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227.02251919.01	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	From: J.F. Gordon
	"I have prepared the deed to the Lyon Land Company
	and forwarded it this day to Judge Nunn at Marion. I
	am sending you the carbon copy of the deed minus the
	boundary. You will observe that the amount of
	recovery has been raised to 400 acres. I had a talk with
	Judge Nunn over the phone this morning and we
	agreed to make this 400 acres instead of 300."
	Newspaper article attached. Titled: "8,000 Acres of
	Land"
	Deed attached
227.01191920.02	To: Joe Mitchell
	From: Santhel Miller
	"I wish you would ask Mr. Esselstyn if the company
	wants to sell that bunch of timber that lays between
	the state road and starting from Mitchells Chappell to
	Jim Dunns place and the road leading from the old
	Jimmy ridge Church to Martin Wallaces land and ask
	him how much land is between these roads."
227.01171921.03	
227.01171921.03	• To: D.W. Layton
	From: Santhel Miller
	"How much land does the Company own west of the
	road starting from Mitchell's Chappell Church to the old
	Jimmy Ridge Church and between the roads leading
	West from Mitchell's Chappell and the old Jimmy Ridge
	Church to M.C. Wallace to the North and J.W. Dunn to
	the south boundary the west by M.C. Wallace Henry &
	Jimmy Dunn land. Thought I would write and see if you
227 04404024 04	wanted per acre."
227.01181921.04	• To: J.N. Esselstyn
	• From G.H. Timmons
	"I am writing you in regard to that little track of land 27
	acres laying by Mr. Sikes and Gray it's by the big road,
	and Mr. Taylor were talking and he told me of it would
227.04244224.05	sell it to me so I will buy it."
227.01211921.05	• To: G.H. Timmons
	From: J.N. Esselstyn
	"From your description of the land you want to buy I
	assume that it is the property which is represented by
	the enclosed sketch, which contains 48.56 acres and is
	adjacent to the properties of R.L. Culp, E.M. Sikes, Dr.
	Champion and Isaac Gray."
227.01211921.06	To: Santhel Miller
	From: J.N. Esselstyn
	"Replying to your letter of the 17 <sup>th</sup> , addressed to Mr.
	Layton, regarding the Purchase of land, will say that the
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227.01251921.07	Company does not care to consider the sale of the land you mention as it would cut one of the large tract in two, leaving the land south to the Turkey Creek Road cut off from the main tract. I you care to consider the purchase of a tract north from the Turkey Creek Road, or another land that will not cut the remaining land off from the main body of land, we might consider it."  To: J.N. Esselstyn From: G.H. Timmons
	<ul> <li>"your letter at hand and looked over the land is not timbered land at all and part of the land is very but I will give you a Hundred Dollars \$100.00 and I don't know this may be more than you ask for this land. Mr. Taylor told me I could buy this and"</li> </ul>
227.01281921.08	<ul> <li>To: G.H. Timmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup>, regarding the purchase of 48.56 acres of land for which you offer \$100.00. Your offer for the land and timber is equivalent to \$2.06 per acre while the County taxing officials claim that this land without the timber is worth for the purchase of taxation, about \$10.00 per acre which would make the actual commercial value of the land about \$30.00 per acre."</li> </ul>
227.03101921.09	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: G.W. Chambers</li> <li>"Been looking over the track of land joining J.W. Chambers, Tom Mitchursson on the south and to joining J.W. Newton N.F. Higgins R.J. Lofton on the North side of their place and I understand too"</li> </ul>
227.03151921.10	<ul> <li>To: G.W. Chamber</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the purchase of land near Ironton. In the tract of land north of Lofton's and south of Mitchusson's and Chambers, there are 151.41 acres. In the other tract, which adjoins Newton-Pinnegarbannister-Ingram-Barnette-Ingram-Chambers and Mitchusson, there are 475.41 acres. I am quite sure the company will consider the sale of the first tract, but the other tract will have to be considered after we receive an offer for it."</li> </ul>
227.03221921.11	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: G.W. Chambers</li> <li>"In reply of your letter the 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the land. I will make you a bid of \$6.50 per acre. That includes both strips of land."</li> </ul>

227.03241921.12	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Under date of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, you authorized the same of 151.41 acres of land to G.W. Higgins at \$6.00 per acre, the land being located in Trigg County, on the Tennessee River side of the property near Ironton.         After getting a report on the timber from Bob Taylor, which showed that the timber value was not to exceed \$4.00 per acre, I tried to get an even \$1,000.00 for the tract, but Mr. Higgins thought he could not give more than \$6.00 per acre, and the Company had been cutting timber while the deal was being talked of, so the matter was dropped, as I did not hear from Mr. Higgins after I placed the price at \$1,000.00."</li> </ul>
227.03241921.13	<ul> <li>To: R.H. Taylor</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Under date January 25<sup>th</sup> you estimated there were about 1500 times on the piece of land containing about 151 acres which is south of Tom Mitchussun's and John Chamber's and North of Bob Lofton's, this would make, in round figures about 10 ties to the acre. There is a larger tract of about 475 acres which is to the north east of this tract which is north and east of Mitchusson and Chamber, south of Barnett, Ingram and Jim Bannister and west of Pinnegar and Newton."</li> </ul>
227.03251921.14	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: R.H. Taylor</li> <li>"This is in answer to your letter of March 24<sup>th</sup> in the matter of the track of land which you refer to in your letter referring to file #227. In January and February 1921 we cut 1500 ties off this track of land and same are now piled on this land, and I think that 10 ties per acre will be a fair estimate for this timber for we have had two or three very bad fires in this timber and it is very scatern and rough."</li> </ul>
227.03261921.15	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simons</li> <li>"This is to answer your letter of March 24<sup>th</sup>, File 227, received today. Yes, go ahead and make this sale if you can to Mr. G.W. Chambers of this 627.03 acres adjoining the properties of Higgins, Ingram, Newton, Chambers and Mitchusson. We naturally want to get as much per acre as we can but will take his offer of \$6.50 cash if necessary, rather than let the sale go by, after trying to get more, we would take \$6.00."</li> </ul>
227.03271921.16	<ul> <li>To: G.W. Chambers</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> </ul>

	"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> in which you offer \$6.50 per acre for the two pieces of land near Ironton, containing 627.03 acres, this would make a total purchase price of \$4075.70. This is to advise you that we will accept your offer and that the deed will be written as soon as you advise us in whose name you want the property deeded to and where and how the money will be paid."
227.03281921.17	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> authorizing the sale of land in Trigg County to G.W. Chambers. Bob Taylor advised me that during January and February of this year he has cut 1500ties off of this property, that there is still some timber on it but it will the several years before there will be any timber large enough to make any considerable number of ties, that there has been several bad fires through the timber and his report confirms my impression of the land and timber."</li> </ul>
227.04021921.18	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: J.F. Gordon</li> <li>"I enclose the deed with corrections by you. My machine does not contain any degree mark and they were, for that reason, omitted in writing the deed. It was perfectly satisfactory for you to insert them."</li> </ul>
227.04041921.19	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: G.W. Chambers</li> <li>"In reply of your letter the 1st concerning the land I will write you againWhere the money will be deposited and also who to make the deed to. By some cause the money has been delayed and I would of informed you sooner. Where the money would be deposited and who to make the deed to. Listen I would like to know if the two tracks of land connects with each other adjoining Pinnigar and Newton."</li> </ul>
227.04061921.20	<ul> <li>To: G.W. Chambers</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup>.         As per your request enclosed find map of the two tracks which you desire to purchase, they are shown in yellow on the map. Trusting that you will be able to close this deal without delay."     </li> </ul>
22.04061921.21	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: D.W. Layton</li> <li>"Mr. Esselstyn talked over with me the prospective sale of about 600 acres of the Trigg County land on the</li> </ul>

227.04111921.22	town river side to Chambers at \$6.50 per acre. Telling me that you had authorized the sale. I want to submit to you that unless the company needs the money, I don't believe that it is good policy to sell hill lands in tracks of this size on the edges of the property, while it is all right to sell the small points to straighten lines."  To: D.W. Layton  From: E.H. Simmons  "This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 6th in regard to objections to the sale of land, all of which will be carefully considered."
227.04111921.23	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Attached you will find copy of letter dated April 6<sup>th</sup> from Mr. Layton and copy of my reply."</li> </ul>
227.04119121.24	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Much obliged for your letter of March 28<sup>th</sup>, File 227 answering mine of March 26<sup>th</sup> in regard to Trigg County land sold to Mr. G.W. Chambers. Please tell me whether we tried to get more than \$6.50 an acre and any details you may have – do not think that the price of \$6.50 is not satisfactory but I would like to see to what extent the ideas in my letter of March 26<sup>th</sup> were followed."</li> </ul>
227.04121921.25	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to reply to your letters of the 11<sup>th</sup>, regarding the proposed sale of land to G.W. Chambers and copy of Mr. Layton's letter objecting to the proposed sale. You ask if any effort was made to get more than \$6.50 per acre and whether or not your ideas, as expressed in your letter of March 25<sup>th</sup> were carried out in making this deal."</li> </ul>
227.04131921.26	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: G.W. Chambers</li> <li>"In reply to your letter the 9<sup>th</sup> regarding the land. I have failed to raise the total amount of money to purchase the track of land buy some cause the money was helping me to buy the land has gone dissatisfied and lay down with a part of the money. I was figuring to use to purchase the land."</li> </ul>
227.04131921.27	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.J. Rhodes</li> <li>"Is that piece of land for sale between R.J. Lofton's and G.W. Higgins? What is the price per acre? Please send me a plot of it."</li> </ul>

227.04141921.28	<ul> <li>To: E.J. Rhodes</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Replying to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup>, regarding the sale of land south of Bob Lofton's and north of C.W. Higgins or the old Mitchell tract, will say that this tract has not been considered for sale, however the sale of it might be considered if you should make a desirable cash offer for it."</li> </ul>
227.04141921.29	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Answering yours of April 12, File 227 in regard to land sold G.W. Chambers. As you will not know about this for four or five days I will simply hold your letter until you write me as to whether the money has been deposited."</li> </ul>
227.04161921.30	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup>, regarding the proposed sale of land to Mr. G.W. Chambers. By this same mail I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Chambers stating that he is unable to raise the money at this time. Chambers is a grandson of G.W. Higgins, I am also in receipt of a letter from a son-in-law of Mr. Higgins regarding the purchase of another piece of land in the same vicinity."</li> </ul>
227.04161921.31	<ul> <li>To: G.W. Chambers</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> advising that you will not be able to purchase the land at this time."</li> </ul>
227.04181921.32	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.J. Rhodes</li> <li>"In reply to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Will say the land I wanted to buy. From the East line of the old Mitchell tract thence to the Lofton tract this land west of this line. Between Loftons Henry Higgins Ben Mitchussons G.W. Higgins land. I want to know many acres there is of this land and I will make you a cash price."</li> </ul>
227.04211921.33	<ul> <li>To: E.J. Rhodes</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"I do not think the Company would consider selling the land you describe, as it would leave an irregular piece of land east to the old Oakley place, however there would be from 300 to 600 acres in a tract of land you are describing and if you care to make a price per acre we may consider going into details with you regarding the exact acreage."</li> </ul>

227.04264024.24	T C' 11 1 0
227.04261921.34	<ul> <li>To: Simmons Hardware Co.</li> <li>From: E.W. Thornberry</li> <li>"Relative to Iron Ore, bearing lands, Elast Furnaces etc. that I understand you own and control near the Cumberland and Tennessee River in this state; Please advise me as to the extent of your holdings, and whether the same is for sale."</li> </ul>
227.05071921.35	<ul> <li>To: E.W. Thornberry</li> <li>From: The Hillman Land Company President</li> <li>"Much obliged for yours of April 26<sup>th</sup> addressed to the Simmons Hardware Company, which was evidently intended for the Hillman Land Company. The Hillman Land Company owns about forty acres of Iron ore and farming lands between the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers in Lyon Trigg Counties."</li> </ul>
227.05071921.36	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"I am sending you copy of correspondence with Mr. E.W. Thornberry so that should he address the Company at Kuttawa, you will know what has been written and you can acknowledge the letter and forward to me."</li> </ul>
227.05111921.37	<ul> <li>To: Hillman Land Company</li> <li>From: E.W. Thornberry</li> <li>"In reply to your favor of the 7<sup>th</sup>, relative to iron ore and farming land situated in Trigg and Lyon Counties, Kentucky. Please give me the exact location, quote price and advise if other iron ore bearing lands are available adjacent to your tract."</li> </ul>
227.05131921.38	<ul> <li>To: E.W. Thornberry</li> <li>From: The Hillman Land Company President</li> <li>"Answering yours of May 11<sup>th</sup>, our lands as mentioned to you are in Trigg and Lyon Counties – in the Southern part of Lyon County along the Trigg County border and in the Northern part of Trigg County adjoining Lyon County. Our lands come down to the banks of the Cumberland River at Lyon-Trigg County Line You do not tell me as to what kind of land you are looking for, whether you are looking for ore and are more interested in ore lands or whether you are looking for farm land."</li> </ul>
227.05131921.39	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"You can take care of everything on this except price.</li> <li>We, of course, are not interested to give a price, unless this party has a client, who is sufficiently interested to</li> </ul>

	look over the property, or tell us just what kind of place he is looking for."
227.08101921.40	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: W.S. Nickell</li> <li>"Would you sell the line bluff near Hillman Ferry? My brother and I want to put in a crusher to church line for agricultural use."</li> </ul>
227.08131921.41	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Enclosed find copy of a letter from Mr. W.S. Nickell which will explain itself. I have not replied to this letter and will not until I hear from you. I think the limestone bluff he refers to begins on the Ferry tract and runs off onto his brother's tract."</li> </ul>
227.08161921.42	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Answering yours of August 13<sup>th</sup>, File 227, yes, it is agreeable to sell the two ferry tracts with the Ferry Franchise and if possible the crushing machinery, unless Mr. Long indicates that either now or in the future he might want to use it, because I believe lime is a necessity. For the present we don't want to put a price on the ferry tracts and the ferry line and for the present don't want to sell it unless we can get an offer."</li> </ul>
227.08191921.43	<ul> <li>To: W.S. Nickell</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Replying to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the limestone bluff on the Hillman Ferry Land on the Tennessee River, will say that I do not think it would be to the advantage of the Company to sell this quarry separately from the ferry tract, however I do believe that the Company would consider a proposition for the sale of the Ferry Land on both sides of the River, the ferry equipment and the franchise."</li> </ul>
227.01021922.44	<ul> <li>To: G.E. Fooshee</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the purchase of land. Enclosed find sketch of the land I think you want. If we can agree on the price, I will recommend the sale of the 96.59 acres shown in yellow or the 213.95 acres shown in Yellow and Red. Jim Miller has taken a contract to cut ties at his mill and it may be that he is cutting timber on this tract. I would suggest that you lock the land and timber over and make an offer for it, as the Company will not put a price on any of its land."</li> </ul>

227.01091922.45	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Geo. D. Griffin</li> <li>"Some parties from Marshall County was to see me last week and wanted to know if one or two hundred acres of land lying around the Laura Lease. Couler he bought, and if so, on what terms then have been over. And looked at the land let me hear from you."</li> </ul>
227.01151922.46	<ul> <li>To: Geo. D. Griffin</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Replying to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> regarding the sale of one or two hundred acres of land near the Laura Lease in Lyon County. During the last year or so there have been several parties who have wanted to purchase small area of land in this vicinity, but they have not been considered, because I can see no way of cutting out a few hundred acres at this point without increasing the boundary line of the company at this is one place where the company has good area of land that is not cut up and I cannot advise the sale of any land that will not improve the general boundary lines of the property."</li> </ul>
227.02241922.47	<ul> <li>To: Osie Newton</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the sale of land near Pleasant Valley. If you desire a small tract of land located south of a line from the Pleasant Valley School House to G.H. Colson's North-west corner, I do not think the company would care to consider its sale, as it would cut the property in two at that point, but if you want to consider the purchase all the land south of such a line to the state road above Carl Bogard's which would include the land on both sides of Mrs. Cothran's and Kan Oakley's and would contain something between 500 and 1000 acres, depending on how far south you wanted to go, then it is possible the Company would consider such a sale."</li> <li>Attached is the letter that Esselstyn was in reply to dated February 18, 1922.</li> </ul>
227.11141922.48	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Mark Smith</li> <li>"In regard to a piece of hill land adjoining on the west side of the F.A. Smith place corners on J.M. and M.J. Smith C.W. Smith and J.G. Lane I would suppose there would be somewhere in 20 acres of the land I would like to buy for the purpose of fencing me some lots if you would sell would be glad to hear from you."</li> </ul>
227.11181922.49	To: Mark T. Smith

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	<ul> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"regarding the purchase of land near your place. From your description of the land you desire to purchase, I assume that it would be the land represented by yellow on the enclosed sketch or in other words it is the land on the south easterly side of a line running from C.H. Smith's Corner No. 364 to J.C. Lanes corner No. 370 such a piece of land would contain 22.36 acres."</li> </ul>
227.11231922.50	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Mark T. Smith</li> <li>"In reply to your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the purchase of a piece of land near me the map of this piece of land you say you will advise the sale of this piece of land if we can agree on the price personally I have looked this piece of land over and I don't consider any tillable land on it as far as the timber on it and there is a portion of this land the timber has been worked of I consider this piece of land worth \$200.00to me if you consider the price on this land I want a line run from corner 368 to 370 for a division line of two parties M.J. and J.M. Smith and furthermore there would have to be two deeds."</li> </ul>
227.11261922.51	<ul> <li>To: Mark T. Smith</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. I will come over just as soon as I can to look over the land and timber. It may be two weeks before I will be able to come."</li> </ul>
227.12021922.52	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: John Bridges</li> <li>"about the land trade we were talking about a few days ago Mr. Vick said 1<sup>st</sup> would suit you better to run the line from Kurtrer's Corner to the church and from there to the Grigary and Duncan Corner. I will give you 25 hundred Dollars for that boundary and can get the money by January the first so let me hear from you at once"</li> </ul>
227.01011923.53	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: G.E. Fooshee</li> <li>"I am writing you concerning a neck of your land that runs off in a spur like near me. This strip of land, as I understand, adjoins Esq. Ahart, Whitnew at al, on the west, and runs down to the land of the late Henry Ahart, at a point not far from the intersection of Dixie Lane with the State Road. In order that you may readily locate it, I have made a rough sketch of the surrounding</li> </ul>

	land which I am enclosing herewith. This sketch can lay
	no claims to accuracy in any way. It is just an outline of the surrounding property that I hope will better enable you to locate the land of yours that I have in mind."
227.01041923.54	<ul> <li>Attached is hand drawn map</li> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> </ul>
227.01041923.34	• From: G.E. Fooshee
	"I have your letter of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> . The map enclosed covers the land I had in mind. The 96.59 acre tract is the land I attempted to indicate to you. If we agree on a price, and I am able to raise the money, I will buy both tracts, but under my present circumstances I can deal, with certainty, for only the smaller tract. This will be sufficient to furnish us with fire wood, plant beds, fence posts, etc., and if conditions are so that I can handle the larger tract, I will be very glad to get it."
227.01101923.55	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	<ul> <li>From: G.E. Fooshee</li> <li>"On January 5<sup>th</sup> I wrote you concerning the land and timber previously referral to, but too late have heard nothing from you. Since writing you I have gone over this whole tract of 213.95 acres and carefully counted the timber again, and have estimated that I can give you \$1000.00 for the timber, and \$600.00 for the land."</li> </ul>
227.01201923.56	To: G.E. Fooshee
	From: J.N. Esselstyn
	<ul> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup>, regarding the purchase of land. Just at the present time I am very busy with inventory, annual reports, etc., and am unable to give this matter any attention, but just as soon as I am through with my present work I will try to come to Golden Pond to look over the land and timber you want."</li> </ul>
227.05201923.57	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	<ul> <li>From: G.E. Fooshee</li> <li>"Some time has elapsed since our efforts toward a deal for some timber land, but I am still waiting, hoping to get at the matter with you and am taking this opportunity to write you again. I have made several careful estimates of the timber on this land, and drew a sketch of the smaller tract representing the hills and hollows, showing the number of ties on each, but the largest tract is a little peculiarly located and cannot keep it in my sketch of the small tract to Mr. Mitchell. He said it was a close estimate. There is less than 4500 ties on both tracts. At the present price of ties the timber would bring more than \$5.00 an acre, but I</li> </ul>

	could not possibly get them on the market now, and there is certain to be decline in the price before I could."
227.08011923.58	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: G.E. Fooshee</li> <li>"About eight months ago, according to my files, I took up with you the matter of the purchase of a tract of your timber land, during which time I made an offer of \$3.00 per acre for the land and approximately \$1000.00 for the timber, but to date have been unable to get an answer from you, and am therefore taking the liberty to again jog your memory about it."</li> </ul>
227.08091923.59	<ul> <li>To: C.E. Fooshee</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup>, regarding the purchase of land near Golden Pond. Up to the present time I have not had time to look over the timber on the land you desire and I cannot say when I will be able to do so."</li> </ul>
227.10221923.60	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Noah Jones</li> <li>"I now own the W.N. McCloud farm. I would like to buy of you land beginning at stone No. 565 running N51½ and to a point that would corner with a line from stone No. 567. There is no valuable timber on said land; Well, possibly five or six small red oaks that would make ten or twelve ties."</li> </ul>
227.10241923.61	<ul> <li>To: Grand Rivers Ky.</li> <li>From: Mr. Henderson</li> <li>"I have been informed that you was the agent for the Hillman Land and Iron Co. and would sell some land near Grand Rivers and joining some land you sold to Alex Rhodes. Please write me and let me know your terms on it."</li> </ul>
227.11061923.62	<ul> <li>To: Noah Jones</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Several times since I received you letter of October 22<sup>nd</sup> I have intended to come to see you but have always been "side tracked" for one cause or another. If I understand correctly, the land you want to purchase is the triangular piece of land located in front of the old McCloud home, which would contain a little less than 3 acres."</li> </ul>
227.11101923.63	<ul> <li>No name of sender or who the letter was written to.</li> <li>"Lou Edwards called to see about this land he claimed he was in the deed with Mr. Henderson. Have him price</li> </ul>

	of 500.00 for the 30 acres on south westerly side of
	Dover Road subject to approval of St. Louis."
227.11131923.64	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Noah Jones</li> <li>"I received your favorable reply of Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> file number 227. When you come to look the piece of land over,</li> </ul>
	would you kindly bring along your surveying instruments, that is if you can spare me an hour or so of your time. I would like to know where the South corner of the little tract of land is that you sold to W.N. McCloud. I have the calls of the land."
227.11261923.65	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	From: Mack Edmond
	"in regards to that land I have just now seen
	Henderson he said he could make arrangement for \$250.00 after the second Saturday in December soon
	will let you hear from."
227.11261923.66	To: Noah Jones
	From: J.N. Esselstyn
	<ul> <li>"In looking up the description of the land sold to W.N.</li> </ul>
	McCloud by the Hillman Land & Iron Company, under
	date of May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1915, I find the description as follows: - Beginning at 2 Post Oaks, south corner of Huffman's
	100 acre survey. Thence with a line of same S, 43
	degrees west.56 poles to a stone From the above
	description, you will not there was nothing conveyed to
	Mr. McCloud on the northerly side of the road, as the
	third course lands at a stone on the 'south side of the road', which is the same corner near the house now
	occupied by Mrs. McCloud and is now marked by an
	iron pipe No. 565, from this corner the line runs with
	the meanders of the road, which would mean the
	center line of the road."
227.02021924.67	• To: J.N. Esselstyn
	From: Vester Cornell     "I am writing you for information I want know if
	<ul> <li>"I am writing you for information I want know if Hillman Land Iron Co. would sell 35 or 40 acres in the</li> </ul>
	very extreme South west end of their land near Turkey
	Creek School House. If they will I will have them to
	reserve a road across it so they will have no trouble
	about getting their timber out. I wish you would get me
	their prices as soon as possible and let me know in return mail."
227.02061924.68	To: Vester Cornell
227.02001324.00	• From: J.N. Esselstyn
	"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	regarding the purchase of 35 to 40 acres of land

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	adjacent to the Turkey Creek School House site. If you want this land for a home or small farm and we can agree on a price, I think the sale can be arranged. The Company will not put a price on the property, but it is up to you to make an offer should be in proportion to the value of the property, I would recommend the sale."
227.02061924.69	To: B.U. Mitchell
	<ul> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>"I have had a letter from Mr. Vester Cornell, of Golden Pond, wanting to buy 35 to 40 acres of land adjoining the Turkey Creek School House site. I have replied to the letter as per enclosed copy."</li> </ul>
227.02111924.70	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	From: Vester Cornell
	<ul> <li>"I will give you \$10.00 ten dollars cash per acre, for 30 acres if I can get permission to go to work on it by March 15 or 20; so as to get a fence around it for this year; I want this for a home site and pasture land."</li> </ul>
227. 02181924.71	To: Vester Cornell
	From: J.N. Esselstyn
	"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11 <sup>th</sup> offering \$10.00 per acre for about 30 acres of land near the Turkey Creek School House, if you can get it by March 15 <sup>th</sup> or 20 <sup>th</sup> . As I cannot recommend the sale of any land without first going over the land to see whether the offer is a fair valuation or not and as I do not believe that I will be able to get up there by the time you specify, we will have to let this matter stand until I can get up there, and if you want to purchase it at that time we will see what can be done."
227.03201924.72	To: Harrison Meredith
	• From: J.N. Esselstyn
	<ul> <li>"This is to reply to your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup>, regarding the exchange of the J.B. Meredith place for land near the Hubbard School House. Generally, the Company does not care to make such exchanges, however when the roads get good I will try to come over to see you and we will look things over and perhaps we can fix you up."</li> </ul>
227.03171924.73	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	From: Harrison Meredith
	<ul> <li>"Am writing you to see if I can make a land deal with you I have 83 acres of land known as the J.B. Meredith Property in Trigg County would like to exchange for a tract of land in Lyon County that has near Hubbard</li> </ul>

	School House will make you a good deal write soon and let me know what you will do."
227.08201924.74	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Noah Jones</li> <li>"Our conversation last fall in regard to the sale of a piece of land, closed as you remember without any definite understanding. The tract of land begins at pipe 565 running north-eastward to a point that would form nearly a square corner with a line running from pipe 567 north-westerly. I will offer you, Mr. Esselstyn, \$5.00 per acre, plus whatever the timber would met you on the river made into ties."</li> </ul>
227.09011924.75	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: M.J. Smith</li> <li>"I am writing you in regard to that price of land bordering J.G. Lane, C.W. Smith and my farm's containing 22 and 36/100 acres the same land that you and Mr. Vick looked at last Fall. I am wanting to build a stock barn and I would like to buy that corner of land. I have purchased a piece of hill land from Mr. lane, but I had rather build on this other piece of land if I can buy it reasonable I think you was too high on this land last Fall I am going to make you a price of \$400.00. I trust you will not think this is too cheap for this land."</li> <li>Attached is the reply from J.N. Esselstyn asking for a higher price of \$500.00.</li> </ul>
227.09061924.76	<ul> <li>To: Noah Jones</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 20<sup>th</sup>, regarding the purchase of a small piece of land. The company does not care to consider the sale of this land."</li> </ul>
227.09061924.77	<ul> <li>To: M.T. Smith</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup>, regarding the purchase of land near your place. The Company does not care to consider the sale of this land at this time."</li> </ul>
227.09091924.78	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: M.J. Smith</li> <li>"Received your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> I will make an offer of \$500.00 if you can close the deal at once there will have to be two deeds wrote and a division line as my brother wants part of this land so would be glad you would attend to this at once."</li> </ul>
227.09141924.79	<ul><li>To: M.T. Smith</li><li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li></ul>

227.07121926.80	<ul> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup>, regarding the purchase of land. It will be October 1<sup>st</sup> or late before I can give you an answer. In the mean time I will try to come over to see you and find out just how you want the land divided, in case it can be sold."</li> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: L.R. Higgins</li> <li>"I have been informed that you would sell the Woodruff place if so let me know by return mail and I will come out to the place and let me know what day you could come and I will meet you there the fences is all go and house about go."</li> </ul>
227.07151926.81	<ul> <li>To: L.R. Higgins</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> regarding the purchase of the Woodruff place. I do not know exactly what property you refer to, but the only "Woodruff Place" we know if is located on the Tennessee River side of the property along the road between Mrs. Higgins Store and Minus Barnette. If this is the property you have reference to, I would say, in a general way, that it is not for sale, as the sale of this property would not improve our boundary line."</li> </ul>
227.08101926.82	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"For the past four years Mark Smith and brother have been wanting to purchase an irregular piece of land adjoining their property on Crooked Creek, Trigg County, but we could never agree on a satisfactory price, until last Winter, when they offered \$500.00 for the 22.36 acres. The sale of this piece of land will improve the boundary line of the property, the price is more than the land and timber is actually worth, but it is worth the price to Smith Brothers."</li> </ul>
227.08141926.83	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Referring to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup>, file #227, this is to approve of your making this ale to Mark Smith, and it is all right for you to go ahead. This is the kind of thing I am always glad to have you do, but always submit them to me for final approval."</li> </ul>
227. 08181926.84	<ul> <li>To: Mark Smith</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to advise you that the Company will approve of the sale of the land you wish to purchase. I will try to come over just as soon as the roads are in better condition."</li> </ul>

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227.09301926.85	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	From: Mark T. Smith
	"I want to call your attention to the fact that I have my
	material ready to build and I can't do anything till you
	run the land off hope you can see your way clear and
	come at once if your hands are busy probably we will
	have enough I think it will be a short job."
227.10031926.86	To: Mark Smith
	From: J.N. Esselstyn
	"I have made the calculations for the survey and find
	that dividing the land from corner No. 368 to corner
	No. 364, there will be 12.41 acres in the Northerly
	section and 9.95 acres in the southerly section, the
	proportionate value of each section would be as
	follows: If this division will be satisfactory, please
	advise me by return mail and I will try to come over to
	make the survey sometime this week."
227.10051926.87	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	From: Mark Smith
	"Received your letter of Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> your calculation are
	satisfactory to divide the Land from corner No. 368 to
	corner No. 364 as my Brother and I have agreed among
	ourselves the price of each section to Deed as follows."
227.10101926.88	
227.10101920.88	<ul><li>Io: J.N. Esselstyn</li><li>From: M.J. Smith</li></ul>
	"As you haven't made the survey on the piece of land I      ""      ""
	am about to purchase from you. I am asking you for the
	privilege of going to work on this land. I want to make
	concrete for my building. I feel like it will damage me a
227.10141926.89	great deal to wait any longer."
227.10141926.89	• To: M.T. Smith
	• From: J.N. Esselstyn
	"If you are willing to deposit the purchase price,
	\$500.00 in some bank, the same to be delivered to
	Hillman Land Co., upon the delivery of the deed and are
	sure that the location of your building is on the land
	you expect to purchase, then you may go ahead with
227 40464026 00	your building."
227.10161926.90	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	• From: Robt. P. Piercy
	• "Mr. M.T. Smith has left a check with us payable to The
	Hillman land Co., for Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)
	payment in full for a certain tract of land. This check
	however is to be held by us until deed said tract of land
	is delivered. He is making this arrangement so he can
	proceed with a building that he intends to place on this
	land. He feels confident that he knows all the corners

	and practically just how the line will run, therefore he is not taking any risk."
227.11021926.91	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Enclosed find two deed for your signature and corporate seal. One to Mark T. Smith for 12.41 acres for the consideration of \$375.00 and the other to John M. Smith for 9.95 acres for a consideration of \$175.00 or a total of \$500.00. The money is deposited in the Trigg County Farmers Bank to be paid as soon as the deeds are delivered to the bank."</li> <li>Two deeds attached</li> </ul>
227.11061926.92	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"I have your two letters of 11-2, file #281 and File #227, enclosing deeds to be signed for Joe Major and A.J. Cork, also Mark T. Smith, and John M. Smith. I am sending you this letter this afternoon but have no notary so will send the deeds to you Monday."</li> </ul>
227.11101926.93	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Enclosed, find Deeds properly signed When you collect from these people, send the proceeds to me here in St. Louis so I can deposit the money in the bank here."</li> </ul>
227.11141926.94	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup>, enclosing deeds to Mark Smith, John Smith, Joe Major, and A.J. Cork. As soon as the money is paid, will send it to you."</li> </ul>
227.11141926.95	<ul> <li>To: Mark T. Smith</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"By this mail we are forwarding to the Trigg County Farmers Bank, Cadiz, the deeds to yourself and brother and writing the bank as per enclosed copy."</li> </ul>
227.11141926.96	<ul> <li>To: Trigg County Farmers Bank</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Under date of October 16<sup>th</sup>, you advised us that the above amount had been deposited with you to be paid to us upon the delivery of the above deed. At your convenience will you please send us Louisville Exchange for the above amount."</li> </ul>
227.11231926.97	<ul><li>To: E.H. Simmons</li><li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li></ul>

	<ul> <li>"Enclosed find certified check for \$500.00 from M.T. &amp; J.M. Smith for land as follows:"</li> </ul>
227.12171926.98	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Some time during the summer, J.C. Travis, formerly tie buyer in this section for the Moss Tie Company, asked me if the Company would sell 3000 to 4000 acres on the Tennessee River side of the property. I told him that I did not know whether the Company would care to sell such an acreage, but they would sell the entire property, but if he really wanted to make a purchase, to look the land and timber over, make an offer for it and his offer would be submitted to you."</li> </ul>
227.12221926.99	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Answering yours of 12-17, file #227, from my talk with the officers of the Moss Tie Co., they do not want to buy any property from anyone unless they can get it at a bargain – get all there is in it – therefore, this offer of Mr. Travis' is declined, but we appreciate his interest."</li> </ul>
227.12251926.100	<ul> <li>To: John C. Travis</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Mr. Simmons advises me that the company cannot consider your offer of \$3.00 per acre for 3000 to 4000 acres on the Tennessee River side of the property."</li> </ul>
227.01221931.101	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Colson</li> <li>"I want to see you on a little business personally if convenient could you come up or stop some time when passing even if you can write me what day you can come and if not I will come down but things could be made plain to you if you could come a line just below Energy at the Martin Franklin place Mr. Esselstyn I certainly would appreciate this favor from you this is a business matter so let me know by return mail."</li> </ul>
227.01231931.102	<ul> <li>To: Lewis Colson</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"It will be impossible for me to set a day when I could come to see you, so I think it would be better for you to come over here someday next week. Would suggest that you come late in the afternoon, as you would more likely find me here. If the weather is stormy I will be here any time you can come."</li> </ul>
227.02181931.103	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Jack Kelly</li> <li>"As I written to you some time ago and my brother in law is Colson he was down to see you in regards of a</li> </ul>

227.02251931.104	little piece of land that lies in a corner that you said you would sell so I have a tent setting on this piece of land that I would like to buy from you. Would you come up as soon as possible and look the conditions over and give me some satisfaction as I would like to build soon. I have some other business I want to talk to you about when you come up."  To: Jack Kelly From: J.N. Esselstyn "Replying to your letter of the 18th, will say that it is impossible for me to come over to look at the land you want to purchase and I may not be able to come until
227.02261931.105	<ul> <li>after the crops are in."</li> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Jack Kelly</li> <li>"I will drop you a few lines again as I written last week and have received any reply from you in regard at the piece of land that you said you would sell just below Energy as you know I have a tent setting on this piece of land which I would like to buy from you as I would like to build soon and there is now a saw mill setting here closest but will not be here to get my lumber saved before they move the saw mill I don't mean to bother you for I know you have lots of business to tend to, but I sure would be glad of you would consider this over and come up here and give me some satisfaction about this matter as soon as possible."</li> </ul>
227.02271931.106	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"For several months, Jack Kelly a disabled war veteran has been after me to sell him a few acres of land, near Energy, to build a home on. In order to settle the matter and get rid of him, Mr. Jay and I went over there this afternoon to look over the land and timber. It is practically all hills just above the Crooked Creek bottom, with a very few axe ties and a few scattered old trees. The enclosed sketch shows the tract, by its sale, we cut three lines and replace them with one line, which one line, which is an advantage to the company. After agreeing with him on \$100.00 for the 11 acres, I told him the matter would have to be approved by you and I would let him know as soon as I heard from you."</li> </ul>
227.03031931.107	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"This is to answer yours of February 27<sup>th</sup>, File 227, in regard to selling 11 acres of land near Energy, price \$100.00. This is satisfactory and approved. Enclosed</li> </ul>

	you will find the deed properly made up except for your signature."
227.03051931.108	<ul> <li>To: Jack Kelly</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"The sale, of the piece of land which you desire to purchase, has been approved. We are ready to make the survey and deliver the deed as soon as you are ready to pay the \$100.00."</li> </ul>
227.03071931.109	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Jack Kelly</li> <li>"I received your letter dated the 6<sup>th</sup> you stated in your letter you was ready to survey and deliver the deed so I have the \$100.00 ready to pay you. Mr. Esselstyn please come and survey the land as soon as possible if you can come Monday or Tuesday as I want to start building."</li> </ul>
227.03301931.110	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Enclosed find check for \$100.00 in payment of the land sold to Jack Kelly. This money was paid in cash, therefore I am sending my personal check."</li> </ul>
227.04021931.111	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 30<sup>th</sup>, file 227 enclosing check for \$100.00 covering payment of the land sold to jack Kelly."</li> </ul>
227.08131931.112	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Roscoe Joyce</li> <li>"I will except you proposition of \$325.00 for that land near Sunny Dale School or Turkey Creek School. I want you to come up here and survey that line and make me a deed at once and I want to know if it will be all right for me to go to work on the place for I am anxious to get my house built."</li> </ul>
227.08141931.113	<ul> <li>To: Roscoe Joyce</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup>. There is nothing certain that your offer of \$325.00 will be accepted, all I can do is to submit your offer to the President of this Company and if he approves of the sale, the deed will be written and delivered to you upon the payment of the purchase prices, after which the line will be run and marked. Until the deed is delivered you cannot do any work on the property. In order to hasten matters, please send me by return mail the name of the party to whom you want the deed made, if your offer is accepted."</li> </ul>

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227.08171931.114	<ul><li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li><li>From: Roco Joyce</li></ul>
	"I will say the money is ready. \$325.00 for that land.
	Have the deed made in Rosco Joyce and wife Mabel
	Joyce name. Please have this deed made as soon as
	possible."
227.08171931.115	To: E.H. Simmons
	From: J.N. Esselstyn
	"Enclosed find deed to Roscoe Joyce and wife for 34.31
	acres of land on Turkey Creek. This land is off the
	extreme southern end of the property, is mostly rough
	hills, with approximately 4 to 5 acres of a gravel flat,
	there is very little commercial timber and will not be for
	many years. The sale will cut out 5 lines and replace
	them with only one line. Mr. Joyce has a pension and
	wants the land for a home, has the money to pay cash
	on delivery of the deed."
227.08211931.116	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	From: E.H. Simmons
	"Enclosed find deed to Roscoe Joyce & wife for 34.31
	acres of land on Turkey Creek, which has been signed
	and the official seal affixed. When you get the check for
	this \$325.00 send it to me up here, for deposit. Also,
	please send me a map or sketch of this piece of land, so
227 00244024 447	I can attach it to the copy of the deed."
227.08241931.117	To: Roscoe Joyce
	• From: J.N. Esselstyn
	"The sale of the land has been approved, will be up to      ""
227.08271931.118	make the survey just as soon as I can."
227.06271931.116	To: E.H. Simmons     Trame I.N. Escalature
	• From: J.N. Esselstyn
	<ul> <li>"Enclosed find check for \$325.00 in payment of the land sold to Roscoe Joyce. Also enclosed find map of</li> </ul>
	the land sold."
227.11211931.119	To: J.N. Esselstyn
227.11211351.113	• From: B.M. Wiedinger
	"I am authorized to make you the following offer for all
	of the lands, 42,000 acres. More or less, of you
	Company in Trigg, Lyons, Livingston and Marshall
	Counties, Kentucky, including all personal property
	thereon belonging to the Company. Will give you 1042
	to 1046 Kingsbury Street, Chicago, Illinois. Let 130x160
	running from Kingsbury Street to the North Branch of
	the Chicago River, improved with a 7 story brick well-
	constructed Warehouse, leased to Montgomery Ward
	& Company to December 1937 for \$36,000.00 a year
	not except taxes, insurance and R.R. trackage

	amounting to about \$4050.00 leaving a net rental of about \$31,950.00 subject to \$237,000.00 due June 1937 with pre-payments interest 6% and"
227.11241931.120	<ul> <li>To: B.M. Weidinger</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup>, the same is being forwarded to Mr. E.H. Simmons, St. Louis, Mo., President of Hillman Land Company, for his consideration."</li> </ul>
227.11241931.121	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Enclosed find letter from Mr. B.M. Wiedinger, Chicago, and my acknowledgment of the same, both of which will explain themselves. I do not recall that I have ever had any correspondence with Mr. Wiedinger, or ever heard of him, but from his letter he seems to be familiar with the property, so assume he has received his information from you or some of the stockholders."</li> </ul>
227.11271931.122	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"This is to answer yours of the 24<sup>th</sup>, file 227, enclosing letter from B.M. Wiedinger of Chicago. I never heard of him and am very sure we have never had any correspondence. I have referred this to Mr. Geo. Paisley who at present has an option on the property, and his side partner – Stuart Harrison who is in Chicago now trying to make a deal. Not that I am not anxious to sell the property or do anything else that will pull us out of a hole, but neither this proposition nor the one Stuart Harrison had, looks to me to have anything in it, but will keep you posted."</li> </ul>
227.11291931.123	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Anton Myers</li> <li>"The writer having been employed through the Hillman Land Office in St. Louis to advantageously dispose of the 40,000 acres manageat by you, I have distributed many copies of the book description among brokers and owners, here in Chicago. This description, in the chapter on inspection, gives your name and address. Some of the brokers have or probably will write you for the address and name of the owners of the property in order to circumvent my efforts to their own benefit, which is clearly dishonest."</li> </ul>
227.12021931.124	<ul> <li>To: Anton Myers</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> </ul>

	"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 29 <sup>th</sup> , the same is being forwarded to our St. Louis."
227.01141932.125	<ul> <li>To: Ed. Simmons</li> <li>From: Walter L. Prince</li> <li>"I am advised by one of your former employees that you have approximately 60,000 acres of land situated in Lyon and Trigg Counties, Kentucky, and that you might be interested in selling it. I happened to be acquainted with the type and character of a good portion of this land as I was born and raised just across the Tennessee River from it. Knowing this land as I do it rather occurs to me that you might interest the Federal Government in buying it. The Government, as you know, is buying thousands and thousands of acres of land similar to this kind you can to be used in connection with parks, wild life and game reservations and reforestation projects."</li> <li>Two Copies</li> </ul>
227.01181932.126	<ul> <li>To: Walter L. Prince</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of and answer your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Your letter interests me very much, also the concise way in which you have expressed the situation. The Hillman Land Co., of Kentucky, of which I am President, owns about 42,000 acres of land situated in Lyon and Trigg Counties, and it is for sale. Just at present we have an option out on the property with other parties, but this option will expire in a short time. The state of Kentucky is at present using a part of our land as a Game Refuge. As I understand it, one or more members of the commission had indicated that it is ideal country for the kind of proposition you mention, and at least on member has indicated that the State of Kentucky should attempt to buy this piece, or something similar."</li> </ul>
227.01181932.127	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Noting, the attached letter from W.L. Prince, (evidentially of the firm of Hughes &amp; Moore, lawyers in Paducah,) in regard to the Hillman property, and copy of my reply. Do you know Mr. Prince? If not, do you know the general standing of Hughes &amp; Moore? The option we have out with Mr. George Paisley on the property, will run out soon, and while I would be willing to renew it for them if they had any reasonable prospect, I doubt whether he could bring up anything</li> </ul>

	interesting owing to the general real estate
227.01181932.128	<ul> <li>depression."</li> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Noting the attached, this looks to me like the first good lead we have had on the property for some time, especially as it would enable us to get rid of the broken lands and possibly enable us to retain the bottom or farm lands. From my standpoint, this kind of a man (who has been connected with this department of the Government) is just the kind of a man to work on this and the kind of a man we would be interested to have represent us, provided of course his other qualities are of the right kind. It is almost impossible to get the ear of these people unless you do it through someone who has previously been in the department and knows the ropes as well as knowing the people."</li> </ul>
227.01281932.129	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"This is to answer yours of the 24<sup>th</sup>, file #227, U.S. Government Game Preserve. I was favorably impressed with Mr. Prince's letter, and this looks to me personally, like the best "lead" we have had yet and am glad that you agree. While I don't see any chance at present to come down to Kentucky and talk over to good advantage. Would there be anything in our trying to work the State of Kentucky on this Game Preserve business against the U.S. Government? At your convenience, give me some information about Sen. Barkley, where he comes from, and the good and bad points you know about him – also Congressman Gregory. Possibly I can get some favorable words to them at the proper time through my hardware friends. In the meantime, when your absence from the property will permit, you might pay your respects to them by calling on them when they are home, and in this way give them a personal invitation to visit the property."</li> </ul>
227.01221932.130	<ul> <li>To: The Manager of Hillman Property</li> <li>From: Louis B. Beardslee &amp; Co.</li> <li>"Some months ago the Hillman tract was offered for sale to one of our clients by a broker, who was then a resident of Chicago, but due to financial conditions the negotiations were unsuccessful, and since that time we have lost complete track of the broker, and the information concerning the property. We now have another client who we believe might be seriously interested in giving consideration to the purchase of</li> </ul>

	this property, and we are therefore endeavoring to get in touch with the owners, so that we may obtain complete information on the property to submit to our client should the property still be for sale."
227.01241932.131	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to reply to your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup>, regarding the possible sale of the property to the Government as outlined in a letter from Mr. Prince which is herewith returned. I have never heard of Mr. Prince before, but from his statement that he was born across the Tennessee River from the property and that a "former employee" had brought the property to his attention, etc., set me to thinking as to where I could get a line on him. Friday while I was in Cadiz, I met Mr. W.P. Williams of Benton, a former tie buyer for Ayer-Lord, owner of Egner's Ferry, Merchant, etc."</li> </ul>
227.01251932.132	<ul> <li>To: Louis B. Beardslee &amp; Co.</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your letter is being forwarded to our St. Louis office, where such matters are handled."</li> </ul>
227.02201932.133	<ul> <li>To: L.F. Dunn</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Do you want to consider the purchase of the three cornered piece of land containing 8-82/100 acres which is near your property. If you are interested, we will be glad to consider cash offer for it."</li> </ul>
227.03031932.134	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Several months ago, perhaps during September or October, Mr. Vick asked if I thought that the Company would sell him 100 acres, more or less, near where he lives and adjoining Mr. DeGraffenried's farm, we were not at the office at the time, so could not look at the maps and get much of an idea of what he wanted, but from what he said I got the impression that he wanted the land, almost out of the solid portion of the DeGraffenried Tract and I said that I did not think the sale of the land would improve the Company's boundary line, but the next time he was at the office, we would look at the maps."</li> </ul>
227.03091932.135	<ul> <li>To: C.B. Vick</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"A letter from Mr. Simmons, today, accepts your offer of \$2000.00 for the property you want, \$1700.00 cash and \$300.00 in one year. There are a few things about</li> </ul>

	this deal I would like to talk over with you, but don't want to talk about it in the presence of any one around here."
227.03091932.136	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup>, authorizing the sale of land to Mr. Vick. Mr. Vick has not been up this week and I assume that it is on account of Mrs. Vick as he told me Monday, when I passed there that she was sick. As soon as I hear from him, will write the deed, have written him, asking in whose name he wants the deed made to. This deed can be written from the records and then there will be two short lines to mark as soon as weather and road conditions will permit."</li> </ul>
227.03121932.137	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Enclosed find deed to Mr. Vick. When this deed is signed and sealed, please return to me. Also enclosed find copy for your files."</li> <li>Attached is a copy of deed and also a letter from J.N. Esselstyn to E.H. Simmons.</li> </ul>
227.03121932.138	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Enclosed find deed to Mr. Vick. When this deed is signed and sealed, please return to me. Also enclosed find copy for your files."</li> </ul>
227.03151932.139	<ul> <li>To: C.B. Vick</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Yesterday while you were here I forgot to bring up the matter of the Cothran Tract, about which we talked a few days ago. If weather and road conditions permit, please go to see Luther Wells, sometime this week. If you could go Thursday or Friday, and come this way I could go with you, but perhaps it would be better for you to go alone."</li> </ul>
227.03181932.140	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of the deed to Mr. Vick. Mr. Vick was here the day the deed was mailed to you and I told him his offer had been accepted and the deed was on its way to St. Louis; he said he was ready to pay the \$1700.00 whenever the deed was received and would try to pay the \$300.00 within the next two or three months. He was here again yesterday, just as I was leaving with Mr. Jay's family for Hopkinsville, so</li> </ul>

	had no chance to talk with him, but he said he would be here again Saturday."
227.03211932.141	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"If you go to Paducah to meet the T.J. Moss Tie people, and have time without interfering with it, I would like to have you go to see Mr. Walter L. Prince of Hughes &amp; Moore, and tell him if we get our tax matters fixed up, we feel ready to take up with him, trying to sell the balance of the Hillman lands to the United States Government for a Game Preserve, and if he will write me an outline of about what he wants from us – what he wants us to do – at least you can see what his reaction is at this time, but of course getting rid of the ties before tax day, is the one main thing."</li> </ul>
227.03221932.142	<ul> <li>To: Mack Cork</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Today Mr. Vick and I have been to the Cothran Tract to look over the land you want to buy. We stopped at Albert Campbell's and found you had gone to Eddyville but we had hoped that we could locate you to go with us. We will sell you any amount you want from the tract, from the Dover Road to the River adjoining Mr. Campbell's land at the rate of \$15.00 per acre."</li> </ul>
227.03221932.143	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Route 3 Eddyville phone Cadiz 6411 Eddyville KY= Letter received yes I know Jack Cork an excellent man go ahead and sell land at best price obtainable and keep me advised by wire if necessary."</li> </ul>
227.04071932.144	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Yesterday I was over on the Tennessee River side looking after ties and went on to Paducah for a few things for the Store. At Paducah, I called on Mr. Prince, showed him the small map of the property and asked him to write you, as you had asked me to do, regarding his proposed plan of handling, or presenting the property to the proper officials."</li> </ul>
227.04161932.145	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"As soon as time from tie business will permit, would like to see if we cannot make a deal with Jack Cork for that land on the Cothran Tract. In addition to expenses up here, we have a bill for our License (Capital Stock) Tax for over \$200.00, which is past due now."</li> </ul>
227.04231932.146	To: E.H. Simmons

	<ul> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup>, regarding the sale of a part of the Cothran to Mack Cork (This is not Jack Cork). A few days after Mr. Vick and I had an appointment with him on the property, Mr. Vick saw him and he admitted that most of the \$1000.00 he was supposed to have, would not come into his possession until next August, when I believe the estate of his mother is to be finally settled."</li> </ul>
227.04271932.147	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Mr. Vick was here this morning and paid \$200.00 on his land note. He will probable pay the balance, \$100.00 within another month, if so I would suggest that the interest on the entire note be waived. I collected no interest on the payment this morning, which would amount to \$1.00. Please advise me."</li> </ul>
227.04281932.148	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Answering yours of the 27<sup>th</sup>, file #227, as long as Mr. Vick is paying his note so much faster than he had any idea of, it is entirely proper and agreeable to waive the interest."</li> </ul>
227.05141932.149	<ul> <li>To: Walter L. Prince</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup>. I will take this matter up with the stockholders and see whether they are as much interested as I am, and if so, what they are willing to do. In the meantime, if you run across Mr. Esselstyn, you can talk to him."</li> </ul>
227.05141932.150	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Noting the attached copy of my letter to Mr. Prince.         There is nothing in Prince's letter except that (naturally)         he would accept us to advance expenses for his visits to         Washington, which of course at present, we have not         got. After I get through with the stockholders, will send         you the original letter to read."</li> </ul>
227.05241932.151	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: Walter L. Prince</li> <li>"Since seeing you last in Paducah I have moved my offices to Benton, Kentucky. This is my old home. After my Law partner, Mr. Hughes, died I decided to move back home. I was born and raised in Marshall County and lived there all my life except three years that I was located in Washington, D.C. During this time I was</li> </ul>

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	connected with the Department of Justice as Special Assistant to the Attorney of the United States."
227.05291932.152	To: Walter L. Prince
	From: J.N. Esselstyn
	<ul> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the</li> </ul>
	24 <sup>th</sup> . Will be over to see you as soon as I have time,
	which I hope will be some time the last of this week,
	but if not, will be there as soon as possible. Mr.
	Simmons was here two weeks ago and we planned to
	come over, but other matters took all of our time and
	he had to leave without seeing you."
227.06071932.153	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	From: Walter L. Prince
	"I have for acknowledgement a receipt of your letter of
	May 29, 1932 relative to your visit in connection with
	matters growing out of certain correspondence
	pertaining to the Hillman land Company. Miss Jones
	advised me that someone came to my office this
	morning whom I took, from her description, to be you.
	If so, I am sorry that I failed to see you. I was in the
	Clerk's office at that time looking up some records."
227.06271932.154	To: E.H. Simmons
	From: J.N. Esselstyn
	"Enclosed find Lyon and Marshall County deeds for
	Hillman Ferry tracts and equipment, in accordance with
	your telephone message this noon. It will not make any
	difference whether these deeds are lodged for
	recorded before or after July 1st, but they should be
	acknowledged before a Notary Public before June 30 <sup>th</sup> .
	I assume that special Delivery letters will reach your
	office within an hour or so of the arrival of the train,
	which should make the delivery about 9 A.M."
227.06281932.155	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	From: E.H. Simmons
	"Deed for Hillman Ferry did not arrive today, but expect
	it will in the morning. Will have it in the mail on its way
	to you, an hour after I receive it here. Will write you
	shortly in regard to balance of plan, which
	contemplates giving you power of attorney so you can
	sell land and make deeds without consultation if
227.06204022.456	necessary."
227.06291932.156	To: J.N. Esselstyn
	• From: A.S. Hartt
	"Two Hillman deeds (both in one envelope) put in St.
	Louis 18 <sup>th</sup> Street Post Office today at – 11:35 A.M.,
	special delivery, addressed to you Route 3, Eddyville,
	Ку."

227.07011932.157	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"The Hillman Ferry deeds arrived yesterday morning at 10:20 A.M. and I left immediately for Eddyville and Benton. Both deeds were lodged for record on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Will have then back by mail in a few days. There are lots of rumors in connection with the Eddyville-Benton road and as soon as I can check up on some of them, will give them to you."</li> </ul>
227.08101932.158	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Enclosed find deed for the right-of-way for the Eddyville-Benton road across Company property. Please sign and seal and return to me. When it is returned, will make copies for our files."</li> </ul>
227.08191932.159	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Enclosed find copy of deed for the Eddyville-Benton road right-of-way. This right-of-way contains 31 acres, more or less."</li> </ul>
227.08241932.160	<ul> <li>To: First State Bank</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"Enclosed find deed from Hillman land Company to Commonwealth of Kentucky, for the right-of-way of the proposed Eddyville-Benton Road, across this Company's property. This deed is placed in across with you for 60 days (to October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1932). If, on or before October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1932, Lyon County presents to you a County Warrant for the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, please have the Sheriff of Lyon County indorse the amount on our tax receipt and deliver the enclosed deed to Mr. J.A. Vinson, Attorney of Lyon County."</li> <li>Three Copies</li> </ul>
227.08241932.161	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This morning at Eddyville the County Judge instructed the County Clerk to draw the order for the Hillman Ferry Franchise; I assume that as soon as the Franchise is ready, the next step will be the filing of the required bond; I did not bring up the matter of the bond, but I assume that it will be from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00. I do not know who we can get to go on this bond, but when we know the amount, we can see who we can get."</li> </ul>
227.10081932.162	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>"Noting the attached in regard to Hillman Ferry Equipment and land according to Mr. C.B. Williams</li> </ul>

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	(Mrs. Harrison's lawyer) and according to my understanding of what is proper, this should be signed by Mrs. Esselstyn as well as by you. Wont you please have her sign it and send it back to me return mail?"
227.10101932.163	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup>, enclosing memorandum of my acknowledgment of the deed for the Hillman Ferry property. As per your request Mrs. Esselstyn has signed this acknowledgment and it is herewith returned."</li> </ul>
227.12151932.164	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: A.S. Hartt</li> <li>"According to our St. Louis books, there is still due E.H. Simmons from the Hillman Land Co., as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1932, \$3.82, on his expense account. This is made up of the following items— Unless you can see some objection, Mr. Simmons would like to have you send him a check, payable to his order, for \$3.82: the amount is small and he doesn't want our books at this end to show that he has paid anything to himself since he has been out of the employ of the Company."</li> </ul>
227.12181932.165	<ul> <li>To: E.H. Simmons</li> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup>, in regard to the expense in connection with the transfer of the Hillman Ferry prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.         Enclosed find my personal check for \$3.82 to cover this expense. I will include this amount in my December expense account. There are a lot of things we could talk about them, I am on the go most of the time trying to run down someone who wants to buy something, I still have hopes, but they won't take them at the bank."</li> </ul>
227.01261933.166	<ul> <li>To: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>From: A.S. Hartt</li> <li>"In posting your December 1932 reports into our Ledger here in St. Louis, I do not find where you have taken credit for the \$3.82 you sent us on 12-19-1932, to close out Mr. E.H. Simmons personal account on the St. Louis books for 1932. As I remember it, this was your personal check. Won't you please let me know how to handle it so as to get Mr. Simmons' account off of the 1932 books, just how you have been reimbursed for this account. Of course I could carry it over into the January-1933 records, but if possible, would like to get it into the 1932 records."</li> </ul>
227.01281933.167	To: Miss Hartt

	<ul> <li>From: J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup>, regarding the \$3.82 paid by Mr. Simmons in connection with the transfer of the Ferry property to me. I sent Mr. Simmons this amount and included it in my December Expense Account and is a part of the second item under the head of General Expense, which item is \$4.32, the difference between the two amounts is the 50 cent I paid the notary for taking the acknowledgment the two deeds when I deeded the property back to the Company. This second deed transfer was made just a few days before I received your letter regarding the expense in St. Louis in connection with the first transfer and I sent you a check \$3.82 and included it in my December Expense Account."</li> </ul>
227.UNDATED.168	<ul> <li>Deeds</li> <li>April 8, 1919: Copy of deed sent to Mr. E.H. Simmons's Anderson Land</li> <li>March 31, 1921</li> <li>March 1931: Between Hillman and Jack Kelly</li> <li>August 1931: Between Hillman and Roscoe and Mable Joyce</li> <li>June 27, 1932: Between Hillman and J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>June 27, 1932: Between Hillman and J.N. Esselstyn</li> <li>August 12, 1932: General Warranty Deedbetween Hillman and State Highway Commission</li> </ul>
227.UNDATED.169	Scrap of paper with coordinates
227.UNDATED.170	<ul> <li>Two Return Receipts</li> <li>November 18, 1926</li> <li>August 25, 1932</li> </ul>