

Stewart, Nevada

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
Stewart, Nevada.

April 20, 1911.

Harry C. Johnnie,
Arthur, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of about April 4 to the United States' land office at Carson City was handed to me as the officials in the land office know that I have made reports on a good many Indian cases and they do not handle such cases except as they relate strictly to land, and they are not in position to make any special investigation of such matters.

I admit that I do not fully understand all that you would like to say, but it appears from your letter, the first page of which seems to be omitted, that you are of the opinion that some land was given to your old chief Timook a good many years ago, and that you now are in doubt as to whether you still own that land, and if you own any of it, how much. You seem to think that it may have been taken by some white people and you desire to go to Washington with two other men and see the head of the office to learn whether you have any such land. You say you have no money and desire that passes be secured for you and you want to know right away what can be done.

In the first place, I cannot give you any encouragement

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to expect these passes as there is no prospect whatever of their being secured as the railroad will not give any ticket except for the money, and the Indian Office will hardly furnish such ticket, and further, it is very doubtful if a trip made to Washington would be of any help to you as such question can be looked up just as well, probably better, by correspondence with the Office than by a trip there, and if there is anything on the records in this land office here at Carson, I will be glad to make a further effort to find all there is. I was in the land office yesterday and looked over the maps for a few minutes, but not knowing just where to look I did not find anything of interest to you. Please give me any information that you may have about the land that was supposed to be given to this old chief. Was the land a part of the old Ft. Halleck, military post, and if not, how far was it from there and in what direction; close to what little town or creek? If you can give me this information, I may be able to look it up more intelligently in the land office. When I get all the information you can give me, I will take pains to find anything the land office records may show, and if it seems worth while, then I will submit the whole question to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington, and he will cause the matter to be looked up there much better than you could look it up if you should make the expensive trip back there.

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I was for four years on the Duck Valley Reservation in Elko county, and I know from the record in that office that a lot of stuff was issued to Shoshone Indians in the eastern part of Nevada about thirty or forty years ago, and there was an agent or farmer located there somewhere that attended to that issue. I have read a great deal of the correspondence relating to those times, but I do not recall anything about any land though that is no reason to doubt that the land was given to the chief. I remember something about a piece of land called "Carlin farms" where some of these Indians first located and afterward moved to Duck Valley.

Please write me very plainly, if necessary, getting some white man to write the letter for you so that it will be more clear and plain telling me the things I have asked in this letter, and I may be able to help you.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

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