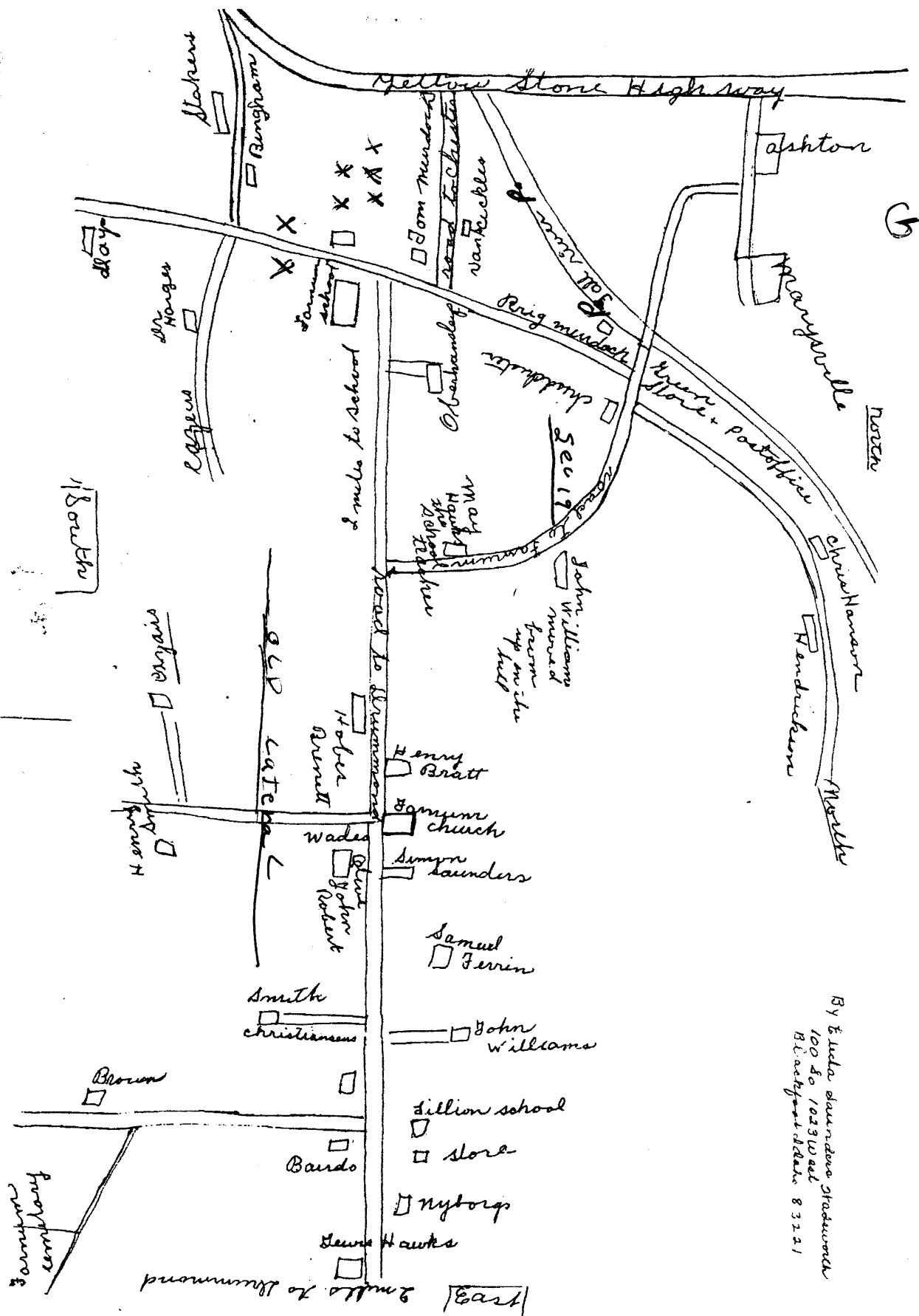




By E. L. Latta, St. Louis, Mo.
100 So. 1033 West
B. Washington, Mo. 83221

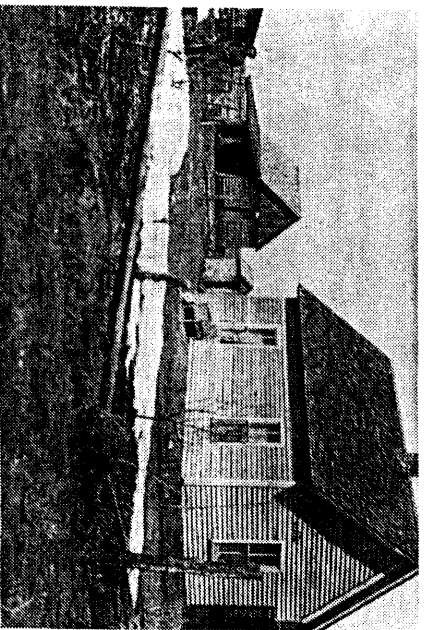
Brig and Louannie, together with other homesteaders, camped near where the canal work was going on. Louannie and the other wives cooked for the men and helped out where ever possible. She took her cow with her that was given to them for a wedding present.

Despite the late frost the crops and gardens turned out well. The grain was cut with a binder and the bundles were hauled and stacked under the hill near the buildings and corral, to wait for the threshing machine. Because of the steep road leading down to the stacks, no threshing owner would move their machines down the hill, fearing they would tip over. Finally on December 2, Cutler's threshing machine from Vernon (west of Ashton) crossed the Fall River from the west and threshed their grain. Normally there would have been deep snow on the ground, but that year the weather was warm and dry and farmers were able to plow in December.

Tom continued to live with Brig and Louannie, and Hans Nielsen, a bachelor who's land joined Brig's place who had come from Denmark, continued to eat with them frequently. Louannie did their cooking, washing, and mending. Each man worked on his own farm, but often worked together exchanging work. So, their official family consisted of four individuals. This was increased to five when Rue came to live with them on September 15 after Brig and Louannie were married. Thirty-eight years later Louannie commented that she and Brig had never spent a night alone in their home, "That someone has always been with us."

In 1904 Brig was elected a director of the Conant Creek Canal Company. At various times he was also secretary or president until 1937. In 1905 he was called to be first counselor to James W. Green, President of the Conant Branch, later called the Farnum Branch of the Church. The meetings were held in a log building also used as a school. It was built about 1899. Louannie was called as second counselor in the Relief Society.

The Murdoch home located "under the hill" was nearly one half mile off the county road when it was established. As their family was growing, they



Murdoch homestead in Farnum near Fall River

decided to build a new home, barn and corrals near the road on top of the hill. Louannie sold the milk cow her mother had given her as a wedding present, and bought lumber for the house. It was a two room frame house with an attic and a shingled roof. It was the first house Louannie had lived in that did not have a dirt roof. No more shoveling dirt upon the roof during a rainstorm to keep it from leaking.

New fences, corrals and sheds had to be built in the new location. and trees, shrubs, and a garden planted. Brig and Tom were still breaking up more sod to bring more land into production. Drinking water had to be hauled from the river when water was not in the canal. The new home was one and a quarter miles to school, two and a quarter miles to church and three quarters of a mile to the store and post office.

On October 31, 1909 a very severe blizzard struck. During the blizzard Brig rode out to the stack yard to drive away some stray horses from his grain pile in the yard. A horse kicked him breaking his leg. With much difficulty he got to the house. Louannie luckily intercepted the Doctor who was in the area to see a sick neighbor, Will Gazier, Dr. Hargis set the bones and put on a cast so Brig could get around with crutches. Delbert, Louannie's younger brother, came and took care of the chores until Rue could come home from Heber where he was going to High School. The snow melted and Rue was able to plow while Brig was recuperating.

In 1909 a one room brick school house was built to replace the original log building that had been used for both a school and a church. The same year a new church was built, costing around seven thousand dollars. At the same time the ward was helping to pay for the Yellowstone Stake Tabernacle in St. Anthony and the Ricks Academy in Rexburg. To meet these obligations, the ward rented land from three land owners. The members and non-members alike turned out to prepare and plant the crops and also to harvest it. At times there were as many as forty horse drawn outfits in the fields at one time. The crops were good and so were the prices, enabling the ward to pay off the obligations and still have a surplus. Brig was a member of the bishopric at this time. This project did much to strengthen the community and make it proud of its success.

Brig was appointed Justice Of The Peace of the Farnum area in Fremont County, November 5, 1918.

As their farms were improved and more crops could be grown, Brig and Tom were able to add to their buildings, equipment, livestock and complete their fencing. They also brought more of their land under irrigation. Brig bought eighty acres that joined his homestead on the east. The canal ran through the entire length of it. The north half was watered and the south half was dry-farmed. Rue helped in the summer between high school terms at Heber City. Louannie's brother Marion also worked for Brig a few years.

It became necessary to add to the house to accommodate the growing family. A lean-to of two rooms was built on the north side, with a front and back door. Stairs were built on the outside west wall up to the attic where two more bedrooms were finished. The new rooms were very welcome as there were, Tom and three children besides Rue and Marion living there in the summer.

In the fall of 1911 while the threshing crew was at the Murdoch's farm, Brig's new log barn was set on fire. The fire was started when four and a half year old Dallas climbed up in the loft where the hired hands slept and tried to light a cigarette he found in their belongings. A lighted match was dropped and ignited the straw in the loft and soon it was in flames. Dallas climbed down to the ground and stood with two and a half year old Reed in the doorway of the barn oblivious to the roaring flames above them. Louannie, hearing the roar of the flames, looked out of the kitchen door, then rushed out to hustle the boys away from the burning barn. The threshing crew hurried out of the field to help put out the fire by fire. The barn was too far gone to save so, the water was thrown on the other buildings which were saved. The water wagon from the threshing machine was finally brought in and water was pumped on the roof of the house and it was saved.

The entire barn, the big haystack, debris corrals and some chickens were destroyed. Horses the barn had to be blindfolded before they could be led out. Some calves and pigs were also burned. This was quite a financial blow to Brig and Louannie, and a memorable lesson to young Dallas.

In November 1913, Brig was called to be Bishop of the Farnum Ward. He was set apart as bishop on February 1, 1914 by Apostle Hyrum G. Smith. He had been counselor to Bishop Smith since January 22, 1911. His counselors were William G. Baird and Daniel Gibson. Later William G. Baird declined due to other commitments and Iver C. Hendrickson was set apart as the other counselor.

On December 24, 1913, Rue married Mearl Garrett, a very lovely girl, whose parents, George F. and Alvina Park Garrett, lived across the Fall River from the Murdoch home. Rue and Mearl lived in the upstairs of the Murdoch home the first winter.

During 1914, Uncle Tom was called on a short-term mission to Kansas City, Missouri, the mission headquarters. He returned to the farm and continued to live with Brig and Louannie. She would tease him about being an old bachelor. He would reply, "I will yet live to hold my grandchildren on my knee."

Uncle Tom was Farnum's most eligible bachelor. While older than most unmarried girls in the area, he was popular with them. He was always pleasant to be with. He was humble and set a good example to young and old alike. He had a well matched driving team with light harness and a flashy

one-seated buggy. His driving outfit would compare with the sports car of today.

On July 15, 1915, Tom and Sarah Hansen were married in the Salt Lake Temple. She was twenty years old; he was forty-seven. They had met two years earlier when she had come to Farnum and spent the summer with her Uncle Hans Nielsen, a close friend and neighbor to the Murdoch's. She had come from Denmark as a child, and her parents had settled in Utah. She was a pretty girl, ambitious, full of fun, and a source of joy and strength to the Murdoch family.

Uncle Tom had moved the two-room frame granary from his lower forty to a location up on the hill about a quarter of a mile from the Farnum School on the main road. He added a two-room lean-to, making it an attractive, comfortable home. He built sheds and corrals, dug a cistern, and had things well organized for operating his 160 acre farm.

The two families were very close and harmonious in all their activities. They worked together, socialized together, and worshiped together. They often ate together, had family evenings together, and were usually together at Thanksgiving, Christmas and many other occasions. The children played together quite regularly. Brig and Tom liked to get together to make music just because they enjoyed making music. The families all enjoyed it.

Brig was very busy during the war years. The ward was growing and took lots of his time as a bishop. He conducted many funeral's and some marriage's. During 1918 the Spanish Influenza swept through the country. Many families contracted the disease, and deaths were very common. Emergency meetings, and shows. A person had to wear a face mask to enter a store to buy supplies. Funerals could not be held indoors, and Brig conducted grave side services for those who died in the ward. One good neighbor, Simeon Saunders, lost his wife and four children in less than a year. Much love and concern was shown throughout the community at this time.

Until about 1914, the livestock were watered at the ditch that ran in front of the house and down over the hill. In the winter, there were springs below the barns the animals could drink from. It was a long, steep climb back up the hill. For house use, water had to be hauled from Fall River in wooden barrels in a wagon or sleigh. Snow was brought in a large copper boiler or metal tub and placed on the cookstove to melt overnight. More snow was added as it melted. Louannie washed the family's clothes as it melted. washboard, and wringer turned by child power. It was lovely water to bathe in or wash hair in, as it was soft. The babies were bathed first, then the next oldest, all in the same water. Then it was used to mop the floor.

About 1914, Brig had a well drilled 120 feet deep, mostly through solid lava rock. It was a great thrill to have water in our own backyard. The thrill wore off for the children, as they had to pump the

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1950	40		1200	720	2400		3120		40		5
1951				480	2160		2640				
1952				600	2280		2880				
1953				600	2160		2760				
1954				600	2160		2760				
1955				420	2040		2460				
1956				420	2040		2460				
1957				420	2040		2460				
1958				440	2040		2480				
1959				480	1980		2460				
1960				540	1920		2460				
1961				1200	1920		3120				
1962											
1963											

NAME: HARRY KENNETH
NATTS, PEARL E.
Van Sickle, Catherine

ADDRESS: Drummond
St. Anthony, Ida.

DESCRIPTION: Lot #2 Part NE 1/4 SE 1/4

CANAL: Conant F. Road Right

SEC: 23 TWP: 8 RNG: 42 ACCT. NO.

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1950	80		2100	1440	4800		6240		80		5
1951				960	4320		5280				
1952				1200	4560		5760				
1953				1200	4320		5520				
1954				1200	4320		5520				
1955				840	4080		4920				
1956				840	4080		4920				
1957				840	4080		4920				
1958				880	4080		4960				
1959				960	3960		4920				
1960				1080	3840		4920				
1961				2400	3840		6240				
1962											
1963											

NAME: Rice, J. B. Henry, Kenneth

ADDRESS: St. Anthony, Ida.

DESCRIPTION: W 1/2 SE 1/4

CANAL: Fall River Canal 1

SEC: 8 TWP: 7 RNG: 41 ACCT. NO.

History of Fremont - Madison

Town & Pay on 543 1/2 acre ft of water.
Water was transferred from south side of ranch
sometime in the late 1940's when
Conant Creek Canal destroyed all of the laterals.
Water was transferred by Andy from these
lands - grandsons Ackfield, Eliza Schfield,
Clair D. Henry, W.T. Gibson, Denise Blanchard.
Andy went on the Fremont - Madison in
1956. And as Fremont - Madison requires
security for their loans and as I couldn't
use the water anymore on the south side
the water was transferred to the north
side where I already had plenty of water.
I suppose for security reasons.
However the lateral to the Monarch place
was also destroyed in this period of time
but 40 acre ft which this place had was
transferred to the river giving me a river
right sometime in the early 1950's.
In 1957 I transferred all storage water
from Conant Creek Canal to the river, I assume
it was transferred on a permanent basis
but I must have been transferred annually
I don't know. I should have checked my
tap receipts more thoroughly when I paid
the Tapes as to the description of the water,
in addition to transfer of water from south to north
side of ranch, I purchased different amounts of
water from Fremont - Madison in this time
period from \$18.75 to \$30.00 to \$35.00 per ft.
Fremont - Madison will have to consult
their books where it came from, I don't know
the only proof I have I was just charged for
more stock.

Grandchildren

find enclosed checks for J.M. & Jack Thoms.

no 1

I would like to transfer 32 1/2 acre ft from
E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 22 - 9 - 44, 10 a.f. } Fall River
To Bot 3 - Section 13 - 8 - 42 22 1/2 a.f. }

The ditch has been abandoned to Sec 22 for at
least 30 years - and the yellow rock bridge has caused
my water and I am paying for it.

also I need the water transferred to obtain a diversion
point from the State, Section 13 is supposed to be
watered from Conant Creek Canal, but isn't, and I
want to pump storage water from fall river to this
said 13 which is a pasture and has a water right.
it is not new land or anything like that.

the 32 1/2 ft would be used as a supplement,
according to your office records I do not have any
storage water at all attached to Section 13 - 8 - 42

No 2

Please transfer 29 acre ft from Section 24 - 8 - 42 to, ^{Conant} S 1/2 WE
To Lot 2 - NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 23 - 8 - 42 Fall River Ind. High.

No 3

Please transfer 7 acre ft from section 20 - 8 - 43 - W 1/2 NW 1/4
to NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 23 - 8 - 42.

No 4

Please transfer 42 acre ft from T-1, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 N.
Section 19 - 8 - 43 to Section 23 - Lots 1-4 - NE 1/4 NW 1/4
NW 1/4 NE 1/4

No 5

I think I have this right Dale.

any questions give me buzz or please

See if all his water is
accounted for.

KD

593 1/2 total
acre feet.

Again in summary I would like these waters removed from 17-8-43, 18-8-43 - 24-8-42 through present attachment by a partial course of movement leaving at least 30 ft of a foot to each acre of described lands above.

In short I wish to have all waters transferred from south side of Home ranch that was transferred to the north side of Home ranch to Section 23 + 26 $\pm$ 8-42.

reason - Because Conant Creek Canal destroyed or abandoned laterals to the south side of ranch in late 1940's.

I never had a river right to mine till 1957. and I went to service in 1958.

so when the abandonment of laterals was done by Conant Creek, he had no place to attach the water going to the north side of ranch. However after 1957 Dalway figured the water was attached permanent to the river as I purchased water.

Due to ignorance on my part I should have checked my tax receipts more closely. It is my understanding now, that the water was optional to transfer each year if necessary. However the state is forcing us to permanent attachment by end of 1982.

Let Simpson fix everything for me and to also have the water attached of a permanent nature that will satisfy Idaho. I suggest the following way.

Honorable Board of Directors
For and Fremont - Madison Irrigation Dist
March 6, 1979

I own and pay assessments on 593.5 acre ft
of Fremont - Madison storage water with
a primary right to 200 acre ft storage
water behind the proposed Tetan Dam.
I have as follows:

80 acre ft in Fall River Irrigation Co. 9-7-41
60 acre ft in Marysville Irrigation Co. 25-9-42
32 1/2 acre ft in ~~Fall River Ind Rights~~ Canal Co. 5-22-44
~~204~~ 204 acre ft in Fall River applied to S. 23-8-42
381 216 acre ft in Conant-Creek Canal 24-5-42 & 17-8-47
23-8-43, 18-8-43, 17-8-43, 20-8-43

However I would like to have 27 acre ft too remain
in Fall river from the 32 1/2 acre ft that is being
credited to the Yellowstone canal 22-9-44 as also
again I have no ditches to service the 22-9-44
by Yellowstone. Also I do not own any
Yellowstone Canal stock for a carrier
result I am paying a water top for the Yellowstone
boys to use. I have contacted the president of Yellowstone
and the way I understand him is they might
sell me a carrier, but he stated they would
not perform any ditch work for me. I am
if I am going to do Yellowstone ditch work
recruit I would like to have the said 27 acre ft
from the 32.5 have down the river to a North
east pt of 13-8-42 and water used through a
pump action for app 18 acres of pasture as a
supplemental use in case and event Conant
Creek Canal can't service the Pasture. The pasture
of 24 acres (the Past that is irrigated) is supposed to be
served by the Conant Creek Canal. Again the
problem, there has been for the past 2 years too
many pumps up the Canal serving and back
with 1974 & 1976 right to seed land and insufficient
water to service land.

Result: It is working a great hardship on me
in not having in the past 2 years 12 or 18 acres
of this pasture watered. The pasture and a few
cattle are just about what we depend on for
a living. High taxes and high water assessments
take just about all of the rentals - what Hay and
and grass seeds and improvements doesn't
get. The way I understand the state I can have
a diversion pt at said place if I have storage
water there to feed the pump.

Also I have purchased through my children
5 shares of Conant Creek Canal stock - (I forgot it.)
5 ac-ft of Freemont-Madison water, this water
came from the old Bull miller water and was sold
to each and every stockholder on the Conant Creek
Canal system as I show receipt sum \$30.00 for
both shares & ft.

Through the activities of both boards of
Conant Creek Canal & Freemont-Madison
I have a credit of 5 shares of Conant Creek Canal
but only 1 ac-ft of storage water. So I
would like to be recognized for 4 more
ac-ft. and have this also added to the 27 ac-
ft totaling 31 ac-ft to N.E. corner diversion
pt of Section 13-8-42 on Fall River, South Bank
Through ignorance on my part, I paid 2 times
for the 5 + 5. I paid before I let the books go
also again after letting books go, a check for \$60 &
a check for \$90, which the Secretary of Conant Creek
Canal Co. acknowledges the 60 and 90 that I paid

205 acft to remain in Fall River to
service land Sections 23-8-42-Section 26-8-42.

Fall River-Canal 80 acft to service Section 8-7-41.

Marysville 60 acft to service Section 25-9-43.

^{1/2} Yellowstone but is really
Fall River I.R. 5 1/2 acft just attached to Section 22-9-44
no service can be provided.

Fall River
I.R. 27 + 4 purchase - Total 31 acft. to service
Section 13-8-42.

Conant
Canal. 216 acft to service Sections 24-8-42
Service Sections 19-8-43
Service Sections 18-8-43
Service Section 20-8-43

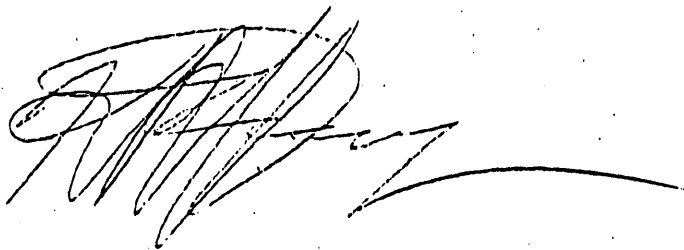
Total 593.5

4.0

597.5

Plus 4 acft. Purchase from Conant
Paid, but not acknowledged by
Farm Board

Due to M. going rate of assessment on 4
acre just for 1949.





5 A.F. purchased from Conant Creek
apply to 13-8-42 or 23-8-42.

Dear Dale.

I wish you guys would
straighten out my water
down there. These state
boards tell me I have to
have this storage water
attached to the land by
end of 1950 or before 1981.
Right now I can't even
find all of the water
alone attach it.

Now even I am going to
give you guys the 50 a+
that is attached to my dad's
property & would cost
me more to redeem
the dam stuff than its
worth. But that
water in Conant & fall

Never does have to be
straightened out so I
can attach the rightful
water to the right land.

Yes that is what I
think is quite close.

N

This water was all in
 section 30-8-43.
 and I can't find any transfer
 of these amounts to Conant
 Canal.

Wt. Wagon	—	27 ap
Woodland	—	7 ap
Dinner Blanchard	—	9 ap
Home place	—	80-80 ap
Drop the 80 —		
owed equal	—	43 ap.
Plus Conant ones	—	4 ap
Total	—	47 ap

Payan	593.5
	47.0
Total	<u>640.5 ap.</u>

another thing from what
 the Conant Canal board
 tells me is, this 130.
 figure backing around,
 credited to Custer in
 fall River, then in Con
 Creek, then in Conant Ca
 as mine, you will find
 wrote on top of 1974 &
 Release 60-70 plus so
 more figures all to m.
 Credit not to Custer or
 Conant.
 Here is what I think is
 pretty damn close.

as

200 ac attached or should be to
Section 23-8-42 from
Hall River.

225- of in Conant & Canal,
to Section 20-8-43

Section 19-18-13-24.

60 ac to Section 25-9-42

80 ac to Section 8-9-41 { Fall River

10 ac to Section ~~22~~ 9-44

65.5 attached to Section 13-8-42

65.5 attached to Section
8-42. from Fall River

I think this is dam close
after giving you go
the 80 acres of on the
home place.

late luck

K-R.

276
98
7
400
47

593
370
223

2800
3700
6500

370

W.T. Gibson 27 → 1940's early

Devere Blanchard 9 → 1941

Woodward 7 → before 1940

43

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73	40	0	1200	21.60	14.40		36.00		40		
				2280	15.60		38.40				
				4200	20.40		62.40				
76			1200	2280	15.60		38.40				
				3480	21.60		56.40				
78				3720	19.20		56.40				
				3000			30.00				
80				3000			30.00				
				3000			30.00				
82				3000			30.00		45		
				181.44		3-24-83 CC 15.60	185.44		189		
84				17010			17010				
				22680			22680				
86				17010			17010				

NAME:

Henry, Kenneth R.

B4.4.

ADDRESS:

Ashton, Idaho

DESCRIPTION:

Tax 2; Part NE 1/4 SE 1/4

CANAL

Fall River Ind. Rights.

SEC. 23

TWP. 8

RNG. 42

ACCT. NO.

727

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73	80		2400	43.20	28.80		72.00		80		
				4560	31.20		76.80				
				9600	40.80		124.80				
76			2400	4560	31.20		76.80				
				6000	43.20		115.20				
78				7440	38.40		112.80				
				6000			60.00				
80				6000			60.00				
				7200			72.00				
82				9600			96.00				
				7680			76.80				
84				7200			72.00				
				9600			96.00				
86				7200			72.00				

NAME:

Henry, Kenneth

B4.4.

ADDRESS:

Drummond, Idaho

DESCRIPTION:

W 1/2 SE 1/4

CANAL:

Fall River Canal

SEC. 8

TWP. 7

RNG. 41

ACCT. NO.

379

August 2, 1992

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Dan Zundell
Conant Creek Canal Co.
Ashton, Idaho 83420

Dear Mr. Zundell,

A few months ago it came to our attention that some of the land which we intended to be placed into the Judification process was overlooked.

How this occurred we are not certain. However, at the present time we wish to rectify this situation by requesting the board approve these lands and file an amendment to have it included.

The descriptions are as follows: 240 acres N2N2; SE4NE4; NE4SE4; Sec 25 TWP 8 RGE 42 and 280 acres SW4; N2SE4; SE4SE4 Sec 30 TWP 8 RGE 43. These lands are currently under the Soil Conservation Program.

These lands were one of the first to be serviced by Conant Creek Canal. It is our understanding that the point of ^{large} diversion was at the Bratt location. Sometime in the ^{late} early nineteen forties access to the ditch water became obstructed and it became impossible to irrigate the land.

We realize the implications our request must present to the board and other stockholders. We are aware of the existing water crisis in the area and agree that no new lands can be put under water within the present system with water resources as is:

Our desire to have these lands included is for possible future opportunities from new water sources such as dams and new reservoirs which may be built in the future. If such is the case we would hope to use Fall River as a diversion point.

As you can see, our intentions does not pose any threats to any of the remaining stockholders. In addition consider that if attempts were made to put these lands under Conants water system only the stock and storage actually owned could be used. Therefore, again this would protect other stockholders.

In light of what has been stated we cannot see why our request should be denied. If however, the Board feels that our request represents too much land. We would be willing to negotiate for adding only the 240 acres at N2N2; SE4NE4; NE4SE4; Sec 25 TWP 8 RGE 42.

Thankyou for your consideration in this matter.