

I, Helen I. Larson, can verify the historical use of water for irrigation from the "Back Slough" as shown in a claim to a water right claim number 63-05239. I will base this on county records, family history and stories written by my grandmother, Mina Belle Dodd Whiffin, and from stories she passed down to family members. As a fourth generation family member, I now own land irrigated by the Back Slough. The 1st point of diversion specified in this claim is on my property. My sister, Janet Lantz, also inherited part of the Dodd property. Her land is west of mine and borders the Bishop Ranch. Some of this land irrigates from the Back Slough from the 1st diversion. The 2nd diversion mentioned on the claim is on the Bishop Ranch. Smaller head gates would be used further west. My great grandfather, David P. Dodd purchased this land from Parvien Holland in 1873. The deed for this purchase, dated February 24, 1873, is recorded in the Canyon County Book of Deeds, book number 4, page 693, at the Canyon County Recorder's Office, Caldwell, Idaho. It is also recorded in the Transcribed Records, Canyon County Book of Deeds, book number 1, page 191. Mr. Holland purchased this property from Edgar Phillips on December 31, 1866. This transaction is recorded at the Ada County Recorder's Office, Boise, Idaho, in the Book of Deeds book number 2, page 107. The patent to Mr. Holland lists this land as being in Ada County, Idaho Territory. I have enclosed a certified copy of the 1866 transaction between Mr. Holland and Mr. Phillips and also a certified copy of a story written by my grandmother, Mina Belle Dodd Whiffin, which was dated November 12, 1946. This story is taken from the Abraham Sprague family History, page 66.

The following is from a story passed down by my grandmother, Mina Belle Dodd Whiffin, to her daughter, Jo Rosdahl, who recorded this information.

"The Dodd place was first homesteaded by Bob White and a Mr. Phillips, who took up two places sometime in the 1860's. They sold to Holland, 160 acres, who in turn sold in 1873 to Dodd for \$1600. Then grandpa (Mr. Dodd) took up the outside 40 acres for a timber claim."

Robert "Bob" White, or "Old Bob" as he was referred to, retained his part of the ground. His son, R. M. White, then owned the ground until it was sold after his death in 1959 to Cyrus Bishop. Cyrus's son, Wayne, now owns the ground. Wayne uses the 2nd diversion mentioned on the claim on the Back Slough for irrigation. Roger Rosdahl, Jo's son, owns ground on the south side of the Bishop property. One small field of that property irrigates from the Back Slough. That property owned by the Rosdahl's was the old Ira White Place. Ira was one of "Old Bob" White's children. Earl Uptmore lives west of the Bishop Ranch. The Madden family lived on this land in the 1860's. Earl uses the Back Slough for irrigation, also. Gary Ludwig lives on the north side of the Uptmore place. I am uncertain who owned that land early on. It could have been the Maddens, Whites, the Thomas family. Gary uses the Back Slough for irrigation. The land that these five families and myself own and operate and is watered by the Back Slough is north off Lincoln Road, Canyon County, Caldwell, Idaho. Other property I own is off Joplin Road, Canyon County, Caldwell, Idaho.

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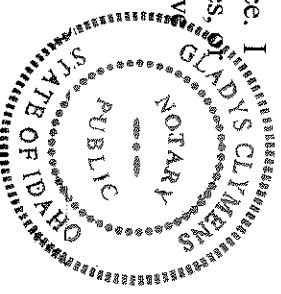


8500 Joplin Road
Caldwell, Idaho 83605

STATE OF IDAHO
COUNTY OF Canyon
On this 14th day of September, 2005
before me, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared

Helen I. Larson

known to be the person whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same.



Gladys Clymens
Notary Public for Idaho

Residing at Caldwell Idaho
Commission expires 6/1/2009

*L history of me is not much to write about. I am no longer young but am enjoying and have always enjoyed life. I was born here in the Boise Valley. Have never known any other place and am happy to end my days here.

My father, David Dodd, and mother, Isabel Sprague, came here in 1863 and 1865. They were married here in 1868. My mother died in 1888 and my father lived on until 1928, a long and useful life.

My father came here from Wooster, Ohio. He left his home around 1860, journeyed to Davenport, Iowa, taught school awhile and then on to Denver, Colorado, then to Idaho.

My mother was born near Bentonville, Arkansas, and while yet a growing girl, came across with her parents and her family to Rocky Bar, Idaho, via Kansas and Colorado. She was in Rocky Bar when news came of the death of Lincoln. They came down to Boise Valley and settled on a ranch beside my father. My father and mother had not previously in Colorado when she was only 15. My mother taught school in Boise Valley before she married.

My grandparents went on to the coast and in 1872, my parents started on, but went only as far as Walla Walla, where they wintered and then decided to come back to the Boise Valley.

My father wrote back to a good friend, Tull Wilson, and asked him to go collect 1600 dollars coming to him from Thurman, who owned a flour mill and buy the Holland place for him. When they got back, another good friend, Tom Wheatley, had the crop all planted for him.

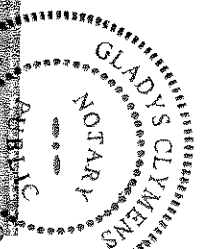
In crossing the Blue Mountains, the snow was deep and only one truck to travel. My father had his horses trained to jump out into the snow, jerk the wagon out with them, jump back into the road and jerk the wagon back. All this while the other team passed by. They had two little boys and the baby girl, born in Walla Walla. Then back in Idaho, another boy born in 1875 and then myself in 1877.

I am still on the Holland place, purchased in 1873. I married when I was 21, a young man from Bedford, Iowa, Chas. W. Whiffin. I have 7 good children, 4 boys, 3 girls. I have 9 grandchildren, 3 boys, 6 girls. My husband passed away this year of 1946 at the age of 74. I am active and busy at 69 and the days pass by all too fast.

Mine Dodd Whiffin
November 12, 1946

(*Contributed)

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Residing at *Boise* Idaho
Commission expires *6/12/2009*

Adams Territory
 Elko County

On the 30th day of December
 A.D. 1864 before the under-

signed a strong public duly
 commissioned and qualified personally appeared at
 El Paso of late and is to me personally known to be the
 identical person described in and with executed the fore-
 going instrument of writing as party thereto of the first
 part, and who to me acknowledged that he executed
 the same freely and voluntarily and for the use and pur-
 pose therein set forth.

On testimony whereof I have hereunto put my
 hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first in
 the foregoing words written

(Seal)

Attest my commission,
 Henry Phillips,

Noted for record at Powell at Mr. Jany. 1st 1864 at request
 of Elko County,

Attest my commission,
 Recorder of the County,
 J. James Thompson, Deputy.

Edgar Phillips

to

Barren Hill and

Know all men by these
 presents, that I, Edgar Phil-
 lips of Elko County, Idaho Ter-
 ritory in consideration of the
 sum of forty eight thousand
 pounds of lawful and out good
 by Barren Hill and, the receipt whereof is hereby ac-
 knowledged, do hereby convey, remove, release and forever
 quit claim unto the said Barren Hill and and to his
 heirs and assigns, all that lot, tract or parcel of land
 situate in the county of Elko, Idaho Territory and
 bounded and described as follows to wit: that certain
 piece or parcel or tract of land known as Phillips Place
 and better described by its metes and bounds as follows
 commencing at the South West corner on the line of ~~the~~
 White school, thence running in a northerly direction one
 half mile, thence easterly one half mile to the line of

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the same road, thence southerly one half mile, thence westerly one half mile to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and sixty acres of land, with all the buildings, improvements, privileges and appurtenances there being, and thence southerly or easterly. To have and hold, the above described premises to the said Garrison and his heirs and assigns, to his own use and lawful power. And the said Edgar Phillips for himself and his heirs, executors do covenant with the said Garrison that and with his heirs and assigns, that the said above described premises are free and clear from all incumbrances made or suffered by the said Edgar Phillips.

On witness whereof, the said Edgar Phillips has hereunto set his hand and seal the thirty first day of December A.D. 1866.
 Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of J. C. Witham of J. C. Witham Notary Public
 Edw. A. R. S.

Notary of Idaho, } On the 31st day of Dec-
 County of Ada, } ember A.D. 1866, present.

J. C. Witham a Notary Public in and for said county, Edgar Phillips, who is personally known to me to be the identical person described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument pertaining and acknowledged to me that he had executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the use and purpose therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and official seal the day and year above written.
 J. C. Witham,
 Notary Public.

Recorded for record at 9 o'clock P.M. Jan'y 1st 1867.
 J. H. Witham, Recorder Ada Co. Id.
 By Henry C. Witham Deputy.

STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF ADA, ss.

I, J. David Navarro, Recorder for Ada County, do hereby certify that the Annexed is a full, true and correct copy of Inst. No.

as it appears on record in Book 2 Deed Books
 at Page 107 Records of Ada County, State of Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal this
9th day of September 2025

J. DAVID NAVARRO, Recorder

By X Ence Deputy