

County of Yakima }
Washington Territory } 88

Robert Lyon Herder of
Yakima Agency County & Territory
aforesaid being first duly sworn
deposes and says that during the
period between Jan 1st and March
1st 1886, twelve head of cattle belonging
to the United States and born on the
Property Returns of Thomas Priestley
his Indian Agent at Yakima Agency
for the first Quarter of 1886 died
at the Cattle Ranch at said Agency
from exposure, old age and starvation,
that is to say - on or about the 10th
day of January three cows died from
old age, on or about the 15th day of
February six head of cattle wandered
on the ice in search of water, and falling
down perished before assistance could
be got to them; that on or about the
18th day of February three head of
cows wandered away from the Cattle
Ranch and died, as affiant believes
of exposure & hunger before they were
discovered; and that the loss
of said twelve head of cattle was
not caused by any negligence on
the part of Agent Priestley or

any of his employees as every effort
practicable was made to save said
cattle, and that the hides were worthless,

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Subscribed VC

I hereby certify on honor that during
the first quarter of 1887 twelve
head of cattle belonging to the
United States ^{at Hakegwa Agency} and borne on my
Property Returns for the 1st Qr
of 1887, died in the manner and
for causes more particularly set
forth in the foregoing affidavit and
that the loss of said cattle was not
caused by negligence on the part of
the agent or any of his employees

US Ind Agent