

November 4, 1927.

Honorable Peter G. Johnston,
Register of the U. S. Land Office,
Blackfoot, Idaho.

Dear friend Peter G:

On a recent trip into the interior of Idaho I met Mr. David Lewis, who has made proof on a homestead. I am not sure about the number of his entry, but think it may be No. 039621. Am not certain this is the correct number, but, at any rate, I feel sure that Mr. Lewis has complied with the homestead laws in living upon this place. Owing to the long distance from the county seat or any other place of settlement, I hope that whatever seeming technicality there may be in his compliance with this part of the law may be waived. He has, as far as he could, acted in good faith in complying with the law to the best of his ability. In my conversation with Mr. Lewis, I am sure there is no intention on his part to do anything else than comply with the law and I hope that any technical requirement of an affidavit will be waived and that patent may issue in favor of Mr. Lewis.

He is an old Civil War veteran and also engaged in the Sheepeater War in that section of Idaho. From every viewpoint he is entitled to consideration, as I see it. Therefore, I hope that you will do your utmost to see that patent is issued on this homestead entry of Mr. Lewis.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) H. C. Baldrige