

March 9, 2000

To: The Jesse Robertson Heirs

From: "The Jesse Robertson Foundation" (proposed name)

Greetings:

Many of you are aware of delinquent taxes owed to Upshur County on the 95 acres of Jesse Robertson property in Ore City, Texas (Gilmer). We cannot explain fully how we arrived at this delinquent position, but we can explain how we can get out of it. After much discussion and research, some of us decided the best way to save the property is to form a corporation. Another option would have been to partition the property to each heir. This option could take up to two (2) years or more to complete due to the large number of heirs (120 or more). One heir can only own this property if all heirs are contacted and each heir signs a waiver relinquishing his rights to the property. With the number of heirs and offsprings, this is virtually an impossible task especially given the property will be auctioned on May 1st, 2000 if the past due taxes and attorneys fees are not paid in full; current amount = \$27,537.34 (this figure does not include taxes for the year 2000). After the delinquent taxes are paid, the annual projected taxes will be approximately \$2000.00. Paying this yearly amount is much more manageable.

If we all come together we can redeem and retain this land (our inheritance). We can do this as a family. This land has almost been sold several times over the years and yet here we are, one hundred and twenty two years later, given the opportunity to finally take control of this land and keep it. A Higher Power along with our ancestors has to be guiding us in our endeavor to do what grandfather Jesse had in mind, to leave his family with a legacy: owning property.

This property has been involved in court hearings several times. During the most recent hearing, March 6th, 2000, the court appointed an attorney (Michael Martin) to represent all Robertson heirs in resolving the delinquent tax issue. In order to assist the heirs in paying the delinquent taxes, the court has approved the selling of available timber on the property. Michael Martin (court appointed attorney) is working to sell the timber before May 1st, 2000. In the event there is not enough money from the sell of the timber, the heirs will have to pay any balance due.

Several reliable loggers have viewed much of the property and in their professional opinion, there may not be enough saleable timber to cover the \$27,537.34 (this figure does not include taxes for the year 2000). With the delinquent taxes in mind, members of the Jesse Robertson Foundation are requesting all Robertson heirs to contribute to the delinquent tax balance. Paying the delinquent taxes before May 1st is the number one priority, thus removing the property from the courts back to the Robertson heirs. We need heirs to be generous with their contributions. Any surplus will be used for other maintenance items such as:

- Reseeding trees on property for future sales
- No trespassing signs
- Fencing
- Property cleanup
- Etc.

A corporate attorney has been contacted and feels that a corporation is the best way to handle this property at this time. The basic concept for creating and implementing a corporation is to manage and control the business interest of the heirs so this type of tax problem does not occur again. The corporation will also allow the heirs to be involved in other business endeavors to make the property productive. Some potential business ventures that have been suggested but not limited to are listed below:

- Tree farm
- Fish farm
- Cattle farm
- Alternative school for troubled youth
- Nursing home
- Camping ground
- Other suggestions are encouraged

To assist us in meeting our goal of **\$27,537.34**, please call in your contribution to **McKinley Walker or Letha Barrett** before **April 1st, 2000**. Be sure you write your check or money order to the person you called your contribution to. **For this project to be successful, we need you to act immediately.**

Until the JRF Corporation is filed, we do not have a tax ID number or a checking account. Robertson heirs are needed to form a solid corporation. Since we do not, as yet, have a tax ID or checking account, you will need to make your check payable to the person you called your contribution to.

Please send a check or money order in the self-addressed envelope with the enclosed membership form by **April 15th, 2000**. The addresses below are available if this letter is copied and given to those who may not be on the distribution list.

McKinley Walker

Letha Barrett

A Robertson family tree is included. We need your help in validating, correcting and adding missing heirs (children of Jesse Robertson and their children). Make additions and corrections with the appropriate family number on a separate sheet of paper and return it in the return envelope. More information on this project will be mailed later.

There are other buyers lined up to buy this property and we cannot outbid them should this property go to auction.

Thanking you in advance,

McKinley Walker
Charlie "Stem" Robertson
Alma Bryant
Letha Barrett
Betty Robertson
Mel Robertson, Jr.

Gilmer, Tx.
Terrell, Tx.
Ore City, Tx.
Mesa, Az.
Mesa, Az.
San Jose, Ca.

JRF Membership Form

Check one of the following:

- ☐ I **AM** interested in becoming a member of the Jesse Robertson Foundation and will exercise voting rights and privileges of the foundation including receiving any royalties or shares generated.

My contribution amount is: \$ _____

- ☐ I **AM NOT** interested in becoming a Member of the Jesse Robertson Foundation and will sign a Quit Claim Deed to release my rights. By choosing this option, I understand that I will not receive any royalties or shares generated by the foundation and will not have voting privileges.
- ☐ I **AM NOT** interested in becoming a member of the Jesse Robertson Foundation or Quit Claiming my portion of the property. By choosing this option, I understand that I will not receive any royalties or shares generated by the foundation and will not have voting privileges.
- No reply means you will not lose your property rights as an heir. It does mean you will not receive any royalties or shares generated by the foundation and will not have voting privileges.

Please provide your name, address and phone number and date below:

Print name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____