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## The State Bank of Girard.

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May 15th 1916.

Girard, Kansas

Hon. S. M. Brewster,  
Attorney General,  
Topeka, Kan.,

Dear Sir:-

The people of Girard and Crawford county lying north of this city are endeavoring to build a gravel road from this city to the county line north under the Hodges road law. They have secured the signatures to road petitions of what seems to be a majority of the land and 60% of the land owners but several questions have come up that they would like to have your opinion on before they file the petition. Here are the principal questions that they wish you to answer for them:-

1st. Where a piece of land is in the name of the original owner but he is dead and the land is owned by the widow and children as an undivided estate without ever having gone into the probate court. Can the widow sign a petition for road improvement and give in the entire tract of land.

2nd. Where there are four heirs to a piece of land, widow and three children or four children and the estate has not been divided and is still in the name of the father, who is dead, will all of the heirs be counted in determining the total number of land owners in the district.?

3rd. In case there are 7 heirs, all of record, and five of them sign the road petition will the five control all of the land or only their per cent?

4th. In case five heirs own an undivided estate, none of the names of record has having interest in land and three of them are nonresidents will any or all of them be counted in making the total number of land owners in district?

5th. The enclosed petition is copy of the one that has been circulated and signed. You will note that the county commissioners have agreed to pay \$500.00 per mile of the cost of the road. Is this provision legal?

6th. Is the division of the cost of the road as set out in the petition legal?

I wish you would please answer each of these questions as soon as you can and send your reply to Mr. D. C. Flint, Girard, Kan., and send a copy to me at Pleasanton, Kan. The committee here, of which Mr. Flint is chairman, will hold the petition till they hear from you as they do not want to file it unless they are sure it is valid in every respect and they will not be satisfied till they hear from you on the above questions.

I wish to thank you in advance for this early reply in behalf of the people of Girard who have been working hard for this road.

Very truly,

Sec. Jefferson Highway Association,  
Pleasanton, Kansas.

P. S. The road to be  
improved is a "County Road."