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## ESTATE OF HENRY LITTLE COYOTE

IBIA 76-13

Decided September 30, 1975

Petition to reopen estate.

Denied.

APPEARANCES: Charles C. Harris, pro se.

### OPINION BY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE SABAGH

The above-entitled matter comes before the Board on a petition to reopen filed by Charles C. Harris, on or about July 13, 1975.

It appears from an examination of the petition, that the basic contentions of the petitioner are -

- 1) That the appellee unduly influenced the testator.
- 2) That appellee's son was falsely named in paragraph four of the will in question, as first born great grandson.

With respect to the first contention, the Administrative Law Judge found on February 27, 1970, after a hearing held at Lame Deer, Montana, on April 22, 1969, that the last will and testament of Henry Little Coyote, was properly executed while the testator was of sound mind and disposing memory and not actuated by fraud, undue influence, coercion, or duress, and expressed his true wishes as to the disposition of his estate.

Having reviewed the record, including the transcript of the testimony taken at a hearing where all interested parties were afforded an opportunity to be heard, the Board finds that there is substantial evidence in the record to support the findings and Order Approving Will and Decree of Distribution of Administrative Law Judge.

It is correct that William M. Harris is the first-born great grandson of the decedent rather than Paul Stephen Underwood. However, as stated in a previous order relating to this matter denying petition

