

May 30, 1917.

Mr. John C. Thomas,
1210 Fidelity Bldg.,
City.

Dear John:-

I have a letter from Richard J. White addressed to James Cary, Jr. and myself, as Committee on Titles of the Permanent Board, stating that the title to the Ashton Meeting House property will need some looking into and perhaps correction.

Is the Ashton Monthly Meeting incorporated? If so, I should like to have for examination the following papers if they are in the vault at Rutaw Street Meeting House:

1. Charter Ashton Monthly Meeting.
2. Deed Benjamin Rush Roberts to Baltimore Monthly Meeting dated September 1, 1860, recorded Liber E.B.P. No. 22, folio 448.
3. Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends to Ashton Monthly Meeting, deed February 19, 1891, recorded Liber J.A. No. 25, folio 155.
4. Charles G. Porter to Philip Stabler, etc., trustees, deed August 18, 1899, and recorded Liber T.D. No. 14, folio 114.

Will thee please take a look the next time thee goes to the Meeting House and see if the above mentioned papers are in the vault? If so, kindly get them out for me.

Very truly thine,

TH/AD.

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Mr. Joseph E. Janney,
Brookeville,
Maryland.

Dear Mr. Stabler:-

I have been informed by Richard J. White that there is some question as to the present status of the title to the Ashton Meeting House property, the matter having been brought to his attention by you ~~and Richard J. White~~ and Richard J. White having referred it to James Cary, Jr. and myself as Committee on titles appointed by the Permanent Board. Before we can determine what is required to be done, it will be necessary to get full information as to the condition of the title, and it may be necessary to get copies of the deeds if the latter are not among the records at Rutaw Street Meeting House.

I find from a book in possession of the Committee the following records:

1. Benjamin Rush Roberts to Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, etc. Deed September 1, 1860, recorded in Liber E.B.P. No. 22, folio 448, conveying a lot on the Sandy Spring Branch Turnpike fronting 4 perches 10 1/2 links with a depth of 16 perches and 11 links.
2. Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends to Ashton Monthly Meeting of Friends, deed February 19, 1891, recorded in Liber J.A. No. 25, folio 155, etc. (same lot)
3. Charles G. Porter to Philip T. Stabler,
Louisa T. Brooke,
Roger Brooke,
Carmelia H. Stabler,
Barrett H. Haviland,
Trustees of
Ashton Monthly Meeting,
deed August 18, 1899, recorded Liber T.D. No. 14, folio 114, being a lot 25 feet front and apparently adjoining the Meeting House lot for its full length.

The following questions I should like answered:

1. Is Ashton Monthly Meeting an incorporated body? If so, give me date and place of record of its charter.
2. Are any of the original trustees in the last mentioned deed living? If not give me the name and address of the oldest male heir of the last survivor of the trustees.
3. Date of death of each trustee.

TH/AD. Very truly yours,