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The Columbian Phalanx, also known as the Columbian Association, was founded in 1845 in Muskingum County, Ohio, seven miles from Zanesville. In area it was one of the largest phalanxes, with 2,700 acres; peak membership was around 150. It absorbed some members of the Beverly Association, a phalanx planned for Beverly, Ohio, but never completed. The residents lived in log cabins and ran an extensive farming operation during the community's short lifespan. However, the Columbian appears to have ceased operations later in the year of its founding. Details on its history are sparse.

—Timothy Miller, *Encyclopedic Guide to American Intentional Communities*

The special collections of Hamilton College has recently acquired this broadside printed upon the liquidation of the possessions of the Columbian Phalanx. Miller's assessment that the community ceased operations later in the year of its founding appears to be correct based on the date of the auction of their possessions scheduled for January 7, 1846. Information about many of the smaller phalanxes is very scarce, and printed materials from them are even scarcer.

Text:

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Pursuant to a Deed of Trust executed to me, on the 17th day of November, 1844, by Simeon Shurtliff, Anthony Baker and James Oatley, Trustees of and for the COLUMBIAN PHALANX, in Muskingum county and State of Ohio, to secure the payment of certain debts therein specified, I will offer for sale, at the HOUSE of JAMES OATLEY, on the domain of the said COLUMBIAN PHALANX, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of January next, the following described personal property, to wit:-

8 YOKE OF WORK OXEN,

13 MILCH COWS,

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Sale will commence at 10 o'clock, and continue from day to day until the amount be sold.

TERMS—A credit of six months will be given, with interest from day of sale, the purchaser giving note and approved security, and in all cases, where the terms are not complied with, the property will be re-sold at the risk of the first purchaser.

December 26, 1845.

M. D. GITTINGS.

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