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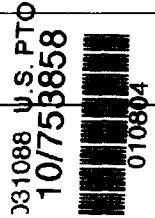
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County of Williamson and State of Texas

and

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County of Travis and State of Texas

and

(3) Neil Raymond Pennell of Austin  
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have invented certain improvements in

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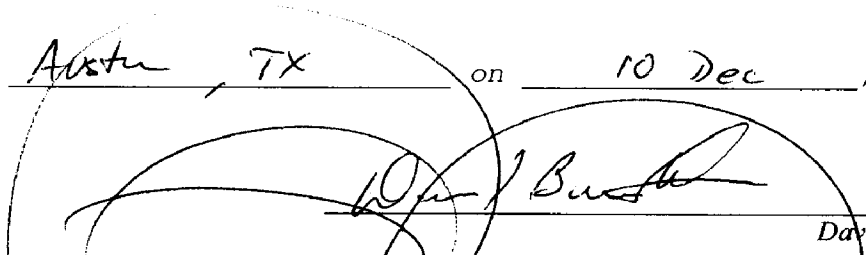
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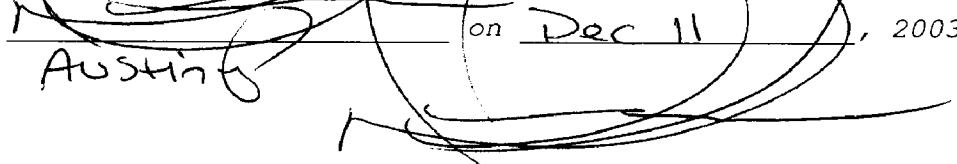
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Rhonda L. Childress  
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