

Bishop, California. June 30, 1925.

Mrs. Jessie C. Miller,
Tax Collector, Inyo Co.
Independence, California.

Dear Mrs. Miller:-

I have forgotten the exact amount of George
Sam's taxes, but am enclosing a check for \$5.00 for same.

As I remember, it was something like \$4.60,
I put down the amount, but it seems have misplaced the slip
bearing the figures.

I would be pleased for you to deduct the
right amount and return the balance.

Very truly yours.

Superintendent.

Bishop, California. July 14, 1924.

George Sam
Mono Lake, California.

Dear Friend:

You are authorized and instructed to post these notices on any gates or passage-ways where people pass through your land without permission, and by so doing cause you trouble and inconvenience and lay any of your stock liable to the spread of hoof and mouth disease.

I feel that you should cooperate with Bridgeport Tom and Mr. Farrington regarding this matter. You cannot be too careful in preventing the spread of this disease which the people of California have been for months trying to stamp out.

If it is desired to have a public thoroughfare through your place and that of Bridgeport Tom's, then I believe the County Supervisors should act only on a properly signed petition. Any question on the matter regarding the Indian land should be referred to me at Bishop.

Very truly yours.

Ray R. Farratt.
Superintendent.

BRANCHES
BIG PINE
INDEPENDENCE
LOVE PINE

CHARLES A. LA BREE
SPECIAL DEPUTY SUPT. OF BANKS

PHONE 5

Inyo County Bank

IN LIQUIDATION

BISHOP, INYO CO., CAL.

April 29, 1930

Ray R. Parrett, Supt.
Walker River Agency
Schurz, Nevada

Dear Mr. Parrett:

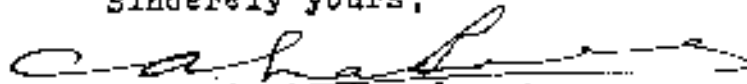
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th, with the check of George Sam for the amount of \$401.11 enclosed.

The question you ask is a hard one for me to answer, as I have no right, under the law, to change the name of the account, and from the further fact that this account is worth more than \$1000.00 the question of probate might arise. In as much as you, no doubt, would be appointed the administrator of this estate, I would suggest that you write the name of George Sam on the back of this check and then your own name underneath it. Then when the estate would be probated by the Judge of your service you could make a full accounting of the funds.

When you sign this check as outlined do not put the word "By" but just sign the name of George Sam and then your own name under it. You will then send it thru for collection and I am satisfied you will have no trouble.

Always willing to do what I can for you in matters of this kind to assist you in your efforts, I am

Sincerely yours,


Special Deputy Supt. of Banks

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Am enclosing check.

Walker River Agency
Schurz, Nevada
April 25, 1930

Mr. C. A. La Bree,
Special Deputy, Supt. of Banks,
Bishop, California.

My dear Mr. La Bree:

The heirs of George Sam, deceased Indian of this reservation, have brought to me their claim check #122 covering a 10% 5th dividend in the savings department of the Inyo county bank. The amount of the check is \$401.11.

I have to advise that George Sam was killed on January 4, 1930 by being dragged by a horse. This being the case, there is no one living who can endorse the check, and I am writing to ask if you could in any way change this check to read payable to the order of the heirs of George Sam or to me as Superintendent, for the heirs of George Sam. If this could be done it would certainly be a most grateful accommodation and saving of expense, inasmuch as the wife and two children who constitute the heirs of George Sam are most urgently in need of every dollar of this money for support purposes.

In the event the case should have to be taken to the Inyo county court and probated, there would be more expense which would reduce the amount of the money which they are in need of.

I am returning the check to you and if there is any way possible that you could change this in the way that I have stated it could then be taken up on our books for the heirs, and when the judge for the service probates the estate of George Sam, the money would then be divided accordingly to the heirs.

Mr. C. A. La Bree

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Walker River Agency.

Should you need any affidavits or proof of the death of George Sam, I could furnish this in most any way desired.

I will appreciate your assistance in this matter and hope that it may be possible for you to make the check payable to either the heirs or myself for them, so that it can be handled.

I will be glad to have your advice in the matter. With regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Ray E. Barrett,
Superintendent

REP:GB
Enc.

Honorable William D. Dehy

Walker River Agency

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The heirs are the wife of George Sam and a son and daughter. These people are in a very needy condition and should have every cent of this money to cover their expenses for support and general living expenses. Therefore I am asking if it would be possible in any way to settle the matter without any special unnecessary expense to the heirs. I am holding the check until I hear from you, and I would appreciate any assistance which you can give us in this matter.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ray H. Parrett,
Superintendent

RRP:CB

Walker River Agency
Schurz, Nevada
May 3, 1930

Honorable William D. Dehy,
Judge, Superior Court,
Independence, California

My dear Mr. Dehy:

I am writing you in the interests of the heirs of George Sam, deceased Indian who formerly lived at Round Valley, Inyo county, but during late years has lived at Schurz, Nevada.

George Sam was found dead on January 4, 1930. An inquest was held and the decision of the jury was that he met his death by being dragged by a horse. The testimony in the case showed that Sam along with another Indian had been drinking and it is believed that while in an intoxicated condition he fell from his horse, his foot hanging in the stirrup, and that he was dragged over rocks and rough ground to his death.

The matter at issue relates to a deposit which George Sam had in the Inyo county Bank when it failed, and on March 10, 1930 the Inyo County Bank in liquidation, paid a fifth dividend of 10% from the Savings Department, on Claim 452, amounting to \$401.11. This is payable to the order of George Sam, but the heirs have not been legally determined, therefore they cannot sign for George Sam.

Sam owned an allotment here on the Walker River reservation and his estate will be probated by the Indian Department, but we are without authority to take any action in connection with the personal account which he had in the Inyo County Bank.

The amount being small, I hope that it might be settled without attorney's fees which would probably take a considerable amount of the check.

BRANCHES:
BIG PINE
INDEPENDENCE
LOVE PINE

CHARLES A. LA BREE
SPECIAL DEPUTY SUPT. OF BANKS

PHONE 5

Inyo County Bank

IN LIQUIDATION
BISHOP, INYO CO., CAL.

May 31, 1930


Ray R. Parrett, Supt.
Indian Field Service,
Walker River Agency,
Schurz, Nevada.

Dear Mr. Parrett:

Mr. Goen was talking to me this morning about the Geo. Sam matter, and from the statement that all that will be necessary is that a notice be given me signed by the widow of the deceased or the proper party that the amount of the cash in bank will not exceed \$1000.00 I think that in order to relieve the financial situation of the family of the deceased that it would be all right at this time for you to have the widow of Geo. Sam sign the name of Geo. Sam as well as her own on the back of the check and put it thru for collection.

According to your letter to Mr. Goen she is badly in need of these funds and as Mr. Goen has promised me to get the necessary affidavit I can see no reason why the above plan could not be carried out at this time.

Very truly yours,


Special Deputy Supt. of Banks

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Encl.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

Walker River Agency
Schurz, Nevada
July 24, 1930

Mr. Russell Foreman
Tonopah, Nevada

Dear Sir:

A controversy over ownership of horses has come up between the heirs of George Sam and Fee Foster, Indians of this reservation.

The latter has informed that you are familiar with the activities of George Sam and Fee Foster when they had these horses at Tonopah for exhibition purposes some years ago and that you know how the division of the money taken in by these two men was divided.

As information on the subject is very vague I would appreciate a line from you regarding the matter if you can give me information on the subject mentioned.

Very truly yours,

Ray P. Perrett
Ray P. Perrett
Superintendent

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Mr Ray P. Perrett
When I first knew of the above horses I understood they belonged to Geo Sam. Fee Foster bought them for \$100 in Tonopah. Fee received all of the money from the Tonopah show. Geo Sam told me Fee gave him ten dollars and said that was all that was left. I don't know what I understood Fee paid the expenses out of the proceeds & gave Sam enough to eat on - yours truly, Russell Foreman.

Walker River Agency
Schurz, Nevada
June 12, 1931

Mr. Frank Bordwell,
Special Deputy Superintendent of Banks,
Bishop, California.

Dear Sir:

I wish to refer to check number 122 payable to the order of George Sam in the amount of \$401.11 on the savings department of the Inyo County Bank in Liquidation and check number 394 payable to the same man for \$91.32 by the commercial department of the same bank. The circumstances relating to George Sam are as follows:

George Sam was an Indian man who died in January 1930. His family reside on the Walker River Indian reservation at Schurz, Nevada. Prior to his death George put this money in the Inyo County Bank as a personal account, and the Government had no jurisdiction over same. On the other hand his property in Schurz, consisting of land, is under the jurisdiction of the Government; and following his death his heirs have been legally determined by the Department of the Interior. His wife, Lucy Sam, inherits 1/3, and the two children, viz: Clyde and Eva Sam, inherit each a 1/3 interest.

Last year a similar circumstance arose as at present. The check was issued payable to the order of George Sam, and we took the matter up with Judge Dehy of the Superior Court of Inyo County, and he replied that according to a State law of California, it would be permissible, with the approval of the banking department, to have the widow endorse the name of George Sam by herself as his widow, providing that the entire estate of funds did not exceed \$1,000. Mr. LaBroe, then in Bishop, approved of this method and the check was endorsed accordingly and used by the family. At that time the heirs had not been determined.

Following the receipt of the two checks mentioned in this letter I wrote Judge Dehy and he has replied that it is his opinion that these dividends could be handled in a similar way as last year and now should be endorsed to the credit of the heirs in accordance with the findings of the Department. If you approve of this method I will handle these funds accordingly.

Very truly yours,

RRF:GA

Ray R. Parrett
Superintendent

FRANK V. BORDWELL
SPECIAL DEPUTY SUPT. OF BANKS

Inyo County Bank

IN LIQUIDATION

BISHOP, INYO COUNTY, CAL.

June 17, 1931


Mr. Ray R. Parrett
Superintendent, United States
Department of the Interior
Office of Indian Affairs, Field Service
Walker River Agency
Schurz, Nevada

Re: Savings Dept. Claim #132, \$4011.11
(Original Amount) and Com'l Dept.
Claim #194, \$313.25 (Original Amount)
George Sam.

Dear Sir:-

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 12, 1931 and have forwarded the same to our attorneys for their instructions as to how they wish the matter handled.

Very truly yours,



Frank V. Bordwell,
Special Deputy Supt. of Banks

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FRANK V. BORDWELL
SPECIAL DEPUTY SUPT. OF BANKS

Inyo County Bank

IN LIQUIDATION

BISHOP, INYO COUNTY, CAL.

June 25, 1931

Mr. Ray R. Farrett, Superintendent
United States Department of the Interior
Office of Indian Affairs, Field Service
Walker River Agency
Schurz, Nevada

Re: Commercial Department Claim #194
Savings Department Claim #122
George Sam

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of June 12, 1931, in the matter of dividends held by you payable to the order of George Sam, I have received a letter from our attorneys who advise me that under Section #1454 under the Code of Civil Procedure the surviving heirs of certain classes may collect deposits in banks providing deposits in all banks in this state do not exceed the sum of \$1000.00. In this case the total deposits exceeded \$4900.00 and the dividends actually paid exceed \$1000.00.

We cannot have the checks honored unless they are endorsed by some person authorized by the Court to endorse the checks and cash the same. In other words our attorneys hold that the law must take its course in the matter of our paying the checks you hold and all future dividend checks issued representing subsequent dividends.

Kindly furnish us with a copy of whatever legal papers are issued authorizing such endorsement and cashing of checks. When everything is in order we shall advise the bank to cash the checks you now hold when presented.

Very truly yours,


Frank V. Bordwell,
Special Deputy Supt. of Banks

FVB:FD

Walker River Agency,
Schurz, Nevada.
July, 8, 1931.

Mr. Frank V. Bordwell,
Special Deputy Supt. of Banks,
Bishop, California.

Dear Mr. Bordwell:

I desire to refer to your letter of June 17, 1931, advising that my letter of June 12, had been referred to your attorneys for instructions as to the procedure to be followed in disposing of the dividend checks now in my possession and payable to George Sam, Deceased Indian of this jurisdiction.

In the way of further information, I desire to advise that the Department of the Interior by Probate Proceedings- "11639-31" signed by Jos. M. Dixon, First Assistant Secretary under date of Mar. 26, 1931, determined the heirs of George Sam, to be as follows:

Lucy Sam, wife-----	1/3
Eva Sam, daughter-----	1/3
Clyde Sam, son-----	1/3

With proper approval by your legal staff; I would like to have the wife endorse the checks for George Sam; what a regret write however, but we would have her endorse same by thumb mark and witnessed by two persons, one of whom would write in the names of George Sam also her name as his widow.

The funds would then be placed to the credit of the heirs given, in their proportionate amounts and an official receipt issued to the bank covering the amounts of the checks.

As the heirs are in need of this money and considerable inquiry is being made by them as to when they can receive same, I would request that the matter be expedited as quickly as possible.

Very truly yours.

Ray R. Parrett,
Superintendent.