

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 462

House of Representatives, March 2, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sawyer of Madison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to change the limits of the Madison Village Corporation and to set off therefrom certain real estate belonging to Theodore B. Weston and Addie S. B. Weston.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The limits of the Madison Village Corporation, as formed under chapter eight of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1887, are hereby changed by withdrawing therefrom that portion of Weston Island, so-called, owned by Theodore B. Weston and situated in the Kennebec River, and that part of the farm of said Weston lying North and East of the following described line, viz.: Beginning at a twin butternut tree, eight and ten inches in

9 diameter, located on the bank of the Kennebec River, run-
10 ning thence South, three degrees and forty minutes West,
11 one hundred and thirty-two rods, to a two-inch pine tree
12 located at an abrupt angle in the Northerly line of land of
13 Nathan A. Weston, formerly the B. P. J. Weston farm,
14 said pine tree and angle being on the dividing line between
15 land of said Theodore B. Weston and land of said Nathan
16 A. Weston, which line runs to the Kennebec River on a
17 course North, fifty degrees East, and said pine tree is lo-
18 cated eighty-one rods from said River on said line, so that
19 said boundaries of said Madison Village Corporation shall
20 not include and embrace the said Island and said portion
21 of the farm of said Theodore B. Weston above described.

Sect. 2. Said boundaries and limits of said Madison Vil-
2 lage Corporation are hereby further changed by withdraw-
3 ing therefrom about two hundred acres of land owned by
4 Addie S. B. Weston, lying East of Great Brook, so-called,
5 so that said Corporation boundaries and limits shall not
6 include and embrace her above described land.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Accompanying Act to change the limits of the Madison Village Corporation and setting off therefrom land of Theodore B. Weston and Addie S. B. Weston.

The original boundaries of the Corporation, formed under chapter eight of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1887, were arranged when the Village of Madison was so small that its limits were extended to include the farm land of Mr. Weston and the land, largely wood lot and pasture of Mrs. Weston. This land lies to the North-East of the present village and is about two and one-half miles from its present center.

To the East it embraced land not more than one-half mile from said center, beyond which are settled portions, to some extent, and also farm land.

To the West it embraced land to the Kennebec River, about one-half mile, largely comprising the village.

It extends to the South, along the Kennebec River, where is now the State road and for the most of the distance of some two miles is thickly settled.

The village has had a great growth since 1887. It has extended toward the lands of Mr. and Mrs. Weston only about one-half a mile and their lands remain as in 1887, a farm, wood lot and pasture.

With the increasing demands and improvements desired and made by this large village, the burdens upon their farm land, really outside the business limits of the village, have become very burdensome as farmers, and no benefits are derived by them as members of the Corporation additional to what is obtained by other farmers whose farms are not included in its limits and so not compelled to pay taxes assessed for fire protection, police, sewer and water charges, for electric lights, etc.

Consequently at the annual meeting of the Corporation held on March 25, 1916, it was voted unanimously to abate the taxes assessed upon Mrs. Weston and a portion of those against Mr. Weston.

The act, however, leaves in the Corporation the buildings

owned and occupied by both Mr. and Mrs. Weston and about thirty acres of land connected therewith.

There are no other dwelling-houses upon the land desired to be set off, except a Summer cottage built by their son, valued at about \$500.

The highway ends at the dwelling house of Mr. Weston and the land asked to be set off lies beyond the termination of the road.