

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
 Adjudication Claim Report 75-4195

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WATER RIGHT NUMBER: 75-4195

<u>Owner Type</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>
Current Owner	F MAXINE JOHNSTON PO BOX 38 CARMEN, ID 83462-0038 (208)756-2852
Current Owner	CARTER R JOHNSTON PO BOX 38 CARMEN, ID 83462-0038 (208)756-2852

Priority Date: 04/01/1911

Basis: Statutory Claim

Status: Active

<u>Source</u>	<u>Tributary</u>
GOLD STAR GULCH CREEK	EAST FORK TOWER CREEK

<u>Beneficial Use</u>	<u>From</u> <u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Annual Volume</u>
IRRIGATION	4/01 to 11/01	0.080 CFS	
	<u>Total Diversion:</u>	0.080 CFS	

Location of Point(s) of Diversion

GOLD STAR GULCH CREEK	NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4	Sec. 10, Twp 23N, Rge 22E, B.M.
LEMHI County		

Place of Use

IRRIGATION Within LEMHI County

T23N R22E S10	SWNW	1.0	T23N R22E S10	SENE	2.0
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Total Acres: 3

Conditions of Approval:

Remarks:

Affidavit of Gladys Swanson
6106 Mary St.
Salmon, ID 83467

I Gladys Swanson, born in Lemhi County on July 30, 1915, do hereby swear on this date that this affidavit and the article enclosed and attached described property located in T23N R22E S10 is a true and accurate account to the best of my knowledge of my Grandmother Mary Frances Steele- Abbey - Shepard who had a boarding house, boarded and fed miners; had a garden, planted and watered apple trees and had livestock and used water from Gold Star Gulch Creek which is a tributary of East Fork of Tower Creek.

Dated this 16th day of August 2005

Gladys Swanson
Gladys Swanson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of August 2005

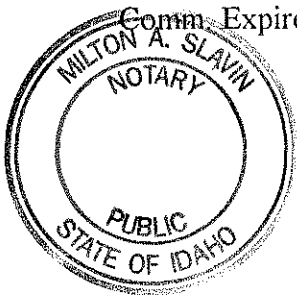
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Milton A. Slavin - Notary Public

Salmon, Idaho

Comm. Expires:

10/26/05



Mary Frances Steele

In January 1879, Mary Frances Steele, always known as May, was born in the small settlement of Silver City, Idaho. Her parents were John Steele and Josephine Clark. When she was still a youngster, the family moved to Fort Benton, Montana. There Mary met Valentine Abbey who worked for the railroad. In 1894, when she was almost sixteen, they were married in Anaconda, Montana. Valentine, described as a small peppery man, came from a wealthy Eastern family, and was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on August 4, 1865.

By September 16, 1895, when their first child, Mary Abbey (Mamie), was born, Valentine was doing well as a section boss for the railroad in Clinton, Montana. Two more children were born there, John on February 16, 1897 and Joseph, on June 19, 1899.

About 1900, the young Abbey Family moved to Idaho and settled in a sparsely populated area known as Boyle Creek. The place they chose was sadly unproductive and Valentine, known as Jack, proved to be more interested in reading and writing poetry than manual labor. They both enjoyed prospecting and had some mining claims near what later became the Silver Star Mine on Boyle Creek. Their son, Fred, was born there on November 22, 1901, and on June 30, 1904, Edward arrived.

May learned to read and write along with her children, when they went to school nearby. Their clothes were mostly hand me downs and in winter their feet were wrapped in gunny sacks. Thanks to May's large garden, they survived, with Jack doing odd jobs for neighbors on the creek. May's diary entry for February 23, 1918 said "This is a hard old world". A month later it read "Don't know how it will all end. Twenty-three years of trouble is not good for one's health". It was about that time that they were divorced, but May continued to live in the canyon with her children. In spite of her cares, she was a loving mother. She was fond of her pet deer, who wore a bell and she love to laugh, sing and play her accordion. She often told about the funny cowboy she knew as a child in Montana. He drew pictures on everything, even the fence posts. When she died, found among her things was a drawing on plain note paper, signed by Charlie Russell. It is now in the museum at Helena, Montana.

There were a number of mining men around much of the time and one of them was George Sheppard, who Mae married in 1920. They continued to live in the cabin in the mine canyon on Boyle Creek. It had two big rooms, two small bedrooms and an attached root cellar dug into the hillside. The two oldest boys were no longer living at home and Mamie was married when their son, Ben, was born in 1921.

George was good to his family, but after about

four years he was anxious to move on to a more productive area. May refused to leave her home on the creek, so they were divorced.

Years later, she and her son, Ben, sold out to a mining company and moved to a ranch on Carmen Creek. When Ben went into the service about 1947, May left her beloved mountains and animals, sold the Carmen Ranch and moved to Salmon. Even there, she had her garden and a few chickens and always a full cookie jar for all the grandchildren. May died in her daughter Mamie Webb's home on February 24, 1964, while looking through her family scrapbook.

Gladys Swanson

Aug 16, 2005
—Gladys Swanson



Ben Sheppard, Edward Abbey, John Abbey, May Steele Abbey Sheppard, Fred Abbey and Joe Abbey on Boyle Creek

Alfred James and Barbara J. Winterowd Stenersen

Alfred James Stenersen was born April 8, 1925, in Salmon, Idaho. He was the first of four children born to Andrew Stenersen and Dora Hale. He spent the first six years of his life on the Ferry Ranch near North Fork. He then moved to Baker, Idaho, for a year and attended his first year of school there. The family returned to the ranch and he attended the Fourth of July Creek School for the next seven years, being taken to school by horse and wagon or sleigh. Later, a bus, built from a truck, was used to transport the pupils.

He started working at an early age, stacking hay for six dollars and fifty cents a day, when he was ten years old. He loved to fish, especially for steelhead, and hunt. He was equally successful at both pastimes. In his early years, he enjoyed the company of his brother and sisters and numerous cousins (the Hales), who lived nearby. He helped his mother in her big garden and his father with haying.