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Mr. Shaun M. Maxey
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Subject: CSRBA Claim No. 95-16794

Dear Mr. Maxey:

Please refer to your letter of August 5 and our telephone conversation this afternoon.

I fail to understand how the Department of Water Resources can seriously use the drilling of a dry 554-foot well in 1974 as support for changing the priority date for a property which has been continuously occupied by the same family and using water for over 100 years. We talked to Linda Werner last week, showed her old family photos taken at the place and described the long-term occupancy. We expected the issue had been resolved at that time. You ask for additional evidence. We will try.

I was born in 1946 and raised on this property and assure you we always had domestic water from a well. My uncle Felix was raised on the place and was probably born there in 1909 - we have no documentation for his place of birth. We expect his father, John Louie, was occupying the property at that time and that is why he took out this allotment in his son's name.

Enclosed are family photos dating back to approximately 1930. We don't believe the family had a camera before that.

Also enclosed is a copy of a page from the book *School Goes to Herbie* (Herb Richel) written by lifelong neighborhood resident Joe Bloomberg. Herb and Uncle Felix went to elementary school together. The school was located several miles north of their houses. Just before 1920 the school was moved to a location about ¼-mile east of the Louie farm and two miles west of the Richel farm, which is now a certified as a Century Farm. Therefore, we are certain the present house was existing at this location, and using water well before 1920. The request for a 1910 priority date was our best estimate and may even be conservative.

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Also enclosed is a poor copy of the aerial photo of our place from the IDWR web site.
We have marked on it the actual location of the well.

Please let me know what you decide to do with this claim. We do not believe the 1974
priority date is reasonable and ask you for information regarding the appeal process if it
cannot be changed.

Sincerely,



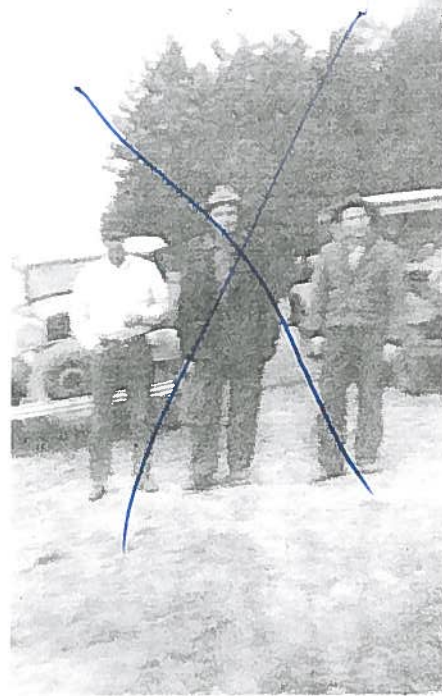
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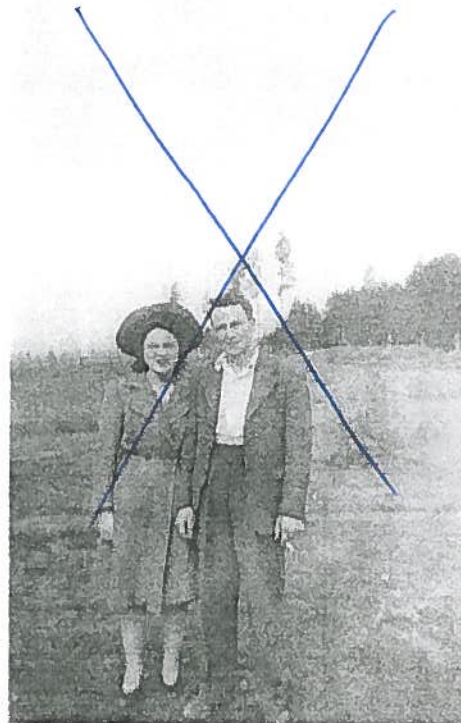
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Based on the Age of Agnes' mother, we believe this photo was taken about 1930. The house clearly is not new



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Sometime
after 1930

House is
more weathered



About 1950
House has now
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and has faded.



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took his ailing helper to Worley, where the blacksmith fitted him with a special shoe. He then resumed work at a slower pace.

As the building crept up along the railroad tracks, the kids debated whether or not it would be moved by Thanksgiving Day. They hurried home on Wednesday, anxious to turn the corner at the new school site, so the wind with its' spitting snow would be at their backs. There was the schoolhouse, waiting patiently for Mr. Wanamaker to lay some poles alongside the tracks, so it could slide over them to its' new home.

As usual, Richels' and Michels' shared Thanksgiving dinner. Uncle Tom was so happy. His batching days were over. For four years Aunt Ethel had taken the boys to a rented house in Plummer during the school week. Now with the Sunny Slope School operating, they would all be a family again. Aunt Ethel didn't say much about the big change.

Friday was a community work day, as everyone helped Gene Wanamaker get the schoolhouse onto its' new foundation. He was the hero of the day, as they blocked and pried, and the mules tugged the well traveled building into place. Finally when it was nestled down for a well earned rest, Bert Sampson gave a short 'thank you' speech, and presented the school board's \$400 check, for work well done. No doubt it was the proudest moment of the teamster's life.

He was the hero, and Mrs. Skidmore was the good natured butt of all the jokes. She may have wished she had married someone else, by the time everyone had made a joke about Mrs. Skidmore, whose school had been skidded more than any in the country.

Everyone brought sandwiches and cake, and coffee was made. It was all put out in the old school, so people could eat there in shifts as room was available.

As Native Americans, Louies' wouldn't be expected to celebrate the survival of the Pilgrims. However they did have a turkey for Thanksgiving, and Herbie got his first taste of the national bird in a sandwich.

A disappointment occurred in the late afternoon. When a fire

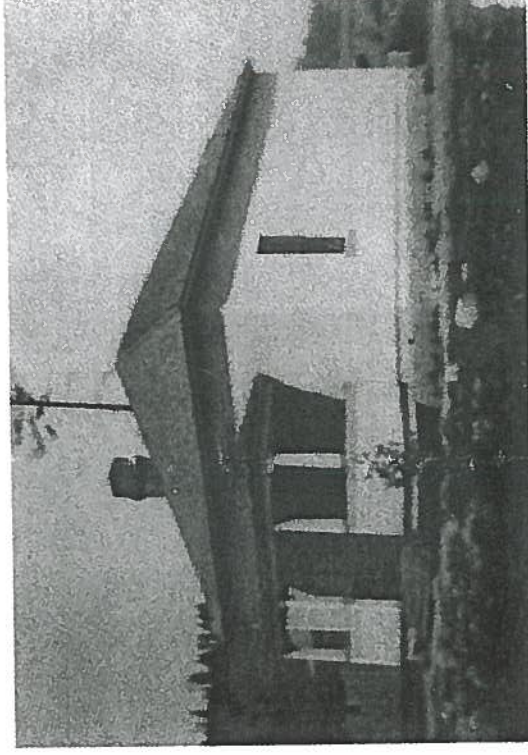
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From the book "School Goes to Herbie" by Joe Bloomberg

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was built in the relocated school, it was discovered that the chimney must also be rebuilt. It smoked just enough in the attic to indicate that doing otherwise would be unwise. By the time a bricklayer was located, and on the job, and it had been completed, the kids had spent another week in the old school. It was December 1, 1920 when school was resumed in the fine roomy building.

Herbie had another disappointment, Howard was gone. He told Herbie that his sisters wanted to go to town school. His mother was so mad when Sampson won the school location fight, she swore that no kids of hers would attend if it was moved. Now her daughter wouldn't let her forget that outburst. So they drove a buggy into Worley every day from then on.



The well-traveled school.

← Felix Louie's parents. Their house was about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from this school. Felix Louie went to grade school here and attended the "old school" which was farther away.

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Adjudication Recommendation
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The map depicts the place of use for the water use listed above and point(s) of diversion of this right as currently derived from interpretations of the paper records and is used solely for illustrative purposes. Discrepancies between the computer representation and the permanent document file will be resolved in favor of the actual water right documents in the water right file.

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-  Point of Diversion
-  Place Of Use Boundary
-  Townships
-  PLS Sections
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