

Water Right 29-556

Willard and Elizabeth Cheirrett

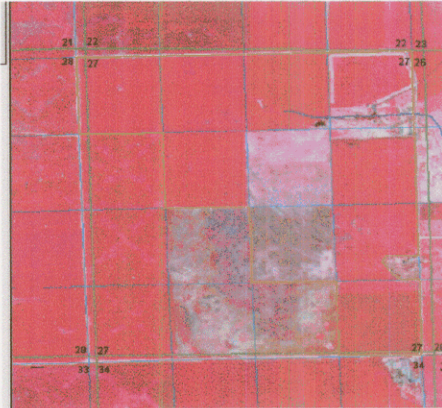


Figure 1. Township 8 south, Range 40 east.

April 13, 2002 I met with Willard and Elizabeth Cheirrett at 10 am for a field examination on their property in the Bancroft-Lund area. Irrigated acreage under this water right is, shown in figure 1 below, located in the NWNW, E1/2NW, NE, NWSE and the E1/2SE all within section 27, township 8 south, range 40 east of the Boise Meridian.

The Bancroft-Lund decree decreed to Lynn Greenwood 2.0 c.f.s. from a spring that sinks to irrigated 395 acres within these same quarter-quarter listed above, as well as stock water and wildlife in the NENE.

When Lynn Greenwood filed the SRBA claim he claimed a different point of diversion, didn't claim all the uses, and decreased the number of irrigated acres.

This property has been in the Cheirrett Family since the 1900's. It was for a time out of the Cheirrett Family but reacquired by Will and Elizabeth Cheirrett in February of 1996.



Photo 1. Looking westerly at the NENE of section 27.

Photo 1 above was taken from the Cheirrett home looking westerly to the NENE of section 27. Will installed the first pivot in the NE quarter in 1996 and the second pivot in the NW quarter in 1998, both within section 27, township 8 south, range 40 east.

The water in the first pond is commingled from both the spring and Farms Land & Irrigation Company. There is several ways of removing the water from the pond. First, it can be gravity fed to the second pond through a 12-inch pipe. Secondly, there is a gate installed in the south end of the pond that can be opened to flood irrigated land in the NWNW of section 26. Finally, the water can be pumped through a 6 or 8 inch buried pipe with a 15 hp pump to a mainline and risers that run east to west between sections 22, 23, 26 and 27.

Once in the second pond it goes into a 10 inch pipe at the south end of the pond and runs south until it meets the pipe that runs west to a 40 hp pump on the east side of Ivins Road and is pumped under the road to the pivots in section 27.



Photo 2. Where the spring surfaces on the Cheirrett property. Looking west from the canal bank.

Photo 2 is looking westerly from the Farms Land & Irrigation Company canal bank where the spring surfaces on the Cheirrett property. The spring is enclosed within the fenced area and gravity flows into the first pond through an 8" pipe at the east end of the pond. Photo 2 also shows the Farms Land & Irrigation Company Canal running along the hillside.



Photo 3. Canadian Geese nest.

Photo 3 is looking westerly from the west bank of the first pond to the island located in the center of the second pond. Which is situated southwest of the first pond. At the time of my visit a pair of Canadian Geese were nesting on the island. Beside the Canadian Geese there was evidence of other birds and a herd of elk.



Photo 4. Looking south at screens and pipe to pivot from second pond.

Photo 4 is looking southward at the south end of the second pond at the screens for the pipe to the pivots. The diversion point from the pond is located in the NWNW of section 26 as decreed in the Bancroft-Lund Decree.



Photo 5. Looking north at 15 hp pump to the risers.

Photo 5 was shot standing between the two ponds looking north. The small building houses the 15 hp pump that withdraws water from the pond in a 6" pipe to a mainline. The 1987/88 NAPP photography shows approximately 60 irrigated acres in the SWSW of section 23 and the SESE of section 22.



Photo 6. Looking north. Close-up of the pipes out of the 15 hp pump.

Photo 6 is a close-up of the pipe as it exits the small building west of the pond. The system includes a way to drain the system and flood irrigates the land in the NWNW of section 26 behind the Cheirrett home as shown in photo 6.



Photo 7. Looking north at southwest corner of the second pond.

Photo 7 was taken from the Farmers Land & Irrigation Bank looking in a northwesterly direction. Inside the culvert is a valve to the pipe.



Photo 8. Looking northwesterly at spring seepage.

Photo 8 was also taken while walking along the canal banks and looking in a northwesterly direction. The spring water just beyond the second pond was flooding out onto the land in the NWNW of section 27.



Photo 9. Looking east at the pipe before they go under Ivins Road.

Photo 9 was taken from Ivins Road looking east towards the head of the east pipe section and the Farms Land and Irrigation Company. Just below the hill to the left of the photo is a vertical culvert that allows the Cheirretts to add canal water to the pivots on the Westside of Ivins Road. The 40 hp motor pumps the water under the road to the pivots. The Cheirrett's own a total of 610 acres that is irrigated with this spring and canal shares.