

THE STATE OF NEVADA.

0423

PROOF OF THE APPROPRIATION OF WATER.

State your name *Thomas Wheeler*

1. Q. Postoffice. *Reno, Nevada*  
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2. Q. State the use to which the water has been applied.  
A. *to irrigate and raise crops of Hay, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Potatoes and vegetables and for watering cattle horses & domestic birds*

3. Q. State the means of diversion employed.  
A. *By Dams ditches and ploughs*

4. Q. If through a ditch state its name.  
A. *It was the first ditch dug on Walker River and was dug in 1861 afterwards called the Wheeler Ditch,*

5. Q. (a) State date of survey of the ditch or other distributing works through which the water claimed is diverted. (b) The date when the construction of such ditch was begun and when completed.

A. (a) *Surveyed by Affiant in Spring of 1861*  
(b) *Spring of 1861*

6. Q. If any enlargements were made state the date when begun and the date when completed.  
A. *Enlarged in Spring 1862,*

7. Q. State dimensions of the ditch as originally constructed, and as enlarged.  
A. *Was four feet wide on the bottom and two feet deep in 1861 as originally constructed and in 1862 was cleaned out and somewhat enlarged.*

8. Q. State the name of person, association of persons or corporation who built the ditch or canal, and the name or names of its present owners.  
A. *Ditch was constructed by Thomas Wheeler, John Wheeler and afterwards sold to David Wilson and William Wilson*

9. Q. State the nature of your title to the land for which an appropriation is claimed, and if not owned by you give the name of the owner and the nature of the possessory right which you exercise.  
A. *Squatters Right - land was not surveyed in 1861*

10. Q. State the year when water was first used for irrigation or other beneficial purposes, and by whom. If for irrigation, give the number of acres watered the first year, with the legal subdivisions on which the water was used, and as near as may be the acres irrigated in each legal subdivision.  
A. *In Spring of 1861 by Thomas Wheeler and John Wheeler Affiant and John Wheeler irrigated ~~the~~ acres in the year 1861 and raised over forty acres of grain and vegetables and fifty acres of Hay land, 1861, No survey had been made in 1861 so can not give legal subdivisions that affiant irrigated one hundred acres of land in grain and hay or grass during the year 1861.*

11. Q. State the number of acres watered each subsequent year, and give the legal subdivisions on which the water was used, and as near as may be the acres irrigated in each legal subdivision.

A. Continued to irrigate 100 acres of land by means of the Wheeler ditch during the years of 1861, 1862, and 1863 then sold land to David Wilson and William Wilson. No surveys had been made up to time said sale was made, that applicant together with his brother Joseph Wheeler sold said ditch and land to David Wilson and William Wilson by deed dated Sept-1<sup>st</sup> 1863,

12. Q. If water is claimed for irrigation, give the legal subdivisions of land owned or controlled by you for which an appropriation is claimed.

A. The water was appropriated for irrigation. No surveys made up to time of sale

13. Q. State the acreage said ditch is capable of watering, give the legal subdivisions of land which it can be made to irrigate, and state who owns said land.

A. Said Ditch was capable of irrigating three hundred acres of land in 1861

14. Q. State the character of the soil and the kind of crops cultivated.

A. Black sandy loam. Crops of hay, wheat and barley vegetables. Potatoes

15. Q. Are you an owner in said ditch? If so state your proportionate interest therein.

A. No —

16. Q. The plat prepared by the State Engineer is hereby accepted as showing correctly the location of the \_\_\_\_\_ Ditch and the land which can be irrigated therefrom.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

17. Q. When does your irrigation season begin and when does it end?

A. It depended upon the character of winter as to time irrigating season usually commences in March & continues in April & closed about Sept-1<sup>st</sup>

18. Q. If water is used for other purposes than irrigation, state the nature of such use, the time when such use began, and how much water is required for such purpose.

A. Used for Irrigation

19. Q. During what months is the water used?

A. From March to September

20. Q. Have you had sufficient water each year since the use for which an appropriation is claimed began? If not, state the years of scarcity, the months when the supply was insufficient, and the reason of such scarcity.

A. Always had plenty of water up to  
unit in 1903 namely 1863.

Signed:

Thomas Wheeler

Reno

, Nevada,

April 17,

1907

Sworn to and subscribed before me at

Reno, Nevada, this

17

day of

April

, 1907

W. Mack

, Notary Public.

Remarks:

ALBERT S. MILLER, Engineer

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# PROOF OF APPROPRIATION

Date of Appropriation .....

## PRIORITIES.

GENERAL.                      STREAM.

NAME OF STREAM.

TRIBUTARY OF

NAME OF CLAIMANT.

*Ther. Wheeler*

Filed in this office this .....

day of ..... 190 .....

State Engineer.



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