Legal Memorandum of Lease Agreement between Edmund Fish of Schoolcraft and William Taylor, E.A. Simmons, and W.H. Fox for the Cedar Park Female Seminary Grounds, July 28, 1851 Letter #113, Kalamazoo College Baptist Collection

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Memorandum of an Agreement made and Entered into this 28th day of July A.D. 1851 by and between William Taylor, Elisha A. Simmons and Wm H. Fox, a committee appointed by the Trustees of the Kalamazoo Literary Institute of the State of Michigan, parties of the first part, and Edmund Fish of Schoolcraft, party of the second part: —

This Memorandum witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, as well as for the sum of one dollar by them in hand received, have leased and rented to the said party of the Second part, for and during the term of six years from and after the 16th day of August A.D. 1851 that certain building in Bull’s addition to the village of Schoolcraft, in the county of Kalamazoo and State of Michigan, known as the “Boarding house”— and also the building next south of the said boardinghouse and hitherto used as a barn, — together with the grounds inclosed [sic] with the said buildings, and also the adjoining ground constituting the yard of the Cedar Park Female Seminary.

In consideration of the foregoing, the said party of the second part binds himself to convert the building last described into a dwelling house, according to the directions of the said party of the first part and in so doing to make such improvements on the said building as some disinterested [sic] person or persons mutually agreed upon by both the said parties, shall adjudge to be worth the sum of two hundred and forty dollars.

The said party of the second part also binds himself to carefully protect the said buildings and premises, and from time to time, to make such repairs as may be necessary, excepting [sic] such repairs as may be required from fire, storms, or disasters not occurring from carelessness or negligence.

Done in duplicate this day above stated

William Taylor
Edmund Fish
W.H. Fox
E.A. Simmons

Done in presence of: —
Mary A. [M or N]iles
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