

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Honorable Charley Lockhart State Treasurer

Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

Opinion No. 0-3478

Re: Disposition to be made of \$10.26, which has been sent to the State Treasurer for the Pat Burke Estate.

Your letter of May 1 (1941), received, asking what you should do with \$10,26 that has been mailed to you for the account of the Pat Burke estate.

There is a very serious question whether the administrator of the estate had the right to collect or accept the \$10.26. There is also a serious question whether the County Court in Live Oak County now has any jurisdiction over the estate.

The judgment of the County Court rendered in December, 1940, directs G. H. Bain, as administrator, to close the estate, pay all the expenses, and remit the balance of the estate to you, as State Treasurer, to be held in the estate fund. While it is true the court found in his judgment the amount of the estate that was or would be left to be \$222.79, it appears that he was mistaken because the additional \$10.26 had not been paid to the administrator. In order to open up the matter in the County Court, it will cost more than the \$10.26. By reason of the general order made by the court in December, 1940, directing the administrator to send all the estate he had to the State Treasurer, it is our judgment, and we advise that you put this \$10.26 in the estate fund in the name of the Pat Burke estate, and send the administrator your receipt therefor.

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If and when any one claims this estate, the record will show the total amount paid, and there will be no difficulty in having the court at that time onter the proper order relative to your paying same to the proper owner.

Ve are returning you herewith the copy of the judgment rendered in the Burke estate, which you attached to your letter, with the request that same be returned.

OVED MAY 8. 1941

FIRST ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Very truly yours

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