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Attorney for [REDACTED], Petitioner

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NORTH DISTRICT

In re
Estate of [REDACTED]
Decedent.

CASE NO.
DECLARATION OF MARY RITCH

I, Mary Ritch, declare and state:

1. I am over the age of 18 and employed as a paralegal in the law offices of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] counsel for the Petitioner herein. The facts stated herein are true of my own personal knowledge, except those facts which are stated on information and belief, and as to those facts, I believe them to be true. If called as a witness, I could competently testify thereto.

2. One of my job functions is to track down debtors for the purpose of suit and levy. I am very skilled at finding persons. [REDACTED] has state of the art collection software and I used this software in the searches I performed for the relatives of [REDACTED]. The only information I was provided on [REDACTED] was his date of birth, death and social security number. Additionally, I had the names of his parents and his second wife, [REDACTED]. Also I was given the names of his children, [REDACTED], but was not given any approximate ages, birth dates, or locations of his children.

3. In an attempt to locate living relatives, and perhaps siblings of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I performed an Accurant search on him. Accurant is a subscription-only skiptracing database. Accurant includes databases for real and personal property indexes in the recorder's and assessor's offices for all counties in all states of the United States, as well as court records, driver license

1 records, death records, employment records, and business records. Accurint is a state-of-the-art
2 skiptracing search engine which draws its information from various public and private databases,
3 including credit reporting agencies. In my experience, Accurint is the best skip-tracing database I
4 have found.

5 4. Because [REDACTED] died in 1977, there was no detailed information on him. Accurint
6 does not have good records from more than twenty years ago. The only useful information I
7 obtained was the fact that his Social Security Number was issued in Illinois before 1951, which
8 may provide some information on where he was living at the time his children were born. I also
9 searched for his father, [REDACTED], who died in 1971, and found no useful
10 information.

11 5. I searched the Social Security Death index and found [REDACTED]'s exact
12 date of birth, death and social security number. I searched the California Death Index and found
13 that [REDACTED]'s birthplace was Illinois. I searched the California Death Index and
14 found the dates of birth and death of [REDACTED]'s parents, [REDACTED] and
15 [REDACTED]. I have ordered copies of the death certificates of all three from the State of
16 California, Los Angeles County, in an attempt to locate next of kin who may be listed on the death
17 certificates. It will take approximately a week to ten days to obtain this information. I expect to
18 obtain this information by the end of March.

19 6. I searched the California Birth Index for any [REDACTED] children born in Los Angeles
20 County in the late 1940s through early 1950s. I found some children, but they turned out to be the
21 children of [REDACTED], who was roughly the same age as [REDACTED].
22 [REDACTED] and lived in Lancaster, California. I believe [REDACTED] may be a possible
23 sibling of [REDACTED] but have not been able to confirm this yet.

24 7. I searched the California Death Index for female [REDACTED] of the right age to be
25 [REDACTED]'s first wife. I found one, [REDACTED], but after ordering her obituary
26 have determined that she was the wife of [REDACTED] listed above.

27 8. I searched the Palmdale Library obituary index for [REDACTED] and found only
28 [REDACTED] listed above.

1 9. I searched Legacy.com for obituaries for [REDACTED] and found only [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] listed above.

3 10. I searched the Ancestry.com obituary database and found no useful obituaries.

4 11. I was given information that [REDACTED] had had a first wife with whom he
5 had children and was divorced long ago. I did not have the date of the divorce, but through a
6 search on Ancestry.com, I determined that [REDACTED] was married to [REDACTED] in
7 Clark Co., Nevada on May [REDACTED] 1964, so his divorce had to have been in the decade before then. I
8 suspect that [REDACTED] married his first wife in the late 1940s or early 1950s, since he
9 would have turned twenty years old during the height of World War II and probably would not
10 have married until he returned from the war in 1945.

11 12. I searched the marriage/divorce database on Accurint and found no useful
12 information. Again, the information on Accurint only goes back about twenty years or so. I
13 ordered any divorce records listing [REDACTED] from the Los Angeles County Superior
14 Court archives. It will take approximately a week to ten days to get this information. I do not
15 know the name of [REDACTED]'s first wife, but when I receive the divorce case number, I
16 will be able to order the case file, which will contain information about his wife and any minor
17 children he may have had at the time of the divorce.

18 13. I ran an Accurint search on [REDACTED]'s second wife,
19 and found no useful information.

20 14. I ran an Accurint search on [REDACTED]'s mother, and
21 found no useful information.

22 15. I have ordered copies of the probate case file for the Estate of [REDACTED]
23 Case No. [REDACTED] Superior Court of Los Angeles County, California, filed in 1973 and settled in
24 1974. I have not yet received these documents. I expect to obtain this information by the end of
25 March. Once I obtain these, they may provide useful information on her children and
26 grandchildren (i.e., [REDACTED]'s siblings and children).

27 16. I performed census records searches on Ancestry.com for [REDACTED]'s
28 parents, and discovered that they were long-time residents of Chicago in the early part of the 20th

1 century. I have found them on the 1900 and 1920 Federal Censuses for Cook County, Illinois, and
2 have found a WWI draft registration for [REDACTED] listing a Chicago address. I have
3 not been able to find [REDACTED] on the 1930 census. Once I find the 1930 census, I
4 will be able to confirm any siblings that [REDACTED] may have had at the time. I have
5 also requested a birth certificate from Cook County, Illinois for [REDACTED] which may
6 yield useful information. I expect to obtain this information by the end of March.

7 17. I researched the property deed and tax records for the property belonging to [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED] at the time of his death, and found no useful information. I discovered this property
9 was first purchased by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in 1947. I ordered the deeds
10 and chain of title to find out any information on the name of [REDACTED] first wife
11 who may at some point have been on title. I was unable to find any useful information.

12 18. I have ordered a birth certificate search on [REDACTED]'s children from
13 Chicago, Cook County, Illinois and expect to receive a response within a week to ten days. I have
14 requested copies of birth certificates of any "[REDACTED]" and "[REDACTED]" born in
15 Chicago in the late 1940s or early 1950s. I expect to obtain this information by the end of March.

16 19. I searched the WWII enlistment records on Ancestry.com for [REDACTED]
17 and found no useful information.

18 20. Since the name [REDACTED] is such a distinctive name, I searched the U.S.
19 Public Records Index and the U.S. Phone and Address Directories 1993-2002 and found two: one
20 is our [REDACTED] (the one in Pearblossom) and one is a 62-year old living in a suburb of Chicago
21 (Bolingbrook). As of 2002, he was living at [REDACTED] North Pinecrest Rd., Bolingbrook, IL, phone
22 number [REDACTED]. I have not yet researched him on Accurint.

23 21. I searched the same directories in the State of Illinois for a [REDACTED]
24 around the same age plus or minus five years, and found nothing. I found a 56-year-old [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] (b. 6/[REDACTED]/1950) in neighboring Michigan. The middle name is a clue - "[REDACTED]"
26 seems to recur in this family. He was living at [REDACTED] Karlin Rd., Interlochen, MI. I have not yet
27 researched him on Accurint.

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22. I have contacted our client, [REDACTED] the stepson of [REDACTED],
for additional information and was informed by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had two sons: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He saw [REDACTED] his stepfather's funeral in 1977. He doesn't
remember the name of the funeral home, only that it was in Palmdale. He thinks [REDACTED] was
married but doesn't remember the name. Knows nothing about [REDACTED] He said he had heard that
[REDACTED] had contacted an attorney after his stepfather's death to see what his rights were.
Doesn't know who the attorney was. Remembers that [REDACTED]'s first wife divorced and moved
back to Chicago. [REDACTED] never paid child support or kept in touch with his kids. As far as he
knows, [REDACTED]'s kids grew up in Chicago. He doesn't have any obituaries or death certificates
for anyone.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
foregoing is true and correct.

Executed 3/21/07 at Palmdale, California.

Mary Ritch
Mary Ritch

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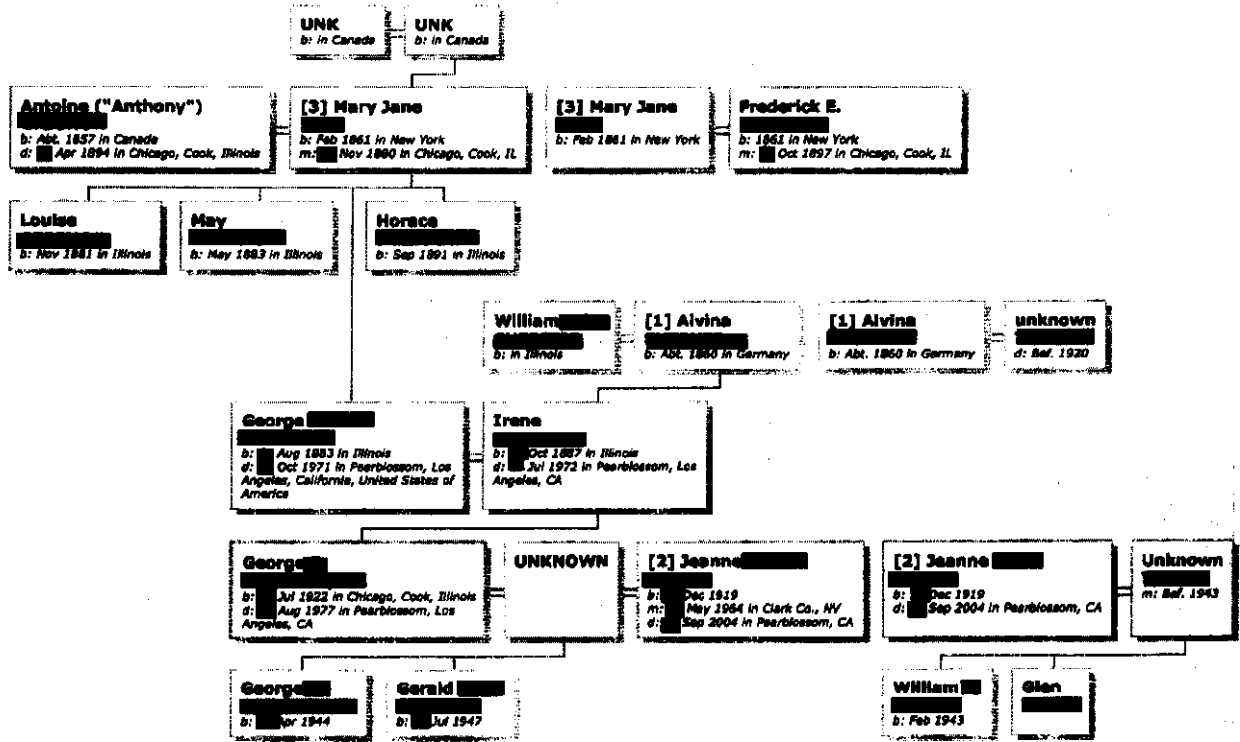
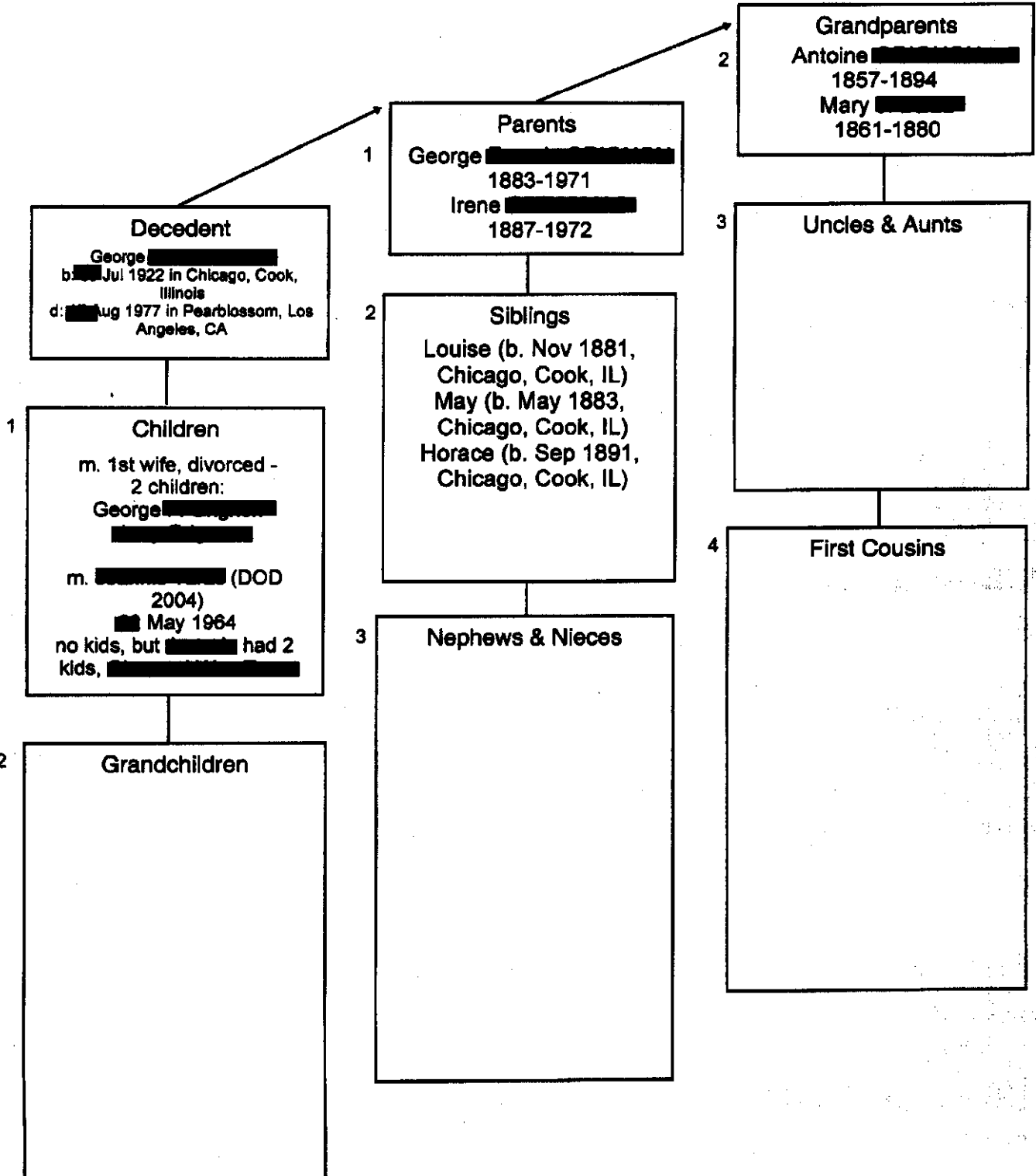


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CASE NO. [REDACTED]
**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF
MARY RITCH**

I, Mary Ritch, declare and state:

1. I am over the age of 18 and employed as a paralegal in the law offices of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] counsel for the Petitioner herein. The facts stated herein are true of my own personal knowledge, except those facts which are stated on information and belief, and as to those facts, I believe them to be true. If called as a witness, I could competently testify thereto.

2. I received the death certificates of the decedent, [REDACTED] and his parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from the Los Angeles County Recorder. There was no useful information on them about next of kin.

3. I ordered divorce records listing the decedent, [REDACTED] from the Los Angeles County Superior Court archives. I have not yet received this information. I do not know the name of [REDACTED]'s first wife, but when I receive the divorce case number, I will be able to order the case file, which will contain information about his wife and any minor children he may have had at the time of the divorce.

4. Since the name [REDACTED] is such a distinctive name, I searched the U.S. Public Records Index and the U.S. Phone and Address Directories 1993-2002 and found only two in the entire United States: one is the decedent (who lived in Pearblossom, California) and other

1 one, [REDACTED], is a 62-year old living in a suburb of Chicago (Bolingbrook). We had
2 been informed by our client, [REDACTED] that the sons of the decedent lived in or around the
3 Chicago area. As of 2002, [REDACTED] was living at [REDACTED] North Pinecrest Rd.,
4 Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1118, phone number [REDACTED]. Because of his distinctive name, I felt
5 sure that he was one of the sons of [REDACTED].

6 5. I researched [REDACTED] on Accurint. Accurint is a subscription-only
7 skiptracing database. Accurint includes databases for real and personal property indexes in the
8 recorder's and assessor's offices for all counties in all states of the United States, as well as court
9 records, driver license records, death records, employment records, and business records. Accurint
10 is a state-of-the-art skiptracing search engine which draws its information from various public and
11 private databases, including credit reporting agencies. In my experience, Accurint is the best skip-
12 tracing database I have found. According to Accurint, [REDACTED] is still living at [REDACTED]
13 North Pinecrest Rd., Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1118. Through Accurint I was also able to ascertain
14 [REDACTED]'s exact date of birth. However, neither his brother [REDACTED] nor his
15 parents appeared as possible relatives on [REDACTED]'s Accurint report.

16 6. I searched Accurint for a [REDACTED] around the same age as [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] plus or minus five years, and found only three [REDACTED] of the right
18 age to be [REDACTED]'s brother in or near the Chicago area. Two of the three were in
19 nearby Michigan: one [REDACTED] was born in 1946 and died in 1999; and the other
20 ([REDACTED]) was born in 1950 and is still living in Michigan. The third ([REDACTED])
21 [REDACTED] was born in 1947 and is still living in Illinois. This third one is the only one
22 whose social security number was issued in Illinois, and it was issued within a year of [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]'s social security number. We have sent letters to both living [REDACTED] inquiring
24 if they are the correct one we are looking for. They have not yet responded to our letters.

25 7. Additionally, since these letters were sent, I received the probate case file for [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED] Case No. [REDACTED] Superior Court of Los Angeles County, California, which identified
27 Irene's grandchildren as [REDACTED] and "[REDACTED]" (see Exhibit
28 One attached hereto). At the time of the probate case (1972) [REDACTED] lived in Rolling

1 Meadows, Illinois. [REDACTED]'s Accurant report contained an address from the early
2 1980s in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. He now lives at [REDACTED] Cora Ave. [REDACTED], Fox Lake Illinois
3 60020-1397, phone [REDACTED]. Additionally, in 1972, [REDACTED] was living in
4 Bolingbrook, Illinois. He still lives in that town, at [REDACTED] North Pinecrest Rd., Bolingbrook, IL
5 60440-1118, phone [REDACTED].

6 8. In conclusion, based upon my experience and expertise as a skip-tracer and
7 genealogist, the most likely addresses for the sons of decedent [REDACTED] are as
8 follows: [REDACTED] North Pinecrest Road, Bolingbrook, Illinois 60440-1118; and
9 [REDACTED] Cora Ave. [REDACTED], Fox Lake Illinois 60020-1397. We have sent a copy
10 of the Notice of Petition to Administer Estate to both of these addresses.

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12 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
13 foregoing is true and correct.

14 Executed 4/13/2007 at Palmdale, California.

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18 Mary Ritch