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RECEIPT FOR PATENT.

(ORIGINAL.)

Allotment No. 90

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Bishop Indian School.

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Mono Lake, Nov 30, 1925. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED of Ray R. Parrett Superintendent U. S. Indian School

for Patent No. 969272 issued Nov. 10, 1925. in the

name of Bridgeport Town, an Unincorporated Township

Indian, for 3/2 of SW/4 of Sec. 33, T. 1 N., and N/2 of NW/4 of Sec. 4, T. 1 S., all

R. 26 E. N. R. 4. in California. containing 161.97 acres.

Witness:

*W. K. Humphreys  
Mono Lake, Calif.*

*Ray R. Parrett*  
Patentee.  
*W. K. Humphreys*  
Witness of the Patent.

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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

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Transmit patent

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Superintendent

Bishop

Sir:

..... Fee.. patent number ..... 969272 .....

..... issued November 10, 1925 ..... in favor of ..... Bridgenort Tom .....

..... Piute ..... allottee numbered ..... Application No. 90 .....

..... Independence .....

..... is ..... transmitted ..... herewith .....

Please make the proper notations on the records of your office and deliver the patent to the person entitled thereto when he has signed the attached receipt in duplicate. Forward the original receipt to this office and retain the duplicate for your files.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.

Bishop Indian School,  
Bishop, Calif.

Nov. 21, 1925.

Bridgeport Tex.,  
Mono Lake, Mono Co. Calif.

Dear Sir:

A patent in fee has been granted you. Will you please call at Cunningham's store and sign receipts for it and he will deliver it to you.

Now that a patent in fee has been granted you, you will have to pay the taxes every year or the county will sell your land for the taxes. Be sure to see that the taxes are kept paid up every year.

Respectfully,

Ray R. Purrott, Supt.

By

File-Clerk.

(Make this report in TRIPlicate, and retain one copy for the files of your agency)

## REPORT ON APPLICATION FOR A PATENT IN FEE

Name of allottee Bridgeport Tom Bishop Indian Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
 Degree of Indian blood Full Allotment No. 90 Description \_\_\_\_\_  
South half of the Southwest quarter of Section thirty-three in township one north  
and the north half of the northwest quarter of section four in township one south  
of Range twenty-six east of the Mount Diablo Meridian, California. (Area 181 and 97/100  
one hundred sixty-one and 97/100 a. Value \$15,000.00  
 Area \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allotment was made under the act approved Feb. 6, 1887 (as amended) Stat. L. 289, E. 5

If inherited land, name applicants \_\_\_\_\_

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
 Washington, D. C.

SIR:

**Bridgeport Tom**

There is transmitted herewith the application of  
**an Indian of the Paiute tribe.**

For a patent in fee covering the lands described, and I submit my answers to the several interrogatories herein:

**Yes.**

Are you personally acquainted with the applicant...?

**No. The answers were typewritten for him.**

Is the application in the handwriting of the applicant?

**Yes.**

Is the applicant a person of good character and reputation?

**Yes.**

Is he industrious and self-supporting?

**By stock-raising, farming and grazing his land and by**  
 How is his self support obtained?  
**his working for white people, sometimes.**

Is applicant addicted to the use of intoxicants? No.

If the applicant is a married woman, what is the reputation of her husband? Is he a man who would be likely to get possession of his wife's property and then desert her? Is he a man whom you would recommend as a suitable person to receive a patent in fee? Applicant is a man of honorable reputation and a suitable person to have a patent in fee.

Does this application cover the whole or a part of the applicant's allotment? the whole If not, how much remains?

Has the applicant received a patent in fee for any part of his land? If so, did he sell the land, and what use did he make of the proceeds of the sale? Has not received a patent in fee to any part of his land.

Have you made a personal investigation with a view of determining what progress or advancement the applicant has made whether in debt, and, if so, to what extent, and whether the answers made by the applicant to the questions contained in the petition are correct? I have made a personal investigation of his progress and the answers are correct.

What practical business experience has the applicant had? The applicant has worked as a stock-raiser and farmer all his life. His neighbors are whites having stock ranches and much of his early life has been spent working on these ranches.

After carefully weighing the applicant's qualifications, taking into consideration past record and associations, the advancement made and opportunities, do you believe applicant has the necessary business qualifications for the management of own affairs successfully? I believe him to be a suitable person to manage his own affairs successfully.

Do you recommend that a patent in fee be issued? I recommend the issuance of a patent in fee.

If so, give reasons. The applicant is the owner of a small herd of cattle. A portion of his land produces good alfalfa and excellent grazing. He has ample water rights, his land being riparian to a stream. Also three grown boys to assist in his work.

Is there any timber on the land, or any coal or other valuable mineral in the land or its vicinity, or has the land any power site or reservoir possibilities? If so, report fully as to character of timber or mineral and probable value of the land for the purposes indicated. There is no timber on the land except a small amount of underbrush suitable for wood. There is no mineral on the land and there are no known power sites or reservoir possibilities.

*Ray P. Bennett*  
Superintendent

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

Respectfully forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, with the recommendation that the application for patent in fee be approved and the Commissioner of the General Land Office be directed to issue a patent in fee to

for the land above described, and that the issuance of this patent be made special. When issued it should be sent to this Office for delivery.

Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

It appears from the evidence submitted that \_\_\_\_\_ is competent to care for \_\_\_\_\_ own affairs in a degree that entitles \_\_\_\_\_ to a patent in fee covering the land described in \_\_\_\_\_ petition, and I therefore direct the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent in fee to \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_

and that the issuance of this patent be made special, provided there are no reasons appearing on the records of the General Land Office why patent should not be issued.

(This application should be made out by the applicant)

APPLICATION FOR A PATENT IN FEE

(Act of May 8, 1906, 34 Stat., 162)

Bishop Agency.

I, Thomas Bridgeport Tom, do hereby make application for a patent in fee covering all

(All or part)

of my allotment No. 90, described as follows:

S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 33, in Tp. 1, N. and the N/2 of the NW/4 of Section 4, Tp. 1, S., R. 26 E., M.D.E. in California. Area 161.97 Acres.

As evidence of my competency to care for my affairs, true answers are made to the following questions:

1. Age? 62      2. Degree of blood? Full      3. Married or single? Married
4. Did you attend school? If so, where and how long? No
5. Do you use intoxicants? No
6. Are you in good physical condition? Fair
7. What is the value of the land covered by your application? \$15000.
8. Does your application cover your own allotment or inherited land?  
My own allotment
9. Does your application cover all or a part of your land? all
10. Do you cultivate your land? 8 acres cultivated, about 132 A. irrigated pasture land.
11. Have you any other occupation? No



12. Are you self-supporting? If so, how is your self-support obtained?

**Yes. Farming & stock raising and working for Whites sometimes.**

13. Have you accumulated any property? If so, what?

**thirty head of cattle and 6 head of horses, 2 mowing machines, wagon & buggy.**

14. Are you in debt? If so, whom do you owe, how much, and for what, and have you given security for the debts?

**No.**

15. Have you been given a patent in fee for a part of your land? If so, did you sell it, and what use did you make of the proceeds of the sale?

**No.**

16. Have you any inherited land? If so, what is your interest in the estate and what is the value of the allotment?

**No inherited land.**

17. Have you sold any inherited land? If so, what use was made of the proceeds?

**No.**

18. Have you any individual Indian money to your credit with the superintendent? If so, how much?

**No.**

19. Have you been given the privilege of leasing your own land?

**Never wanted to lease my land.**

20. Is your land leased? If so, what rent do you receive?

**No.**

21. Have you made a contract to sell your land? If so, to whom, and at what price? No.

22. Has anyone asked you to procure a patent in fee for the purpose of disposing of your land? No.

23. Have other members of your family allotments of their own? If so, give names, sex, ages, relationship, and number of acres, and approximate value of each allotment.

No.

24. What members of your family, if any, have no allotment? Designate those dependent on you for support, and give reasons, stating ages and sex. None

25. What practical business experience have you had?

Just farming and stock raising.

26. Have you other lands that would continue to be held in trust after the lands described in this application are released? If so, give acreage, value, and character of improvements thereon.

No.

27. See 26.

27. Set forth fully your reasons for requesting a patent in fee.

I think from my experience in farming and stockraising, and from the amount of property I have accumulated by my own efforts, that I am competent to manage my own business affairs. I talk English fairly well and understand business transactions among men. I believe I am just as capable of managing my business as my neighbors, both Indian and White.

Witnesses to signature:

W. Barnwell      Bishop Galy

His right

Levidas Lavin

Bridgeport, Tex

Applicant's signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31<sup>st</sup>

day of August, 1925

Ray P. Barnett  
Superintendent