HOW TO LOCATE ON LANDS OF THE FLATHEAD RESERVE

The detailed instructions as to the method of procedure in the registration and entering in connection with the Flathead reservation opening, as set forth officially is as follows:

Dear sir: You are informed that a registration for the opening of the Flathead Indian reservation in Montana, the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation in Idaho and the Spokane Indian reservation in Washington will begin on July 15 and end on August 5, 1909. Any person qualified to make either an original, a second or an additional homestead entry may register for lands in any or all of those reservations. All who desire to register must go, in person, to the following registration points to swear to their applications for registration; to either Kalispell or Missoula, Montana, to register for Flathead lands, to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to register for Coeur d'Alene lands and to Spokane, Washington, to register for Spokane lands.

Applications for registration may be sworn to before any notary public designated by me for that purpose, and should not be sworn to before any other officer. The notaries before whom applicants are sworn will furnish blank forms of application for registration and printed envelopes in which to mail the applications to me at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, which is the only place at which applications will be received, and they must be forwarded by ordinary mail and not by registered mail. No envelope will be received which bears a return card or any other words which indicate the name of the person who mailed it.

Soldiers or sailors who were honorably discharged after ninety days' service during the war of the rebellion, the Spanish-American war or the Philippine insurrection, or their widows or minor orphan children, need not go to either of the registration points for the purpose of registering, but may register through agents appointed by them for that purpose. All agents must be appointed on blank powers of attorney, which will be furnished by me on application at Washington, D. C., at any time before July 5, and after that date at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Soldiers, sailors or their widows or minor orphan children may appoint the same or different persons to act for them in registering for different reservations, but no person can appoint more than one agent for the same reservation and no agent can register for more than one soldier for any one reservation. A different and separate power of attorney must be given for each reservation to the same or different persons.

Powers of attorney must be sworn to by soldiers, sailors, their widows or minor orphan children, or their guardians, before some officer having a seal and authorized to administer oaths at some place within the United States, and the name of the agent must be written into the power of attorney before it is sworn to by the soldier. The application for registration presented by the agent must be sworn to by him at a registration point for the reservation for which he registers.

All applications for registration must reach me through ordinary mail at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, before August 9 and all of the envelopes received prior to that date which contain applications for registration will then be thoroughly mixed and envelopes will be selected therefrom indiscriminately, one at a time, and the application therein numbered as selected. The numbers thus assigned will control the order in which entries may be made; For instance, the person whose application is numbered one will be given the first choice of all the lands subject to entry in the reservation for which the application was presented, the person to whom number two is assigned will be given the second choice, and so on. As soon as numbers are assigned in this manner, notices giving the numbers assigned will be mailed to the addresses given in the applications for registration, and in cases where applications are presented by agents, notices will be mailed to both the agents and the persons by whom they were appointed.

Persons who register should be careful to give in their applications for registration the postoffice address (including street numbers) to which they desire their notices mailed, and if they change their addresses after registration, they should request the postmaster at the addresses given in their applications to forward their mail to their new addresses. Numbers will not be assigned to a greater number of persons than may be reasonably expected to induce the entry of all the tracts subject to entry, and no notice will be mailed to any person to whom a number is not assigned. All envelopes not selected will be opened and the applications therein carefully scrutinized, and if it is found that any person has presented more than one application, he will be denied the right to make entry under any number assigned to him.

A list of persons to whom numbers are assigned will be publicly posted and given to the press for publication as a matter of news. It will be well for all persons who register to subscribe to some newspaper which will publish a list of the numbers assigned, in order that they may be more certain to ascertain the numbers assigned to them, as the notices mailed may not reach them.

No entries will be made before April 1, 1910, and all persons iven the privilege of making entry will be notified of the exact date when they must appear and enter, and if they fail to appear on that date they will lose all rights under the numbers assigned them. The rights acquired under numbers assigned can not be sold or transferred to other persons, but if any person holding a number dies before the day he is required to make entry, his widow or any one of his heirs may make entry in their own right, on that day.

No charge will be made for the registration, but at the time of making entry, persons who apply for Flathead lands will be required to pay one-third of the appraised value and persons who apply for either Coeur d'Alene or Spokane lands will be required to pay one-fifth of the appraised value. The remainder of the purchase money on all these lands may be paid in five equal, annual installments and failure to make any payment, when it becomes due, will result in the cancellation of the entry and the forfeiture of all former payments.

Residence must be begun within six months after the date on which the entry is made and continued, with cultivation, until a patent has been earned, either by five years' residence and cultivation and the payment of the installments annually, or by fourteen months' actual and continuous residence and cultivation and the payment of all the unpaid purchase money, on all of the lands except the timbered lands in the Coeur d'Alene reservation, which can only be obtained by five years' actual and continuous residence and cultivation and the payment of the annual installments, as commutation is not allowed for them.

A soldier, sailor, or his widow, or minor orphan children, to whom a number is assigned, may file a declaratory statement, either in person or by agent, on the day assigned for that purpose, or may make entry at that time if he prefers. If a declaratory statement is filed, a fee of two dollars must be paid at that time, but the first payment of the purchase price will not be required then. Within six months from that day he must begin his actual residence on the land and make entry. At the time a soldier's entry is made the payments required of other entrymen must be made. After soldiers, sailors, their widows or minor orphan children have actually resided on the land for twelve months they can claim credit on the remaining four years' residence required by the law for the period of the soldiers' military service; For instance, if such service amounted to four years, only one year's residence will be required; if it amounted to three years, two years' residence will be required, and so on; but there must be one year's actual residence, regardless of the length of the military service. Persons who were soldiers or sailors in time of peace and did not serve during any of the wars mentioned above cannot register by agents or claim the rights given by the law to soldiers and sailors who served in time of war.

The following persons are not qualified to make homestead entry:

1. A married woman, unless she has been deserted or abandoned by her husband, or unless her husband is incapacitated by disease or otherwise from earning a support for his family, and she is the head and main support of the family.

2. One not a citizen of the United States, and who has not declared his intention to become such.

3. One under twenty-one years of age, not the head of a family.

4. One who is the proprietor of more than one hundred and sixty acres of land in any state or territory, and the ownership of one hundred and sixty acres and a town lot disqualifies the owner from making entry.

5. One who has acquired title to or is claiming under any of the nonmineral public land laws, through settlement or entry made since August 30, 1890, any other lands which, with the lands applied for, would amount in the agregate to more than three hundred and twenty acres.

6. One who has previously made homestead entry, unless he is entitled to make second homestead entry, which second entry may be made by:

a. One who commuted a homestead entry prior to June 5, 1900, and has not since that date made additional homestead entry.

b. One who, prior to May 17, 1900, paid for lands in a former Indian reservation, to which he would have been afterwards entitled to receive patent without payment, under the "Free Homes" act.

c. One who for any cause lost, forfeited, or abandoned his homestead entry prior to February 8, 1908, if the former entry was not canceled for fraud or relinquished for a valuable consideration. Where such entryman sold his improvements or sold the relinquishment of his entry, he is not entitled to make a second homestead entry, regardless of the fact that his improvements may have cost him more than the amount received for them.

d. One who has already made final proof on less than one hundred and sixty acres may, if he otherwise qualified, make an additional entry for such an amount of land as will, when added to the amount for which he has already made proof, not exceed in the aggregate one hundred and sixty acres.

Commissioners appointed by the government have classified the lands subject to entry in the Flathead reservation as follows: 40,229 acres as agricultural lands of the first class; 75,019 acres as agricultural lands of the second class, and 336,189 acres as grazing lands. These lands have been appraised at from $1.25 to $7.00 an acre. Portions of the lands thus classified in the Flathead reservation have been withdrawn from entry under the reclamation act and will not be subject to entry under this opening. I cannot give you the area of the lands so withdrawn or tell you the probable date when they will become subject to entry. The Coeur d'Alene lands are now being classified into agricultural lands, grazing lands and timbered lands, and the lands in the Spokane reservation which will be subject to entry are being classified as agricultural lands. These lands will be appraised before they become subject to entry, but I am unable to give you at this time either the area which will be embraced in the various classifications or the price at which they will be appraised. There are about 290,000 acres in the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation, including the timbered lands, all of which will be subject to entry under the homestead laws at their apraised value, and there will probably be about 50,000 acres of the Spokane lands which will be classified as agricultural and be subject to entry. The timbered lands in the Spokane reservation can not be entered.

I have no personal information as to the character or productive quality of these lands. It is reported that they are best adapted and some of them well suited for the growing of wheat, oats, and barley, and other small grains, root crops and fruits.

Appended hereto are reports furnished by the United States weather bureau, showing the rainfall and temperatures at the points near each of these reservations.

All the registration points are located on railroads at the following distances from St. Paul, Minnesota: Kalispell, 1,207 miles; Missoula, 1,254 miles; Coeur d'Alene, 1,462 miles and Spokane, 1,476 miles by one route and 1,511 miles by the other. Spokane is located 32½ miles by rail from Coeur d'Alene, 257 miles from Missoula, and 268 miles from Kalispell.

If you contemplate attending this registration, it may be to your advantage to investigate the cost of transportation to and from the points as compared with the cost of the round-trip excursion ticket to Seattle, Washington, which will be on sale at reduced rates, with stopover privileges at the registration points, by all or most of the railroads during the time of registration is in progress.

These are the only Indian lands to be opened this year, except the Cheyenne river and Standing Rock lands in North and South Dakota, which may be opened in October next. Information as to the opening of these lands will be mailed to you as soon as it is ready for distribution.

Very respectfully,

JAS. W. WITTEN,
Superintendent Opening and Sale of Indian Reservations.
Department of the Interior,
General Land Office,
Washington, D. C., May 24, 1909.

ANY PERSON MAY ACT AS AGENT.

More particulars in regard to registration for the reservation lands were received of the Missoula land office. received of the Missoula land office. The latest information refers to the qualifications which may entitle an agent to act for former soldiers. The letter, signed by James Witten, superintendent of the opening, states that many inquiries have been received in the Washington office from people in this district, and the letter is sent out as an answer to these inquiries.

It is stated that any person, married or single, male or female, may act as agent for former soldiers, providing that the person is over the age of 21 and possesses a power of attorney duly executed. No person can act as agent for more than one soldier at any registration point, but the same agent may register for the same or different soldiers for each of the three reservations, but a separate power of attorney is required for each registration.

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