

From the papers of Ed Fletcher, the following letters have been removed to the alphabetized correspondence files:

"C. F. PITTS AND HEIRS, OCTOBER 1, 1935 - JANUARY 31, 1938"

BERRY, JOSEPH H. AND ADELLA M.:

Fletcher to Berry, December 30, 1937
Berry to Fletcher, January 4, 1938
Fletcher to Berry, January 18, 1938

EVANS, BERNARD G.:

Evans to Pitts, ^{one} ~~two~~ checks from ~~Berry~~ E. L. White & receipt
Dated October 11, 1935
Evans to Pitts, October 21, 1935
Evans to Pitts, October 23, 1935

CLAIM OF FERNANDO RASTLER \$1,559.89, November 14, 1935

O'BRIEN, RAY F.:

O'Brien to Pitts, November 15, 1935
O'Brien to Pitts, November 26, 1935
O'Brien to Pitts, November 27, 1935
O'Brien to McKeehan Allen Company, December 3, 1935
O'Brien to Pitts, December 11, 1935
O'Brien to Thomason, December 11, 1935
O'Brien to Crowell, Weedom and Co., December 20, 1935
O'Brien to Crowell, Weedom and Co., December 23, 1935
O'Brien to Crowell, Weedom and Co., December 28, 1935
O'Brien to Crowell, Weedom and Co., January 16, 1936
O'Brien to Crowell, Weedom and Co., January 21, 1936
O'Brien to Crowell, Weedom and Co., January 22, 1936
O'Brien to Crowell, Weedom and Co., February 14, 1936
O'Brien to Lynch, February 14, 1936
McKee to O'Brien, November 19, 1936
O'Brien to McKee, November 21, 1936
Fletcher to O'Brien, December 18, 1937
O'Brien to Fletcher, December 27, 1937
Fletcher to O'Brien, December 28, 1937

ERICKSON, E. JOHN:

Erickson to Lynch, January 23, 1936
Fletcher to Erickson, December 14, 1937
Erickson to Fletcher, December 18, 1937

LYNCH, FRANK:

Fletcher to Lynch, October 11, 1935
Lynch to Pitts, December 16, 1935
Lynch to Pitts, February 21, 1936
Lynch to O'Brien, February 19, 1936
Fletcher to Lynch, December 28, 1937

MCKEE, DEMPSTER:

Fletcher to McKee, February 3, 1938
Fletcher to McKee, January 21, 1938

RICHARDSON, FRIEND:

Fletcher to Richardson, January 19, 1938
Fletcher to Richardson, January 21, 1938

November 15, 1935.

Received of C. F. PITTS, assignment of claim filed against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount of Claim Filed</u>
Edmond Dierich and Mrs Edmond Dierich	\$204.00

All assignments of above claim registered in the name of Frank Lynch.

San Bernardino County Savings Bank,
in liquidation,

By

Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

ERICKSON

Ed Erickson

Richardson to Fletcher, February 24, 1938

WHITE, E. L.:

Fletcher to White, December 14, 1937

White to Fletcher, December 16, 1937

White to Fletcher, December 28, 1937

WILSON, M. N.:

Wilson to Lynch, December 20, 1937

Fletcher to Wilson, December 24, 1937

Wilson to Fletcher, December 27, 1937

November 27, 1935.

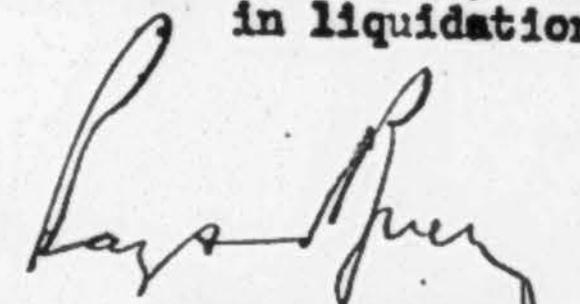
November 26, 1935

Received of C.F. PITTS, assignments of claims
filed against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount of Claim Filed</u>
Tony Domangoni	\$ 597.67
Antonio or Domenica Domenigoni	902.02
	<u>1299.69</u>

All Assignments of above claims registered in
the name of Frank Lynch.

San Bernardino County Savings Bank,
in liquidation

By 
Ray F. O'Brien,
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

*Order 325/1000, Allen & Co
check # 99*

*Pd Or Savings ck for 1000
admitted 350*

Received of C. F. Pitts, assignment of claim No. 272
filed against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF CLAIM FILED</u>
Mrs. Sadie Bunch or Robert Bunch	\$731.38

All assignments of above claim registered in the name
of Frank Lynch, 1935 "K" Street, San Diego, California.

San Bernardino County Savings Bank,
in liquidation

By
Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

December 3, 1935.

Received of McKeehan Allen and Company, assignment of claim filed against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount of Claim Filed</u>
Mr. or Mrs. F. E. Masser	\$1271.66..

Assignment of above claim is registered in the name of Frank Lynch.

San Bernardino County Savings Bank, in liquidation

By
Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

*rev 3-35
Pd McKeehan Allen Co
check # 110*

[Signature]

December 11, 1935

Received of C.F. Pitts, assignment of Claim No. 1204 filed against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount of Claim Filed</u>
Lenore Rupp or Frank Rupp	\$2951.95

All assignments of above Claim registered in the name of Frank Lynch, 1935 "K" Street, San Diego, California

San Bernardino County Savings Bank in liquidation.

By
[Signature]
Ray F. O'Brien,
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

[Signature]

*Pd
Suland
454122*

San Bernardino, California,
December-11th-1935.

Mr. R.M. Thomason,
543 Fourth St.,
San Bernardino, California.

Dear Sir:

Confirming our verbal understanding, this is to advise that I am willing and able to purchase from you, or whomsoever you designate, deposits or claim accounts on the San Bernardino County Savings Bank, an institution in liquidation, up to an aggregate of \$100,000.00.

I will pay you forty-five cents on each dollar on unpaid balance of such accounts.

You may construe this letter as an exclusive contract for the sale or purchase of such claims by me.

Very truly yours,

December 20, 1935

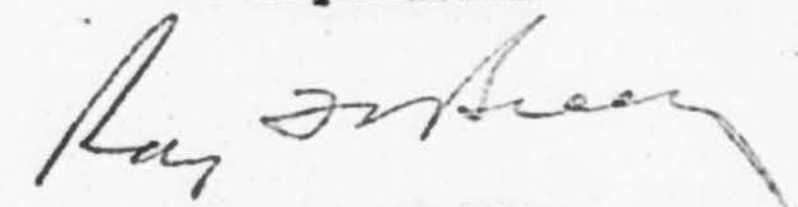
Received of Crowell, Weedon & Co. Claim No. 2986
filed against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount Claim Filed</u>
Frank E. Wiest or Mrs. Margaret E. Wiest	\$506.90

All assignments of above Claim registered in the name
of Frank Lynch, 1935 "K" Street, San Diego, California.

San Bernardino County Savings Bank
in liquidation

By



Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

Pd Crowell Weedon & Co.

CR #142

R. M. Thomason

CR #143

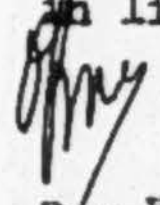
December 23, 1935.

Received of Crowell, Weedon & Co., Assignment of
Claim No. 296 filed against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount of Claim filed</u>
B. C. Done	\$422.10

All assignments of the above claim registered in
the name of Frank Lynch, 1935 "K" Street, San Diego,
California.

San Bernardino County Savings Bank,
in liquidation

By 
Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

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DECEMBER 28, 1935

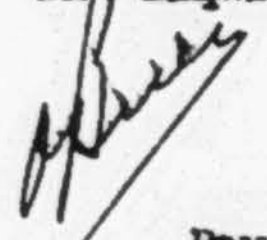
Received of Crowell, Weedon & Company, Assignment of
Claim No. 1314 filed against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount of Claim filed.</u>
Frances Mahin,	\$5175.00

All assignments of the above claim registered in the name
of Frank Lynch, 1935 "K" Street, San Diego, California.

50% of above Claim has been paid.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SAVING BANK,
in liquidation

By 
Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

January 16, 1936.

Received of Crowell, Weedon & Company, assignment of Claim No. 1974
against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount of Claim Filed.</u>
Ellie Clark	\$375.00

Assignment of the above claim is registered in the name of Frank
Lynch, 1935 "K" Street, San Diego, California.

50% of the above claim has been paid.

San Bernardino County Savings Bank
in liquidation,

Ray F. O'Brien
E.F.

Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

January 21, 1936.

Received of Crowell, Weedon and Company, assignment of Claim
No. 366, against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount of Claim Filed.</u>
Mary Carter High	\$1100.00

Assignment of the above claim is registered in the name of
Frank Lynch, 1935 "K" Street, San Diego, California.

50% of the above claim has been paid.

San Bernardino County Savings Bank
in liquidation

R.F. O'Brien
E.F.

Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

January 22, 1936.

Received of Crowell, Weedon and Company, assignment of Claim
No. 365, against this liquidation, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount of Claim Filed</u>
Mr. or Mrs. Homer L. High	\$1300.92

Assignment of the above claim is registered in the name of
Frank Lynch, 1935 "K" Street, San Diego, California.
50% of the above claim has been paid.

San Bernardino County Savings Bank,
in liquidation

Ray F. O'Brien
EOL
Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

February 14, 1936.

Received of Crowell, Weedon and Company, partial assignment
of Claim No. 344, being Cyrus A. Boren's one-ninth interest in
the original claim of Mrs. E. J. Boren:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
Mrs. E. J. Boren (Cyrus A. Boren - 1/9 interest)	\$8,323.00

Assignment of the above one-ninth interest is registered in
the name of Frank Lynch, 1935 "K" Street, San Diego, California.
55% has been paid on the above claim.

San Bernardino County Savings Bank,
in liquidation

Ray F. O'Brien
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Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

Ray F. O'Brien
BERNARD G. EVANS
Special Deputy

FRIEND W. RICHARDSON
Superintendent of Banks

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS
FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SAVINGS BANK
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

February 14, 1936

Mr. Frank Lynch,
1935 "K" Street,
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

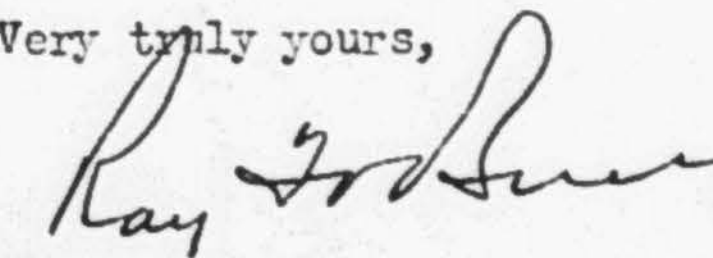
This letter has to do with Claim No. 572 in the name of Joseph H. Berry or Adella Berry, husband and wife, who owned this account as joint tenants.

Under date of October 11, 1935, your representative presented an assignment signed by Adella M. Berry and this was held pending a legal decision as to the joint tenancy agreement. Under date of October 21st Mr. Evans, the former Special Deputy in charge of this Bank, advised your Mr. Pitts that the assignment of the claim had been registered in our books showing Frank Lynch as the assignee, executed by Adella M. Berry.

We now have advice that claims cannot be assigned or transferred that are in jointtenancy without the signature of both parties, or more if there should happen to be more in the joint tenancy agreement.

I am therefore advising you that the records are being so adjusted to show the account in the original names and whenever your representative is in San Bernardino we will return to him the form he left with us.

Very truly yours,



Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks

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DEMPSTER MCKEE

Nov. 19, 1936.

Superintendent of Banks,
Andreson Building,
San Bernardino, California.

Attention: Ray F. O'Brien,
Special Deputy.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Frank Lynch as assignee of the claim of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rose, No. 825, and of the claim of Joseph J. and Della M. Berry, No. 572, has called to my attention that he has failed to receive three liquidating dividends on these claims. He wrote you on February 19, 1936 in connection with the first of these dividends, and did not receive any reply.

Mr. Lynch is certainly entitled to a statement of the position of the Superintendent of Banks in this connection, inasmuch as he has in his possession under date of October 21, 1935 a letter addressed to his assignor, C. F. Pitts, stating that claim No. 572 was registered in his name; and under date of October 22, 1935, a letter addressed to his assignor, stating that claim No. 825 had been registered in his name, both of these communications being signed by the special deputy, Bernard G. Evans.

I am assuming that both of these accounts stood in the name of the depositors as joint tenants, in which event it is my opinion that either of the joint tenants could make the assignment in the same fashion as monies could be withdrawn during the time the bank was open, and that notwithstanding the assignment of claim No. 825 was executed only by Mrs. Rose, and of claim No. 572 only by Della M. Berry, that my client is now the legal owner of these claims.

Please let me know at once as to whether or not you still retain the amount of these dividends, and the position you take with reference to the payment of them to Mr. Lynch.

Very sincerely yours,

McK:H

C O P Y

Office of Superintendent of Banks for
the Liquidation of
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SAVINGS BANK -
San Bernardino, California.

Nov. 21 1936

Mr. Dempster McKee,
First National Bank Building,
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. McKee:

With reference to your letter of November 19th pertaining to Claim No. 572, please be advised that because of some mix-up between C. F. Pitts and Della M. Berry, under date of April 15, 1936, Mr. Pitts called at this office in company with Mrs. Berry and a cash settlement of some sort was made between the two parties, and C. F. Pitts, on that date, released any assignment of the Della M. Berry claim that he had, and the said Della M. Berry returned to C. F. Pitts a check she was holding for the agreed upon sale price of this said claim.

With reference to Claim No. 825, assigned to C. F. Pitts by Mrs. Rose, please be advised that in company with Mr. Rose, C. F. Pitts called at this office on April 4, 1936, and by some arrangement between the two parties, wherein Mr. Rose returned the check that had been delivered to Mrs. Rose for the said account and some other cash difference, Mr. C. F. Pitts released any claim to the account. We hold Mr. Pitts' signature here for the release of any claim against the account, and for your information, at no time were the claims mentioned changed on our records.

Evidently this is a matter for you to handle with Mr. C. F. Pitts, as the accounts were never changed to the name of Frank Lynch, and Mr. Pitts was the agent for Mr. Lynch and so conducted his business with the two parties mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks.

RFO/s

December 18, 1937

Mr. Ray F.O'Brien, Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks
San Bernardino County Savings Bank
San Bernardino, California

My dear Mr. O'Brien:

Perhaps you have not heard that Mr. C.F.Pitts has passed away. I am trying to straighten out his matters, and it was through me that Mr. Frank Lynch furnished the funds and purchased the San Bernardino County Savings bank's claims.

I have before me a letter of November 21, 1936 to Mr. Dempster McKee, First National Bank Bldg., San Diego. I also have before me a receipt in favor of C.F.Pitts dated October 18, 1935 under the signature of Bernard S.Evans, your representative; claim #825 in the original amount of \$3055.09 executed by Mrs. A.G.Rose in favor of Frank Lynch dated October 11, 1935; also assignment of claim #572 in the original amount of \$604.66 executed by Adella M.Barry in favor of Frank Lynch dated October 11, 1935, with notation that these assignments are in your possession. Also letter of October 21, 1935 wherein B.S.Evans states that claim #572 has been registered on your books showing Frank Lynch as the assignee. Also letter of October 23, 1935 addressed to C.F.Pitts showing that the above assignments have been entered on your records showing the address of Frank Lynch as 1925 "K" Street, San Diego.

The question I wish to ask is this: Have these claims be re-transferred to the original owners and have you paid them the dividends, or are you holding them in your Bank subject to final settlement by the parties and interests, and have you Mr.Lynch's consent to re-transfer back to Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Rose? May I please hear from you by return mail - it will be appreciated.

At the present time Mr. Lynch finds himself in this position where he neither has the dividends and is out the money he paid to Mr. Pitts for the execution of these claims. Mr. Lynch has no knowledge from Mr. Pitts of any settlement of these claims or re-transfer back to the original owners of record, neither has he the money that he has paid out, and we are trying to find out what became of the money and the claims, and your early attention to this will be appreciated.

I have an interest in this matter for the reason I had a written contract with Mr. Pitts whereby I was to have half the

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Mr. Ray F.O'Brien:

profits, and Mr. Lynch informs me that from the profits will be deducted the money paid Mr. Pitts for these two claims. If that is done, it looks as if I will be owing Mr. Lynch money and that Mr. Pitts reaped all the benefits without a dollar coming to me. Mr. Lynch also informs me that he has never given any consent to the re-transfer of these claims, therefore, how could they be re-transferred once in Mr. Lynch's name on the books of the Bank without Mr. Lynch's consent in writing?

I also have before me Mr. Lynch's letter of February 19, 1936 to you in connection with these matters re: the assignment of these two claims, and also Mr. Dempster McKee's letter to you of November 19 and November 23, 1936 in regard to this matter.

What is your answer to it, if any?

With kind regards and wishing you the Compliments of the Season,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

OFFICE OF
Superintendent of Banks
FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF
San Bernardino County Savings Bank
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

December 27, 1937

Hon. Ed. Fletcher,
1018 Ninth Avenue,
San Diego, California

My dear Senator:

I was considerably surprised to learn that Mr. Pitts had passed away, as he had been in San Bernardino about two or three weeks ago and appeared to be in the best of health.

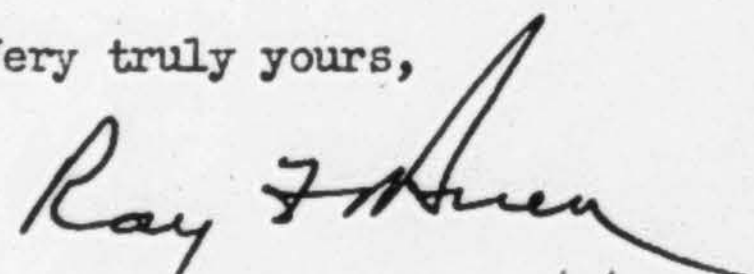
Further, with reference to the contents of your letter, as I explained very carefully to Mr. McKee when he was here with Mr. Lynch, Junior, the two accounts in question had never been changed on the claim book or on the records in this office, and therefore, the matter in regard to certain letters signed by Mr. Evans, my predecessor, is something that I have no control over, and evidently the action of Mr. Evans was one not authorized.

We have in our files a letter from the Banking Department attorneys, which reads - "it is the opinion of this office that the signatures of both parties are necessary for the transfer of such a claim".

The claim books of the San Bernardino County Savings Bank are open for your examination, inasmuch as you are interested in the transaction, and you can see from personal examination that the said records have never been changed to read other than the original depositors. Pencil notations were made on the books, but they were evidently placed thereon by Mr. Evans, but these had been erased.

With kindest regards to you, and Best Wishes of the Holiday Season.

Very truly yours,



Ray F. O'Brien
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks

RFO/s

December 28, 1937.

Mr. Ray F. O'Brien,
Special Deputy
Superintendent of Banks
San Bernardino County Savings Bank
San Bernardino, California.

My dear Mr. O'Brien:

Thanks kindly for your letter of the 27th

It is just what I wanted to clear the atmosphere.

With kind personal regards and wishing

you the Compliments of the Season, I am

Sincerely yours,

EF M

Ed Fletcher Papers

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