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Trust for Charles use  
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Copy  
Original Contract  
with J. Burroughs

I Stephen A. Douglas party of  
the first part of the foregoing agreement  
do hereby extend the time for laying  
the foundation of the University until  
the first day of May. and for expending  
the first sum of twenty five thousand  
dollars. until the 1st day of October 1857  
all the other conditions remaining  
in all respects as stated in said agree-  
ment. This extension of time is granted  
on the condition and with the understand-  
ing that the title of said land shall  
forever remain in said University  
for the purpose expressed in said agree-  
ment and that no part of the same shall  
ever be sold or alienated - or used for  
any other purpose whatever.

sig. S. A. Douglas

Chicago Nov 10. 1856.

I John C. Burroughs - the party of  
the second part. named in the within  
agreement. for the consideration of one  
dollar true in hand paid - and in  
pursuance of the condition contained  
in said agreement. do hereby assign  
transfer - set over, and convey to the  
University of Chicago the trustees thereof



and their successors in office -  
forever. all my rights title, and  
interest in and to the grants, prem-  
ises and lands, and all other rights  
privileges and conditions whatsoever  
contained in and conferred by the  
within Contract for the use and  
purpose therein expressed -

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & seal this twenty seventh  
day of May 1857.

Signed & sealed in the presence of

Sig. W. H. Keenan & sig. J. R. Burroughs  
Sig. J. J. Howard



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of the failure of the said party of  
the second part to perform the condi-  
tion above named or any part of  
them - this agreement shall be null  
and void - otherwise it shall remain  
in full force and virtue and then on  
the completion of the building as af-  
orsaid the said party of the first  
part agrees for himself, his heirs - ad-  
ministrators executors and assigns -  
that he will execute and deliver to the  
board of trustees aforesaid or their suc-  
cessors in office for the purpose of the  
University hereinbefore mentioned - a good  
and sufficient deed of conveyance  
assuring to said board of trustees or their  
successors in office the fee simple of the  
premises above described - free from incum-  
brance - and the said party of the  
first part further agrees to give to the  
party of the second part immediate pos-  
session of the before mentioned premises

In witness whereof the said parties of  
the above agreement have to set their  
hands and seals the day and year  
above written -

Witness sealed in presence of Sign S. A. Douglas  
Sig. Nicholas Vedder Sig. J. C. Burroughs  
Sig. Charles D. Salden

Acknowledged in City of Washington D.C. March 2, 1856  
before Charles D. Salden Commissioner for Illinois

This agreement made this second day of  
April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
and fifty six between Stephen A. Douglas of  
the County of Cook, State of Illinois, of the  
first part, and Jno. C. Burroughs of the City of  
Chicago, of the second part. Witnesseth -  
That the said party of the first part in  
consideration of the covenants and agreements  
hereinafter contained and of the sum of one  
dollar in hand paid by the party of the second  
part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged  
agrees and binds himself, his heirs, executors,  
administrators and assigns to donate and  
grant unto the said party of the second  
part all that certain piece or parcel of  
land, situate lying and being near the  
Southern boundary of the present City  
of Chicago, Illinois, and being a part of the  
South half of the North east quarter of section  
thirty four (34) of Township (39) thirty nine -  
of Range four (14) east and bounded  
as follows: On the east by street or avenue  
known as "Cottage Grove Avenue" on the north  
and south by two parallel lines commencing  
on Cottage Grove Avenue at points immediately  
opposite two marks described on a map made  
by J. E. Boyd in July 1855 as "Woodland Park"  
and "Woodland Park" at a distance of fifty



feet respectively from the north line of  
Gowland Park and from the south line  
of Woodland Park - running west to a  
north and south line at such distance  
from <sup>the center of</sup> Cottage Grove Avenue - as that  
within the four lines thus described there  
shall be embraced ten acres of ground  
inclusion of a space thirty three feet in  
width on each of the four sides of said  
plot to be set apart along with an equal  
quantity of the adjacent ground for the  
purpose of a sixty six feet street on all  
sides of said tract. The Conditions of  
this agreement is such that if the said  
John C. Burroughs party of the second  
part shall fail within a reasonable  
time to procure the organization of a  
board of Trustees of a University according  
to the statutes of the state of Illinois - to  
consist of the following persons. viz -  
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D. Ogden. John H. Kinzie. Chas Walker  
E. D. Taylor. Samuel Hoard. James K  
Woodworth. Levi S. Boone. Walter S.  
Gurney. Mason Brayman and Mr Clarkson  
and John Burroughs residents of the city  
of Chicago and James Deuelap of Jacksonville  
Illinois Elijah Loom of Quincy Illinois

Chas H. Roe of Belvidere Illinois  
Henry G. Weston of Peoria Illinois Simon  
G. Minis of Canton Illinois and Chas. H.  
Miner of Springfield Illinois and such  
other persons as they may appoint  
to which trustees this agreement shall  
be assigned and which board of trus-  
tees shall procure the plans for a  
building such as shall be mutually  
agreed upon by them and the party  
of the first part aforesaid all differ-  
ences to be referred to the decision of  
Thomas U. Walter architect of the National  
Capital at Washington D.C. said building  
to be erected on the premises here-  
before described and to cost not less  
than one hundred thousand dollars  
to be expended as follows. twenty five  
thousand dollars within one year from  
the first day of May next. Provided the  
foundation shall be completed within  
the present year and the further sum  
of twenty five thousand dollars within  
two years from the first day of May  
next and the further sum of fifty  
thousand dollars. within or prior to  
the expiration of the year one thousand  
eight hundred and sixty. Then in case