

Claim No. 32. Lot 28.

Claimant; Bannatyne estate;

WILLIAM SINCLAIR; Sworn, deposes as follows;

Mr. Clark-

Q. Did you ever live on this lot? A. I lived on it since '92, I think. Not as the owner of the property.

Q. But as occupant? A. Yes.

Q. Why did you go on the lot first?

A. Well, the place was willed to my boy by Tom Pratt.

Tom Pratt was a cousin of me and he died and he willed the place to my boy. He is very small so I went to live there in order to keep the place for him.

Q. How did Tom Pratt get the lot first?

A. I expect he bought it from James Smith.

Q. What time did he buy it from James Smith, after the transfer or before?

A. After, I think so.

Q. Who lived on the land at the time of the transfer?

A. I could not say, but I remember Robert Bear living there once. Whether it was before or after the transfer I don't know.

Q. But James Smith was the man whom Pratt bought it from?

A. That is how I heard it, I am not certain of it.

Q. You think that the man who lived on it before the transfer was Robert Bear? A. Yes.

Q. Do you know how Smith got to be the owner of the property.

A. No, I could not tell that, Robert Bear left this Reserve and went out west and since then James Smith had it.

Q. When you came on the property in 1892 were there any improvements on it? A. There was a little house on it.

A. Did he build that house? A. James Smith.

Q. What was done with house when you came on the property?