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Northington, O. Feb. 9, 1897  
H. C. Harrison Esq

Dear Sir,

Yours of Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> is at hand. I send you a slip from the O. State Journal of Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> which will give you some idea of what has started the boom in this matter. - I wrote to the Recorder of Ross Co. to know if the statement as published was correct. I quote from his reply - "A copy of the Old Indian Deed to Carver incorporated and made a part of another and more recent deed is on record in this office as published, Messrs Holloway and Gumm were here and personally examined the record and pronounced it a very valuable "find". There are no other documents connected with

it that I know of on record here  
We can send you a Certified Copy  
of the Deed, for \$3.00 It is very long  
Will send you a copy on receipt  
of price, signed Lee Des Martin  
Recorder of Ross Co, O. "

At the same time I wrote you  
I wrote to Mr Holloway also to Mr  
Gunn, asking for the date of the  
Deed, the date of ratification, and  
date of filing. I have not heard  
from Mr H., but Mr Gunn replied  
and I quote from his letter as follows  
"The Old Indian Deed to Jonathan  
Carver was dated May 1<sup>st</sup> 1767

It is embodied in a deed from  
Thomas D. Edwards & Margaret A. Edwards  
to George J. Hardy, Filed July 5, 1838  
at Chillicothe, Ohio, I also have an  
Abstract of different deeds and dates  
from 1767 up to 1839 — I wish  
to know if you are an heir



to this supposed estate, and if so  
will you please to inform me to  
which branch you belong, &c —

I am also Chairman of a com-  
mittee (appointed by Jonathan Carver  
Reunion Association, — to examine  
into Records in reference to the  
Carver Grant; The other Committeemen  
are Mr A. B. Scribner & C. B. Hallway.

We have found enough already to  
satisfy us that there is a fighting  
chance to get something out of it.

Mr Gurn does not say any thing  
about the Ratification by Congress,  
a very important matter. Of course  
if it was so Ratified, the Deed would  
show it — I will write Mr G. again  
and try to learn something about  
that abstract as well as the date  
of Ratification.

Do you know anything about  
the papers that the Carvers or  
their Agents are said to have  
stolen?

I have given you all  
the information I have at present  
in relation to this matter,

I would like to know some  
thing about my relatives - my  
Mother's family -

Yours Truly

S. R. Holt

P.S. How many letters have  
you, Was Grandfather at home  
when he received them, and  
where was he living at that time

S. R. H.



[Friday, Nov. 20, 1896]

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1

## VAST TRACT OF VALUABLE LAND.

[Ohio State Journal]

Seven Million Acres in Northwest  
Claimed by Heirs of Jonathan Carver.

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### A GIFT FROM THE INDIANS.

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The Deed Found Among a Lot of  
Ancient Records in Ross  
County.

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For Last Hundred Years Heirs Have  
Been Searching for It.

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Special to Ohio State Journal.

Chillicothe, O., Nov. 17.—C. B. Holloway of Holland, O., and O. U. Gunn of Maumee arrived in the city today to secure the certified copy of a deed which, it is claimed, will establish their title to a tract of seven million acres of land in the Northwest. On this land is located the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis and also eleven smaller towns. A number of railroads also traverse the territory.

Long before the revolution, Jonathan Carver, an Englishman, came to this country and settled among the Naudawissa Indians, who for valuable services rendered, made him a present of this vast tract. Afterward this action of the Indians was ratified by the English under George III, and then by the continental congress. This land was afterward deeded by Carver to Rev. Bishop Samuel Peters of New York, but by some oversight the deed was never signed by Carver and no record was made of it. Notwithstanding, however, the land has passed from one hand to another.

Carver's heirs laid claim to the title, but could never establish it, as the deed of gift made by the Indians was lost. For more than a hundred years they searched for it until a few days since, when it was discovered accidentally in the old records of this county. The antiquity of the document was noted in a newspaper, and reached the eyes of the claimants. Mr. Holloway's wife is the great-granddaughter of Jonathan Carver, and Mr. Gunn is a grandson. Legal proceedings will at once be commenced to establish the title.



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