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Mr. Michael Ciscell
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January 25, 2006

Re: Starveout Ranch Boise, Idaho
Washington, County
Council, Idaho
Owners: Pat & Merry Armstrong

Dear Mr. Ciscell:

I am writing (an sending) this letter at the request of Mr. Pat Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong purchased "Starveout Ranch" from us about nineteen months ago and it seem he is still trying to get the Water Rights straightned out. We are the former owners of the Ranch & at the time it was passed to us we made a trip to Boise to be sure it was all in order and at that time it was. However there didn't seem to be any question as to How ? Why? or When? irrigation water had first been used on the ranch.

The lady we aquired it from (it was not a purchase at that time but a gift) but we tried to make sure that everything was in legal order at that time.. The attatched EMail I had sent to Pat is really all we can tell anyone about the water situation & that is really all hear-say of things she had told me & what others remember of that time....everyone is now deceased which makes it almost an impossibility to prove anything farther., I am sure these old Homesteads are a challangs to you.

As you can see we have had this paper Notarized at our bank and hope it will help Mr. Armstrong in his endeavors to get it all straightned out.

Yours Truly,

Dolores J. Brown

Dodie Brown

From: "Dodie Brown" <wildhorse@ctcweb.net>
To: <P_marmstrong@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 4:29 PM
Subject: Re: Water Rights, Starveout.....From Dodie

Dear Pat,

In answer to your questions this AM about the first time water was used for irrigation at Starveout Ranch. I can only go with what I have been told& of course the papers we submitted to you upon sale of the ranch. Helena had told me(& many others) that she was taken there by her family at three weeks old to live. She was born March 26, 1910 and a home (of sorts) was established that year. I wouldn't think that they irrigated anything other than a small garden & a couple of fruit trees that year. She said all their hay for a few years was "wild hay" & what stock they had could forage anywhere at that time.

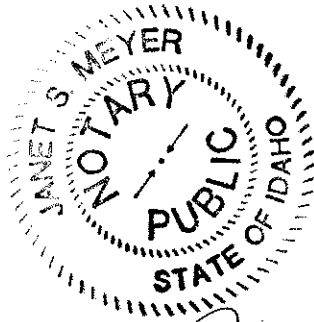
They had very little stock at that time.....they did have a small hay field established about 1920 as I have seen pictures of it & were trying to irrigate it & some fruit trees from "the ditch". Over the years the family had to totally leave the ranch at various times so her father could work at a "money paying" job in order to have enough money to come back & start all over again.

I suppose this doesn't help much but there isn't anyone living now to verify any of this so all we have to go on is to her statements to authors of books and a few living members of the families that lived on the Wildhorse. I have telephoned a couple of these people & they don't know anything about this subject. They only know about the "ditch" that irrigation water was taken from & that was before their time too.

I am sorry to be of such little help in this matter but hope you can get it smoothed out to everyone's approval soon.
Dodie

Ralph L. Brown
& Dolores J. Brown

(former owners)



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