

October 24,
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Mr. Paul L. Davis,
Midland,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Davis:-

Your letter did not reach me until yesterday. I regret that there has been so much delay in settling the Lea County lease, but at the time of my execution of the lease, I did not know that my father's will was not valid in New Mexico. It is all quite all right, as I have intended from the first to share any returns with my brother's widow, who had the great misfortune last year to lose her right arm in an automobile accident. I had hoped at first that it could all be settled in my name, saving the legal cost of two probates, but under the laws of this state that is not possible. Mr. Bondurant, of Hervey, Dow and Hinkle has the authority from both my sister-in-law and myself to complete these probates as quickly as possible, each of us bearing our share of the cost of our respective probates. You hereby have my authority to forward to my brother's widow and sole heir, Edna M. Gilpin, an oil and gas lease for one half of the interest in $3/8$ of Section 23, Township 11-South, Range 38 East in Lea County New Mexico, and a draft for \$1000.00, being one half of the consideration agreed upon.

I enclose at your request, the letter to the First National Bank of Midland, authorizing them to correct the lease, dividing the sum of \$2000.00 in half, one half for my only brother's widow and sole heir, and one half for myself.

I shall be interested to know when Amarada plans to drill in Section 23, and hope that something may be forth coming. I am enclosing for your personal interest, an announcement, just off the press, which I hope will prove to be my "oil well".

Very truly yours,