

WILFORD CANAL DOCUMENTATION FOR WINTER WATER

- 1 . Water location record and decree.**
- 2. Claim filed for water rights.**
- 3. Flow charts from Fremont Madison Irrigation.**
- 4. Statements of stockholders.**
- 5. Minutes of canal meetings.**
- 6. History of canal and flour-lumber mill.**

The Wilford Canal has limited documents and minutes of stockholder meetings and the operation of the canal, do to the fact that all was lost from the Teton Dam Flood of June 5th 1976.

WATER LOCATION RECORD.

WATER LOCATION

-or-

Wilford Irrigating Canal Comp.

Yeton River.

Reysburg Nov 2nd 1884

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We The Wilford Irrigating Canal Company do hereby give Notice that we claim One thousand Cubic inches of water Measured under a four inch pressure And taken from the Yeton River 120 Rods West And 20 Rods South of South East Corner of Sec. 21 in Township 7 North of Range 41 East. The Same to be conveyed through a Canal 20 feet wide And 5 feet deep, And extending in a North westerly direction to the North Fork of Snake River to end of Canal. And the water to be distributed to place of use through lateral ditches, And we also reserve the right to take water from the Yeton River through the Black And Thompson Yeo. ditch And The Wiler And Judy ditch And Other ditches that will be deemed necessary to be taken from the Yeton River for the proper distribution of water for either of the following uses To wit. Agricultural, Mechanical, Mining or Milling purposes

Recorded December 3rd AD 1884

Wm B Chews Co. Recorder

Wm W. K. Evans. Deputy

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Water Location

of

W. C. Hawkins

Hawkins Creek

The undersigned do hereby give Notice that I have appropriated 500 inches of water under a 11 inch pressure of the water flowing in what is known as Hawkins Creek in Oneida County Idaho in Snake Valley. The

In the District Court
of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Idaho,
In and for the County of Fremont

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DECREE

Rexburg Irrigation Company et al.,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

Teton Irrigation Canal Company et al.,
Defendants.

1910

DECREE OF THE SNAKE RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

Arranged According to

PRIORITY OF RIGHTS

By

CHAS. H. DeCAMP, Water Commissioner Division No. 1.

Corrected Journal Print, Rexburg, Idaho

amount so assessed against him to the the Clerk of this Court.

And it is further ordered that each party hereto shall pay his own necessary costs for witnesses and other individual expenses.

This decree is rendered and entered without prejudice as to any and all rights or claims to waters of Snake River, or any of its tributaries, or any of the parties to this action, who are not in default herein, and whose rights accrued or would take priority as of a date subsequent to the first day of June, 1906.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the above mentioned and described awards of the right to use the waters of Snake River and its tributaries, respectively, are declared to be appurtenant to and are awarded for the purposes of irrigating the following described lands of the respective claimants, and for the following manufacturing, power, and other purposes, respectively, to-wit:

Acuff, J. H., a tract of land lying adjacent to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lots 3 and 4, Sec. 15; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 16, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 16, T. 3 S., R. 34 E., B. M., containing 160 acres.

Adams, E. G., S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 5 N., R. 44 E., B. M., containing 160 acres.

Adams, Lot, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 2, T. 3 S., R. 34 E., B. M., containing 160 acres.

Allen, Amos, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T. 4 N., R. 45 E., B. M.

Allen, Charles A., NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T. 3 N., R. 45 E., B. M.

Allen, Darius H., E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 21 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 27, T. 1 N., R. 37 E., B. M., containing 240 acres.

Allen, Eliza B., E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 1 N., R. 37 E., B. M., containing 160 acres.

Allen, George W., NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 4 N., R. 45 E., B. M.; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 32 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 31, T. 5 N., R. 45 E., B. M., containing 480 acres.

Allen, Isaac T., N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 45 E., B. M., containing 80 acres.

Allen, James V., SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 3, T. 6 N., R. 45 E., B. M.

Allred, I. H., SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9; N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 16; E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 3 S., R. 34 E., B. M., containing 200 acres.

Almy, C. J., Lot 6, Sec. 21; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 5 of Sec. 22 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 28, T. 8 N., R. 42 E., B. M.

American Falls Canal & Power Company—
Lands in Township 2 South, Range 34 East, B. M.:

	Acres.
North half Southwest quarter Section 28.....	80
Southeast quarter Northwest quarter Section 28.....	40
Southeast quarter Southwest quarter Section 29.....	40
Southwest quarter Southeast quarter Section 29.....	40
North half Southeast quarter Section 29.....	80
Southwest quarter Northeast quarter Section 31.....	40
Lands in Township 2 South, Range 35 East, B. M.:	
Northeast quarter Section 9.....	160
Northwest quarter Section 9.....	160
South half Southeast quarter Section 4.....	80
South half Southwest quarter Section 4.....	80
Lands in Township 3 South, Range 33 East, B. M.:	
Southeast quarter Section 10.....	160
Southeast quarter Section 13.....	160
Southeast quarter Section 14.....	160
South half Northeast quarter Section 14.....	80
South half Northwest quarter Section 14.....	80

20	Dunham, W. W.; June 1, 1884; Spring Creek, near Menan	250
20	Ballantyne, Z.; June 1, 1884; Spring Creek, near Menan	160
20	Good Luck Canal Co.; June 1, 1884; Teton River	500
20	Luxton, William; June 1, 1884; Spring Creek, near Menan	400
20	Long Island Irrigation Co.; June 1, 1884; South Fork of Snake River	3,000
20	Liston, H. S.; June 1, 1884; Spring Creek	240
20	Yearsley, John H.; June 1, 1884; Spring Creek	60
20	Wolf Ditch Co.; June 1, 1884; Teton River	1,265
20	Wilford Irrigation & Manufacturing Co.; June 1, 1884; Teton River	3,392
20	Stewart, Samuel (deceased), Estate of; by Mary H. Birch, adminx., and Mary H. Birch; June 1, 1884; Teton River	250
20	Teton Irrigation & Manufacturing Co.; June 1, 1884; Teton River. To be diverted at the Bird Head-gate, near the Teton Mill	3,798
20	Teton Irrigation & Manufacturing Co.; June 1, 1884; Teton River. To be diverted at the Bird Head-gate, near the Teton Mill	2,202
20	New Lava Side Ditch Co.; June 1, 1884; Snake River ..	1,000
20	Lenroot Canal Co.; June 1, 1884; South Fork of Snake River	450
20	Parks & Lewisville Canal Co.; June 1, 1884; South Fork of Snake River	1,000
21	Independent Irrigation Co., Ltd.; June 4, 1884; South Fork of Snake River	1,700
22	Clark & Edwards Irrigation Co., Ltd.; Feb. 27, 1885; South Fork of Snake River	3,500
23	Watson Slough Ditch Co.; Mar. 6, 1885; Snake River ..	3,500
24	Woodmansee, Charles H.; Mar. 15, 1885; Moody Creek. To be reduced to 320 inches after June 20th of each year	320
25	Egin Irrigation Co.; Apr. 25, 1885; North Fork of Snake River	
26	Nelson, David; May 1, 1885; Teton River. Through Nelson-Jacobs Ditch	216
27	Windmill, Richard & Richard, Withers and Oscar B. Young; May 31, 1885; Teton River (Eckersell Canal)	216
28	Butler Island Canal Co.; June 1, 1885; South Fork of Snake River	3,500
28	Gold, Frank; June 1, 1885; McMillan Slough	30
28	Roxana Canal Co.; June 1, 1885; Teton River. To be diverted from Teton Island Feeder Canal	800
28	Riverside Ditch Co.; June 1, 1885; Snake River	500
28	Reid Canal Co.; June 1, 1885; South Fork of Snake River	1,500
28	McGarry, Peter (deceased), Estate of; by Henry McGarry, adminr.; June 1, 1885; McMillan Slough ..	120
28	McGarry, Henry; June 1, 1885; McMillan Slough	105
28	Long Island Irrigation Co.; June 1, 1885; South Fork of Snake River	3,000
28	West Labelle Irrigation Co.; June 1, 1885; South Fork of Snake River	6,000
28	Salem Irrigation Canal Co., Ltd.; June 1, 1885; Teton River	4,000

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156	McCracken, James; June 15, 1897; South Leigh Creek.	156
156	McCracken, John; June 15, 1897; South Leigh Creek.	160
156	Moffat, Mary; June 15, 1897; Leigh Creek.	80
156	Porter, John; June 15, 1897; Trail Creek.	75
157	Henrie, James D.; June 20, 1897; Leigh Creek.	130
158	Wedekin, R. R.; June 23, 1897; Pritchard Creek.	160
159	Homer, Williard G.; June 24, 1897; South Leigh Creek.	160
160	Beam, Matilda E.; Sept. 19, 1897; Rainey Creek.	80
161	Sherman, E. H., and Sarah E.; Oct. 10, 1897; Duck Creek.	80
162	Jones, Joshua; Oct. 28, 1897; Trail Creek.	100
163	Clark & Houghton; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	200
163	Good Luck Canal Co.; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	1,300
163	Hill Ditch Co.; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	600
163	Rowe, Reuben H., and Morris McCormick; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River. Through McCormick & Rowe Ditch.	430
163	Ricks, Wallace; Apr. 1, 1898; North Leigh Creek.	40
163	Rexburg Irrigation Co.; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	8,500
163	Pioneer Ditch Co.; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	900
163	Pincock Byington Ditch Co.; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	700
163	Windmill, Richard, and Richard Withers and Oscar B. Young; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River. Eckersell Canal.	434
163	Wilford Irrigation & Manufacturing Co.; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	6,608
163	Stewart, Samuel (deceased), Estate of, by Mary H. Birch, adminx., and Mary H. Birch; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	500
163	Walters, William; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River (Stewart and Walters Ditch). Joint appropriation with Mons. H. Anderson.	332
163	Siddoway Irrigation & Manufacturing Co.; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	766
163	Teton Island Canal Co.; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	7,982
163	Bird, Martin L., F. W. Garner and George A. Pincock; Apr. 1, 1898; Pincock-Garner Ditch.	800
163	Eames, John S.; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	50
163	Nelson, David; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River. Through Nelson-Jacobs Ditch.	434
163	Mortensen, Christian; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River. Through Nelson-Jacobs Ditch.	218
163	Woodmansee-Johnson Ditch; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	1,380
163	City of Rexburg; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River. For power and municipal purposes.	1,650
163	Huskinson, William J.; Apr. 1, 1898; Teton River.	50
164	Nelson, Fritz E.; Apr. 15, 1898; Spring Creek.	120
164	Enterprise Canal Co.; Apr. 15, 1898; South Fork of Snake River.	3,400
165	Lamoreaux, Francis A., and Ann; May 1, 1898; South Leigh Creek.	25
166	Hendrickson, Frank; May 1, 1898; Badger Creek.	160
167	Dewey Canal Co.; May 15, 1898; North Fork of Snake River.	1,860
167	Clark H. J.; May 15, 1898; Teton River.	160
168	Wait, F. A.; May 25, 1898; Leigh Creek.	40
169	Edwards, Andrew; June 1, 1898; Trail Creek.	40
169	Edwards, Andrew; June 1, 1898; Trail Creek.	50
169	Felt, Clara V.; June 1, 1898; Badger Creek.	160
169	Bruce, Daniel C.; June 1, 1898; Teton Creek.	150
169	Black, Joseph A.; June 1, 1898; South Leigh Creek.	50
169	Allen, Amos; June 1, 1898; Fox Creek.	

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13055030 WILFORD CANAL
DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, IRRIGATION YEAR NOVEMBER 1979 TO OCTOBER 1980
MEAN VALUES

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1	57	3	---	---	0	84	107	95	229	126	88	87
2	57	3	---	---	0	84	110	95	214	104	57	86
3	57	4	---	---	0	84	113	93	213	99	60	86
4	57	4	---	---	0	95	113	133	125	94	60	86
5	30	4	---	---	0	95	116	132	117	98	61	90
6	30	4	---	---	0	95	116	128	108	97	92	94
7	30	4	---	---	0	95	120	132	100	96	85	94
8	30	4	---	---	0	95	125	131	132	87	78	94
9	30	4	---	---	0	95	124	132	144	93	79	94
10	31	4	---	---	0	95	123	131	181	96	80	94
11	32	4	---	---	0	95	123	154	180	98	80	48
12	32	3	---	---	0	110	123	153	179	97	88	94
13	32	3	---	---	80	110	111	159	173	82	94	94
14	32	3	---	---	80	110	116	158	166	86	94	78
15	32	3	---	---	80	110	122	156	171	91	91	63
16	32	2	---	---	80	110	122	155	159	93	91	63
17	32	2	---	---	80	110	122	167	163	90	92	59
18	35	2	---	---	80	112	125	166	159	88	91	56
19	35	2	---	---	80	112	128	167	152	80	90	56
20	35	2	---	---	80	112	128	165	144	79	90	56
21	35	2	---	---	80	95	127	169	136	78	90	48
22	35	2	---	---	80	95	126	176	132	71	89	48
23	35	2	---	---	80	100	114	175	117	70	89	49
24	35	2	---	---	91	100	114	179	131	69	84	50
25	35	2	---	---	91	110	90	177	137	68	90	52
26	35	2	---	---	91	110	91	~~235~~	100	67	95	54
27	35	2	---	---	91	107	101	234	104	66	92	54
28	19	2	---	---	91	107	113	233	107	66	90	54
29	3	2	---	---	91	103	108	232	108	65	89	54
30	3	2	---	---	91	103	104	230	121	64	87	142
31	---	2	---	---	91	---	100	---	122	61	---	142
TOTAL	1008	86	0	0	1408	3038	3575	4843	4524	2619	2536	2319
MEAN	34	3	0	0	52	101	115	161	146	84	85	75
MAX	57	4	0	0	91	112	128	236	229	126	95	142
MIN	3	2	0	0	0	84	90	93	100	61	57	48
AC-FT	2000	171	0	0	3200	6000	7100	9600	9000	5200	5000	4600
WATER YEAR	1980	TOTAL	26200	MEAN	71	AC-FT	51400					

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DISCHARGE, CUMULATIVE FEET PER SECOND, IRRIGATION YEAR NOVEMBER 1980 TO OCTOBER 1981
MEAN VALUES

DATE	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1	139	139	130	100	35	45	103	186	180	81	53	49
2	149	140	130	105	35	45	102	158	179	78	52	49
3	144	140	130	110	35	45	102	132	179	74	60	47
4	144	140	130	110	35	45	101	131	184	74	59	51
5	144	140	130	110	35	45	127	131	179	81	50	49
6	149	140	130	110	35	45	154	128	175	86	49	47
7	144	140	130	110	35	45	155	125	174	80	49	51
8	144	140	130	110	35	45	156	123	129	46	49	53
9	146	135	130	100	45	22	156	102	128	43	48	47
10	147	135	130	100	45	22	155	102	123	40	111	51
11	147	135	130	100	55	0	155	98	127	38	51	51
12	147	135	130	100	55	0	133	95	133	41	61	51
13	147	135	130	100	55	0	112	92	139	78	60	47
14	147	135	130	100	55	2	114	91	140	71	60	47
15	147	135	130	100	55	4	117	89	141	69	60	47
16	130	130	130	100	65	4	116	89	141	58	55	47
17	130	130	130	100	65	4	123	104	158	48	55	47
18	130	130	130	100	75	4	123	120	161	47	51	47
19	130	130	130	100	75	4	125	123	150	47	47	47
20	130	130	130	100	75	4	127	133	138	49	49	47
21	130	130	130	100	75	0	119	154	129	47	51	47
22	130	130	130	100	75	0	111	175	114	47	48	47
23	138	138	138	100	75	0	111	183	117	47	45	47
24	139	139	139	100	75	0	113	188	123	47	45	47
25	139	139	139	100	75	0	112	191	108	46	44	47
26	139	139	139	100	75	38	144	190	92	46	44	49
27	139	139	139	100	75	105	178	190	77	46	49	49
28	139	139	139	100	75	105	181	189	60	62	49	49
29	139	139	139	100	75	105	185	189	64	58	49	49
30	139	139	139	100	75	105	184	175	64	54	49	49
31	139	139	139	100	75	105	187	175	68	50	49	49
TOTAL	4253	2153	2141	1645	2402	1102	4181	4170	4114	1755	1611	1499
MEAN	142	69	68	58	82	37	135	139	133	57	54	48
MAX	149	140	130	110	125	105	167	191	184	81	111	53
MIN	130	130	130	100	35	0	101	89	60	38	44	47
ACFT	8400	4300	4200	3200	4000	2200	8300	8300	8200	3500	3200	3000

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DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, IRRIGATION YEAR NOVEMBER 1982 TO OCTOBER 1983
MEAN VALUES

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
54	125	95	70	35	120	123	220	143	137	99	99
54	125	95	70	35	75	124	204	141	136	98	101
54	125	95	70	35	30	124	198	121	140	97	101
54	125	95	70	35	30	130	191	102	101	98	88
54	125	95	70	35	30	137	191	100	105	97	76
116	125	95	70	32	30	139	139	128	109	101	76
116	130	95	67	30	30	142	139	126	113	95	76
116	130	95	65	30	30	142	143	185	117	93	63
116	130	95	65	30	30	101	141	183	121	90	63
116	130	95	65	30	30	95	139	119	125	89	63
116	130	95	65	30	30	111	138	63	129	91	62
116	115	95	65	30	30	112	138	38	146	90	61
116	100	95	45	30	30	118	117	64	134	87	61
97	100	95	45	30	30	124	117	38	146	85	61
97	100	85	45	30	30	122	101	44	158	84	15
97	100	85	45	30	30	141	86	114	157	83	15
97	100	85	45	30	30	139	91	107	137	83	15
97	108	85	45	30	35	137	95	99	136	87	15
97	115	85	40	55	35	135	95	118	135	87	8
92	115	85	40	55	35	140	181	108	133	87	8
92	115	85	40	55	73	146	181	154	122	87	8
92	115	80	40	55	110	144	181	148	131	86	8
92	115	80	40	55	110	180	165	142	148	85	8
92	115	80	40	55	110	178	159	137	134	85	8
92	100	80	37	55	150	183	192	131	133	83	8
92	100	80	35	120	150	186	135	126	119	83	8
106	100	80	35	120	150	215	135	120	112	87	8
106	100	77	35	120	157	243	154	127	111	92	8
106	100	75	---	120	165	241	154	156	110	95	8
106	100	75	---	120	165	239	154	166	102	99	8
---	100	75	---	120	---	237	---	152	100	---	8
2848	3513	2707	1464	1672	2090	4718	4474	3700	3947	2703	1215
95	113	87	52	54	70	152	149	119	127	90	39
116	130	95	70	120	165	243	220	185	158	101	101
54	100	75	35	30	30	85	86	38	100	83	8
5600	7000	5400	2900	3300	4100	9400	8900	7300	7800	5400	2400
IRRIGATION YEAR 1983	TOTAL	35100	MEAN	96	AC-FT	69500					

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DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, IRRIGATION YEAR NOVEMBER 1990 TO OCTOBER 1991
MEAN VALUES

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1	28	---	---	---	1.0	3.0	33	90	131	66	88	72
2	28	---	---	---	1.0	3.0	23	129	121	65	90	71
3	28	---	---	---	1.0	3.0	23	172	119	91	89	71
4	28	---	---	---	1.0	3.0	23	173	117	86	94	62
5	28	---	---	---	1.0	7.0	26	175	108	60	95	61
6	28	---	---	---	1.0	8.0	30	108	142	61	95	60
7	28	---	---	---	1.0	8.0	46	109	135	62	97	60
8	28	---	---	---	1.0	8.0	63	111	128	65	97	62
9	23	---	---	---	1.0	8.0	76	110	185	66	96	64
10	18	---	---	---	1.0	8.0	76	108	156	72	96	64
11	13	---	---	---	1.0	8.0	76	110	133	77	95	64
12	13	---	---	---	1.0	8.0	85	221	131	78	95	66
13	10	---	---	---	1.0	9.0	85	233	132	75	92	69
14	10	---	---	---	1.0	9.0	76	229	111	76	89	69
15	10	---	---	---	1.0	9.0	57	125	92	64	89	69
16	9.0	---	---	---	3.0	9.0	54	134	88	63	88	69
17	9.0	---	---	---	3.0	8.0	54	144	74	71	74	69
18	9.0	---	---	---	3.0	8.0	56	194	75	76	81	70
19	9.0	---	---	---	3.0	8.0	67	163	74	84	78	71
20	7.0	---	---	---	3.0	8.0	67	159	73	76	78	71
21	9.0	---	---	---	3.0	8.0	67	158	77	82	75	71
22	9.0	---	---	---	3.0	8.0	67	156	82	83	75	70
23	9.0	---	---	---	3.0	3.5	67	150	74	79	75	69
24	8.0	---	---	---	3.0	3.5	67	143	75	72	79	67
25	8.0	---	---	---	3.0	3.5	72	147	72	77	79	66
26	30	---	---	---	3.0	3.5	72	140	71	80	73	72
27	35	---	---	---	3.0	3.5	72	138	70	82	73	77
28	40	---	---	---	3.0	3.5	72	131	70	83	69	28
29	45	---	---	---	3.0	3.5	56	129	73	84	71	8.0
30	50	---	---	---	3.0	3.5	56	130	69	85	73	8.0
31	---	---	---	---	3.0	---	56	---	67	88	---	8.0
TOTAL	607	---	---	---	63	440	1836	4419	3122	2329	2538	1878
MEAN	20	---	---	---	2.0	15	59	147	101	75	85	61
MAX	50	---	---	---	3.0	35	85	233	185	91	97	77
MIN	7.0	---	---	---	1.0	3.0	23	90	67	60	69	8.0
AC-FT	1204	---	---	---	125	873	3642	8765	6192	4620	5034	3725
IRRIGATION YEAR 1991	TOTAL	17232	MEAN	47	AC-FT	34179						

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1000000 WILSONS CANAL
DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, IRRIGATION YEAR NOVEMBER 1994 TO OCTOBER 1995
MEAN VALUES

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1	3.0	25	6.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	23	177	161	141	83	78
2	3.0	25	6.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	23	177	150	153	86	78
3	3.0	25	6.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	23	177	139	149	83	71
4	18	25	6.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	23	177	142	148	81	69
5	18	25	6.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	23	177	142	139	110	73
6	19	20	6.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	23	173	133	130	100	73
7	19	20	6.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	23	173	130	121	123	73
8	19	20	6.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	23	156	148	120	121	73
9	19	20	6.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	23	155	156	119	107	73
10	19	20	6.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	23	154	167	118	103	73
11	20	25	4.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	23	152	166	89	98	71
12	20	20	4.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	23	150	157	89	100	71
13	20	20	4.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	23	156	137	86	101	71
14	20	20	4.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	23	167	135	84	105	71
15	20	20	4.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	23	172	132	101	106	71
16	30	14	3.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	23	183	131	110	115	69
17	30	14	3.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	23	179	131	117	117	70
18	30	13	3.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	23	167	126	88	118	71
19	30	12	3.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	23	159	126	96	105	70
20	30	12	3.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	54	110	153	95	106	69
21	28	11	3.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	54	76	164	96	115	69
22	28	11	3.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	56	76	158	80	98	69
23	28	10	3.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	59	74	145	79	90	69
24	28	10	3.0	3.0	1.0	8.0	59	73	132	76	88	68
25	28	10	3.0	3.0	2.0	8.0	59	71	128	76	88	68
26	25	10	3.0	3.0	2.0	8.0	59	69	126	77	90	71
27	25	10	3.0	3.0	2.0	6.0	59	148	124	79	90	71
28	25	10	3.0	3.0	2.0	6.0	89	161	120	80	90	69
29	25	9.0	3.0	---	2.0	6.0	89	164	132	81	88	69
30	25	8.0	3.0	---	2.0	6.0	108	162	131	84	78	69
1	---	8.0	3.0	---	2.0	---	108	---	130	87	---	69
TAL	655	502	128	84	38	159	1290	4365	4352	3188	2983	2199
EAN	22	16	4.1	3.0	1.2	5.3	42	146	140	103	99	71
VAX	30	25	6.0	3.0	2.0	8.0	108	183	167	153	123	78
FIN	3.0	8.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	23	69	120	76	78	68
-PT	1299	996	254	157	75	315	2559	8658	8632	6323	5917	4362
IRRIGATION YEAR 1995			TOTAL	19943	MEAN	55	AC-FT	39556				

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DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, IRRIGATION YEAR NOVEMBER 1998 TO OCTOBER 1999
MEAN VALUES

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1	70	48	32	5.0	3.0	20	0.0	48	151	151	75	96
2	70	48	31	5.0	3.0	20	0.0	48	151	154	71	116
3	70	48	30	5.0	3.0	20	0.0	48	151	143	71	116
4	70	48	30	5.0	3.0	20	0.0	51	154	127	71	114
5	70	48	30	5.0	3.0	20	0.0	51	157	121	69	114
6	69	35	30	5.0	2.0	16	0.0	41	172	119	65	114
7	69	35	30	5.0	2.0	3.0	0.0	33	238	119	69	114
8	56	35	30	5.0	2.0	4.0	0.0	33	238	112	61	114
9	56	35	30	5.0	2.0	5.0	0.0	45	235	106	69	114
10	56	35	30	5.0	2.0	5.0	0.0	51	222	104	67	114
11	56	35	10	4.0	2.0	12	0.0	56	215	106	67	111
12	48	35	10	4.0	2.0	12	0.0	75	209	104	67	111
13	48	35	10	4.0	2.0	10	0.0	82	199	99	67	111
14	48	35	8.0	4.0	2.0	8.0	0.0	89	178	94	67	110
15	48	38	8.0	4.0	2.0	8.0	0.0	157	175	89	65	109
16	47	38	7.0	4.0	1.0	15	0.0	172	157	84	65	111
17	47	38	7.0	4.0	1.0	15	0.0	169	154	82	82	111
18	47	38	7.0	3.0	1.0	15	0.0	178	151	82	84	111
19	47	35	7.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	0.0	157	146	94	85	111
20	47	35	7.0	3.0	2.0	5.0	0.0	145	149	106	87	111
21	70	35	6.0	3.0	2.0	5.0	0.0	132	124	106	87	112
22	70	35	6.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	0.0	124	124	105	84	114
23	70	35	6.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	0.0	121	181	104	82	116
24	70	35	6.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	0.0	154	178	104	82	116
25	70	35	6.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	0.0	146	163	116	82	116
26	45	34	6.0	3.0	1.5	3.0	0.0	143	151	78	100	110
27	45	34	6.0	3.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	140	149	78	119	110
28	48	34	6.0	3.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	138	146	78	116	97
29	48	34	5.0	---	1.5	0.0	0.0	153	149	75	82	99
30	48	30	5.0	---	1.5	0.0	0.0	151	149	75	---	99
31	---	30	5.0	---	1.5	---	84	---	149	75	---	99
TOTAL	1723	1148	447	111	141	260	1153	3131	5265	3190	2374	3421
MEAN	57	37	14	4.0	4.5	8.7	37	104	170	103	79	110
MAX	70	48	32	5.0	1.5	20	117	178	238	154	119	116
MIN	45	30	5.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	33	124	75	61	96
AC-FT	3418	2277	887	220	280	516	2287	6210	10443	6327	4709	6786
IRRIGATION YEAR 1999			TOTAL	22364	MEAN	61	AC-FT	44358				

1999-2000 WILLOW CANYON
DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, IRRIGATION YEAR NOVEMBER 1999 TO OCTOBER 2000
MEAN VALUES

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1	99	87	32	20	24	34	96	165	80	88	55	59
2	100	87	32	20	24	34	99	104	74	81	48	59
3	100	87	25	20	24	34	101	129	74	79	48	59
4	94	87	25	20	24	25	94	129	79	81	48	49
5	94	87	25	19	23	25	94	129	115	83	58	51
6	94	63	26	19	22	25	94	106	86	82	82	49
7	94	63	26	19	22	25	87	106	78	77	86	49
8	94	49	26	19	23	24	80	106	87	74	83	59
9	95	35	26	20	23	23	80	105	90	75	82	69
10	96	34	26	20	23	22	53	98	87	80	82	69
11	96	32	26	20	24	22	33	79	94	78	74	69
12	96	32	25	20	25	22	31	75	93	79	72	69
13	96	32	23	20	25	22	31	78	90	80	71	69
14	96	32	20	20	25	23	31	101	92	81	70	69
15	96	32	20	19	23	23	31	88	74	83	67	69
16	96	32	19	18	22	23	75	67	87	92	74	69
17	96	32	19	18	29	23	53	65	90	86	80	69
18	96	32	20	18	35	22	53	63	87	83	80	67
19	96	32	20	18	38	21	57	62	83	73	80	59
20	95	32	20	20	40	20	96	63	79	79	80	59
21	94	32	17	20	40	20	96	62	81	76	79	59
22	94	32	15	21	40	20	96	67	89	90	79	59
23	94	32	17	22	38	22	99	75	93	89	81	59
24	94	32	20	22	38	24	104	106	82	88	80	59
25	94	32	20	22	38	24	109	125	92	92	74	59
26	92	32	20	22	37	24	101	120	105	82	65	59
27	92	32	20	22	36	21	99	82	106	78	58	59
28	90	32	20	22	36	18	86	73	93	81	58	59
29	87	32	20	22	35	35	80	75	89	71	59	59
30	87	32	20	---	34	55	79	74	92	65	59	59
31	---	32	20	---	34	---	89	---	92	62	---	59
TOTAL	2837	1351	690	582	924	755	2407	2777	2733	2488	2112	1889
MEAN	95	44	22	20	30	25	78	93	88	80	70	61
MAX	100	87	32	22	40	55	109	165	115	92	86	69
MIN	87	32	15	18	22	18	31	62	74	62	48	49
AC-FT	5627	2680	1369	1154	1833	1498	4774	5508	5421	4935	4189	3747
IRRIGATION YEAR 2000			TOTAL	21545	MEAN	59	AC-FT	42734				

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Winter Water Of The Wilford Canal

The Wilford Canal is diverted from the Teton River. It runs from east to west down through the community of Wilford.

Many families had access to, and used the water for all their needs! Our small log home, which still stands today, was located on the north bank of the canal. The barns, Corrals, and livestock were on the South side.

As with others the canal was very important to our lively hood. We used the water in the home; for bathing, laundry, cooking and also for drinking both summer and winter. In the winter two holes were chopped in the ice: One upstream for the house hold needs, and one down stream for livestock to drink from. I was involved using the canal in this way in the late 30's and early 40's. My grand parents used the canal beginning in 1908. Then 12 years later my parents moved to this home site.

After the war in 1945 we drilled out first well for house hold needs. The well, like most others in the area was dug to 60 feet. Many years wells in the area would go dry in February. We learned that if we would divert a small stream of water on the fields near the well site, the well would not dry up. This made for many iced skating rinks in our community. We played a lot of Iced Hockey. We would also skate for miles on the ice within the canals. It was an extra thrill when we would find fish trapped between the layers of ice. They seemed to be dead, but we would bring them home and put them in metal bathing tubs; and soon they began to swim.

Many of us in this area were disappointed when the law was passed in the late 70's that defined the irrigation season. It prevented us from diverting small amounts of water during winter months; to recharge our wells and also provide water for our livestock.

We live in an area where the land is porous, water sinks quickly. This water that we diverted in the winter not only helped us, but I fell and many agree, that it also helped to recharge the entire aquifer.

There is talk of spending millions on recharge projects. First of all we know there can be no recharge without water; and no water without more snow in winter. Why spend dollars to build recharge sights when in this area there are recharge sights already in place.

First there is an artery of 40 canals that fan out between Ashton and Rexburg where 15 to 20% of water is lost to seepage during the irrigation season. Water in these canals during winter months would contribute to under ground storage. There are excavation pits along the free-way from Ashton to Idaho Falls that could have water in them if and when this drought ends and there is water available to do so.

Signature: 

Date: 21 Nov 05

WILFORD CANAL WINTER WATER

This is a brief history as I recall of the Wilford Canal running water during the winter months.

I am seventy four years old and our family has always been involved in the operation of this canal.

My father was a Director and Secretary for twenty four years (1936-1960) and was very active in the day to day operations of the Wilford Canal. I was a Director, Secretary and Board Chairman from 1964 to 1996 (32 Years).

We have always felt the Wilford Canal was the economic life blood of our community (what would our land be worth without water and how deep would our domestic wells have to be?)

I recall in the 1930's nearly everyone relied on water in the canal in the winter for domestic and livestock use. Beginning in the 1940's some domestic wells were being drilled but most everyone watered their livestock from the canal. The early wells were not very deep 50-60 feet and they would start getting low or go dry in the winter so farmers would run water in barrow pits, sloughs or on their land and this would raise the water level, as we leveled our land, filled sloughs, borrow pits our water table continued to drop, our first well was 60 feet, then around 1950 we lowered it to 90 feet and in 1960 we drilled down to 120 feet.

The years I was a director, (1964-1996) there was a definite need for water to be in our canal for land recharge, well recharge, and livestock use. Nearly every year some wells would get very low or go dry. If we would increase the flow of water in the canal our stockholders could run water around their place and water their livestock and the wells would come back in.

In the late 1970's our district water master petitioned the Idaho Legislature to define the water as far only irrigation and set the irrigation season from April 1 to Oct 31.

In the 1910 adjudication of our water rights, the judge ruled our water rights were for irrigation, manufacturing, power and other purposes. (Page 31)..

In the late 70's or early 80's the District water master started sending letters to the canal company's stating if water was used between Nov 1 and March 31 they could be charged storage water from the following years allocation.

Since this has happened many wells have had to be drilled deeper, the water table under our farms is lower and it takes more water the following summer for our crops and our canal has a greater loss from shrinkage.

We are now seeing many lawsuits be filed from those holding senior water rights. The water table is dropping every year; stream flow and drainage into the rivers are lower.

We need to realize that you have to put as much into the system as we take out.

In reading minutes of meeting between 1978 to present, we used winter water when the board felt it would not jeopardize our storage water the following summer.

Signature:

J. T. Beech

Date:

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JT Beech

11-21-05

A few personal experiences of having water in the Wilford Canal in the winter.

1. In 1941 when I was attending Wilford School, the North branch of the Wilford Canal flooded the entire school grounds and surrounding areas. All of the students had a great time skating for a month or longer.
2. Winter water in Wilford Canal meant chopping holes everyday for livestock and providing great skating for the entire length of the canal.
3. I recall after blizzards the canal would fill with snow. My dad and neighbors would take a sharp – shoed team of horses and a single wing ditcher and go through drifted areas making a path to keep water flowing in the canal and not flood over.
4. In 1962 and 1967 we received much rain and warm weather in late January and early February. The Teton River flooded many homes and farm land and both times we were asked to open our gates to help relieve the high water down river.

WINTER WATER IN THE WILFORD CANAL

I was born in Wilford in 1930. Our home was across the street from the Wilford Canal. The water in the canal was the primary source of water for our cows and horses as well as everyone else that lives close by. It was also used for our household purposes.

After I was old enough to go to school it was my chore to keep the ice out of the water hole so the cows could drink. There was water running in the canal all winter long. All the neighborhood kids used it as a skating rink. Many times we could skate all the way to the canal. I'm sure that all the domestic wells in the area have benefited running water in the canal all winter.

Date: 11-26-05

Signed: Max Dayton

Depth of Water in Well
Clint Peterson residence

55' to Water 1946

65' to Water 1958

87' to Water 1969

99' to Water 1981

120' to Water 1991

TWP 7 new pump
South $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec 20 R 41

Clinton Peterson

Mr. Peterson is a stockholder of the Wilford Canal. He is now 88 years old and has measured the depth of water in his well up until 1991. This shows the important need for recharge in the aquifer. Wells that are being dug today are going down to 200 feet.

Brant Kerk President of Wilford Canal

Date 11/15/05

WILFORD CANAL CO. STOCKHOLDER AND BOARD MINUTES FROM
1977-1996

1. Check minutes of Directors meeting. Nov 19, 1980 Page 53 concerning claims filed on winter water.
2. Director meeting. Nov 12, 1984 – Board agreed to run winter water. Page 87
3. Board meeting Feb 13, 1985 – statement water running over bank next to Lyndon's corral. Page 89
4. Stockholders meeting 2-9-87. Roy Beddes wants water in canal his well and Lyndon Trupps are low. Motion made to turn water in as soon as possible. Some water in now, they need more. Lyndon Trupps and David Beddes turned more water in the next day. Page 119
5. Board meeting 11-5-87. Discussed whether to leave water in canal due to charge against our storage. Page 127
6. Stockholders meeting discussion on filing on winter water 1884 – 1898 – 1939 rights. Page 141
7. Board meeting 11-20-90. Motion made to leave water in for stock. Page 151
8. In reading some of the old minutes during the 1970's we met several times with Ray Rigby and he done some filing on winter water!

Board of Directors Meeting Nov 19-1988
 Ft Beech 1st thing Ed has asked is this.

discuss water problem as to whether
 Larry Kerbs sprinkle water up on this escape
 track with drilled water the lane is under
 fall river water. will check into this.

the claims for our winter water rights
 have been filed with the Dept of Water
 resources. This would not give us
 the direct right but will give us
 permission to run fall & winter water
 until it clears the courts.

the Recharge pump on the Shaw Place
 has been changed by the Water Resource
 board Pump belongs to Bob Parkinson &
 Val Schwendeman.

nothing further

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Nov 12 1984

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... on pull + on north side also the
why water appears in Miller place
above Dalton Brower check.

Lynn Romrell requested permission to
transfer $\frac{1}{2}$ share of his water to an
acreage still in same system.
Request granted

Dennis Sheehy in process of buying
from B. Ashcraft.

Motion made by L. Trapp was to be
\$10⁰⁰ per share assessment ~~payable~~ December 1.
Seconded and Carried. Due Jan 1, 1

Board agreed to run Culinary water thru
winter

Board agreed to pull and keep check on
checking points Larry K. to watch Potters
Romrells and splitter gates.
Evel to check his own + Ed Olsens
Ed to pull Dalton Dr. D. Romrell + Dennis

Motion made we pay remainder due
to Water Resource Board. Seconded & Carried
Meeting adjourned 8:45 P.M.

Presented by Ed Klein

Feb 13, 1985
 Wilford Canal Board meeting

Board met at Errol Johnson home with Errol presiding. ^{Minutes}

All board members were present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Date was set for annual stockholders meeting as of Feb 25, at 7 p.m. in the water office in the Court house, for the purpose of electing new officers for 1985. Board checked on water running over bank next to Lyndon's Canal. It was decided we would keep close watch if it should get worse.

Discussed request of Stan Glenn to put in gate just ahead of Glen Davis Check, since nothing could be done now, it was decided to recommend problem to new officers elected.
 moved we adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Acting Sec. Ed. Klein

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING 2/9/87

Present. FRANK Ives, ALFRED KLEIN, ERROL Johnson
 LARRY KERBS, DAVID + ROY Beddes, JOHN POCOCH
 GLENN DAVIS, DELTON BROWER, MAX ROMRELL,
 KENT ROMRELL, LYNDEN TRUPP, J.T. Beech,
 REED ASHCRAFT, STAN Glenn, Ted Gould.

Meeting opened. by J.T. Beech Pres.
 minutes Read, FRANK Ives, made motion
 To Accept minutes AS Read, ROY Beddes
 2nd. motion Passed.

FINICAL - Report Read + Discussed, GLENN DAVIS
 made motion To ACCEPT AS Read. REED
 ASHCRAFT. 2nd. motion Passed

work To be done on CANAL -
 Ted Gould needs new side GATE
 new wings on ROY Beddes.

TREES AT GLENN DAVIS need To be Removed
 GLENN DAVIS - AGREES To do work

CAUSE OF FLOODING AT STAN Glenn Discuss
 Decided To Let People down The CANAL
 To pull checks, + ALSO To Let WATERMASTER
 Know, Ahead of Time

ROY Beddes wants To put water in CANAL

Decide To Leave up To new Board.

need new SLIDER at RON BAUERS - Found

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turning back
Cost of 50¢ Per Acre Ft.
Frank Jves made motion To Turn back
Larry Kerbs 2nd motion PASSED
motion To keep WATER MASTER on Till
Sept 15.. (PASSED)
LARRY Kerbs made motion To Leave \$10.00
Accessment FRANK Jves 2nd. motion
PASSED.

meeting Closed

11/5/87

Board meeting

minutes Read & Accepted

Decision on Leaving water in CANAL
due To The Charge of STORAGE. WATER
Decided to meet with Ray Rigby for
future discussion.

meeting Adjourned.

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ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
IN ATTENDANCE J.V. BECKW, Lyndey Trupp
DELTON BROWER ERROL JOHNSON, FRANK IVER TROTT
TED GOULD, REED ASHCRAFT, GLENN DAVIS, LARRY KERBS
CLINT PETERSON, JOHN POCKOCK, TAT MIYASKI DARREL NANNBY
MARK WILLIAMS, GENE BAUER, MAX ROMERU,

Meeting CALLED TO ORDER.
Mins. Read. + Discussed. Motion made to ACCEPT
By GLENN DAVIS FRANK IVER 2nd PASSED
financial STATEMENTS Read. NO DISCUSSION
MOTION TO ACCEPT JOHN POCKOCK, DARREL NANNBY 2nd
(PASSED)

DISCUSSION ON ADJUDICATION OF WELLS - decide THAT
they do NOT HAVE TO BE done know. can be
done AT LATER DATE.

Discussion for measuring water filling on ^{winter water} 1884-1898 - 1939.

STOCKHOLDERS decided TO HAVE RAY RIGBY. Go Through
ADJUDICATION, before deadline.

WORK TO BE done ON CANAL.

Build up BANK between NO WELFORD + FARMERS FORD

RONNIE BAUER side etc.

STOCKHOLDER BUSINESS NONE

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD -

DELTON BROWER out GLENN DAVIS in

Left AS is

MOTION TO ADJORN ERROL JOHNSON REED ASHCRAFT 2nd
PASSED

Double - 300 more per year for Handling
motion by Glenn Davis LARRY Kerbs and
motion PASSED.

motion To HAVE STANDARD HEADGATE of
24" Sq or 18" Round. or 48" Sq
made by FRANK JONES. Glenn DAVIS and
PASSED.

11/20/91

Board meeting
ALL Present

Min Read AND DISCUSSED. Approved
Frank JONES made motion. Glenn DAVIS and
Financial STATEMENT Read. 1929?

WATER ^{meter} HAS 65 Hours in SEPT.

Motion made To PAY 600 Per Hour.
LARRY Kerbs made motion. Frank and PASSED.

Discussion To leave water in CANAL.

motion made To leave SMALL Stream in for
Stock

WILFORD IRRIGATION AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY

In the years between 1883 and 1900, many people came from Utah communities to find new homes on the sagebrush flats between the North Fork of Snake River and the Fall River on the north and the Teton River on the south. Those who were members of the Latter-day Saints Church were encouraged by the leaders of the Church to build their homes in communities where they could preserve their religious ideals, and be mutually helpful in withstanding the hardships and dangers of a pioneer life. The Wilford and Twin Groves Communities were established in this way.

Through the efforts of those early pioneers this area is now under irrigation and served by the Salem Union, Fall River, Farmers' Friend, and Wilford Canals and by three smaller ditches known as the Pioneer, The Good Luck, and the Stewart Ditches.

To the Wilford Community in 1883 and 1884 came the Birch Brothers, Thomas, Edward, James, Dave, Robert, Jack, and William from Coalville and Willard, Utah. From Cache Valley came the families of George David Black, William E. Pratt, William and Joseph Brower, and John Burrell. Lysander Dayton came from Cedar Fort. George and Bill Davis came from Hooper, Utah and Thomas S. Smith and several grown sons from Farmington, Utah. These first families chose the land nearest to the Teton River and the sloughs which meandered from it from which they could get culinary water and enough water to irrigate a few acres of crops.

But as other families arrived, it became evident that only by the co-operative efforts of groups could the life sustaining water be led out to the fertile but thirsty lands farther from the rivers. On February 2, 1884, a group began work on a dam across the Teton River for the purpose of diverting water through a ditch which was to be called "The Wilford Mechanical and Agricultural Water Ditch. Some of the men who were there that day were James Birch, Ernest Chase, William J. Pratt, Nelson Russ, George D. Black, James Powell, Edward Birch, H. B. Heninger, John Burrell, and William Birch. On May 1, 1884, they posted the notice at the head of the canal claiming 14,000 inches.

The company was organized in 1885 with the following officers: Thomas S. Smith, President; George David Black, vice-president; William J. Pratt, Treasurer; and C. A. Powell, Secretary. Other directors were Edward A. Smith, Richard Funk, and Edward Birch.

Stockholders then comprising the company were: Edward Birch, William Allgood, Thomas Birch, James Birch, William Birch, George D. Black, Ernest Chase, Lysander Dayton, W. J. Elliot, W. R. Funk, C. A. Gordon, Thomas Gooch, John Hansen, H. F. Heninger, W. R. Jack, S. G. Johnson, Joseph Johnson,

John Burrell, Reuben Belnap, Joseph Byington, Joseph Brower, C. A. Powell, James Powell, William J. Pratt, Nelson Russ, and John Robb.

At first it was decided to dig three branches of the canal, the two which are now used, and a third branch which was to have watered lands farther to the north which are now served by the Fall River and Farmer's Friend Canals. The third branch was never dug. The canal flows due west from the Teton River for three quarters of a mile to the dividing gates. Here it divides into the north and south branches which then flow west four miles paralleling each other at a distance of one-hundred rods. The course of the north branch was surveyed along the side of the hill by J. R. Meservy. Then at the place where the canal dropped from the hill to the flat below, the water was run through a penstock to supply power for the sawmill and gristmill erected by J. R. Meservy in 1887 and 1888. People came from miles around to have grain ground into flour at the Meservy Mill.

Serving as President of the canal company in 1886 was Jesse L. Smith; in 1887-88 was Richard Funk; in 1889 was Joseph Byington; and in 1890 was Charles A. Gordon.

In the years that followed, other families came from Utah who helped to widen the canal, build headgates, clear the land from sagebrush and make irrigation ditches. They were the families of Francis Roueche, Eric Johnson, Samuel W. Orme, Joseph and Fred Romrell, William H. Panter, and many others.

In the years between 1905 and 1910, the decrees of the canals of Snake River and its tributaries were determined through the decisions handed down by the District Court. These decisions and decrees were made and based on the testimonies of the very earliest pioneers and river engineers. The men who testified that they were on the dam site on February 2, 1884 and that the notice was posted on May 1, 1884 were William Birch, Edward Birch, John Hansen, and John Pincock.

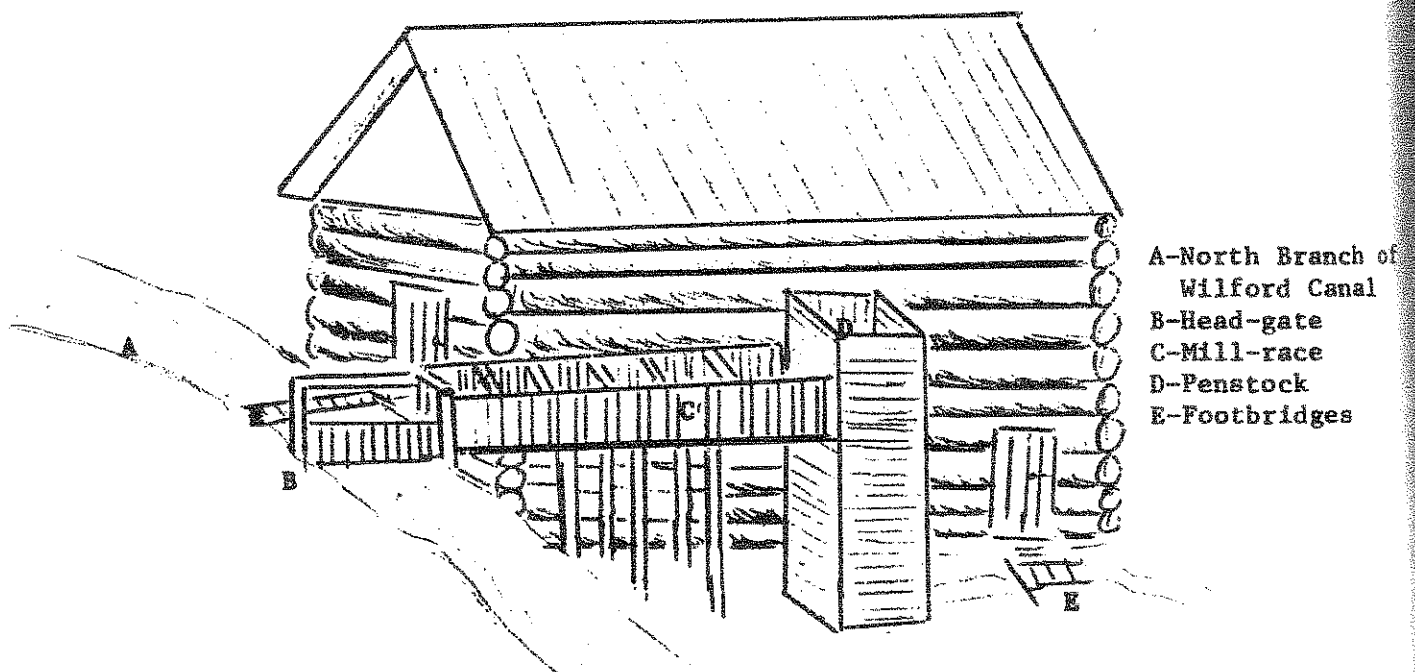
Some of the officers during those critical years were T. F. Roueche, President; O. K. Meservy, Secretary; and board members S. W. Orme, S. A. White, Eric Johnson, C. E. Murri, George McArthur, and Joseph Romrell.

As the decrees were finally determined by the courts, the Wilford Canal was given a low decree of 3,392 miners inches dated June 1, 1884 and a high decree of 6,608 inches dated April 1, 1898.

When it became evident that the Wilford Canal heading in the Teton River could not adequately supply the northeastern parts of the Wilford farming area, practical minded men, some of whom had just finished helping build the Wilford Canal began to explore the possibilities for other canals heading from the North Fork of the Snake River and from its tributary, the Fall River.

Sketches of a Pioneer Community Wilford, Id.

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A Sketch of the Meservy Mill made by Mrs. Rozelia Watson
from her memory of it.

The millrace and the penstock were open on top. The millrace was about fifteen feet long and five feet wide. The penstock was about five feet square and extended up above the millrace a foot or two. Both the millrace and the penstock were made of very heavy solid lumber.

The building was about thirty feet long and was made of logs. It was two stories high. The machinery was run by the power derived from a large wheel that lay flat at the bottom of the penstock onto which the water fell as it dropped down through the penstock. There was a foot-bridge near the door over the stream of water that flowed out of the penstock and back into the canal farther downstream.

The product of the mill were whole wheat flour, shorts and bran.