

SEA SCOUT SHIP 912

SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

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Excerpt from Lawrence (Larry) Englebert Die Polder's Will, page 6 ...

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I hereby devise all the land which I own in the following sections of Hernando County, Florida, to-wit: Section 31 and 32, Township 22 South, Range 18 East, and Sections 5 and 6, Township 23 South, Range 18 East to the Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc. and the Pinellas Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc. to be held by said Council in trust for the use and benefit of those organizations. It being specifically understood that this Property shall never be sold by said devisees and shall be used in connection with the Boy Scout programs only. The land must never be used in any way that can be deemed commercial nor sold or disposed of in any way, shape, or form. It is my desire and my intent that said property shall be used so that the Boy Scouts will have a place sufficiently large enough to enjoy the great outdoors and the beauty and benefit of nature.

Namely, these key words, phrases, and sentences concerning "Larry's Property" and "Larry's Desire/Intent" endure repeating:

"It being **SPECIFICALLY UNDERSTOOD** that this **PROPERTY SHALL NEVER BE SOLD** by said devisees and **SHALL BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOY SCOUT PROGRAMS ONLY**. The land **MUST NEVER BE USED** in any way that can be **DEEMED COMMERCIAL NOR SOLD OR DISPOSED OF IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM**.

It is **MY DESIRE AND MY INTENT** that **SAID PROPERTY SHALL BE USED SO THAT THE BOY SCOUTS WILL HAVE A PLACE SUFFICIENTLY LARGE ENOUGH TO ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND THE BEAUTY AND BENEFIT OF NATURE**.

S.S.S. Ballyhoo



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While we may never know with 100% certainty the reason for the words engraved into the granite slab covering Larry Die Polder's grave, we can certainly see a preponderance of his words indicating multiple times "...*this Property shall never be sold...*" or "...*disposed of...*" by any means. Larry's insistent wording like, "...*desire...*" and "...*intend...*" tip the preponderance balance beyond a reasonable doubt that "...*this Property...*" must remain "...*sufficiently large enough...*" for the "...*beauty and benefit of nature...*".

- Larry was clearly a pioneering, 20th Century "ENGINEER", long before it required a college degree to lay claim to the title.
- Larry through his property acquisitions was certainly a "RANCHER", noting the Sandy Hills Ranch was a functioning cattle ranch in its days.
- With his first arrival to Florida circa 1920 and his death circa 1978; the massive development within Pinellas County where his business was located and northward sprawl of land-developers to the back door of his Hernando County ranch, these observations focused and concentrated his passions as a "CONSERVATIONIST". His written words for the Sandy Hills Ranch to *remain sufficiently large enough for the beauty and benefit of nature...* memorializes Larry's intents and desires.
- Larry Die Polder, the "HUMANITARIAN" recognized a person's righteous connection to the Earth. His bequeath of the Sandy Hills Ranch to the Boy Scouts recognized the points in their SCOUT LAW to be TRUSTWORTHY (to preserve the total property) and LOYAL (to deliver his desire and intent)...allowing that he could rest eternally knowing boys of untold numbers could *enjoy the great outdoors*.



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