

To Jim & Holly Akenson  
Taylor Ranch

March 3, 2007

Dear Jim:

Today I talked again with Carol Anne Miller, wife of David Miller whose great-grandmother Sarah Jane Obedience Lewis Miller was Cougar Dave Lewis' sister. She said the papers she faxed me and I will send you were found in a part of the old homestead at Yoncalla Oregon that is no longer lived in. They were in a small metal lockbox that was all rusty from getting wet. Inside the cover of the box it says "To David E. Lewis from George E. Brent". I think that's the first time I've seen the middle initial "E" which stands for Elijah in David's name. Actually it was his first name originally. I don't know who George Brent was, do you?

The paper from US Land Office had gotten wet, but she could read the original and she read it to me over the phone and I wrote it on the back. I think we have that information anyway. From what I can tell, Carol sent one envelope without a letter that went with it.

These papers were in the box:

- From Cascade, Id., Nov. 30, 1931, a \$1 fee has been received.
- A hand scribbled note to Jesse Taylor from the lockbox of Dave Lewis
- Grazing Permit to David Lewis March 7, 1929
- Envelope, Nov. 1931 from Melba, Idaho
- Letter & envelope from Harry Shellworth Nov. 14, 1929 offering to buy the ranch
- Letter from Annie Edwards to Harry Shellworth about Lewis Aug. 10, 1930. Refers to "his people in Oregon".
- Letter from the District Forester about the claim, Nov. 2, 1927
- U. S. Land Office document recording the homestead claim, July 24, 1924 (rewritten on the back from phone conversation).
- Letter from Gov. H. C. Baldrige, January 3, 1931

That's all for now. I'll let you know of any further developments!

Pat Cary Peek

~~June 20-35~~

~~to Jesse Taylor~~

~~from Lock box of Dave Lewis~~

~~Survey of Homestead # 809 for survey~~

~~Patent to the Sec. of the Interior~~

By R.H. Cowman

Form 555  
Revised, Dec., 1923

# GRAZING PERMIT *for Exempt stock*

~~10-YEAR, ANNUAL, SHORT SEASON, OR TEMPORARY~~

(This permit can not be transferred or renewed except in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture.)

March 7, 1929

(Date)

David Lewis

(Name of permittee)

Clover, Idaho

(Post office address)

DEAR SIR:

Subject to payment of all fees required by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture governing grazing on the National Forests, you are hereby authorized to pasture on lands of the United States

in the Idaho National Forest, within the area described below, or as modified in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture during the period specified in the letter of transmittal approving your application, the number and class of stock stated in the letter of transmittal furnished you each year by the Forest Supervisor, which when received back by you, stamped "Paid," shall validate this permit for the time stated in said letter and become a part thereof. This permission, however, to become null and void immediately upon your failure to pay promptly any such fees when due or upon any violation of the terms of your application or of this permit, including the stipulations on the back hereof, or of the provisions of any such letter of transmittal or of said regulations, or in the event said lands shall be eliminated from said National Forest.

Ranger District #7/ Watershed of Rush Creek and drainage adjacent  
(Description of area covered by permit.)  
to the Lewis ranch.

You are hereby authorized to graze 9 head of horses yearlong  
season. These horses to be grazed as exempt stock without charge.

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*J. M. Farrell*  
Ranger or Forest Supervisor

**Boise-Payette Lumber Company**  
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BOISE, IDAHO



RECEIVED ON

MR. DAVE LEWIS,  
BIG CREEK HEADQUARTERS,  
VIA WAREHOUSES, IDAHO.

VIA WARRENS

CLOVER, IDAHO

Mr Dave Lewis



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BOISE, IDAHO



MR. DAVE LEWIS,

CLOVER, IDAHO.

VIA WARRENS, IDAHO

BOISE PAYETTE, INC., SUCCESSOR TO

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MANUFACTURERS OF LUMBER AND LARCH  
PONDOSA AND LARCH



February 12, 1932.

Mr. Dave Lewis,  
Clover, via Warrens, Idaho.

Dear Uncle Dave:

I may be able to purchase your ranch by May 1st. Will you let me know what your price for it is - you to retain a life estate in the place - during your life with the right of myself and friends to put up cabins and use the ranch for our headquarters subject only to your life estate rights for yourself and your stock and such stock as you winter for others.

I expect to go to Seattle about March 12th and will see Neil Jamison and Jim Clapp. I have been expecting to go over there for some time before this but have been delayed. I am now on the federal trial Jury for probably rest of month.

Just received letters from Dr. Bumpus and George Little in which they both wish to be remembered to you.

Sincerely,

*Harry Shellworth*  
Harry Shellworth

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Claims, Idaho  
Lewis, David  
Blackfoot H.E. 039621

November 2, 1927.

The Forester,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This claim is located in the interior of the Idaho Forest near the confluence of Big Creek and Middle Fork Salmon River. The claimant, Mr. David Lewis, is a splendid citizen, a man 64 years of age, and becoming rather feeble. I visited his claim and saw him about the middle of October, and he was rather disturbed over a letter from the local Land Office requiring him to submit affidavits to the effect that the notice of intention and plat of survey had been posted on the claim during the period of publication.

You will appreciate the position of Mr. Lewis, when you consider his age, and the fact that it is 75 or 100 miles from his place to the nearest notary; that winter was approaching; and that he was not strong. The greater part of a trip to a notary would have to be made by him with saddle and pack horse. In order to help him out as much as possible, I took his deposition as to the posting of the necessary documents, and swore him to it. I forwarded this to the local Land Office with a letter explaining the situation.

There is no question as to Mr. Lewis' compliance with the Homestead laws, and no question but what the notice of intention and plat were posted upon the claim during the necessary period. In fact, they still remained

The Forester.

posted when I was there, and gave every evidence of having been posted for a long time.

I think it would be a very fine thing if some member of your office could take the matter up with the Commissioner's office, and if necessary secure the waiver of the technical requirement of affidavit, and if possible hasten the action to issue patent, since, because of his advanced age, Mr. Lewis is very desirous of securing patent and putting his affairs in final shape. I shall be glad to be informed of the results of your efforts.

Very truly yours,

District Forester.



Cascade, Idaho..... Nov. 30 1931

Dear Sir:

Your letter enclosing **U.S. Patent** .....for record  
has been received.

Fees for same are..... \$1.00

Amount paid.....

Amount due..... 1.00

Kindly remit at once that the same may be placed on record.

Yours truly,

**Forest E. Robb**

Ex-Officio Recorder

By.....  
Deputy