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Notes: The Mount Desert Nurseries, Clarence E. Dow, George B. Dorr. Instrument Imposing Restrictions. Mr. Clarence Dow, Manager. Letter from Dorr: "The Mount Desert Nurseries sprang out of my interest in my mother's flower garden at Old Farm, which led me to much study of our hardy garden plants, our trees and shrubs and the whole subject of landscape gardening, broadly looked at. My father, with whom I was very close in companionship and sympathy, had passed on the winter following our year in Egypt, Palestine and Greece, and the plant life study I had already become interested in helped fill the gap. There was great interest in gardening in Bar Harbor at this time and new estates were being formed. Thinking to extend my interest into a wider field, I founded the Mount Desert Nurseries in 1896, incorporating them 2 years later, in 1898 and taking the position I have always since held of their president. It taught me much, and not concerning flowers alone but me

the best training a man can get in any field is that of personal experience, and I certainly got a lot of it those following years, not always happy. But it led me directly, ten years later, to my work on public reservations, and ultimately, step by step, to the creation of Acadia National Park. This progress from my mother's garden at Old-Farm to the present National Park is for me full of the greatest interest, and I am anxious to preserve the memory of it and of the link between the two now that, by Act of Congress and the President's approval, Oldfarm itself, the home and garden, are to be included in the National Park. This the lands I gave the Nurseries, from out of our original Oldfarm tract which included the site of the early farmhouse and the cultivated lands about it, gives me singularly well the opportunity to do, all the Nurseries green houses and buildings lying off this land, between it and the public way, and only the stock gardens of trees and shrubs and hardy herbaceous plants being grown upon the original Oldfarm tract, adding to this story told, to the interest only, if this condition shall be preserved, of any road the Park may build to cross it.

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