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Boise, Idaho 83704
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Arbon, Idaho 83212

Dear Mr. Williams:

The only property documents I could locate were for the properties that the folks owned in Pocatello. I recall living on the farm in Arbon a couple of years before I started school in 1941. Dad's life sketch states that his dad rented the farm and he and mother lived there before he purchased it. His diaries began January 1941 and he mentioned making a payment for the property that year. Dad made practically daily diary entries from 1941 up through the 1990s.

The first mention of water in the meadow was February 1941 in reference to cutting ice. We had an ice house filled with sawdust where the large chunks of ice were stored. (We had an ice box for refrigeration as there was not electricity to homes in the Valley until later.)

Other references to the water in the meadow were as follows: (There was another reference to cutting ice in February 1942 and no other mention of water in the meadow until the following.)

8/2/50 dug out water hole on meadow
7/11/51 water is getting plenty low in meadow.
7/2/52 water stopped running thru meadow
7/22/53 water has stopped running thru meadow
9/1/53 water very low on meadow
9/9/53 dry water hole in east part of meadow
9/24/53 worked on ditch in meadow (Dad mentions frequently working on the ditch but never states specifically what work is done.)
9/25/53 worked on ditch in meadow-finally got water in east field
7/3/54 water quit running thru meadow again
7/6/54 went up creek to try to increase water-it is low now
9/4/54 worked on water out in meadow
9/8/54 worked on water out in meadow
6/19/55 water has quit running thru meadow-sure went down fast this past week
6/25/55 cleaned out weeds etc. for water in meadow
7/15/55 worked on waterhole-it was very low
8/29/55 worked on water out in meadow
9/6/55 worked on water out in meadow

9/21/55 worked on water out in meadow-got ti down to pond
6/21/56 water has quit running thru meadow now
7/7/56 done some work on water ditch in meadow-sure dry
9/7/56 checked-no water-Arbon had water turned off-talked to Ralph Jones about it
(Ralph Jones was an attorney)
9/18/56 worked on water out in meadow
9/22/56 worked on water out in meadow
6/30/57 water has quit running thru meadow
7/12/57 worked on water out in meadow
7/6/57 worked on ditch in meadow-the water has quit coming down thru Hebers
7/18/57 had to work on water out in meadow
7/19/57 opened gate on no. meadow so cattle could go thru for water
7/25 57 worked on water ditch in meadow
8/17/57 worked on water out in meadow-it is low
9/2/57 worked on water out in meadow
9/20/57 worked on water out in meadow
7/25/57 worked on water ditch in meadow
8/17/57 worked on water out in meadow-it is low
9/2/57 worked on water out in meadow
9/25/57 worked on water out in meadow
6/18/58 looked at water in meadow-still some water running into Ripley place
6/28/58 worked on ditches thru meadow-water wasn't reaching the fence-got it coming
down again but it is small
6/29/58 water in meadow has stopped coming down
7/25/58 worked on waterhole
6/23/59 water in meadow is getting low has quit running thru Hebers
7/15/59 dozed out water hole with tractor
7/18/59 worked on water in meadow
9/4/59 worked on water in meadow
9/11/59 worked on water hole for stream in morning
6/23/60 some water has quit running thru meadow
8/7/60 worked on water in meadow
8/23/60 worked on water out in meadow
10/11/60 moved slabs out of waterhole in meadow-the water has come down now
6/24/61 worked on water out in meadow
7/6/61 water came down in meadow again since rain
7/24/61 water in meadow is holding up good
8/14/61 worked on water out in meadow-it is very low no. end
6/2/62 water quit thru meadow
6/26/62 water in meadow is getting low
7/6/62 fixed water hole in meadow
7/7/62 worked on water out in meadow
9/7/62 water in meadow holes have all gone dry-filled drum with water
6/4/63 creek is running a good stream
7/6/63 water has quit running thru meadow
7/17/63 worked on water hole-it is about dried up

7/20/63 water hole in quick sand in Woods has dried up-still getting a lot in hole in meadow
7/23/63 water hole in meadow is getting low
7/29/63 had someone come to dig water hole (spent 8-5)
7/30/63 water hole has a lot of water in it now
9/7/63 stream of water came down thru no. end of Ripley place out of Franks
7/6/64 the water in meadow going down fast-about quit running thru now
7/15/64 (Wed.)the water has come thru the meadow again-since the cloud burst Sunday.
7/24/64 the water has dried up in meadow now except the dug water hole-quite a bit of water in no. end yet
8/29/64 did some work on water hole out in meadow
9/30/64 some work on water in meadow by Hebers
10/10/64 some work on water in meadow
10/13/64 work on water in meadow
6/19/65 stream running thru meadow getting small
7/11/65 water has quit running thru meadow and going down fast
6/14/66 some water running thru so. Part meadow
7/5/66 water has dried up in creek by Hebers now
7/17/66 water getting low in waterhole in meadow
7/21/66 someone came to approve spot to dig waterhole
7/23/66 made deal with Crane in American Falls to dig water hole
7/25/66 Crane came and started digging hole-finished before noon 7/26 (spent 12 hours)
*cost-\$1921.50
8/22/66 big water hole is going dry
10/4/66 water hole has quite a little water in it
5/22/67 making trench
6/16/67 water all over meadow creek high
9/6/67 worked on pipe line
9/9/67 got it laid in trench
9/11/67 more work on trench
9/19/67 work on trench
9/20/67 worked on pipeline all day-Rick helped get tank set up and pipe together
9/22/67 cemented
9/23/67 filled in trench from tank to creek
9/26/67 finished pipeline and turned water in tank
10/18/67 placed sod on drain ditch
10/19/67 worked on drain ditch
10/30/67 the water in the meadow has been down for about a week now
7/6/69 water quit running thru meadow
7/23/69 worked on drain ditch
8/19/69 worked on drain ditch from tank-drained settlement out of pipe
8/28/70 finished draining tank and pipeline
7/6/71 water almost quit

Throughout these time periods, dad mentions cattle(his or cattle belonging to others) being present in the meadow.

I hope that his information is helpful. Please let me know regarding notarizing any of the information.

Please contact me if I can help you further.

Sincerely,


Leola Daniels (Leland Bailey's daughter)

HOMESTEADERS LIST

Abter, Joseph	11-34	12-11-14	Guthrie, James T.	11-33	8-28-07
Abter, Julius	11-33	9-11-07	Hawkins, Allen J.	11-33	8-12-13
Andersen, Andrew O.	11-33	10-17-08	Hooker, Marcus E.	11-33	8-29-11
Andersen, Ezra T.	11-33	10-24-10	Infanger, John J.	11-33	3-16-15
Andersen, John C.	11-33	9-26-08	Iverson, Ben W.	11-33	6-5-22
Andersen, Lars	11-33	10-26-10	Iverson, George H.	11-33	9-20-15
Anderson, George L.	11-33	6-18-12	Iverson, Hans	11-33	9-20-15
Anderson, Henry W.	11-34	6-6-17	Iverson, Richard	11-33	9-23-15
Arbon, George	11-33	10-12-08	Jacobs, George W.	11-33	6-11-01
Arbon, Joseph	11-33	11-5-06	Kernns, John C.	11-33	10-10-19
Arbon, Joseph G.	11-33	3-13-40	Lambert, Daniel	11-33	1-16-15
Arbon, Mary Ann	11-33	4-21-15	Leavitt, Elizabeth	11-33	9-19-16
Arnn, William	11-33	12-15-08	Leishman, Newel	11-33	4-5-16
Bailey, A.M.	11-33	12-16-13	Lee, Emmett D.	11-33	12-9-13
Bailey, Annie	11-33	9-16-11	Lee, Pearl W.	11-33	10-17-17
Bailey, Charles A.	11-34	2-25-05	Lewis, Nephi W.	11-34	6-9-15
Bailey, Chloa	11-33	5-23-12	Lindley, Archy C.	11-34	7-10-14
Bailey, Cyrus A.	11-33	12-26-03	Lindley, Benji D.	11-34	9-14-16
Bailey, James R.	11-33	11-26-06	Lindley, Homer B.	11-34	10-24-18
Bailey, John	11-33	7-19-06	Lindley, Roy	11-33	4-19-22
Bailey, Leland F.	11-33	11-23-42	Lindley, Roy D.	11-34	7-21-14
Bailey, Lorenzo H.	11-33	10-3-14	Lowery, Olive	11-33	11-11-14
Bailey, Lorin	11-33	11-14-13	Maag, John G.	11-33	3-14-40
Bailey, Parley H.	11-33	2-18-11	Mathews, George L.	11-33	11-17-22
Bailey, Vernal	11-33	11-23-42	May, Raymond H.	11-34	8-10-36
Bailey, Willard H.	11-33	9-24-09	Paulsen, Catherine S.	11-33	2-19-15
Bailey, William A.	11-33	12-26-03	Payne, Channcey	11-33	5-18-16
Baker, Jeremiah Jr.	11-33	10-7-11	Payne, James L.	11-33	12-21-11
Bolinger, George H.	11-33	4-8-15	Payne, John	11-33	7-5-05
Bowen, Brigham	11-33	8-28-19	Pett, Bruce	11-33	9-7-16
Bowen, David J.	11-33	9-27-06	Poppie, Albert R.	11-34	11-14-18
Brahmstadt, Gusta A.	11-33	7-22-13	Poppie, Ernest	11-33	8-9-15
Bryant, Joshua A.	11-34		Poppie, Gusta	11-34	1-6-15
Christensen, Irving N.	11-33	7-6-17	Poppie, Maurice R.	11-34	10-16-18
Dalton, Dell	11-33	12-12-6	Powell, Hyrum D.	11-33	11-14-13
Dalton, Dell C.	11-33	6-24-11	Ripley, David B.	11-33	12-3-12
Dalton, Jane	11-33	5-4-08	Robert, Daniel V.	11-33	1-16-15
Davis, Edward	11-33	5-12-19	Roderick, Daniel P.	11-33	10-30-12
Davis, Edward H.	11-33	7-1-05	Roderick, David	11-33	12-5-10
Davis, Esther R.	11-33	7-26-10	Roderick, Elizabeth	11-33	1-20-12
Durtey, Francillo Jr.	11-33	12-3-12	Roderick, Samuel P.	11-33	6-6-16
Eames, Vern C.	11-32	11-13-31	Roderick Wm P.	11-33	10-23-12
Espitallier	11-32	2-10-15	Russel, James	11-34	12-18-14
Evans, Bertram T.	11-33	7-3-13	Sandstram, Julius P.	11-34	2-5-17
Evans, David B.	11-33	9-30-8	Shandrew, Henry	11-33	11-14-13
Evans, Jonah E.	11-33	3-21-28	Shandrew, Henry E.	11-33	12-12-12
Fuller, John H.	11-34	5-25-15	Stott, Thomas A.	11-33	12-17-14
Georgesas, George P.	11-33	6-9-15	Tackley, Henry	11-33	11-22-15
Gibbons, Evan	11-34	2-10-15	Thyberg, Rudolph	11-33	5-25-16
Gibbons, John A.	11-33	11-9-04	Turner, Benji S.	11-33	2-16-15
Gibbons, John H.	11-34	7-18-06	Turner, Charles F.	11-33	6-25-17
Gibbons, Lawrence	11-33	11-14-13	VanHorn, Hubert E.	11-34	10-3-14
Gibbons, May	11-34	1-22-07	Ward, Jesse N.	11-33	7-17-06
Gibbons, Thomas	11-33	11-9-03	Wildeman, Conrod W.	11-33	8-15-13
			Wood, Heber	11-34	12-3-12
			Wood, Joseph T.	11-32	11-19-32
			Wood, William A.	11-32	11-18-32

PERSONAL HISTORIES

THE ANDREW AND SOPHIA LARSEN ANDERSEN FAMILY

The Andersen family was the largest family to settle and homestead in the Arbon Valley.

In 1902 Andrew accompanied Michael Murphy from Mendon, Cache County, Utah west into the Blue Creek Country hunting some of his hundreds of horses. They traveled in a light covered wagon, pulled by four horses, leading two saddle horses. They were loaded with a couple of saddles, provisions, food and bedding and their own imagination as to the whereabouts of the horses. Their route took them to about Snowville where they directed their course north winding up in the beautiful Arbon Valley. It was about late June and the valley was lush and green. They camped for several days near a big spring about one-fourth mile west of the Roy Lindley place. The meadow was lush with grass surrounded by sagebrush. After surveying the place, Andrew decided to return to Utah and prepare his sons, Andrew Otto and John Christian to go to this valley and homestead. Land in Cache Valley was scarce and this virgin valley looked promising. George Arbon was already there located to the northwest.

Come spring 1893, Andrew loaded a wagon, four horses and two saddle horses and Andrew Otto and John Christian along with their father headed for the valley.

On arriving in the valley Otto and John settled at the head of Bannock Creek. John on the west side and Otto on the east side of the creek. The days that followed were busy ones. With a hand plow they plowed up about 15 acres just south of John's present home. This was planted with wheat and some oats. As soon as the plowing and planting was done they went to Bull Canyon and cut logs for a house on Otto's place 1/4 mile east of John. This log house was 12 by 16 feet, was the first house in the valley. The other people were living in cellars. This cabin had a door in the west and one window in the south. A few boards and poles served as the roof with about a foot of dirt to keep out the weather. A pole corral held the horses. A scythe kept the horses fed with the meadow hay. Some more land was plowed with the walking plow on Otto's place for spring planting. In the meantime Otto and John went to Blackfoot to file on this land. John wasn't of age at the time so he had to go the next year and Otto accompanied him.

Come fall with cold nights and short days they both headed back to Mendon, Utah. Otto went to work for Denver Rio Grande Railroad working on a tunnel in Parley's Canyon east of Salt Lake. John worked locally on the railroad near Mendon.

Otto worked a while until there was a cave in in the tunnel. He was slightly injured and spent some time in a nursing home until he could go back to Mendon where he went to work locally for fifty cents for a long day at hard work.

Come spring they headed for the valley again loaded with sugar, flour, baking powder, salt and what their Mother could spare of dried fruit, matches and food to cook on a campfire along the way. John was a hunter, and with an old shotgun and rifle, furnished meat of venison, wild game, duck eggs, and once in a while a big fat cottontail rabbit. More land was plowed and planted into grain, oats, barley and wheat. Come fall, with short days, cold and snow, they all headed back to Mendon for the winter, where they found some kind of employment.

Lars Magnus followed and settle on the 160 acres just south of John. Catherine Sophia filed on the quarter section west of John. George L. followed and filed on the quarter section north of Catherine. Ezra Taft filed on the quarter section north of John. Anna and her husband Bruce Pett, filed on the quarter section south of Jerry Baker. Henry Waldamer was about the last to file on 320 acres south of Arch Lindley, about a mile east and south of Otto's home. Evan Gibbons filed on a long quarter section east of Otto. James T. Guthrie filed and homesteaded the quarter section north of Otto's place.

Times were hard and all were poor. Wages were cheap, no communication, poor roads, isolation, cold winter with lots of snow and west blizzards, made spring a welcome season, with meadowlarks, Johnny Jump Ups, and May flowers life was more pleasant.

The first crops were cut with a binder and every field was full of shocked bundles. A horse-powered thrashing machine threshed the grain from a tall round stack. All the grain was hauled by wagon and four horses to Collingston, Utah usually taking two or three long days to make the trip.

With the arrival and purchase of a header to cut the grain, which was stacked in large stacks for a time, the purchase of a "Red River Special" horse powered thresher, harvest was a long, hard drawn-out time. It required several men to operate the machine and haul the grain to the granery until it could be hauled to the market at Malad. Shortly all the grain went north to Michaud which was on the Union Pacific Railroad. It was still a long trip and required two long days.

About this time, 1904, Oneida County was divided and half of the valley went to Power County, American Falls, to pay property taxes. The Oneida County dividing line was just south of Magnus Andersen's place.

About 1908 several large families came from around Dayton, Washington to homestead in the valley. They came with their farm machinery, horses and cows and some chickens to homestead the land not