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Craig Saxon

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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Re: Claim #67-1178

Mr. Saxon,

We cannot find any concrete proof of the 1947 date which Wayne's father, Eugene Aldrich (Civil Case #39576) put on his original claim. Didn't he send something with that claim? I will keep looking. Monica said it had to be in by August.

I am sending affidavits and Wayne's grandfather, Edwin Ford Sris, obituary, for the year of 1950. Phil Aldrich seems to think it was before then but has no records to back it up.

Thanks for your time,

Brenda Aldrich

1500 Cove Rd.

Weiser ID 83672

208-549-8239

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IN THE MATTER OF)
NOTICE OF CLAIM TO)
A WATER RIGHT NO.(S))

67-11178)

AFFIDAVIT

State of Idaho)
County of Washington)

PHILIP E. ALDRICH

being first duly sworn,

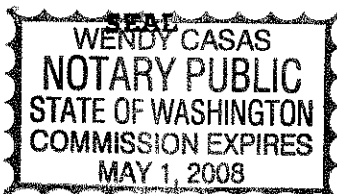
deposes and says: AS NEAR AS I CAN RECALL,
I WAS ABOUT 5 1/2 YRS. OLD (D.O.B. 11-4-'41)
WHEN I SAW THE BALDOZERS AND BACKHOES
TEARING UP THE FIELDS WEST OF THE FARMHOUSE,
I CANNOT PINPOINT THE EXACT TIME OF THE
YEAR BUT I THINK IT WAS STARTED IN THE
EARLY SPRING AND COMPLETED BY MID-SUMMER.

Philip E. Aldrich
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
day 6 of July, 192006.

Wendy Casas
(Notary Public)

Residing at Sunnyside, WA
My Commission Expires 5-1-08



IN THE MATTER OF)
NOTICE OF CLAIM TO)
A WATER RIGHT NO.(S))
67-11178)

AFFIDAVIT

State of Idaho)
County of Washington)

_____ being first duly sworn,
deposes and says: the best that I can
recall is that the sprinkler system
was installed on the Ford Ranch about
1950.

MARTIN McDONALD
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF IDAHO

SEAL

Craig Brown
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
day 5th of July, 2006.

Martin McDonald
(Notary Public)

Residing at Meridian, ID.

My Commission Expires Sep 15, 2011.

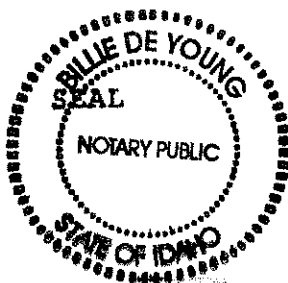
IN THE MATTER OF)
NOTICE OF CLAIM TO)
A WATER RIGHT NO. (S))
67-11178)

AFFIDAVIT

State of Idaho)
County of Wash.)

Arlene Randal Given being first duly sworn,
deposes and says: I'm age 77 - and I'm
remembering the 1940's and early 50's. I
was dating the Given Aldrich family
oldest son Edgar at the time (40's) I
and we were married in 1949 - We
returned from the army where he was stationed
and discharged in 1950 - We purchased the
Witt place (40 acres) just east of the Ford house.
and I remember them talking of irrigating
the whole place with sprinklers. My husband
Edgar was so impressed with the enormous
pumps being installed down at the Witter River
that he took me down to see them. The coop installed
them - But I understood there was a gas motor pump
on part of the ground before that -
Arlene Given
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
day 10 of July, 19 2006



Billie De Young
(Notary Public)

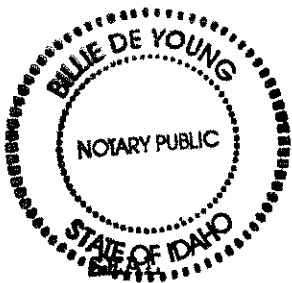
Residing at Witter, Idaho.

My Commission Expires Jan 26, 2011.

AFFIDAVIT

Wayne Aldrich _____ being first duly sworn,

deposes and says: I was born November 20, 1944. I remember
all the activity on the ranch when I was five or six. I
was always following my Grandpa Ford around. Everyone was
excited about the big pumps and having sprinklers on the
fields. I have heard my dad, Eugene Aldrich, talk about
a portable pump that was used prior to the big project.
It would irrigate 50 to 75 acres.



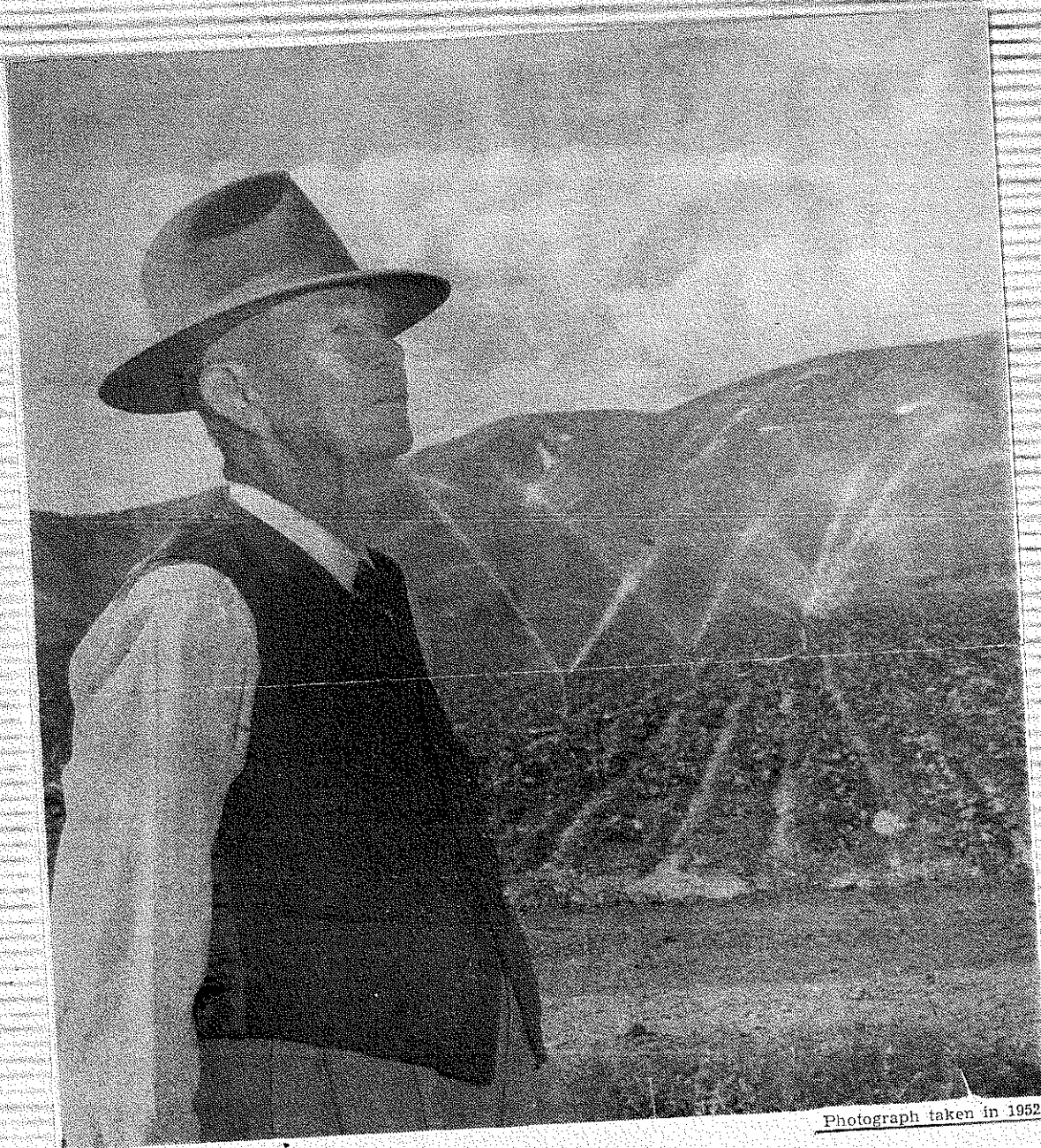
Wayne Aldrich
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
day 10 of July, 192006.

Belle Young
(Notary Public)

Residing at Wesley, Idaho.

My Commission Expires January 26, 2011



Photograph taken in 1952

EDWIN DOUGLAS FORD

1863-1956

Edwin D. Ford, Pioneer Resident, Dies at Age of 93

Edwin Douglas Ford, who came to Washington County in 1898 and was one of its oldest residents, died early Thanksgiving morning at Weiser Memorial Hospital. Had he lived six weeks longer he would have been 94 years old.

Mr. Ford was born January 1, 1863, at Watertown, Wisconsin, the son of Captain Edwin W. Ford and Sarah Wetherbee Ford. At the time of his birth, his father was being held as prisoner of the Confederate Army in Libby Prison, Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Ford was two years old before his father was released.

Mr. Ford's youth was spent in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where at the age of 15 he worked in a railroad office. At 21 he was postmaster of LaCrosse.

In 1890 he came West with a surveying crew of the Great Northern Railway and settled in Wenatchee, Washington, where he operated a general store for a number of years. From there he moved to Cripple Creek, Colorado, at the time of the gold rush, where he also operated a general store and became the first mayor of that community. While living in Colorado he married Miss Hortense Alling Wight of LaCrosse.

Mr. Ford and his brother, Simeon W. Ford, discovered and operated a gold mine at Black Lake which they incorporated as the Idaho Gold Coin Mining and Milling Company.

The construction of the Crane Creek Reservoir was also promoted by Mr. Ford. He first appreciated the value such a reservoir would be to the community about 1909 and devoted the next four or five years to its financing and construction.

In more recent years he engaged in farming three miles east of Weiser, on Route 4, and at one time he and Mrs. Ford operated one of the leading poultry farms in this area.

Mrs. Ford preceded her husband in death in November, 1936. Up to recent months Mr. Ford had been in excellent health and until his death he took a keen interest in his farm and in current world and political events.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at Northam-Jones Chapel by the Rev. Robert Guthberlet, minister of the Methodist Church and interment was at Hillcrest cemetery.

Surviving in addition to his brother, Simeon W. Ford of Weiser, are his daughter, Mrs. Eugene Aldrich of Weiser; a son, Edwin D. Ford, Jr., of Weiser and New York City; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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