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Petrolia, TX 76377
April 13, 1997

Mr. Jim Shaw
2501 Cimmaron
Midland, TX 79705

Dear Mr. Shaw:

The more information I found the more complicated the picture has become. I don't have a copy of A.J. Ballerstedt's will or of his wife's. But here is what I do have.

A.J. Ballerstedt died Feb. 6, 1971. His wife Laverne died in July, 1973. Laverne left no family so the heirs were his brothers, Fred and Herman Ballerstedt, and his sisters, Louise B. Widen and Annie Ballerstedt Lohman. All four had living spouses at the time. (There was another sister, Miss Pauline Ballerstedt, alive until 1985, but I don't know whether she was in his will. She did not inherit any of A.J.'s land in Baylor Co. because of the other siblings paying off a nursing home debt.)

Then A.J.'s brother Herman died ~~June~~ ^{TESTATE} June 24, 1990 and left his estate to his wife, Pauline, who died ~~June~~ ^{TESTATE} June 1990. She left 1/2 of the estate to Herman's family and 1/2 to her family, according to their wills and an agreement approved through the court in Wichita County.

WILL Herman's family consisted of Annie's heirs; his brother Fred's heir, Cindy Ayers (Fred died Jan 2, 1990); and his sister, Louise Ballerstedt Widen. Mrs. Widen's address is The Summit, #319, 1034 Capital Pky, Austin, TX 78746. She is there in the nursing home. Her daughter, Anna Speir, takes care of her business. Her address is 15 Las Brisas, Austin 78746. Louise's and Annie's husbands were no longer living when Herman died.

The following are heirs of Annie Ballerstedt Lohman, who died March 2, 1988, without a will. Annie would have received 1/4 of A.J.'s estate upon the death of his wife Laverne in July, 1973.

Mr. Charles H. Enloe, 4314 Hughes Drive, Wichita Falls, Tx 76308
Ph. 817-692-3697 (Charles's wife, Dorothy Lohman Enloe, was the heir. She was killed June 9, 1994 and her will was probated in Wichita County.)

Mr. Carl L. Lohman, Rt. 3, Bx 25 A, Seymour, Tx 76380,
Ph. 817-888-5435 (living spouse, Lucille)

Mrs. Martha L. Glasgow, HC 51, Bx 21, Petrolia, Tx 76377
Ph. 817-524-3465 (living spouse, Wayne)

Ms. Valrie M. Farmer, 3208 Latham Dr., Dallas, Tx 75229
Ph. 214-358-0863 (divorced previous to A.J.'s death)

WROTE THIS
LETTER

Mrs. Elaine A. Smith, 3061 Barley Mills Circle, Memphis, Tn 38133
Ph. 901-388-8807 (living spouse, Mike)

Mr. Robert Riggs, Administrator for Deborah Riggs' Estate
Bx 180, Quanah, Tx 79252 Bus. Ph 817-663-5323

(The above 2 heirs are children of Curtis Lohman, Annie's son who died in April, 1983. His daughter, Deborah Riggs, died in June, 1991 and left 2 minor children with their father, Robert Riggs. He and Deborah were divorced before she died. I believe Curtis and Deborah both died without a will.)

Herman's wife Pauline's family consisted of a niece and a nephew.	
Miss Barbara Jane Hill	Kenneth W. Hill
805 Central Drive #147	3608 Williamson Rd.
Bedford, TX 76022	Crowley, TX 76036
(never married)	(divorced)

(These latter 2 addresses were current in 1993 and may no longer be so. Barbara's is more likely to be than Kenneth's. They are cousins to each other.)

It seems to me his heirs would have this interest: Louise Widen $\frac{1}{4}$ plus $\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{8}$, or $\frac{7}{24}$; Cindy Ayers $\frac{1}{4}$ plus $\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{8}$, or $\frac{7}{24}$; Barbara Hill $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{8}$, or $\frac{1}{16}$; Kenneth Hill $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{8}$, or $\frac{1}{16}$; Charles Enloe, Carl Lohman, Martha Glasgow, Valrie Farmer each $\frac{1}{5}$ of $\frac{7}{24}$, or $\frac{7}{120}$; Elaine Smith and Robert Riggs, Adm. each $\frac{1}{10}$ of $\frac{7}{24}$, or $\frac{7}{240}$. I will be interested in how you figure this.

If you need more information or a clarification of some of this, I'll be happy to try to furnish it.

Sincerely,

Lucille Glasgow
Lucille Glasgow

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Midland, Texas 79702

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September 14, 1999

Cindy Ayers
15151 Berry Trail, #703
Dallas, TX 75248

(H) 972-980-2454
(Q) 972-978-1516
650-1516

7/30 X 3/320

Re: NE/4 of Section 1,
T-20-S, R-38-E
Lea County, NM

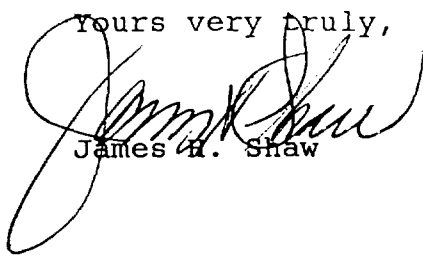
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Yours very truly,


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* Robert Riggs
P.O. Box 180
Quanah, TX 79252

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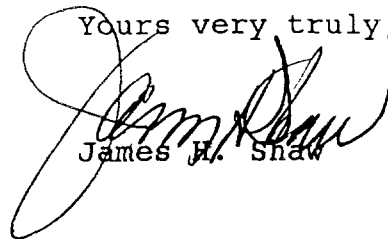
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15 X 3/320
Louise B. Widen
c/o Anna Speir
15 Las Brisas
Austin, TX 78746

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* Kenneth W. Hill
3608 Williamson Road
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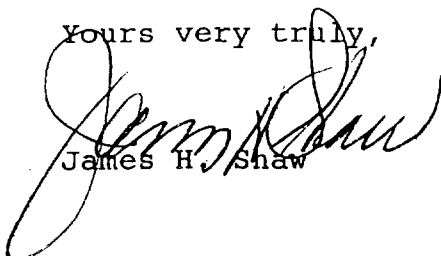
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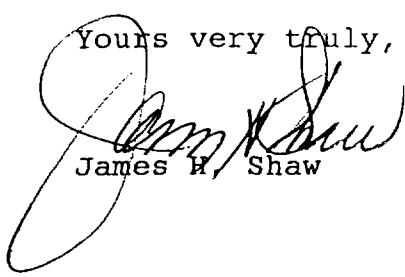
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Elaine A. Smith
3061 Barley Mills Circle
Memphis, TN 38133

7/300 X 3/320

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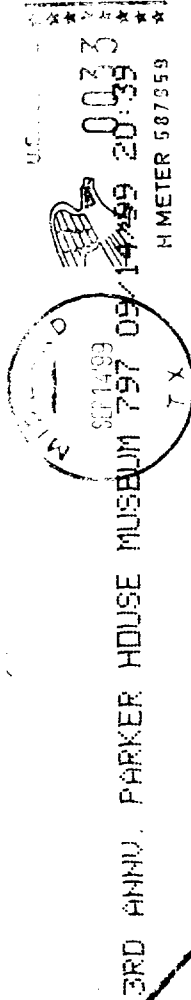
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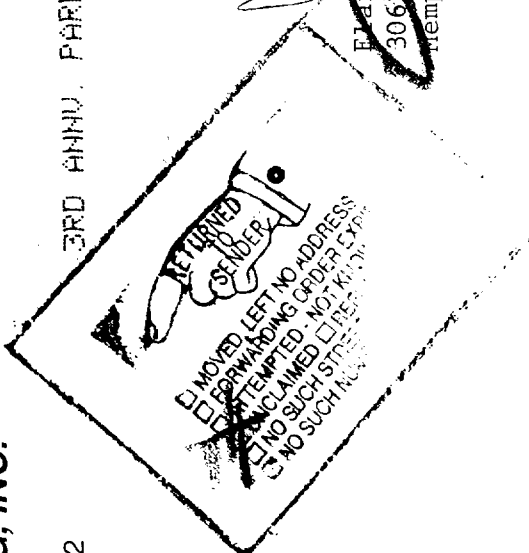
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