Dec. 20, 1982
Stephenville, Texas

Dear Sue,

I received your letter a few days ago and we are happy to comply with your request. You will find enclosed a few original post cards that were made for selling during the time that Ray’s Ornamental Gardens were in operation, however, it has been several years since it has been almost totally destroyed. It was very attractive during the early 30’s thru the 50’s (year) but had had no maintenance since Mr. Ray passed away about 20 years ago.
ago. At that time the place was inhabited by an elderly couple who did not take care of the grounds at all. We bought the place 6 years ago and thought we might restore it, but too much of it was gone or weather ravaged until we gave up on restoration. Really, all that exist of the garden now is a little old ruin down Curio shop and the fish pond and the large dome and cross directly behind the fish pond. Also some of the rock fence surrounding the pond is still there and some of the rock flowers beds in the form of stacked circles you see in front of the house in the large photo. Of course the house in the picture has been enlarged and
This appears to be a handwritten letter. The handwriting is legible, but the context of the letter is not clear from the image alone.
We live in it. We have a garage added on to the side of the house and 2 bedrooms and another bath and utility room have been added. The trees, of course, are much larger now than they were in the pictures and time and they weather have taken most of the coloring out of the few remaining ornaments.

Actually, these gardens were begun in about 1922 by Mr. Ray, who owned a general merchandise store downtown and he would bring home broken dishes, glasses, bowls, shells, etc. and make up some cement and form a star circle or some shape with these.
Of what was once a beautiful showpiece of love and hard work. I wish it could still be a nice place to visit, but it isn't, as I hope these cards and your little note can add to your collection. If you're ever in stephenville drop by to see us, we'd be glad to have you here.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Aloys Delk
(Pat)

P.S. Just as a thought— I used to work in a Woolworth store in Farmington, New Mexico and had a friend by the name of Sue Smith that worked there too. My name was Patrice Dayton and I know you're probably not the same Sue, but wouldn't it be a small world if you were?