

APPENDIX II

1920 and 1921 Correspondence between E. M. Davis and A. I. Du Pont

E. M. DAVIS
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WILMINGTON, DEL.

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July 23, 1920.

Mr. Alfred I. duPont,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Sir:

The wheat inside of the wall at Nemours has been threshed. The machinery was set in order ready to go to work on Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, using the Mogul kerosine engine for power and that afternoon we threshed 258½ bushels working the men until 7.30 P. M. and on Thursday we started operations again at 9 A. M. waiting for the dew to dry off the wheat. We then threshed 534½ bushels working until eight o'clock. This making a total of 793 bushels. I persuaded Mr. Bishop Thursday to work the men as late as possible in order to finish up as it looked very much like rain and it did rain this morning beginning at 8.30. In order to get the work out of the men and satisfy them, I purchased some near beer and allowed each man two bottles in the morning and two in the afternoon. I kept track of this by giving them a little slip of paper entitling them to a bottle. After the threshing was over I arranged to feed them at the Blue Ball boarding house. There were several of them who already boarded there. I thought it best to do this in order to save the wheat and labor conditions today are such that we have to cater to them to a certain extent. All wheat threshed has been placed in the barn and is under lock and key. No one has access to

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it but Mr. Bishop. The barn had been put in order so that it was a suitable place for the wheat.

The wheat on the Blue Ball Farm land between Rock Manor and the Blue Ball farmhouse will be threshed this coming week, probably will be started on Wednesday. This wheat is not very good as it is full of weeds. However we will get the best out of it and the rest can be used for chicken feed. I was personally on the field all the time they were threshing the Nemours wheat to see that no time was lost. The thresher was not in very good shape. Whittington had allowed it to be stripped of all its belts and it was in general disorder. I had this repairing done by our own men who work on the farm and the mechanic who works for me.

As some of our farm neighbors want their wheat threshed I have agreed to let them have the use of your thresher at the following terms, ten cents a bushel, they are to pay for the gasoline and furnish all the men with the exception of one, a man whom we have for the tractor. Will you please let me know if this arrangement meets with your approval? I can assure you that it will not interfere with the work on the Blue Ball Farm whatever.

Yours very truly,



BLUE BALL FARM

ALFRED I. DU PONT, OWNER

ROUTE 2
WILMINGTON, DEL. December 2, 1920

Mr. Alfred I. duPont,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Sir:

Find herewith attached statement of Blue Ball Farm account for the month of November, 1920. One of the three cows which have been sold, as per statement, belongs to Mr. E. G. Bradford, Jr. It was according to his wish to have it sold with yours, therefore sixty dollars is due him. The chicken man has been dispensed with and with the expense of the keeping of a boarding-house gone, I believe the farm will make a good showing from now on.

Find also attached check for \$602.25, the money taken in this month at the farm.

Yours very truly,



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March 8, 1921.

Mr. E. M. Davis,

Wilmington, Del.

Dear Sir:-

I find that practically all the trees in the copse near Bishop's house have been cut down during my absence. Will you kindly advise me why this was done, as I never permit trees to be cut down until they are dead?

This was a beautiful copse and now it is completely ruined.

Yours truly,

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September 18, 1921.

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Mr. E. M. Davis,

B U I L D I N G.

Dear Sir:-

Confirming my verbal instruction given today:

I have decided to turn the Blue Ball Farm over to the care of my superintendent, Andrew Fullarton, as of November 1st, and you will so instruct Mr. Bishop.

In view of the season of the year, however, I have decided to let Mr. Bishop stay in the present house until January 1, 1922, and pay him his salary until January 1, 1922.

You will, until further notice, have charge of the Louviers property, the Logue Farm and the Anderson property; in other words, any properties not directly included in the Blue Ball Farm.

If, however, Mr. Bishop should desire to relinquish his supervision of the farm prior to November 1, 1921, it will be perfectly satisfactory to me and of course he will inform me to this end.

Yours truly,