

# THE STATE OF NEVADA.

## PROOF OF THE APPROPRIATION OF WATER.

State your name Geo E. Peckham.

1. Q. Postoffice.

A. Reed

2. Q. State the use to which the water has been applied.

A. Irrigation, domestic use and for live stock

3. Q. State the means of diversion employed.

A. By ditch from Truckee River.

4. Q. If through a ditch state its name.

A. Cochrane 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) Some time during the fall of 1862

(b) Dec. 1862. The lower branch completed spring

1863. Upper branch in June 1864.

6. Q. If any enlargements were made state the date when begun and the date when completed.

A. The main ditch and upper branch began the winter  
of 1869 and finished in the spring of 1874 or 1875.

7. Q. State dimensions of the ditch as originally constructed, and as enlarged.

A. Owing to uneven grade and other conditions the  
width varied from about 5 ft. to about 7 ft. or more and from  
about 2 ft deep to 3 ft. deep and a few cuts of greater depth.

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. W.B. Gibbs, Alex Cochrane, Chas Robinson, C. Higgins,  
Mose Driscoll and T.B. Read. Present owners about 20 or more.

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. Title by deed to about 69 acres from T.W. Norcross and  
State patents for about 53 acres and deed from C. Robinson for  
15 acres.

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. 1863. Water was used from lower branch by  
Driscoll, Higgins, Cochrane, Robinson, and Grace, and on  
land owned by them the first water was used by W.B. Gibbs in  
1864 or 1865 on the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of sec 30, and NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of sec  
30, about 20 acres the first year.  
(T. 19 N. R. 20 E.)

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. 69 acres of the above tract lying south of the old Geiger road is owned by me. The same number of acres were irrigated in 1866, 1867 and 1868. In 1869 about 50 acres, and in 1870 the entire tract of 69 acres. About 1870, I began the cultivation and irrigation of the N<sup>2</sup> of lot 2 of SW<sup>4</sup> of sec 30. Irrigated about 6 acres in 1870, 15 acres in 1872, 20 acres in 1873, and 31 acres (all that portion below Cochran Ditch) in 1874. In 1872 I began the irrigation of the S<sup>2</sup> of lot 2 of the NW<sup>4</sup> of sec 30. Irrigated about 10 acres in 1872 and 1873. In 1874 about 15 acres, in 1875 about 20 acres being all of the tract lying south of the Geiger road. Ten acres irrigated from the Lake Ditch, in NE<sup>4</sup> of SE<sup>4</sup> of sec 25, and N<sup>2</sup> of lot 2 SW<sup>4</sup> of sec 30, since 1873, 14 acres since 1908. All lands in T19N R20 E. N5 S + M. except those in sec 20 which are in T19N R19 E.

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. All the above described land with five acres additional, deeded from C. Robinson to me, <sup>irrigated</sup> 1870, making a total of 125 acres below the Cochran Ditch.

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. Cochran Ditch capable of watering about 2300 acres.

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

A. Practically all kinds of soil. Hay, vegetables, grain & fruit.

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

A. Yes. about 140/1600.

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. Begins in April Ends in October or November

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. For Domestic use and for Watering stock -

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

A. It is used the year around for various purposes

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. There has been sufficient water for irrigation except for about six or eight weeks during the late summer and early fall in 1889. Two or three other seasons there was a scant supply for a few weeks late in the season, but crops did not suffer much except the latter part of 1889.

Signed:

Geo E Peckham

Reno

, Nevada,

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1900

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Reno, Nev, this 21<sup>st</sup>

day of

May

, 1910

Frank J. Byington, Notary Public.

Remarks:

During the wet seasons there are considerable quantities of waste water coming into the ditch, at which times the full capacity of the ditch is not drawn from the river. During hot, dry, years when waste water is scant the full capacity of the ditch is drawn from the river. These conditions occur periodically, owing to varying climatic conditions.

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**PROOF OF APPROPRIATION**

Date of Appropriation .....

**PRIORITIES.**

GENERAL.

STREAM.

NAME OF STREAM.

TRIBUTARY OF

NAME OF CLAIMANT.

*Geo. E. Beckham*  
*also Cochran Ditch.*

Filed in this office this .....

day of ....., 19 .....

State Engineer.



Reno May 26 1910

Carl Stoddard  
Carson City

Dear Sir

By an oversight on my part all reference to the Tife waste water was omitted in the proof of appropriation of water signed by me, said proof should have included the following.

In addition to the water claimed by me direct from the Coshrane ditch is a right to the use of that part of the waste water from the Tife ranch that reaches a ditch between the Peckham ranch and the Tife ranch at and west of a bulkhead located in said ditch about three sevenths of a mile east of the main Coshrane ditch. The above right to the use of waste water when needed has been used by me for a period of upwards of thirty five years.

Yours very truly

Geo E Peckham