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Robert Massey
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515 N. Main
San Antonio, Tx. 78205

Dear Mr. Massey:

I hope you have some records regarding the death and burial of an individual who I am researching. His name is:

Albert Osborne, died Aug. 31, 1966, in San Antonio, Texas.

His death certificate (a copy of which I have enclosed for your convenience) indicates his services were arranged by your firm. I know this was a long time ago, but I have been told that funeral homes generally keep very good records, and keep them for a long time. So, I am turning to you for help.

I am interested in obtaining any information, especially but not limited to, the following:

1. Any information as to the whereabouts of the Rev. Lymon Erickson, listed on the birth certificate as the supplier of information. Even an address from that time period, or denominational affiliation, would help.
2. Any information about any survivors, and the names of persons who attended either his service or visited at the funeral home prior to service.
3. Copies of any obituaries, death notices or other stories placed in any newspaper.
4. Any information as to any American address he may have had at the time of death. Death certificate gives only a Mexican address, but for many years he maintained dual residences in Laredo, Tex. and Mexico.



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5. Any information you may have as to when and where there would be probate records. (I have already written Bexar County and Webb County, but he occasionally lived in other counties as well. I am thinking that if perhaps you billed an estate some time after the arrangements, you would have records of which county, possibly name of an administrator, etc.)

6. How and by whom his funeral expenses were paid.

7. Any other information of any kind that you can provide.

Also, for your information and assistance, Mr. Osborne regularly used the name of John Howard Bowen throughout much of his life.

If you need any other information from me, please call at 615-521-1829, or you may write me at the above address.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Jim Balloch
Reporter

STATE OF TEXAS
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

592x 37

STATE OF TEXAS 015-01-20 52,000-00 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE FILE NO. 49975

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Bexar		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE Puebla b. COUNTY Country c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Texmelucan d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) Not Available	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) San Antonio		c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b. 3 days	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Medical Arts Hospital		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? Not Available YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
a. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? Not Available YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
1. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First ALBERT (b) Middle (c) Last OSBORNE		4. DATE OF DEATH August 31, 1966	
5. SEX Male	6. COLOR OR RACE White	7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH Nov. 12, 1888
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Minister		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Non Denominational	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) England		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? Canada	
13. FATHER'S NAME James Osborne		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Emily Cole	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) Unknown		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. none	
17. INFORMANT Rev. Lynmar F. Erickson		19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECD SEP 21 1966 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Nroma DUE TO (b) Kidney Failure DUE TO (c) Chronic Alimentary Intestines		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH ? about 1 month	
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)			
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.)	
70c. TIME OF INJURY Hour Month Day Year a.m. p.m.		20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE	
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHERE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>		20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>Aug 30</u> 19 <u>66</u> to <u>Aug 31</u> 19 <u>66</u> and last saw the deceased alive on <u>Aug 31</u> 19 <u>66</u> . Death occurred at <u>5:30 p.</u> m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.			
22a. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		22b. ADDRESS <i>[Address]</i>	
22c. DATE SIGNED <u>9/10/66</u>		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY San Jose Burial Park	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial		23b. DATE September 7, 1966	
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) San Antonio Texas		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 4054		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR SEP 7 1966	
		25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	

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This is to certify that this is a true and correct reproduction of the original record as recorded in this office. Issued under authority of Section 191.051, Chapter 678, Health & Safety Code, 1989.

ISSUED

[Signature]
RICHARD B. BAYS
STATE REGISTRAR

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