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Catalogue of Medicinal Plants & Vegetable Medicines, Prepared in the United Society of "Shakers" Merrimack County, N.H. [Printed at Canterbury. N.H.: n.d.]. 49 x 30 cm.

Hamilton College has recently acquired the second known copy of this Canterbury, New Hampshire, broadside. The piece is large, measuring 49 x 30 cm. It lists over two hundred varieties of Shaker-grown herbs. The other surviving copy is in the collection of the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord (Richmond 168). That copy was printed without any price information, which is present on the Hamilton College piece. As an added bonus, the Hamilton copy has a manuscript note on the verso written by Shaker botanico-medical physician Thomas Corbett to customer Edward Putnam in Danvers, Massachusetts. Corbett comments on specific herbs such as cayenne, lobelia, and golden seal. This copy was actually folded and mailed for use as an order sheet.

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Transcription of the letter from Thomas Corbett to Edward Putnam from the back of the *Catalogue* broadside.

Shaker Village NH Dec 3d 1834

Friend Putnam

You[r] favour is before me. I have here send you a catalogue which has all those articles you mentioned and prices as low as we can sell with 12¹/₂ per cent discount for cash — We have a plenty of cayene on hand a good quality. Lobela is rather scarce we have orders for nearly all we have on hand from Boston, if you send your order soon if you entend to send you will be more likely get your suply the other articles we have a good suply. — The golden seal is considered the best bitter by all that is in use I have sold one firm in Boston about 60 lbs pulverized.

Respectfully your friend, Thomas Corbett

[Owen, Robert]. National Equitable Labour Exchange. Birmingham branch established 1833. To the storekeeper of the Exchange.... Deliver to the bearer Exchange Stores to the value of ten hours by order of Robert Owen.

Hamilton College has recently acquired an original Owenite Labour Exchange note, valued at ten hours, dated July 22, 1833. Denominations exist for 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, and 80. The bill is engraved with a beehive, signifying industry, and scales, signifying equity and justice. Notably, the words "Industry," "Truth," and "Integrity" appear on the bill. The National Equitable Labour Exchange, which used these time-based notes, was established in 1832. The London exchange lasted into 1833.



This Indenture, Made the first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight between Jonathan Wood of New-Lebanon in the County of Columbia and State of New-York, of the first part, and Lydia Douglas, late of Farnham, Bedford County, Lower Canada of the second part, and Sophia Douglas, an infant under the age of twenty-one years, daughter of the said Lydia Douglas, of the third part ... [n.p., 1830s]. 40 x 32 cm.

The Shakers used a large variety of commercially printed indenture forms to take legal custody of minors throughout the nineteenth century. These forms are printed with spaces to fill in the specific details. In the entry given above, the portions in blue were filled in on this particular indenture. In preparing a new bibliography of Shaker literature it has been challenging to determine which forms were printed by the Shakers, or specifically for Shaker use. Hamilton College has acquired this wonderful example used by the New Lebanon Shakers in 1838. Printed on the form are the words "United Society (called Shakers)," rendering it certain that the form was printed specifically for the Shakers, if not by them. Further research may reveal more information about printing at New Lebanon in the late 1830s, but it is certainly possible that the Shakers used an Albany-based printer to produce this form, as they did for other publications and some labels during the nineteenth century.

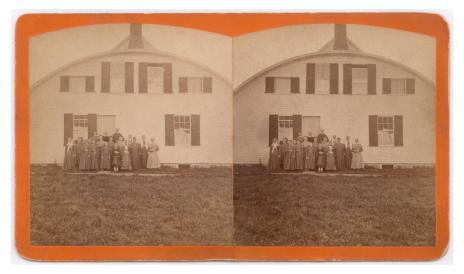
Sophia Douglas was born June 5, 1833, so she was five years old when she was indentured to the Shakers on August 1, 1838. Generally, girls worked in the shops, the wash house, and the kitchen. In addition, they learned kniting, sewing, and braiding bonnet bindings. She departed New Lebanon on January 6, 1845. This Indenture, Made the first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Hicky eight Between Joursthan Wood of New Lenguer in the County of Column bia and State of New York, of the first part, and Sydia Douglas show For have Bedfrid County, Some Canada of the seed Douglas of the hird part, Witnesseth, That the said protocol to the skill institutions of the said Douglas of the hird part, Witnesseth, That the said the my one years, the equilibrium of the said 2 place 2 place 2 of the third part, while setting that the said ties have, in conformity to the civil institutions of the said State, agreed and covenanted in form as follows, viz: That the said Sophica Docuglas aged fine years on the fifthe day of firme by and with the consent of fur mother the said Sydia D_hath of her own free will, placed and bound herself unto the said Jouratican Mood a member of the United Society (called Shakers) of said . It is charged to be under the care and in the employment of the said for mathematic and the said solution in the control of the said solution and said infancy, obstinately refuse to perform and contorm, in and to whatever site the said for antice in the said Sophica Douglas according to the customs, principles and practice aforesaid, then, and in such case, the said Sophica Douglas for herself, here executors and administrators, covenants, promises and agrees, to and with the said Jona Maar Mood, his executors and administrators, to take back the said Sophica Douglas upon due notice given her the said Sophica Douglas by the said Jona Maar Mood so to do, without making or requiring any charge for the services which the said Sophica may or shall have so to do, without making or requiring any charge for the services which the said Soferica ______ may or shall have done or performed for the said Journ Haue ______ or the said Society; and also without claiming any damages of or from the said Journ Heart Marked for not keeping the said Soferica ______ during fire said infancy: And further, That she the said System Jourglas ______ will not, at any time, unlawfully take away here said daughter nor cause here to be taken away, nor procure or entice, nor cause to be procured or enticed, the said Soferica ______ to a sent here's off. from the service and government of the said Soferica Heart Heart, nor from said Society, during the con-tinuance of this Indenture. And the said Journathan Wood for himself, here executors and administrators, cove-nants, promises and agrees, to and with the said Soferica Dourglas, here ______ executors and administrators, that here the widthere of the said land will and will during the time that the said double said here the soferice of the said here here the said double said here here the said here the said here the said here the the said double said here the said here the said here the said here the the said double said here the the said double said here the said here there the said here the said here the said the said Jour Huan as aforesaid, provide the said Sophica _______ shall remain with him as aforesaid, provide the said Sophica _______ with comfortable food and clothing, and teach, or cause her the said Sophica _______ to be taught to read and write, and to be unstructed in such other branches of education as are usually taught young females in the schools of the United Society ______

and also such manual occupation or branch of business as shall be found best adapted to her genius and capacity; and also to furnish and provide for the said Sophica (Jacuptar, wearing apparel at the termination of this Indenture, in case the said Sophica two suits of good and decent shall so long remain with him the said Jonathan Wood without any wilful default on the part of the said Sophia Douglas.

In Witness whereof, the parties aforesaid, to this Indenture, have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Lydia Douglafs Jophia Douglafs Jophia Douglafs SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF Mich Couvery This may certify that I Sydia Douglas do hereby consent to the execution of the above Indentive to Jonathan Wood in behalf of my up and my daughter. Sophia Douglas. ydian Doughafts high bales and

Rare Stereoview, possibly from South Family, Enfield, N.H.



(From the Lauren and Julia Stiles Collection, Hamilton College Library)

The Communal Societies Collection at Hamilton College has just been gifted the Lauren and Julia Stiles Collection of Shaker Stereoviews and Postcards. This outstanding collection contains 78 stereoviews and 156 postcards. Quite a few are new additions to Hamilton's collection, and a significant number are upgrades in terms of condition, or complement examples already in the collection due to a different image trim, cardstock, or manuscript information written on the back. We are thrilled that Lauren and Julia decided to give the collection to Hamilton, particularly because they have been regular users of our digital collections website. The Stiles collection will digitized and integrated into the existing on-line collection of Shaker photographic materials available at: http://elib.hamilton.edu.

Can anyone help us identify this remarkable Shaker structure?