

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM
THE CLARK FORK-PEND OREILLE RIVER
BASIN WATER SYSTEM

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 69576

Ident. Number: 96-2100
Date Received: 5/3/2022
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Claim Fee: \$54.00
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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES

**NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW**

1. Name of Claimant(s)

DEBRA RAWUKA
PO BOX 27
DOVER ID 83825

Phone: (208) 290-5438

GREGORY RAWUKA
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DOVER ID 83825

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2. Date of Priority: 3/27/1922

3. Source:
HOODOO CREEK

Trib. to:
HOODOO LAKE

4. Point of Diversion:

Township	Range	Section	¼ of ¼ of ¼	Lot	County	Type
55N	03W	6	NW NW	4	BONNER	

5. Description of diverting works:

Pump in the creek.

6. Water is used for the following purposes:

Purpose	From	To	C.F.S.	(or)	A.F.A
DOMESTIC	01/01	12/31	0.04		

7. Total Quantity Appropriated is:

0.04 C.F.S. and/or A.F.A.

8. Non-irrigation uses:

Domestic use is for .5 acres of irrigation and emergency home use.

9. Place of use:

DOMESTIC within BONNER County

Township	Range	Section	¼	of	¼	Lot	Acres
55N	03W	6	NE		NW	3	
55N	03W	6	NW		NW	4	

10. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? Yes

If your answer is no, describe in remarks below the authority you have to claim this water right.

11. Other Water Rights Used:

12. Remarks:

Priority Date Explanation:

See license. The original license owner was the original property owner. My home is the original home. In the license backfile it acknowledges the water wheel, which was located on my property. See attachments. We are only irrigating approximately .5 acres from the creek. The domestic use being claimed is for the home and the .5 acres of irrigation under domestic part a. Updated point of diversion to lot 4 based on better mapping. Irrigated place of use has remained the same.

AC. IRR.=5.

13. Basis of Claim: License

14. Signature(s)

(a.) By signing below, I/We acknowledge that I/We have received, read and understand the form entitled "How you will receive notice in the CLARK FORK-PEND OREILLE River Basin Adjudication." (b.) I/We do _____ do not ☒ wish to receive and pay a small annual fee for monthly copies of the docket sheet.

Number of attachments: _____

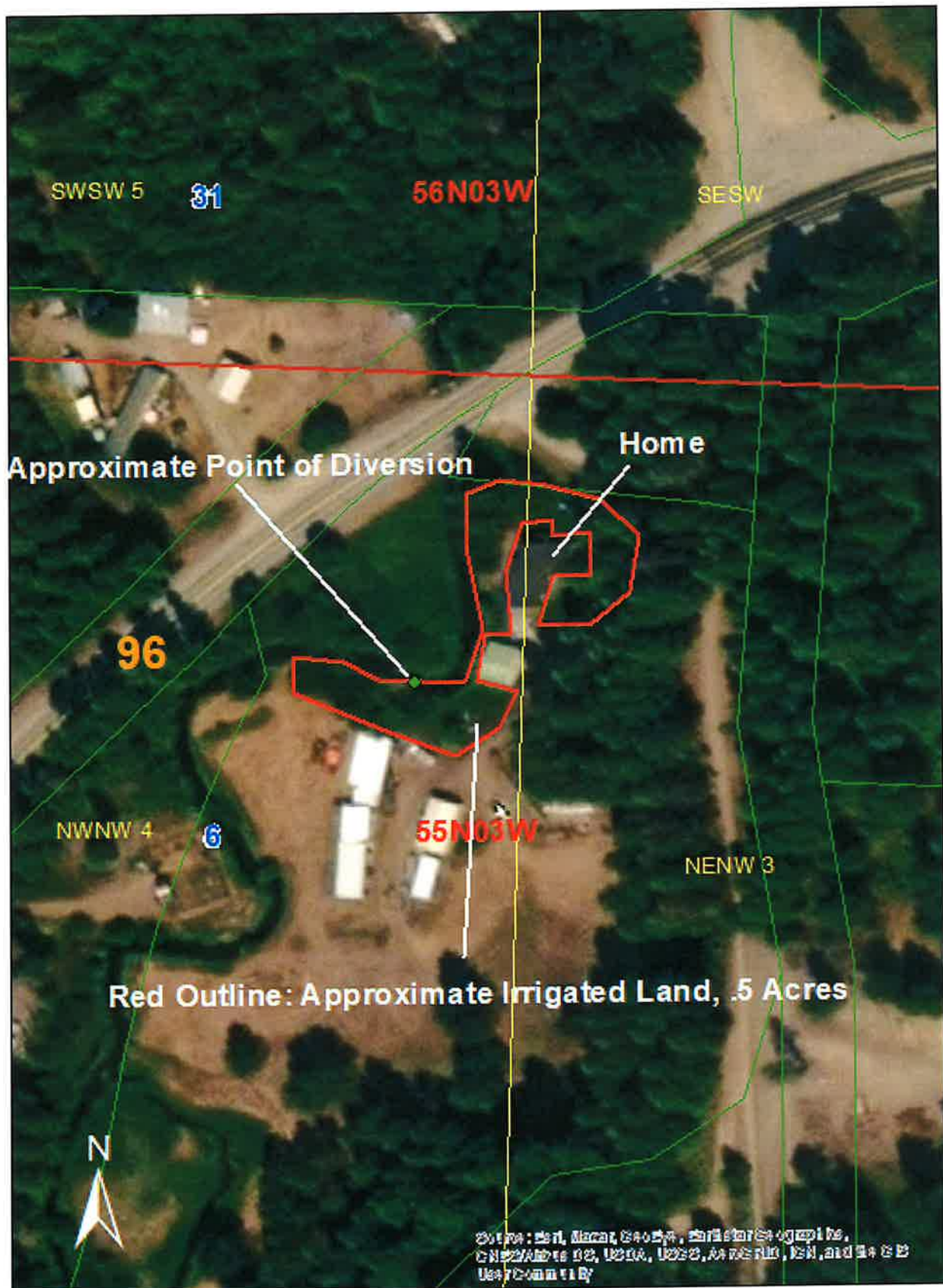
For Individuals:

I/We do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Signature of Claimant(s): Dawn Rake Date: 5/3/22

Date: _____

Claim 96-2100



Adair, James and Sarah

The James Adair family purchased approximately 40 acres of the Frank Horn place on Hoodoo Creek in 1920. The Adairs had been living at Valley (Vay) in the SW ¼ of Section 14 where they operated a sawmill and built a house and other farm buildings. This Vay property had been homesteaded by George Horn in 1902. The 1910 U.S. Census lists the James Adair household as James and Sarah, ages 47 and 45 with sons, John 20 and Charles 3; daughters, Opha 17, Erma 11, and Beth 8. Also listed in the Adair household was a boarder, Holbert Lythman, age 20.

Prior to moving to the Seneacquotteen area in 1920, their older children may have attended school in the Hoodoo Valley Log School or in the old Seneacquotteen log schoolhouse. A 1911 school district census listed Beth, age 10, and Erma, age 13, as attending Seneacquotteen School.



James Adair

* The Adair house on Hoodoo Creek was built by a neighbor, James Nelson, a skilled carpenter who had built many of the houses in the area. Their house sat on the east bank of Hoodoo Creek where the Laclede Ferry road branched off the county road. Not long after the house was finished, Mel Nesbitt designed and built a waterwheel that was used to power Adair's woodworking shop.

The Adair waterwheel, along with its belts, pulleys, and drive shafts, ran a small sawmill, a big drill press, and other woodworking tools. James was a genius in arranging belts and pulleys, and he used waterwheel power to do small chores as well. One of those chores was to turn the crank on the ice cream freezer for making the large amount of ice cream needed for Fourth of July picnics held in the little Adair Park along the creek. On many Sundays in the summer the Adairs sold ice cream and root beer to visitors

who frequented the park, which was conveniently located beside the Laclede Ferry road. The park was a popular place, and it is remembered in several other family stories. Small log cabins were available for rent, and for several years a pet black bear was kept there as an added attraction.

The Adairs had electric lights years before anyone else in the community, but it was not the waterwheel that provided it, as many people thought. A small gas-powered engine ran a generator that provided electricity for the 15-watt, clear glass light bulbs used in the house.

By 1920 James and Sarah had seven children: William, John Andrew, Opha, Erma, Beth, Charles, and Robin. Other Adair children are found in Seneacquotteen school records but these are grandchildren who sometimes lived with James and Sarah so that enough children were in the district to hold school. The 1920 U.S. Census in the Markham Precinct shows the family household as follows: James, 56, and Sarah, 54; William age 32; John Andrew, age 30; Erma age 21; Charles age 12; Robin age 9; and James, a grandson, age 5. Dial Adair, another grandson, appears in the 1920 census for Seneacquotteen school district.



Sarah Adair on her 95th birthday
May 9, 1960

James Adair died at age 77 in March 1940. The obituary in the *Sandpoint News-Bulletin* of March 28, 1940, states that he was born in Portland, Indiana in 1863 and came to Idaho in 1902. His survivors are listed as Sarah, his wife of 55 years; three daughters, Mrs. Beth Merritt, Mrs. Erma Thoren, and Mrs. Opha Buchanan; three sons, William, Charles, and Robin. His son, John Andrew, had died in an accident in 1923 at age 33. Sarah lived another twenty years, passing away May 24, 1960, a few days past her 95th birthday. Their son, Charles (Chuck), and his wife, Vera, lived at the Adair home from 1947 until the early 1960's when they sold to his niece, Betty Merritt Bell, and her husband, Ed Bell. Chuck had worked for Morrison-Knudtsen on construction projects all over the world, and Vera had traveled with him part of the time. Vera died in 1959, and Chuck died in 1970. Betty and Ed Bell lived in the Adair house until their deaths: Ed in 1987, and Betty in 1993.



Adair home on Hoodoo Creek – January 15, 1952

The old waterwheel was given to the Bonner County Historical Society in the late 1980's by the Bell family, and it now resides in Lakeview Park beside the museum. Moving the large structure was accomplished by Don Samuelson, Glen Judge, and Paul Rechnitzer. They used a backhoe to place it on a flatbed trailer, and hauled it to Don's yard for dismantling. Special dimension lumber was required for the new paddles and spokes, so a log had to be custom sawed. A large red fir tree, cut down and donated by John Fox, was hauled to a small, private sawmill along the Dufort Road owned by Elford Bradt. He sawed the lumber and took it to the dry kiln at Merritt's Mill for curing. The paddles were cut to fit their frames by Willis Overland. Squeeky's Welding repaired some of the broken hub pieces. A concrete foundation and a stand were built with the help of another crew, including Dale Millard and Maurice Griggs. At last the big paddle wheel was in place. It wasn't until 1997, however, that the bull wheel was added and a chain link fence enclosure installed. This last work was done by members of the LDS Church as their annual community workday. The old waterwheel should last another 100 years. And wouldn't James Adair and Mel Nesbitt be pleased that all of these people cared enough to help to save it.

The above story came from school and U.S. Census records, newspaper articles, Bonner County Historical Society records, and conversations and correspondence with Dorlon Merritt.

[In 1972, Grace Roffey Pratt, a former Hoodoo Valley resident, wrote about the Valley. She remembers attending the 50th wedding anniversary of Sarah and James Adair. "One of the long-remembered events of the early 1930's was the Adairs' golden wedding anniversary. People seldom lived as long then as they do now, and golden wedding

anniversaries were rare occasions. On the morning of the big day, the Adairs' granddaughter and her fiancé were married on the front lawn with the grandparents as attendants. The golden reception was in the afternoon, to which it seemed that everyone in the valley came. Many from other places were invited and almost everyone came. Many oldtime friends mingled with the newer ones as neighbors came and went, and the party lasted well into the evening. It was a big, delightful occasion when so many were severely limited by the Depression."]

By Virginia Judge Overland, 2003



Adair family – about 1925

L-R: Robin, Opha, James, Sarah, William, Beth and Charles



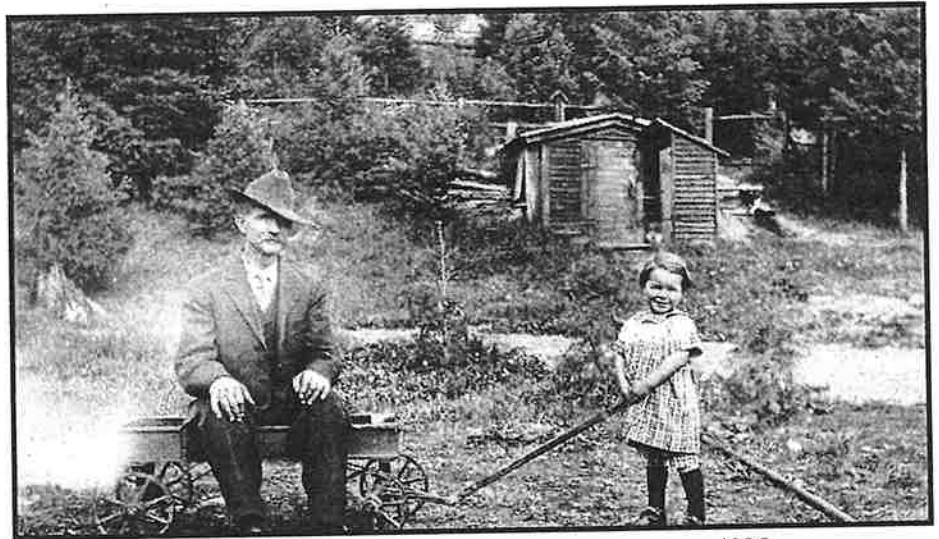
*Adair workshop and waterwheel on Hoodoo Creek (Laclede Ferry Road)
taken in 1972 by Laura Jasman*

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house sat on the east bank of Hoodoo Creek, and not long after the house was finished, a water wheel was built over the creek to provide power for Adair's shop. The water wheel with its belts, pulleys and axle was designed and built by Mel Nesbitt, primarily for the purpose of running a small sawmill in which logs were



James Adair and Betty Merritt (Bell) at Vay about 1925.



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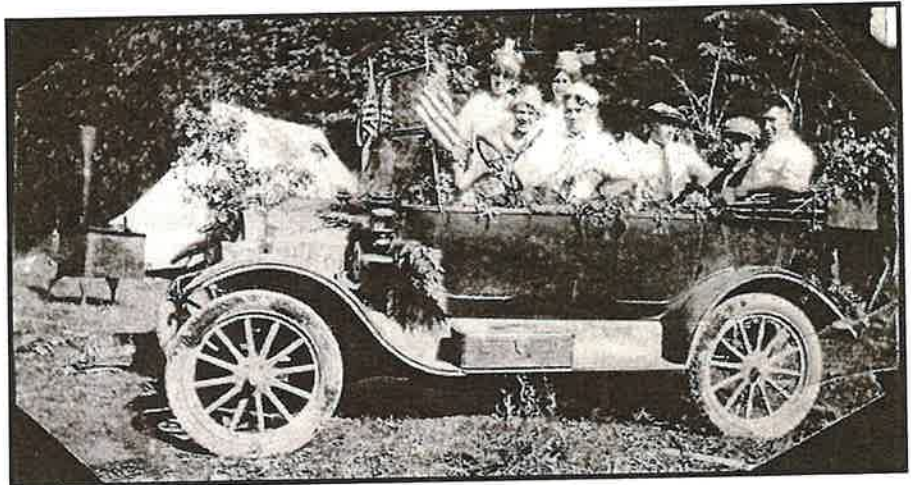
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purchased by Bryan & Kay Ross. In 2005 Adair House purchased by Greg & Debra RAWUKA



John Adair, driver. Fourth of July, about 1918.



This picture shows how the water wheel looked just before being raised and removed from its place beside Hoodoo Creek.

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Adair place, 1975. Water wheel far right.



The water wheel being reconstructed in Lakeview Park; Ken Reed and Bob Kalb working on bolting the axle.

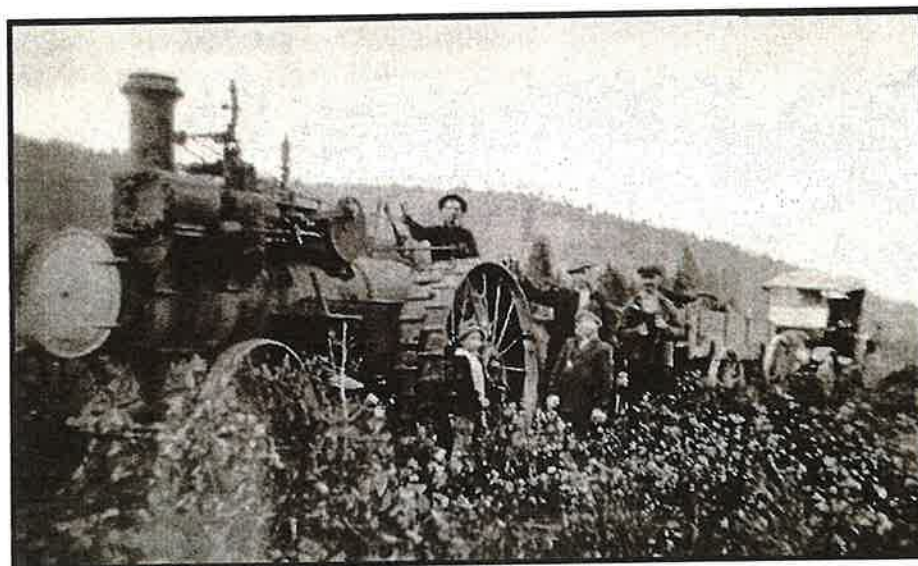
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From school and U. S. Census records, newspaper articles, conversation with Dorlan Merritt, and Bonner County Museum records. Prepared by Virginia Judge Overland, 1996.

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The Adair house, 1996



John Adair in the engine, next James, Charles, Robin and Mr. Deeter.