

December 11, 1916.

Mr. Sam Taylor,  
Warners Hot Springs, Cal.

Dear Sir

confirming my verbal conversation with you, will say that any arrangements you make with Mr. Sawday, toward the leasing of my property, will be satisfactory to me. I will look to Mr. Sawday for the rent, according to contract, but I am willing to make this arrangement to build a house similar to Mr. McCain's house on the following basis:

You to advance the money to build the same, and the money you put up to be applied to the rent of the place, with the exception of \$125.00 which you are to pay for the use of the house during the term of the lease, or \$25.00 a year. The location of the house to be mutually agreed upon between us.

I will furnish the extra wire and posts necessary to fence in the seven acres to the road, you to do the work. There should be enough wire up there to build the fence. You will have the free use of the land to the road,

It is understood and agreed that I will want a few trees and vines set out in which case you agree to take care of them free of charge,

Regarding a water system, we will run a cement pipe line on the south side of the creek - the location to be designated by Mr. Ream - you to dig the ditches and backfill, I to furnish the cement pipe. In the matter of the use of the water for irrigation purposes, this must be in conformity with an agreement I make with Mr. Henshaw for the use of the water for the Springs. You will be allowed to use water from the pipe line coming down the road on the north side of the stream, subject to the terms and conditions I may put on same

from time to time, but I realize the fact that you must have plenty of water for the tract and it is <sup>as</sup> much to my interest to protect you as well as myself.

The understanding in regard to the leveling of the ground and planting alfalfa is that this will be done in a manner satisfactory to Mr. Ream.

It is agreed that you will cut down no timber on the place without my consent or that of Mr. Ream. All we want to do is to preserve the beautiful trees and Mr. Ream can mark such trees as are to be cut and you to have the wood free of charge.

Kindly confirm by letter.

Yours very truly,

EF:B



June 3, 1919.

Mr. Sam B. Taylor,  
Warners Springs, California.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of June first will say I could not think of selling the place at the price which you offer. I paid over \$3,000. for the land seven or eight years ago when I traded it for a ranch in Imperial Valley on the basis of \$90. an acre with water stock and which was worth, two years later, \$200. an acre. The Helm place cost me \$3,000 at least in cash. Eight years interest would bring it up to \$4500.00, to say nothing of the house, and the actual cash value of the property today is nearly \$6,000, to which is to be added the value of the seven acres of the Warners Ranch - easily worth \$1,000.

I might consider selling for \$7000.00, but nothing less.

Yours very truly,

EF-mk

December 22, 1922.

Mr. Sam Taylor,  
Warner Springs, Calif.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

Mr. Geo. Chambers told me that your wife was going to claim that she had an interest in the Helm property that I bought and that she refused to get off the ranch. In the first place we have a certificate from the Union Title Company showing the property is free and clear of encumbrances in the name of the Grossmont Park Company, Certificate 84661.

After hearing from Mr. Chambers I had the records investigated and find that in the will of Harmon T. Helm, your wife's father, when it was probated it showed that to your wife, Mary Jane Taylor was willed \$5.00 and no interest in the property whatever. The property was willed to John Turner, Stephen Box, Allen Josepher and Francis Florence Helm.

It is necessary to have a settlement with you and immediately. I must be paid my rent, and in addition to that I want a quitclaim from your wife, or I shall file suit within the next two weeks from date to eject her and secure possession of the property.

I think this is a dirty way to treat a friend after the way I have treated you, and I would like to have an answer by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM







December 19, 1922

Mr. A. P. Johnson, Jr.,  
Southern Title Guaranty Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear A. P.:

I enclose you herewith certificate No. 84661  
of the Union Title Company.

There is a Mrs. Sam Taylor who says she is  
one of the Helm girls and that she never signed away  
her interest in this property. Is there anything to  
show of record that she ever did have any interest?

I bought this on the Union Title Company's  
certificate. Mrs. Taylor is now in possession of  
the property. They leased it from us under a lease,  
now she sits back, keeps possession of the property  
and refuses to pay any rent and refuses to get off  
claiming that she is in possession and owns an un-  
divided one-fourth interest. It is a fine situation.

Can you look into this matter for me  
at your convenience and does the record show that  
she has any interest. I want you to help me out  
in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Ed Fletcher*

EF:KLM

July 25, 1929.

Mr. Sam Taylor,  
Warner Hot Springs,  
California.

My dear Sam:

I believe the supervisors will put the  
road in shape and keep it in shape.

Get this petition signed up by all the  
Indians you can, also all of the white people, includ-  
ing the Los Tules people and all other property owners.  
Get the foreman of the ranch to sign it for the San  
Diego County Water Company and I will help you put it  
thru, but it is better that I am not known as the  
instigator of this movement.

Yours very sincerely,

EF:KLM



Board of Supervisors,  
San Diego County,  
California.

Attention Mr. Aul

Gentlemen:

The undersigned property owners and residents between Warner Hot Springs and San Ignacio Indian Reservation petition your Honorable Body to put the present road that has been traveled for ten or fifteen years in good condition.

It is only fair to the Indians. You have rendered the same assistance in fixing Indian roads in other sections of the county, but in addition to that the following American citizens own property on this road, pay taxes and urge that the road should be kept at least in good passable condition.

We would greatly appreciate your early attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

August Third,  
1929

Mr. Sam Taylor,  
Warner Springs,  
California.

My dear Taylor:

Thanks for your letter of the first. The petition has been signed and turned over to Mr. Auld. I hope to get some results from it.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

September 11th, 1929.

Mr. Sam Taylor  
Warner Springs, California.

My dear Taylor:

I want to thank you for getting the signatures to the petition of the supervisors in the matter of the San Ignacio road.

I am of the opinion that Supervisor Auld will take this road over and maintain it a little later on, but the less said about it the better until he starts the work.

I want you to know I appreciate what you did in the matter.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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