

POSTSCRIPT

This is a short update on The Berg Family of Baraga, with the results of a title search performed by Keweenaw Title Agency of Houghton, which I received several months after I completed this project. This was the third title company I contacted – the other two couldn't help me with the search. They were both aware of the disarray of the Baraga County records. One told me that if I couldn't find what I wanted in the county basement, then they couldn't either.

The title agency found a few interesting things. Martin purchased the in-town parcel in 1895 for \$175. I don't know when it was sold by the family.

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QUIT-CLAIM DEED—Baraga County—Liber B. 1895

Received for Record, the 3rd day of Sept A. D. 1895, at 11 o'clock P.M.
Jennie Harrison }
Martin Berg } **This Indenture**, Made the Twenty Eighth day of August
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety five
 BETWEEN *Jennie Harrison of Baraga, Baraga County, Michigan* party
 of the first part, and
Martin Berg of the same place, party of the second part;

WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Seventy five
 and no Dollars
 to *her* in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, doeth by these presents,
 grant, bargain, sell, remise, release and forever QUIT-CLAIM unto the said party of the second part, and to *his* heirs and assigns, Forever,
 All that certain piece or parcel of land, situated in the Township
 of Baraga, in Baraga County, and State of Michigan, known and
 described as follows:
 Commencing at a point in the west line of the Highway from
 L'Anne to Houghton and fifty feet south from the south East
 corner of line deeded to William Coach running thence West
 one at right angle with the aforesaid highway one hundred and
 twenty five feet, thence Southly or right angle with the last
 described line fifty feet, thence Eastly parallel with the first
 described line forty feet, thence Northly parallel with the
 line of the highway aforesaid fifty feet to the first described
 line, thence westerly along said first described line forty feet to
 to the west end of said described line, containing Two thousand
 feet of land, being in Sec 33, Twp 51 or R 33, West of Mich Mer-
 idian

Together with all and singular, The hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining; To Have and to Hold
 the said *property* to the said party of the second part, and to *his*
 heirs and assigns, to the sole and only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part, *his* heirs and assigns, Forever.

In Witness Whereof, The said party of the first part, hereunto set *her* hand and seal the day and year first above written.

SEEN, READ AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF
M. E. Deane
Geo. L. Courtney

Jennie Harrison

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } On this 28th day of August in the year one thousand eight
 County of Baraga } hundred and ninety five before me, the Subscriber a Notary Public
 in and for said County, personally appeared *Jennie Harrison*
 to me known to be the same person
 described in and who executed the within instrument, who acknowledged the same to be *her* free act and deed.

J. H. McCraith
 Notary Public
 in and for the County of Baraga

1895 deed to Martin Berg

Martin acquired the Baraga farm in 1896, also for \$175. The Berg brothers sold this land in 1938. The price was not stated in the deed.

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WARRANTY DEED—Baraga County—Libor D. How Form, 340 Act 117, Session Law 1901. (117) Filing Fee, 25 Cents, Manufacturers, Kalamazoo, Mich. 1902

Received for Record, this 21st day of February A. D. 1896, at 4 o'clock P. M. U. C. Ruppberg Register of Deeds.

From & Huston
TO
Martin Berg

This Indenture, Made this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety six

BETWEEN Frank & Huston of the Village of Baraga County of Baraga State of Michigan of the first part, and Martin Berg of the same above described place of residence of the second part;

WITNESSETH, That the said Frank & Huston

part of the first part Convey and Warrant to the said Martin Berg

part of the second part, all that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the Township of Baraga County of Baraga, State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit:

The South West quarter (34) of the North West quarter (36) of Section thirty one (31) in Township fifty one (51) North of Range thirty three (33) West,

for the sum of One hundred and Seventy five Dollars (\$175.00) lawful money of the United States of America, to have in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged.

In Witness Whereof, The said party of the first part, hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signet, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of
Olin W. Smith }
Peter W. Gagner }
Frank & Huston L.S.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
County of Baraga } ss. Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County, this 19th day of February 1896, personally came Frank & Huston known to me to be the Grantor named in and who executed the within and foregoing deed and acknowledged the execution of the said deed.

Peter W. Gagner
Notary Public for

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
BARAGA COUNTY } ss. Filed Feb 21st 1896
L. S. }
I do Record this day as ordered

1896 deed to Martin Berg

QUIT CLAIM DEED
F. W. BERG ET AL
TO
CLAUDE E. FREY & WIFE.

REGISTER'S OFFICE ()SS.
BARAGA COUNTY
Received for record the 2nd.
day of May A. D. 1938 at 10
o'clock A. M. and recorded in
Vol. 50 of Deeds on page 285.

W. S. Scott
Register of Deeds.

IN CONSIDERATION OF \$10.00, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,
F. W. BERG, 4142 5th Ave., Los Angeles, California, JOHN A. BERG, 421 Sherman Ave., Evanston,
Illinois, GEORGE B. BERG, 4142 5th Ave., Los Angeles, California, and ELMER A. BERG, 633 Robinson
Los Angeles, California, do hereby remise, release and forever quit claim to CLAUDE E. FREY AND
EDITH M. FREY, his wife, whose permanent address is.....the real property in the
County of Baraga, State of Michigan, described as:

SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 Section 31, Town 51, Range 35,
40 acres.

Dated this 20th day of April, 1938.

F. W. Berg
George B. Berg
Elmer A. Berg
John A. Berg

STATE OF CALIFORNIA {
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES }SS.

On this 26th day of April, 1938, before me, L. S. Browder, a Notary
Public in and for said County, personally appeared F. W. Berg, George B. Berg and Elmer A. Berg,
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and ack-
nowledged that they executed the same.

Witness my hand and Official seal.

L. S. Browder
Notary Public in and for said county and State
My commission expires April 15, 1939.
(Notary Seal)

STATE OF ILLINOIS {
COUNTY OF COOK }SS.

I, Wilbert Schuermann, a Notary Public in and for the said City of
Evanston Cook, County in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that John A. Berg personally
known to me to be the same person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared
before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed and sealed and delivered the
said instrument as his free and voluntary act, for the use and purposes therein set forth, in-
cluding the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

GIVEN under my hand and Notarial Seal this 29th day of April A. D. 1938.

Wilbert Schuermann
Notary Public
My commission expires June 24th, 1941
(Notary Seal)

2938 deed from Berg Brothers

Martin and Amelia were divorced in 1903. All of the Michigan property was awarded to Amelia.

State of Michigan.

In The Circuit Court For The County of Baraga. In Chancery.

Amelia Berg,
Complainant.

vs.
Martin M. Berg,
Defendant.

This cause having come to be heard upon the pleadings filed therein, and upon the proofs taken in open Court, and after having heard read the said pleadings and hearing the proofs and allegations, of the Complainant therein, and after hearing the arguments by Louis N. Sigis, solicitor for the above named complainant, and Philip R. McKernon, solicitor for above named defendant, and after due consideration of the said pleadings, proofs and arguments of solicitors and the Court having been fully advised in the premises on consideration thereof, doth find, that all the material facts alleged in the said Bill of complaint are true and that Martin M. Berg, the defendant, in said suit has not supported the said complainant and her said children, as charged in said bill of complaint; and that the said defendant is a person wholly unfit to have the care, custody, control and education of said children. It is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the Court that the marriage between Amelia Berg, complainant, and Martin M. Berg, defendant, be dissolved and the same is hereby dissolved accordingly; and the parties are and each of them is free from the obligations thereof. It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that Amelia Berg, complainant, have the care, custody, control and education of the said children, to wit: Frederick William Berg, John Albert Berg, George Albert Berg, and Elmer Adolph Berg, without any interference on the part of the said Martin M. Berg, defendant, until the further order of the Court. It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said defendant, within sixty (60) days from the rendition of this decree, convey to the said complainant, by good and sufficient deed to be approved by the Court, all the following described property, to wit: The South West quarter of the North West Quarter of Section thirty-one (31), Township fifty-one (51) North, Range thirty-three (33) West also a lot in the Village of Baraga, said County of Baraga and State of Michigan, described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point on the West line of the Highway from T. Ane to Houghton and fifty (50) feet South from the South East corner of land deeded to William Coach, running thence Westward at right angles with aforesaid Highway one hundred and twenty five (125) feet, thence Southward at right angles with the last described line fifty (50) feet thence Easterly parallel with first described line forty (40) feet thence Northward parallel with the line of Highway aforesaid fifty (50) feet to the first described line, thence Westward along the said first described line forty (40) feet to the West end of first described line, containing two thousand (2,000) feet of land, being in Section thirty-three (33), Township fifty-one (51) North, Range thirty-three (33) West; being Lots thirteen (13) fourteen (14) block six (6) North subdivision to the Village of Baraga also the South West quarter of Section twenty-six (26), Township fifty (50) North Range thirty six (36) West; also all household goods, furniture and other personal property; and that in default thereof that a certified copy of this decree may be recorded in office of the register of deeds in and for the Counties of Baraga and Houghton, in

Houghton
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said State of Michigan, in lieu of and with the same force and effect as
deed. And that the said defendant pay the costs of this suit to be taxed
Clerk of this Court, together with one hundred (\$100.00) dollars Solicitor's
within sixty (60) days from the rendition of this decree; and that in de
the payment of any of said sums in the manner and at the times here
witted that execution is sue therefor.

Martin Voelckh
Register.

A. T. Streeter
Circuit Judge.

State of Michigan)
County of Baraga)

I hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a
comparad copy of the decree rendered and entered in the Circuit Court
County of Baraga. Said decree being now on file in the office of the regist
Chancery in and for the County of Baraga and State of Michigan.



Martin Voelckh
Register

Received for record June 15th A.D. 1903 at 10.30 o'clock A.M.

William Walls
Register

The probate court transferred all of her property to her sons in 1934.

ORDER ASSIGNING RESIDUE OF ESTATE—(4410) LIBER 16/90 Keweenaw Printing Company 1935

Received for Record this 7th day of May, A. D. 1934.
Clyde S. Mackenzie, Register.

State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of ~~Houghton~~ BARAGA.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of ~~Houghton~~ ^{L'Ange,} in said County, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1934.
 Present, HON. Joseph J. O'Connor, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Amelia Berg, DECEASED.
This day having been appointed for hearing the petition of Arvid Johnson, administrator of said estate praying that the residue of said estate be assigned to the heirs at law of said deceased, and due notice of the hearing on said petition having been given as directed by said court, the said petitioner appeared in person

It appearing to the court that all the debts, funeral charges, expenses of administration, and all allowances for the maintenance of the family of said deceased, and for the support of the children under seven years of age, have been fully paid; that the widow's preferred claims to the personal estate have been fully satisfied; that all proceedings required by law for the proper administration and settlement of said estate have been taken, and that there remains to be assigned to the heirs at law of said deceased, a residue of the personal estate to the value of \$2,981.31 dollars

and the following described real estate, to-wit: Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Fifty (50), North of Range Thirty-six (36) West, Laird Township, Houghton County, Michigan.
Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄) of Northwest Quarter (NW¹/₄) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Fifty-one (51), North of Range Thirty-three (33) West, Baraga Township, Baraga County, Michigan.
Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), of Block Six (6), Foote's Subdivision to the Village of Baraga, Baraga County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.
It further appearing that E. W. Berg, Son, John A. Berg, Son, George B. Berg, Son and Elmer A. Berg, Son,

are sole heirs at law of said deceased.

It is Ordered, That such residue of personal estate and real estate of which said deceased died seized, be and the same is hereby assigned to the said heirs at law according to law, to each the following part or proportion thereof, to-wit

An undivided one fourth to F. W. Berg
 An undivided one fourth to John A. Berg
 An undivided one fourth to George B. Berg
 An undivided one fourth to Elmer A. Berg

(SEAL.) Joseph J. O'Connor Judge of Probate.

1934 probate court order

The brothers sold the Houghton property to the United States in 1936 for \$440. This land is now part of the Ottawa National Forest.

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WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 3rd day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-six (A.D., 1936), between F. W. BERG, divorced, and ALCY B. BERG, divorced, (former wife of F. W. Berg) of Berkeley California; JOHN A. BERG and IRENE M. BERG, his wife, of Evanston, Illinois; GEORGE B. BERG and LAURIE BERG, his wife, and ELMER A. BERG and LUCRETIA A. BERG, his wife, of Los Angeles, California, parties of the first part, and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$440.00) to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, do by these presents grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm unto the said party of the second part and its assigns, FOREVER, all that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in County of Houghton and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:-

IN TOWNSHIP FIFTY (50) NORTH OF RANGE THIRTY-SIX (36) WEST:-

SECTION TWENTY-SIX (26):- The Southwest One Quarter (SW 1/4)

The land hereby conveyed is situated West of the Michigan Meridian and aggregates One Hundred and Sixty (160) Acres, be the same more or less.

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, as herein described, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part and its assigns, FOREVER. And the said parties of the first part, for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, do covenant, grant, bargain and agree to and with the said party of the second part, and its assigns, that at the time of the executing and delivery of these presents they were well seized of the above granted premises in fee simple; that they are free from all encumbrances whatever and that they will, and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns shall WARRANT AND DEFEND the same against all lawful claims whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed and Sealed in Presence of:

M. E. Kelly }
County Clerks Office }
S. F. Cal }
C. E. Coghlan }
312 City Hall }
San Francisco }

F. W. Berg (SEAL)
F. W. Berg
Alcy B. Berg (SEAL)
Alcy B. Berg

Robert B. Weiber

Robert B. Weiber

George B. Berg (SEAL)
George B. Berg
Laurie Berg (SEAL)
Laurie Berg
Elmer A. Berg (SEAL)
Elmer A. Berg
Lucretia A. Berg (SEAL)
Lucretia A. Berg

(Fifty Cent Revenue Stamp Cancelled)

Mabel Vollmar
E. E. Outund

John A. Berg (SEAL)
John A. Berg
Irene M. Berg (SEAL)
Irene M. Berg

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO } ss

On this 3rd day of January, 1936, before me a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared F. W. BERG, divorced, and Alcy B. Berg, divorced, (former wife of F. W. Berg), to me known to be two of the persons described in and who executed the within instrument, who severally acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.

Robert H. Rusch
Notary Public in and for the City and County
of San Francisco, State of California
My commission expires August 8, 1937.
(Notarial Seal)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
City and County of San Francisco) ss

I, H. I. MULCREVY, County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court thereof, the same being a Court of Record having by law a seal, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That Robert H. Rusch whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and thereon written, was, at the time of taking such proof and acknowledgment a Notary Public, in and for said City and County, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized by the laws of said State to take the acknowledgments and proofs of deeds or conveyances, for land, tenements or hereditaments in said State, to be recorded therein. And further that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary Public and verily believe that the signature to said Certificate of proof or acknowledgment is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of said State. I further certify that an impression of the seals of Notaries Public are not required by law to be filed in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Superior Court.

Dated Jan. 3, 1936 (SEAL) H. I. Mulcrevy
Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss

On this 16th day of January, 1936, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared GEORGE B. BERG and LAURIE BERG, his wife, and ELMER A. BERG and LUCRETIA A. BERG, his wife, to me known to be four of the persons described in and who executed the within instrument, who severally acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.

(Notarial Seal) H. A. Powers
Notary Public in and for Los Angeles
County, California
My commission expires April 30, 1937.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Los Angeles) ss

I, L. E. LAMPTON, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for said County, the same being a court of record of the aforesaid County, having by law a seal, do hereby certify that H. A. Powers, whose name is subscribed to the attached certificate of acknowledgment, proof or affidavit, was at the time of taking said acknowledgment proof or affidavit, a Notary Public in and for Los Angeles County, duly commissioned and sworn and residing in said County, and was, as such, an officer of said State, duly authorized by the laws thereof to take and certify the same as well as to take and certify the proof and acknowledgment of deeds and other instruments in writing to be recorded in said State, and that full faith and credit are and ought to be given to his official acts; that the impression of his official seal is not required by law to be filed in the office of the County Clerk; I further certify that I am well acquainted with his handwriting and verily believe that the signature to the attached certificate is his genuine signature, and further that the annexed instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 17 day of Jan. 1936.

(SEAL) L. E. Lampton
County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court
of the State of California, in and for the
County of Los Angeles
By F. E. Morgan, Deputy.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) ss

On this 28th day of January, 1936, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared JOHN A. BERG and IRENE M. BERG, his wife, to me known to be two of the persons described in and who executed the within instrument, who severally acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.

(NOTARIAL SEAL) Wilbert Schuemann
Notary Public in and for Cook County, Ill.
My commission expires June 16, 1937.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COOK COUNTY) ss

I, MICHAEL J. FLYNN, County Clerk of the County of Cook, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the lawful custodian of the official records of Notaries

Public of said County, and as such officer am duly authorized to issue certificates of magistracy, that Wilbert Schuemann whose name is subscribed to the proof of acknowledgment of the annexed instrument in writing was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public in and for Cook County, duly commissioned, sworn and acting as such and authorized to take acknowledgments and proofs of deeds or conveyances of lands, tenements or hereditaments, in said State of Illinois, and to administer oaths; all of which appears from the records and files in my office; that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said Notary and verily believe that the signature to the said proof of acknowledgment is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Cook at my office in the City of Chicago, in the said County this 29th day of Jan. 1936.

(SEAL)

Michael J. Flynn
County Clerk.

Received for record the 26th day of May, A.D. 1936 at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Elsie M. Decker, Register

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