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Dear Sir:

When I was in Daleville on Apr. 15, I talked to you on the phone, and you told me about the building which Daleville built. I went by to see it. It is located on property formerly owned by Josephus Dale and his wife Mary Alice Dale. (She later m. Mr. Kiger). When they died, Cecil Otho Dale inherited their property. He was their son. My mother married Cecil Otho Dale in 1923. She was Cornelia Harker Dale.

After Cecil's mother died, Cecil sold the property to the School Board. They converted the house into a domestic science kitchen, and it was right next to the old school building. Josephus and Mary Alice also gave the property for the church, right along Walnut Street next to school.

When Cecil sold the property to the school (the house on the front and all the pasture land in back), he retained the reversionary rights. In case it was not used as a school, it was to revert to Cecil, or to his heirs. Thus it should have reverted to my mother and then to me. Raymond Shirey and his son, Wayne Shirey had been on or involved with the school board, but when I took the matter up with Wayne, he discouraged me from asserting my claim to the reversionary rights--he said there was a technicality in the wording. Wayne was attorney for the school board or the man who acquired it. He also had been attorney for me.

In view of the above, I think it would be only fair for the Town of Daleville to place a bronze placque on the Town Building, honoring the memory of Alexander Campbell Dale and his descendants William C. Dale, Josephus Dale, Mary Alice Dale, Cecil Otho Dale and Cornelia Harker Dale. I have all the dates of their births, marriages, and deaths.

Also I think Wayne Shirey should give the Town of Daleville the 3 land grants which my mother gave him. They were to Campbell Dale in 1827, and signed by Pres. John Quincy Adams. I have two of the land grants which apply to the land west of Daleville and east of the Freeway, which I still own.

Parcel 30 on Assessor's Map, west of the Town property, is the Dale Cemetery. I think the Town of Daleville should build a fence around it, to protect the stones and big monument.

Very truly,
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