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Elyria, Ohio
September 8, 1927.

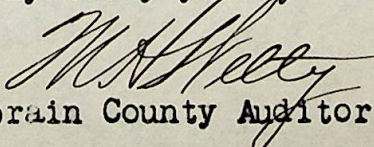
. Ellen S. Belden,
. 287 W. College St.,
. Oberlin, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith find your letter of July 5, with pencil notations at the bottom showing separate land values and building values under the old appraisal and the new appraisal. The old appraisal is on a basis of fifty percent of the value of the property; under the new appraisal the basis is eighty-five percent. This difference in appraisement would require about seventy percent addition to the former appraisal to get the new value provided the property was properly appraised at the time of the old appraisal. The valuations on all Oberlin property were placed thereon by a committee appointed at the public meeting held in your high school building sometime preceeding the beginning of the actual work of appraisement. The following men composed the committee: A. S. Root, H. B. Thurston, J. D. Yocom, J. L. Edwards, I. L. Porter, H. C. Wangering, F. W. Tobin, George W. Morris and C. D. Smiley. The last two names mentioned did the actual appraisal work, and the balance acted as an advisory committee in reviewing the tentative values place by Mr. Morris and Mr. Smiley.

If your property is valued at more than eighty-five percent of its real value in money, you can make a complaint and the County Board of Review will give same due consideration. This complaint must be filed on or before December 20, 1927.

Very truly yours,


Lorain County Auditor.

Enc.
MHW/MH

237 West College Street
Oberlin, Ohio
July 5, 1927

County Auditor
Elyria, Ohio

My dear Sir:

I wish to inquire why the taxes on my property at 237 West College Street, Oberlin, Ohio have been raised. I paid at a considerably higher rate in December and July than I have ever paid before and yet the property has been steadily running down, as the house has suffered the disadvantages due to being unoccupied a good many months in the year. Meanwhile the taxes on the property of my next door neighbor, Professor Heacock have been materially lowered, though he has put extensive improvements on his house. I have inquired about this of your deputy in Oberlin, Mr. Stone and he says he knows nothing beyond the fact that there has been a re-valuation of the property. May I ask on what this re-valuation was based? We were out of town, and no inquiry was made of us nor of Mrs. Heacock, who had our property in charge.

I wish to enter a formal protest against this increase in my taxes and I ask for a rebate.

I am sorry to trouble you; but I shall be greatly obliged for a reply to this inquiry at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

Ellen S. Belden

(Mrs. Ellen S. Belden)

Heacock

1290
5100 } 1926

6390

1285
3600 } 1925

4885

505 increase

Belden

1350
5950 } 1926

7300

1260
3000 } 1925

4260

3040 increase