



WATER-RIGHT DOCKET

Whitman Mission National Historic Site

Docket No: 6

MUSEUM WELL

Land History

06-27-1980: memorandum to associate regional director from acting superintendent regarding reconciliation of whitman mission n



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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Whitman Mission National Historic Site
Route 2
Walla Walla, Washington 99362
June 27, 1980

Memorandum

To: Associate Regional Director, Administration
Pacific Northwest Region

From: Acting Superintendent, Whitman Mission National Historic Site

Subject: Reconciliation of Whitman Mission NHS Land Account

(1) A search of our records and the records on file at the Walla Walla County Courthouse with the following results:
In reference to item #1, Water Right Application no. 5904, Permit no. 565 dated 7/10/63.

Master Deed Listing, not listed; the records at Whitman Mission contain a copy of the application, as well as the Permit to appropriate Public Ground Waters of the State of Washington. Copies of these are enclosed.

(2) We tried to reconsile the other items with only moderate success. A search was made of the County records with the results listed as follows:
NPS/PNRO Property Records Deed 3, Decreed Water Right, Doan Creek, Priority of 1875-\$100.00 cost.
Master Deed Listing Deed 3, Tract 3, Donated Water Right, Centennial Corp. 1923 - N/C.
No record of cost was found.

(3) NPS/PNRO Property Records - Deed 4, Water Right - Well appurtenant to land described in Deed No. 2 - \$50.00 cost.
Master Deed Listing - Deed 4 - Landowner's name unknown - 02-31-00 - N/C.
No record was found.

(4) Deed 1, Tract 01-101: MDL shows donated at N/C; PR (Property Records) show donated at cost of \$10,000.00.

The deed as recorded at Walla Walla County Court House says in part:
"Grants - Whitman Centennial, Incorporated, a Corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Washington, for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars, does hereby convey and warrant to the United States of American, the following described real estate in the County of Walla Walla, State of Washington."

No mention of \$10,000.00 is made. After checking with the County Treasurer, it seems that since government property is exempt from taxes, there is no record in the County records of actual cost of the land. Those spoken to at

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the Auditor's Office, were of the opinion that the \$10.00 mentioned was the cost and in effect the land was donated.

(5) Deed 2, Tract 01-102: MDL shows donated at N/C; PR shows donated at \$217.75 cost.

Deed #2 says that the "Walla Walla Trust Foundation, which decree is by reference made a part hereof, do hereby Grant, Bargain, Sell, and Convey unto the United States of America the following described real estate"....It gives the land description and then ends, "Together with all water and water rights appurtenant thereto."

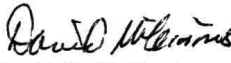
This last statement could also resolve item #3.

Here again the opinion of those at the Auditor's office is that the land was donated at no charge.

(6) Deed 6, Tract 01-104: MDL shows donated at N/C; PR shows donated at \$3,260 cost.

The deed as recorded says the county gave the land for the road into the park for the sum of \$1.00. After reading the deed, talking to a gentleman in the County Treasurers Office, who checked the County Commissioners proceedings for August, 1961, being introduced to the County Engineer, who opened his files, there is no doubt that the County purchased 8 parcels of land, and donated them for the sum of one dollar to the U.S.A..

Although we have not been able to reconcile all the discrepancies in the property listings, we hope we have been of some help.


David E. McGinnis



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Pacific Northwest Region
Fourth and Pike Building
Seattle, Washington 98101
March 26, 1980

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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Whitman Mission National Historical Site

From: Associate Regional Director, Administration,
Pacific Northwest Region

Subject: Reconciliation of Whitman Mission National Historical Site
Land Account

We would like to solicit your cooperation in reconciling the General Ledger Account 200, Real Property Records, with the data contained in the Master Deed Listing.

In the matter of acreage quantities, the Master Deed Listing and the property card total, as reported on GSA Form 1166 "Annual Report of Real Property Owned by the United States," are in agreement. There are, however, discrepancies in land costs and other differences, particulars of which are as follows:

- ✓ (1) NPS/PNRO Property Records
Water Right Application No. 5904, Permit No. 5655 Dated 07/10/63.

Master Deed Listing
Not listed.
- (2) NPS/PNRO Property Records
Deed 3, Decreed Water Right, Doan Creek, Priority of 1875 - \$100.00 cost.

Master Deed Listing
Deed 3, Tract 3, Donated Water Right, Centennial Corp. 1923 - N/C.
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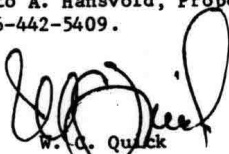
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- (5) Deed 2, Tract 01-102: MDL shows donated at N/C; PR shows donated at \$217.75 cost.

(If (3) above stems from this transaction, it should so reflect.)
- (6) Deed 6, Tract 01-104: MDL shows donated at N/C; PR shows donated at \$3,260 cost.

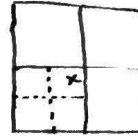
By copies of this letter, we are asking for assistance from the Regional Land Acquisition Office and from the Washington Office in the event you are not able to furnish the required information.

Please refer any questions to A. Hansvold, Property Management Branch, FTS 399-5409, commercial 206-442-5409.


W. D. Quick

Supporting Hydro Data

RECORD OF WELL



1. LOCATION: State Washington County Walla Walla
Nearest P. O. Walla Walla, Wn. Direction from P.O. S. E.
SW 1/4 sec. 32, T. 7 N, R. 35 E, W.M.
2. OWNER: Whitman National Monument Address Walla Walla, Washington
DRILLER: W. E. Ruther Address Box 402 Walla Walla, Wash.
Site Selected by: Curtis K. Skinner Address Longmire, Washington
3. SITUATION: Is well on upland, in valley, or on hillside? In a valley
4. TYPE OF WELL: Drilled; kind of drilling rig used Bucyrus Ohio
5. Depth of well: 100 ft; year in which well was finished 1953
Does well enter rock? No; if so, at what depth? ft; kind of rock
6. DEPTH TO WATER: 100 ft; Amount water rose above level where first struck ft.
7. DIAMETER: At top 6" inches; at bottom 6" inches
8. Principal water bed: Conglomerate
Depth to principal water bed 85-100 ft.; thickness of bed 8 to 10 ft.
If other water supplies were found, give depth to each None
9. CASINGS; Kind 6" pipe; size: ; length 99' 6"; between depths of and ft.
Kind ; size ; length ; between depths of and ft.
Kind ; size ; length ; between depths of and ft.
PACKERS (if any): Depth at which packers were used None; kind
SCREEN OR STRAINER: Was well finished with screen or perforated pipe? None Kind of
screen ; length of screen ft; diameter inches; size of opening
perforated pipe; size of perforations None How were perforations made; burned, drilled
10. HEAD: Does well at present overflow without pumping No; did it overflow when new? No
11. PUMP: Is the well pumped? Yes; Kind of pump Universal, G. E.;
size or capacity of pump 3/4 h.p.; kind of power Electric
12. YIELD: Natural flow at present (if any) None gallons per minute; original flow about 10
gallons per minute; well has been pumped at 10 gallons per minute continuously
for 5 hours; quantity of water ordinarily obtained from well Small
gallons per minute amounts for drinking fountain to 10 gal. per minute for
running water in Grist Mill excavation.
13. USE: For what purpose is the water used? Drinking Water
14. QUALITY OF THE WATER: Good; is there an analysis? Yes, Walla Walla Co.
Health dept.
Name of person filling blank Robert K. Weldon, Superintendent
Date July 30, 1953 Address Whitman National Monument
502 West Whitman Drive
College Place, Washington

Other Supporting Information

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
Chief, WODC (2)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

March 28, 1961

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*

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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. *See memo 4/3/61*

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.

A. van V. Dunn
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Chief, Water Resources Section

Copy to: Superintendent, Whitman National Monument - AIR MAIL
Chief, WODC (2)

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March 16, 1956

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Four
From: Superintendent, Mount Rainier
Subject: Future Water Resources Program - Whitman

This is in reference to Mr. Johnston's memorandum of November 30, 1955 in regard to the future water resources program for Whitman National Monument. We are sorry for the delay in getting this information to you but the memorandum was inadvertently mislaid.

The following information along with the attached map showing locations of the various wells should help to clarify the well situation at Whitman. There are two existing wells and one proposed for construction at the new headquarters site.

The 16 inch well on tract No. 38 is the Great Grave well (shown on the Region's Area Sheet of July 26, 1955 as "Headquarters well") and is the well dug by the Kiwanis Club of Walla Walla, Washington in 1925. The records of this well are included in Whitman Water Rights Docket No. 2. Water from this well is pumped to irrigate the lawns in the vicinity of the Great Grave and at the obelisk on the hill.

In the year 1953, a new 6 inch well was drilled on tract No. 37 (located five feet east and five feet south of N. E. corner of the temporary Museum-Information Building) and included in Whitman Water Rights Docket No. 2. This well is sunk 100 feet in depth and the deepwell jet pump located in this well produces 10 gpm. It is used to supply a public drinking fountain and for watering lawn and orchard and maintaining millpond logs. We hope to retain this well in the future for continued irrigation of the small orchard located in the vicinity of the present temporary Museum-Information Building and for maintaining water around the millpond logs.

The proposed well at the new headquarters site is to be constructed sometime between 1958 and 1962 in accordance with proposals U-2-3, U-3-3 and U-8-1. This is to be a deep well pressure system designed for about 80 gpm to be used for domestic and irrigation purposes.

We hope this information is sufficient for what Mr. Dunn desires.

Preston F. Macy
Superintendent

Attachment
Copy to: Chief, WODC
Supt., Whitman



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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August 5, 1953

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Four
From: Superintendent, Mount Rainier
Subject: Water Right Docket No. 2, Whitman National Monument

Attached are two copies each of "Records of Well" for two wells at Whitman National Monument and four copies of "Record of Well" for the well drilled in June, 1953.

The 16-inch well is the well which is shown on the topography of Tract 38. This well still serves its purpose of supplying water for the irrigation of small grass plots near the Great Grave and the Memorial Shaft.

The 2-inch well which was located in Tract 37 was destroyed in July, 1953.

A new 6-inch well has been drilled in Tract 37 and is located 5 feet East and 5 feet South of the N.E. corner of the Museum. This well has been housed by extending the Museum Building.

Preston P. Macy
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Superintendent

Attachments

Docket Information

Number of Documents in Docket 10
Documents Dated from 7/30/1953 to 6/27/1980
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