

the time of his death, which occurred according to the best of my recollection, some time during the year 1822, or perhaps in 1823.- At the solicitation of some of his friends here, I took out Letters of Administration on his estate, and proceeded to gather up all of it that I could find, & had it appraised at \$90 67½/100 and netted only \$77 28½/100 at the Public Sale thereof. -The proceeds were swallowed up by the costs of Administration, etc.

If Mr. Philbrook ever had any valid title to real estate in Arkansas, it never came to my knowledge. - He had, as I understood at the time, - say 1822 to 1823 some interest in the New Madrid claim which Wm M. O'Hara, of St. Louis, located in a portion of the present city of Little Rock, which location was never confirmed, by the U. States and, of course, his estate derived no benefit from his claim under the O'Hara location.

~~I understood that there were one or more other New Madrid claims located, or attempted to be located, on portions of the present site of Little Rock, but I have no recollection of any of them being confirmed by the U. S.~~

Very respectfully  
Your freind & Ob't Serv't  
Wm. E. Woodruff, Sr.

Hon. A. H. Garland  
-U.S.-Senate--  
Little Rock, Ark's.

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Little Rock,  
August 5, /77

Mr. Woodruff,

You will remember that I wrote you a month or so since, about the Philbrook claim to much of this city. Since then I have received from Washington DC, a copy of the application, papers & etc. There are some statements among those papers I would be glad for you to see, and make some reference to. Judge Rose has them for the inspection of all parties concerned. I would be glad if you would make out a sworn statement of the case as you knew it, and leave with Judge Rose. In Oct the matter will be considered by the Dept. and acted upon.

Your friend  
A.H. Garland

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L Rock  
Augt. 29/77

Mr. Woodruff,

Since you made your affidavit at Judge Rose's office about Philbrook claims, I have received another statement of P's case, which deserves your attention. Jedge R has it & he is now absent for a few days at Louisville. I wish you would go to his office & make an affidavit responsive to that - stating since you made your last affidavit this of Clarks has been seen & read by you etc etc. Respond especially to that part