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Mr. William Randolph Hearst
La Cuesta Encantada
San Simeon, California

Dear Mr. Hearst:

Enclosed are the only photographs we were able to resurrect, showing the tree moving operations, although Miss Morgan probably has others in her private collection. These photographs were borrowed from the house movers, who performed the underpinning and moving operation.

In general, the program consisted of tunneling under the tree and casting three or four parallel reinforced concrete girders under the main root area of the tree. A more or less circular trench was then dug around the tree and a reinforced concrete band was poured in this ring against the earth containing the roots. A bottom was then placed in this ring by undermining and lagging, using the concrete girders to support the lagging. Timbers and rollers were then placed under the girders and the tree was then ready for either jacking up or moving laterally.

In some cases the moving was done by means of rollers, and, in at least one case, where the movement was downhill, the moving was effected by means of greased skids.

We would be glad to have you return these photographs as soon as they have served your purpose, as they are greatly cherished by the workman who was kind enough to loan them to us.

Very truly yours

Julia Morgan

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3 Photographs loaned
by Thomas Sullivan

By *W. R. Hearst*