

HF19

Clarence S. Willburn homestead entry

HF19 Map 4: T4S, R8E, S 17

The tract—HF19—is shown on the Base Map at the same location as HF08 due to the fact (see below) that it was not recommended for homestead entry. Only the homestead entry number HF19 is plotted as the original homestead entry documents were not available. There may be some documents related to this tract in the HR office SRNF. The tract probably encompassed some additional lands in addition to HF08 since it was most likely for 160 acres.

Clarence Willburn (son of Aaron F. Willburn and grandson of James S. Willburn (Sr.)) filed entry for this tract of land, but later it was determined that (most) this tract that had already been applied for by Maude Willburn his cousin. This is probably related to problems with the GLO surveys. See also HF08 related to the discussion of the problems plotting tracts on the Base Map in this area.

This tract appears to have been entered by Clarence Willburn to "Block up" the property owned by other members of the Willburn family (see also IA03). See B05 for a biography of the Willburn family.

The following information was contained in a letter dated November 30, 1929, adjusting the Indian allotment to the east to conform to the plat survey in the Maude Willburn Homestead file HA08. The confusion over the property boundaries of tract HF19 arises from the fact a homestead entry claim was filed in 1928 by Clarence Wilburn. As a result of the inaccurate original GLO survey, however, most of the tract was actually already owned by Maud Willburn.

The Homestead Report for HA08 noted a house 18'x24' built of square hewn logs and shake roof with an attached kitchen 12'x15' pole-framed and shake covered (see site map below). The dimensions of this cabin are close to those recorded in the site record (05-10-54-305) for the collapsed cabin on tract HF08. In addition, the cabin logs are large square hewn logs. See images at HF08.

It was noted by the ranger in the homestead entry application for HF19 that there were no farming implements and in the house only a stove, a few dishes, table, and three old bedsteads, he concluded that although this claim had been lived on during the last three years it had the appearance of being deserted. Ranger Gray recommended "that no patent be issued."

There may be a HE file at SRNF HR that would shed more light on the issue of property boundaries in this area.