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Letter from Oakland Church of Christ to Leslie G. Thomas

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Oakland Church of Christ

Pittsburgh : Pennsylvania

Address Reply to:

9 Elton Ave., Pittsburgh (10) Pa.
June 19, 1941.

Leslie G. Thomas,
P. O. Box 165,
Dickson, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Thomas:

We are planning to purchase some property now on the tax lists of the city of Pittsburgh, county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania and after some physical alterations convert it to the use of a place of public worship. One of the conditions that the municipality imposes in making application to have the property in question exempted from taxation is to furnish proof that we are a religious group organized solely for the purpose of religious worship, etc.

Having in mind that we are included in the national Government census of churches that you assisted in taking within recent years, we were wondering if, at your instance or upon a direct request on our part to the proper official whose name we could obtain from you, the Government Census Bureau of Churches would issue a simple statement to the effect that such an organization is in its listings showing the listed location of our meeting house and any other data they would see fit to include. We would then include that statement along with some others and use them to establish the required proof. In our case it is not easy to establish that proof as you know we are no part of any religious heirarchies and what-not, and to complicate matters we have only one other organized church of Christ in the Pittsburgh district to give us a statement. It is doubtful whether any churches that know us outside of the State or district could give acceptable statements, but a simple statement emanating from Government offices would have at least some probative value.

If you would care to make this request in our behalf we would greatly appreciate it; otherwise, kindly advise how to proceed.

Faithfully yours,

OAKLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST

By _____

P.S. - John C. Graham is our
present minister.