

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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COUNTY OF BECKER )

Joseph E. Perrault being first duly sworn deposes and states: that he is 74 years of age and the elected Chief of one of the two Bands of Pembina Indians enrolled on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota; that he used to reside with the Greater Pembina Band on the Pembina River, 32 miles west of Pembina, N.D.; that he was well acquainted with John Baptiste Bottineau (a contraction of the name is Bat-tis Bottineau) and lived in the same house with said Bottineau for a time in 1865 and 1866; that the father of said Bottineau was Peter Bottineau whose parents were a French Canadian father named Bottineau and the sister of Red Bear, Head Chief of the Pembina Band; that the wife of said John Baptiste Bottineau was Marie Renville and her father was Francis Renville, a Chippewa half breed, but the mother's name is unknown to affiant and she was a mixed blood Chippewa; that John Baptiste Bottineau was born to affiant's best knowledge in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, where his father ran a store; that the family moved from thense to Minneapolis, later to Bottineau Prairie near Minneapolis and later still founded a settlement at Red Lake Falls in what is now Red Lake County, Minnesota; that John Baptiste Bottineau came to the Greater Pembina Band in about 1862 and worked in his Uncle's store; that he there married Marie Renville and removed to Minneapolis in 1867 and opened an office; that at the time he went to Minneapolis in 1867 he had two little girls but affiant does not know their names; that affiant knows of no other children as he only visited at their home once after the family removed from Pembina country; that affiant knows the J.B. Bottineau or John Baptiste Bottineau was duly enrolled together with his wife as members of the Pembina Band when the treaty of 1864 was made between the United States and the Greater Pembina Band; that he knows that the family drew annuities and goods from the Government under the provisions of this treaty so long as they remained in the Pembina Country; that affiant knows nothing about their payments after leaving for Minneapolis; that the Greater Pembina Band became split into three parts; that from 1868 one part

settled on the Turtle Mountain Reserve in North Dakota; that in 1874 another part settled on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota, and in 1888 a part of the Band on the White Earth Reservation removed to the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota and became members of that reservation under the treaty of 1889 between the United States and the Chippewas of Minnesota; that annuities of cash and goods were paid to the Pembinas under the treaty of 1864 until 1875, and from then until 1888 payments were made in goods only that the first annuity payment under said treaty to said band was in the fall of 1864 and further affiant sayeth not.

(signed) Joseph E. Perrault

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of August, 1916.

(signed) John A. Hinton