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GEORGE M. ANDERSON.

MARCH 30, 1897.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 995.]

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 995) for the relief of George M. Anderson, of the State of Nebraska, beg leave to report the same back favorably with the recommendation that it do pass as amended.

George M. Anderson resides at Mariaville, Rock County, Nebr. August, 1892, he established a residence on the NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 28, T. 95 N., R. 69 W., in Gregory County, S. Dak., constructing thereon a sod house 14 by 30 feet, a sod barn 14 by 75 feet, an outside cellar 10 by 16 feet, dug and curbed two wells, fenced 75 acres and put 80 acres under cultivation. These improvements had an aggregate value of about \$600. The settlement on and improvement of the land was made in good faith by Mr. Anderson and with a view of acquiring title under the homestead laws, and in the full belief that he was locating upon that portion of the Big Sioux Indian Reservation opened to settlement by the proclamation of the President of the United States of February 10, 1890. His belief was founded upon the best information obtainable at the time. When the United States survey was made in 1895, and the line between the ceded and reserved Indian lands in Gregory County, S. Dak., was established, he learned for the first time that the land he had taken as a homestead was within the boundaries of those set apart for the Indians receiving annuities at the Rosebud Agency. In August, 1895, Mr. Anderson abandoned his land in Gregory County, S. Dak., leaving his improvements, thereby sustaining a loss to the amount of their value as above stated. His homestead entry and residence on and cultivation of said land were bona fide and continuous from August, 1892, to August, 1895.

The committee submit as a part of this report the following affidavits:

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ROCK COUNTY, ss:

I, George M. Anderson, being duly sworn, depose and say that my post-office address is Mariaville, Rock County, Nebr.; that in August, 1892, I established residence upon the NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 28, T. 95 N., R. 69 W., in Gregory County, S. Dak., and made the following improvements thereon, to wit: Sod house 14 by 30; sod barn 14 by 75; outside cellar 10 by 16; two good wells, curbed up; 75 acres fenced; 80 acres broken and under cultivation, of the aggregate value of \$650; that said settlement and improvements were made in good faith with the view of acquiring title to the land under the homestead laws, and in the full belief that the same was upon

that portion of the Big Sioux Indian Reservation opened to settlement by the proclamation of the President of the United States dated February 10, 1890, which belief was founded upon careful observation and the best information obtainable; that when the Government survey was made in 1895, and the line between the ceded and reserved lands in Gregory County, S. Dak., was established, I for the first time learned that land above described was within the boundaries of the land set apart for the Indians receiving annuities at the Rosebud Agency; that in August, 1895, I abandoned said land, leaving thereon all of the above-described improvements, by which removal and abandonment I sustained a loss of not less than \$650; that my residence upon said land was bona fide and continuous from August, 1892, to August, 1895, and was made and maintained with the view, as above stated, of acquiring title thereto under the homestead laws.

GEO. M. ANDERSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of March, 1897.

[SEAL.]

J. H. LAYNE, *Notary Public.*

STATE OF NEBRASKA, *Rock County, ss:*

I, George M. Anderson, being duly sworn, depose and say that my post-office address is Mariaville, Rock County, Nebr.; that in August, 1892, I settled upon NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 28, T. 95 N., R. 69 W., in Gregory County, S. Dak.; and that I made upon the said land the following improvements, to wit, one sod house 14 by 30, sod stable 14 by 50, outside cellar 10 by 14, about 60 acres fenced with two wires, and 75 acres under cultivation, two good wells, curbed up; the aggregate value of said improvements was \$650; that said settlement and improvements were made in good faith with the view of acquiring title to the same under the homestead laws, and in the full belief that the same was upon that portion of the Big Sioux Indian Reservation opened to settlement by the President's proclamation dated February 10, 1890, which belief was based upon careful observation and the best information obtainable; that when the Government survey was made in 1895, and the lines between the ceded and reserved lands in Gregory County, S. Dak., established, I found that the land above described was within the boundary of the land set apart for the Indians receiving annuities at the Rosebud Agency; that in August, 1895, I abandoned said land, leaving thereon all of the above-described improvements, by which removal and abandonment I sustained a loss of not less than \$650; that my residence upon said land was bona fide and continuous from August, 1892, until August, 1895, and was made and maintained with the view, as above stated, of acquiring title thereto under the homestead laws of the United States.

GEO. M. ANDERSON.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24th of March, 1897.

[SEAL.]

G. A. HILLBURY, *Clerk District Court.*

STATE OF NEBRASKA, *Rock County, ss:*

We, W. H. Scott and Frank Sageser, being duly sworn, depose and say that after hearing the above affidavit read (which was made by George M. Anderson), hereby certify that the same is true in all respects, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. H. SCOTT.

FRANK SAGESER.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24th day of March, 1897.

[SEAL.]

G. A. HILLBURY, *Clerk District Court.*

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of this bill, with the following amendment: Strike out the words "without any fees or payments to the Government, excepting the local land office fees," in lines 7, 8, and 9.