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I, Edna Kay Hinkle of Otero, New Mexico,
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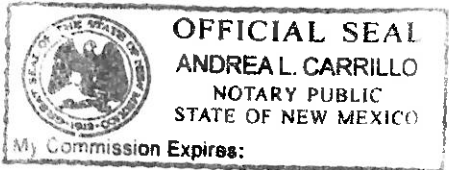
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SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,

on the 17th day of October, 2020

Signature: [Redacted Signature]

Notary Public
My Commission expires: 01/25/2024



Richard (Dick) and Genevra Wood Gililand were White Sands Missile Range Ranchers, who were living west of Salinas Peak, twenty seven miles from where the atomic bomb was tested. They had a rainwater cistern that caught the rainwater when it ran off the house, and then the excess rain water ran into a dirt tank. They used out of that dirt tank when the cistern went dry. They used this rainwater for drinking water and to cook with.

The well water across the canyon was too rank to drink. They had no electricity, so that means no pressure pumps or pressure tanks. The well water was pumped out of the ground by the windmill when the wind blew, into an open storage tank. That water sat in the tanks exposed to the radiation.

They had six children: Alice, Sam, Dixie, Lola, Pete, and Jess. Nineteen of Dick and Genevra's immediate family members have been affected by cancer.

Jess and Pete were asleep on the front porch when this bomb went off, and woke them up. They saw the mushroom twenty seven miles away. The government didn't even bother to tell them to get out of the area beforehand. Jess said the government never told them what the mushroom was.

Sam's daughter Cleo had stomach cancer when she was 12. Sam's daughter-in-law Carol Ann died from colon, liver, and lung cancer.

Alice and her husband Clay Smith had spring water that ran into an open metal tank for their drinking water. Alice had breast cancer when she was in her early 80s, her husband Clay died of colon cancer at the age of 66. Her daughter Lucy died from breast cancer at 42. Her son Richard got prostate cancer when he was 56 and died from it when he was 73. Her granddaughter Cheryl died from cancer.

Dixie and her husband Roy Tucker had spring water that ran into an open tank for their drinking water. Roy died from pancreatic cancer. Her son-in-law Tony Beanblossom died from colon cancer

when he was 67. Her daughter-in-law Karen Beanblossom Tucker died of breast cancer.

Lola has had skin cancer. Her husband Hansel Tucker beat colon cancer when he was 52. Both of her sons have been fighting prostate cancer.

Pete had cancer when he died at the age of 79. His wife Wilma was 66 when she died from pancreatic cancer.

Jess had cancer just below his eye. His wife Louise had thyroid cancer at the age of 83. His daughter Edna Kay Hinkle beat breast cancer at 59. She has had twenty one skin cancers and probably hundreds of potential skin cancers cut or burnt off. His daughter Judy beat breast cancer when she was 49.

They all drank out of open tanks, either rainwater or spring water. Open tanks, meaning no tops, no lids on the tanks.

Jess and Louise Gililand, his brother, Pete Gililand, and his wife, Wilma Gililand walked around at the Trinity site after the bomb was detonated. They picked up the melted sand, and took it home, not knowing it was full of radiation. Back in those days they had a fence around the Trinity site, but the gate was open. Their children were clearly affected by it. Wilma was pregnant at the time with Shirley Ann Gililand. Shirley was born without any eyes.

Genevra's brother John Wood lived on the ranch to the south of her. He had a rain water cistern for his drinking water. The closest well was $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from the house. He died of Leukemia. His son Howard and his daughter Bonnie both died of cancer.

Genevra's brother Pete Wood's ranch was to the south of John Wood's ranch. Peter had well water, but it pumped into an overhead tank. Pete's son-in-law Harvey Hinkle died from liposarcoma cancer, his son Eldon Hinkle died from esophageal cancer.

Genevra's sister-in-law Annie Wood, who lived on the ranch to the north of Genevra had a spring that ran into an open rock tank. She

died of esophageal cancer. She was closer to the Trinity site than Dick's ranch.

That makes a total of 25 cancer victims in my family.

My oldest daughter, Jackie Freeman says it's not a matter of if you get cancer; it's a matter of when in our family.

Alice Smith's daughter Viola told her Dr. She hadn't been born yet when the bomb went off, so she doesn't have to worry about cancer. He told her the radiation altered our DNA so we are more susceptible to cancer.

Thank you very much for your time and help!

Edna Kay Gililand Hinkle

I live in Tularosa, New Mexico,

But my grandparent's ranch was 27 miles from Trinity Site when the atomic bomb went off.

This is a picture of the water storage tanks. One rock tank and one metal tank. The wind mill is no longer there. This is South East of Trinity Site.



Consent form for New Mexico Downwinders

I consent to sharing my story with the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium, with my full understanding and permission for them to use my story and identity in their advocacy efforts, which may include (but are not limited to) research, news stories, articles, etc.

Print Name Edna K. Hinkle

Sign Name 

Date 10-7-2020