

EXTENSIVE CORRESP (1917)
BETWEEN

GEO. R. WICKHAM &
ELLIS & FLETCHER

RE:
BIXLER LAND ON
ESCONDIDO CREEK
(SAN ELINO RES.)

FILED:

BIXLER:
WICKHAM

BIXLER PROPERTY ON ESCONDIDO CREEK

From the papers of Ed Fletcher, the following letters were removed to the alphabetized correspondence files

DUNLAP, Frank E.

Dunlap to Ellis, [3 letters] 8/24/17, 2/6/18, 2/11/18

Ellis to Dunlap, 2/7/18

ELLIS, Thomas P. (Asst. Eng., Volcan Land & Water Co.)

Fletcher to Ellis, [6 letters] 7/6/17, 8/1/17, 8/7/17,
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Kamer, Bertha to Ellis, 7/13/17

Ellis to King, 7/30/17

Ellis to Fletcher, [5 letters] 8/2/17, 8/9/17,
8/18/17, 12/5/17, 12/5/17

Ellis to Faulkner, 8/2/17

POST, W.S.

Fletcher to Post, 2/26/17

Post to Fletcher, 3/2/17

Ellis to Post, 4/28/17

SOUTHERN TITLE GUARANTY CO. to Fletcher, 11/28/17

WICKHAM, George R.

Post to Wickham, [8 letters] 1/25/17, 3/5/17, 3/6/17,
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Wickham to Post, [9 letters] 11/8/16, 2/27/17, 3/3/17,
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B.K. (Volcan Land & Water Co.) to Wickham, 5/12/17

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Ellis to Wickham, [13 letters] 6/8/17, 6/25/17, 6/26/17,
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11/14/17, 11/16/17, 2/4/18, 6/15/17

Wickham to Fletcher, 6/20/17

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ELDON B. WICKHAM
Notary Public

"Land Scrip a Specialty"

PHONES: A 2100
A 3249

GEORGE R. WICKHAM ELDON B. WICKHAM
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LOS ANGELES, CAL.

January 25, 1917.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
& Eldon B. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

February 20, 1917.

FILE 114
WILLIAM S. POST.

Dear Sirs:-

We wish to place 40 acres of scrip upon Lot 11
(SE¹ of SE¹) of Section 3, Township 13 South, Range 3 West,
S.B.M., containing 35.70 acres by resurvey. This is partly
occupied by a mining claim. You wrote me a letter, and sent
me a sketch of the tract, on November 8, 1916, a copy of which is
herewith enclosed. I should like to inquire in the first place
whether this makes any difference in the placing of scrip upon
this tract. I think it is true that the mining claim occupies
the only portion of the 40 acres which is mineral in character
and the claim being for the streak of paint rock (Yellow ochre).
I am under the impression that an affidavit is made of the non-
mineral character of the land. This can probably be made of the
land excepting the portion occupied by the mining claim. Please
advise me whether scrip can be placed under these circumstances.

If this is entirely feasible, please find for us
guaranteed scrip and notify us of the price.

I should like to have this expedited as rapidly as
possible and for this reason I enclose a copy for Mr. George
Wickham in case he is at Sacramento and you wish to refer this
to him.

Yours very truly,

WSP:K
Enclos.

W. S. Post, Esq.
924 Eighth Street,
San Diego, California.

My dear Sir:

Referring to the matter of the Right of Way of
the Escondido Mutual Water Company, which you discussed with
me several days ago, I beg to state that the records of the
Los Angeles Land Office, show that on December 29, 1914
said company filed map, etc. in support of its application
for right of way for power plant and transmission line, and
on March 3, 1916, filed a withdrawal of the said application,
without prejudice to their right to file a new application.
This application was given Serial No 025393.

On the same date, viz, March 3, 1916, the company
filed a new application, Serial 028488, and there is no further
notation on the records of its approval by the Commissioner
of the General Land Office or Secretary of the Interior.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the
notations as they appear from the two above mentioned
Serials. The Section Nos. given on the enclosed
data shows or indicates that the power lines of some part
of their works goes through or is to be on, said mentioned
sections. It is possible for you to procure a copy of their
map and all papers in connection with their application, if
it will be of interest to you. The Commissioner of the General
Land Office has these papers, and copies will be made by him,
for a nominal sum. I presume \$10.00 would cover the cost of
all papers in connection with the aforesaid application.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Wickham

GRW-M.

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February 27, 1917.

FILE 199
ED FLETCHER.

W. S. Post, Esq.
924 Eighth St.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 24th inst, I beg to give status of scrip question as follows:

When you were here I showed you letter from Moses Land and Scrip Co. of Denver, quoting price of \$12.50 per acre.

The next day I received a letter withdrawing that price, said letter being in the following words:

"On the 12th inst. we wrote you in reply to your favor of the 7th inst. regarding the price of Soldier's additional scrip. You stated that you wanted 40 acres. We quoted you a price of \$12.50 per acre.

We write to advise you that there has been some change in the prices on Soldiers' scrip and we beg to withdraw the price of \$12.50 per acre. We have some 40's that are gilt edged and ready to go out but all we can say about the price is that when you tender us a definite order for one or more 40's we will make you a price but today we would not care to do that.

Anticipating your business, we are,
Yours very truly

W. E. Moses Land Scrip and Realty Co.,
By W. E. Moses, Pres. & Gen Mgr.

In pursuance of said ~~letter~~ letter, I wired him as follows:

"Wire best quotation forty acres Soldier's scrip. Will order is price is low enough."

To which the following reply was received:

"Fifteen dollars lowest price forty soldiers price advancing.

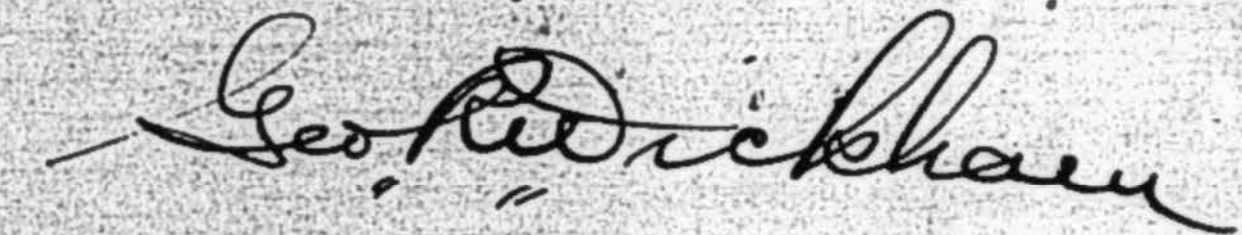
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FILE 199--Ed Fletcher-- No. 2.

The sudden increase of price is due to a decision of the Secretary of the Interior holding that no one but the Soldier, or in case of his death, his widow or his minor children at the date of his death, are entitled to any additional right. Heretofore any heirs under the general laws of the State, or in case of the death of the Soldier without heirs, ~~then~~ the Public administrator could sell the right, under Court proceedings. Most of the scrip at the present day was bought in the latter cases.

If you still wish this scrip at the enhanced price I would suggest that you wire me, for it may take another advance right away.

Yours very truly,



GRW-M.

Land Scrip

Did you know:

—Government lands may be acquired without residence, cultivation, or other improvements by the use of land scrip?

—Any lands subject to agricultural land entry, may be scripped, excepting lands within Forest Reserves, Reclamation projects, etc.

—That the use of Scrip does not affect your personal land rights, and there is no limit to the amount of land that may be taken by Scrip.

—We sell Guaranteed Soldiers' Additional Homestead Scrip—We make a specialty of handling scrip matters.

Prices and information on request.

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LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Soldiers' Additional Homestead Rights—
are given to veterans of the Civil War, who
honorably served for ninety days or more,
and who made a homestead entry of less
than 160 acres prior to June 22, 1874. In
event of the death of the soldier, the right
passes to the widow or heirs. *Minor heirs at
the date of his death.*

We buy scrip, and if any of your relatives
or friends would be entitled to an additional
right, we are in a position to purchase same
for cash. Come in and talk the matter over
—it may be to the mutual profit of both.

WHY NOT SCRIP YOUR LAND?

YOUR TITLE COMES

QUICKER SURE CHEAPER

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March 3, 1917.

FILE 199
ED FLETCHER.

W. S. Post, Esq.
924 Eighth St.,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr. Post:

There is enclosed herewith soldier's
additional homestead application for Bertha Bixler
to execute before your County Clerk, Judge of the
Superior Court or U. S. Commissioner.

There is also enclosed a non-mineral
affidavit to be executed by some one acquainted with
the land ONLY in the event Miss Bixler is not herself
acquainted with the land and thereby knows its character.
In other words it is not necessary to have the non-mineral
affidavit executed if she knows the character of the land.

The scrip arrived from the W. E. Moses
Land and Scrip Co. at the California Savings Bank, with
draft attached for \$600, and I then drew upon Mr. Fletcher
for this amount as per instructions.

Kindly attend to the execution of these
papers at your earliest convenience and return to me.
Do not fail to see that the County Clerk or other of-
ficer impresses his official seal on the paper.

As soon as I received these papers and
Mr. Fletcher pays the draft, the same will be filed
and notices prepared for posting, publication, etc.

Yours very truly,

Geo. R. Wickham

GRW-M

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LOS ANGELES, CAL.

March 5, 1917.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of March 3rd enclosing the papers for Miss Bixler which I will have attended to at once.

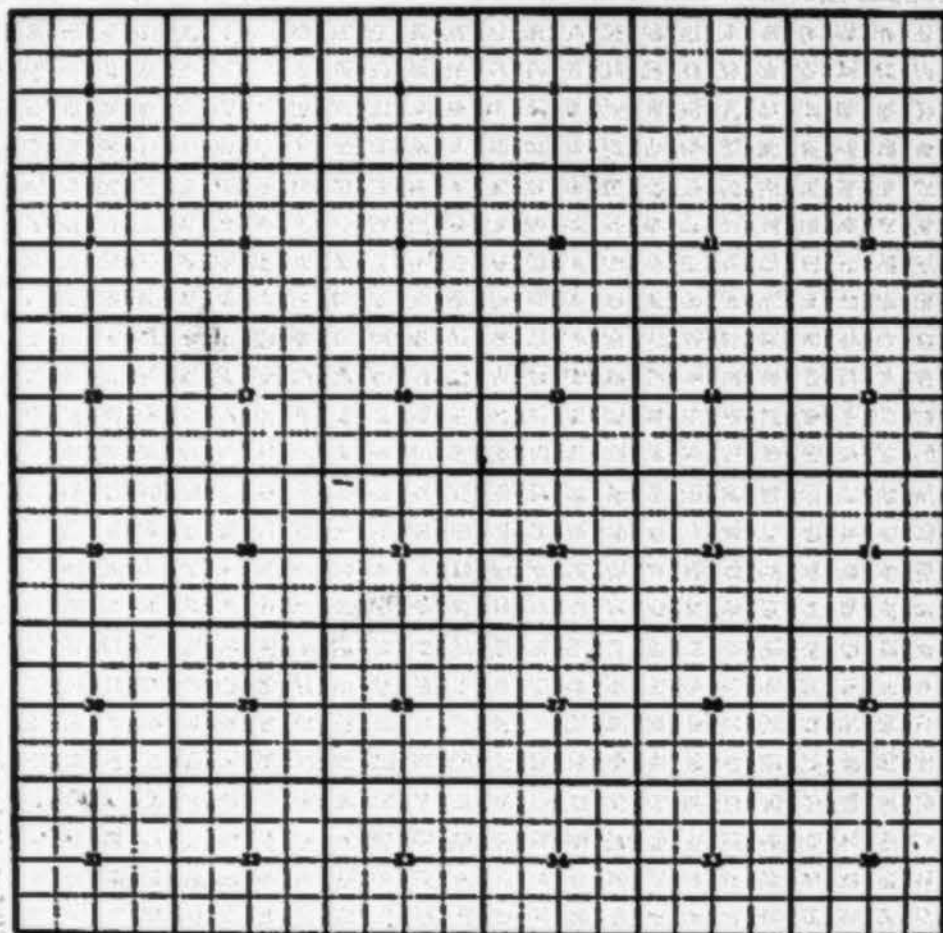
There is a new question which I wish you would answer as follows: We have a road survey and also a ditch survey through a Homestead claim. Can the homesteader issue a deed or issue any permit which will be binding on him in case the patent is granted? If there is some standard form, I shall be glad if you would write it out for us to use. The Homestead has the following description: South one-half of the Southwest-quarter of Section 14, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, and is in the name of Staats.

There is another matter which please give me an opinion on at your convenience. We are negotiating for lands in a reservoir site which the owner holds very high on account of alleged copper mining property on the Ranch. The patent in this case has been issued. As a means of bringing him to terms, it has occurred to me that there may be something in the Homestead Law which would make him trouble in homesteading for a mining property. If there is, I should like to know it for the purpose of being in a position to attack the Homesteader's title or at least scaring him a little and getting a more correct value.

Yours very truly,

WSP:K

Township No.....Range No.....S.B.M.



"WHY NOT SCRIP YOUR LAND?"

Series of horizontal lines for writing, with some faint markings and a small scribble.

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"Land Scrip & Rights"

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PHONES, A 2100
A 2200

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March 6, 1917.

Mr. Geo. W. Wickham,
414 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

SUBJECT: SCRIP APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter of Nov. 8, 1916. You will find that part of this lot 11 is occupied by White Hawk Lode. This makes a difficulty in signing the non-mineral affidavit.

Is it satisfactory to you to change the affidavit by inserting on 5th line;

(a) Excepting that portion claimed (or patented) as the White Hawk Lode.

and crossing out the words in parenthesis (b).

The same correction would be made on the application.

My understanding was that while we bought a 40 acre scrip that we would apply only 35.70 acres of it.

I return the papers for this correction, which I hope can be made. The mining claims are for paint rock (yellow ochre) and it is quite true that the remainder is non mineral, but there seems to me to be a conflict on the face of it, if we ignore the mining claim when there is probably just the opposite affidavit.

Please return papers as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

WSP-WK

March 7, 1917.

FILE 199
Ed Fletcher.

W. S. Post, Esq.
924 8th Street,
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Post;

Your letter of the 6th inst. relative to scrip application of Bertha Bixler, received. You possibly misunderstand the situation in regard to the mineral, or rather non-mineral, clause in the application.

In the first place, the White Hawk Lode claim, was segregated out of the 40 acre legal subdivision in question, and their claim, was given a Lot number. Lot 11, is the residue of the 40 acrs subdivision after the land held and claimed by the mining company has been taken care of. This residue or remainder, constitutes 35.70 acres, and if this Lot 11, (which embraces no part of the lode claim) is non-mineral, then your affidavit as to whole of lot 11, is in order.

I trust this explains matters. From your statement I trust Miss Bixler, does not know the mineral or non-mineral character of the land, and I have therefore stricken same from her application.

I received word from the bank this morning that my draft on Mr. Fletcher has been paid, so the scrip will be filed as soon as I receive the enclosed papers back from you, duly executed.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Wickham

GRW-M.

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March 10, 1917.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of March 7th, I forward
herewith the papers in the scrip application of
Bertha Bixler signed and ready for filing. Kindly
notify me when these papers are filed so that I
can inform Mr. Fletcher.

Yours very truly,

WSP:K

Enclos.

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"Land Scrip a Specialty"

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PHONES: A 219
A 220

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March 12, 1917.

FILE 199.
Ed Fletcher.

W. S. Post, Esq.
924 Eighth Street,
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Post:

Enclosed herewith you will find notice
for posting in the matter of scrip application of Bertha
Bixler. This will be posted in a conspicuous
place on the land, to be tacked on a board and the board
nailed to a stake, so that the notice when so posted will
remain above ground, about 3 ft.

The application was filed today, and no
adverse claim appears.

I am sending a copy of this notice to the
"Times-Advocate" at Escondido for publication, and direct
that the bill for publication be mailed to Miss Bixler
at 920 Eighth St. San Diego, Cal. Take care of it when
it arrives.

This notice should be posted, on March 1⁶~~2~~th
(or within 10 days thereafter, but preferably on the ~~12~~¹⁶~~th~~
so that no question can be raised), and should remain on
the land throughout the period of publication of six pub-
lications.

Yours very truly,

Geo. R. Wickham

GRW-M.

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"Land Scrip a Specialty"

PHONES: A 4100
A 328

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March 23, 1917.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Subject: Bertha Bixler application.

I did not file the notice on the ground on this application until March 22nd instead of March 16th as directed by you. Mr. Ellis found when posting the notice the millsite location described in the enclosed letter dated March 19th. Does this make any difference as to priority of application?

If you will tell me where a millsite should be recorded and how soon after posting, I will have this looked up if it is recorded in the office of the County Recorder at San Diego.

Yours very truly,

WSP:K

April 14, 1917.

FILE 114.
W.S.Post.

W. S. Post, Esq.
924 Eighth St.,
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Post:

A very serious oversight has occurred, which is that I have overlooked sending my bill for services rendered in connection with the Wyandotte Scrip location filed by you. This is somewhat contrary to my principles and accordingly I am sending statement in the sum of \$40.00 which I trust you will take care of in your regular way.

When you and Col. Fletcher were here I discussed with you the proposition of making a number of plats of San Diego County townships, with a view to discovering small tracts of land, that might have been overlooked, and which you might be interested in. Col. Fletcher thought well of the proposition, and you were going to send me a map showing generally the territory you were interested in. These plats I intended to make at my spare moments, and as I believe I can take care of such proposition now, I would like to hear from you as to what your wishes are in the matter. The cost of these plats would not average more than \$2.50 per township, and perhaps less, depending of course on the amount of work necessary to check the township.

In regard to the small fractional piece of scrip left over from the Bertha Bixler filing, I understood verbally that I was authorized to sell this, when opportunity offered. Will you please confirm this.

Yours very truly,

Geo. R. Wickham

GRW-M.

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9-28-17
WSP:K*

OK to sell any scrip WSP:K

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April 18th, 1917.

Mr. George P. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a changed Affidavit covering the placing of a notice on a tree instead of on a stake. Is this satisfactory, - if it is I will place the clipping from the newspaper on a new affidavit and have Mr. Ellis sign it.

Yours very truly,

WP/CM

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April 17, 1917.

FILE 199
Ed. Fletcher.

W. S. Post, Esq.
924 Eighth St.,
San Diego, Cal

Dear Mr. Post:

In re Bertha Bixler, Scrip application for Lot 11, Sec. 3, T. 13 S., R. 3 W., S.B.M. I am enclosing herewith affidavit of Posting for Mr. Ellis to execute. This should not be done until AFTER April 20th, inasmuch as the affidavit contains a clause of continuous posting throughout publication period, which expires April 20th.

On the blank lines at the bottom of said affidavit have him fill in the location where the notice was posted, as for instance, near the center of said land, or near the NW corner or as the case may be.

I presume the publisher has sent Miss Bixler a statement of his charges before now. If not, kindly arrange to pay this at once, so that there may be no delay in filing the affidavits of publication and posting in the land office. We want to be sure and have these affidavits filed before the 1st of next month, in order that these papers may go up to Washington with the land office returns for the month of April, and thus be thirty or more days ahead in a final determination of the case.

I have this day advised the Times-Advocate at Escondido to send me the affidavit of publication in this case.

Yours very truly,

George R. Wickham

GRW-M.

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April 21, 1917.

FILE 199
Ed Fletcher:

W. S. Post, Esq.
924 Eighth St.
San Diego, Cal.

My dear Mr. Post:

The Times-Advocate has forwarded to me its affidavit of Publication in re Scrip Application of Bertha Bixler. Bill for \$6.00 was also enclosed, which I am sending to you with the request that you take care of same promptly, as I informed them I would see that it was paid at once.

I have not received affidavit of posting from you.

Kindly refer to my letter of the 26th ^{ult.} ~~inst.~~, which refers to yours of the 23d and a copy of Mr Ellis' letter to you bearing date of March 23, all relating to Mill Site location.

Yesterday, the gentlemen mentioned in Mr. Ellis letter, to-wit, Taylor and Janssen, filed protest against the Bixler entry, alleging among other things that they had a prior claim on the land for Mill Site, and also that the land, and the whole thereof, was mineral in character. In one and the same sentence they "have bitten off their nose to spite their face", as the saying goes, because, a MILL SITE cannot be located

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W.S.P- 2.

FILE 199

4-21-17.

on MINERAL LAND. On other grounds the protest is somewhat defective, and this day I took the matter up with the contest clerk, who upon my suggestion has called upon the attorney for the claimants to prepare an amended protest, stating specifically the grounds of protest, i.e. whether he is protesting on the ground of the mineral character of the land, or whether on the ground of prior rights because of his mill site location, or what. *On either ground we will have to put up a fight and we want to be prepared.*

I would suggest that you at once have a copy made of the location notice of Mill Site made, so that the locators may not try to juggle dates on same, and would suggest that you take a kodak along, and photograph the original notice on the ground in addition to copying same. We may need this as evidence.

Let me hear from you when you have done this.

Yours very truly,

Geo. R. Wickham

GRW-M.

Referred to EF for info.

April 26, 1917

Mr. GEORGE R. WICKHAM,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of April 17th. I enclose here-
with Mr. Ellis' affidavit of posting of the B. Bixler
land for Lot 11, Section 3, Township 13 South, Range 3 West.
The bill of the publisher is being attended to.

Yours very truly,

WSP:K

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May 3, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Relative to the testimony regarding
the millsite locations on Lot 11, Section 3,
Township 13 South, Range 3 West, S.B.M., I
enclose the report of Mr. Ellis who has made
an examination and made copies both of the
notices on the ground and the recorded notice.

Very truly yours,

WSP:K

Enclos.

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May 10, 1917.

FILE 199.

Mr. T. P. Ellis,
924 Eighth St.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of Mr. Post's letter of May 9th, enclosing protest and amended protest of Taylor and Jansen against Miss Bixler's scrip application.

I consider the protest defective in a number of particulars, and before a hearing is ordered hope to have the land office make the protestants again file an amended protest stating more specifically their grounds of protest, the kind of mineral found, etc., all of which will be beneficial to us to preparing our side for a hearing. In this connection I have prepared a demurrer, but I am up against a proposition in that Taylor et al, have no address of record where service can be had on them. The land office has stated they will give me this tomorrow when they call up Taylor's attorney to secure protestants address.

However, as an answer will have to be filed in any event by Miss Bixler, I have prepared one, which she will be qualified to execute, even though she has not seen the land, or know of its mineral or non-mineral character. I will hold this for a short time before filing same. Let me have this back at your earliest convenience.

I expect to be in San Diego the first part of next week, and will call on you while there.

Yours very truly,

George R. Wickham

GRW-M.
enc.

May 12, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Answering yours of May 10th regarding the Bixler application, Mr. Fletcher's desire in this matter is that there should be a hearing eventually and the protestants smoked out. However he is leaving for the East for a month and he wishes very much that a formal hearing should be avoided until after his return. In other words, the whole matter delayed as much as possible.

I enclose the answer by contestee properly executed. We do not know the address of Taylor. His recorded notice was mailed to him by the County Recorder at Cardiff, California. It is safer for you to get the address from the Land Office.

Yours very truly,

BK

Assistant Engineer,
Volcan Land & Water Company

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June 4, 1917.

Thomas P. Ellis--- page 2 File 199--- 6-4-17.

FILE 199

Taylor and Janssen
vs
Bixler : Notice of Hearing

Mr. Thomas P. Ellis,
924 Eighth Street,
San Diego, California.

My dear Sir:

I have just received notice from the Land Office that the hearing in the case of Taylor and Janssen mineral claimants, vs. Bertha Bixler, soldier's additional claimant, has been set for hearing on JULY 12th at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

In preparation for defending the protest, I deem it advisable to state that the burden of proof is upon the mineral protestants to establish their charges, viz, that the land is mineral in character. The substantial part of their charges (defective in my opinion) are as follows:

Said claimants have a mineral location on a part of said premises to-wit: Commencing at the point of discovery, three hundred feet northerly from the intersection of the south line of sec. 5, Tp. 13 S., R. 3 W., S.B.M., and the east line of mining claim White Hawk; thence northerly three hundred feet to a stone monument; thence easterly and parallel with said south line of said section, nine hundred and seventy-one feet to the east line of said section; thence southerly along the east line of said section to the southeast corner thereof; thence westerly on the said south line of said section to the intersection of said line with the east line of said White Hawk; thence northerly to the place of beginning.

That said mineral location contains a vein or ledge of quartz or rock in place containing of being a valuable deposit of mineral suitable when ground to be used as a base for mineral paint, and in paying quantities, the said

vein being at least ten feet in width along the length of said location, and of a value according to the best knowledge, information and belief of said claimants of at least fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars per ton:

That said claimant located the said claim on the 12th day of April, 1917, by posting a notice on said claim at the point of discovery, defining the boundaries of said location and containing the name of said claim, as Paint Rock Quartz Claim, and names of the locators, as hereinbefore stated"; etc.

From the experience already had with these protestants, as perhaps you are already aware, they apparently know nothing of, or care anything for, the mineral laws, or agricultural land laws, or the Rules of Practice of the Land Department; by this, I mean they have filed and served, a collection of loose statements, stating in substance that the land is valuable for paint rock, etc. They have not put their charges in good form, nor made them definite. The Land Office, endeavored to make them present specific charges, with a result that they filed their "amended protest", which was just as bad as their original charges. Bearing this in mind, we must anticipate just such works when we appear at the hearing, i. e., they may want to introduce exhibits of, and put on testimony, of matters absolutely not embraced in their charges. In the Courts, such would not be permitted, but the great leeway of the Land Office, makes it imperative on us, that we be prepared to PROVE that the land is NOT MINERAL, instead or resting by their apparent failure to prove the mineral character of the land. This, you will understand, in an ordinary case, would not be necessary, but in this particular case, we are dealing with very queer protestants.

With this in mind, I might suggest that samples of the mineral rock, (so called) be obtained, and find out its value. Mineral, on land, would have to be in paying quantities to except the land from agricultural, or scrip entry, and if there be traces, or small quantities of this paint rock on the land, it is subject to scrip location.

Their mineral location is said to be recorded on April 14th in the County recorders office. You had better make a copy as we might need it.

GEORGE R. WICKHAM ELDON B. WICKHAM

LAND ATTORNEYS

Suite 415 Chamber of Commerce Building
LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Thomas P. Ellis--page 3, FILE 199 6-4-17.

Will Mr. Post be available as a witness? Who will be our witnesses?

It has just occurred to me, that if the land in question the owners of the paint mines to the northwest, would have taken this land in their claims. I assume the reason they did not was because they thought and believed the land in question to be non-mineral, or if mineral was there, not in paying quantities. If you know the owners of said mines, you might see what they had to say as to the mineral character of this lot in question, and if they are of the opinion that the land is not valuable for mineral paint rock, etc they might make excellent witnesses for us. Their testimony would have weight in this: That the White Hawk claim, extends into the SE¹ SE², of the section, and if more land in this subdivision had been mineral they would have included same; not being mineral the White Hawk claim was surveyed out, given a number, and the residue of said subdivision, being not worth taking as mineral claims, was given Lot No. 11. Find out who the owners are, and if they reside in this city, I will have a talk with them.

What project is this Lot 11, a part of, and who will be the party in interest at the hearing? As I have often explained to Mr. Post, a scrip applicant, can convey by deed as soon as the scrip is filed, and if Col. Fletcher wishes to appear as the party in interest, for any reason, have Miss Bixler, execute a quit-claim deed to him. It can later be conveyed to any holding company you desire.

Kindly advise Col. Fletcher of the date of hearing, etc, and let me hear from you at your early convenience.

Yours very truly,
George R. Wickham

GRW-M.

Book 49, page 67.

Miscellaneous Records.

Notice of Location - Quartz Claim.

Know All Men By These Presents: That we, the undersigned, do locate and claim by right of discovery and location in accordance with the U. S. Revised Statutes and with local laws and customs, and the rules and regulations of the Mining District, and do hereby give Notice of the location of the within mentioned Quartz Mining Claim, and have posted upon the discovery monument a duplicate of this said notice with the following description and particulars to-wit:

Commencing at the point of Discovery Three Hundred feet northerly from the intersection of the south line of Section 3, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, S.B.M., and the east line of Mining location White Hawk, thence northerly Three Hundred feet to a Stone monument, thence easterly and parallel with south line of said section, Nine Hundred and Seventy one feet to the east line of said section, thence Southerly on the east line of said Section to the Southeast corner thereof, thence westerly on the south line of said section to the intersection of said South line and the east line of said White Hawk, thence northerly to the place of beginning measuring 971 linear feet, horizontally, in length, on the vein, being _____ feet from said discovery monument erected on said claim and _____ feet therefrom: The general course of the vein is _____ and at right angles therewith, and along

either side of said vein, making parallel end lines, _____ linear feet from the center of said quartz lode vein, ledge or deposit and along the same including all its dips, variations, spurs, angles, and all veins, ledges, lodes or deposits within the lines of this claim, together with all water and timber appurtenant, allowed by law, are hereby claimed.

This claim shall be known as the Paint Rock Quartz Mining Claim, and is situated in the _____ Mining District, County of San Diego, State of California, Section 3, Township 13 S, Range 3 W, Meridian S.B.M.

Located this 12 day of April 1917.

The date of the discovery and posting of this notice is the 12 day of April 1917.

Witnesses

Lewis Weller
Anna K. Weller

Locators -

Ehno T. Janssen
E. R. Kaylor

Recorded at Request of E. R. Taylor, Apr. 14, 1917 at 16 min. past 10 o'clock A.M.

John H. Ferry, County Recorder
By H. A. Lytle, Deputy.

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June 8, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

File 199
Taylor & Janssen vs
Bixler. Notice of Hearing.

My dear sir:-

I have your letter of June 4th stating that the case of Taylor & Janssen, Mineral Claimants, vs Bixler, is set for hearing before the Land Office in Los Angeles at 10 A.M., July 12, 1917, and in which you advise that the claimants should establish the following facts:

- (a) That the land is mineral in character.
- (b) That the mineral, when ground, is suitable to be used as a base for mineral paint.
- (c) That the mineral exists in paying quantities according to the best knowledge, information and belief of the claimants and that the value is at least \$15.00 per ton.
- (d) That the vein is at least 10 feet in width.
- (e) That this claim (paint rock quartz claim) was located on the 12th day of April 1917.

It is my understanding that on appearing before the Land Office the claimants will be unable to prove to the satisfaction of the Land Office that the land is mineral, but in order to reach a decision, something would have to be proved, and it is up to us to prove this land non-mineral, and if the land should prove to be mineral land, the scrip entry would not apply, but if the quantity was so slight that it was non-paying, the land would be subject to the scrip location. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the recorded notice.

It is very probable that Mr. Post will be at the Vancouver Barracks, Washington, on July 12th, and so will not be available as a witness.

At the time the Bixler notice was posted, I made a local examination for palagonite and in connection therewith visited the White Hawk Mine and took some samples. On Lot 11 I found mostly good hard porphyry and such rotten material as existed was almost wholly overburden and very impure. The samples I took at the White Hawk Mine I am sending today to the West Coast Kalsomine Company, Berkeley, California; W. P. Fuller & Co., San Francisco, Cal; and W. P. Fuller & Co., Los Angeles, Cal. for analysis.

My idea is that this is the best rock obtainable in this locality and that it is not in paying quantities. Once having the Paint Companies' opinion as to this rock, by my

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own analysis I can pro-rate for a poorer grade. Tomorrow I hope to again visit the property and make a more complete examination and take additional samples.

As you know this rock has to be mined in large quantities and all impurities washed out. A 10 ft. vein is not a very large quantity for such material and by the time you finish using a quartz mining method to obtain it, and purifying with water, and transporting, it would be next to impossible to make the mining of it worth while as in other places the same material in a much purer form can be mined with steam shovels, cheap labor and loaded directly, at a very small cost.

This property forms a part of the San Elijo Reservoir filing before the State Water Commission.

A copy of this letter is being held for Mr. Fletcher upon his return from the East. I think he will wish to appear at the hearing as a party in interest and at your suggestion, since the scrip has been filed subject to transfer by quit claim, he will probably wish to have it quit claimed to himself when at a later date he can convey to any holding company he desires.

It is quite possible that the White Hawk people did not overlook a bet when they filed on the palagonite claim, and if Lot 11 had contained any palagonite, they would already have that portion of it.

Yours very truly,

TPE:K
Enclos.

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June 15, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find copy of letter from W. P. Fuller & Co. which is explanatory. These samples were picked from the best rock out of the best mine in the vicinity.

I have made copies of all information for Mr. Fletcher and have taken part of it up with him verbally, the balance he overlooked in his haste.

It would be well to write him in condensed form direct giving the details with copies to me as I am with you being held responsible. It is the engineering files that are relied upon for all such procedure and I am more certain of keeping them complete through you.

Yours very truly,

TPE:K

Assistant Engineer,
Volcan Land & Water Company

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June 20, 1917.

FILE 199
Bertha Bixler.

Col. Ed. Fletcher,
920 Eighth St.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 14th, in re protest of Taylor and Janssen vs Bixler. I believe Mr. Ellis is getting the evidence together in good shape and we will be able to "win in a walk".

I received the copy of Mr. Ellis' field report, and also a letter which he received from W. P. Fuller CG.

In my letter to Mr. Ellis of June 4th (being 3 pages in length) I set forth in detail what we were up against. Briefly however, I will state the burden of proof is upon Taylor and Janssen to show the mineral character of the land; this however should not hinder us from showing the non-mineral character of the land, and it should be done as strongly as possible, for the Land Department has for years and years been more or less prejudiced against scrip, and as said, the stronger we make our case the better.

I do not find that Mr. Ellis let me know who the owners of the White Hawk claims are. I suggested in a former letter that likely if the land in question was considered mineral, these people would have taken it. Therefore, if they believe the land in question non-mineral or mineral not in paying quantities, they might be very valuable witnesses for us.

Kindly note the hearing is set for July 12th at 10; A.M. I will try to get down to San Diego in the meantime, and go up to the land with Mr. Ellis so as to get a view of the lay of the land, although if on account of pressure of business I could not get there, I would not

*Ellis. See me in relation to this
Ed Fletcher*

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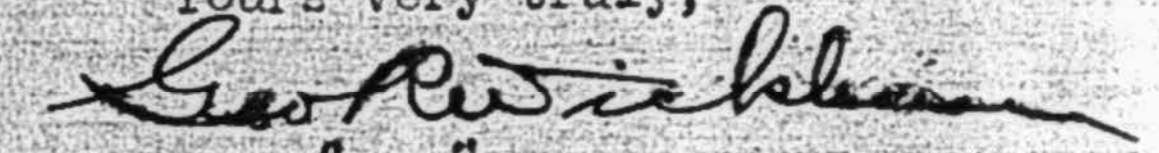
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consider it a serious ~~xx~~ matter, for as stated I feel sure Mr. Ellis has the matter well in hand.

I would suggest that you have Mr. Ellis show you my letter to him of June 4th for more specific information as to procedure etc.

I would also like to know in advance, if possible, who our witnesses are to be, their qualifications, what they know, etc. These requests may seem a little out of the ordinary, but we MUST win this case, a statement, in which I trust you will agree, and the extra trouble you are put to in gathering data etc. I trust will not have been in vain.

Yours very truly,



GRW-M.

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June 25, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

File 199

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter to Mr. Fletcher of June 20th. I think it would be wise for you to see the Bixler scrip lands. I am enclosing a copy of two letters received from the Case Brothers. In one of them you note gold was found in one of the mines far up on the hillside. I can not liken this formation to any sort of a quartz vein. It is purely a breaking down of the adjacent porphyries into hydro silicate of alumina resembling clay. You may be able to attach some legal importance to this. I am inclined to believe that when this clay was patented, they were looking for gold and the laws were probably loose and so they got by with their patent.

This morning I shall go down to the Court House and get the detail on this. Such material is used for a great variety of things. A base for cheap paint such as whitewash, since it has no real body to it, consisting of heavy metal such as iron lead or zinc, may be used for a filler for cloth, soap, a cleanser powder, etc. But one would be absolutely wasting their time to gouge around trying to collect such material when an endless amount of it could be found in sedimentary deposits; and when all is said and done, the best of this material is 2,000 or 3,000 feet away from our property, which consists purely of barren porphyry. I will rewrite my report in the near future so as to cover these details completely.

I am not worrying about the geology of the formation. The thing to do is to have plenty of law at hand and by going over the ground, you necessarily get additional ideas.

Yours very truly,

TPE:K

Assistant Engineer,
Volcan Land & Water Company

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June 25, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

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Dear Sir:-

Relative to the ownership of the palagonite mines adjacent to the Bixler scrip filing, will say that I find nothing of interest at the Court House. The patent, if one was issued, has not been filed there.

The first mine located was the Black Hawk claim on July 2, 1897, and same was relocated as the White Hawk January 1, 1899 by A. W. Pray, S. T. Case and H. H. Case. Proof of labor exists every year up to 1914 when Eugene Ferry Smith filed proof of labor January 6, 1914 and in it mentioned a Palagonite Industrial Mining Company with Margerite Stanford, Mabel E. Anthony and Ada D. Anthony as owners. Eugene Ferry Smith made the filing and I shall ask him what has been done to date.

Records seem to show the above people as owners. I am still of the impression that Taylor and Janssen got hold of the property by some Court proceeding.

This is more in the nature of a memorandum together with the fact that the claims evidently started out as gold propositions. Mr. Smith may be able to give some additional information.

Yours very truly,

TPE:K

Assistant Engineer,
Volcan Land & Water Company

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, June 26, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

File 199
Taylor & Janssen
vs Bixler -
Geology Report.

Dear Sir:-

Following please find Geology Report on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, S.B.M., same containing a portion of the White Hawk Mining Claim, the Bixler Scrip Filing and the adverse claim of Taylor & Janssen (Paint Rock Quartz Mining Claim).

The Paint Rock Quartz Mining Claim in question (located April 12, 1917) comprises the east 971 feet of the south 500 feet of Lot 11, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, S.B.M., said Lot 11 comprises the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3, Township 13 South, Range 3 West S.B.M., excepting therefrom that portion of the White Hawk Lode Mining Claim that lies within said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Extending westerly from the Paint Rock Quartz Mining Claim occurs a formation that may be of interest in explaining the probable reason for locating this Paint Rock Claim. It is upon this formation that three other claims in consecutive forties were located, herewith I give their order.

The White Hawk Lode Mining Claim mentioned above is the first of this series of original claims and adjoins the Paint Rock Claim on the west.

The Ocean View Lode Claim adjoins the White Hawk Claim on the west and bears northwesterly. The Pinite Queen Lode Claim adjoins the Ocean View Claim on its westerly end and the four adjacent claims together form a link work across the lower half of Section 3 having a general northwesterly strike. The ground

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surface ascending from 300 to 800 feet in elevation with higher elevation toward the west.

These four claims are apparently controlled by the interests of E. R. Taylor and Enno Janssen. The Paint Rock Claim filing being of recent date while the filing date of the other three was about twenty years ago.

The ground mass has been frequently faulted in the lower half of Section 3. Notable in this respect is the Escondido Creek Canyon. The strike of this Creek Canyon is northeast from the Paint Rock Mining Claim on the East and almost due west on the west. At the point of strike diversity a distinct bend occurs in the Canyon. The tendency for the lesser faults is to form into steep gulches at right angles to this canyon. One of these steep gulches run directly north and unites in a curve with a westerly fault that runs parallel to the westerly strike of the Escondido Creek Canyon and northerly from it probably 1500 feet. This fault contains an abundance of small pockety bodies of impure hydrous aluminum silicates and small quantity of other minerals as may be expected in a minor porphyritic fault. It is along this formation that the western portion of the White Hawk, the Ocean View and the Pinite Queen Claims are located. The mineralization in the eastern portion of the White Hawk disappears as the lode formation opens into the steep gulch mentioned at which point it drops probably 350 feet into the canyon. Nowhere either easterly or southerly from this point does any indication of further mineralization occur. The ground mass is a non-mineralized porphyritic rock and this

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extends continuously over the entire Paint Rock Quartz Mining Claim.

Upon an examination of the numerous assessment workings and prospect holes on the above mentioned chain of three older claims, we may establish the following:

(a) The mineralization is more abundant at the 800 ft. elevation than it is 150 feet lower down the mountain side where it gradually disappears.

(b) The apparent width of lode is twenty feet.

(c) In sampling across said twenty feet it is necessary to pick the alignment in order to secure any kind of a mineral sample whatsoever.

(d) There is about 10 feet of overburden.

(e) The mineralization is not due to any sort of vein formation. It is simply a weathering of a fault that may have been subject at one time to much heat, pressure and circulating waters.

(f) The material forms a sort of clay, etc. If there was enough of it, it could be used as a filler in various manufactures as of cloth, soap, paint, etc. But there is neither the quantity nor quality of any material or mineral necessary to make a commercial success of any sort of mining.

Yours very truly,

TPE:K

Thos. P. Ellis

Engineer of Mines

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June 26, 1917.

Mr. Thos P. Ellis,
924 Eighth St.
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Ellis:

The recorded notice of the Paint Rock Quartz mining claim of Taylor and Janssen, describes the land as follows:

"Commencing at the point of discovery three hundred feet northerly from the intersection of the south line of Section 3, township 13 south, range 3 west, S.B.M., and the east line of mining location White Hawk, thence northerly three hundred feet to a stone monument, thence easterly and parallel with south line of said section, nine hundred and seventy one feet to the east line of said section, thence southerly on the east line of said section to the southeast corner thereof, thence westerly on the south line of said section to the intersection of said south line and the east line of said White Hawk, thence northerly to the place of beginning, measuring 971 linear feet, horizontally in length on the vein.**

Am I correct in assuming that this claim comprises the east 271 feet of the South 600 ft of Lot 11, rather than the south 300 ft as mentioned in your report of the geology, dated June 9, 1917

The particular reason for this question is my attempt to locate on paper, the Mill Site location of said Taylor and Janssen. In their original protest they state:

"That prior to the location above described (mineral location) said locators filed a mill-site location on part of said described premises, and thereafter filed the said described mineral location."

In letter to me of May 3d by Mr. Post, he enclosed copy of Mill site location, which reads as follows:

"We the undersigned citizens of the United States do hereby locate and claim 5 acres of land, with all timber and water found thereof, as a mill site in connection with the Mortal Cinch Mine and described as follows:

Beginning at this monument of stone and running south 465 feet to stone monument, thence westerly 465 feet to stone monument, thence north 465 feet to stone monument, thence east 465 feet to starting point.

This monument of location is situated about 200 feet S.W. of the Iron Spring in San Elijo Creek, and one mile S.W. of Parker Deer House in unknown Mining District and 1/2 mile west of the Mortal Cinch Mining claim. Located March 19, 1917, etc. #

Can you inform me whether the Paint Rock Quartz Claim, and the Mortal Cinch mine, are one and the same thing.

The only other mention in any of the other papers of the Mortal Cinch Mine, is on the back of the photographs which I have, which you made, which shows "The Bixler application Notice showing Mortal Cinch Mill Site location Notice in Back Ground" This would lead me to believe the two were in fact only one claim.

The Mortal Cinch Mill Site was located March 19, 1917, and refers to being in connection with Mortal Cinch Mine. When was Mortal Cinch mine located, where and by whom?

In order to place on paper the location of Mortal Cinch Mill Site, I would have to determine the location of Mortal Cinch Mine. I am trying to connect up the Mill Site and the Paint Rock claim.

Let me suggest that the Register and Receiver of the Land Office, who determine this case in the first instance are not lawyers; their knowledge of law is limited, and therefore our evidence must be placed before them in a "matter of fact" manner. For instance, your testimony as to geology ought to be plainly explained to them. I am giving you this information so that you may be prepared accordingly. In this connection, a prepared map, explaining as much thereon as is practicable, so that they may follow your testimony with said map, will be very desirable. Perhaps a series of sketches would suit you better than one map. Use your judgment in the matter, but I strongly urge the preparation of maps and sketches in this kind of a case.

I will bring a tracing of the lands from the land office plats, showing distances, etc. of the White Hawk claims et al. I will be down to San Diego on Friday afternoon, and go up to the land with you on Saturday, July 7th. unless you advise to the contrary.

Yours very truly,

Geo. R. Wickham

GRW-M.

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TELEGRAM

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

SEND the following Telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

July 7, 1917

George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Please leave Sunday morning and meet me at Del Mar.

T. P. Hillis

(Chg San Dieguito Mutual Water Co.)

GEORGE R. WICKHAM
LAND SURVEYOR
414-15 & 18 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
LOS ANGELES, CAL.

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*Plats showing mineral survey etc
being sent under separate cover in
mailing tube, by same mail as this
card.*

Geo. R. Wickham

7 AM

July 11, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

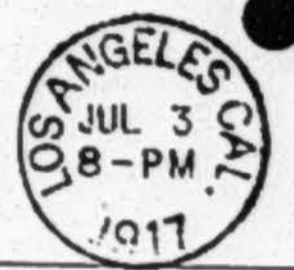
The last two transfers of ownership of the
Pinite Queen, Ocean View and White Hawk claim are as
follows:

On February 3, 1914, Case 19684, filed in the
County Clerk's office of San Diego County, appears a
claim M. E. Anthony et al, Trustee, vs I P Jansson in
which by Court decree I P Janssen became the owner.
Filed for record in Book 641, page 127 of Deeds.

On January 19, 1914, deed was made out from
Janssen to the Pacific Paint Products Company and was
filed for record in San Diego County, February 16, 1914.
Recorded in Book 643, page 124 of Deeds.

Yours very truly,

TPE:K



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

*Thos. P. Ellis,
924 Eighth St.
San Diego, Cal.*

#266
July 19, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:-

In the matter of Taylor Jansson vs Bixler case before the Land Office, we have now additional evidence to show that the present Paint Rock Mine location of the claimant was previously the Lady Standiford Mine location and was turned down for patent by the United States Mineral Surveyor because of its non-mineral character.

We also can show that I.T. Janssen's tenancy on his homestead filing is such that he is not entitled to a patent, that he has been a resident elsewhere most of the last five years, and as you know, at Santa Rosa, California, part of that time. Furthermore, we have incriminating letters to the effect that I. T. Janssen's acquirement of these paint mines has been underhanded and fraudulent and that his honesty in any acquirement is impeachable.

We find that he controls the paint mines but that there is an appeal before the United States Supreme Court to settle ownership, Janssen vs Standiford et al.

I would like to have from you, as soon as possible, an opinion as to just how we shall best submit this evidence to the Receiver of the Land Office as we must get this information before them.

To ascertain definitely whether an application for patent was made for the Lady Standiford mine and whether the Mineral Surveyor reported upon the mineral character of this land in connection therewith, I suggest you wire your attorney in Washington, D. C. asking if such entry and report exist and if so, to make a certified copy of all proceedings for mineral patent provided the cost does not exceed fifty dollars.

The serial number of this patent is Nought Two One Nought Five One, Los Angeles office. Patent Number Four Three One Four Six Five issued September Sixteenth, Nineteen Hundred Fourteen. Rush.

Yours very truly,

TPE:K

#266
July 30, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Under separate cover we are sending 3 blue lines of the San Elijo Reservoir Contour Survey in Escondido Creek. These are exact copies of the map filed with the State Water Commission when we applied for water rights on that Creek.

Yours very truly

TPE:K

Assistant Engineer,
Volcan Land & Water Company

#266
August 10, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith please find H. W. Stolze's application to contest I.P. Janssen's claim to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 1, Section 10. Also lots 5 and 8, Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, S.B.M., before the Department of the Interior. This instrument has also been signed by James Morse who is also acquainted with the property. Both signatures have been acknowledged by Lou B. Mathews, Notary Public.

Kindly file same with the Department of the Interior as soon as practicable.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Engineer,
Volcan Land & Water Company

TPE:K

Enclos.

#266
November 14, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wickham:-

You will recall in connection with the San Elijo Reservoir filing application which was made to the State Water Commission and filed March 26, 1917, that a pipe line survey and a map of some 5,000 acres on the Santa Fe Ranch, which the water from the reservoir was to irrigate, was filed in connection with the same. I send you herewith the map showing the conduit survey, this being a duplicate of the map of the conduit filed with the State Water Commission.

You will know that this survey passes over a portion of what was public land at that time, but is now being petitioned for designation as a stock raising entry by Lewis E. Waller. This entry covers approximately the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sections 10 and 11, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, all in Township 13 South, Range 3 West, S.B.M.

What we wish to know, and at the earliest moment, is whether or not there has been a petition filed with the Secretary of the Interior to give Ed Fletcher, in whose name the filing was made, or the San Dieguito Mutual Water Company the right-of-way to place their conduit over this and any other Government land. If the latter has been neglected, please fix it up with the Register of the Land Office to reserve these rights of way until a map can be filed. As I understand it, we still have time to file an application and maps. Please wire Col. Fletcher or myself immediately what has been done.

Yours very truly,

TPE:K

November 16, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

File 263

Dear Sir:-

I have your telegram and letter of November 15th which is satisfactory. I took up with Col. Fletcher the matter of acquiring the said lands by the Timber and Stone Act and also securing the right of way over the same land by filing with the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. He advises now that he is trying to enter into a deal ^{today} with Weller whereby he can secure the riparian rights and conduit right of way by purchase and advises that this matter be held in abeyance until the deal is closed one way or the other.

Yours very truly,

Engineer,
Volcan Land & Water Co.

TPE:K

February 4, 1918

Mr. George R. Wickham,
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:-

When you furnished me the sketches from which to compile a map of the Janssen mining property in Sections 3 and 10, Twp 13 S, Range 3 West, S.B.M., you showed a fraction of the remaining Government property with lot numbers. These lot numbers I used for the reason that they seemed to be part of the official records of the Land Office. The quotation reading "as per amended plat of Sections 3 and 10, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, S. B. M., made February 2, 1915 and filed in the U. S. Land Office in Los Angeles, California February 19, 1915"

We first sent to the Los Angeles Land Office and later to the Government office for certified copies of this plat and they say they have no such record. The point is whoever drew up the description referred to the lot numbers described in the fractional forties, but did not make any further designation. Mr. Faulkner is quite worried over this matter as a deed from I. P. Janssen to the San Dieguito Mutual Water Co. contained this apparent illegal description (lot 1 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 10, Township 13 S, R. 3 W., S.B.M.) If this description is incorrect, a new deed will have to be drawn before the title company can issue a certificate. Please look this matter up and advise Mr. Faulkner so that the matter may be taken up with the Title Company. Let me have a copy of the letter.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE R. WICKHAM ELDON B. WICKHAM
LAND ATTORNEYS
Suite 415 Chamber of Commerce Building
LOS ANGELES, CAL.

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October 11, 1915.

WSP- 2.

10-11-15.

Mr. W. S. Post,
San Diego, California.

COPY

Dear Sir:

Referring to your personal call of this day,
in regard to certain lands in township 13 South, Ranges 2 and
3 West, S.B.M. I beg to report and outline as follows:

Sec. 13, T. 13 S., R. 3 W. --

S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$, together with the SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 14 and NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$
Sec. 23, patented to William Koeslein in 1893.

The NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 13, patented to Philip K. Johnson in
1914.

Balance of Sec. 13, vacant government land.

In Sec. 14, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ (and NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec.25)
is patented to Jose D. Rodriguez.

The N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, patented to Theodore Fideroa.

The S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$, in present homestead entry of George
F. Staat, R.F.D. No. 1. Encinitas. Entry made in 1910.
No. 011832.

All of Sec. 18, T. 13 S., R. 2 W., except the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$,
is unsurveyed land and no applications can be received
at the land office therefore except certain kinds of
scrip.

As to the vacant lands in Sec.13, T. 13 S., R. 3 W., there are
two methods of acquiring title which will doubtless be best for you.
The first is to apply Soldiers additional Scrip on same; the

present lowest quotations on scrip of this character being \$11.00
per acre in amounts of 80 acres or more.

As I understand from your remarks, the land which you
mention particularly the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 13, being rocky
and unfit for cultivation. This being the case, I think that you
can acquire title under the provisions of the Timber or Stone
law and purchase this land at a price to be fixed by appraisalment
of the Field Service, but at not less than \$2.50 per acre. I
want to say, however, that as a general thing they usually appraise
these lands at the minimum price. The only case I know of where
they did not was once where the appraised price was \$4.00 per acre.

A Timber or Stone application is an appropriation of the
land, and bars a homestead, scrip or other filing. There are only
two grounds of protest against an application of this kind, viz.
that the land is not more valuable for Timber or Stone than for
agricultural purposes, or that it is mineral in character.
A \$10.00 filing fee is payable with the application, and it usually
takes about one year for patent to issue.

I trust this covers the information you desire, and
with best regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

Geo. R. Wickham

GRW

November 7th, 1917.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415- Chamber of Commerce Building,
LOS ANGELES, California.

Dear Sir:-

In December 1915 there was held a hearing in the Land Office, Federal Building, Los Angeles, re EL CAPIRAN, at which time among the many exhibits submitted by this Company, there was one from the Department of the Interior Office of Indian Affairs at Washington to the San Diego Flume Company, dated July 13th, 1892, Land 25142-1892, signed by T. J. Morgan, Commissioner. As this is the original permit from the Government we would like to secure the withdrawel of same, and Colonel Ed. Fletcher has asked me to take the matter up with you for its return to our office. We shall be very glad to furnish the Land Office a copy to take the place of the original, if they wish it.

Trusting you will give same your immediate attention, we are,

Yours very truly,
CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY,

Secretary.

LBM/P.

November 5, 1917.

Mr. Mathews:

Write to George R. Wickham, 415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Los Angeles, and he will get for you the original contract instead of Robinson.

Ed Fletcher.

F-S

Al Capitan

November 14th, 1917.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415- Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
LOS ANGELES, California.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 8th, 1917, we have made a copy of the form of letter that you sent to us and written on our letter head, to forward to the Commissioner General Land Office, WASHINGTON, D. C., and which we have complied hereto, same being duly signed by our Manager, Colonel Ed. Fletcher and attested to by myself as Secretary of the Cuyamaca Water Company.

Inasmuch as the property has never been transferred, we have no seal of the company, and trust that this will be all that is necessary.

Yours very truly,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY.

Secretary.

LBM/P.

May 4, 1917.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 14 with regard to the small fractional piece of scrip left over from Bertha Bixler filing, you are authorized to sell this and turn over the proceeds to the San Dieguito Mutual Water Co., c/o Ed. Fletcher.

Very truly yours,

WSP:LB

May 9, 1917

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith the protest against the Bixler application which has been served on her by registered mail.

As I am going to the training camp, please address your letters to Mr. T. P. Ellis, 924 Eighth Street, San Diego. Mr. Ellis is in charge of the office and is familiar with the details.

Yours very truly,

WSP:K

Enclos.

November 7th, 1917.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415- Chamber of Commerce Building,
LOS ANGELES, California.

Dear Sir:-

In December 1915 there was held a hearing in the Land Office, Federal Building, Los Angeles, re EL CAPIRAN, at which time among the many exhibits submitted by this Company, there was one from the Department of the Interior Office of Indian Affairs at Washington to the San Diego Flume Company, dated July 13th, 1892, Land 25142-1892, signed by T. J. Morgan, Commissioner. As this is the original permit from the Government we would like to secure the withdrawel of same, and Colonel Ed. Fletcher has asked me to take the matter up with you for its return to our office. We shall be very glad to furnish the Land Office a copy to take the place of the original, if they wish it.

Trusting you will give same your immediate attention, we are,

Yours very truly,

GUYAMAGA WATER COMPANY,

Secretary.

LBH/P.

George R. Wickham
 LAND ATTORNEY
 Suite 415 Chamber of Commerce Building
 Los Angeles, California

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November 8, 1917.

Cuyamaca Water Co.,
 Lou B. Mathews, Secretary,
 San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst.

--
 in re "Permit dated July 13, 1892, Land 25142-1892, From
 Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to San Diego Flume Co."--

--and in securing a withdrawal of this original document
 we should file a copy thereof in its stead. Please forward
 to me a copy thereof.

I also enclose a letter directed to the Commissioner
 of the General Land Office, authorizing them to return the
 document in question to me. Would be better if you re-wrote
 this letter on your stationery.

Upon receipt of this prompt steps will be taken
 to have the document returned.

Yours very truly,

George R. Wickham

GRW-M.

November 9, 1917.

The Commissioner, General Land Office,
 Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the case of James A. Murray, et al, vs. Barney Hamil-
 ton, et al, Contest 2262 Los Angeles Land Office, involving
 Serial 014683, on behalf of Protestant Murray, et al, there
 was filed an original permit from the Commissioner of Indian
 Affairs, (T. J. Morgan, Commissioner) No. Land 25142-1892, to
 the San Diego Flume Company.

The Cuyamaca Water Company, as successors of the San
 Diego Flume Company, are desirous of having returned to them
 said original permit, and we request that you send same to
 Mr. George R. Wickham, 415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg. Los
 Angeles, California. A copy of the permit is sent here-
 with to substitute in place of the original.

Thanking you in advance, we remain,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY

~~Field~~ Manager

Attest:

Secretary.

(Seal)

November 14th, 1917.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415- Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
LOS ANGELES, California.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 8th, 1917, we have made a copy of the form of letter that you sent to us and written on our letter head, to forward to the Commissioner General Land Office, WASHINGTON, D. C., and which we have complied hereto, same being duly signed by our Manager, Colonel Ed. Fletcher and attested to by myself as Secretary of the Guyanaca Water Company.

Inasmuch as the property has never been transferred, we have no seal of the company, and trust that this will be all that is necessary.

Yours very truly,

CUYANAGA WATER COMPANY,

Secretary.

LBM/P.

Mr. King - 1

March 30, 1918.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find map showing Government 40's that we should acquire. My understanding is, that we have already acquired the 40 marked "G". Please give me the record on this and why it hasn't been cleaned up and a patent issued.

Which is the cheaper way to get these different pieces of land; how much would it cost an acre under the Stone Act? We may want to take only half of each 40 and eliminate A, B, C, D, E, and F. just as an illustration.

I suppose we could file the map and get the right to flood these Government lands, but we ought to purchase some of these lands at any rate.

Please let me hear from you in regard to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Ed. Fletcher

EP:MK

Wilmington Trust Company

George R. Wickham
LAND ATTORNEY
Suite 415 Chamber of Commerce Building
Los Angeles, California

April 2, 1918.

Col. Ed. Fletcher,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 30th just received this morning, in reference to certain lands in T. 12 S., R. 2 E., S.B.M., as per map which you enclosed.

An examination of the land office records, discloses the $E\frac{1}{2} NE\frac{1}{2}, E\frac{1}{2} SE\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 20, to be vacant government land. The $NW\frac{1}{2} NW\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 21 is embraced in your Stone entry, upon which final certificate has issued. The $NE\frac{1}{2} NW\frac{1}{2}$, of this section is vacant government land.

The $SE\frac{1}{2} SW\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 22, is vacant government land. The $S\frac{1}{2} SE\frac{1}{2}$, of Section 22 (with the $N\frac{1}{2} SE\frac{1}{2}$) is embraced in the homestead entry of Luell L. Craig, address Oceanside, Cal. Filed December 1, 1915, Serial No. 027896.

The $SE\frac{1}{2} SE\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 28, is vacant, government land.

As to the land embraced in the homestead entry--The entryman was allowed six months from Dec. 1, 1915 in which to establish residence and in all events must have had residence established by Dec. 1, 1916. There should have been some cultivation done by entryman prior to this time. If you are anxious for this land, to wit the $SE\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 22, or any part thereof, you should examine the land carefully (or have it done) with a view to someone contesting the entry in event the entryman is no longer asserting his claim to the land.

As to your forty acres, to-wit, the $NW\frac{1}{2} NW\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 21, the matter stands the same as my last report to you on this, viz my letter to you of October 31, 1917, wherein I was advised by the Commissioner of the General Land Office had requested the Director of the U. S. Geological Survey to report whether the land is within or affected by any existing or contemplated public watering place, power or reservoir withdrawal. I really expect patent now before long on this piece of land.

If the land is not suitable for agriculture and possesses stone of value, I would say that a stone entry is by far the cheapest way to acquire title to the land,--that is, at \$2.50 per acre. Scrip can still be had for \$15.00 per acre for surveyed lands. A legal subdivision viz 40 acres cannot be split so that you can take only Half of the forty--it must be all or nothing.

Phone A2100

George R. Wickham
LAND ATTORNEY
Suite 415 Chamber of Commerce Building
Los Angeles, California

Col. E.F. -- 2.

File 199

--4-2-18.

I might say that it is possible that the $SE\frac{1}{2} SW\frac{1}{2}$, of Sec. 22, might be available to entry under the Isolated tract law, as it likewise the case with the $NE\frac{1}{2} NW\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 21; I do not know whether the legal price of this land is \$1.25 or ~~\$2.25~~ \$2.50 per acre, but in any event this method is very uncertain, because the land is sold to the highest bidder and I have seen cases where the bid has been run up to more than that it would cost to scrip the land.

As to securing a reservoir site on the lands in question, this of course, could be done, but an actual survey for that purpose would have to be made. The map which you sent to me would not, in my opinion, be satisfactory for a reservoir application. Anyhow, actual ownership of the land is better than a mere essement such as is given by the Land Department.

One hundred sixty acres is the maximum quantity of land that can be had under a stone application, and that must be in contiguous form. One entry could embrace say, the land in Sec. 20-- Another the land in Sec. 21--Another the land in Sec. 22, and still another entry take the lands in Section 28. If, you would have difficulty in getting this number of applicants you would have to resort to the use of scrip (there is no limit to the amount of land one can take under scrip, except one's pocket book), or the isolated tract method, which as above stated is uncertain, and not satisfactory.

I will retain the map which you sent me, for the present, in case you and I have further correspondence regarding this matter.

Yours very truly,

George R. Wickham

GRW-M.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, April 9, 1918

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Fletcher has instructed me to reply to your letter of April 2nd. He wishes you to make 4 Stone Entries as you suggest. I am enclosing map with the land in question outlined in red and the names under which the entries are to be made written in in each case, namely,

(1) The East 1/4 of Section 20 - 160 acres - to be applied for in the name of Ed Fletcher.

(2) The Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21 - 40 acres - in the name of K. Deasy.

(3) The Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22 - 40 acres - in the name of E. Keefe.

(4) The Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 27; the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28; and the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28 - 160 acres in the name of T. H. King.

All in Township 12 South, Range 2 East, S.B.M.

We have not as yet been able to ascertain whether or not Lucile L. Craig is working his land under his homestead entry. Should this land have been abandoned by Deasy, could the Stone Entry No. 3 be extended to take in the Craig land or would that have to be another separate Stone Entry?

Kindly advise me on this point as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

T. H. King

Chief Draftsman.

THK:RK
Enclos.

George R. Wickham
LAND ATTORNEY
Suite 415 Chamber of Commerce Building
Los Angeles, California

April 10, 1918.

FILE 199

Col. Ed Fletcher,
920 Eighth St.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of T. H. King's letter of the 9th inst. I hereby transmit four applications for stone entries in T. 12 S., R. 2 E., S.B.M. As set forth in your letter they are as follows:

The $E\frac{1}{2} NE\frac{1}{4}$, $E\frac{1}{2} SE\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 20, you desired to take in the name of Ed Fletcher: This is not possible, as Mr. Fletcher has exhausted his "Stone claim" right by entry of the $NW\frac{1}{2} NW\frac{1}{4}$, of Sec. 21, this township, upon which final certificate has issued. Hence someone else will have to make this filing.

The $NE\frac{1}{2} NW\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 21, is to be entered by K. Deasy. Please have Deasy follow instructions, attached to application.

The $SE\frac{1}{2} SW\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 22, is to be entered by E. Keefe. Please have Keefe follow instructions attached to his application. Answering specifically the question, as to whether this applicant would be permitted to enter also the $S\frac{1}{2} SE\frac{1}{4}$, of this Section, in event the Craig entry was cleared of record, I answer in this way. If the Craig application could be cleared of record, by contest of purchase, or otherwise, prior to the time, that final certificate should issue, I would say that Keefe could amend his application to cover this land--it is possible that a new filing fee of \$10 would be necessary, but if final certificate should issue prior to the time that the Craig entry was cleared from record, then I would say that a new entryman would have to take the land now embraced in Craig's entry.

The $SW\frac{1}{2} SW\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 27, $S\frac{1}{2} SE\frac{1}{4}$ and $SE\frac{1}{2} SW\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 28, is to be entered by T. H. King, who will follow separate instructions attached to his application.

The regulations of the Stone land claims, provide that the applicants have examined the land within thirty days of the execution of their applications, hence it may be necessary for the applicants to make a trip to view the land, and the date of the examination of the land must be inserted in the applications.

George R. Wickham
 LAND ATTORNEY
 Suite 415 Chamber of Commerce Building
 Los Angeles, California

Col. Ed Fletcher--- 2. File 199 ---4-10-18.

A filing fee of \$10 must accompany each application, therefore please forward me check for \$40.00. *(paid)*

I have given my address as the place where notices shall come, in the applications, all of which I presume will be satisfactory to you.

Please have each of the applicants execute the authorization for me to appear as their attorney, which is attached to the applications.

Also bear in mind, that the applications are to be executed in Duplicate.

Upon receipt of these applications duly executed, they will be filed in the land office.

I want to specifically say that these applications cannot be executed before a Deputy County Clerk---they must be before the Clerk personally. IF for any reason the Clerk should be out of the City, one of the Judges of your Superior Court can administer the oath, and the official title will be changed accordingly. See that the Seal is attached to each application, regardless as to who administers the oath.

Yours very truly,

Geo. R. Wickham

GRW-M.
 enc.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, April 24, 1918

Mr. George R. Wickham,
 415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
 Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

While talking with Col. Fletcher this morning about the Stone claim entries which we have had under consideration, referred to in your letter of April 10th, Mr. Fletcher said he did not understand why you say he has exhausted his Stone claim right by entry of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 21 as this is only 40 acres and he is entitled to 160 acres.

Two of the entries we spoke of are contiguous to the 40 acres above described and he seems to think that he should be able to extend his entry to include 120 acres more so as to make up the entire 160 acres.

Will you be kind enough to write me the full explanation of this question so I can explain the matter to Col. Fletcher.

Yours very truly,

Chief Draftsman.

THK:RK

George R. Wickham
LAND ATTORNEY
Suite 415 Chamber of Commerce Building
Los Angeles, California

April 26, 1918.

Mr. Thos. H. King,
Ed Fletcher,
San Diego, Cal.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst in re qualifications of Col. Fletcher to take additional lands under the stone act. I must reiterate what was said in my former letter that he is not qualified to take more land under this act. If, he had desired to take more land, prior to the issuance of final certificate, I think it would have been possible to have amended the entry to cover the additional land. But final certificate has issued and I am of the opinion that by attempting to secure more land by way of amendment we would get into a peck of trouble. The leading case covering this phase of the case is found in 37 L.D. 145, being the case of George F. Brice, in which it was held;

"The filing of an application under the timber and stone act, for land subject thereto, and to the completion of which the government interposes no obstacle, exhausts the right of the applicant under that act".

This case has never been overruled and the the authority upon which I base my opinion. This decision specifically modified and overruled a prior decision, which seemed to infer that a second entry could be made under somewhat similar circumstances as the case at bar.

If he had filed for 160 acres at the time he filed on the 40 acres, all would have been well, but one entry regardless of the acreage exhausts the right under that act. Please explain to Col. Fletcher, that this entry does not affect his public ~~right~~ land rights, under other appropriate laws, ~~except~~ except as to 40 acres.

I trust this explains what you desire to know, but if not, I might quote other decisions of the Land Department.

Yours very truly,

Geo R Wickham

BRW-M.

Copy of this letter sent to Col F

May 7, 1918.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

I have a friend, John H. Bunton, who in 1904 filed on the water of Cedar Creek; also some mineral springs, and placed same of record. Since that time he has continuously diverted the water out of a ditch which he built, and used same for irrigation. The ditch is over a quarter of a mile in length and has been irrigating 10 or 15 acres of land. The filing stated that the water would be used also for power, stock and domestic purposes as well as irrigation. The diversion is made on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 4 East, S. B. M. What I want to do is to acquire title to this 20 acres of land.

What I want to know, Mr. Wickham, is this land within the forest reserve, and if so, when was it placed within the forest reserve? Mr. Bunton has also put in a state claim, and put in a Government claim for the ditch. Mr. King, one of the forest service men, helped Mr. Bunton to survey out the claim for the ditch right and the water right, and I think you will find it a matter of record in the forest surveys.

Please make this investigation for my friend and give me a report as to the status at the present time. What I want to do is to clear up the right, beyond question, as some day I might develop a small power proposition out of it.

Mr. Bunton is doing over a hundred dollars' worth of work a year on that ditch, and has been diverting that water since 1904. Is there any way of paying the Government so much per acre and getting a patent to the land?

He has also located a placer claim on the salt springs, and could it not be taken up that way by paying the Government so much an acre. Mr. Bunton says that he has spent over \$500. on this work and his understanding is that he can, by paying \$5.00 an acre, prove up on the placer claim.

Kindly let me hear from you on this subject at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

F-K

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.
Los Angeles, California

Exparte
Catherine Holton Fletcher.

Timber or Stone Application
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ 20,
T. 12 S., R. 2 E., S.E.M.

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPEARANCE OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint ^{Thomas H. King} George R. Wickham, of ^{924 E. 11th St.} ~~415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.~~ ^{SUITE 420 UNION OIL BUILDING} Los Angeles, California, as my attorney to represent me in all matters pertaining to the above application before the Department of the Interior.

Catherine Holton Fletcher

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

TIMBER OR STONE ENTRY.

U.S. LAND OFFICE, Los Angeles, California

No.

RECEIPT No.

APPLICATION AND SWORN STATEMENT.

(TO BE MADE IN DUPLICATE.)

I, Catherine Holton Fletcher (^{single} female),
(Give full Christian name.)

hereby make application to purchase the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

Section 20,

Township 12 S., Range 2 East, S. B. Meridian,

containing 160 acres, within the Los Angeles, California land

district, in the State of California, and the stone timber thereon, at such value as may be fixed by appraisement, made under authority of the Secretary of the Interior, under the act of June 3, 1878, commonly known as the "Timber and Stone Law," and acts amendatory thereof, and in support of this application I do solemnly swear that I

(Applicant must state whether native born, naturalized, or has filed declaration of intention to become a citizen. If not native born, certified copy of naturalization or declaration of intention, as case may be, must be filed with this affidavit.)

am a native born (Calif.)

citizen of the United States, of the age of 21 years, and by occu-

pation a Student; that I did, on May 8, 1918, 1918, examine said land, and from my personal knowledge state that said land is unfit for cultivation and is valuable chiefly for its stone timber; and that to my best knowledge and belief, based upon said

examination, the land is worth \$150.00

dollars, and the stone timber thereon, which I estimate to be

feet, board measure, is worth \$250.00

dollars, making a total value for the land and stone timber of

\$400.00 dollars, and no more; that

the land is uninhabited; that it contains no mining or other improvements, nor, as I verily believe, any valuable deposit of gold, silver, cinnabar, copper, coal, or other minerals, salt springs, or deposits of salt; that I have made no other application under said acts; that I do not apply to purchase the land above described on speculation, but in good faith to appropriate it to my own exclusive use and benefit, and that I have not, directly or indirectly, made any agreement or contract, in any way or manner, with any person or persons whomsoever, by which the title I may acquire from the Government of the United States may inure in whole or in part to the benefit of any person except myself; that since August 30, 1890, I have not entered and acquired title to, nor am I now claiming, under an entry made under any of the nonmineral public-land laws, an amount of land which, together with the land now applied for, will exceed in the aggregate 320 acres; that I am not a member of any association, or a stockholder in any corporation which has filed an application and sworn statement under said act; and that my post-

office address is Geo. R. Wickham, 415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.
(If city, street and number must be given.)

at which place any notice affecting my rights under this application may be sent.

I request that notice be furnished me for publication in the
"Sentinel" newspaper, published
(The newspaper must be one of general circulation, published nearest the land.)
at Ramona, California

Catherine Holton Fletcher
(Sign here, with full Christian name.)

NOTE.—Every person swearing falsely to the above affidavit will be punished as provided by law for such offense. (See Sec. 5392, R. S., below.)
In addition thereto, the money that may be paid for the land is forfeited, and all conveyances of the land, or of any right, title, or claim thereto, are absolutely null and void as against the United States.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing affidavit was read to or by affiant in my presence before affiant affixed signature thereto; that affiant is to me personally known (or has been satisfactorily identified before me by _____);
(Give full name and post-office address.)

that I verily believe affiant to be a qualified applicant and the identical person hereinbefore described, and that said affidavit was duly subscribed and sworn to before me at my office, in San Diego,
(Town.)
San Diego County, California, within the Los Angeles, California
(County and State.)
land district this 17th day
of April, May, 1918.

J. B. Myers
County Clerk, and ex-officio Clerk of the
Superior Court of San Diego County, State of
California
(Official designation of officer.)

REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES. TITLE LXX.—CRIMES.—CHAP. 4.

SEC. 5392. Every person who, having taken an oath before a competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed is true, willfully and contrary to such oath states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by fine of not more than two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment, at hard labor, not more than five years; and shall, moreover, thereafter be incapable of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. (See Sec. 1750.)

NOTE.—In addition to the above penalty, every person who knowingly or willfully in anywise procures the making or presentation of any false or fraudulent affidavit pertaining to any matter within the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior may be punished by fine or imprisonment.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

TIMBER OR STONE ENTRY.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Los Angeles, California, No. _____

RECEIPT No. _____

APPLICATION AND SWORN STATEMENT.

(TO BE MADE IN DUPLICATE.)

I, *Catherine Holton Fletcher* (single) (female),
(Give full Christian name.) (Male or female.)
hereby make application to purchase the $E\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, $E\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

_____ , Section 20,
Township 12 S., Range 2 East, S. B. _____ Meridian,
containing 180 acres, within the Los Angeles, California land

district, in the State of California, and the stone thereon, at such value as may be fixed by appraisement, made under authority of the Secretary of the Interior, under the act of June 3, 1878, commonly known as the "Timber and Stone Law," and acts amendatory thereof, and in support of this application I do solemnly swear that I
(Applicant must state whether native born, naturalized, or has filed declaration of intention to become a citizen. If not native born, certified copy of naturalization or declaration of intention, as case may be, must be filed with this affidavit.)

am a native born (Calif.)
citizen of the United States, of the age of 21 years, and by occu-

pation a *Student*; that I did, on *May 8*, 1918, examine said land, and from my personal knowledge state that said land is unfit for cultivation and is valuable chiefly for its ~~timber~~ ^{stone}; and that to my best knowledge and belief, based upon said examination, the land is worth \$150.00

dollars, and the ~~timber~~ ^{stone} thereon, which I estimate to be ~~feet, board measure~~, is worth \$250.00

dollars, making a total value for the land and ~~timber~~ ^{stone} of \$400.00

dollars, and no more; that the land is uninhabited; that it contains no mining or other improvements, nor, as I verily believe, any valuable deposit of gold, silver, cinnabar, copper, coal, or other minerals, salt springs, or deposits of salt; that I have made no other application under said acts; that I do not apply to purchase the land above described on speculation, but in good faith to appropriate it to my own exclusive use and benefit, and that I have not, directly or indirectly, made any agreement or contract, in any way or manner, with any person or persons whomsoever, by which the title I may acquire from the Government of the United States may inure in whole or in part to the benefit of any person except myself; that since August 30, 1890, I have not entered and acquired title to, nor am I now claiming, under an entry made under any of the nonmineral public-land laws, an amount of land which, together with the land now applied for, will exceed in the aggregate 320 acres; that I am not a member of any association, or a stockholder in any corporation which has filed an application and sworn statement under said act; and that my post-office address is *Geo. R. Wickham, 415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.*,
Los Angeles, California.
(If a city, street and number must be given.)

at which place any notice affecting my rights under this application may be sent.

I request that notice be furnished me for publication in the
"Sentinel"
(The newspaper must be one of general circulation, published nearest the land.)
at Ramona, California newspaper, published

Catherine Halton Fletcher
(Sign here, with full Christian name.)

NOTE.—Every person swearing falsely to the above affidavit will be punished as provided by law for such offense. (See Sec. 5392, R. S., below.)
In addition thereto, the money that may be paid for the land is forfeited, and all conveyances of the land, or of any right, title, or claim thereto, are absolutely null and void as against the United States.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing affidavit was read to or by
~~affiant in my presence before affiant affixed signature thereto; that~~
~~affiant is to me personally known (or has been satisfactorily identi-~~
~~fied before me by~~ _____);
(Give full name and post-office address.)

that I verily believe affiant to be a qualified applicant and the identical person hereinbefore described, and that said affidavit was duly
subscribed and sworn to before me at my office, in San Diego,
(Town.)
San Diego County, California, within the Los Angeles, California
(County and State.)
land district, this 17th day
of April, May, 1918.

J. B. Lee
County Clerk, and ex-officio Clerk of the
Superior Court of San Diego County, State of
California
(Official designation of officer.)

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, May 21, 1918

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed you will find the applications for land about which we have been corresponding which are under the Stone entry. Owing to the fact that Col. Fletcher has lost his right to make application under the Stone entry, we have substituted his daughter.

Also we have substituted my wife, Mary B. King in the place of Keefe. I think we have made the necessary changes in the application.

If there is anything further that is necessary to be done in this matter, let me know at once and I will try to fix it up promptly. We were delayed in getting the papers acknowledged owing to the fact that the County Clerk was out of town part of the time.

Yours very truly,

THK:EK

George R. Wickham
LAND ATTORNEY
Suite 415 Chamber of Commerce Building
Los Angeles, California

SUITE 420 UNION OIL BUILDING

May 23, 1918.

Col. Ed Fletcher,
20 Eighth St.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Colonel:

This letter has reference to the Stone applications in charge of Mr. T. H. King. I duly received the applications of Catherine Holton Fletcher, Katherine Deasy, Mary B. King and Thomas H. King.

Upon presenting same to the land office this morning, I discovered that the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 20, which was to have been taken by your daughter, was in the forest reserve, and hence cannot be entered under the stone act. I regret that this mistake has occurred, and while the land is vacant government land, it is reserved from entry, and my report of April 2, 1918, should have contained this notation. The forest boundary is the East line of Section 20, and I cannot account for the mistake, unless I thought at the time that the forest boundary was the West line of Section 20. I therefore am returning the application of your daughter to be destroyed.

Action upon the other applications are suspended pending the qualifying of the register to succeed John D. Roche, deceased. As soon as possible after that, I will start the stone applications to publication and thereafter to patent.

Yours very truly,

George R. Wickham

GRW-M.

Please advise Mr. King of this letter.

See Board minutes of
July 7/1918
Book 39/2513
Vacations in Hodgins Reservoir

Letter for Puck has attached an abstract

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, May 24, 1918

Mr. George R. Wickham,
420 Union Oil Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to Col. Fletcher regarding the application of Catharine Holton Fletcher has been turned over to me for reply.

As you know, a portion of this land will fall below the top contour of the Sutherland Reservoir and therefore will be flooded when the dam is built. If this land is reserved from entry, will you kindly advise how the right to flood can be obtained.

Please address your reply to me as in that way time and trouble are saved in this office.

Yours very truly,

THK:HK

Chief Draftsman.

The data called for here I believe should be described in Applicant and Engineer's certificate

10. Field notes.- Field notes of the surveys must be filed in duplicate, separate from the map, and in such form that they may be folded for filing. Complete field notes should not be placed on the map, but the following data should be shown thereon: (a) The station numbers where deflections or changes of numbering occur; (b) station numbers with distances to corners at points where the lines of the public surveys are crosses, and (c) the lines of reference of initial and terminal points, with their courses and distances. Typewritten field notes with clear carbon copies are preferred, as they expedite the examination of applications. The field notes should contain, in addition to the ordinary records of surveys, the data called for in this and in the following sections. They should state which line of the canal was run-whether middle or a specified side line. The stations or courses should be numbered in the field notes and on the map. The record should be so complete that from it the surveys could be accurately retraced by a competent surveyor with proper instruments. The field notes should show whether the lines were run on the true or the magnetic bearings, and if run on magnetic bearings the declination of the needle and date of determination must be stated. The kind and size of the instrument used in running the lines and its minimum reading on the horizontal circle should be noted. The line of survey should be that of the actual location of the proposed ditch and, as exactly as possible, the water line of the proposed reservoir. The method of running the grade lines of canals and the water lines of reservoirs must be described.

11. Maps.- The maps filed must be drawn on tracing linen in duplicate, and must be strictly conformable to the field notes of the survey. They must be filed in the land office for the district in which the right of way is located; but if the right of way is located in more than one district, duplicate maps and field notes need be filed in but one district, and single sets in the others. Other canals, ditches, laterals, or reservoirs with which connections are made must be shown, but distinguished from those for which right of way is desired by ink of a different color.

The scale of the map should be 2,000 feet to the inch in the case of canals or ditches and 1,000 feet to the inch in the case of reservoirs. The scale may, however, be 1,000 feet to the inch in the case of canals or ditches and 500 feet to the inch in the case of reservoirs when such a scale is absolutely necessary to properly show the proposed works.

All subdivisions of the public surveys represented on the map should have their entire boundaries drawn, and on all lands affected by the right of way the smallest legal subdivisions (40-acre tracts and lots) must be shown. The section, township, and range must be clearly marked on the map.

The map must bear a statement of the width of each canal, ditch, or lateral at high-water line. If not of uniform width, the limits of the deviations must be clearly defined on the map. The field notes should record the changes in such a manner as to admit of exact location on the ground. In the case of a pipe line, the diameter of the pipe should be stated. The map must show the source of water supply.

In applications for right of way for a reservoir, the capacity of the reservoir must be stated on the map in acre-feet (i.e., the number of acres that will be covered to a depth of 1 foot by the water that the reservoir will hold; 1 acre-foot is 43, 560 cubic feet). The map must show the source of water supply for the reservoir and the location and height of the dam.

12. Initial and terminal points.- The termini of a canal, ditch, or lateral should be fixed by reference of course and distance to the nearest corner of the public survey. The initial point of the survey of a reservoir should be fixed by reference of course and distance to the nearest

existing corner outside the reservoir by a line that does not cross an area that will be covered with water when the reservoir is in use. The map, field notes, engineer's affidavit, and applicant's certificate (Forms 3 and 4) should each show these connections.

18. Connections with public survey corners.- Whenever the line of survey crosses a township or section line of the public survey, the distance to the nearest existing corner should be ascertained and noted. In the case of a reservoir the distance must not be measured across an area which will be covered with water when the reservoir is in use. The map of the canal, ditch, or reservoir must show these distances, and the field notes must give the points of intersection and the distances. When corners are destroyed by the canal or reservoir, proceed as directed in sections 19 and 20.

19. Witness monuments for destroyed public survey corners.- Whenever a corner of the public survey will be covered by earth or water, or otherwise rendered useless, marked monuments (one on each side of destroyed corner) must be set on each township or section line passing through, or one on each line terminating at, said corner. These monuments must comply with the requirements for witness corners of the Manual of Surveying Instructions issued by the General Land Office, and must be at such distance from the works as to be safe from interference during the construction and operation of the same. If two or more consecutive corners on the same line are destroyed, the monument shall be set as required in the Manual for the nearest corner on that line to be covered.

20. Method of establishing witness monuments.- The line on which such monument is set will be determined by running a random line from the corner to be destroyed to the first existing corner on the line to be marked by the monument, a temporary mark being set on the random line at the distance of the proposed monument. If the random line strikes the corner run to, the monument will be established at the place marked; if the random line passes to one side of the corner, the north and south or east and west distance to it will be measured and the true course calculated. The proper correction of the temporary mark will then be computed and a permanent monument set in the proper place. The field notes for the survey establishing the monuments must be in duplicate and separate from those of the canal or reservoir, and must be certified by the surveyor under oath. They must comply with the form of field notes prescribed in the Manual of Surveying Instructions issued by the General Land Office.

When application is made for a canal or reservoir which is constructed and in operation, the method to be adopted in setting the monuments must be governed by the special features of each case and left to the judgment of the surveyor. No field notes will be accepted unless the lines on which the monuments are set conform to the lines shown by the field notes of the survey as made originally under the direction of this office, and unless the notes are in such form that the computation can be verified and the lines retraced on the ground.

FORM 1

I, _____, Secretary (or president) of the _____, do hereby certify that the organization of said company has been completed; that the company is fully authorized to proceed with the construction, according to the existing laws of the State of California, and that the copy of the articles of incorporation of the company, which are filed with this application in the Department of the Interior is a true and correct copy of same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the corporate seal of the company this _____ day of _____ in the year 1918.

Secretary (or president) of the
Company

(Impress corporate seal)

TO BE IN DUPLICATE

FORM 2.

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am the president of the _____ Company, and that the following is a true list of the officers of the said company, with the full name and official designation of each, to wit:

President,
Vice president, etc.
etc etc

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name and the corporate seal of the company this _____ day of _____, in the year _____.

President of the
Company

(Impress corporate seal)

FORM 4.
APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATE

TO BE WRITTEN ON THE MAP
ITSELF.

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am the president of the _____ Company; that _____, who subscribed the accompanying affidavit, is the chief engineer of _____ was was employed to make the survey by) the said Company; That the survey of the said (Canals, ditches or reservoirs) as accurately represented on this map and by the accompanying field notes, was made under authority of the company; that the company is duly authorized by its articles of incorporation to construct the said (canals, ditches or reservoirs) upon the location shown upon this map; that the said (canals, ditches or reservoirs) as represented on this map and by the said field notes, was adopted by the company, by resolution of its board of directors on the _____ day of _____ 1918, as the definite location of said (canals ditches or reservoirs) described as follows(here described as in engineer's certificate), and that no lake or lake bed, stream or stream bed, is used for the said (canals ditches or reservoirs) except as shown on this map, and that the map has been prepared to be filed for the approval of the Secretary of the Interior in order that the company may obtain the benefits of Sections 18 to 21, inclusive of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1891, entitled " An act to repeal timber-culture laws, and for other purposes", and Section 2 of the act approved May 11, 1898; and I further certify that the right of way herein described is desired for the main purpose or iggigation.

President of the _____ Company

Attest _____
Secretary.

(Impress corporate seal)

* see Sec 10 of field note requirements

* see Sec 10 in field note requirements

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE
TO BE ON THE MAP ITSELF.

FORM 5.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ;
; SS.
County of San Diego ;

_____, being duly sworn, says that he is the chief engineer of (or the person employed to make the Survey By), the _____ Company; that the survey of said company's reservoir (and ditch or canal) , described as follows (described here as called for) was made by him (or under his direction) as chief engineer (or surveyor employed by the company) and under its authority, commenced on the _____ day of _____, 191__ and ending on the _____ day of _____ 191__, and that such survey of said (canal, ditch or (and) reservoir, accurately represents a (proper grade line for the flow of water, and accurately represents a level line, which is the proposed water line of the said reservoir, and that such survey is accurately represented upon this map and by the accompanying field notes. And no lake or lake bed, stream or stream bed, is used for said (canals, ditches of reservoirs) except as shown on this map, and I further certify that the right of way herein described is desired for the main purpose of irrigation.

Chief Engineer of the
Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 1918

Notary Public in and for the
County of San Diego, State of California.

GEORGE R. WICKHAM
LAWYER
SUITE 420 UNION OIL BUILDING
TELEPHONE A-9249
LOS ANGELES, CAL.

June 5, 1918.

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Volcan L. & W. Co.

Thomas H. King, Esq.
920 Eighth St.,
San Diego, California.

My Dear Mr. King:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of May 24th, in re Sutherland Reservoir matter, I beg to state that the land which Catherine H. Fletcher was to enter under the stone act, viz, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 20, T. 12 S.; R. 2 E., S.B.M., can be flooded under a reservoir permit, which will be explained hereafter.

The procedure necessary for such an application is the same as a right of way application, with which doubtless you are familiar. I have a map before me of the Sutherland Reservoir, but the same does not show clearly the exterior boundaries of the reservoir.

Part of the land being in a forest reserve, the Volcan Land and Water Company will have to enter into a stipulation and execute a bond as the Forest Service might require for the protection of the lands in the National Forest. I have prepared the information necessary for you to go ahead and prepare maps etc. to secure this reservoir site.

First: I shall require a copy of the articles of incorporation so that same may be forwarded to the Secretary of State for certification.

Second: A true list, in duplicate, signed by the President of the Company under its corporate seal, showing the names and designations of its officers at the date of filing the papers. Follow form 2 enclosed.

Next you will have executed the data called for in "Form 1" enclosed herewith.

Next a certified copy of the papers which constitute the water right of the company. If the water-right claim has been transferred a

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number of times it is not necessary that a copy of each transfer be made; a certificate of title will be sufficient.

The regulations require a separate statement as follows: "The amount of water flowing in the stream supplying the reservoir, at the point of diversion or damming, during the preceding year or years. For this purpose it will be necessary to give the maximum, minimum and average flow in cubic feet per second for each month during the period for which records are available. In cases of reservoirs of 5,000 acre feet capacity or more, the amount of water, in acre-feet, available for storage or diversion, and the amount of water which it is proposed to divert annually from the stream or streams affected, with the period which the water is to be diverted. The surveyor or engineer of the applicant must certify to the above, and must certify that all available records (specifying them), official and otherwise have been consulted. If there is no record of the flow, the area of the watershed, average annual rainfall, and estimated run-off at the point of diversion or damming must be given.

The requirements of maps and field notes will be given on separate pages.

Form 3 is the engineer's certificate, which is to be used.

Form 4 is the certificate of the president of the Company.

This application will cover all of the land in the reservoir, whether patented or otherwise. The advantage of covering all lands, including the lands embraced in the stone applications just filed is this--that if for any reason the stone applications, (or any other unpatented claims) fail, or are relinquished, the reservoir application would take precedence, over any new applications.

This kind of application is quite technical and care should be especially given to the preparation of the maps and field notes. Maps and field notes must be in DUPLICATE.

No land office fee is required. The right granted by a reservoir application is not a grant in fee, but is an ease-

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ment, and any person who acquires the lands subsequent to the attaching of the easement, of course, takes the lands subject to the easement.

Yours very truly,



GRW:KMS.

September 17, 1918

Mr. George R. Wickham,
415 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Will you be kind enough to let me know the present status of the following lands:

The NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{2}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 18, Township 13 South, Range 2 West. U.S. Easement was granted on these September 5, 1916. I understand the San Diego title or some persons attached thereto have since acquired title. Please let me know how and when this was done.

There was a U S application made on the ^{NW $\frac{1}{2}$} NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{2}$ and Lot 2, Section 17, and Lot 5, Section 8, Township 13 South, Range 2 West. Col. Fletcher tells me that we have since acquired title to this land. Will you be kind enough to tell me when and how this was done.

Thanking you for prompt reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

Chief Draftsman.

THK:HK

GEORGE R. WICKHAM

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TELEPHONE A-3248

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

September 26th, 1918.

Thomas H. King,
920 Eighth St.,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. King:-

I am in receipt of your letter of September 17th, 1918, in which you ask for the present status of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 18, Township 13 S., Range 2 West, S.B.M.

The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ is vacant land according to the records of the Land Office. However, this land is subject to an easement for right of way for canal and pipe line, filed by Ed. Fletcher on March 27, 1916; approved by the Secretary of the Interior on September 5, 1916.

The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ was taken under the ^aWyandotte Indian scrip selection by W. S. Post in May, 1914, and I understand that Mr. Post has conveyed this land to the San Dieguito Mutual Water Company. The right of way application of Ed Fletcher as aforesaid, also covered this land.

The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 2 Section 17 is embraced in the Application for Right of Way for reservoir site by Ed Fletcher, made November 9, 1914, and I don't find that this right of way application has ever been approved. Lot 5 of Section 8 of this township is vacant land, embracing 18.42 acres and I don't find that the San Dieguito or Col. Fletcher, or anyone else has any easement or right of way over this land.

Trusting this will give the information desired, I remain,

Yours very truly,

George R. Wickham

GRW:H

December 19, 1918

Mr. George R. Wickham,
420 Union Oil Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Col. Fletcher requested me to find out from you if he can take up Lot 5, Section 8, Township 13 South, Range 2 West, and the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, and Lot 2 of Section 17, Township 13 South, Range 2 West, under the Stone Act. This will not necessarily have to be done in his name, as I had understood you to say some time ago that he has exhausted his right to take up land under the Stone Act, but he wishes to take ~~it~~ up either in his own name or some one else's name.

I would also like to know under what method he could take up the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 13 South, Range 2 West. All of this land which I have mentioned, with the possible exception of Lot 5, is subject to floodage easement I think. Will this have any effect upon what method is employed in taking it up?

An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly

THL:EK

GEORGE R. WICKHAM

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LOS ANGELES, CAL.

December 23rd, 1918

Mr. T.H. King,
920 Eighth St.,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr. King:-

I have your letter of Dec. 19th, requesting information as to whether Lot 5 Section 8 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 2 Sec. 17, T. 13 S., Range 2 W., S.B.M., can be taken under the Stone Act.

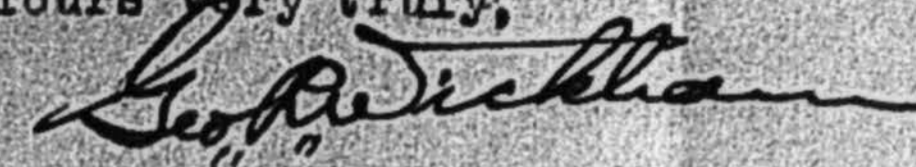
These lands appear to be vacant upon the records of the Land Office, and ~~if~~ the lands are not valuable for agricultural purposes, a stone application would probably receive favorable consideration by the Land Department. I would call your attention to the fact that Lot 1 containing 10 and a fraction acres of Sec. 17 is also open and would probably want to be included in any application made for these lands. The fact that these lands are included within a floodage easement would make no difference in obtaining patent to these lands, but of course the patent would be subject to the easement. Under the law of this State, however, as the floodage easement and the ownership of the lands would merge into the same person, then the easement would cease, and the owner would have the complete ownership of the lands.

The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 13 S., Range 2 W., does not appear to be in any floodage easement. This land is vacant land but appears to be unsurveyed land. The only methods of acquiring title to this forty acres tract would be by the use of a certain class of scrip which will take title to unsurveyed land. The price however, is rather prohibitive unless the land is of great value. Mr. W.S. Post acquired the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of this section with Wyandotte scrip and as I recall, paid about \$45.00 an acre for it. Mr. E.O. Faulkner acquired the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of this scrip with Valentine scrip and as I recollect, paid about \$67.50 an acre. This class of scrip which will take unsurveyed lands is rather scarce, and the price has been advancing considerably. I would hardly like to make an estimate of the price, but if you desire to use this class of scrip, I can obtain prices for you within a very short time.

If you desire to take up the lands first mentioned under the Stone Act, please give me the following information so that I can prepare the application for you: The name of the party including their first name; whether male or female; in what State

they were born; age; occupation, and on what day they examined the land. This date must be within thirty days from the date the application is executed. A filing fee of \$10.00 is to accompany the application.

Yours very truly,



GRW:H

SAN DIEGUITO MUTUAL WATER CO.
924 Eighth St.,
San Diego, California.

January
Tenth,
1919

Mr. George R. Wickham,
Union Oil Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Fletcher wishes to take up the following land
any way which would be most advantageous.

The Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of
Section 18, Township 13 South, Range 2 West. If I understood
your letter correctly, this can only be taken by means of a
certain class of scrip. If this is true, please get quotations
on scrip which could be used for that purpose. If there is any
other method under which it can be taken, please let me know.

The following land being contiguous and surveyed land
can be taken up under the Stone act as I understand it. It is
absolutely unavailable for agricultural purposes of any sort.
The description is as follows:

Lot 5, Section 8; Lots 1 and 2; and the Northwest
quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 17; all of Township
13 South, Range 2 West.

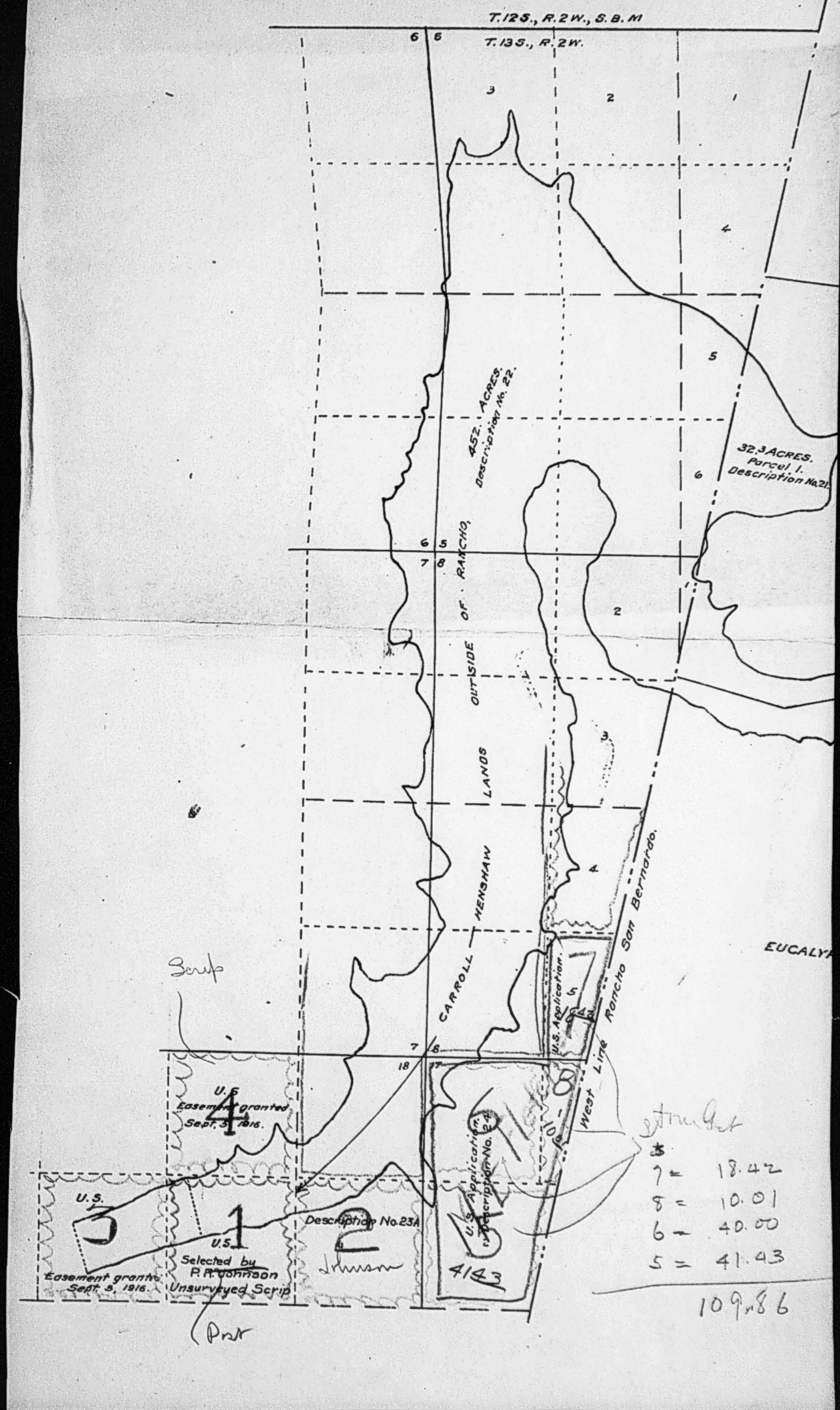
Mr. Fletcher instructed me to have you take this up in the
name of Mary Emma Fletcher, born in Littleton, Massachusetts,
March 24, 1867; Occupation, Secretary.

I enclose map with these two parcels outlined in red.
Your early attention will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

THK: BK

F. L. K. HODGES
RDS. LAND
CSM



Mary Emma Fletcher.
Littleton Massachusetts.
March 24-1867.

Secretary

California Legislature

Forty-Third Session

1919

Assembly

January 16, 1919.

Thos H. King Esq
San Diego Cal

Dear Mr King,

Your letter of January 10, th in re lands desired to be entered under Stone act by M.E. Fletcher recd, Application will be mailed you tomorrow, with instructions.

In reference to unsurveyed land, viz the NW¹ & NE¹ Sec 18 T13S R2W, I have written to two scrip concerns for price, and will advise you as soon as I hear from them.

I will be at my office likely in the next ten or twelve days and will properly handle the scrip application, if one is filed.

As stated full instructions will accompany the Stone applications.

Yours very truly

Geo R Wickham

California Legislature

Forty-Third Session

1919

Assembly

Sacramento, Cal

January 18, 1919.

Thomas H. King, Esq.
924 Eighth St?
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. King:

I am enclosing herewith Stone application for Mary Emma Fletcher, involving Lot 5, Section 8, Lots 1 and 2, and NW¹ of NW¹, Section 17, T. 13 S.. R. 2 W'. S. B. M..

About the middle of the first page, where I have indicated with an X insert the date on which Miss Fletcher saw the land last, which date must be within 30 days of the time the application is sworn to.

At the ~~top~~ top of the reverse side of the application state the name of the Newspaper published nearest the land, and also the name of the town in which same is published.

This application must be executed in duplicate, and can be sworn to before your County Clerk (not a deputy clerk), U. S. Commissioner, or Judge of the Superior Court of your county. Be sure to see that the official seal is impressed on each of the applications, original and duplicate.

When this is done, forward the duplicate applications, together with a check for Ten Dollars to F. E. Dunlap 420 Union Oil Bldg? Los Angeles, Cal, advising him that this is forwarded to him at my request, and advising him to file same in Land Office without delay.

Will look into this matter further when I reach Los Angeles, which will be in a short time.

Yours very truly,

Geo R Wickham

GEORGE R. WICKHAM

LAWYER

SUITE 420 UNION OIL BUILDING

TELEPHONE A-9249

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

February 1st, 1919.

Thomas H. King, Esq.,
924 8th St.,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. King;

On January 18th, I forwarded
from Sacramento Stone Application to be executed
by Mary Emma Fletcher for lands in Sections 8 and 17,
T. 13 S., R. 2 W., S.B.M.

Up to date, said Application has not
been received by Mr. Dunlap, as I advised you to do
in said letter.

I will be here until about February 20th, and
if this application will be forwarded right away same
will be properly taken care of at the Land Office,

Yours very truly,

Geo. R. Wickham

GRW:H

February 5, 1919

Mr. George R. Wickham,
420 Union Oil Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of February 1st received. I am glad to know that
I can send the application direct to you. Enclosed you will find
duplicate copies of application signed by Mary Emma Fletcher and
also check for \$10.00 the filing fee. Mr. Fletcher is very anxious
to have this pushed at all possible speed and I will appreciate it
if you will do so and keep me informed as to the progress.

I have not heard from you as yet in regard to the price of
scrip for taking up of unsurveyed land. Can you give me any infor-
mation about this?

Thanking you for your courtesies and an early reply will
be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

THK:EK

Encls.

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Los Angeles

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420 Union Oil Building,
Los Angeles, Cal

February 5, 1919.

Thos. H. King, Esq.
924 Eighth St.,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir:

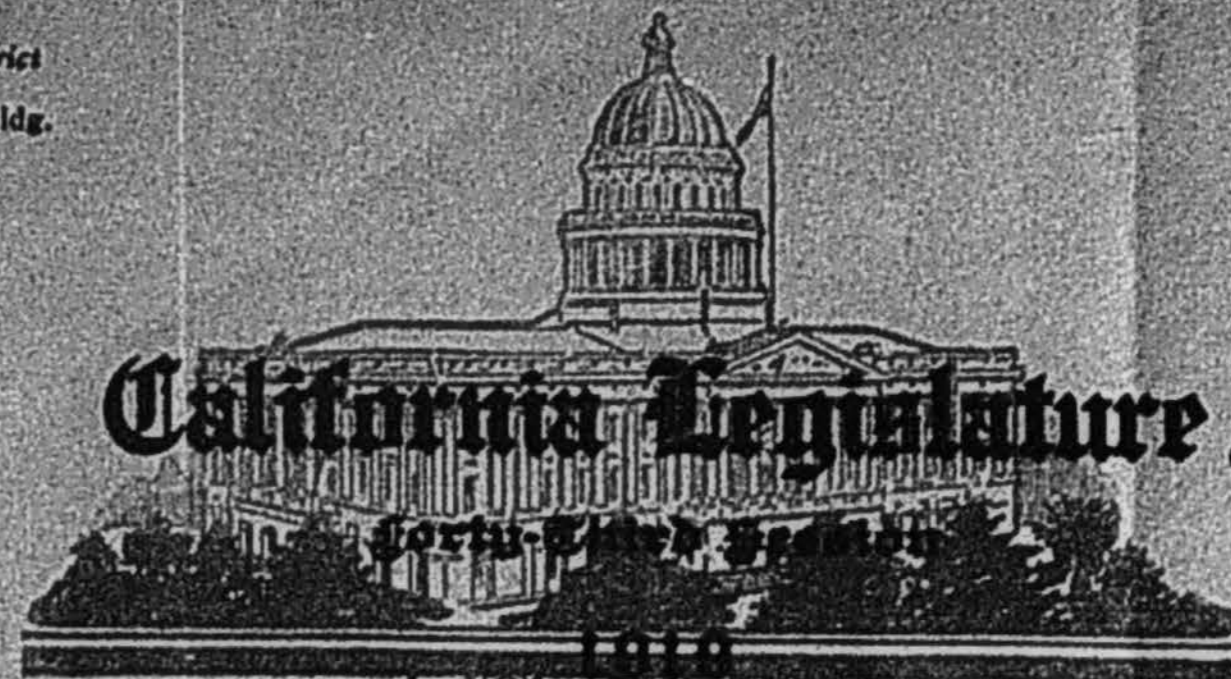
I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing Stone Application of Mary Emma Fletcher; this application being this day filed in the Land Office, all appearing regular. The application will now take its regular procedure, and upon the appraisal of the Land by the Field Division, the money then required can be paid, and final certificate will issue.

With regard to the quotation on Valentine scrip (for unsurveyed land), I wrote from Sacramento to two concerns one of whom did not answer my letter. The other stated that scrip was scarce, but that they could probably get forty acres for me at from \$55 to \$75 per acre; Upon receipt of this letter I again wrote asking for a definite price, and am expecting a reply any day. Upon its receipt will immediately advise you.

Yours very truly,

Geo R Wickham

GRW-H.



California Legislature

Forty-Third Session

1919

Assembly



February 14, 1919.

Thos. H. King, Esq.
924 Eighth St.,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr. King:

I beg to advise that I have received a quotation on 40 acres of Valentine scrip, said quotation being subject to prior sale, of \$74.00 per acre.

This high price is caused by the scarcity of the scrip, the last of this character which I purchased, being for the San Dieguito Mutual Water Co., costing \$67.50 per acre.

If you desire this scrip please wire me, and then in a letter advise me the description of the land by metes and bounds, the name of the party in whose name said scrip will be taken--his or her age--State in which born--post-office address-- If a married woman, give husband's name, and where husband was born--also year of marriage.

A copy of a description used in another case, can be followed as to form.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Geo R Wickham

420 Union Oil Bldg.
Los Angeles, Cal.

Phone Pico 3130--Pico 3131 or
13249

Note to Ch Fletcher Date
Feb 15 call attention to
Price

GRW-M.

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Beginning at a point which when surveyed will be the northeast corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, and which said point bears south 63 degrees 26 minutes west 44.72 chains from the northeast corner of Section 18, T. 13 S., R. 2 W., S.B.M. Thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains to the place of beginning, containing 40 acres which, when surveyed, will be the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section 18, T. 13 S., R. 2 W., S.B.M.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, March 19, 1919

Mr. Alex Mitchell,
Receiver United States Land Office,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find check for Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) which is to cover the appraised price of the land under applications of Thomas H. King, No. 031558; Mary B. King, No. 031557; and Katherine Deasy, No. 031556.

Very respectfully,

THK:BK

Enclos.

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Sacramento,
California,
March 28
1919

Mr. Thomas H. King,
924 8th St.,
San Diego, Calif.,

Dear Mr. King:

I just received word from the Land office at Los Angeles that the final proof to the Stone application of yours Mrs. King and Katherine Deasy has been set for final hearing at the Los Angeles Land office on June 10, 1919. On said date it will be necessary for you people to appear at Los Angeles Land Office and make final proof and it will probably take about five minutes each to get this final proof through. In the meantime a Notice of Publication concerning these applications will be published in the "Sentinel" at Ramona, California for a period of ten weeks and you will see to it that the publisher's bill is paid and that he forwards affidavits of publication in these three cases to the Land office so that they will be there on June 10. When you come to Los Angeles on the 10th you will come to my office, 420 Union Oil Bldg., and I will go with you to the Land office and handle the proofs for you.

Yours very truly

Geo. R. Wickham

924 Eighth Street,
San Diego, California,
April 22, 1919

Mr. C. A. Seay,
Ramona, Calif.

Dear Mr. Seay:-

Are you publishing in the Sentinel a notice of publication concerning certain applications for land in the name of Thomas H. King, Mary B. King and Katharine Deasy? If so, please send me the bill for such publication to the above address (924 Eighth St) and forward the affidavits of publication without fail to the Land Office in Los Angeles so that they will be there before June 10th. Let me hear from you regarding this as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

THK:EK

936 Eighth Street,
San Diego, California,
April 28, 1919

Mr. George R. Wickham,
420 Union Oil Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Wickham:-

Your letter of March 28th regarding the final proof on the land in the Sutherland Valley should have been answered before, but was mislaid somehow.

Is it usually necessary to appear in person at the Land Office for the proof? I was under the impression you could attend to this for us if we gave you the proper authorization. Of course if it is necessary we can make the trip up. Please advise me on this point.

Yours very truly,

THK:HK

GEORGE R. WICKHAM
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LOS ANGELES, CAL.

May 1st, 1919.

Mr. Thomas H. King,
924 8th St.,
San Diego, Calif.

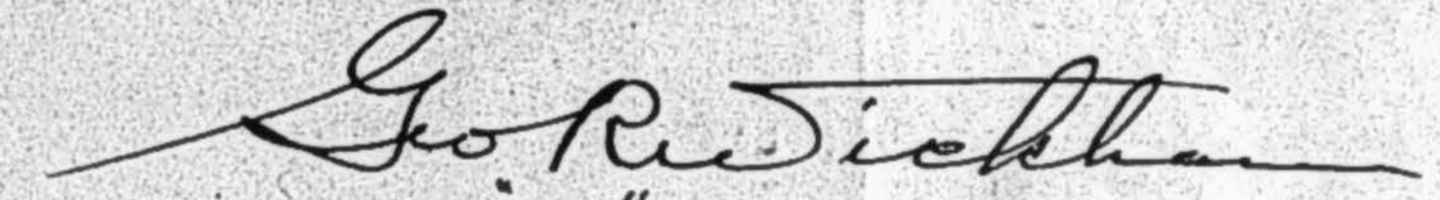
Dear Mr. King:

Your letter of April 22nd is before me, and I beg to state that it will be necessary for yourself and Mrs. King and Katherine Deasy to appear at the Land Office on June 10th in person.

I am enclosing herewith statements from the Ramona Sentinel which you will please attend to and instruct the publisher either to send his affidavits of publication to the Land Office direct or else forward them to you so that you can bring them to the Land Office when you come.

As stated in a former letter, when you come to Los Angeles come direct to my office and I will go with you to the Land Office.

Yours very truly,



GRW-FH

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, May 5, 1919

Mr Luell L. Craig,
Oceanside, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that you have a homestead entry on the South 1/2 of the South East 1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 2 East. So far as I can discover, you have made no effort to prove up on this claim. If you will make me a reasonable offer for your rights to the land and can arrange in some way to prove up so that your rights will be worth anything, I will be very glad to take the matter up with you and see if we can not work out some method which may prove profitable to you.

An early reply stating exactly how far you have gone with this matter and what rights you now hold will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

3225 Granada Ave.,
San Diego, Calif.

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, June 26, 1919

Mrs. Harriet M. Bailey,
2266 Kearney Ave.,
San Diego, California.

Dear Madam:-

I understand that you own the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 and the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 2 East.

I have a client who is looking for some property in this neighborhood and if you care to sell, I would be pleased to have you quote me your best cash price; and also the price if sold on terms, say of 1/3 down and the balance in one and two years with interest at 7 percent on the deferred payments.

I do not know, of course, if I will be able to make a sale for you, but should I do so, I would expect the usual 5 percent commission. Your early reply will be appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

THK:EK

3225 Granada Ave.,
San Diego, California.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, July 17, 1919

Mr. George R. Wickham,
420 Union Oil Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wickham:-

I am anxious to know the status of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 12 South, Range 2 East, S.B.M. There appears to be a homestead entry in the name of Luell L. Craig, dated December 1, 1915. I have viewed this land and there is no evidence of Craig ever having lived on it. There is another party who now has a shack on the North half of the Southeast quarter of the said Section 22, and I understand he is claiming the whole 160.

This information about Craig was supplied by yourself at the time of the Stone Entry made by M. B. King and the land was not included in this Stone Entry because of the Craig Homestead Entry.

I have tried to get in touch with Craig at the address you gave, but have received no response.

A portion of this land will be flooded by the Sutherland Reservoir, and what I fear is that the party who is occupying the North 1/2 and who claims the whole Southeast 1/4, if they can make their claim good, will attempt to hold up the Company for the floodage rights of this land. I can see no other reason for them to move in and attempt to live on this land as it is of little, if any, value agriculturally, although it may possibly be of some value as grazing land.

Kindly advise me what the conditions are and what to do to take care of the situation. The name of the party who claims the whole quarter is Wm. R. Booth. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

THK:BK

Asio, Oregon
August 5, 1919,

Dear Mr. King,

Your letter of the 17th of July was forwarded to me in route, and in view of the fact that the Craig entry involves the S²SE¹Sec 22 T12SR 2E, involves a very careful examination of the records and perhaps a contest. I would suggest that the matter rest until I return to Los Angeles about Sept 1st (or the first part of Sept) at which time I will write you concerning the matter.

With kind regards, I remain
yours very truly
Geo R Wickham

VOLCAN LAND & WATER COMPANY
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

Aug. 26, 1919.

Mr. George R. Wickham,
Union Oil Building,
Los Angeles, Cal.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Your letter of August 5th received.

I do not feel justified at this time in incurring any material expense in looking up the Craig entry unless I am further authorized to do so by Colonel Fletcher. I thought when I wrote that it would be a simple and inexpensive matter upon which you could advise me. If there is a great deal of work involved, it would perhaps be better to let me have an idea of what the cost would be before going ahead. Personally, I feel that the matter should be investigated thoroughly and I therefore hope you will let me hear from you at as early a date as possible, telling me the probable expense that will be incurred by taking care of the matter properly.

Yours truly,

THK:K

Office - Nov. 5, 1922

OFFICE COPY

Miss Deasy:

The applications for the land taken under Stone Entry for the Sutherland reservoir site were made in the latter part of May 1918, and were as follows:

K. Deasy

{ Northeast quarter of Northwest
quarter, Section 21, Township
12 South, Range 2 East, S. B. M.,
40 acres.

Mary B. King

{ Southeast quarter of Southwest
quarter, Section 22, Township
12 South, Range 2 East, S. B. M.,
40 acres.

T. H. King

{ The Southwest quarter of the
Southwest quarter of Section 27;
the South half of the Southeast
quarter of Section 28; the South-
east quarter of the Southwest
quarter of Section 28, Township
12 South, Range 2 East, S. B. M.;
160 acres.

Katherine Fletcher, at the same time, made application for the East half of the Northeast quarter and the East half of Southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 2 East, S. B. M., but this application was rejected for the reason that this land is within the boundaries of the Cleveland National Forest.

There is also an entry on the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, Section 21, in the name of Ed Fletcher, but I do not know when this entry was made as I did not handle it.

Trusting the above information is what you desire,

I am,

Yours very truly,

THK:KB

T. H. King.

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

San Diego, Calif. June 24, 1922

Hon. Geo. R. Wickham Assistant Commissioner
General Land Office
Washington, D. C.

We are building Warner Dam three hundred men at work. It is earth construction and must be completed before next winter rains. Dam when completed will hold two hundred thousand acre feet of water and is of vital necessity in development Northern San Diego county. We secured temporary permit to build power line across La Jolla Indian Reservation as we need immediately five hundred horsepower of electricity to expedite work. Practically all of power line completed when Indian Agent revoked permit. Situation desperate and must have immediately relief by temporary permit to proceed with construction of power line first of next week. Urge you give this matter immediate attention and wire me. Our people will put up any reasonable bond for damages if desired.

ED FLETCHER

Chg. Fletcher Co

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ELDON B. WICKHAM
LAND ATTORNEY
801 LANE MORTGAGE BLDG.
208 WEST 6TH STREET
PHONE 823095

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

September 6, 1923

Brown

Col. Ed. Fletcher
San Diego
California

Dear sir:-

Herewith find sketch of Sections 19-30 Township 13 South Range 3 East and Sections 24-25 Township 12 South Range 2 East.

On plat margin I have indicated the names of parties who have filed Timber and stone entries and Homestead entries. The parts colored solid are old patented entries.

The land indicated in red flags 1, 2, 3 was filed on May 20 1922 by Arthur E. Chapman of 500 Equitable Bldg, Los Angeles, as a Stockraising homestead consisting of 640 acres. Chapman is a lawyer, a partner of Albert Sidney Brown. Brown was formerly in the local Land Office as clerk and since leaving the service has done quite a lot of land office business.

November 21, 1922, which was six months after the Stockraising homestead was allowed, (and date which he should have established residence on the land) Chapman relinquished the portions indicated in the red flags as 1 and 2. On the same day Ethel Chapman, and F. Virginia Brown filed on the part relinquished as Timber and Stone claims. No action has yet been taken on these T & S Applications.

I assume that Ethel Chapman and F. Virginia Brown are relatives of lawyers Chapman and Brown.

It will also be noted that the relinquishment of a part of the Homestead made it non-contiguous and Chapman should be required to relinquish one portion or the other. As Chapman has a good practice here I do not think he intends to reside on the land at all, probably has never settled on the land. and might be successfully contested.

The parts indicated with penciled "O" has no filings of any kind.

Trusting this report is satisfactory, I am

Yours very truly

E B Wickham

October
Seventeen
1923

Mr. Eldon B. Wickham,
801 Lane Mortgage Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

Will you immediately advise me the easiest way and best way to acquire No. 1 and No. 2, as per map herewith enclosed. Had we better make a filing and contest No. 2, or can we get an assignment for a nominal sum. Please take this up as the first order of business.

If necessary we can put some scrip on it and get a title. If you can get scrip what is the cheapest scrip we can get. You can acquire same from the State of California now.

Please report at your early convenience.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLH

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

October 18, 1923

Col Ed. Fletcher
920 Eighth Street
San Diego, Cal

Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

Referring to your letter of yesterday in reference to the lands in Township 12 South Range 2 and 3 East S.E.M., I have to say;

The two pieces of land were covered by the Timber and Stone Applications of Ethel Chapman and F. Virginia Brown. On reference to the Filed Division the applications were rejected on the ground that the land was not such as could be sold under the Timber or Stone Law.

Upon service of the Notice of rejection the applicants filed a formal withdrawal of the applications.

At the same time the Timber and Stone applications were withdrawn, one John J. Melendres of 1072 Cacogah Ave. Los Angeles, filed his homestead entry on the land also including the land covered by the Arthur Chapman homestead entry (Chapman relinquished his homestead at same time as the Timber and Stone claimants)

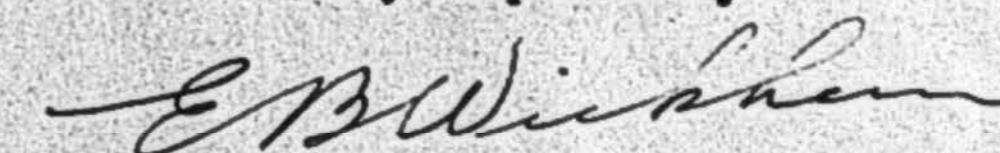
The homestead of the said John J. Melendres was allowed September 13, which was a week after I made my report to you.

As the case now stands, it does not seem that there will be any grounds for a contest but it may be that he will sell his relinquishment.

If you wish I will take the matter up with him and see if he wants to sell etc.

I await your instructions.

Very respectfully



See letter of W.B. Shropshire 10-17-23.

SUTHERLAND
RESERVOIR

THE VOLCAN LAND & WATER CO.

SCALE: 1" = 1000'

Map showing 150 ft. water line
i.e. 2100 ft. contour and owner-
ship of lands included and
adjacent thereto. May 1912

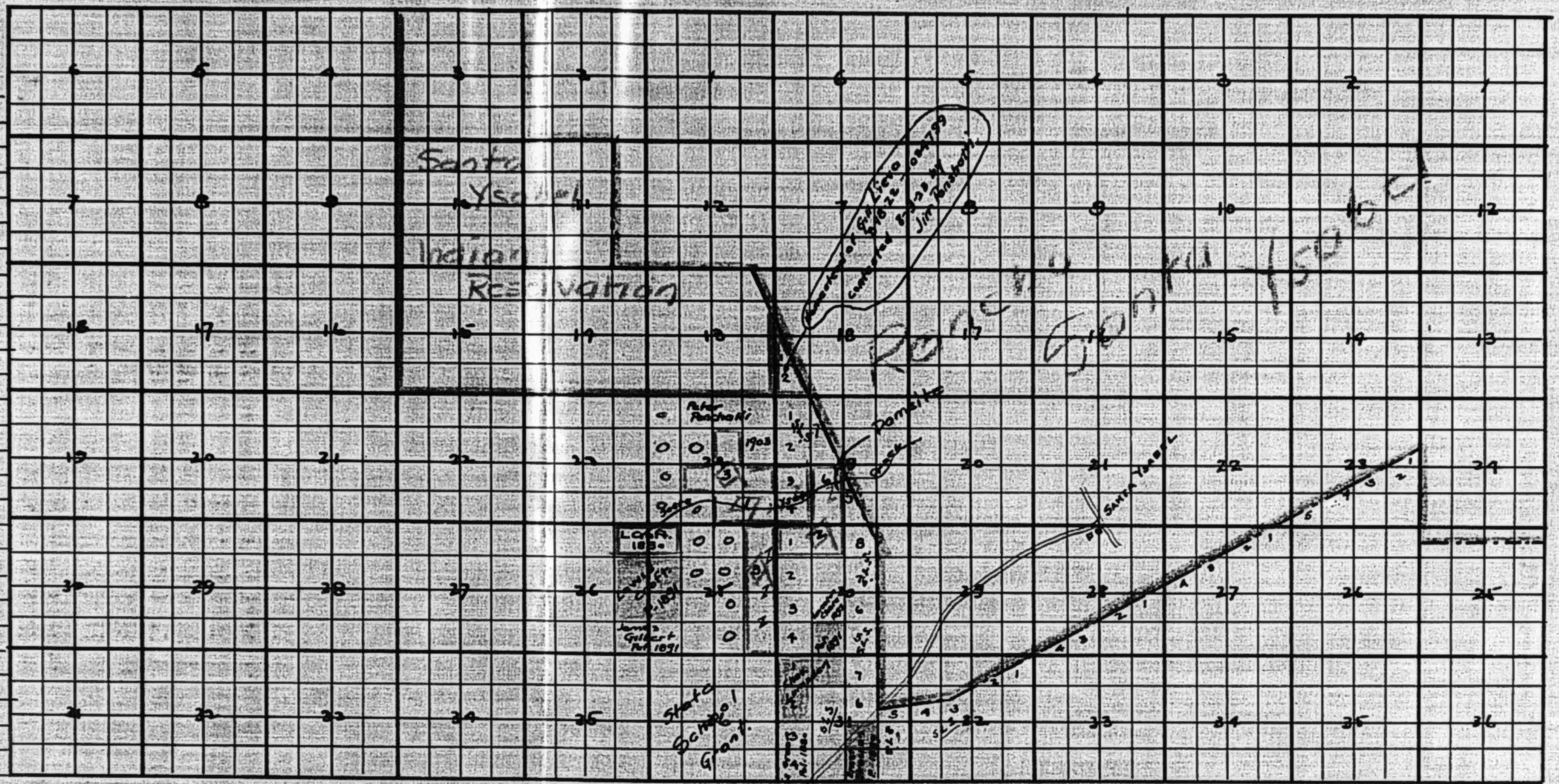
- LEGEND
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 - BA = Harriet M. Bailey
 - CA = John E. Castle - suit
 - CA = Tomino O. Davis
 - CH = George J. Chambers
 - BO = W. R. Booth
 - G = Government
 - R = Samuel Rotanzi
 - H = John V. Horn
 - FC = Fay Courtney



ELDON B. WICKHAM
 LAND ATTORNEY
 Oregon Hotel Building
 EL CENTRO, CALIF.
 P.O. Box 764.

Township No 12 South Range No 2 East SB Mer. Township No 12 South Range No 3 East SB Mer.

- 1 Timber & Stone application of
 Elbel Chapman filed 11-21-22
 Serial 035605 (Suspended) 160^{ac}
- 2 T&S application of Virginia Brown
 filed 11-21-22 Serial 035606
 (Suspended) 160^{ac}
- 3 Stockraising homestead of Arthur
 E. Chapman filed 5-20-22
 Serial 034980



Traced from sketch enclosed in letter Eldon B. Wickham to
 Col. Fletcher Sept 6-1923

Ed Fletcher Papers

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