

JOHN G. WOOD & SON  
3738 CURLEW STREET

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

March 27th 1929

Col. Ed. Fletcher,  
9th Street,  
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir,

When I saw you last you told me not to do anything to the building at Fletcher Hills, until you were first certain that it had been moved far enough back from the road. I have never heard from you until this morning.

I do not agree that there was any delay on my part. You kept me waiting weeks when I could have readily done the work. I cannot afford to have my machinery idle awaiting the pleasure of a client's decision. As a business man you can appreciate this fact.

I had to step out and get work for both my outfits, pending the above decision. I was ready to supply you with a bond as you seemed to have some doubt as to my credit. With regard to the latter if you will phone Mr. Rodney Herman, Manager for Fenton Material Corporation, from whom I buy practically all my supplies, you will find that my credit is excellent, and that I always pay my accounts when due.

Had you not been so dilatory in settling the affair, the building would have been finished by now. My Bonding Company also informs me that the clause you inserted in regard to payment was not customary. 25% is the only amount retained on any account, but you do not wish to pay until a final settlement of acceptance is made 35 days after completion. I do not see my way clear to finance any building on such terms. You are a very rich gentleman, and when you have a doubt regarding the payment of my bills it would be better for you to supply the material and pay the labor instead of asking me to do it. Then you are certain that there will be no liens. It seems to me that I do all the guarantee and the waiting. I wanted your work on the strength of what you said last year you would give me at Cuyamaca, but although I have spent several months on preliminaries, including tentative plans, four visits to Los Angeles etc, Cuyamaca is still visionary as I see it.

I have been in the Gunitite Business three years, and in that time have earned a reputation in it second to none. I have the respect and confidence of every client, both little and big, and I had hoped to have yours. I have been patient as you know, but I am not intending to finance anyone's buildings, when the party concerned has only to make enquiries as to my credits and integrity.

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With reference to the bond, I have to secure one for the total amount and not for half as you stated. It is also usual for the owner to pay the price of the bond. I can secure one up to \$50,000 if such is necessary. Under the circumstances, however, if you wish me to go ahead you may purchase the material and pay the wages, and I will wait for my portion until the job is completed, but there can be no 35 days or longer to wait. There is no certificate of completion to be filed as there is no authority to file it with.

The only profit I was getting out of the job was a rental for the machinery, and therefore I could not afford to wait until you had a mind to tell me to go on.

I have practically three weeks work on now before I can at least release one set of machines. When I saw the building last it was not set level. The floors were sloping several ways. I cannot attempt to do anything until this is rectified. If I make the alterations under these conditions and your floors were not plumb, you and you only have the power to accept or refuse, and I would have no money in sight for probably a great deal longer time than 35 days.

Yours truly,

*J. G. Wood*

JGW:W

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April 9th 1929

Col. Ed. Fletcher.  
9th Street.  
San Diego. Cal.

Dear Sir,

For your information please be advised that we will  
commence work on the rehabilitation of the cottage at  
Fletcher Hills about the end of the week.

Yours truly,

*J. G. Wood*

JGW:W

March Twenty-seventh,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. J. G. Wood,  
3738 Curlew,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of March twenty-  
seventh and under all the circumstances I believe your  
position is well taken.

I assumed that you knew that the house had been moved. It has  
been moved for nearly three weeks. I promised to do it  
and I had it done immediately. It was my fault that I  
did not notify you.

I have investigated you and don't care for any bond.  
Go ahead and do the work as soon as you can and it will  
be appreciated.

I can't move my man there until the house is completed.

I will see that you are paid 75% of the contract price  
by the time the house is completed and the other 25%  
thirty days thereafter, if that is agreeable.

My understanding is that we already had a contract  
signed and that it was satisfactory to you.

I am hoping not alone to give you the Guyanaca plunge  
work this spring but also a number of houses. It  
is simply a matter of financing.

You call me a rich man; I am rich in land but mighty  
poor in cash with all the developments I am trying to  
put on at the present time.

Yours very truly,

April 26th, 1929.

Mr. J. G. Wood  
5758 Curlew Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Enclosed find letter from Goudey that is explanatory  
and should have been forwarded to you before.

Where are we at on the acceptance of a pool satisfactory  
to everybody?

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

Original mailed to J. G. Wood

State of California  
Department of Public Health,

821 Associated Realty Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.  
Mch. 2, 1929.

Mr. A. V. Heacock  
Cuyamaca Lodge Co., - Cuyamaca Lake,  
Via Julian, Calif.

Dear Sir:--

In accordance with your request of Feb. 22, 1929,  
I am forwarding you a bulletin on swimming pool  
sanitation. We do not give complete details for the  
construction of the pool, and merely pass on the plan which  
you submit, to see whether or not the regulations are  
complied with.

To locate a swimming pool 200 ft. from the Cuyamaca  
Reservoir is somewhat of a difficult problem. I would  
think that, if you install a circulating system, you will  
have a far better opportunity to protect the water supply.

I will be pleased to review your plans when you have them  
ready.

Yours very truly,

Bureau of Sanitary Engineering,

By R. F. Goudey  
Resident Engineer.

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
May 5th 1929

Col. Ed. Fletcher.  
% Fletcher Co.  
San Diego. Cal.

Dear Colonel Fletcher,

In reply to your favor of second inst re swimming pool at Cuyamaca, I dont know who the boys are who are posing as an authority on gunite ,but whoever they are they are speaking without any knowledge of the subject.

It would be very foolish on my part to at-tempt to build your pool if there were any doubts as to it be-ing impervious. Gunite stands both heat and cold. I have no ex-pansion or contraction in my reservoirs in Imperial valley where the heat runs as high as 124 degrees, and at San Pasqual the cold has been down to zero where I built Mr. Fenton's pool, and at Mr. G.R.Daley's pool, at his ranch near Escondido, which is built on th top of the mountain the extreme cold has not affected it one iota.

I am just about finished the guniting of the New Marston Museum near Old Town and as soon as I am through your cottage at Fletcher Hills will be rushed to completân, probably in ten days. I have already completed the framing on the inside. The rest will go quickly.

Yours faithfully.

*J. G. Wood*

JGW:W

May second, 1929.

Mr. J. G. Wood  
5738 Curlew Street  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Wood:

The boys tell me that owing to the temperature getting down to five above zero in the winter that you cannot build a swimming pool up there as you planned without its leaking owing to expansion and contraction. - What assurance can you give me that such is not the case?

When will you have the house finished out at Fletcher Hills?

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF

May Sixth  
1 9 2 9

Mr. John G. Wood,  
3738 Curlew Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I thank you for your letter of the fifth.

I assume that if and when you build the pool at Guyanaca Lake you will guarantee the same against crackage and leakage at least a couple of years.

Is this agreeable?

Yours truly,

EF:AK

June Twenty-first,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. J. G. Wood,  
3738 Curlew,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wood:

We have a brick building, approximately 20 x 50 with a corrugated iron roof.

Will you get in touch with me in regards to coating it with Gunito with a water proof cement? I want this done in the very near future.

The building is at Grossmont.

Sincerely yours,

EFjr:AK

July 17th, 1922.

Mrs J. G. Hood  
8758 Carlew Street  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Woods:

Please let me know when you expect to finish the  
house at Fletcher Hills.

Yours very truly,

EF:CMF

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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