



WATER-RIGHT DOCKET

Chickasaw National Recreation Area

Docket No: 33

LITTLE TOM SPRING

Preliminary Docket Information

00-00-0000: dockets

August 14, 1995

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Memorandum

To: Files

From: Owen Williams, Chief, Water Rights Branch *OW*

Subject: Dockets

This is one of seven springs in the "Pavilion group" as defined by Charles N. Gould in 1905. The springs are named:

Big Tom Spring	Docket # 31
Arsenic Spring	32
Little Tom Spring	33
Swords Spring	34
Townsley's Spring	35
Dog Spring	36
#11 Unnamed Spring	37

These springs have also been grouped and called "Pavilion Springs" for which a docket may have existed. Nevertheless, at least according to Gould, there are seven distinct springs and thus a need for seven dockets.

Where it is available, water quality data are included in the CHIC springs dockets. This is done here because of the original purposes for which the park was established. Water quality data would not normally be a part of a docket, but CHIC's springs were viewed as medicinal at the time of the park's establishment. This reason, among others, necessitated the protection and preservation of CHIC springs.

The State of Oklahoma has been informed of the U.S.'s claim to the springs but no quantification of a right under the reservation doctrine, or any other doctrine, has been made.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WATER RIGHTS DATA SHEETOrganization
Code 7510Docket
Classification F (R) A
Federal Reserved AlienDocket
Number 19

Source Number 19 of 40

Card #1 1A 1C
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Site L 1 T 7 L E 7 O M S P R I M G

Location 1 Township/Range --- T R Sec A B C D of A B C D of A B C D
NE₁ NW₁ SE₁ SW₁ NE₁ NW₁ SE₁ SW₁ NE₁ NW₁ SE₁ SW₁

2 Lat/Long --- Latitude 3 4 3 0 9 N S Longitude 0 9 4 5 8 1 2
deg min sec deg min sec

3 Other ---

Card #2 2A 2C
Add Change

Sequence Number State 40 County M U R R A Y

Acquired by 1 2 3 4 5
Purchase Appropriation Riparian Reservation Other
(Explain in Remarks)

Application Number Cancellation Date
year month day

Permit Number Cancellation Date
year month day

Certificate Number Cancellation Date
year month day

Card #3
Add Change

Status
Active Inactive

Water System
Primary Secondary

Type of Source
Lake River Spring Well

Legal Source
Surface Water Ground Water

Priority
year month day

Quantity Vested
cub.ft. gal acre ft. miner's in. per
sec min day month year

Quantity Used
cub.ft. gal acre ft. miner's in. per
sec min day month year

Use of Water
None Wildlife Stockwater Irrigation Overground Domestic Public Supply Municipal Recreation Mining Power Fire Protection Other

Reservation Date
year month day

Date of Adjudication
year month day

Hydrologic Unit Number

Card #4
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Card #5
Add Change

Card #6
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Card #7
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Remarks <

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CHIC-30*

Mr. James R. Barnett
Executive Director
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
P.O. Box 53585
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152

Dear Mr. Barnett:

Following the National Park Service's "Declaration of Water Rights" to all springs and wells (see Enclosure A for individual listing), at Chickasaw National Recreation Area dated May 9, 1983, enclosed you will find the following additional information:

1. Excerpts of correspondence, office memoranda, etc., dated from the early 1900's generally describing the development of selected springs within the Sulphur Springs Reservation (formerly Platt National Park).
2. Photographs showing visitor use of selected springs through the years.

In addition to the above declarations, the National Park Service obtains water from the following water sources for municipal purposes.

1. City of Sulphur, Oklahoma.
2. Rural Water District No. 1.
3. NPS Water Treatment Plant.

Municipal water purchased from the City of Sulphur and the Rural Water District No. 1 from 1976 to 1982 is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>City of Sulphur</u>	<u>RWD No. 1</u>
1976	1.431	.003
1977	2.199	.021
1978	4.383	.032
1979	3.287	.133
1980	1.035	.060
1981	1.639	.015
1982	1.195	3.037

The above metered values are in million of gallons per year.

Supplemental mineral water is obtained from the overflow of an artesian well (Caylor Well), which is located on non-National Park Service property within Sulphur, Oklahoma. The water has been flowing into park land since 1937, as nearly as we are able to determine at this time. A formal agreement reflecting the above verbal agreement, which has been in effect since 1937(?), was entered on June 3, 1961. The initial flow to the park from Caylor Well is estimated at 15 to 20 gallons per minute.

Visitation figures to the area (see Enclosure 3), compiled by the staff of Chickasaw National Recreation Area from 1907 to 1982 are also enclosed. As you will note, visitation to the area shows an increasing trend from 106,332 in 1908 to 2,094,319 in 1982. Visitation has increased in part because of the increasing size of the park and construction or replacement of physical facilities, plus the discovery of the recreational and aesthetic benefits of the area by first time visitors to the area.

Additional information is available, should you and the board request it. The information may take some time to secure as it is stored in Dallas, Texas. Obtaining additional information may require as much as two months work and attendant costs estimated at \$10,000.

Sincerely,

/s/ JACK NECKELS

Associate Regional Director,
Park Operations, SWR

Enclosures 3

bcc:

Field Solicitor, Santa Fe
Superintendent, Chickasaw
Chief, WASO/497

Solicitor, Regional Office, P.O. Box 3156, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101 (Attn: K. King)
(each w/o enclosures)

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Enclosure A

LISTING OF DECLARATION OF WATER RIGHTS

1. Antelope Springs
 2. Buffalo Springs
 3. Cunningham Spring
 4. Base Spring
 5. Big Tom Springs
 6. Arsenic Spring
 7. Little Tom Springs
 8. Swords' Spring
 9. Townsley's Spring
 10. Dog Springs
 11. Unnamed Spring
 12. Hillside Spring
 13. Beach Springs
 14. Beach Springs
 15. Beach Springs
 16. Sand Springs
 17. Bromide Spring
 18. Cliff Bromide Spring
 19. Unnamed Spring
 20. Black Sulphur Spring
 21. Sulphur Spring
 22. Tuff's Spring
 23. Iron Spring
 24. Soda Spring
 25. Sulphur Springs
 26. Sulphur Springs
 27. Wilson Spring
 28. Churchill Spring
 29. Rucker's Spring
 30. Iron Spring
 31. Jericho Spring
 32. Unnamed Springs
 33. Vendome Well
- Observation Well No. 1
Observation Well No. 2

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May 9, 1983

Mr. James R. Barnett
Executive Director
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
P.O. Box 53583
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152

Dear Mr. Barnett:

In accordance with an agreement reached during a meeting between members of our respective staffs on April 21, 1983, the National Park Service declares a water claim to all waters issuing from a total of 33 springs which were identified by Dr. Charles N. Gould, Professor of Geology at the University of Oklahoma, in 1906. In addition, the National Park Service declares its claims to water which issue from the Vendome Well, a free flowing artesian well.

Within 2 weeks, the National Park Service will submit under separate cover, two packages consisting of photographs and excerpts of correspondence dating back to the turn of the century, concerning these claims.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert L. Kerr

Regional Director,
Southwest Region

Separate Cover

cc:

Field Solicitor, Santa Fe)

Superintendent, Chickasaw) each w/copy of enclosure

Chief, WASO/497)

M. K. King, Solicitor, Regional Office, P.O. Box 3156, Tulsa, OK 74101 w/enc.

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DECLARATION OF OWNERSHIP OF WATER RIGHTS

No. 7 L e Tom Springs - Sulphur Artesian Basin
 Basin Name

Declaration No. _____ Date received _____

1. Name of Declarant United States of America through National Park Service

Mailing Address Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Box 201, Sulphur OK 73086

County of Murray State of Oklahoma

2. Source of water supply Simpson/Arbuckle Group *(Sec. 8A)
 (artesian or shallow water aquifer)

3. Describe well location under one of the subheadings:

a. SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Sec. 3 Twp. 18 Rge. 3E 1PM in
Murray County.

b. Tract No. _____ of Map No. _____ of the _____
 On land owned by United States of America

4. Description of well: date drilled _____ driller _____ depth _____ feet.
 outside diameter of casing _____ inches; original capacity _____ gal. per min.; present
 capacity _____ gal. per min.; pumping lift _____ feet; static water level _____ feet (above)
 (below) land surface; make and type of pump _____
 Make, type, horsepower, etc., of power plant _____
 Fractional or percentage interest claimed in well _____

5. Quantity of water appropriated and beneficially used 3 gallons per minute *(Sec 8B)
 historical and current uses: (acre feet per acre)
 public drinking water, livestock watering, education, rec-
 reation, fish and wildlife, including support purposes.
 (acre feet per annum) of existing natural riparian vegetation.

6. Description of spring: Developed or Undeveloped (Circle One)

Date Developed: prior to 08-01-1910 by UNKNOWN

7. Water was first applied to beneficial use prior to 08 01 1910
 month day year

and since that time has been used fully and continuously for the above described
 purpose in Number 5.

8. Additional statements or explanations A) Classified as one of seven springs of the Pavil-
lion Group of springs by Dr. Charles N. Gould in "Report of Springs", August 13, 1906.
 B) Approximate flow determined by Dr. Charles N. Gould in 1906 ~~the 1910s~~
 C) See attached.

I, Robert J. [Signature] being first duly sworn upon my oath, depose
 and say that the above is a full and complete statement submitted in evidence of
 ownership of a valid water right, that I have carefully read each and all of the items
 contained therein and that the same are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Robert J. [Signature] declarant
 by _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, A.D., 1983
My Commission Expires February 21, 1987 Butler L. Williams Notary Public

8. . This Declaration is provided pursuant to the policy of the Secretary of the Interior to recognize and grant deference to state laws, regulations and procedures where those secure water rights and uses of the United States. This Declaration is given as a matter of comity, cooperation and information. It does not consent to the jurisdiction of the State in regards to judicial or other adjudications, the rights of the United States to the use or amount of water, or the amount described in this Declaration. This Declaration cannot affect vested rights under Federal or State law.

These Declarations concerning ownership of or flows of springs - developed and undeveloped - and wells should be taken and considered in totality as part of the entire Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

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April 22, 1983

Dear Mr. Barnett:

It was agreed during our discussion that, subject to your approval of this request for additional time, supplemental information and evidence will be provided to O.W.R.B. by May 9 in order to allow timely completion of the ongoing determination process.

Kathleen King
Department Counsel
National Park Service

bcc: Regional Director, NPS, Attn: Gary Moore, Hydrological Engineer
Field Solicitor, Santa Fe, Attn: John Harrington

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data presented in
Declaration I claim
as my invention.

Chick Hill	SW NE	Un. sand	5 gpm	7-1-C2
Spring	SW	Spr.		
Ruckers	SW NE	Un. sand	3 gpm	7-1-C2
Spring	E/	Spr.		
Iron	SW NE	Un. sand	4.25 gpm	7-1-C2
Spring	E/	Spr.		
Jericho	SW NE	Un. sand	3 gpm	7-1-C2
Spr.	E/	Spr.		
Un. sand	SW NE	Un. sand	4.25 gpm	7-1-C2
Springs (2)	SW	Spr.		

September 11, 1995

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Memorandum

To: Files
From: Owen Williams, Chief, Water Rights Branch
Subject: Land Status Information - CHIC Dockets

Information concerning land status for CHIC is contained in the file folder labeled CHIC Deeds rather than in individual dockets.

Docket Information

Number of Documents in Docket 13
Documents Dated from to
Docket Compiled: 6/14/2016