

Bishop, California. Nov. 19. 1924.

Louis V. Cloese,
Bakersfield, California.

Dear Sir:

The claim is made by Louis B. Murphy, Indian of this jurisdiction who is the owner of Indian allotment No. 95 in the Mono Basin, and comprising 120 acres; that a band of sheep owned by you and under the care of John Matia, traversed his place and ate all the feed. Further that no lease had been accomplished or arrangement made either with the Indian or through this office whereby permission had been granted for the sheep to feed on this land. The Indian now asks damages in the matter and under the circumstances, it would seem that he was justified in his request.

He advises that in former years he received \$100. as an annual rental, but this year he received nothing.

The land in question is described as the SW-1/4 of the SE-1/4, the SE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 of Sec. 26 and the NE-1/4 of the NW-1/4 of Sec. 35 Tp. 1 N., R. 26. E. N. D. M. containing 120 acres. The land is under the jurisdiction of the Indian Service for the Indian and any lease accomplished, should be made through this office. In view of the present late date however, no lease can be accomplished for the past year but a satisfactory settlement of the damages is requested.

A carbon copy of this letter is being mailed to John Matia, C/O Pitts Ranch, Bishop, California.

Very truly yours.

Ray R. Parrett.
Superintendent.

Bishop, California. Jan. 5. 1925.

Mr. John Matia,
Big Pine, California.

Dear Sir:

Louis Murphy appeared at my office some time ago, at which time I advised him of your belief as to damages done on his land at Mono Lake by sheep.

Murphy advised that he wished me to write to you to send me the \$10.00 which you agree to pay. Murphy believes this amount is below what it should be but is willing to settle for same, and next year should you desire the land for grazing purposes that a lease for same be obtained through this office.

Very truly yours.

Ray R. Parrott,
Superintendent.

6010 Bakerfield
L. V. Olsen
Jan 29 1925

Mr. Ray Parrett,

Dear Sir,

Your letter sent me at Big Pine reached me today at Bakerfield. Am sending check for L. Murphy. Thanking you kindly for your trouble I remain

Respectfully
John Martin

Delivered 2/27/25

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Bishop Sub-Agency,
 Bishop, California,
 April 2, 1927.

Supt. Ray E. Ferratt,
 Walker River Agency,
 Schurz, Nevada.

Dear Mr. Parrett:

Louis Murphy and Hank Cluett came to the office yesterday with the enclosed summons. Louis said the paper had been handed to his boy to be given him the 28th or 29th of March, 1927, and that Hank Cluett brought it to him.

This paper may be a summons to appear before the Mono County Court but there are no signatures, except typed, and there is no late date on it. The only dates I find on it are 1924 and 1925. The paper does not seem to me to be of much value but I am not versed in such matters.

I took this summons to Mr. Van Loon but he could not make anything out of it. He does not know who the Sierra Land and Water Company is, but thought it might be a company that went bankrupt a few years ago.

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Sincerely yours,

Louidas Swain
 Fin-Clerk in Charge.

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Fin-Clerk in Charge.

Walker River Agency,
Shoshone, Nevada.
April 5, 1927.

Mr. Charles S. Hayes,
District Attorney, Mono Co.
Bridgeport, California.

My dear Mr. Hayes:

Louis Murphy and Hank Cluett have recently delivered the enclosed summons to Mr. Swain, the sub-agent at Bishop. Louis says that the paper had been handed to his boy to be given him the 28th or 29th. of March 1927, and that Hank Cluett brought it to him.

This would seem to be a summons to appear before the Superior Court of Mono County, but there are no recent dates on the same.

I would appreciate a word from you as to who the Sierra Land and Water Company, are, and what the status of the case is. Also whether or not it is necessary for Louis Murphy and the other Indians mentioned, to take any action in the matter.

I would ask that you kindly return the Summons.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely Yours.

Ray R. Farnett .
Superintendent.

CC to Bishop.

CHAS. L. HAYES

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF MONO COUNTY

BRIDGEPORT CALIFORNIA

April 8. 1927.

RAY P. PARRETT, ESQ.
Schurz, Nevada.

DEAR MR. PARRETT :-

Your letter enclosing summons and copy of Complaint against Louis Murphey, as a defendant in case of Sierra Land and Water Co. Vs. Cain Irrigation Co. et al, is at hand. This case has during the past 30 days assumed some activity, and no doubt will be before the Court as soon as Judge Parker returns from S.F. where he has been holding court during the winter. The subject matter involves water rights in and about Mono Lake- and I see the names of a number of the early settlers and homestead locators of that vicinity.

I would suggest that Louis Murphey-- acknowledge service of summons and complaint, and if he feel that he has any possible interest in the land, water, or water right surrounding the lake,--that he file a general demurrer to the complaint--

It is difficult ,at this time, to grasp what the plaintiff expects to settle by this suit-- as it is generally understood that Court Decrees, rendered some years ago have established the title to water right in that vicinity more than sufficient to absorb all the water flowing in that territory.

The Plaintiff's Articles of incorporation were file in Mono Co, in 1914, but nothing has been done until recently-- last week the Plaintiff filed Notice of Les Pandence in this suit.

I am returning the summons and complaint , as requested.

Yours very truly.

Chas. L. Hayes
Chas. L. Hayes.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

INDIAN FIELD SERVICE
Walker River Agency,
Schurz, Nevada.
April 11, 1927.

Mr. L. Swain,
Indian Sub-Agency,
Bishop, California.

Dear Mr. Swain:

Regarding the summons and complaint against Louis Murphy as one of the defendants in the case of Sierra Land and Water Co, vs- Cain Irrigation Co, et al; I enclose the letter received from Chas. L. Hayes, District Attorney of Mono County, regarding the matter.

Louis Murphy has an allotment in the Mono Lake Basin. His water right is from the waters of Rush Creek. I think there is something about the water rights as decided for the Indians of this section, in the file Mono Lake Indians.

Mr. Hayes states that Louis should acknowledge service of summons and file a demurrer to the complaint. I imagine it would be quite difficult for Louis to get to Bridgeport at this time of year and I would scarcely know just what action to advise. I would believe however, that if he signed an acknowledgement before you, advising that he had received the summons and complaint, and stating in a written statement signed by him, that he had certain lands in the Mono Lake basin, has used such lands for a period of years, and claimed a water right for a certain acreage based on beneficial use for a period of years past; that this sworn statement by him might cover his case. I would suggest that you advise Louis of the District Attorney's letter so that he can take proper action in the matter.

Very truly yours.

R. R. Parrett
R. R. Parrett,
Superintendent.

Bishop Sub-Agency,
Bishop, California,
April 14, 1927.

Mr. Louis Murphy,
(At Dotie Meadows)
Benton, Mono Co., Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am returning the Mono County Court summons you handed me some time ago, and which I forwarded to Supt. Barrett. Mr. Barrett advises that you go to Bridgeport at once if you can get there and acknowledge the summons and file a demurrer to the complaint. You should take the summons with you and go to see Attorney Charles L. Hayes. If you cannot get to Bridgeport you can bring the summons to Bishop and I will see if we cannot acknowledge the summons and send in a general demurrer to the complaint, but it would be better to go to Bridgeport, in my opinion.

The legal description of your land is as follows:
NE¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of Sec. 35, and the S¹/₄ of SW¹/₄ and SE¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of Sec. 26,
T. 1 N., R. 25 E., N. 211. in Mono County, California. 120 acres.

Trust patent issued to you by the U.S. Government Sept. 23, 1907.

I cannot find that any definite water right has been decreed you for the land but you are entitled to amount of water which you have been using in past. Attorney Hayes will know how to file a demurrer, so you had better see him as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Fin-Clerk in Charge.

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			Sacramento Indian Agency Sacramento, California	
				March 19, 1929
			Mr. Ray E. Parrott, Supt. Walker River Indian Agency Colusa, Nevada	
			My dear Mr. Parrott:	
			Find attached hereto two patent number 1034389 issued in the name of the Nev-Cal Electric Securities Company, as purchaser of the land abstract in the list- ment of Louis B. Murphy, Independent's abstract number 35.	
			Very sincerely,	
			L. A. Harrington, Superintendent.	
			L.A.H. PC Encl.	

Walker River Agency
Schurz, Nevada
September 6, 1932

Agreement is hereby made between Louis B. Murphy and his Mother-in-law, Mamie Benjamin as follows:

Of the 93 sacks of wheat harvested this year, (1932) the following division is made: 46 sacks to Mamie Benjamin and 47 sacks to Louis B. Murphy. Mrs. Benjamin to pay the threshing charges amounting to \$9.20.

This agreement made by the above parties in the Agency Office this 6th day of September, 1932.

Ray R. Bennett
Supt.

Bishop Indian School
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Benton Calif.
Aug 14th 1914

Mr. Ross A. Spalbury, Supt
Bishop Cal.

Dear Sir -

I have taken up the following land
South 1/2 of North West 1/4 and West 1/2 North East
1/4 of Section 17 T. 1 S Range 26 E M. D. M.
The Forest Ranger Mr. Fred Clark was there when
I took up land.

Yours truly,
Louis B. Murphy