

ARTHUR A. DECHAMBEAU

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

AND COUNSEL IN EQUITABLE
MATTERS

BRIDGEPORT, CALIFORNIA

July 29, 1931.

Mr. John Anderson,
Attorney At Law,
U. S. Govt. Agency,
Carson City, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that you were recently interested in the settlement of an estate of a certain Indian, George Sam. That this estate was closed sometime after January 1st. , of this year.

It would seem that the bulk of the estate was some seventeen head of Horses; that these were given to the children, Clyde and Eva Sam. It seems that these horses were on the ranch of another Indian, a P. Foster, and that P. Foster has failed to relinquish possession of these horses at the time that the children sent or went for them.

I am assuming that if this is the true state of the matter and if the children have been decreed the horses and P. Foster has no valid claim to them, then you will be anxious to see to it that they are no longer deprived of their rights.

It is represented to me that the children obtained possession of all but four head of the horses. That P. Foster is now unlawfully withholding possession of these four head. It seems that the children are willing to take a lesser settlement than the entire four head; that rather than have further argument and trouble that they will settle for one horse or \$35.00. That this is the absolute minimum and they feel that they are entitled to the entire four head.

I would be pleased to hear from you as to what you wish to do in the premises, and if we may have any assurance of your office straightening the matter out.

Very truly yours,



ROUND VALLEY INDIAN AGENCY,
COVELO, CALIFORNIA

August 4, 1931.

Arthur A. DeChambeau, Esq.,
Bridgeport,
California.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo with reference to the estate of George Sam, the same having been forwarded to me from my headquarters at Carson City, Nevada.

A hearing was held by me on February 2, 1931, at the Walker River Indian Agency, Schurz, Nevada, in connection with the settlement of the trust estate of George Sam, deceased.

As I recall it there were several head of rodeo horses belonging to George Sam but these animals, however, apparently were not held in trust by the United States Government and I believe there was a bill against them for pasturage which amounted to practically as much as the horses were worth.

As stated above, these animals were not held in trust by the Federal Government and it is my recollection that some agreement was entered into by the heirs as to who should take the horses. The record in this case is on file at the Walker River Agency and it is suggested that you communicate with Superintendent Ray E. Farrett, Schurz, Nevada, who, I am sure, will render you any assistance possible in straightening the matter out.

I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Farrett.

Very truly yours,

John E. Anderson
Examiner of Inheritance.

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ARTHUR A. DECHAMBEAU

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

AND COUNSELOR OF MONROE COUNTY
CALIFORNIA

BRIDGEPORT, CALIFORNIA

August 26, 1931.

Mr. Ray R. Parrett, Supt.,
Walker Indian Agency,
Shurz, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

On August 4th., Mr. John H. Anderson wrote me that he had sent my letter to you relative to the George Sam matter and the horses of that estate that the children Clyde and Eva claim P. Foster is wrongfully withholding from them.

I would be very pleased to know if you received this letter and have the facts of the whole matter given to me as you see them so that I may advise my clients as to the next step.

Very truly yours,

Arthur A. Dechambeau

Walker River Agency,
Schurz, Nevada.
Aug. 20, 1931.

Mr. Arthur A. DeChambeau,
District Attorney-Lone Co.
Bridgeport, California.

Dear Sir:

With reference to yours of August 26, 1931; I would advise that at the time of George Sam's death, there were several horses owned by him, which were classed as Rodco horses and had been taken from place to place by himself and Fee Foster, the latter also owning some horses for the same purpose.

The arrangement which these men had regarding ownership and profits was between themselves, and the horses owned, were personal property and the Government had no jurisdiction over same.

Since the death of George Sam, his heirs have made statements at various times as to certain horses which were the property of George Sam, and they have disagreed with Fee Foster on different occasions as to the number, etc, of these horses belonging to George Sam. They have discussed the matter frequently, and I have understood that they had reached an agreement about ownership, etc. I have also told them that the matter of settlement and agreement was entirely up to them, and that if this could not be reached, they would then have to resort to the Court for a settlement.

Fee Foster has always held out for certain claims of ownership regarding the horses; and if these people are still undecided in the matter, the only solution that I know of ~~is~~, is for them to go into Court and air their claims and have the Court settle it.

Very truly yours.

Ray R. Parrett,
Superintendent.

Walker River Agency,
Schurz, Nevada,
Sept. 9, 1931.

Bishop Branch
Bank of America,
Bishop, California.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the following checks and papers properly endorsed, for which please send a cashiers check payable to Ray R. Parrett, Supt. Walker River Agency.

Enclosed:

Ch. No. 394, dated 5/5/31, drawn against Bishop Branch, Bank of America, signed by Frank V. Bortwell, amount	\$91.52
Ch. No. 122, dated 5/5/31, same as above -	<u>401.11</u>
	\$492.45

Official Receipt No. 65882, signed by Ray R. Parrett,
Disbursing Officer, dated 9/8/31.

Certified copy of Order Determining Heirs,
Probate - Estate George Sam. 11639-31.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge.

In the Southern Division of the United States District Court for
the Northern District of California

In the Matter of :
W. W. Watterson : No. 16818
CONSOLIDATED WITH
M. C. Watterson : No. 16819
Bankrupt

To the Creditors: Take notice, that A. W. Higgins, trustee of the estate above named bankrupt, has filed herein his third and final account, and that at the Office of the undersigned, Room 403 Mills Building, San Francisco, California, on March 22, 1933, at 2 P. M., which day and hour are hereby fixed for a meeting of creditors of said bankrupt, said account will be examined and passed upon, and a dividend declared on all allowed claims on file herein, except such that are secured or have priority. Further take notice, that R. C. Hunt, attorney for said trustee, who heretofore has been allowed the sum of \$6,000.00 on account, has petitioned for an additional allowance of \$750.00 for ordinary services, and \$900.00 for extraordinary services rendered to said trustee, and that said trustee has petitioned for an allowance of \$100.00 balance of his commissions. The amounts so claimed as counsel fees are not necessarily the sums that will be allowed therefor. The co-operation of all creditors in determining these, and all other administrative expenses, is especially invited. Said applications will be heard at the time and place aforesaid.

Dated: March 10, 1933.

A. B. KREFT
Referee in Bankruptcy.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MONO COUNTY

ARTHUR A. DE CHAMBEAU
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BRIDGEPORT, CALIFORNIA
June 13, 1935

NOTARY PUBLIC



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

Dear Mr. Parrett:

The heirs of an Indian by the name of Big Sam claim that he had about 160 acres of land situated near the Farrington Ranch in Mono Basin. Should the deceased have had any interest in this land it might be quite valuable because the City of Los Angeles are definitely interested in lands in that vicinity.

Will you please let me know if you have any information about this land?

Very truly yours,

Arthur A. De Chambeau

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Walker River Agency
Schurz, Nevada
July 6, 1935

Arthur A. De Chambeau
District Attorney, Mono County
Bridgeport, California

Dear Mr. De Chambeau:

With reference to your letter of June 13, 1935 relative to an Indian by the name of Big Sam whom you say had about 160 acres of land situated near the Farrington Ranch in Mono Basin, I am wondering if probably this does not refer to Indian George Sam who had 161.19 acres located adjoining to and just west of the Farrington ranch. George Sam was granted a patent in fee to this land in 1925 and later sold same, it was understood, to the King ranch, the land being between the two. George Sam handled his own sale transaction. He later purchased some trust land on the Walker River reservation. He died on January 4, 1930 and his heirs as determined by the Department of the Interior are as follows:

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

At the time the banks closed at Bishop some years ago, George had a deposit in the Inyo County Bank. This Bank has later paid some dividends to the heirs. This is practically all the information I can give in connection with the matter and since he had previously disposed of the land, no claim could now be brought up by the heirs for interest therein, the sale having been made by him during his lifetime.

Very truly yours,

Ray H. Parrett
Superintendent

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MONO COUNTY

ARTHUR A. DE CHAMBEAU
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BRIDGEPORT, CALIFORNIA
July 11, 1935

NOTARY PUBLIC



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

Dear Mr. Parrett:

I have your letter of July 6th concerning the Estate of Big Sam and I gather that you have no record of any property that the heirs may have any interest in at this time.

I appreciate very much the service you have rendered me in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Arthur A. De Chambeau

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