

MEMO:

Sacramento, Calif.
May 19, 1937.

Major R. H. Simpson, Superintendent of the Salvation Army Orphan's Home at Litton, Sonoma County, was in the office relative to use of the Litton Rancheria.

He states that in 1931 the Home was given an informal permit by Mr. Lipps to use the rancheria until such time as some of the Indians might wish to use it as for some years the land had been unoccupied and unused. They have cultivated the land since that time - planted grain and vetch each year and used it for pasturage of their stock. Said the land was poor and they had really not received much return for seed planted and labor of maintaining fences and planting, etc. This year there is a fair crop which they put in last fall. Hay will be ready to cut in the next week or two.

In the meantime Bert Steele, an Indian, wrote in to the office and received permission to establish his home on the rancheria property and he has wired up the gates and forbidden anyone to enter.

Will the Home be permitted to cut the hay they planted?

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(Mr. Nash, Supt. came in just as Mr. Simpson was leaving and told him he would investigate the matter and would endeavor to settle it to the satisfaction of all concerned. Would see him at Litton in the near future.

The only address we have for Bert Steele is Box 92, Healdsburg.

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