War Department,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,  
Washington, D.C., Dec 12, 1883

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th day of Dec, 1883, requesting a “Statement of Service” of John Bramford.

The following information has been obtained from the files of this Office, and is respectfully furnished in reply to your inquiry:

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that John Bramford was enrolled on the 20th day of June, 1861, at Elmwood Mills in Co. G, 8th Regiment of Mo Infy. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Wagoner on the 26th day of June, 1861, at St. Louis, in Co. G, 8th Regiment of Mo Infy. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Master Roll of Co. "G" of that Regiment for the months of July, 1861, he is reported mustered out with Co. at that date at St. Louis Mills. Name appears on same roll as John Bramford.

I am, so, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Assistant Adjutant General.

To Commissioner, Civil Land Office.
State of Oregon

County of Crook

I, John Bamberd, being first duly sworn deposes and saith that at the time, to wit: June 6th, 1885, being the date at which I was required to make affidavit and to establish my claim to the NE© 1/4 sec. 11, Tp. 12 S.R. 19 R. 29 E., the then acting County Judge, D. H. McDonald, was absent from the county seat; that said Crook county, which fact was not stated by the Clerk, H. B. Palmer; that the reason why my final affidavit was not taken at the date at which I was required to make affidavit at the date at which I was required to make affidavit, June 6th, 1885, was because I was informed by the said County Clerk, H. B. Palmer, that it was necessary to pay the required fees for making such proof. As for I could not make said affidavit, and being disappointed in getting the money to pay the salary, until the 24th day of June, 1885, the matter was delayed until said last date.

John Bamberd
HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

[Signature]

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. Carpenter, Bonneville, Oregon.

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with John Bumford, the claimant, in this case ever since he made his homestead entry No. 9281?

Ans.

Ques. 3.—Was claimant qualified to make said entry? (State whether the settler was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, or the head of a family, and whether he ever made a former homestead entry.)

Ans. He was a citizen of the United States, the head of a family and made a former homestead entry.

Ques. 4.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon? (Describe the dwelling and other improvements, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. Settled in June, 1871, established actual residence August 20th, 1871.

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant’s family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. No, but I did not think that her family had all been away at one time since first settlement.

Ques. 7.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. About 20 acres, 3 crops, besides chicory, potatoes.

Ques. 8.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. No, more valuable for agriculture.

Ques. 9.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. No, that I know of.

Ques. 10.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. Yes.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the witness is a person of responsibility; that the foregoing testimony was read to him before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 6th day of December, 1883.

(Signature)

(Seal)

(See note on fourth page.)
HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

A. Svartz, being called as witness in support of the homestead entry of John B. Bathford for A.M. Sec. 14, T. 8, N. 4, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. Ranchman, Moltosia, Sec. 20, T. 7, N. 4.

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with John Bathford, the claimant, in this case ever since he made his homestead entry No. 1281.

Ans. Yes.

Ques. 3.—Was claimant qualified to make said entry? (State whether the settler was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, or the head of a family, and whether he ever made a former homestead entry.)

Ans. He was a citizen of the United States, the head of a family, and has never been known to have made a former homestead entry.

Ques. 4.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon? (Describe the dwelling and other improvements, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. In June, 1881. Farm 14 x 40, Story and a half high—Barn 4 sheds 2 miles of road. Value $700.00 or $800.00.

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Yes.

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. He has not been absent for any length of time.

Ques. 7.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. 20 or 25 acres, raised an crop 4 seasons.

Ques. 8.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. No, I think not.

Ques. 9.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. Not that I know of.

Ques. 10.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. Yes.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the witness is a person of respectability; that the foregoing testimony was read to him before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 6th day of June, 1883.

A. Svartz.

[Signatures: A. Svartz, Clerk, Corrals City.]
John Bamford, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry No. 1281, for Sec. 34, T. 17 S, R. 7 E,
testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name—written in full and correctly spelled—your age, and post-office address?
Ans. John Bamford, Age 49 years
Campbell, U.S. Post Office, Oregon

Ques. 2.—Are you a native of the United States, or have you been naturalized?
Ans. I am a native of the United States.

Ques. 3.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)
Ans. 1st house was built 14 years ago, she and house living in 1884. June 9 to 1881. Log house, 14 x 20. Barn 20 x 30. Corn. 2 miles from Value. $700.

Ques. 4.—Of whom does your family consist, and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)
Ans. Wife and four children.

Ques. 5.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?
Ans. I was absent in Hamilton Valley seven years, working for wages. My family remained on the place during my absence.

Ques. 6.—How much of the land have you cultivated and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?
Ans. About 60 acres, four seasons.

Ques. 7.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)
Ans. It is more valuable for agriculture.

Ques. 8.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)
Ans. No.

Ques. 9.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?
Ans. No.

I hereby certify that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 1st day of June, 1883.

John Bamford

NOTE.—If naturalized, the claimant must file a certified copy of his certificate of naturalization. In a reservoir homestead a foreign born claimant, if not naturalized, must file a certified copy of his declaration of intention. In making proof, the party must surrender his original duplicate receipt, or file affidavit of its loss.

(See note on fourth page.)
NOTE.—The officer before whom the testimony is taken should call the attention of the witness to the following section of the Revised Statutes, and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

TITLE LXX.—CRIMES.—Ch. 4.

SEC. 5290. Every person who, having taken an oath before a competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed is true, willfully and contrary to such oath, swears up, or subscriptions any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment, at hard labor, not more than five years, and shall, moreover, thereafter be incapable of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. [Sec 1750.]
Affidavit for Letting Rents

The undersigned, J. B. Smith, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the owner of the property described as Lot No. 39 of N. 11, A. 13, G. 8, Section 5, Township 4, Range 3 East, and that he has rented the same to the undersigned, J. A. Brown, for the term of one year, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1875.