

January 20, 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is John F. Schweble, I was born in 1943 and I am a retired Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper and I recently retired as the Justice of the Peace for Eureka County. I am also Kay Hunter's nephew.

As a young adult I worked as a Eureka County Deputy Sheriff and later became a Trooper for the Nevada Highway Patrol. As a NHP Trooper, I was stationed in the Reno, Hawthorn and Fallon, Nevada and in 1982, a NHP position became available in the Eureka area and I happily transferred to Eureka and moved my family and have lived in Eureka since. After I retired from the Nevada Highway Patrol in 1999, I filed for Eureka County Justice of the Peace and was elected three times. On January 7, 2019, I retired as Justice of the Peace for Eureka County.

I was born in Nevada and lived in Nevada until I was 10 years old. My parents moved to California and during my teen years (1957-1961) I would stay at the Hunter Ranch located on Simpson Creek in Eureka County and I worked for Hunters during the summer months.

I helped my aunt and uncle put up hay and ride horseback to keep the cattle out of the Larkspur (poison to cattle) during certain times of the year. I also helped them gather their cattle. We often found the bulk of the cattle in the Spanish Gulch Allotment and in the Milk Ranch Canyon among the Richmond, Lani, Middle, Bullwhacker and Fred Springs.

During my years as a teenager and during my career and an NHP Trooper and Justice of the Peace, I spent many, many days in and around the hills of the Eureka area camping, picnicking, hunting, or just joy riding and I can testify that the Hunter Ranch cattle always utilized the Spanish Gulch Allotment as well as the Shannon Station Allotment and all of the springs located on both allotments. As a Deputy Sheriff it wasn't unusual to have the Hunter cattle wander onto Hwy. 50 near where Richmond, Lani, Middle, Bullwhacker and Fred Springs are located or down the highway on into the town of Eureka. Cows are always in search of feed and water and know no limits and at that time Hwy. 50 and the town of Eureka were not fenced.

The Hunter Ranch is now, and has been owned by the Baumann's since the early 1970's, and they, too, have utilized both allotments and all of the springs on both allotments as did the Hunters in their ranching operation. Richmond, Lani, Fed, Middle and Bullwhacker springs are very important to the successful ranching operation of the Hunter/Baumann Ranch.

Signed,

John F. Schweble

State of Nevada
County of Eureka

This instrument was acknowledged before me Kathy Bacon-Bowling
by John F. Schweble.

Kathy Bacon-Bowling
Notary

My Commission Expires on: May 11, 2019

