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I, C. H. Walker being first duly sworn depose and say that I was living near Warm Spring Indian Agency in the State of Oregon, when William W. Dougherty took charge of the Agency as United States Indian Agent on January, 1st, 1888. That I was selected to represent the interests of retiring Agent of the Agency, Jason Wheeler, and Charles L. Dougherty was selected to represent the interests of Agent William W. Dougherty, and together we took as thorough an inventory of the Government property as was possible at that season of the year, with weather cold and snow on the ground. It was quite the question to gather up all of the Government cattle, as a number out on the range or in the timber for shelter, but as for as known number carried on Agent Wheeler's returns were all alive at the beginning of the winter, hence they were receipted for by the incoming Agent. In a few weeks after this there was experienced the coldest weather I had ever known during the more than ten years residence or near the Warm Spring Agency. The mercury went down to 25 or more below zero, and snow was deep and travel was difficult. More or less stock perished during the intense cold weather, and there must certainly have been some loss among the Government cattle, but which could not be determined or ascertained until late in the spring when the unusual "round up" of stock was made by the Indians. Before this took place Agent William W. Dougherty had resigned on account of ill health, and had left the Agency, accompanied by his son Charles L. Dougherty, who felt it his duty to go also so as to take care of his aged father.

Mr. S.A. Lester, the Agency clerk was left in charge as was understanding, of the Agency property. Not long after this Special Agent Henry Heath arrived with instructions (as I am quite positive I heard him say) to receipt for the Government property, but he failed

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to do so, giving as a reason, if I remember aright, that he did not expect to remain long. During his stay of several months he made quite extensive improvements at the Agency, doing more to improve the appearance of the buildings than had been done during all of the previous years of residence there. He had the Indians work the agency roads and clean out the race at the saw-mill, and B.A. Lester told me some time after that the 5,000 lbs of flour not accounted for when transfer was made to Agent Butler, was issued to the Indians while doing this work, by direction of Special Agent Heath, but no receipts were taken from the Indians, as should have been done.

As there was no government sawyer at the Agency, Agent [redacted] employed me to run the saw-mill and take lumber for my pay. Assistance of a number of Indian school boys and two or three people were employed. Logs were cut and hauled, many of them nearly two miles to the mill and upwards of 40,000 feet of lumber was sawed of which I re-

one-fourth. From my subsequent experience as superintendent of Agency Boarding School, I know that the usual school rations are sufficient for stout able bodied Indian boys as these were when as hard as they did in order to keep me in sawlogs, and I can believe that much, if not all, of the supplies expended on Voucher NO 9 Abstract F, Second quarter, 1888, Agent Dougherty's accounts, were used by the school boys, and the policemen helping them.

As to the items of sale of subsistence to employes during Agent Dougherty's term of service aggregating \$209.95, I have no certain knowledge as to why they were not placed to the credit of the United States, required by law. For a number of years previous to this time I was clerk at Warm Spring Agency. The usual custom was to deduct the amount due from any employes for subsistence purchased, from his pay at the end of the quarter, and write out a check for the same. If other check for the balance was given to the employe. If I mistaken, the employes were paid by the Agent Dougherty for the

ending March 31st, 1888, just previous to his departure, and if the clerk collected the several amounts due as he should have done; the blame evidently rests on him, for thier not being properly accounted for. The amounts due for the second quarter and first fractional third quarter, 1888, were ~~payable~~ probably not collected for the reason if I remember aright, that the employees received their pay in Treasury Drafts from United States Treasurer at Washington, and the clerk had no chance to collect, though it was his duty to make the demand. As I was a Republican I was with the "outs", but I had a pretty good idea of all that was transpiring from knowledge gained by previous experience as an employee, and taking all the circumstances together, it is in my sincere and firm belief that neither William W. Dougherty or his representatives should be held accountable for any losses that may have accrued during his term of service as Agent at the Warm Spring Agency. I believe as long as he remained at the agency his son Charles Dougherty did all that he could to assist his father in having the Agency work carried on in all its branches and had they remained until the property was turned over to a successor there would have been a clear receipt given to Agent Dougherty.

C. H. Walker

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of February, 1895, at Albany, Linn County State of Oregon.

H. Needham

Clerk of the County Court of Linn County, State of Oregon.

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On this 8th day of February, 1895 personally ap-

peared before me the duly elected qualified and acting Clerk of the Cou-

nty Court of Linn County State of Oregon, Jason Wheeler, personally

known to me, the late United States Indian Agent at Warm Springs, Oregon

in the State of Oregon who being first duly sworn deposes and

he has carefully read and knows the contents of the affidavit
if C. H. Walker and to the best of ~~his~~ knowledge the statements

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made are true and correct. That I am personally acquainted with the
said C. H. Walker and are acquainted ~~the~~ the statement made by him in
the foregoing affidavit and ~~that~~ they are true.

Jason Wheeler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of February, 1895 at
Albany Linn County, State of Oregon.

W. Needham
Jason Wheeler

Clerk of the County Court of Linn
County State of Oregon.

