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# 266

Los Angeles, Cal.

November 8, 1916

William S. Post  
San Diego, California.

Dear sir:

I have your letter requesting examination of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 10, T 13 S. R 3 W. S.B.M. and report as follows; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 3 (lot 11 35.70A by resurvey) No entries, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Homestead entry of Frank Connors of North San Diego, Cal. Filed 5-18-12, Serial 015585.

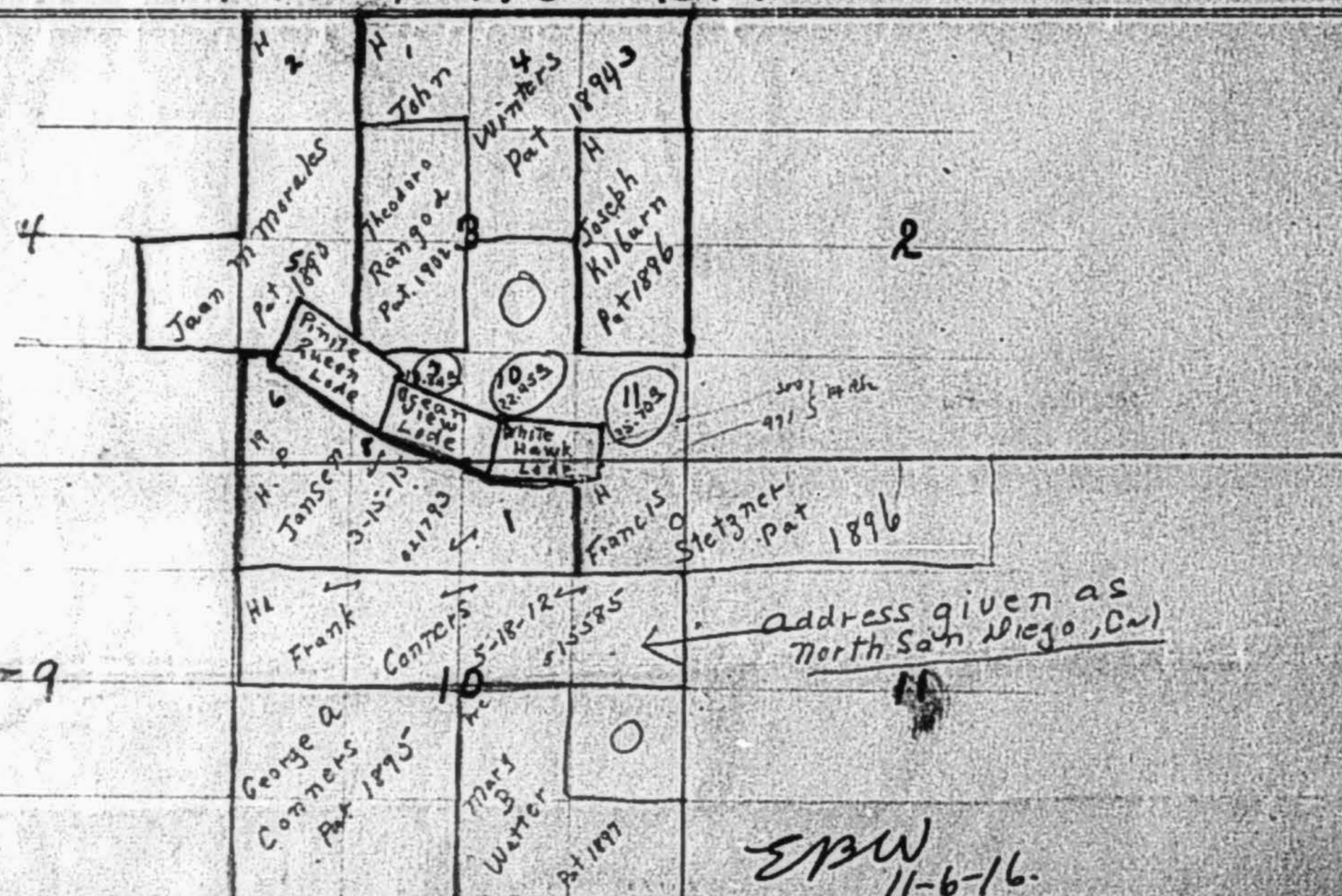
I trust this is what you require, if not I will be glad to serve you further.

Yours very truly

*E. B. Wickham*

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T 13 S. R 3 W. S.B.M.



September 6, 1925.

Mr. Eldon B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Building,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed find map, legal description and the names under which filings were made, also serial numbers of applications.

They were all turned down, claiming they land is more valuable for agriculture, which is a joke. We appealed and enclosed find copy of affidavits that are explanatory. This affidavit was signed in each applicant's case.

The report now is that the case will be set for public hearing. I have 15 or 20 cattle men in the country who will testify in behalf of the applicants.

If you could have whoever is in charge come down here and look the situation over here on the ground, he would save us a lot of money and the government as well.

Regarding the application of B. H. Taylor, Serial Number 035887 for the NW Quarter of the NE Quarter and the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Twp. 13 S. Range 3 West, S.B.M. has been granted, but I wish you would look it up and see what is holding it up.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

EBW

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

September 7, 1923

Col Ed. Fletcher  
San Diego,  
California

My Dear Colonel:-

I made a short examination of the records in the matter of the Timber and Stone entries of whch you spoke to me, and decided that I would have a talk with the Special Agent who is handling the matter. He is very busy just now with some case withthe Grand Jury and could not spare me the time to talk the case over with me.

Within a few days I shall discuss the cases with him and will notify you of the result.

Very respectfully

*E. B. Wickham*

October 8, 1923.

**Mr. Eldon B. Wickham,  
601 Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Calif**

**My dear Mr. Wickham:**

Have you had an opportunity to find out anything regarding the stone and timber filings about which I wrote you? I would appreciate knowing what steps have been taken.

Yours sincerely,

KLM

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

October 18, 1923

Col. Ed Fletcher  
San Diego,  
California

Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

Reporting on the matter of the Timber and Stone applications which you had me looking up for you.

Since writing to you I have had an interview with Mr. Wilhelm, the Special agent who reported on the cases.

Mr. Wilhelm insists that the land has no value for the timber or the stone and that it has a nominal value of about \$5.00 per acre for grazing purposes.

The cases are still in the field division and Wilhelm expected that the dates for the hearing on the same would be set in the near future.

If you wish to pursue the Timber and Stone applications to a conclusion it will of course be necessary to go to the hearing to determine the value of the lands, and to submit our testimony and such evidence as we may obtain to the character of the land.

It occurs to me that, if the value of the land will justify it, it will be the easiest way to acquire title if you Scrip the land.

Scrip is sold at Sacramento at \$6.50 per acre (price subject to change) and it will cost approximately \$1.00 per acre in addition to take care of expenses of applying it. Roughly I will say that the total cost will not exceed \$7.50 per acre.

By scrip it will take about fifteen months to get a patent, Final Certificate will issue in about three months.

I handle a great deal of this scrip now and find it a most satisfactory method of getting title.

With kindest regards

*E. B. Wickham*

EBW-W

October  
Eighteen  
1923

Mr. Eldon B. Wickham,  
Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Referring to scrip land on sale by Surveyor General W. S. Kingsbury, would state school land scrip be used, or should we go ahead and file on it and have a contest.

Yours truly,

KLM

Not reviewed after  
dictation.

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December Twenty-four  
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Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

I can get scrip for \$6.50. Can you beat that price? I am going to put scrip on those lands around Henshaw Lake about which we have corresponded. Would like to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

January 2, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Please let me know if you advise a fight with the Land Office or the purchase of Scrip, and can you get it for \$6.50 in Sacramento?

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

January 26, 1924

Colonel Ed. Fletcher  
Fletcher Bldg.  
San Diego, California

My dear Sir:

I have just returned from an extended trip through the prospective oil fields of New Mexico and find a couple of letters from you awaiting me. These letters were forwarded to Santa Fe, New Mexico and back here to me, but for some reason they did not reach me en route. I am very sorry for this as they indicate that you require an immediate answer.

In the one letter you ask if I recommend the purchase of Scrip for the property now covered by timber and stone applications which have been refused. My answer is "Yes!" Even if you might beat the the case before the Department, the price of the land would be set by the Field Division and would undoubtedly be as great as the cost of scrip.

In your next letter you state that you can get the scrip for \$6.50 and ask me if I can beat that price. In answer would say that I can not beat that price, it is the price set for the State Scrip by the Surveyor General and just the price that I would have to pay. In handling scrip matters I do not make any commission on the sale of scrip whatever, simply charge for my services in connection with the filing of the scrip and taking care of the various matters which need to be done.

Because of the fact that this letter reaches you so late, I suppose that you have by this time already made arrangements. However, if you have not done so, I would be pleased to assist in any way that I can.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

*E. B. Wickham*

January 29, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Answering yours of the 26th, I have decided to buy Scrip for the entire acreage. What is the necessary procedure? Does it have to be purchased in everyone's name, or can it all be deeded from the Government direct to whoever I may designate? What is necessary to clean up the transaction? Must it be an assignment from each party, or will it have to go into the name of each party who has filed on the land, and then transferred afterwards? I prefer to have it all assigned to one party and pay the \$6.50 an acre to get it.

My father has died since he made the filing, but he signed a deed before he passed away.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AH

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

January 30, 1924

Colonel Ed Fletcher  
Fletcher Bldg.  
San Diego, California

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday at hand relative to the purchase of Scrip for the lands in which you are interested.

The maximum acreage which can be taken by one individual is 640 acres, which acreage need not be contiguous, but may be scattered at will, and taken by regular subdivisions wherever found in California.

This right is a personal right and is not subject to assignment. In making the affidavits in connection with the scrip it is necessary to state that the land is taken for the claimant's own use and benefit and not for anyone else and a statement that he has not contracted or agreed in any way with anyone in such a way that the title which he obtains would not inure, in whole or in part, to anyone else.

The claimant of a timber and stone entry would simply withdraw his application in the Land Office, which would leave the land open for the Scrip applicant whoever he might be. The withdrawal of the T. and S. application is filed simultaneously with the scrip so there would be no time for an adverse claim to set in.

If each party desires to scrip the land that they have filed on, each must then make a separate application for scrip, but should one or more of them wish to take over the holdings of another he must purchase the scrip in his own name.

If you will let me know the parties' names and the description of the property they desire, I will fill in the blanks and send them to you to have executed.

Perhaps it would be just as well for yourself and some member of your family to take up 640 acres each, if that would cover the acreage and make as few applications as possible.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very respectfully,

*E. B. Wickham*

February 27, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of January 30, enclosed find list of stone and timber applications, giving name, serial number, description of property and acreage. I have decided to scrip this land, so will <sup>you</sup> please, in accordance with your suggestion of Jan. 30th prepare the proper withdrawal for each applicant to sign, also make out the proper application for scrip for me to sign for the total amount of acreage. Send the papers for signatures, and I will send check for proper amount with application for scrip and in the same mail send withdrawals as stated.

Thanking you for your attention to this, I am

Yours sincerely,

EW

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

March 3, 1924

Col. Ed Fletcher  
San Diego, California

My Dear Colonel:-

Attached you will find relinquishments of the following:

Irene Fait, Catherine F. Taylor, Cora Belle Fletcher, Katherine

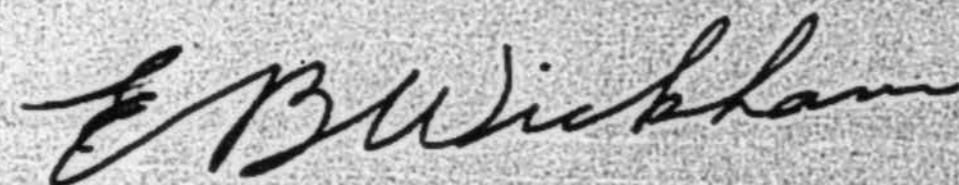
L. May, Rebecca F. Doyle, Jarvis L. Doyle, Ed Fletcher Jr. and

Mary C.B.Fletcher.

When these have been signed at place indicated x. have the signature witnessed by two persons who give their names and address or the acknowledgement of the signature may be taken before a Notary public.

When complete return to me together with the application for Scrip which is enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully



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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

March 3, 1924

Col. Ed. Fletcher  
San Diego, Cal.

Dear sir:-

Attached find "application to purchase Lieu Lands" (scrip) made out to select the lands included in the list sent to me. Please check the description over and make sure there are no mistakes in the land you wish to scrip.

Also find the customary non-mineral affidavit for the lands selected.

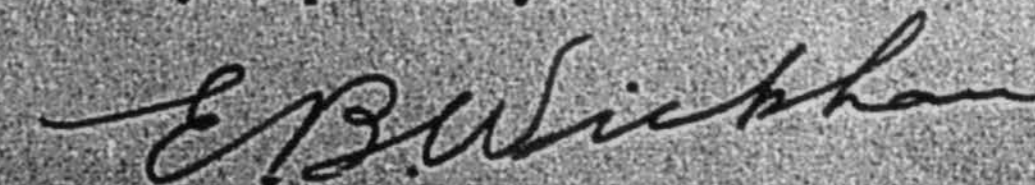
The area as I figure it amounts to 523.33--the lots in 10 South 1 West are shown by the land office to contain 3.48 and 39.85 acres respectively.

To purchase the scrip at \$6.50 per acre will take \$3401.65 ✓ the land office fee is \$8.00 and the State filing fee is \$5.00 . Therefore please make your check payable to the State Surveyor General for the sum of \$3414.63 ✓

There will be additional expenses amounting to perhaps thirty or forty dollars to be met from time to time. I will take care of these as they come up and send you bills for the total.

When these papers have been executed send to me and I will take care of the filing in the State and Federal land offices.

Very respectfully.



March 7, 1924.

Mr. Eldon B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Answering your letter of March 2d, enclosed herewith find relinquishments signed by Irene Falt, Catherine F. Taylor, Cara Belle Fletcher, Katherine L. May, Rebecca F. Doyle, Jarvis L. Doyle, El Fletcher, Jr. and Mary C. B. Fletcher.

My father, C. K. Fletcher made application for 40 acres of land at the same time the above mentioned parties did. He died a short time ago, but in December, 1923 he executed a grant deed to me covering his entry. I hope this will answer as an assignment to me, and if you will send me the necessary relinquishment blank I will sign same and return to you to include with the others.

Also enclosed find Application to Purchase Lieu Lands signed by me, together with check for \$3674.65. This check includes the 40 acres covered by my father's application and I have also included this land in my application and non-mineral affidavit.

Will you please check these papers over for me and see that I have not overlooked doing anything necessary.

Yours very truly,

KLM

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April 5, 1924.

Mr. Eldon B. Wickham,  
Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Benjamin Harrison Taylor made a Timber and Stone Application on the Northwest quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 15 South, Range 2 West, which was rejected on March 10th for the reason that the land is chiefly valuable for grazing. Mr. Taylor on April 4th with-drew his application, and wants to buy this land by the purchase of scrip.

He has not any forms to use in making application for scrip and I would appreciate it if you would send one to me which I will have him sign and return immediately to either you or direct to Mr. Kingsbury whichever you suggest.

I understand it will be necessary to add \$13.00 to the amount of land for filing fees, which would make the total amount necessary \$273.00. I should appreciate hearing from you by return mail, as the withdrawal was sent up last night, and I don't want it to lapse so someone else could get in before Taylor.

On receipt of your instructions Mr. Taylor will sign and make check for the necessary amount.

Yours truly,

KLM



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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

April 5, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Mr. Kingsbury sent me a copy of his letter to you of March 31st. He also wrote me the following:

"Referring to your application No. 9078, Los Angeles Land District, I beg to advise you that the approval thereof will be governed by the provisions of Section 3498 of the Political Code, a copy enclosed.

The hearing can be held in this office on any day convenient to you, except Saturdays and holidays, if you will advise me of the day at least fifteen days prior thereto. There will be no expense attached, if the hearing is held in this office.

Should you desire to have the testimony taken nearer your home, I will designate any one suggested by you, who is authorized to administer oaths, to take the testimony, if he will advise this office that he will act without cost to the State. I must be advised of the day upon which the testimony will be taken at least fifteen days prior thereto."

Tell me what to do, and let me hear from you at an early date. I am very anxious to get this matter settled at once, and I don't understand what the next procedure is.

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

April 7 1924

Col. Ed Fletcher  
Fletcher Bldg  
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

Herewith find "application for State Selection" prepared for Benjamin H. Taylor, covering the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 18, Township 15 South Range 2 West S.B.M.

Also find blank form non-mineral affidavit with note attached.

I do not have the records before me to verify the description and acreage but will do so before sending the application to Sacramento.

The filing fees in this case amount to \$7.00 so the check which you send should be for the sum of \$267.00

Very respectfully



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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

April 7th 1924

Col. Ed Fletcher  
Fletcher Bldg  
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Mr. Fletcher;

Enclosed find a letter addressed to the Surveyor General which please have your Notary fill in the blanks and sign and send to the Surveyor General.

The date for which the proof is set should allow not less than 15 days notice to the Surveyor General. No particular hurry about it as it will not be necessary to get in before the notice has been published in the Times Advocate of Escondido for a period of six weeks. Let me know the date set for the proof.

Very Respectfully

*E. B. Wickham*

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

April 7th 1924

Col Ed Fletcher  
Fletcher Bldg  
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Mr. Fletcher:

I am sending herewith a check of the State Surveyor General in the sum of \$260.00 and the deed of your Father to you of the NW 1/4 Sec. 23 T 11 S. R 2 E. S.B.M.

I was unable to use the deed in the Land Office and the \$260.00 is a refund from your check on account of not covering the above 40 acres.

The land covered by the Timber and Stone application of your father is Government land and not subject to transfer by deed from him to you.

Now that he has passed away it will be necessary to have a certified copy of the order of the probate Court showing who is the qualified person or persons to sell or dispose of his estate and a Relinquishment signed by such persons. Your local attorney can quickly obtain this for you.

Unfortunately there will have to be a separate application filed and an additional publication charge when the new application is made.

Just as soon as you notify me that a proper relinquishment can be obtained I will send a new application to you.

It has been my intention for the past week to drive down to San Diego and I expected to drop in and explain the matter in person, but one thing or another keeps coming up to prevent the trip.

With Kindest Regards, I remain

Very truly Yours.

*E. B. Wickham*

Am taking care of all matters  
in case of scrip bought for you.

April 10, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Enclosed find "application for State Selection" signed by Benjamin H. Taylor covering the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 13 South, Range 2 West, S.B.M. The description has been checked, and corrected. The township number was wrong, as it should be 13 South instead of 15 South, and we have corrected it on both the application and non-mineral affidavit.

Also enclosed find my check for \$267.00 for filing fees and cost of scrip at \$6.50 per acre.

Please put thru for Mr. Taylor.

Yours very truly,

KLM

April 10, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Wickham:

Answering yours of April 7th, will say that my father had no equities or estate of any kind excepting his equity in this property.

I have discussed this matter with my attorney, Mr. W. A. Sloane, formerly one of the chief justices of the State of California, and he informs me that he sees no reason why this deed of my father does not operate as a relinquishment of any right that he might have. My father has transferred any right he has, either legal or ethical, and if I in turn transfer this right to you, then it is accomplishing the same purposes.

Please let me hear from you by return mail in regard to this matter as I do not want to go to the expense of probating his estate.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

April 12, 1924

Col. Ed Fletcher  
Fletcher Bldg  
San Diego, Cal.

My dear Fletcher:-

The application of Benjamin Taylor has been duly sent  
to the Surveyor General for filing.

In regard to the Timber and Stone claim of your father's,  
it is my purpose to have the entry cancelled by the General Land  
office and to know time when the cancellation takes place. When  
the entry is cancelled I shall at once file your application for  
State Selection on the land.

This will make it unnecessary to file any sort of  
relinquishment or to have the estate probated.

I trust that this will be satisfactory to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very respectfully

*E. B. Wickham*

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

April 17, 1924

Col. Ed Fletcher  
San Diego, California

My dear Mr. Fletcher:-

Relative to your question with reference to the final proof to  
be taken in the matter of your State Scrip Selection, will say that  
the Surveyor General will send to your notary public a printed list  
of questions to be answered by you - there is nothing in the questions  
that will trouble you in answering and it can be filled you in a few  
minutes on a typewriter or in longhand-- it is not necessary that  
your notary be a stenographer.

The final proof is a simple matter and will take but a few minutes of  
your time.

Kindest regards-

*E. B. Wickham*

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

April 17, 1924

Col. Ed Fletcher  
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

In answer to questions about final proof of Benjamin  
H. Taylor on his Timber and Stone entry, will say that the final  
proof in this case consists only of making an affidavit-- I copy  
the following from the final proof blank;

" I hereby solemnly swear that I am the identical  
B.H.T. \_\_\_\_\_ wh presented Sworn Statement and  
application No \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ Meridan; that the land is chiefly valuable  
for its timber (stone) and is, in its present condition, unfit for  
cultivation; that it is unoccupied and without improvements of any  
character, except for ditch or canal purposes, and that it  
apparently contains no valuable deposits of gold, silver, cinnabar,  
copper, coal, salines or salt springs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
BHT.

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This will take only a few minutes time but it will be necessary  
for Mr. Taylor to appear in person before the Register or Receiver  
at the date and hour set as it was so advertised in the newspaper.

It will also be necessary to have an affidavit of the publisher  
of the newspaper that the application was duly published for a period of  
nine weeks.

Very truly

*E B Wickham*

*Stone or Timber*

April 14, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Mr. Benjamin Farrison Taylor has a Notice from  
the U. S. Land Office that Final Proof on his Timber or  
Stone entry No. 035887 is set before the Land Office at  
Los Angeles on June 24th at 10 A. M. Does Mr. Taylor  
have to appear personally. What does it mean to take the  
Final Proof, and what steps are necessary for us to  
take. Please let Mr. Taylor know immediately so he  
can prepare for this hearing.

Mr. Taylor filed on 2-40 acre tracts under this  
one entry. One 40 was with-drawn, on which we are going  
to buy scrip, and the other was appraised at \$100, and  
this is the piece on which we are to submit final proof.  
I presume.

Answering your letter of April 7th, does this  
letter to the Surveyor General which you sent for my  
Notary to sign, mean that the Notary is to take the  
Final Proof down in shorthand? It happens that both  
Notaries in my office are bookkeepers instead of sten-  
ographers, and I want to know if I have to have a Notary,  
who is also a stenographer, sign this letter and take  
the final proof testimony.

Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient  
about the above matters; also I should like to know what  
is necessary in reply to the letter from Mr. Kingsbury  
which I sent you the other day.

Yours very truly,

KIM

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
May 1, 1924

Mr. Benjamin H. Taylor  
3174 B Street  
San Diego, California

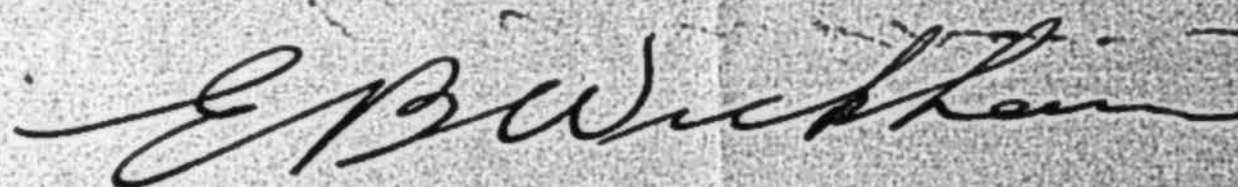
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter directed to you by the Surveyor General of the State of California, asking that you consent to take the land covered by your scrip application subject to a right of way granted to the Escondido Consolidated Gas and Electric Company for power purposes.

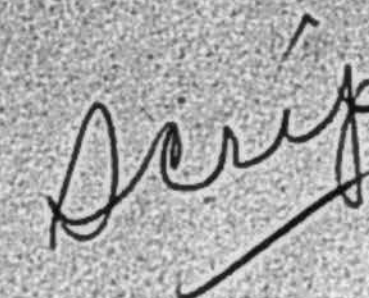
Inasmuch as this right of way appears to have been granted prior to your application, it will be necessary for you to take the land subject to the right of way. This I assume will work no great hardship upon you. Just a brief letter to the Surveyor General agreeing to accept the reservation is all that is required.

Will you please notify me when you do this so that I may keep track of the scrip application throughout.

Very respectfully,



May 3, 1924.



Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Answering your letter of May 1st to Mr. Taylor, who is out of the office this morning, will say he notified the Surveyor General that he was willing to take the land subject to the Consolidated Gas & Electric Company's right of way. Keep in touch with this, please.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

May 3, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
208 Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

The procedure in the matter of this scrip land business is more or less Greek to me, and I hope you will keep in close touch with the situation so we won't slip up on anything.

Enclosed find letter to the Surveyor General signed by my Notary, Mr. L. B. Mathews, which you sent down. I presume this letter will answer Mr. Kingsbury's letter to me of March 31st, copy of which I believe was sent you, wherein he asks that "Should you desire the testimony taken nearer your home, I will designate anyone suggested by you, who is authorized to administer oaths, to take the testimony, if he will advise this office that he will act without cost to the State".

I am leaving it to you to fill in the date for Mr. Mathews to take the proof, because I don't know whether it is necessary that the date be set subsequent to the printing of the notice in the paper. Please fill in the first available date and let's get it cleaned up at as early a date as possible. Let me know the date you fill in so Mr. Mathews can be prepared on that date.

I understand you are attending to have the proper notice printed in the Escondido paper and will get the affidavit of publication from them.

Please let me hear from you in answer to this.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

May 5th 1924

Col Ed Flethher  
San Diego, California

Dear sir:-

I have had May 27th set as date which you are to appear before L. B. Mathews to submit final proof in scrip matter. Trustt tns will be satisfactory to yourself and Mr. Mathews.

Respectfully  
E B Wickham

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

May 16, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
Mortgage Lane Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Mr. Taylor has received notice from Mr. Kingsbury that hearing can be held on his application No. 9088, so we have prepared a letter which has been signed by our Notary Mr. Mathews, like the one used in application of Ed Fletcher, and ask that you kindly fill in the date for Mr. Mathews to take final proof testimony in the case of Mr. Taylor. Kindly let us know the date which you fill in.

Yours very truly,

KLM

May 19, 1924

Col Ed. Fletcher  
San Diego California

My Dear Fletcher:-

Have advised State Surveyor General that final proof in Taylor's scrip selection will be taken by Mr Mathews, Notary public, on June 10 1924 .

Papers will be sent to Mr. Mathews by the Surveyor General.

Very truly

*E. B. Wickham*

*Mathews  
this is important  
EJ*



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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

June 13, 1924

Col. Ed Fletcher  
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

This is to advise you that the Timber and Stone application of Charles Fletcher has been finally closed out and the land is now open for the application of scrip.

I am sending herewith the Scrip application and non-mineral affidavit for execution. On the Non-mineral affidavit be sure and have the date when the land was examined not exceed 90 days from when the scrip will be filed.

Your check for the sum of \$267.00 must accompany the application. \$260.00 for the scrip and \$7.00 for filing fees.

The scrip application which you filed is nearly ready for final certificate, publication completed and all papers filed.

The Taylor scrip notices are now being published.

I suppose you will wish to scrip the 40 acres of your father's but I have left the name blank in the application in case you have other plans.

When papers are properly executed, return to me and I shall file them at once.

Very respectfully

*E. B. Wickham*

June 17, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Answering yours of the 13th, enclosed herewith find scrip application and non-mineral affidavit. Also check for \$267.00.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

EE:KLM

*Dated 6-16-24*

**ELDON B. WICKHAM**  
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PHONE 523095

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

June 30 1924

Mr. Benjamin H. Taylor  
Sprackles Bldg  
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Taylor:

Through some inadvertance the publication of your Timber and Stone final proof was never made and it will be necessary to order a new publication and make new final proof.

This time the final proof will be set before one of the officers at San Diego and it will not be necessary for you to come to Los Angeles.

The Land Office will send you a card in a few days notifying you of the date set and the officer before whom it will be taken.

There is no danger caused to your application- the only mischief is that it will delay the matter about two months

If for any reason the date set by the Land Office should be at a time when you are away on a vacation let me know at once so that I can get it set at your convenience.

Very truly yours

*E. B. Wickham*

EBW-W

June 30th 1924

Mr. Percy Evans, Editor  
THE TIMES ADVOCATE  
Esccondido, California

Dear sir:-

Within the next few days the United States Land Office at Los Angeles will send you another notice for publication in the case of the Timber and Stone application of Benjamin H. Taylor Serial 035887.

If you will send me a copy of your paper sometime during the publication I will be able to check it over for possible errors- Particularly in this true of applications for State Scrip selections--Other papers in Southern California, Arizona and New Mexico do this and I frequently am able to save a new publication and inconveniences and delays to my clients. In the present case of course I did not handle in the beginning and you would have no way of knowing that I was interested but I did not receive a copy during the scrip publications and it caused me some concern.

You will not need to take the matter up with the Land Office as I have already attended to it for you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly

*E. B. Wickham*

EBW-W

July 12, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
801 Lane Mortgage Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Enclosed find letter from Mr. Mathews our Notary, in which he has set the date as August 6th for taking the final proof on my last application on scrip land. If this date is satisfactory, send the letter on to Mr. Kingsbury. If not, change the date, sending notice to us.

On the Stone and Timber application of B. H. Taylor, he has received a notice under date of July 2d for publication, and stating that the applicant will offer final proof on the 16th of September. As Mr. Taylor appeared in Los Angeles on June 24th for final proof, he does not understand what he has to do next. He is supposed to appear before the County Clerk of San Diego.

Please let me hear from you regarding this notice to Mr. Taylor.

Yours very truly,

KIM

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

July 14, 1924

Colonel Ed. Fletcher  
Fletcher Bldg.  
San Diego, California

My dear Fletcher:

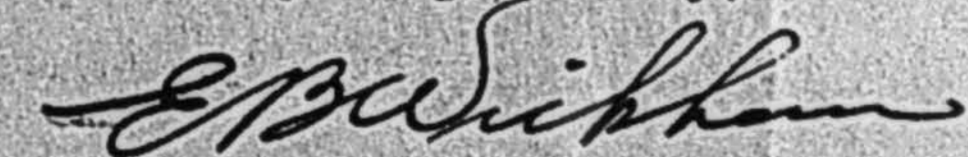
The letter addressed to the Surveyor General by L. B. Matthews relative to taking your proof on August 6th, and sent to me for inspection, is found satisfactory and I am sending it on to the Surveyor General.

In regard to the Timber and Stone Entry of B. H. Taylor upon which he has received a notice to appear before the County Clerk, I will say that this was necessary because of the fact that the newspaper failed to publish the notice, although the Land Office sent the notice to the paper in the regular manner.

Mr. Taylor will appear before the County Clerk on the date set and make an affidavit similar to that which he made before the Register of the Land Office here. I thought I explained all of this clearly in my letter of recent date.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very respectfully,



*copy*

September 17, 1924

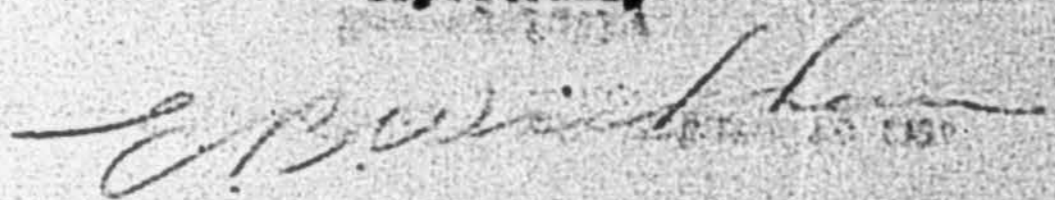
Percy Evans, Publisher  
Times Advocate  
Escondido, Cal.

Dear sir:-

Herewith find my check for sum of \$21.20 for publication  
of notice of Timber and stone entry of Benjamin H. Taylor,  
Los Angeles Serial 035887.

Please receipt the attached bill and return to me.

Respectfully



EBW-W

September 18, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
Lane Mortgage Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Mr. B. H. Taylor went to the Court house and  
appeared before the County Clerk of San Diego to make  
final proof on his application, #035887, and was told  
they had no final proof forms for his signature and  
he was, therefore, unable to sign. The county clerk  
also told Mr. Taylor that they usually in a case of  
this kind received a notice from the land office that  
the proof was to be taken, but they had not received  
such notice.

Will you kindly have the forms sent to the  
county clerk and the date advanced so we can make  
proper proof and not jeopardize his application.  
Perhaps the final proofs could be sent to Mr. Taylor,  
care of this office, and he could take them down  
to the court house.

Please write Mr. Taylor immediately what  
the next step is.

Yours very truly,

KLM

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

September 19, 1924

Mr. B. H. Taylor,  
Fletcher Bldg.  
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Mr. Taylor:-

Just received a letter from Mr. Fletcher stating that the County clerk of San Diego had not received any final proof blanks for use in your Timber and Stone entry.

Immediately took the matter up with the land office and was informed that they had sent the papers in due time, however they are sending other papers to the County clerk in tonight's mail.

For fear that there may be some loss in the mail, I am sending herewith a blank which I find in my files.

When a proof is not taken on the date advertised, it is allowable to take it within ten days time, if some excuse is given. so do not let this be delayed, or a new publication will have to be made--that costs something over \$21.00

Let me know as soon as you receive this letter so that I will be sure things go straight this time.

Very respectfully

*E. B. Wickham*

*Be sure and file proof  
before 9-23-24  
SM*

September 20, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Wickham,  
Lane Mortgage Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Enclosed find Final Proof in the Application No. 035887 before the County Clerk in the matter of Mr. Taylor's application. Kindly deliver this to the land office for Mr. Taylor, and advise me that it has been done, so I can keep our records clear.

Yours sincerely,

*Kim*

*9/20/24  
50 cents  
Notary Fee*

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

re B.H. Taylor  
Timber and Stone entry.

September 23, 1924

Col. Ed Fletcher  
Fletcher Bldg  
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

This is to advise you that the final proof affidavit of  
Mr. B. H. Taylor was filed in the Land Office September 22, 1924  
This was within the 10 day grace period allowed.

Very respectfully

*E. B. Wickham*

Miss May:

What piece of land is this?

E. F.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

January 5th 1925

Col Ed. Fletcher  
Fletcher Bldg  
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Colonel:

The following is a brief account of the serial record of the  
entry you inquire about;

035061 Homestead entry  
Louis M. Richard, Escondido, Cal.  
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 7, Township 13 South Range 2 West S.B.M.  
June 19, 1922, Notice of absence beginning 6/15/1922  
August 18, 1922 Notice of return to land.  
Jan 11, 1923 Application for W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 7, filed and  
Suspended pending date of filing of plats.  
Jan 16 1923 Notice of suspension sent to applicant.  
January 31, 1923 Entry allowed.  
January 17, 1924 Notice of absence beginning January 15, 1924  
February 19, 1924 Notice of return to land Feb 6th 1924.  
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035801, Additional Homestead entry. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 7  
Louis M. Richard, Escondido, Cal.  
January 11th 1923 Application filed and suspended until Jan  
30th- date of filing of plats and suspended also for  
action on petition for designation of land.  
Jan 16th 1923 Notice of suspension sent claimant.  
November 14, 1923 Entry allowed.  
January 7 1924 Notice of absence filed, beginning January 15th 1924  
February 19m 1924 Notice of return to land on February 6th 1924.  
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It appears from an examination of the record of the Homestead and  
additional homestead entries that Richard established residence on the land  
and lived on same for some time. The last date of any record is the notice of  
his return to the land on February 6th 1924.

If he had continuously lived on the land before taking his leave of  
absence he would have been entitled to a leave of absence of five months.

If he has left the land for more than six months last past he would  
be subject to contest for abandonment of the claim and unless he could show  
good reason- such as sickness or other unavoidable casualty- for such absence,  
his entry would be cancelled.

The land office will not ordinarily take any action looking to the cancellation of a homestead entry until five years from the date of entry.

If Richard has abandoned the land the proper proceeding is to bring a contest against the entry.

I will need further information relative to his residence on the land before I would advise a contest.

It is my intention to take a run down to San Diego in a week or so at which time I shall drop in and discuss the matter with you.

My brother George R. Wickham, resigned his position in the General Land Office the first of December 1924 and has opened an office for general practice of law in Phoenix Arizona. We expect to see him more often now as he will have more or less business in California.

Trusting that the above information will be useful to you, I am with kindest regards,

Yours very respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. R. Wickham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours very respectfully".

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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**General Correspondence - Wickham, Eldon B.**



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