

U. S. LAND OFFICE, _____

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that _____ personally appeared before me; that he is a credible witness, and is personally known to me (or has been satisfactorily identified before me by _____), and that each question in the foregoing deposition was orally propounded to the said _____ and the foregoing answers severally given by him thereto before he signed the same and after being sworn according to law; that I have called his attention to the laws and penalties against false swearing; and that the foregoing deposition was sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, A. D. 18 .

Register (or Receiver).

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE.

(To be used in all cases when proof is made before a clerk of court or judge of probate.)

State of Virginia
Rankin County
I, *J. Logan Blackfoot* in and for *Rankin County*, do hereby certify that the claimant *William M. Merriam* and his witnesses *Samuel H. Williams* and *Lemuel C. Ashby* in this proof were identified by *H. H. Duncanson* to be the identical persons named in the published notice herein.

That before proceeding to take the proof and testimony I read to the claimant and to each of the witnesses Section 5392 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and explained to each of them the import and meaning thereof.

That each of the printed questions in the testimony was read to said claimant and to each of said witnesses, and their respective answers thereto were by me reduced to writing and read to each respectively, and was there and then by them subscribed and sworn to before me.

That said proof and affidavits were taken and made between the hours of eight A. M. and six o'clock P. M. on the *8* day of *April*, 18*91* at my office at *Harrodsburg*, in said *Rankin County*.

That no protest or objection of any kind against said proof has been made or filed in my office by any person.

Given under my hand and official seal this *8* day of *April*, 18*91*.

J. Logan Blackfoot
J. Logan Deputy

We hereby certify that the within and foregoing testimony of claimant and witnesses has been carefully examined by us before transmittal to the General Land Office.

Geo. B. Starnes Register.
Mark M. Sweeney Receiver.

TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

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Pre. D. S. No. _____ Cash No. _____

Orig. Ind. No. *6679 R. C. No. 473*

NAME OF CLAIMANT,

W. J. Merriam

LAND OFFICE AT

Rankin County

Approved:

Geo. B. Starnes, Register.

Mark M. Sweeney, Receiver.

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