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From: FRANKLIN MICKELSON
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There used to be a sawmill across the road from the Phil Hansen residence. A man named Hilliard owned it, and later sold it to Alfred Hansen. About 1918, he sold it to Michael Mickelson. There was a severe cloudburst in the 1920's that washed out the ditch up on the hill above the mill and also, washed out the mill, and made the big wash in the south side of the hill. It also brought down the huge boulders that are in the fields below.

Michael rebuilt the mill, which was powered by a water wheel, that was run by the large steel pipe from the ditch above the mill. A water line was run to the farm where Harris Mickelson lived, and may have been there previously for Don Bassett, a former owner. This line came from the ditch above the mill. This ditch also furnished culinary water for all the people who used it for irrigation. Others who did not irrigate, but lived here, used it also. In other words, everyone living below the ditch, relied on it for water. There was also a ditch that ran north, above the road that goes to Bench. It was also used for culinary water.

The people who lived on the Bitton, Harris head of Trout creek did the same thing.

Because of irrigation, and natural seepage, The people on the creek bottoms had shallow wells that tapped the gravel layer, which is only a few feet deep. Michael Mickelson drilled a well about 1902 and at 218 feet hit an artesian well. In the late 1950's, Ed Meacham drilled and got another artesian well. I know of no other deep wells These were both good wells, with very cold water, and they both had natural gas in them.

In 1971 or 1972, a pipeline was run from the head of Whiskey creek, and supplied the people on the west side of the valley.

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State of Utah
 County of Washington

On this 18 day of May 2007
 personally appeared before me
 Franklin M. Mickelson the signer(s)
 to the foregoing instrument and he/she/it acknowledged
 the same to be his/her/its act and deed.

Franklin M. Mickelson

commission
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residing at St. George, UT

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