

July 21, 1942

Mr. W. E. Dickinson,
New England Box Company,
Greenfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The Harvard Forest is publishing a bulletin on the Pisgah old-growth forest prepared by Mr. Cline and myself. In two places, statements refer to your family. In the interests of accuracy, we would much appreciate your checking the following statements:

"The Pisgah forest covers an area of approximately 5,000 acres, at present owned by the Ansel Dickinson heirs, with the exception of 20 acres belonging to Harvard University.

"That the timber in the Pisgah area was not exploited long ago is due to its relative inaccessibility and to its ownership by one family which for generations has retained interests in local wood-using industries and looked upon the Pisgah forest as a reserve to be used sparingly and at such times as their needs could not be as well met from other timber lands."

We are particularly interested in (1) the statement as to ownership, (2) the area involved, and (3) purposes of ownership.

Very truly yours,

Stephen H. Spurr
Instructor

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August 19, 1942

Mr. Stephen H. Spurr
Harvard University
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th received.

I received your letter of July 21st and forwarded it to Mr. L. F. Dickinson at Keene, New Hampshire. I have been in touch with him and he agrees that the statement you wish to publish is correct.

Very truly yours,

THE NEW ENGLAND BOX COMPANY

W. E. Dickinson

Treasurer

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