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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York County of Albany

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she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of
age, and that on the 16thday of August , 19 77, she served the within

Notice of Determination by (certified) mail upon Stanley H. Stevens
and Rose Stevens

(representative of the petitioner in the within proceeding,
by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed
as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Stevens
769 Onderdonk Avenue
Ridgewood, New York

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

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1501 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York 11501

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That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (xepresentative of the last known address of the (xepresentative xofx the) petitioner.

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New York City Corporation Counsel

Municipal Building New York, NY 10007

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STATE TAX COMMISSION
TAX APPEALS BUREAU
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227
August 16, 1977

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stevens:

Please take notice of the **DETERMINATION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 251 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 acress from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

Paul B. Coburn

Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc: Petitioner's Representative

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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In the Matter of an Instrument Executed

by

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and the Application of First American Title: Insurance Company of New York for a Refund of Mortgage Recording Tax Paid Pursuant to: Article 11 of the Tax Law with Reference to a Mortgage Recorded on April 20, 1976.

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A formal hearing was held before Michael Alexander, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York on April 20, 1977 at 2:45 P.M. The applicant appeared by Joseph N. Friedman, Esq. The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Richard Kaufman, Esq., of counsel). The City of New York appeared by W. Bernard Richland, Esq., (Arnold Fox, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether the applicant is entitled to a refund of tax paid on the recording of a supplemental mortgage where no statement under oath is filed with the recording officer at the time of recording.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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- B. That the failure to present the statement under oath detailing the facts upon which the exemption from mortgage recording tax is requested made it imperative for the recording

officer to collect the tax if the mortgage was to be recorded (Tax Law §258).

- C. That the determination of the recording officer is reviewable by the Tax Commission pursuant to section 255 of the Tax Law.
- D. That the statement under oath required by section 255 is a document separate and apart from the instrument sought to be recorded, and that explanations contained in the mortgage instrument which explain the basis therefor do not meet the statutory requirement of a statement under oath.
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DATED: Albany, New York August 16, 1977 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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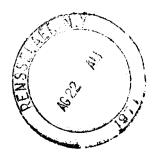
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DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE 'MISCELLANEOUS TAX BUREAU

To Art Maxwell

The attached request came from Vi Walker in Tax Appeals. As it seemed to be in regard to a Mortgage Tax case, perhaps you would have a more recent address for the taxpayer.

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