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November 11, 1847

The indenture between Courtlandt Palmer and Mary Ann Palmer, his wife, of the City of State of New York and Albertus C. Van Raalte of Ottawa County, State of Michigan, stating that for the sum of \$3,840.47, Van Raalte purchased \$1,656.50 acres.

Calvin College Archives: Van Raalte Collection, Box 11, folder 170.

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Box 11, folder 170

This Indenture, Made the Eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven — between Courtlandt Palmer and Mary Ann Palmer his wife, of the City & State of New York

of the first part, and Albertus C. Van Raalte of Ottawa County, State of Michigan — of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of — Three thousand Eight hundred & forty $\frac{47}{100}$ dollars — to them in hand paid

by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, do, by these presents grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns Forever, All those certain lots or pieces of land, in County of Ottawa, State of Michigan, known & designated as the S. fraction of SE qr. of Sec. 21, $43\frac{25}{100}$ acres, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6, in Sec. 22, $237\frac{28}{100}$ acres, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 23, 80 acres, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 26, 480 acres, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 27, 240 acres, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & Lots 2, 3, 5, & 6, in Sec. 30, $251\frac{17}{100}$ acres, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 31, $84\frac{70}{100}$ acres, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 34, 80 acres, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 36, 240 acres, in Town 5 North Range 15 West, containing in all $1656\frac{50}{100}$ acres, according to the United States Survey and Deeds thereof.

Together with all and singular, the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, in any wise appertaining;

To have and to hold, the said premises as described, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns, forever. And the said parties of the first part, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns do covenant, grant, bargain and agree, to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that at the time of the ensembling and delivery of these presents they are well seized of the above granted premises in fee simple; that they are free from all incumbrances whatever; and that they will, and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns shall warrant and defend the same, against all lawful claims whatsoever.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part, have herunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered, }
In Presence of }
Charles Muel
D. Stevens

Courtlandt Palmer

Mary Ann Palmer

by B. Hubbard
their Attorney,

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Wayne — COUNTY, } ss.

On this *eleventh* day of *November* one thousand eight hundred and forty-*seven*, before me, a Notary public for said County, personally came the above named *Courtesy & Palmer* and *Mary Ann Palmer*, by *Bela Hubbard* their attorney known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.

Sears Stevens

Notary Public
Wayne County
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[Signature]

Commenced Palmer

M. P. Palmer

Deeds

Register Office
Wayne County, Michigan

This Deed was received Nov 18, 1847

at 2 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Liber B B of

Deeds on page 441

Wm. D. Smith
Deputy Regr.

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Nov 18, 2 o'c P.M.

W. D. Smith

Nov. 11, 1847

before me A. C. Van Raalte known to me to be the person whose name is herein annexed, and acknowledges the same to be his free act and deed, *Jud. Leon. Stambaugh Justice of the Peace.*

Schedule A.

Hearst & Co. Troy Schueller County New York	note	818.30
Jonas H. Hearst & Brother same place	note	206.51
J. S. Doughty & Co	"	990.03
Wilder and Shaw	account	639.98
Robinson & Griswold	"	345.13
E. Talmadge & Co	account	164.31
Hollary and Doughty	"	292.46
Price and Kellogg	account	11.89
Benjamin Hatch	"	76.76
Colgate & Co New York City	Account	1505.52
Cornell Miller & Co "	Account	151.98
Denton, Smith & Co "	Account	329.08
Calvin W. How and Co "	"	105.16
Francis W. Ogden "	"	50.37
Hartman Harbice "	"	49.39
John and Barnes "	"	83.57
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$8800.14</i>

*Dates Holland Ottawa Leomb, Michigan Nov. 3rd 1847
A. C. Van Raalte*

POST & CO. INDEBTEDNESS TO BANKS IN EAST

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have a bond issue by Mr. and Mrs. Palmer to the amount of \$4,000, the date being November 11, 1847.

These figures are staggering for a man without money, as Van Raalte was at the end of the year 1847. He had his mind set on acquiring all the land possible for the creation of a Christian community, and for a long time he succeeded in his difficult task. We have also a bill of sale by George Young of Allegan, dated March 26, 1847, showing that he had sold to Van Raalte 18 cows and 2 yoke of oxen with yokes for \$251.00, with an additional \$51.57 for driving. He stated that Judge Kellogg had advanced three hundred dollars, and he "donated the balance." In the post script he said that Judge Kellogg had advanced four dollars for past expenses in driving to Allegan.

A similar bill of sale was presented by the druggist in Kalamazoo named D. A. McNair. The statement showed that on October 4, 1847, Van Raalte bought merchandise valued at \$27.24. Twenty days later the Rev. Hoyt paid \$20.00 on this account, while Van Raalte paid the balance as late as November 18, 1848. His credit must have been very good, and we may add that his courage was equally good. When finally in 1870 he looked back upon his adventures of 1847 he wrote an interesting letter to the land commissioner in Washington, D. C. He said: "Having been disturbed in the peaceful possession of the extreme North point of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 29 Township five Range fifteen West in the State of Michigan, which