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Dear J.

Dear J.
As I was appointed one of
the Trustees here at the Indian
Catholic Indian School by Father Ketchum
when the church was first built.
Now there is no school or church here now.
There has been some people asking me about
it, as I live close to the place I will do
all I can to help you with it.
What is your price please write me
on the 10th? S. J. Osborn

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COPY FOR: *Bureau*

Baxter Springs, Kansas.
February 19, 1929.

Rev. William Hughes,
2021 H St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Father:

As I was appointed one of the Trustees here at the Quapaw Catholic Indian School by Father Kethen when the church was first built.

Now there is no school or church here now. There has been some people asking me about it as I live close to the place. I will do all I can to help you with it.

What is your price on the 40? Please write me and

Oblige,

(Signed)

J. J. Osborn
R. F. D. 2,
Baxter Springs, Kansas.

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March 1, 1929.

Mr. J. J. Osborn,
R.2,
Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Osborn:

I have your letter of February 19. I am writing to a gentleman in Miami asking him to conduct any business concerning the sale of the mission property at St. Mary's, Quapaw. I hope he will consent. He may get in touch with you direct. I have given him your address.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR

March 1, 1929.

E. C. Fitzgerald, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Miami, Okla.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I wish I could stop bothering you about the mission property at St. Mary's, Quepas.

May I refer to you inquiries as to the purchase of this property? I have an inquiry from Mr. J. J. Osborn of Baxter Springs. I enclose copy of his letter. I would like to refer him to you. His appointment as trustee was, I understand, a mere formality. This Bureau has exclusive disposal of the property.

I assume that three acres is sufficient to reserve for cemetery. That leaves 37 acres. I do not know what approach by road there is to the three acres.

I am sure that Father Greivenkamp will not be offended if you and I can accomplish anything. I am sending him copy of this letter.

I would expect you to treat this as a business matter. Your services are especially valuable to this Bureau.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Wm. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR
I enclose copy of the patent. I have the original. Father Greivenkamp reports that this property is exempt from taxation.

E. C. FITZGERALD
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MIAMI, OKLAHOMA

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Right Reverend William Hughes,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H.St. N.W. Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

I received your letter of March 1st. You can refer Mr. Osborn or any other person who is thinking of buying the church forty to me and I will try to make as good a deal as possible with them and wire you the result.

Of course Mr. Osborn has no interest in this forty as you state in your letter; the Trustee business was merely a matter of convenience for church purposes.

If I can be of any assistance to you I will be glad to do so.

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

ECF-C

E. C. Fitzgerald

Copy for Bureau file.

Box 62.
Venice, Calif.
June 10, 1929.

Mr. E. C. Fitzgerald,
Attorney at Law,
Miami, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I am taking the liberty of bothering you with another matter concerning the old St. Mary's Mission property. I enclose copy of my letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of today. It authorizes the Quapaw Indians to remove the frame building.

If you find it necessary to employ someone to watch out for our interest, I will be glad to pay the necessary expense. Our representative should remove any contents if worthwhile, placing them in the remaining building. The U. S. superintendent might be so kind as to save us any expense. He will have some one direct the Indians.

I hope to get the authority to sell the land from my Board at the November meeting.

Thanking you for ^{this} further kindness, I remain

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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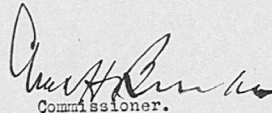
JUN 21 1929

My dear Monsignor Hughes:

There is inclosed herewith correspondence pertaining to the transfer of a certain building formerly used at the old Quapaw boarding school to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions by the Tribal Council. You will note the Indians now desire this building revert back to them, as the Catholic school has been abolished and the building is not now in use.

Will you kindly make a search of your files and furnish this Office with any information you may have pertaining to the matter, along with any suggestions you may have to offer, and return the inclosure.

Sincerely yours,


Commissioner.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

COPY.

(ENCLOSURE)

QUAPAW INDIAN RESERVATION, OKLAHOMA.
Quapaw, May 6, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

For a great number of years there was established on the Quapaw Indian Reservation a United States Indian Boarding School, which was abolished about the year 1900. After the School was abolished the buildings, which were located on Quapaw tribal lands, were turned over by the Government to our tribe.

By permission of the tribe one of the buildings was a year or so later moved to the 40-acres tract set aside for and used by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, and said building has since been used and occupied by said denomination for school purposes, until about a year or so ago when such Catholic school was discontinued, and the building referred to is not now in use.

It is our understanding that when our Tribe, through its (then) Chiefs and Council authorized the removal of said building to the Catholic school, it was generally understood by both parties concerned that whenever the said Catholic school should be abolished and the use of said building not needed any longer, that it should revert to our tribe.

Under the circumstances as stated above we now request that you make formal demand upon the proper authorities of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions to permit us to again remove said building to such place as we may decide upon within our reservation, same to be used for tribal purposes.

It is proper to state that the building is quite old and not very valuable, is a frame structure of one story, about 80 feet long and 30 feet wide, and can be used by us for tribal and council meetings to good advantage.

It might also be stated that in as much as the said 40-acres tract now occupied by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions was originally tribal land of the Quapaw, donated by us for school and mission purposes without charge, it would seem that our request is not unreasonable.

Please take this matter up with the proper officials of the Catholic Church to the end that the said building may be returned to us.

Very respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) Victor W. Griffin
Chief.

(Sgd.) Alex. Beaver
Second Chief

(Sgd.) Charles Goodeagle
1st Councillor

(Sgd.) Levi Goodeagle
2nd Councillor

(Sgd.) Paul Goodeagle
3rd Councillor

Attest:

(Sgd.) Charles Goodeagle
Interpreter-Secretary.

(Sgd.) Arthur Buffalo
4th Councillor

COPY FOR: Father Hughes.

June 25, 1929.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington,
D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

I have your letter of June 21, together with the inclosure.

Before leaving for a visitation to the southwest missions, Father Hughes has directed me to write you on such matters.

In looking over the correspondence, I find that a patent was issued, June 15, 1908, granting to this Bureau forty acres of land; to have and to hold the same, together with all appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging.

I find no other correspondence which would controvert this patent.

The buildings referred to in the petition that you enclosed, was upon the land before and at the time the patent was issued. We have, since the issuance of the patent, exercised free use and ownership as patentees under the patent of June 15, 1908.

I am returning herewith the petition. Enclosed is a copy of the patent of June 15, 1908 issued to this Bureau.

Yours very truly,

Eugene J. Welch,
Acting Secretary.

EW:MW

Copy for Bureau file

Box 62
Venice, Calif.,
July 16, 1929.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Your letter of June 21, 1929, A-S 29843-29, has been referred to me by Mr. Eugene J. Welch, Acting Secretary of this Bureau. Mr. Welch replied June 25.

This Bureau would be willing to permit the removal of the one story frame building about 20x30 feet for which the Indians ask under date of May 6 in a letter addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The removal would have to be made on the following conditions: first, that it be without expense to this Bureau; secondly, that it be limited to that building; thirdly, that it does not include any valuable contents not belonging to the building; and, fourthly, that it be done under the supervision of the local superintendent or other person agreed on between the superintendent and Mr. E. C. Fitzgerald, Attorney of Miami, Oklahoma.

I am sending copy of this letter to Mr. Fitzgerald for his information and action.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

E. C. FITZGERALD
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MIAMI, OKLAHOMA

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Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes, Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

I received your letter of July 10th and I have arranged with the Superintendent of the Indian Agency here for their field man to look after the matter of preserving the interests of the Bureau when the building is moved.

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

ECF-C

E. C. Fitzgerald

E. C. FITZGERALD
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MIAMI, OKLAHOMA

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes, Director
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
2031 H. St. N.W. Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

I wish you would please give me a price upon the Church forty as I have inquiries from time to time for the price upon it and there was a party in the office the other day. He would not make me an offer but asked me to write and get a price upon it.

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

ECF-C

E. C. Fitzgerald

Copy for Bureau.

Venice, Calif.,
August 24, 1929.

E. C. Fitzgerald, Esq.,
Miami, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I have your letter of August 12. I have to write the Washington office to get a line on the price offered by a neighbor. I will let you know as soon as I hear.

Thanking you for your continued interest, I remain

Yours in Christ,

WH/MCS

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

"Quapaw property"

November 22, 1929.

Copy to Msgr. Linn

E. C. Fitzgerald, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Miami, Okla.

22 1929 JK

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

On August 12 you asked me to give you a price on the Church 40 because there was a party who wished to know it. I have been hoping to talk the whole matter of sale over with Cardinal Dougherty, our President. I felt a letter to him was not satisfactory. But I have not found the chance to see him and discuss it. Meantime the Cardinal has gone to Rome and will not be back until after the New Year.

If you get an offer, please let me know.

What do you think the 40 is worth? Or rather the 37 acres? It will be necessary to hold three acres for cemetery purposes. That is Father Greivenkamp's estimate. I understand there are bodies buried there. Do the buildings add to the value? If so, how much? They could be wrecked by the purchaser for the materials.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR

E. C. FITZGERALD
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MIAMI, OKLAHOMA

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Right Reverend William Hughes,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H.St. N.W. Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

I received your letter of November 22nd and note what you say about the President of the organization being absent from the United States.

I have never received any direct offer on this forty acres or rather thirty seven acres. People just come in and inquire what we want for it but won't make any offer. I am afraid the buildings add but little to the value. The large building is made out of concrete blocks. I sent a man up to look at the building with the idea of wrecking it but we found that the blocks were laid in cement and for this reason it would be almost impossible to tear down the building and have much salvage. If the blocks had been laid in mortar we could have salvaged considerable out of the building. The other buildings do not have very much value. If I can find any one who will make us an offer I will immediately communicate the offer to you.

I beg to remain,

ECF-C

Very truly yours,

