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Verona-Sacramento-River-Indians)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Oroville, Calif. January 4th, 1916.

Commissioner Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

Hereto attached will be found Census of the Indians now living in Sutter and Sacramento Counties, California, a total of 34, of which 15 reside at present in Sacramento, the first 4 named on west side of Feather river about two miles up the river from the town of Nicholous, and 15 on the Sacramento river near the little town of Verona on line of Sutter and Yolo Counties.

These Indians are very poor, landless and needy, having only the usual limited supply of household goods characteristic of the poor needy tenant California Indians.

The Indian "Mike" Murray, claims to be a full blood native, and he looks it, has some little education, being able to read and write fairly well, enjoys the respect of his neighbors, who say he is a hard working industrious Indian. It was chiefly through "Mike," that I gained information concerning the other Indians named in the attached Census, assisted by his young wife and his nephew, Jim Murray Jr.; from which it seems that the 34 named in this Census are and have been for a number of years closely identified, most all related in some way by blood or marriage, more especially is this true with those near Nicholous and Verona.

Mike Murray realizes that likely the years are not far distant when he will be unable to support himself and family as a tenant or working as a day-loberer, and expressed a very decided desire to in

some way, if possible, better his condition in life.

He claims to have had considerable experience in farming and caring for live stock, insisting that he and his people, referring to those at Verona, more particular, would be only too glad to leave the Valley and go to the foot-hills or mountain country to the east, where cheap land by allotments or otherwise might be secured.

The little band at Verona live on a small piece of river-bar, not all of which at times of highest waters is above overflow, living largely on fish, mud-hens and other water catches, supplemented by the sale of fish to the markets and individual households.

As "Mike" expressed it, they sometimes almost go hungry.

The probabilities are those living in Sacramento fare slightly better than those living along the river, as they largely earn their living by working as servants for more or less well-to-do people. "Mike" seemed reasonably certain that almost the entire band would be glad to leave the Valley and go where land, wood and water, though poor land, might be secured.

The cheapest priced land in or near the Sacramento valley is ~~about~~ \$100-00 per acre, unimproved, the improved ranging from that up to as high as \$500-00. The suggestion to move and colonize this band of Indians in the foot-hills or even higher-up in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, where possibly suitable cheap land may be found, and possibly a few allotments may be found nearby, will prove to the best advantage for these Indians, and will, I am sure, meet with hearty approval with most of them. If this should be done they could still at proper season return to the valleys and secure the usual employment, returning to their mountain home for the winters, where plenty of wood and water and mountain protection would serve to great advantage.

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Through Mike Murray I also learned of another band of Indians at present living from 25 to 30 miles to the south from Sacramento and Sacramento County, very similar situated to those of his band; and, being more or less identified with the Verona-Sacramento-River-Indians; would, "Mike" insists, be glad to join them in any effort to better the ⁱⁿ condition. My impression is that enough of these two bands could be induced to the suggested colonization proposition to insure enough of children in the school age for a successful day school. I returned through Sacramento on Xmas. day to the south of Sacramento getting off at a switch station on the Electric Ry. called Walpurt, reaching there in the night, spending the next day in an effort to secure a census and reliable facts concerning these last named Indians; but regret to have to report, on account of the scattered conditions of the Indians, recent deaths among them and the Xmas. times, was unable to secure reliable and satisfactory information. I did learn, however, that the "white plague" has gotten among them of late years, claiming a number, and that at present time there are three cases in one family, two sons and a daughter, the later having but few days of life left. I am sure the removal of these Indians from the Sacramento valley to the mountain country would prove a great blessing as tending to sooner or later stamp out this terrible plague.

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I shall on my return through Sacramento return to these last named Indians, spending ample time to learn more generally and thoroughly as to their condition, that I may more satisfactorily advise the Office.

If possible to secure auto passage will leave here at 6 O'clock to-morrow morning for Strawberry Valley to see and further report on the Keith land for Indians there. Excessive snows and heavy rains have almost stopped travel, especially private travel. Will return through here or Sacramento enroute to Ukiah, via Cortina Indians..

Very respectfully, *John J. Jernell*
Special Indian Agent

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Also 15 living in Sacramento:

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Jim Murray Jr. 21, single,

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(The 4 above named live as tenants just across to west side and up about 2 miles on Feather river from the small inland town town of Nicholas)

At Verona:

Jim Murray, Sr., 60, wife Annie 50, have 6 children, viz: Mrs. Carrie Charlton, husband Henry Charlton, a full blood, have 3 children; Viola, 22, wife of the above named M. C. Murray; Jim Murray Jr., named above; Eva 16, has a dau. 3 years old by an Indian named Jim Adams; Dave 11 and Hickey 4 years old and a granddaughter Lillie Murray 8 years old,

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John Wilson 60, wife Mary 55, have 5 children, Johny 30, Frank 27, Mary 20 - married to a German; Della 17 and Mable 14,

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In Sacramento:

Mrs. Parmelia Adams 70, has 4 children, Little 30, who has a son Fred. 10 yrs. old; Stella 25 - married to a Kanata Hawaiian Island Indian, have 2 children, Harry 4 and Susie 3; Fred Adams, wife a whitewoman, have 2 children, Elzie 12 and a son 10, and Jimmy Adams 22; Elza 16, nee Murray - dau of Adam,

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John Bull 45, a Hawaiian Indian, wife Lousie 50, 1 son, Dave 22,

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Johny Cook 50, a Hawaiian Indian, wife Martina 40, have 3 children John Jr. 18, Mary 12 and Martina 6,

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Respectfully submitted,

John J. Ferrell
Special Indian Agent.

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