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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1855, entitled "An Act in addition to certain acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military service of the United States," there has been deposited in the General Land Office Patent No. 114527 for 160 acres, in favor of Samuel Mc Lauren, Captain of Cavalry, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the South Eastern Section Three, in Township Seven South, Range Forty five East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Independence, California containing the patented and partly acres.

According to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General the said William Mc Lauren, having been assigned by the said Samuel Mc Lauren, in whole form, said tract has been located

Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said William Mc Lauren as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs

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heirs and assigns forever; subject to any valid and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietors of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law.

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Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and first.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

U. S. Grant

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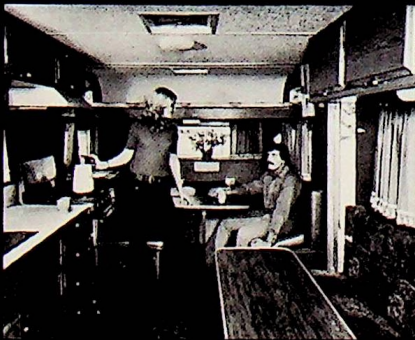
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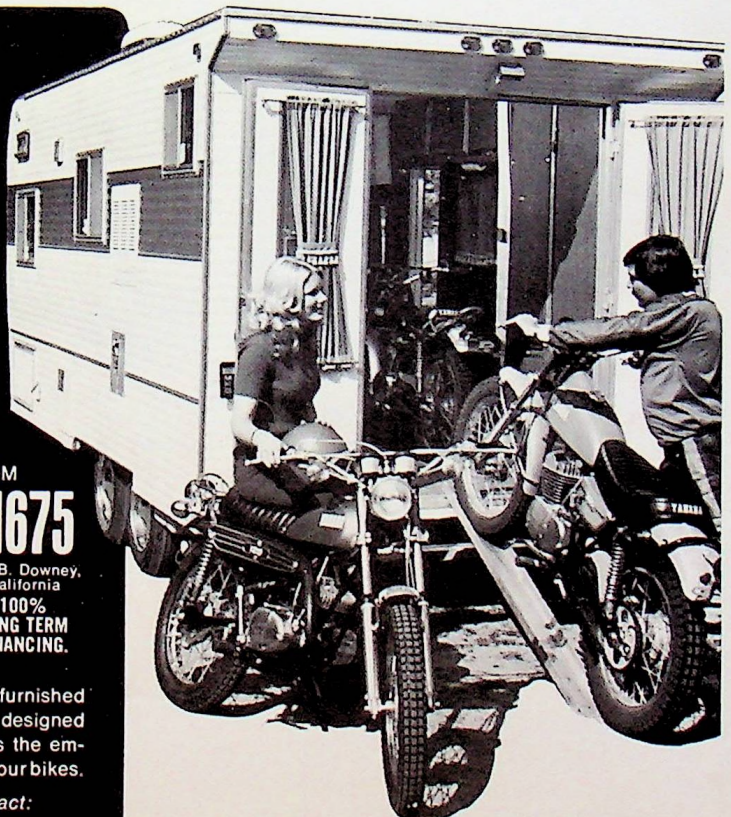


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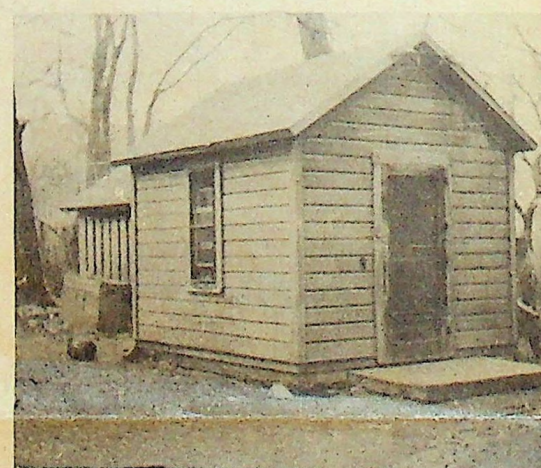
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