

Worthington, O. 2/2-97
Mr Henry C. Harrison
Brandon Vt

Dear Sir, Will
you please inform me if you
know anything about that old Carver
land matter - The Carver heirs are
greatly elated over the discovery of
a copy of the Original Deed from
the Indians to Jonathan Carver
which was found among the old
documents on file in the Recorder's
Office in Chillicothe, Ross Co, Ohio;
filed in that office I suppose when
Chillicothe was the Capital of the
North Western Territory. The land
is very valuable now. St Paul
and Minneapolis and elven
smaller towns are situated

it is claimed, on the land covered
by the Deed. The Deed was rat-
ified by the English under George
third and afterwards by the Con-
gress. My grandfather Harrison
your great grandfather was Car-
ver's Agent in securing this rat-
ification by Congress, and by
agreement with Carver, was to
have a share of the land, if he
was successful. He did succeed,
and when he returned home,
brought the Deed and other
documents with him, subsequently
some of the Carver heirs or their
agents came to his place and wanted
to look at the papers. After they left
it was discovered that the Deed and
the agreement between Carver
and grandfather, were missing,
had been purloined. I believe this
was after grandfather's death,

I have ^{learned} these things from my mother,
your father's aunt Lorisa, Do you
know if there are any of the old
papers in existence, that throw
any light on this matter? The papers
were kept, I suppose, by grandmother
Harrison and in My uncle Samuel's
family, and deeded to your
father's family and yours.

When your sister Marion was
staying with us she often spoke
of Carver land and a possibility
of some day, realizing a fortune
from it. So I suppose the matter
has not been lost sight of by the
family. By the way where is Marion
now. The last we heard from her
she was living, I think somewhere
near Troy, N. Y. - This discovery of
the Deed will not do us any
good, unless we can prove the
Contract, between Carver & grandfather

I have written to Mr C. B. Holloway
of Holland, Ohio, who has a certified
Copy of the Deed, for the date of the
Deed and the date of the ratifica-
tion ~~of~~ by Congress, and some
other facts, I remember, seeing,
when a boy, visiting at grand-
mother's a letter written ^{home} by grand-
father, ~~then~~ telling of his success
in Congress, just before he
started for home. Perhaps you
have some of his old letters
or other documents, if so please
let me know. Can you tell
me anything about the Hatch family
of Pittsfield, or the Segars.

Please let me hear from
you
Truly Yours
S. R. Holt



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