



WATER-RIGHT DOCKET

Whitman Mission National Historic Site

Docket No: 3

FRAZIER RESIDENCE WELL

Other Supporting Information

04-03-1961: memorandum to director from assistant regional director regarding surface and ground water rights

April 3, 1961

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Memorandum

To: Director
From: Assistant Regional Director, Region Four
Subject: Surface and Ground Water Rights, Dockets 1 and 2,
Whitman National Monument

In answer to Mr. Dunn's memorandum of March 26 the following information is provided:

One well record in Docket 2, describing a dug well about 20 feet deep, apparently is the Great Grave well. The Regional office copy of the other well record describes a 15 feet deep dug well in the SE 1/4 of Section 32, not the Museum well, and carries a notation, "This well destroyed July, 1953." The Museum well was drilled in May, 1953 to a depth of 100 feet and was equipped with a 3/4 hp pump delivering 10 gpm (A 2823, June 1, 1953.) The Frazier residence well has been described as "a 1-1/4 inch pipe closed off on the end, sharpened, and holes drilled in it,...(driven) in the ground from 10 to 12 feet..." (Kennedy memorandum of January 21, 1960, L 1425). The Fletcher appraisal dated April 25, 1960 (L 1425) noted that the Frazier residence well was just outside the house and had an electric pump located in the basement. Mr. Fletcher's valuation of the well and pump was \$350.

Our understanding of water right criteria under which the proposed water systems using ditch water and well water are being designed is as follows:

1. Improvements are to be constructed to make use of the water of Doan Creek Ditch in an amount equal to the full amount of decreed water rights, the water works having capacity and flexibility of operation suitable to the local practice of rotation of use. According to Superintendent Kennedy's memorandum of January 31, Whitman National Monument is entitled to the full flow of the ditch (0.9666 cfs) 4.31 days every two weeks.
2. Water works are to be constructed to use water from the new well for domestic needs and for irrigation on those areas, if any, where the use of ditch water is not practical. Further, the system is to be designed and constructed so that the new well can supply water to lands ordinarily irrigated by ditch water for those times when ditch water may not be available. We expect that upon construction of the new well use of the three old wells will discontinue.

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3. Provisions of the State Water code are such that irrigated areas of the proposed development using ditch water need not be limited to the particular fields which previous owners may have irrigated. Water from the ditch, to the full extent of decreed rights, may be used on Monument lands north or south of the county road as Park Service needs require provided the requirements of the State water code concerning temporary and permanent changes of places of use are met.

Assistant Regional Director

Copy to: Supt., Whitman
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Four

From: Chief, Water Resources Section

Subject: Application to Appropriate Groundwater, Docket 2, Whitman *SS 3/31*

The application and map with Mr. Whitworth's memorandum of March 24 to the Superintendent, clarifies some of the points raised in my memorandum of March 27. The rest of the points can be clarified at the time of proof, or in connection with any protest which might be filed by Mr. Bowers if he considers well spacing inadequate.

Accordingly, the application can follow its normal course if Mr. Kennedy has filed it. It might be reconsidered if not yet sent to the State. *3/3/6*

Names are just as satisfactory as numbers for the wells. I assume that the Great Grave Well is the one formerly disputed, just south of the north line of Tract 38, and covered by one of the two records of well in Docket 2. The other record of well may be for the Museum well. This matter should be clarified. We seem to have no logs for the Frasier House well, which was not federally owned in 1948, or the new well. We naturally have no records on the Bowers well.

If there is any protest of the new well within 1000 feet of three of the existing wells, the significant point will be whether the new well, which is deep, intercepts the same aquifer as the Bowers, Frasier House, Great Grave, and Museum wells, two of which are very shallow. The Museum well is also far enough from the new well, and that of Mr. Bowers, to offer no probable problem.

Drawing 6975, in Part I-C, Docket 2, was prepared from the decree of which a part is just above the map at the bottom of Part III of that docket. This appears to be an incomplete copy of a 1923 supplement to the judgment of June 1, 1922, and undated and signed. The original decree, possibly with another map, might or might not give more details. The important point, at the time of proof for certificate to use the new well is to be sure that those parts of the 22.5 acres which are to be irrigated entirely from the well are differentiated from those to which supplemental water is to be supplied.

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