

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

BISHOP, CALIFORNIA April 19, 1916.

Register, U. S. Land Office  
Independence, California.

*Case Louis Murphy*  
*Sept 23, 1907*

Dear Sir:-

After making examination and inquiry relative to application of Louis B. Murphy, Indian, for allotment on the public domain, which was forwarded to you in yesterday's mail I find that Louis has already been allotted 160 acres the description of which is :

SW/4 of the SE/4 and the SE/4 of the SW/4, Sec. 26, and the NE/4 of the NW/4, Sec. 35. Tp. 1 N., R. 26 E., N. D. M.

This land was patented to him September 25, 1907, but he informs me that he has lost the original trust patent which he received. He now wishes to relinquish the above described land in order that he may file on that covered by the application which I forwarded to yesterday.

Please advise what action on Louis' part will be necessary and if you have a relinquishment blank to be used for this purpose kindly furnish me with same in order that I may prepare it <sup>and</sup> have Louis sign it. I presume that his relinquishment must first be prepared before he can legally apply for the new tract, in which case will you simply hold the application pending the receipt of a relinquishment.

Very respectfully,

*Walter H. Reed*

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Bishop, California.  
June 5th, 1915.

Register, U.S. Land Office,  
Independence, California.

Dear Sir:

A trust patent was issued to Louis Murphy, Indian, September 23, 1907. He lost this patent in a fire, after which, he made an effort to relinquish it, in hopes of getting some other tract. Failing in this, he now wishes to obtain another trust patent for the tract covered by the lost patent.

This land is described as follows: SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 26 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 35 T.1, N R 36 E 1

Please advise me what action will be necessary to obtain another trust patent in lieu of the first.

Very truly yours,

*Ray P. Barrett,*  
Superintendent.

RRP/EDB

County of Inyo.

State of California.

I do solemnly swear that a trust patent covering the following described lands: SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Sec 26 and the NE 1/4 Sec 35 T.1. N.R 26 E.M.D.M., was issued to me September 23, 1907., but that I have lost the original copy in my possession in a fire, and I hereby have the honor to present my request to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington D.C. for a copy of the original for my information.

Louis B. Murphy  
Patentee.

Witnesses to the verification of the above affidavit.

Roy D. Harrison

Frank G. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Bishop, California., June.  
27.1918.

Roy R. Garrett  
Superintendent, U.S. Indian Service.  
Bishop, California.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON July // 1916.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

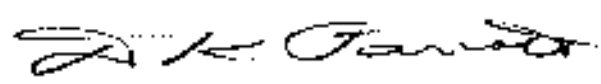
Mr. Louis D. Murphy,  
c/o Ray R. Parrett,  
Superintendent U. S. Indian Service,  
Bishop, California.

My dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Register of the United States land office at Independence, California, enclosing an affidavit made by you requesting a copy of trust patent issued to you for the reason that the original copy has been destroyed by fire.

In answer you are advised that upon receipt of 40¢ a certified photographic copy of trust patent issued to you under Indian allotment 95, 87804-1907 will be transmitted to you in accordance with circular 504 enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,



Acting Assistant Commissioner

Bishop, California. July 29. 1916.

Commissioner of The General Land Office.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 11, 1916., received, relative to issuance of copy of Trust Patent, in favor of Louis B. Murphy, Indian.. AS per your instructions, I enclose 40 cents in stamps, for which I desire a photographic copy of trust patent, Indian Allotment 95, 87804-1907.

Very truly yours.

Superintendent.

(Submit this report in triplicate.)

REPORT ON CASH SALE OF ALLOTTED INDIAN LAND WHEN PATENT IN FEE IS TO BE ISSUED TO THE PURCHASER.

Name of allottee, **Louis E. Murphy** No. **95** Agency **Walker River Bishop Subage**  
 the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of sec. 25 and the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of sec. 26 in Twp. 2 N., R. 26 E., N.D.M. California  
 Bidding inapplicable

Area **120 A.** Appraised value **\$1500** No. of bids **1** Purchase price **\$3000** Price per acre **\$25.00**

Name of purchaser **Sierras Construction Company**

Allotment was made under the act of **February 6, 1887** Stat. L. **24** **288**  
**June 25, 1910** Stat. L. **36** **255**

Sale made under act of \_\_\_\_\_ Stat. L. \_\_\_\_\_  
 If inherited, name heirs and relationship to decedent and amount to which each is entitled in dollars and cents:

Name	Relationship	Amount	Name	Relationship	Amount
<b>The land is not inherited</b>					

**Walker River** Agency, **Sept. 19, 28** 19

TWO COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
 Washington, D. C.

**Louis E. Murphy**

Sir: There are transmitted herewith the papers in the sale from **Sierras Construction Co.**

to \_\_\_\_\_ covering land above described, and I submit my answers to the several interrogatories herein: **Yes**

Did you make a personal appraisal of the land, and does it represent the full value? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the land described leased? If so, to whom, and what is the amount of the annual rental, and when does the lease expire? **No**

State how many bids were received, giving names of bidders and amount of each bid. (The original bids should be transmitted with this report.)

**Bidding was inapplicable being to but one person being interested in the purchase of the land for its water value.**

In case but one bid was received, why, in your opinion, was there no competition? Would the rejection of the sale and a readvertisement of the land be for the best interest of the Indian? **See for going answer**

How long and in what manner was the land advertised? (Give dates of first and last advertisement) .....

**Not applicable**

Has the petition for sale been approved? If so, give file number of case ..... **petition accompanies this**

**report.**

How far is the land from an established town site? ..... **About three miles**

How far is the land from a line of railroad? ..... **78 Miles**

Is the land available for town-site purposes; and, if so, what consideration was given such fact in making the appraisalment?

**It is not available for townsite purposes**

If the land is west of the 100th meridian, has the purchaser been notified that the patent will contain the following provision: "And there is reserved from the lands hereby granted a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by authority of the United States?" ..... **Yes**

Has the consideration been paid in full? ..... **Yes**

Where is the consideration deposited? ..... **With the Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, Calif.**

In case the sale covers inherited land, has there been a hearing after due notice, as provided by the regulations, and does

all the evidence adduced accompany this report? ..... **Not applicable**

If the heirs have been determined by the Department, give the date and file number of case. **Not applicable.**

In case the sale covers inherited lands, who of the heirs are competent to care for their own affairs? .....

**Not applicable**

If the sale is made by the original allottee, give age, whether married or single, and what is the physical condition of the petitioner? ..... **age, 42; widower; his physical condition is only fair.**

If married, has the husband or wife of the allottee signed the petition and acceptance? ..... **has forgoing answer**

In case homestead rights are involved, is an agreement or statement of the homestead tenant included with the papers?

**Not applicable**

I respectfully request that the sale be approved and the Commissioner of the General Land Office be directed to issue a patent in fee to the purchaser ..... **Sierras Construction Company** ..... that I be authorized and directed to place the purchaser in possession and to deposit the proceeds to the credit of the ..... **allottee** ..... as follows:

**Individual Indian Money for his support, improvement, and general welfare purposes**

Expenditures not to exceed \$ 100.00 to be made from such deposits under the supervision of the Superintendent for the purposes mentioned in the petition; any remainder to be subject to the checks of said Louie B. Murphy approved by the Superintendent, when authorized by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

.....  
Ray E. Parrott.

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

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Respectfully forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior (through the Commissioner of the General Land Office) recommending approval as requested by the Superintendent.

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Chief Clerk.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

....., 19  
There are no reservations or withdrawals covering the land above described, and there are no reasons appearing in the records of the General Land Office why a patent in fee should not be issued to the purchaser thereof as recommended.

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Assistant Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

....., 19  
Approved as recommended.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby directed to issue a patent in fee to the purchaser, .....  
..... for .....

.....  
4-2584

Assistant Secretary.

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THIS REPORT SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED IN DUPLICATE.

## PETITION FOR THE SALE OF LAND BY ORIGINAL ALLOTTEES.

Alottee Louis B. Murphy No. 95 Agency Walker River Bishop Sub-Agency.

August 4, 1928. 161

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs:

I hereby make application for the sale of all of my allotment, described as the NE-1/4 of the NW-1/4 of Sec. 35 and the SE-1/4 of the SW-1/4 and the SW-1/4 of the SE-1/4 of Sec. 26, in Tp. 1, N.R. 26, E.M.D. California.  
 My reasons for making application for the sale of the above-described land are: containing 120 A.

I want to sell my land because it is too high in altitude, and I would like to buy some other land elsewhere, where I can raise better crops. Also I want to use some of the money to buy some supplies for myself, and equipment to use.

Answers to the following questions are submitted:

1. Age? 42 Degree of Indian blood? Full Married or single? Widower  
 2. Give names and ages of your husband or wife and children, and if they have been allotted, give number of acres held in trust by each. Children. Virginia Murphy Parker age 21.  
Foster Murphy-age 18. Mamie Murphy-age 13.

3. How many acres does your own allotment contain? 120 acres.  
 4. Have you any interest in inherited Indian lands? If so, give name of deceased allottee, number of acres, appraised value, and the share you are entitled to No interest in inherited lands.

5. In this application does any part of your allotment, are your home and improvements located on the land that will be held in trust? Application covers all the allotment.

6. If your house and improvements are located on the land covered by this application, what is the value of such improvements? \$100.

7. Have you sold any part of your allotment, or any interest in inherited land? If so, how much did you receive and what use was made of the money? Have sold no part of the allotment.

8. Have you any individual Indian money to your credit? If so, how much? No individual Indian Money.

9. Do you cultivate any part of your land? If so, how many acres are in cultivation? Two or three acres in cultivation, and nine or ten in pasture.

10. Are you self-supporting? If so, how is the self-support obtained? Yes. By working for ranchers and on road.

11. What is your physical condition? Good. Eyes not normal.

12. Has any person requested you to offer your land for sale? If so, who? The Sierras Construction Company.

In case the land described above is sold, I hereby agree that the proceeds derived from the sale may be disposed of in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

*Louis B. Murphy*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of August, 1928

*Ray B. Perrett*  
Ray B. Perrett.

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Superintendent

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

1. Are the statements made by the applicant correct? Yes .....

2. What is the character of the land covered by the application? The land is located at an altitude of 7000 feet, is practically all rough sagebrush land and only a very small part is capable of any use.

Irrigated, 2 acres; irrigable, None acres; timber, None acres

Agricultural, None acres; grazing, 112 acres

3. What is the value of the land, and if it is offered for sale, will it, in your opinion, attract bidders? As a farm the land is not worth more than \$500 but on account of its being riparian to a mountain stream, the water right is worth much more. It will not attract bidders.

4. Have you any reason to believe that a prospective purchaser has used influence with the allottee to have the land offered for sale? If so, what are the circumstances? It is understood that prospective purchaser has asked the allottee if he wishes to sell the land. No other action was taken except this verbal question.

5. Give reasons why, in your opinion, it is for the best interest of the allottee to sell this land. Report fully whether the allottee is in any way incapacitated and whether he needs the money for any particular purpose. The land is so located and its character is such that it is unproductive and of very little value to the owner. He cannot make a living on the land, and with the price offered he can purchase better land elsewhere which will be more suitable to his needs. The allottee is afflicted with disease of the eyes so that his eyesight is considerably impaired.

6. Has any land of like character been sold in the neighborhood of the land covered by this application? If so, when and what was the price per acre? Land of similar character has been sold in the vicinity, and the prices for the irrigated land compare with prices paid for similar lands in the same locality.

7. Are there any local conditions, such as surveys or construction of proposed railroads, nearness to proposed town sites, access-roads, etc., which affect land values generally on your reservation, or particularly as to the tract of land covered by this application? The altitude and the fact that irrigation is necessary for any land of value governs and affects the values of all lands in this locality.

### CERTIFICATE OF APPRAISEMENT

Allottee Louis B. Murphy No. 95 Bishop Sub-Agency Walker River  
at various times in 1924, 1925, and 1926,

I hereby certify that on the /..... day of ....., 19 .....

I personally visited and made a careful inspection of the following-described lands:  
the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 35 and the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and  
the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 26 in Tp. 1 N., R. 26 E. N.D.M.,  
California,

..... being the allotment of Louis B. Murphy.

That I find the character of the land and the value, in my best judgment, to be  
as follows: Agricultural 0 acres; Grazing 118 acres; Timber 0 acres;  
Irrigated 2 acres; Irrigable 0 acres; Oil, Gas, or Mineral value (if any):  
\$ 0; value for power-site purposes (if any) \$ No known value

Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1500.00
Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>100.00</u>
							Total	<u>1600.00</u>

Ray R. Parrett,  
Superintendent.

NOTE.--The appraisement should be made to correspond with the legal divisions for which bids will be received. The appraisement should be made by the superintendent, but in cases where it is not possible for him to personally appraise the land, he should appoint an appraiser and fill out the following blank:

I hereby certify that ..... was appointed by me to appraise the land above described; that he is well acquainted with the value of lands in the vicinity of the tract above described, and fully competent to make such appraisement, and that I verily believe the above appraisement is the true value of the land and improvements thereon.

Dated ..... day of ....., 19 .....

.....  
Superintendent.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING.

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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

Transmit patent

MAR 15 1929

Mr. L. A. Dorrington,  
Supt. Sacramento Agency.

Sir:

see patent number 1024388

issued March 1, 1929 in favor of Nev-Cal Electric Securities  
Company, purchaser of land included in the allotment of Louis B. Murphy

allottee numbered Appl. 95 Independence

transmitted

Please make the proper notations on the records of your office and deliver  
the patent to the person entitled thereto when they have signed the at-  
tached receipt in duplicate. Forward the original receipt to this office and  
retain the duplicate for your files.

Very respectfully,

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*Charles H. Burke*  
Commissioner.