



EXHIBIT A

SURVIVORSHIP AFFIDAVIT

RE: Helen I. Echoles, Deceased August 24, 1999

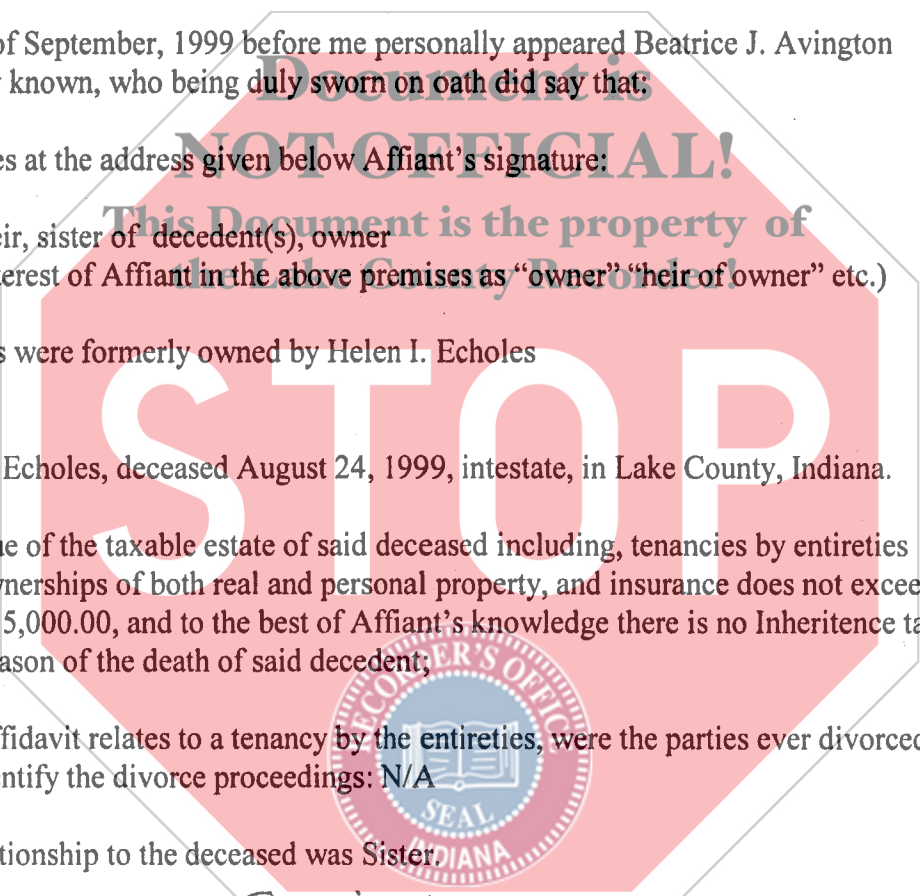
STATE OF INDIANA ) Legal: 2021 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gary, Indiana  
County of Lake ) SS Tax Unit 25 Key Number 44-156-1

On this 1st day of September, 1999 before me personally appeared Beatrice J. Avington to me personally known, who being duly sworn on oath did say that:

1. Affiant resides at the address given below Affiant's signature:
2. Affiant is Heir, sister of decedent(s), owner  
(Interest of Affiant in the above premises as "owner" "heir of owner" etc.)
3. Said premises were formerly owned by Helen I. Echoles
4. Said Helen I. Echoles, deceased August 24, 1999, intestate, in Lake County, Indiana.
5. The total value of the taxable estate of said deceased including, tenancies by entireties individual ownerships of both real and personal property, and insurance does not exceed the sum of \$15,000.00, and to the best of Affiant's knowledge there is no Inheritance tax liability by reason of the death of said decedent;
6. Where this affidavit relates to a tenancy by the entireties, were the parties ever divorced?  
No (if yes identify the divorce proceedings: N/A)
7. Affiant's relationship to the deceased was Sister.

Signature J. Beatrice Avington  
J. Beatrice Avington  
1443 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the Affiant this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000 (year)  
Jacquelyn Ann Heintz My Commission expires: 12-13-2001 County of Lake  
Notary



ISSUED BY MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State No. ....

ATTENTION ESTATE: The Social Security # is requested by this state agency in order to sue its statutory responsibility. Disclosure is mandatory and there will be no penalty for refusal.

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Local No. ....

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DECEDENT

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1 DECEASED—NAME (First Middle Last) Helen I. Echoles		2 SEX Female	3a TIME OF DEATH 9:35 P M	3b DATE OF DEATH (Month Day, Yr) August 24, 1999
4 *SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 312-50-2930	5a AGE—Last Birthday (Year) 87	5b UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days	5c UNDER 1 DAY Hours Minutes	6 DATE OF BIRTH (Mo, Day, Yr) Jan. 12, 1912
7 BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) Olive Branch, Illinois	8a WAS DECEDENT A U.S. VETERAN? No			
8b YEAR LAST SERVED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES?		8c PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one. See instructions)		
HOSPITAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> ER/Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> DOA		OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Residence		
9a FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number) Methodist Hospital		9b CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH Indianapolis	9c COUNTY OF DEATH Marion	
10 MARITAL STATUS (Specify) Widowed	11 SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name)	12a DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired) Beautician	12b KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY Self-employed	
13a RESIDENCE—STATE Indiana	13b COUNTY Lake	13c CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Gary		13d STREET AND NUMBER 2021 West 8th Avenue
13e ZIP CODE 46404	14 INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	15 CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.	16 WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.)	17 DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed) 12
18 FATHER'S NAME (First Middle Last) Harvey B. Avington		19 MOTHER'S NAME (First Middle Maiden Surname) Mattie Burris		
20a INFORMANT'S NAME (Type/Print) J. Beatrice Avington		20b MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code) 1443 West 25th Street Indpls, IN 46208	20c Relationship Sister	
21a METHOD OF DISPOSITION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burial <input type="checkbox"/> Cremation <input type="checkbox"/> Removal from State <input type="checkbox"/> Donation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		21b DATE AND PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, or other place) August 30, 1999 Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery	21c LOCATION—City or Town, State Hobart, Indiana	
22a EMBALMER'S NAME Brooks E. Cunningham		22b EMBALMER'S LICENSE NO. FDE1000580	23 WAS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
24a SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <i>Maria A. Stewart</i>		24b LICENSE NUMBER (of Licensee) FDE1022538	25 NAME, ADDRESS, AND LICENSE NUMBER OF FUNERAL HOME Stuart Mortuary, Inc. #83003514 2201 N. Illinois St. Indpls, IN 46208	
26 PART I Enter the disease, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter nonspecific terms, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) Final Stage CHF DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF) Valvular heart disease CONDITIONS, if any which gave rise to the immediate cause, stating the underlying cause last DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF)				Approximate Interval Between Onset and Death
PART II Other significant conditions - Conditions contributing to death but not previously stated in Part I Atrial fibrillation				27 WAS DECEDENT PREGNANT OR 90 DAYS POSTPARTUM? (Yes or no) No
28a WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? (Yes or no) No				28b WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH? (Yes or no)
29a CERTIFIER (Check only one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) as stated <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH OFFICER On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) as stated <input type="checkbox"/> CORONER On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated		29b SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER <i>Gregory Spurgin M.D.</i>	29c MEDICAL LICENSE NO. 010 25700	29d DATE SIGNED (Month Day, Year) 9/8/99
30 NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO COMPLETED CAUSE OF DEATH (ITEM 26) (Type/Print) Dr. Gregory Spurgin 6920 Parkdale Place #207 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254				
31 HEALTH OFFICER'S SIGNATURE <i>Virginia A. Caine, M.D.</i>				32 DATE FILED (Month Day, Year) SEP 9 1999
33 MANNER OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Pending Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Could not be Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide		34a DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year)	34b TIME OF INJURY	34c INJURY AT WORK? (Yes or no)
34d DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED		34e PLACE OF INJURY—At home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc. (Specify)		34f LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State)
34g DATE PRONOUNCED DEAD (Month, Day, Year)		34h MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT? (Yes or no) If yes, specify driver, passenger, pedestrian, etc.		