

REPORT TO:

Mr. Charles Cole,  
Martin, Churchill, Overman, Hill &  
Cole, Attorneys

RE:

Michael O. Lacey  
Estate of Evelyn C. Taylor

SUBMITTED BY:

International Genealogical Search, Inc.

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## INTRODUCTION

Our search efforts, spanning the past several years, have not been successful in that we were unable to ascertain the current whereabouts of Michael Lacey. The following report will provide in more detail, information learned as a result of our extensive investigation.

Prior to commencing our original search for Michael Lacey, missing beneficiary of the Estate of Evelyn C. Taylor, the following information was provided by your office.

1. In 1984 Michael Lacey was approximately 45 years of age.
2. Michael Lacey is the son of Max Lacey and Dorothy Groscluse Lacey.
3. Michael Lacey was last seen at his paternal grandfather's funeral in Enid, OK, 1964.
4. Michael Lacey was believed to have attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK, the dates of his attendance were unknown.
5. Michael Lacey was previously employed by Taylor Brothers Service Station, Enid, OK and Aero Commander, Dallas, TX.
6. Michael Lacey had previously resided in Enid, OK.

## REPORT

Our original assignment to locate the present whereabouts of Michael Lacey began in November of 1984 and concluded in May of 1987. Subsequent to that time, further tracing steps were undertaken between January and June of 1989.

The following information was learned as a result of those investigations.

Michael Lacey married Joreta Flouis Sharp on September 25, 1965 in Dallas County, Texas. The documents pertaining to this marriage were submitted to your office in our report of October 17, 1988. We have enclosed, for your reference, photocopies of same (please refer to Exhibits 1-3).

Joreta Lacey was contacted in 1987 at her place of employment, Premier Travel (806-794-6790) in Lubbock, TX. She advised that she had been granted a divorce "by publication" from Michael in the late 1960's, has subsequently remarried, and is now known as Joreta McFadden.

Joreta McFadden had a record of Michael Lacey's social security number which she provided as [REDACTED]. During our telephone conversation, Mrs. McFadden stated that, in 1968, shortly after their separation, Michael Lacey left, taking their son Kipper with him and vowed "never to be found." She has not seen or heard from Michael or Kipper since that time. Kipper Lacey was born April 29, 1966 in Dallas, TX, so he would have been approximately two years of age when they disappeared.

During our conversation with Joreta McFadden, we also learned that Michael had at one time been employed by Smith Corona (now known as S.C.M. Corp in Dallas, TX. We contacted Juanita at the S.C.M. Corp. personnel office (214-490-5115) where we were advised that the records of past employees were kept at S.C.M. Corp., New Canaan, CT (203-972-1471). It was verified that Michael Lacey had been an employee, however, the original file had been transferred onto microfiche and was therefore incomplete. The records at S.C.M. Corp. show only Michael's name and social security number.

According to Mrs. McFadden, Dorothy Lacey, Michael's mother, terminated her employment at The Pillsbury Co. in Enid, OK, advised her family that she

was going away with Michael to help raise Kipper and they would never see or hear from her again. This occurred approximately one month after Michael and Kipper disappeared (1968).

The information as provided by Joretta McFadden was further confirmed via telephone conversation with Barbara Maley of Enid, OK (405-234-5359) who is the sister of Dorothy Lacey. Mrs. Maley stated she had not seen nor heard from her sister since 1968.

We contacted Pillsbury Co. Ltd., Enid, OK (405-432-4233) where Dorothy Lacey's employment was confirmed by Angie Ripson of the personnel department. It was also confirmed that Dorothy Lacey had voluntarily terminated her employment of 20 years in 1968. Mrs. Lacey's social security number was shown to be [REDACTED]. Ms. Ripson also stated that the personnel file had been condensed and stored on microfilm, therefore, this was the only information retained in the records. We were unable to determine an exact date of birth for Dorothy Lacey, however, Angie did advise that Mrs. Lacey would be eligible for retirement benefits and suggested we contact the retirement office of Pillsbury Co. Ltd. in Minneapolis, Minnesota (612-330-4966). We spoke with Ginger Damon in personnel records. Ms. Damon indicated, to date, Dorothy Lacey had not claimed any form of retirement benefits. She further advised that Dorothy Grosclose Lacey was also known as Dorothy Wills, as she had remarried subsequent to Max Lacey's death in 1959.

The social security numbers of both Michael Lacey [REDACTED] and his mother, Dorothy Lacey [REDACTED] were checked using our National credit identifiers (as permitted by law) however, there had not been any activity reported since 1968.

We contacted the office of Mr. Bill Maurmann of the Social Security Administration, Rm. 109, 104 West Magnolia, Bellingham, WA 98225, and requested that an open letter be forwarded to Michael Lacey and/or Dorothy Grosclose Lacey (Wills). On two occasions the Social Security Administration attempted to forward these letters on our behalf, however, they advised that they had been unable to do so. Please refer to Exhibits #4 and 5.

Given that we had been able to identify both Michael and Kipper Lacey by dates of birth, we conducted a nationwide search of driver's license records. Neither Michael or Kipper held drivers licenses under their given names and dates of birth. It was a possibility at this point in our investigation, that Michael, Dorothy and Kipper had most likely left the United States or had perhaps changed their names.

We forwarded a letter to the Department of State, Passport Services, asking that they search their records for a report of the death of an American citizen abroad. These records were searched on two separate occasions, first in 1986 and in 1989 subsequent to your most recent authorization to proceed with the case. If Michael, Kipper and Dorothy are deceased, having died outside the U.S.A., their deaths were not reported. Please refer to Exhibit #7.

The following names, provided to us by Joreta McFadden, were friends of Michael's during his high school and university years:

1. Jerry Keeling,  
106 S. Adolpha St.,  
Enid, OK 73703  
Telephone: 405-237-4977
  
2. Charles K. Mitchell,  
4314 Rosetree Lane,  
Enid, OK 73703  
Telephone: 405-234-8114

After having interviewed these individuals by telephone on several occasions, we once again concluded Michael had not been in touch with any of his former acquaintances since 1968. It was suggested that Michael may have held a pilots license, however, the Federal Aviation Authority, Oklahoma City, OK (405-680-3261) did not have a record. They were able to search nationwide using both Michael's full name and social security number.

It would appear when Michael, Kipper and Dorothy disappeared in 1968, they

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left the United States and either immigrated to a foreign country or possibly obtained new identities. We thought it probable, because of the proximity, they may have gone to Canada. The regional office of Employment and Immigration Canada, 1055 W. Georgia St., Vancouver, B.C. (604-666-6328) advised that all immigrants who wished to work in Canada must apply for a social insurance number. They further advised their records were confidential, however, if a record existed, they would be able to forward a request for Michael, Kipper or Dorothy to contact our office. Arrangements were made through Mrs. McIntyre at the above telephone number, however, to date we have had no response to our request.

We regret that we were unable to locate Michael Lacey on your behalf and conclude our assignment with the foregoing report which we trust you will find to be in good order.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

1. Marriage License - County of Dallas
2. Marriage License
3. Marriage License Application
4. Letter to Social Security Administration, re: Michael Lacey
5. Open Letter to Dorothy Lacey
6. Open Letter to Michael Lacey
7. Response from Social Security Administration
8. Response to request for search for death record of an American Citizen  
Abroad

MARRIAGE

LICENSE

COUNTY OF DALLAS

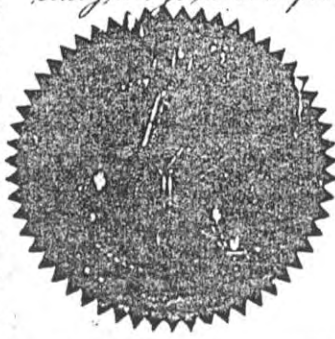
To all licensed or ordained ministers of the Gospel, Jewish rabbis, or officers of religious organizations, which officers are duly authorized by the organization to perform marriage ceremonies, judges of the district and county courts, and justices of the peace are authorized to celebrate the rites of matrimony between persons legally authorized to marry in and for the State of Texas.

GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CELEBRATE THE

rites of MATRIMONY

Between Mr. MICHAEL O. LACEY and M. JORETA FLOUIS SHARP and make due return to the clerk of the County Court of said County, within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.



Witness my official signature and seal of official office in Dallas, Texas this 25th day of September 1965

Tom E. Ellis, County Clerk

By [Signature] Deputy

I, Pierce McBride hereby certify that on the 25th day of September 1965 I united in Marriage Michael O. Lacey and Joreta Flouis Sharp

the parties above mentioned Witness my hand, this 25th day of September 1965 Pierce M. McBride Justice of The Peace, Dallas County, Texas

Returned and filed for record day of SEP 29 1965 and recorded the SEP 29 1965 day of 1965

By Mary [Signature] Deputy Tom E. Ellis, County Clerk

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## Marriage License

Michael O. Lacey  
AND  
Joreta Flouis Sharp

Said to be  
25th day of  
September 1965

From C. E. Ellis,  
Clerk of Tarrant County, Texas

By Louella A. Wilcox  
Notary Public

Filed in Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Marriage Records

SEP 29 1965

3029 West Park,  
Oklahoma City, Ok.

THIS LICENSE BECOMES INVALID AND OF NO EFFECT UNLESS THE MARRIAGE BE SOLEMNIZED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION—EXCEPT WHEN REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ARE WAIVED BY AN ORDER OF A COURT AS PROVIDED BY HOUSE BILL 588.

Date of medical examination of Mr. Michael O. Lacey 9-21-65 19\_\_  
 Date of medical examination of M. Joreta Flouis Sharp 9-21-65 19\_\_  
 Date of court order waiving requirements as to medical examinations: \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY that previous to the issuance of this license there has been filed in my office the physician's certificate of medical examination of each applicant on the form as prepared by the Texas State Board of Health (or the alternate court order waiving the requirements as to medical examination), all as required by House Bill 588, Acts of the 51st Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 1949.

WITNESS my official signature this the 25th day of September 19 65.  
 By Louella A. Wilcox  
 Deputy

TOM E. ELLIS, County Clerk  
 V.L.

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE  
 TOM E. ELLIS COUNTY CLERK  
 DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

SEP-27-65 560536 B-11

M   FULL NAME <u>Michael O. Lacey</u>	F   NAME <u>Joretta Florida</u>
A   ADDRESS <u>3209 Cedar Plaza Apt. 212</u>	E   ADDRESS <u>3029 West Park</u>
L   <u>Dallas, Texas</u>	M   <u>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma</u>
E   BIRTH DATE <u>10-19-39</u> AGE <u>25</u>	A   BIRTH DATE <u>1-21-43</u> AGE <u>22</u>
PLACE OF BIRTH <u>Enid, Oklahoma</u>	L   PLACE OF BIRTH <u>Moorewood, Oklahoma</u>
DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY <u>TDL 373844</u>	E   DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY <u>TDL 4880200</u>

EACH PARTY HERETO, FOR HIMSELF, OR HERSELF, INDIVIDUALLY AND TOGETHER, SOLEMNLY SWears FOR HIMSELF OR HERSELF, THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT; THAT HE OR SHE IS NOT DISQUALIFIED OR INCAPABLE OF ENTERING INTO THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP; THAT HE OR SHE IS NOT OF THE RELATIONSHIP PROHIBITED BY LAW; AND THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENT TO OUR MARRIAGE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE OF MALE APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE OF FEMALE APPLICANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON September 25th 19 65.

DATE OF MARRIAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOM E. ELLIS, COUNTY CLERK  
 DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ BY [Signature] DEPUTY

CONSENT & AUTHORIZATION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR THE MARRIAGE OF A MALE MINOR

CONSENT & AUTHORIZATION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR THE MARRIAGE OF A FEMALE MINOR

I SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I AM THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

A MINOR, THAT HE IS \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OLD AS OF THIS DATE; AND THAT IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DEPUTY CLERK TAKING THIS APPLICATION, I DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY GIVE MY CONSENT AND AUTHORITY TO THE MARRIAGE OF SAID MINOR WITH \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF MALE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING FALSELY TO ANY INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION WILL MAKE YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER ARTICLE 310 OF THE PENAL CODE.

I AM AUTHORIZED TO GRANT CONSENT FOR THIS MINOR'S MARRIAGE UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS BY VIRTUE OF BEING:

- MALE ( ) FEMALE ( ) THE FATHER OF SAID MINOR.
- ( ) ( ) THE MOTHER OF SAID MINOR; AND SAID MINOR AND I HAVE LIVED IN DALLAS COUNTY CONTINUOUSLY FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING ONE YEAR AND THE FATHER OF SAID MINOR HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY ABSENT FROM DALLAS COUNTY FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING SIX MONTHS.
- ( ) ( ) THE MOTHER OF SAID MINOR; AND THE FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN DIVORCED AND I HAVE HAD SOLE CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF SAID MINOR FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING SIX MONTHS.
- ( ) ( ) THE GUARDIAN OF SAID MINOR. (ATTACHED LETTER TESTAMENTARY)
- ( ) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT MUST BE READ TO APPLICANTS BEFORE SUBSCRIBING

PROOF OF IDENTITY FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TOM E. ELLIS COUNTY CLERK DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

BY \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY BY \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY

DATE OF MALE'S MEDICAL CERTIFICATE 9-24-65 DATE OF FEMALE'S MEDICAL CERTIFICATE 9-24-65

DATE MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED 9-25-65 ISSUED BY [Signature] DEPUTY CLERK

AFTER RECORDING, MAIL MARRIAGE LICENSE TO ADDRESS SHOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

3029 W. Park,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RECORDED  
 VOL. 211  
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December 10, 1986

Reply to: Seattle

Social Security Administration,  
Room 109, Federal Bldg.,  
P.O. Box 5666,  
Bellingham, WA 98227

**FILE COPY**

Direct  
1-804-294-1811

UNITED STATES  
P.O. Box 34000  
Seattle, WA 98124-1060

CANADA  
P.O. Box 33889, S.W. D.  
Vancouver, Canada  
V6J 4L6

Dear Ann:

Re: Michael O. Lacey; Estate of Evelyn C. Taylor, deceased

Michael O. Lacey is a missing heir who I have attempted to locate for the past two years. At this time, I feel there is not much more I can do to locate this person, however, I would like for you to review the following information and advise if the Social Security Administration has any record of Michael O. Lacey subsequent to 1968:

Michael O. Lacey

1. Last seen (information provided by our client) in Enid, OK 1964 at grandfather's funeral.
2. Date of birth: 10.19.39
3. SSN: [REDACTED]
4. Father: Max Lacey, deceased 1959
5. Mother: Dorothy Groscluse Lacey Wells  
SSN: [REDACTED]
6. Married Joretta Flouis Sharp September 25, 1965
7. Left Dallas 1968 while separated from spouse, Joretta Lacey. At that time, Dorothy Groscluse (nee) also quit her employment at Pillsbury in Enid, OK to join her son in Dallas, TX. Both Dorothy and Michael have not been heard from since. Joretta Lacey later received a divorce through publication and is now remarried.

Ann, this whole situation is compounded by the fact that Michael Lacey left with the child of his marriage to Joretta Sharp, Kipper Lacey, and vowed never to be found. Furthermore, Dorothy Groscluse was very fond of Kipper Lacey and it is understood that she quit her employment to help raise Kipper Lacey. This information has been confirmed by Barbara Maly (405-234-5359), sister of Dorothy

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Groschlose. I have also confirmed with the head office of Pillsbury that Dorothy is eligible for retirement benefits, however, she has never applied, etc. Furthermore, plant employees of Pillsbury in Enid, OK can only recall that Dorothy left Pillsbury to look after her son's child.

Other information I can offer in respect to my request is as follows:

1. Evelyn Taylor, the decedent, died a resident of Sedgwick County, Kansas on February 5, 1984 intestate. The administrator of the estate is Leroy Nichols, of Wichita.
2. Evelyn Taylor left as her heirs at law, a sister, Celestine Fuqua of Enid, OK (405-233-5293) and Michael O. Lacey, who is the only child of a deceased brother of the decedent.
3. The probate estate is solvent, and in excess of \$50,000.00.

It would be most appreciated, Ann, if you could advise to me the date of the last activity on Michael Lacey's social security number since 1968 and date of last activity on the social security number of Dorothy Groschlose since 1968. Enclosed, for your reference, are several items of correspondence, etc. accumulated over the past twenty-four months pertaining to this case, plus two open letters to be forwarded to Michael Lacey and Dorothy Groschlose if such is possible.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or comments. I realize this letter is rather lengthy, but I thought it best if you have too much information rather than not enough.

I thank you very much, and remain

Yours very truly,

Randall White

RW/tb

Encl.



December 10, 1986

Reply to: Seattle

Dorothy Groscluse Lacey  
 SSN: [REDACTED]  
 Mother of Michael O. Lacey born 10.19.39

Dear Dorothy:

Our firm has been retained to locate your son, Michael O. Lacey, concerning the estate of Evelyn C. Taylor, deceased. Michael is an heir to the estate.

International Genealogical Search, Inc. would appreciate if you would kindly contact Michael on our behalf, or in the event he is now deceased, please call our office at 1-800-663-2255 so that I can give either yourself or Michael the name, address and telephone number of the Attorney handling the affairs of the estate.

I should point out that I have personally tried to locate Michael for over two years now and have been unable to do so.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Randall White

RW/tb

Direct  
 1-800-294-1811  
 UNITED STATES  
 P.O. Box 34000  
 Seattle, WA 98124-1000  
 CANADA  
 P.O. Box 33889, Stn. D  
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 SERVICES, INC.



INTERNATIONAL  
GENEALOGICAL  
SEARCH INC.

EXHIBIT #6

December 10, 1986

Reply to: Seattle

Mr. Michael O. Lacey  
SSN: [REDACTED]  
DOB: 10/19/39  
POB: Enid, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Lacey:

Our company has been retained to contact you for the purpose of settling the estate of Evelyn C. Taylor, deceased. To confirm, Evelyn C. Taylor is the sister of your late father, Max Lacey. It is to your financial advantage that you be contacted concerning this estate.

It would be appreciated if you would contact me at our offices confirming your receipt of this letter. I will then be permitted to release to you the name, address and telephone number of the Attorney handling the affairs of the estate. I will also answer any other questions you may have. You are under no financial obligation to our company as we are retained directly by the Attorney.

You may reach me at 1-800-663-2255 or by dialing area code 604 294-1811, please phone collect if you wish.

Yours truly,

Randall White

RW/tb

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

If you have any questions:

Please call 206-647-1110 and ask for Susan Hammond

Refer to: Michael Lacey - unable to locate for you  
Always have the above reference available when  
inquiring about these benefits.

Randall White

Form SSA-1690 (8-80)

1.

EXHIBIT #7

2.

to us as soon as possible.

3.  We are returning your documents. Where  
necessary, copies have been made for  
our records.

4.  We have received notice of:

Change of address

Work       Death       Marriage

A Reporting Card is enclosed for  
future use.

5.  Returned Medicare Check

Check Number:

Date of Check

Amount:



EXHIBIT *vrδ*

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20524

In reply refer to: PPT/S/PC-Lacey, Michael O.  
Wills, Dorothy Groscluse Lacey

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Randall White  
International Tracing Services, Inc.  
PO Box C-34000  
Seattle, Washington 98124

This is in response to your request for consular birth or death documents or information from passport files for the person/s named above. It is mandatory under the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act to establish the eligibility of the requestor to obtain the data. The request must be signed. In certain circumstances, release of the information may only be obtained upon presentation of a court order issued by a duly authorized court. PLEASE NOTE THE BLOCK CHECKED.

- 1. Your letter was not signed. Please sign here \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Your letter does not show your relationship to subject of your request. Please submit written authorization of subject or parent in case of minor, or other authorized representative.
- 3. Not enough information was given to search the files. Please give full name of subject (at birth) and date and place of birth. If born abroad give names and dates and places of birth of parents and any available U.S. passport information.
- 4. No record could be located on the basis of information furnished.
- 5. A fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the form of a check or money order payable to the Department of State should be submitted.
- 6. Reply to your inquiry is not available in this Office. Your letter has been forwarded to address given below and any further communication should be addressed to that office.
- 7. Your request and \$8.00 check are returned.

IF A REPLY IS NECESSARY, PLEASE RETURN A COPY OF THIS LETTER WITHIN 30 DAYS TO PASSPORT SERVICES, OFFICE OF PROGRAM SUPPORT, CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH, ROOM 386, WASHINGTON, DC 20524. (Tel: 202-523-4327)

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L. B. Massie, Case Officer  
Correspondence Branch  
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