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| 96.12091916.1 | <p>The Bank of Golden Pond Letterhead</p> <p>From: W. C. Oakley</p> <p>To: Mr. J. N. Esselstyn</p> <p>My father (W. J. Oakley) has placed a fence on that backline where it was put possible thirty years ago and he is willing for that to be the line. He has sufficient evidence to substantiate the fact. He prefers not to have any lawsuit about it.</p> |
| 96.01011917.2 | <p>From: Esselstyn</p> <p>To: Mr. W. C. Oakley</p> <p>I have had time to upon the property and see where the fence has been moved. I find the fence in its present location is still entirely upon Company property and it will be impossible for me to enter into any agreement otherwise. If you father has sufficient evidence to prove his claim, it will easy for the proper court to provide lawful title. I will defer for a few days for your father to sign agreement which I submitted some time ago</p> |
| 96.01221917.3 | <p>7.5x5 written in pen</p> <p>Notarized statement that fence was put where fence was 30 years ago. Two more affidavits can be produced to this effect if you care to have them. Sent by W. C. Oakley who also notarized statement.</p> |
| 96.01241917.4 | <p>From: Esselstyn</p> <p>To: W. C. Oakley</p> <p>Re: if you can furnish more affidavits they may assist me in coming to a final decision. If you do take more affidavits, I would suggest you secure more definite statements as it appears to me that the affidavit you enclosed was too general to throw any new light.</p> |
| 96.11011917.5 | <p>From: Esselstyn</p> <p>To: Mr. George Griffin</p> <p>I called on W. J. Oakley to give him opportunity to sign the agreement establishing his boundary line. He declined so we have to go to court to establish the line. Please go on the ground with Boyd Ferguson's son so he can confirm his father's testimony in the case. Mr. Oakley said he could prove by Boyd Ferguson that he, Oakley, had this land fenced at the time the Ferguson lived on company property adjoining.</p> |
| 96.11051917.6 | <p>8.5x6 written in pencil</p> <p>From: Geo. Dallas Griffin</p> <p>To: Esselstyn</p> <p>Re: letter received; will be Trigg County Thursday and Kuttawa Saturday.</p> |
| 96.11081917.7 | <p>From: Esselstyn</p> <p>To: Geo D. Griffin, Esq</p> <p>I will not be where you will be but probably will see you at Star Lime Works before this letter is received.</p> |
| 96.01201918.8 | <p>From: Esselstyn</p> <p>To: Mr. J. W. Kelly</p> |

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| | <p>Re: Perhaps Judge Bush will not hold Court on 28th on account of bad conditions of the roads and the people between the Rivers not being able to get across. I do not know the custom in such cases, if court postponed, I would like to know it as we will have to come to Cadiz on Saturday night in order that Joe can be there on first day of court.</p> |
| 96.undated.9 | <p>Abstract of Title Geo. Grace, 140 acre Tracy on Crooked Creek, Trigg County</p> |
| 96.01231918.10 | <p>From: John W. Kelly To: J. N. Esselstyn We cannot tell yet what Judge Bush will do about holding court. It will not be necessary for you to come until Monday. If cases are continued, I will phone you. There cannot be a trial in the Oakley case as Oakley himself is dead and it will require an amended petition making his heirs parties to the suit.</p> |
| 96.01231918.11 | <p>From: Esselstyn To: Mr. J. W. Kelly "Am surprised to hear Mr. W. J. Oakley has 'gone west.' He told me a long time ago that he would not have any lawsuit over the land, but I did'nt think he would take such an advantage of us"</p> |
| 96.01241918.12 | <p>From: Esselstyn To: Geo D. Griffin, Esq Mr Kelly has advised me that Mr. W. J. Oakley is dead. Therefore case will have to be amended to make his heirs defendants to the suit. This will take time so case won't be tried this term but I have no doubt it will come up May term</p> |
| 96.08261918.13 | <p>8x5 written in pencil From Geo. D. Griffin To: Esselstyn Will be on hand if notified by Sheriff. Babe Ferguson is working at Paducah had I better write him or go see him. Will do what you think best.</p> |
| 96.08271918.14 | <p>From: Esselstyn To: Geo D. Griffin, Esq Advising Mr. Kelly of change of address for Babe Ferguson. If you can get Babe's address, send it to Mr. Kelly so he can have subpoena sent to Paducah. Think you should write Babe Ferguson so he will be prepared if subpoena served.</p> |
| 96.08271918.15 | <p>From: Esselstyn To: J. W. Kelley Esquire Griffin advises me that Babe Ferguson one of our witnesses in the Oakley case is now employed in Paducah. Found that subpoenas for the Fergusons and Esquire Griffin have not yet reached sheriff's office of Lyon county</p> |
| 96.08271918.16 | <p>From: Esselstyn To: J. W. Kelley</p> |

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| | Since writing you, been informed subpoenas in Oakley case have arrived and will send them to Star Lime works in the morning. |
| 96.08281918.17 | John W. Kelly Attorney –at-Law letterhead From: John W. Kelly To: Esselstyn I found subpoenas in the Oakley had not been issued, got them issued. I would tender each witness their fees by the sheriff and have Babe Ferguson’s subpoena marked “Fees tendered” so we don’t have to pay the cost of a continuance. |
| 96.08311918.18 | 8x5 written in pencil From Geo. D. Griffin To: Esselstyn Summons have come for all parties; wrote Babe Ferguson to meet me at Grand Rivers the 4 th . Please send check for 10 dollars. Notated in ink “Sent St. Louis Check #266 \$10.00” |
| 96.09081918.19 | From: Esselstyn To: Mr. Carlin Oakley If weather permits, I would like to establish the line on your father’s property next Saturday, September 14 th , 1918 |
| 96.09xx1918.20 | Report to Trigg Circuit Court on the establishing of corners and boundaries of the property of W. J. Oakley’s heirs. Signed by J. N. Esselstyn |
| 96.09291918.21 | From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Attached sketch [not included] represents land in controversy in the case of H.L. & I. Co. vs. W. J. Oakley’s Heirs. The court awarded to the Oakley heirs the 3.6 acres shown in red and the H.L. & I Co. all the land shown in green, a part of which the Oakley heirs claimed. The Oakley heirs now desire to purchase the 10.56 acres shown in green and offer \$325 for the same. If you will approve the sale, we will have them deposit the purchase price in Bank of Golden Pond and I’ll prepare the deed for your signature |
| 96.10111918.22 | Hillman Land & Iron company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn It is all right to sell the piece of land that the Oakley heirs want to purchase. |
| 96.10121918.23 | From: Esselstyn To: W. C. Oakley We have approval to sell the 10.56 acres; if you deposit the purchase price \$325 in Bank of Golden Pond; last time I talked with you about this matter you were not quite sure to whom you wanted this property conveyed to, please write me to whom. |
| 96.10121918.24 | From: Esselstyn To: Mr. A. L. Furnish, cashier, Bank of Golden Pond |

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| | Hillman Land & Iron co has agreed to sell to Carlin Oakley or the heirs of W. J. Oakley a small track of land near Energy. Please advise me when the amount has been deposited |
| 96.10131918.25 | From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Acknowledgment of letter of the 11 th ; I am today advising Mr. W. C. Oakley that the sale has been approved, deed will be written and boundary marked as soon as he has deposited the purchase price |
| 96.10181918.26 | From: Esselstyn To: J. B. Gray Enclosed find three checks amounting to \$18.20 received as witness fees in the case of H.L. & I. Co vs. W. J. Oakley's Heirs. |
| 96.12051918.27 | Hillman Land & Iron Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Referring to your letter of Oct 13, 1918, on sale to W. C. Oakley; has he deposited the money and has the deed been delivered to him? |
| 96.12061918.28 | From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Mr. Oakley has not deposited the purchase price of \$325 so nothing has been done; saw Mr. Oakley and he was waiting to hear from his brother, wanted the land, and would get money as soon as he could; am writing him to-night telling him unless the money is deposited on or before Dec 31 st we will withdraw the offer; this year land was rented for \$11.50 (Farm no. 108) but not rented next year due to impending sale, I am writing Mr. Vick to rent land next year. |
| 96.12061918.29 | From: Esselstyn To: W. C. Oakley As we do not care to have land offers stand open indefinitely it will be necessary to put a time limit until December 31 st , 1918 for you to deposit purchase price. If you do not find convenient to purchase at this time, we would have to submit to St. Louis and you might not get it for you at same price. |
| 96.12061918.30 | From: Esselstyn To: Mr. C. B. Vick Carlin Oakley has not deposited the purchase price on land you were renting; I am writing him to-night giving him until Dec 31 st , 1918; you might as well rent it for next year |
| 96.12101918.31 | Hillman Land & iron Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Replying to yours of Dec 6, 1918. This is all right. Keep track of it and let me know what happens. |
| 96.12241918.32 | 8x5 written in ink From: W. C. Oakley To: Esselstyn |

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| | You will find deposit slip from Bank of Golden Pond showing we have deposited money for that land. Make deed to Mary Oakley her lifetime and at her death to her bodily heirs: W. C. Oakley, S. N. Oakley, Eula Holland, J. E. Oakley, Bertha Oakley, Gladys Oakley (2 pages) |
| 96.12251918.33 | From: Esselstyn To: C. B. Vick This is to advise you that Carlin Oakley has deposited the money to pay for the land on Crooked Creek which adjoins his father's property and which has been rented to Tom Oakley and known as Farm No. 108, so do not rent this farm for next year |
| 96.12241918.34 | Postal Card to J. N. Esselstyn We credit \$325; left by W. C. Oakley |
| 96.12261918.35 | From: Esselstyn To: W. C. Oakley Letter of 24 th enclosing deposit slip for \$325 received; writing deed to-day to forward to St. Louis to be signed; I will come to Energy just as soon as the roads will permit and establish the line so you can take possession of the property. |
| 96.12261918.36 | From: Esselstyn To: Mr. J. B. Gray This is to advise you that the land on which is located Farm No. 108 known as "Hollow Field" has been sold to the heirs of the late W. J. Oakley |
| 96.undated.37 | Deed of Conveyance made and entered by Hillman Land & Iron Company and Mrs. Mary Oakley, W. C. Oakley, S. N. Oakley, Eula Holland, J. E. Oakley, Bertha Oakley and Gladys Oakley of Energy, Trigg County Kentucky. Notated in pencil "Mailed to St. Louis 12/26/18" |
| 96.12261918.38 | From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Enclosed find deed from Hillman Land & Iron Co for your signature and corporate seal. |
| 96.01031919.39 | Hillman Land & Iron Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Enclosed find Deed from Hillman Land & Iron Co to Mary Oakley and others properly signed and corporate seal affixed. As soon as you receive the \$325 for this kindly forward it to me here in St. Louis |
| 96.01051919.40 | From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Acknowledge receipt of letter and deed to Mary Oakley, et. al. Forwarding same to Bank of Golden Pond |
| 96.01051919.41 | From: Esselstyn To: W. C. Oakley |

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| | <p>Advise you that I am forwarding to Bank of Golden Pond the deed. Just as soon as the roads are so I can come up I will mark the boundary line.</p> |
| 96.01051919.42 | <p>From: Esselstyn To: Mr. A. L. Furnish, Cashier, Bank of Golden Pond Enclosed find deed from Hillman Land & Iron Co to Mary Oakley et. al. Please send me check of draft to be paid upon the delivery of the deed to you.</p> |
| 96.01091919.43 | <p>From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Enclosed find draft for \$325 in payment of land sold to Mary Oakley, et. al. on Crooked Creek near Energy, in Trigg County</p> |
| 96.01101919.44 | <p>Hillman Land & Iron Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Acknowledgement of receipt of yours of the 9th enclosing draft for \$325</p> |
| 96.07031919.45 | <p>From: Esselstyn To: W. C. Oakley We have been up on Crooked Creek and established the boundary line between company property and the small tract sold to your mother and others last January. I may have made a mistake in the bearing of the line in the deed. Please look at the deed and verify the course. If not correct, please send me the deed and I will correct it</p> |
| 96.07231919.46 | <p>9.5x8 written in ink From: W. C. Oakley To: Esselstyn Enclosing our deed for correction. I think mistake is in our favor but am willing for it to be corrected. We bought the land with understanding that it contained 10.58 acres. I am not willing for acreage to be cut down unless you pay us back in proportion to what we gave you on acres.</p> |
| 96.07251919.47 | <p>From: Esselstyn To: W. C. Oakley Acknowledge letter and deed; have made correction in the deed and will take it to Cadiz to make correction in records. Error of the last course does not affect acreage of land as the acreage was taken from the maps and the error made in copying was simply an error in writing.</p> |
| 96.08071919.48 | <p>From: Esselstyn To W. C. Oakley Enclosed find corrected deed. Thank you for your promptness in this matter</p> |
| 96.08081919.49 | <p>Registration of mail receipt from Hillman Land & Iron Co sent to Mr. W. C. Oakley, Energy KY</p> |

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| 96.08111919.50 | Registry Return Receipt postcard fromW. C. Oakley to Hillman Land & Iron Co |
| 96.12231918.51 | Deposit slip for Bank of Golden Pond totally \$325 worth of checks |
| 96.undated.52 | Copy of Petition in Trigg Circuit Court between Hillman Land & Iron Company, Plaintiff and W. J. Oakley, Defendant |