

Dear Laura,

I have a job here in Corpus Christi, and probably will be here for awhile.

Enclosed is a letter I received and I wrote MR, Bondurant as follows:

" I believe the attached affidavit answers the questions in your letter of the 23rd.

I prefer that my sister-in-law be my administrator, and of course I shall be glad to pay my share of the fees. I presume the fees can be deducted from the amount paid by the Amarada Co."

(The affidavit mentioned is one made by me in California when Frank died to the effect that he did not leave a will, and that all he left was certain personal property such as household things, radio, Ford 1930 model, of the approx. value of \$700.00.)

I am sorry you had flu again. Where is Betty? Mrs. Wainwright has been in the mental hospital in Colorado Springs for the past year, and her poor husband is not far behind. How he keeps going no one knows.

I was in San Antonio this weekend. Saw Tommy who was on his way to Odessa, Texas for the same company he was with in Montana. He seems to have come to his senses.

Love and write when you can. I am going to get a copy of your book. Let me know how much it is.

Write me temporarily at

318 Baker
% E. A. McAlpin
Corpus Christi, Texas

But always consider my permanent address 524 - 4th San Antonio, I will always have some one there who will know where I am.

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September 23, 1949.

Mrs. Francis Gilpin, Jr.,
524 Fourth Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: Gilpin Probate.

Dear Mrs. Gilpin:

Thank you for your letter of September 17th, and herein I would like to briefly outline the problems that confront us in this matter. The title to this land, which is a 1/16th mineral interest under the S¹ Section 23, Twp. 11 S., Rge. 32 E., is not marketable because it was owned by Mr. Francis Gilpin, and there has been no probate on his estate, and we required such. From my knowledge of the facts your husband, Francis Gilpin, Jr., would own 1/2 of this interest, or a 1/32nd interest, and on this interest, of course, the title is further made unmarketable since there has been no probate on the estate of your husband, and it, therefore, appears that it will require two probates to perfect title to your interest.

If you desire that we handle your husband's probate will you please give us the following information:

1. The date of the death of your husband and where he lived at that time.
2. Whether he left a Will or not.
3. Was there a probate on his estate in the place where he lived, and if so it will be necessary that we be furnished a transcript of the probate. Also, if he left a Will we would appreciate having a copy of it at this time, but the entire transcript, if any, can be deferred until we request it.
4. Please give us a list of all of the land owned by your husband in New Mexico, and from my recollection probably the above minerals were his only real property in New Mexico.

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5. Please give us a list of all of the children of Francis Gilpin, Jr., by any marriage, and if any child is dead and was survived by a child please give us the names, ages and address of such persons.

I do not know the figure which I gave your sister-in-law on the Francis Gilpin probate, but I estimate that our fee will be from \$150.00 to \$200.00, and that Court Costs and publication fees, etc., will be about \$50.00, and I feel that it would be fair for you to pay 1/2 of this amount. Likewise, I would estimate that the fees on your husband's probate would be about the same, and, of course, you would have to bear this entire expense. We have left a \$50.00 leeway in all of the above estimates of our fees since we never know the amount of work that will be involved in a probate, but our fees will be reasonable, based upon the amount of time involved in the matter. Naturally, you are under no obligation to retain this firm on the probate of your husband's estate, and you should feel free to contact any attorney of your choice.

Also, in the event you decide that we should handle your husband's probate, I would recommend that your sister-in-law act as administrator, or, if you prefer, we can obtain any person of your choice, but they must reside in New Mexico, and I will be glad to discuss this angle further.

If you have any questions in connection with any of the above please contact us. I am enclosing an extra copy of this letter which you may mail Miss Gilpin if you care to do so.

Yours very truly,

HERVEY, DOW & HINKLE

By

W. E. Bondurant Jr.

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