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(Form approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 24, 1912.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION OF THE REQUIRED AREA OF CULTIVATION

(Sec. 2291, R. S., as amended by Act of June 6, 1912—Public, No. 179.)

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, No. 015005

I, Lacy E. Shaffer, of Fillmore, California,

(Give post-office address.)

having made Homestead Entry No. 015005, for the S. 1 NW 1, S. 1 NE 1,

Section 35,

Township 4 North, Range 19 West, S. B. 1 on 6th Meridian,

Los Angeles Land District, hereby apply

for a reduction of the required area of cultivation, and, being first duly sworn,* upon oath make the following answers to the questions printed below, respectively:

Question 1. State fully, by legal subdivisions, (a) the character of the soil, (b) the condition of the surface, (c) whether the land is level or broken, (d) the kind and amount of timber, or other growth, if any, and (e) the altitude, if more than 1,000 feet above the level of the sea.

Answer. The entire tract of 160 acres is situated in the Santa Clara River bottom which at this place is over one mile in width. This stream changes its main channel periodically through floods and does not have any permanent channel but finds its course as directed by impediments in its temporary location to another part of the stream bed.

There are two levels in this river bottom, one being made up from soil deposited by washings from the hills and from the stream itself, such "second bottoms" are of various sizes along the stream banks and are only a few feet above the stream at ordinary flow. During floods, if the stream bed is then adjoining, these low lying lands are eaten into by the stream and in some floods hundreds of acres are destroyed and become a part of the bed of the running stream. The land embraced in this claim is of the character mentioned and subject to such eroding floods. The level is practically that of the river and the surface is composed of sand, rocks and good soil where free from the waters. The natural growth, where the good soil is deposited, is composed of grass, weeds and some water willows which seek sheltered spots and are persistent growers and make it difficult to clear and keep cleared these river bed lands. Generally considered the land is most valuable for grazing purposes owing to its moist character and stoney character. There is no timber whatever only such as finds its way as driftwood from up the stream and is used for fuel purposes.

The elevation is about 100 feet above the sea and is distant from it about twenty-five miles.

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Hugh W. Duncan, Attorney
International Bank Building
Los Angeles, Cal.

Question 2. If you have any improvements on the land, describe the same fully in amount, kind, and value.

Answer. A comfortable frame house, costing \$350.00
 A good barn, costing \$175.00
 A well, costing \$40.00
 Fencing, costing \$50.00
 Chicken coops and other necessary enclosures as needed
 on a farm and twelve acres cleared land, cannot give values.

Question 3. When did you establish residence upon the land, and for what periods, if any, have you been absent therefrom since that date?

Answer. In August 1912, have resided continuously on this claim with my family ever since said date, absent only a few days on business only,

Question 4. State the number of acres, if any, cultivated in each legal subdivision, kind of crop planted, and approximate amount harvested, each year, since date of entry.

Answer. When I entered this land at least forty acres of it along the southerly portion of the four forties was above the stream bed and good land, the balance of the claim was grazing land. The great flood of 1912-1913, nearly wiped it out of existence leaving but about twelve acres of land which could be farmed with profit along the southerly portion of the three west forties of the claim, that is about four acres in each one. 10 acres cropped the 1st year and 12 acres each year since. Hay over a ton per acre each year as I now recall.

Question 5. Describe fully the climatic conditions obtaining in the locality of the land, giving the approximate amount of rainfall and the temperature during the ordinary season of cultivation.

Answer. Climate favorable, no summer rains, winter rains sufficient for the growing of hay, grain and vegetables. Annual rainfall 24 inches, Summer temperature 70-75-winter 60-65-70 degrees, seasons vary.

Question 6. State how many acres of this entry can be cultivated during the second year of the entry and how many acres can be cultivated during the third year of the entry and until final proof, and state fully the reasons why a larger part of the area of the entry can not be cultivated in each such year respectively.

Answer. Originally about 40-45- since the big flood-12 of good soil and a small area which is now covered with small water willows, scarcely worth the expense of clearing. Since I went on this claim we have had floods every winter, the first one however did the most damage, but I fear if we have one this winter it will carry away the improvements and I do not wish to remain with my family on the claim another winter, the danger from floods is too great.

When I entered the claim I intended to remain there the full five years, I have already been there over four years, as I must leave it this winter I have given notice of my intention to submit my final proof under the Three Year law, having fully complied with all its requirements as to residence and have cultivated all of the claim it is possible to cultivate without going to the great expense of clearing off a few patches of willow land which would not pay as such spots are on low ground and more liable to floods.

Lacy E Shaffer
 (Sign here, with full Christian name.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing affidavit was read ~~to~~ ~~or~~ by affi-
ant in my presence before affiant affixed signature thereto; that affiant
~~is to me personally known (or has been satisfactorily identified before~~
me by John Shorenguy, 7 Bardsdale,
(Give full name and post-office address.)
that I verily believe affiant to be the identical person hereinbefore
described; and that said affidavit was duly subscribed and sworn to
before me, at my office, in Fillmore
(Town.)
Ventura County, California,, within the Los Angeles
(County and State.)
Land District, this 16th day
of October, 1916.

Jos. A. Gavin
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the
County of Ventura, State of California,
(Official designation of officer.)
My Commission Expires March 8, 1920

CORROBORATING AFFIDAVITS.

We, George Berrington, of Fillmore, California,
(Give full Christian name.) (Give full post-office address.)
29 years of age, and by occupation farmer
and Bruce M. Gregor, of Fillmore, California,
(Give full Christian name.) (Give full post-office address.)
28 years of age, and by occupation farmer
do solemnly swear that we have been well acquainted with the land for
12 years and 12 years, respectively; that we have read the state-
ments made in said application; that applicant is a person of truth and
veracity, and that we know said statements to be true.

George Berrington
(Sign here, with full Christian name.)
Bruce M. Gregor
(Sign here, with full Christian name.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing affidavit was read to or by affi-
ants in my presence before affiants affixed signatures thereto; that
affiants are to me personally known (~~or have been satisfactorily iden-~~
~~tified before me by~~), and I verily believe
affiants to be credible witnesses and the identical persons hereinbefore
described, and that said affidavit was duly subscribed and sworn to before
me, at my office in Fillmore, Ventura County,
(Town.)
State of California,, within the Los Angeles,
Land District, this 16th day of October, 1916

Jos. A. Gavin
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the
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NOTE.—Every person swearing falsely to the above affidavit will be punished as provided by law for such offense. See
section 125, United States Criminal Code (over).

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE at _____

_____, 19____

We recommend that the application be _____

(Set out reasons therefor.)

Register.

Receiver.

This application may be sworn to before any officer having and using a seal. It must be filed in the local land office of the district in which the land is located. It must *not* be forwarded by applicant to the Commissioner of the General Land Office or to the Secretary of the Interior.

The following is quoted from a letter from the Secretary of the Interior to the Commissioner of the General Land Office under date of July 15, 1912:

"The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, upon a satisfactory showing therefor, to reduce the required area of cultivation. In the administration of this provision it is not believed that the physical or financial disabilities or misfortunes of the entryman should be the grounds of reduction, but the sole question should be as to whether, under the peculiar conditions governing the tract entered, the exaction of cultivation of this particular tract by any entryman to the amount required is reasonable. The exact, special, physical, and climatic conditions of the land entered in each case must, therefore, determine whether the required amount of cultivation should be reduced. * * * As a general regulation governing applications for reduction in area of cultivation, it is directed that all entrymen who desire a reduction shall file applications therefor during the first year of the entry and upon forms to be prepared and furnished by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and distributed through the land offices. Where a satisfactory showing is filed in support of an application for reduction, you will submit the same with your recommendation in the premises. Otherwise the application will be by you rejected, subject to the usual right of appeal. The final granting of any reduction in area of cultivation rests with the Secretary of the Interior, who may, in appropriate cases, defer action until final proof.

* * * * *

"A mere breaking of the soil will not meet the terms of the statute, but such breaking or stirring of the soil must also be accompanied by planting or the sowing of seed and tillage for a crop other than native grasses."

Sec. 125, U. S. Criminal Code: Whoever, 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, shall willfully and contrary to such oath, state or subscribe any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years.

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PLEASE REFER TO Los Angeles 015005 "FS" TBT

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1917.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

: Reduction of area allowed.
: Final certificate authorized.

Register and Receiver,

Los Angeles, California.

Sirs:

March 8, 1912, Lacy E. Shaffer made homestead entry 015005, your series, for the $S\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, $S\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T. 4 N., R. 19 W., S. B. M., upon which final three-year proof was submitted January 23, 1917, and final certificate withheld pending field investigation. There are no withdrawals.

October 19, 1915, the claimant filed in your office an application for the reduction of the required area of cultivation, stating that very little of the land can be cultivated because same is flooded each year, and the soil carried away or the crops destroyed.

On April 13, 1917, a special agent of this office

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reported that he made examination of the entry March 1, 1917, and found the greater part of it to be in the river bottom, covered with gravel, boulders and loose shifting sand, and practically worthless for any purpose; that the high waters during each year have gradually taken away parts of the cultivable land, leaving only gravel and sand and destroying the value of the land for agricultural purposes; that the river bed is constantly being filled up, the channel changing from year to year, and that it would be futile for entryman to try to cultivate any of the land; that the improvements consist of a frame house 20 x 24 feet, frame barn, well, chicken house, about one mile of barbed wire fence, and between 6 and 8 acres under cultivation; that residence was established in the summer of 1912, and was continuous until the submission of final proof. The agent recommends that the ~~application~~ be allowed and the area of cultivation reduced to 6 acres.

In view of the foregoing, the application is hereby allowed and the area of cultivation reduced to 6 acres.

The final proof submitted by the claimant has

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been examined, and when considered in connection with this action is found regular and satisfactory upon its face, and you will, upon receipt of any sums found due and in the absence of any further objection, issue final certificate in this case and transmit same to this office with your regular returns.

Very respectfully,


Acting Assistant Commissioner.

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FILL OUT THIS BLANK WITH INK.

Status Clerk:

Please furnish status appearing on the Tract Books affecting

Entry No. *015005*

Claimant's name *Lacy E. Shaffer*

Description *S² NW⁴, S² NE⁴*

Sec. *35* Tp. *4N* R. *19W* Meridian *SB*

State *California* District *Los Angeles*

T. B. Vol. *184* p. *24*

6-8-, 191 *7* (Date of request.) *V. E. Eddy* (Full name of clerk.) Div. *70*

Does posting and survey agree with above description *Yes*

Conflicts *none*

~~Rights-of-way~~

Withdrawals *none*

Information wanted as to

3-A-18
Date furnished *Oct 27*, 191 *7* *B. B. Borge* (Full name of clerk.)

This slip will be filed with case to which it pertains, and the status clerk, who must sign same, will be held responsible for its correctness.

CLAY TALLMAN,
Commissioner.

Authorized by letter "FS" of Dec. 1, 191.

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Department of the Interior

United States Land Office Los Angeles, California.

Fees \$ 10.00
 Comm. \$ 12.00
 Pur. Mon. \$ 12.00
 Test. Fees \$ 2.50
 Earned "M" H.B.
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Serial No. 015005

Receipt No. 741374
1855353

Certificate.

Homestead.

Patent to contain reservation according
 to proviso to the act of Aug. 30, 1890.

act 6-6-12

December 18, 1917

(Date.)

It is hereby certified that, pursuant to the pro-
 visions of Section 2291, Revised Statutes of the United States,
 Lacy E. Shaffer,

Fillmore, Cal..

has made payment in full for

Section 35
 Township 4 N., Range 19 W., S. B. Meridian,
 California, containing 160 acres.

Now, therefore, be it known that, on presentation of this
 Certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the
 said Lacy E. Shaffer

shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the land above described.
 if all then be found regular.

John D. Roche, Register.

NOTE.—A duplicate of this Certificate is issued to the claimant as notice of the accept-
 ance of the proof and payment, and of the allowance of the entry by the Register and
 Receiver.

The original is forwarded to the General Land Office, with the entry papers, for
 approval by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and issuance of patent.

The duplicate copy forwarded to the claimant should be held until notice of issuance
 of patent is received.

In all correspondence concerning the entry in connection with which this Certificate
 issued, refer to the NAME OF THE LAND OFFICE and the SERIAL NUMBER noted hereon.

APPROVED

March 11, 1918

By

Thomas B. Proby

Division

Posted in

FEB 23 1918

A. A. H.

FEB 26 1918

PAT NO 632002
MAY 29 1918

SERIAL NO.

(Land Office.)

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L.A. 015005 -
HE-Lacy E. Shaffer
Fav. report-
W.J. Hanna, S/A.
FD- 10610.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

San Francisco, Cal.
April 13, 1917

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

4/24/17
APPROVED
George Hayworth
CHIEF FIELD DIVISION

Sir:

On March 8, 1912, Lacy E. Shaffer, of Fillmore, Cal., made H.E. 015005, Los Angeles series, for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 35, T. 4 N., R. 19 W., S.B.M. Final proof was offered on January 23, 1917, but certificate was withheld.

Application for reduction of the required area of cultivation was filed in the local office on Oct. 19, 1916, which application was referred to this office for investigation and report.

In pursuance of instructions from Chief of Field Division, Mr. George Hayworth, investigation of the case was made on March 1, 1917, and the following report thereon is respectfully submitted:

The above-described land is located on the Santa Calra River, about 3 miles east of Fillmore, Cal. The greater part of it is in the river bottom, is covered with gravel, boulders and loose shifting sand, and is

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(L.A. 015005 HE9)

practically worthless. Along the south bank there is a narrow strip of soil and a fringe of willows. When the entry was made there were about 40 acres of fair cultivable land along the banks of the river, but a flood during the winter of 1913-14, which washed away several hundred acres of alfalfa and orchard lands in that vicinity, carried away practically all of the cultivable land on this tract, leaving only between 8 and 10 acres that could possibly be cultivated. The high waters during each succeeding year have also gradually taken away parts of the cultivable land, leaving only gravel and sand devoid of humus, and therefore worthless for farming purposes. In the summer seasons willows grow up in various places in the river bottom and during the high water periods these catch the debris, boulders and silt and cause the water to spread out and flow in various channels. The result is that the river bed is constantly being filled up, the channel is rapidly changed from year to year, and the cultivable lands in the valley are gradually being washed away and destroyed.

The improvements upon the claim consist of a good three-room frame house, about 20 x 24 ft. in size, frame barn, well, chicken house, about a mile of barbed wire.

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(L.A. 015005 HE)

fence, and between 6 and 8 acres under cultivation. These are worth approximately \$700 and indicate residence upon the land for a long period.

From various settlers of the vicinity it was learned that Shaffer and his family established their residence on the land in the summer of 1912 and continued to reside there until after proof was made. The only absences were for a few days at a time. They are now living upon adjoining and higher land where there is not so much danger from floods. Cultivation was started during the second year of the entry, 1913, when about 8 acres were cultivated to corn, potatoes and barley. This area was increased to about 12 acres in 1914. Part of this cultivated land was destroyed by floods, and during the past two years crops of oats and barley hay have been raised on practically all that remains of the cultivable land.

Investigation of the case shows that the entry was made for the purpose of securing a home for entryman and his family; that they have faithfully endeavored to comply with the requirements of the homestead law; that residence upon the claim has been good, but that through no fault of his own Shaffer has not been able to cultivate the full amount of land required. All of the land that it is practical to cultivate, however,- about 6 acres,- has been

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(L.A. 015005 EE)

cultivated, and it is therefore respectfully recommended that the application for reduction of the required area of cultivation to six acres be allowed, and that the proof submitted be passed on the showing made therein.

Application papers are hereto attached.

Very respectfully,

Wm. J. Hanna

Special Agent, G.L.O.

WJH/MGK
Apr. 13.

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(Land Office.)

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Div. _____

LOS ANGELES, Cal.

Serial No. 015005

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FINAL HD. ACT JUNE 6, 1912.

[2161 '9 ENCL. FOR RECORDING
Patent to contain 1000 ft. of land
to proviso to the act of Aug. 30, 1890.]Patent Transmitted
To Local Office
June 5 1918

Send Patent to _____

Appearance by _____

Approved for Patenting

March 11, 1918 T.B.T.
(Initials.)

List No. _____

Patent No. _____

Dated _____ 1918

BLIST No 519

ACTION TAKEN

1912
May 31 Referred to "I"
Land withdrawn for
A & P RR Aug 15, 1872 990' 0"
6/6/12 Land returned to entry by act
Letter 7" dated Apr. 15, 1898 (26
LD. 697) Entry to "C" 18 500' 0"
6-7-12 26 5

PAT NO
MAY 29 1918Prova June 8-1918
W. J. R.

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Dear Patron:

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Form approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 12, 1907.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

U. S. Land Office,
Los Angeles, Cal.

HOMESTEAD ENTRY.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Los Angeles, California,

No.

015005

RECEIVER'S RECEIPT No.

741374

APPLICATION.

I, Lacy E. Shaffer

(Give full Christian name.)

(male)

(Male or female.)

Fillmore, Ventura County, California,

(Town, County, and State.)

do hereby apply

to enter, under Section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, the

S 1/2 of NW 1/4 and S 1/2 of NE 1/4----

Section 35

Township 4 N-

Range 19 W-

S-B-

Meridian, containing

160-- acres, within the Los Angeles land district;

and I do solemnly swear that I am not the proprietor of more than 160 acres

of land in any State or Territory; that I am native born (born in the State

(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 application.)

of California,) citizen of the United States, and

am over 21 years of age and unmarried;

(State whether the head of a family, married or unmarried, or over twenty-one years of age.)

that my post-office address is Fillmore, Ventura Co., California;

that this application is honestly and in good faith made for the purpose of

actual settlement and cultivation, and not for the benefit of any other

person, persons, or corporation; that I will faithfully and honestly en-

deavor to comply with all the requirements of law as to settlement, resi-

dence, and cultivation necessary to acquire title to the land applied for;

that I am not acting as agent of any person, corporation, or syndicate in

making this entry, nor in collusion with any person, corporation, or syn-

dicate to give them the benefit of the land entered, or any part thereof,

or the timber thereon; that I do not apply to enter the same for the purpose

of speculation, but in good faith to obtain a home for myself, and that I

have not directly or indirectly made, and will not make, any agreement or

contract, in any way or manner, with any person or persons, corporation, or

syndicate whatsoever, by which the title which I may acquire from the Gov-

ernment of the United States will inure in whole or in part to the benefit

of any person except myself. I further swear 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; and that I have not heretofore made any entry under the homestead

laws (except none);

(Here describe former homestead entry by section, township, range, land district, and number of entry; how perfected, or if not perfected state that fact.)

that I am well acquainted with the character of the land herein applied for

and with each and every legal subdivision thereof, having personally ex-

amined same; that there is not to my knowledge within the limits thereof

any vein or lode or quartz or other rock in place bearing gold, silver, cin-

nabar, lead, tin, or copper, nor any deposit of coal, placer, cement, gravel,

salt spring, or deposit of salt, nor other valuable mineral deposit; that

no portion of said land is claimed for mining purposes under the local

customs or rules of miners, or otherwise; that no portion of said land is

worked for mineral during any part of the year by any person or persons;

that said land is essentially nonmineral land, and that my application

therefor is not made for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining title to min-

eral land; that the land is not occupied and improved by any Indian.

Lacy E. Shaffer

(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., over.)

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International Bank Building
Los Angeles, Cal.

by _____ (Give full name and post-office address.) ;

(Give full name and post-office address.)

Los Angeles, Cal.

scribed and sworn to before me, at my office, in Los Angeles
(Town.)

Los Angeles County, California, within the _____
(County and State.)

Los Angeles land district, this 8th- day
of March, 1912

(Official designation of officer.)

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE at

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing application is for surveyed land of the class which the applicant is legally entitled to enter under Section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, and that there is no prior valid adverse right to the same.

Register.

RECEIVED of the above-named applicant the sum of _____

dollars and _____ cents, being the amount of fees and compensation of the Register and Receiver for the entry of the land, hereinbefore described, under Section 2290, Revised Statutes of the United States.

Receiver.

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. (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.

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OMESTEAD ENTRY.

U. S. LAND OFFICE,

No.

APPLICATION.

NOTATION OF ACTION.

Now for use in GENERAL LAND OFFICE only.)

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U. S. Land Office,
Los Angeles, Cal.

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ELECTION TO MAKE PROOF
UNDER LAW UNDER WHICH ENTRY WAS MADE.

Act of June 6, 1912 (Public, No. 179).

Fillmore
(Place.)

Aug. 23, 1912
(Date.)

Register and Receiver,

United States Land Office,
LOS ANGELES, California.

(Place.)

Sirs:

On March 8, 1912 I made Homestead Entry
No. 741374, for $8\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and $8\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 35, T. 4 north, R. 19 West, S. B.
Meridian.

Under the privilege allowed by Section 2291, U. S. R. S., as amended by the Act of June 6, 1912 (Public, No. 179), I hereby give notice that I elect to make proof on said entry under the law under which the same was made.

My post-office address is

Fillmore, Cal

Lacy E Shaffer
(Sign name in full.)

Los Angeles-015005

REPORT OF FILING
APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION
OF REQUIRED CULTIVATION.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.

Los Angeles, Cal.,

(Place.)

October 19, 1916.

(Date.)

File
The Commissioner,

General Land Office.

Sir:

On October 19, 1916, Lacy E. Shaffer
filed an application for reduction of the area required to be
cultivated under Section 2291, Revised Statutes, as amended
by the act of June 6, 1912 (37 Stat., 123), in connection with
his homestead entry, serial number 015005, made
March 8, 1912, for S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35,
T.4 N., R.19 W., S.B.M.

Said application was referred to the Chief of Field
Division.

Very respectfully,

John D. Roche
Register.

Wm. Mitchell
Receiver.



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE PROOF.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Los Angeles, California.

October 31st- 1916

I, Lacy E. Shaffer, of

Fillmore, California, who, on March 8, 1912, made

homestead entry, No. 015005, for

(Kind of application or entry.)

S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ---, Section 35,

Township 4 North, Range 19 West, S.B. Meridian,

hereby give notice of my intention to make final three year

(If homestead, insert "five-year," "three-year," or "commutation," as case may be.)

Proof, to establish my claim to the land above described, before

the Register and Receiver, at

(Name of officer.)

Los Angeles, California, on the 23rd day of

January, 1917 by two of the following witnesses:

Bruce R. McGregor, of

George Barrington, of

Al Frey, of All of Fillmore, California,

Samuel Legen, of

Lacy E. Shaffer

(Signature of claimant)

Dec 5, 1916, 191

Notice of the above intention to make proof will be published in the

Herald.

(Name of newspaper.)

Fillmore Cal.

(Place of publication.)

for a period of 5 consecutive weeks, which I hereby designate

as the newspaper published nearest the land above described.

John D. Roche
Register.

For use in
HOMESTEAD,
DESERT LAND, and
TIMBER or STONE
Entries.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

(REGISTER.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Los Angeles, Calif.

Dec. 5, 1916, 19

NOTICE is hereby given that Lacy E. Shaffer ✓, of
Fillmore, California, who, on March 8, 1912, 19, made
Homestead Entry, No 015005, for
(Kind of application or entry.)
S¹/₄ NW¹/₄, S¹/₄ NE¹/₄, Section 35,
Township 4 N., Range 19 W., S.B. Meridian,
has filed notice of intention to make final three year
(If homestead, insert "five year," "three year," or "commutation," as case may be.)
Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before
Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, Los Angeles, California, at
(Name of officer.)
9:00 o'clock A.M., on the 23rd day of
January, 1917, 19

Claimant names as witnesses:

Bruce R. McGregor, of
George Barrington ✓, of
Al Frey ✓, of
Samuel Legen, all, of Fillmore, California

Non-coal
Herald, Fillmore
No withdrawals

Register.

CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OF NOTICE.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above notice, or copy thereof, was by me
posted in a conspicuous place in my office for a period of 49
days, I having first posted said notice on the 5th day of
December, 1916

John D. Roche
Register.

For use in
HOMESTEAD,
DESERT LAND, and
TIMBER or STONE
Entries.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

(PUBLISHER.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Los Angeles, Calif.

Dec. 5, 1916, 191

NOTICE is hereby given that Lacy E. Shaffer ✓, of
Fillmore, California, who, on March 8, 1912, 191, made
Homestead Entry, No. 015005, for

S²NW¹, S²NE¹, (Kind of application or entry.) Section 35,

Township 4 N., Range 19 W., S.B. Meridian,

has filed notice of intention to make final three year
(If homestead, insert "five year," "three year," or "commutation," as case may be.)

Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before

Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, Los Angeles, California, at
(Name of Officer.)

9:00 o'clock A.M., on the 23rd day of

January, 1917, 191

Claimant names as witnesses:

Bruce R. McGregor, of

George Barrington ✓, of

Al Frey ✓, of

Samuel Legen, all, of Fillmore, California

Non-coal

Herald, Fillmore
No withdrawals

JOHN D. ROCHE
Register.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION.

I, H. E. Shaffer
Publisher, of the

Fillmore Herald
(Publisher or foreman.)

published weekly at Fillmore, Calif.
(Daily or weekly.) (Place.)

do solemnly swear that a copy of the above notice, as per clipping
attached, was published weekly in the regular and
(Daily or weekly.)

entire issue of said newspaper, and not in any supplement thereof,
for six consecutive weeks, commencing with the

issue dated Dec 8, 1916, and ending with the

issue dated Jan 12, 1917

H. E. Shaffer
(Signature.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Jan, 1917

John A. Guerin
(Official designation and for the
County of Ventura, State of California.)

Non-Coal. 015005
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office at Los Angeles,
Cal., December 5, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that Lacy
E. Shaffer, of Fillmore, California,
who, on March 8, 1912, made Home-
stead Entry, No. 015005, for S² NW
¼, S² NE ¼, Section 35, Township
4 N., Range 19 W., S. B. Meridian,
has filed notice of intention to make
final three year Proof, to establish
claim to the land above described, be-
fore Register and Receiver, U. S.
Land Office, Los Angeles, California,
at 9 o'clock a. m., on the 23rd day of
January, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Bruce R. McGregor, George Barrington,
Al Frey, Samuel Legen, all of
Fillmore, California.

JOHN D. ROCHE,
Register.
Dec 8-15-22-29 Jan 5-12

For use in
HOMESTEAD,
DESERT LAND, and
TIMBER or STONE
Entries.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

(PUBLISHER.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Los Angeles, Calif.

Dec. 5, 1916, 191

NOTICE is hereby given that Lacy E. Shaffer ✓, of
Fillmore, California, who, on March 8, 1912, 191, made
Homestead Entry, No. 015005, for
(Kind of application or entry.)
S2NW1, S2NE1, Section 35,
Township 4 N., Range 19 W., S.B. Meridian,
has filed notice of intention to make final three year
(If homestead, insert "five year," "three year," or "commutation," as case may be.)
Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before
Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, Los Angeles, California, at
(Name of Officer.)
9:00 o'clock A.M., on the 23rd day of
January, 1917, 191

Claimant names as witnesses:

Bruce R. McGregor, of _____
George Barrington ✓, of _____
Al Frey ✓, of _____
Samuel Legen, all, of Fillmore, California

Non-coal
Herald, Fillmore
No withdrawals

Register.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION.

Non-Coal. 015005
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office at Los Angeles,
Cal., December 5, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that Lacy
E. Shaffer, of Fillmore, California,
who, on March 8, 1912, made Home-
stead Entry, No. 015005, for S½ NW
¼, S½ NE ¼, Section 35, Township
4 N., Range 19 W., S. B. Meridian,
has filed notice of intention to make
final three year Proof, to establish
claim to the land above described, be-
fore Register and Receiver, U. S.
Land Office, Los Angeles, California,
at 9 o'clock a. m., on the 23rd day of
January, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Bruce R. McGregor, George Barrington,
Al Frey, Samuel Legan, all of
Fillmore, California.

JOHN D. ROCHE,
Register.
Dec 8-15-22-29 Jan 5-12

I, H. E. Shaffer
Publisher, of the
(Publisher or foreman.)
Fillmore Herald
(Name of newspaper.)
published weekly at Fillmore Calif.
(Daily or weekly.) (Place.)
do solemnly swear that a copy of the above notice, as per clipping
attached, was published weekly in the regular and
(Daily or weekly.)
entire issue of said newspaper, and not in any supplement thereof,
for six consecutive weeks, commencing with the
issue dated Dec 8, 1916, and ending with the
issue dated Jan 12, 1917

H. E. Shaffer
(Signature.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Jan, 1917

John A. Gavin
(Official designation.)

For use in
HOMESTEAD and
DESERT LAND
Entries.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE PROOF

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Los Angeles, Calif.Dec. 5, 1916, 191I, Lacy E. Shaffer, ofFillmore, California, who, on March 8, 1912, 191, madeHomestead Entry, No. 015005, for

(Kind of application or entry.)

S¹/₄ NW¹/₄, S¹/₄ NE¹/₄, Section 35,Township 4 N., Range 19 W., S.B. Meridian,hereby give notice of my intention to make final three year

(If homestead, insert "five-year," "three-year," or "commutation," as case may be.)

Proof, to establish my claim to the land above described, before

Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, Los Angeles, California, at

(Name of officer.)

9:00 o'clock A.M., on the 23rd day ofJanuary, 1917, 191, by two of the following witnesses:Bruce R. McGregor, ofGeorge Barrington, ofAl Frey, ofSamuel Legen, all, of Fillmore, California

Non-coal
Herald, Fillmore
No withdrawals

(Signature of claimant.)

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Notice of the above intention to make proof will be published in the

(Name of newspaper.)

(Place of publication.)

for a period of _____ consecutive _____, which I hereby designate
as the newspaper published nearest the land above described.

6-2057

Register.

Please withhold FINAL CERTIFICATE
until field investigation has been made
and report submitted, on appl for red. of
area under Cir. 195
1-11-17, A. O. Wheeler,
(Date) Asst. Chief of Field Division.

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11.15 am
JAN 12 1917

U. S. Land Office,
Los Angeles, Cal.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

GENERAL LAND OFFICE.
512 Custom House,
San Francisco, California.

January 11, 1917

Register & Receiver,
U. S. Land Office,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find notice of intention to make proof in the following, endorse "Please withhold final certificate until investigation has been made and report submitted on application for reduction of area under Cir.195"

H.E. 015005 made March 8, 1912, by Lacy E. Shaffer, Fillmore, Cal. for the S₂NW₄, S₂NE₄ Sec.35, T. 4 N., R.19 W., SBM

Please furnish this office with copy of proof testimony in accordance with circular No.340 of August 1, 1914.

Very respectfully,

A. O. White

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Asst. Chief of Field Division.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Taken by
JJD.**HOMESTEAD ENTRY.**

U. S. LAND OFFICE..... Los Angeles, Cal.,....., No. 015005

FINAL PROOF.**TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.**

QUESTION 1. What is your full name, age, and post-office address?

ANSWER. George Barrington, 29 years, P.O. Fillmore, Cal.

QUESTION 2. Was your name correctly given in the published notice?

ANSWER. My name was spelled in published notice as "George Barrington"

QUESTION 3. How long have you known the claimant in this case and
the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 35

Township 4 N., Range 19 W., S. B. Meridian,

the land embraced in Homestead Entry, No. 015005, made at the

Los Angeles, Cal., Land Office?

ANSWER. I have known claimant and his land for past 12 years.

QUESTION 4. Is entryman married? ANSWER. Married man.

QUESTION 5. Is said tract within the limits of an incorporated town,
or used in any way for trade or business?

ANSWER. NO. NO. NO. NO.

QUESTION 6. When did entryman settle upon the homestead?

ANSWER. About the month of October, 1912.

QUESTION 7. At what date did entryman establish actual residence
thereon?

About the month of October, 1912.

ANSWER.

QUESTION 8. Have entryman and family resided continuously on the
homestead since thus establishing residence thereon?

ANSWER. Yes.

QUESTION 9. Have entryman and family ever been absent from the home-
stead since thus establishing residence thereon?

ANSWER. Not absent.

QUESTION 10. If there have been any such absences, give the dates
covered by such absences, stating who was absent and for what reason.

ANSWER. Claimant and family have resided continuously

on this land since establishing residence thereon, not absent.

QUESTION 11. Describe the land embraced in above entry by legal subdivisions, showing fully the character of same, and kind and amount of timber, if any.

ANSWER.

Subdivision.	Acres cultivable.	Acres timbered.	Feet timber.
There is about 8 acres of land susceptible of cultivation, located on the south side of the entry. No timber.			
Soil sandy.			

QUESTION 12. State the number of acres cultivated and kind of crop planted, each year.

ANSWER. 19 ~~13~~, Cultivated about 13 acres, planted alfalfa, corn and potatoes. Harvested 7 ton of hay, some potatoes and corn.
19 14, Cultivated 7 or 8 acres of alfalfa, hay and corn. Harvested 4 or 5 ton of hay, some corn.
19 15, Cultivated about 7 or 8 acres, planted barley and potatoes. Harvested about 4 ton of hay, and some potatoes.
19 16, Cultivated 7 or 8 acres, planted alfalfa and barley, and some potatoes. Harvested 3 ton of barley hay, some potatoes, and about 2 ~~xxxx~~ ton of alfalfa.

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QUESTION 13. Describe fully and in detail the amount and kind of improvements and number of acres under cultivation on each subdivision. State total value of improvements on the claim.

ANSWER.

Subdivision.	Character of improvements.
House located on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Frame house, 3 rooms, 20 by 20 ft., shingle roof, board floor.
	Frame barn, about 12 by 14 ft.
	Well, about 15 feet deep to water.
	1 mile 2 strands barb wire fence.
	About 8 acres cleared.
Total value of improvements	\$800.00.

QUESTION 14. Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? If so, describe what they are.

ANSWER. NO. NO. NO. NO.

QUESTION 15. Have you any knowledge or information that claimant has sold or contracted to sell, optioned, mortgaged, or agreed to option or mortgage this land? If so, give full details as to whom, for what purpose and in what amount.

ANSWER. NO. NO. NO. NO.

QUESTION 16. Have you personal knowledge, from your own observation, that claimant and his family (if any) actually resided upon and cultivated this land each year in accordance with your above testimony?

ANSWER. ----- Yes. ----- Yes. -----

QUESTION 17. How many times each year have you seen this land, and the claimant and his family residing thereon; and what other personal knowledge have you upon which your answers are based?

ANSWER. For the past 13 years I have lived on an adjoining tract of land, and have seen claimant, his family and said land almost every day for the past three years. -----

QUESTION 18. Are you interested in this claim, or related to the claimant? If so, how?

ANSWER. ----- No. ----- Not related to claimant. -----

George Berrington
(Sign plainly, with full Christian name.)

NOTE 1.—The officer before whom the proof is made will see that all answers are complete and responsive to the questions.

NOTE 2.—The officer before whom the deposition is taken should call the attention of the witness to section 125 of the U. S. Criminal Code (below), and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the deponent was examined separately and apart from the other witnesses in the case; that the foregoing deposition was read to or by deponent in my presence before deponent affixed signature thereto; that I verily believe deponent to be the identical person hereinbefore described, and that said deposition was duly subscribed and sworn to before me at my office, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California, (Town, county, and State.) within the Los Angeles, Cal., land district, this 23rd day of January, 1917.

John D. Roche,
Register.

(Official designation of officer.)

UNITED STATES CRIMINAL CODE.

Sec. 125. Whoever, 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, shall willfully and contrary to such oath state or subscribe any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years.

Taken by
JJD.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
HOMESTEAD ENTRY.

U. S. LAND OFFICE..... Los Angeles, Cal.,....., No. 015005

FINAL PROOF.

TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

QUESTION 1. What is your full name, age, and post-office address?

ANSWER. Al Frey, 42 years, P.O. Fillmore, Cal.

QUESTION 2. Was your name correctly given in the published notice?

ANSWER. Yes.

QUESTION 3. How long have you known the claimant in this case and the $S\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$ and $S\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$

..... Section 35.....

Township 4 N.,....., Range 19 W.,....., S.B. Meridian,

the land embraced in Homestead Entry, No. 015005....., made at the

Los Angeles, Cal.,..... Land Office?

ANSWER. I have claimant and his land for past 3 years.

QUESTION 4. Is entryman married? ANSWER. Married man.

QUESTION 5. Is said tract within the limits of an incorporated town, or used in any way for trade or business?

ANSWER. NO. NO. NO. NO.

QUESTION 6. When did entryman settle upon the homestead?

ANSWER. Sometime prior to 2½ years ago.

QUESTION 7. At what date did entryman establish actual residence thereon? I first seen claimant on this land about 2½ years ago, he

was then living there with his family, and from appearances

ANSWER. of the place had been living there sometime prior thereto.

QUESTION 8. Have entryman and family resided continuously on the homestead since thus establishing residence thereon?

ANSWER. Yes.

QUESTION 9. Have entryman and family ever been absent from the homestead since thus establishing residence thereon?

ANSWER. ~~Yes~~ No.

QUESTION 10. If there have been any such absences, give the dates covered by such absences, stating who was absent and for what reason.

ANSWER. Claimant and family have resided continuously on this land at least 2½ years past, and from appearances of the place when I first observed claimant and family there would say that they had been there for more than si months prior thereto.

QUESTION 11. Describe the land embraced in above entry by legal subdivisions, showing fully the character of same, and kind and amount of timber, if any.

ANSWER.

Subdivision.	Acres cultivable.	Acres timbered.	Feet timber.
About 12 acres susceptible of cultivation, located in the SW part of the entry. No timber.			
Soil sandy.			

QUESTION 12. State the number of acres cultivated and kind of crop planted, each year.

ANSWER. 1914, Cultivated about 6 or 7 acres, planted to alfalfa....
Harvested about 5 or 6 tons of hay.
1915., Cultivated 6 or 7 acres, planted alfalfa, corn and potatoes.....
Harvested a fair crop.
1916., Cultivated 7 or 8 acres, planted corn, potatoes, and barley hay...
Harvested probably 3 or 4 ton of barley hay, and some corn and potatoes.
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19...,
19...,
19...,

QUESTION 13. Describe fully and in detail the amount and kind of improvements and number of acres under cultivation on each subdivision. State total value of improvements on the claim.

ANSWER.

Subdivision.	Character of improvements.
House located on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Frame house, 12 by 24 ft., shingle roof, board floor. Frame barn, about 26 by 20 ft. Well to water. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile barbed wire fence. 8 acres cleared.
Total value of improvements	\$800.00.

QUESTION 14. Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? If so, describe what they are.

ANSWER. NO. NO. NO.
.....
.....

QUESTION 15. Have you any knowledge or information that claimant has sold or contracted to sell, optioned, mortgaged, or agreed to option or mortgage this land? If so, give full details as to whom, for what purpose and in what amount.

ANSWER. NO. NO. NO. NO.
.....
.....

QUESTION 16. Have you personal knowledge, from your own observation, that claimant and his family (if any) actually resided upon and cultivated this land each year in accordance with your above testimony?

ANSWER. Yes.

QUESTION 17. How many times each year have you seen this land, and the claimant and his family residing thereon; and what other personal knowledge have you upon which your answers are based?

ANSWER. For the past $2\frac{1}{2}$ years I have lived within $1\frac{1}{8}$ miles from this land, during which time have seen claimant and his land on an average once every two weeks.

QUESTION 18. Are you interested in this claim, or related to the claimant? If so, how?

ANSWER. No. Not related to claimant.

A. L. Frey
(Sign plainly, with full Christian name.)

NOTE 1.—The officer before whom the proof is made will see that all answers are complete and responsive to the questions.

NOTE 2.—The officer before whom the deposition is taken should call the attention of the witness to section 125 of the U. S. Criminal Code (below), and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the deponent was examined separately and apart from the other witnesses in the case; that the foregoing deposition was read to or by deponent in my presence before deponent affixed signature thereto; that I verily believe deponent to be the identical person hereinbefore described, and that said deposition was duly subscribed

and sworn to before me at my office, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California,

(Town, county, and State.)

within the Los Angeles, Cal., land district,

this 23rd day of January, 1917.

John D. Roche

Register.

(Official designation of officer.)

UNITED STATES CRIMINAL CODE.

SEC. 125. Whoever, 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, shall willfully and contrary to such oath state or subscribe any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years.

Taken by
JJD.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

HOMESTEAD ENTRY.

Fees \$

Comm. \$

Pur. U. S. LAND OFFICE

Los Angeles, Cal., No. 015005

Test. Fees \$ 2.50

FINAL PROOF.

Receipt No. 1855353

TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

QUESTION 1. What is your full name, age, and post-office address?

ANSWER. Lacy E. Shaffer, 27 years, P.O. Billmore, Cal.

QUESTION 2. Are you a native-born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born? (If foreign born, or if native born and later naturalized in a foreign country, see Note 1.)

ANSWER. I am. Born in State of California.

QUESTION 3. Are you the same person who made Homestead Entry No. 015005, at the Los Angeles, Cal., Land Office on the 8th day of March, 1912, 19, for the

S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 35

Township 4 N., Range 19 W., S. 3. Meridian?
If not, give relationship to entryman.

ANSWER. I am.

QUESTION 4. Are you married or single? ANSWER. Married man.

QUESTION 5. If married, of whom does your family consist?

ANSWER. Myself, wife and one child.

QUESTION 6. If a married woman, state whether your husband now has an unperfected homestead entry, and during what time he has resided on this land with you. Also state his citizenship qualifications. (See Note 1 at bottom of third page.)

ANSWER.

QUESTION 7. When did you first establish actual residence upon this land?

September 20, 1912.

ANSWER.

QUESTION 8. When was your house built on this land?

ANSWER. In month of July, 1912.

QUESTION 9. Have either you or your family ever been absent from the homestead since establishing residence?

ANSWER. Temporary absences.

QUESTION 10. If there has been such absence, give the dates covered by each absence; and as to each absence state whether you, your family, or both, were thus absent and the reason for each such absence.

ANSWER. Absent a few times when away on business. Our absences all told, each year, for the past three year would not exceed two weeks per year.

MAR 30 1912

QUESTION 11. Describe the land embraced in above entry by legal subdivisions, showing fully the character of same, and kind and amount of timber, if any.

ANSWER.

Subdivision.	Acres cultivable.	Acres timbered.	Feet timber
About ten acres of this entry susceptible of cultivation, located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ said Section 25. Soil sandy loam.		No timber.	

QUESTION 12. State the number of acres cultivated, kind of crop planted, and amount harvested, each year.

ANSWER. 1913, Cultivated about 8 acres, planted barley, corn and potatoes. Harvested about 5 ton of hay, and about 8 or ten sacks ~~of~~ of potatoes, and 200 or 300 pounds of corn.

1914, Cultivated 4 acres of alfalfa, and 7 or 8 acres to barley. Harvested 7 ton of barley hay, and about 4 ton of alfalfa.

1915, Cultivated about 6 acres, planted to barley, which was washed away by the change of the course of the Santa Clara River.

~~1916, Time not ready for cultivation.~~

1916, Cultivated about 6 acres, planted oats and barley. Harvested six or seven ton of hay.

1917, QUESTION 13. Describe fully and in detail the amount and kind of improvements and number of acres under cultivation on each subdivision. State total value of improvements on the claim.

ANSWER.

Subdivision.	Character of improvements.
House located on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Frame house, 3 rooms, 24 by 20 ft., shingle roof, board floor, 2 outside doors, 6 windows. Frame barn, 20 by 20 ft. 1 mile 2 strands barb wire fence. Well, 16 ft. deep to water. Chicken houses. 8 acres cleared.
Total value of improvements	\$650.00.

QUESTION 14. Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business?

NO. NO. NO. NO.

ANSWER.

QUESTION 15. Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? If so, describe what they are.

ANSWER. NO. NO. NO. NO.

QUESTION 16. Have you sold, conveyed, or agreed to sell or convey any portion of the land? If so, to whom and for what purpose?

ANSWER. NO. NO. NO. NO.

QUESTION 17. Have you optioned, mortgaged, or agreed to option or mortgage, or convey this land, or any part thereof? If so, when, to whom, and for what purpose and in what amount?

ANSWER. NO. NO. NO. NO.

QUESTION 18. Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.

No.

ANSWER.

QUESTION 19. Have you ever made any other homestead entry? If so, describe the same.

No.

ANSWER.

QUESTION 20. Have you, since August 30, 1890, made any entry or filing (not mineral) other than homestead? If so, describe the same by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made.

ANSWER. ... No other entry of public lands.

Lacy E. Shaffer

(Sign plainly, with full Christian name.)

NOTE 1.—If applicant is alien born, he should state the fact and file evidence of citizenship in due form, either a certificate of his own naturalization in a court of competent jurisdiction, or, if claiming to be a citizen by virtue of his father's naturalization and his own minority and residence in the United States at the date thereof, or, if a married woman claiming citizenship by virtue of her husband's nativity or naturalization, then record evidence of the naturalization of the father, or husband, or an affidavit as to the nativity of the latter. Applicants who were at one time citizens of the United States, but who later became citizens of a foreign country, must file record evidence of their naturalization. Any female citizen of the United States invoking the benefits of the act of October 17, 1914 (38 Stat., 740), shall make oath showing the nationality of her husband, and that he is entitled to become a citizen of the United States.

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and sworn to before me at my office, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.,
(Town, county, and State.)
California, within the Los Angeles, Cal., land district,
this 23rd day of January, 1917., 19....

John D. Roche

Register

(Official designation of officer.)

FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

I, Lacy E. Shaffer, having made a Homestead Entry of
the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
....., Section 35,
Township 4 N., Range 19 W., S. B. Meridian,
subject to entry at Los Angeles, Cal., under
section No. 2289 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do now
apply to perfect my claim thereto by virtue of section No.
of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and for that purpose do
solemnly swear that I am a native born
(Native-born or naturalized.)
..... citizen of the United States;
that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated and resided
upon said land since the 20th day of September, 1912,
19...., to the present time; that no part of said land has been alien-
ated, except as provided in section 2288 of the Revised Statutes, but
that I am the sole bona fide owner as an actual settler; that I will
bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States; and, fur-
ther, that I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made
under the homestead laws of the United States, ~~except~~.....

Lacy E. Shaffer
(Sign plainly, with full Christian name.)

~~NOTE.~~ NOTE.—Every person swearing falsely to the above affidavit will be punished as provided by law
for such offense. (See Sec. 125, U. S. Criminal Code, below.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing affidavit was read to or by
affiant in my presence before affiant affixed signature thereto; that
I verily believe affiant to be a credible person and the identical
person hereinbefore described, and that said affidavit was duly sub-
scribed and sworn to before me, at my office, in Los Angeles,
(Town.)
Los Angeles Co., Cal., this 23rd day
(County and State.)
of January, 1917, 19....

John D. Roche
Register.
(Official designation of officer.)

UNITED STATES CRIMINAL CODE.

Sec. 125. Whoever, 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, shall willfully and contrary to such oath state or subscribe any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE

At

Los Angeles Cal.

The annexed papers were filed the
day and hour noted thereon.

~~Rejected~~ *Suspended Jan. 23-1917*
at request of C. S. D. for
because action on appeal
for reduction of area.

John D. Roche, Register.
Geo. Mitchell, Receiver.

NOTICE.

January 23rd 1917

I hereby acknowledge due service of notice of
the action in this case and of my right of appeal
within 30 days.

Lacey E. Shaffer

By registered letter

----- appeal filed.

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