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INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Washington, D. C.

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In the Matter of the Claim of :

LILLIAN M. ANDERSON :

6622 Chabot Road, :

Oakland 18, California. :

Docket No. Pan-53

Decision No. 30

Under the Convention between the United :  
States and Panama, effective October 11, :  
1950 and the International Claims :  
Settlement Act of 1949 :

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PROPOSED DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

This is a claim by Lillian M. Anderson, as heir to the estate of Mrs. Emma Josephine Ament, deceased. The claim is based on the nullification of Emma Josephine Ament's title to approximately 160 acres of land in the so-called "El Encanto Tract," located in the District of Bonoso, Province of Colon, Panama.

Claimant alleges in her Statement of Claim dated September 13, 1952, and in a letter dated September 14, 1952, that Emma Josephine Ament died in 1935, leaving a will; that the will was never filed or probated; that one John A. Deadrich of Lakeport, California, was named as executor in a will; that neither the executor nor she knows the whereabouts of the will; that she is a niece of Mrs. Ament's husband and was mentioned in the will; that also mentioned in the will is one Nibel Heabitt, a niece of the testatrix. Claimant seems to be certain that "we were all left something," but makes no suggestion as to who was to receive the land in the El Encanto Tract.

Correspondence with the Department of State with reference to claims against the El Encanto Tract includes an original letter

from Mrs. Anent to the Department, dated July 12, 1932, as follows:

Mr. G. H. Hackworth  
Dept. of State,  
Wash., D.C.

Dear Sir                      Is 419-11

Regarding the property - "El Encanto Land Tract" - I wish to say - I deeded it to Mrs. E. C. Olsen some time ago - I presume she has never had it recorded - I am forwarding the papers to her, and, you will, no doubt hear from her -

Respy's Yours.

Mrs. Emma Anent /s/

6622 Chabot Rd.  
Oakland, Calif.

July 12/32"

No claim by Mrs. E. C. Olsen has been filed with this Commission. The claimant alleges that she inquired of a number of people who knew her aunt but failed to obtain any information as to who Mrs. E. C. Olsen was or where she lived.

It is clear upon the above facts, that this claim must be disallowed. There is affirmative evidence before the Commission that Mrs. Anent had conveyed title to the land sometime before her death. In such case, the land could not pass from her to anyone else, either by inheritance or devise. Claimant is not a blood relative of the deceased and is therefore not an heir-at-law. Claimant is not a devisee because the will cannot be found or its contents proven.

The claim is accordingly denied.

Dated at Washington, D.C.  
this 29th day of April, 1954

I hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of the original Proposed Decision on file with this Commission.

A. C. Cratis  
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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FINAL DECISION

Thirty days having elapsed since the Claimant herein was notified of the Proposed Decision of the Commission on the above claim, and no objections thereto or notice of intention to file brief or request for hearing having been filed, such Proposed Decision is hereby adopted as the Commission's final decision on this Claim.

Done at Washington, D. C. this 17th day of June 1954.

/s/ Henry J. Clay  
Henry J. Clay  
Acting Chairman

/s/ George W. Spangler  
George W. Spangler  
Acting Commissioner

I hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of the original Final Decision on file with the Commission.

R. C. Carter  
Deputy Clerk of the Commission