

Daniel McConnell to the Inhabitants

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye that whereas I, Daniel McConnell and Elizabeth my wife (since deceased) did on the twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six of our own free will and for other good causes and considerations us thereunto moving, cause to be laid out on part of the tract of land on which we resided in Air Township, Bedford County, and state of Pennsylvania, a Town named McConnellsburg. And did in consideration of the purchase money being well and truly to us in hand paid, as well as the yearly rent of ten shillings secured to be paid to us, our heirs or assigns forever, for each lot of ground by the possessor thereof, grant, bargain, and sell, make over and confirm unto different persons a number of lots in said town as will appear, reference being had to our conveyances of said lots to each purchaser respectively.

And whereas in each of the aforementioned conveyances we bound ourselves (at the reasonable request and at the proper cost and charges of each purchases) to make, do, and execute, and to cause to be done, made, and executed all and every such further and other lawful and reasonable act and acts, deed and deeds, devise and devises in the law whatsoever, as they or their council learned in the law should devise, advise or require, for the more sure and perfect granting and conveying the aforesaid lots of ground and advantages thereto belonging to them, their heirs or assigns.

Now therefore know ye that I, Daniel McConnell and Mary my wife in consequence of the obligations we have come under to the purchasers of lots in the town aforesaid (as above specified) and with a design to grant and make over to them, their heirs and assigns certain rights and privileges they are entitled to and which will tend to their advantage generally, do for ourselves, our heirs,

executors, administrators and assigns, and each of them, grant, convey and make over to each purchaser of a lot or lots in said town respectively and to their heirs and assigns in the most full, free and unreserved manner a right to all the streets and alleys laid out in said Town agreeably to the General Plan thereof, the streets being fifty feet wide and the alleys twelve feet . . . (next line erased on the original).

The whole of which streets and alleys to be by the inhabitants of said Town and the public used as common highways, and we do bind and oblige ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators to remove or permit to be removed all fences, lets, hindrances, etc. whatsoever out of all the aforesaid streets and alleys so that from henceforth they may be freely occupied by all persons without obstruction or hindrance from us, our heirs, or assigns, etc.

Provided that nothing expressed in this grant be so understood as to prevent the inhabitants of said town from making porches or walks opposite their doors, said porches or walks however not to project or extend out into the streets more than six feet.

And we do also grant, convey and make over to inhabitants of said Town and to the publick a certain piece or parcel of ground fifty feet wide adjoining the outlines or extremities of the same, agreeably to the General Plan thereof, and reaching quite round the said Town to be by the inhabitants thereof and the public freely used and occupied as a public highway commons or place of pasturage, which commons etc it shall not be lawful to us or our heirs ever hereafter to claim, enclose or cultivate.

And further we do also grant and make over to the inhabitants of said Town and to the publick a privilege of drawing, lifting and carrying away water from all the runs and springs in said Town freely and at all times and that no

subsequent act or acts of ours, our heirs or assigns upon any pretence whatever shall ever be construed so as to take away this privilege.

The whole of the rights, privileges etc. as above mentioned we do for ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them grant, convey and make over to the inhabitants of said Town and to their heirs and assigns forever and do by these presents freely and unreservedly forever relinquish and quit claim to the same.

In witness whereof, I, the said Daniel McConnell and Mary my wife, have to these presents set our hands and caused our seals to be affixed the thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Daniel Bloom

Daniel McConnell (seal)

Andrew Work

Wm. Beckwich

Mary McConnell (seal)