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Dear Mrs Kramer:

It has been a few years since we were in correspondence with you. SPACES is now eight years old and thriving; still working to preserve the folk art environments of California and the United States. Seven sites are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and many more have been recognized with state landmark status.

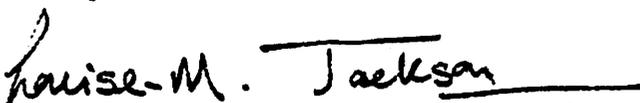
Our archives and files have grown considerably and we are now making a concerted effort to fill in any gaps we may have regarding the history of the movement as well as individual sites and their makers.

The information we have about the Towers comes from: Peter Odens book, Desert Tower Country: The Desert Edge; a short article in the October 1974 issue of Sunset Magazine; a fold out 'postcard' with information and photographs, published by the Towers, as well as a Map of Imperial County that you sent us in 1982. The only other photographs that we know of are in SPACES book: In Celebration of Ourselves.

Do you have any other information about the construction of Desert View Tower and its history or any other information about the lives of Bert Vaughn and W.T. Ratcliffe? We would like to get copies of their death certificates for our files, but do not know where they were buried. Do you have this information? Also, can you suggest anyone else who might have information concerning the Tower, and can you give us the name and address of the current owner?

A copy of our last newsletter is enclosed. The next issue will be available any day now. Thankyou very much for your assistance. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely:


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