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June 25, 1957

Paradise, California

Dear Sister

We received your letter, written June 17, in which you tell us that you would like to have the name of the man who sold his oxen and bought the printing press. In the book, Pioneer Stories, by Arthur W. Spalding, you will find the following story on pages 219-220:

"In 1855 the friends in Michigan agreed together to ask Brother White to move the publishing work to Michigan. Four men, Dan Palmer, Cyrenius Smith, J. P. Kellogg, and Henry Lyons, made up \$1200, bought a lot in the little city of Battle Creek, fifty miles west of Jackson, and built a small two-story house, twenty feet wide and thirty feet long. This was the beginning of the work in Battle Creek, which afterwards grew so large.

"Here, then, in the fall, Mr. White moved the printing office, and from this time on the work grew rapidly. They soon bought a large press, to be run by steam, and other machinery. The books and papers and tracts began to multiply and spread the truth.

"The few Seventh-day Adventists then living there sacrificed a great deal in order to help the cause. There was one man, a farmer, who made up his mind to help when a printing press was called for. But he had no money to spare, so he sold his yoke of oxen, Buck and Bill, and gave the money to the publishing house for the buying of the press. It made him happy to do it; for in this way, he said, his oxen were helping pull the chariot of truth along. And every time he passed the Review and Herald office and heard the press running, he would stop to chuckle, and say, 'Buck and Bill are pullin' away, they're pu--u--ullin' away!'"

In the book, Origin and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists, by M. E. Olsen, on page 211, we have another story of sacrifice in behalf of the press in the following words:

"The decision of the conference was reported in the Review and as the brethren learned of the need, their gifts began to come in. One woman sold her only cow, and sent the money to help pay for the press. Others made similar sacrifices, and the enterprise was an assured success when Hiram Edson sold his farm in order to have some ready money to use for the work. He made a personal donation, and then advanced for an indefinite time enough money to purchase the needed equipment."

We trust that this information will be helpful to you. If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to write to us again.

Most sincerely your brother,

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Arthur L. White, Secretary
ELLEN G. WHITE PUBLICATIONS

"In 1852 the friends in Michigan agreed to get together to ask Brother White to move the publishing work to Michigan. Four men, J. P. Palmer, Cyrenius Smith, J. P. Kellogg, and Henry Lyons, made up \$1200, bought a lot in the little city of Battle Creek, fifty miles west of Jackson, and built a small two-story house, twenty feet wide and thirty feet long. This was the beginning of the work in Battle Creek, which afterwards grew so large.

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