State of Idaho
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
15 West Center Street, Soda Springs, ID 83276
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DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Governor

KARL J. DREHER
Director

Raymond Grant Christensen
822 North 1100 East
Shelley, Idaho 83274

April 21, 2003

Re: Evidence of Priority

Claim No. A27-04119

Dear Claimant (s):

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has begun its water right review in Basin 27. The Notice(s) of Claim identified with the number shown above, has been filed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). The Notice indicates water usage is based on "Beneficial Use". Water rights of this type are established by the historical use of water, dating back to when water was first used for the purpose claimed, at or on the place of use identified on the Notice. The date the water was first put to use, known as the priority date, has not been confirmed by a license, Decree, or Permit. For this reason, proof must be provided supporting the priority date. **As the claimant, you are responsible for submitting the necessary proof to support the priority date.**

It is important that each element of the Notice be substantiated. For instance, regarding claims for irrigation, the evidence should tend to show that diversion works were in place, that they were capable of diverting the claimed diversion rate, and that the diverted water was beneficially used on the entire claimed place of use on or before the claimed priority date.

For your reference, I have enclosed the pamphlet entitled **"Evidence of Priority".** The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement. While I encourage you to read the entire pamphlet, I direct your attention to the two sections entitled **"What Kind of Evidence is Required"** and **"Some examples of Documents Which May Be Evidence of the Priority Date".**

It is our goal to recommend historical water rights within the Snake River Basin as accurately as possible.

The Department cannot recommend the court decree the Notice if no evidence of a priority date is submitted.

Please submit the documentation supporting the priority date by **May 23, 2003,** referencing **all documents with the corresponding Notice number.** If you have any questions not covered by this letter, please feel free to contact me at 547-3993.

Respectfully,

Cindy E. Bird
Adjudication Bureau

Enclosure: Brochure on "Evidence of Priority"
Adjudication Claim Report

06/02/2003

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Adjudication Claim Report 27-4119

WATER RIGHT NUMBER: 27-4119

Owner Type	Name and Address
Current Owner	RAYMOND GRANT CHRISTENSEN 822 N 1100 E SHELLEY, ID 83274 (208)357-3243
Current Owner	LEINA S CHRISTENSEN 822 N 1100 E SHELLEY, ID 83274 (208)357-3243

Priority Date: 05/08/1899

Basis: Beneficial Use

Status: Active

Source	Tributary
GROUND WATER	

Beneficial Use	From To	Diversion Rate	Annual Volume
DOMESTIC	1/01 to 12/31	0.040 CFS	
IRRIGATION	3/15 to 11/15	0.180 CFS	
	Total Diversion:	0.220 CFS	

Location of Point(s) of Diversion

GROUND WATER SE1/4SE1/4 Sec. 23, Twp 01S, Rge 37E, B.M.

BINGHAM County

Place of Use

DOMESTIC

Twp Rge Sec	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
01S 37E 23																X	

IRRIGATION

Twp Rge Sec	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
01S 37E 23																9.0	9.0

Total Acres: 9

Conditions of Approval:

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By CB

6/2/03 Will send evidence from old Abstract and some Pictorial Illustration => To Cindy

Ruberry, Allen

From: Bird, Cindy
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 4:32 PM
To: Ruberry, Allen
Subject: RE: 27-4119

thanks

-----Original Message-----
From: Ruberry, Allen
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 11:15 AM
To: Bird, Cindy
Subject: 27-4119

Spoke to Mr. Christensen this morning after a referal from our gal Sal at SO. Mr. Christensen has a redrill of a 1899 hand ug well under 27-4119

I advised him to provide evidence of priority, as requested by a letter (from whom I do not know). Further advised, he consult his old abstract for the homestead establishment date. Ad, he has some pictorial reference to a windlass that was horse powered to 'pump' water from the well. He will have that info soon and will mail it to me. I told hm to send it to my attention and I would see that it got to you (or, Skip depending on the time frame).

FYI..... AL

WARRANTY DEED 326955

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 27th day of June in the year of 84 by and between LELAND CLEVO CHRISTENSEN and RETA J. CHRISTENSEN hi wife

of the County of Bingham State of Idaho the part ies of the first part, and RAYMOND GRANT CHRISTENSEN and LE ENA S. CHRISTENSEN, hi wife, whose mailing address is: Route #2, Box 219, Shelley, Idaho 83274

of the County of Bingham State of Idaho the part ies of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said part ies of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and No/100 DOLLARS lawful money of the United States of America, and other good and valuable considerations, to them in Hand paid by part ies of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ha VE have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said parties of the second part and to their heirs and assigns forever, all the following described real estate, situate in the County of Bingham, State of Idaho, to wit:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the S1/2SE1/4 of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 37 East of the Boise Maridian, Bingham County, Idaho, said Corner being North along the Section line 1317.29 feet from the Southeast Corner of said Section 23; running thence North 89° 51' 26" West along the North line of said S1/2SE1/4 1326.04 feet; thence South 0° 01' 36" West 329.66 feet; thence South 89° 52' 19" East 1326.18 feet; thence North 329.32 feet to the point of beginning;
LESS the existing road right-of-way along the East side of said tract; containing 9.82 acres, more or less.

Subject to all existing patent reservations, easements, rights-of-way, protective covenants, zoning ordinances, and applicable building codes, laws and regulations.

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Rt 2 Box 219 Shelley
Raymond Christensen

TOGETHER, With all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion or reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all estate, right, title and interest in and to the said property as well in law as in equity, of the said part ies of the first part.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, All and singular, the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the part y of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever. And the said part ies of the first part, and their heirs, the said premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part y of the second part, and his heirs and assigns against the said part ies of the first part and their heirs and against all and every person and persons, whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same, shall and will WARRANT and by these presents forever DEFEND.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said part ies of the first part ha ve hereunto set their hand s, and seal s the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Leland Clevo Christensen (SEAL)
Reta J. Christensen (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

STATE OF IDAHO
} ss.
County of Bonneville

On this 27th day of June, in the year 1984 before me Betty Christensen, a Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho, personally appeared LELAND CLEMO CHRISTENSEN and RETA J. CHRISTENSEN, his wife,

known to me to be the person S whose name S are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that E he Y executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first written.

Betty Christensen
Notary Public
Residing at Idaho Falls
My Commission Expires May 11, 19 85

No.
WARRANTY DEED

TO

Dated , 19
STATE OF IDAHO
County of } ss.
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record at the request of
at minutes past
o'clock M., this
day of , 19
in my office and duly recorded in
Book of
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Ex-Officio Recorder
By Deputy
Fees $

RE: 27-4119

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss: **AFFIDAVIT OF**
COUNTY OF BINGHAM) **Raymond Grant Christensen**

I, Raymond Grant Christensen, having been first duly sworn according to law, depose and state as follows:

1. This affidavit is given to document the diversion of water for irrigation and domestic purposes in 1902 from the well (the "Well") which is the subject of the Notice of Claim to a Water Right Acquired Under State Law, having Identity Number A27-04119 and Receipt Number E008575, which was filed in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the county of Twin Falls, Civil Case Number 39576.

2. My grandfather, Hiram Richard Christensen ("Hiram"), and his brother Joseph N. Christensen ("Joe") moved to Goshen, Idaho in 1894. See attached copy of Rulon J. Christensen, *The Descendants of Neils Christensen - Pioneer of 1860*, pgs. 120-121 (1975). This book is hereafter referred to as "*Neils Descendants*".

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7. My father, Leland Clevo Christensen ("Leland"), who was born in 1904, was involved in farming the land on which the Well was located from his youth through 1970. During this time, Leland personally used water from the Well for irrigation and domestic purposes.

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8. I personally used water from the Well for irrigation and domestic purposes as early as 1940.

Under penalties of perjury, I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED this 1st day of July 2003.

Raymond Grant Christensen

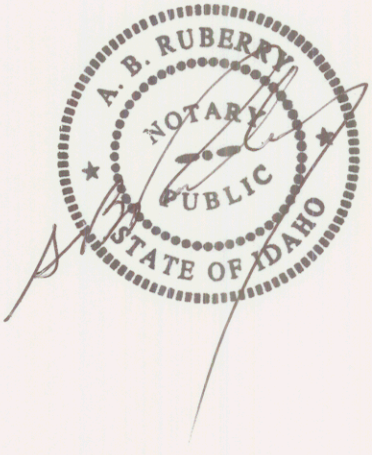
Raymond Grant Christensen

SWORN TO BEFORE ME and subscribed in my presence this 1st day of July, 2003.

Allen B. Ruberry

NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Idaho

Commission Expires 9/23/03



THE DESCENDENTS

OF

NEILS CHRISTENSEN

PIONEER OF 1860

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Idaho Falls, Idaho

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Joseph Niels Christensen, the second child of Niels and Anna Marie Petersen Christensen, was born September 22, 1875, in Hyrum, Utah. Being the oldest boy in the family, it was his job to herd the cows in Blacksmith's Fork Canyon. When he was 10 years old he broke his leg and was confined to his bed for a long time, during which he learned how to draw pictures of animals, birds, and many other things. These drawings he treasured very highly and are among his possessions now. He was 14 years old when his mother died and at the age of 18, he came to Idaho with his brother, Hiram, to develop a piece of land under the Homestead Act. They arrived in what later became Goshen, and lived in a wagon box (canvas covered) in the yard of Niels Monson, during the summer of 1894; clearing land meant plowing with a hand plow, pulling the brush by hand and burning it at night.

Before winter came, they went into the mountains and brought out house logs from which they built a cabin in which they lived for six years. Imagine, if you can, two boys, one just past 18 and one just past 16, pioneering alone so far away from home.

During this time they worked on the canal trying to get water on the land; money was hard to obtain; grain had to be hauled to Blackfoot, Idaho, for a return of 22 cents to 28 cents per 100 pounds. Hogs sold for two and one-fourth cents per pound; cedar posts sold to Z.C.M.I. in Idaho Falls for five cents each. Many sheep were fed in the winter; hay sold for $1.50 per ton. Water for house use and stock that could not be driven to water was hauled in barrels from Sand Creek or the Blackfoot River. Rabbits were very bad; high willow fences had to be built to protect the hay stacks. Lava wood was hauled during the winter to heat the homes. As there was no bridge across the Snake River, often in coming across the river with a load of lava wood provided the driver with a real thrill to hear the ice cracking behind them. Joseph N. said that in one winter he wore out a pair of sleighs in hauling wood out of the lavas.

Summer work on the canals brought $3.50 per day for a man and team with a slip scraper.

In 1900, Niels Christensen, the father of Joseph N., moved to Goshen, purchased 120 acres of land from John Pritchett just across the road from the land which Joseph and Hiram had developed. This he traded to them, Joseph receiving the south 60 acres and Hiram the north 60 acres. This land Joseph made into a very productive farm where he spent the rest of his life.

Joseph N. Christensen and Ardena Killian were married in the Logan Temple on February 26, 1902. Their children are Rulon Ver, Joseph Levon, Mildred Ardena, Wendell, Quintin V., and Carma. Both Joseph and Ardena have been very active in Church and community affairs. Joseph N. served on a mission in the Central States Mission for two years, was Bishop's Counselor for 15 years, Ward Clerk for 9 years, a member of the Presidency of the 106th Quorum of Seventy for six years, member of the High Priests Quorum Presidency for eight years, Teacher of the Genealogical Class for 15 years. Before the Rural Mail Route was established, they had the Post Office in their home for five years. Both have served as Temple Missionaries; together they have kept their four sons on missions.

Ardena has worked in all of the women's Church organizations, having been President of both Y.L.M.I.A. and Relief Society and in the D.U.P. organization.

Church in the Spanish American Mission. He married Melba Messick in the Logan Temple on November 12, 1942. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force, from 1944 to 1946 in the European Theatre of Operations, Spec. 5, three battle stars. He has been very active in Church service, serving as Bishop of Murray 10th Ward, High Counselor in Murray South Stake, Counselor and President of the Y.M.M.I.A. in Hayward, California Stake, Scout Master, High Priest Group Leader, etc. Quentin is an architect; A.I.A./C.S.I., with NCARB Certification and licensed to work in Idaho, Utah, Nevada and California. He is presently employed by U.S. Gypsum Company and lives at Pleasanton, California. Their children are Verlina, Vance M., Susan and Stacey Joseph.

Verlina, born February 26, 1944, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, was educated at Liberty Elementary School, Murray, Utah, Murray High School, and attended one year at B.Y.U. in Provo, Utah. She married Keith Craig Wiseman July 12, 1963, in the Salt Lake Temple. Born on May 17, 1964, were twin daughters, Lanette and Janette. Verlina has been active in speech and drama events in the Y.W.M.I.A., Sunday School Organist and Chorister, Primary and Junior Sunday School Teacher. She was divorced (civil) December, 1969.

Vance M., second child of Quentin and Melba M. Christensen, was born June 14, 1948, at Basalt, Idaho. He was educated at Liberty Elementary School, Murray, Utah, and Murray High School; Weber State College, Glendale Community College and Arizona State University. He married Catherine Ann Natali in the Oakland Temple on May 6, 1972. They have two children, Benjamin Carter, born February 9, 1973, and Jessie Marie, born June 26, 1974. Vance is a machinist. He has served a two year Atlantic States Mission and served in Hayward, California, Stake Mission. He has been Stake and Regional Chairman of Young Adults, Assistant Ward Clerk in the Hayward Ward. They live in Hayward, California.

Susan, third child of Quentin and Melba M. Christensen, was born April 10, 1957, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has been active in the Church being President of the Mia Maid class, President of the Beehive class and Secretary of the Laurel class.

Stacey Joseph, fourth child of Quentin and Melba M. Christensen, was born December 21, 1961, and is a Deacon.

Carma, sixth child of Joseph N. and Ardena Killian Christensen, was born March 5, 1921. Due to a spinal birth defect, she spent most of her life in a wheelchair, but was cheerful and found much happiness in holding the family together. She had many talents that occupied her time - pen pals to correspond with, arts and crafts to keep her busy, Christmas, family get-togethers and birthdays were always a joy to her. She loved everyone. She died December 7, 1947.

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Hiram Richard, third child of Niels Christensen and Anna Marie Petersen, was born at Hyrum, Utah, April 1, 1878; he lived there as a boy until the spring of 1894, when, with his brother, Joseph, moved to Idaho to clear a tract of land. They did this with a hand plow, pulling the brush by hand and burning it at night. After having eight acres cleared, a neighbor having the only grain drill in the vicinity planted it. They both worked for him for one week to pay him. Times were hard; they survived though, through hard work and good management. Hiram married Amanda Elizabeth Peterson on May 27, 1903, in the L.D.S. Temple at Logan, Utah. They made their home on the farm at Goshen where three children were

born to them: Leland Clevo, Ada Elizabeth and Melva Rachel. Amanda died from pneumonia May 30, 1910. The children were cared for by relatives until a housekeeper could be found. A convert to the Church from Norway, Marie Sofie Haugsten, came to keep house for them. Marie married Hiram on August 18, 1911, in the Salt Lake Temple. Marie was a good mother, fine housekeeper and excellent seamstress. She was very active in the Church all of her life. Hiram was a good farmer and had a special ability in the operation and repair of deep well water systems, in which his services were in great demand.

Leland Clevo, first child of Hiram R. and Amanda Elizabeth Petersen Christensen, was born on April 7, 1904, at Goshen, Idaho. When Leland was six years old, his mother, Amanda, died of pneumonia, and he made his home with his Aunt Esther Hansen for six months until his Aunt Anna Christensen came to their home as a housekeeper. Lester Nielsen, a member of the ward who was on a mission in Norway, knew that Hiram was in need of someone to care for his family and that a Norwegian member of the Church with whom he was acquainted was desirous of coming to America and would be a good housekeeper. Marie Sofie Haugsten came to Goshen and married Hiram R. Christensen on August 18, 1911, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was a good mother to the children and had high ambitions for them. One of them was that Leland should go on a mission, which he did, serving in the Northwestern States Mission for two years.

While in the hospital in Idaho Falls, he met Reta Hanna Jones who was taking nurse's training, and after a two year courtship, they were married in the Salt Lake Temple on September 25, 1929. They have made their home in Goshen all their married life, where they have farmed, raised beets, potatoes, grain, hay and have been in the dairy business.

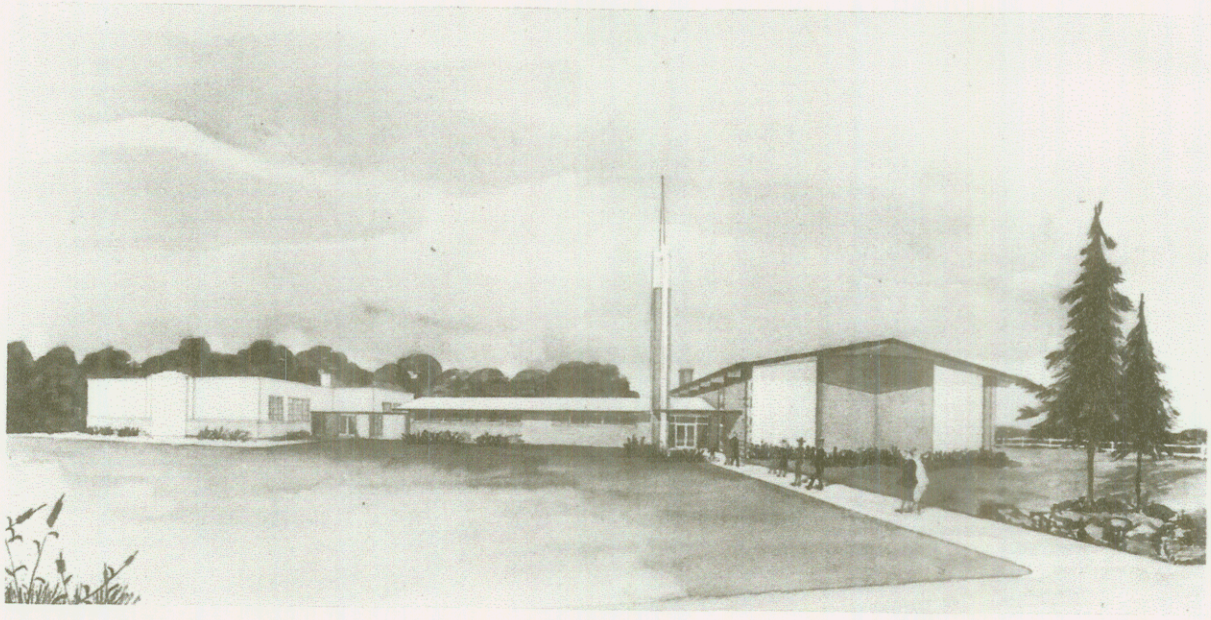
Their children are Elwood J., Darwin (died at birth), Richard L., Raymond Grant, Elaine, Marilyn, Shirley Rae, Bonnie Lou and a stillborn son (unnamed).

After their children were grown, Reta, a registered nurse, went back to work in the Idaho Falls L.D.S. Hospital for 15 years. Both have been active in the Church - Leland has an extraordinary talent in record keeping and has been Goshen Ward Clerk for a total of 25 years, serving under five different Bishops and has also been High Priest Group Secretary. Together they are serving as Temple Officiators in the Idaho Falls Temple, with an assignment to work regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week.

Elwood J., first child of Leland C., and Reta Jones Christensen, born August 17, 1930, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, spent his boyhood in Goshen, Idaho. He served in the Armed Services for two years in Germany. He married Jo Ann Adams in the Idaho Falls Temple on October 10, 1951. They live in Shelley, Idaho; own and operate Woody's Sporting Goods, Inc., in Idaho Falls. Their children are Barbara Ann, born December 4, 1953; Ronald Kay, born December 11, 1956; and Michelle, born April 23, 1959, all at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Richard L., third child of Leland C. and Reta Jones Christensen, was born December 26, 1933. He was educated in local schools. He served eight years in the Navy in Hawaii, the Phillipines, and Japan. He married Jon Marie Duke on May 11, 1962, in the Idaho Falls Temple. They live in Shelley, Idaho, and he is employed at the Atomic Energy Commission at Arco, Idaho, as a maintenance mechanic for the past 15 years. He has served in Church positions as M.I.A. Superintendent, Bishop's Counselor and in the Elders Quorum. Their children are Ryan Lane, born July 22, 1964; Wade Lynn, born July 21, 1966; Brad

MEMORIES OF GOSHEN



Published by Goshen Ward, Shelley Stake
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Goshen, Idaho
January 1965

"Oh What Songs of the Heart We Shall Sing.....When We Meet....."

PREFACE

"Should you feel inclined to censor. . ."

This book is written in commemoration of the completion of the third chapel for the Goshen Ward and community. In reference to these chapels, this one has not been built to minimize the purpose or the nostalgic memories of the preceding ones. Those stalwart pioneers, many of whom were our forbears, looked forward to the comfort and use of those other buildings just as we look forward to the use and comfort of this one. Time has a way of creating new and expanded needs. This is also indicative of the growth of the church and kingdom of our Heavenly Father here upon the earth.

The Bishopric, at the suggestion of the Ward Clerk, initiated and supported the assembling of Goshen history into this book. The committee has worked long and tirelessly accumulating and organizing these pictures and historical facts. In order to enhance the value of this record, "authenticity" has been the watchword. If mistakes have occurred, they are due to wrong information or lack of information rather than intent. To those inclined toward critical analysis, the perusal of these pages might be amply rewarding. It has been said that "To err is human; to forgive divine." Ours has been the human part; yours the divine.

The rarity of some of the pictures contained herein has made them priceless. Their inclusion in this book allows you the privilege of sharing them with those who treasure them highly. Our thanks and appreciation go to those who so willingly submitted these pictures and information, thus making this book possible, and to all those who aided us in any way in the preparation of it. Our especial thanks go to Brother Dennis Speas for his generous help with the photography and pictures and to Sister Lenore Christensen for the use of her material on the early days in Goshen. We regret that we were unable to include more of the interesting family histories that were submitted, but the size and scope of this volume made it impossible.

GOSHEN WARD HISTORICAL COMMITTEE



HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE: Beth Clawson, Bernadene Peterson, Genevieve Weatherston, Mattie Christensen, Belle Hansen, Florence Larsen. Grant Hanny, Afton Cook, Lloyd Frandsen.

OUR MOUNTAIN HOME SO DEAR

Our mountain home so dear, Where crystal waters clear flow ever free;
While through the valleys wide, the flowers on every side,
Blooming in stately pride, are fair to see.

--Emmeline B. Wells.

The story of the Goshen Ward begins with the year 1892 when nine young men from Hyrum, Utah, reached this part of the valley in search of new land.

Niels Monson and his four sons, George, Hans, Julius, and Willard, and the four Christensen brothers, Ezra, Heber, Hyrum, and Wilford, arrived in August of 1892. The Monsons and Christensens each purchased 240 acres of choice land at $6.25 per acre. They left one of the boys in Rigby to work for $10 and a load of potatoes to be used for seed in the spring, and the others cleared the land. When heavy snows came in November, they all decided to go back to Hyrum for the winter. The very day they left, Hirum James Hansen and Joseph Jensen arrived from Hyrum to visit them. Finding the Monson and Christensen cabins deserted, they also started back home.





George and Jane Monson

Willard and Rebecca Monson







Julius Monson

Ezra and Wilford Christensen



Christina Christensen





Hirum J. and Eliza Hansen



Mary Ann and Joseph Jensen



Hiram R. Christensen



Joseph N. Christensen



William P. Christensen



Niels Christensen

The next spring the Christensens returned with their widowed mother, Christina, and their sister, Mary Ann, and her husband, Joseph Jensen. Brother Monson brought his wife, Amelia. Hirum J. Hansen brought his wife, Eliza, and her brothers, Joseph N. and Hiram R. Christensen. Willis, son of Hirum and Eliza Hansen, was the first baby born in Goshen. William P. Christensen soon came to join his brothers and in 1895 their father, Niels, came back with the rest of his family. They bought the tract of land which now includes the present townsite.

The only other settlers in this part of the valley were John Pritchet, who owned the Joseph N. Christensen and Hiram R. Christensen places, and Scot Griffith, who owned the Oliver H. Nielson place.



The Jos. N. Christensen farm

1910

Families coming to the Ward at this time were the Enoch Madsens, the Richard Dyes, and the Arthur Miles. The J. Bert Hollands came in 1912 and the Oliver H. Nielsons in 1913. Brother Nielson has done a great deal for the Ward in music. He served as ward chorister for over 40 years and directed many fine choirs. The Nielson orchestra, made up almost entirely of his family, has been a tradition in entertainment and dance music for this and the surrounding communities.



Oliver and Astrid Nielson

J. Bert and Nell Holland





RICHARD DYE, Jess, Arthur, Clyde, Thomas, Richard, Elizabeth, Pearl, Richard, David, Adelaide

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss: **AFFIDAVIT OF**
COUNTY OF Bonneville) **Reta Hanna Christensen**

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9. I personally witnessed use of water from the Well for irrigation and domestic purposes as early as 1929, the year that Leland and I were married and the year I moved to the Goshen area.

Under penalties of perjury, I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED this 7th day of July 2003.

Reta Hanna Christensen

Reta Hanna Christensen

SWORN TO BEFORE ME and subscribed in my presence this 7th day of July, 2003.

CHRISTINA CHRISTENSEN NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF IDAHO

Christina Christensen

NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Idaho

THE DESCENDENTS

OF

NEILS CHRISTENSEN

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Church in the Spanish American Mission. He married Melba Messick in the Logan Temple on November 12, 1942. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force, from 1944 to 1946 in the European Theatre of Operations, Spec. 5, three battle stars. He has been very active in Church service, serving as Bishop of Murray 10th Ward, High Counselor in Murray South Stake, Counselor and President of the Y.M.M.I.A. in Hayward, California Stake, Scout Master, High Priest Group Leader, etc. Quentin is an architect; A.I.A./C.S.I., with NCARB Certification and licensed to work in Idaho, Utah, Nevada and California. He is presently employed by U.S. Gypsum Company and lives at Pleasanton, California. Their children are Verlina, Vance M., Susan and Stacey Joseph.

Verlina, born February 26, 1944, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, was educated at Liberty Elementary School, Murray, Utah, Murray High School, and attended one year at B.Y.U. in Provo, Utah. She married Keith Craig Wiseman July 12, 1963, in the Salt Lake Temple. Born on May 17, 1964, were twin daughters, Lanette and Janette. Verlina has been active in speech and drama events in the Y.W.M.I.A., Sunday School Organist and Chorister, Primary and Junior Sunday School Teacher. She was divorced (civil) December, 1969.

Vance M., second child of Quentin and Melba M. Christensen, was born June 14, 1948, at Basalt, Idaho. He was educated at Liberty Elementary School, Murray, Utah, and Murray High School; Weber State College, Glendale Community College and Arizona State University. He married Catherine Ann Natali in the Oakland Temple on May 6, 1972. They have two children, Benjamin Carter, born February 9, 1973, and Jessie Marie, born June 26, 1974. Vance is a machinist. He has served a two year Atlantic States Mission and served in Hayward, California, Stake Mission. He has been Stake and Regional Chairman of Young Adults, Assistant Ward Clerk in the Hayward Ward. They live in Hayward, California.

Susan, third child of Quentin and Melba M. Christensen, was born April 10, 1957, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has been active in the Church being President of the Mia Maid class, President of the Beehive class and Secretary of the Laurel class.

Stacey Joseph, fourth child of Quentin and Melba M. Christensen, was born December 21, 1961, and is a Deacon.

Carma, sixth child of Joseph N. and Ardena Killian Christensen, was born March 5, 1921. Due to a spinal birth defect, she spent most of her life in a wheelchair, but was cheerful and found much happiness in holding the family together. She had many talents that occupied her time - pen pals to correspond with, arts and crafts to keep her busy, Christmas, family get-togethers and birthdays were always a joy to her. She loved everyone. She died December 7, 1947.

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Hiram Richard, third child of Niels Christensen and Anna Marie Petersen, was born at Hyrum, Utah, April 1, 1878; he lived there as a boy until the spring of 1894, when, with his brother, Joseph, moved to Idaho to clear a tract of land. They did this with a hand plow, pulling the brush by hand and burning it at night. After having eight acres cleared, a neighbor having the only grain drill in the vicinity planted it. They both worked for him for one week to pay him. Times were hard; they survived though, through hard work and good management. Hiram married Amanda Elizabeth Peterson on May 27, 1903, in the L.D.S. Temple at Logan, Utah. They made their home on the farm at Goshen where three children were

born to them: Leland Clevo, Ada Elizabeth and Melva Rachel. Amanda died from pneumonia May 30, 1910. The children were cared for by relatives until a housekeeper could be found. A convert to the Church from Norway, Marie Sofie Haugsten, came to keep house for them. Marie married Hiram on August 18, 1911, in the Salt Lake Temple. Marie was a good mother, fine housekeeper and excellent seamstress. She was very active in the Church all of her life. Hiram was a good farmer and had a special ability in the operation and repair of deep well water systems, in which his services were in great demand.

Leland Clevo, first child of Hiram R. and Amanda Elizabeth Petersen Christensen, was born on April 7, 1904, at Goshen, Idaho. When Leland was six years old, his mother, Amanda, died of pneumonia, and he made his home with his Aunt Esther Hansen for six months until his Aunt Anna Christensen came to their home as a housekeeper. Lester Nielsen, a member of the ward who was on a mission in Norway, knew that Hiram was in need of someone to care for his family and that a Norwegian member of the Church with whom he was acquainted was desirous of coming to America and would be a good housekeeper. Marie Sofie Haugsten came to Goshen and married Hiram R. Christensen on August 18, 1911, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was a good mother to the children and had high ambitions for them. One of them was that Leland should go on a mission, which he did, serving in the Northwestern States Mission for two years.

While in the hospital in Idaho Falls, he met Reta Hanna Jones who was taking nurse's training, and after a two year courtship, they were married in the Salt Lake Temple on September 25, 1929. They have made their home in Goshen all their married life, where they have farmed, raised beets, potatoes, grain, hay and have been in the dairy business.

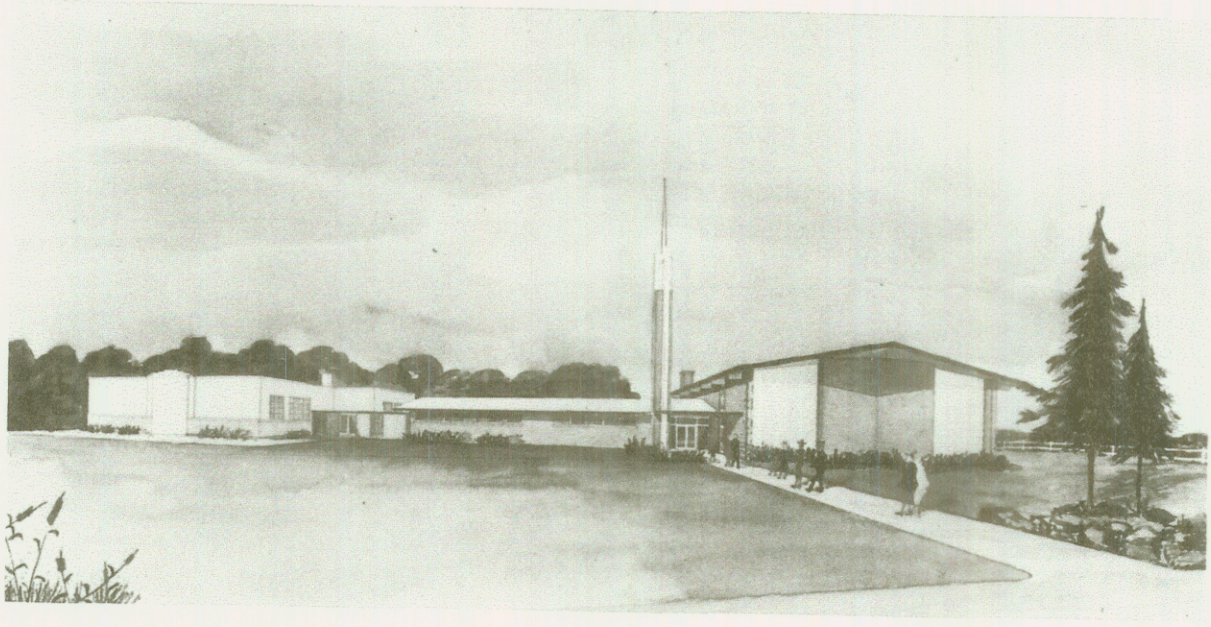
Their children are Elwood J., Darwin (died at birth), Richard L., Raymond Grant, Elaine, Marilyn, Shirley Rae, Bonnie Lou and a stillborn son (unnamed).

After their children were grown, Reta, a registered nurse, went back to work in the Idaho Falls L.D.S. Hospital for 15 years. Both have been active in the Church - Leland has an extraordinary talent in record keeping and has been Goshen Ward Clerk for a total of 25 years, serving under five different Bishops and has also been High Priest Group Secretary. Together they are serving as Temple Officiators in the Idaho Falls Temple, with an assignment to work regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week.

Elwood J., first child of Leland C., and Reta Jones Christensen, born August 17, 1930, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, spent his boyhood in Goshen, Idaho. He served in the Armed Services for two years in Germany. He married Jo Ann Adams in the Idaho Falls Temple on October 10, 1951. They live in Shelley, Idaho; own and operate Woody's Sporting Goods, Inc., in Idaho Falls. Their children are Barbara Ann, born December 4, 1953; Ronald Kay, born December 11, 1956; and Michelle, born April 23, 1959, all at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Richard L., third child of Leland C. and Reta Jones Christensen, was born December 26, 1933. He was educated in local schools. He served eight years in the Navy in Hawaii, the Phillipines, and Japan. He married Jon Marie Duke on May 11, 1962, in the Idaho Falls Temple. They live in Shelley, Idaho, and he is employed at the Atomic Energy Commission at Arco, Idaho, as a maintenance mechanic for the past 15 years. He has served in Church positions as M.I.A. Superintendent, Bishop's Counselor and in the Elders Quorum. Their children are Ryan Lane, born July 22, 1964; Wade Lynn, born July 21, 1966; Brad

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"Oh What Songs of the Heart We Shall Sing.....When We Meet....."

PREFACE

"Should you feel inclined to censor. . ."

This book is written in commemoration of the completion of the third chapel for the Goshen Ward and community. In reference to these chapels, this one has not been built to minimize the purpose or the nostalgic memories of the preceding ones. Those stalwart pioneers, many of whom were our forbears, looked forward to the comfort and use of those other buildings just as we look forward to the use and comfort of this one. Time has a way of creating new and expanded needs. This is also indicative of the growth of the church and kingdom of our Heavenly Father here upon the earth.

The Bishopric, at the suggestion of the Ward Clerk, initiated and supported the assembling of Goshen history into this book. The committee has worked long and tirelessly accumulating and organizing these pictures and historical facts. In order to enhance the value of this record, "authenticity" has been the watchword. If mistakes have occurred, they are due to wrong information or lack of information rather than intent. To those inclined toward critical analysis, the perusal of these pages might be amply rewarding. It has been said that "To err is human; to forgive divine." Ours has been the human part; yours the divine.

The rarity of some of the pictures contained herein has made them priceless. Their inclusion in this book allows you the privilege of sharing them with those who treasure them highly. Our thanks and appreciation go to those who so willingly submitted these pictures and information, thus making this book possible, and to all those who aided us in any way in the preparation of it. Our especial thanks go to Brother Dennis Speas for his generous help with the photography and pictures and to Sister Lenore Christensen for the use of her material on the early days in Goshen. We regret that we were unable to include more of the interesting family histories that were submitted, but the size and scope of this volume made it impossible.

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OUR MOUNTAIN HOME SO DEAR

Our mountain home so dear, Where crystal waters clear flow ever free;
While through the valleys wide, the flowers on every side,
Blooming in stately pride, are fair to see.

--Emmeline B. Wells.

The story of the Goshen Ward begins with the year 1892 when nine young men from Hyrum, Utah, reached this part of the valley in search of new land.

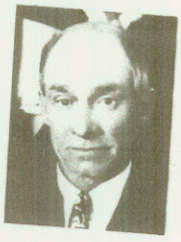
Niels Monson and his four sons, George, Hans, Julius, and Willard, and the four Christensen brothers, Ezra, Heber, Hyrum, and Wilford, arrived in August of 1892. The Monsons and Christensens each purchased 240 acres of choice land at $6.25 per acre. They left one of the boys in Rigby to work for $10 and a load of potatoes to be used for seed in the spring, and the others cleared the land. When heavy snows came in November, they all decided to go back to Hyrum for the winter. The very day they left, Hirum James Hansen and Joseph Jensen arrived from Hyrum to visit them. Finding the Monson and Christensen cabins deserted, they also started back home.



George and Jane Monson



Willard and Rebecca Monson



Julius Monson





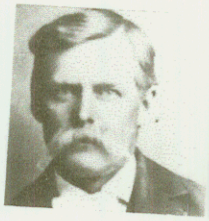
Ezra and Wilford Christensen

The next spring the Christensens returned with their widowed mother, Christina, and their sister, Mary Ann, and her husband, Joseph Jensen. Brother Monson brought his wife, Amelia. Hirum J. Hansen brought his wife, Eliza, and her brothers, Joseph N. and Hiram R. Christensen. Willis, son of Hirum and Eliza Hansen, was the first baby born in Goshen. William P. Christensen soon came to join his brothers and in 1895 their father, Niels, came back with the rest of his family. They bought the tract of land which now includes the present townsite.

The only other settlers in this part of the valley were John Pritchet, who owned the Joseph N. Christensen and Hiram R. Christensen places, and Scot Griffith, who owned the Oliver H. Nielson place.



Christina Christensen





Hirum J. and Eliza Hansen



Mary Ann and Joseph Jensen



Hiram R. Christensen



Joseph N. Christensen



William P. Christensen



Niels Christensen

Joseph Niels Christensen, the second child of Niels and Anna Marie Petersen Christensen, was born September 22, 1875, in Hyrum, Utah. Being the oldest boy in the family, it was his job to herd the cows in Blacksmith's Fork Canyon. When he was 10 years old he broke his leg and was confined to his bed for a long time, during which he learned how to draw pictures of animals, birds, and many other things. These drawings he treasured very highly and are among his possessions now. He was 14 years old when his mother died and at the age of 18, he came to Idaho with his brother, Hiram, to develop a piece of land under the Homestead Act. They arrived in what later became Goshen, and lived in a wagon box (canvas covered) in the yard of Niels Monson, during the summer of 1894; clearing land meant plowing with a hand plow, pulling the brush by hand and burning it at night.

Before winter came, they went into the mountains and brought out house logs from which they built a cabin in which they lived for six years. Imagine, if you can, two boys, one just past 18 and one just past 16, pioneering alone so far away from home.

During this time they worked on the canal trying to get water on the land; money was hard to obtain; grain had to be hauled to Blackfoot, Idaho, for a return of 22 cents to 28 cents per 100 pounds. Hogs sold for two and one-fourth cents per pound; cedar posts sold to Z.C.M.I. in Idaho Falls for five cents each. Many sheep were fed in the winter; hay sold for $1.50 per ton. Water for house use and stock that could not be driven to water was hauled in barrels from Sand Creek or the Blackfoot River. Rabbits were very bad; high willow fences had to be built to protect the hay stacks. Lava wood was hauled during the winter to heat the homes. As there was no bridge across the Snake River, often in coming across the river with a load of lava wood provided the driver with a real thrill to hear the ice cracking behind them. Joseph N. said that in one winter he wore out a pair of sleighs in hauling wood out of the lavas.

Summer work on the canals brought $3.50 per day for a man and team with a slip scraper.

In 1900, Niels Christensen, the father of Joseph N., moved to Goshen, purchased 120 acres of land from John Pritchett just across the road from the land which Joseph and Hiram had developed. This he traded to them, Joseph receiving the south 60 acres and Hiram the north 60 acres. This land Joseph made into a very productive farm where he spent the rest of his life.

Joseph N. Christensen and Ardena Killian were married in the Logan Temple on February 26, 1902. Their children are Rulon Ver, Joseph Levon, Mildred Ardena, Wendell, Quintin V., and Carma. Both Joseph and Ardena have been very active in Church and community affairs. Joseph N. served on a mission in the Central States Mission for two years, was Bishop's Counselor for 15 years, Ward Clerk for 9 years, a member of the Presidency of the 106th Quorum of Seventy for six years, member of the High Priests Quorum Presidency for eight years, Teacher of the Genealogical Class for 15 years. Before the Rural Mail Route was established, they had the Post Office in their home for five years. Both have served as Temple Missionaries; together they have kept their four sons on missions.

Ardena has worked in all of the women's Church organizations, having been President of both Y.L.M.I.A. and Relief Society and in the D.U.P. organization.



The Jos. N. Christensen farm

1910

Families coming to the Ward at this time were the Enoch Madsens, the Richard Dyes, and the Arthur Miles. The J. Bert Hollands came in 1912 and the Oliver H. Nielsons in 1913. Brother Nielson has done a great deal for the Ward in music. He served as ward chorister for over 40 years and directed many fine choirs. The Nielson orchestra, made up almost entirely of his family, has been a tradition in entertainment and dance music for this and the surrounding communities.



Oliver and Astrid Nielson

J. Bert and Nell Holland





RICHARD DYE, Jess, Arthur, Clyde, Thomas, Richard, Elizabeth, Pearl, Richard, David, Adelaide

Bird, Cindy

From: Ruberry, Allen
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 11:15 AM
To: Bird, Cindy
Subject: 27-4119

Spoke to Mr. Christensen this morning after a referal from our gal Sal at SO. Mr. Christensen has a redrill of a 1899 hand ug well under 27-4119

I advised him to provide evidence of priority, as requested by a letter (from whom I do not know). Further advised, he consult his old abstract for the homestead establishment date. Ad, he has some pictorial reference to a windlass that was horse powered to 'pump' water from the well. He will have that info soon and will mail it to me. I told hm to send it to my attention and I would see that it got to you (or, Skip depending on the time frame).

FYI..... AL