

Cameron Dam Sept-3rd 1906

Via Winkler

Editor Milwaukee Journal Dear Sir

My wife has a warranty deed from Jennie Cameron widow
of Hugh L. Cameron and I will give an exact copy of
the abstract-

Abstract of Title

of the South half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northwest quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) and
the North half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southwest $\frac{1}{2}$ of section twenty
(20) Town Thirty-eight (38) North of Range (4) west-

United States

Neal McLeod } Entry
Sept 2nd 1867

Neal McLeod to wife } W. D.
August R. Burrows } May 18th 1871

A. R. Burrows & wife } G. C. D.
Peter Legault } Aug 8th 1871

Peter Legault & wife } W. D.

Thomas F. Seavitt } Oct 13th 1875

State of Wisconsin
In Probate Court of Chippewa County } Order to
Hon. R. W. Marshall Probate Judge } convey lands
in the matter of the administration of the } Sept 6th 1881
estate of Thomas F. Seavitt Deceased }

Thomas S. Seavitt administrator of } W. D.
the estate of Thomas F. Seavitt }
to } Sept 6th 1881
Edward Flanders }

Edward Flanders & wife } G.C.W.
to } July 9th 1883
Charles L. Coleman }

Charles L. Coleman & wife } W. D.
to } March 4th 1885
Hugh S. Cameron }

State of Wisconsin }
Chippewa County Court } Judgement allowing
in the matter of the will of } final account and
of H. Cameron Deceased } assigning estate
} June 29th 1898

State of Wisconsin
 Sawyer County J.S.S. The following Abstract-
 made this 3rd day of October 1900 3. P.M. shows
 all instruments on file or of record in the office of
 The Register of Deeds in the County of Sawyer State
 of Wisconsin effecting or relating to the Title of the
 within described lands lying and being in said
 County of Sawyer There are no unredeemed tax sales
 or taxes due and unpaid against said land except-
 as noted There are no unsatisfied Judgments entered
 against any party named in said Abstract- in any
 Court of Record having their records in said County
 which are a lien upon said lands except as noted
 and There are no Mechanics Liens Attachments
 Seizure or other liens or Notices entered against
 said land except as noted.

Witness my hand at Hayward Wis. This day and year
 first above written
 Ralph Tilstad
 Abstracter

(read)
you will notice Dear Reader that this abstract
was made before there was any controversy and at a time
when there was no object for Mr. Tilstad to make a false
certificate, also that two Probate Courts have rendered
Judgements allowing the assigning of this land since
Connor claims the Company got a deed of carentment in
1877 why didnt the Company present their claim on
or before the final day specified in those two Probate
Notices which read if yo fail to do so you are forever
hereafter barred we have a copy of the Records made
by the County Clerk of Sawyer County June 4th 1901
to corroborate the abstract- Connor claims they have
a right to maintain a Dam 15 feet in height and
flood our land which is only a claim I claim this
land is a piece of real estate and in order to flood
it the Company would have to own it and establish
a meander line where such a head of water would
reach and such part would have to be devided and
recorded as a lot so that any surveyor that understood

his business could come here and survey that line
 and they would have to pay taxes there on as I don't
 think the law compells me to pay a corporations tax
 directly and they havent a tax receipt to show that they
 have ever paid any tax on any part of this land
 if there are any warrants out for me they have grown
 out of this controversy at the instance of the Company
 I see by newspaper accounts that I have been tried and
 condemned (in my absence) and denounced as an "Outlaw"
 "anarchist" "traitor" &c by two Circuit Judges and one
 U.S. district Judge for the same old song and all
 contrary to the constitution the foundation of all law
 and then up pops a 2 X 4 lumberman and offers to
 have all indictments quashed if I will go to court
 and let it beat me out of my home and my all
 now these Judges pledged themselves in their oath of
 office to support the constitution have they been mis-
 quoted or have they so forgotten their dignity as to
 perjure themselves, according to Mr. Arp's proposition

They must have been misquoted can any sane person
believe the Company has any right to the Cameron
Dam by their past actions by sending Sergeant
up here to subdivide this section and by sending
him back a second time to offer me 500 dollars to
lay down and give up all rights when I put these
questions to Mr. Irvine and asked him why they did so
he said they didnt know at that time that they owned
the Dam and Connor claims that 500 dollars was
a peace offering can any fair minded person say
we are not acting in good faith or that our papers
dont warrant us in protecting our home against the
encroachments of the Anti Americans

I will give an exact copy of papers in my possession
relative to my working for the C. L. & B. Co.

Chippewa Falls Wis 4/10/901 (Telegram)

Watchmen at Pile Dam

Go Joe Buckwheat Hayward
Raise head of water for use of Joe Buckwheat

if it can be done with safety

H. G. Chichester See

Chippewa Lumber & Boom Co.

Jan 20 1903

Chippewa Falls Wis.

^{to}
Pells Lumber & Shingle Co.

Can Claire Wis.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. we hereby give you authority to make the necessary repairs on the Price Dam on Burnett River and to use same next spring subject to our requirements for the main Chippewa drive

Yours Truly

Chippewa Lumber & Boom Co.

W. Irvine Mgr.

Camp No 4

April 10th 1903

Mr. Dutz you can be prepared to have in
to on Monday noon we were thinking that it would
take about 4 or 5 hours to get to the Rollways
so you would want to raise the gates Monday
morning about 6 and you can let go just what
water that will go through the lower Dam you
would want to shut down the gates about one
o'clock in the afternoon take the best care of the
water you can and oblige

James Kerr

foreman for The Dells Lumber & Shingle Co.

These letters show conclusively that I was in the
employ of the C. L. & B. Co. and in charge of the
Price Dam for two years from April 10-1901 to
April 10-1903 the company do not now deny that
I was in their employ but try to avoid the liability
by claiming they have a receipt in full for my
services but all they have is a receipt for 72 dollars
for 36 days work for raising a head of water

on Price Wain for John Ryan so it is plain to
see how tall Oaks from little acorns grow
I see by Connors tirade in trying to explain their
innocence of the attempted assassination of my
family on July 25 says it is between Deitz and
The State in the same article he sings a sweet siren
song about their fictitious title and the alleged
depreciations committed by Deitz and that article
shows that the Company are deeply interested and
as Sheriff Gylland is a grafter it is evident some
bodys money is spurring him on

In 1902 the Hayward Enterprise in an editorial
exposed some of the rottenness of the Sheriffs office
and Sheriff Giblin sent a boy to inveigle Editor
W. C. Schei down town into a saloon but Schei
wouldnt go in the saloon so Giblin came out
and "slugged" Schei on the street. Schei pulled
" Giblin hollered

bring me a gun and I'll shoot the — dead on
the street. That was the kind of a peace officer
Giblin was and Sheriff Gylland is the same stamp
the actions of the Sheriff and District Attorney of
this County and the Town and School Boards of the
Town of Winter show they are under the evil
influence of someone last March Mrs.
Abraham came here after potatoes when she
returned home so the story goes she met the
Town Board of the Town of Winter on the road they
turned out for her to pass when she got opposite
their horse jumped on Mrs. Abraham and smashed
her sleigh and hurt her so bad that Abraham
said she had gone to bed for the last time last
June Abrahams children went out picking straw
berries (before they were ripe) their girl Minnie
got lost and James Hedrington the Companion

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foreman ran out to Winter and give the
alarm, and the same Town Board that had
killed Mr. Abraham in March came out to
hunt the lost girl ("Nit") and George Abraham
came here to let us know his sister was lost and
said there was 9 men out hunting her the next
time George came here I said George havent I always
used you and your folks right and let you have
anything you asked for George said yes Mr.
Deity you are our best neighbor I said George
wint you ashamed of yourself to lie to me
about Minnie getting lost George said I didnt
know it was a lie when I told you they had her
hid away and Hedrington is the one that made
up that lie last winter was the first schooling
my children have had since we lived in this
county nearly six years altho there is annually

expended \$35,000⁰⁰ and upward for school and
graft-purposes on 18 schools a young lady from
Rice Lake taught 8 months in our house and
she must calculate to follow the occupation of
teaching. The young idea how to shoot for
she appropriated a lot of my cartridges
and searched our bureau thro from top to bottom
evidently for the purpose of getting our papers
but she didn't succeed as they were in a safe
place I don't suppose I had ought to expose her
for she was so friendly to me she frequently
nudged me in the ribs with her elbow and say
"Damn you" her actions finally became so disgusting
that I asked her what makes you act so I never
gave you occasion to act the way you do to me
in the conversation that followed she admitted
she had received ^{her} instruction from Mr O'Hare
a member of the school board after that I didn't

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speak to her for four weeks. The last two
days she was here she tried to converse with
me but when she saw it was no use she
"put the pike" in regard to Valentine Weisen-
-bach the alledged "ally" who was sentenced
to 12 years in prison last May he is like the
rest of the so-called "neighbors" a fool and spy
for the powers that be as is easily shown by his
actions. it is alledged that in May 1904 he fired
at Mulligan a company foreman and a party of
"Deputies" on Oct. 17th 1904 Weisenbach started
to work in Mulligan's Camp for the C., L. & B. Co.
and worked there all winter also sold them his
vegetables at a fancy price and all winter when
the boat team needed an extra man Weisenbach
was the favored one in the spring of 1900
when that big bunch of marshalls was here
Weisenbach was the busiest man on Thornapple

spying and trying to get their schemes to work
he tried to get Leslie to go to Winter 3 days in
succession finally I told Leslie to tell him
he would go the next day that night at sundown
Weisenbach fired two signal shots to notify the
marshalls that Leslie was going out and the next
day six of them were out on the road and that
signal has been used since that time when any
of us left the house then Weisenbach better known
here as "Wagonbox" went to town and bought
Clarence a brown hat and Leslie a white hat
and I wore a black hat that would mark us so
they could tell us from a distance this was
Gus Jones Brothers scheme for he did not want
to tackle the old man again on April 27, 1900
Smith and Cheater two lumberjacks in the
employ of the company and nonresidents
of this County went over to Weisenbach's place

and made a bargain to arrest him on the 29th
on the 29th he was duly arrested by Smith and
Cheater they receiving 10 dollars apiece for
the job from Sheriff Gylland I will ask the
company to refer to the Diary kept at their camp
if I have made any mistakes to prompt me
last fall Weisenbach came back from out-west
with a story he had fell off a wheat-stack and
struck on a shaft of a threshing machine and
nearly broke his back and wanted one of my Boys
to dig his potatoes. The phonograph that I forgot
to mention that was brought in to unweige my
Boys across the river to the camp which always
went off on important occasions played about
two dozen pieces when Weisenbach returned
on April 19th the day our Dam went out
Weisenbach appeared across the river and called
John come over I have your mail and some

garden seeds and there was a bushwhacker
secreted behind him. The change of venue from
Lawyer to Chippewa County was for the purpose of
having the trial take place right under the muzzle of the
"Big Gun" and the purpose of that 12 year sentence was
should I appear before court - I would get the same dose and
by the time it expired the logging and driving would be
all through on Thornapple. Connor has termed me an
"Outlaw" & well if I am that occupation must be more
honorable than the so called law and order for I have
never paraded under disguise or an assumed name or
or the pretense of being lame or crawled around in the
grass like snakes as the agents of the so called ^{mult-} departments
of justice have done and I haven't been afraid of any man
or body of men face to face and exchange courtesies
or ashamed to tell the truth about what I have
done and haven't struck a blow from ambush as
Rogich did even a rattlesnake wouldn't do that.

There is no use to mention the "Battle" for your Mr. Traylor reported the facts and they have been published in your paper.

This Dam was not built by Daniel Shaw as some reports claim it was built by Thomas Leavitt and went by the name of Leavitt Dam for years and is called so yet by some of the old timers. The only Dam built by Shaw on Thomapple is the Lower Dam and it goes by the name of Shaw Dam yet a farmer by the name of Rosler bought the land on which the Shaw Dam is located, in the spring of 1903. Mr. Rosler notified the company that the Shaw Dam was his property and they immediately settled with Mr. Rosler by giving him a tract of land and 20 dollars a month the year round for its use. Why didnt they shoot Rosler the same as they have tried to do with me. Possibly they thought it wouldnt look well to have a war with two different men over dams at the same time.

on the same stream and there is no question now and
I am the cause of Mr. Rossler getting his just dues
The title Connor claims the Company have ^{granted} by men
that died long ago that reminds me when Mr. Irvine
was here July 20th 1904 he undertook to deny the
telegram from Chichester and said Chichester wasn't
at home when that telegram was sent that Bert Reed
sent it said I and Mr. Reed is now dead Mr. Irvine
said yes sir said I am you trying to make that
telegram out a forgery and lay it off on a dead man
Mr. Irvine then said oh no Mr. Reed had authority
to attend to such business in Mr. Chichester's absence
well then said I it is just as binding as though
it was done by Mr. Chichester Mr. Irvine then said
oh yes I see Mr. Reid - you was in the employ of the
Company and I would like to settle that part of it
while I am here said I allright settle it that is
what I have been looking for for a long time

Mr. Irvine then said I will sell you the NE 1/4
of 7-38-5 for \$25.00 per acre just as Mr. Chickster
agreed to. I said I know about my wages
Mr. Irvine said oh the raise in the value of the
land would more than make the difference of
your wages, although he is not worthy of twice
I will answer some of tirade of Connor that corpor-
-ation mouthpiece and newspaper Pettifogger
who says newspapers aint the place to try a case
but he has made use of the newspapers very freely
to attempt to start a case by calling us a lot of
vile names for the purpose of prejudicing the
people against us it was Connor who first proclai-
- ed me an "Outlaw" and he is at it yet when thou-
- sands of people know that he lies it was Connor who
- furnished \$500.00 to defray the expenses of the first
- armed mob it was Connor that seduced the County

Lawyer and got a judgment of \$1000. —
inchester rifles that were used by the "deputies" in
the last "battle" Connor has never been on this ground
and hasn't seen me since this controversy began
yet he knows more about my business and what I
have said than I do myself what logging company
is Connor attorney for when Mr. Irvine was here in
July 1904 representing the C. L. & B. Co. he denied
Connor as their attorney and when Mr. Leod was here
in October 1904 representing the M. R. L. Co. he
denied Connor also and I am sure I would be
willing to own him for my attorney dont Connor
know that every man in this County has expressed
his opinion on this case and that fully 90 per cent
are against his conspiracy possibly Connor would
like to try this case before a jury composed of hiring
picked out of the 10 per cent with an attorney of the
same stamp and a lot of perjured testimony wouldnt
I get vengeance with the Justice why dont some of the

people that have been here and Connor than
I have abused so had till their tale of lies and
leave Connor to tell all the lies why do the managers
of the companies deny Connor possibly they don't want
to be held responsible for the actions of such a
dirty agent let the man of Chippewa P
explain how Sheriff Gylland could afford
\$6000 for the last said on a salary of \$1,000 a
year for all criminal business in the County
when Mr. Irvine was here in July 1904 he offered to
let this controversy be settled by any Circuit Judge
in this State and especially recommended Judge
Dunge as an honorable and reliable Judge I told Mr.
Irvine what is the use of bothering other people with
this fair you are manager of the C. B. & P. Co.
I am manager here why cant we settle this
over I have shown you our papers that
you cant stand if you had

all show papers and if
have the right title you can have the same
without a word as I doubt not what dont see
to me although there has been numerous repre-
sentatives of the Company here to interview me
since they have never produced the
scratch of a pen in conclusion I will say
a blind man ought to see that Connor is telling
a lot of willful lies when no officer of the law or
representative of the Company that has been here
have published such notorious statements as
Connor does even United States Marshall Pugh
said I was not the "Outlaw" that I had
been represented

Yours Truly

John F. Cain