

# LIFETIME SERVICE AGREEMENT

Date:

**December 7, 2000** 

Owner:

Meyer & Leigh Homes, Inc

Lot 18 Village of Indian Springs Dakota Ridge Place Drive Woodlands, Texas 77381

Work was Performed:

August - September 2000

## **WARRANTY:**

OWNER recognizes that soil conditions in this area are such that there may occur some future shifting of the soil. If any re-raising of the area of the structure on which CONTRACTOR performs the work, due to settling the first 10 years after completion of the work provided for in this Agreement, CONTRACTOR will re-raise settled areas where the above described piers have been installed, without cost to OWNER. After the tenth year, should re-raising same area of the structure be required, CONTRACTOR will perform such service if requested by OWNER at a cost of \$40.00 per pier adjusted plus or minus the U.S. Government Consumer Price Index (All Commodities). The removal and/or replacement of any type of floor covering for the adjustment of interior piers shall be at OWNER'S expense.

## TRANSFERABILITY:

OWNER'S rights hereunder may be assigned to a purchaser of the property covered by this Agreement and all of the terms, provisions, and warranties provided herein shall be binding on CONTRACTOR, provided, however, OWNER or the purchaser must notify CONTRACTOR in writing of such transfer of ownership within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the transfer of title of the property.



FOUNDATION REPAIR
AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

December 7, 2000

Meyer & Leigh Homes Inc., Lot 18 Village of Indian Springs Dakota Ridge Place Drive Woodland, Texas 77381

Re:

Lot 18 Village of Indian Springs

Woodland, Texas 77381

Job No: 20669-2

CHURCH SERVICES has recently completed repairing your foundation and included in the repairs procedure was the installation of 101 bell bottom piers at the approximate locations shown on the enclosed sketch.

We at CHURCH SERVICES demand quality in our workmanship and stand behind our work by granting a lifetime service agreement with the privilege of unlimited transferability. Enclosed is our agreement regarding the foundation repair work conducted on your residence and the lifetime service and unlimited transferability provisions. Please note that we need your help to keep water from ponding/standing around the foundation, which requires constant maintenance of grade, gutters and/or drainage systems around the residence.

The enclosed sketch of the pier locations and service agreement should be kept in a safe and convenient location for your future reference.

The owners and employees of CHURCH SERVICES would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation during the foundation repair procedure. Please find enclosed a Questionnaire concerning our performance on your repair and mail back in the postage-paid envelope. Thank you again for allowing CHURCH SERVICES to perform the repairs at your home.

Sincerely,

M. Todd Church

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**Enclosures** 

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FOUNDATION INSPECTION OF 7 Dakota Ridge Job # 201658

Prepared for: Meyer & Leigh

Prepared by: CONCEPT ENGINEERS, IN June 6, 2000

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Two story, three car garage. Brick

exterior.

DATE & TIME OF INSPECTION:

May 27, 2000

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Hot and Sunny

## II. GENERAL DATA

A. The single family residence was under construction with fracting and sheetrock complete at the time of this inspection.

- B. Two story wood frame; 5 bedroom. Brick veneer.
- C. Roof covered with asphalt composition shingles.
- D. Foundation system consists of a conventional slab on grade:
- E. For the purpose of this report, the building is assumed to fair Northwest. See Sketch SK-1 at the end of the report for exact orientation.
- F. The house has partly been provided with gutter and downsplut system.

#### III. INTENT OF INSPECTION

The intent of this report is to provide our client a general everview of the structural condition of the property under consideration through observations and opinions made on the day of inspection. While a warranty is neither expressed for implied, our report can be considered a sound engineering opinion based on years a experience in this field.

The content of this report is based solely on visual evidence assonably available during inspection. As Registered Professional Engineers, it is our responsibility to evaluate available evidence that is relevant to the structural system the building. We are not responsible for the conditions that could not be seen by us tring inspection.

We also feel obligated to inform our client that the evaluation given in this report is by no means an exhaustive technical evaluation. Only obvious visible deficiencies related to the structure can be observed in a time-bound field visit such a this.



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Please note that compliance with any federal, state, or local codes and/or any other legal requirements is beyond the scope of the present study. Also, no vestigation was made to determine the location of any geological faults relative to the location of the subject property.

### IV. METHODS EMPLOYED

'Visual Observation' was the key tool employed for the evaluation of proper structural performance. A compulevel was used to record relative elevations of the foundation slab around the structure.

No surface materials were removed, no physical tests (destribute or non-destructive) were undertaken, and no instruments (except the compu level) were employed to aid the building evaluation. No special effort was made to expose the structural system from architectural finishes and no drawings, calculations and/or regulations were studied in order to come to the conclusions stated in this report.

This visual inspection can generally provide a sound engirering assessment of the property unless the distress patterns or relevant symptoms have been masked by a recent repair or remodelling.

## V. OBSERVATIONS:

In order to gauge the structural performance of the house, the inspection was carried out in the following order and our observations noted for each item as follows:

#### A. EXTERIOR DISTRESS SYMPTOMS:

The house is covered on all sides with brick veneer. The brick eneer, in general, reflects the state of the foundation slab very accurately. Any major dimerential movement in the slab supporting brick veneer is generally reflected in the back masonry by means of cracks in the mortar, bricks, or both. These cracks normally art above the foundation slab and travel up in the wall along the path of least resistance sometimes in a stair-step fashion. The following observations were made with regards the exterior of the house:

- Approximately 5 ft. fill can be seen at the back of the house which has E1. been extended about 5 ft. past the edge of the lab beyond the family room and the three car garage.
- Approximately 2 ft. fill can be seen at the bar of the house which has E2. been extended about 2 ft. past the edge of the lab beyond the master bedroom.



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- The front of the foundation appeared to be sittle on grade. E3.
- The left and the right side of the house has approximately 2 ft. fill E4. which has been extended about 2 ft. past the eithe of the slab.

#### **B. INTERIOR DISTRESS SYMPTOMS:**

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The interior walls and ceilings of the house comprise of gypsul board (sheet rock) finish on wood studs and joists respectively. This type of construction very readily reflects any frame movements, foundation movements and/or joint distorthins by showing cracks on its surface. The following were observed in the slab:

- 1/16" crack in the slab across the garage. **I1**.
- 1/16" crack in the slab halfway along the slat starting from back of the 12. garage to middle of the slab.
- Two 1/32" cracks in the slab across and alon the family room. I3.
- Two 1/32" cracks in the slab across and along the breakfast room. **I4**.
- 1/32" crack in the slab along the kitchen. **I5**.
- 1/32" cracks in the slab in various directions in the dining room. I6..
- Two 1/16" cracks in the slab across and along the master bedroom. **I7**.
- 1/32" in the slab across the master bedroom. 18.
- 1/16" crack in the slab across the master bat loom. **19**.

#### VI. DISCUSSION

The relative elevations taken at the interior of the house are sawn on sketch SK-1. These elevations, as marked in this sketch have been calculated with respect to an arbitrarily assumed reference datum point.

The differential movements noted in the subject slab are the result of post construction consolidation of fill under the foundation.



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### VII. CONCLUSION

Based on our observations on the day of inspection and as mentioned in the above discussions, the following conclusions can be drawn:

- 1. The cracks noticed in the slab do constitute actual physical dimage to the foundation.
- 2. In our opinion the above damage to the foundation has cause a failure of its load bearing function.

#### VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

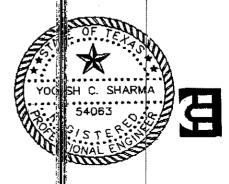
The following recommendations are made:

- A. The cracks and other distresses mentioned in our observation above should be monitored for any further changes.
- B. All cracks in the slab that are larger than 1/32" in width shoul be repaired by injecting it with high strength epoxy grout.
- C. The foundation of this house should be repaired by "underp ning" it with bell bottom piers so as to bring its load bearing function back to its original design intent. The design should be accomplished by a Registered Professional Engineer on the basis of geotechnical data available at the site.
- D. As a general rule, for a long and effective service life of the foundation slab, keep the moisture content of the soils around the foundation at a content level. You may like to supplement the rainfall with a proper and effective watering system.

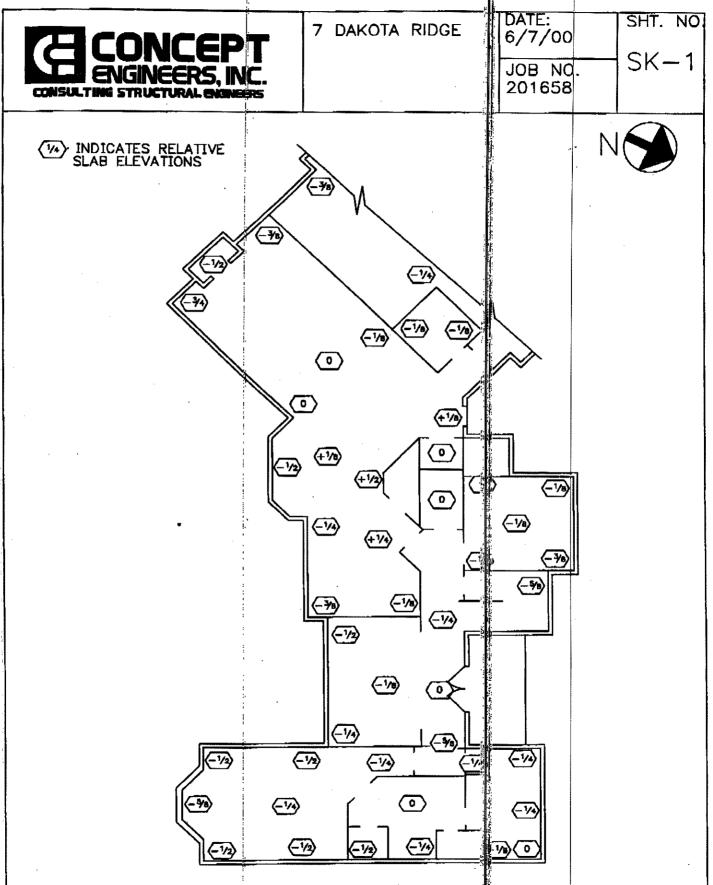
We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you. Please given us a call in case you have a question on this report.

Sincerely yours,

Concept Engineers, Inc.



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PLUMBING FOUNDATION REPAIR
AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

Church Construction, Inc. (dba. CHURCH SERVICES) herein referred to Mover + Leigh Homes

NAME

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herein referred to as "OWNER" agree that CONTRACTOR will furnish labor, equipment and described work to the above described premises

- Exterior and -34 -Interior piers (inch shafts, under the foundation of the structure in places recommended to will be to a sultable soil level determined by drilling a 15 foot hole. CONTRACT piers are installed to as near level as construction of the structure will permit ( repair and recognizes that such method is the generally accepted method of found
- When required, work will be permitted to meet all local government requirements.
- CONTRACTOR will repair any damage to plumbing lines (sewer, water, sprinkler, telephone and TV cables caused by CONTRACTOR during the excavation and CONTRACTOR is not responsible for any damage caused because of rotter conditions. CONTRACTOR is not responsible for plumbing leaks or utility lines reso
- The job site will be cleared of all excavated din and other material associated with the inst-
- in foundation leveling, conditions might appear when work is begun that were not prepared, such as, insufficient reinforcing steel in concrete slab, and/or other deficiencies. In such cases the Lifetime Service Agreement becomes invalid and CONT
- It is understood and agreed that in order to perform the above described work wallbaper, or other rigid materials may crack. The amount shown below does no work, or the replacement of any materials not called for in this agreement. It is undif responsible for the survival of the trees, plants or shrubs that might obstruit CONTRACTOR does not assume any responsibility for existing warranties that repairs. This includes termite protection warranty.
- It is understood that CONTRACTOR will furnish all the labor, equipment and mater and will perform all necessary work in connection with the foundation leveling procedure contemplated by the Agri
- Any existing building piers requiring chipping and cutting will be billed to OWNER priced on a case by case basis. Also note that attached builders piers will need proper repairs to take place. Unknown attached plers will be brought to the OWI PS attention when discovered.
- The OWNER may order extra work to be done not contemplated by this Agred and, in which event a separate Agreement for such work shall be entered into between OWNER and CONTRACT R. No oral representation made by anyone can change or modify this Agreement.
- 10. Cost to OWNER for the heretofore described work is \$ 55,100.00 one-hal started and final payment shall be due immediately upon completion of the leveling
- 11. LIFETIME SERVICE AGREEMENT: OWNER recognizes that soil conditions in t occur some future shifting of the soil. If any re-raising of the area of the structure of the work as provided herein, due to settling within the first 10 years after complete Agreement, CONTRACTOR will re-raise settled ereas where the above described cost to the OWNER. After the lenth year, should re-raising of the structure CONTRACTOR be required. CONTRACTOR will perform such service, if requests per pier adjusted plus or minus the U.S. Government Consumer Price Index (All Co replacement of any type of floor covering for the adjustment of interior plers
- 12. TRANSFERABILITY: OWNER'S rights hereunder may be assigned to a purchast Agreement and all of the terms, provisions, and warranties provided herein ship provided, however, OWNER or the purchaser must notify CONTRACTOR in writwithin thirty (30) days by certified mail after the effective date of the transfer of title
- 13. This Agreement, in order to be binding upon CONTRACTOR, must be signed if white copy returned to the office of CONTRACTOR within \_\_\_30^

Other Considerations: Extraor (62) \$ 38-500.00 derior (34.) = 20400.00

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