<sup>18</sup>  
since last meeting and that there was now  
\$148.<sup>10</sup> on hand

The following bills were approved and or-  
dered paid:-

Dr W. Kinnison sundries	5.85
Edw. W. Handy Repairs	20.67
Quorn Hance Repairs at Hans Corner Contract	
Price -	98.00
Quorn Hance additional la- bor and Material at Hans Corner	28.40
Serial Piddings Constable for goods pur- chased at Constable's Sale of Robt. Mont- gomery's effects	179.00
Serial Piddings Constable for Costs of Sale of Montgomery's effects	20. <sup>50</sup>

Mr. Piddings reported total proceeds of  
Montgomery Sale to be \$240.<sup>65</sup>

The Acting Committee was instructed  
to place Wadley's porch in good condi-  
tion either by repairs or rebuilding same  
as to them may seem best

The matter of a watchman at Penn  
Farm was again referred to the Acting  
Committee with power to act.

The Acting Committee reported that  
there were ~~five~~ six associations meeting  
in the City Hall and recommended  
that the two Building Associations  
and the W.B.C.U. have the use of  
second floor and that the ~~Dr. Hays~~  
and Grand Army and A.P.A. have  
use of the third floor at a rent of  
25 or 50¢ a month with the pro-  
vision that they give up peaceable  
possession at any time at a  
months notice

It was ordered that the Board rent to the  
various societies the rooms they now occupy  
at the rent they now pay the Sanitor and  
that 80% of the rent collected be paid the  
Sanitor for his services and that this regula-  
tion go into effect March 25<sup>th</sup> next.

The Committee on Public Buildings  
was authorized to permit the Fishermen to  
hang their nets in the second floor of the  
Hall provided satisfactory arrangements  
were made for the cleaning of the loom.

After which the Board adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy.

McGrouy ~~Secy~~  
Regular Meeting March 6<sup>th</sup> 1894

Present Rodney Pres Pro Tem Challenger,  
Mahoney, Wise Dalby, Morrison, McGrouy, Herbert  
Yoman & Ferris

Acting Committee reported that in or-  
der to secure his services as watchman at  
Penn Farm, they had allowed Mr Fisher to  
use the stables for his cattle.

Mr. David McCoy having been elected  
Superintendent of the Alex House asked  
permission to sublet Centre Hall Farm  
or expressed his willingness if the Board  
so desire, to give up the farm entirely.  
Mr. McCoy was granted permission  
to sublet the farm.

Mr. G. D. Janvier Agt for Mrs. Bruce  
asked that her yearly rental be reduced  
as she had been at considerable expense  
in introducing water and paying water  
rentals. No reduction was allowed, but  
Mrs. Bruce was allowed the privilege  
of re-leasing the ground for not  
more than 5 years at the present  
yearly rental.

Going into an election for Presi-  
dent:

Dr Black	Secd.	5	votes
Mr Wise	"	2	"
Challenger	"	1	"

whereupon  
Dr Black was declared elected



Going into an election for Secy.

Mr. Ferris rec'd 5 votes  
 " Challenger " 1 "  
 " McGrouy " 1 "  
 " Dalby " 2 " whereupon Mr. Ferris was declared elected.

Going into an election for Treas.

Mr. Ferris rec'd 6 votes  
 Mahoney " 1 "  
 Challenger " 1 "  
 Dalby " 1 " whereupon Mr. Ferris was declared elected.

Going into an election for Acting Committee

Mr. Mahoney rec'd 6  
 " Touman " 4  
 " McGrouy " 2  
 " Rodney " 1  
 " Wise " 5  
 " Challenger " 2  
 " Herbert " 1  
 " Dalby " 2  
 " Morrison " 1 whereupon Messrs Mahoney and Wise were declared elected.

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A second ballot being taken

Key	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Mr. Touman	3	4	5
Rodney	1	1	1
McGrouy	1	1	1
Dalby	1	1	1
Challenger	2	1	1

whereupon Mr. Touman was declared elected as the third member of the Acting Committee

Going into an election for Com on Public Beliefs

Mr. McGrouy rec'd 4  
 Mahoney " 4  
 Dalby " 4  
 Rodney " 1  
 Morrison " 2  
 Wise " 4  
 Challenger " 2  
 Ferris " 1  
 Touman " 1

second ballot

5	whereupon Messrs McGrouy Mahoney & Wise were declared elected
5	
2	
4	
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Messrs McGrouy and Dalby were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending March 25<sup>th</sup> 1894.

The following bills and orders were allowed:

Geo. J. Sloops for Bats & Wire	32. <sup>38</sup>
Frank D Moore Hauling & Stacking	5 <sup>00</sup>
Corn Fodder Penn Farm	5 <sup>00</sup>
Innotes Market Square one year's rent to Feb'y 15 <sup>th</sup> 94	50. <sup>00</sup>
Innotes Emmanuel Church, one year's care of Town Clock	50. <sup>00</sup>
B. F. Lancaster six months salary as Janitor	25. <sup>00</sup>
Mr Ferris one year's salary as Treas and Secy.	1.50. <sup>00</sup>
Lenape Fire Co. Semi Annual Appropriation due March 25 <sup>th</sup> 1894.	125 <sup>00</sup>
Counsel for the Innotes in the case agot the Water Co	100. <sup>00</sup>
	<u>537.<sup>38</sup></u>

Nine being present and seven voting in the affirmative an ordinance for 537.<sup>38</sup> was directed to be passed.

The Lenape Fire Co. presented the following report which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:

To the President and members of the Board of Trustees of Newcastle Community:

Gentlemen: I beg leave to make the following report of all moneys received and paid out by the Lenape Steam Fire Engine Hook and Ladder Co Newcastle Dec for the year ending March 1<sup>st</sup> 1894

(Continued on next page)

Going into an election for Secy.

Mr. Ferris recd 5 votes

" Challuqu " 1 "
" McGrou " 1 "
" Dolby " 2 " whereupon Mr. Ferris was declared elected.

Going into an election for Treas.

Mr. Ferris recd 6 votes

Mr. Mahoney " 1 "
Challenger " 1 "
Dolby " 1 " whereupon Mr. Ferris was declared elected.

Going into an election for Acting Committee

Mr. Mahoney recd 6

" Touman " 4
" McGrou " 2
" Rodney " 1
" Wise " 5
" Challenger " 2
" Herbert " 1
" Dalby " 2
" Morrison " 1

whereupon Messrs Mahoney and Wise were declared elected.

A second ballot being taken

Key
Mr. Touman 3 { Third { Fourth { Fifth
Rodney 1 { 4 { 4 { 5
McGrou 1 { 1 { 1 { 1
Dolby 1 { 1 { 1 { 1
Challenger 2 { 2 { 1 { 1 whereupon Mr. Touman was declared elected as the third member of the Acting Committee

Going into an election for Com on Public Buildings

Mr McGrou recd 4
Mahoney " 4
Dolby " 4
Rodney " 1
Morrison " 2
Wise " 4
Challenger " 2
Ferris " 1
Touman " 1
Second Ballot
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whereupon Messrs McGrou Mahoney and Wise were declared elected

Messrs McGrou and Dolby were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending March 25th 1894.

The following bills and orders were allowed:

Geo. J. Sloops for Bets and Wire - 32.38
Frank D Moore Hauling and stacking Corn fodder Penn Farm 5.00
Trustees Market Square one year's rent to Feb 15th 94 50.00
Trustees Immanuel Church, one year's care of Town Clock 50.00
B. F. Lancaster six months salary as Janitor 25.00
Mr Ferris one year's salary as Treas and Secy. 1.50.00
Lenape Fire Co. Semi Annual Appropriation due March 25th 1894. 125.00
Counsel for the Trustees in the case agot the Water 100.00

537.38

Nine being present and seven voting in the affirmative an ordinance for 537.38 was directed to be passed.

The Lenape Fire Co presented the following report which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:

To the President and members of the Board of Trustees of Newcastle Comon:

Gentlemen: I beg leave to make the following report of all money received and paid out by the Lenape Steam Fire Engine Hook and Ladder Co Newcastle Dec for the year ending March 1st 1894

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Deficiency March 1<sup>st</sup> 1893 = 224<sup>89</sup>

Receipts from March 1<sup>st</sup> 1893 to  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1894

From City Council	400.00
" Dues	40.55
" Fair Committee	376.32
" Subscription Com	40.37
<u>Total</u>	<u>857.24</u>

Expenses from March 1<sup>st</sup> 1893 to Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 1894

To Building Loan	360.00
" Keys for Hall	4.00
" Auditor	37.00
" Fair	106.86
" Insurance	6.00
" Incidental Expenses	11.69
" Coal Wood	29.27
" Lamps Oil	7.45
" Stoves	20.40
" Chairs	17.00
" Printing	5.22
" City Tax	1.44
" Curtains	22.00
" State Delegates	5.00
	<u>633.63</u>

Balance in excess of Expenses  
for 1894 = 223.61 leaving de-  
ficiency March 1<sup>st</sup> 1894 = 128  
unpaid bills allowed but not  
paid aggregating 50.00 making  
real deficiency 5128

Respectfully

James Campbell  
Financial Secy

After which the Board  
adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy

STATEMENT OF THE  
Receipts and Expenditures  
OF  
TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON.  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 25th, 1894.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand March 25th, 1893	\$ 112.01	To Michael King, services as Judge of Election	\$ 6.00
From Mrs. Peace, one year's rent	30.00	" C. H. Sentman, for printing	67.17
" David McCoy, eighteen months' rent	1,122.00	" Jno. T. Stoops, posts and sundry hardware	15.45
" John H. Palmer, on account rent	137.78	" Jno. Megginson, Jr., repairs at Model farm	51.78
" Robert Walsley, on account rent	301.50	" R. Eden Watts, carriage hire	6.50
" Thomas Holcomb, one year's rent	30.00	" E. W. Hardy, repairs and roofing	48.99
" John A. Walls, on account rent	25.00	" Arthur Mahern, labor at Model farm	9.00
" Robert Montgomery, on account rent	548.94	" W. L. Baymore, repairs	45.31
" Peter A. Fagan, on account rent	766.00	" F. N. Caswell, plans, &c., Stockton farm	25.00
" Thomas W. Barry, on account rent	100.00	" School Taxes (District 48) for 1892	14.52
" Alexander Biggs, on account rent	781.25	" Jno. M. Hance, repairs at Oglethorpe farm	679.21
" Frank D. Moore, on account rent	238.25	" P. McGrory, repairs at Jefferson farm	14.50
" Mrs. H. M. Morrison, eighteen months' rent	821.00	" R. H. Harrington, painting	41.16
" Jester and McDaniel, for fodder from Penn farm	38.00	" N. C. Water Works Co., hydrant and labor	8.00
" Wilmington Savings Fund Society, two years' interest	34.68	" Jno. M. Newbold, lumber	10.20
	\$5,016.45	" J. T. & L. E. Eliason, lumber and hardware	382.42
		" City Taxes for 1893	349.60
		" County Taxes for 1893	421.22
		" H. W. Herbert, services as Clerk of Election	3.00
		" B. F. Lancaster, salary as janitor	50.00
		" B. F. Lancaster, posting bills and serving warrant	2.75
		" P. McGrory, services as Judge of Election	3.00
		" W. Herbert, services as Judge of Election	3.00
		" E. Challenger, services as Judge of Election	3.00
		" New Castle Gas Co., for gas in meeting room	4.50
		" N. C. Brick & Lime Co., for lime	5.68
		" Jno. E. V. Platt, Agt., Fire Insurance Premiums	39.77
		" F. E. Herbert, notarial fee	.50
		" F. E. Herbert, Agt., Fire Insurance Premiums	40.92
		" Every Evening Printing Co., advertisement	1.96
		" Jno. H. Rodney, Esq., for recording bond	1.10
		" Jno. M. Hance, repairs at Hare's Corner	126.40
		" Israel Billing, Constable, for grain and fodder bought at Montgomery sale	179.00
		" Israel Billing, Constable, for costs, &c., of sale at Penn farm	20.50
		" D. W. Elkinton, sundries	5.85
		" W. J. Ferris, salary as Secretary and Treasurer	150.00
		" Lenaje Fire Co., semi-annual appropriation	125.00
		" Trustees of Market Square, one year's rent	50.00
		" Jno. H. Rodney, Esq., and Benj. Nields, Esq., for services as counsel for the Trustees in their suit against the Water Co.	100.00
		" Trustees Immanuel Church, one year's care of Town Clock	50.00
		" Farmers Bank, on account of Note and Discount	1,449.35
		Balance on hand March 25th, 1894	233.07
			\$5,016.45

AMOUNT DUE THE TRUSTEES.  
March 25th, 1894.

From Thomas W. Barry, fourteen months' rent	\$ 511.25
" Alexander Biggs, balance	245.25
" Robert Walsley, balance	249.50
" Robert Montgomery, balance	1,087.76
" Peter A. Fagan, balance	1,762.94
" Mrs. H. M. Morrison, eighteen months' rent	838.50
" John H. Palmer, balance	328.67
" Frank D. Moore, balance	201.77
" Thomas Holcomb, one year's rent	30.00
" Mrs. Peace, one year's rent	30.00
" John A. Walls, twenty-one months' rent	175.00
" Wilmington Savings Fund Society, amount on Deposit	401.00
	\$5,864.24

The Trustees owe \$2,500.00 to the Farmers' Bank.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., PRESIDENT.

W. J. FERRIS, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

JOHN C. MAHONEY,

Acting Committee:

JAMES B. TOMAN.

JOHN C. MAHONEY,

Committee on Public Buildings:

PATRICK MCGRORY.

Farms Belonging to the Trustees.				Trustees of New Castle Common.			
NAME.	NO.	TENANT.	ACRES.	RENT.	NAME.	Elected	Term
Jefferson	1	Thomas W. Barry	874	481.25	WILLIAM HERBERT	May 14, 1889	
Stockton	2	Alexander Biggs	173	962.50	JOHN C. MAHONEY	April 3, 1893	
Oglethorpe	3	Robert Walsley	87	459.50	JAMES G. SHAW	May 8, 1893	
Central Hall	5	David McCoy	132	725.00	JOHN J. BLACK, M. D.	Dec. 30, 1871	
Penn.	6	William B. McCoy	173	692.00	JOHN H. RODNEY	Jan. 9, 1875	
Union	8	Peter Fagan	132	1,206.00	WILLIAM J. FERRIS	May 29, 1883	
Rayard	9		102		EDWARD CHALLENGER	June 20, 1885	
Clayton	10	Mrs. Hannah M. Morrison	101	555.50	HIRAM B. BORIE	May 28, 1889	
Stadel	11	Frank Moore	110	410.00	JAMES B. TOMAN	Feb. 3, 1891	
1st part of	8	Thomas Holcomb		30.00	PATRICK MCGRORY	Dec. 31, 1892	
" "	3	Mrs. Theodore Bruce		30.00	ROBERT H. MORRISON	Feb. 25, 1893	
					JAMES M. WISE, JR.	Feb. 25, 1893	
					EDWARD DALBY	Oct. 28, 1893	
				\$5,612.75			

Audited and Found Correct, April 12th, 1894.

PATRICK MCGRORY, }  
EDWARD DALBY, } AUDITING COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM J. FERRIS,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

Regular Meeting April 3, 1894

Present Dr. Black Rodney Jouan Challenger, McGrou, Dalby, Mahoney & Ferris

Acting Committee recommended that Mr. Fisher be charged thirty dollars for the use of the fodder and ten dollars for the use of the buildings at Penn Farm and the Treasurer was instructed to make a demand on Mr. Fisher for the money.

Treasurer reported 288<sup>97</sup> on hand and 2200. due to the Farmers Bank this week. Treasurer was instructed to pay 200. on acct of note and make a new note for 2000 thirty days.

The Secy was instructed to notify all tenants in arrears that the necessities of the Board render it necessary that a payment should be made on account of their rent within the next thirty days.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

Regular Meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> 1894.

Present Wise, Pres. pro tem, Challenger Shaw McGrou, Mahoney, Rovie, Jouan & Ferris

The following bills were approved =

Chas. Bentman printing 300 Annual Statements	6 <sup>50</sup>
Geo. J. Ostoops Misc. Sundries & Hardware	33 <sup>03</sup>

The Acting Committee was instructed to have a plot of the Commons Farms made showing different farms and fields at a cost not to exceed \$125<sup>00</sup>

The Treasurer was instructed to pay \$100<sup>00</sup> on Note coming due at Farmers Bank and to negotiate a new note for 30 days

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy



June 5. 1894

Pres. D. Black (Challenger, Rodney, Wise,  
Monison Shaw McGrou, Mahoney, Rorie,  
and Ferris

Treasurer reported \$1086 on hand.

The following orders were passed

W. W. Group, Collector School Tax Dist. No. 48. for 1893.	11.46
Thos. Holcomb 20 fence posts	50.-
New Castle Water Co Repairs	2.50
W. D. Bace Repairs - Penn Farm	3.75
Israel Riding Carp. Wk " "	186.70
John Riding Repairs Penn Farm	7.70
John O. Stobbs Sundries	25.32

The Acting Committee presented bids  
from Barwell, Keimery, Wison for sur-  
veying farms - which were laid over  
for one month.

The Acting Committee were instructed  
to take care of selling of wheat at Penn  
Farm.

Treasurer was instructed to  
pay 100. if possible on note at Farmer's  
Bank and renew it for 30 days.

Adjourned

W. Ferris Secy.

July 3. 1894

Present. Rodney Pres pro tem., Challen-  
ger Dalby, Wise, Morrisou, Mahoney, Ferris  
Acting Com. reported having engaged  
Mr. Wump Coy to harvest wheat at Penn  
Farm for one third of the yield

Treas reported \$166<sup>83</sup> on hand

A communication and report was  
received from the Water Co which commu-  
nication and report was referred to Counsel  
for the Farmers in their suit.

A bill of \$375 for gas to June 25. was  
allowed.

The Acting Committee were in-  
structed to have farms surveyed at  
a cost not to exceed \$150. as per bid  
of W. Keimery presented at May meet-  
ing.

The Pres. and Treas were instructed to  
pay \$100<sup>00</sup> on note due at Farmer's  
Bank and renew same for 30 days.

Mr. M. For the Chairman of a  
Committee appointed by the Board of  
Education to ask aid from the Ins-  
tees - appeared before the Board and  
made a statement of the probable  
expense of the proposed repairs to  
No 2 Building - but no formal  
action was taken thereon

W. Ferris  
Secy.

Aug 7. 1894.

Present Dr Black Mahoney, Wise Dalby  
Challenger Morrison McGrouy & Ferris  
Treas reported \$735 on hand and  
Pres and Treasurer were authorized to  
renew Note at Farmers Bank for 30 days.

The following bills were approved

Robt Ferguson	450
J J E Chason	2280
do do	3078
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W L Daymore	4568
Republican Printing Co	2-
Newcastle Water Co	280
Newcastle B <sup>th</sup> Co	2478
Edwd W Handy	4256
City Taxes	190. <sup>80</sup>

Act Committee reported, having made a  
satisfactory survey as per plan submitted  
and his bill for 150.<sup>00</sup> was approved

The Treasurer was instructed to  
demand payment of A. P. M. Foster for  
4900 for 4 years at 1200 per Annum  
and that the Secy. send also Mr Kin-  
ney's statement in reference to the  
matter

The plan as made by Mr Kinney  
was ordered hung in the meeting room  
and the Auditor was instructed not  
to allow it to be taken out of the  
room unless under the direction of  
the Trustees

Adjourned  
W J Ferris Secy

Sep 4. 1894

Present Dr Black Dalby Foucau Challen-  
ger M<sup>c</sup>Grouy Mahoney & Ferris  
Treasurer reported having received \$652.<sup>00</sup>  
since the last meeting and that the Board was  
still 1894<sup>00</sup> short for paying all outstanding  
orders.

The bill of M Johnson for pump & repairs  
#6125 was ordered paid.

Pres & Treas were authorized to educe  
note at Farmers Bank #180.<sup>00</sup> if money  
is in hand.

The Semi Annual appropriation of  
#125.<sup>00</sup> was ordered paid The Keape Fire Co.

Adjourned  
W J Ferris Secy.

Oct. 7. 1894.

Present Messrs Mahoney, Dalby, Challenger  
Rodney & Ferris.  
No Quorum being found  
present the Board adjourned.

W J Ferris Secy.

November 6. 1894

Present Messrs Black Rodney, Maho-  
ney M<sup>c</sup>Grouy & Ferris.  
No Quorum being  
found present, the Board adjourned.

December 4<sup>th</sup> 1894

Present Dr Black, Wise, Dalby, Challen-  
ger, Mahoney, Foucau Morrison M<sup>c</sup>Grouy  
Rodney & Ferris

Treasurer reported 359.<sup>08</sup> on hand  
and that <sup>all</sup> outstanding orders had been  
paid and the note at Farmers Bank le-  
duced \$400, the present amount being \$1200.

Request was made by several  
Members present that the cuts be  
reduced.

A communication from the State  
Board of Health was received and  
referred to the Acting Committee



The following bills were ordered paid:-  
 McGasco 3.15 to Sept 25.  
 L.R. Kuebeck 6.00 Repairs to pump  
 Morris Paster Co 8.05 Pump & hose  
 Geo. J. Mooks 11.76 Sundries  
 Thos Massou 16.30 Laying & trimming hedge  
 Israel Riding 82.30 Carpenter etc  
 Geo M Hauce 18. - do do  
 B. Haucoster 2.50 Serving Notices

Two Hundred Dollars was ordered paid on Farmers Bank Note when due. Application was received from Richd Maloney and H.P. Bullee to rent Centre Hall Farm wh. has been given up by David McCoy.

Application was recd from Colored Schools asking for appropriation sufficient to pay for five tons coal, but it was not granted. A motion appropriating sufficient to pay for three tons of coal was also lost.

The Secy was instructed to advertise Union and Bayard Farms for rent. And the matter of collecting Fagan's rent was referred to Mr. Rodney, the Attorney of the Board.

Farms were ordered rented hereafter according to the acreage as shown by the new survey.

*939 <sup>12</sup>	Stockton Farm	7170 <sup>34</sup> Acres	rented to Alex Riggs @ 5 <sup>00</sup> per Acre
*507 <sup>83</sup>	Jefferson	" (92 1/3)	" Thos W Bailey " 5 <sup>50</sup> "
*1437 <sup>25</sup>	Oglethorpe	" (79 1/2 A.)	" Robt Wadley " 5 <sup>50</sup> "
*1682 <sup>00</sup>	Centre Hall	" (124 A)	" H.P. Bullee " 5 <sup>50</sup> "
*838 <sup>50</sup>	Peine	" 186 1/3 Acres	" M.D. McCoy " 4 <sup>50</sup> "
*618 <sup>75</sup>	Clayton	" 112 1/2 A.	" H.M. Morrison " 5 <sup>50</sup> "
410 <sup>25</sup>	Model	" 109 1/2 A.	" Frank O Moore for \$110 <sup>00</sup>

Lot of about 200 Acres " Thos Holcomb for 30<sup>00</sup>

Mrs. Bruce, through her Agent, requested a reduction in Ground Rent paid by her. Motion was postponed until next meeting.

Adjourned  
 W J Ferris Secy

December 27, 1894  
 Special meeting

Present. Wise, Pres pro tem, Dalby, Toujan, Challenger, Shaw, Morrison, McGraw, Mahoney, Rodney and Ferris. The Treas reptd 106<sup>85</sup> on hand and all outstanding orders paid. Three applications were made for Union

Bayard Farms:-  
 Enom Shullender Oxford Pa.  
 Joseph Quigley Wilmington Del and  
 Peter A Fagan the present tenant.

A vote being taken Mr Quigley received 7 votes, Mr. Fagan two votes and one vote was blank; and the Secy. was instructed to notify Mr Quigley that the farm had been rented to him upon the terms of his application (namely that he pay three months rent in advance and give bond for balance with Geo W Gray as his security.

Secy was instructed to issue a Landlord's Warrant for the collection of Fagan's rent.

Treas was instructed to pay Insurance Premiums due next month also.

McGasco 3<sup>15</sup> to Dec 25  
 McWater 60<sup>45</sup> Repairs.

Pres. and Treasurer were authorized to reduce Note at Farmers Bank (due Jan 23/26) as much as might be wanted by the amount of cash on hand.

Adjourned  
 W J Ferris Secy.

Feb 5th 1895

Present Dr Mack, Dalby Challenger, Rodney, Wise, Mahoney, McGrou, and Ferris.

Upon motion of Mr. Rodney the word "bond" (in the sixteenth line of the January minutes) was changed to "security."

Treasurer reported having received \$255.50 since the last meeting and that the note at Farmers Bank had been reduced to \$700.00 a payment of \$200. It was ordered that if funds are in hand that it be further reduced as much as possible not to exceed \$700. The Treasurer was instructed to attend at Fagan's Sale and use his best judgment in acting for the interests of the Board - Accepting Notes at 8 months time for sums over \$200.00

The Secy was instructed to notify Mr Parker that the Farmers wd expect \$50 per Acre for his 7 1/2 Acres.

Treas was instructed to attend to Policy No. 5946 N.C. Co Mutual Insurance Co on Schil No 2. Which has now been vacated by Library Co and is occupied by the Schools.

The following orders were passed:-

Evening Evening Printing Co	-.72
Republican Printing Co	-.35
Edw W Haudy Repairs	10.99
J. J. C. Ellison Lumber Sundries	103.45
Wilson & Raymore Repairs	13.93

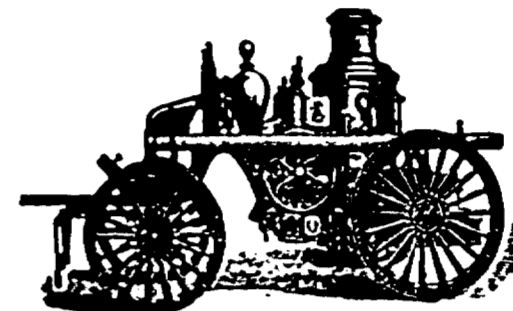
A communication from the Water Co asking for closing Annual Report and asking appropriation was referred to Council.

Mr. Rodney was authorized to have made whatever repairs are necessary to the Town Clock and Messrs Rodney and Dalby were made a Standing Committee on Town Clock -

after which the Board adjourned

W J Ferris  
Secy

HALL OF THE  
Leopold Steam Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.  
INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 6, 1889.  
INSTITUTED, AUGUST 2, 1887.  
MEETING, FIRST SUNDAY IN EACH MONTH.  
New Castle, Del., March 2nd 1895



To the president and members of the board of trustees of the new castle commons Gentlemen I beg leave to make the following report of all money received and expended during the year ending march 1st 1895

Receipts	Expenditures
From Trustees \$ 250.00	Building Loan \$ 303.30
City Council 150.00	Janitor 35.00
Rent of Hall 15.00	Halling Beam 5.00
For Dues 4.00	Printing 3.02
Total \$ 419.00	Coal & Wood 7.18
	Oil & Waste 37.2
	Total 417.22

Balance for year ending march 1st 1895 \$ 1.78  
there was a deficiency in treasure march 1st 1894 of \$ 1.28 leaving a balance in treasure march 1st 1895 of .50 cents. I remain very respectfully yours  
John J. Shendan  
Treas



March 5th 1895

Present Dr Black, Jouan Dalby, Challenger, Rodney, McGrou, Mahoney & Ferris

The following orders were passed—

Sp Bridgewater repairs to clock	40.—
School tax Dist. No. 48	11.55
Leuape Fire Co. Ins. Annual Pmt	125.—
Frank Moore - Services as Watchman	25.—
Morris Foster & Co Repairs to pump &	9.39
W Ferris Secy. Treas Salary	150.—
J W Janvin Treas Rent	50.
Geo E Platt Treas Care of Clock	50.
B Haucaster Salary as Janitor	50.

The Leuape Fire Co presented their Annual Statement which was ordered entered on the minutes.

Went into an election for officers,  
For President, Dr Black received 6 votes  
Mr Rodney " 1 "  
Miss " 1 " and Dr.

Black was declared ~~the~~ elected.

For Acting Committee  
Mr. Mahoney rec'd. 6 votes  
" Jouan " 5 "  
" Miss " 6 "  
" Rodney " 3 "  
" McGrou " 2 "  
" Challenger " 1 "  
" Dalby " 1 " and

Messrs Mahoney, Jouan and Wise were declared elected

For Secretary Mr. Ferris rec'd 6 votes  
" Dalby " 1 "  
" Challenger " 1 " and Mr.

Ferris was declared elected.

For Committee on Public Buildings.  
Mr. Dalby received 1 vote  
" Wise " 6 "  
" Rodney " 4 "  
" Mahoney " 5 "  
" McGrou " 5 "  
" Rodie " 1 "  
" Challenger " 1 "  
" Jouan " 1 " and Messrs

Wise, Mahoney and McGrou were declared elected.





May 7. 1895

Present Dr Black Challenger Rodney Fo-  
man Mahoney McGrouy Rodney & Ferris.

Treasurer reported balance on hand 382<sup>06</sup>

The following bills were approved:

- Coral Riding Repairs Stockton Farm 6.<sup>60</sup>
- Jouan McGrouy Nails &c. Model Farm 3<sup>25</sup>
- Geo. T. Sloops Hardware &c 20<sup>10</sup>
- M.B. Fleming Constable &c 6<sup>00</sup>
- Monix Farker &c Pump Repairs 5<sup>75</sup>

The Acting Committee were instructed to put  
buildings at Centre Hall Farm in good order.

Adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Present Messrs Mahoney Pres pro tem, Wise  
Challenger Dorie & Ferris

NO Quorum being found

present, the Board adjourned

W. Ferris Secy.

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1895

Present Dr Black, President, Wise, Rodney, Herbert,  
Dorie Challenger McGrouy, Jouan & Ferris.

An appropriation of \$100<sup>00</sup> was made to the  
Citizens Committee who have in charge the hold-  
ing of a Fourth of July Celebration, nine mem-  
bers being present and no one voting in the nega-  
tive.

Adjourned.

W. Ferris Secy.

July 2. 1895

Pres. Rodney Pres pro tem Mahoney, Monison Herbert  
Wise Jouan Shaw & Ferris

Treas. reptd having recd 176<sup>46</sup> during the month and  
having 544<sup>34</sup> on hand (544<sup>34</sup>)

Communication as follows was recd from

Dr Fields:

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Wilmington du May 29, 1895

W. Ferris Secy.  
Secy. Inoties of Joannous

My dear Sir,

Your favor of 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. received. Nothing  
has been done in the suit of the New-Castle Water  
Company against the Trustees of New-Castle Comunion

" excepting the bringing of the suit. The plaintiff  
 " has not filed any statement of its claim; it  
 " looks as if the company did not intend to press  
 " the suit any further.

" yours very truly  
 " Benj Fields "

An order was directed to be drawn in fa-  
 vor of

AM Hizar for lime 15<sup>00</sup>  
 and Thomas Wales for repairs 10<sup>00</sup>  
 after which

the Board adjourned

WJ Ferris Secy.

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1895

Present Dr Black, Bonie Mahoney, McElroy,  
 Rodney Dalby and Ferris

Treas rept'd 835.89 on hand, having  
 received 316<sup>50</sup> since last meeting

The following bills were approved

Ch. Bentman Estate - Statements -	6 <sup>50</sup>
J. J. E. Eliason - lumber &c	331.89
Ernie Ridings - Carpent. WK	215.70
Mo. J. Hoops Sundries	49.42
Mc. Caslo Ac. 9/25	7.35
Geo Tobin City Taxes	182.40
Mo. J. Dickey Recr. Co Taxes	

Adjourned  
 WJ Ferris Secy.

Sept 3. 1895

Present Messrs Black, Wise, Dalby, Challenger,  
 McElroy, Mahoney, Monison, Ferris

A motion to appropriate \*125<sup>00</sup> the semi-an-  
 nual appropriation to the Fire Co. (in accordance  
 with the resolution of August 16<sup>th</sup> 1892), was carried  
 with three dissenting votes, Wise, Dalby and Chal-  
 lenger.

Upon the request of a Committee of the Board  
 of Education for financial assistance an ap-  
 propriation of \*500<sup>00</sup> was made to help them  
 in the payment for the repairs to School House  
 No. 2. - Mr. Mahoney dissenting thereto.

An order was directed to be drawn in favor  
 of Mr. Mahoney for cross-ties purchased by him  
 for the use of the Board - \*6<sup>25</sup> -

President appointed Messrs Rodney and Wise  
 a Committee to prepare Memorial Resolutions  
 on the death of William Herbert

After which the Board adjourned

WJ Ferris Secy.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1895

Present Mahoney, Pres. pro tem - Wise, Rodney,  
 Challenger, Douan, McElroy, Monison, Ferris

Treas reported having received \*273<sup>70</sup> since  
 the last meeting and that there was now  
 on hand a balance of \*265<sup>09</sup>

The bill of AM Hizar for 2<sup>10</sup> for six bush-  
 els lime was ordered paid and an order  
 for 25<sup>00</sup> was directed to be drawn in  
 favor of B. F. Lancaster for six months  
 services as Sanitor to Sept 25. 1895.

The Acting Committee recommend-  
 ed the purchase of

500	bushels	lime	for	Jefferson	Jama
500	"	"	"	Oglethorpe	"
500	"	"	"	Clayton	"
500	"	"	"	Model	"
800	"	"	"	Stockton	"
800	"	"	"	Penn <del>to</del>	"
700	"	"	"	Centre Hall	"
1200	"	"	"	Union Bayard	"

and the Committee were in-  
 structed to inquire as to the probable  
 cost thereof and report at the next meeting.



The Acting Committee were also instructed to erect a windmill pump at Union Bayard farms at a cost not to exceed \$230.00

The Committee to prepare Memorial resolutions upon the death of Wm Herbert presented the following:-

Resolved: This Board is called upon again to record the loss of a fellow member in the death of William Herbert who departed this life on Thursday, Aug 29. A.D. 1895; -

Mr. Herbert had been a Trustee of the Newcastle Commons for 36 years during which time he had given faithful and constant attention to the duties of his position. While his natural force continued unabated and his physical vigor unimpaired he was characterized by indomitable energy and activity united with sound judgment and good sense, in every undertaking in which he was engaged, and he was continually engaged in affairs, either of public or private interest.

The gradual failing of his powers and the encroachments of disease were viewed with concern and lively sympathy by his fellow-trustees and friends generally and the following resolutions express the sense of this Board.

Resolved: - That by the death of William Herbert this Community has lost an active public spirited citizen whose animating thought was for the welfare and improvement of our City. - and

Resolved: That as ability and opportunity offered he was always ready to assist and counsel those in need of his services, and

Resolved: - That this Board has lost the presence and best efforts of a sensible, practical member, which

" must ever be seriously felt, and  
" Resolved: That while the privacy of domestic grief should always be respected, we deem it a melancholy privilege to extend to his afflicted family our sincere condolences; and

" Resolved: - That these proceedings be spread upon the minutes of this Board, a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and published in the public press.

John W Rodney }  
James M Wise Jr. } Com.

The resolutions were unanimously approved and adopted.

An election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Wm Herbert was ordered to be held on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 12 M and 7 P.M. and the President appointed Messrs Jouan, Morrison and Wise to act as Judges. after which the Board adjourned.

W. Ferris Secy.

Nov. 5, 1895  
Present Dalby, Wise Challenger Morrison McElroy Ferris. No meeting on account of the Auditor's not having opened the room. No Quorum  
Adjourned.

Dec 3, 1895  
Pres. Dr Black, Pres., Rodney Challenger Dalby, Wise  
Jouan McElroy Mahoney Rodie Ferris  
Minutes of Nov. 5 were ordered corrected so as to show that there was no meeting on account of the Auditor's failure to have the room opened.

All tenants one year or more in arrears were ordered to be notified by the Secy to give up their farms. Secy was also instructed to notify Mrs. C. A Bullen Executive of H. P. Bullen to the same effect

The report of the Judges appointed to hold the election was received as follows: -

Ino Rdambson	143
Inom Hance	158
Bernard Rogers	82
Scattering votes	7
390	

And, it appearing from the report that no one received a majority the same judges were ordered to hold another election on Thursday Jan'y 2 1896 between the hours of 2 and 7 P.M.

The following orders were passed:-

Ino J. Stoops	37.90
W Water Co	7.52
Monis Tasher Co	2.50
M B Lurie Co	8.05
Ev Ev Print Co	2.50
Quinn Wheatley	1. —
Jas B Doman	3. —
Jas M Wise	3. —
R R Monison	3. —
Ino S. Boyd	2. —

A motion to appropriate 500<sup>00</sup> to the Board of Education was lost

The Treasurer was instructed to pay School Tax 1193 for District No 48

The bids to supply lime for the farms were referred to the Acting Committee with power to act.

Adjourned.

W J Ferris Secy.

Jan'y 7, 1896

Present Black Rodney Challenger Dalby Wise Doman Mahoney McGrouy Monison Shaw Ferris.

Treas reported having received 205<sup>30</sup> since last meeting and that there was now 2325<sup>61</sup> on hand

Committee on Elections reported that

Bernard Rogers rec'd	157	votes
Ino M Hance	276	"
Jas J Eliason	3	"
W Deatryne	4	"
Ino R Lambson	9	"
Ino A Walls	1	"
Thos Trapp	1	"
	451	

And, it appearing that Ino M Hance had received a majority of the votes cast he was declared a member of the Board.

A demand of the Water Co for a semi-annual appropriation, accompanied by an Annual Statement was read and ordered referred to the Counsel for the Trustees.

The following orders were passed:-

Jas M Wise	3 <sup>00</sup>
Jas B Doman	3 <sup>00</sup>
R R Monison	3 <sup>00</sup>
Ino S. Boyd	2 <sup>00</sup>
Quinn Wheatley	1 <sup>00</sup>
B Lancaster	1 <sup>50</sup>
M Co Nut Ino	38 <sup>58</sup>
Samuel's Nut Ino	37 <sup>79</sup>

Acting Committee to pay J H Iron for digging and walking well at Hance's 73.80

E W Handy	36.22
Theo W Hamf	1. —

Secy reported having notified tenants as ordered and that the tenants all desired to remain

Centre Hall, Oglethorpe and Clayton Farms were rented for the coming year to Mrs Bullen, Robt. Wadley and Mrs Hannah M Monison respectively.

An appropriation of 500<sup>00</sup> was ordered made to the Board of Education

A communication from the Water Co in reference to putting in new pipes at Centre Hall Farm was referred to the Acting Committee with power to act.

Adjourned

W J Ferris, Secy.

Feb'y 4, 1896

Present Dr Black, Hance, Dalby, Challenger, Rodney, Monison, Mahoney Doman McGrouy Ferris

Treasurer reported 2331<sup>41</sup> on hand and that he had received 603<sup>11</sup> since last meeting.

The Committee on Public Buildings were authorized to ask for bids to have Town Hall painted and report at next meeting.

An Ordinance was ordered to be drawn and the following bills paid

J J L Eliason	110.20	Lumber Studies
Ino J. Stoops	6.09	Studies
Monis Tasher Co	6.50	Pump Rep's
Henry F. Lettow	8.50	Claying
Israel Ridwig	84.59	Carpenter's wk

Messrs Schuchardt and Cooper a Committee from City Council asked an appropriation of \$1000 to assist in filling portions of Delaware St and Fifth and Sixth St. An appropriation was moved and amended to appoint a committee



of two to act with the City Council in expending the money after which the motion was lost.

Mr. Rodney presented a motion as follows:—

"Resolved: That a Committee of one be appointed by the Chair to confer with the Council for the Trustees (Mr. Fields) in regard to the suit of the Newcastle Water Works Co against the Trustees and present to him such views as may seem favorable to the position taken by the said Trustees in said suit."

The motion being carried, the President appointed Mr. Challenger as the Committee of One.

After which the Board adjourned.  
W. Ferris Secy.

March 3, 1896

Present Dr Black Town Dalby Hance Challenger  
Wise Borie Mahoney McGrony and Ferris

Mr Challenger, the committee of one to confer with Council in Water Company suit, asked that Mr. Mahoney be added to committee, which was done.

Treas. Reported 2542.<sup>34</sup> on hand and ~~was~~ orders were directed to be drawn as follows:—

J. L. Eliason	78.03
Motes Luman Church	50.—
Motes Market Square	50.
W. Ferris Treasurer	150.
B. Hancester Balance	25.

Report from Leuape Fire Co received and ordered entered on the minutes as follows:—

Newcastle Dela March 1, 1896  
To the President and Members of the Trustees of Newcastle Common:—

Gentlemen

I beg leave to present the following report of all moneys received and expended during the year ending March 1, 1896

Receipts

From Motes Common	250.—
" City Council	200.
" J. Knowles donation	20.
" Citizens Cou. for horses	20.
" Initiation Fees	3.
" Ladies' Cou. on Flag	7.86
" Dues	7.70
" Renting Room	3.—
" Balance hand last report	—50

Total Receipts 512.06

Expenditures

For Building Loan	360.—
" Saviour Taxes <sup>10 mos</sup>	35.
" City Tax <sup>74 75</sup>	22.50
" Insurance on Building	6.—
" Fines for Missing Loan	5.40
" Coal <sup>400</sup> Wood <sup>2</sup>	43.51
" Horses for parade <sup>July 4</sup>	20.—
" Decorating Building <sup>July 4</sup>	9.86
" Oil, Waste & Polish	8.10
" E. W. Handy Repairs	6.30
" Sundries	9.24
	531.91

Leaving a deficit to date March 1<sup>st</sup> 1896 of 1985 I remain very respectfully yours

John J. Sheidan  
Treas. Sect.

The Committee on Public Building asked the Trustees to postpone consideration of the matter of painting City Hall until next month.

The Semi Annual Appropriation of One Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars ~~was~~ to the Leuape Fire Co was ordered paid.

An appropriation of 500. was ordered to be made to the credit of City Council to assist in the repairs to Delaware Fifth and South St. Going into the Annual Election for

officers:—

For President		Second Ballot
Dr Black rec'd 5 votes		Dr Black rec'd 7 votes
Mr Wise " 2 "		Mr Wise " 1 "
Mr Mahoney " 3 "		Mr Mahoney " 2 "
	no Choice	

and Dr Black was declared elected For Secretary.

Mr. Challenger rec'd 1 vote	
Ferris " 7 "	
McGrony " 1 "	
Dalby " 1 "	

and Mr Ferris was de-

clared elected.

For Treasurer		
Mr. Ferris rec'd 7 votes		
Hance " 1 "		} and Mr. Ferris was de-
McGrony " 1 "		
Challenger " 1 "		

clared elected.





For Auditor

Mr. D. Hancock	rec'd	6	votes
" C. R. Kushebeck	"	1	"
" F. W. Jewell	"	3	"

and Mr. Hancock was declared elected

The President appointed McGrou and Dalby as Auditing Committee.

After which the Board adjourned.

W. Harris,  
Secy.

April 7, 1896

Pres. Dr. Black, Dalby, Challenger, Rodney, Monison, Mahoney, Wise, Souau, McGrou, Harris  
Three Hundred copies of the Annual Statement were ordered printed and the Secretary was instructed to carefully preserve copies of the Annual Statement by pasting them in the minute book.

A Communication from City Council was presented as follows:-

"  
 " New Castle Del April 7, 1896  
 " To the President and Justices of New Castle Commons:-

"  
 " Gentlemen:-  
 " I am instructed  
 " by Mayor and Council to convey to you  
 " the sincere thanks of that body for your  
 " generous donation of \$500.00 for street  
 " purposes.

Respy. C. Edwin Eckles  
Clerk of Council.

Act. Cou. presented specifications as to windmill at Harris Corner, which were approved and Act. Cou. were instructed to put up a mill in accordance therewith.

After a personal statement by Mr. Mahoney concerning certain rumors which had been circulated through the town in reference to improper acts of himself and his associates of the Act. Cou. of 1888, a resolution was adopted expressing

the entire confidence of this Board in the integrity and honesty of Mr. Mahoney and his associates present and past upon the Acting Committee.

A Committee of City Council appearing asking information as to the ownership of the Fire Engine bought from Mr. Peto in 1885 and turned over to Council by resolution of May 5, 1885, it was resolved that the Trustees should transfer the "Humane" Engine absolutely to the City Council permitting them to sell or otherwise dispose of it and dispose of the proceeds as they may see fit for the good of the City.

A motion to appropriate \$500.<sup>00</sup> to City Council for use on streets was laid over for one month.

Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1896 =

Present = Dr Black Hance Dalby McGrouy  
Challenger Mahoney, Borie Rodney, and Ferris.  
Treas reported having received \$750<sup>00</sup> during the month.

Frank D Moore asked for a release from his tenancy of Model Farm and Fred Miller applied for it.

The Trustees decided that they wd have to hold Mr. Moore for rent to March, 1897, but wd let him sublet to Fred Miller provided Mr. Moore wd give security for total rent before he removed his stock.

The matter of an appropriation of \$500.<sup>00</sup> to the City Council coming up for consideration, the motion postponed from last meeting was carried and an order was directed to be drawn in their favor for \$500.-

The Committee on Town Hall was instructed to have Dane and ball re-gilded.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

A. J. Sutow for painting Town Hall	52 <sup>50</sup>
Israel Piding Carpenter, Plk " "	18 <sup>70</sup>
Geo. W. Bryson Work Hares Corner	67 <sup>8</sup>
Thos. J. Stoops Posts " & Sundries	34 <sup>21</sup>
Monis Parker & Co Pumps &	22 <sup>-</sup>
Ross & Hofmann Printing	6 <sup>50</sup>

In order to consider a report of Counsel in reference to Water Matters the Board went into Executive Session and it was ordered that the Committee on Water should be empowered, in connection with the Counsel of the Board, to effect a settlement with the Water Co with the expressed proviso that the Contract should entirely expire ~~with~~ by the year 1900.

The Acting Committee presented bid for putting up Wind Mill at Hares Corner and on motion the Board awarded the Contract to Joseph Jenkins at a bid of \$272<sup>00</sup>.

Mr. Hance made a personal explanation disclaiming any responsibility for the rumors to which Mr. Mahoney made allusion at the April meeting.

Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

June 2, 1896 =

Present Dr Black Dalby, Challenger  
Wise Mahoney & Ferris =  
No. Quorum =

Adjourned =  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1896 =

Present = Dr Black Wise Dalby Chal-  
lenger Rodney, Souvan Mahoney, McGrouy & Ferris  
Treas reptd 1474<sup>20</sup> on hand.

A motion was adopted supplementing the "Water" resolution of May, requiring the Committee to report before taking any action.

An Ordinance for 1899<sup>23</sup> was drawn (five members being present, and seven assenting thereto) to pay



the following bills

Elo Handy	103.46
New Castle Gas Co	3.90
J. Poettes	119.35
Mrs. J. Robinson Agt	161.25
J. L. E. Eliason	912.69
Israel Ridgig	88.58
	<u>1389.23</u>

The Water Co. presented a formal demand for 1500<sup>00</sup> as a semi annual appropriation. The communication was referred to Com. on Water Co.

Mr. Rooney of the Counsel for the Board expressed his desire and intention to retire from his connection with the case as counsel.

Adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy.

August 5th 1896  
Pres. Wise - Pres. pro tem. Challenger and Ferris. No Quorum - Board adjourned.  
W. Ferris Secy.

Sep. 1st 1896.  
Present Rodney - Pres. pro tem. - Homer, Wise, McGrou, Mahoney, Morrison & Ferris  
Treasurer reported \$980<sup>03</sup> on hand and that he had received since the July meeting

From Quigley	36.50
Riggs	300.-
Moore	532.-
Bullew	200.-
Wadsley	40.-

and, in order to secure the 5% rebate had paid the City Taxes amounting to 158.<sup>88</sup>. The Treasurer's action was approved.

The following bills were approved:

J. L. E. Eliason Auditors	56.35
J. L. E. Eliason Millinery Co	<del>32.42</del>
Water Co = Model Farm	130.-
Water Co = Center Hall	110.-
Mr. J. A. Brown Misc. Staples	10.58
Mr. C. Mahoney - Specification	10.-
Mr. J. Dickey Rec. Co Taxes	451.23

A communication from the Tenants asking for a reduction of rents was referred to the Acting Committee with instruction to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Robt. Morgan of Galena, Md made application for the Tenancy of Model Farm beginning March 25th 1896, having made arrangements with T. D. Moore the present tenant, to move in on January 1st and on motion the farm was so rented, - at the present rent.

The Acting Committee were requested to submit at the next meeting an estimate of the probable cost of putting hedges on the Model Farm in good condition.

Adjourned,  
W. Ferris.

Oct. 6. 1896  
Pres. Wise, Pres. pro tem. Dalby Hance Challenger, Rodney, Mahoney & Morrison & Ferris.  
Treas. rept'd having received 319.<sup>75</sup> during the month and that there was now on hand a balance of 23.<sup>26</sup>

Mr. Polk, representing R. G. Chase of Geneva N.Y. appeared before the Board recommending the purchase of fruit trees for the Farms, and the Acting Committee were instructed to investigate the subject and report to the next meeting.

Messrs. Aubrou and Myers representing the Colored Schools requested a <sup>donation</sup> of two tons of coal and their request was granted and the Secretary instructed to carry the motion into effect.

Act. Com. rept'd hedges on Model Farm in bad shape and that it wd cost from 18 to 20 cents per rod to put them in good condition. Action deferred to next meeting.

Mr. Ferris moved that a reduction of 100 per acre be made in the rents of all the farms (except Model) for the present year. Action deferred until the second Tuesday in November.

Mr. Challenger offered the following resolution: "Whereas, the New Castle Water Works Co have brought a suit at Law

against the Trustees of Newb. acts Common  
 on a so called contract and believing that  
 no set of Trustees have a right to bind another  
 set for all time. Be it Resolved that  
 the Attorneys of the Trustees of the Common  
 for the Inhabitants of the City of Newcastle  
 be instructed to defend and use their ut-  
 most ability by securing expert testimony  
 to disclose the whole business transactions  
 connected with this so called contract"

Which resolution was adopted by a vote  
 of 4 to 3

Yeas Challenger Dalby, Haice Morrisou  
 Nays Rodney Mahoney Ferris  
 Not voting Wise - Pres pro tem

The Committee on Pub. Build-  
 ings were authorized to have the interior  
 of the Third story painted if they deemed  
 it suitable.

Adjourned  
 W Ferris Secy.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1896  
 Present Mahoney Pres pro tem = Dalby  
 Challenger Ferris

No Quorum  
 Adjourned

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1896

Present: Dr Black, Pres, Haice Wise Challenger  
 Dolby Rodney McGrouy Mahoney Borie<sup>and</sup> Ferris.

Treasurer reported \$729<sup>97</sup> on hand.

Reduction of rents coming up for  
 consideration the motion postponed from  
 October meeting was lost, and the rent of  
 Penn Farm was ordered to be raised from  
 \$4 1/2 to \$5 1/2 per Acre beginning March 1897.

Speas. having reported having issued a  
 Landlord's Warrant to collect the rent at Clay  
 ton Farm, and the Treasurer's action was  
 approved and he was authorized, at his  
 discretion to postpone action until the  
 January meeting.

Frank D. Moore gave notice of his  
 desire to give up Model Farm in March  
 1897. Mr. Morgan, to whom it was rented  
 in September asked to be released from

his lease. Fred K. Miller applied for its tenancy.  
 And the farm was rented to him.

The Secy was instructed to notify all tenants  
 who are in arrears more than one year (namely  
 Robt. Wadley, Thomas W. Parry and Mrs H.M. Morrison)

The following orders were drawn

N. C. GarCo	4.80	
N. C. WaterCo	30.-	
Thomas Mason	95.94	Trimming Laying Hedges
J. Riding	25.38	

The Secy was instructed in writing leases to in-  
 sert a provision requiring tenants to trim Hedges  
 twice a year in June and August.

On Motion of Mr. Rodney four members  
 were added to the Committee on Water Co, ma-  
 king the Com. consist of Mahoney, Ekman, Ferris,  
 Miss Borie<sup>and</sup> Shaw.

The Acting Com. together with the Secy was  
 instructed to examine the Insurance matters  
 and report at the next meeting.

Mr. L. E. Ellison presented the petition  
 of the Board of Education for assistance  
 in opening a school in Robbinsville. A  
 motion to make an appropriation of  
 \$200<sup>00</sup> was postponed for one month.

Adjourned  
 W Ferris Secy

Jan 5, 1897 Dec 22, 1896

Present Dr Black, Pres, Haice Wise Challenger  
 Leuzer Mahoney McGrouy Shaw Morrison Rod-  
 ney Borie and Ferris

Mr. McGrouy asked that the Trustees re-  
 consider their action of last month in rais-  
 ing the rent of Penn Farm and on Mr. Mor-  
 rison's motion the rent was again placed  
 at 4<sup>50</sup> per Acre.

The matter of the Water Co  
 coming up for consideration the Board  
 decided to discuss the matter in private  
 and the reporter retired.

The Committee presented  
 the following report: "you Committee have  
 agreed to recommend to the Board  
 that it offer to the Water Co. an an-  
 nual payment of not more than  
 \$1500, the first semiannual pay-



ment of not over \$750<sup>00</sup> to be considered as due July 1<sup>st</sup> 1893 and thereafter every six months a semiannual payment of not over \$750. until the payment to be made on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1900, after which time payments shall cease and the agreement at present in dispute shall be void and of no further effect. The Water Co, through a Committee <sup>acknowledges</sup> to its willingness to accept such semiannual payments if they be not less than \$1500 per annum;

And your Committee wd thus report to the Trustees - recommending, as before said, that this compromise of the matter be made, by which we may at length arrive at a positive termination of this much disputed agreement.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Jno C Mahoney  
 J. C. Shaw  
 W J Ferris  
 H R Borie  
 Committee

which the Board ordered entered upon the Minutes to be considered afterward.

The Com. on Fire Insurance recommended that the farm properties be again insured in the Farmers Mutual Ins. Co and that the policy of \$3000 on the Hays Corner property in the New Castle Co Mut. Ins Co be dropped, thus leaving 5600. on the Hotel Building.

The Com. on Water Co was instructed to obtain the opinion of Counsel as to the proposed compromise, and report to the Board.

Adjourned,  
 W J Ferris  
 Secy.

Dec 29. 1896

Present: Dr Black Souau Dalby Hauser  
 Challenger Mahoney Morison Wise Shaw Rodney Ferris

The Com. on Water Co presented a further report as contained in the following letter from Mr. Nields

Wilmington Dela Dec 24. 1896

Messrs Jno C Mahoney J Shaw W J Ferris H R Borie  
 Gentlemen

The report of the Committee appointed by the Trustees of the Commons to confer with the Committee of the Water Works was received by me this morning and has been carefully considered. In the pending suit there are issues and questions raised that are difficult and uncertain

While it appears clear to me that the Trustees of the Commons did not have the power to enter into an agreement for an indefinite time to pay the Water Works Company \$3000. annually for the use of water, yet if the Water Works supplied the City of New Castle with water under that agreement, the Courts I think would be inclined to require the Trustees of the Commons to pay for the use of the water measured by the agreement in that respect.

Another question that will arise is: Can the Trustees of the Commons in a Court of Law after entering into this contract and receiving the benefits of it, set up the plea that they did not have the authority, under the powers granted them in their Charter to enter into such an agreement? These questions, if the Cases should be tried, will have to be met and they are not without difficulty. I therefore recommend that the Trustees of the Commons agree to the terms reported by the Committee.

1- Because the City of New Castle has been benefitted by the use of the water supplied to it by the Company, and it is, therefore, just and equitable that the water-works should be paid for

" the benefit that the City of Newcastle has de-  
" rived from the use of the water.

" 2:- It is not certain that the Courts  
" will decide in favor of the Trustees of the Common  
" and if they should not, then the whole amount,  
" to wit, \$3000, as provided in the agreement, would  
" be required to be paid.

" 3:- The settlement as proposed, fixes  
" a date, to wit, July 1, 1900, when the present  
" agreement shall expire and thereafter be  
" null and void.

" In the matter of the taxed costs in  
" the 2 suits, I had a conference with Messrs  
" Spruance and Bradford today. They, at  
" first, claimed that these costs should be  
" paid by the Trustees of the Commons but  
" they finally offered to pay one half thereof.

" Yours very truly  
" Benj. Nields."

" Mr. Jouan moved that the recom-  
" mendations of the Committee and of  
" Council be approved and Mr. Nields be  
" instructed to put the matter in legal  
" shape and submit the contract, as pre-  
" pared, to the Board. Motion Carried.

" Yeas: Black, Shaw, Rodney, Mahoney, Dal-  
" by, Jouan, Ferris (7)

" Nays: Wise, Morrison, Challenger Hance (4)

" A communication from Mr. McGrouy was  
" ordered entered on the minutes as follows:

" Newcastle Del Dec 29, 1896  
" To the President and members of the  
" Board of Trustees of Newcastle Commons:  
" Gentlemen:-

" Owing to my inability  
" to be present at the meeting called for  
" this evening for the purpose of finally  
" deciding the issues pending between the  
" Trustees and the N.B. Water Works, I  
" think I should have the privilege of  
" recording my vote or of pairing  
" with some member of the Board who  
" may take a different view of the  
" matter, - for I believe that every

" member should go on record in determining  
" this much asked of and vexatious ques-  
" tion. I am in favor of the report of the Com-  
" mittee appointed to bring about if possible  
" an amicable settlement and reported at  
" the last meeting of the Board - believing  
" it to be the best settlement attainable  
" without going into litigation. - There-  
" fore I will vote for its adoption believing  
" that I fully and fairly represent the opin-  
" ions and best interest of those who voted  
" to send me to represent them.

" Very Truly Yours  
" P. McGrouy

" Adjourned,  
" W. Ferris, Secy.

" Jan'y 5, 1897

" Pres. Dr. Black Wise Jouan Dalby Hance  
" Challenger Morrison Shaw Rodney Ferris  
" Treasr rptd having received since last  
" meeting from Riggs 50<sup>00</sup> Barry 30<sup>00</sup> Moore 55<sup>00</sup> and  
" that there was 901<sup>88</sup> on hand. - And that he had served  
" notices to quit as directed. Messrs Barry and Morrison de-  
" sined to remain. Mr. Madley was allowed to retain  
" Oglethorpe Farm another year. Mrs. Morrison was allowed to  
" retain Clayton Farm another year provided \$300 was  
" paid before our next meeting.

" The motion to appropri-  
" ate \$200<sup>00</sup> to the Board of Education was laid on the  
" table until settlement of Water Works business.

" Mr. Nields, Council for the  
" Board presented to the Board a draft of articles of a  
" agreement as requested at the last meeting and they were  
" ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:-

" "Whereas, in and by a certain a-  
" greement in writing between the new castle water  
" Works Company a corporation existing under the  
" laws of the State of Delaware, of the one part, and  
" the Trustees of the Newcastle Commons, also a cor-  
" poration existing under the laws of the same State  
" of the other part, dated the thirtieth day of De-  
" cember A.D., 1869 certain covenants are entered  
" into for furnishing and laying iron pipes necessa-  
" ry and proper for the distribution of water to be sup-  
" plied by said Newcastle Water Works Company in  
" and along certain streets of the Town of New-Cas-  
" tle



" Ale, and for furnishing and supplying upon the  
 " four farms belonging to the said Trustees of the  
 " Newcastle Common, water for farming and  
 " dairying purposes, and for the payment for furnish-  
 " ing the same on the part of the said Trustees of  
 " the Newcastle Common, a copy of which said  
 " agreement is hereto annexed, marked "A"

" And whereas, disagreements and  
 " controversies have arisen between the said  
 " parties to said agreement relative to the  
 " performance of the covenants therein contained;

" And whereas, two actions are now  
 " pending in the Superior Court of the State  
 " of Delaware in and for Newcastle County,  
 " brought by said Newcastle Water Works  
 " Company against the said Trustees of the  
 " Newcastle Common; and now

" For the purpose of settling all mat-  
 " ters in ~~dispute~~ controversy between the  
 " said parties relative to the covenants con-  
 " tained in said agreement, the said New-  
 " Castle Water Works Company hereby a-  
 " grees to accept from the said Trustees  
 " of the Newcastle Common the sum of  
 " six thousand dollars (\$6000<sup>00</sup>) in full  
 " payment and satisfaction of all claims  
 " and demands whatsoever for and on ac-  
 " count of said water furnished to said  
 " Town of Newcastle, and said farms un-  
 " der said agreement to the first day of Jan-  
 " uary, 1897 and if further hereby agrees  
 " to accept in full payment for all water  
 " thereafter to be furnished said Town  
 " of Newcastle and said farms, according  
 " to the terms of said agreement, until  
 " July 1, 1900, the yearly sum of fifteen  
 " hundred dollars payable in semi-annu-  
 " al installments of seven hundred and  
 " fifty dollars each, the first thereof to be  
 " paid on the first day of July, 1897.

" In consideration whereof the  
 " Trustees of the Newcastle Common here-  
 " by covenants and agrees to and with  
 " the said Newcastle Water Works  
 " Company to pay to it the said sum  
 " of six thousand dollars as aforesaid;

" here is to be  
 " recited the ad-  
 " ventional provis-  
 " ion adopted at the  
 " meeting of Feb'y 9<sup>th</sup>

" And it hereby further covenants and a-  
 " grees to pay to the said Newcastle Water Works  
 " Company, from and after January 1, 1897 until  
 " July 1, 1900, for the water furnished said Town of  
 " Newcastle and said farms according to the terms  
 " of said agreement the yearly sum of fifteen hun-  
 " dred dollars, payable in semi-annual in-  
 " stallments as aforesaid.

" And it is hereby fur-  
 " ther agreed by and between the said parties  
 " hereto that the number of fire plugs in the  
 " Town of Newcastle, as the same is now fixed,  
 " shall not be diminished during the contin-  
 " uance of this agreement.

" And it is hereby fur-  
 " ther agreed by and between the said parties  
 " hereto that from and after July 1, ~~1897~~ 1900,  
 " the said Articles of Agreement, dated Decem-  
 " ber 30, A.D. 1869, and all of the covenants there-  
 " in contained, shall from thenceforth be void  
 " and of no effect.

" And it is further agreed that  
 " said suits now pending in the said Superior  
 " Court shall be discontinued and the taxed  
 " costs thereon shall be borne equally share  
 " and share alike by the said parties hereto.

" In Witness whereof the  
 " said parties to this agreement have caused  
 " their respective names to be hereto subscribed  
 " by the Presidents of said Corporations re-  
 " spectively, and the respective corporate  
 " seals of said Corporations to be hereto af-  
 " fixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 " A.D. eighteen hundred and ninety seven.

" by (James G. Shaw)  
 " President

" by (Jno J Black)  
 " President

" Annexed copy marked "A" referred to  
 " on preceding page, line 7, is a copy of A-  
 " greement entered in this book in the min-  
 " utes of Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1869.

And the Board approved the report and directed the officers to execute the agreement.

Adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy.

Yeas Black Jouan Dalby Mahoney Ferris Rodney Shaw (7)  
Nays Miss Rauce Challenger Morrison (4)  
Absent Borie McGrouy (2)

Adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy.

Feb 2. 1897

Pres. = Shaw Pres. pro tem. Dalby Ferris.  
No Quorum - Adjourned to Feb 9th 1897.

W. Ferris, Secy.

Feb 9th 1897

Pres. Rodney Pres. pro tem Dalby, Wise Shaw  
McGrouy Mahoney Challenger and Ferris.

Cheas report having received  
from Barry 25.

" Wadswell 25.

" McCoy 500. and nothing

from Mrs. Morrison. And that there was  
in Bank \$1402<sup>72</sup>

The renting of Clayton Farm was  
postponed to the March meeting.

The following bills were approved:

Thomas Parker Co (pump Pump Farm) 4.00

B. Lancaster serving notices Glavin 2.25

A. G. Co - Gas to 1/25 1.65

The Water Company suggested that the  
following proviso should be inserted in  
the agreement adopted at the January  
meeting. With an amendment offered  
by Mr. Mahoney it was adopted as fol-  
lows

" And it is hereby further covenanted  
and agreed by and between the said  
parties hereto, that the payments here-  
in before agreed to be made as aforesaid  
without regard to the annual revenue  
of the said Water Works Company.

" And it is further agreed upon the  
part of the said Water Works Company  
that the supply of water shall con-

" And to be at least as plentiful as it is now,  
during the continuance of this agreement."

" Yeas Rodney Mahoney McGrouy Ferris (4)  
Nays Dalby Challenger Wise (3)  
Not voting Shaw (1)

Motion carried.

= A committee from Municipal League ap-  
pearing before the Board asked that the Trustees  
state in some formal manner the terms upon  
which land could be leased by manufacturing  
associations who desired to locate here. The Muni-  
cipal League is about to issue a circular describing  
the Town and its advantages and desires to  
give full information as to the cost and loca-  
tion of desirable sites for factories. = A

Committee consisting of Messrs Challenger, Ferris,  
and McGrouy was appointed to consider the mat-  
ter and report to the next meeting

Adjourned

W. Ferris Secy.

March 2nd 1897

Present Dr Black Borie Challenger Dalby Mahoney  
Morrison McGrouy Shaw Jouan Ferris (10)

The minutes having been approved it appeared  
that the Water Co. resolution adopted at the last  
meeting had not been acted on by nine mem-  
bers and it was upon motion reconsidered and  
again carried

Yeas: Black Shaw Ferris Mahoney McGrouy Borie  
Dalby Jouan Morrison (9)

Nays Challenger (1)

The Clayton Farm was  
rented to Mrs. M. Morrison for another year.

Going into an election for Officers -

For President Dr Black received 7 votes

Mr. Wise " 2 "

and one vote Blank and Dr Black

was declared elected

For Secy. Mr Ferris rec'd 9 votes

Mr. Dalby " 1 votes and Mr. Fer-  
ris was declared elected

For Auditor Mr. Lancaster rec'd 6 votes

" Greenmill " 2 votes

" Challenger " 2 votes and

Mr. Lancaster was declared elected



*For Acting Committee*

Mr. Mahoney	rec'd	7	votes
" Toman	"	7	"
" Wise	"	7	"
" Dalby	"	1	"
" Hauce	"	1	"
" Challenger	"	1	"
" Borie	"	2	"
" McGrouy	"	1	"

*and Messrs Mahoney, Toman and Wise were declared elected.*

*For Committee on Public Buildings*

Mr. McGrouy	rec'd	7	votes
" Mahoney	"	8	"
" Challenger	"	1	"
" Wise	"	5	"
" Hauce	"	1	"
" Dalby	"	3	"
" Ferris	"	1	"
" Borie	"	1	"
" Morrison	"	2	"

*and Messrs Mahoney and McGrouy were declared elected.*

*A second ballot being taken for the third member of the Committee*

Mr. Wise	rec'd	4	votes
" Dalby	"	5	"
" Borie	"	1	"

*no election*

*on the third ballot*

Mr. Wise	rec'd	1	votes
" Dalby	"	5	"
" Borie	"	4	"

*no election*

*on the fourth ballot*

Mr. Wise	rec'd	1	votes
" Dalby	"	6	"
" Borie	"	3	"

*and Mr Dalby was declared elected*

*Messrs McGrouy and Dalby were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts*

**STATEMENT OF THE  
Receipts and Expenditures  
--OF--  
THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON,  
For the Year Ending March 25th, 1897.**

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand March 25th, 1896	\$ 1,552 89	To City Council for streets	\$ 500 00
From Thomas W. Barry, on account rent	320 00	Henry F. Tellow for painting City Hall	52 50
" Alexander Bixes, on account rent	400 00	John T. Stoops for posts and sundries	34 21
" Robert Wadley, on account rent	541 00	G. W. Bryson, repairs at Union farm	6 78
" Mrs. G. A. Bullen, on account rent	310 00	Israel Ridings, repairs to City Hall	18 70
" Wm. B. McCoy, on account rent	800 00	Ross & Hofmann, printing statements	6 50
" Peter A. Fagan, on account rent	17 31	Morris Tasker & Co., repairs to pumps	26 00
" Joseph Quigler, on account rent	1,016 47	J. T. & L. E. Eliason, lumber and hardware	302 80
" Mrs. H. M. Morrison, on account rent	207 76	J. T. & L. E. Eliason, lime	666 24
" Mrs. Frank D. Moore, on account rent	312 00	J. T. & L. E. Eliason, Windmill at Union farm	324 48
" Thomas Holcomb, on account rent	15 00	Thos. G. Robinson, agent, wire fence on Union and Bay-	161 25
" Mrs. Bruce, on account rent	15 00	and farms	88 58
" Twenty per cent City Hall rents	22 10	Israel Ridings, repairs at Union farm	21 23
" S. P. M. Tasker, rent in full	83 12	E. W. Handy, repairs at City Hall	82 23
		B. W. Handy, repairs at Union farm	119 35
		F. E. Postles, wire fencing	10 35
		New Castle Gas Company	158 88
		G. T. Tolin, collector city taxes	10 58
		John T. Stoops, annual appropriation	250 00
		Lenape Fire Company, receiver county taxes	451 23
		Jno. T. Dickey, receiver county taxes	130 00
		N. C. Water Company, repairs at Model farm	110 00
		N. C. Water Company, repairs at Centre Hall farm	10 00
		Specifications for Windmill at Union farm	95 94
		Thos. Mason, trimming and laying hedges	7 42
		Israel Ridings, repairs at Union farm	17 96
		Israel Ridings, repairs at Clayton farm	30 00
		N. C. Water Company, repairs at Stockton farm	14 52
		N. C. Co., Mutual Insurance Company	109 16
		Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company	2 25
		Serving notices on tenants	50 00
		B. F. Lancaster, salary as janitor	50 00
		Immanuel Church, care of clock	1,250 00
		New Castle Water Company, on account of appropriation	150 00
		W. J. Ferris, salary as secretary and treasurer	1 50
		B. Rodgers, repairs at City Hall	50 00
		J. D. Jaurier, repairs at Union and Bayard farms	1 50
		M. B. Fleming, services as constable	8 20
		School taxes, District 48	11 97
		Balance on hand March 25, 1897	620 34
			\$6,012 65

**AMOUNT DUE THE TRUSTEES.**  
March 25th, 1897.

From Thomas W. Barry	\$ 746 16
Alexander Bixes	539 12
Robert Wadley	554 50
Mrs. G. A. Bullen	713 01
Wm. B. McCoy	721 00
Peter A. Fagan	835 82
Mrs. H. M. Morrison	1,709 74
Frank D. Moore	391 16
Thomas Holcomb	30 00
Joseph Quigler	249 53
Mrs. Bruce	15 00
John A. Walls	150 00
Wilmington Savings Fund—amount on deposit	403 60
	\$7,480 63

**OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.**

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., President.	Acting Committee—	W. J. FERRIS, Secretary and Treasurer.
JOHN C. MAHONEY.	JAMES M. WISE, JR.,	JAMES B. TOMAN.
JOHN C. MAHONEY.	Committee on Public Buildings—	PATRICK MCGRORY.
	EDWARD DALBY,	

Farms Belonging to the Trustees.			Trustees of New Castle Common.		
NAME.	NO.	ACRES.	RENT.	NAME.	DATE.
Jefferson	1	921	\$ 507 83	John C. Mahoney	Elected April 3, 1869
Stockton	2	170	939 12	James G. Shaw	Elected May 8, 1869
Oglethorpe	3	79	437 25	John J. Black, M. D.	Elected Dec. 30, 1871
Central Hall	5	124	682 00	John H. Rodney	Elected Jan. 9, 1875
Penn	6	1801	833 50	William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Union	8	1974	1,266 00	Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885
Bayard	9		618 75	Hiram R. Borie	Elected May 23, 1889
Clayton	10	112	410 00	James B. Toman	Elected Feb. 3, 1891
Model	11	109	30 00	Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Lot part of	8		30 00	Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Lot part of	3		30 00	James M. Wise, Jr.	Elected Oct. 28, 1893
			\$5,759 45	Edward Dalby	Elected Jan. 2, 1896
				John M. Hauce	

Audited and found corr. et, April 2, 1897.  
**PATRICK MCGRORY,**  
**EDWARD DALBY,**  
*Auditing Committee.*

**WILLIAM J. FERRIS,**  
*Secretary and Treasurer.*

The following orders were passed

- D.C. Thornton Smith Work at Rais Corner 1.50
- Bainey Rodgers - Repair City Hall 1.50
- School Taxes Dist No 48 11.71
- Moses B Fleming Services as Constable 8.20
- J.D. Sawin Treas - One year's rent 50.-
- W. Ferris Secy & Treas - Salary 150
- B. Haucoster Salary as Janitor 50.
- Notes Inman Church for Care of Clerk 50.-

and an Ordinance was drawn for their payment

A motion was made for the payment of the semi annual appropriation of 125<sup>00</sup> to the Desape Fire Co. and upon the Chair deciding that a motion for its payment was necessary Mr. Touman appealed from the decision of the Chair upon the ground that in August 1892 an order being made for a period of five years, there was no necessity for an Ordinance by the Board at each appropriation. The appeal was sustained.

On motion of Mr. Mahoney the Treasurer was instructed to pay the Water Co the sum of \$600<sup>00</sup> as soon as the proper papers were signed.

Yeas: - Black Touman, Borie McGrou, Morrison Mahoney Ferris Shaw (8)

Nays - Challenger (1)

Not voting - Dalby (1) (Absent)

President decided that ~~at~~ a protest of Mr. Challenger against the semi annual appropriation to the Fire Co - should be entered upon the minutes. His decision was appealed from and the appeal sustained and the Board decided that the protest should not be thus entered.

Frank D Moore presented a bill of 14<sup>04</sup> for cutting 78 rods hedge @ 18¢ a rod on Model Farm and of 7<sup>14</sup> for papering and painting. The bills and the whole matter were referred to the acting Committee with power to act.

Adjourned,  
W. Ferris, Secy.

April 6th 1897

Present Dr. Black Dalby, Haice Mahoney McGrou, Challenger and Ferris (4)  
Minutes of March Meeting read and approved. The Auditors reported that they



had examined the accounts of the Treasurer and had found them correct, and that they had had printed 300 copies of the Annual Statement.

Acting Committee asked that consideration of the two bills of J.D. Moore presented at the last meeting be postponed for one month.

The bill of Mowbray & Hofmann of \$6.50 for printing statements was allowed.

Secy was authorized to have printed some forms for making statements of tenants indebtedness.

Adjourned,  
W.J. Ferris, Secy

May 4, 1897  
Present = Wise, Pres. pro tem, Dalby  
Challenger, Rooney, Mahoney, McGrou, Shaw  
and Ferris.

Minutes of April meeting approved.

The following bills were approved:-

Morris Tasker Co - repairing pump  
at Rany Farm 10.40  
Newcastle Gas Co to 4/25 2.85

A letter from Mr Neild enclosing one from Mr Spruance was received as follows:-

"W.J. Ferris, Esq"  
"My Dear Sir,

In the agreement of settlement between the Newcastle Water Works Company and the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, it is stipulated that the Costs of the Suits should be divided equally between the respective parties.

You will see by the enclosed letter this day received from W.C. Spruance Esq. that the amount of Costs to be paid by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common is \$12.15. Will you be kind enough to have the Trustees forward to me a check for the amount of these Costs?

Now that the

Suits and causes of litigation have been closed by the settlement and my services in the cases ended, I suppose it wd be proper that I shd now render a bill to the Trustees for my services. The Causes were plead to issue and we were ready to try them when they were terminated by the settlement which I then thought, and still think was a wise thing to do. A fee of \$250. I think wd be a reasonable charge for my services in the matter. From this sum you will deduct the amount already paid me.

Yours Very Truly  
Reij Neild

Wilmington Dela April 12<sup>th</sup> 1897

Here follows the letter from Mr. Spruance, spoken of above.

"Wilmington Del April 12<sup>th</sup> 1897  
"Reij Neild Esq  
"Dear Sir

The Total Costs, including dis-continuance, in the two suits of the New Castle Water Works Co vs. the Trustees of the Newcastle Common amount to \$27.50. According to the terms of the settlement each party was to pay half the Costs. Please send us your check for 12.15 in accordance with this agreement so that we can discontinue the Suits and close the matter up.

Respectfully  
W.C. Spruance  
Per A.W. Spruance

and orders were unanimously drawn in favor of  
Reij Neild - to pay Costs 12.15  
Reij Neild - balance of Fee 200.-

after which the Board adjourned.

W.J. Ferris  
Secy

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Secy was authorized to have printed some forms for making statements of Auditors indebtedness.

Adjourned,  
W.J. Ferris, Secy

May 4, 1897

Present = Wise, Pres. pro tem, Dalby Challenger, Rooney, Mahoney, McGrou, Shaw and Ferris.

Minutes of April meeting approved.

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Newcastle Gas Co to 4/25 2.85

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"Reij Neild Esq

"Dear Sir

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Respectfully

W.C. Spruance

Per W.C. Spruance

and orders were unanimously drawn in favor of  
Reij Neild - to pay Costs 12.15  
Reij Neild - balance of Fee 200.-

after which the Road ad-  
journed.

W.J. Ferris  
Secy



June 1<sup>st</sup> 1897

No Quorum -

No Meeting

W. Ferris

Secy.

July 6<sup>th</sup> 1897

Present Dr Black, Pres, Wise Dalby, Mahoney, Rodney, Shaw & Ferris.

Treas reported \$55.57 balance in bank and was ordered to pay the Semi Annual Appropriation to the Water Co.

Also the following bills were approved:

N. C. News Pub. Co. 1.50

N. C. Gas Co to 1/25 45

J. L. & C. Eliason Sundries 217.05

The Treasurer was instructed to notify tenants who were a year or more in arrears that the Board will expect this year's Wheat Crop to be turned in on account of rent and was authorized to take the proper steps to secure control of the grain. - The five tenants who are this in arrears, being Messrs Riggs, Rany, and Wadley, and Mrs Bullen and Mrs Morrison

Adjourned W. Ferris Secy.

August 3 - 1897

Present - Dr Black, Mahoney, Touman, McGrou, Shaw, Rodney, and Ferris (7)

The following bills were approved.

Clot Handry 36.10  
All Higar 6.65

The Treas. was instructed to pay the City Taxes if he should have money to do so.

The Bond of Thomas Fagan was directed to be turned over to Mr. Rodney the Solicitor with instructions to make an arrangement for its collection.

A Resolution was passed declaring the Water Co entitled to inter-

on their \$4750.00 order from date of issue until payment.

After which the Board adjourned W. Ferris - Secy -

August 7<sup>th</sup> 1897

Present Dr Black, Mahoney, McGrou, Dalby, Shaw, Hance and Ferris

The Treas reported \$129.22 in Bank and was instructed to notify tenants that only one-fifth of their farms ~~must~~ could be put in wheat ~~at once~~ and to call their attention to the requirements of the lease in regard to trimming hedges.

The following bills were approved

White Bros for Pump Rany farm

Conlin McGrou Repairs Penn Farm

Israel Piding Repairs Union Bayard Farm

A committee of three - Dalby, McGrou, and Ferris was appointed to represent the Trustees in any proposed Celebration of "Penn" Day Oct 22, 1897 and was instructed to report at the next meeting of the Board

A motion made to continue the appropriation to the Leuape Fire Co for another period of five years was carried.

Adjourned W. Ferris Secy.

Sept 7. 1897

Present Dr Black, Mahoney, McGrou, Dalby, Shaw, Ferris & Hance - (7)

Treas reported 129.22 in Bank and was instructed to notify tenants not to put in more than one-fifth of their tillage in wheat and to trim hedges twice a year.

The following Bills were approved:

White Bros - Pump - Rany Farm 23.00

Conlin McGrou Repairs Penn Farm 7.00

J. Piding Repairs Union Bayard Farm 17.90

A committee of three Messrs Dalby, McGrou and Ferris was appointed to represent the Trustees in any proposed Celebration of the proposed Penn Day and to report to the Board at their next meeting.

A motion made to continue the Appropriation of \$250.00 per annum to the Leuape Fire Co for another period of five (5)

years - was carried

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

Oct 5, 1897.

Present: - Dr Black, Mahoney, McGrou, Morrison Shaw Challenger Dalby Wise Hauser and Ferris (10)

Minutes of September meeting were approved.

An Ordinance for 310.<sup>00</sup> was directed to be drawn for the payment of the sundry bills approved since the June meeting.

An Ordinance for 125.<sup>00</sup> in favor of Lenape Fire Co. was not approved, the vote being six (6) to four (4) in its favor and seven (7) affirmative votes being required.

Bill of H. Bridgewater of 1.<sup>00</sup> for repairs to town clock was approved and an Ordinance directed to be drawn for that amount.

The Stockton Farm was re-rented to Mrs. Alexander Riggs.

Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris, Secy.

Nov. 2, 1897 -

Present: Dr Black, Challenger, Doman, Rodney, Mahoney, Morrison, McGrou, Dalby, Shaw & Ferris (10)  
Treasurer reported 778.<sup>00</sup> in Bank.

The Secy was instructed to warn all tenants except Mrs. Riggs that it wd be necessary to apply to the Board for permission to re-rent their farms.

The rent of Penn Farm was raised from 4/2 to 5/2 dollars per Acre.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

Spruce Ridings - repairs	20	62
Geo. W. Bryson - do	13	95
J. C. Water Co - do	6	50
M. G. G. (to Oct 25)	2	55

The Committee on Penn Day Celebration were, at their own request, discharged.

A resolution - as follows, - was offered, and adopted:

"Whereas, the Lenape Volunteer Steam Fire Engine Co. of New Castle, Del., has been faithful in the work of pro-

" Protecting the property of all the citizens of New-Castle since its organization and has purchased land and has built an Engine House, which is a credit to the Community - and - Whereas the said L. Vol. A. F. Engine Co is still in debt for a part of the cost of said Engine House - and is sorely pressed for funds - Therefore - The Trustees of the New-Castle Common being fully aware of these facts - Be it Resolved: - That the semi-annual appropriation of \$125.<sup>00</sup> heretofore granted by the Trustees to the said Fire Co, be continued for five years and that an ordinance for the payment of \$125.<sup>00</sup> be drawn for the same; payable as follows: \$125.<sup>00</sup> Nov. 3, 1897, \$125.<sup>00</sup> Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1898 and so on each January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> successively - until January 1<sup>st</sup> 1902 which shall be the final payment."

And an Ordinance was directed to be drawn therefor, ten members being present and eight assenting thereto. - Against this action, Mr. Challenger entered a protest, but the Board decided that his reasons as stated in the protest should not be entered upon the minutes.

An ordinance was directed to be drawn for 16.<sup>50</sup> to pay for three tons of coal for the use of the colored schools. After which the Board adjourned

Nov 2, 1897

Special meeting called after adjournment of the Regular Meeting. Same members present except Dr Black

Mr. Rodney taking the Chair an order was drawn in favor of Bennett Hancock for six months services as Auditor to Sept 25th (\$25.<sup>00</sup>)

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris.



Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1897

Present: Dr Black, Wise, Dalby, Hance, Toman, Rodney, McGrou, Mahoney, Shaw & Ferris (10)

Treas. reptd 1621<sup>11</sup> in Bank and that he had received since the last meeting from Barry 450<sup>00</sup>

Miller 88<sup>00</sup>

Moore 370<sup>00</sup>

Riggs 850<sup>00</sup>

McGoy 525<sup>00</sup> and

he was instructed to pay all available money over to the Water Co.

A Com. from the Colored Schools thanked the Board for the appropriation for coal and asked for a further appropriation to keep pay a deficit of about 50<sup>00</sup> increase caused by some needed repairs. The Board voted them 20<sup>00</sup>.

An application was made by Geo A Wolf for an appro. of 200<sup>00</sup> or more to assist the Commercial Club in publishing 2000 copies of the City Prospectus. He was granted 100<sup>00</sup>.

A motion that rents of farms be reduced was defeated - and all the farms except Centre Hall and Clayton were ~~and from~~ farm were re-rented to their present tenants.

The Acting Com. were given authority to re-rent Penn Farm if Mr McGoy does not intend to stay at the increased rent.

In the matter of rent due from Peter Faqan for Union & Bayard Farms, Mr. Rodney was authorized to settle the claim for not less than 50% of its face value.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay Fire Insurance premiums falling due in January.

And the Act. Com. were authorized to make certain needed repairs to Farm buildings.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris.

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1898

Present: Dr Black, Dalby, Mahoney, Challenger and Ferris. (5)

There being no Quorum, the Board Adjourned.

W. J. Ferris,  
Secy.

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1898

Present: Dr Black, Challenger, Toman, Rodney, Morrison, McGrou, Wise, Mahoney, Hance & Ferris (10)

A request for an appropriation in favor of the United Charities Association was made by All. Hagan, its President, and the Board allowed them 200<sup>00</sup>

Orders were also directed to be drawn in favor of Morris Saker Co = Repairs 1.15

Israel Riding = Repairs 105.13

J. H. E. Eliason = lumber <sup>and</sup> <sup>to Barry</sup> <sup>at</sup> 235.65 and

an Ordinance was drawn for the whole amount. The Treasurer reported having received 765<sup>00</sup> during the month and that there was a balance in Bank of 411<sup>69</sup>

Mr. Roothe, (on the part of Geo A Woolfe) addressed the Board in regard to an additional app. to assist in getting out the new City Prospectus, but no action was taken.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

Special Meeting - Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1898

Present: Dr Black, Hance, Rodney, Toman, McGrou, Morrison, McGrou, Shaw, Wise, Mahoney & Ferris (11)

<sup>Elix B.</sup> Mrs. Wadley, widow of Robert Wadley, asked that his Estate be released from the tenancy of Ogleshope Farm and it was granted.

The Treasurer was instructed to put a Landlord's Warrant on the grain and stock etc to secure the rent.

The re-renting of Ogleshope Farm coming up for consideration several applications were read and, the board going into an election Mr Michael Sucker was chosen as tenant, he engaging to pay his rent quarterly in advance. And the Secy was instructed to notify Mr. Sucker of his election and to prepare his lease.

Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris, Secy.





For Acting Committee

Mr. Mahoney	received	8	votes
" Tomau	"	9	"
" Wise	"	8	"
" Chalmyu	"	1	"
" Shaw	"	2	"
" Kance	"	2	"
" Dalby	"	3	"
" Rodney	"	1	"
" Morrison	"	1	"
" McElroy	"	1	"
" Blank (Genl Superintendent)	"	1	"

and Messrs Mahoney, Tomau and Wise were declared elected

For Committee on Public Buildings

Mr. Mahoney	received	11	votes
" Dalby	"	8	"
" Shaw	"	2	"
" Morrison	"	2	"
" McElroy	"	8	"
" Chalmyu	"	2	"
" Borie	"	1	"
" Kance	"	3	"
" Wise	"	2	"

and Messrs Mahoney Dalby and McElroy were declared elected

The President appointed Messrs Dalby and McElroy Auditors, and authorized them to publish 300 copies of the Annual Statement.

There still appearing to be a balance of unpaid Semi Annual Appropriations of 2900<sup>00</sup> due the Newcastle Water Company together with 235<sup>55</sup> interest thereon to date, the President and Secretary were instructed to give the Water Co Provisional Notes payable at the Farmers Bank in this City in place of the above amount still due and unpaid.

After which the Board adjourned,  
W. Lewis Secy.

April 5th 1898  
Present Dr Black, McElroy, Mahoney  
Rodney Lewis.  
No Quorum - Adjourned  
W. Lewis Secy.

Regular Meeting May 3, 1898

Present: Dr Black, McGrou, Mahoney, Wise + Ferris  
No Quorum

Adjourned to May 17th 1898  
W. Ferris Secy

Special Meeting May 17th 1898

Present: Dr Black, Mahoney, Rodney, Borie,  
McGrou, Dalby and Ferris (7)

Mr. Inghalls desiring to give up his  
lease of the two stores under the City Hall,  
the Treasurer was instructed to release  
him if \$222.00 was paid before May 25th and  
re-rent the two stores to Ovid A Porter at  
a monthly rent of 10.00 per month

Adjourned,  
W. Ferris Secy.

Regular Meeting June 7th 1898

Present: Dr Black, Dalby, Challenger, Shaw,  
Morrison, Mahoney, Rodney and Ferris (8)

Treas. reported a balance in Bank  
of 739.<sup>49</sup> and having rec'd since the last  
meeting - From Mrs Jones 15.  
" " Rulleu 50.  
" " Mr McGrou 300.  
" " Walls 222.

Com on Public Buildings reported having  
obtained bid for putting water into two lower  
rooms at City Hall at a cost of about \$40.00  
and upon their recommendation the Board  
authorized them to make the improvement.

The following bills were approved

Newcastle Gas Co. to \$25	3.75
C. C. Montgomery Recorder	2.00 (Secondary dues)
Schl District No 48	14.61 (Taxes 1897)
M. B. Fleming Constable	2.50 (Wardley dues)
A. C. News	6.50 (Statement)
Geo. J. Stoops (Paper glue)	7.78
J. C. Water Co (Repairs)	3.00
John Duncan (Repairs)	27.87
Robt. Wadley Estate	8.00
(for Sundries bot at sale)	

Adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy

July 5th 1898

Present Dr Black, Wise, Hance, Challenger,  
Shaw, McGrou, Mahoney + Ferris (8)

Treas reported having received 126.50 du-  
ring the month and that 48.50 was bal-  
ance in Bank.

The following bills were approved-

A. C. Gas Co to June 25th	-.60
A. C. Water Co - Water in City Hall	45.-
A. C. Water Co for materials	9.-
E. W. Handy Repairs	18.83
James Lewis Repairs	9.60

The Treasurer was instructed to se-  
cure from F. C. Miller - Tenant of Model  
Farm - a Bill of Sale and if this be  
not furnished to issue a Landlord's  
Warrant to secure rent.

Adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy

August 2, 1898

Present: Dr Black, Mahoney, McGrou,  
Rodney and Ferris = No Quorum  
Adjourned.

Aug 23rd 1898

Special Meeting Present Dr Black

Wise, Dalby, Hance, Mahoney, McGrou + Ferris (7)  
Treasurer reported having put a Landlord's  
warrant on F. Miller on Model Farm and that  
Miller had vacated the Farm - The Acting  
Committee were instructed to rent farm from  
Aug 25 to Mar 25 - 1900 for a rental of \$450.

Mr. Mahoney presented a proposition  
from the Railroad Co for ~~that~~ the purchase  
of that part of ~~Para~~ Jefferson Farm lying  
west of the Railroad and containing about  
20 Acres.

And the Board went into Execu-  
tive Session to consider the matter.

And the Acting Committee was  
authorized to offer the field to the Company  
at 300.00 per acre and report at next meeting.

Adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy



Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1898

Present - Dr Black, Rodney Mahoney, Touman, Rorie and Ferris

No Quorum

Adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1898

Present: Mahoney, Pres. pro tem, Hance, McElroy, Rodney, Monison, Dalby and Ferris (7)

Treas. reptd \$5<sup>34</sup> on hand -

Treas. reptd Constable's report of sale of goods of Fredk Miller and this report and all bills referring thereto were referred to Acting Com. and Treasurer with instruction to report at next meeting of the Board.

An old School-bill of the Newcasite Academy for the Auction of Miss Eliza Pearce was presented to the Trustees by Mrs. Mary B Lane. It was ordered received and the Secretary was instructed to thank Mrs Lane and to present the paper to the Board of Education for preservation.

Adjourned  
W. Ferris.

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1898

Present, Mahoney Pres pro tem, Dalby Hance, Touman, McElroy, Ferris (6)

No Quorum

Board adjourned to meet Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

W. Ferris, Secy.

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1898

Present: Dr Black, Hance, Wisc, Rorie, McElroy, Mahoney, Shaw, Rodney & Ferris (9)

Treas. reptd that the Acting Committee had gone over the "Miller" bills and had agreed to allow as follows:-

Geo. T. Eliason for Cash advanced by <sup>Shaw</sup> <del>Shaw</del>	15 <sup>00</sup>
Thos. T. Clark for Cutting Grain	50 <sup>00</sup>
W. Dickerson for Threshing Grain	16 <sup>50</sup>
Dela Iron Co - for Share of Grain	23 <sup>71</sup>
Thos Quinn - for Services as Watchman	10 <sup>00</sup>
Jos Quigley for Hauling Grain	10 <sup>00</sup>
M. P. Henry Constables Fees Comin <sup>Chapin</sup> <del>Chapin</del>	27 <sup>72</sup>

And would return for the

consideration of the board - the bills of

Mr. Addicks for one months wages	18
Geo. J. Tobin for City Taxes	3 <sup>39</sup>
Ronald Rogers for repairs for 76 Miller	11 <sup>85</sup>

The bills approved by the Committee were ordered paid, and consideration of the remaining three was postponed for one month.

Nine members being present and seven assenting thereto an ordinance was also drawn for the payment of the following bills:-

Ovid A Porters for repairs City Hall	5.85
Frank Carlin for repairs	44.38
Israel Pidny for repairs	128.92
Geo Rementer for repairs	4.-
Jas <del>Shaw</del> Eliason for lumber <sup>Amneries</sup> <del>Amneries</del>	375.39
N. C. Gas Co for Gas to <sup>Sept</sup> <del>Oct</del> 25 <sup>th</sup>	1.80
J. L. & Eliason for 2 Tons Coal for <sup>Colored</sup> <del>Colored</del> Schools	10.-
Remett. Lancaster Adly to Sept 25	25.-

It appearing that almost all the tenants were in arrears and some of them to a considerable extent, a Special Committee of two, Messrs Rodney and Hance, was appointed to see the tenants <sup>in reference thereto</sup> and make report at the next meeting of the Board

Another communication having been received from the Penna RR Co, in reference to the purchase of part of Jefferson Farm on the West side of the rail-road it was ordered referred to the Acting Committee and Mr. Rodney for consideration and the Secy was directed to notify the RR Co of this action -

Adjourned  
W. Ferris, Secy

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1898

Present Dr Black - Hance - Dalby - Challey - Wisc - Shaw - Monison - McElroy - Rodney - Touman - and Ferris - + Mahoney - (12)

Treasurer reptd a balance in Bank of 519<sup>12</sup> and outstanding unpaid orders amounting to 59<sup>16</sup> and approved orders not yet issued of 558<sup>69</sup>

Mr. Thos. Holcomb asked for a reduction of his rent from 30<sup>00</sup> to 20<sup>00</sup> per Annum. It was ordered reduced <sup>to 25<sup>00</sup></sup> on condition that it should be paid up in full to March 25<sup>th</sup> next. The Special Committee as to arrears of

Tenants rents - reported "Progress"

The Secy was instructed to give Mrs Bullen notice to vacate Center Hall Farm.

Motion to reduce the rentals 100 per acre was not approved.

Motion to rent farms on share rent was amended so as to rent them at 50 cents per acre less per Annum and was then approved.

Motion that all expenditures of 50.00 or over be made except on bids obtained publicly, and that the Acting Committee expend no money whatever except after obtaining the approval of the Board - was lost.

The following bills were approved:-

- AM Hizon - for lime 3<sup>23</sup>
- EW Handy - Repairs 8<sup>00</sup>
- Morris Tacke Co - Repairs 5<sup>00</sup>

Motion to appropriate \$200.00 to the United Charities Association was postponed for one month -

Adjourned  
W. Ferris, Secy.

Jan'y. 3. 1899

Present Mahoney - Pres pro tem - Mrs McGrou - Touau - Dalby and Ferris (6)  
No Quorum

Adjourned  
W. Ferris, Secy.

Jan'y. 10<sup>th</sup> 1899

Present Dr Black Touau Hauce Mahoney Rodney Morrison & Ferris (7)

Treasr reptd \$410.96 in Bank and approved orders unpaid amounting to 482.00 - showing a shortage of 72.00 Also that the wheat from Clayton and Stockton Farm had been sold but not delivered and that the receipts from this wd be sufficient to pay all orders and about \$1000.00 on the Water Co's Note due Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup>

The following bills were approved:-

- Newbarts Gas Co to Dec 25 2<sup>25</sup>
- Jno T. Stoops Paper (Model Farm) 4<sup>25</sup>
- B Lancaster Sewing Notices 1<sup>00</sup>
- School Taxes Dist 48 12<sup>64</sup>

The Secy reported three (3) farms for rent: - Penn

Farm (having been given up by Mr. McCoy) and Center Hall Farm and Clayton Farm.

Applications having been read and considered, -

Penn Farm was rented to Wm C Knotts

Center Hall Farm was rented to Mrs. G. A Bullen

Clayton Farm was rented to Mrs Wm Morrison, on condition that she should pay at least \$600 before the next regular meeting, and that if this amount was then unpaid the Farm should be advertised for rent.

The Secy was instructed to write to Mr Jno C Lewis, of the Pennsylvania RR, that the Trustees wd ~~take~~ sell to the Railroad ~~the~~ at the rate of \$750. per Acre the strip of land (containing about an Acre and a half) lying to the west of the Dela RR

Adjourned  
W. Ferris, Secy.

Feb'y 7<sup>th</sup> 1899

Present Morrison, Pres pro tem, McGrou and Ferris. -

No Quorum. -

Adjourned  
W. Ferris, Secy.

March 7<sup>th</sup> 1899

Present Dr Black Dalby Challenger McGrou Morrison Touau Mahoney Shaw and Ferris.

Treas. reported a Balance on hand of 188<sup>23</sup> after having made a payment on the Water Co. Note of 1072<sup>69</sup> reducing it to 1800<sup>00</sup>

Election of Officers:-

For President

Dr Black received 7 votes

Mr Wise " 1 "

" Mahoney " 1 " and Dr

Black was declared elected. -

For Secretary

Mr. Ferris received 7 votes

" Dalby " 1 "

" Challenger " 1 " and Mr.

Ferris was declared elected.



Mar 7. 99

For Acting Committee  
 Mr. Mahoney received 7 votes  
 " Wise " 6 "  
 " Toman " 6 "  
 " Monison " 2 "  
 " Hance " 1 "  
 " Challenger " 1 "  
 " Borie " 1 " and <sup>one</sup> ~~two~~ votes <sup>was</sup> Blank. Messrs Mahoney, Wise and Toman were declared elect

For Committee on Pub. Buildings:-  
 Mr. Mahoney received 6 votes  
 " Dalby " 6 "  
 " McGrou " 6 "  
 " Challenger " 1 "  
 " Wise " 2 "  
 " Hance " 2 "  
 " Borie " 1 "  
 " Shaw " 1 "  
 " Rodney " 2 " and Messrs Mahoney, McGrou and Dalby were declared elected.

Pres. appointed Messrs McGrou and Dalby to audit the Treasurer accounts.

Orders for salaries and annual appropriations were ordered drawn also to

J. L. E. Eliason <sup>Lumber</sup> 99<sup>50</sup>  
 The Acting Committee were authorized to have painted the additions to the buildings at Jefferson, Penn and Stockton Farms at as reasonable a price as possible.

Adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

April 4-1899-

Present: Dr. Black, Dalby, Mahoney, Monison, McGrou and Wise and Ferris.  
 Treasurer presented his Annual report which having been approved by the Auditors was ordered printed.  
 An appropriation of Ten Dollars was ordered to be made to Mrs. Eliza Wadsley, the widow of the former Tenant.

## STATEMENT OF THE Receipts and Expenditures OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON, For the Year Ending March 25th, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Balance on hand March 25th, 1898..... \$ 464.87	To New Castle News, for Printing..... 6.50
From John A. Walls, Rent in full..... 222.00	Gas for Meeting Room..... 9.55
Robert Wadsley Estate, Rent in full..... 475.05	John T. Hayes, Collector County Taxes..... 109.35
Orrid A. Porter, Rent in full..... 100.00	James E. White, Collector City Taxes..... 158.58
Thomas W. Barry, on account Rent..... 450.00	H. F. Lancaster, Settling Disposed Notice..... 1.00
Mrs. Lydia Biggs, on account Rent..... 780.22	Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company..... 102.32
Mrs. Theodore Bruce, on account Rent..... 15.00	New Castle County Mutual Insurance Company..... 19.00
Mrs. U. A. Bullen, on account Rent..... 704.00	Coal for Colored School..... 10.00
Wm. B. McCoy, on account Rent..... 1112.61	School Taxes District 48, 1897-8..... 27.95
Joseph Quigley, on account Rent..... 1143.25	Semi-Annual Appropriation to Fire Company..... 125.00
Mrs. H. M. Morrison, on account Rent..... 627.90	Annual Appropriation to Water Company..... 1500.00
Michael Tucker, on account Rent..... 110.00	Appropriation to Water Company on account of Un- paid Debt..... 1295.07
Fred'k C. Miller, on account Rent..... 316.46	Interest to Water Company on Unpaid Debt..... 2.00
Thomas Holcomb, on account Rent..... 30.00	U. C. Montgomery, Recorder, Recording Human Deed..... 122.35
S. P. M. Tasker, Executor, on account Rent..... 62.34	Constable Fees and Expenses at Oxborough Farm..... 10.50
20 per cent. City Hall Rents..... 12.20	Expenses at Model Farm..... 4.50
	T. T. Cook, Gitting Wheat..... 16.50
	U. W. Dicker, on Thrashing..... 15.00
	J. T. Wilson, Wagon and Threshing..... 23.71
	Delaware Iron Co., Share of Wheat..... 15.88
	Thomas Gunn, Watchman..... 10.00
	Joseph Quigley, Hauling Wheat..... 10.00
	Repairs and Improvements at Jeff. Farm..... 281.22
	Repairs and Improvements at Stockton Farm..... 125.15
	Repairs and Improvements at Oxborough Farm..... 60.78
	Repairs and Improvements at Center Hall Farm..... 68.92
	Repairs and Improvements at Union and Bayard Farms..... 120.75
	Repairs and Improvements at Clayton Farm..... 17.00
	Repairs and Improvements at City Hall..... 60.00
	Repairs and Improvements at Model Farm..... 95.24
	Revenue Stamps on Checks and Notes..... 2.34
	Bennett Lancaster, Salary..... 150.00
	William J. Ferris, Salary..... 50.00
	Immanuel Church, for care of Clerk..... 50.00
	Trustees of Court House for Rent..... 1213.17
	Balance Cash on hand..... \$6451.90
<b>\$4151.90</b>	

**OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.**

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., President. WM. J. FERRIS, Secretary and Treasurer.

**ACTING COMMITTEE.**

JOHN C. MAHONEY, JAMES M. WISE, JR. JAMES B. TOMAN.

**Committee on Public Buildings.**

JOHN C. MAHONEY, EDWARD DALBY. PATRICK MCGRORY.

Farms Belonging to the Trustees.					Trustees of New Castle Common.	
NAME.	NO.	TENANT.	ACRES.	RENT.	NAME.	TERMS.
Jefferson	1	Thomas W. Barry	92	\$ 462.50	John C. Mahoney	Elected April 3, 1860
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia Biggs	170	853.75	James G. Shaw	Elected May 8, 1860
Oxborough	3	Michael Tucker	70	347.50	John J. Black, M. D.	Elected Dec. 10, 1871
Center Hall	5	Mrs. G. A. Bullen	124	620.00	John H. Bolner	Elected Jan. 9, 1875
Penn	6	William C. Knotts	188	931.67	William J. Ferris	Elected May 21, 1883
Union	8	Joseph Quigley	197	1,167.25	Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885
Bayard	9	Mrs. Hannah M. Morrison	112	562.50	Hiram R. Borle	Elected May 28, 1889
Clayton	10	Joe Quigley	109	300.00	James B. Toman	Elected Feb. 3, 1891
Model	11	Thomas Holcomb	30	30.00	Patrick McGrou	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Lot part of	3	Mrs. Theodore Bruce	30	30.00	Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Lot part of	2	S. P. M. Tasker, Executor	41.56	41.56	James M. Wise, Jr.	Elected Oct. 28, 1893
City Hall Stores				121.00	Edward Dalby	Elected Jan. 2, 1896
					John M. Hance	
				<b>\$5,518.73</b>		

Audited and found correct, April 3, 1899.

PATRICK MCGRORY,  
 EDWARD DALBY,  
 Auditing Committee.

WILLIAM J. FERRIS,  
 Secretary and Treasurer.



of Oglethorpe Farm.

Mr. Rodney was requested to push the collection of the Fagan account to a settlement at as early a date as possible.

Mr. Wm B. McCoy, the retiring tenant of Penn Farm, offering to give a Bond with Security for the payment of his arrearages his proposition was accepted and the Secretary instructed to attend to the matter.

A petition was presented from the Trustees of the Colored Schools asking for an appropriation, and consideration of it was postponed until the September Meeting.

Bill of Henry F Tetlow for Glazing a-  
mornings to 2<sup>90</sup> was ordered paid

Adjourned  
W. Ferris  
Secy.

May 2 - 1899

Present: - Dr Black, Challenger, McGray,  
Mahoney, Borie and Ferris (6)  
No. Quorum -

Adjourned  
W. Ferris. Secy.

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1899

~~Present~~ Present: - Dr Black Mahoney Dalby  
Shaw McGray Rodney Morrison Hance Wise  
& Ferris (10)

Treas. reported \$498<sup>05</sup> on hand and that since Mar 25<sup>th</sup> he had received from Porter 20<sup>00</sup> and from S.P.M. Jaker 20<sup>78</sup>

The following bills were ordered paid

Jno. F. Stoops - Paper & Stockton Model Farms	16 <sup>79</sup>
Jas D McPike - Repairs Model Farm	20 <sup>00</sup>
Frank L. Carlin - Repairs Model Farm	7 <sup>75</sup>
N. C. Lys Co - Cash Apr 25	2 <sup>70</sup>
do do - Repairs and Supplies	3 <sup>00</sup>
N. C. News Co - Printing Annual Statements	6 <sup>50</sup>

Mr. Rodney reported "Progress" in Fagan collection.

The Acting Committee asked for instructions as to putting up a new shed at Union Bayard Farm and were authorized



to have one built to be paid for in the Fall.

The Commissioners to condemn certain land at Farnhurst for the use of the Railroad Co. reported to the Trustees that they had fixed the amount of compensation for the 1 2/3 acres of land at \$500.00. A Special Committee, Messrs Rodney and Shan was instructed to do what was still possible to obtain a higher award.

Messrs Mr Wolf, the publisher of "Ideal New Castle" asked for a further appropriation from the Trustees but no action was taken.

A resolution offered by Dr Black as follows:

"Resolved that the Trustees of the New Castle Common lease to the Board of Trustees of the N.C. Co. Workhouse, for the term of nine hundred and ninety nine years with a privilege of renewal, the field recently viewed by the County Board, at the corner of Frenel town Quinpike and Washington Avenue for the sum of four dollars per acre per year,"

was adopted and the Secy was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to Newlin Gawthrop the President of the Board of Trustees of the N.C. Co. Workhouse.

Adjourned -  
W.J. Ferris. Secy.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1899 -

Special Meeting.

Present: Dr Black Wise Hance Rodney Rorie McEgroy Mahoney & Ferris (8)

The Special Com. apptd to make effort ~~for~~ to obtain a higher award for the land devised by the Railroad Co near Farnhurst reported as follows: -

To the Trustees of the New Castle Common, -

The undersigned Committee appointed to confer with the Pennsylvania Rail Road regarding the ground taken at Farnhurst by the said Company, respectfully report that they have made repeated efforts to meet the proper authorities of the said Rail Road but have been unable to do so. - The death of the President, Mr. Thompson, and the consequent confusion resulting therefrom, they believe to be the reason therefor.

Your Committee, therefore, have nothing to report, and ask to be discharged.

~~John H. Rodney~~ JOHN H. RODNEY. } Committee  
JAMES G. SHAW. }

which was accepted and the Committee discharged.

Mr. McEgroy moved that the ~~report~~ award of the Commissioners be not accepted and that Mr. Rodney be employed to represent the Board in its effort to obtain an increased award and the motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 2, two members not voting.

On motion of Mr. Ferris action was postponed for two days and the Secretary was instructed to notify all the members of the Board to attend a Special Meeting to consider this subject on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourned  
W.J. Ferris. Secy.

June 22-1899

Special Meeting -

Present Mahoney Pres pro tem - Rorie Hance Morrison McEgroy Dalby Rodney Shaw Ferris and (afterwards) Dr Black.

A motion to reconsider the action of the Board on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> deeling to accept the award of the Railroad Commissioners and appointing Mr. Rodney as its counsel, was lost by a vote of 3 to 5.

A special Committee of three Messrs Tomam Hance and McEgroy was appointed to be present with the Sheriff's Jury at the condemnation of the land.

Adjourned  
W.J. Ferris  
Secy



July 4<sup>th</sup> 1899

- No Quorum -

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1899.

Present, Dr Black, Wise, Kance, Dalby,  
Shaw, Rodney, Mahoney, McGray & Ferris (C)  
Treas. reported having received from  
Jos. Quigley 200<sup>00</sup> and from Mr Porter 100<sup>00</sup>  
and that he had paid to the Water Co. on  
July 1<sup>st</sup> its semi annual Appropriation  
of 750<sup>00</sup> leaving a deficit in the Treasury  
of \$83,100.

The Special Com. appt'd at the last  
Special Meeting reported as follows:-

" To the Trustees of New Castle  
Commons: -

" The undersigned, members of the  
" Committee appointed to take action to  
" have a review of the proceedings taken by the  
" Delaware R.R., whereby certain real estate,  
" belonging to said New Castle Commons near  
" Farmhurst, has been condemned and dam-  
" ages to the amount of Five Hundred Dol-  
" lars awarded, - respectfully report:-

" That applica-  
" tion was made in accordance with the  
" provisions of law for a writ of "ad quod  
" damnum," which was obtained and a jury  
" summoned by the Sheriff, which met on  
" the premises and awarded the sum of  
" One Thousand Dollars, which award has  
" been returned to the office of the Prothono-  
" tary of New Castle County as directed by law.

" Your Committee further report that  
" the said Company is allowed sixty (60) days  
" wherein to accept the said award; - your  
" Committee further report that the Original  
" award of Five Hundred Dollars has been  
" deposited in the Farmer's Bank at Wilming-  
" ton to the credit of the Trustees of New  
" Castle Commons as appears by the letter  
" herewith submitted.

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John A. Rodney } Committee  
Park McGray }  
John Hance }

To the Trustees of the New Castle Commons

We the undersigned, Commissioners appointed by the  
Governor of the State of Delaware, under the provisions  
of Chapter 82, Volume 11, Laws of Delaware, do hereby  
approve to the notification given to us by the Delaware  
Railroad Company to go upon the lands of the Trustees of  
the New Castle Commons, situated in New Castle Hundred, in  
the County of New Castle and State of Delaware, proposed  
to be taken and appropriated by the Delaware Railroad  
Company in the location, improvement and construction of  
its railroad, and which said parcel of land so proposed to  
be taken and appropriated for the purposes aforesaid is  
described as follows, to wit:

All those two certain strips or pieces of land situate  
in New Castle Hundred in the County of New Castle and  
State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, viz:

No. 1. BEGINNING at a stake in the Western line of  
land of the said Railroad Company at a corner of land of  
the heirs of Thos. T. Tinker deceased; and extending thence  
by said land of the said heirs of Thos. T. Tinker de-  
ceased, South seventy-nine degrees thirty-two minutes West  
thirty-seven and eighty-eight one-hundredths feet to a  
stake; thence by other land of the said Trustees of New  
Castle Commons parallel with the centre line of the railroad  
of the said company and eighty feet distant Westward there-  
from North one degree fifty-six <sup>minutes</sup> West eighteen hundred  
and eleven and ninety-six one-hundredths feet to a stake  
in the Southern line of land of the said Railroad Company;  
thence by said land South seventy-eight degrees forty-one  
minutes East thirty-seven and five-tenths feet to a stake  
in the line of land of the said Railroad Company as shown



July 4<sup>th</sup> 1899

No Quorum

To the Trustees of the New Castle and Wilmington Railroad

Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1899  
Present by Black, Wise, Mahoney, M. J. J.

Shay, Mahoney, M. J. J.

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July 1<sup>st</sup> 1899  
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herewith submitted.

John A. Rodney  
Park McGraw  
M. J. J.

by condemnation by the New Castle and Wilmington Railroad  
Company at No. 123 May Term 1882, and thence by said land  
South one degree fifty-six minutes West seventeen hundred

and seventy-one one hundredths feet to the  
place of BEGINNING.

containing one and six hundred and fifty one  
square rods more or less.

No. 2, BEGINNING at a stake in the Eastern line of  
land of the said Railroad Company at a corner of land of

the heirs of Charles Dupont deceased, and extending thence  
by said land of the said Railroad Company which was ac-

quired by condemnation by the New Castle and Wilmington  
Railroad Company at No. 123 May Term 1882, North one de-

gree fifty-six minutes East seventeen hundred and sixty-eight  
and eighty-three one hundredths feet to a stake, thence by

land of the said Railroad Company and by land of J. M.  
Bolton, South seventy-eight degrees forty-one minutes

East fifty and sixty-eight one hundredths feet to a stake,  
thence by other land of the said The Trustees of the New

Castle Commons parallel with the center line of the above-  
said railroad and eighty-two feet distant Eastward there-

from South one degree fifty-six minutes West seventeen  
hundred and forty-nine and fifty-seven one hundredths

feet to a stake in the line of the aforesaid land of the  
heirs of Charles Dupont deceased; and thence by said land

South seventy-nine degrees thirty-two minutes East fifty-  
one and two-tenths feet to the place of BEGINNING.

containing two and nineteen one hundredths acres  
more or less. (The above tracks being shown on the plan

attached hereto) and to assess the amount of compensation



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feet to a stake in the  
heirs of Charles  
South seventy-nine  
one and two-tenths  
containing two and  
fourths (the above  
attached hereto) and

which the said company shall pay and which the said Trust-  
ees of the New Castle Company as such shall be liable to re-  
pay as the value of said parcel of land intended to be

and appropriated, do hereby certify and report that  
we have been duly sworn to perform our duties with  
fidelity as required by the Act authorizing our appoint-  
ment, and having first given written notice to the said  
Company and also to the said Trustees of the New Castle  
Company that we would meet upon the premises for the pur-  
pose of our appointment on the Twenty-ninth day of May,  
A. D. Eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, at nine o'clock  
A. M. That on the day and at the hour first aforesaid  
we did all go upon and view the said lands and premises  
to be taken for the purpose of said road, and  
after due consideration we did assess the  
sum of compensation which the said Company shall pay  
to the said Trustees of the New Castle Company, and which  
the said Trustees of the New Castle Company ought to re-  
pay as the value of the said lands to be taken at the

sum of *Five hundred and four* Dollars  
and we did accordingly award unto the said Trustees of the  
New Castle Company the sum of *Five hundred and*  
*four* Dollars.

Witness my hand and seal this Twenty-ninth day of May, A. D. Eighteen  
hundred and ninety-nine.

*Wm. B. Pugh* (SEAL)  
*Wm. B. Pugh* (SEAL)  
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*Wm. B. Pugh* (SEAL)  
*Wm. B. Pugh* (SEAL)



June 23. 1899

John A. Rodney, Esq.,  
Attorney for Trustees of New Castle Commons,  
Dear Sir:-

We are on receipt of your notification that the Trustees of New Castle Commons declined to accept the award made by the Commissioners appointed to condemn land for the Delaware Railroad, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May last, and desire to notify you that, in accordance with the provisions of the law, we have this day deposited the amount of the award in the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware, at Wilmington, to the credit of the Trustees of the New Castle Commons. The money is now subject to the Order of the Trustees, and we hope there will be a final disposition of this matter at an early date.

We remain -  
Yours Very Truly  
Ward & Gray

And it was ordered that the Secy enter upon the minutes the following description of the land condemned by the Railroad Company's Commissioners:-

For description and plan of this ground - as well as of the land taken November 26<sup>th</sup> 1886 - see description and plan pasted at margin of this leaf.  
W. J. A. Secy.

The following orders were passed and an Ordinance drawn for their payment:-

J. T. & Eliason	206 <sup>40</sup>	lumber & Curdies
Edwid W. Handy	3. <sup>33</sup>	Repairs
Barney Rodgers	10. <sup>85</sup>	For Judgment of Miller
Newcastle Gas Co	0. <sup>60</sup>	for repairs at Model Farm
Geo E White Coll	158. <sup>89</sup>	For City Taxes
T. McGraw Coll	530. <sup>19</sup>	For County Taxes

The Acting Com. was authorized to rebuild the Barn recently destroyed by fire at the Model Farm at a cost

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minutes

not to exceed \$1025<sup>00</sup> the amount for which it was insured, and which will shortly be paid over by the Insurance Company.

Mr. Rodney reported having received from Thomas Fagan \$350<sup>00</sup> on acct of our judgment against him for unpaid rent due from his son Peter A Fagan - and presented also a request from Mr Fagan for the reduction of our claim. The Trustees decided to release him upon the payment of an additional 50<sup>00</sup> making a total payment of 400<sup>00</sup>

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy

Regular Meeting  
Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1899

Present Dr Black Joman  
Mahoney McElroy + Ferris  
No Quorum

Adjourned to  
meet Tuesday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>  
W. J. Ferris Secy

Adjourned Meeting  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1899

Present Dr Black Hancee Wise Joman  
Monison McElroy Mahoney Ferris + Dalby (9)  
Act. Com. reptd "Progress" and recommended that the new sheds and the windmill at Union & Bayard Farm be insured, which was ordered done.  
Treas reptd having received from Thos W. Barry 330<sup>00</sup> and from O A Porter 10<sup>00</sup> and a balance on hand of 495<sup>00</sup>

The following resolution was adopted: -  
"Resolved that the resolution instructing the Treasurer of this Board to keep all moneys of the Board in Farmers Bank at Newbas-  
Ale be rescinded and that he hereby be authorized to keep until otherwise directed all moneys in the Depository of the Bank of Wilmington + Brandywine at Newbasle"

The Windmill at Harris Corner was ordered to be painted by the Act. Com.

Going into Executive Session the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Delaware RR Co through their Counsel, Ward Gray and ask them what, if anything they intended to do in reference to the award by the Sheriff's Jury on July 9<sup>th</sup> of the ground desired by the RR Co. at Farnhurst.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy

Oct 3. 1899-

Present: Mahoney, Pro pro tem, Rodney, Bonie, McElroy + Ferris (5)

Messrs Ambrose + Guy appeared in behalf of the Colored School Board asking a grant of three tons of coal - No Quorum being present, the Board adjourned.

W. J. Ferris, Secy. -

Nov. 7. 1899-

Pres. Dr Black Rodney Hancee Mahoney Dalby  
Challenger Joman McElroy + Ferris (9)

Treas reptd having received from

O A Porter 10<sup>00</sup>

Jos Quigley 300<sup>00</sup>

N B Loan Assn 3<sup>75</sup>

Q A Republic 2<sup>50</sup>

The following bills were approved: -

Jas G. Bridgewater Repairs to Clock 1<sup>25</sup>

Newbasle Gas Co to Oct 25. 3<sup>10</sup>

E W Handy Repairs Union + Bayard 237<sup>81</sup>

Jos E Quigley Repairs " " " Windmill 7<sup>75</sup>

The Secy was instructed to authorize J. L. E. Eliason to furnish two (2) tons of coal to the Trustees of the Colored School.

Secy reported that he had, as instructed, notified Gray Ward of the Action of the Board at their September meeting but had received no reply.

A motion to authorize Mr. Rodney to set-  
tle with the Railroad Company for this land at a price of \$750<sup>00</sup> was lost.

The Secy was instructed to advertise the Model Farm for rent; and to notify all tenants over a year in arrears to vacate their farms on March 25<sup>th</sup> next.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris,  
Secy.



Dec 5. 1899

Present Dr Black Mahoney Wize Hance Dalby  
McGron Rodney Joman + Ferris (9)

Treas reported having received

from J. Quigley 207.75

Thos Barry 75.-

Mr Knotts <sup>now</sup> 100.-

and that there was a balance on hand of  
458<sup>00</sup> not counting the 1025 recd from the In-  
Advance Compy.

Secy reported that he had advertised Mod-  
el Farm for rent and ~~had~~ <sup>that</sup> disposers notices  
had been served by Mr. McGron who reported  
that all the tenants desired to remain - and  
that Mr Barry had made a payment of 75<sup>00</sup> on  
account, and that about 500<sup>00</sup> had been prom-  
ised from Mrs Biggs next week; - and that Mrs.  
Bullen had engaged in the course of a week or  
two to turn over the proceeds of her wheat crop  
on acct. of rent, - and that Mr Tucker had en-  
gaged to do the same and pay 150<sup>00</sup> addition-  
al before March 25<sup>th</sup>

A resolution offered by Dr Black changing  
the method of renting the farms from a money  
rent to a share rent was laid over for one week  
Consideration of renting the farms was laid over  
for one week.

On Motion of Mr Mahoney the resolution  
authorizing Mr Rodney to settle with the Rail-  
road Company for 750<sup>00</sup> wh. was lost at the No-  
vember meeting was reconsidered, but ac-  
tion upon it was postponed for one week.

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Mrs Bruce appeared before the Trustees ask-  
ing for a reduction of her ground-rent. Consid-  
eration of the matter was postponed for one week.

Dr. Black here retired and Mr Mahoney act-  
ed as President Pro tem and the following bills were  
approved:-

N. C. News for printing	3 <sup>25</sup>
P. McGron Senny Disposers Notices	5 <sup>00</sup>
J. & L. Mason Sundries for 7/1 to 11/27	387 <sup>37</sup>
Chas Riding Repairs	199 <sup>25</sup>

After which the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1899

W. J. Ferris  
Secy

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1899

Adjourned Meeting -

Present: Dr Black Hance Dalby Joman Wize  
McGron Rodney Mahoney Monison + Ferris (10)

Treas. reported receipts from

Ovid A. Porter - 10<sup>00</sup>

Mrs Biggs 625<sup>00</sup>

Mrs Bullen 200<sup>00</sup>

Mr. Tucker 150<sup>00</sup>

The resolution to authorize Mr Rodney to set-  
tle with the Railroad Company for 750<sup>00</sup> for the  
land desired by Compy near Tarnhurst was a-  
mended by providing that the Railroad Co should  
pay for all fences and was then lost by a vote of  
4 to 6.

The suggested change in the method of rent-  
ing the farms from a money-rent to a share-  
rent was then taken up for consideration, and,  
a vote being taken, the Trustees decided to post-  
pone further consideration of the matter for  
three months.

Mr. Robt. Monison offered 4<sup>00</sup> per Acre for  
Center Hall Farm for 10 years providing Trustees  
wd put 600 Bushels of lime per Annum on the  
Farm. The proposition was not accepted.

Jefferson Farm	was re-rented to	Thos W Barry
Stockton	" "	" " Mrs Lydia Biggs
Oglethorpe	" "	" " Michael Tucker
Penn	" "	" " Knotts
Union + Dyard	" "	" " Jos Quigley

The Secy was instructed to advertise Center Hall  
Farm for rent and was instructed to issue a  
Landlord's Warrant for the Collection of the rent  
from the present tenant.

Clayton Farm was re-rented to Mrs Han-  
nah M. Monison on condition that 385<sup>00</sup> be  
paid on acct of rent on or before January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1900 - Mr Monison also agreeing to pay 285<sup>00</sup>  
additional by Mar 25. 1900

Model Farm was rented to A. O. Thoson  
at a rental of 300<sup>00</sup>

Mrs Bruce's ground rent was reduced  
from 30<sup>00</sup> to 25<sup>00</sup> beginning March 25<sup>th</sup> 1900

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris  
Secy

Regular Meeting Jan'y 2, 1900

Present Dr Black, Mahoney, Shaw, Wise  
Hance, Joman, Challenger, McGray, Morrison  
& Ferris (10)

Treas reptd receipts from  
Jos Quigley of 282<sup>00</sup> and a balance  
on hand of 355<sup>13</sup>

It was ordered that the Union & Bay  
and Farm, now insured in the Farmers Mut  
Fire Ins Co for 5600 - be insured for the coming  
year for 3600, with the Farmers Mutual Ins Co  
and for 2000, with the Newcastle Co Mut Ins Co.

Orders were drawn as follows

Farmers Mut Ins Co - Ins Prem - 95.97  
Newcastle Co Ins Co - Ins Prem - 11.10  
N. B. Gas Co - Gas to Dec 25. - .90  
N. B. Water Co - On acct Note Int - 215.-  
H. A. Dennison - For New Stove - 14.-  
N. B. Water Co - Semi Annual Rent - 720.-

It was ordered that the field now a  
part of Clayton Farm and containing  
about 20 Acres, lying beyond Churchmans  
Lane and enclosed by Union and Bay  
and Farm, shd be taken from Clayton  
Farm and added to Union and Bay  
and Farm.

Three ballots being taken for a new  
tenant for Center Hall Farm and result-  
ing in a tie, the election of a tenant for  
this farm was postponed for one week and  
the Board adjourned to meet Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup>

Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup> 1900

Special Meeting

Present Mahoney, Pres pro tem - Rodney  
Hance, Dalby, Joman, Shaw and McGray  
Action in the matter of renting Cen-  
ter Hall and Clayton Farms was post-  
poned until Friday, Jan'y 12, 1900.

Adjourned.

P. McGray  
Secy pro tem.

Jan'y 12<sup>th</sup> 1900

Special Meeting

Present Dr Black, Hance, Challenger, Dalby, Ro-  
die, Mahoney, Joman, McGray, Rodney, Ferris, Shaw  
and Wise

Going into an election for a tenant for  
Center Hall Farm, Mr. Asley White received 7 votes  
Mr. Thos F. Clark 4 votes and Blank 1. The farm  
was rented to Mr. White.

The field formerly belong-  
ing to Clayton Farm wh. was rented to Jos.  
Quigley at the meeting of Jan'y 2, was de-  
clared by the Trustees to be rented at a rate  
of 5<sup>00</sup> per Acre.

The Treasurer was instructed  
to delay action as to Landlord's Warrant in  
the case of Mrs AM Morrison under our next  
regular meeting.

Adjourned

W. J. Ferris Secy.

Feb'y 6<sup>th</sup> 1900

Regular Meeting

Treas reptd receiving from Jos. Quigley  
\$200<sup>00</sup>

The following bills were paid.

J. Riding 25<sup>38</sup>  
J. L. & E. Blason 24<sup>81</sup>  
N. C. News 1<sup>00</sup>

Snow Sitcher 975<sup>00</sup> for building new Barn  
at Model Farm and the Treas was instructed  
to have this new building insured.

Clayton Farm was rented to Alvin R. Mor-  
rison provided that he agree that all the  
wheat now in the ground belong to the Trust-  
ees, and the Act. Com. was instructed to  
attend to carrying this motion into effect.

The Treas was instructed to have new  
Landlord's Warrant issued in Center Hall  
matter so as to extend it to cover March  
15<sup>th</sup> the date of the advertised Sale

Adjourned

W. J. Ferris Secy



**Whereas**, WE THE SUBSCRIBERS, have erected and furnished materials for erecting the frame barn 36 x 60 - 16 ft. to the square, for the Trustees of NewCastle Commons

on farm lot or piece of ground situate in NewCastle Hundred, County of NewCastle, State of Delaware, on road leading from NewCastle to NewCastle Reservoir, on State Road known as the Model Farm.

And have agreed to release all Liens which we, or any or either of us have, or might have, on the said frame barn by reason of materials furnished, or work performed, for erecting the same. *Now these Presents Witness*, That we, the Subscribers, for and in consideration of the Premises, and of the sum of *One Dollar*, to each of us at or before the sealing and delivery hereof by the said Trustees of NewCastle Commons well and truly paid, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, *have* remised, released, and forever quit claimed, and by these Presents *do* remise, release, and forever quit claim unto the said Trustees of NewCastle Commons and to their Heirs and Assigns, all and all manner of Liens, claims, and demands whatsoever, which we, or any or either of us now have, or might or could have, on or against the said frame barn and Premises, for work done, or for materials furnished, for erecting and constructing the said frame barn or otherwise howsoever. So that they the said Trustees of NewCastle Commons, Heirs and Assigns, shall and may have, hold and enjoy, the said frame barn and Premises, freed and discharged from all Liens, claims and demands whatsoever, which we, or any or either of us, now have, or might or could have, on or against the same, if these Presents had not been made.

*In Witness Whereof*, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the day of the date written opposite our respective signatures.

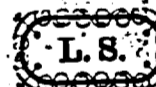
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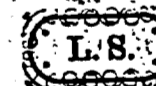
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J. Justice

R. Butcher



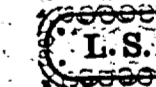
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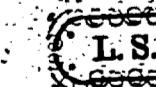
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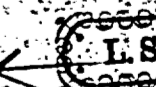
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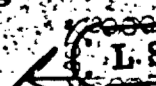
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Release of Liens.

TO

Trustees NewCastle  
Commons Barn

Model Farm

Dated Feb. 6, 1900

DATE

Witnesses at Signing.



*Cranston Justice*  
by *James Cranston*  
Gravel.  
Lumber.

*W. W. Switzer*  
*Cranston Justice*  
by *James Cranston*  
Carpenter.  
Hardware.

*Cranston Justice*  
by *James Cranston*  
Smithwork.  
Tinsmith.

*Cranston Justice*  
by *James Cranston*  
Marble Mason.  
Plasterer.

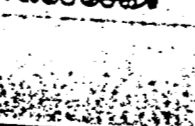
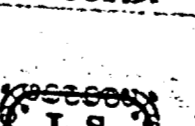
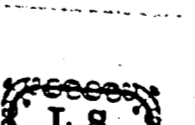
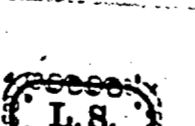
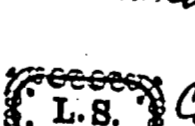
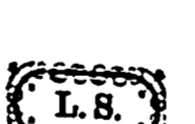
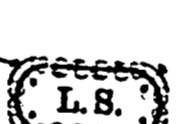
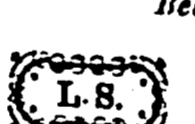
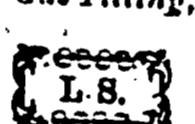
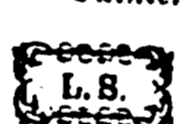
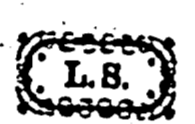
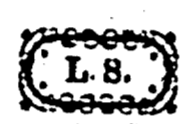
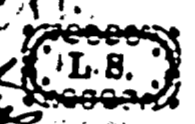
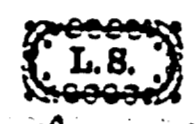
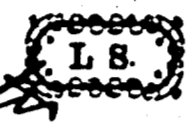
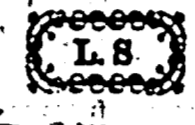
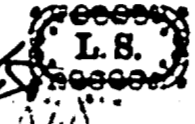
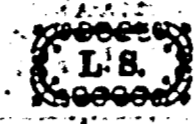
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Gas Filling, Plumbing

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by *James Cranston*  
Bell Hanger.

*George Lupit*  
*Walter H. Lupit*  
*John Wayne*  
Carpenter  
Carpenter  
Carpenter

Witnesses -  
Feb 6 - 1900  
Edward Challenge

2/6/1900 *C. Justice*  
2/6/1900 *J. Justice*  
2/6/1900 *J. Justice*





Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 1900

Present Dr Black, Challenger, Wise, McGrou, Mahoney, Monison, Hance & Ferris (8)

Meeting was called at the request of Mr. Inker who desired to give up his tenancy of Oylethorpe Farm

It was ordered that the Treasurer issue a Landlord's Warrant for the collection of his rent and that the farm be advertised for rent.

The renting of Clayton Farm was referred to the Acting Committee with power to act, and they were also authorized to make needed repairs at Model Farm.

Adjourned - W Ferris Secy.

March 6<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Present Dr Black, Shaw, Joman, Challenger, McGrou, Mahoney, Monison, Dalby, Wise, Rodney & Ferris (11)

Acting Committee reported having rented Clayton Farm to Alvin R Monison.

Oylethorpe Farm was rented to Wm B Rattledge.

The following Orders were drawn:-

- Immanuel Church Care of Clock - 50.00
- Indies Market Square - rent 50.-
- W Ferris Secy Treas 150.-
- B Lancaster Janitor 50.-
- Leuape Fire Co due Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1900 - 125.-
- Leuape Fire Co due July 1<sup>st</sup> 1899 125.-
- New Castle News Advertising 1.-
- Joseph Quizley Repairs 8.40

Pres. apptd P. McGrou and Edwin Dalby to audit the Treasurer's <sup>accounts</sup> ~~report~~, and 500 Copies of the report were ordered printed.

Going into an election for Officers:-  
For President:-

Dr Black rec'd 7 votes  
 Mr Wise " 1 "  
 " Mahoney " 1 "  
 and Dr. Black was declared elected.

For Secretary

Mr Ferris rec'd 6 votes  
 " McGrou " 1 "  
 " Dalby " 2 "  
 " Wise " 1 " and Mr Ferris was declared elected.

For Treasurer, Mr Ferris declining a re-election,

Mr. McGrou rec'd 5 }  
 " Ferris " 1 } <sup>second ballot</sup> 8 votes  
 " Wise " 1 }  
 " Dalby " 1 }  
 " Challenger " 2 } — and Mr McGrou

was declared elected

For Acting Committee:-

Mr. McGrou received 1 vote  
 " Wise " 8 "  
 " Dalby " 3 "  
 " Hance " 2 "  
 " Challenger " 1 "  
 " Mahoney " 6 "  
 " Joman " 5 "  
 " Ferris " 1 and Messrs Wise,

Mahoney and Joman were declared elected.

For Committee on Public Buildings:-

Mr Mahoney received 5 votes  
 " Dalby " 5 "  
 " McGrou " 3 "  
 " Challenger " 2 "  
 " Wise " 3 "  
 " Hance " 5 "  
 " Joman " 1 "  
 " Borie " 1 "  
 " Rodney " 1 "  
 " Shaw " 1 " and Messrs

Mahoney Dalby and Hance were declared elected

For Janitor:- 1<sup>st</sup> Ballot 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot

Mr Crow rec'd 1 6  
 " Lancaster " 4 5  
 " Mahoney " 2 —  
 " McEue " 1 2  
 " Challenger " 1 —  
 " Gemmill " — 1  
 " Padberg " — 1 and Mr  
 Lancaster was declared elected

The Treas. was instructed to attend the Bullen and Tucker Sales and take Cash and Sales Notes.

The selling of the household goods of Mr. Tucker on the 7th under the Landlord's Warrant was left to the discretion of the Acting Committee.

Adjourned  
W. Ferris, Secy.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1900

Present: - Dr Black Wise Dalby  
Challenger Rodney McGrovy Mahoney Shaw  
and Ferris (9)

Treas. rept'd \$784.00 in bank  
and proceeds of Bullen Sale to have been  
\$600.00 and of Tucker Sale \$410.79

The following Orders were  
passed: -

Mr Mahoney for specifications and  
Supervising erection of  
Model Farm barn - 20.00

Michael Tucker for repairs at  
Oglethorpe Farm 102.90

Michael Tucker for Wheat in  
Ground 31 Acres @ 4.70 145.70  
(These last two orders to be credited on  
account of rent.)

The Acting Committee was au-  
thorized to have fencing along the roads  
renewed. To the extent of about two (2)  
miles.

An appropriation of one ton of  
coal was made to the Colored Schools.

The following Communication was  
read and ordered entered on the min-  
utes: -

" March 30<sup>th</sup> 1900.  
" Mr. John C. Mahoney,  
" New Castle, Delaware,  
" My dear Mr Mahoney,

Referring to our  
" conversation of sometime ago,  
" at New Castle, concerning the  
" Trustees of the Commons matter,  
" will you not endeavor, at the

## STATEMENT OF THE Receipts and Expenditures — OF THE — TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON, For the Year Ending March 25th, 1900.

Receipts		Expenditures	
Balance on hand March 25, 1899	\$ 1,213.17	To New Castle News for printing	\$ 11.75
From Orvid A. Porter, rent in full	120.00	To Gas for meeting room and City Hall	7.20
From Jos. A. Quigley, rent in full Model Farm	450.00	To P. McGrovy, collector County Taxes	530.19
From Jos. A. Quigley, on account rent Union and Bay- ard Farm	1,131.50	To Jas. E. White, collector, City Taxes	158.89
From Michael Tucker, on account rent	683.69	To Printing disposes notices	5.00
From Thomas W. Barry, on account rent	405.00	To Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company	103.42
From Mrs. Lydia Bagg, on account rent	700.00	To New Castle County Mutual Insurance Co.	11.10
From Mrs. Thredore Bruce, account rent	15.00	To Coal for Colored Schools	10.50
From Mrs. G. A. Edden, on account rent	403.41	To Fire Company Appropriation (eighteen months)	375.00
From Wm. H. McCoy, on account rent	500.00	To Annual Appropriation Water Company	1,500.00
From Peter A. Frazz, on account rent	300.00	To Appropriation to Water Company on account of un- paid debt	1,500.00
From Mrs. H. M. Morrison, on account rent	183.53	To Interest to Water Company on unpaid debt	73.50
From S. P. M. Tasker, on account rent	41.56	To Repairs and Improvements	
From Wm. O. Keady, on account rent	210.00	- at Jefferson Farm	75.58
From 20 per cent City Hall rents	5.00	- Stockton Farm	148.62
From Farmer's Fire Insurance Company	1,023.00	- Oglethorpe Farm	167.25
	\$ 7,375.86	- Center Hall Farm	21.28
		- Penn Farm	105.02
		- Union & Bayard Farm	807.00
		- Clayton Farm	83.12
		- Model Farm	75
		- Meeting Room	3.50
		- City Hall	16.29
		- To Revenue Stamps on checks and notes	2.82
		To New store for meeting room	14.00
		To New barn at Model Farm	975.00
		To Specifications and supervision of building barn	20.00
		To Rent refunded Mrs. Eliza B. Watsley	10.00
		To Barney Rodgers for sundry repairs	10.55
		To Repairs to clock	1.25
		To Repairs to clock	145.70
		To Wheat in ground bought at Tucker's sale	60.00
		To Bennett F. Lancaster, salary	150.00
		To William J. Ferris, salary	50.00
		To Immanuel Church for care of clock	50.00
		To Trustees of Court House for rent	231.23
		Balance cash on hand	\$ 7,375.86

### Amount Due the Trustees.

From Thomas W. Barry	\$ 850.32
Mrs. Lydia Bagg	1,040.89
Mrs. G. A. Edden	1,087.59
Michael Tucker	61.06
William H. McCoy	193.72
Peter A. Frazz	595.82
Mrs. H. M. Morrison	2,172.92
Wm. C. Keady	721.67
Fred Miller	206.76
Thomas H. Jacob	90.00
Joseph Quigley	275.00
Theodore Bruce	45.00
Estate S. P. M. Tasker, Exc.	20.78
Wilmington Springs Fund	510.75
	\$ 7,936.23

### OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., President.	WILLIAM J. FERRIS, Secretary.	PATRICK MCGROVY, Treasurer.
JOHN C. MAHONEY,	JAMES M. WISE, Jr.,	JAMES B. TOMAN.
JOHN C. MAHONEY,	Committee on Public Buildings.	JOHN M. HANCE.
	EDWARD DALBY,	

### Farms Belonging to the Trustees.

NAME	NO	TENANT	ACRES	RENT
Jefferson	1	Thomas Barry	92 1/2	462.50
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia Bagg	170 1/2	853.75
Oglethorpe	3	Wm. H. McCoy	79 1/2	397.50
Center Hall	5	A. Lesley White	124	620.00
Penn	6	William O. Knotts	180 1/2	931.67
Union	8	Joseph Quigley	217 1/2	1,207.25
Bayard	9	Alvin R. Morrison	92 1/2	462.50
Clayton	10	L. A. Othson	103 1/2	300.00
Model	11	Thomas Holcomb	30	30.00
Lot part of	8	Mrs. Theodore Bruce		25.00
Lot part of	3	S. P. M. Tasker, executor,		41.56
City Hall stores	2	Orvid A. Porter		120.00
				\$ 5,511.73

### Trustees of the New Castle Commons.

John C. Mahoney	Elected April 3, 1869
James G. Shaw	Elected May 8, 1869
John J. Black, M. D.	Elected Dec. 30, 1871
John H. Rodney	Elected Jan. 9, 1875
William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885
Hiram R. Borie	Elected May 28, 1889
James B. Toman	El. eted Feb. 3, 1891
Patrick McGrovy	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
James M. Wise, Jr.	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Edward Dalby	Elected Oct. 28, 1893
John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1899

Audited and found correct, April 11, 1900.  
PATRICK MCGROVY,  
EDWARD DALBY,  
Auditing Committee.

WILLIAM J. FERRIS,  
Secretary and Treasurer.



next meeting, to put through a resolution agreeing to settle for \$800.00? If you do, I will use every effort to get the Railroad Company to accept it, and pay the amount over at once, and so close out the matter.

" Very Truly Yours,  
" Andrew C. Gray "

and the following resolution, offered by Mr Rodney, was adopted:-

" Resolved:- That the proposition to accept \$800.00 from the Penna. R. R. Co., in lieu of \$1000.00 (awarded as damages for land taken under ad quod damnum proceedings from the Jefferson Farm) be accepted, provided that proper arrangements be made with the present tenant - as to his right of possession and the said Company to be at the expense of moving and erecting all fences, and also to pay all costs "

A Special Committee was appointed to consider and report at the next meeting as to whether, under the last contract there was due or not any further appropriation to the Water Co. - Chair appointed Messrs. Rodney, Shaw and Ferris.

Adjourned  
W. Ferris.  
Secy.

May 1st 1900

No Quorum  
Adjourned  
W. Ferris Secy.

June 5th 1900

Pres. Dr Black, Hance, Challenger, Joman, McGray, Mahoney, Dalby, Shaw + Ferris (9)

The following resolution was offered and adopted and ordered entered on the minutes:-

" ~~At the regular meeting of the Trustees of~~ (see next page for original resolution, amended as to date) -

At the regular meeting of the Trustees of The New Castle Commons, held in the City of New Castle, Delaware, <sup>June 5<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~May 1st~~ 1900, the following Resolution was adopted:

**R E S O L V E D**, that the Delaware Railroad Company, having paid to the Trustees of the New Castle Commons the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.), the amount of the compromise offered by resolution of the said Trustees at their last regular meeting, in settlement of the claim for damages, for certain land taken by the Railroad Company under condemnation proceedings, (and concerning which condemnation, proceedings in ad quod damnum are now pending in the Superior Court of New Castle County, being No. 28 to the September Term 1899,) that Mr. John H. Rodney, the Attorney for said Trustees, be authorized to satisfy the record in the above proceedings in the Superior Court, upon ascertaining that the said Delaware Railroad Company has paid all the costs accrued therein.

Also the following <sup>report</sup> ~~report~~ was presented, adopted, and ordered entered on the minutes:-

Trustees of New Castle Commons.  
Gentlemen  
Your Committee, appointed to consider the question as to whether any further payments were due from this Board to the New Castle Water Works Co., under the Agreement ~~made~~ recorded in the minutes of January 1897 and respectfully report, that they have examined the Agreement as well as the preliminary report of the Committee of Conference made Dec 22, 1896, (which was approved by the Board on Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1896,) and find that the lump sum of \$6000<sup>00</sup> which this Board agreed at that time to pay, was in payment in full for all water furnished up to January 1897 and that the first annual

payment of 750<sup>00</sup> wh. was made on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1897 was for water furnished from Jan'y 1897 to July 1897 and that there will consequently be one more payment of 750<sup>00</sup> to be made by this Board - on the first day of July next; after which date all agreements between this Board and the New Castle Water Works Co as to furnishing water to the City or to the Commons Farms will be void of <sup>and</sup> no effect. In short - that after the 1<sup>st</sup> of July<sup>1897</sup> both payments and water ~~or~~ service will cease.

Respectfully Submitted  
James G. Shaw  
W. J. Ferris.  
New Castle, Dela<sup>ware</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup> 1900



July 3, 1900 -  
 Present, Mahoney, Pres pro tem - McElroy, Toman -  
 Challenge + Ferris -  
 No Quorum - Adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris Secy.

August 7<sup>th</sup> 1900 - Mahoney, Toman, McElroy - Annee<sup>4th</sup>  
 Ferris (5) - No Quorum - Adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris, Secy

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1900 Mahoney, Toman, McElroy, Annee<sup>4th</sup>  
 Ferris (5) - No Quorum - Adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris Secy

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1900  
 Mahoney, Pres pro tem - Dalby - Wise - To-  
 man, Annee, Bone, McElroy, Challenge + Ferris (9)  
 Treas reported having received since  
 June

From Quigley - (June 21 <sup>st</sup> )	135
" Quigley - (Sep 28)	258 <sup>50</sup>
" Porter	40
" Knotts	400
" White	148 <sup>50</sup>
" White	55 <sup>54</sup>
" Barry	300
" Holcomb	60
" Rattedge	90
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	1487 <sup>54</sup>

And that there was in Bank 548<sup>50</sup> out of  
 which should be paid a Note due the Water  
 Comp'y. for 300<sup>00</sup> the total remaining bal-  
 ance of our indebtedness to them.

The following orders were passed:-

370	Newbasite Gas Co to 9/25	3.55
371	F. J. Garlin	7.00
372	Ban Vining	5.00
373	Israel Riding	34.13
374	Las B. Hance Center Hall 2 <sup>40</sup>	10.40
375	Ino J. Stoops	26.59
376	Ino B. Shearer City Hall	6.20
377	Webber + Bro	8.50
378	W. White	1.75
379	A. A. Padberg + Bro	25.88
380	Sam'l B. Miller	7.00
	Edw'd W. Handy	47.76
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The Treas. reported having received  
 \$200<sup>00</sup> from the Delaware R.R. in addition  
 the \$505<sup>00</sup> formerly deposited in Farmers  
 Bank to our Credit. - And he was in-  
 structed to deposit the whole amount with  
 the Artizans Savings Bank @ 4% - He re-  
 ported having received rent as follows:

from Quigley	125 <sup>00</sup>
" Porter	20 <sup>00</sup>
" Knotts	87 <sup>00</sup>
and that there was in Bank	463 <sup>28</sup>

The following Orders were drawn:-  
 N. G. Gas Co to 5/25 - 4<sup>75</sup>  
 Water Co City Hall 8<sup>00</sup>  
 E. L. Bros for Printing 8<sup>00</sup>  
 Hoopes Bros + Thomas for  
 Fruit Trees 32<sup>65</sup>

The Acting Committee was author-  
 ized to sell the Wheat in the ground at  
 Clayton<sup>and</sup> Oglethorpe Farms

The Committee on Water Co reported  
 that there was due the Water Co one fur-  
 ther semi annual appropriation of \$150  
 on the first day of July and their report  
 was accepted.

Adjourned  
 W. J. Ferris Secy



	Forward	183 <sup>76</sup>
Or. 360	W. W. Elkinton	3.80
" 361	Israel Riding	10.00
" 362	N. C. Water Co	3.00
" 363	J. L. Bridgewater	2.00
" 364	J. L. & Elison	264.08
" 365	School Dist. # 48 - Taxes / 99 - 1461	
" 365	" " " / 00 - 1644	31.05
" 366	County Tax	530.19
" 367	City Tax	158.89
Or. 358 -	Semi Annual Appro Water Co	750.00
" -	due July 1st	
Or. 368	To Meet Water Co's Note due	
" -	Oct	300.00
" 369	Remnet Hancock's Salary	
" -	as Auditor for Six Mos.	
" -	ending Sept. 25th	25.00
		<u>2261.77</u>

A request that the Board undertake to pay for the repainting of the dial of the Town Clock was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with power to have it done at a price not to exceed \$15) fifteen dollars.

The Acting Committee reporting a disagreement as to a fence between Harris Corner Hotel and School House Lane a Committee of two, Messrs Bone and Dalby was appointed to assist the Acting Committee in settling the dispute.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

Nov. 6th 1900 -  
No Quorum - Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

Dec. 4th 1900  
Present: - Mahoney Pres. pro tem. - Hance, Chal-  
lenger, Toman, Rodney, Ferris.  
Adjourned to meet Dec. 13th.  
W. J. Ferris, Secy.

Dec 13th 1900  
Pres. Rodney, Pres pro tem, Mahoney, Challenger,  
Dalby, Hance, Wise, Monison, and McGrouy Secy pro tem.

Treas. reported Balance on hand 565.<sup>81</sup>  
All tenants in areas were directed to be notified to vacate their farms by March 25th next.

The following Orders were approved:-

\$m Cafferty	Repairs Model Farm	21.75
\$m Cafferty	" Center Hall "	18.75
Wm White	" " " "	24.00
Mrs M. Hance	City Hall	14.40
E Challenger	" " "	60
A H Padberg	" " "	55.75
Pm Grouy	" " "	1.92

Two tons of Coal were given to Colored Schools. -  
Mr Gross presenting to the Board a report of some contemplated new industries a Committee Messrs Shaw, Black and Bone was appointed to confer with the "International General Co," and after this the Board adjourned to meet January 2, 1901.

Pm Grouy Secy pro tem

Jan 2, 1901.  
No Quorum - Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris Secy

February 5, 1901  
Present: - Wise, Pres pro tem, Hance Dalby, Challenger, Touan Mahoney, McGrouy, Rodney and Ferris (9)

Treas reported having received

John Quigley	765.00
" Bamy	50.00
" Porter	20.00
" Knotts	100.00

Clayton Farm was re-rented to Alvin R. Monison provided that before March 25th he sign the lease and pay the 6 mos. rent he is in areas.

City Council asking assistance in the matter of paying for the rent of the Fire Algs, consideration was postponed for two weeks.

Bill of H. White was ordered paid and credited him on account of rent.  
Acting Com. was given authority to buy such quantity of fencing as they may consider necessary.  
Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris



Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1901

Adjourned Meeting.

Present Dr Black Hauce Dalby Wise Challenger Touman Rodney Borie Mahoney McGrouy, and Ferris (11)

The matter for consideration being City Councils request for assistance in the matter of payment for the water supply for the Fire Plugs; - after considerable discussion, -

Mr Ferris moved that the Board guarantee to the City Council the payment of a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars to pay for the supply of water to the fire plugs and also for the supply of water to the property in charge of the fire plugs for the space of one year from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1901 to Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1902. This motion being seconded, Mr Dalby moved to amend by making the amount 800<sup>00</sup> instead of 1000<sup>00</sup> - which amendment was carried - after which the original motion was carried, (Mr Challenger voting No.)

Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

Mar 5<sup>th</sup> 1900

Present Messrs Wise, Hauce, Challenger, Touman, Morrison, McGrouy, Mahoney and Ferris. (8)

Going into an election for President, Messrs Hauce and McGrouy acting as Tellers: -

For President:

Dr Black rec'd 6 votes  
Mr Dalby " 1 "  
Mr Wise " 1 "

Dr Black declared elected.

For Secretary:

Mr Ferris rec'd 6 votes  
" Dalby " 1 "  
" McGrouy " 1 "

Mr. Ferris was declared elected.

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For Acting Committee

First Ballot

Second Ballot

Mr Mahoney rec'd 6 votes  
" Touman " 4 "  
" Hauce " 3 "  
" Wise " 4 "  
" Borie " 1 "  
" Dalby " 1 "  
" Challenger " 1 "  
" McGrouy " 1 "

a second ballot being taken  
Mr Touman rec'd 5 votes  
" Hauce " 4 "  
" Morrison " 1 "  
" Wise " 4 "  
" McGrouy " 1 "  
and Mr Touman was declared elected.

and Mr Mahoney was elected

A Third Ballot being taken

Mr Wise received 4 votes  
" Hauce " 2 "  
" Touman " 1 "  
" McGrouy " 1 "

and a Fourth ballot being necessary

Mr Wise received 5 votes  
" Hauce " 1 "  
" Black " 1 "

and Mr Wise was elected; the

Committee consisting of Mahoney, Touman and Wise

For Committee on Public Buildings: -

Mr Mahoney received 6 votes  
" Hauce " 5 "  
" Dalby " 6 "  
" McGrouy " 1 "  
" Wise " 1 "  
" Morrison " 1 "  
" Challenger " 1 "  
" Borie " 1 "  
" Rodney " 1 "  
" Shaw " 1 "

and Messrs Mahoney, Hauce and Dalby were elected

For Janitor

Mr Lancaster rec'd 5 votes  
" McBie " 2 "  
" Challenger " 1 "  
and Mr Lancaster was declared elected

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1901

Adjourned Meeting.

Present Dr Black, Hauce Dalby Wise Challenger, Touman, Rodney, Borie, Mahoney, McGrouy, and Ferris (11)

The matter for consideration being City Councils request for assistance in the matter of payment for the water supply for the Fire Plugs; - after considerable discussion, -

Mr Ferris moved that the Board guarantee to the City Council the payment of a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars to pay for the supply of water to the fire plugs and also for the supply of water to the property in charge of the Firemen for the space of one year from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1901 to Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1902. This motion being seconded, Mr Dalby moved to amend by making the amount 800<sup>00</sup> instead of 1000<sup>00</sup> - which amendment was carried - after which the original motion was carried, (Mr Challenger voting No.)

Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

Mar 5<sup>th</sup> 1900

Present Messrs Touman, Wise, Hauce, Challenger, Touman, Morrison, McGrouy, Mahoney, and Ferris. (8)

Going into an election for President, Messrs Hauce and McGrouy acting as Teller:-

For President:

Dr Black rec'd 6 votes

Mr Dalby " 1 "

Mr Wise " 1 "

Dr Black declared elected.

For Secretary:

Mr Ferris rec'd 6 votes

" Dalby " 1 "

" McGrouy " 1 "

Mr. Ferris was declared elected

See next Page

For Acting Committee

First Ballot

Second Ballot

Mr Mahoney	rec'd	6	votes
" Touman	"	4	"
" Hauce	"	3	"
" Wise	"	4	"
" Borie	"	1	"
" Dalby	"	1	"
" Challenger	"	1	"
" McGrouy	"	1	"

a second ballot being taken  
Mr Touman rec'd 5 votes  
" Hauce " 4 "  
" Morrison " 1 "  
" Wise " 4 "  
" McGrouy " 1 "  
and Mr Touman was declared elected

and Mr Mahoney was elected

A Third Ballot being taken

Mr Wise	received	4	votes
" Hauce	"	2	"
" Touman	"	1	"
" McGrouy	"	1	"

and a Fourth ballot being necessary

Mr Wise	received	5	votes
" Hauce	"	1	"
" Black	"	1	"

and Mr Wise was elected; the Committee consisting of Mahoney, Touman and Wise

For Committee on Public Buildings:-

Mr Mahoney	received	6	votes
" Hauce	"	5	"
" Dalby	"	6	"
" McGrouy	"	1	"
" Wise	"	1	"
" Morrison	"	1	"
" Challenger	"	1	"
" Borie	"	1	"
" Rodney	"	1	"
" Shaw	"	1	"

and Messrs Mahoney, Hauce and Dalby were elected

For Jailor

Mr Lancaster	rec'd	5	votes
" McBue	"	2	"
" Challenger	"	1	"

and Mr Lancaster was declared elected



President apptd Hance and Mahoney a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The following bills were approved:-

Ino M Hance - Repairs City Hall	14 <sup>90</sup>
Ino M Hance " Stockton farm	7 <sup>20</sup>
Ino T. Sloops " Model "	8 <sup>15</sup>
Frank J. Carlin " City Hall	14 <sup>00</sup>
M. B. Fleeming Constables Fees	13 <sup>50</sup>
N. C. Gas Co Gas -	7 <sup>70</sup>
Ino J Shearer Repairs City Hall	1 <sup>25</sup>
Jos. Quigley Repairs Union Bayard	38 <sup>16</sup>

Cou on Pub Buildings were authorized to put water closet in City Hall if it can be done conveniently.

The following additional draws were drawn:

Gas Vanarsdaleu Rent	50 <sup>00</sup>
J. E. Elison Treas Care of Clock	50 <sup>00</sup>
McGrory Salary	100 <sup>00</sup>
W. J. Ferris "	50 <sup>00</sup>
B. H. Haueoster "	25 <sup>00</sup>

Clayton Farm was ordered advertised for rent and Acting Cou. authorized to rent it to the best advantage. And all execution ordered against Alvin R. Morrison and all goods and chattels on farm except the household goods.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy.

April 2, 1901

Present Dr Black Challenger Dalby Mahoney Rodney McGrory Ferris (7)

Acting Cou. rept'd having rented Clayton Farm to Jos. E. Quigley but were not yet ready to report in full.

Treas. rept'd having levied on the live stock, &c at Clayton Farm. Mr. G. W. Morrison asked the Board to release from the levy a Phaeon, a Cow, 3 calves and 25 chickens as being the property of Miss E. A. Morrison, and the Board granted the request. And the Acting Cou. having previously rented the farm to Mr. Quigley were given authority to modify their agreement in accordance with this release. Adjourned W. J. Ferris

# STATEMENT OF THE Receipts and Expenditures

—OF THE—  
Trustees of New Castle Common,  
For the Year Ending March 25th, 1901.

Receipts.	Expenditures.
To balance on hand last report.....	To Artisans Saving Fund.....
From Orvid A. Porter, rent in full.....	" New Castle Water Co. last semi-annual payment.....
Joseph Quigley, on account rent.....	" New Castle Water Co. final payment on unpaid Debt.....
Thomas W. Barry, on account rent.....	" Interest to Water Co. on unpaid debt.....
William R. Ralledge, on account rent.....	" New Castle News for printing.....
A. Lesly White, on account rent.....	" P. McGrory county tax.....
John C. Knotts, on account rent.....	" P. G. Madden, city tax.....
L. A. Othson, on account rent.....	" School tax Dist. 48 two years.....
Thomas Holcomb, on account rent.....	" Serring disposes notices.....
Sale 31 acres wheat, Oglethorpe farm.....	" Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.....
Mrs. Hannah M. Morrison, on account rent.....	" New Castle County Mutual Insurance Co.....
Mrs. Lydia Biggs, on account rent.....	" Coal for colored schools.....
Mrs. George Bullen, on account rent.....	" Repairs and improvements at Jefferson farm.....
Mrs. Alvin R. Morrison, on account rent.....	" Repairs and improvements at Stockton farm.....
2 1/2 per cent City Hall, rents.....	" Repairs and improvements at Oglethorpe farm.....
P. W. & B. R. Co.....	" P. W. & B. R. Co.....
Interest and protest on notes.....	" S. P. M. Tasker executors.....
S. P. M. Tasker executors.....	
\$ 6,167 64	\$ 805 00
	750 00
	300 00
	4 50
	8 00
	530 18
	158 89
	31 05
	5 00
	87 72
	18 18
	5 50
	39 23
	83 03
	30 01
	330 04
	6 75
	474 16
	35 08
	182 53
	1,170 83
	67 45
	1 60
	16 20
	20 80
	50 00
	50 00
	50 00
	100 00
	13 50
	1 92
	2 00
	1,869 32
	\$ 6,167 64

INVESTMENTS OF THE TRUSTEES.

Wilmington Saving fund.....	\$ 531 15
Artisans Saving fund.....	813 05
	\$ 1,344 20

Amount Due the Trustees.

From Wm. B. McCoy.....	\$ 193 72
Peter A. Fagan.....	595 82
Thomas W. Barry.....	971 82
William R. Ralledge.....	193 75
A. Lesly White.....	415 98
L. A. Othson.....	275 00
Alvin R. Morrison.....	238 63
John C. Knotts.....	737 13
Mrs. Lydia Biggs.....	1,044 64
Mrs. George A. Bullen.....	896 59
Mrs. Theodore Bruce.....	70 00
Thomas Holcomb.....	30 00
	\$ 5,671 08

## OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:

- JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., President.      PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer.  
 WILLIAM J. FERRIS, Secretary.  
 Acting Committee:      JAMES M. WISE, Jr.      JAMES B. TOMAN.  
 JOHN C. MAHONEY.      Committee on Public Buildings:      EDWARD DALBY,      JOHN M. HANCE.  
 JOHN C. MAHONEY,      EDWARD DALBY,      JOHN M. HANCE.

Farms Belonging to the Trustees.	Trustees of the New Castle Commons.
NAME.....	NAME.....
JEFFERSON.....	John C. Mahoney.....
Stockton.....	James G. Shaw.....
Oglethorpe.....	John J. Black, M. D.....
Center Hall.....	John H. Rodney.....
Penn.....	William J. Ferris.....
Union.....	Edward Challenger.....
Bayard.....	Hiram R. Borie.....
Clayton.....	James B. Toman.....
Model.....	Patrick McGrory.....
Lot part of.....	Robert R. Morrison.....
Lot part of.....	James M. Wise, Jr.....
City Hall stores, Orvid A. Porter.....	Edward Dalby.....
	John M. Hance.....
\$ 5,409 23	

Audited and Found Correct, April 10, 1901.  
 JOHN M. HANCE,      AUDITING      Patrick McGrory,  
 JOHN C. MAHONEY,      COMMITTEE.      Treasurer.

May 7, 1901

Present Mahoney Pres pro tem, Hance Wise, Challenger  
Tommy McGrou and Ferris (7)

Treas reported 2197<sup>97</sup> on hand, and the following  
bills were approved:-

J. L. E. Eliason	Repairs City Hall	60 <sup>76</sup>
J. L. E. Eliason	Amundry Kumber & Co	620 <sup>53</sup>
J. G. Bridgewater	Town Clock	125
Newcastle News	Printing	8 <sup>00</sup>
John M. Hance	Repairs Union & Bayard	58 <sup>15</sup>
Mayor and City Council	- for Water for 1901	800 <sup>00</sup>

Adjourned - W. J. Ferris Secy

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1901

Present Dalby Pres pro tem - Hance Challenger Wise  
Mahoney, McGrou + Ferris (7)

Treas reported a balance on hand of 465<sup>06</sup>  
and the following bills were approved:-

Frank J. Callin	repairs Union & Bayard	12 <sup>00</sup>
Stephen Black	" Penn Farm	20 <sup>30</sup>
Wm White	" Centre Hall Farm	7 <sup>02</sup>

The Auditing Committee were requested to make a  
written report showing what items of uncollected  
rent were not included in this year's report.

Adjourned -  
W. J. Ferris Secy

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1901

- No Quorum

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1901

Present. Mahoney Pres pro tem, McGrou, Wise,  
Challenger Hance and Ferris

No Quorum

Adjourned

W. J. Ferris Secy



Sept. 3, 1901

Present Dr Black, Hance Wise Mahoney, McGrouy,  
Challenger Shaw and Ferris (8)

Treas reported 1090<sup>74</sup> on hand and the following orders were approved:-

City Taxes	158.89
County Taxes	670.07
Stephen Black	10.08
Jno M Hance	17.27
EW Hardy	27.61
B Lancaster (6 mos Sal)	25.00

The Auditing Committee reported as follows:

" We your Committee reported to audit the accounts of the Treas. wd report that we have gone over them carefully and have found them to be correct and that the accompanying report is a correct statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Board for the year ending Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 1901. — In this Report the Treasurer has, at our recommendation dropped, as uncollectable, the claim of the Trustees against Mrs AM Morrison for \$2037<sup>92</sup>; their claim against Michael Tucker for \$61.<sup>06</sup> and their claim against Fredk @ Miller for \$193<sup>00</sup> a total of \$2291.<sup>98</sup>

And having thus fulfilled our duties to the best of our ability we wd ask to be discharged"

Jno C Mahoney } Committee  
Jno M Hance }

Which report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The following resolution was offered for the consideration of the Board by President Black:

" Whereas: the City of Newcastle by reason of its superior natural facilities, its absolute healthfulness, its situation as a Railroad Center, and unsurpassed advantages for the building of docks and wharves, its nearness to the sea, with a deep channel, undisturbed by ice any day of the year, should be a growing town,

instead of lagging in the race as it does at present, — such being the case, in order to place the advantages of the place before the Public, using modern business methods, it is hereby resolved, by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, that we establish a Bureau of Information and Advertising to be known as the New Castle Delaware Bureau of Advertising and Information. The date of establishing this Bureau shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> 1902 and for the purpose of carrying out this resolution the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the year 1902"

The resolution was ordered entered on the minutes and consideration of it was postponed for one month;

An appropriation of 250<sup>00</sup> per annum was granted the Lenape Fire Company for a period of ten (10) years the first semi annual payment being due Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1900

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris, Secy

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1901

Present:- Dr Black Hance Dalby, Challenger, Jouan Mahoney McGrouy Ferris (8)

Treas reported 214<sup>85</sup> as balance on hand.

Consideration of the Resolution for the establishment of a Bureau of Information and advertising was, at the request of its maker, postponed for one month.

Mr Challenger offered a substitute resolution appropriating 3000<sup>00</sup> per annum to City Council to be used as a rebate on City Taxes, and consideration of this also was deferred for one month.

The following bills were approved:-  
Michael Rodgers Repair Union Bayards 0.<sup>75</sup>  
EW Hardy Repair Model Farm 8<sup>55</sup>

and an appropriation of 500<sup>00</sup> was ordered made in favor of the Public Schools.

— Lenape Fire Company asked the Trustees for information as to the ownership of the Fire Engine bought in 1885, and, if it moved to be the property of the Trustees, asked them to make some disposition of it as it was no longer of any use and was only in the road. Consideration postponed for one month.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1901  
Continued

Mr. Quigley asking for an equalization and reduction of his rent, he now paying

6 <sup>00</sup>	per acre for	197 1/2	acres	} The Trustees
5 <sup>00</sup>	" " "	20	"	
4 <sup>00</sup>	" " "	92 1/2	"	

agreed to rent all these farms together for the coming year to him at a rental of 5<sup>00</sup> per acre

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy

November 5<sup>th</sup> 1901

Present D. Black, McGrou, Challenger, Dalby, Hauce, Mahoney, Morrison + Ferris (9)

Two tons of coal were ordered appropriated to the Colored Schools.

The matter of disposing of the Old Fire Engine, the property of the Trustees was put in the hands of a committee of two Messrs Dalby and McGrou for the procuring of bids and disposing of it to the best advantage.

Consideration of the Resolution providing for the establishment of a Bureau of Information and Advertising being had as also of the Resolution offered as an amendment to it. The Board voted to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the amendment and the original Resolution was withdrawn by its maker.

The following bills were approved:-

N. Co. Gas Co	Gas to 9/25 inches	-	8 <sup>00</sup>
Stephen Black	Repairs Peru Farm	12	96
Michl Rodgers	" Jefferson Farm	2	00
Jos Quigley	" Union Bayard	4	35
Jno McKaue	" Peru Farm	52	79
Jno. T. Stoops	" Jefferson "	2	63
Jno McKaue	" Centre Hall "	2	50
Stephen Black	" Ferris "	11	97
J. T. L. & E. Blinson	duber etc etc	623	32

There being nine members present an ordinance was ordered drawn to cover all bills approved since the regular meeting in January 1901 -

And, nine members being present, and seven assenting thereto, an ordinance was especially drawn for the payment

to the Kenape Fire Company of 250<sup>00</sup> per annum for a period of ten years beginning January 1900, the first semi-annual payment being due and payable Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1900 and each six months thereafter.

Yeas:- Black, Rodney, McGrou, Morrison, Mahoney, Hauce Ferris (7)  
Nays:- Dalby, Challenger (2)

Treas reported 792<sup>94</sup> on hand

Messrs Shaw and McGrou were appointed a committee to see what can be done to bring before Messrs be investors and manufacturers the advantages of Newcastle and report at next meeting

Treas was directed to issue a landlord's warrant to collect rent due from Kesley White and Othson and also directed to notify them to give up possession of their farms on March 25<sup>th</sup> next.

Adjourned  
W. J. Ferris Secy

Dec. 3. 1901

Present Shaw - Pres pro tem, Mahoney, Morrison, McGrou, Dalby, Challenger, Touman + Ferris (8)

McGrou and Dalby, the Committee on old Fire Engine reported having received several bids none of them over 100<sup>00</sup> and were instructed to obtain further information as to cost of repairs &c

The following bills were approved:-

Alu Kegan	repairs Jefferson Farm	25	00
Alu Kegan	" Peru "	50	00
Dr Evening Pub Co	Printing	48	
Republican Pub Co	"	48	
Wm White	Repairs Centre Hall Farm	300	
Stephen Black	" Union Bayard "	638	
Stephen Black	" Peru "	513	

Treas reported having delayed putting a warrant on Kesley White on acct of a payment of 300<sup>00</sup>. And having taken a Bill of Sale of all that Othson had left; Mr Othson having previously removed his grain and live stock.

Treas was instructed to advertise Model Farm for rent and dispose of Othson's effects at public sale and the Acting Committee were authorized to rent the Model Farm to the best advantage.



Dec 3, 1901 }  
Continued }

The Contract by which the Trustees agreed to pay City Council 800<sup>00</sup> for the year 1901 for payment for a supply of water for the fire plugs and the Common Farms was renewed for another period of one year ending Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1902.

Acting Committee was instructed to have cleaned out the overgrown hedge on School-House Lane.

The Treas. was instructed to notify all tenants who are in arrears to give up possession of their farms on March 25, 1902

Adjourned

W. Ferris Secy

January 7<sup>th</sup> 1902

Present Wise Pres. pro tem, Touman Challenger Dalby Mahoney Morrison, Shaw and McGroumy and Ferris (9)

A Committee from City Council Messrs Reynolds and Martin requested an appropriation from the Board for the purchase of 500 Feet of new Fire Hose and consideration was deferred for one month.

An order was drawn in favor of P. McGroumy Treas for 53<sup>00</sup> to be applied to Othorson's Rent for Wheat in the Ground purchased by the Acting Committee for the Trustees at his sale.

The following Orders were drawn:-

M Woolaston Repairs Penn Farm	2 00
P McGroumy Serving disposers Notices	3 50
D. Evening Pub Co Printing	1 80
Republican Pub Co "	1 80
N. Co Mut Ins Co Insurance	14 90
Farmers Mut Ins Co "	84 42
L. Othorson Repairs Model Farm	15 32

The application of Patrick Keegan for tenancy of Model Farm at a rent of 250<sup>00</sup> payable in advance was granted, on condition that he purchase from its present temporary tenant the hay and fodder at the same price at which the present owner bought it, and that he take possession immediately.

The Com on Public Buildings was authorized to put the City Hall in repair.

Treas was directed to put Landlord's warrant on Lesley White and advertise farm for rent.

Stockton Farm	was re-rented to Mrs. Biggs
Oglethorpe Farm	" " Mr. Ratledge
Jefferson Farm	" " " Barry
Penn Farm	" " " Knotts

Adjourned

W. Ferris Secy

January 20<sup>th</sup> 1902

Special Meeting.

Called to consider the renting of Cutler Hall Farm

Present:- Mahoney Pres pro tem, McGroumy Secy pro tem, Touman Wise Hance Challenger Shaw Morrison (8)

It being decided to ballot for a tenant for the farm for the year beginning Mar 25, 1902; on the first ballot Mr. Thos W. Clark received 4 votes and Mr. Arthur R. Kee 4 votes. A second ballot being taken Mr. Clark received 5 votes and Mr. Kee, 3, and the farm was declared rented to Mr. Clark for the ensuing year.

Adjourned-

P. McGroumy Secy pro tem

Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

Present Dr. Black Hance Dalby Morrison Mahoney McGroumy & Ferris (7)

The following orders were drawn:-

Frank Cleaver - Constable's Fees	3 78
Jas Vanarsdale - Landlord's warrant	1 10
Stephen Black Ferris Model Farm	15 45
Jos Quigley Repairs Union & Bayard	40 73
A. A. Padberg Repairs City Hall	34 50

In the matter of purchasing a safe from Mr. G. M. Morrison the Secy was instructed to notify Mr. Morrison that the Trustees did not desire to buy.

Messrs McGroumy Mahoney and Hance were appointed a Committee to procure bids and information as to the cost of 500 Feet of new Fire Hose as requested by City Council and report to the next meeting of the Board.

Adjourned.

W. Ferris Secy

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1902 =

Present: - W. Black - Hance - Dalby - Shaw - Morrison,  
McGrory, Mahoney & Ferris (8)

Com. on Fire Hose was authorized to buy 500 feet of  
hose from Goodyear Rubber Hose & Packing Co at a price  
of 65 cents per foot. And also supplies and connections  
for same at a cost not to exceed \$20.<sup>00</sup>

Going into annual election for officers, the fol-  
lowing were elected: -

President

Dr Black - 7 votes - (Blank - 1)

Treasurer - for 2 years )

McGrory - 7 votes (Blank - 1)

Secretary -

Ferris - 7 votes - (Blank - 1)

Sanitor

Lancaster 6 votes - (Atkinson 1 McEue 2)

Acting Committee

Mahoney 7 votes (Challenger 1 Hance 1 Shaw

Wise 6 " (McGrory 1 Dalby 2

Toman 6 " (Blank 1

Com on Public Buildings

Mahoney 7 votes (Challenger 2

Dalby 8 " (Wise 2 Shaw 1

Hance 6 " (Toman 1

Messrs Mahoney and Hance were appointed Auditors  
Mr Shaw gave notice of an amendment to the by laws pro-  
viding for the election of an overseer who may, or  
may not be a member of this Board and who shall  
receive an Annual compensation of \$300. for his ser-  
vices and whose duties are to be more particular-  
ly specified at the next meeting of the Board.

The following bills were approved: -

Patk McGrory, Treas, Salry. - 100.<sup>00</sup>

W. Ferris Secy. Salry. 50.<sup>00</sup>

B. Lancaster Sanitor - Gas Salry 25.<sup>00</sup>

City Council (for Water Co) 400.<sup>00</sup>

L. E. Eliason Treas Imman- 50.<sup>00</sup>

uel Church for Clock - 50.<sup>00</sup>

Gas Vanarsdalen Rent of 50.<sup>00</sup>

Meeting Room 50.<sup>00</sup>

Sundries 190.<sup>75</sup>

Ed. Bridgewater on Repair Clock 1.<sup>00</sup>

Gas Wm. Pike - Repair Union Payed 12.<sup>00</sup>

N. E. Gas Co - Gas to Feb 25 4.<sup>00</sup>

Adjourned - W. Ferris Secy

# STATEMENT OF THE Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

## Trustees of New Castle Common, For the Year Ending March 25th, 1902.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
To balance on hand last report	\$ 1,869 32	To City Council for water rent 18 months	\$ 1,200 00
Joseph Quigley, in full for rent	1,637 25	Board of Education	500 00
Thomas W. Barry, on account rent	325 00	Lenape Fire Co. 2 years appro	500 00
William B. Ralledge, on account rent	460 50	G. Madden City Tax	158 89
A. Lesley White, on account rent	725 98	J. F. McGinnon county taxes	670 07
John O. Knotts on account rent	855 78	Farmers Mutual Ins Co	84 42
L. A. Orhson, on account rent	247 62	New Castle County Ins Co	14 90
Patrick Kergan, in full for rent	250 00	Coal for colored schools	25 00
Thomas Holcomb, on account rent	30 00	Printing annual reports	8 00
Mrs. Lydia Biggs, on account rent	1,000 00	Repairs and improvements at	
S. P. M. Tasker, in full	34 63	Jefferson Farm	\$ 147 48
Mrs. Theodore Bruce, on account rent	27 50	Stockton Farm	182 31
Orrid A. Porter, in full	120 00	Oglethorpe Farm	137 26
50 per cent, City Hall rents	6 60	Centre Hall Farm	48 74
Mrs. Georgia A. Bullen, on account	200 00	Penn Farm	423 47
Proceeds of Alvin Morrison's sale	128 65	Union and Byard Farm	628 34
Every Evening Publishing Co	49	Model Farm	77 87
Republican Publishing Co	48	Lot part No. 8	13 20
Total	\$ 7,949 77	Total	1,858 67
Investments of the Trustees.		City Hall	
Wilmington Saving fund	552 39	Gas for City Hall and Meeting Room	12 60
Artisans Saving fund	645 89	Repairing town clock	2 25
Total	\$ 1,198 28	Trustees of Immanuel church, care of town clock	50 00
Amount Due the Trustees.		Trustees of Court House for rent	50 00
From William B. McCoy	\$ 193 72	Janitor's salary	50 00
" Peter A. Fagan	595 82	Secretary's salary	50 00
" Thomas W. Barry	1,999 32	Treasurer's salary	100 00
" William B. Ralledge	135 75	James VanArsdalen	1 10
" A. Lesley White	310 00	F. L. Cleaver, constable	3 78
" L. A. Orhson	327 38	M. B. Fleming, constable 1893	4 60
" John O. Knotts	782 02	Serving Dispossess Notices	3 50
" Mrs. Lydia Biggs	893 39	Advertising Fire Engine	89
" Mrs. Georgia A. Bullen	646 59	Balance Cash on hand	2,497 22
" Mrs. Theodore Bruce	67 50		
" Thomas Holcomb	30 00		
" James B. Toman	6 93		
Total	\$ 5,143 42		

### OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:

JOHN J. BLACK, M. D., President.      PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer  
WILLIAM J. FERRIS, Secretary.  
Acting Committee:  
JOHN C. MAHONEY.      JAMES M. WISE, Jr.      JAMES B. TOMAN,  
Committee on Public Building:  
JOHN C. MAHONEY,      EDWARD DALBY,      JOHN M. HANCE.

Farms Belonging to the Trustees.			
NAME	NO.	TENANT	RENT
Jefferson	1	Thomas Barry	\$452 50
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia Biggs	843 75
Oglethorpe	3	Wm. B. Ralledge	397 60
Centre Hall	5	T. T. Clark	620 00
Penn	6	John O. Knotts	931 67
Union	8	Joseph Quigley	2171 1,083 00
Byard	9	Joseph Quigley	462 00
Clayton	10	Patrick Kergan	300 00
Model	11	Thomas Holcomb	30 00
Lot part of	8	Mrs. Theodore Bruce	25 00
Lot part of	3	James B. Toman	41 66
Lot part of	2	Orrid A. Porter	120 00
City Hall stores			
Total			\$ 5,321 98

Trustees of the New Castle Commons	
NAME	ELECTED
John C. Mahoney	Elected April 3, 1869
James G. Shaw	Elected May 8, 1869
John J. Black, M. D.	Elected Dec. 30, 1871
John H. Rodney	Elected Jan. 9, 1875
William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885
Hiram B. Borie	Elected May 28, 1889
James B. Toman	Elected Feb 3, 1891
Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
James M. Wise, Jr.	Elected Feb. 15, 1893
Edward Dalby	Elected Oct. 23, 1893
John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1896

Audited and Found Correct, April 8th, 1902.

JOHN M. HANCE,      } AUDITING  
JOHN C. MAHONEY,      } COMMITTEE.

Patrick McGrory,  
Treasurer.



April 1<sup>st</sup> 1902  
Inomahoney Proprotom -  
No Quorum -

Adjourned -  
WJ Ferris Secy

May 6<sup>th</sup> 1902

Present Dr Black - Mahoney Wrie - McEroy  
Challenger, Dalby and Joman - McEroy Secy Protem  
Treas, reported a balance of Cash on hand of  
\$2497<sup>22</sup>

The Acting Committee was authorized to re-  
pair buildings on Jefferson, Center Hall and Model  
Farm.

The rent of lot, part of #2 now occupied by  
Mr. Jas B. Joman was reduced to 4<sup>00</sup> per acre.

The following bills were allowed:-

J. H. Eliason	-	259 <sup>06</sup>	
A. Padberg	-	31 <sup>75</sup>	
Stephen Black	-	9 <sup>99</sup>	
Stephen Black	-	5 <sup>85</sup>	
New Castle News	-	8 <sup>48</sup>	
School Tax Dis #48	-	15 <sup>54</sup>	for 1901
Ans J Stoops	-	13 <sup>57</sup>	
J. D. Knotts	-	5 <sup>00</sup>	
A. M. Hajar	-	9 <sup>62</sup>	
Gutta Percha Rubber Co	-	347 <sup>54</sup>	
PW & RR Freight bill	-	34	
			706 <sup>69</sup>

Also bill of Geo W Morrison for furnishing 120  
posts @ 20¢ each was allowed.

The amendment of Mr Shaw in regard to  
an overseer was laid over for one month -

Adjourned,  
Patk McEroy  
Secy pro tem

June 3, 1902-

Present, Mahoney (Pres pro tem) Challenger,  
McGrouy and Hance + Ferris  
No Quorum - Adjourned  
WJ Ferris Secy

July 1, 1902

Present Dr Black Hance Dalby Mahoney  
McGrouy Toman Morrison + Ferris  
Treas reported 1788<sup>00</sup> on hand less 400<sup>00</sup>  
due the Water Company.

The following bills were allowed:-

City Taxes — ~~600<sup>00</sup>~~ 563<sup>30</sup>

County Taxes — ~~270~~ 600<sup>07</sup>

Gas to May 25<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>0</sup>

Jno M Hance

" Repairs Model Farm 14<sup>25</sup>

" " Clayton Farm 54<sup>62</sup>

" " Union Bayard Farm 4<sup>75</sup>

Jno T Hoops - Paper - Stockton " 4<sup>35</sup>

NB Water Co - Hydrant Center Hall " 8<sup>00</sup>

= Adjourned - WJ Ferris Secy

Special Meeting June 12<sup>th</sup> 1902

Present: - Dr Black Wise Mahoney Shaw  
Hance + McGrouy (Secy pro tem)

Pres Mahoney stated that the object of  
the meeting was to dispose of the wheat on  
Model Farm and the Acting Committee was  
instructed to dispose of it to the best advan-  
tage.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay  
the semiannual installment of 400<sup>00</sup> to  
the City Council -

Adjourned  
WJ McGrouy  
Secy pro tem

August 5<sup>th</sup> 1902

Present Dr Black - Hance Dalby Challen-  
ger Morrison McGrouy Mahoney + Ferris  
Treas reported 465<sup>00</sup> on hand.

Following bills were approved:-

Stephen Black Fencing Model Farm 4<sup>14</sup>

Stephen Black " Center Hall " 21<sup>49</sup>

NB Water Co. Hydrant Model " 8<sup>00</sup>

Jno T Hoops Paper " " 2<sup>03</sup>

Adjourned -  
WJ Ferris Secy

Sept 2, 1902

Present Dr Black Hance Wise Morrison McGrouy  
Challenger Mahoney -

The following bills were approved:-

Jno M Hance Repairs 141<sup>25</sup>

Stephen Black Fencing 8<sup>25</sup>

Adjourned  
McGrouy Secy pro tem

Oct. 7, 1902

Pres. Dr Black Hance Dalby Morrison Toman  
McGrouy + Ferris

The following bills were approved:-

NB Gas Co to Sept 25<sup>th</sup> - 39<sup>0</sup>

Treas. reported 1321<sup>00</sup> on hand and that  
he had received from Theo Barry 340<sup>00</sup> and from  
Mrs Briggs 700<sup>00</sup> and also a credit to Thomas Bar-  
ry of 27<sup>83</sup> for repairs.

The Acting Committee was authorized to  
put in good condition some drainage ditches on  
Penn Farm and also to repair put up a new  
40 foot shed on Model Farm.

A communication was received from  
City Council representing that as the Trustees of  
the Common had paid the 800<sup>00</sup> Water Rent di-  
rectly to the Water Company instead of to the  
Water Co through the City Treasurer, the City Coun-  
cil returned the agreement between them and  
the Water Company recommending that the  
Trustees themselves enter into an agree-  
ment with the Water Company.

Without taking any action the Board  
adjourned. - WJ Ferris Secy



New Castle Del.

May 7 '03

To the President & Members, Justices of Common  
Gentlemen:-

At the regular meeting of City  
Council, held on Tuesday evening, I was  
instructed to inform you that Council  
agrees to assume the payment of the  
\$800<sup>00</sup> water rent, and the \$250<sup>00</sup> An-  
nual appropriation to Fire Company, on  
Jan. 1-1904 - The payments to be made  
by the City, until the Justices of Common  
can relieve them of making said payments,

Very Truly Yours  
C. Edwin Eckles

Clerk of Council.

By Order of Council  
May 5 1903 -

New Castle Del,

Oct. 6 '02

to the President and Trustees of Common. -

Gentlemen:

Acting under instruction of City Council,  
I herewith enclose Agreement with Water Co. &  
am instructed to say, that inasmuch as the \$500<sup>00</sup>  
guaranteed by you is not deposited with the  
City Treasurer, but is paid directly by your Honorable  
body to the Water Co., that the City has nothing  
to do with it, and would suggest that you enter  
into such an agreement with the Water Co. as may  
be agreeable to yourselves -

By Order of Council -

Very truly yours  
Edwin Eckell  
Clerk of Council



Be it agreed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1902, between the Mayor and Council of  
New Castle Del. and the New Castle  
Water Works Co. - In consideration of the  
sum of Eight-Hundred Dollars (\$800<sup>00</sup>)  
guaranteed by the Trustees of the  
Common, which amount the City Council  
agrees to pay to said Water Works  
Co. - The said Water Works Co. acting  
through its Board of Directors agrees  
to supply water for all of the City  
fire plugs and also furnish water  
for the property in charge of the  
Trustees of the Common from January  
1<sup>st</sup> 1902 to January 1<sup>st</sup> 1903 -

John A. Shuchardt  
Trust. Common Councils

New Castle Water Works Co  
James G. Shaw Pres

Done at Council -

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 1902

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1902

Present: Mahoney, Pres pro tem, Anice Ferris (3)

No Quorum

Adjourned to meet November 18<sup>th</sup>

W J Ferris, Secy

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

Adjourned Meeting

Present: - Mahoney (Pres pro tem) Anice Challenger Rodney Monison McElroy & Ferris (7)

Treas reported 1628<sup>89</sup>

The following bills were approved:-

Stephen Black, fencing, Clayton farm 7<sup>10</sup>

Stephen Black " Stockton " 12<sup>24</sup>

Gutta Percha Rubber Mfg Co

for 20'4" Mallese Cross smooth

Cross Pore Suction Hose @ 4<sup>00</sup> less disc. 75<sup>00</sup>

Wm E Smith & Co repairing windmill

at Union & Bayard Farm. 22<sup>96</sup>

117<sup>20</sup>

Adjourned

W J Ferris Secy

Dec. 2, 1902

Present: Dr Black Anice Dalby Challenger  
Wise McElroy Mahoney Shaw Roman, Monison  
& Ferris (11)

On request of the Trustees of the Colored  
Schools, the Trustees of the Common granted  
them 2 tons of coal.

The following bills were allowed:-

J. S. & H. E. Eliason - to Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - 912<sup>24</sup>

Thomas Hoccomb for lime - 6<sup>65</sup>

The rent of the land rented by Mr Hoc-  
comb was reduced to 23<sup>00</sup> beginning  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 1903. -

Treasurer reported 1614<sup>14</sup> on hand,  
and was instructed to notify all tenants  
to give up possession of their farms on  
March 25<sup>th</sup> next

Adjourned

W J Ferris Secy

January 6<sup>th</sup> 1903

Present: Mahoney (Pres pro tem) Roman,  
Challenger, Anice, Dalby, Monison & McElroy -

Treas reported 1332<sup>57</sup> on hand.

The following bills were approved:-

Farmers Mutual Insurance Co 81<sup>90</sup>

N. C. Co. Mutual Ins. Co 33<sup>80</sup>

Dr. John S. Andrews 80<sup>20</sup>

Henry J Feltow 4<sup>28</sup>

Ino M Anice 21<sup>00</sup>

- Union & Bayard farm was re-rented to  
Joseph Quigley at same rent.

Penn Farm was rented to Ino C Knotts  
on condition that he keep cleaned the ditch be-  
tween Model Farm and Penn Farm - cleaning it  
at least twice a year in conjunction with the  
tenant of Model Farm.

Their farms were re-rented to Messrs  
Clark and Barry and Rattledge and Mrs Biggs

Model Farm was rented to Patrick  
Keegan at 300<sup>00</sup> per annum.

Adjourned-

McElroy Secy pro tem

Feb 3, 1903.

Present Mahoney (Pres pro tem) Challenger,  
and McElroy.

No Quorum -

Adjourned -

McElroy

Secy pro tem

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1903

Special (but informal) meeting

Present: Mahoney (Pres pro tem) Anice  
Roman Wise McElroy Challenger Rodney  
Dalby & Ferris

Mr McElroy stated that the object of  
the meeting was to consider a proposition  
looking toward a removal from Read-  
ing (Pa) to this city of the Brylgon Steel  
Casting Company.

The Company stated that they  
would remove their plant to New Castle



Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1903  
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on the following conditions: namely: - "in consideration of a free site as selected, (amounting in all to 16 acres,) and a yearly cash bonus of 1200<sup>00</sup> for a period of 10 years, provided that upon completion of buildings and equipment, that the said Company could make a loan of 10,000, on the guarantee of the parties guaranteeing the annual bonus of 1200<sup>00</sup>"

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: - "Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to procure legislation, if needed, to facilitate and assist the introduction of industrial establishments in the city of Newcastle; the action taken by the Trustees to be subject to approval by the citizens of Newcastle at a Town Meeting.

It was ordered also that the Committee to be appointed have power to call the Town Meeting to take action as above suggested.

Chair appointed Messrs Rodney McGrou and Hance - who were instructed to call a Town-meeting within ten days.

Adjourned  
W J Ferris Secy.

March 3. 1903-

Present Mahoney (Pres pro tem) Hance Dalby, Wise Rodney Monison McGrou Shaw Joman & Ferris.

Election of Officers: -

Dr Black elected President receiving 9 votes

Ferris elected Secretary receiving 8 votes

Acting Committee: -

- { Mahoney elected - 8 votes
- { Joman " - 6 "
- { Wise " - 7 "

Committee on Public Buildings: -

- Dalby elected - 8 votes
- Hance " - 7 "
- Mahoney " - 7 "

B F Lancaster was elected Janitor on the second ballot receiving 7 votes  
Mr McGrou held over as Treasurer, having been elected in 1902 for two years.

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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Treas reported \* 1111<sup>79</sup> on hand

The following bills were approved: -

PM McGrou - sewing Notices	3 50
Mrs M Hance - repairs Penn farm	3 00
N. Higgins " Clayton "	8 02
Stephen Black " Model "	10 53
B. F. Lank - " Centre Hall "	15 00
J. T. L & Elison - repairs	40 14
J. T. L & Elison - 2 tons Coal	16 00
PM McGrou Dalby as Treasurer	100 00
W J Ferris " " Secretary	50 00
B F Lancaster " " Janitor	50 00
Trustees Imman Church for Clock	50 00
Trustees Old Court House - Rent	50 00

A bill of Mrs Mahoney for 300<sup>00</sup> for services rendered, was laid over for one month.

President appointed Messrs Hance and Wise as auditors of Treasurer's accounts.

The Committee on New Enterprises reported that a Town Meeting had been called and held and presented the following minutes of said meeting: -

Newcastle, Wed Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1903

A meeting of the citizens and tax payers of the City of Newcastle held in the Town Hall, Mr John A Rodney acting as Chairman and Jas T. ~~Black~~ & Elison as Secretary. Mr McGrou stated the object of the meeting - to consider the proposition of the Pnylgon S. C. Company and the action of the Trustees thereupon: -

Mr. L. E. Elison who, in conjunction with Mr. McGrou and Mr Mahoney, had been appointed a Committee by City Council to visit the Pnylgon Co. at Reading, made a report of his visit, and the following resolution was reported and unanimously adopted by the meeting: -

Resolved: - As the sense of this meeting, that any action by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common looking towards pecuniary assistance and support to any industrial enterprise seeking a location in Newcastle will meet with the approval of the citizens; Provided: - that a reasonable limit of time be attached thereto, and the interests of the Trustees and Citizens be properly secured and safeguarded.

The action of the Committee appointed

NATIONAL TUBE COMPANY,

CHESTER DEPARTMENT.

CHESTER, PENNA.

March 4, 1903.

To the Trustees of the New Castle Commons,  
New Castle, Delaware.

Gentlemen:

Please accept this as my resignation as a member  
of the Trustees.

In parting with the members of this Honorable  
body, I do it with feelings of regret. What time I spent  
among you I passed pleasantly and enjoyed; and I take  
pleasure in saying that I have not often spent as many  
enjoyable evenings with as gentlemanly a set of men as I  
have with the Trustees of New Castle Commons.

Yours truly,



*Mr. Davis ceased to be  
a member when he  
removed from New Castle  
to Philadelphia.  
F. H. J. [unclear]*



March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1903  
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by City Council was approved and the Committee continued, to act in conjunction with the Trustees of the Common as to any further steps necessary to secure this much desired end. - And the meeting adjourned.  
Attested by James J. Eliason Secy.

and the above record of the town meeting was approved and ordered entered on the minutes. - And the Committee instructed to confer further with the Boulton Steel Casting Company; an appropriation of 50<sup>00</sup> being also made to cover their expenses.

Adjourned -  
W J Ferris Secy.

April 7, 1903

Present Dr Black Mahoney Wise Joman Rodney Shaw Dalby. Challenger Morrison Hance + M Gray

Committee on New Enterprises reported having visited Reading and had further conference with the Boulton Steel Casting Co, and at their request the President of the Board and Messrs Dalby and Shaw were added to the Committee, Mr Mahoney taking Mr Hance's place on the old Committee. (Mr Hance's business engagements preventing his visit to Reading.) -

Notice was ordered given to the Wilmington Savings Fund Society and the Artisan's Savings Bank to withdraw the Trustees funds therein deposited. -

It being reported that Mrs Reiff had erected 120 panels of new fence on Stockton Farm for which she asked a credit on her rent; - the matter was referred to the Acting Committee.

Mr Rodney reported having secured a reduction of 9000 in the assessment of the farms and that he had also brought before the Levy Court the question as to whether this land, being held for charitable purposes, should not be exempt from taxation.

The following bills were approved:-

Stephen Black-fencing - Penn Farm	10 44
" " " Model "	30 60
Joseph Dwigley-repairs - U <sup>+</sup> Bayard,	45 33
Mrs T. Stoops " Ogletown "	5 47
W B Ratledge " " "	18 63
Frank Carlin " Stockton "	1 50
Mrs C Knotts " Penn "	3 00
Com on New Enterprises - Expenses	19 35

a bill of 17<sup>70</sup> for School Taxes - Dist 48 was held over  
Mr Wiram R Boie presented his resignation as a member of the Board, having removed his residence to Philadelphia, and it was accepted with regret. - An election for his successor was ordered to be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> and Messrs Mahoney and Hance + M Gray were appointed to hold the election.

The deferred bill of Mrs C Mahoney for 300. was again laid over for one month and a committee of five was appointed to consult an Attorney as to whether any member of the Trustees can be paid legally for services rendered.

A Communication from Ed R Sutton in regard to new fence between his property and Penn Farm was referred to Acting Committee

Adjourned  
M C Gray - Secy Pro tem

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1903

- Special Meeting -

Present Dr Black, Mahoney, Rodney, Hance, Dalby, Joman, Wise, Shaw + M Gray.

President stated that the object of the meeting was to consider a proposition from the Delaware RR for a piece of land running along the present right of way; - the company desiring to lease the property (a plan of which is hereto attached) for a period of three years. - The following resolution was adopted: - "That the Trustees have received the communication from the RR Co. as to leasing land for excavations, and, after considering the same, decline to make such lease, and prefer that the said land should be taken by proceedings under the law." - Messrs Rodney, Shaw and Joman were appointed a committee to carry out



the sense of the above resolution. -

Mr Shaw, chairman of the Committee appointed to secure the opinion of an Attorney as to whether a Trustee of the Common has a legal right to compensation for his services, reported the following opinion of Hon Alexander B. Cooper

(For Opinion, - see opposite page) →

On motion of Mr Toman, it was ordered that the hour for closing the poles on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> be changed from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Adjourned -  
P.M. McGrou  
Secy pro tem

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1903

Special Meeting

Mahoney (Pres pro tem) Wise Toman Hance,  
Monison, Rodney and McGrou

Mr McGrou stated the object of the meeting to be to consider a proposition to grant a parcel of land consisting of about 20 acres, adjoining the Durygon Steel Casting Co's site, with a right of way to cut off RR - to a company to be organized under the laws of Delaware, to construct an Open Hearth Steel Casting Plant, with a capacity of 12,000,000 pounds a year and employing some 150 to 200 hands. They also desire exemption from City County and State Tax for a period of ten years.

A committee of three, Messrs Rodney McGrou and Shaw were appointed, to report to an adjourned meeting of the Board to be held next Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, a plan by which the matter of helping to establish the proposed steel plant can be made effective.

Adjourned to meet Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

McGrou  
Secy pro tem

New Castle, Delaware,

April 12th, 1903.

To the  
Trustees of the New Castle Common,  
Gentlemen

The committee recently appointed by you for the purpose, (by Mr. James G. Shaw its chairman) has requested a written opinion from me, upon the following question: -  
Whether or not a trustee of the New Castle Common has a legal or equitable right to compensation for services rendered by him, in matters which concern the trust estate. The particular matter before you (as I am informed) is a bill or claim of one of your acting committees, for compensation for his services in visiting and superintending the farms which compose the corpus of the trust. There is no difference between the Trustees of the Common and any other trustees, in so far as the application of the principles of the law are concerned and are involved in the question presented. The trust reposed in you is of the highest character, representing as you do a public and (I may say) a charitable use. You stand in a peculiarly strong and fiduciary relation to the inhabitants of New Castle and therefore the rules of law relating to trustees would be strictly applied to you. - Our first recourse, in properly answering the question submitted, is to the deed creating the trust. In all cases, if the instrument creating the trust expressly provides for compensation to the trustee, then he would be legally entitled to the amount stated therein. I have carefully examined all the records which appertain to the creation, powers and duties of the Trustees of the New Castle Common, and there is nothing either directly or indirectly, which provides for, or even suggests any compensation for your services, either as a Board or as individuals. - In this connection it is important as well as interesting, to give a brief history of your trust. In 1701, William Penn, by his warrant of survey, ordered 1000 acres of land to be surveyed, "to the only use and behoof of the said inhabitants (of New Castle) to lie in common," so it remained, without any trustees, until 1764, then under the Charter of Thomas and Richard Penn, executed by their authority by John Penn, (in order to prevent certain encroachments upon the land) thirteen trustees were named, appointed and incorporated as trustees of the New Castle Common and the land conveyed to them and their successors, "in trust, nevertheless, and to and for the use, intents and purposes following, that is to say, - to and for the use of the present inhabitants and those who shall hereafter become and be inhabitants of the said town of New Castle, and dwelling within the limits thereof, as in common, forever, and to no other use, intent, or purpose whatsoever." This was the whole scope and object of the trust, which the trustees, without consideration or suggestion of compensation voluntarily accepted, and thereby became bound to execute and perform. - In 1791, John Penn, of Stoke Pogis, and John Penn, of Dover Street, by reason of the restrictive terms of the original Charter, executed a deed providing for the enlargement of







the power of the trustees, making a more free and also  
life grant to them of the lands, but still in trust until  
the present or future trustees of the said trust or parcel  
of land, and their successors, or who such future trustees  
and their successors, as may be chosen or appointed, in  
and by virtue of an act of incorporation, when the same  
may be passed by an act of the General Assembly of the  
Delaware State, to and for the use and behoof of the land-  
lords of the said town of New Castle, forever, to be ap-  
propriated in such manner as a majority of trustees in  
their meeting may direct. An Act to enlarge the Corporate  
Power of the Trustees of the New Castle Common, which no  
again incorporates them - authorizes them to lease or con-  
vey the land, and to take (for the well governing and order-  
ing of the said Corporation and its affairs) by-laws, re-  
gulations and ordinances of said corporation, -  
in pursuance of this act, your present by-laws were adopted  
in 1792, and have apparently remained without change to  
the present time. By Article 10 of the by-laws, an acting  
committee was created, consisting of three of the trustees  
whose duty it is to lease the land under the direction of  
the Board of Trustees, and the committee is also empowered  
to enter upon the leased premises at least eight times in  
in each year of lease, for the purpose of inspecting the  
situation of the household and taking the general state of  
improvements required to be made, and the appearance of  
repair of the premises, and existing on the part of the tenants  
the covenants to be performed on the part of the tenants  
in such manner as they may deem proper, and make report  
thereof at each quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees.  
Article 11 provides, "That no not hold by any two of the  
members of said acting committee, without the privy of  
the said Board, shall be good or available." They may  
all practically act as a unit, and in every instance are  
subject to the control and direction of the Board of which  
they are members. So it was that the trust was created and  
defined, without a word as to compensation (detail  
I have gone somewhat into perhaps unnecessary detail  
in order to show you the full extent and nature of the  
trust you hold, and by the terms of which, having volun-  
tarily accepted it, you are bound. It was a grant for your  
own benefit, as well as for the benefit of the other inhab-  
itants of New Castle, and if any compensation had been  
intended it should and probably would have been expressed  
in the Charter, or some of the subsequent records relating  
to it; but there is none mentioned anywhere, so it is  
fair to presume (it being a public and charitable trust)  
that there was none intended, and that the trustees should  
have their reward, from the public approbation, and the  
benefit they received as benefactors of the community.  
In a large majority of the states of the Union, indeed  
all but three, Delaware being one of them, there are stat-  
utes which expressly provide for compensation (usually by  
way of contribution) to trustees for their services.  
But here we have none, except in cases where the trustee  
has been appointed by will, - which is not the case, there-  
fore it follows that no compensation can be claimed by

virtue of Statutory law.  
The only remaining question is, does the common or unwrit-  
ten law authorize it, when the instrument creating the  
trust and the statute are silent? The law text-writers on  
the subject are numerous, but in perfect harmony and ac-  
cord. The rule as tersely expressed by Lewin on Trusts,  
is as follows: - "It is a general rule, established to keep  
trustees in a straight line of their duty, that they shall  
not derive any personal advantage from the administration  
of trust property. They have an inherent right to be  
reimbursed all expenses properly and actually incurred  
in the execution of the trust, but no remuneration.  
Agents, guardians, trustees and directors of corporations,  
executors, and all other persons clothed with a fiduciary  
character, are subject to this common law rule, in the  
absence of a statute or express provisions of the instru-  
ment creating the trust, to the contrary.  
For illustration, if one of your number, should be a con-  
tractor or builder, he could not legally receive compensa-  
tion for a barn or other building erected by him on  
the trust premises, while he continued to be a trustee,  
nor, if he were an Attorney, could he legally charge for  
his professional services." The principle upon which this  
rule is founded is, that a trustee can make no profit out  
of his office, - and the reason of the principle is, that  
a trustee shall be placed in no position where his interest  
may conflict or be opposed to his duty. The authorities  
are numerous, and the rule is well established, both in  
England and in this country, - indeed this identical ques-  
tion has several times been decided by the highest court of  
this state. In Brooks Adm. vs. Egbert, 2 Del. Chan. 83, and  
the same case in 3 Harrington 110, (on an appeal, it was  
decided, that a voluntary trustee not stipulating (e. i.  
before accepting the trust) for compensation, is not en-  
titled to any compensation for time and trouble, - he is  
entitled to have all his expenses and charges paid, to  
be indemnified against expense or loss, but not remunerated.  
Also in the cases of State vs. Platt, and State vs. Rogers  
& Harrington 164, the court of Errors and Appeals, took  
the same view. These are long cases, thoroughly argued, and  
an exhaustive opinion of the court, solely upon this ques-  
tion, and it was again decided that the acceptance of  
the trust being voluntary, the execution of it is no ground  
of legal claim for compensation, - and then almost reiter-  
ates the language I have quoted from the case in 3 Harr.  
To say that the trustees who comprise your Board, are  
voluntary trustees, seems unnecessary in view of the well  
known fact, that there are always numerous candidates,  
who diligently seek the office whenever a vacancy occurs.  
It is not compulsory. No one need take it who does not  
wish to.  
It only remains for me to say in conclusion, and in ex-  
plicit reply to the question submitted, that I am clearly  
of the opinion, that a trustee of the New Castle Common,  
has no legal or equitable right to compensation for any  
service performed by him, in matters relating to the trust  
estate. The rule may seem harsh and hard in some cases,  
doubtless so in the particular one before you, - but being  
the established rule of law, it should be submitted to,  
until the Legislature sees proper to change it.

Wm. B. G. [Signature]



City of New Castle.

Mayor's Office.

Eván, G. Bóyd, Mayor.

Trustees of the New Castle Common, New Castle, Del., April 21, 1903

Gentlemen:-

We propose to incorporate a company with a capital of \$250,000.00 under the laws of the state of Delaware.

The company proposes to erect an open hearth steel casting plant to cost approximately \$200,000.00 having a capacity of 12,000,000 lbs. of castings per year and to employ 150 to 200 men.

We desire to secure the plot of land north of the Bryden Steel Co. extending 700 feet north from their line and west from the low water mark back to the first fence. This plot is approximately 700' x 1000'.

We also desire a track from the side of this site to the Penn. R.R. and street connection to your highway.

We further desire exemption from city, county and state taxes for a period of 10 years.

If we are successful in securing these concessions we propose to immediately proceed with the erection of the plant.

Respectfully Submitted,  
N. B. Fisher

442 Drexel Building Philad.

OPINION,

of

ALEXANDER B. COOPER, Atty. at

law, given to the,

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE

COMMON. April 12th, 1903.

QUESTION, - Has a trustee of the Common a legal right to compensation for services, in matters relating to the trust?

the opinion of the New Castle Common, that a trustee of the New Castle Common, is not entitled to compensation for any services performed by him, in matters relating to the trust, unless he has been paid in some cases, - but being no in the particular one before you - but being established rule of law, it should be admitted to the legislature goes proper to change it.





April 24<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Adjourned Meeting

Present: Dr. Black, Mahoney, Wise, Dalby, Rodney, Monison, Shaw, Joman, Rance and McGrou.

The Committee appointed to draw up a plan to meet the requirements of the proposed Steel Plant reported the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted, and a Committee, consisting of Messrs Rodney, Shaw and McGrou was appointed to put them into effect.

(Here follow the resolutions:)-

" Whereas: the Co. has made certain propositions relative to their locating in the City of New Castle, therefore be it

Resolved: - That the Trustees of the New Castle Common make the following offer to said Company: - That the said Trustees will pay to the said Company such a sum, not to exceed \$6000, as may be necessary to secure a proper site in said town for said Company - to be paid in instalments as follows: the sum of \$1000<sup>00</sup> per year for six years, with interest at the rate of 4% per annum on the sum remaining unpaid until the sum of 6000<sup>00</sup> has been paid in full; - Provided, however that before the first instalment, or before any money whatsoever be paid as aforesaid to the said Company by the Trustees, the said Company shall procure a suitable site within the city of New Castle, and shall erect thereon an Open Hearth Steel Casting Plant, at a cost of at least 200,000<sup>00</sup> and shall start the same in operation, employing at least 150 men; - and Provided further that in case the said Company shall cease to operate its plant at any time within a period of ten years from the time of commencing operations, otherwise than temporarily compelled by strike, fire, or the act of God, then the said payments shall cease, and said Company shall pay back to said Trustees whatever may have been advanced, with interest on the same. - The Trustees further agree to pay all City-taxes that may be assessed against said Company for a period of 10 years from its erection.

Resolved: - That a Committee of three

" be appointed to negotiate with said Company for the purpose of making the foregoing resolutions effective and Resolved: that no binding agreement be entered into without the approval of the Board of Trustees in meeting assembled."

A Statement of the Resources of the Trustees: -  
Receipts from Rents - - - - - 5321.98  
Expenditures (Annual)

County Taxes	563 <sup>30</sup>	
City Taxes	158 <sup>89</sup>	
School Tax Dist #48	15 <sup>54</sup>	
Insurance	115 <sup>70</sup>	
Rent	50 <sup>00</sup>	
Sanitor's Salary	50 <sup>00</sup>	
Water Co. Appropriation	800 <sup>00</sup>	
Fire Co. Appropriation	250 <sup>00</sup>	
Repairs to Property (est)	1800 <sup>00</sup>	
Incidentals	200 <sup>00</sup>	
Care of Town Clock	50 <sup>00</sup>	4053 <sup>43</sup>

Leaving a probable Annual Surplus of - 1268<sup>55</sup>

Adjourned - McGrou - Secy pro tem

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1903. -

Present: - Mahoney - Chairman, - Rodney, Joman, Dalby, Rance, Janvier, Monison, McGrou & Shaw (9)

Committee on Elections reported that at the election held April 25<sup>th</sup> the following vote was cast: -

for Francis de la Janvier	- 241 votes
" William Deakyme	- 143 "
" Robert Harrington	- 27 "
Total	- 411 "

and, Mr Janvier having received the majority of all votes cast, was declared elected, and the Committee discharged, with thanks. An order for 12<sup>00</sup> was drawn to pay the expenses of the Election Committee. -

The Committee on New Enterprises reported the following agreement with the Baldt Steel Casting Company and, on motion of Mr Rodney, the Board approved the resolution as follows: -

" Whereas: - The Baldt Steel Company is about to become incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, and establish a plant for the purpose of carrying on their business at New Castle, Delaware, and whereas the said proposed Company has through its Agent and representative obtained from

" Francis deH Janvier, the option of purchasing a tract of land not to exceed twenty acres in the City of New Castle at the cost of three hundred dollars (\$300.) per acre making Six Thousand dollars in all.

" And Whereas:- The Trustees of the New Castle Commons are willing and desirous of facilitating and assisting in the establishment and development of the said industry and company;-

" Therefore, - in order to accomplish the same, the said Trustees by the undersigned, a Committee appointed for that purpose, hereby agree to and with W.C. Turner, representing the said The Baldt Steel Co, (to be hereafter organized,) to pay to the said Company the sum of Three Hundred Dollars per acre so agreed upon with the said Janvier to be paid for the land to be conveyed by him provided that the sum so to be paid by the said Trustees shall not exceed the sum of Six Thousand dollars (\$6000.00) - And provided, further that the said payment shall be made in annual instalments of one thousand dollars, (or such fractional part as may be necessary) with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, on the deferred payments after the first of the said payments shall have been made. - In consideration of which said payments so to be made, the said Company, through its agent and representative aforesaid, agrees before any such payment shall become due and payable to erect within the limits of the City of New Castle on the land to be acquired as aforesaid an open hearth steel casting plant at a cost of not less than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.) and shall start the same in operation, employing <sup>at least one</sup> ~~not less than~~ hundred and fifty men. - And provided further that in case the said Company shall cease to employ the above number of men or to operate its plant, (otherwise than temporarily from causes arising from Act of God, fire, or strikes,) at any time within a period of ten <sup>(10)</sup> years from the time of beginning operations, then the said payments agreed upon by the said Trustees shall cease, and the said Company shall repay and restore all the sums of money so paid by the Trustees of New Castle Commons. - And, whereas, the said Trustees have entered into an agreement with the Brylgon Steel Casting Company, to procure for the said Company a tract of land adjacent to the tract about to be purchased by

" The Baldt Steel Company with a right of way thereto from the present railroad adjacent thereto; it is further agreed by the Trustees of New Castle Commons that, if possible, they will procure the written assent and agreement of the said Brylgon Company that the said Baldt Steel Company shall have and enjoy without hindrance in common with it the said right of way so to be procured. -

" And it is further understood that the above agreement and stipulations shall not be binding upon the Trustees of the New Castle Commons until submitted to them for their approval, and, if so approved, a formal agreement embodying the same shall be drawn up, to be executed by the said Trustees and the said Baldt Steel Company when organized. -

" Witness our hands and seals this twenty ninth day of April, A.D., 1903

" witness as to McGrou } (signed:-) P. M. McGrou Seal  
" Rodney: - Daniel McGinn } (signed:-) John H. Rodney Seal  
" witness to Shaw: J. H. Shaw, Jr. - (signed:-) James S. Shaw Seal  
" witness to Turner - J. H. Rodney, Jr. - (signed:-) W. C. Turner Seal

A Committee, Rodney, Shaw, Hance, and McGrou, was appointed to wait on City Council to obtain their cooperation in assisting to establish these new industries, and to take up the question of opening new streets. -

The following bills were approved:-

Stephen Black	3.90
Alex. Cooper, Esq., for opinion as to privileges of Trustees, as to compensation <sup>for services</sup>	25.00
Joseph Schelling	2.00
Geo. Mellon	2.00
N. C. Gas Company <sup>3.15 + 3.15</sup>	6.30
Frank. Mequison	1.50
"Cross Press"	10.00
Harry J. Hance	3.00
J. J. L. E. Eliason	127.09
Committee on Election	12.00
	<u>192.79</u>

And the Board adjourned to meet on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the usual hour. -



May 11th, 1903. - Adjourned Meeting.

Present:- Dr. Black, President, Morrison and McGrory. - No Quorum.

Adjourned to meet at the call of Committee on New Enterprises.

*P.M. Group, Sec'y, pro tem  
for W.J. Ferris, Sec'y.*

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June 2nd, 1903. - Regular Monthly Meeting.

Present:- Dr. Black, President, Shaw, Wise, Toman, Dalby, Janvier, Rodney, Hance, Morrison, Challenger, Mahoney, and McGrory, Sec'y pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Toman, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Trustees of Market Square in regard to the poor supply of gas in our meeting room.

Treasurer reported \$2345.<sup>00</sup> on hand, and the following bills were ordered paid:-

A. G. Nebber & Bro.,	-----	\$9.50
Felix McCafferty,	-----	8.25
Stephen Black,	-----	11.25
J. T. & L. E. Eliason,	-----	140.37
Lenape Fire Co., (Appropriation,)	-----	125.00
New Castle Water Works Co.,	-----	400.00
		-----\$394.37

and an Ordinance was drawn for this amount, nine members being present, and seven assenting thereto.

The Committee to wait on City Council in regard to assuming the Water Company and Fire Company appropriations reported having received the following Resolutions of Council:

" New Castle, Del., May 7th, 1903.

" To the President and Members, Trustees of Commons,  
" Gentlemen:-

" At the regular meeting of City Council, held on Tuesday evening, I was instructed to inform you that Council agrees to resume the payment of the \$300. Water-rent, and the \$250. annual appropriation to Fire Company, on June 1st, 1904. - The payments to be made by the City until the Trustees of Common can relieve them of making said payments.

" Very truly yours,

" (signed) C. Edwin Eokles,  
Clerk of Council."

" By order of Council, May 5th, 1903. "

The communication was ordered spread upon the minutes, and the committee discharged.

The Committee on New Enterprises reported having arranged a formal agreement with the Baldt Steel Company, and it was unanimously ordered (Mr. Janvier being excused from voting,) that the agreement be ratified and the contract executed by the President and Secretary of the Board.

The Agreement was ordered entered on the minutes as follows:-

" THIS AGREEMENT entered into by and between the TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMONS, Incorporated, and THE BALDT STEEL COMPANY, a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware, witnesseth that;  
" WHEREAS the said THE BALDT STEEL COMPANY has obtained from FRANCIS deH.

" JANVIER, an option for purchase of a tract of land in the City of New Castle, at a cost of not less than Six thousand dollars, and  
" WHEREAS the said TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMONS are willing and desirous of facilitating and assisting in the establishing and development of the said industry and company,

" NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One dollar, by each to the other paid, it is agreed that when the said THE BALDT STEEL COMPANY shall have erected upon the said land within the limits of the City of New Castle, an open hearth steel casting plant, at a cost of not less than \$200,000, and have the same in operation, then the said Trustees shall pay to the said THE BALDT STEEL COMPANY, the sum of \$3,000; \$1000 of which shall be due and payable upon the completion of the said plant; and the balance in annual instalments of \$1,000 on the same date in each year, such deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 4% until the last payment is made; and it is

" FURTHER AGREED that if at any time within a period of ten years from the time of said company beginning its operations, it shall cease to operate its plant, (otherwise than temporarily, from lack of orders, or from causes arising from fire, or strikes, or from the acts of God, or the public enemy,) then the said company shall repay and restore to the said TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMONS all sums of money paid to them by the said Trustees under this agreement, and shall release all claims to any portion of such monies that may at the time be yet to come due and payable, under this agreement, by the TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMONS; and the said Trustees further agree to procure for the said THE BALDT STEEL COMPANY, and its successors and assigns forever, a right of way, not less than thirty feet in width, from the land to be occupied by its plant to the present railroad adjacent thereto; the said right of way to be obtained for the said company within ten (10) days from the date of the said company taking title to the said land of Francis deH. Janvier.

" PROVIDED however that if an agreement shall be made as proposed between the BALDT STEEL COMPANY and THE ERYLTON STEEL CASTING COMPANY for the joint use of a right of way by the two companies, then this provision shall be and become inoperative and of none effect. /

" IN WITNESS WHEREOF John J. Black President of the Trustees of New Castle Commons hath hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of the said corporation to be affixed and W. C. Turner, President of the BALDT STEEL COMPANY hath hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of said corporation to be affixed this 4th day of June, A. D. 1903.



(signed)- Jno. J. Black, President of the Trustees of New Castle Commons.

" (Seal of Trustees of N.C. Commons.)

attest- W. J. Ferris, Secretary of the Trustees of the New Castle Commons.



(signed)- Wm. C. Turner, President of the Baldt Steel Company.

" (Seal of Baldt Steel Co.)

" J. J. Kennedy, Treasurer.

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The following Resolution was unanimously adopted and ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:-

"Whereas, owing to the abandonment of many of the manufacturing interests of the City, the City of New Castle has for some years been in an unfortunate financial and industrial condition, whereby many inhabitants of the City have been unable to obtain employment and the welfare of the whole City materially injured; and

"Whereas, at a largely attended meeting of the inhabitants of the said City, held for the purpose of discussing the condition of the City and the possibility of inducing industrial companies to locate there, it was unanimously resolved that the Trustees of the New Castle Common offer such financial inducements as lay in their power for the purpose of inducing reliable manufacturing companies to locate in the said City; and

"Whereas, it appearing to the said Trustees of the New Castle Common that by offering such inducements to manufacturing companies at the present time they would be best carrying out their trust for the use of the inhabitants of New Castle, an agreement was made between a committee of the said Trustees and the Eryl-

"gon Steel Casting Company for the purpose of bringing the said Company to the City  
"of New Castle;

"Therefore, in pursuance of said preliminary agreement, be it resolved,  
"that the President and Secretary of the Trustees of the New Castle Common be, and  
"they are hereby authorized, instructed, and directed to execute the following con-  
"tract with the said Erylgon Steel Casting Company.

(Here follows a copy of abovenamed contract, with dates, &c., as actually  
signed and recorded:-)

" This Agreement entered into by and between the Trustees of New Castle  
"Commons, Incorporated, of the one part and the Erylgon Steel Casting Company a  
"corporation existing under the laws of New Jersey.

" Witnesseth - Whereas the said the Erylgon Steel Casting Company is a-  
"bout to remove its works and plant from Reading, Pennsylvania to New Castle, Del-  
"aware and the said Trustees are desirous of facilitating and assisting in such  
"removal, Now therefore in consideration of one dollar by each to the other paid,  
"it is agreed that the said Trustees shall have conveyed to the said the Erylgon  
"Steel Casting Company a tract of land upon the Delaware River upon farm of Francois  
"deH. Janvier et al, said tract not to exceed sixteen acres upon which to erect  
"said plant and buildings. The said Trustees further agree to pay to the said  
"Erylgon Steel Casting Company annually for ten (10) years the sum of Twelve hun-  
"dred dollars (\$1200) and also through the proper action to endorse or guarantee  
"a loan of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) to be made by the said Erylgon Steel  
"Casting Company - the said guarantee or endorsement to be decreased every year  
"by the payment and application thereto of one thousand dollars (\$1000) out of  
"the Twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) so annually to be paid - Provided however  
"that no money is to be paid by the Trustees until the buildings hereinafter re-  
"ferred to shall have been erected.

" IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE COVENANTS, the said Erylgon Steel Casting  
"Company hereby agrees to erect Buildings at a total cost of not less than Forty  
"Thousand Dollars, (\$40,000.00); to establish a Plant, for the manufacture of  
"Steel Castings, etc., as provided in their Charter granted by the State of New  
"Jersey.

" It is further understood, that the said Company shall maintain an av-  
"erage pay-roll of Six Thousand Dollars, (\$6,000.00), per month, representing a  
"force of one hundred (100) employes, except in case of strikes, fire, act of God,  
"or exceptionally dull business conditions, over which they have no control.

" If the said Erylgon Steel Casting Company shall discontinue operations  
"within a period of ten (10) years, the site furnished, as hereupon agreed, shall  
"be re-assigned to the said Trustees, or to such person, or persons, as they may  
"elect; but, should the said company, at any time, be desirous of superseding this  
"loan and agreement, they may do so, by the re-payment of all monies which the said  
"Commons may have already paid to it, with interest at 5% (five per centum), this  
"sum being the purchase price of the tract of land above referred to.

" Furthermore, the said Trustees of New Castle Commons shall be protected  
"by assignment of Insurance Policy, in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, (\$10,000.00)  
"to cover the endorsement, or guarantee, by the said Trustees of the Ten Thousand  
"Dollar loan, (in case the said Company should discontinue operation before the ex-  
"piration of the said Ten years, except as hereinbefore provided.) The said Insu-  
"rance policy to be kept in force at the expense of the said Company during the life  
"of this Agreement; and

" It is further understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that the amount  
"of this loan, namely, Ten Thousand Dollars, (\$10,000.00), shall be reduced each  
"year that the said Company is in operation, by the sum of One Thousand Dollars,  
"(\$1,000.00) until it is entirely liquidated; and

" In witness whereof John J. Black, President of the Trustees of New Castle  
"Commons hath hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of the Corporation to be af-  
"fixed by order of the Trustees - And Andrew Bryson, President of the Erylgon Steel

And also by the payment of the sum of Forty  
Five Hundred Dollars (\$4500.00) with interest at  
five per centum (5%),

F.d.H. 1/1/05

"Casting Company hath hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of said Corpora-  
"tion to be affixed by order of the Directors the 23th day of June, A. D., 1903.

Seal of Erylgon Steel  
Casting Company.



ERYLGM STEEL CASTING COMPANY,  
(signed) Andrew Bryson,  
Pres't and Treas.

"Attest;

N.L. McElligott,  
Secretary.

"State of Pennsylvania:  
County of Berksy:


Be it remembered that on this Twenty sixth day of  
"June, A. D. 1903, before me, P. A. Bushong, a Notary Public for the said State,  
"personally came Andrew Bryson, President of the Erylgon Steel Casting Company,  
"party to the foregoing instrument of writing, and agreement, known to me person-  
"ally to be such, and acknowledged the said instrument of writing and agreement  
"to be his act and deed, and the act and deed of the said Company, and the seal  
"thereto affixed to be the common and corporate seal of the said Company, duly  
"attested by its Secretary, and that the signing, sealing, acknowledgement, and  
"delivery thereof was duly authorized by its Board of Directors, by resolution.

"Given under my hand and notarial seal, the day and year aforesaid,

" (signed) P. A. Bushong,

" Notary Public.

" My commission expires Jan. 19, 1907. "

(sealed with Notarial seal) 

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"Whereas an agreement has been entered into between the Trustees of the New Castle  
"Common and the Erylgon Steel Casting Company, wherein the said Trustees, in order to  
"induce the said Company to locate their manufacturing plant at New Castle, Delaware,  
"agree to provide a site in the said City for the said Company; and

"Whereas, a committee, representing the City of New Castle and the industrial in-  
"terests of the citizens has arranged to secure, at a cost of \$4500.00, the site and  
"right of way desired by the said Company for its location;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that Lewis E. Eliason, Trustee, being a member of said  
"committee, be authorized and empowered to purchase and secure the said site, at a cost  
"of \$4500.00, and to hold it in trust to be conveyed by him in accordance with the di-  
"rection and instruction of the New Castle Common in pursuance of their agreement with  
"the said Company,

"And be it further resolved, that an order for \$2500. be drawn in favor of the  
"said Lewis E. Eliason, Trustee, to be paid by him to the owners of said site as part  
"payment therefor; and that an obligation of the said Trustees of the New Castle Common,  
"executed by the proper officers, for \$2000., with interest at the rate of five per  
"cent per annum, be made in favor of the said Lewis E. Eliason, Trustee, to secure the  
"payment of the balance of the said purchase money, which said obligation is to be as-  
"signed by him to the owners of the said site in payment of the balance of the pur-  
"chase money."

After the adoption of the above resolutions, the proper officers of the  
Board were authorized and instructed to execute the above contract, - and the meeting  
adjourned.

W. J. Ferris, Secy  
(per P.M. Gray - Secy pro tem)



July 7<sup>th</sup> 1903

Present, Mahoney, Pres. pro tem, Wise, Shaw, Rodney, James  
McFry, Tomlin, Challenger & Ferris (9)

Treas reported a shortage in the Treasury but  
expected to have a balance on the 16<sup>th</sup> of about \$600.00

Mr Rodney reported that the Baldt Co. had purchased  
the site for their plant and that deed is now in Re-  
corder's Office. - Conveyances have been made to  
the Brylgon Steel Casting Co, by Lewis E Eliason, Trus-  
tee, said deed having been made to Eliason, Trustee,  
by F de H Janvier et al. - Deed has been made by  
Eliason, Trustee, for part of the property conveyed to  
him by Evan S. Boyd, Mayor of the City of New Castle  
and his Successors in office; this deed being for the  
right of way guaranteed by the Trustees of the Common.

An agreement has been put on record be-  
tween the Brylgon Co, and the Trustees, embrac-  
ing the practically the features of agreement sub-  
mitted.

The following Agreement as to Right of Way  
was ordered spread upon the minutes:-

" This Agreement, made this 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1903, between the Brylgon Steel Casting Company,  
a corporation of the State of New Jersey, of the one  
part, and The Baldt Steel Company, a corporation  
of the State of Delaware, of the other part; -

" Whereas, the said two corporations are about  
to engage in business operations in the City of  
New Castle and establish plants and erect  
necessary buildings for the same, and

" Whereas, in an agreement made be-  
tween the Trustees of New Castle Common and  
the Brylgon Steel Casting Company it was stip-  
ulated that a right of way be afforded the said  
Company from the site and location of their pro-  
posed buildings to the cut-off and track of the  
Delaware Railroad where the same passes through  
the farm of F de H Janvier, and

" Whereas the same agreement exists be-  
tween the said Trustees and The Baldt Steel Co,  
the said right of way to be of width of forty  
feet, and

" Whereas, the said right of way can be  
used by the said The Baldt Steel Company,  
jointly with the said Brylgon Steel Casting  
Company; -

" It is hereby agreed that it shall be so used, the  
parties hereto sharing equally in the expense of laying tracks  
and constructing a railroad upon the right of way, and in  
the cost of the maintenance and upkeep of the same.

" It is further agreed between the parties hereto that  
the title to the said right of way shall be taken to and vested  
in Evan S. Boyd, now Mayor of the City of New Castle, and in  
his Successors in office from time to time, to be held by  
him, and his Successors, in trust for the joint and mutual  
use and benefit of the parties to this agreement and their  
Successors forever. All matters of difference or disagree-  
ment between the parties hereto with reference to the man-  
agement, control, use or care of the said right of way, to  
be referred to and adjusted or decided by said Mayor,  
or his Successors, provided however, and it is further a-  
greed that if either party shall be dissatisfied with the  
determination, award, and agreement of the said  
Mayor of New Castle, then the same question may be pre-  
sented in writing by the party so objecting, to the Board  
of Trustees of New Castle Common for their decision  
and determination, which decision and determina-  
tion it is agreed shall be final and conclusive; any  
exception or objection to any decision or determina-  
tion of the said Mayor to be taken and presented  
within one week after the same shall have been ren-  
dered or made.

In witness Whereof, Andrew Bryson, President  
of the Brylgon Steel Casting Company, hath here-  
unto set his hand and caused the seal of the said  
Corporation to be affixed; and Wm @ Turner, Presi-  
dent of the Baldt Steel Company hath hereunto  
set his hand and caused the seal of the said Cor-  
poration to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1903.

seal

Attest N. L. M. Elligott Secy

(Signed) Brylgon Steel Casting Company  
Andrew Bryson Pres & Treas

seal

J. J. Kennedy Treasurer

(Signed) The Baldt Steel Company  
W. C. Turner, Pres & Treas



Here follows the Bond given by Brylgon Steel Casting Co.

Know all men by these presents that the Brylgon Steel Casting Company, a corporation existing under the laws of New Jersey, doing business at Newcastle, Delaware, is held and firmly bound unto the Trustees of Newcastle Commons, a corporation of the State of Delaware, in the sum of nine thousand dollars current lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said Trustees of Newcastle Commons or to their certain Attorney, successors or assigns, - To which payment well and truly to be made, the said Brylgon Steel Casting Company doth bind itself, and its successors, for and in the whole firmly by these presents. Sealed with its corporate seal, Dated the second day of July, A.D. 1903. -

Whereas the Brylgon Steel Casting Co. has entered into a contract with the Trustees of Newcastle Commons, whereby the latter body agreed to procure and have conveyed to the said the Brylgon Steel Casting Company a tract of land for manufacturing purposes - in consideration whereof, and for other considerations the said the Brylgon Steel Casting Company agreed to erect buildings thereon at a cost of not less than Forty Thousand Dollars together with other stipulations and conditions in the said agreement mentioned, as the same appears of record in the Recorder's Office for Newcastle County, and whereas the said the Trustees of the Newcastle Commons have carried out their part of the said agreement in so far as relates to the conveyance of the land, by causing a deed to be made to the said Company, by Lewis E. Elison and wife;

Now the Condition of this obligation is such that if the said Brylgon Company shall and do erect upon the land so conveyed, buildings at a cost of at least Forty Thousand Dollars, and shall in all respects carry out the said agreement, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue, and in such case the sum of forty five hundred dollars shall be due and payable at the expiration of two years from the date hereof,

with interest at the rate of five per centum per annum from said date - provided, that the said the Brylgon Steel Casting Company shall at any time within two years have the privilege of paying off this obligation; And the said the Brylgon Steel Casting Company doth hereby authorize and empower any Clerk, Prothonotary, or Attorney of any Court of Record in America, or elsewhere, to appear for it and its successors, at the suit of the said the Trustees of Newcastle Commons, and its successors on the above obligation as of any time prior or subsequent to the date hereof and thereupon to confess judgment for the above sum of nine thousand dollars debt besides costs of suit by Non Sum Informatus, Nihil Dicit, or otherwise, with stay of execution until default made, or day of payment.

Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of (Signed) Brylgon Steel Casting Co.  
Andrew Boyson  
Pres't and Treas.  
Attest N. L. M. Elligott  
Secretary

And, upon motion of Mr. Wise, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: -

Whereas, our fellow member, Edward Dalby, has in the full powers of mature manhood been called from among us, and though we cannot question the dealings of an all-wise Providence with the children of men, we deem it fitting and proper that we bear testimony to his worth as a man, and to our sense of loss at his decease, therefore, be it

Resolved, That by the death of Edward Dalby this board has lost a member who was faithful in the discharge of every duty, who was true to his convictions of right and justice, whose honor and integrity were of the highest order, and whose association with us was ever helpful, encouraging and productive of the greatest good. That his character, example and public spirit as a citizen of our community were of untold value to all who came within the circle of his influence, and that his devotion to his family as husband and father was worthy of our highest emulation. And be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, be published in the New Castle News and that a copy of them be sent to our deceased member's family.



(July 7<sup>th</sup> 1903)  
(continued)

The following bills were approved: -

A.M. Azjar, for Lime	8 <sup>20</sup>
Stephen Black, Fencing, Clayton Farm	3 <sup>25</sup>
" " " Jefferson "	14 <sup>54</sup>
Patk McGrou, Expenses	7 <sup>15</sup>
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	33 <sup>24</sup>

and an Ordinance drawn for their payment. The bill of J.T. L. & Elison, (for 150<sup>02</sup>) was laid over for one month -

The matter of repairs at Stockton Farm was referred to the Acting Committee. -

An election for a successor to Edward Dalby was ordered to be held on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 1 and 7 P.M. - Messrs Toman, Wise and Janvier were appointed a committee to hold the election. -

Adjourned,  
W.J. Ferris, Secy.

August 4<sup>th</sup> 1903

Present: - J.R. Rodney, Chmn. Pro tem - McGrou - Toman  
Wise Hance Shaw Janvier Morrison Mahoney (9)

Treas. rept'd #1432<sup>83</sup> on hand. -

On the favorable report of the Acting Committee the bill of J.T. L. & Elison, laid over from last month, was approved, and an order drawn for #150<sup>02</sup>

Also bill of Stephen Black for 17<sup>55</sup> was approved and ordered paid.

A committee of 3, - McGrou, Hance and Janvier was appointed to secure an Order-book for the Acting Committee.

The bill for City Taxes, - (\$162<sup>21</sup>) - was ordered to be paid - under protest.

The Committee appointed to hold an election for a successor to Edward Dalby reported that

Mr. C.P. Holcomb	received	117	votes
" W.M. Deakyme	"	127	"
" James S. Shaw Jr	"	197	"
	a total of	441	"

and, as it appeared that no one had received a majority of the votes cast it was ordered that another election should be held on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, the same Committee, Messrs. Toman, Wise, and Janvier, being requested to act as judges; - and an order for #12<sup>00</sup> was drawn to cover the expenses of the balloting of July 25<sup>th</sup>

Acting upon a communication of Mr. Saml. Slesinger, of Wilmington Del., a Committee of 3, - McGrou, Toman and Janvier, was appointed to look into Mr. Slesinger's request for a grant of ten (10) acres of land for a site for a Manufactory of Enamelled Leather, and was requested to report at the September Meeting. -

Mr. Toman was instructed to inquire if the Road Commissioners were opening up their ditches into the City, thereby injuring the property of the Board, and to report to City Council, through the Acting Committee  
Adjourned,  
P. McGrou - Secy pro tem.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1903

Present: - Mahoney - Pres. pro tem; - Shaw Hance  
Wise Janvier and McGrou -

No Quorum. - And Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

P. McGrou = Secy pro tem.

? when are minutes of Sept. 8.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Present: - D.L. Black, Pres. - Rodney - McGrou - Hance - Mahoney - Shaw - Shaw, Jr. - Toman, - Janvier, and Ferris. (10)

Treas reported #2025<sup>13</sup> on hand.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid: -

Peros Pres - for Order Books	= 3 <sup>60</sup>	} 5 <sup>60</sup>
" for Election Notices	= 2 <sup>00</sup>	

Hanny Hance for repairs: -		
" on Clayton Farm	60 <sup>00</sup>	} 243 <sup>25</sup>
" " Model	160 <sup>00</sup>	
" " Stockton	23 <sup>25</sup>	

P.A. Harrington - for repairs	90 <sup>90</sup>
J.T. L. & Elison - Sundries	33 <sup>69</sup>
A.M. Azjar - Repairs Stockton Farm	80 <sup>80</sup>
J.B. Toman Chmn - Expenses of Election	12 <sup>00</sup>

The Election Committee reported that  
Mr. J.L. Shaw Jr received 292 votes  
" W.M. Deakyme " 198 "  
" Chas. Blewell " 1 "  
" Jas T. Elison " 1 "  
a total of 492 "

The Committee was thanked and discharged and Mr. James S. Shaw Jr was declared elected a member of the Board

(July 7<sup>th</sup> 1903)  
(continued)

The following bills were approved: -

AM Rizar, for Lime	8 <sup>30</sup>
Stephen Black, Fenwick, Clayton Farm	3 <sup>25</sup>
" " " Jefferson "	14 <sup>54</sup>
Patk McGrou, Expenses	7 <sup>15</sup>
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	33 <sup>24</sup>

and an Ordinance drawn for their payment. The bill of J.T. L & Elison, (for 150<sup>02</sup>) was laid over for one month -

The matter of repairs at Stockton Farm was referred to the Acting Committee. -

An election for a successor to Edward Dalby was ordered to be held on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 1 and 7 P.M. - Messrs Toman, Wise and Janvier were appointed a committee to hold the election. -

Adjourned,  
W.J. Ferris, Secy.

August 4<sup>th</sup> 1903

Present: - J.R. Rodney, Chmn. pro tem. - McGrou - Toman, Wise, Hance, Shaw, Janvier, Morrison, Mahoney (9)

Treas rept'd \$1432<sup>83</sup> on hand. -

On the favorable report of the Acting Committee the bill of J.T. L & Elison, laid over from last month, was approved, and an order drawn for \$150<sup>02</sup>

Also bill of Stephen Black for 17<sup>55</sup> was approved and ordered paid.

A Committee of 3, - McGrou, Hance and Janvier was appointed to secure an Order-book for the Acting Committee.

The bill for City Taxes, - (\$162<sup>21</sup>) - was ordered to be paid - under protest.

The Committee appointed to hold an election for a successor to Edward Dalby reported that

Mr. O.P. Holcomb	received	117	votes
" W.M. Deakyme	"	127	"
" James S. Shaw Jr	"	197	"
	a total of	441	"

and, as it appeared that no one had received a majority of the votes cast, it was ordered that another election should be held on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, the same Committee, Messrs. Toman, Wise, and Janvier, being requested to act as judges; - and an order for \$12<sup>00</sup> was drawn to cover the expenses of the balloting of July 25<sup>th</sup>

Acting upon a communication of Mr. Saml. Slesinger, of Wilmington Del., a Committee of 3, - McGrou, Toman and Janvier, was appointed to look into Mr. Slesinger's request for a grant of ten (10) acres of land for a site for a Manufactory of Enamelled Leather, and was requested to report at the September meeting. -

Mr. Toman was instructed to inquire if the Road Commissioners were opening up their ditches into the City, thereby injuring the property of the Board, and to report to City Council through the Acting Committee

Adjourned,  
P.M. McGrou - Secy pro tem.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1903

Present: - Mahoney - Pres. pro tem; - Shaw, Hance, Wise, Janvier and McGrou -

No Quorum. - And Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

P.M. McGrou = Secy pro tem.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Present: - D.P. Black, Pres. - Rodney - McGrou - Hance - Mahoney - Shaw - Shaw, Jr., - Toman, - Janvier, and Ferris. (10)

Treas reported \$2025<sup>13</sup> on hand.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid: -

Pross Pres - for Order Books -	3 <sup>60</sup>	}	5 <sup>60</sup>
" for Election Notices -	2 <sup>00</sup>		
Hance for repairs: -		}	243 <sup>25</sup>
" on Clayton Farm	60 <sup>00</sup>		
" " Model "	160 <sup>00</sup>		
" " Stockton "	23 <sup>25</sup>		
P.A. Harrington - for repairs			90 <sup>90</sup>
J.T. L & Elison - Sundries			33 <sup>69</sup>
A.M. Rizar - Repairs Stockton Farm			80 <sup>80</sup>
J.B. Toman Chmn - Expenses of Election			12 <sup>00</sup>

The Election Committee reported that

Mr. J.S. Shaw Jr	received	292	votes
" W.M. Deakyme	"	198	"
" Chas. Blewell	"	1	"
" Jas T. Elison	"	1	"

a total of 492 "

The Committee was thanked and discharged and Mr. James S. Shaw Jr was declared elected a member of the Board.

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Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1903  
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Committee on Slesinger matter reported "Progress".  
The Secy, was instructed to notify R. J. Holliday,  
Supt of the Delaware RR that the Railroad men  
~~were~~ had been tearing down the fences along  
the Trustees' property to the danger of the RR and  
injury of the Trustees.

Com. on Order-book was thanked and discharged.  
Treasurer reported the following as the

financial standing of our tenants:-

Name of Tenant	Name of Farm	Due March 25 <sup>th</sup> '03	Paid Mar 25 - Sep 25	Due on Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> '03
Barry	Jefferson	1153 <sup>41</sup>	452 <sup>50</sup>	1179 <sup>66</sup>
Biggs	Stockton	973 <sup>14</sup>	853 <sup>75</sup>	1000 <sup>02</sup>
Clark	Center Hall	360 <sup>00</sup>	620 <sup>00</sup>	520 <sup>00</sup>
Ratlidge	Oglethorpe	124 <sup>57</sup>	397 <sup>50</sup>	323 <sup>32</sup>
Quigley	Clayton <sup>2</sup> & Union <sup>2</sup> & Bayard <sup>2</sup> -	-	1550 <sup>00</sup>	-
Knotts	Penn	1033 <sup>69</sup>	931 <sup>67</sup>	923 <sup>90</sup>
Keegan	Model	-	300 <sup>00</sup>	150 <sup>00</sup>
Bruce	Lot	92 <sup>50</sup>	25 <sup>00</sup>	95 <sup>00</sup>
Toman	Lot	-	37 <sup>78</sup>	18 <sup>89</sup>
McGoy	Old Bond -	198 <sup>72</sup>	-	198 <sup>72</sup>
Bacon	Stores	-	120 <sup>00</sup>	-
Fagan	Old Bond -	595 <sup>82</sup>	-	595 <sup>82</sup>

And the following Resolution was adopted:-  
"Whereas, it will be necessary for the Trustees  
" promptly to collect all rents and moneys due  
" them in order to meet the obligations entered  
" into by them to forward industrial interests  
" in this City,  
" Resolved:- that the Secretary notify the va-  
" rious tenants that payment of the sums due  
" from them will be expected and enforced."

Clayton Farm<sup>2</sup> & Union and Bayard Farm on March 25<sup>th</sup> '04 and  
Mr. Noah Higgins made application for its rental,  
offering to pay six months rent in advance.  
The renting of the farms was postponed un-  
til the Regular meeting in November.

Adjourned,  
W. J. Ferris, Secy

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1903.

Present - Mahoney Pres pro tem - Toman - Rodney - Morrison,  
Janvier, Shaw, Jr, and McGoy

Treas. reported \$1713<sup>89</sup> on hand.

It was decided to rent Union and Bayard Farm  
at 5<sup>00</sup> and Clayton Farm at 5<sup>00</sup> per acre for the ensu-  
ing year; and the Union and Bayard Farm was rent-  
ed to Noah Higgins; the Treasurer being instructed to  
advertise for applicants for Clayton Farm.

The Secretary was instructed to notify tenants  
in arrears for rent to appear before the Board on  
November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 P.M. to make arrangements  
for the settlement of arrearages.

A request from the Trustees of the Colored Schools  
for a grant of 2 tons of coal was laid over for con-  
sideration at our next meeting

An allowance of \$10<sup>00</sup> was made in favor of  
John Rodney, Esq, for expense incurred in acknow-  
ledging and recording agreements for establish-  
ment of Industrial plants.

Adjourned to meet Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 P.M.  
P. McGoy Secy. pro tem

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Present: Dr. Black - Rance - Mahoney - McGoy -  
Rodney - Wise and Ferris (7)

Treas. reported \$1934<sup>03</sup> on hand.

A grant of two (2) tons of coal was made to  
the Trustees of the Colored Schools.

Treasurer was instructed to notify Messrs  
Barry, Knotts, Keegan and Clark to appear before  
the Board on Tuesday next, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at  
which meeting the farms would be rented.

Adjourned -  
P. McGoy Secy pro tem

November 24<sup>th</sup> 1903. - Adjourned meeting. -  
 Present: - Mahoney, Morrison, Hance, Shaw, Toman  
 Rodney and McGrou - (7)

Mr Keegan, promising to pay a full year's  
 rent by March 25<sup>th</sup>, again obtained the leasing  
 of Model Farm.

Center Hall Farm was again rented to Mr T.T.  
 Clark on his promise to clear off at least half of  
 his indebtedness by March 25<sup>th</sup> next.

Penn ~~Model~~ Farm was re-rented to Mr Knotts on  
 his promise to make monthly payments here-  
 after of 50 to 60 dollars until arrearages  
 were paid.

Oglethorpe and Stockton farms were re-  
 rented to Mr Ratledge and Mrs Riggs, their  
 present tenants.

Jefferson Farm was again rented to Mr.  
 Barry upon condition that by our next  
 meeting he would give security for the pay-  
 ment of \$202<sup>00</sup> the balance of this year's rent,  
 and also make satisfactory arrangements  
 for paying next year's rent.

Adjourned: -  
 PM McGrou Secy pro tem

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1903.  
 Present: - Mahoney, Pres pro tem, - Wise, Jan-  
 vier, Monison, Hance, Toman, and McGrou. -

Clayton Farm was rented to W.R. Hobson  
 for one year from March 25<sup>th</sup> next - at 5<sup>00</sup> per  
 acre.

Treas. reported that Mr Barry had, since  
 the last meeting, paid 50<sup>00</sup> on account. And  
 the Treasurer was instructed to obtain secu-  
 rity from Mr Barry for payment of balance  
 due on this year's rent, and for payment  
 of next year's rent, - otherwise - to notify  
 him to quit.

Treasurer reported \$1984<sup>03</sup> on hand  
 The following bills were allowed and  
 ordered paid: -

B. T. Lank	-	1.50
Ev. King Printing Co	-	1.02
Republican " "	-	1.02
		<u>3.54</u>

Adjourned,  
 PM McGrou Secy pro tem

January 5<sup>th</sup> 1904  
 Present: - Dr Black, - Hance - Shaw, Jr., - Monison -  
 McGrou. - No Quorum

Treasurer was advised to issue a Land-  
 lord's Warrant against Thomas W. Barry.

Adjourned,  
 PM McGrou - Secy pro tem

February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1904.  
 Present: - Mahoney, Pres pro tem - Hance - Shaw, Jr., -  
 Toman, Rodney and McGrou.

No Quorum  
 Adjourned.  
 PM McGrou - Secy pro tem

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1904  
 Present Mahoney, Pres, pro tem, Rodney, Shaw, Sr., Shaw, Jr.,  
 Wise, Challenger, Hance, Toman, Monison, McGrou - Janvier  
 Treas reptd 2656<sup>49</sup> on hand

Mr Mahoney - Chmn of Actg Com. reptd that Mr Quigley,  
 the tenant of Union & Bayard Farm had placed a hay  
 track in the barn and also a feed box and several  
 small buildings and wd like to dispose of them  
 to the trustees for 70<sup>00</sup> - The matter was referred to  
 the Acting Committee with power to act. - And  
 this Committee was also instructed to put in safe  
 condition, by filling up or otherwise, the old well and  
 cistern near the old building on School House Lane.

The matter of renting the Town Hall room for one  
 evening to some colored citizens was left to the Public  
 Buildings Committee with power to act; - the preliminary  
 report of the Committee being that they (the colored citizens) had  
 previously abused a similar privilege.

The following bills were approved and an ordinance  
 drawn for their payment: -

J. L. E. Ellison - Sundry Supplies	100	<u>47</u>
Harry Hance - Repairs Stockton Farm	500	
Henry J. Tetlow - Repairs City Hall	400	
John C. Knotts - " Penn Farm	200	
Ed Whandy " Union & Bayard	470	
Paul J. Boggs - Constable's Fees (Thos W Barry)	500	
Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co	79	<u>38</u>
N Co Mutual Fire Insurance Co	47	<u>80</u>
Pat McGrou Treasurer's Expenses	100	<u>00</u>
Evan S. Boyd, Expenses Industrial Com.	10	<u>00</u>
Trusts, old Court House Rent	50	
Trusts, Imman Church - Care of Clock	50	
Bennett, Lancaster - Six Months Salary	25	



Treasurer reported that, as instructed, he had issued distress warrant against Thomas Barry, and that Mr Barry had given Samuel J Landers as surety for balance of 1903 rent and for the 1904 rent; and that Mr Barry also gave his own acknowledgment for balance of rent due prior to 1903. - The levy was then stayed and the farm <sup>Jefferson</sup> rented to Mr Barry.

Going into an election for officers - Messrs Wise and Hance were appointed Tellers. -

For President: - Dr Black 9 votes  
 Knott Rodney 1 " "  
 Jas M Wise 1 " "

and Dr Black was declared elected. -

For Treasurer: - Mc Grouy - 8 votes  
 Hance - 1 " "  
 Janvier - 1 " "  
 Blank - 1 " "

and Mr Mc Grouy was declared elected. -

For Secretary - (a communication being read from Mr Ferris, the retiring Secy, stating that owing to press of business, he desired his name not to be considered for a reelection;)

Mr Janvier - 8 votes  
 " Shaw, Jr. - 2 " "  
 Ferris - 1 " "

and Mr Janvier was declared elected. -

For Acting Committee: -

	First Ballot	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ballot	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ballot	4 <sup>th</sup> Ballot	5 <sup>th</sup> Ballot
James S Shaw Jr	7*				
Jno C Mahoney	6*				
James M Wise	5	1	2	2	2*
James S Toman	5	4	5	4	6*
Jno M Hance	4	3	2	3	2
E Challen jr	1	1	1		
J de H Janvier	1	1			
Blank	1	1	1	1	1
Mc Grouy				1	

and Messrs Shaw, Jr, Mahoney and Toman were declared elected.

For Committee on Public Buildings: -

Janvier received 8 votes  
 Hance " 7 " "  
 Mahoney " 6 " "  
 Wise " 5 " "  
 Rodney " 1 " "  
 Toman " 1 " "  
 Morrison " 1 " "  
 Challen jr " 1 " "

and Messrs Janvier, Hance and Mahoney were declared elected. -

Going into an election for Janitor: -

W Lancaster received 8 votes  
 Wm Pedrick " 1 " "  
 John McCue " 1 " "  
 John Mahoney " 1 " "

and Mr Lancaster was declared elected.

Messrs. Wise and Hance were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Adjourned -

W J Ferris Secretary  
 J de H Janvier Secy Protom

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1904.

Present: - Dr Black, Rodney, Mahoney, Shaw, Sr, Shaw, Jr, Mc Grouy, Toman, Janvier. - (8)

Treasurer reported "Progress" in his collection of rents, and was instructed to accept notes from Messrs Knotts & Keegan, (tenants) with good endorser, taking notes as collateral only and not in satisfaction, and waiving no rights of distress or other rights.

The bond of Patrick Mc Grouy as Treasurer, for \$2500, with James Mc Grouy and Martin Leonard as Sureties, was accepted; - and delivered to the President for safe keeping.

President was instructed to return an old Treasurer's bond of Mr Ferris, said account having been fully closed and settled.

The following bills were approved, but as only 8 members were present no ordinance was drawn for their payment: -

Newcastle Gas Co = 9 months Gas City Hall to Jan 25*	4.05
" " " " = 9 " " " Court House " "	4.05
Robt Pennington Peer = 1 " " City Hall to Feb 25	45
" " " " = 1 " " Court House " "	45
Newcastle Gaslight Co = 1 " " City Hall to Mar 25	45
" " " " = 1 " " Court House " "	45
W J Ferris, Stationery, &c	50.-
Anna B M Janvier Interest on Bond to Feby 25*	50.-
Joseph Quigley - Ray railway, buildings &c	55.-
Harry Hance - Repairs - City Hall	4.25
Wray J Bacon - Paint - City Hall	3.00
Jno Thompson - Sundries - City Hall	1.65
	172.80

Treasurer was instructed to require those tenants who have not paid their rent for 1903 either to settle their indebtedness or give security for same.

J de H Janvier - Secretary





June 7. 1904.

Present: - Messrs. Mahoney, Wise, McGrou, Hance, Shaw Jr. and Janvier. (6)  
No Quorum.

Adjourned.  
J. de H. Janvier  
Secretary.

July 5. 1904.

Present: - Messrs. Mahoney, McGrou, Toman, Hance and Janvier. (5)  
No Quorum.

Adjourned.  
J. de H. Janvier  
Secretary.

August 2. 1904.

Present: - Messrs. Mahoney, Rodney, Shaw Jr., Hance, McGrou, Ferris and Janvier. (7)

Mr. Mahoney chosen President pro tem.

Minutes of last three meetings read and approved.

Treasurer McGrou reported receipt from Mrs. Higgs of a note for rent in arrear with George J. Tobin as indorser, which note has been renewed. Also receipt of \$90.00 from Mr. Knotts and \$75.00 from Mr. Barry, on account of rent in arrear. Mr. Keegan, having made no settlement, Treasurer asks for instructions.

The Treasurer was authorized to issue landlord's warrant against Mr. Keegan, if found necessary, subject to the recommendation of the Acting Committee.

The Acting Committee reported that about \$800.00 would be necessary to put the buildings and premises on School House Lane in order. No action was taken.

Bills were read as follows:

Filed July 5. 1904.

New Castle Water Works Co.	Repairs at Model.	\$9.75
Stephen Black.	Fencing at Stockton	2.25
"	" " Centre Hall	19.08
John J. Stoops.	Paint on Penn.	9.39
Harry F. Hance.	Repairs at Clayton	4.20
"	" " Town Hall	12.25
J. T. & E. Eliason.	Sundry Supplies	250.72

Filed Aug. 2. 1904.

Stephen Black.	Fencing at Centre Hall.	17.33
New Castle City Taxes for 1904.		163.86
New Castle Gas Light Co.		2.55
A. M. Hizer.	Line for Union & Bayard.	4.00

Above bills were unanimously passed.

A communication from Mr. E. D. R. Sutton was read, in which he makes claim for corn destroyed by cattle of Mr. Knotts escaping through defective line fence. The matter was referred to the acting committee to ascertain the actual damage, if any, and report.  
Adjourned.

Francis deH. Janner  
Secretary

September 6, 1904.

Present: Pres. Black, Messrs. Challenger, Mahoney, McElroy, and Janner.  
No Quorum. (5) Adjourned.

F. deH. Janner, Secretary.

October 4, 1904.

Present: Messrs. Mahoney, McElroy, Ferris, Haunce, Jorman, Shaw Jr. and Janner. (7) Mr. Challenger was present but left before meeting was called to order.  
Treasurer McElroy reported: That he had interviewed nearly all the tenants about their rent. Mrs. Biggs will pay one year's rent as soon as her wheat is sold. Mr. Rattledge will pay half year rent by Dec. 1 and balance by March 25. Mr. Clark will pay one year as soon as his wheat is sold. Mr. Higgins paid \$230.00 and will pay the balance of the half year within three weeks and the whole year's rent by March 25. Mr. Hobson called but failed to see Treasurer. Mr. Knotts paid \$50.00 and will turn over wheat money less phosphate bill, estimating about \$400.00. Mr. Barry promises to pay in a month or two. Mr. Keegan has not sold wheat and promises to pay all rent by a sale if necessary. Mrs. Bruce gives no satisfaction in a letter received.  
The Treasurer thinks all can pay as promised, except Knotts and Keegan.

Treasurer reports balance in hand \$3711.44  
Report accepted.

Mr. Mahoney, Jr. Acting Committee, reported condition of farms as follows: Mrs. Biggs; good shape. Mr. Rattledge's good shape. Mr. Clark's, good shape. Hares Corner - house needs painting and other repairs and some paving and curbing is necessary. Mr. Keegan's, good shape. Mr. Knotts' - not in good order, either buildings or fields. Mr. Barry's farm had not been visited. He would recommend action in the cases of Messrs.

Quotations subject to change without notice.—All agreements are contingent upon strikes, accidents, and other delays unavoidable or beyond our control.

ANDREW BRYMON, MEM. AM. SOC. C. E.  
PRES. AND TREAS.

HELDEN A. DEEMER,  
SUPERINTENDENT

## Brylgon Steel Casting Company,

TELEPHONE

LOCAL OFFICE "BRYDREW"

NEW CASTLE, DEL., September 26th, 1904.

The Trustees of New Castle Commons,  
New Castle, Delaware.

Gentlemen, -

Referring to the Agreement made on March 5th, 1903, between your Committee and this Company, we beg to inform you, we have now fulfilled our part of the Agreement, and would be pleased to have you meet us to arrange to carry out the terms of paragraph three (3) in this Agreement.

Respectfully Yours,

BRYLGMON STEEL CASTING COMPANY,  
*Andrew Brymon*  
PRESIDENT



Knotts, Keegan and Barry. The others are in a fair way to keep rent paid. Report accepted.

Mr. Mahoney objected to removal of parts of the old building on School House Lane, by order of one or more of the Acting Committee.

After some discussion, Mr. McPory moved that the action of the Acting Committee in tearing down part of the old building on School House Lane be sustained. Carried, Mr. Mahoney objecting.

Mr. Janner stated that he was opposed to any further tearing down of this building, believing that it might be profitable at some future date to fix it up for renting.

Bills were read as follows:-

Filed, Sept. 6, 1904:-

Stephen Black. Fencing at Penn & Centre Hall.	\$ 9.60
Edward W. Handy. Litter at Hotel	15.25
B. F. Lancaster. Janner's salary, 6 mos. to Sept. 25.	25.00

Filed Oct. 4, 1904:-

A. M. Hizar. Brick work at Penn Hall.	7.30
New Castle Gas Light Co. Bul. to Sept. 28.	1.50
New Castle Water Works Co. Hydrant at Oylethorpe.	7.00

Above bills were unanimously passed.

A Communication from the Brylquin Steel Casting Co. was read, in which the Company states that it has fulfilled its agreement and asks for a meeting to arrange for performance by the New Castle Common of its part of the agreement.

Messrs. Rodney, McPory and Janner were appointed as a Committee to meet the Company officials, make the necessary arrangements and report at the next meeting, calling a special meeting if necessary.

After a general discussion as to the rent and renting of the farms occupied by Messrs. Knotts, Keegan and Barry, no definite action was taken.

An application for a farm by Nathan E. Best of Kenton, Delaware, was read and filed.

Adjourned.

J. de H. Janner  
Secretary.

Received

November 1, 1904.

Present: - Dr. Black, President, Messrs. Mahoney, Roehy, Hance, Ferris, McGray, Toman, Shaw Jr. and Jaurei. (9)

Treasurer reported receipt of \$900. from Mrs. Biggs and \$78.<sup>00</sup> from Mr. Keegan, on account of rent.

An Ordinance was passed, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, in favor of the bills previously passed at the meetings of Aug. 2, 1904 and October 4, 1904, and also in favor of J. H. E. Eliason for \$135.<sup>38</sup> forundry supplies.

Applications for farms from Wm. J. Berry of Mt. Pleasant, and Edward Carrus of St. Georges, were read. Also a letter from Nathan E. Best, who had previously applied.

On motion of Mr. Mahoney, the Treasurer was instructed to serve notices to quit on all tenants and to issue process for back rent against Messrs. Knotts, Keegan and Barry.

Mr. Roehy on behalf of the Committee appointed to confer with the Brylgen Steel Casting Company reported that the Committee had met the officials of the Company and that the President and Secretary of the Company, with their Attorney, were waiting to appear before the Board in person.

President Bryan, Secretary Dichen and Attorney Richards appeared for the Brylgen Steel Casting Co. and Mr. Richards read the contract between the Trustees and the Brylgen Steel Casting Co. (as previously set forth in this minutebook). The officials of the Company stated that buildings costing considerably over \$40000. had been erected and that the Company was in operation and had in other respects carried out their part of the contract, and that they now asked for payment, under the contract, of the first annual installment of \$1200.<sup>00</sup> (the Company waiving for the present the provision as to the guaranty of a loan of \$10000.<sup>00</sup>).

On motion of Mr. Ferris, an Ordinance for \$1200.<sup>00</sup> was passed (nine members being present and all assenting) in favor of Brylgen Steel Casting Company, being the first annual installment under the ten year contract with the said Company.

Mr. Mahoney stated that Mr. Quigley offered \$3.<sup>00</sup> per acre for a three year lease on the farm occupied by Mr. Knotts (Penu Farm). After discussion, the renting of Penu Farm was left to the Acting Committee with power to rent to the best advantage.

It was stated that the prevalence of anthrax, recently, among the animals there, together with its general bad condition, made it more difficult to rent it advantageously.

Adjourned.

Francis H. Jaurei, Secretary.

Brylgen Co.  
1<sup>st</sup> payment

December 6, 1904.

Present: Messrs. Rodney, Mahoney, Wise, Ferris, McGray, Morrison, Hance, Toman, Shaw Jr. and Jaurei. (10)

Mr. Mahoney chosen President pro tem.  
Treasurer McGray reported as follows:

"That, in accordance with instructions of the Board, he has levied on property of Messrs. Keegan, Knotts & Barry. That Mr. Keegan has paid \$248.<sup>33</sup> since March 25, 1904, and will owe \$283.<sup>32</sup> by March 25, 1905, on which he expects to pay at least \$50.<sup>00</sup> more. Mr. Keegan appears personally and states that if given a chance for another year on the farm, he can pay up the back rent.

Mr. Knotts appears and offers to give a note for \$1500.<sup>00</sup> with good security, if same will be accepted in full payment for rent to March 25, 1905. On this note, he will pay \$900.<sup>00</sup> by March 25, 1905 and the balance at wheat harvest. He applies to re-rent farm at \$3.<sup>00</sup> per acre.

Mr. Barry has paid \$605.<sup>00</sup> since March 25, 1905 and will owe \$1153.<sup>41</sup> by March 25, 1905. He applies to re-rent.

Mrs. Biggs has paid \$900.<sup>00</sup> since March 25, 1904 and will owe \$1385.<sup>75</sup> by March 25, 1905. She applies to re-rent.

Mr. Clark has paid in full to Sept. 25, 1904. He applies to re-rent.

Mr. Higgins has paid \$330.<sup>00</sup> and will pay \$100.<sup>00</sup> more within one week. Will owe \$866.<sup>25</sup> to March 25, 1905 and expects to pay in full. He applies to re-rent.

Mr. Rattledge owes \$124.<sup>57</sup> to Sept. 25, 1904, and will pay one half year before March 25, 1905. He applies to re-rent.

Mr. Hobson has paid nothing. Will owe \$462.<sup>50</sup> by March 25, 1905."

An ordinance was regularly passed for the following bills:

- Thomas Black Jr. Repairs at Centre Hall \$3.00
- Anne E. M. Jaurei. 6 mos. interest, due Aug. 29. 50.00

An appropriation of two tons of coal was made in favor of the Colored Schools.

Mr. Bryan, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Lane, representing the Brylgen Steel Casting Company, appeared and stated that they were anxious to borrow the sum of \$10000.<sup>00</sup>, with the guaranty of the Board, according to their contract on locating in New Castle, but that they had been unable to obtain the loan with such guarantees.

They desired the money in expanding and improving their works for their improved business outlook, and asked for the cooperation of the Board in obtaining the loan.

Messrs. Rodney, McGray, Ferris and Jaurei were appointed



as a Committee to assist the Company in negotiating the loan, if possible, with power to execute any papers necessary thereto.

Renting of farms for year 1905 was taken up:

Aglethorpe was rented to Mr. Ralledge at same rent,

Stobletan was rented to Mrs. Biggs at same rent.

Centre Hall was rented to Mr. Clark at same rent.

Union and Bayard were rented to Mr. Higgins at same rent, provided he has, by next meeting night, paid rent in full to Sept. 25, 1904.

Model was rented to Mr. Keegan at same rent.

Jefferson was rented to Mr. Barry at same rent, provided he gives security for 1905 rent.

Clayton and Penn farms were laid over for one month, and the Treasurer was instructed to advertise Penn farm for rent.

The proposition made by Mr. Knotts to settle in full to March 25, 1905, by giving a properly secured note for \$1500.00, was accepted and the Treasurer instructed to effect such settlement.

The Treasurer was instructed to release Mr. Landers, surety for Mr. Barry's 1904 rent, the amount having been paid.

The Secretary was instructed to notify all tenants that straw must not be removed from the farms, unless the consent of the Acting Committee be first obtained.

Adjourned.

J. deH. Jauris,  
Secretary.

January 3, 1905.

Present: President Black, Messrs. Rodney, Wise, Ferris, Hance, Morrison, McGray, Toman, Shaw Jr., and Jauris. (10)

Secretary reports that he had sent a letter to each tenant on Dec. 7, 1904, as instructed by the Board, warning them about the removal of straw.

Treasurer McGray reports that Mr. Knotts has given his note for \$1500.00 in settlement of rent, with Edward T. Weer and Wm. B. Ralledge as indorsers, Mr. Weer being a holder of real estate.

Treasurer also reports the following receipts:—

Mr. Hobson - \$190.00; Mr. Keegan \$7.00; Mr. Knotts, \$1500.00 on account of note; Mr. Higgins \$175.00

Balance on hand of \$4888.00

Mr. Higgins, owing to the inclemency of the weather, was unable to collect some bills and will make additional payments each week as he collects them.

An Ordinance was regularly passed for the following bills:—

New Castle County Ins. Co. - Insurance.	\$47.75
Farmers Mutual " " " "	
J. T. Ch. E. Eliason. 2 tons coal for col. schools.	13.50
New Castle Water Works Co. Repairs at Aglethorpe.	3.75
" " " " " " Jefferson	3.00

A bill of Constable Cleaver of \$67.00 for recent levies was presented and referred to the Treasurer and the Secretary to investigate and report at next meeting.

Mr. Ferris, for the Committee appointed at last meeting to assist the Brylgen Steel Casting Company in the matter of the loan, stated that the committee had held no meeting but that the matter had been talked over informally, and that they thought that the Trustees could profitably advance \$3000.00 to the Company in lieu of three annual payments of \$1200.00.

Mr. Ferris presented the following resolution:

Resolved, that the sum of \$3000.00 be hereby appropriated to the Brylgen Steel Casting Company (and an order drawn for the same), in lieu of the three annual payments of \$1200.00, due Nov. 1905, Nov. 1906 and Nov. 1907, and

Resolved, that the President and Secretary of this Board are hereby instructed and authorized to affix the indorsement of the Trustees of the New Castle Common to a note for \$6000.00 made by the Brylgen Steel Casting Company for four months from date, and to renew this indorsement twice during the year 1905, being in fulfillment of the terms of the agreement made by the Trustees with the Brylgen Steel Casting Company, made June 26, 1903.

Mr. Dickson, Secretary of the Brylgen Steel Casting Company, was present and stated that the foregoing resolution was satisfactory to and would be accepted by his Company.

The above appropriation and resolution was regularly passed, nine members being present and all assenting thereto.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the Brylgen Steel Casting Company of the above resolution and to request them to hand over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Common, as security for the above authorized indorsement.

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ment, an insurance policy for \$10,000.00, properly assigned to the Trustees of the New Castle Common, being in accordance with the terms of their contract.

The Renting of Penn and Clayton farms was taken up.

The Treasurer stated that he had advertised Penn farm and that there were two applicants, Messrs. Knotts and Quigley.

A motion that Penn farm be rented to Mr. Knotts at \$3.50 per acre, resulted in a tie vote and was lost.

A motion that the farm be rented to Mr. Quigley for the year 1905 at \$3.50 per acre was carried.

As Mr. Quigley's offer was \$3.50 per acre, the Acting Committee was given power to rent the farm in case Mr. Quigley declines to accept.

Clayton farm was rented to Mr. Hobson at same rent.

As Mr. Barry has not yet given security for the 1905 rent of Jefferson farm, the matter was referred to the Acting Committee with power to act, and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Barry of this action.

Adjourned

J. dett. Janvier,  
Secretary.

February 7, 1905.

Present: Messrs. Rodney, McGray, Toman, Shaw Jr., Hance, Ferris and Janvier. (7)

Mr. Rodney was chosen President pro tem.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1746.84.

He also presented an agreement for the payment of Mr. Barry's rent for 1905, signed by Mr. Barry and Mr. Samuel T. Landers, but as the Board did not consider it prepared in proper form, the Treasurer was instructed to return it for proper execution by Mr. Landers as surety.

The Committee appointed to investigate claim of Constable Cleaver reported that Mr. Cleaver had informed them that he would appear to present his claim in person. Mr. Cleaver did not appear however.

The Secretary was instructed to return Mr. Cleaver's bill to him for explanation and correction, the Board objecting to the charge for commissions where there had been no sale.

~~Wilmington, Del. Jan. 3rd 1905.  
Four months after date we promise to pay  
to the order of Trustees of New Castle Common at the  
NATIONAL BANK WILMINGTON & BRANDWINE  
Six thousand and no/100ths Dollars  
without defalcation for value received.  
BRYLON STEEL CASTING COMPANY,  
Care of Brylton Plant  
J. dett. Janvier~~

Gentlemen,-

We herewith enclose our four months' note of Jan. 3rd, 1905, for \$6,000.00, to your order, and endorsed by you, as we find we will not have to use the note, and thought it best to cancel our part of it, and return the same, so that you could cancel your part.

If at any time in the future, we find we could make use of a note of this amount, we will be pleased to call on you to see if we can be accommodated.

Thanking you for your attention and accommodation, we

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Respectfully Yours,

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BRYLON STEEL CASTING COMPANY,

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Mr. Quigley declines to accept.

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to the Acting Committee with power to act, and the  
Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Barry of  
this action.

Adjourned

J. deH. Janvier,  
Secretary.

February 7, 1905.

Present: Messrs. Rodney, McGrooy, Tomian, Shaw Jr., Hance, Ferris  
and Janvier. (7)

Mr. Rodney was chosen President pro tem.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1746.34.

He also presented an agreement for the payment of Mr. Barry's  
rent for 1905, signed by Mr. Barry and Mr. Samuel T. Landers,  
but as the Board did not consider it prepared in proper form,  
the Treasurer was instructed to return it for proper execution  
by Mr. Landers as surety.

The Committee appointed to investigate claim of C. W. Cleaver  
reported that Mr. Cleaver had informed them that  
he would appear to present his claim in person. Mr. Cleaver  
did not appear however.

The Secretary was instructed to return Mr. Cleaver's bill to  
him for explanation and correction, the Board objecting  
to the charge for commissions where there had been no sale.

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BRYLTON STEEL CASTING COMPANY  
TREASURER

DREW HYDREW, MEM. AM. SOC. C. E.  
PRESIDENT.

MELDEN S. DEEMER,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

JOHN T. DICKSON,  
SECRET AND TREAS.

# Brylgon Steel Casting Company,

NEW CASTLE, DEL.

BELL TELEPHONE

CABLE ADDRESS "BRYDREW."

SPECIALTIES:  
LOW CARBON MOTOR FRAMES AND POLES,  
MANGANESE STEEL CASTINGS,  
STANDARD CARBON STEEL GEAR BLANKS,  
CONNECTING RODS, CRANK SHAFTS, Etc.

QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
WITHOUT NOTICE. ALL AGREEMENTS  
ARE CONTINGENT UPON STRIKES, AC-  
CIDENTS AND OTHER DELAYS UN-  
AVOIDABLE OR BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

March 6th, 1905.

Trustees of Commons,  
New Castle, Del.

Gentlemen,-

We herewith enclose our four months' note of Jan.  
3rd, 1905, for \$6,000.00, to your order, and endorsed by you, as  
we find we will not have to use the note, and thought it best  
to cancel our part of it, and return the same, so that you could  
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If at any time in the future, we find we could make use  
of a note of this amount, we will be pleased to call on you to  
see if we can be accommodated.

Thanking you for your attention and accommodation, we

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Respectfully Yours,

BRYLTON STEEL CASTING COMPANY,  
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him for explanation and correction, the Board objecting  
to the charge for commissions where there had been no sale.

Quotations subject to change without notice—All agreements are contingent upon strikes, accidents and other delays unavoidable or beyond our control.

ANDREW BRYLSON, M. Eng., A. M. Soc. C. E.      SILDEN S. DEEMER,      JOHN T. DICKSON,  
PRESIDENT.      SUPERINTENDENT.      SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

# Brylgon Steel Casting Company,

TELEPHONE 207-11

CABLE ADDRESS: "BRYLSON"

New Castle, Del., January 9, 1905.

Mr. Francis deH. Janvier, Sec'y,  
Board of Trustees of New Castle Common,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Sir,-

Replying to yours of the 4th inst., we beg to inform you, we are in receipt to-day of the Treasurer's Order No. 568, for \$3,000.00, in full payment and satisfaction of the three annual payments of \$1200.00 each, due November, 1905, November, 1906 and November, 1907, under the agreement between the Board of Trustees of New Castle Common and this Company.

We also forwarded to Mr. Patrick McGrory, Treasurer of the Board, Policy No. 10877, of the Home Insurance Co., for \$10,000.00, in accordance with the Agreement.

Respectfully Yours,

**BRYLSON STEEL CASTING COMPANY,**  
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The Secretary was instructed to return Mr. Cleave's bill to  
him for explanation and correction, the Board objecting  
to the charge for commissions where there had been no sale.

January 4, 1904.

Brylson Steel Casting Co.,  
New Castle, Delaware.

Dear Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Trustees of the New Castle Common  
held last evening, the sum of three thousand dollars was appropri-  
ed to your company in full payment and satisfaction of the three  
annual payments of twelve hundred dollars, due November, 1905, Nov-  
ember, 1906, and November, 1907, under the agreement with your  
company. The proper officers of the Board were also instructed  
to affix the endorsement of the Trustees of the New Castle Common  
to a note for six thousand dollars to be made by you.

I am instructed by the Board to demand of your company,  
as security of the above advance and endorsement, an insurance pol-  
icy for ten thousand dollars, covering your plant at New Castle,  
Delaware and with proper assignment to the Trustees of the New  
Castle Common. This policy you will hand over to the Treasurer of  
the Board, Mr. Patrick McGrory.

Very truly,

signed  
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The following bills were read and approved but as only seven members were present, no ordinance could be passed.

Ordinance passed at March meeting

Harry F. Hance. Repairs at Clayton, Centre Hall and Hanes Lanes.	33.60
" " " " Town Hall	1.40
John T. Stoops Paper at Oglethorpe.	2.55
Every Evening Printing Co. Adv. Penn farm.	.68
Republican Printing & Pub. Co. " "	.50

Adjourned.

F. dett. Jaurer, Secretary.

March 7, 1905.

Present: Messrs. Shaw Sr., Mahoney, Morrison, Rodney, Hance, McEgory, Joman, Ferris and Jaurer. (9)

Mr. Mahoney chosen President pro tem.

Mr. Wm. H. Cooper Jr., attorney for Mr. Cleaver, asked that consideration of Mr. Cleaver's claim for levies be postponed until the April meeting in order that Mr. Cleaver might appear and state his claim; which postponement was made.

The Treasurer reported no receipts since last meeting but that Mr. Higgins and Mr. Rathledge expect to be paid up by March 25.

An ordinance was duly passed for the payment of the five bills presented and approved at the February meeting. The following new bills were presented:

New Castle Gas Light Co. Gas from Sep. 29, '04 to Feb. 27, '05	5.95
Anne E. M. Jaurer Int. on Bond to Mar. 1, 1905.	50.00
Patrick McEgory. Expenses & expenditures as Treasurer.	100.00
Francis dett. Jaurer " as Secretary	1.63
Immanuel Church Care of Tom Clark	50.00
Trustees Old Court House. Rent	50.00
B. F. Lancaster. Salary as Janitor to Mar. 25, 1905.	25.00

and an ordinance was duly passed for their payment.

A communication was presented from the Brylger Steel Casting Company, returning the note for six thousand dollars recently indorsed by this Board and stating that the Company would not need the note for the present. The note was ordered to be cancelled and the letter accompanying it filed.

Mr. Shaw Sr., on behalf of the Water Company, requested payment of the semi-annual city water rent of \$400.00, stating that



the City Council had not paid it and that water was supplied to certain farms of the New Castle Comm. as well as to the City of New Castle generally.

The matter was laid over for one month.

The Board went into the election of Officers.

Messrs. Toman and Hance were appointed Tellers.

For President: Dr. J. J. Black - 9 votes.  
Dr. Black was declared elected.

For Secretary: F. H. Jauris - 8 votes.  
W. J. Ferris 1 "  
Mr. Jauris was declared elected.

For Acting Committee: Mr. Mahoney 8 votes.  
Mr. Toman 5 "  
Mr. Shaid Jr. 7 "  
Mr. Wise 1 " One ballot blank.  
Messrs. Mahoney, Toman and Shaid Jr. were declared elected.

Committee on Public Buildings:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Ballot	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Hance	7 votes					
Ferris	6 "	4	4	3	4	8
Mahoney	5 "	4	3	2	4	1
Mahoney	4 "	8				
Jauris	3 "	2	1	1		
Rodney	1 "			3		
McClary	1 "		1			

Messrs. Hance, Mahoney and Ferris were declared elected.

For Janitor: B. F. Lancaster 8 votes.  
John McCue 1 "  
Mr. Lancaster was declared elected.

Mr. Ferris and Mr. Hance were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Mr. Mahoney reported that the Hotel and granary at Hares Corner were badly in need of painting. The Acting Committee was authorized to have the painting done, if they deem it essential, at an expense not exceeding \$1,750.00.

The Committee on Public Buildings called attention to the breaking of the shutters at the Town Hall by trolley cars passing by, and the matter was

## THE BALDT STEEL COMPANY,

NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY

April 25, 1905.

Dr. J. J. Black, President,

Trustees of New Castle Common,

New Castle, Del.

Dear Sir-

We beg to herewith notify you that we have fulfilled the requirements of the agreement entered into between you and ourselves June 4, 1903, and under the said agreement there is now due us one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars.

We beg to submit for your consideration the payment to us of the remaining balance of five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars, which under said agreement will accrue to us in the next five years.

We have expended in this plant almost double the amount that was contemplated at the time of making this agreement, and should it suit your convenience to pay us at one time this six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars, or a large part of it, it would relieve you of the necessity of paying interest, and give us additional funds, which we can use to our mutual advantage at this time.

Trusting that this matter will receive your favorable consideration, we remain

Yours very truly,

THE BALDT STEEL COMPANY,

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left to the Committee on Public Buildings with power to act.  
Mr. Touan called attention to stealing of fence rails from Model farm.

Adjourned:

J. dett. Jaurei, Secretary.

April 4, 1905.

Present: Messrs. Mahoney, McGary, Shaw Sr., Ferris, Hance and Jaurei. (6)

No Quorum. Adjourned.

J. dett. Jaurei, Secretary.

May 2, 1905.

Present: Pres. Black, Mahoney, Shaw Sr., Shaw Jr., Hance, Rodney and Jaurei. (7)

A letter from the Balde-Steel Company asking for the first annual payment of \$1000. under their contract was read and filed.

Mr. Cleaver was present and made a statement as to his bill for fees in distress proceedings and demanded the full amount claimed.

The Board adjourned until Tuesday, May 9, 1905.

J. dett. Jaurei, Secretary.

May 9, 1905.

Present: President Black, Messrs. Rodney, Mahoney, Wise, Hance, McGary, Morrison, Touan, Shaw Jr., Ferris and Jaurei. (11)

Mr. Wm. H. Cooper Jr., Attorney for Mr. Frank L. Cleaver, appeared and asked payment of Mr. Cleaver's bill as presented, or at least a reasonable sum.

An ordinance was passed in favor of Frank L. Cleaver for \$15.00 in payment for services as constable in Candler's warrants.

An ordinance was unanimously passed for the following bills:

Balde-Steel Company, 1 <sup>st</sup> payment under contract	\$1000.00
J. T. & L. Elias, Supplies	47.82
J. T. Stoops, Wall paper - Clayton 4 <sup>th</sup> , Model 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.34
Brass Willard Printing Co. 5 <sup>00</sup> annual report	8.00

The treasurer's annual report (as per copy annexed) was presented and accepted.

Adjourned.

J. dett. Jaurei, Secretary.

June 6. 1905.

Present: President Black, Messrs. Mahoney, Wise, Ferris, Shaw Jr., Hance and Janner. ⑦

Bills were presented as follows:  
J. T. & E. Eliason. Supplies - \$361.30  
Jacob Wiley. Fencing. 14.63

The above bills were approved but no ordinance could be passed for payment because of lack of necessary number.  
Adjourned.

F.lett. Janner, Secretary.

July 4. 1905.

Present: Messrs. Mahoney, McGrooy and Janner. ③  
No quorum. Adjourned.

F.lett. Janner, Secretary.

Aug. 1. 1905.

Present: Messrs. Mahoney, McGrooy, Shaw Jr., Toman, Hance and Janner. ⑥  
No quorum. Adjourned.

F.lett. Janner, Secy.

Sept. 28. 1905.

Present: Mr. Black, Messrs. Shaw Jr., Wise, Ferris, Mahoney, McGrooy, Hance, Toman and Janner. ⑩

Treasurer reported \$1580.91 on hand.  
The following bills were read, being the bills presented since June 1. 1905: -

Jacob Wiley - Fencing at Strohlin	\$14.63
J. T. & E. Eliason. Supplies, Apr. 12 to June 3. 1905. -	361.30
A. M. Hagar. Lure for Union Bayard	4.00
Keegan & Huphal - Repairing roof	43.35
S. H. Drinnis. Repairing pump at Jefferson	9.20
Harry F. Hance - Carpentry	53.90
A. M. Hagar. Mason work at Union & Bayard.	18.40
J. T. & E. Eliason. Supplies June 2 to Sept. 1. 1905.	77.57

Mr. Black Jr. Repairing pump at Strohlin	1.75
Charles H. Sheerer, Coll. - New Castle City Taxes. 1905.	168.82
B. F. Lancaster. 6 months as Janitor to Dept. 25.	25.00

And an ordinance for their payment was unanimously passed.  
A bill of James McDaniel of \$131.50 for painting at Union and Bayard was presented and an ordinance was passed for its payment, provided the bill be approved by all of the acting Committee (Mr. Mahoney not yet having passed on the work).

The bill for County Taxes for 1905, amounting to \$366.38, was referred to the Committee on County Taxes.

Mr. Mahoney reported that the house at Clayton Farm was in bad repair, being very cold, needing a new floor, a cellar wall ready to fall, and needing painting. The whole would cost about \$100.00 or the cellar wall only about \$20.00. No action was taken by the Board.

Adjourned.

F.lett. Janner, Secretary.

Oct. 3. 1905.

Present: Messrs. Mahoney, Rodney, Ferris, McGrooy, Shaw Jr., Hance, Toman and Janner. ⑧

Mr. Mahoney was chosen President pro tem.

Treasurer McGrooy reported receipts from tenants as follows: - Barry - \$300.00; Knott, \$400.00; Hobson, \$231.50; Clark, \$310.00; Higgins, \$752.08; giving a balance on hand of \$2565.07.  
The Treasurer stated that some of the tenants desired to dispose of straws and get manure in exchange, and after some discussion, the following resolution was adopted: - No tenant shall sell or remove any straws, hay or fodder from the farms unless authorized by the Acting Committee in writing to do so.

Two bills for gas were returned for explanation.  
The question of repairs to pumps and stable at Penn farm was brought up. The Acting Committee was instructed to ascertain the necessary repairs and the cost of same and report at next meeting.

The Treasurer was instructed to ascertain whether the present tenants wish to apply to re-rent and report at next meeting.

Adjourned.

F.lett. Janner, Secretary.



November 7, 1905.

Present: President Black, Messrs. Morrison, McGrooy, Ferris, Toman and Jaurei. (6)

Treasurer McGrooy reported receipt of \$200. from Mr. Barry. The following tenants apply to rent: Messrs. Rattledge, Clark, Higgins and Hobson, and Mrs. Biggs.

Adjourned for want of quorum.

F. de H. Jaurei, Secretary.

December 5, 1905.

Present: Messrs. Mahoney, Morrison, Rodney, Ferris, McGrooy, Shaw Jr., Hance, Toman and Jaurei. (9)

Mr. Mahoney was chosen President pro tem. Treasurer McGrooy reported receipt of \$201.15 from Mr. Rattledge and \$50.00 from Mr. Knotts, leaving a balance of \$3026.25.

The following bills were presented:

A. M. Higin.	Repairs at Clayton	\$29.05
"	" " Tom Hall	8.60
Anne E. M. Jaurei.	6 months int. on Bond to Aug. 29, 05	50.00
Thomas Rank Jr.	Repairs at Clayton	5.00
J. T. H. E. Eliason.	Sundry Supplies	60.04

And an ordinance was passed for their payment. The following farms were re-rented to their present occupants at the present rent: - Stricklin to Mrs. Lydia Biggs; Cylethorpe to Wm. B. Rattledge; Centre Hall to Mrs. T. T. Clark; Union and Bayard to Noah Higgins; and Clayton to Wm. A. Hobson.

The Treasurer was instructed to continue the advertisement of Penn and Model farms for two weeks, and to call a meeting at his discretion.

The rent of Penn farm was fixed at \$4.00 per acre for the next year, and the Acting Committee was authorized to put the water supply at Penn Farm in good order at the least expense.

Adjourned.

F. de H. Jaurei, Secretary.

January 2, 1906.

Present: Pres. Black, Messrs. Rodney, Mahoney, Wise, McGrooy, Shaw Jr., Hance, Toman and Jaurei. (9)

The Treasurer reported the receipt of \$708.72 from Mrs. Lydia Biggs on account of rent due.

The Treasurer was instructed to issue a landlord's warrant against the goods of Patrick Keegan in order to protect the Trustees' claim for

the rent due for Model Farm, using the least expense possible in so doing. Jefferson Farm was re-rented to Thomas Barry at the same rent and under the same conditions as last year. No other applicants.

Penn Farm was re-rented to Wm. F. Lindell at \$4.00 per acre. Other applicants were Fletcher C. Jones and Frank Pierce.

Model Farm was re-rented to John Jordan at the same rent as last year. Other applicants were Wm. H. McCarus, Nathaniel Jones and Arthur Walls.

Bills were presented as follows:

Every Evening Printing Co.	Adv. Farms for rent.	\$2.62
Farmers Mutual Ins. Co.	Premium \$139.80 less <del>profit</del> fee.	78.54
New Castle Co. Mutual Ins. Co.	" \$59. " "	44.25
		125.41

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

A notice from the Citizens Building and Loan Association, advising the Board of the intention to proceed against the Engine House of the League Fire Company in order to collect a mortgage debt, and asking of the Trustees, whether to take any action to protect it was read. No action was taken by the Board.

Mr. Toman of the Acting Committee urged haste in making repairs at Penn Farm. As the matter had already been left to the Acting Committee, no further action by the Board was deemed necessary.

Adjourned.

F. de H. Jaurei, Secretary.

February 6, 1906.

Present: Messrs. Rodney, Mahoney, Wise, Morrison, Ferris, McGrooy, Shaw Jr., Toman and Jaurei. (9)

Mr. Mahoney was chosen President pro tem.

Treasurer McGrooy reported the sum of \$3205.22 in hand. He also reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Board, he had levied on the goods of Patrick Keegan and sold the same on Feb. 1, 1906, realizing a total of \$325.19, with expenses of \$12.00. Since the sale, Mr. Keegan has left the farm and given up the key. The report was approved, a full account to be presented at next meeting.

The Acting Committee reported progress in repairs at Penn Farm and stated that a hot air pumping engine and tank was being installed.

Mr. Jensen of City Council and City Policeman Cooper appeared and Mr. Cooper addressed the Board with reference to the Fire Engine House. He stated that the mortgage held against the Engine House was about to be foreclosed and the property sold, and a suitable building for the storage of the Fire Engine must be arranged for. He asked for the appointment of a committee to take up the matter and meet with a committee from City Council, if necessary. A committee consisting of Messrs. Rodney, Wise and Jaurei was appointed to take up the matter and report.

An application from the Colored Schools for coal being received, an

November 7, 1905.

Present: President Black, Messrs. Morrison, McGrovy, Ferris, Touman and Jaumei. (6)

Treasurer McGrovy reported receipt of \$200. from Mr. Barry. The following tenants apply to re-rent: Messrs. Rattledge, Clark, Higgins and Hobson, and Mrs. Biggs.

Adjourned for want of quorum.

F. de H. Jaumei, Secretary.

December 5, 1905.

Present: Messrs. Maloney, Morrison, Rodney, Ferris, McGrovy, Shaw Jr., Hance, Touman and Jaumei. (9)

Mr. Maloney was chosen President pro tem.

Treasurer McGrovy reported receipts of \$201.15 from Mr. Rattledge and \$50.00 from Mr. Knotts, leaving a balance of \$3026.25.

The following bills were presented:

A. M. Hagar. Repairs at Clayton	\$29.05
" " " " Turn Hall	8.60
Anne E. M. Jaumei. Month's int. on Bond to Aug. 29, 05	50.00
Thomas Rank Jr. Repairs at Clayton	5.00
J. T. H. E. Eliason. Sundry Supplies	60.04

And an ordinance was passed for their payment.

The following farms were re-rented to their present occupants at the present rent: - Stricklin to Mrs. Lydia Biggs; Cleithorpe to Wm. B. Rattledge; Centre Hall to Mrs. T. T. Clark; Union and Bagard to Noah Higgins; and Clayton to Wm. A. Hobson.

The Treasurer was instructed to continue the advertisement of Penn and Model farms for two weeks, and to call a meeting at his discretion.

The rent of Penn farm was fixed at \$4.00 per acre for the next year, and the Acting Committee was authorized to put the water supply at Penn Farm in good order at the least expense.

Adjourned.

F. de H. Jaumei, Secretary.

January 2, 1906.

Present: Pres. Black, Messrs. Rodney, Maloney, Wise, McGrovy, Shaw Jr., Hance, Touman and Jaumei. (9)

The Treasurer reported the receipts of \$708.72 from Mrs. Lydia Biggs on account of rent due.

The Treasurer was instructed to issue a landlord's warrant against the goods of Patrick Keegan in order to protect the Trustee's claim for

the rent due for Model Farm, using the least expense possible in so doing. Jefferson Farm was re-rented to Thomas Barry at the same rent and under the same conditions as last year. No other applicants.

Penn Farm was re-rented to Wm. F. Lindell at \$4.00 per acre. Other applicants were Fletcher C. Jones and Frank Pierce.

Model Farm was re-rented to John Jordan at the same rent as last year. Other applicants were Wm. H. McCamus, Nathaniel Jones and Arthur Walls.

Bills were presented as follows:

Every Evening Printing Co. Adv. Farms pro tem.	\$2.62
Farmers Mutual Ins. Co. Premium \$139.80 less profit	78.54
New Castle Co. Mutual Ins. Co. " \$59. " "	44.25
	<hr/> 125.41

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

A notice from the Citizens Building and Loan Association, advising the Board of the intention to proceed against the Engine House of the Henape Fire Company in order to collect a mortgage debt, and asking of the Trustee to take any action to protect was taken by the Board.

Mr. Touman of the Acting Committee urged haste in making repairs at Penn Farm. As the matter had already been left to the Acting Committee, no further action by the Board was deemed necessary.

Adjourned.

F. de H. Jaumei, Secretary.

February 6, 1906.

Present: Messrs. Rodney, Maloney, Wise, Morrison, Ferris, McGrovy, Shaw Jr., Touman and Jaumei. (9)

Mr. Maloney was chosen President pro tem.

Treasurer McGrovy reported the sum of \$3205.22 in hand. He also reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Board, he had levied on the goods of Patrick Keegan and sold the same on Feb. 1, 1906, realizing a total of \$325.19, with expenses of \$12.00. Since the sale, Mr. Keegan has left the farm and given up the key. The report was approved, a full account to be presented at next meeting.

The Acting Committee reported progress in repairs at Penn Farm and stated that a hot air pumping engine and tank was being installed.

Mr. Jensen of City Council and City Policeman Cooper appeared and Mr. Cooper addressed the Board with reference to the Fire Engine House. He stated that the mortgage held against the Engine House was about to be foreclosed and the property sold, and a suitable building for the storage of the Fire Engine must be arranged for. He asked for the appointment of a committee to take up the matter and meet with a committee from City Council, if necessary. A committee consisting of Messrs. Rodney, Wise and Jaumei was appointed to take up the matter and report.

An application from the Colored Schools for coal being received, an



appropriation of two tons of coal was made, subject to the approval of the County Supt. of Schools.

Bills were presented as follows: -

J. T. E. Eliason. Sunday Supplies. Dec. 7. 1905 - Feb. 5. 1906 -	\$124.14
P. McGroary. Expenses Keegan Dale	12.00
Every Evening Printing Co. Adv. farm for rent.	.50
New Castle Gas Light Co. Gas to Jan. 30. 1906	13.05
	<u>149.69</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

A communication was received from the Finance Committee of the New Castle Board of Trade, asking for a donation to help advertise the advantages of the City of New Castle, laid over for one month.

Permission was given to the Board of Trade to use the Board Room for their meetings on the first Monday in every month, the Board of Trade to arrange for janitor service and take all proper care of the room while using it.

Treasurer McGroary reported that Wm. F. Leidell refused to take Penn Farm, which had been rented to him, and that he had again advertised the farm for rent.

J. Townsend Warren of Smyrna offered \$4.00 per acre and Joseph Quigley offered \$5.00 for the whole farm. The farm was rented to Mr. Warren at \$4.00 per acre.

Mr. Toman reported that the water supply at Jefferson Farm was bad. The Acting Committee was instructed to investigate.

Adjourned.

F. deH. Jaumei, Secretary.

March 6, 1906.

Present: - Pres. Black, Messrs. Rodney, Mahoney, Wise, Morrison, Ferris, McGroary, Shaw Sr., Shaw Jr., Hance, Toman and Jaumei. (12)

Treasurer McGroary reported receipts of \$100. from Mrs. Biggs and \$100.00 from Mr. Hobson, leaving a balance in hand of \$3298.29

The Acting Committee reported that pumps at Jefferson and Clayton Farms needed some repairs. The Committee was authorized to have the necessary repairs made.

The Treasurer reported that Mr. Warren had refused to take Penn Farm, which had been rented to him at the last meeting, and the farm was rented to Joseph Quigley for \$5.00 for the year, this being the only available course.

The Board agreed to accept the note of John J. McCoy, with good indorser, for \$84.36, in satisfaction of the claim of the Trustees against William B. McCoy, deceased.

An ordinance was regularly passed appropriating the sum of \$25.00 to the New Castle Board of Trade to help in advertising the commercial and industrial advantages of New Castle.

Bills were presented as follows: -

Delaware Electric Supply Co.	Pipe & haul for engine at Penn Farm.	\$60.63
Wilmington Machine Co.	Had an engine " "	125.00
Harry F. Hance	Repairs at Penn Farm	39.20
" "	" " City Hall	2.10
Patrick McGroary	Expenses & expenditures, as Treasurer	100.00
F. deH. Jaumei	" " as Secretary	1.35
Anne E. M. Jaumei	Interest due Mar. 1. 1906	50.00
Trustees Old Court House	Rent of Room	50.00
Immanuel Church	Care of Town Clerk	50.00
B. F. Lancaster	Salary as Janitor to Mar. 25. 1906.	25.00
		<u>503.28</u>

And an ordinance was regularly passed for their payment.

The Board then proceeded to elect Officers: -

Messrs. Wise and Hance were appointed Tellers.

For President: Dr. Black was reelected by unanimous vote.

For Treasurer: Mr. McGroary was reelected by unanimous vote.

For Secretary: Mr. Jaumei was reelected by unanimous vote.

For Acting Committee: Mr. Mahoney, 9 votes, Mr. Shaw Jr., 8 votes, Mr. Toman 8 votes, Mr. Rodney 2 votes, Mr. Wise 2 votes, Mr. Morrison 1 vote, and 1 ballot blank - Messrs. Mahoney, Shaw Jr. & Toman were elected.

For Committee on Public Building:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Ballot	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
Mr. Ferris -	11 votes	-	①	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Hance -	6 "	5	5	7	-	-	-	-
Mr. Mahoney -	4 "	4	5	6	3	5	3	1
Mr. Wise -	3 "	6	4	4	3	1	4	8
Mr. Morrison -	4 "	6	5	4	4	4	4	3
Mr. Rodney -	2 "	-	3	1	-	2	-	-
Mr. Shaw Sr. -	3 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Shaw Jr. -	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
Dr. Black -	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Mr. Jaumei -	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-

and Messrs. Ferris, Hance and Wise were elected.

For Janitor: Mr. B. F. Lancaster was reelected by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

F. deH. Jaumei, Secretary.

April 3, 1906.

Present: Messrs. Rodney, Mahoney, Wise, Morrison, McGroary, Hance, Toman and Jaumei. (8)

Mr. Mahoney was chosen President pro tem.

Messrs. Hance and Wise were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Treasurer McGroary reported the receipt of \$84.36 from John J. McCoy.

McCoy in settlement of the indebtedness of Wm. B. McCoy deceased, in accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting, that Mr. Rathledge, agent for Mrs. Bruce, promised to pay \$50.00 in account of rent during the present year. And that the balance due on the note of Mr. Knott's was now \$288.00 Report was accepted.

Mr. Bryson, Col. Lammangh and Mr. Ranken, representing the New Castle Board of Trade, appeared to ask whether the Board could offer any further aid in the way of providing sites for the location of new industries in New Castle.

The following resolution was passed: — That it is the sense of this Board that it will assist, to the extent of its ability, in securing for the City of New Castle any reputable and legitimate industry.

Mr. Rodney, for the Committee appointed in the matter of the Fire Engine house, reported that the Committee had met the Committee from City Council and that the City Council recommended building an engine house on the Market Square, and asked for assistance in so doing from this Board. The report was accepted and action deferred pending sale of the present house.

The necessary repairs to fences on the farms was left to the acting Committee.

Adjourned.

J. deH. Jaumei,  
Secretary.

May 1, 1906.

Present: Messrs. Rodney, Mahoney, Morrison, Ferris, Wiggins, Shaw Jr., Toman, Hance and Jaumei. ①

Mr. Mahoney was chosen President pro tem.

The treasurer's report, as audited by the Committee, was presented as per copy filed herewith.

The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee recommended that the Bullen and Fagan <sup>accounts</sup> be dropped if

Bills were presented as follows: —

Baldt Steel Co. — 2 <sup>nd</sup> annual payment and interest	\$ 1200.00
J. T. & L. E. Eliason. Supplies Feb. 13, 1906 to Apr. 18, 1906.	237.78
Bross Willard Printing Co. — 500 Annual reports	7.84
John J. Walls. Putting in H&A Air Engine at Penn + supplies for same,	25.25
Harry F. Hance. Carpenter work at Model Farm.	28.00
" " " " Jefferson "	15.10
R. H. Harrington. Glazing at Town Hall.	2.25
Howard C. Chumside. Glazing at Model Farm.	7.30
" " " " " "	9.25
Joseph Quigley. Work at Penn Farm.	10.00
Thomas T. T. Clark. Repairing fence at Centre Hall.	5.00
Wm. B. Rathledge. Fencing at Ogle Thorpe.	10.00
Stephen Black. Setting fence posts at Stichton.	5.70

BALDT, PRES.  
THAYER, VICE-PRES.  
THAYER, TREAS.  
BALDT, SUPERINTENDENT.

## THE BALDT STEEL COMPANY,

OPEN HEARTH  
STEEL CASTINGS  
"BALDT STEEL"

NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY.

April 3, 1906

J. J. Blask, President,

The Trustees of New Castle Commons, Inc.,  
New Castle, Del.

Sir:

On the 22nd of April our plant will have been in operation one year, and under terms of our contract with your Board a payment will then be due.

You will doubtless recall that last year we brought to your attention the possible advisability of paying at one time the entire sum agreed upon under said contract, instead of annual instalments as provided by contract. We beg to again renew this suggestion, and trust that you will receive a favorable consideration at your next Board meeting.

Yours very truly,

THE BALDT STEEL COMPANY.

V. P.



# STATEMENT OF THE Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

## Trustees of New Castle Commons For the Year Ending March 25th, 1906.

### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand March 25th, 1905	\$2473 68
Trustees' Mutual Ins. Co., (Rebate on Premium)	84 81
John C. Knotts, (on account, note)	1010 00
Thomas W. Barry, (on account, rent)	500 00
John R. Hobson	362 75
Noah Higgins	1252 08
Thomas T. Clark	578 00
John B. Rattledge	376 18
Joseph Quigley, (rent in full)	652 17
Patrick Keegan, (on account, rent)	149 37
John B. McCoy, Est., (Bal. rent in full)	84 36
Thomas Holcomb, (rent in full)	23 00
Lia A. Biggs, (on account, rent)	854 39
Anna Bruce	8 00
per cent. City Hall Rents	7 00
Joseph C. Bacon	120 00
James B. Toman	37 78
	\$8573 57

### Amount Due Trustees.

John C. Knotts	\$ 278 00
Thomas W. Barry	1105 91
John R. Hobson	347 25
Noah Higgins	429 42
Thomas T. Clark	134 00
John B. Rattledge	140 64
Patrick Keegan	283 89
Thomas A. Biggs	1380 00
Anna Bruce	134 00
James B. Toman	37 78
George A. Bullen	696 59
John A. Fagan	595 82
Robert Burris	42 00
John Keegan	52 00
John Jordan	52 05
	\$5709 35

### EXPENDITURES

The Baldt Steel Co., (1st annual appropriation)	\$1000 00
Frank Cleaver, Constable	15 00
Bross-Willard Printing Co.,	8 00
Chas. H. Shearer, (city taxes)	168 82
Annie E. M. Janvier, (interest)	100 00
Robert Pennington, Receiver New Castle Gas Company	90
New Castle County Mutual Ins. Co.,	44 25
Farmers' Mutual Ins. Co.,	78 54
New Castle Board of Trade	25 00
Gas, for meeting room	1 20
Repairs and Improvements at Clayton Farm	63 49
Model Farm	18 42
Stockton Farm	201 94
Union & Bayard Farm	337 35
Centre Hall Farm	13 58
Oglethorpe Farm	96 72
Jefferson Farm	87 09
Penn Farm	374 07
Lot, (part of Union)	31 66
	1224 32
Town Hall	26 17
Trustees of Immanuel Church (care of Town Clock)	50 00
Trustees Court House, (for rent)	50 00
Janitor's Salary	50 00
Secretary's Expenses	1 35
Treasurer's Expenses	100 00
Balance cash on hand	5630 02
	\$8573 57

### OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

W. I. BLACK, M. D., President.

PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer.

FRANCIS DeH. JANVIER, Secretary.

Acting Committee:

W. C. MAHONEY

JAMES G. SHAW, JR.

JAMES B. TOMAN

Committee on Public Building:

W. J. FERRIS

JAMES M. WISE

JOHN M. HANCE

### Farms Belonging to the Trustees

E. NO.	TENANT	ACRES	RENTS
1	Thomas Barry	90 1/2	\$ 452 50
2	Mrs. Lydia Biggs	170 1/2	853 75
3	Wm. B. Rattledge	79 1/2	397 50
5	T. T. Clark	124	620 00
6	Joseph Quigley	186 1/2	500 00
8	Noah Higgins	217 1/2	1196 25
10	Wm. R. Hobson	92 1/2	462 50
11	John Jordan	109 1/2	300 00
part of 8	Thomas Holcomb		23 00
part of 3	Mrs. Theodore Bruce		25 00
part of 2	James B. Toman		37 78
Hall Stores	Joseph C. Bacon		120 00
			\$4988 28

### Trustee of the New Castle Commons

John C. Mahoney	Elected April 3, 1869
James G. Shaw	Elected May 8, 1869
John J. Black, M. D.	Elected Dec. 30, 1871
John H. Rodney	Elected Jan. 9, 1875
William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885
James B. Toman	Elected Feb. 3, 1891
Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
James M. Wise	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1896
Francis DeH. Janvier	Elected April 25, 1903
James G. Shaw, Jr.	Elected Sept. 26, 1903

Checked and Found Correct, April 17, 1906

JOHN M. HANCE, }  
JAMES M. WISE, } AUDITING COMMITTEE

**Patrick McGrory,**  
Treasurer

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed, nine members being present and all assenting thereto.

The Treasurer was instructed to set aside the sum of \$3000.00 as a special deposit drawing interest, pending the settlement of the question of County Taxes.

Adjourned.

F. deH. Jauree,  
Secretary.

June 5, 1906.

Present - Messrs. Rodney, Mahoney, Ferris, Hance, McGray, Toman, Shaw Jr., and Jauree. (8)

Mr. Mahoney chosen President pro tem.

Treasurer McGray reported that he had deposited \$3000.00 on special deposit at 2% interest in the National Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine.

Mr. Rodney, for the Committee appointed in the matter of the Fire Engine House, reported that the Committee had met with a Committee of City Council and a Committee of the Loan Association. That the Loan Association offered to turn the building over to the City, for the amount still due against it, (about \$2000.00), to be paid, about \$240.00 at once and the balance by monthly payments of \$20.00 until the expiration of the series in the Loan Association. It was suggested that this offer might be accepted and title to the house taken by a Trustee or Trustees for the benefit of the City, the Trustees of the Council to pay off the loan as offered and the City Council to take charge of the property and pay all annual expenses.

Action in the matter was laid over for one week.

Mr. McGray suggested that in case the Trustees assume the Fire Engine House debt, that the City Council should exempt the Council from payment of City Taxes. Mr. McGray was appointed to take the matter up with City Council.

The Acting Committee reported that the Dela. & Atlantic Telephone Company desired permission to place poles along the Hance's Corner road in front of the Council property. The Acting Committee was authorized to inform the agent of the Telephone Company that this Board had no objection to the placing of telephone poles along the road, outside the fences, provided no injury be done to the Council property; the distance of the poles from the fence to be decided by the Acting Committee.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 12, at 8 P.M.

F. deH. Jauree  
Secretary.



June 12, 1906.

Present: President Black, Messrs. Wise, Ferris, Hance, Shaw, Jr., Maloney, McGrooy, Tomau and Jauner. ⑦

Bills were presented as follows:-

J. T. H. E. Eliason.	Sundry supplies, May 5 to June 5,	208.19
Joseph Hood.	Cleaning well at Jefferson,	6.50
Bross Welland Printing Co.	2 Order books	6.00
John T. Sloops,	sundry supplies	10.70

And an Ordinance for their payment was regularly passed. 231.

Mr. Ferris stated that the members of City Council expressed their willingness to take charge of and support the Engine House, in case the Trustees assumed the payment due to the Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Ferris offered the following resolution:— that this Board assume the payment of the debt against the fire engine house, (amounting to about \$2,000.00), title to the property to be vested in a trustee or trustees for the benefit of the City, the debt to be paid in the form of a loan from the Citizens Building and Loan Association (which now owns the property), with an initial payment of about \$240.00 and monthly payments of \$20.00 until the maturity of the series in the Loan Association; provided that the City Council of New Castle enter into a binding agreement to assume the custody, care and expense of keeping in order the house and apparatus.

Action was postponed until July 10.

Upon the suggestion of the acting Committee that they were often hampered, especially in summer, by lack of a quorum to pass small labor bills, thereby causing the workmen great inconvenience, the following an ordinance was regularly passed appropriating the sum of \$100.00 to the Acting Committee to be used for paying bills for labor, the said amount to be paid by the Treasurer upon orders signed by all of the Acting Committee.

A Committee consisting of Mr. Maloney, Mr. Wise and Mr. McGrooy, was appointed with power to sell the old Fire Engine.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 10, at 8 P. M., the regular meeting on July 3 to be omitted.

J. deH. Jauner  
Secy.

July 10, 1906.

Present: Messrs. Rodney, Maloney, Shaw, Jr., Ferris, McGrooy, Morrison, Hance, Tomau and Jauner. ⑧

The Treasurer reported receipt of \$50.00 from John C. Knotts in account of his note, also payment of \$22.25 to Stephen Black for labor on order from Acting Committee.

The following bill was presented:

A. G. Webber & Bro. - Pump for Humm + Bayard \$8.75

and an ordinance for its payment was duly passed.

Mr. McGrooy reported that he had appeared before City Council and asked that the Common property be stricken off the City Assessment, and that City Council had stricken off the Common property.

The Committee on Public Buildings reported that the Daughters of America had given up the room in the third floor of City Hall, and that two applications for tenancy in the City Hall had been received; one from the Woodmen of the World for the third floor for use as a lodge room, and the other for the second floor from the Young Peoples' Society of the Presbyterian Church for use for socials and entertainments.

The renting of the third floor was left to the Committee on Public Buildings with power to act. The renting of the second floor was left to the same Committee, ascertain the nature of the offer and report at the next meeting.

The resolution offered at the last meeting in reference to the Fire Engine House was, on motion, duly passed as follows:—

"Resolved that this Board assume the payment of the debt against the fire engine house, (amounting to about \$2,000.00), title to the property to be vested in a trustee or trustees for the benefit of the City, the debt to be paid in the form of a loan from the Citizens Building and Loan Association (which now owns the property), with an initial payment of about \$240.00 and monthly payments of \$20.00 until the maturity of the series in the Loan Association; provided that the City Council of New Castle enter into a binding agreement to assume the custody, care and expense of keeping in order the house and apparatus." and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to the City Council of New Castle.

The Committee appointed in the matter of the fire engine house, consisting of Messrs. Rodney, Wise and Jauner, was continued with instructions to ascertain the action of City Council, in the matter and report at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

J. deH. Jauner  
Secy.

August 7, 1906.

President: Messrs. Ferris, McGary, Shaw Sr. and Janner (4)  
Mr. McGary was chosen President pro tem.  
No Quorum. Adjourned.  
J. dett. Janner, Secy.

September 4, 1906.

President: Messrs. Rodney, Mahoney, Ferris, McGary, Shaw Sr.,  
Wise, Hance and Janner. (3)

Mr. Mahoney was chosen President pro tem.

The Committee on Public Buildings reported as follows:

That they had authorized the Woodmen of the World to meet weekly in the third floor of the City Hall, provided they could make satisfactory arrangements with the G. A. R. for the use of the furniture, at a rental of \$25.00 per year, paid quarterly, one half the rental to be paid to the Janner.

That they would recommend that the second story of the City Hall be rented to the Young Peoples Society of the Presbyterian Church at a rental of \$25.00 per year, one half the rental to go to the Janner and the Society to pay the gas bills, provided that the room can be also used by the Loan Association and for public purposes, and provided also that the Society will vacate at any time upon sixty days notice.

The report was accepted and approved.

That they would recommend that the second story room in the City Hall be repainted.

The report was accepted and approved and the recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The following bills were approved:

June E. W. Janner, Interest due Aug. 29, 1906. - \$50.00  
Edward W. Handy 1.00

Mr. Rodney for the Committee on the Fire Engine House, reported that the Committee had conferred with a Committee of City Council and that the City Council would accept the offer of this Board in relation to the Fire Engine House.

The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved that the President of this Board be authorized to execute an agreement with the City Council of New Castle in conformity with the resolution adopted by the Board in regard to the Fire Engine and Engine House, to wit: to pay the indebtedness and accrued and accruing dues that may be owing to the Citizens' Building and Loan

Association until the debt resting upon the property in favor of said Building and Loan Association shall be liquidated and discharged. The title of the said property in the meantime remaining in the said Loan Association, and when the indebtedness so due shall be discharged, the title to the said property to be taken in a trustee for the benefit of the City of New Castle, said trustee to be named by the Trustees of the Comm.

Provided that the City Council of New Castle shall enter into an agreement to take charge of and keep in serviceable order, paying all expenses of the same, the building, engine and fire apparatus, and upon failure upon their part of this condition, the agreement hereby authorized to be made by the Trustees of the Comm may in their discretion cease to be obligating and become null and void, and

Provided further that the Citizens' Building and Loan Association shall agree by resolution to convey the property to a trustee to be named by the Trustees of the Comm, after the said indebtedness to it shall have been paid."

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Clerk of City Council and the preparation of the agreement contemplated by the above resolution was referred to the Committee on the Fire Engine House, Messrs. Rodney, Wise and Janner.

Adjourned.

J. dett. Janner, Secy.

Oct. 2, 1906.

Present: Mahoney, President pro tem., Rodney, McGary, Shaw Sr.,  
Hance, and Ferris, Secretary pro tem.  
No Quorum. Adjourned.  
W. J. Ferris, Secretary pro tem.

Nov. 6, 1906.

Present: President Black, Messrs. Hance and Janner.  
No Quorum. Adjourned to meet on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 8 P.M.  
J. dett. Janner, Secretary.



November 8, 1906.

Present: President Black, Messrs. Rodney, Shaw Sr., Ferris, McGrovy, Haunce, Shaw Jr., Toman and Jamies. Treasurer McGrovy reported receipts as follows; John Jordan, \$1000; Thomas Barry, \$250.25; Mrs. Biggs, \$507.23; Wm. A. Holben, \$250.00; leaving a balance on hand of about \$1900.00, exclusive of the special fund.

Bills were read as follows, the first two having been read and approved at the September meeting: -

Anne E. M. Jamies, Int. to Aug. 29, 1906.	\$50.00
Edward W. Handy. Stone pipe	1.00
Howard C. Chumside. Painting in Town Hall.	40.00
B. F. Lancaster. Salary as Janitor to Sept. 25, 1906.	25.00
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	\$116.00

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed. An ordinance was regularly passed appropriating the sum of \$200.00 to the Acting Committee, to be used for paying bills for labor, the said amount to be paid by the Treasurer upon orders signed by the Acting Committee.

The New Castle Water Works Company presented a bill amounting to \$330.00 for water supply for four farms and the Town Hall for two years, from July 1, 1905 to July 1, 1907.

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. Rodney, Toman and Haunce, was appointed to consider the bill, confer with the Water Co. and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Rodney, for the Fire Engine House Committee, reported that a duplicate agreement, in accordance with the resolution passed had been prepared and a copy handed to the Clerk of City Council, but that City Council had not yet given any reply.

The renting of the farms for 1907 was informally discussed and the Treasurer was instructed to notify Mr. Quigley to vacate, and to advertise the farm for rent.

Adjourned

J. de H. Jamies,  
Secretary.

December 4, 1906.

Present: - Messrs. Rodney, Wise, Morrison, Shaw Sr., Haunce, McGrovy, Toman, Shaw Jr., Ferris and Jamies. Mr. Rodney was chosen President pro tem. Treasurer McGrovy reported a statement showing the standing of the tenants to date, and reported a balance on hand of \$2079.00. He reported that Mr. Quigley had been notified to quit Penn Farm and that the

farm had been advertised for rent; and that the following tenants applied to re-rent the farms occupied by them at the present rent: - Mrs. Biggs, Mr. Barry, Mr. Rattledge, Mr. Clark, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Quigley. He also reported that he had received a renewed policy of insurance from the Brylquin Steel Casting Company in accordance with their contract.

The report was accepted.

Bills were presented as follows: -

A. M. Hizer. Stone work at Penn Farm granary	70.00
Every Evening Printing Co. - Advertising Penn Farm	1.11
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	71.11

and an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The New Castle Water Works Company presented an amended bill for water rent for four farms and Town Hall, amounting to \$320.00 for two years, from July 1, 1905 to July 1, 1907.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the water rent bill reported that they considered the bill as too high, in comparison with water rents in Wilmington for the same service. They also presented estimates as to the cost of installing best air engines and tanks complete in the farms as follows: Model, \$208.70; Stockton, \$229.20; Oglethorpe, \$206.70; and Centre Hall, \$204.46.

The following motion was made: - That an ordinance be passed in favor of the New Castle Water Works Company for \$260.00 as being in the opinion of this Board a fair and reasonable charge for water used on farms and at the Town Hall for two years ending July 1, 1907.

Mr. Shaw stated that this sum would be accepted by the Water Co. in settlement of the bill, and thereupon the ordinance was regularly passed.

On motion, the following farms were re-rented to the present tenants for the year commencing March 25, 1907 at the present rents: -

Jefferson Farm	to Thomas Barry.
Stockton Farm	" Mrs. Lydia Biggs.
Oglethorpe Farm	" Wm. B. Rattledge.
Centre Hall Farm	" Mrs. T. T. Clark.
Model Farm	" John Jordan.

Mr. John Jordan, tenant in Model Farm, applied to rent as part of the Model Farm a lot of about 20 acres on the north side of the Haris Corner road, now rented as part of Penn Farm, and offered a rent of \$5.00 per acre for the same.

The matter was left to the Acting Committee. The attention of the Board was called to the fact that the dwelling house at Penn Farm is unoccupied and is being used as a storage place for baled hay and straw, thereby affecting the validity of the insurance, and that straw

1906  
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Mar 25/06  
Bal Due

Mar 25/07  
one year Rent

Paid on  
Account

Bal Due on  
this year Rent

Bal Due  
Mar 25/07

Thos W Barry	1105.91	453.50	300.-	152.50	1258.41
Lydia a Biggs	1380.-	853.75	507.93	345.82	1728.82
Wm B. Rattley	140.64	397.50	200.00	197.50	338.14
J. J. Clark	134.00	620.00	310.-	310.00	444.00
Jos Dingley	<del>500.-</del>	500.-		500.-	500.-
Wm R. Hobson	347.25	462.50	3.00 -	162.50	509.75
Noah Higgins	429.92	119.625		119.625	1625.67
Wm Jordan		300	100 -	200.00	200.00
Emma Cruik	134 -	26 -	40 -		119.00
Shrs Holcomb		33	-	33.00	33.00
Jos B. Joman		37.78		37.78	37.78
Jos Bacon		120 -	60 -	60 -	60 -

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See about - Board of Trade -  
 " " Young People's Society  
 " " Woodmen of America  
 Meeting Hall at - B. Clock  
 Bacon - Notes -  
 Insurance

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AGENTS "CLOVER HILL"  
BUTTER.  
FINE GROCERIES  
AND DELICATESSEN  
A SPECIALTY

D. & A. PHONE 26 A.  
Cigars, Tobacco,  
Candy, Nuts

SALT MEATS,  
MACKEREL,  
SMOKED FISH,  
CODFISH, ETC.

MILL FEEDS, HAY, STRAW, COAL, WOOD, &c.  
**TOMAN & McGRORY,**  
GROCERS

New Castle, Del.,

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*Quigley*  
*Barry*  
*Clark*  
*Rattledge*

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AGENTS "CLOVER HILL"  
BUTTER.  
FINE GROCERIES  
AND DELICATESSEN  
A SPECIALTY

D. & A. PHONE 21 A.  
Cigars, Tobacco,  
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was being taken from the farm. The Acting Committee was instructed to order Mr. Quigley, the tenant, to remove at once any hay and straw from the house, and to inform him that he would be held responsible for any loss or damage incurred by reason of these acts.

The Treasurer was instructed to continue to advertise Penn Farm for rent, for another month.

On motion, the following resolution was passed: - That the meeting hour for this Board from this date be set for 8 o'clock P.M., instead of 7:30 as heretofore.

On motion, the action of the Public Building Committee allowing the Woodmen of the World to use the third floor of the Town Hall as a meeting place (provided they pay to the G.A.R. the sum of \$10.00 per annum) at a rental of \$20.00 per annum from Sept. 25, 1906, payable quarterly, one half of rental to go to the Painter, was approved, and the action of Sept. 11, 1906 in reference to this matter was rescinded.

Mr. McPoy called attention to the fact that the two stores under the Town Hall were being rented at too low a rent in comparison with other store properties, and on motion, the Treasurer was instructed to serve dispossess notices on the present tenants in order that the rents may be readjusted.

A communication from Dr. John J. Black, a member and President of this Board, was presented in which he tendered his resignation as a member of this Board.

On motion, the resignation was accepted with deep regret and a copy of the resignation, entered on the minutes.

Copy of Resignation of John J. Black, M.D.

"To the Members of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common -  
Gentlemen:

Section (1) of an Act to enlarge the Corporate Powers of the Trustees of the New Castle Common, passed at Dover, April 17, 1889, reads as follows:

Section (1). That any member of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, who from mental or physical inability of any kind or from any other cause, shall find himself unable to properly attend to the duties of his office, may of his own volition offer his resignation as a member of the said Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common at any regular meeting of the said Board; such resignation having been offered in writing, it shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common to accept such resignation and cause a copy

of such resignation entered on the minutes of the Board, and the said Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common shall at once issue its call according to its usual custom in such cases for an election to fill the vacancy caused by such resignation.

Acting under this law I hereby tender my resignation as a member of this Board. I take this step with great reluctance, but I find that I have reached an age when it is necessary for me to relinquish some of the many duties devolving upon me as a citizen, and in this case I feel it better that some one younger than I should take up this work. I have served as a member of this Board since December 30, 1871 and for more than twenty five years I have been honored with the office of President, the highest honor within your gift. During that time my association with all of the members, both personally and officially, has been without exception both pleasant and agreeable, and my only regret is that these pleasant and agreeable associations must now be severed.

It is my wish that this resignation take effect at once upon the date of this communication.

Wishing each and every member all the happiness and comforts attainable in this life,

I am with great respect, your obedient servant.

New Castle, Delaware. (Signed) John J. Black,  
Fourth December - 1906.

Mr. John C. Mahoney, senior member of this Board, having died November 1906; a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Rodney, Shaw Sr. and Wise, presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: -

"Whereas death has removed from our midst and from this Community, after a long and useful life, John C. Mahoney, the senior member of our Board.

Resolved, that in his death this Board has lost one who was a most active and faithful servant of the people, devoted to the interests of the Trust and the welfare of the public to whom he gave the honest aid of intelligent effort. He was a good citizen and of kindly and generous disposition.

Resolved, that we tender to his family, deprived of the father so soon after the death of the mother had loosened the bands of domestic life, our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Board, be sent to the family of the deceased, and be published in the New Castle News.

Resolutions in death of James G. Shaw.

For fifty-years his activities  
and influence have been exerted  
for this Ch; and the success of his  
efforts and his name, are  
inseparably connected with the  
Ch of Newcastle

His life was pure and simple  
and the sudden summons which  
took him from our midst, did  
not call him unawares.

Resolved. That a copy of these

Resolutions be sent to the

family of the deceased -

be spread upon the minutes

of this Board and ~~be published~~ <sup>be published</sup> in  
the Newcastle News.

Wm W. W. W.  
James E. Briggs.  
E. Challenor



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To the Members of the Board of Trustees of  
The Newcastle Common -

Gentlemen,

Section (1) of An Act to enlarge the  
Corporate Powers of the Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common - passed at  
Dover April 17, 1889 - reads as follows:

Section 11

That any member of the Board of  
Trustees of the Newcastle Common, who  
from mental or physical inability of any  
kind or from any other cause, shall find  
himself unable to properly attend to the duties  
of his office, may of his own volition offer  
his resignation as a member of the said  
Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
at any regular meeting of the said Board;  
such resignation having been offered in  
writing, it shall be the duty of the Board

of Justices of the Newcastle Common to accept  
such resignation and have a copy of such  
resignation entered on the Minutes of  
the Board, and the said Board of  
Justices of the Newcastle Common shall  
at once issue its Call according to its  
usual Custom in such cases for an  
election to fill the vacancy caused  
by such resignation.

Acting under this Law I hereby tender  
my resignation as a member of this  
Board. I take this step with  
great reluctance, but I find that I  
have reached an age when it is necessary  
for me to relinquish some of the many  
duties devolving upon me as a  
Citizen, and in this case I feel  
it better that some one younger than  
I should take up this work.



I have served as a member of this Board since December 30 1871 and for more than twenty-five years I have been honored with the Office of President, the highest honor within your gift. During that time my association with all of the members, both personally & officially, has been without exception, both pleasant and agreeable, and my only wish is that these pleasant and agreeable associations must now be severed.

It is my wish that this resignation take effect at once upon the date of this communication. Wishing each and every member all the happiness & comforts attainable in this life.

I am with great respect, Your obedient servant.

J. W. Black

New Castle Delaware

Fourth December 1906.

On motion, an election was ordered to be held on the first Saturday in January next (January 5, 1907), between the hours of one and six o'clock in the afternoon to elect two members of this Board, one to succeed John C. Mahoney, deceased, and one to succeed John J. Black, resigned.

Messrs. Wise, Hance and Janvier were appointed a Committee to hold the election.

The Acting Committee was authorized to make certain small repairs, necessary for the protection of the farm buildings.

Adjourned to meet on the Second Tuesday in January.

Francis de H. Janvier  
Secretary.

January 8, 1907.

Present: Messrs. Rodney, Wise, Morrison, Ferris, McGray, Shaw Jr., Toman, Hance, Janvier. (4)  
Treasurer McGray reported receipts of \$35.00 from Jos. C. Bacon and \$75.00 from Wm. A. Hobson.

Mr. Wm. A. Hobson appeared and applied to rent Claytin Farm, and also wished to rent one field from Penn Farm. He asked for repairs to the pump and to the water clock at Claytin Farm.

Claytin Farm was rented to Wm. A. Hobson for the year beginning March 25, 1907, at the present rent.

The question of repairs at Claytin Farm was left to the Acting Committee for proper action.

Mr. Fletcher C. Jones applied to rent Penn Farm at \$3.00 per acre. An inquiry as to Penn Farm was also received from Mr. Kilvington.

The renting of Penn Farm, either in whole or in part, was left in the hands of the Acting Committee, with power to rent to the best advantage.

Bills were presented as follows:

Farmers Mutual Fire Ins. Co., 1907 Insurance.	\$136.30 less \$65.76	-	\$70.54
P. McGray. New Castle Comb. Ins. Co. 1907 Insurance.	\$5.92 less \$4.75	-	1.17
Harry F. Hance. Repairs at Centre Hall,			37.65
" " " " Town Hall,			16.53
W. R. Hobson " " " " " " " " " " " "			8.21
Geo. C. McDaniel, " " " " " " " " " " " "			1.51
James M. Wise, Chairman. Election Expenses.			14.00
			<u>192.71</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Committee appointed to hold an election reported that, at an election held January 5, 1907, there were 523 electors voted, the vote being as follows:

James E. Biggs,	246	Votes,
Selden S. Deemer,	237	"
John E. Taylor,	221	"
John R. Lamborn,	173	"
James E. White,	82	"
Charles Shearer,	1	Vote.
W. T. Early,	1	"
James T. Eliason,	1	"
	<u>962</u>	

No one having received a majority of the electors who voted, there was no election, and another election to fill the two vacancies was ordered to be held by the same Committee on the last Saturday in January (January 26, 1907) between 1 and 6 o'clock P.M. Mr. Janvier asked to be excused from again serving on the election Committee and Mr. Ferris was named in his place.

The matter of the Fire Engine House was again discussed, City Council having as yet taken no action.

An motion of Mr. Ferris, the resolution of Sept. 11, 1906 in relation to the Fire Engine House was reconsidered and amended by adding, after the words "said trustee to be named by the Trustees of the Common", the words "or by the Mayor and Council of New Castle, if they so desire". The matter of renting the stores under the Town Hall was left to the Committee on Public Buildings, with power to act, and the rents for the same were fixed as follows: - Barber Shop - \$6.00 per month; Store - \$7.00 per month.

The Board went into an election for President to fill the unexpired term of Dr. John J. Black, resigned. Mr. John H. Rodney received 8 votes and Mr. James M. Wise one vote, and Mr. Rodney was declared elected. Mr. Rodney withdrew from the chairmanship of the Fire Engine Committee, and Mr. Ferris was appointed in his place.

Adjourned.

F. de H. Janvier  
Secretary.









February 5, 1907.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Ferris, Challenger, Hanna, Shaw Jr., McGrooy, Toman, Wise, Biggs, Deemer and Jauris. (11)

The reading of the minutes of preceding meeting was dispensed with.

The Committee on Election reported that at an election held January 26, 1907, there were 505 electors voted, the vote being as follows:

James E. Biggs	-	330	votes.
Selden S. Deemer	-	262	"
John E. Taylor	-	257	"
W. T. Early		3	"
John R. Lamborn		2	"
Thos. Booth		2	"
J. T. Eliason		1	"
J. B. Truitt		1	"
		<u>858</u>	

And Mr. James E. Biggs and Mr. Selden S. Deemer, having each received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared to be duly elected members of this Board and took their seats as members.

The Treasurer reported that he had received \$10.00 from Mr. Rutledge, on account of rent of Mrs. Bruce, making a total payment during the year of two years rent.

Bills were presented as follows:

Every Evening Printing Co. - Adv. Penn Farm,	2.16
J. T. & L. E. Eliason - Supplies, June 8, 1906 to date, -	713.18
Bros. Willard P. Co. - Adv. of Elections,	2.50
James M. Wise, Chairman. Election Expenses,	14.00
	<u>731.84</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Mr. O. E. Sutton applied to rent Penn Farm for five years. He offered \$400.00 per year for the first two years and \$600.00 per year for the remaining three years, with the privilege of selling straws to buy phosphate. His offer was for the whole farm of 181 acres, and on being informed that a field had been rented to John Jordan, he stated that he would expect the rent of that field to be deducted from the rent he offered.

Mr. John R. Robinson also inquired by letter about the farm. Consideration of this matter was postponed until Tuesday, Feb. 12, at a special meeting.

An application for coal was received from the Colored Schools and the Treasurer was instructed to furnish them.

President, LEWIS E. ELIASON  
Vice Pres., ANDREW BRYSON  
Vice Pres., PATRICK McGRORY  
Treasurer, COL. H. G. CAVENAUGH  
Secretary, WILLIAM J. FERRIS

ORGANIZED MAY 2, 1890  
INCORPORATED MARCH 28, 1893  
RE-ORGANIZED JULY 24, 1905

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:  
Mayor EVAN G. BOYD  
A. V. LESLEY GEORGE  
ARTEMAS SMITH, Esq.

## Board of Trade

NEW CASTLE, DEL., 190

### Lenape Fire Engine House Statement

Debt as given J. H. Rodney, Eng. Feby 1906 =	1836.42
One years interest @ 6%	110.19
Legal Expenses	83.80
Attorney's Fees	20.00
City Taxes	20.14
County Taxes	10.45
Repairs	2.00
Finance Fee 11 months dues on 10 shares	1.00
in Citizens Bdg Loan Association	111.00
Fire Insurance on Bdg for 1907	6.00
	2200.00
Net Amount Loan on 10 shares	1800.00
Amount due Feby 11 <sup>th</sup> 1907 from Trustees @ Common =	400.00

Respectfully,

W. Ferris,  
Secy Citizens B. L. Assocn

with two tons and an ordinance was duly passed instructing the treasurer to pay for the same at once.

On motion of Mr. Ferris, the following resolution was adopted and the Secretary instructed to send a copy to Senator duPont: Resolved, that Senator duPont be <sup>requested</sup> instructed to use his efforts and influence towards having favorably considered by Congress a bill providing for the establishment of the proposed new fish hatchery ~~within~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~near~~ the City of New Castle.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Quigley by letter to remove straw from the house at Peun Farm, but not to remove any straw from the farm.

The Fire Engine Committee reported that an agreement in conformity with the resolutions of this Board had been executed by the President of this Board, by City Council and by the Citizens Building and Loan Association, and the agreement was now in the custody of Treasurer McGeorge. The Committee was discharged.

A statement of the indebtedness against the Fire Engine House in favor of the loan association was presented, and the following ordinance was regularly passed:

Resolved that an order for \$1400.00 be drawn in favor of the Citizens Building and Loan Association of New Castle, and further, that the Treasurer be authorized and instructed to pay \$20.00 to the said Citizens Building and Loan Association of New Castle on the first Monday in every month until the maturity of the loan series covering Fire Engine House.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 8 P.M.

J. A. H. Jaume, Secy.

Fire Engine House  
Affairs

RECEIVED FEBRUARY 12 1891  
CITY OF NEW CASTLE  
TREASURER'S OFFICE  
PAID TO THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE  
BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
\$1400.00  
J. A. H. JAUME, SECY.



February 12, 1907.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Morrison, Ferris, Hance, Biggs, McGrovy, Toman, Challenger, Deemer, Shaw Jr., and Janni. (11)

The renting of Penn Farm was taken up.

Mr. O. G. Sutton offered to rent the farm for 5 years, provided that after the first year the field was rented to J. Jordan be included in the farm, paying \$400.00 per year for the first two years and \$600.00 per year for the last three years; with the privilege of selling straw enough to buy phosphate and hay, after that may be left after feeding stock, but no more to be sold than can be done without robbing the farm.

Mr. A. Ingram offered to rent the farm as it stands now (about 170 acres) for one year for sum of \$400.00

After discussion, Penn Farm was rented to Mr. A. Ingram for one year from March 25, 1907 for the sum of \$400.00

Bills were presented as follows:

Edward W. Handy, Repairs, Penn Farm 8.25 Tom Hall 7.99	\$16.34
Keegan & Hufsch. Roofing at St. John's.	13.20
J. W. Deeming, 6 gate posts.	12.00
	<u>\$41.54</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

Mr. McGrovy stated that Mr. Mahoney and himself had been appointed a Committee to sell the old fire engine, that they had considered it for a long time, and the best offer they had been able to obtain was \$100.00 cash.

Mr. McGrovy was authorized to sell the old engine for \$100.00 cash, if no better offer could be gotten.

Adjourned.

J. deH. Janni, Secretary.

March 5, 1907.

Present: President Rodney, Messrs. Morrison, Hance, Ferris, Challenger, Shaw Jr., Toman, Deemer, McGrovy, Biggs, Wise, Shaw Sr. and Janni. (13)

Treasurer McGrovy reported receipts as follows: Noah Higgins, \$625.67; Mrs. Biggs, \$195.16; Sale of old fire engine, \$110.00. Leaving a balance on hand of \$1700.00.

He also reported that he had paid out labor bills on orders of the Acting Committee under the appropriations made at the June and November meetings, as follows:—

July 31, 1906 - Stephen Black, fencing at Penn Farm	\$29.25
" " " " " "	32.25
Aug. 30 " " " " " "	26.25
Sept. 30 " " " " " "	16.50
Oct. " " " " " "	33.00
Dec. 1 " " " " " "	21.00
	<u>\$158.25</u>

Leaving \$141.75 of the appropriations unused. The report was accepted.

Bills were presented as follows:—

Patrick McGrovy, Treas. - Acting Committee orders	\$158.25
Harry F. Hance - Repairs at Oglethorpe, <sup>24.75</sup> <sup>17.25</sup> <sup>22.00</sup>	101.00
Keegan & Hufsch. - Sporting at Cent. Hall -	12.75
" " " " Oglethorpe,	16.16
J. T. Sh. E. Eliason - Supplies Feb. 12 to Mar. 5,	32.46
New Castle Gas Light Co. Gas in Court House, Jan. 30.06 - Feb. 27.07,	11.85
" " " " Tom Hall, " - Feb. 28.06,	6.45
P. McGrovy, Expenses & expenditures as Treasurer,	100.00
J. deH. Janni, Expenditures as Secretary,	3.50
Anne E. M. Janni, Int. on bond, due Mar. 1, 1907,	50.00
Immanuel Church, Care of town clock,	50.00
Trustees Old Court House, Rent of room,	50.00
B. F. Lancaster, Salary as Janni to Mar. 25, 1907,	25.00
	<u>\$619.42</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Board went into an election for officers for the ensuing year. Messrs. Shaw Jr. and Biggs were appointed tellers.

For President: John H. Rodney received 11 votes  
James M. Wise " 2 "  
and Mr. Rodney was declared elected.

For Treasurer: Mr. McGrovy holds over.

For Secretary: F. deff. Janni - 12 votes.  
 W. J. Ferris - 1 vote.  
 and Mr. Janni was declared elected.

For Acting Committee: Mr. Shaw Jr. moved to change the By-laws by abolishing the Acting Committee and providing for the appointment of a manager to supervise farms. The motion was laid over for one month.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
Shaw Jr.	6	8												
Toman	6	6	7											
Biggs	6	6	4	4	5	6	5	5	5	6	5	5	6	7
Deemer	5	5	4	5	5	6	6	5	6	5	5	5	5	5
Hance	4	4	4	3	2		1	1		1	2	2	1	
Morrison	3	3	2					1						
Wise	2	1	1											
Challenger	1	1												
Ferris	2													
McGrory	1	1												
Janni	1	1												
Blank	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

And Messrs. Shaw Jr., Toman and Biggs were declared elected.

For Committee on Public Buildings:  
 James M. Wise - 11 votes.  
 W. J. Ferris - 10 "  
 John M. Hance - 8 "  
 Robt. R. Morrison - 2 "  
 S. S. Deemer - 2 "

And Messrs. Wise, Ferris and Hance were declared elected.

For Painter:  
 B. F. Lancaster - 10 votes.  
 John McCue - 1 vote.  
 and Mr. Lancaster was declared elected.

Messrs. Wise and Hance were appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and they were instructed to drop from the published list of amounts due the Trustees the claims against Peter A. Fagan, Mrs. George A. Bullen, and Patrick Keegan.

Adjourned.

F. deff. Janni Secretary.

# STATEMENT OF THE Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

## Trustees of New Castle Commons

For the Year Ending March 25th, 1907

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance, March 25, 1906	\$ 5,630.02	Baldt Steel Co., 2nd annual appropriation	\$ 1,200.00
From Jno. C. Knotts (on account note)	118.00	Bress-Willard Printing Co.	16.34
John Jordan	52.05	Annie E. M. Janvier (interest)	100.00
Walter Burris	42.00	Two Years Water Rent for Four Farms and Town Hall	260.00
John J. Keegan	49.00	Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.	70.54
Sale of old Fire Engine	110.00	New Castle County Insurance Co.	44.25
Joseph Quigley, rent in full	500.00	James M. Wise, Chairman Election Committee	28.00
Thos. Holcomb	23.00	Gas for Meeting Room	11.85
Jos. C. Bacon	120.00	Rent, Meeting Room	50.00
Thos. W. Barry, on account rent	450.00	Two Tons Coal for Colored School	14.00
Noah Higgins	975.67	George McDaniel, Carriage Hire	1.50
Thos. T. T. Clark	620.00	Repairs and Improvements:	
Wm. B. Rattledge	200.00	Model Farm	93.09
John Jordan	100.00	Stockton Farm	87.02
Lydia A. Biggs	853.75	Union and Bayard Farm	112.75
Emma Bruce est.	50.00	Center Hall Farm	152.42
James B. Toman	37.78	Oglethorpe Farm	130.32
Town Hall, meeting room	23.00	Jefferson Farm	168.74
Wm. R. Hobson	462.50	Penn Farm	682.26
		Clayton Farm	293.19
Total	\$ 10,416.77	Lot part of Union Farm	14.80
		Town Hall	103.51
		Gas for Town Hall	6.45
		Trustees of Immanuel Church, care of Town Clock	50.00
		Janitor's Salary	50.00
		Secretary's Expenses	3.50
		Treasurer's Expenses	100.00
		Citizens' B. & L. Association	400.00
		Citizens' B. & L. Association (1st payment)	20.00
		Wilmington and Brandywine Bank (special fund)	3,000.00
		Balance Cash on hand	3,152.24
		Total	\$10,416.77

Amount Due Trustees:  
 John C. Knotts \$ 160.00  
 Thomas W. Barry 1,103.41  
 Wm. R. Hobson 347.25  
 Noah Higgins 650.00  
 Thos T T Clark 134.00  
 Wm. B. Rattledge 358.14  
 Lydia A. Biggs 1,380.00  
 Emma Bruce estate 109.00  
 James B. Toman 37.78  
 John Jordan 200.00  
 Total \$4,484.58

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD  
 JOHN H. RODNEY, President. PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer.  
 FRANCIS DeH. JANVIER, Secretary.  
 Acting Committee:  
 JAMES G. SHAW, Jr. JAMES B. TOMAN. JAMES E. BIGGS  
 Committee on Public Buildings:  
 WILLIAM J. FERRIS JAMES M. WISE JOHN M. HANCE

Farms Belonging to the Trustees				Trustees of the New Castle Commons		
NAME	NO	TENANT	ACRES	RENTS	NAME	RENTS
Jefferson	1	Thomas Barry	90 1/2	\$ 452.50	James G. Shaw	Elected May 8, 1869
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 1/2	853.75	John H. Rodney	Elected Jan. 9, 1875
Oglethorpe	3	Wm. B. Rattledge	79 1/2	397.50	William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Centre Hall	5	T. T. T. Clark	124	620.00	Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885
Penn	6	Abraham Ingram	168 1/2	400.00	James B. Toman	Elected Feb. 3, 1891
Union	8	Noah Higgins	217 1/2	1,196.25	Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Bayard	9	Wm. R. Hobson	92 1/2	462.50	Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Clayton	10	John Jordan	127 1/2	390.00	James M. Wise	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Model	11	Thos. Holcomb		23.00	John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1896
Lot part of	8	Mrs. Theodore Bruce		25.00	Francis DeH. Janvier	Elected April 25, 1903
Lot part of	8	James B. Toman		37.78	James G. Shaw, Jr.	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
Lot part of	2	Joseph C. Bacon		156.00	James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 5, 1907
City Hall Stores					Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Total				\$5,014.28		

Audited and Found Correct, April 18, 1907  
 JOHN M. HANCE, } AUDITING  
 JAMES M. WISE, } COMMITTEE

Patrick McGrory, Treasurer.



April 2, 1907.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Morrison, Ferris, Hance, Challenger, Shaw Jr., Biggs, McGraw, Deemer and Jaurer. (10)

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1680.<sup>00</sup>

Bills were presented as follows:

Harry F. Hance, Repairs at Penn Farm,	\$68. <sup>00</sup>
James D. McPike, Plastering at Penn & Clayton farms,	16. <sup>00</sup>
Evening Journal Co. - Adv. Penn Farm, <sup># Model farm</sup> Dec. 1905.	1. <sup>00</sup>
Baldt Steel Co. - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual payment and interest.	1160. <sup>00</sup>
	<u>\$1245.<sup>00</sup></u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Treasurer McGraw reported that he had visited the farms, with Mr. Shaw Jr. of the Acting Committee, and that considerable painting and some fencing was needed during the present year. In other respects the property seemed to be in fair condition. That there seemed to be about 140 tons of straw in a stack at Penn Farm.

The Acting Committee was instructed to ascertain, to the best of their ability, the amount of straw that had been removed from the various farms during the winter, and report at the next meeting.

The motion of Mr. Hance, to change the Bylaws by abolishing the Acting Committee and providing for the appointment of a manager to supervise the farms, was laid over for one month.

Adjourned

J. dett. Jaurer  
Secretary.

May 7, 1907.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Morrison, McGraw, Shaw Jr., Torman, Deemer, Ferris, Biggs, Hance and Jaurer. (10)

Treasurer McGraw presented his annual report, as audited by the Committee, which on motion was accepted, ordered filed in the minute book, and the auditing Committee discharged.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1745.49.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. & E. Eliason. Supplies, March 6 to May 7	\$91.19
New Castle Water Works Co. - Repairs at Big Hall & Model.	3.35
R. H. Harrington. Papering at Penn	<u>25.25</u>
	119.79

and an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.  
Mr. Biggs, for the Acting Committee, reported that he and Mr. Shaw Jr. had inquired of the tenants in the matter of the amount of straw removed, and were answered as follows: Mr. Higgins had baled from 13 to 15 tons; Mr. Hobbs had baled 8 tons; Mr. Clark had sold 3 loads; Mrs. Biggs had sold 3 loads; Mr. Rutledge had sold 2 loads in 2 years; Mr. Jordan had sold none; Mr. Quigley declined to make a statement as to straw sold.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary be instructed to request Mr. Quigley to appear before the board at the next regular meeting and inform the board as to the amount of straw removed by him from Penn farm during the last winter, and also to explain his reason for declining to give any information on this matter to the Acting Committee, when requested.

An amendment to this motion was offered, that all tenants be notified to appear at the same date.

The amendment being put to vote, it was lost.

The original motion was then carried.

President Rodney was called away, and Mr. Ferris was chosen President pro tem.

The matter of painting and papering at Centre Hall was left to the Acting Committee with power to act.

Mr. Shaw Jr.'s motion to change By-laws by abolishing the Acting Committee was laid over for one month.

Messrs. McGraw and Hance were appointed a committee to appear before the Trustees of the Old Court House and ask that the Board be granted the use of the present meeting room free of rent.

Mr. Biggs reported that the water supply at Oglethorpe was in very bad shape, owing to the clogging of the pipe. That the Water Co. estimated the cost of laying 600 feet of new pipe at \$135.00. The matter was left to the Acting Committee with instructions to attempt to remedy the matter by repairing the old pipe.

Adjourned.

J. C. H. Jamieson Secy.

June 11, 1907.

Present: - President Rodney, Messrs. Shaw Sr., Wise, Morrison, Ferris, McGraw, Biggs, Shaw Jr., Tamm, Deemer, Hance and Jamieson. (12)

Treasurer McGraw reported a balance on hand of \$1605.71.

A letter from Joseph Quigley in reference to straw taken from Penn farm was read and ordered to be entered in the minutes, as follows:  
"New Castle, Delaware,"

June 3, 1907

"To the President and Members of the Trustees of the New Castle Commons: Allow me to state to you in regards to the straw that was taken from the Penn Farm. When I first rented the farm, there was not a fork full of hay or straw on the place. I had to haul both hay and straw to the place, I thought I was entitled to take some away in return. I hauled about three tons to my farm and sold four tons. Hoping this may be satisfactory to all."

Most respectfully,  
Joseph Quigley "

The following bills were presented and read:

Bross. Willard Printing Co. - printing newspapers -	\$7.84
J. W. Deeming. 19 posts.	12.54
R. H. Harrington. Printing house at Centre Hall.	40.00
J. T. S. E. Eliason. Supplies, May 9 to June 11.	69.58
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	129.96

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Committee appointed to appear before the Trustees of the Old Court House reported "Progress".

Mr. Shaw Jr.'s motion to change the By-laws by abolishing the Acting Committee was laid over for one month.

The following resolution was duly passed, and the President and Secretary authorized to furnish the Telephone Company with a copy duly signed:

Whereas the Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company has applied to the Trustees of the New Castle Commons for the privilege of maintaining its poles, wires, etc. upon certain highways running through lands within the control and management of said Trustees, in the Hundred and City of New Castle, in the State of Delaware, to wit, the road leading from the City of New Castle toward the village of Christiansa, the road leading from New Castle toward the village of Newport, and the road leading from Hare's Corner toward the City of Wilmington;



and said Trustees are willing to grant said application;  
 Now therefore, be it Resolved by the Trustees of the New Castle  
 Common, that they do hereby grant unto said Company, its  
 successors and assigns, the right, privilege and authority,  
 to construct, operate and maintain its poles, cross-arms, cables,  
 wires and other apparatus on and along said highway, running  
 through and adjoining the said lands of said Trustees, provided  
 that no trees shall be cut or trimmed without express permission  
 first had from the Acting Committee of said Trustees, with the  
 privilege of constructing, reconstructing and maintaining the  
 cross-arms, cables, wires and other apparatus over and along said  
 property, provided the said cross-arms, cables, wires and other  
 apparatus over said property be maintained at a height of  
 not less than eighteen feet above ground and do not ex-  
 tend over said property a distance of more than five feet  
 and provided further, that all of said poles shall be set  
 or maintained as near the fence line in said highway  
 as the same now are.

The following communications from the New Castle Board  
 of Trade were received and read and ordered filed:

(1) "New Castle, Del., June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1907,

J. Lett. Jansen Esq.  
 Esq. Trustees of New Castle Common,  
 Dear Sir,

Below please find transcript of the minutes of a  
 special meeting of the Board of Trade, held May 31<sup>st</sup>:

"President stated object of the meeting to be to con-  
 sider the question of the establishment of another steel plant  
 here; - their proposition being that we buy for them, for  
 \$6000., 50 acres of the farm recently bought by S. S. Deemer,  
 and also contribute \$50.00 per acre toward the purchase of  
 some 40 additional acres to be acquired from Mr. Deemer.

"Mayor Boyd moved that the Board heartily endorse the  
 proposition, and agree to do all in their power to carry  
 into execution. This motion having been seconded, the

"Board took a recess of ten minutes in order to consult  
 Mr. Deemer as to whether this motion would be satisfactory  
 to him. - Mr. Deemer having expressed his entire satis-  
 faction, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Very respectfully  
 W. J. Ferris, Secretary "

(2) "New Castle, Del. June 4, 1907,  
 To the Board of Trustees of New Castle Common; -  
 Gentlemen: - At a meeting of the New Castle Board

"of Trade and a large number of citizens held in the Board Trade  
 room last eve., 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., the following resolution was unan-  
 imously adopted - The Committee on New Enterprises of the  
 "New Castle Board of Trade having reported that the Tropenas  
 "Steel Co. could be induced to locate a plant in this city  
 "provided a sum of money approximating \$8000.00 be  
 "guaranteed to furnish ground for a site for their plant;  
 "we therefore most earnestly request the Trustees of New Castle  
 "Common and City Council to take such action as may be  
 "needed to provide the necessary finance and make other  
 "satisfactory arrangements.  
 Attest: P. McHenry, Sec. pro tem. "

Mr. Swinson and Mr. S. J. Reinhardt, Atty., appeared before  
 the Board to represent the proposed Tropenas Steel Co., and  
 stated that arrangements had been made to purchase from  
 Mr. Deemer about 90 acres of land in New Castle, and that  
 papers of incorporation for the proposed Company were now  
 being prepared.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Common agree to secure to  
 Selden S. Deemer the sum of \$8000.00 and pay the same at such  
 times as may be agreed upon between the said parties; and  
 provide, in consideration of the said agreement and payment,  
 a contract from the Tropenas Steel Company that the said  
 Company shall erect and place in active operation in New Castle  
 a steel plant, and maintain the same for a period of ten  
 years - employing at least 200 men; and in default  
 thereof shall repay to the said Trustees the said sum of \$8000.00  
 - the said steel plant to be put in operation within two years  
 from date. Provided that if the said Company does not  
 purchase the proposed land from Mr. Deemer, this resolution  
 shall be of no effect.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President's

J. Lett. Jansen  
 Secretary.

J. Lett. Jansen Esq.

July 2, 1907

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. McGraw, Ferris, Hance, Biggs, Deemer and Jaurei. (7)

Treasurer McGraw reported receipt of \$85.00 from Mr. Knott on account of his note, and a balance on hand of \$1540.75.

A motion to amend the telephone Company resolution passed at the last meeting by inserting therein a consideration of one dollar, was defeated.

The Committee to appear before the Trustees of the Old Court House reported "progress".

Mr. Shaw Sr.'s motion to amend the By-Laws by abolishing the Acting Committee was laid over for one month.

The Committee in the matter of County Taxes reported that the liability of the Common Farms to County Taxation would be presented upon a case stated in the Superior Court and the matter argued and decided.

The Committee was authorized to employ any counsel necessary to assist Mr. Rodney, who had charge of the case.

Bill of the New Castle Water Works Company for water rent for four farms and City Hall was presented, the amount being \$130.00 for one year, less 5% if paid during July. The bill was approved and the Treasurer directed to pay it in order to secure the discount.

Mr. McGraw and Mr. Jaurei were appointed a Committee to arrange for the necessary agreements in the matter of the Tropenas Steel Company.

Adjourned.

J. deH. Jaurei, Secretary.

August 6, 1907.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Morrison, Wise, Biggs, McGraw, Shaw Sr., Ferris, Deemer, Toman, Hance & Jaurei. (10)

Treasurer McGraw reported balance on hand of \$1397.25.

Bills were presented as follows:

New Castle Water Works Co. - Water rent, July 1, 1907 to July 1, 1908	\$123.50
J. T. Sloops. Paper, Jan 12	17.84
A. M. Hajar. Rent	3.00
Harry F. Hance. Repairs to shutter, ad. Court Hall	4.80
J. T. E. Eliam. Supplies, June 5 to June 29	65.75
Edward W. Handy Estab. Roofing	30.25
	<u>245.14</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Committee to appear before the Trustees of the Court House reported, "Progress".

Mr. Shaw Sr.'s motion to amend the By-Laws by abolishing the Acting Committee was referred to a committee (Messrs. Ferris, Biggs and Wise), to consider the same and report upon it, together with any other suggestions that might seem needed.

The Committee appointed to arrange for the necessary agreements in the matter of the Tropenas Steel Company, reported that they had conferred with Mr. Rembrandt, representing the Company, and with Mr. Deemer and his counsel, and presented rough drafts of contracts which appeared to be satisfactory to Mr. Rembrandt and Mr. Deemer.

The Committee was instructed to print the proposed contracts in proper legal form for execution and report to their Board.

Adjourned.

J. deH. Jaurei, Secretary.

Bill duly passed Aug 6.



September 3, 1907.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Wise, Biggs,  
Toman, McGray, Shaw Jr., Deemer, Ferris and Janni. (9)

Treasurer McGray reported balance in hand of \$1276.<sup>61</sup>

Committee to appear before trustees of Court House reported, "progress"

Committee to consider changes in By-laws was continued.

The Committee on Steel Company Agreement reported that they had prepared an agreement in accordance with the views of this Board and had handed the same to Mr. Reinhardt, representing the Tropenas Steel Co., and that the proposed agreement was still in his hands.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued.

The ordinance was regularly passed in favor of Anne E. M. Everett for six months interest in the bond held by her, due Aug. 29, 1907.

Messrs. Toman, Wise and Deemer were appointed a committee to call the attention of City-Council to the necessity for keeping the fire engine in serviceable order.

The Committee on Public Buildings was authorized to the chimney arrangements and brick work at the City Hall.

The Secretary was instructed to notify every tenant that removal of straw from the premises occupied by them was forbidden under their leases, and that they would be held strictly accountable for any straw removed.

The President and Secretary were named as a committee to investigate the legal rights of the Board to lease or sell any part of the Common property.

Adjourned

J. Lott. Janni  
Secy.

Oct. 1, 1907.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Hance, Biggs, Shaw Jr., Morrisin and Ferris. (6)

No quorum. Adjourned.

W. J. Ferris, Secy. pro tem.

Nov. 5, 1907.

Ferris, Pres. pro tem., Morrisin, Hance, Deemer, Shaw Jr., Janni. (6)

No quorum. Adjourned to meet Nov. 12, 1907 at 8 P.M.

J. Lott. Janni, Secy.

Nov. 12, 1907.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Wise, Morrisin, Hance, Shaw Jr., Challenger, Biggs, McGray, Ferris, Janni. (10)

Treasurer McGray reported receipts as follows: From Mr. Hobson, \$300.<sup>00</sup>; Mr. Jordan, \$100.<sup>00</sup>; Mr. Barry, \$400.<sup>00</sup>; Mr. Ingram, \$147.<sup>00</sup>; Mr. Clark, \$444.<sup>00</sup>. Making balance in Treasury, \$2600.<sup>00</sup>.

Committee to appear before trustees of Court House reported, "progress."

Committee to consider changes in By-laws reported, "progress."

Committee on Steel Company agreement reported that they were still waiting for action by the Tropenas Steel Company.

The Committee appointed to appear before City-Council in the matter of the fire engine house, reported that they had done so and that City-Council had informed them that the apparatus was in good order.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued to see that the agreement is carried out.

The Committee to investigate the rights of the Board to sell, reported, "progress."

Bills were presented as follows: —

J. T. & L. E. Elkins. Supplies, Aug. 22 to Nov. 6, 1907.	Tom Hall's Farm. \$30.15
Geo. W. Bryson. Brick work at Tom Hall	138.10
Geo. W. Bryson. Chimney at Model Farm	15.80
Harry F. Hance. Repairs at Model Farm.	15.00
B. F. Hancock. Salary as Janitor to Sept. 25, '07.	25.00
	<u>227.05</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

A communication from the New Castle Band was read, asking to rent the room in the third story of the Town Hall two evenings a week, satisfactory arrangements having been made with the G.A.R.

The room was rented as requested, for \$30.00 per annum, two thirds of which to go to Janitor for his extra work.

A communication from the Board of Health was read in which pecuniary assistance in the work was asked. Action was postponed for one month.

Mr. Shaw reported the roof at Model Farm in need of some repairs. The matter was left to the Acting Committee with power to act.

Mr. James G. Shaw, the senior member of this Board, having died October 25, 1907, a committee consisting of Messrs. Wise, Biggs and Challenger, presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas we have lost by death James G. Shaw, the oldest member of this Board, and we, the Board of Trustees, desire to place upon record our appreciation of his character and services:

Resolved, that our late member was, in a high degree a public spirited citizen, ever zealous for the interests of this City, and faithful to all the trusts reposed in him and particularly to the interests of this Board.

For fifty years, his activities and influence have been exerted for this City; and the impress of his efforts and his name are inseparably connected with the City of New Castle.

His life was pure and simple and the sudden manner which took him from our midst did not call him unawares.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, be spread upon the minutes of this Board, and be published in the New Castle News.

On motion, an election was ordered to be held on the last Saturday in November (November 30, 1907), between the hours of one and six o'clock in the afternoon, to elect one member of this Board, to succeed James G. Shaw, deceased.

Messrs. Wise, Biggs and Hance were appointed to hold the election.

Adjourned.

J. dett. Janni, Secy.

December 3, 1907.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Wise, McGray, Deemer, Hance, Shaw Jr., Ferris, Biggs, and Janni. (9)

Treasurer McGray reported balance of \$2373.<sup>56</sup> on hand.

The Election Committee reported that at an election held on Saturday, November 30, 1907, there were 419 electors voted, the vote being as follows:

John E. Taylor	-	200	votes.
Malcolm K. Lancaster	-	115	"
George Peirce	-	92	"
Mr. Peirce	-	1	"
C. P. Holcomb	-	1	"

and 10 ballots were thrown out as defective.

No one having received a majority of the electors who voted, there was no election.

Another election to fill the vacancy was ordered to be held by the same Committee on the last Saturday in December (December 28, 1907), between the hours of one and seven o'clock, P. M.

Bills were presented as follows:

James M. Wise, Chairman. Election expenses	-	\$17.25
Theodore W. Cameron. New roof at Model	-	45.75
		63.00

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Action on the petition of the Board of Health was again postponed for one month, for the purpose of investigating the condition and needs of the Board.

The Treasurer was instructed to serve dispossession notices upon John Jordan, tenant on the Model Farm, and A. Ingram, tenant on Penn Farm.

Adjourned.

J. dett. Janni  
Secretary.



December 17, 1907.

Special meeting, called by order of the President for the purpose of acting upon the agreement with the Tropenas Steel Company, notices of the meeting, stating the object of it, having been duly mailed to all the members.

Present: President Rodney, Messrs. Wise, Deemer, Shaw, McSprou, Biggs, Ferris, Morrison and James. ①

The President stated the object of the meeting.

An agreement in substantial accordance with the resolution of June 4, 1907 and duly executed in triplicate on the part of the Tropenas Steel Company, was presented and read.

And the following resolution was duly passed:

"Whereas, this Board, being influenced by a resolution and petition of the Board of Trade of New Castle and of a large number of the inhabitants of said City, and actuated by desire to promote the general welfare and prosperity of the inhabitants of said City by securing the locating therein of a large industrial plant, and in order to induce the Tropenas Steel Company to locate its proposed steel plant in said City, did pass, on June 4, 1907, a resolution agreeing to secure to Selden S. Deemer a sum of approximately \$8000.00, as part payment for a tract of land about to be secured as a site for the proposed plant of the Tropenas Steel Company;

And whereas, a contract in substantial accordance with said resolution has been presented to this Board, duly executed in triplicate by the said Tropenas Steel Company and about to be executed by the said Selden S. Deemer, in the following terms:

"This agreement entered into by and between the Trustees of the New Castle Common, incorporated, of the first part, Tropenas Steel Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, of the second part, and Selden S. Deemer, of New Castle, Delaware, of the third part, witnesseth;

Whereas, the said Selden S. Deemer, at the request of and relying upon a resolution of the Trustees of the New Castle Common, has conveyed to the said Tropenas Steel Company a tract of land of about eighty eight acres in the City of New Castle, Delaware, upon which the said Tropenas Steel Company proposes to erect and operate a steel casting plant;

And whereas, the said Tropenas Steel Company

"acquired the said tract of land, relying upon a resolution of the said Trustees of the New Castle Common, agreeing to secure to the said Selden S. Deemer part of the purchase money for the said tract of land, the said Trustees being willing and desirous of assisting in the establishment and maintenance of the said steel casting plant in the said City of New Castle in order to secure the location in said City of an active industrial plant furnishing regular employment.

Now therefore, in consideration of the conveyance of said land, and of the mutual agreements of the parties hereto, and of the sum of one dollar by each to the other paid, it is covenanted and agreed by and between the said parties hereto as follows:

The said Trustees of the New Castle Common hereby covenant, agree and bind themselves to pay to the said Selden S. Deemer, his executors, administrators or assigns, the sum of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars on or before the expiration of ten years from September 1, 1907, with interest thereon from September 1, 1907, at five per cent, the first instalment of interest to be due and payable when the said Tropenas Steel Company shall have erected upon said tract of land a complete steel casting plant, and thereafter semi-annually; provided, however, and it is expressly understood and agreed that if the said Tropenas Steel Company, its successors and assigns, fails to erect and place in active operation on the said tract of land in New Castle a steel casting plant, or having erected the same ceases to maintain the said plant in active operation employing not less than two hundred men for a period of ten years, (otherwise than temporarily from lack of orders, or from fire, strikes, or act of God, or the public enemy), then this agreement to become null and void, and of no effect, and any money paid thereunder unto the said Selden S. Deemer, other than interest, is to be repaid to the said Trustees by the said Selden S. Deemer.

In case of default on the part of the <sup>said</sup> Tropenas Steel Company, either in building said plant within said period of two years, or in maintaining the same in active operation for the said period of ten years, the said Trustees of the New Castle Common shall notify the said Selden S. Deemer of such default within thirty days after such default shall have been brought to its knowledge. It is further understood ~~and agreed~~ that if the said Selden S. Deemer should make any assignment of his right title, and interest in this agreement, his assignee will hold the same under the terms and

conditions above set forth.

The Tropenas Steel Company, for itself, its successors and assigns, covenants and agrees to erect and place in active operation, on said tract in the City of New Castle, within two years from September 1, 1907, a complete steel casting plant, and maintain the same in active operation for a period of ten years, employing at least two hundred men, provided that if the said Tropenas Steel Company, its successors or assigns, fails to erect said plant within said period of two years, or, having erected the same, ceases to maintain it in active operation, employing at least two hundred men, for said period of ten years (otherwise than temporarily from lack of orders, or from causes arising from fire, strikes, or the act of God, or the public enemy), it, the said Tropenas Steel Company, for itself, its successors and assigns, doth hereby agree, covenant and bind itself that it will pay to the said Selden S. Deemer the said sum of Seven thousand nine hundred Dollars (\$7900.00), the purchase price of said land, and all interest, as aforesaid, remaining unpaid thereon, or at its option, in lieu thereof, recovery to the said Selden S. Deemer, his heirs or assigns, in fee simple, clear and free of all liens and incumbrances whatsoever, a part of said tract of land, with a river front of eleven hundred feet, and comprising fifty acres of land, being the most easterly part of the whole tract conveyed unto the said Tropenas Steel Company by the said Selden S. Deemer.

It is mutually covenanted and agreed that the successors and assigns, and the heirs and assigns, of the parties hereto, shall be bound by this agreement the same as if they had been specifically mentioned throughout.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first and second part, have herewith caused their names to be set and their corporate seals to be affixed by the hands of their respective presiding officers, under and by authority of resolutions of the trustees of New Castle Common, and the directors of the Tropenas Steel Company, and the said party of the third part has herewith set his hand and seal. Dated this Tenth day of December, A.D. 1907.

Therefore be it resolved that the President and of this Board be hereby authorized, instructed and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the above set forth contract, on behalf of the trustees of the New Castle Common, in triplicate form.

Mr. A. Ingram, tenant on Penn Farm, appeared and applied to rent Penn Farm, offering \$5.50.00 per annum for the whole farm, including about 18 acres now rented to John Jordan.

On motion, Penn Farm, including the 18 acres above mentioned, was rented to Mr. Ingram for one year from Mar. 25, 1907, at \$5.50.00 per annum.

Mr. Rodney reported that the case stated as to the liability of the Common farms for payment of County taxes had been argued in the Superior Court in Dec. 9 and that in Dec. 13 the Court had given decision adversely to the contention of the trustees, as follows:—

"Dec. 13, 1907. The case stated and the arguments in this case having been carefully considered, the Court is of the opinion that "the trustees of New Castle Common," the defendant, is not a corporation for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 1 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Code; that the property mentioned in the said case stated is not used for charitable purposes within the meaning of said section; that the net income, rents and profits arising from the said property are not used and expended for charitable purposes within the meaning of said section, but for such purposes as are the money raised and collected by municipal taxation; and that the said property is not exempt from assessment and taxation for County purposes under the provision of said section.

It is therefore ordered that judgment be entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against the defendant for the sum of \$522.12 and costs of suit.

W. C. Spruance, J.

Wm. H. Boyce, J.

The advisability of taking further steps in the tax question was left to the attorneys for the Board.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized and directed to pay the County taxes for the years 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907, with costs of suit in the recent case, out of the special fund of \$3000.00 set aside for County taxes, said payments to be made only upon the direction and approval of the attorneys for this Board.

Bill of Geo. W. Drey Jr. for \$18.00 for typewriting in the recent tax case was approved and an ordinance for its payment duly passed.

Adopted

J. H. Janner, Secy.

for \$18.00



January 7, 1908.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Wise, Morrison, Hance, Deemer, Shaw, Biggs, McGraw, Ferris and Jannet. (10)

The Election Committee reported that at an election held by them on Saturday, December 28, 1907, there were 410 votes cast, the vote being as follows:

John E. Taylor ——— 250 votes.

George T. Tobin ——— 159 "

George Peirce ——— 1 vote.

And Mr. John E. Taylor, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared to be duly elected a member of this Board, and took his seat as a member.

A Committee from the Colored Schools was present and requested a donation of coal.

The Treasurer was instructed to procure two tons of coal for the colored school.

Treasurer McGraw reported receipt of \$853.<sup>75</sup> from Mrs. Biggs, making a balance on hand of \$3179.<sup>21</sup>

That he had paid, by instruction of the attorney for the Board and under authority of the resolution of Dec. 17, 1907, the sum of \$631.<sup>41</sup> to Mr. and Mrs. McFarlin, collector, for the 1907 County tax, the payment being made under protest pending an appeal.

That he had paid insurance in New Castle Co. Mutual Ins. Co. amounting to \$44.<sup>25</sup>

That he had served notice on John Jordan as directed by resolution, but had received no answer from Mr. Jordan.

On motion the Treasurer was authorized to take steps to collect the rent due from Mr. Jordan, and to advertise Model Farm for rent.

The Committee on Steel Company agreement reported that the agreement as presented at the last meeting had been duly executed and acknowledged on Dec. 18, 1907 by the proper officers of the Board (in triplicate form, and also by Mr. Deemer. One copy was kept by the Tropinas Steel Co., one by Mr. Deemer, and the other copy was presented with the report.

The report was accepted, the Committee discharged and the Agreement turned over to the Treasurer for deposit in the Box at the Bank.

Order for payment passed with the other bills.

1907 County tax paid under protest.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. & H. E. Eliason. Supplies, Nov. 6-12. \$60.07

J. T. & H. E. Eliason. " Dec. 10-11. 46.79

J. T. Storpe. Paper &c. for Clifton. 6.59

P. McGraw. N. C. Co. Mut. Ins. P'd. 59.00 / 14.75 = 44.25

Farmers Mutual Ins. Co. Insurance. 66.04

John M. Hance. Carpenter work at Clayton. 30.80

James M. Wise, Chairman. Election Expenses 14.00

New Castle Water Works Co. Hydrant at Centerville. 9.00

Clifford V. Mammery. Acknowledgments 1.50

J. T. & H. E. Eliason. 2 tons coal for school. 14.00

\$293.04

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Bill from the New Castle Gas Light Co. was referred to the Treasurer to investigate and report.

Action on the application of the Board of Health was postponed for one month.

Mr. Rodney as attorney in the tax suit stated that the 1907 bill for County taxes had been paid under protest, in order to ~~not~~ save a penalty of five per cent, and he asked for instructions as to an appeal to the Supreme Court from the decision of the Superior Court in the case stated. He stated that the status of the question could be definitely settled only by the Supreme Court, and explained that possibly, even probably, the decision of the Superior Court would be sustained on appeal.

After discussion as to the advisability of having the question authoritatively settled,

It was on motion ordered, that the Attorneys appeal take out a writ of error in the tax case and that the proper officers of this Board be authorized and directed to execute any papers, bonds &c, necessary in taking a writ of error.

Adjourned.

J. Deft. Jannet fecy.

Election to W.C. 28. 1907  
Succeeded J. G. Shaw.

John E. Taylor


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George L. Tobie

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Total

410

Taylor's Maj

160

90

Robt. W. Gordon Clerk



February 4, 1908.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Hance, Biggs, Shaw, Taylor, Morrison, Ferris, Toman, McGraw and James. (10)

Treasurer McGraw reported receipts: - J. Jordan, \$100.00; Wm. B. Ralldge, \$199.50; N. Higgins, \$340.00; leaving a balance on hand of \$3385.17.

That in accordance with the instructions at last meeting, he had collected part of rent from Mr. Jordan and had advertised the Model Farm for rent. That the only applicant for the same was Mr. Jordan, two other applicants having withdrawn their applications.

The report was accepted.

Model Farm, consisting of 109 1/3 acres, was rented to J. Jordan for one year from March 25, 1908 at a yearly rent of \$300.00.

Request from the Board of Health for assistance, asking this Board to pay bills for guarding a quarantined diptheria house to the amount of \$33.00, was received.

On motion, an ordinance was duly passed in favor of James J. Wright, Treasurer of the Board of Health, for the sum of \$33.00.

Three bills for work on at Union & Bayard, approved by the Acting Committee, were presented by Noah Higgins, tenant on the farm, with the request that, as they had been paid by him, they be credited on his rent, as follows: -

J. T. & E. Eliasen - Paint n.	18.63
Noah Higgins - Painting	25.00
Thomas Slack Jr. - woodmill repairs	15.00
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	58.63

And an ordinance was duly passed in favor of Treasurer McGraw for \$58.63 to be applied to his rent account.

An ordinance was duly passed appropriating the sum of \$100.00 to be used in paying expenses in the Tax Case Appeal, said sum to be held by the Treasurer subject to the order of Mr. Rodney, attorney for the Board.

Adjourned.

J. dell. James Secy.

Appropriation to Board of Health \$33.00

Bills. \$58.63  
Allowed in acct. rent of N. Higgins

\$100.00 appropriated for Tax and expenses in Tax Appeal.

March 3, 1908.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Morrison, Shaw, Hance, Taylor, Wise, McGraw, Ferris, Biggs and James. (10)

Treasurer McGraw reported balance on hand, \$3335.14.

Bills were presented as follows: -

J. T. & E. Eliasen. Substns. Jan. 17 to Feb. 25	112.16
Edward F. Nelson. Repairs at Town Hall	5.20
Keegan & Hufnagel. Roofing n. at Union & Bayard	120.55
New Castle Gas Light Co. Gas. 7/27/07 to 7/25/08	2.10
Evening Printing Co. Adv. Model Farm	1.80
Evening Journal Co. " " "	2.08
J. dell. James. Agent for Am. S. Ins. Co. Ins. to 7/25/08	50.00
Trustees Old Court House. Rent of room	50.00
Immanuel Church. Care of Town Clerk	50.00
P. McGraw. Expenses & expenditures as Treas.	100.00
J. dell. James. Expenditures as Secy.	4.68
B. F. Lancaster. Salary as Janitor to 7/25/08	25.00
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	523.57

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Treasurer McGraw reported that he had paid as follows: -

City of Milwaukee. Dues to March 31, 08	240.00
Orders of Acting Committee	90.50
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	330.50

leaving a balance of \$330.50 of the Acting Committee's labor fund.

And an ordinance for \$330.50 was duly passed in favor of Treasurer McGraw to be used by him as a voucher for the above payments.

The receipt of an invitation to attend the launching of the apparatus of the Good Will Fire Engine Company on Feb. 22, 1908 was reported by the Secretary.

Also copy of Bill from U. S. Senator H. A. De Paul relating to the establishment of a fish culture station in the State of Wisconsin.

The Board went into the annual election for officers. Messrs. Biggs and Taylor were appointed tellers.

For President: John H. Rodney received 9 votes  
James W. Wise " 1 vote.

And Mr. Rodney was declared elected.

For Treasurer: Patrick McGraw received 8 votes  
Edward Challenge " 1 vote; and 1 ballot blank.

And Mr. McGraw was declared elected for two years.

In Secretary: F. deH. Janini received 8 votes.  
 W. J. Ferris " " 1 vote.  
 And Mr. Janini was declared elected.

In Acting Committee:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
J. E. Biggs	6																
J. E. Shaw	6																
J. E. Taylor	4	3	5	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	5	6	
J. M. Wise	3	4	4	5	2	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	2
J. B. Toman	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				2	1	1		
J. M. Hance	2															1	
W. J. Ferris	1				2	1	1									1	
P. McGary										1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
F. deH. Janini	1	1			1	1											
E. Challenger													1				
S. S. Deemer	1																
J. H. Rodney																	1
R. R. Morrison																	1

And Messrs. Biggs, Shaw and Taylor were declared elected.

In Committee on Public Buildings:

James M. Wise received 9 votes.  
 Wm. J. Ferris " 8 "  
 John M. Hance " 8 "  
 Edw. Challenger " 3 "  
 S. S. Deemer " 1 vote  
 F. deH. Janini " 1 "

And Messrs. Wise, Ferris and Hance were declared elected.

In Janitor:

B. F. Lancaster received 8 votes.  
 John McCue " 2 "

And Mr. Lancaster was declared elected.

Messrs. Wise and Hance were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

On motion, it was resolved that the sentiment of this Board is that a sum of at least \$500.00 be placed at the disposal of the United Charities in case it is needed.

Adjourned.

F. deH. Janini  
 Secy.

# STATEMENT OF THE Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

## Trustees of New Castle Common

For the Year Ending March 25th, 1908

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES	
To Balance March 25th, 1907	\$3,152 24	Baldt Steel Casting Co.	\$1,160 00
From John C. Knotts, on account Note	125 00	Bross Willard Printing Co.	7 84
" Thomas Holcomb, rent in Full	754 00	Mrs. Annie E. M. Everet, Interest	100 00
" Thos. T. T. Clark " " "	156 00	Water Rent for four farms and Town Hall	123 50
" Jos. C. Bacon " " "	450 00	Farmers' Mutual Ins. Co.	66 04
" Thos. W. Barry, on account rent	523 63	New Castle County " "	44 25
" Noah Higgins " " "	397 50	Election Committee, Expenses	31 25
" Wm. B. Ratledge " " "	300 00	Gas Meeting Room	2 10
" John Jordan " " "	300 00	Coal, Colored Schools	14 00
" Wm. R. Hobson " " "	853 75	G. W. Dorsey, Typewriting County Tax Suits	18 00
" Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs " " "	182 00	C. V. Mannering Notary Fees	1 50
" Abraham Ingram " " "	37 78	Repairs and Improvements at Model Farm	194 11
" James B. Toman " " "	25 00	Stockton Farm	214 97
" Emma Bruce, Est., " " "	17 50	Union and Bayard Farm	241 19
Total	\$7,297 49	Centre Hall Farm	71 52
		Oglethorpe Farm	55 22
		Jefferson Farm	15 03
		Penn Farm	175 55
		Clayton Farm	117 08
		Town Hall	\$1,084 67
		Citizens' Building and Loan Association	155 84
		Janitor's Salary	240 00
		Secretary's Expenses	50 00
		Treasurer's Expenses	4 68
		Immanuel Church, Care Town Clock	100 00
		Board of Health	50 00
		Trustees of Court House, Rent	33 00
		Balance cash on hand	50 00
		Total	3,960 73
		Total	\$7,297 40

### SPECIAL FUNDS.

Wilmington and Brandywine Bank	\$3000 00
Interest to Dec. 27th 1907	99 13
County Tax for 1907	3,099 13
Balance in Bank	631 41
Total	\$2,467 72

### AMOUNT DUE TRUSTEES

From John C. Knotts	35 09
" Thos. W. Barry	1,111 91
" Wm. R. Hobson	509 75
" Noah Higgins	1,402 62
" Wm. B. Ratledge	338 14
" Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	1,380 00
" Emma Bruce Est.	109 50
" James B. Toman	37 78
" John Jordan	290 00
" Abraham Ingram	218 00
Total	\$5,432 70

### OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

JOHN H. RODNEY, President. PATRICK MCGRORY, Treasurer.  
 FRANCIS DeH. JANVIER, Secretary.  
 Acting Committee:  
 JAMES G. SHAW, Jr. JOHN E. TAYLOR JAMES E. BIGGS  
 Committee on Public Buildings:  
 WILLIAM J. FERRIS JAMES M. WISE JOHN M. HANCE

Farms Belonging to the Trustees					Trustees of the New Castle Common	
NAME	NO	TENANT	ACRES	RENTS	NAME	Term
Jefferson	1	Thomas Barry	90 1/2	\$ 452 50	John H. Rodney	Elected Jan. 9, 1875
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 1/2	853 75	William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Oglethorpe	3	Wm. B. Ratledge	79 1/2	397 50	Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885
Centre Hall	5	T. T. T. Clark	124	620 00	James B. Toman	Elected Feb. 3, 1891
Penn	6	Abraham Ingram	187 1/2	550 00	Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Union	8	Noah Higgins	217 1/2	1,196 25	Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Bayard	9	Wm. R. Hobson	92 1/2	462 50	James M. Wise	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Clayton	10	John Jordan	109 1/2	300 00	John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1896
Model	11	Thomas Holcomb		23 00	Francis DeH. Janvier	Elected April 25, 1903
Lot part of	8	Mrs. Theodore Bruce		25 00	James G. Shaw, Jr.	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
Lot part of	3	James B. Toman		37 78	James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Lot part of	2	Joseph C. Bacon		156 00	Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
City Hall Stores					John E. Taylor	Elected Dec. 28, 1907
Total				\$5,074 28		

Audited and Found Correct April 22, 1908.

JOHN M. HANCE, }  
 JAMES M. WISE, } AUDITING COMMITTEE

Patrick McGrory,  
 Treasurer



April 7. 1908.

President: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Munsie, Biggs, Hance, Taylor, Ferris and Janni. (7)

Reading of minutes was dispensed with.

Arrangement was made <sup>by the Acting Committee</sup> to visit the farms in Committee of the Whole Board on Saturday, April 18 at 1 P.M. & Secy. was instructed to notify members.

Adjourned. J. dett. Janni Secy.

May 5. 1908.

Present: Messrs. Biggs, Shaw, Taylor, McGray, Munsie, Deemer, Hance, Ferris, Challenger & Janni. (10)  
Mr. Hance chosen Pres. pro tem.

Treasurer McGray's annual statement was presented by the Auditing Committee and ordered filed. (See copy pasted herein)

The Committee suggested that the proportion of the Town Hall rent turned over for Janitor service is too great and should be looked into by the Committee on Public Buildings.

The Acting Committee reported that the Board had visited all the farms (Mr. Wise being the only member unable to go) on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and the question of needed repairs was discussed.

On motion, the Acting Committee was authorized to proceed with such repairs to the farm property as were necessary.

The following bills were presented:

J. T. L. E. Eliam - Supplies - March 3 to May 5	\$ 178.70
Andrew K. Lewis - Repairs to engine at Penn Farm	51.28
Charles Dixon - Carpenter work at Strickton	42.40
Keegan & Hufnagel - Roofing at Strickton	14.27
John Biggs - Carpenter work at "	6.00
Theodore W. Cavender - Stern pipe for Penn Farm	1.80
New Amsted Press - 5.00 Annual Reports	8.00
Baldt Steel Co. - 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual appropriation & interest	1120.00
	<hr/> 1422.45

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to transfer \$600.00 to the special tax account to provide for the 1908 County Taxes, pending decision on tax case.

Adjourned. J. dett. Janni Secy.

June 2, 1908.

Present: Morrison, Wise, Ferris, McGray, Shaw, Biggs, Taylor, Challenger and Jaume. (9)

Treasurer McGray reported balance of \$1598.28 in treasury, also \$31.55 in Acting Committee contingent fund.

Regulation of gas meters n. at Town Hall was left to the Committee on Public Buildings, with power to act.

The sum of \$200.00 was appropriated to the Special Tax fund pending suit, the Treasurer being instructed to transfer that sum to the special account.

Bills for repairs were presented by the Acting Committee as follows:

J. T. & E. Eliason - Supplies, May 11 - June 1 -	\$75.44
Keegan & Hufford - Roofing at Jefferson -	145.89
Theodore W. Cavender - Spouting n. at Union Baptist.	28.35
" " " " " " Penn	37.89
" " " " " " Clayton	5.70
" " " " " " Painting roof. Market	1.10
James T. Morrison - Carpenter work at <sup>Jefferson</sup> <del>Clayton</del>	35.10
" " " " " " Clayton	3.60
J. T. Stroops - Supplies	4.50
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	357.77

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Adjourned

J. del. Jaume  
Secretary

June 17, 1908.

Special meeting called by President at request of six members, every member being notified by mail.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Wise, Morrison, Biggs, Shaw, Deemer, McGray, Ferris, Taylor and Jaume. (10)

Mr. McGray stated that Mr. Deemer wished to locate his proposed steel plant in New Castle and was intending to use all his available securities in so doing. That he was anxious to have this Board's obligation for \$7900. under the Hopkins Company agreement changed in such a way that he could realize on it in cash, its present conditions and restrictions making it unprofitable for him to do so.

After discussion, the following motion was offered by Mr. Ferris: - That a negotiable bond for \$7900.00, payable at the same time and at the same rate of interest as the Hopkins Company obligation, be given to Mr. Deemer, provided that he guarantee this Board against any loss in case the Hopkins Company fails to fulfill the present agreement by a bond to be entered up against Mr. Deemer, subject to the approval of the counsel for this Board and Mr. Deemer.

This motion was referred to Mr. Rodney & Mr. Jaume as a committee to discuss the matter with Mr. J. E. Smith, counsel for Mr. Deemer, and report to this Board on Friday evening, June 19 at 8 P.M.

Adjourned to meet Friday, June 19 at 8 P.M.

J. del. Jaume  
Secy.

June 19, 1908.

Special meeting pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Wise, Hance, Biggs, Deemer, Toman, Ferris, McGray, Jaume. (9)

Mr. Ferris on behalf of Public Building Committee asked for instructions as to permitting the Board to meet in the City Hall more than two evenings a week.

The matter was postponed until regular July meeting.

The committee appointed to discuss the motion offered at the last meeting by Mr. Ferris, reported that with Mr. Deemer's counsel



they had met Mr. J. E. Smith, counsel for Mr. Deemer, and that he had objected to the part providing for a bond to be entered up against Mr. Deemer.

After discussion, consideration of the matter was postponed until the matter could be brought before and considered by the Board of Trade, and Mr. McGraw and Mr. Ferris were appointed to ~~bring~~ attend the Board of Trade meeting and report.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 23 at 8 P.M.

J. de H. Jamieson  
Secy.

June 23, 1908.

Adjourned Meeting.

Present: Pres. Rodney, McGraw, Wise, Shaw, Biggs, Taylor, Deemer and Ferris. (8)

A resolution adopted unanimously at a meeting of the Board of Trade held June 22, 1908, was read as follows:—

"Resolved that it be the sentiment of this Board that it would be for the good of the City of New Castle that the Trustees of the Common should change, or rather supplement the present agreement between the Trustees and the Tropenas Steel Company and Mr. S. S. Deemer by giving to Mr. Deemer a negotiable bond for \$7900., payable in 10 years, with semi-annual interest at 5% beginning September 1st, 1908; and, further, that Mr. Deemer give to the Trustees an agreement promising to erect and keep in operation another steel plant employing 100 men or more; and, in addition thereto, that Mr. Deemer should give to the Trustees an agreement, promising that in case the Tropenas Steel Company should fail to carry out its covenants, then Mr. Deemer will return to the Trustees any part of the \$7900. which the Trustees have paid and further give to the Trustees a full quitance of all indebtedness, making the above bond null and void and releasing them from any further payment of interest thereon."

A resolution, identical in form, adopted unanimously by City Council of New Castle on June 22, 1908 was also read.

Mr. Shaw moved that a committee of two be appointed to confer with counsel for Mr. Deemer and have papers prepared for submission to a meeting of this Board on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, with an outline of an agreement to be made by Mr. Deemer as to erection of a plant for the Deemer Steel Company and employing 100 men or more, and of an assignment to be given by Mr. Deemer to

the Trustees of Mr. Deemer's rights under the present agreement, and a form of a bond for \$7900. which can be negotiated by Mr. Deemer.

Adopted, and Messrs. Shaw and McGraw appointed.

Adjourned to Thursday evening June 25 at 8 P.M.

W. J. Ferris

Secy. pro tem.

June 25, 1908.

Adjourned Meeting.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Shaw, Toruan, Taylor, Biggs, McGraw, Deemer, Morrison and Ferris. (9)

Messrs. Shaw and McGraw, the Committee appointed at the last meeting, submitted for the consideration of this Board the following papers in the matter of the application by Mr. Deemer to change the present Tropenas Steel Company obligation:— (1) A judgment bond with warrant of attorney in the ordinary form to be executed by this Board in favor of Selden S. Deemer, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, conditioned for the payment to Selden S. Deemer, his certain attorney, executor, administrator or assigns the sum of Seventy Nine Hundred Dollars or more before the first day of September, A.D. 1917, with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, from the first day of September, A.D. 1907.

(2) Also the following agreement to be executed by the Deemer Steel Casting Company and by this Board:—

"This Agreement, made and entered into by and between the Trustees of the New Castle Common, incorporated, party of the first part; and the Deemer Steel Casting Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, party of the second part.

Whereas, the Deemer Steel Casting Company is the owner of certain real estate within the limits of the City of New Castle, fronting on the Delaware River, upon which it intends to erect a steel casting plant;

Now, this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said Deemer Steel Casting Company for the considerations hereinafter mentioned, doth promise and agree to and with the Trustees of the New Castle Common, incorporated, its successors and assigns, that it will in or before the expiration of two years from the date of these presents erect, or cause to be erected, upon said tract of land a steel casting plant, and to the best of its ability to keep the same in continuous operation for the term of ten years from the date hereof, and that during its active operation it will employ, not less

than one hundred men, except when temporarily, from lack of orders, or from fire, strikes, or act of God, or the public enemy, the said works may be idle, or partially operated.

In Consideration Whereof, the said Trustees of the New Castle Commn, incorporated, for itself, its successors, doth covenant, promise and agree to and with the Deemer Steel Casting Company, its successors and assigns, by these presents, that it shall and will on the execution and delivery of these presents well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Deemer Steel Casting Company, its successors and assigns, the sum of Five Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America.

(3). Also the following assignment to be executed by Selden S. Deemer:-

"Know All Men by these Presents; That I, Selden S. Deemer, of the City and County of New Castle and State of Delaware, the obligee named in the hereto attached agreement, bearing date the tenth day of December A.D. 1907, executed by the Trustees of New Castle Commn, incorporated, the Tropenas Steel Company and the said Selden S. Deemer, and recorded in the office for the recording of Deeds n., in and for New Castle County aforesaid, in Deed Record Q, Vol. 21, Page 136 n., for and in consideration of the sum of Seventy Nine Hundred Dollars, to me in hand now paid by the Trustees of the New Castle Commn, incorporated, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I have granted, bargained, sold, assigned and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign and set over unto Evan G. Boyd, Mayor of the City of New Castle, Delaware, and his successors in office, in trust for the Trustees of the New Castle Commn, incorporated, the within agreement, and all my right, title and interest therein, together with all my rights of suit for recovery for the breach of any of the covenants contained therein, either by suit in my name, or as my assignee, and to and for the use of the said Evan G. Boyd, Mayor of the City of New Castle, Delaware, and his successors in office, in trust for the Trustees of the New Castle Commn, incorporated, forever. To Have and to Hold unto the said Evan G. Boyd, Mayor of the City of New Castle, Delaware, and his successors in office, in trust for the Trustees of the New Castle Commn, incorporated, of and for his proper use and behoof, forever."

Mr. McGrey moved that, - the above bond for Seventy Nine Hundred Dollars, asked for by Mr. Deemer, be given by this Board, and that the President and Secretary of this Board be hereby authorized, instructed and directed to execute and deliver said bond; That Mr. Deemer duly execute the above assignment of his interest in the Tropenas Steel Co.

agreement; and that the officers of this Board and the Deemer Steel Casting Company duly execute the above agreement for the erection and operation by the said Company of a steel casting plant employing 100 men or more. And that a Committee of two be appointed to see that the above is carried into effect, with power to employ such attorney or attorneys as the Committee deems necessary.

This motion was duly carried, and Messrs. McGrey and Shaw appointed as the Committee.

Adjourned.

WJ Ferris

Secy pro tem.

July 7, 1908.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Morrison, Biggs, Ferris, Taylor, Deemer, McGrey, and Janni. (8).

Mr. McGrey, for the Committee appointed at the last meeting, reported that they had engaged R.S. Rodney as attorney, and that the bond, agreement and assignment, authorized at the last meeting of this Board, had been duly executed on July 6, 1908; the bond for \$7900. in favor of Selden S. Deemer being executed by the proper officers of this Board, - the agreement with the Deemer Steel Casting Company and this Board being executed by the proper officers of the Company and of this Board, in duplicate form, one copy for the Company and one for this Board, - and the assignment by Mr. Deemer of his interest in the Tropenas Steel Company agreement being executed and acknowledged by him, and recorded in Deed Record X, Vol. 21, Page 373. The Committee presented to the Board ~~copy~~ the Deemer Steel Casting Co. agreement and the assignment of the Tropenas Steel Co. agreement, and stated that a copy of the assignment of the Tropenas Co. agreement had been turned over to the Secretary of the Tropenas Steel Co. and acknowledged by him by letter as follows:-

"John H. Rodney Esq. July 6th, 1908"

President of New Castle Commn, Inc.,

Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of a copy of assignment of Selden S. Deemer to Evan G. Boyd of the agreement bearing date the 10th day of December, A.D. 1907, executed by the Trustees of New Castle Commn, incorporated, and Tropenas Steel Company and said Selden S. Deemer, and recorded in the office for the recording of Deeds, n., in and for New Castle County aforesaid, in Deed Record Q, Vol. 21, Page 136. I have filed the copy of said assignment among the records of Tropenas Steel Company. Thanking you for your kindness in



furnishing me with this copy, I am, very respectfully,  
(1911) David J. Reinhardt; Secretary Tropenas Steel Co."

The report of the Committee was, on motion of Mr. Ferris,  
accepted and the Committee discharged.

Treasurer McGary reported a balance of \$320.57.

The following bills were approved, but in absence of a  
quorum no ordinance was passed, -

J. T. & E. Eliason. Supplies, June 13 to July 7 -	\$257.24
R. H. Harrington. Painting houses at Model, Penn. & Dept.	141.00
Theodore W. Cavender. Tin work at Model.	31.45
James T. Morrison. Carpenter work at <sup>Elizabethtown</sup> Model.	10.80
Charles Dixon. " " " " Model.	37.60
Selden S. Deemer. Interest on bond 15 March 1. 1908.	197.50
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	675.59

Adjourned.

J. de H. Jaunier  
Secy.

Aug. 4. 1908.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Morrison, Biggs, Shaw and Jaunier. (5)  
No quorum. Adjourned.

J. de H. Jaunier, Secy.

September 1. 1908.

Present: Rodney, President, <sup>Wagon</sup> France, Biggs, Shaw,  
McGary, Morrison, Taylor, Deemer, Jaunier and Ferris, Sec. pro tem.

Treasurer McGary reported receipt of \$400. in account rent and  
\$35.00 final payment on note of J. C. Keatts.

Bills were presented as follows:

Bills approved at meeting July 7	\$675.59
James T. Morrison. Carpenter work at Elizabethtown.	97.20
Keegan & H. H. H. - Tin work at Elizabethtown	53.69
" " " " " " Elizabethtown	5.30
" " " " " " Elizabethtown	11.50
" " " " " " Centre Hall	50.10
New Castle Water Works Co. - Water rent 15/1908	123.50
J. T. & E. Eliason. Supplies. July 18 & 20.	7.18
B. F. Lancaster. Janitor. Salary 6/21/08	25.00
Ann E. M. Everett. Int. in bond to Aug 22/08	58.00
Selden S. Deemer. " " " " " " " " " "	197.50

And ~~the~~ ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Wade Higgins, tenant on Union and Bayard, asked permission  
to take a surplus of hay. As this matter had, by a former  
resolution, been left to the discretion of the Acting Committee,  
the Board took no action.

Adjourned

W. J. Ferris

Secy pro tem

October 6. 1908.

Present: Deemer, Pres. pro tem., McGary, Biggs, Morrison,  
Taylor, Shaw, Ferris and Jaunier. (5)

Treasurer McGary reported the following receipts on account of  
rent: - W. A. Hobson - \$260.00; Thomas Barry - \$300.00;  
John Jordan. \$180.00; Mrs. T. T. Clark. \$310.00  
Balance on hand - \$1979.00

Mr. Mrs. T. T. Clark presented an itemized bill for carrying water  
to his house at ~~Ryan~~ Centre Hall farm, the water supply being  
insufficient. Referred to Receivers of Water Co. for adjustment.

Mr. Ingram complained about condition of Penn farm.

The Committee on Public Building reported an application  
from the "Woodmen of the World" to rent 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Town  
Hall once a month at \$12.00 per year.

The Committee was instructed to so rent the room.

The Secretary was instructed to procure a new minute  
book for the Board.

Adjourned to meet Nov. 10, Election day falling upon  
Nov. 3.

J. de H. Jaunier  
Secy.

November 10. 1908.

Present: - Pres. Rodney, Challenger, Morrison,  
Taylor, Biggs, McGroy, Deemer, Ferris and Janner. (9)

Treasurer McGroy reported balance on hand, \$1919.01

Bills were presented as follows: -

Brylgen Steel Casting Co. - 5<sup>th</sup> annual payment - \$1200.00

James B. Lancaster Jr. - Plumbing work at Court Hall. 17.25

1217.25

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Messrs. Taylor and Biggs were appointed a Committee to investigate the condition of the Town Clock and to repair same, if cost be small.

Committee from New Castle Band appeared and asked that third-floor of Town Hall be rented to them exclusively they to rent with consent of trustees.

Matter was left to Committee in Public Building to investigate and report.

Adjourned.

J. de H. Janner  
Secy.

December 1. 1908.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Hance, Challenger, Shaw, Taylor, Biggs, McGroy, Ferris, Morrison, Wise, Deemer and Janner. (12)

Treasurer McGroy reported receipt of \$855.00 from Mrs. Biggs and \$300.00 from Mr. Rutledge, and balance on hand, \$1556.<sup>76</sup>

The Treasurer was instructed to serve dispossession notices on all tenants, except Mr. T. T. Clark.

On motion of Mr. Deemer, seconded by Mr. Wise, the Treasurer was instructed to receive from every tenant in arrears for rent a bond and chattel mortgage, covering their personal property, to secure all arrearage of rent to Sept. 25. 1908.

Commission on Public Buildings would  
heartily recommend that the present  
arrangements with the Grand Army of  
Republic for one night a week, with the  
Citizens Cornet Band for 2 nights a  
week and with the Woodmen of America  
for one night a month, be con-  
tinued as they are for the present. The  
Committee has suggested to the G.A.R.  
that the trustees might take over from  
the G.A.R. the ownership of the Carpet,  
the chairs and the stove, etc. - making  
compensation for the same in rent for  
a number of years - or partly in rent  
and partly in cash. - As soon as the  
Committee hears from the G.A.R. they will  
take the matter up again and consider  
what increased rent should be charged  
if this arrangement should be made

Morrison  
Wise  
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F. C. Peice of Newcastle, Cal. and  
J. E. McCafferty of Brooklyn, Pa. filed  
Applications for Union & Bayard.

mortgages to cover arrearages of rent, with following results:  
Mrs. Biggs was willing to give chattel mortgage.

Mr. Barry was willing to give chattel mortgage.

Mr. Higgins has arranged to pay one year's rent this week,  
and will give chattel mortgage for balance.

Mr. Jordan will give bankable note, with John J. Sheridan, as  
indorser.

Mr. Rutledge paid \$208.79, leaving a balance of \$28.00 due,  
which amount is covered by a bill due him for fencing  
approved by the Acting Committee.

Mr. Hobson paid \$481.00 in full and gave notice that he  
will leave on March 25.

Mr. Ingram paid \$25.00, leaving balance due of \$400.00 and  
gave notice that he will leave on March 25.

On motion of Mr. Wiggry, seconded by Mr. Wise, the following farms  
were re-rented to the present tenants for one year from March  
25, 1909, provided the above settlements are complied with:

- Center Hill to Mr. T. T. Clark.
- Stratton to Mrs. Biggs.
- Jefferson to Mr. Barry.
- Wardel to Mr. Jordan.
- Wychamps to Mr. Rutledge.
- Union & Bayard to Mr. Higgins.

The Treasurer was authorized a competent person to assist  
in the preparation of the chattel mortgages.

Clayton Farm was re-rented to Tasher T. Clark for one year  
from March 25, 1909 at the present rent.

The Treasurer was instructed to advertise Penn Farm  
for rent, and, with the Acting Committee, was authorized  
to rent the farm to the best advantage, at a rental of  
not less than \$550.00.

Bills were presented as follows:

New Annual Press - Notices of meetings - \$ 2.50

Wm. B. Rutledge - fencing at Wychamps - 28.10

30.60

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed,  
the order for Mr. Rutledge's bill to be drawn in favor of the  
Treasurer and applied in payment of balance of rent.

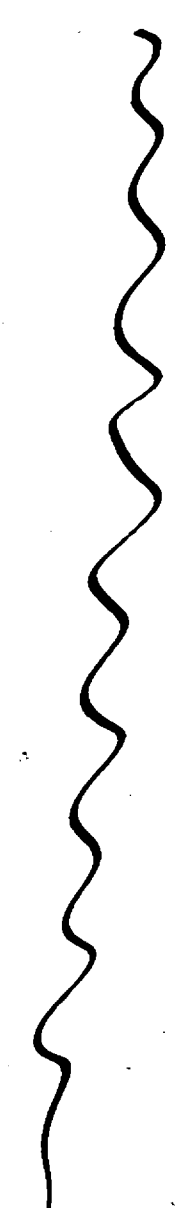
The matter of the County Tax appeal was brought up and  
the following resolution passed:

That the President and Secretary of this

Board be instructed and authorized to execute a proper bond,  
(with surety (either personal or corporate), which may be necessary  
to carry to the Supreme Court the case of the Collectors of Taxes of  
New Castle Hundred against the Wardens of New Castle Common, in  
order to have a final determination of the same.

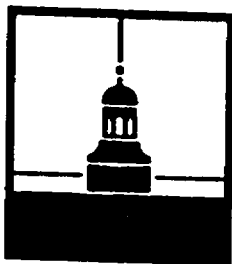
Adjourned

J. deH. Jammie  
Secy.



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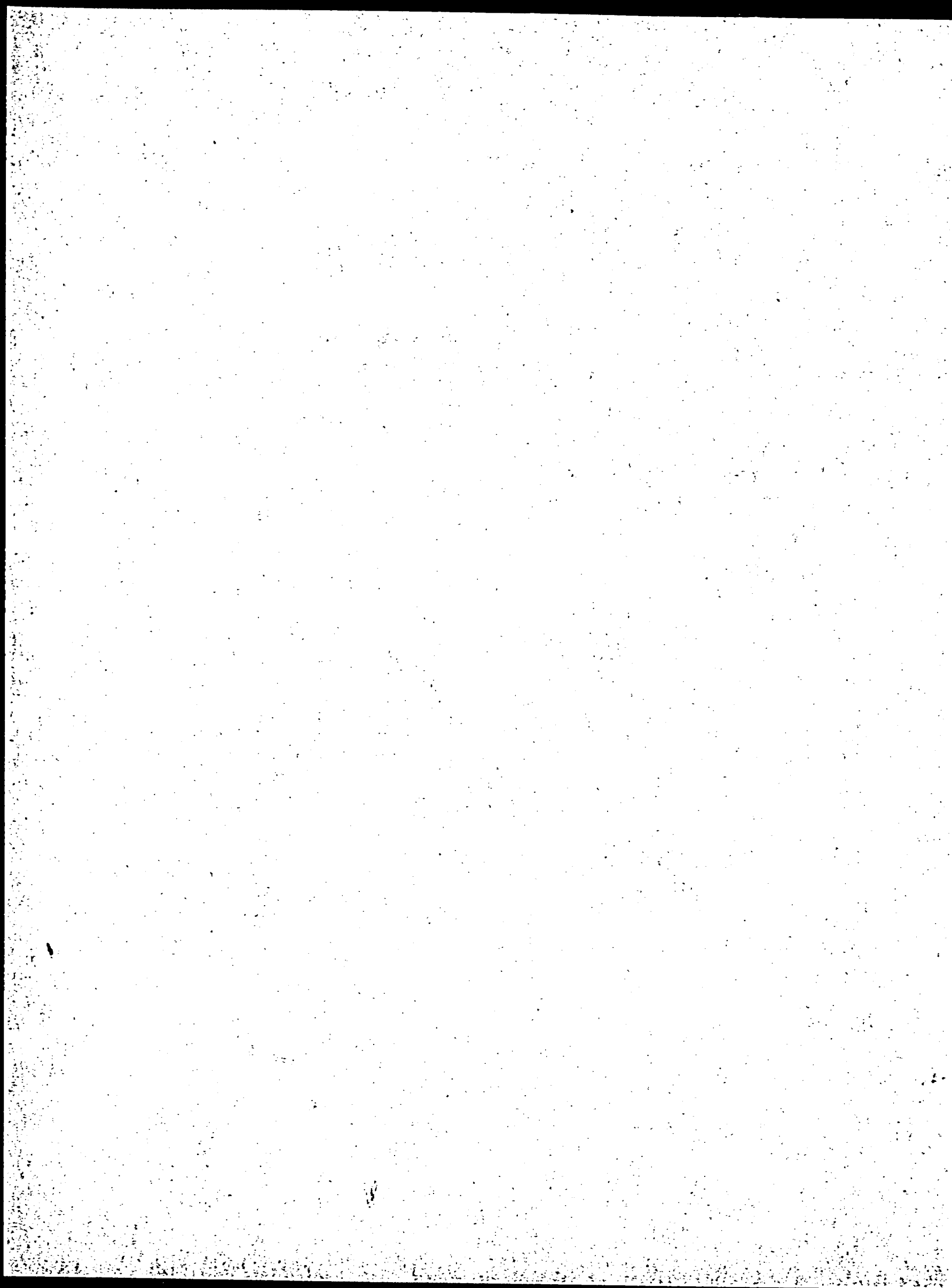
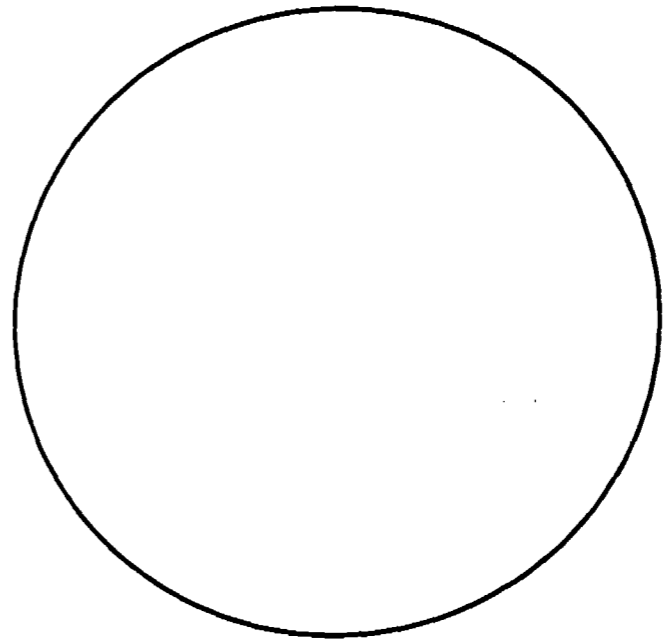




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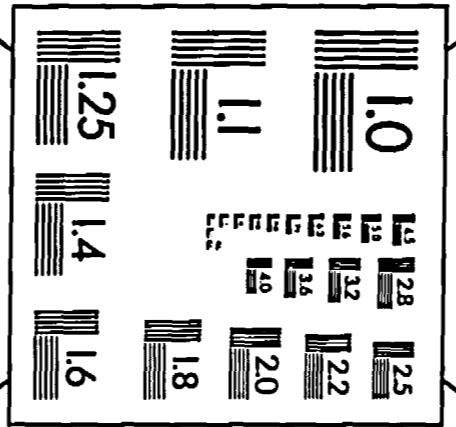


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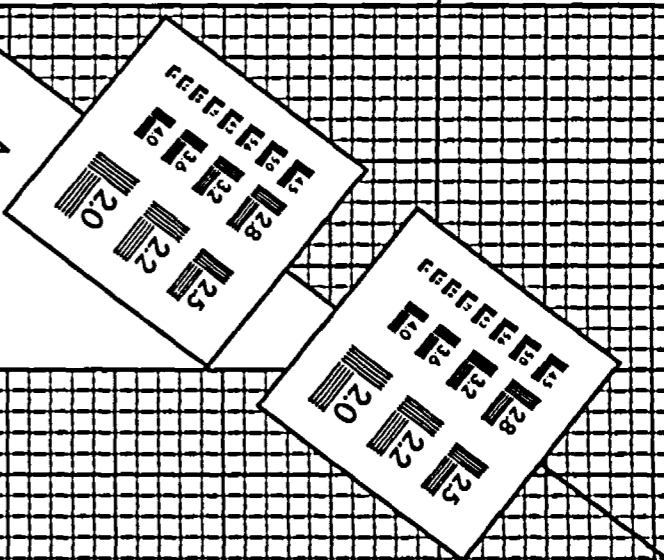
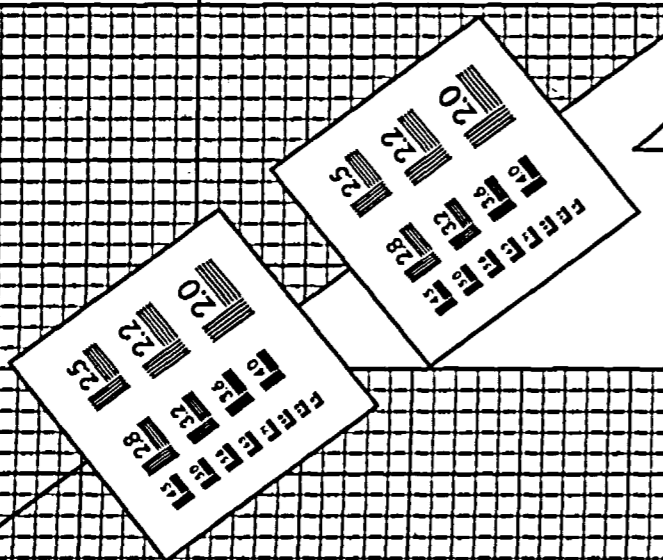
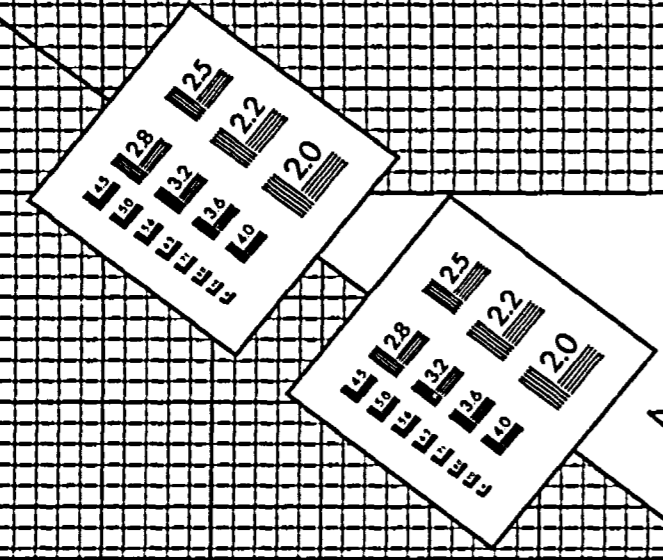
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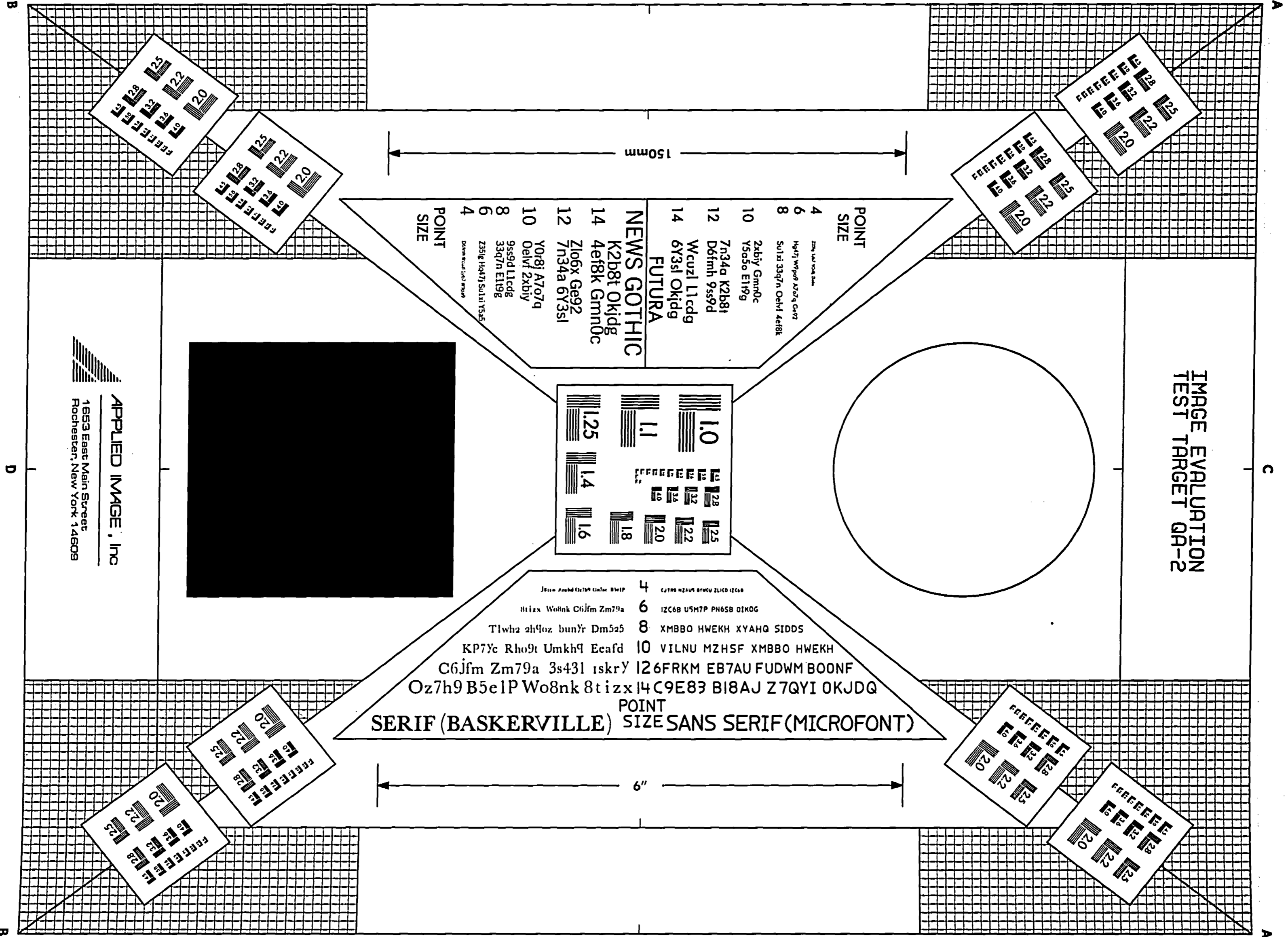
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