

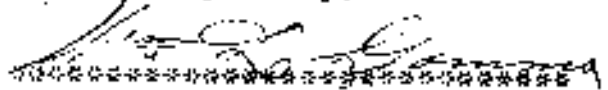
Round Mountain, Nev. 12/3/11.

C.H. Asbury, Supt, Indian Training School,
Stewart, Nev.

Dear Sir:-

I am inclosing you a letter from the State Land Office, regarding the requirements of an Indian, who wishes to take up Gov't, Land. And as this letter refers to you as being the possible party to issue the necessary papers. The Indian has requested me to write to you for him, and see what you can do in the matter. His name is Sam Courts. And he belongs to the Schoschone tribe, or rather that is his Tribal relation. He wants to file on a Homestead so would like to get the necessary papers to enable him to do so. He says that he has spoken to you about the matter before and that you know him. As I understand it they have no agent over them here, and that they live independant of the reservation & Etc, Kindly let me know at your earliest convenience what is necessary for him to do. And I will advise accordingly. Thanking you in advance, I remain.

Yours very truly,



Box 16

Round Mountain, Nev.

Special Indian Agent,

Reno, Nevada, June 2, 1916.

Mr. Sam. B. Courts,

Round Mountain, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 29th of May in re relinquishing your allotment is at hand. I certainly am sorry to hear that you are thinking of disposing of your improvements and relinquishing your filing. Land is now very hard to get, that is land of any value with water on it, and we are advising all the Indians to hold on to their land, even if it is rather indifferent. If you abandon your present holdings, I doubt whether you would find any more even as good, that you could file on and in case you wanted more land, you might have to purchase it and we could not help you very much in that, as we have no money for such purpose. Is it not possible to buy water for your land? I note there is some water within about three-quarters of a mile from you in the northeastern part of Section 5. I do not know whether this is running water, or whether it is all taken up, but I wonder if you couldn't buy water from somewhere in your neighborhood, or could get it even if from a distance. I do not know the situation in your neighborhood.

It has occurred to me that possibly some white people may be trying to influence you to abandoning your place, so that they may acquire the right to it. If it is

of value to them, it ought to be of value to you, and I would advise you to be very careful in what you do.

It is highly probable that either Mr. Asbury or myself will make a trip this summer or fall to your section of the country and we may have an opportunity to look the situation over.

As to method of procedure in disposing of your improvements, in case you relinquish, I am not in position to give you entirely satisfactory advice in that matter. I have no record in my file that a trust patent has yet been issued you, and this may also make some difference. I am sending your letter to the Special Agent, Mr. Asbury, who is now in Wyoming and you will probably hear from him in time.

My advice, however, is to act slowly in this matter or you may yet have reason to regret it.

Very truly,

Clerk.

Wickett Page Co., No 205

January 12th 1912

Mr. John Oakland
London Denver

Dear Mr.

Dear Sir

Your letter of enquiry
re: in reference to Round B, Round
Denver that he has been buying on
his land, and has a house and some
other improvements, when I was by
his place about a year ago. He had
a garden planted. Last year he has
no water excepting well water. I
know that he intended a ditch
to take well water from Park creek
to his land two years ago last spring
but that only last a short time. The ditch

was about 3 miles long. He told me
that he tried to use the well water
from the Round Mountain Spring Co.
but it was so loaded with lime
admitted that it rotted the ground so
so that it was never there again.

This water runs down towards his land
from Round Mountain, when they are
above mining. At present I believe that
Denver, cannot do anything on a mining
claim that he has an interest in near
Round Mt. but like most of the
Denver he makes his fortune on
the land as that is the only form
he has most of the Denvers are
compelled to work for the neighbors as
they cannot raise anything on their
places on account of scarcity of water.

This is about all that I know
about his land, as he lives
16 miles South of my place, and
I don't have much business down
that way, but I see him at times.
if there is anything further that
I can do for you, in this matter
I am at your service

Yours Respectfully
Ford J. Jones

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Shoshone Agency, Fort Washakie, Wyo.

June 15, 1916.

Sam B. Courts,

Round Mountain, Nevada.

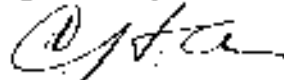
Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 29th with a copy of the reply written by my clerk has been forwarded to me. Answering your question I have to inform you that a relinquishment of your present allotment would not be approved by the Office in Washington unless you filed, at the same time, on other land, in fact, the Office has no authority to accept such relinquishment without a special act of Congress. If you know of other land that is vacant on which you could file and where you could make a better home and desire to prepare an application for it, at the same time signing a relinquishment of your present allotment, it will be given consideration, but even then I would not like to recommend it without being assured that you were benefiting yourself.

As to the sale of your house and improvements, it is probable that we cannot prevent your doing so if you desire, as such things were put on at your own personal expense and we probably have no jurisdiction over them, but I doubt the advisability of your making such a sale. You have a very good house and have built some fence. It is doubtful if you could sell these for what they are really worth to you. I understand that some of your neigh-

bars, on the same kind of ground, are producing some very good crops. If you could plow your land in the fall, deep, and cultivate it thoroughly, you could probably raise some grain and perhaps some garden, and if you saved your money when you have a chance to work for wages, you might be able to put in a little pump and pump enough water to put in a little garden and raise some potatoes. We will be glad to hear from you as to whether you know of other land that would be any better, and knowing that country somewhat and how thoroughly all the water is taken up, I doubt if you can find such a place.

Very respectfully,



Special Agent.

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Col. L. A. Dorrington
Special Indian Agt.
Reno Nevada.

Round Mountain Nev.
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Dear Sir:

RENO, NEV.

I write you in regards to Indian
Boys taking up land. there is quite a number of
our boys would take up a homestead if they could
be helped in obtaining water. Artesian water is
to be had in this valley at moderate depths. there
is quite a few flowing wells in the valley but
the Indians as a rule are not able to stand the
expense, and we think we should have aid from
the government. we would willingly pay back the
government, if we had a few years in which to do so.
all of our people are industrious, and can do general
farming, but the only trouble is we have no water.
there is plenty of good land in this valley but no
water other than what is owned by the whites.
You know I have a Homestead entry, but I cannot
make a living on it, I have very good land, but
if I can't get help I will have to leave it, in order
to make a living, and try and get land some other

place. please let me hear from you
at your earliest convenience and oblige

Yours very respectfully

Sam Courts

Box 92 Round Mountain, Mo.

I wish that you could take the time
to make a trip up through our part
of the country, we would be pleased
to see you.

S. B. C.