

## Fannie Willburn Homestead Entry

**HF07** Map 7: T4S, R8E, S 29.

H.E. #390 (on file HR SRNF).

There is a copy of the homestead entry report in the hard copy file. See also HF07.

See HF01 for information about Fanny Willburn and her family living in this area. See B05 for information on the extended Willburn family. The combined Willburn parcels (HF01--James E. Willburn, Fannie Willburn--HF06, and HF07, see also IA02) were the location of a substantial homestead. As noted in the Historic Trails section and at HA06, a number of trails meet at the "Fannie Willburn place" and the Caution Post Office (location #2) was here there was also a school located in this area for a short period (see Caution/North Fork School).

The plotting of this tract on the Base Map was somewhat problematic due to problems with the original GLO survey. For that reason it was plotted based on the USGS and 1977 SRNF maps. This tract was private at the time it was visited in the mid 1980s for the Brown Land Exchange (CRIR on file HR SRNF). A copy of the map for the homestead entry is included at the end of this section.

This 40 tract was applied for after the entry on HF06 was found to have only 120 acres of "agricultural" lands under the NFHA. Willburn later applied for this 40 acre tract. See tract map below. The tract was opened to homestead entry in a letter dated July 3, 1914 (in hard copy file). The *Report on Forest Homestead Application* was filed on June 14, 1914. There were no improvements on the land but the report noted that:

The arable portion of the twenty-five acres will grow good crops of wheat, oats, barley, corn, and other grains...

...12 acres has a stand of yellow pine...In most part, the pine will average about 180 years in age. No possible chance to dispose of this timber for many years to come, the land is very inaccessible.

The report also notes that:

The applicant in this case has exercised her rights under the Indian Allotment Laws having acquired certain land in section 28 of this same town ship and range." [IA02]

The file is incomplete but it appears that the land was eventually listed as it is now private property (as of the SFNR 1977 map A2: 21b). See HF01 and HF06 for a discussion of when they Willburns left this area and moved to Round Valley.

See HF06 from a discussion of the problems in mapping these two tracts. For a discussion of when they moved to Round Valley see HF01.

Homestead Entry form and FS letters in file  
Homestead Entry Form pages 1-5

United States Department Of Agriculture  
Forest Service

NATIONAL FOREST  
SEASIDE, CALIF.  
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REPORT ON FOREST HOMESTEAD APPLICATION

Application No. 390. Trinity National Forest.  
Eureka Land District.  
Willburn, Fannie. Hoaglin, Trinity Co., Calif.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1. Location:

- (a) Forty (40) acres applied for.
- (b) SE NE, Section 29, T 4 S, R 8 E, H.M.
- (c) This tract is situated in the watershed of the North Fork of Bel River, and is about 1 mile East from this stream. The nearest wagon road is at Hoaglin Valley, four miles distance. The only present means of reaching the tract is over rough mountainous trails. Eight or ten families reside in this township. Covelo, Mendocino County, the nearest town of importance, 28 miles distance by road and trail.

2. Settlement:

- (a) There has been no settlement of any kind made on the tract.
- (b) There is no improvements of any kind on the tract and no crops grown. There is no claims whatever to the land. In the past the land has been used only for grazing purposes by stockmen living near. The tract furnishes an abundance of good feed, in the form of native grasses.

3. Claims:

- (a) There is no conflicting claims to the land. No mining claims or mineral in any quantity known to exist in this locality. If listed no small tracts of National Forest land will be isolated. The tract adjoins patented and listed lands on the North, East and West.

Climate:

- (a) Moderate. Annual precipitation about 60 inches, 3/4 rainfall, 1/4 snowfall. Dry season usually extends from about June 15 to October 15. Rainy season October 15 to June 15.
- (b) Killing frosts last occur about May 1 and again occur about October 1, with possible exceptions. Extreme winter cold 10° above. Extreme summer heat 105° F.H.
- (c) Hay crops of all kinds, fruits and vegetables.

5. Public Uses:

- (a) The tract is not needed for any public use. The tract has never been posted as an administrative site or for any use.
- (b) No needed exceptions for roads, trails, telephone lines or for other purposes.
- (c) The tract has no relation to a drivable stream.
- (d) The tract does not include or control any power sites, and it could be of no possible value in connection with any water supply either for irrigation, or power.
- (e) The tract is not necessary in the protection of a watershed or a City's water supply.

LISTABLE LANDS:      \*\*\*\*      \*\*\*\*\*      \*\*\*\*\*      \*\*\*\*\*      \*\*\*\*\*

Location and Acreage:

- (a) Same description as given under paragraph 1. Patented lands on the North and East. Listed lands on the West. No National Forest land would be isolated or separated from the principle body of Forest, should this land be listed.
- (b) Area recommended for listing, forty (40) acres.
- (c) The applicants Son, Wm. Axton, acting for his mother was present and consulted during the examination.

7. Topography and Soil:

- (a) The tract is mountainous. Thirty acres a gentle slope. 10 acres in the Eastern portion rather steep, a 25 per cent slope. The remaining part will not exceed 15 per cent.

The tract has a general South and SW exposure.

- (b) A few small ledges of solid rock in the NE portion, not exceeding one acre in all. A gray porphyry rock. Only a few scattering surface rock, not extensive enough to be detrimental to farming. The greater part of the tract is heavy gray sand loam, a few acres (7 or 8) is a heavy black loam. The soil appears to be very deep, no subsoil noted. The soil retains sufficient moisture to grow good crops of grass and hay.
- (c) A spring in the SE portion affords plenty of water for domestic use. No water available for irrigation, and none can be developed for this purpose.

#### 8. Agricultural Value:

- (a) The arable portion twenty five (25) acres will grow good crops of wheat, oats, barley, corn and other grains. Two acres of this amount will probably grow excellent gardens. These crops are grown on very similar land within 1/2 mile distance, and where soil conditions are practically the same as on this area. Hay crops yield about two tons per acre. There is very little demand for hay in this locality, when sold it usually brings about \$20.00 per ton. There are no roads for transporting crops grown, produce grown would necessarily have to be utilized on the claim.
- (b) The cost of clearing the timber or brush covered portion of this area will be about \$25.00 per acre. To prepare the open grass lands for tilling will not exceed \$5.00 per acre. This is the entire estimated cost of clearing, the applicant is probably prepared to do the work of clearing without hiring outside assistance.
- (c) In its present condition the land is worth about \$7.00 per acre. The land after being improved and prepared for cultivation is worth from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per acre.

#### 9. Forest Value:

- (a) 12 acres has a stand of yellow Pine averaging about 2 M ft. B.M. per acre, and 6 cords of Oak cord wood per acre. The Yellow Pine will not exceed 24 M ft. B.M., and its approximate value \$2.00 per M ft. A total valuation of \$48.00. The cordwood is of little or no value but can be used in the development of the claim. In most part, the pine will average about 150 years in age. No possible chance to dispose of this timber for many years to come, the land is very inaccessible.

- b) A good reproduction of Douglas Fir covering about two acres in the NW corner. an average of 500 seedlings per acre, in age it will average about 10 years.

10. Other Factors:

- (a) No other factors considered. The applicant in this case has exercised her rights under the Indian Allotment Laws having acquired certain lands in section 28 of this same township and range.

Respectfully Submitted,  
June 1, 1914.

*John T. Gray.*

District Ranger.

Approved June 8, 1914,

W A Huestis

Forest Supervisor.

# Tract Map H.E. 390

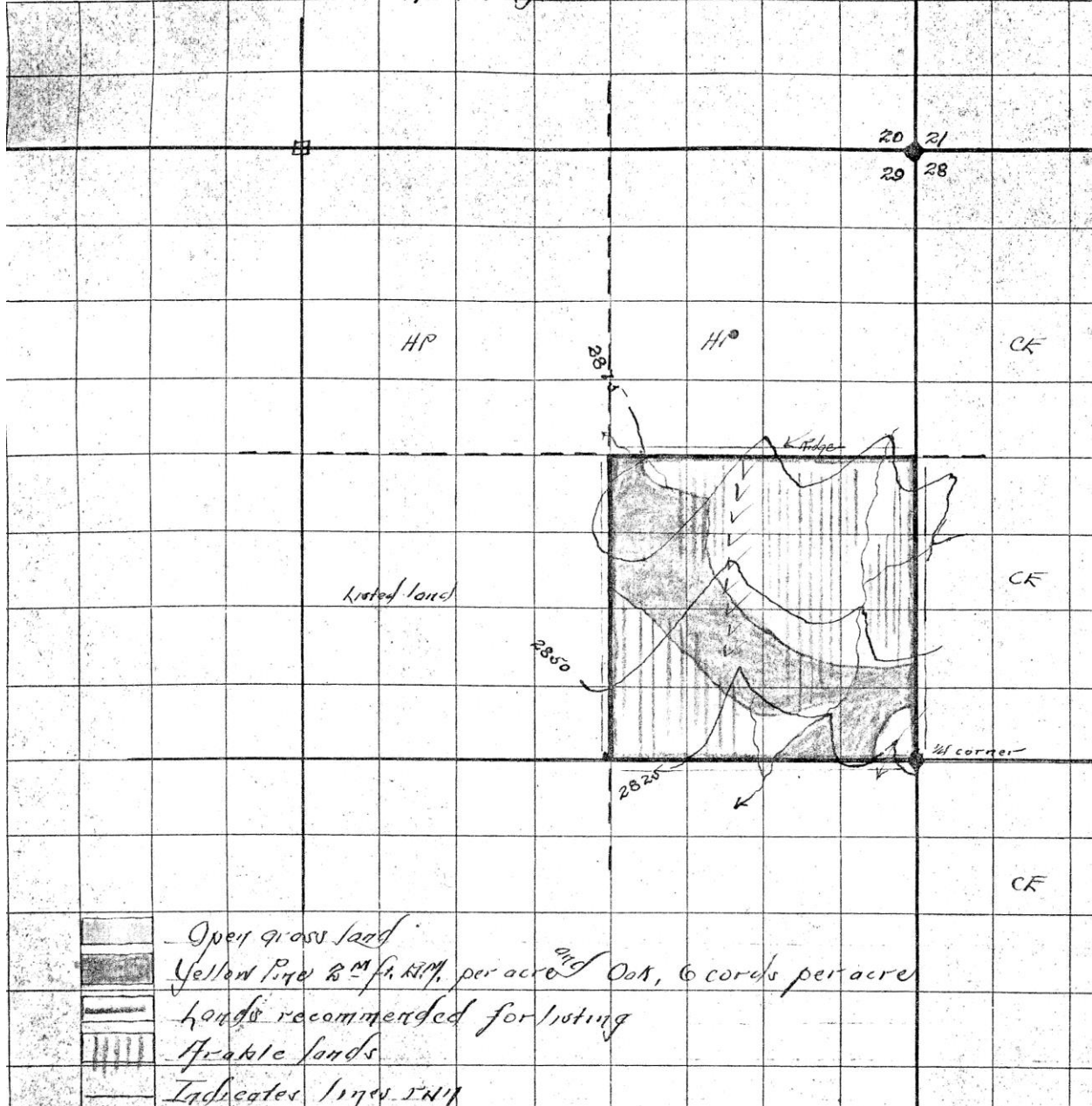
MAP SHEET 1

*Trinity - Settlement*  
*Hillbush, Tract No. 390*

Division \_\_\_\_\_ District *Enneka land*, Block \_\_\_\_\_

T. *4 S.*, R. *8 East*, H. M., Section *29*, Quarter \_\_\_\_\_

Mapped by *John T. Gray* *Ray S. Shields*  
*Forest Ranger* Scale: *8* inches = 1 mile.



FS letters in file

Form 253 S  
(Revised March 15, 1912.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE

#390 Trinity

DEC 10 1913

APPLICATION UNDER ACT OF JUNE 11, 1906.

Amended application

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Hoaglin Calif.

Trinity Co

Went Dec 4, 1913

THE DISTRICT FORESTER,  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

I hereby make application for the examination and listing, under the Act of June 11, 1906, of the following-described lands in the Trinity National Forest,

SE & NE 1/4 Sec 29 T4S R8E 4th  
(If the land is surveyed, give each smallest legal subdivision and the section, township, and range. If the land is unsurveyed, describe it by reference to natural

objects, streams, or improvements, with boundary lines sufficiently definite to identify the land, so that the examiner may easily locate it. When convenient, submit sketch of the land on the township plat, last page.)

I am entitled to make entry under the homestead laws and the Act of June 11, 1906. I have actually been upon the land above described and believe it to be chiefly valuable for agriculture, having settled upon it (or examined it) No Improvements on the land

(Give the date of settlement or the date of the examination, the character of the improvements, if any, and the amount of cleared land.)  
Approximately 25 acres of land  
Examined Dec 1, 1913

My present address is Hoaglin, Trinity County California

Mr. James Willburn  
Applicant.

NOTE.—If the applicant, upon the request of the Forest officer detailed to examine the land, will accompany him, it will usually facilitate the examination. All applicants are cautioned against irresponsible and untrustworthy "locators." Only agricultural lands can be listed, and every applicant should satisfy himself, before applying or incurring any unnecessary expense, that the lands are agricultural.

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Trinity - Settlement  
Willburn, Mrs. Fannie #390

July 14, 1914

Mrs. Fannie Willburn,  
Hoaglin, California.  
Dear Madam:

I am very glad to inform you that on...~~July 3, 1914~~  
....~~40~~....acres of the tract of land applied for by you  
under the Act of June 11, 1906, described as follows, were  
listed with the Secretary of the Interior to be declared  
open to settlement and entry:

~~Township 4 South, Range 8 East, Humboldt Meridian;~~  
~~Section 29, SE NE;~~

Further information concerning this tract may be ob-  
tained from the Commissioner of the General Land office,  
Washington, D. C, In writing for information you should  
refer to List No. 5-2297, and give the name of the  
applicant. Your local Land office will notify you when your  
entry can be accepted, and you are cautioned against incurring  
any unnecessary expense toward filing on the land until you  
receive notice from the Land office that it is subject to  
entry.

Very truly yours,



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Trinity, Settlement  
Willburn, Mrs, Fannie #390

Copy sent Ranger

*Lucy*

JUL 3 1914

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Trinity National Forest  
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The Honorable,  
The Secretary of the Interior.

S I R :

I have the honor to request that the following de-  
scribed land (List 5-2297) in the Trinity National Forest,  
California, which has been examined and is chiefly valuable  
for agriculture and which in my opinion may be occupied for  
agricultural purposes without injury to the National Forest  
and which is not needed for public purposes, be opened to  
settlement and entry in accordance with the Act of June 11,  
1906 (34 Stat., 233):

Eureka Land District:

Township 4 South, Range 8 East, Humboldt Meridian;

Section 29, SE NE; Area, 40 acres.

The above described tract is listed to Mrs. Fannie  
Willburn of Hoaglin, California.

It is noted that Mrs. Willburn has been assigned  
160 acres in Section 28 of the above Township and range as  
Indian Allotment No. 63, January 5, 1894, approved February  
24, 1897.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Marvin, Acting

Secretary.

For Supervisor  
Supervisor