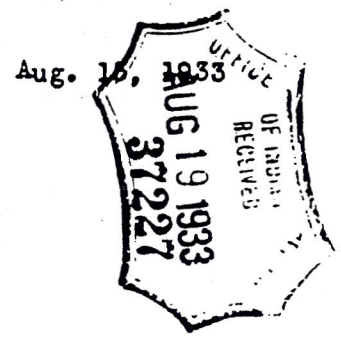




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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
FIELD SERVICE  
Sacramento Indian Agency  
Sacramento, California



The Honorable  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There was received at this office today copy of letter and enclosures sent to you under date of July 29, 1933, by a Committee of Citizens of Ione, California, reporting the condition of 93 Indians residing in Township No. 2, Amador County.

It is observed that this report fails to give sufficient information regarding the status of these Indians to enable the Office to determine what, if anything, the federal Government can do to assist the Committee in providing for their needs. Therefore the following facts are brought to the attention of the Office:

The situation of this group of Indians is similar to that of many others in this Central California area. They are classified as non-wards under the rulings of the Comptroller General because they are not members of any tribe having treaty relations with the Government, they do not live on an Indian reservation or rancheria, and none of them have allotments in their own right held in trust by the Government. They are living on a tract of land located on the outskirts of the town of Ione. This land, I am informed, is owned by a Chinaman and is about to be sold and the Indians fear they are going to be dispossessed, and they have no other place to which they can go.

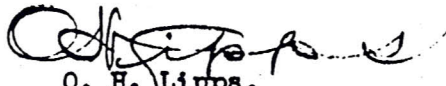
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About five years ago the Department approved the purchase of 70 acres of land in Amador County from Louis Alpers, at a cost of \$3,000. (See Office file L-A, 45877-28; 49751-26) M.A.P., Sept. 28, 1928). This land is located a few miles from the town of Ione and there is only one old Indian living on it. None of the others have desired to make an effort to establish homes on this rancheria for the reason that they are too poor to do so. They have no funds with which to purchase materials to build houses, and the Government has never made any provisions for assisting the Indians to build houses, dig wells, fence and otherwise improve the lands purchased for homesites for them in this jurisdiction.

cost to the Governm on which no Indians are livi or have ever lived. These lands are unimproved, in many cases l no water, and the Indians are utterly unable to establish homes and live upon them.

There is no possible hope of permanently improving the condition of these homeless California Indians until a way can be found to finance the home improvement program which I have outlined to the Office in previous reports and correspondence and which was brought to the attention of the Senate Committee during their investigation of the condition of the Indians in this jurisdiction last year. It is hoped the Office may be able before the passing of another year to find some way of financing this home improvement program.

Very respectfully,

  
O. H. Lipps,  
Superintendent

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