

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No.
	)	1:96CV01285 (TFH)
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SALLY JEWELL, Secretary of the Interior, et al.,	)	Before the Special Master
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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**SPECIAL MASTER ORDER NO. 8**  
**PERMITTING THE USE OF SMALL ESTATE PROCEDURES FOR THE**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS TO ESTATES AND HEIRS OF**  
**DECEASED CLASS MEMBERS IN ADDITIONAL STATES**

Upon consideration of *Plaintiffs’ Unopposed Third Motion to Permit the Use of Small Estate Procedures for the Distribution of Settlement Proceeds to Estates and Heirs of Deceased Class Members* [Dkt. No. 4086], it is hereby ordered that Garden City Group (“GCG”), the Claims Administrator, may distribute settlement proceeds owed to deceased members of the Historical Accounting and Trust Administration Classes in accordance with the following state procedures for the distribution of small estates:

1. Ala. Code §5-5A-38, *et seq.*
2. Fl. Stat. §§ 732.402, 735.301
3. 755 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/25-1, *et seq.*
4. Iowa Code Ann. §§ 633.227, 635.1, *et seq.*
5. Ky. Rev. Stat. §§ 391.030, 395.455
6. Miss. Code An. §§ 91-7-322

In accordance with ¶ 2 of the District Court's *Order Granting Unopposed Motion to Modify Distribution of Settlement Proceeds to Estates and Heirs of Deceased Class Members* dated June 19, 2013 [Dkt. No. 3958], GCG is only authorized to use these state procedures for distribution of small estates where, at the time of distribution, it has not been provided documentation, as set forth in ¶¶ 1(a)-(c) of that order, of one of the following:

1. A state or tribal probate order identifying the heirs of the deceased class member;
2. The existing legally appointed executor or administrator of an estate of the deceased class member;
3. A will of the deceased class member that addresses, including through a residuary clause, the distribution of the settlement funds, where that will has been accepted for probate by a state or tribal court or the Department of Interior;

Should GCG conclude that there is an ambiguity or a conflict in any documentation, then the matter shall be sent directly to the Special Master for determination.

This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015

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/s/  
Hon. Richard A. Levie (Ret.)  
Special Master