

E. Murdock Company

ESTABLISHED BY ELISHA MURDOCK IN 1834

WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

January 4, 1938.

A. C. Cline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn the past week from
lot owned by Miss Olive Simes:

December	28	328	feet
"	"	349	"
"	"	318	"
"	"	294	"
"	29	353	"
"	"	355	"
"	"	363	"
"	"	327	"
"	30	334	"
"	"	354	"
"	31	301	"
"	"	296	"
"	"	285	"
January	1	346	"
"	"	322	"
"	"	276	"
"	2	313	"
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		5494	ft. 42-118 cds.

Yours truly,

E. Murdock Company.

R.

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

January 11, 1952.

A. C. Cline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned by
Miss Olive Simes for week ending January 9th:

January 4	257	feet	
" 4	285	"	
" 5	264	"	
" 5	257	"	
" 6	258	"	
" 6	318	"	
" 7	271	"	
" 8	283	"	
" 8	351	"	
" 8	285	"	
" 9	287	"	
" 9	325	"	
" 9	<u>351</u>	"	
		3790 feet	29-78 cds.

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

January 18, 1932.

A. C. Cline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned
by Miss Olive Simes for the week ending January
16th:

January 11		317 feet		
" "		356	"	
" "		373	"	
" 12		341	"	
" "		326	"	
" "		<u>355</u>	"	2068 ft. 16-20 cds. ✓ ✓

Yours truly,

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

January 25, 1932.

A. C. Kline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned
by Miss Olive Simes for week ending January 23rd:

January	19th	297	feet	
"	19	323	"	
"	19	258	"	
"	20	312	"	
"	20	338	"	
"	20	349	"	
"	20	334	"	
"	21	330	"	
"	21	309	"	
"	21	329	"	
"	21	385	"	
"	21	355	"	
"	21	338	"	
"	23	289	"	
"	23	<u>327</u>	"	4873 feet 38-9 cds.

Yours truly,

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

February 1, 1932.

A. C. Cline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned
by Miss Olive Simes for week ending January 30th:

January 26	321 feet	
" "	319 "	
" 27	369 "	
" 28	351 "	
" 29	324 "	
" "	<u>323</u> "	2007 feet 15-87 cds.

Yours truly,

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

February 8, 1932.

A. C. Cline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned
by Miss Olive Simes for the week ending February
6th:

February 1	322	ft.	
" "	314	"	
" "	252	"	
" 2	295	"	
" "	311	"	
" 4	297	"	
" "	391	"	
" 6	242	"	
	<u>2424</u>	"	18-120 cds.

Yours truly,

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

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February 15, 1932.

A. C. Kline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned by
Miss Olive Simes for week ending February 13th:

February	8	266	ft.
"	"	226	"
"	"	198	"
"	10	308	"
"	"	271	"
"	11	291	"
		<u>1560</u>	"

12-24 cds.

Yours truly,

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

February 23, 1932.

A. C. Cline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned
by Miss Olive Simes for week ending February 20th:

February 15	271 ft.
" "	289 "
" 17	265 "
" "	363 "
" "	354 "
" 18	294 "
" "	394 "
" 19	328 "
" "	348 "
" "	404 "
" "	396 "
" 20	315 "
" "	328 "
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	4349 "
	33-125 cds.

Yours truly,

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

February 29, 1932.

A. C. Cline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned by
Miss Olive Simes for week ending February 27th:

February	23	298	ft.
"	23	269	"
"	24	258	"
"	25	310	"
"	26	291	"
"	27	314	"
"	27	<u>315</u>	"

2055 ft. 16-7 eds. ✓✓

Yours truly,

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

March 7, 1932.

A. C. Cline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned by
Miss Olive Simes for week ending march 5th:

February	29	319	ft.
"	"	324	"
"	"	306	"
March	1	329	"
"	"	308	"
"	2	298	"
"	3	332	"
		<u>2216</u>	"

✓✓
17-40 cds.

Yours truly,

E. Murdock Company.

R.

March 13, 1932.

Mrs. William Simes,
Petersham, Massachusetts.

My dear Mrs. Simes:

I have looked over the trees at the West Road Inn and around your house.

As regards the former the three large maples in front of the Inn are still vigorous trees, and with proper care, such as filling cavities and trimming dead limbs, I believe they will go on for at least fifty years. The apple trees are in a much more serious condition, that is, about one-half of them have large cavities and lots of dead wood; the remainder are in much better health, but need some attention.

Looking over my notes on the trees around your house, there are two conditions which are generally prevalent. With the exception of the three Norway maples, which are in good condition, the trees contain cavities, and dead or broken limbs in the tops. One of the black locusts is in such poor condition, that there is very little hope of saving it for long.

There are two sorts of work needed, - filling cavities where the trees are sufficiently sound to warrant it, and cutting out dead and broken limbs many of them high up. While I should like to recommend some local man to do the work, I feel that it would be wiser to employ men trained in tree surgery, particularly on account of the cavity work needed. I have some contacts with the Bartlett Tree Expert Company, particularly through Mr. Frank Fuller who is a graduate of the Harvard Forest and is connected with the Boston office of the company. I feel confident that Mr. Fuller would take an extraordinary interest in any work done in Petersham, and that you could be assured of a thoroughly satisfactory job. I would suggest, however, that it might be well to have him prepare an estimate of the cost. I believe that estimates are furnished without cost.

If you wish, I should be glad to take the matter up with Mr. Fuller, or to be of assistance in any other way you might suggest.

Very sincerely,

E. Murdock Company

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

March 14, 1932.

A. C. Oline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned by
Miss Olive Simes for week ending March 12th:

March 7	276	ft.
" 8	257	"
" 11	518	"
" 12	315	"
" 12	264	"
	<u>1430</u>	"

11-22 cds.

Yours truly,

E. Murdock Company.

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WOODEN WARE

Winchendon, Mass.

March 28, 1932.

A. C. Cline,
c/o Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Below find schedule of logs drawn from lot owned by
Miss Olive Simes for week ending March 26th:

March 21	280 ft.	
" "	287 "	
" "	290 "	
" 22	290 "	
" 23	316 "	
" 23	319 "	
" 24	342 "	
" 25	<u>234 "</u>	2358 ft. 18-54 cds.

Yours truly,

R.

E. Murdock Company.

March 24 '32

My dear Mr. Clin,

Your letter, giving me just the information I needed concerning my trees, should have been answered earlier.

Will you please follow your suggestion of having Mr. Fuller estimate the cost of all the work that should be done & forwarding it to me in such form that I could have all or a part of it

One, as seemed best after going
over the exhibits -

Thank you for all you have
always done - and for your
ready interest -

Very sincerely yours

Faune L. Sewis

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March 31, 1932.

Mr. Frank Fuller,
The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company,
38 Newbury Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Fuller:

Mrs. William Simes of Petersham is interested in having the trees about her residence and also about the West Road Inn of the same town given the proper care.

I have informed Mrs. Simes of my acquaintance with you and of your connections with the Bartlett Company. She has just written me to ask that I request you to make an estimate of all the work which should be done, in such form that she will be able to have all, or a part of the work done, whichever seems best after going over the estimate.

It is needless to say that I shall feel responsible to Mrs. Simes for whatever work is carried out, having recommended your company, and I know you will give this matter your most careful attention. I shall be pleased to show you the property whenever you find it convenient to come up to Petersham.

Yours very truly,

April 3, 1932.

Francis B. Parsons, Esq.,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Parsons:

With the completion of the logging on Miss Simes forest in the Dugway I wish to report on its present condition, and recommend certain operations to put the stands in the best possible condition for the future.

All of the logs have been delivered to the E. Murdock Company, and the skidways have been removed. Final payment may be made to Carl Swantee and Clarence Amidon for the chopping and skidding.

Condition of the Stands Thinned

Reference to Map of 1930

The southeastern section of Stand 25, opposite the Yonkers Road, was thinned without difficulty, and yielded mostly small logs, particularly that portion west of the trail. There is considerable slash and a few standing dead poles which should be cleaned up.

Stand 19, composed of gray birch and young pine, needs some improvement in the way of releasing the pines and salvaging the birch which have broken over. Some of the birches which I had girdled were broken over by the storm of March 28th, while others need to be cut simply to free the pines.

Stand 24 received no treatment, but the trail was used as a skid road for the logs coming from that section of Stand 25 adjoining it on the north. As a result, the trail was necessarily opened up somewhat, and in so doing a few sapling pines were cut and limbs pruned on others too near the sled track. It would look much better if the limbs were disposed of.

The northeastern section of Stand 25 contains the oldest trees on the entire area. Many of them were defective, and the marking for thinning was influenced considerably by outward evidence of red rot. By removing the trees having active fruiting bodies of the red rot fungus on their boles the life of the remaining trees should be lengthened.

The northwestern section of Stand 25 in the vicinity of the old maples has been greatly improved by the thinning. The removal of the coarse "scrubs" and overtopped poles leaves the residual stand in good condition to grow for many years to come. Near the top of the slope the severe storm of last Monday broke the tops out of two or three pines.

The southwestern section of Stand 25 was by far the densest of all, and the most difficult to thin. Owing to the wetness of the slope many of the trees were shallow-rooted, and during the course of the operation it was learned that they were very poorly anchored. In fact, in one instance the felling of one tree resulted in knocking two others down and in making a larger hole than was intended. I was very much worried during the heavy wind of March 28 for fear that we would lose more trees on the wettest part of the slope, and especially so when I saw the number of trees down on the Harvard Forest. I was relieved to find out that the damage was much less than might have been expected. Two or three trees were broken off, and another partially uprooted. Otherwise the stand shows a marked improvement in appearance by the removal of old "scrubs" and suppressed poles.

In general all the stands thinned present the appearance which was expected and hoped for. The slash is undoubtedly unsightly, and I would be very pleased to be authorized to dispose of the worst of it, particularly along the trails, streams and the main highway. Also it would be desirable to clean up the few blowdowns from last Monday's storm, even though the logs may not be utilized. There is a considerable amount of heavy limbwood, and odds and ends of hardwood, which, if it is decided to clean up the slash, could be made up into piles for use as fuelwood. Some slash burning might be done this spring before the woods dry out, or, it could be thrown into small piles in the openings and burned next fall. I am very much in hopes that Miss Simes will decide to have this done, as it will make such a great improvement in the appearance of the stands besides improving their sanitary condition.

Yours very sincerely,

Assistant Director.

THE F. A. BARTLETT TREE EXPERT CO.

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38 Newbury Street
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42 Pleasant St.,
Northampton, Mass.,
April 7, 1932.



Mr. A. C. Cline,
Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

My dear Al:

Your letter of March 31st to Frank Fuller of the Bartlett Company, as well as your undated note regarding the 2-2 white spruce, have been referred to me here for action.

I am planning on coming up to see you as soon as I can find the time, and will then talk over both propositions with you.

Sincerely,

RRF:MP


R.R. Fenska, District Mgr.
Bartlett Tree Expert Co.

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April 8, 1932.

Mr. R. R. Fenska, District Manager,
Bartlett Tree Expert Company,
42 Pleasant St.,
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Fenska:

I have received your letter of the 7th as well as your verbal communication through Dr. Gast.

In regard to the proposed tree work on the property of Mrs. Simes, I wish to make it clear that I was influenced to recommend the Bartlett Company because of my acquaintance with Frank Fuller, one of our old graduates. Knowing him as I did, I naturally felt that I could obtain better results through him than through total strangers. It so happens that Mr. Fuller has resigned from the Company, and, together with another experienced tree man, is starting a new business. He and his partner, Mr. West, called on me last Wednesday, told me their ideas about tree work, and outlined their plans for the new business. While in town I had them look over Mrs. Simes property, and requested them to prepare an estimate.

If their estimate appears reasonable, and I feel that they are properly organized to do the work, I shall recommend that they be given the work. I believe you would do the same thing under the circumstances. Both men are graduates of forestry schools, and have had long experience in tree work. Of course the situation will be explained to the owner, and the decision will rest with her. I shall be very glad to inform you if Mrs. Simes prefers to have the Bartlett Company do the work, which is not at all impossible, but there is no need at present of your coming up here to make an estimate.

Wishing you every success in your new work,

Yours sincerely,

HOWARD E. WEST
17 FOUNTAIN ST.
HAVERHILL, MASS.

4-8-1932

Prof. H.C. Davis,
Howard Forest
Peterborough, N.H.

Dear Prof. Davis: I wish to thank you on behalf of both Fuller & myself for a most instructive and enjoyable day at Peterborough. I learned a lot and believe some of these ideas can be put into practice.

I am enclosing herewith the report on Mrs. Davis' estate. The birds on this estate need feeding above all else. This is the surest way in my opinion to improve their condition and health.

I believe frequent feeding will prove most beneficial and will tend to reduce the development of dead and dying burrows. Healthy birds are not so subject to trouble. I did not touch upon spraying at all. Possibly you would be interested in this phase also at a later date.

If there are any further questions, do not hesitate to advise me. It is further possible that a few minor cavities may show up where the work is done which would warrant your further consideration.

After we have had opportunity to further study the bulletins you gave us we hope to come to Peterborough and get the idea of application more thoroughly.

It seems to me offhand that any work on this basis with spraying, care perhaps be best handled on a cost plus basis with a supervision or professional fee. I frankly do not know what the custom is for charging on this type of work and we should greatly appreciate your suggestions as to an equitable and satisfactory method.

We wish to establish a basis of charges for any forestry work which we may undertake which will meet the approval of the foresters of this section and which will at the same time permit us to operate at a profit. If you are familiar with such practice I should appreciate such information that Fuller and myself may consider it.

We are willing to furnish some time and effort in an endeavor to put some of these ideas across. I know from my own experience in New England that there is a solution. I am at somewhat of a loss as to the details.

Very truly yours,

Howard E. West.

P.S. - If convenient we would be glad to know of the steps necessary to membership in Society of American Foresters.

FULLER and WEST

FORESTERS

17 Fountain Street, Haverhill, Mass.

April 8, 1932

Mrs. William Sims,
46 Chestnut Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Sims:

As requested by Prof. A. C. Cline, Assistant Director, Harvard Forest, we have made an examination of the wonderful shade trees on your estate at Petersham, N. H. We are including with our report a sketch showing the tree locations on each property and in accordance with Prof. Cline's suggestion we have subdivided the various parts of the work as follows:

1. The trees on the park East of the residence.
2. The area immediately around the residence West of the street.
3. The trees around the "West Inn" property.

We shall briefly discuss the several needs of the trees on these properties together with our recommendations.

A. Pruning - The dead and dying limbs which are common thruout should be removed to prevent the entrance of the wood destroying fungi to the main limbs and trunk, which later cause decayed areas.

B. Cabling and Bracing - There are several specimen with sharply angled crotches which are structurally weak and which should be cabled and braced to prevent splitting and subsequent storm injury.

C. Feeding - As in the case of most tree specimens which grow on lawn kept areas, the trees on these properties show lack of vigor and many dead and dying branches due to lack of sufficient available food materials in the soil, which has been gradually exhausted thru the growing of the successive crops of grass and tree life. Unless artificial feeding is resorted to on closely kept lawn areas, the tree specimens and lawns cannot maintain good health and development. The need of feeding lawns, shrubbery and trees is quite as essential to their health as is the case with agricultural crops.

We cannot too strongly emphasize the need of feeding. It is the only constructive help which man can give to trees. We believe it is of utmost importance and the key to maintaining shade trees in good order.

Mrs. William Sims - 2.

D. Cavity Work - It is impossible to adequately examine shade trees as to the presence and condition of diseased areas from the ground. In general it is our opinion that few of the trees on these properties which are vigorous, and which we should expect to endure for years to come, are in need of much cavity work. Several specimens which are badly decayed do not in our opinion warrant any treatment other than feeding and the removal of unsightly or dangerous dead branches.

Trees in this condition will in many cases live for some time but their condition makes treatment seem unwarranted. A more detailed account of the diseased areas can best be given when the workman examine them more carefully. We would, therefore, recommend that any authorization for cavity work which appears necessary be made after the other operations are completed.

We would point out that to properly care for and maintain the tree specimens on an estate, the best results will be obtained by doing a reasonable amount of work each year, in the same way that the buildings and grounds are cared for. Extensive and heroic methods at infrequent intervals will never prove as satisfactory as will a small annual appropriation to take care of current needs. It is far better not to allow a tree to get out of condition than it is to apply corrective measures to one in serious shape.

Our estimate of the cost of such work as seems necessary at this time is as follows: (see sketch)

1. The trees on the park East of the residence	
Pruning and Feeding	20.00
No other work recommended at this time.	
2. The area immediately around the residence	
West of the street facing the park	
Pruning and Shaping	125.00
Cabling and Bracing	30.00
Feeding	70.00
3. The West Inn property	
Pruning and Shaping	180.00
Feeding	60.00
Cabling	30.00
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	415.00

Very sincerely yours,

FULLER and WEST
by *Howard E. West*

396 Bridge St.
Northampton, Mass.
April 10, 1932

Dear "A":

When can I see you at Petersham
& go over the work you say Mrs Simes
wants done on her trees? Can come up
any time at your convenience on short
notice.

After writing you last Thurs. I came
up after mailing the letter but you happened
to be at Hamilton. Left word with Jack to
have you write me when you could spend the
time to see Mrs Simes & her estate.

This Tuesday would be very convenient for
me, but any other day will be ok.

Sincerely

A. A. Kuska

Phone: Evenings, Northampton 1095JK (% E. J. Bigelow)
Daytime " " 3567 (Bartlett Tree Expert Co.)

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Northampton, Mass.,
April 11, 1932.

Mr. A. C. Cline,
Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Al:

Your letter of the 8th just received this morning, and evidently crossed with mine written yesterday. I can easily see your viewpoint and appreciate your position.

However, if Mrs. Simes would like to have us make an inspection and estimate, I would certainly be glad to have you notify me.

Most sincerely,



R. R. Fenska,
District Manager,
Bartlett Tree Expert Co.

RRF:MP

P.S. Tried to sell some of your white spruce today but was told D. Hill Co. quoted a price of \$8.50 per M for 2-2 white spruce.
R.R.F.

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April 12, 1932.

Mrs. William Simes,
Petersham, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Simes:

A situation has arisen which may require some change in our plans for the tree repair work. I wrote Mr. Fuller to proceed with the estimate, and, strangely enough, my letter arrived just a day or so after he had severed his connections with the Bartlett Company, and started in business for himself with another Bartlett man. Naturally, he was eager to do the work, and he and his new partner called on me one day last week to explain their plans and policies and to seek my support. Since they were in town, I took the liberty of showing them your trees, and told them they might make an estimate.

The following day a representative of the Bartlett Company called to see me with instructions from the Company to carry out the request for an estimate contained in my letter to Mr. Fuller. As I was out of town when he called, nothing came of his visit except letters. Incidentally, the Bartlett representative turned out to be a friend of mine from New York, a forester who had just joined the company. With good friends on both sides; one eager to build up a business for himself, the other just as eager to make good with the old, established company, I began to think that I should ask to be relieved of my duties as adviser. On second thought I realized that this was not the fair thing to do, so I shall recommend what seems best and safest

from the evidence at hand. I am inclined to recommend the Bartlett Company, chiefly because the new company is still largely "on paper", and we do not know what they are equipped to do. If this is also your feeling, I shall be glad to have the Bartlett representative, Mr. Fenska, look over the trees and make an estimate of cost.

Yours very sincerely,

April 12, 1932.

Fuller and West, Foresters,
17 Fountain St.,
Haverhill, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your estimate of the cost of tree repair work on the property of Mrs. William Simes of this town, and for the accompanying letter of recommendations.

As Mrs. Simes adviser I am, of course, looking at the whole matter from her point of view, and when I learned that I was dealing with a new company, still very largely "on paper", the question arose in my mind whether I should recommend you or stick with my original recommendation to employ the Bartlett Company.

The day following your visit to Petersham, I received a call from the Northampton representative of the Bartlett Company who had been instructed to carry out the request for an estimate contained in my letter to Mr. Fuller of March 31. Their representative happened to be Mr. R. R. Fenska, formerly a member of the Syracuse faculty and an old acquaintance. As I was out of town when he called, I did not see Mr. Fenska, but I have received letters from him since.

It was plainly a case of deciding between your company and the Bartlett Company, and, after careful deliberation, I decided to recommend to Mrs. Simes that she call in the latter. I know you will appreciate my position in the matter, and realize that no personal considerations were allowable. This decision will in no way affect my interest in your company, and you may be assured that I shall do all I can to assist you in the forestry branch of your work. The tree work I know very little about, and for that very reason I am forced to go according to the reputation of the various companies engaged in that work rather than my own judgment. I shall be very pleased to give you more of my time in connection with the method of improving weeviled white pine plantations, or other silvicultural treatments which have been carried out here on the Forest.

Yours very sincerely,

Assistant Director.

46 CHESTNUT STREET

BOSTON

Apr. 13 1932

My dear Mr. Cline,

Thank you for so carefully looking into the matter of my fees. I shall be glad to accept your judgment in the matter and to pay what you consider necessary for the repairs upon them for they are a very important part of my place. The loss of them would be very bad for me.

Hoping to see you by and by at Peterborough

I am yours sincerely
Fannie L. D. Jones

April 13, 1932.

Francis B. Parsons, Esq.,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Clarence Amidon has returned my copies of the weekly deliveries of logs from the Simes Lot, and I have just now totaled the figures on an adding machine. For the full cords my answer is 323; and for the fractional cords $6 \frac{1}{2}$. The latter is the sum of all the odd cord feet divided by 128. According to these figures the total cut from the lot was $329 \frac{1}{2}$ cords. If this checks with your total, I can inform the Company of it and inquire if their figure checks with ours. This is, I believe, the first step to take in getting payment from the Company.

Yours very sincerely,

Asst. Director.

Cds 1

33
25
42
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42 Pleasant Street,
Northampton, Mass.
April 14, 1932.

Mr. A. C. Cline,
Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Al:

After thinking over the matter of the work to be done on the estate of Mrs. Simes, I am wondering if you would not give me an opportunity to make an estimate of the proposed work to be done on the place this spring.

I assure you that there would be no obligation on you or Mrs. Simes for this service, and we feel that since the original bid was made to one of our former members, we ought to at least have the opportunity to make an estimate of the job.

Dont you feel that this would be fair?

Sincerely,

R. R. Fenska,
District Manager
Bartlett Tree Expert Company

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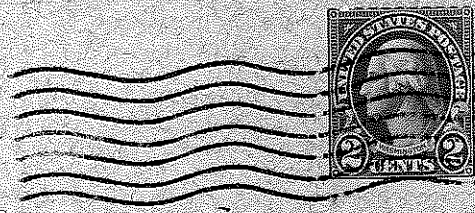
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46 CHESTNUT STREET
BOSTON
Mr. Wm. J. Jones

BOSTON, MASS.
APR 16
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Mr. Albert C. Clive
Harvard University
Harvard Forest
Peterborough
Mass.

Dear Mr. Clive,
I have just received a letter from Mr. Dodge the New Eng. manager of the Bartlett Co. that you have recommended asking me to employ Mr. Jenaker who is the man you mentioned. As I have put the business into your hands, I will not answer the letter.

but shall be
much obliged if you
will get his
estimate for me,
as you suggested.

Yours sincerely
Fannie L. R. Jones

Apr. 16 1932

Forest Acres
Petersham, Massachusetts

April 17, 1932.

Albert C. Cline, Esq.
Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.,

Dear Mr. Cline:

I acknowledge with thanks your two recent letters dealing with Miss Simes' woodlot.

Miss Simes and I have been over the woodlot and are very pleased with the thinning done under your careful direction. The recommendations for future work to be done as outlined in the letter of April 3rd., have received careful consideration. As the slash is not so unsightly as anticipated I have thought that perhaps I can get C. W. Yonkers to pile it ready for burning next winter. I shall also clear up along the various trails a little. Other work I think will have to wait until another year. Do you think the two or three logs on fallen trees are worth trying to salvage?

On checking up the schedules of logs as received from the E. Murdock Company I find that our figures coincide. Cheques have been mailed to the two men for 6 1/2 cords additional. I will much appreciate your taking the matter of payment up with the Murdock Company and making any arrangement you may see fit. The amount due is \$ 1647.50 being 329 1/2 cords at \$ 5.00. The cheque should be made out to Olive Simes and mailed to me.

I want to record here the appreciation of both Miss Simes and myself to the Harvard Forest, and to you personally, for your altruistic interest in the improvement of her woodlot.

Yours sincerely

Francis B. Parsons

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42 Pleasant Street,
Northampton, Mass.,
April 30, 1932.

Mr. A. C. Cline,
Assistant Director,
Harvard Forest,
Petersham, Mass.

My dear Cline:

In accordance with your request,
I am herewith submitting a report of the work
recommended to be done on the trees of the
Estate of Mrs. William Simes of Petersham, Mass.

I would be glad to have you go over
these figures and to have your suggestions or
criticism.


Mr. Dodge of the Boston Office and
myself went over the grounds yesterday, and we feel
that we have given Mrs. Simes a rock-bottom price
on all the work.

In case our recommendations are
accepted, and we are given the work to do, I will
make it a personal matter to see that everything is
done in the most efficient manner possible. I have
in mind a crew foreman whom I feel I can trust to do
good work.

I would be glad to have your comments
or suggestions.

Very truly yours,

RRF:MP
Enc.


R. R. Fenska
District Manager
Bartlett Tree Expert Company

*R.D. - I am enclosing two copies, one for Mrs
Simes & the other for your use.*
R.R.F.

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May 2, 1932.

Mrs. William Simes,
46 Chestnut Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mrs. Simes:

I am very glad to be able to enclose an estimate of the cost of caring for your trees, prepared by Mr. Fenska and Mr. Dodge of the Bartlett Tree Expert Company. Mr. Fenska spent considerable time in company with Mr. Cobb and myself in looking over all the trees, and I am very favorably impressed with his knowledge of the sort of work obviously needed and with his recommendations for treatment. Mr. Fenska assured me that he would give the work his personal attention, and that he would be able to have one of the Company's most efficient foremen direct the workmen.

I feel confident that we have made contact with the right party at last, and I hope you will find their estimate satisfactory. It seems to me that the estimated cost is entirely reasonable, and the recommendations thoroughly sound and in line with the best practice today. No work will be undertaken, of course, until further word is received from you.

Yours very sincerely,

Asst. Director.

May 5, 1932

My dear Mr. Clin,

Mrs. Seines is very grateful for your very clear statement of just what would be best for the trees around the place.

She would like the work all carried out with the exception of that advised for Group 2 for 1 pear tree, and the work for Group 4 on the trees belonging to the Messrs. Wilson. She would

omit those altogether.

Yours sincerely

Allen L. Greene

For Mr. William Sims

May 9, 1.

Dear Fenska:

Phoned you from Amherst last night but you were out.

Mrs. Simes wrote me that she would like the work all carried out with the exception of that advised in Group 2 for one pear tree, and the work for Group 4 on the trees belonging to the Misses Willson. I take it that this means including the feeding, spraying, etc., but it would be well to consult with Mrs. Simes as the work progresses in order to avoid any misunderstanding.

Will you kindly inform me when the work starts, not that I intend to give much advice, but I would like to meet the foreman and see how you go at the work.

Yours very sincerely,

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42 Pleasant St.
Northampton, Mass.
May 21, 1932.



Dear Cline:

I am enclosing a letter for Mrs
Simes regarding some work suggested on
the trees in addition to our first recommenda-
tions. I will you kindly forward the original
letter to Mrs Simes & keep the carbon for
your reference.

I have already been informed that
Mr Cobb that we are to do the spraying.

Most Sincerely

A. W. Dodge

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Copy for A.C. Cline.

our bill on this work. Hoping that I may hear from you in the near future if you desire to have us go ahead with this work, I am,

42 Pleasant St.,
Northampton, Mass.
May 21, 1932.

Mrs. William Simes,
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Mrs Simes:

This afternoon I drove over to your place to inspect the work of trimming, pruning, and feeding of trees completed by our men during the past ten days. I feel they have done an excellent job. Spraying the fruit and shade trees will be done at the proper time.

While working in your trees Mr. Lawrence, the foreman, made a note of all the structural weaknesses he found in the different trees which he recommended should be braced or cabled, as well as certain cavities in the shade trees requiring attention. I am submitting his notes and would be glad to go over this work with Mr. Cline or Mr. Cobb, at their convenience.

Cavity Work.

- 1 Elm tree, south side of church.
- 1 Elm between church and house. Needs more work in top above old cement filling. Not visible from the ground.
- 3 Maples in front of Inn.
- 1 Ash) in front of residence (on Commons)
- 2 Elms)

Bracing-Cabbling.

- 1 Elm with large cement cavity needs cables tightened.
- 1 Large ash in rear of barn is hollow and should be cabled to prevent falling apart.
- 2 Apple trees with chains in them, near barn, should be cabled to prevent girdling.
- 1 Pear tree in garden needs a small cable.

Removal of Girdling Roots.

- 2 Norway maples near house.
- 1 Large elm on Commons.

Note. Lightning rod in Norway maple near house needs repairing.

As to the cost of the above work it is very difficult to say. We could only make a guess, which we would place around \$200. Our actual labor plus the cost of materials would be the basis for

Mrs. William James, Petersham, Mass.

our bill on this work.

Trusting that I may hear from you in the near future if you desire to have us go ahead with this work, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. R. Fenska

R. R. Fenska
District Manager

Dear Mrs. James:

This afternoon I drove over to your place to inspect the work of trimming, pruning, and feeding of trees completed by our men during the past few days. I feel they have done an excellent job. Pruning the fruit and shade trees will be done at the proper time.

While working in your trees Mr. Lawrence, the foreman, made a note of all the structural weaknesses he found in the different trees which he recommended should be pruned or caulked, as well as certain cavities in the shade trees requiring attention. I am submitting his notes and would be glad to go over this work with Mr. Lane or Mr. Cobb, at their convenience.

Cavity Work.

- 1 Elm tree, south side of church.
- 1 Elm between church and house. Needs more work in top above old cement filling. Not visible from the ground.
- 3 Maples in front of inn.
- 1 Ash () in front of residence (on Common)
- 2 Elms ()

Pruning-Caulking.

- 1 Elm with large lowest cavity needs caulk tightened.
- 1 large ash in rear of barn in hollow and should be caulked to prevent falling apart.
- 3 Apple trees with cracks in bark, near barn, should be caulked to prevent girdling.
- 1 pear tree in garden needs a small caulk.

Removal of Girdling Insects.

- 3 Norway maples near house.
- 1 large elm on Common.

Note. Lightning rod in Norway maple near house needs repairing.

As to the cost of the above work it is very difficult to say. We could only make a guess, which we would place around \$200. Our actual labor plus the cost of materials would be the basis for

May 24, 1932.

Mrs. William Simes,
46 Chestnut Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Simes:

I am enclosing Mr. Fenska's letter regarding cavity work, bracing and cabling, and the removal of girdling roots. This sort of work is rather outside of my field of knowledge, and I feel that Mr. Fenska and Mr. Lawrence know so much more about it that any further consultation with me would in no way alter the recommendations. In fact, I am so well pleased with the work already completed, that I believe it is entirely safe to entrust them with the ~~completion~~ of the work outlined in the enclosed letter without questioning their technique.

You will note in the last paragraph of Mr. Fenska's letter that he will await word from you before doing any of the cavity or cabling work. It is my understanding that you have approved the spraying, and that it will be done at the proper time.

Very sincerely yours,

Asst. Director.

