



WATER-RIGHT DOCKET

Whitman Mission National Historic Site

Docket No: 4

2" WELL, DESTROYED JULY 1953

Land History

06-27-1980: memorandum to associate regional director from acting superintendent, whmi regarding reconciliation of whitman mis



United States Department of the Interior

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

IN REPLY REFER TO:
L1429(PNR-AC)

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 reconcile 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."

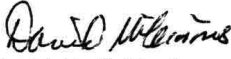
This last statement could also resolve item #3.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO:

L1429(PNR-AC)

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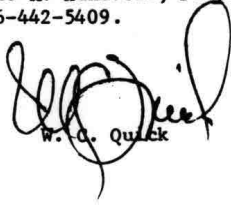
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- (5) Deed 2, Tract 01-102: MDL shows donated at N/C; PR shows donated at \$217.75 cost.

(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.

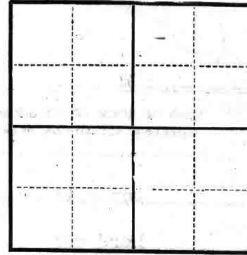
Please refer any questions to A. Hansvold, Property Management Branch, FTS 399-5409, commercial 206-442-5409.


W. D. Quick

Supporting Hydro Data

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WATER RESOURCES BRANCH

RECORD OF WELL



1. Location: State Washington County Walla Walla
Nearest P. O. Walla Walla, Wn. Direction from P. O. S.E.
1/4 sec. 32., T. 7. N., R. 35. E., W. 11.
This well destroyed July 1953
2. Owner: Whitman Nat'l Monument Address Walla Walla, Wn.
Driller: A dug well-digger unknown Address _____
Site selected by: _____ Address _____
3. Situation: Is well on upland, in valley, or on hillside? In a valley
4. Type of well: Dug; kind of drilling rig used _____
(Dug, driven, bored, or drilled) (Solid tool, jetting, rotary, etc.)
5. Depth of well: 22. 15 ft. ft.; year in which well was finished ?
Does well enter rock? No; if so, at what depth? _____ ft.; kind of rock _____
6. Depth to water: 22. 7 ft. ft.; Amount water rose above level where first struck _____ ft.
Well now filled in around a pipe. Original diameter unknown.
7. Diameter: At top _____ inches; at bottom _____ inches.
8. Principal water bed: Sand
(Gravel, sand, clay, or rock. If rock, state kind)
Depth to principal water bed 10 ft. ft.; thickness of bed ? ft.
If other water supplies were found, give depth to each _____
9. Casings: Kind 2" pipe; size _____; length 15 ft.; between depths of _____ and _____ ft.
Kind _____; size _____; length _____ ft.; between depths of _____ and _____ ft.
Kind _____; size _____; length _____ ft.; between depths of _____ and _____ ft.
- Packers (if any): Depth at which packers were used _____; kind _____
- Screen or Strainer: Was well finished with screen or perforated pipe? pipe; kind of screen _____;
length of screen _____ ft.; diameter _____ inches; size of openings _____
perforated pipe; size of perforations ?; How were perforations made; burned, drilled? _____
10. Head: Does well at present overflow without pumping? No; did it overflow when new? _____;
11. Pump: Is the well pumped? Yes; kind of pump hand pump; size or capacity of pump _____; kind of power _____
12. Yield: Natural flow at present (if any) none gallons per minute; original flow _____ gallons per minute;
well has been pumped at ? gallons per minute continuously for _____ hours;
quantity of water ordinarily obtained from well _____ gallons per minute
13. Use: For what purpose is the water used? Drinking water - and for washing
14. Quality of the water: alkaline; is there an analysis? No
(Hard or soft, fresh or salty, etc.)

Name of person filling blank Thomas R. Garth

Date July 19, 1948 Address 1201 Dell Ave., Walla Walla, Wn.

On the back of this sheet give the record of the beds through which the well passes and any other facts not given above.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

LS4 WHIT-I

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
Superintendent

Attachments

Monte E. M.
Crowley
McClintock
8/11/53



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

In reply refer to:
LS4 WHIT-I

May 14, 1953

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Four
From: Chief, Water Resources Branch
Subject: Water Right Docket No. 2, Whitman National Monument

Attached are four copies each of two "Records of Well," of which three copies should be inserted at the bottom of Part I of the subject docket, if they relate to two wells, in your office, at Mt. Rainier, and at Whitman.

However, we know of only one well. Accordingly, please show the location of each well on the proper Record, or explain the differences in depth and other data. If the original well was 15 feet deep, and deepened about 1925, that point should be noted. However, since one well is for domestic purposes and the other for irrigation, and both Records were prepared at the same time, we assume that there are two wells. Please return one set of the Records of Well, when clarified, for our assembly.

By hand, on our assembly, I have also written in "1. Records of Well" in the outline of Part II, and changed the numbers of subsequent items accordingly. We will have to rewrite the outline and take cognizance of two well records if there are two wells.

A. van V. Dunn
A. van V. Dunn
Chief, Water Resources Branch

In triplicate

Attachments 8



Docket Information

Number of Documents in Docket 8
Documents Dated from 7/19/1948 to 6/27/1980
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