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To His Excellency the Right Honourable the  
Earl of Elgin Governor General of Canada &c &c &c  
In Council

The Humble Petition of Hanson Pinkham of  
the Township of Blenheim in the District  
of Brock and Province of Canada Yeoman  
Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner  
is occupying the West half of Lot No. 10 in  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Con- of the aforesaid Township of  
Blenheim a Clergy Reserve and has purchased  
the right to said half Lot of Nicholas Peck  
whose transfer is hereto annexed and  
being desirous of purchasing has had it  
Inspected and Valued by W<sup>m</sup> Smiley  
a licensed Surveyor whose Certificate  
is also annexed and being

your Petitioner therefore  
prays your Excellency will Cause the  
said half Lot to be sold to him and  
your Petitioner as in duty bound  
will Ever pray  
Blenheim 24<sup>th</sup> February 1847 } Hanson Pinkham

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This Indenture made this first day of January  
in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty  
Between Nicholas Pickle of the Township of Wentworth in the  
County of Essex District of Wentworth in the Province of Upper  
Canada Yeoman of the one part, and Hanson Pinkham  
of the Same place Yeoman of the other Part. Witnesseth that the  
said Nicholas Pickle for and in consideration of the Sum of  
Twenty pounds Lawful Money of the Province aforesaid to him in  
hand well and truly paid by the said Hanson Pinkham  
at or before the executing and delivery of these presents the  
Receipt and Payment whereof the said Nicholas Pickle does  
hereby acknowledge, hath granted, bargained and sold and  
for ever quit all Claims, and by these Presents, both gave  
Bargain sold and forever quit all Claim, in favour of the said  
Hanson Pinkham his heirs and assigns all and sin-  
gular, that certain Parcel or tract of Land and premises situate  
lying and being in the Township of Wentworth aforesaid contain-  
ing one Howard Acres more or less which hundred Acres is  
known and distinguished, as the West half of Lot Number ten  
in the fourth Concession of said Township of Wentworth which  
will more fully and at large appear in the Court office, as being  
a part of the Lot No Two which the aforesaid Nicholas  
Pickle paid the patent fee for, Bearing Date Second  
December 1850, which will appear by the Patent for the same  
In witness whereof I the said Nicholas Pickle for myself  
my heirs and assigns, hath Transferred, Relinquished, and forever  
quit all Claims, Title, Interest and demands whatsoever  
either in Law or Equity of me the said Nicholas Pickle, to the  
aforesaid Land and premises. In Witness whereof I set my  
hand and seal this first day of January and  
in the Year of our Lord one first above written, and in the  
fourth Year of the Reign of Victoria, our Sovereign Lady the  
Queen - of Great Britain & Ireland

Signed Sealed and  
Delivered in presence of  
Joseph A. Baycock

Nicholas Pickle (Seal)

District of <sup>Upper</sup> ~~Brook~~ <sup>Germany</sup>  
 Do not. Joseph H. Laycock of the  
 Township of <sup>Blenheim</sup> in the said district German  
 Came personally before me John Jackson one of her  
 Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the district of <sup>Brook</sup>  
 and made oath and saith that he did see Nicholas  
 Pickle sign and duly execute a certain grant Claim  
 Deed hereto annexed for the West half of Lot Number  
 Ten in the fourth Concession of said Township of  
<sup>Blenheim</sup>, bearing date, the first day of  
 January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight  
 Hundred and forty, and deponent further saith that  
 he is a subscribing Witness to the said Grant  
 executed on the day aforesaid -

Sworn before me at } Joseph H. Laycock  
<sup>Blenheim</sup> this first }  
 day of January 1842 }  
 John Jackson Jp

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This is to Certify that I have examined the West half of Lot 40 in the 4th Con<sup>ty</sup> of the Township of Plunkin in the District of Becho & Province of Canada it being a Clergy Reserve & that the following Statement in reference to the said Lot is correct to the best of my Knowledge & belief

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There is about 20 Acs of improvement with a log house & frame barn upon it, Soil a dead heavy Clay, the principle Timber is Broad Maple Elm &c There is a very great deal of swamp upon said lot, watered by a Spring creek, which touches on the East side of this lot near the Centre. It is in a well settled neighbourhood, several miles to Mill Brook Church

Hanson Plunkin is desirous of purchasing and offers 10/ per Acre & said lot has been occupied about 13 years. There is no adverse claim for improvement that I am aware of

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I think 10/ per Acre is all the said lot is worth

Plunkin 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 1845

W<sup>m</sup> Smiley  
D. Halpern

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Brook District Agency  
Yorke 29th March 1847

Sir

I have the honor to report that I have  
Examined the accompanying Certificate  
from Deputy Surveyor W<sup>m</sup> Smiley

It would seem from the description he has  
given of this part of the Lot in Question that it  
is not of the best Quality, notwithstanding  
some of the opinion from the best information  
I have been able to obtain that this part of  
the Lot is worth at least 15¢ per acre

John Carroll  
District Agent

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Communicated to the C. & G. on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1847

Approved in Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1847

with back rent.

to purchase under present regulations at 15/- per acre

The Committee recommend that petition be allowed

In Council, 14<sup>th</sup> April 1847

Petition No. 48

Amoson Smithson

No. 10 in St. Anne

Blenheim

C.R.

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Crown Lands Department  
Montreal 28<sup>th</sup> April 1847

Reports to a Committee of the  
Honorable Secy of the  
Crown Lands

D. B. Papineau

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No lease issued for the Bligny section No. 10 - 14<sup>th</sup> Con  
of Blenheim, but the Patent Fee for one was paid  
by Nicholas Pickle in 1831. The Petitioner, being  
in the occupation of the West half with improvements,  
and having filed a transfer of claim from the above  
mentioned Nick Pickle, it is recommended that  
he be allowed to purchase that part at 15/- per  
acre upon payment of back-rent

D. B. Papineau

C. R.

Crown Lands Department }  
Montreal 12<sup>th</sup> April 1847 }

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