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WILLIAM R. BANDY

upon retirement after more than forty-four years of outstanding service in the execution of public land surveys.

Mr. Bandy began his Government career in 1906 with the Bureau of Reclamation, serving on two brief assignments. In 1911 he joined the General Land Office, now the Bureau of Land Management. His retirement on December 31, 1954, from the position of Cadastral Engineer at Billings, Montana, terminated nearly 44 years of continuous service in that Bureau. Entering the former General Land Office soon after the contract system of executing surveys was superseded by the Federal system, Mr. Bandy played an important role in establishing procedures to effect this transition. During 1931-33 Mr. Bandy was in charge of the survey of the revised boundaries of Yellowstone National Park. On this and other western projects he demonstrated his ability to overcome obstacles and withstand hardships in order to complete important surveys in virtually unexplored and inaccessible areas. His success in training technical personnel resulted in a better and more efficient cadastral surveying organization in the Bureau. An expert on problems concerning the ownership and survey of lands bordering on rivers formed by erosion and accretion, he testified in the courts as the Government's leading witness in these matters. In October 1947 Mr. Bandy was appointed Regional Cadastral Engineer with jurisdiction over public land surveys in ten States. He introduced the practice of marking distances on reference monuments and witness corners so that the true corner point was readily available without referring to written records. In recognition of his valuable contributions in the field of cadastral surveys for nearly a half century, the Department of the Interior grants to Mr. Bandy its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

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