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Mr. H. H. Timken,  
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Timken,

Enclosed find letter from Thum, to the Water Commission and their answer in reply. It does seem as if you are allowing your attorneys a good deal of latitude, and I hope that you will write them that you are willing to meet the views of the State Water Commission of California in this matter. Our agreement with the F. & W. Thum Company is approved, including Mr. Henshaw and myself, and is only waiting Mr. Murray's signature.

Enclosed find clipping which may be of interest.

Yours very truly,

EF/klm

24 January 1920

Mr. H. H. Timken,  
Timken Building,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Timken:

Attached hereto is a copy of the contract between the F. & W. Thum Company, and James A. Murray, Wm. G. Henshaw and Ed Fletcher, duly signed and recorded, whereby the consent of the F. & W. Thum Company is secured to build a certain dam, or dams on the North Fork and South Fork of the San Diego River, one dam being ten miles above your property, and the other seventeen miles, and if there is any damage caused by the construction of these dams, then in that case, the Water Commission of the State of California determines the damage and we agree to pay.

This contract was in reality drawn by the State Water Commission of California, and has their approval, and they have agreed to serve.

I certainly hope that the same agreement can be immediately entered into between you and ourselves for the portion of the El Monte Ranch which you still own. I am not asking for any contract with you for any land which you have sold outright to others, or already have under contract. Your interests are absolutely secure under this contract, in my opinion, as safely as they can be secured legally.

The City of San Diego are now making core drillings for bedrock just a mile above the east line of the El Monte ranch at the El Capitan damsite. It seems to me your interest is with us to have the dams built as far away as possible.

I shall certainly appreciate your cooperation and Messrs. Murray, Henshaw and Fletcher are willing to sign the identical contract that we have already signed with the F. & W. Thum Company. As a personal favor, will you please give this your immediate attention, for the best interests of San Diego County and the early development of the San Diego River by the construction of a dam to conserve the flood waters.

With kind personal regards,  
EF:KLM  
Yours very truly,



February 3rd, 1920

Mr. H. H. Timken,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Timken,

Mr. Thum is in town and called my attention to the fact that the signed contract between the owners of the Cuyamaca Water Company and the F. & W. Thum Co. allows us to build dams on the San Diego River or any of its tributaries.

The above refers to the contract now on record, between F. & W. Thum Co. and the Cuyamaca Water Company, owners. It is not our desire, however, to make such a sweeping reservation. The San Vicente River coming in by way of Posters to Lakeside is a very large stream having, I believe, in excess of 100 square miles of water-shed. We have no intention of building any dams on the San Vicente River, and own no dam sites or reservoir sites on that stream. Therefore, we are willing to limit the reservation in your contract to securing your consent to the building of a dam or dams on the North Fork and the South Fork or its tributaries, or the San Diego River. This limits us to building only on the San Diego River from 10 to 20 miles above Lakeside.

In reality it is our intention to build only two dams: a small diverting dam on the South Fork about 12 or 14 miles from Lakeside, and a large dam about 20 miles from Lakeside, at or above the Diverting Dam. This leaves the riparian owners with the entire water-shed of the San Vicente River, together with the entire water-shed of Chocolate Canyon which comes in from Viejas and Alpine, together with all the water-shed below the Diverting Dam, 20 miles above Lakeside. If my recollection serves me right, it includes El Cajon Valley, which gives a water-shed of over 220 square miles below our dams and above Mission

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Gorge or the Scripps Ranch.

Hoping to receive an early and favorable reply that we will have your cooperation along the lines of the F. & W. Thum agreement, I am,

Yours very truly,

EF/tn  
cc F&W Thum

Same letter to E. W. Scripps.



November  
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1920

Mr. Henry H. Timken,  
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Timken:

As you are probably aware, thru notice in the papers, the business men of this city are forming a Community Welfare Council with the idea of systematic support of the charities of this city thru the budget system. The funds will be apportioned to the organizations given on the enclosed list.

Approximately \$175,000 will be needed to properly maintain the twenty-one charities mentioned in this list.

I am a member of the committee soliciting funds for this purpose. The Committee has arbitrarily determined upon the sum which they hope you can see your way clear to subscribe, the sum being \$2,000.00. It is our idea to raise the first \$100,000 from the large subscribers, and the balance in small amounts. It may be your wish to give more, or less. We hope you will be as liberal as you feel you can be.

I enclose subscription blank and would appreciate it if you would sign same and mail to me what subscription you feel that you can afford to give. In making this subscription to the Community Welfare Council, you are being relieved of the necessity of being called upon by any of the charities mentioned for further subscriptions. Many of the larger cities in the East have very successfully handled their charities in this way.

Hoping to have an early reply and for your hearty cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

EF:KIM

My dear H.H.: When are you coming out here? How's business with you - things are shaping up fine in San Diego. I believe we are going to do lots of business this winter and spring in real estate. Am walking without a cane, altho one wound is still discharging, but hope in time it will heal. I am ready to go quail hunting with you at any time. Give my regards to Mrs. Timken.

E.F.

January 5rd,  
1928

Mr. H. H. Timken,  
Canton,  
Ohio,

My dear H. H.:

I had a nice visit with the good sister last night, Mrs. Bridges, who says you have been under the weather.

For heaven's sake come out to California, spent a month at Palm Springs - it will do you good.

We had a wonderful trip to the Gulf and certainly missed you. We were seven days in the Gulf on the yacht and seven days motoring down the peninsula. The fishing was marvelous. We went to Santa Rosalia opposite Guaymas, spent a lovely day at La Paz, fished at the end of the peninsula in the tropics and, Oh Boy! it was some fun catching tuna, bass and other varieties of fish including a 38 1/2 pound rooster fish that my son caught.

We anchored in Magdalena Bay at day light and saw the sunrise.

Wish kind personal regards and hoping that you are on your way to recovery and will visit us this month and with the Compliments of the New Year, to you both, I am

Sincerely your friend,

EF:AK



May 20th, 1929.

Mr. H. H. Timken  
Electric Building  
San Diego, California.

My dear H. H.:

Enclosed find copy of telegram I have sent by wireless and Western Union to Colonel Copley and hope it will bring the desired results.

I got Colonel Copley's office and found he had left for his yacht.

Yours very truly,

4:30 P. M.

EF:GMF  
Encl.

May Twenty-first,  
1929

Mr. H. H. Timken,  
c/o A. S. Briggs Office,  
Electric Bldg.  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear H. H.:

I was mighty sorry that I could not be of any service in the matter of the publication of the Bridges will.

After trying to reach Colonel Copley a couple of times by 'phone and after sending a wireless and telegram to him I found that the will was printed in the evening Tribune and was put on the streets for sale about four o'clock while you people started me to work at 4:35 P.M.

I was sorry that I could not be of any service in the matter but if you had spoken to me at lunch I am sure I could have arranged it.

With kindest personal regards and sorry that I did not have a show for my white alley to render a service to a friend.

Sincerely yours,

EF:GMF

P. S. Don't forget that automobile ride either Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Any one of these days will suit me. I have something to show you.

E.F.



June Twenty-first,  
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Mr. H. H. Tinken,  
Canton,  
Ohio.

My dear Harry:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written Mrs. Bridges  
that is explanatory. I know you will understand the  
motive that prompted me to write it.

Sincerely your friend,

EF:AK

July Third,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. H. H. Tinken,  
Canton,  
Ohio

Dear H. H.:

Answering yours of the twenty-eighth will say I am glad  
to hear from you.

I know you will understand the motive that prompted  
me to write to Mrs. Bridges, and thought it was one  
way that your sister might desire to perpetuate the  
memory of a mighty fine man, but it is up to you both  
to decide and I shall be content in any event.

Mighty glad to know that you will be out here before  
long again.

Make up your mind for a little more leisure and we will  
have some more good times together.

Come on out this fall and let's go down to Hattie  
Hamiltons together.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK



August  
Thirty-First,  
1 9 2 9

My dear Mrs. Timken:

I telephoned twice to Mrs. Bridges house asking for you to make a date to take you and your Coronado friends to Eagle's Nest for the night. Mrs. Fletcher and I had a real treat in store for you. Both times the girl answered you were out of town but would return soon. She promised to have you ring me up.

I have just found out that you have gone east. Both Mrs. Fletcher and I are very sorry that we did not make connections with you for a trip that I know you would have enjoyed.

Write and let me know when you are coming back to California and if you are a friend of ours you will give us a ring and give us an opportunity we desire to give you a good time.

Tell Harry we are going to win the dirigible base for San Diego on Linda Vista Mesa and ask him to write me about what success he has had in the last oil well he brought in.

The family are all going to be here next week - the ten children, their wives, husbands and grandchildren.

They have made me take the chairmanship of the Community Chest campaign this year having nothing else to do.

Kindly give Harry the enclosed clipping. About 300 papers all over the United States have given us some more free publicity.

Willis graduated from Oregon this year winning the Spaulding cup as high point man in scholarship and athletics combined.

If there is anything on earth at any time that I could do for H. H. or his sister in this neck of the woods tell Harry not to hesitate to call on me, business or otherwise.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

September 14th, 1929.

Mr. H. H. Timken  
Canton, Ohio.

Friend Timken:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written Judge Haines that is explanatory.

Mr. Bridges was certainly an angel for Mrs. Ayres in the first place, but nevertheless, the Bridges investment is safe if it is handled right. It is a beautiful spot and Mrs. Ayres can sell it if anyone can, but the Bridges Estate has made the largest improvements on this property which is mortgaged to me and the only way to do is to get control immediately by the ownership of the land, in my opinion, to protect Mrs. Bridges' interests.

I don't care to, neither do I intend to go into a trust agreement as suggested by Mrs. Ayres. The mortgage is due next June and I would like to get this matter cleaned up immediately. Am sending this letter by air mail and suggest that you wire Mrs. Bridges to take immediate action. Another party has approached me and has been considering buying this mortgage. I am satisfied that the interests for which he is negotiating are not friendly to Mrs. Ayres.

I had nothing whatever to do with Mrs. Ayres transaction with Mr. Bridges and was not even aware that the work was going on, otherwise I would have posted notices of non-responsibility to protect myself, but now that it is done and paid for, I am very grateful to Mr. Bridges for having increased my security. However, laying all joking aside, the water is valuable and Mrs. Ayres, in my opinion, will have no trouble in disposing of the property now that the improvements have been made and at a handsome profit.

Glad to know you are coming out in October. Wire me ahead of time when you are coming so that I will not be so darn busy.

I am in charge of the Community Chest campaign this year which starts on the 7th, but will carry over until the 15th. The last of October or early November means a hunting trip for you and me without any question.



Mr. H. H. Timken -2- September 14th, 1929.

With kindest personal regards and take the advise of a friend and get busy and act quickly in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

September Twenty-third,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. H. H. Timken,  
Canton,  
Ohio.

My dear H. H.:

Answering yours of the nineteenth will say Mrs. Ayres is pestering me to death to go into a trust with a release of \$50 a lot so she can sell. I am not satisfied with this.

Judge Haines has known all along that I hold the first mortgage on the whole thing.

With my taxes coming on of about \$80,000 I need every nickel I can get and if you want to buy the mortgage for 5% discount I will sell it.

Judge Haines can give you full particulars.

Will be mighty glad to arrange for a quail hunt when you come out this fall. This is settled right now.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

P. S. The total amount she owes me as of October 1st is \$5263.47, consisting of a mortgage for \$4300.00, plus interest of \$85.61; two contracts in the sum of \$862.14 plus interest of \$17.72, less 5 percent or \$285.17. Send a check for \$5000 either to me or to Judge Haines and I will see that the papers are properly assigned to you as a first lien.

E.F

You are absolutely safe, Harry, on this. Wire me on receipt of this letter if accepted.



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NIGHT MESSAGE	CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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San Diego, Calif., Sept. 25, 1929

Mr. H. H. Timken  
Canton, Ohio

Judge Haines authorized me to tell you he recommended Mrs. Bridges purchasing same and suggests you send check forty nine hundred fifty dollars to him I will prepare necessary assignments for his approval Thanks Wish I were duck hunting with you Will give you both next month in Mexico

ED FLETCHER

Charge Ed Fletcher Co.

September 26, 1929.

Mr. H. H. Timken,  
Canton, Ohio.

My dear H. H.:

Your telegram of the 26th received and copy of my telegram in reply is herewith enclosed.

I will have to borrow some money if I do not get that \$4,950.00 from you this coming week and you know, like a Scotchman, I hate to pay interest, so push it along.

Will assign all papers protecting your interest in the matter, either to Mrs. Bridges or whomever you may designate in your instructions. In sending check and instructions please send it air mail to Judge Haines with authority to act, if agreeable to you.

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM



November 18th, 1929.

Mr. H. H. Timken  
2500 Chatsworth Boulevard  
Point Loma,  
San Diego, California.

My dear H. H.:

You promised to be here by the first of November.

I telephoned last week to Mrs. Bridges house, intending to wire you to come on immediately for a little trip down the coast. They informed me that you would be here Tuesday morning.

The tentative plan is to leave here Friday, this week, returning next Tuesday morning, going one way by automobile and returning on Colonel Copley's yacht "Happy Days". You will have both fishing and hunting.

The yacht can leave here in the afternoon and be in San Quentin Bay the next morning. We can send the car ahead of time. There are three or four days of good fun ahead of us.

Colonel Copley told me to make up the party. Don't fail to go.

Give me a ring as soon as you arrive in town, please.

Sincerely yours,

EF:GMF

November 21st, 1929.

Mr. H. H. Timken  
c/o Mrs. A. S. Bridges  
Point Loma,  
San Diego, California.

My dear H. H.:

Am mighty sorry that you cannot go. I even had you registered.

Mrs. Fletcher and I will be very happy to have you and Mrs. Bridges for dinner Monday night. If agreeable, can I not pick you up in town here about four o'clock and let us take a little run out into the back country. I would love also to have Mrs. Bridges go. I want you to see what we are doing at Mount Helix.

You will get a real kick out of it and we will have a little more time to visit.

Both Colonel Copley and I are going to miss you mightily on this trip.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF



November 27th, 1929.

Mr. H. H. Tinken  
Electric Building  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Tinken:

I have read with interest the report of T. J. Allen, also the financial status by A. Haines, all referring to Whispering Pines and Mrs. Ayres.

The water supply comes from the springs and creek thru the property marked Circle A.

I never had any financial interest in Whispering Pines, my only interest being that I acquired a first mortgage on the residential subdivision property marked "X" in connection with the purchase of other properties from C. W. Potter, Mrs. Ayres having the equity to the property marked "X", subject to the \$5200 mortgage in Potters' favor, which was assigned to me by Potter when a deal was finally consummated.

Of the \$51,000 paid out by Mr. Bridges thru an arrangement with Mrs. Ayres over \$40,000 was spent on the property marked "X" in grading roads, pipe lines, fire hydrants, concrete reservoirs, etc. This was all done without my knowledge until it was almost completed, but these improvements added, of course, to the value of my mortgage and made it gilt edge.

In my opinion, the only way to protect the Bridges Estate interest in this property was for you to acquire my mortgage, for the reason that you could then dictate the release clauses and make them high enough to protect the Bridges Estate in its advances.

On investigation, you will find that your security is very much greater now by acquiring the first mortgage than otherwise. Under present conditions Mrs. Ayres can hold out on you for a couple or three years before you can ever get title, and will take a year and a half to two years to foreclose in order that the Bridges Estate may get title.

My recommendations are as follows: First, get Mrs. Ayres to transfer all her right, title and interest to a trust company, the Bridges Estate do likewise. I will be glad to pass on the drawing of the trust and make suggestions that will protect the Bridges Estate.



Mr. H. H. Timken -2-

November 27th, 1929.

I advocate the forming of a mutual water company. Your expenses in relation thereto are already around \$60,000, and with your losses in operating same, will amount to \$75,000, and with interest on the investment and taking care of riparian owners below with a surplus for emergency. I would favor a \$100,000 mutual water company be organized, say 500 shares at \$200 a share; that each share of mutual water company stock be sold at \$200 to start with and increase in price as the demand for water stock increases; one share of stock to each lot. The mutual water company to make a readiness-to-serve charge of \$1.50 per month in any event, and at least 35¢ per 1000 gallons for water. You will have surplus water stock that you can sell some day to the town of Julian or that vicinity as you will have 500 shares to sell where you have only 210 lots in the new and old subdivision as I understand it. I am sure there will be enough water supply to take care of a mutual water company under this plan.

I will be glad to cooperate with you in any way that I can in this matter.

I am returning map, final report and Whispering Pines Water Project, which you delivered to me.

It will take Mrs. Ayres two or three years at least to sell this property but with the opening up of the San Felipe road, in time I feel that she will succeed if given the opportunity. She has one of the best timbered tracts in the mountains and borders on the Brawley, San Felipe, Julian Road.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:GMF  
Encls.

Mr. H. H. Timken -2-

November 27th, 1929.

I advocate the forming of a mutual water company. Your investment in relation thereto already amounts to around \$60,000, with interest. Your additional losses in operating the water system until it takes care of itself, will amount to \$15,000. You need some extra money to take care of riparian owners below, with a surplus for emergency. Therefore, I would say a \$100,000 mutual water company be organized, 500 shares at \$200 a share, or 1000 shares at \$100 a share. You are then in position to sell at \$200 or \$100 a share depending upon the amount issued as you see fit, and you can increase the cost of this mutual water company stock as the demand for water stock increases, one share to each lot.

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Very sincerely yours,

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**General Correspondence - Timkin, H.H.**



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