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Office Provost Marshal

Rome Georgia, 29th Sept. 1864.

To Any Provost Marshal,
 Chaplain in U.S. Army,
 Or Regularly Ordained
 Minister of the Gospel.

} G R E E T I N G

You are hereby authorized to unite in the Holy Bands of Wedlock, Pvt., Samuel S. Mackey, 39th Iowa Infy., and Miss Mary Gaddis of Georgia.

By Order of
 Brig Gen. Vancleave
 Josiah Rollins, Jr.
 Capt. & Prvt Marshall

Floyd Co., Ga. 29th Sept 1864

This is to certify that I have this day united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony, Priv., Samuel S. Mackey of Co D, 39th Iowa Infy & Miss Mary Gaddis, of Georgie by virtue of authority in me vested.

Eld. A. H. Chase

WITNESSES { A. E. Chase, Serg Co D 39th Ia.
 L. D. Bennett, Capt Co D 39th Iowa V.I.
 Casper Carter, 2nd Lieut Co D 39th Iowa.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF
 CONSERVATION

July 14, 1922

This meeting was held at Boone and D. C. Chase, Jr., J. D. Wardle, Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Van Meter appeared before the Board in the interests of the Iowa Traction Company of Cedar Rapids and presented their plan and petition to construct a dam on the Des Moines River some three miles below the Ledges State Park, which would flood some 150 acres of said park. The Board accompanied these gentlemen to the park to view the land proposed to be submerged.

Motions.—The following motions passed: That the Traction Company be requested to provide the Board with copies of the proceedings on their application in District Court of Boone County, with eight copies of maps showing the present condition of the river with low and high water contours, and showing the conditions proposed, and that marks upon the ground showing the contour lines drawn upon the maps be placed at conspicuous places around the proposed lake and that the Board then call in representatives of the Landscape Engineering Department at Ames and any other experts the Board may desire to advise with; that Mr. Henning be authorized to employ Mr. Hoffman with his team at seventy-five cents an hour to improve the

crossings in Pease Creek, Ledges Park; that Senator Haskell be authorized to secure tools, piping, etc., of the State Highway Commission, if possible, for use in the state parks; that the Board approve the direction given by Dr. Pammel and Senator Haskell to the custodian of Pilot Knob Park that he provide comfort structures at not to exceed \$50.00 each, and that the same order apply to other state parks where any one of the members of the Board finds needs unprovided for; that the secretary be authorized to arrange and have made an official badge and furnish one to each of the custodians; that O. G. Rislow be authorized to survey the boundary lines of Pilot Knob Park and the road into the park at a cost not to exceed \$120.00, the state to pay for the corner stones; that the custodians be allowed to purchase materials and make necessary guideboards and signs in the parks; that the Board ask the boards of supervisors of Hancock and Winnebago counties to improve the road known as the county line road leading to Pilot Knob Park and make it part of the county road system; that the Board request the county supervisors of Delaware County to improve the road leading into the north part of Backbone Park; that Hon. A. L. Ames be appointed honorary custodian of Theodore F. Clark Park; that Senator Haskell and Mr. Harlan be asked to visit Theodore F. Clark Park and that they be given power to act with regard to locating and providing a well and to direct other necessary matters in the park; that Dr. Pammel be authorized to proceed in the settlement of the question of title and possession of lands between the Wilson Highway and Little Wall Lake, Hamilton County, together with all meandered lands about the lake; that Senator Haskell and Mr. Harlan be requested to visit Jones County Park to examine into the matter of acquiring an additional adjacent tract; that the custodian at Fort Atkinson Park be asked to furnish the Board with a plan of the old Block House they want to rehabilitate; that Senator Haskell and Mr. Harlan be requested to visit Morehead Caves Park, appoint a custodian and report to the Board.

Miscellaneous.—A. M. Thurtle of Valley Junction appeared before the Board and made a verbal proposition for the state to take over the so-called Dexfield Park.

July 21, 1922

Reports of Committees.—Mr. Harlan reported on behalf of the committee to visit certain parks that they visited Jones County Park and they recommend to the Executive Council that they acquire three areas adjacent to the park, one of 16½ acres at \$150 an acre, one of 12½ acres at \$125 an acre, and one of 20 acres at \$125 an acre, that the local committee be asked to investigate the gravel deposit on these areas and ascertain if sale cannot be made of much of it to county and municipal authorities, and the report was adopted; Mr. Harlan reported that those locally in charge in exploring a cave in Jones County Park dug up some 5,000 fragments of skeletons of human, bird,

and animal origin, together with numerous bits of pottery and a few stone implements, and the committee requested those locally in charge to make no further excavations for the present; Mr. Harlan reported that he visited Morehead Caves and that W. H. Morehead, the original owner of the ground, is in charge and Mr. Harlan recommends that he be retained for the present; the committee on improvements at Pilot Knob Park, Dr. Pammel and Senator Haskell, reports the need of a well and recommends that M. M. Thompson be authorized to contract for sinking a well according to certain specifications and not to exceed \$450, and the report was adopted; Mr. Harlan as committee on dedications reported that great interest was being manifested in the different localities, that at Boone the people do not want to put much expense in the enterprise, that at Farmington they want their dedication to be within the time of the best blooming season of the lilies, perhaps in August; Mr. Harlan reported that the original offer of the citizens of Mount Pleasant to share the expense of the establishment of the Oakland Mills Park to the extent of contributing \$4,000, never having been complied with as shown by State Accountant Paul, he recommended that dedication of that park be deferred until the local parties comply with the recommendation of the state accountant, and the report was adopted; Senator Haskell and Dr. Pammel, the committee on tools, reported that Chief Engineer F. S. White of the Highway Commission has proffered the Board for use in the parks such shovels, picks, mauls, axes, saws, etc., upon requisition of the Board, as they may have available, the sole condition being that the Board pay transportation charges, and the committee recommend that the secretary notify the park custodians that they may make requisition to the secretary for such tools, that if the requisition is approved by the Board that it be forwarded to the Highway Commission, that when the custodian receives said tools he report the same to the secretary, that the custodians be required to mark each tool so it can be identified as state property, etc., and the report was adopted.

Motions.—The following motions were adopted: That the park custodians be instructed to accept no property in the way of museums without first referring the matter to the Board and receiving specific consent and instructions, and that Mr. Harlan be made the committee on the subject with power to act until further record; that the Executive Council be requested to complete the acquisition of a certain area on the shore of Lost Island Lake; that the secretary be directed to request the Highway Commission that wherever they alter or establish a highway so as to touch the meandered land of lakes or streams, that they call the Board into conference for the purpose of consulting as to whether so locating the road would effect the advantage of the land should it be changed to a state park; that the secretary be directed to ask the Attorney-General's opinion on whether trees in highways are under control of the public or the owners of the adjacent lands to such

an extent that they can prevent mutilation, has the land owner a right to plant trees within the highway, and what, if any, legal way is there to protect from vandalism trees along a public highway, and that when the opinion is received the Board co-operate with the Highway Commission in a campaign to beautify the permanent highways of the state; that the standing committee on custodians be directed to appoint an honorary custodian for Lepley Park; that Dr. Pammel be appointed to ascertain the cost of building a dam at the mouth of _____ Creek in Dolliver Memorial Park to provide a pool for wading; that Dr. Pammel and Mrs. McNider be appointed a committee to determine the design of identification labels for trees in the state parks; that the sanction of the Board be granted to certain parties at Fonda to put in a dam at the outlet of Lizzard Lake.

Resolution.—The following resolution was adopted: That the Board request the parties responsible for the fires destroying trees and shrubs on the meandered land along the shores of Clear Lake to desist therefrom.

Miscellaneous.—Mr. Morehouse appeared, asked for employment as engineer, and was told none were employed, and Dr. Pammel and Senator Haskell were appointed as a committee to report on the subject of employing engineers; J. P. Mullen of Fonda was present and asked that the Board complete the proposed park project at Sunk Grove Lake, Pocahontas County, and was assured it would be done; Dr. Pammel filed reports on Savin, near Rockford, and on Pine Hollow; Mrs. McNider reported a suitable park area near Nora Springs and she was requested to communicate further with interested parties; matters relating to Clear Lake were referred to Mrs. McNider.

Why Butter Is Dear.—Is the following, from the *New York Tribune*, true or fabulous?

“There was a fine pasture all over the country last year, and the price of butter ought to be down to a shilling a pound. Why isn't it? Because the women and girls don't know how to make it. For twenty years past, the girls' butter-making education has been sadly neglected. They can play the piano, but cannot churn; can dance, but cannot skim milk; can talk a little French, but don't know how to work out buttermilk. The women who made the butter in Westchester, Dutchess and Orange counties twenty years ago, are passing away, and there are none to take their places. That's why butter is high.”—*Iowa Farmer and Horticulturist*, May, 1856. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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