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Dear Sirs:

In reply to your letter of April 20, 1949 concerning mining claim Grubstake, the records at the Josephine County Clerk's Office at Grants Pass show that the assessment work on Grubstake claim is filed for 1945 and 1948, but not for years between 1945 and 1948.

This office does not keep the records of claims, but only records of mines and prospects that have produced in the past or are producing now. The County Clerk's Office keeps the legal records on claims and the proof of labor on claims. For more detailed information apply to that office, please.

As a result of some brief work on my part at above mentioned office, the claims "Aunex" and "Grubstake" do not appear to be the same, but may overlap in part.

Description of "Aunex" is:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 36, T. 36s., R 8w., Josephine County --  
--NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot 10.

Description of "Grubstake" according to an amended location of 1934 is:

N $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 10 and E $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 36, T 34S; R 8w.

The location of the claim "Grubstake" was originally filed in 1928 by O'Connor, and several amendments to the location have been recorded since. According to a quit claim deed, Mrs. Otis obtained possession of "Annex", but the name Aunex is not mentioned. The description of the location of

Aunex is mentioned in this deed, however.

The search of the records that I made was hurried and brief, so it should be necessary for a lawyer or abstractor to solve the mystery more accurately.

Sincerely yours,

David White  
Geologist

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The Mining Engineer, representing  
The State of Oregon,  
Grants Pass, Oregon

Dear Sir:

In behalf of Mrs. Margaret Otis, of 512 South 5th Street, Grants Pass, Oregon, I desire the following information, and enclose herewith "Notice of Location of Placer Mining Claim" by Frank West, indicating located by Frank West, January 12, 1945.

On same sheet appears another location signed Margaret Otis by Frank West - "For Margaret Otis of 780 South 6th Street (am satisfied should show) Grants Pass, Oregon, of an undivided interest in an unpatented mining claim in Josephine County in Galice unorganized mining district, described "Grubstake" Book 42 Page 371, signed Margaret Otis, by Frank West.

Now Mrs. Otis recently called in regard to above, and she thought that the Grubstake mining claim was located upon the land described in the "top" notice.

Would like to know if she is correct in such assumption?

Also, would like to know if the assessment work has been kept up. If so, by whom?

Also, has her one half interest been protected? By assessment work being kept up, that is if your records indicate same.

Has she any interest in the claim as shown by your records? If not, in whose name does ownership of "Grubstake" or first rights therein appear.

Please advise me of what your charges will be for this information. If necessary, kindly phone Mrs. Otis. Mrs. Otis phone number is 2247.

Respectfully,

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