

**James R. Williams**

**HF04 Map 3: T4S, R7E, S.8**

See H.E. File 5439. There is a hard copy file for this tract.

Williams applied for 160 acres on the western edge of Kettenpom Valley, but was approved entry for only 40 acres. The location of the tract is very problematic and it is plotted on the Base Map (in dashed lines) based somewhat on topography since the original GLO survey was so inaccurate. Refer to F10 from more information on problems plotting tracts in this area on the Base Map.

The *Report on Agricultural Settlement* dated December 5, 1907, noted that Williams, who had no family, first filed for entry in 1907 on a tract that turned out to already be patented land (the problem was probably related to the inaccurate GLO surveys note the highly irregular Section lines in this area):

Claimant camped on the land during the Spring months of 1907, and built brush fence around 10 acres of land, but the enclosed land was not embraced by his entry, but is located on patented land owned by Geo. Merritt information received from Alexander Espie a man living on adjoining claim.

He then filed an amended entry on this parcel of land. MRRD Ranger Gray, who inspected the entry claim on December 2, 1907 noted that much of the tract was "...more valuable for timber than any other purpose." Therefore, while the original claim was for 160 acres only 40 acres were approved for entry.

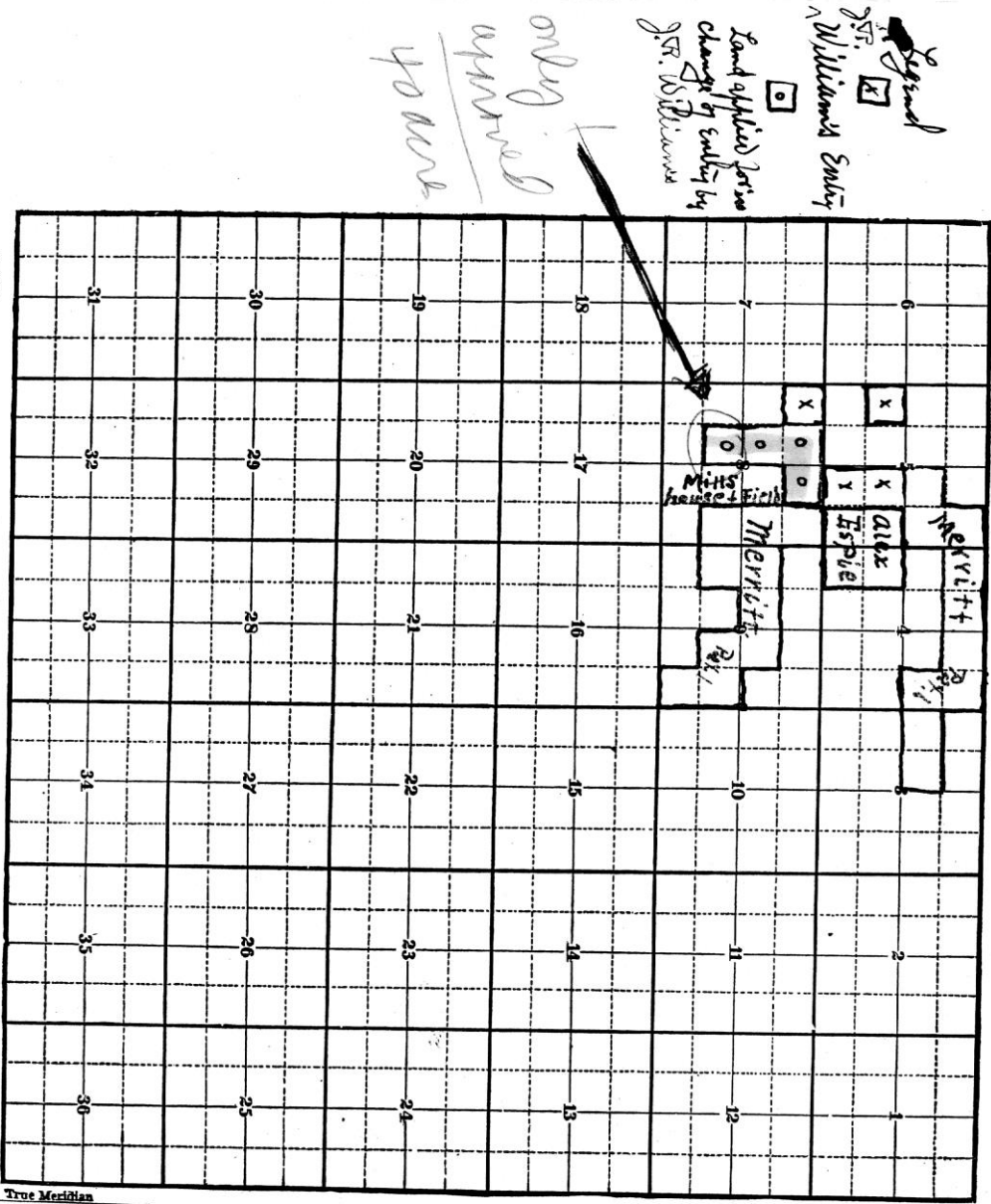
There were no buildings on the tract when Williams filed for entry. It appears that this tract was never listed. Williams does not show up on the 1910 census and none of the consultants or historic documents referenced mention his name. It is likely that given the problems with this tract of land, he did not live here very long. The portions of tract were eventually withdrawn by TNF for administrative purposes for the Hoaglin Guard Station (see NF01 and Base Map) and it is shown as FS land (and private lands owned at that time by Merritt) on TNF and SRNF maps. See the SRNF map irregular Section lines for 1977 (A2: 21b) for more insight into this problem.

The following documents were scanned from the hard file and can also be found as scanned jpgs in the directory file..

Form 974.

*Q. 4. N. R. 7 East*  
*Humboldt Co. Cal.*

HT 04



Tract Map

## Letter in File

Mr. F. H. Hooley.

Ruth Calif.

Dear Sir:

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1907

In the case of James R. Williams, Homestead entry no. 5439. Where he wishes to amend his entry by embracing the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 8 in T. 4. S. R. 7. E. H. M.

I have surveyed and thoroly examined this land and find that (forty acres) the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Sec. 8. in above named Twp. is the only portion of the land applied for in this application to amend his entry, "that is suitable for agricultural purposes, about 15 acres of which is located on the edge of Kettupome Valley, it is level open land a fairly good soil of black nature and will produce good crops of grain or grasses.

While the remaining land of 145 acres, are located on the wooded hills surrounding this valley on the west, there is mature saw timber Red Fir and Yellow Pine amounting to approximately 750,000 ft B.M. and this land has a dense cover of young Fir and Pine ranging from 3 to 8 inches in diameter

The soil ~~is a shale~~ is a loose shale excellent for timber but very poor for cultivation.

As Williams entry now covers timber land and he wishes to amend it, I recommend that he be allowed to make entry on forty acres the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 8 T. 4 S. R. 7 E. H 14.

Trusting this report may be what you wish.

Dear Yours Very

J. T. Gray  
Asst. Sec. R.

#### Memo in File

The NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 5, in the Williams case - I think should read NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ . - as the first reading would separate that forty from the bal. of the tract.

However we have given you the numbers as sent here by the Forester - so don't let this bother you - have written to the Forester requesting explanation -

J. H. K.  
By W. K.

Homestead Entry Record

Form 655

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE

*James P. Williams*  
*Homestead Entry no 5439.*  
REPORT ON AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT.

*Trinity* Forest Reserve,  
*Eureka* Land District.

1. Location of settlement or farm: *W 1/2, S E 1/4, NW 1/4, SW 1/4, sec 5 and*  
*the NW 1/4, NW 1/4 sec. 8, T. 4. S. 7P. 7 E. H.M.*  
(If land is surveyed, describe it by subdivisions; if unsurveyed, describe by streams or other natural landmarks, distances, and directions. Add a sketch map, if necessary.)

2. Name of present claimant or owner: *James P. Williams*  
Address of present claimant or owner: *Eureka at Present. Hogan when <sup>he</sup> claim*

3. If claimant has a family, of what members does it consist?  
*Claimant has no family*  
(Is their only home on this claim?)

4. Is the land patented or held as a homestead or other entry, mining claim, or simply as a squatter location? Give number of entry: *H.E. 5439*

5. Description of house, giving size, materials of which built, and number of rooms:  
*No house built on the land.*  
(What is its probable value?)

6. Description of barn and other outbuildings by size and materials:  
*No barn or other buildings on the land.*  
(What is their probable value?)

7. How much of the land is suited to tilling? *No portion*  
Acres of land under plow: *none* Acres of land under fence: *no fencing*  
Acres of land under ditch: *no ditch on the land.*

8. What does claimant raise on the land? *Claimant has harvested nothing*  
 How much was raised the past season? *no crop grown*

What area has been cultivated, and in what years? *no portion cultivated*

9. Number of acres of timberland on the claim: *160 acres*  
 Estimated number of feet of timber in board measure: *800,000 ft TBM*  
 How much, if any, timber has been cut? *no timber has been cut*  
 For what purpose cut? *none cut*  
 By whom cut? *---* Date of cutting: *---*

If cut for cultivation, has the ground where the timber stood been cultivated, and how cultivated? *no land cultivated*

If cut for improvements, was the whole amount of timber cut put into improvements on the claim? *no timber cut*

Has claimant sold or negotiated for the sale of any timber? *not to my knowledge, or that I can ascertain*

10. Live stock owned by claimant: *claimant has no stock in this locality*  
 Number of cattle: *---* Number of horses: *---*  
 Number of sheep: *---* Number of goats: *---*

Where are they grazed? *---*

Has permit been obtained for them to graze on public land? *no permit has been obtained for any stock*

11. Date claimant settled on this land: *---*  
 Date claimant filed on this land: *---*  
 Date claimant established actual residence on this land: *Has not established residence*  
 State whether claimant has lived continuously on land, or only at certain times: *claimant has been on the land only at certain times*

Give dates and duration of and reasons for absences, and report if family remained on land during such absences. Give source of information: *claimant camped on the land during the Spring months of 1907, and built brush fence around 10 acres of land but the enclosed land was not embraced by his entry, but is located on patented land owned by Geo. Merritt, information received from Alexander Espie a man living on adjoining land.*

What evidences of residence, such as cultivation or presence of farming implements or household furniture, were found by forest officers? *No Evidence of residence on claim neither house barn, fencing, furniture, or implements of any kind.*

12. Is the claim used in any way for trade or business? *no, it is not.*

13. Ascertain, if possible, whether this claimant has ever made a homestead entry elsewhere; if so, state where, and whether it has been perfected or abandoned: *Was not able to locate if Thompson had ever made entry, fore as I did not see the claimant*

14. Has claim been sold or mortgaged? *no.*

15. If this claim or entry is believed to have been made at the instance or in the interest of any others, or believed to be in any way fraudulent, give name, residence, and post-office address of reliable witnesses and abstract of their testimony: *I do not think this entry was made in the instance of any other, <sup>But</sup> J. M. Lamley, and W. H. Atkeson both of Hoagland Trinity Co. Cal. will testify as to the character of the land, it only being suitable for timber*

16. For what purpose is the land most valuable? *The land is more valuable for timber than any other purpose.*

17. Date forest officer examined this claim: *December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> 1907*

18. Remarks: *As the land William's entry now covers is timber land and unsuitable for cultivation, and as he wishes to amend it.*

19. Recommendation as to action that should be taken, and reasons for the recommendation: *I recommend that he be allowed to make entry on forty acres of the land he applies for which is as situated, described as follows NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec 8 T. 4. S. R. 7 E. H. M.*

Dated at *Bath Dec 5, 1907*

*J. T. Gray*  
Asst. Forest Ranger.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 190

Forest Supervisor.