

Aug. 22 1924

Percy B. Tripp, Esq.,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Percy:-

This is just a line to let you know that I have the stone quarry matter in Mr. Rust's hands, have turned over the contract and asked him to proceed to ask for an accounting and payment of royalty for year ending June 1st as per terms of the contract and he said he would give it his prompt attention.

Mr. Hester has paid no more rent and I am going to get after him vigorously.

Very truly yours,
M. E. Church

P.S:- Aug. 23rd 1924

Since writing the above I have received yours of the 18th and am sorry to say that I have not yet persuaded Hester to pay any more rent, but I am getting after him right vigorously. The tax collector wanted to attach the rent in his hands but I persuaded him not to do it as I know that would be an excuse for him to hold it up.

Now in regard to the subdivision of your property. I would suggest that you and Mr. Browning subdivide your two tracts on Horseshoe Hill together and that would make a subdivision of about 30 acres or a little more and adjoining with the property on the east one or more streets could be opened through to connect with West Falls Church and I believe that next spring will be an opportune time to put that property on the market. By joining with Mr. Browning you could lay out a more desirable and comprehensive subdivision but each would own his own property and would control and sell your own lots.

As to your farm or home place I think your suggestion of looking forward to the future is good and I will take it up with Mr. Hester and the other adjoining property owners but I do not think the time is actually ripe for operations of that kind now.

I understand the concrete is laid about up to Dr. Graham's now and the road will soon be opened to your place.

Very truly yours,
M. E. Church

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