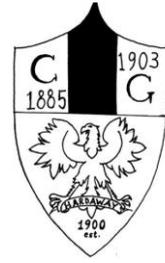


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Dear Green Hardaway Estate Heir,

I hope this holiday season finds you in good health and will be one rich in blessings. I want to be sure you are aware of happenings with the oil and gas boom of Gonzales County, Texas as it relates to the Green Hardaway Estate of which you are an immediate heir. You may or may not know that the Green Hardaway Estate in Waelder, Gonzales County, Texas, was propositioned for an oil and gas lease earlier this month by petroleum landman Stacy Barletta of Griffith Land Services Inc. for an oil and gas lease on the 103-acre Hardaway Estate. Barletta is representing Argent Energy Trust (also known as Denali Oil & Gas) and is currently operating in the immediate vicinity of the Green Hardaway Estate. With the potential of such an exciting opportunity, I want to be certain that you have all the information possible in order to make an informed decision on any oil and gas lease prospect, and to emphasize that you *have* options and should remain patient and business conscious.

Please allow me to continue with a few facts to remind you of the life of Green Hardaway as it pertains to his estate.

Green Hardaway married to Eliza Cline on November 27, 1885 in Gonzales County, Texas. According to records housed at the Dolph Briscoe Center of American History (Austin, Texas) and part of the personal papers belonging to Ezekiel Wesley Walker, Eliza Hardaway died on July 5, 1901 in Gonzales County, Texas. Walker states it was “a pretty day, very hot, the hottest part of the season, some thunder heads in the S.E., Green Hardaway's wife died.” She died intestate, leaving no last will and testament on record.

Green Hardaway remarried to Josephine Greenwood on January 22, 1903 in Flatonia, Fayette County, Texas. According to her death certificate, Josephine was about the age of 45 when she died on April 16, 1926 in Gonzales County, Texas. She died, intestate leaving no last will and testament.

According to his death certificate, Green Hardaway was born in Louisiana on February 10, 1858 to Adams Hardaway and Pleasant Morgan, and died in Gonzales County, Texas on November 18, 1939. He died intestate, leaving no last will and testament.

Without dragging you through the rigmarole of the buying and selling off of Green Hardaway's property, the tax records state that the current acreage stands at 103-acres, from its original 161 acres.

According to the Laws of Descent and Distribution in the State of Texas, because Green Hardaway was married to Eliza Cline, the land was community property. So that Green's $\frac{1}{2}$ mineral interest would be passed to ALL of his children and Eliza's $\frac{1}{2}$ mineral interest would be passed ONLY to the eight (8) children she mothered; namely Rosa Lee (nee Hardaway) Page, Radie (nee Hardaway) Parson, Semon Hardaway Sr., Nancy A. Hardaway, Clarence Hardaway, Roberta (nee Hardaway) Lewis, Henry Green Hardaway and Robert A. Hardaway Sr.

The same logic applies in Green's marriage to Josephine. Because Josephine died intestate leaving no last will and testament and the land was community property, Josephine's $\frac{1}{4}$ mineral interest (if one follows the Laws of Descent and Distribution of the State of Texas) would be passed ONLY to the thirteen (13) children she mothered; namely Louis Hardaway, Myrtle (nee Hardaway) Simms, Willie Douglas Hardaway Sr., Rudolph Hardaway, Rodger Maze Hardaway, Mary (nee Hardaway) Ricks), Sallie J. (nee Hardaway) Johnson, Izola (nee Hardaway) DeWitt, Marion King Hardaway, Earkle (nee Hardaway) Harris, Quinton Ben Hardaway Sr., Clyde J. Hardaway Sr. and Eola (nee Hardaway) Tyus.

Please be advised that six (6) of Green Hardaway's twenty-one (21) legitimate children did not have children of their own.

As you might see, there is a lot of legality and confusing math in reaching the total percentage of each of the eldest living heirs' stake in the Green Hardaway Estate. My uncle, Quinton Ben Hardaway Jr. is already set to take

on an attorney on his own behalf so that he may have a better legal understanding of this proposed energy lease by Argent Energy Trust. If you are petitioned, you are advised to do the same.

Essentially, this is a call to arms. What must be ascertained is what the appropriate amount the Hardaway land should be leased for if it is to be leased. That will take your patience and input. Do not lose heart here. You may be able to find an attorney who will work on consignment and if you cannot, reach out and ask a family member. There is help. The oil boom is not estimated to dry up any time soon—especially not in Gonzales County—it has only just begun.

At this time, it is very important that if you are propositioned by Argent Energy Trust, or any energy company for that matter, who seeks to lease your share in the undivided interest of the Green Hardaway Estate that you immediately seek good legal counsel.

Keep in mind that these energy companies will never give you the best option. They are a business. You, as an heir, have every right to seek more and also refuse any offer you feel is inadequate. Research in the area and across the South Texas region suggests that Argent Energy Trust is advertising near base minimum starting bonuses compared to that of other energy companies.

Further, through my own research, Argent Energy Trust is not providing the Hardaway heirs with their best offer. There are multiple forums which show that other energy companies close to the same area are advertising more competitive starting bonuses in the thousands of dollars per acre, in contrast to Argent Energy Trust's \$250 dollar starting bonus offer. This starting bonus is generally only collected one time at the beginning of the lease and there is no guarantee that a well will be drilled on the property or produced from within at all. After much questioning, Barletta told me that the Hardaway Estate as a drilling site was not likely; that if it ever produced, it would come from horizontal drilling.

To my knowledge, seismic tests must be done on the property to estimate the likelihood of oil or gas. It is a lottery. \$250 in my estimation is not worthwhile for the benefit of heirs—not when other properties are getting

more in the way of starting bonuses and the guarantee that wells *will* be drilled.

If you have further questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact Quinton Ben "Bubba Jr." Hardaway @ 210-887-5901 or myself @ 646-619-7924. Please leave a voice mail so we might return your call expeditiously.

Finally, it is an important time to consider working as a large family-unit for the best opportunity in this exciting time in Gonzales County. As we move forward and are petitioned for leases, please seek counsel and never sign the first lease because you see dollar signs. Exercising prudence and good business habits will see that you are getting the most for your interest in the Green Hardaway Estate.

Best Regards,

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