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It is very important to me that I convey to you my feelings about the Dausters, Mildred and Ducks. As I am sure everyone now knows, Ducks died on August the 18th, 1986. He and Mildred owned the 135 acres of land that contained Creve Coeur Airport and which, for the past some months, had become known as Dauster Flying Field.

For farmers to sell their land must certainly be very difficult; for not only is it their home, it is the very ground which, for years, has provided their livelihood.

We were not the only ones who coveted this land. Nor the only ones whose offers of money seemed inappropriate as the true measure of the land's real worth. The recipient would have to cherish this land - almost as if the land were picking its new owner.

When we sat in front of a County official and signed copy after copy of documents that gave us title to the land it was not without emotion. When we went to our first Levee Board meeting, Ducks introduced us to the other property owners as "the folks that own the airport, now" - and I was elated. These other men knew Norman Dauster and how he and Mildred loved their land. And he looked these others, these also men of land, into their eyes and gave us his land - then.

I love this airport and its surrounding property. And I love Norman and Mildred Dauster for their gift to us all.

Al Stix