

HA12 Frank and Rebecca Doolittle Place

Map 6: T5S R7E S. 26

See F32, see also People and Places entry, HA01 and HA03.

This document was located after the data was finalized for the project.

Doolittle declared entry August 5, 1904 so it was entered as an HA and predated the TNF.

Some maps also show a tract in this area (see Lowden's 1894 map and the Base Map) owned by his father W.H. Doolittle. It may be one and the same parcel since the original GLO survey was so inaccurate. Further research will be needed to clarify the history of this tract of land.

There was no other information on this tract but it is clear that the land was patented (see letter below) on January 9, 1911.

Homestead Entry File Documents are listed below.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT

Trinity NATIONAL FOREST

Weaverville, California,
(Place)

May 23, 1910.
(Date)

Mr. John T. Gray,
Ruth, California.

DEAR SIR:

The Land Office at Eureka, California has given notice that Frank T. Doolittle, of Lake Mountain has filed notice of his intention to make final Five Year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead (Serial No. 0866) Entry No. 5248, made August 5, 1904, for the SE SW Sec. 26, NE NW and N 1/2 NE

Section 35 Township 5 South Range 7 East H. M., and that said proof will be made before The United States Commissioner at Covelo, on June 22, 1910

He names the following witnesses:

John G. Griffith of Lake Mountain, California
Lorenzo B. Davis, of Caution, "
S. E. Gettis, of Lake Mountain :
Amos Powers, of Lake Mountain, "

Please make prompt report in the above case, on Form 655, in order that the Forest Service may take appropriate action and notify the Land Office prior to the date of final proof.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Hayley
Supervisor.

United States Department Of Agriculture
Forest Service
Trinity National Forest

Report On Agricultural Settlement
(Homestead Claim)

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Frank T. H. E. #5248 - Eureka

Trinity National Forest
Eureka Land District

1. Claimant

Frank T Doolittle, Post Office address, Lake Mountain, Trinity County, California. The claimants wife lives on the claim, but his children are grown and do not live with their father.

2. Description Of Claim

Homestead entry No. 5248, embracing the following lands;

SE SW Sec. 26, NE NW and $1\frac{1}{2}$ NE Sec. 35 T 5 S.,
R 7 E., H. E.

3. Topography And Surface

SE SW Sec. 26 Land is mountainous, South and SE exposure, slope 10% - land open and semi open. On 25 acres the surface is fairly smooth, remaining part some what broken.

NE NW Sec. 35, mountainous land, South and SE exposure, slope 10% or better on 20 acres of the tract the surface is fairly smooth the remaining part broken by steep ridges and canyons - is of little value except for grazing purposes.

NE NE Sec. 35. mountainous land, general SE exposure, slope 20% or better, the surface is in most part rough and broken.

NE NE Sec. 35, mountainous land, SE and West exposure, slope 20% or better, the surface is rough and broken. the land

is of little value except for grazing purposes, it being in most part brush covered. Over the entire claim if cleared of brush and timber probably 45 acres could be plowed. Altitude of claim approximately 2400 to 2850 ft. above sea level.

4. Settlement And Residence

The claimant Frank T Doelittle and family settled on this land in the summer of 1903 and have since that time maintained a continuous and unbroken residence on the claim. He filed August 5, 1904. Information as given by the claimants wife. L. C. Bean of Zenia, California, states that he has passed this place on an average of 12 to 15 times a year since 1904 and he always saw land under cultivation and the claimant and family living there. Augustus Fuss and Church D Willburn both of Caution California make like statements that the claimant has lived continuously on the claim during the past six or seven years and possibly longer. Found 12 or 15 acres of land under cultivation, beds, bedding, stoves cooking utensils, chairs, tables and various other household furniture.

4. Improvements

A frame house, two storys, main building 18' X 36' walls made of split and dressed material, porch 7' wide along one side of building, kitchen in the form of a T on other side of building 16' X 18' walls of same material as main house, building is covered with split shakes, has 12 windows (double) 6 doors, floors and ceilings, four rooms on lower floor, the

The building is habitable at all seasons of the year and is probably worth \$300.00

A frame barn 18' X 30' walls 16' high, shed 14' wide on each side of building, walls made of split material 5' long nailed upright, roof covered with split shakes, probable value \$200.00

Poultry house, frame structure 16' X 18' walls 9' made of split weather boards nailed to studding, roof covered with split shakes, probable value \$50.00

Store house similar to the above building is probably worth \$50.00

Hog house 14' X 16' walls 5' high made of logs, roof covered with split shakes, probable value \$50.00

There is approximately 480 rods of picket fencing and 180 rods of brush fencing. A nice ~~wide~~ stream of water flows near the cabin. All of the improvements have been built by the present claimant.

4. Cultivation

During the years 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910 from 10 to 15 acres of land cultivated, 1 to 3 acres planted in garden, corn, potatoes and small garden truck. 8 to 10 acres sown in grain, wheat, oats, and barley, 1 acre in Alfalfa. These crops are cut for hay and fed to stock on the ranch - 10 to 15 tons of hay cut each year. There is on the claim 75 to 80 fruit trees, apples, pears, peaches

and other fruit, the trees are all bearing. No slash on the claim but probably 2 or 3 acres has been cleared and is now ~~wholly~~ as a garden.

7. Grazing

The claimant keeps 10 or 15 head of cattle, 2 or 4 head of horses and a few hogs.- also owns a few chickens and turkeys. These stock graze at large, but not on National Forest Range.

8. Timber

No timber-land on the claim, scattered Douglas Fir and Yellow Pine occurring over the entire tract will amount to 500 M ft. and is probably worth \$400.00. No timber cut on the claim except for necessary improvements, all timber cut has been used on the claim - (date of cutting) extending from 1903 to the present time. The claimant has sold no timber from the claim.

9. Additional Information

The claim is used for home-building purposes only. The claimant does not own more than 160 acres of land. The claim has not been sold or mortgaged that I can ascertain. The land is chiefly valuable for agricultural purposes. Examined June 10, 1910.

10. Good Faith.

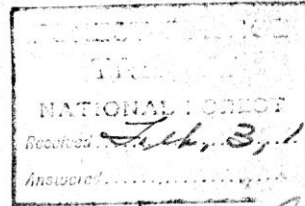
The claim has the appearance of a permanent home, there is ~~gard-~~ens and grain crops growing, fields and pastures enclosed, the house, barn and other improvements are well constructed and in good repair. The claimant is living on the land and

there is household furniture on the claim necessary to
make a home reasonably comfortable.

Ruth, California.

June 22, 1910.

John L. Gray
Forest Ranger



Copy for Ranger Gray.

Department of the Interior
General L. O.
Washington

January 14, 1911.

The Forester,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, of August 8, 1910, you are advised that Eureka Homestead patent No. 168686, Serial No. 0866, in the name of Frank D. Doolittle, for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 35, T. 5 S., R. 7 E., in the Trinity National Forest, issued January 9, 1911, and has this day been transmitted to the local office.

Respectfully,

S. V. Proudfit,

Assistant Commissioner.

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