

I, Tomassan Bega (known as Tom Keams), was born at Fort Defiance about 60 years ago, at the time the Navajos were returning from Bosque Redondo; when less than one year old we moved to this Butte Country, near Tees Toh, and have lived in this vicinity ever since. When I was a boy there were no white men, except Indian Traders in this country. I have a wife and five children, all children were born in this district. I have lived for 22 years where I am now living, have build a reservoir, have a field, home and fencing. This has never been alloted to me. We have about fourteen hundred head of sheep. We lost lots of sheep last winter on account of poor range conditions. Some years grass is good, and some years poor; it is good right now this summer. If I should be deprived of this land I would not know where to go; I have lived here all my life, I have no other place to go.

Tomassan Bega  
or Tom Keams

Witness:

*Selton Clark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this tenth day of August, 1929.



*Walter H. Bailey*  
Postmaster,  
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