TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I, Walter G. Lewis, Hopi Indian of Moencopi village do hereby make claim to Shoie Yazzie Johnson's Land Tract No. 53, (Shoi-Hool-The)

Shoie Yazzie Johnson, Navajo Indian, was allotted this tract of land, but due to lack of irrigation water was unable to develop and make use of the land.

Between the year of 1907 and 1908, my father, John Jenkins through a barter agreement with Shoie Yazzie Johnson traded some merchandise for this tract of land.

Shoie Yazzie Johnson then moved out to Long House Valley some sixty miles from here, where he developed more land for his use and where he had more grazing area.

I have made an extensive improvement on this land with the assistance of the Branch of Land Operation of Tuba City Subagency, Arizona. And I have managed and maintained this field for a long period of time. Prior to that time, my father, had maintained and made use of this field as Mr. Johnson had told him that no one will ever take this field away from him.

When the road was proposed through this section, the Branch of Roads asked for my permission to build a road through this field and asked me to permit them a Right-Of-Way so that the road could be constructed through there.

I feel that I am justified in making a claim to this tract of land

I feel that I am qualified to probate for the title to this land,

The foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge.

George Bancroft
Witness

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