

AFFIDAVIT OF WELL OWNERSHIP

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ADDRESS 149 A&B NM 503, SANTA FE, NM 87506 (PREVIOUS ADDRESS 147 A&B)

Whereas, My name is Pedro Nolasco Romero, I am 70 years old and my birthday is August 29, 1946;
Whereas, My residence has been in Nambe, New Mexico for my entire life in the vicinity of the property at 149 NM 503, Santa Fe, NM 87506 and that my family has resided in the Nambe River Valley since the sixteenth century.
Whereas, I worked on the ditch since I was a boy and have been a Parciente of the Acequia del Cano and an active participant in the Acequia del Cano Association and served as the Mayordomo for said Acequia for many years and that as part of my association and duties I personally knew and interacted with all of the various Parcientes over time and through various changes in property ownership during that time;
Whereas, I have an excellent understanding of the circumstances and detailed recall of my neighborhood, the Acequia and its Parcientes, neighbors and residents along the Acequia and events in my life;
Whereas, I am of sound mind and am known by my family members, my friends and my neighbors to be a person of integrity and as having an excellent memory for events and details;
Whereas, I remember well Douglass V. Kennedy and his wife living at 147 and 149 NM 503, Santa Fe, NM 87506 in the early 1950's;
Whereas, I was employed by Douglass V. Kennedy when I was 10 years old to help mix concrete and lay flagstone on his property;

My grandfather, Atenacio Romero, purchased the property which now lies between and around Callejón de Atanacio and Sonrisa del Cielo north of NM 503. He purchased all of the land except for the hill along Callejón de Atanacio because it couldn't be irrigated. His cousin, Liberato Romero owned the property that is now 149 A&B, NM 503, Santa Fe, NM 87506. I grew up in my father's house "behind the hill" on Callejón de Atanacio. To the best of my knowledge, the property at 149 NM 503 transferred ownership to Avelino Romero, Liberato's son, and then to successive owners Charles and Elizabeth Johnstone (who called it Alahán), Willard Bond and then to Douglass Kennedy. When I was young, Mr. Kennedy had lived for a long time in a house on the property at 147 NM 503, directly north of 149 and the highway and Willard Bond owned all the property that is now 147 and 149 NM 503. The Kennedys rented from Willard Bond and in the early 1950's, Mr. Bond sold the front property (149 NM 503) to the Kennedys.

I remember the house at 149 NM 503 very well. I was just a long, adobe rectangle at that time and the additions were added later. Before the Kennedys bought it, the house at 149 NM 503 stood empty for many years. From things that I remember my parents and my grandparents saying, the house was originally built by Liberato and had a well. When the Kennedys bought the house they had the Rivera brothers, Gavino and Sóstenes, make additions to the rectangular house. My grandfather, Atenacio made and laid adobes for the main house at 147 NM 503. Mr. Bond sold that property to Jack Blum in the early 1970's.

When I was around eight years old until I was eleven, I used to go around to the neighbor's houses and ask if they had any chores or work that I could do. I would get twenty-five cents per hour and was happy to do my part to help my family. When I was around ten years old, in the year 1955 or 1956, I was hired along with other workers by Mr. Kennedy to help mix concrete and lay flagstone walkways, stairs and a patio at the property located at 149 NM 503. It was Toby Martinez who did the landscaping, sidewalks and steps at the house. One of my primary jobs was to mix concrete and to clean up the buckets and tools. I did this using water from a hose so it may have been right around the time the Kennedy's had a new well dug. But I have a clear, visual memory of seeing the old well on the north side of the house. I remember it because it was like the well we had at my family home and it looked like what you might call a "wishing well" with a framed roof and a beam with the ropes and pulley still attached. I do not know if the Kennedy's were still using the well but it was still had its ropes and bucket.

When I was young, most homes had hand dug wells like the one at my family's home and the Kennedys. Before that, people used to carry water from the river using a pole over their shoulders with canvas bags at each end. But I remember mostly that we used well water.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, Pedro Nolasco Romero, affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Pedro Nolasco Romero

NOTARY

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 4 day of November, A.D. 2016, by Pedro Nolasco Romero.

My commission expires 1-23-19

