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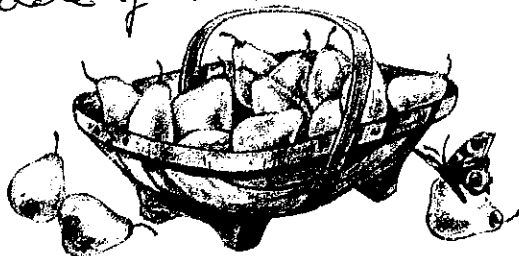
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REF. RIGHT 73-12036

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Enclosed is a copy of the letter from Dee L. Coleman, Steve Coleman's older brother, discussing the priority date of the ditch in Subcase 73-12036. We objected to the recommended priority date of 04/01/1945 based



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on an affidavit signed by Jack Frey as to that being the 1st time he had seen the pond and ditch. We still believe that the priority date should be closer to the 06/01/1920 date we claimed in that the consensus around here is that the ditch was there when Boise H. Ellis purchased the property 04/08/1924.

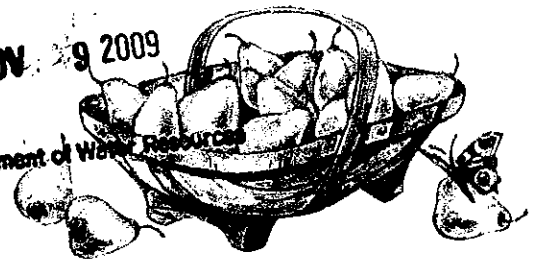
Thanks for your help in this matter.

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Subject: Irrigation ditch:

To whom it may concern:

My name is Dee Coleman. I was born on my maternal Grandfather's farm in Rupert Idaho, Jan 5, 1931. I lived in the Paksimus Valley until I was 14 yrs old.

I know the ditch in question was in existence before I was born. I personally can remember instances before 1935. We lived in an old log house in the apple orchard. Also my Grandfather, Boise Ellis, who owned the place at that time, always had a beautiful vegetable garden right out our front door. The orchard + garden were watered from this ditch. Also the hay pile + pasture below the road were watered from it.

I can remember my older brother, Burrell, starting school at age 6 in 1935. He was born July 12, 1929.

Another thing that sticks with me is Boise Ellis had two hydraulic rams, one large one smaller, that sat below the ditch in the pasture. They were used to pump water from the ditch up to his house on the hill. The water was used to water a lawn, flowers + trees. This drinking water came from a spring in the draw above the house. The pipes from the rams were on top of the ground + drained in the winter. Two pipes, one for each ram.

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They went under the road through a culvert. You could hear the rams for quite a long distance especially at night when often we would stay with our grandparents.

Also sometime before I started school my mother Joe F. Coleman + my Grandfather Boise opened a country store, at the intersection of Highway 93 + Pahrump Rd. The store was there for several years. The store was bypassed by the now existing Highway 93 in 1938. There was a house + a small barn on this site when I was there last.

If needed I will testify to the truth of what I have written here.

Sincerely:

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