

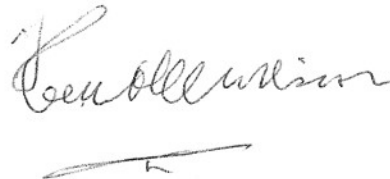
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To Whom It May Concern:

In my capacity as Historian/Archivist at Nestle Beverage Company in San Francisco I have had considerable contact with Bennett Hall in the restoration of historic photographic materials used in illustrating many of the incidents that occurred during the seventy-two years that I have spent in the employ (and as a consultant) of Hills Bros. Coffee, Inc. and the Company's present owner - Nestlé Beverage Company.

Notable among all the examples of hand tinting and framing by Bennett Hall is the exhibit of some twenty-five to thirty photographs of varying size and age that comprise the historical lobby exhibit in the building at #2 Harrison Street in San Francisco which was built and occupied as the home offices and plant of Hills Bros. from 1926 to 1985 (later by Nestlé Beverage Company).

Bennett's judgment and artistry in the handling of such objects might well be described as "State Of The Art" and it is always a pleasure to work with him.



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