

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SAUK COUNTY COURT

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COUNTY COURT
HARLAND H. HILL, County Judge
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
)
AUGUST DERLETH, a/k/a)
AUGUST W. DERLETH,)
Deceased.)

OBJECTION TO AMENDED INVENTORY

The undersigned, hereby enters his objection to the Amended Inventory as filed by the Personal Representatives in the above estate on the 10th day of July, 1973 for the following reason:

The undersigned and August Derleth had an agreement on the ownership of the Lovecraft literary properties which provided that the survivor was to receive said properties; a copy of said agreement is attached hereto.

Therefore, it is the position of the undersigned that the items in the Amended Inventory which were in the original Inventory listed as the joint property with Donald Wandrei are not properly included in the Amended Inventory as a part of the August Derleth Estate, and that by virtue of the attached agreement, Donald Wandrei succeeded upon the death of August Derleth to all of the Lovecraft properties and we hereby demand from the Personal Representatives of the August Derleth Estate, delivery of all of said properties including but not being limited thereto, all of the material providing the basis for the Lovecraft Letters and Selected Letters of H. P. Lovecraft, Volumes IV and V as well as the material for Selected Letters of H. P. Lovecraft, Volumes I, II and III, and also all such material used as a basis for all previous Lovecraft books published by Arkham House and bearing the copyright notice of August Derleth and Donald Wandrei, together with all files and records held by the Personal Representatives of the Lovecraft material.

Donald Wandrei
Donald Wandrei

State of Wisconsin }
County of Sauk } ss
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This document, having been compared by me with the original on file and of record in my office, is a true copy thereof.

Attest: May 31st 1974
Martha E. Lange
Martha E. Lange, Register in Probate

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A G R E E M E N T

The parties to this agreement are August Derleth of Sauk City, Wisconsin, and Donald Wandrei of St. Paul, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on or about the year 1947 Weird Tales, Inc. assigned to the above named parties its copyrights on all the writings of H. P. Lovecraft, deceased as published in that magazine;

NOW, THEN, IT IS AGREED by and between the said August Derleth and the said Donald Wandrei as follows:

First: That said copyrights so assigned to them, whether in joint tenancy or as tenants in common, shall be governed by this agreement.

Second: That both while living and either after the decease of one shall continue in the complete ownership, including all rights connected therewith in and to said assignment aforesaid.

Third: That at the death of the survivor of the two, all of the rights then existing in said copyrights shall be by this instrument and other valuable considerations assigned to the Wisconsin State Historical Society of Madison, Wisconsin.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their hands and seals this 8th day of November, 1955.

In Presence of:

August Derleth (SEAL)

Willard N Hill

Donald Wandrei (SEAL)

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
SAUK COUNTY) ss

Personally came before me this 8th day of November, 1955, the above named August Derleth and Donald Wandrei, to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Willard N Hill
Notary Public, Sauk County, Wis.

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