



# The Unadilla Valley Railway Society & Museum

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Dear Friends and Fellow Railroad Enthusiasts

I wish I could say that I have been keeping you up to date with what has been happening at the Unadilla Valley Railway Society. Lately I have been bogged down and gotten way behind. Only now with urgent need before me am I making the time to write to you.

As circumstances would have it, either nothing happens or everything happens at once. We have been trying to get our hands on property critical to the setting up of our museum. For the longest time it seemed just outside our grasp. About one month ago our doors began to open. Like Fibber Magee's closet, when they opened we had a landslide on our hands.

We were first notified by the new owner of the former O&W freight depot in New Berlin that he wanted to get together with us and talk about our interest in the building. Between that day and this his schedule kept us from meeting. While we were hoping for much more, we only expected an arrangement for joint usage.

In the meantime the property containing the last remaining stall of the UV engine house changed hands. We found that the new owner was willing to sell us that building and land for only \$8000. With the generous offer from a friend to back us until we could cover it, we went ahead and signed the deed. This property will

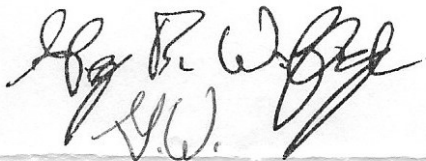
be ours within the next two weeks.

Meanwhile, the owner of the depot agreed to meet with us this morning. He showed us through the depot, then told us he did not need the building and it could be ours for \$50,000. What is more, we could have five years to pay, but only one month to make up our mind.

Dear friend, we have a golden opportunity but are cash poor. We have enough money for a "deposit" but not enough for a one-fifth payment for the first year. Besides, if we were able to make this payment, could we be sure we could come up with the future payments?

That is where you come in, my friend. Where \$50,000 is way beyond us individually or to our nucleus, it would be "small potatoes" if divided broadly enough. Please give this matter your urgent consideration. We cannot do this alone. Though we will "pitch in," we ask for your help. Please? Thank you.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'George Wolfangle'. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a large 'G' and 'W' being prominent. Below the main signature, there are some smaller, less distinct markings that could be initials or a second signature.

George Wolfangle

President