

Name W. W. French
 By _____
 Address Rt 1, Box 238
Caves Jct, Oregon
 Date filed January 14, 1944
 Priority January 14, 1944
 Action suspended until _____

Application No. 20122
 Permit No. 15673
 Certificate No. 15305
 Stream Index, Page No. 15-3

FEEES PAID

Date	Amount	Receipt No.
1/14/44	9.50	30154
Total		
7/5/45	\$1 Cert. Fee	3
1/14/44	0.10 & B.P.	30154
FEEES REFUNDED		
Date	Amount	Check No.

Returned to applicant _____
 Date of approval March 1, 1944

CONSTRUCTION

Date for beginning March 1, 1945
 Date for completion October 1, 1946
 Extended to _____
 Date for application of water October 1, 1947
 Extended to _____

PROSECUTION OF WORK

Form "A" filed Begun
 Form "B" filed _____
 Form "C" filed January 9, 1945

FINAL PROOF

Blank mailed 1-11-45 WJA
 Proof received _____
 Date certificate issued MAR 15 1948

ASSIGNMENTS

Date	To Whom	Address	Volume	Page
2-A-AB	G.H. and L.S. French	Rt. 1, Box 238, Caves Junction, Ore	3	240-1

REMARKS

0.60 cfs from Althouse Creek for Irrigation of 30 acres

Ok Certificate

W.R.I.S.

Assembled 9-10-85 by [Signature]

Entered _____ by _____

Verified _____ by _____

Form C

Application No. 20122

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION OF WATER TO A BENEFICIAL USE

I, W W French, the holder of Permit No 15673 to appropriate the public waters of the state of Oregon, completely applied the waters to a beneficial use in accordance with the terms of said permit, on the 1st day of March, 1944

Remarks: (Send Inspector) Please notify of date
If all of the water granted in the permit has not been fully applied to beneficial use, you should so state.

(For) 5 acres on lot one, 1/4 15 acres on 1/4 of 500 ft of sec 7-405-700 of
Welmanit meridian, to apply to land regardless of ownership

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of January, 1945

Fred Tibbets
(Signature of Witness)

W W French
(Signature of Applicant)

Cave Junction Ore of Model Grocery
(Address)

Cave Junction Ore 238
(Address)

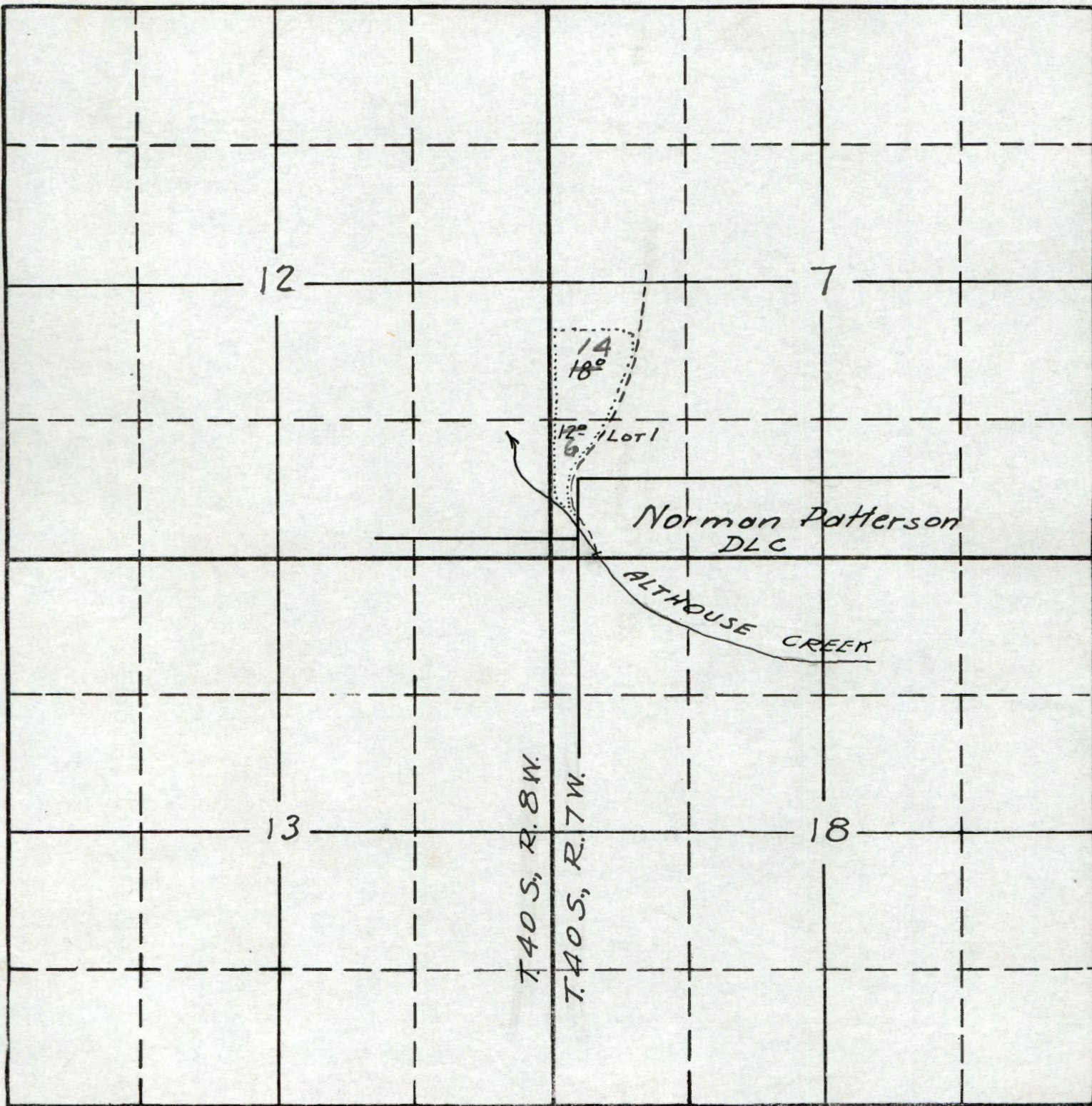
NOTE: In the case of an irrigation permit, this Form C should not be mailed to the State Engineer until all of the land described in the permit, which it is intended to irrigate under this permit at any time, has actually been irrigated. Fill out, detach, and mail to the State Engineer, Salem, Oregon, when all of the water has been applied.

SECTION

7

TOWNSHIP 40S, RANGE 7W, W. M.

North



South

Sketched in office of
 State Engineer from
 data by applicant 1-14-'44.
 EKN

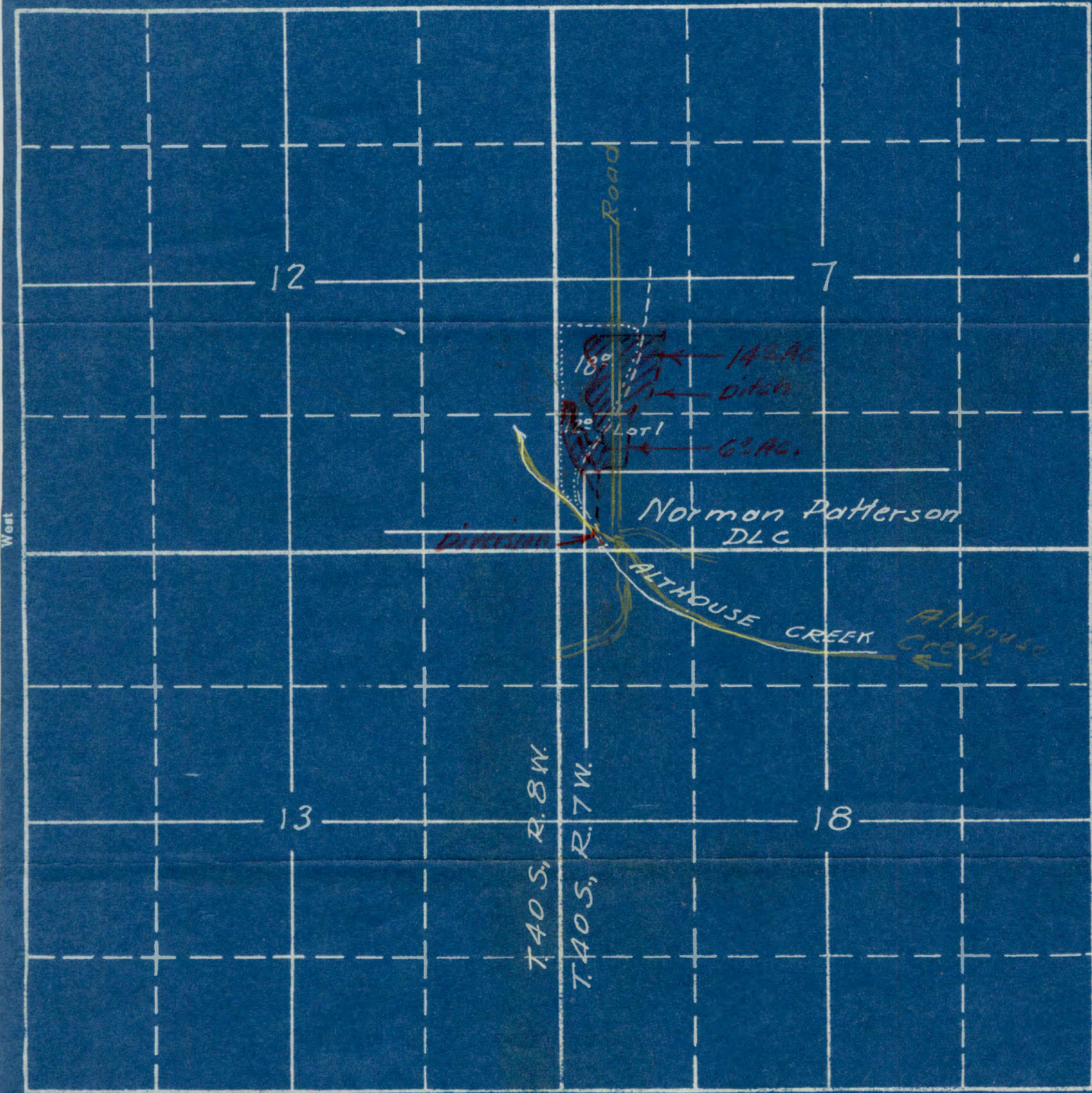
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7

TOWNSHIP 40S, RANGE 7W, W. M.

North



West

East

South

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Application No. 20122
 Permit No. 15673

Permit No. 15673

15305

Application No. 20122

County JOSEPHINE

PROOF OF APPROPRIATION OF WATER

C.H.B. I.S.

- 1. Name W. W. French
- 2. Address Cave Junction, Rt. 1, Box 238
- 3. Source of supply Althouse Creek
Tributary of Illinois River
- 4. Amount of water ~~0.50~~ 0.40 cfs
- 5. Priority date January 14, 1944
- 6. Use Irrigation
- 7. Location of point of diversion, SWSW as projected Sec. 7, Twp. 40 S, Range 7 W, W.M. (Legal Subdivision)

8. The description of land given below corresponds to that found in your permit covering land to be irrigated, or, if for other purposes, the place of use. In the blank column on the right, headed "No. acres actually irrigated", fill in the number of acres you have irrigated in each of the tracts described:

Township	Range	Section	Forty-acre Tract	No. Acres Described in Permit	No. Acres Actually Irrigated
40 S	7 W	7	Lot 1 (SW SW)	12	6.0 ✓
			NW SW	18	14.0 ✓
					<u>2.0</u>

If for irrigation, this appropriation shall be limited to 1/50th of one cubic foot per second or its equivalent for each acre irrigated throughout the irrigation season from April 1st to November 1st of each year, and shall be subject to such reasonable rotation system as may be ordered by the proper state officer.

OK for certif.

This column must be filled in if water is used for irrigation.

(Attach separate sheet if necessary)

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

9. (a) If a dam has been constructed, give description: Height, None Dam ft.; length on top, ft.; length on bottom, ft.; material used and character of construction,

Ditch extends into creek bed with extension upstream as
Althouse Creek recedes.

(b) Give description of headgate: Width, None ft.; depth, ft.; material used and character of construction,

(c) Size of canal: Width on top (at waterline), 1.2 ft.; width on bottom, 1.0 ft.; depth of water, 0.8 ft.; grade, 0.8 ft. fall per 1,000 ft. Actual capacity, 0.3 sec.-ft.

Give general description:

(d) Pipe line: Description of intake,

Length of pipe, ft.; size at intake, in.; size at ft. from intake, in.; size at place of use, in. Difference in elevation between intake and place of use, ft.

Is grade uniform? Actual capacity of pipe line, sec.-ft.

Give general description:

(Material: Steel, wrought, cast iron, wood stave, etc.)

(e) Pumping plant: Give size and type of pump,

Suction lift, ft.; discharge lift, ft. Type of motor used

Horsepower rating, H. P. Actual capacity of pump, sec.-ft.

10. During what months is water beneficially used?

11. State character of soil Kerby Loam

Kind of crops raised Garden, pasture and clover

12. Does the accompanying map, filed with your application, show correctly the point of diversion, area of land irrigated, or place of use? No

13. If not, wherein is such map in error? Acreage irrigated wrong. See Map.

14. Domestic use: Give number of families actually using water at this time

15. If for power, mining, municipal, manufacturing, storage or any other purpose than irrigation, give extent and method of such use

AFFIDAVIT OF APPROPRIATOR

STATE OF OREGON,

County of

} ss.

I,, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I have read the above and foregoing proof of appropriation of water; that I know the contents thereof, and that the facts therein stated are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of July, 1945.
W W French

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 194.....

Notary Public for Oregon

[Notarial Seal]

My commission expires

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

STATE OF OREGON,

County of

} ss.

We,, and of, being first duly sworn, depose and say that we are well acquainted with the facts and conditions set forth in the foregoing statement relative to proof of appropriation of water under Permit No.; that we and each of us have been over and upon each tract described in said proof, and from such personal inspection have knowledge that all necessary ditches, dams and other diversion and distributing works have been constructed, and water used as stated therein; that we have carefully read such proof of appropriation, and that each and every statement contained therein is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 194.....

Notary Public for Oregon

[Notarial Seal]

My commission expires

REPORT OF PERSON MAKING INSPECTION

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(For use by representative of State Engineer)

I, _____, do hereby certify that I have made an inspection of the works described herein and in Permit No. _____, on the _____ day of _____, 194____, and found the foregoing statements and descriptions of works to be accurate. In my opinion the appropriation has been completed to the extent of _____ (Quantity of water in second-feet or acre-feet) and I recommend the issuance of water right certificate for this amount.

NOTICE TO INSPECTORS

If conditions do not justify the above report by you, please return the proof without your signature, with a full report by letter.

(Name)

(Title)

PROOF OF APPROPRIATION

Permit No. _____

Recording fee paid

Receipt No. _____

STATE PRINTING DEPT.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

My commission expires _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 194____. the contents thereof, and that the facts therein stated are true. I depose and say that I have read the above and foregoing proof of appropriation of water, that I know _____

County of _____ STATE OF OREGON AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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NOV 19 1947
STATE ENGINEER
SALEM, OREGON

STATE OF OREGON
COUNTY OF JOSEPHINE

ABSTRACT OF CERTIFICATE OF WATER RIGHT NO. 15305

W. W. French of Rt. 1, Box 238, Cave Junction,
State of Oregon, has made proof to the satisfaction of
the State Engineer of Oregon, of a right to the use of the waters of
Althouse Creek a tributary of Illinois River, for the purpose of
irrigation

under Permit No. 15673 of the State Engineer, and that said right to the use
of said waters has been perfected in accordance with the laws of Oregon;
that the priority of the right hereby confirmed dates from

January 14, 1944

that the amount of water to which such right is entitled and hereby con-
firmed, for the purposes aforesaid, is limited to an amount actually bene-
ficially used for said purposes, and shall not exceed 0.40 cubic foot
per second

or its equivalent in case of rotation .

The point of diversion is located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, as projected, Section 7,
Twp. 40 S., Range 7 W., W. M.

The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount
secured under any other right existing for the same lands shall be limited
to 1/50th of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent
for each acre irrigated throughout the irrigation season from April 1st to
November 1st of each year,

and shall conform to such reasonable rotation system as may be ordered by
the proper state officer.

A description of the place of use under the right hereby confirmed,
and to which such right is appurtenant, is as follows:

6 acres in the - Lot 1 (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$)
14 acres in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 7,

T. 40 S., R. 7 W., W. M.

The right to the use of water for the purposes aforesaid is
restricted to the lands or place of use herein described.

REMARKS:

*Stream withdrawn from further appropriation
Location OK.*

Tom R. Reese
Watermaster

(Make any further remarks on reverse side)

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

STATE OF OREGON

OFFICE OF

WATER DISTRICT NO. 16

GRANTS PASS, OREGON

TOM R. PEARCE, WATERMASTER
DISTRICT No. 16
OREGON REGISTERED ENGINEER No. 838
CALIFORNIA LICENSED SURVEYOR No. 2301

WATER DISTRIBUTION
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS
SNOW SURVEYS

RECEIVED 1945
JUN 20 1945
STATE ENGINEER
SALEM, OREGON

Charles E. Stricklin
State Engineer
Salem, Oregon

Re: File #20122
W.W. French
Althouse Creek

Dear Mr. Stricklin:

Report: During June 16, 1945 I made inspection of works described in Permit #15673 and found the following conditions:

1. Mr. French, who is 74 years of age, is living alone on the ranch. This year he is irrigating about two acres of pasture and one acre of garden. He says he has transferred his title of the property to his two sons, making an equal division. He would like to get the water right in shape so that it will "go with the land". He stated that he made his appropriation of water prior to the adjudication of Althouse Creek, but that he had failed to make a statement of claim and there was probably no record of the appropriation.

2. Headgates and Dam: There is no dam or headgates.

3. Ditch: The ditch is one foot in width and one foot deep, having a grade of about .8 of a foot per thousand feet. A bi-lateral leading to the garden tract has a grade of two feet per thousand, and the ditch leading from the diversion to the bi-lateral has a fair grade.

4. Land Irrigated: Mr. French has been unable, this year, to irrigate his tract, with the exception of the garden; ^{and pasture} the cleared land consisting of about twenty acres is dry and covered with a growth of goat weed. It is possible this land has been irrigated at one time, although the size of the ditch and its grade indicate that there could not have been a much greater flow than .3 of a sec. foot, which would have been insufficient to irrigate the total tract. Mr. French stated that they intended to widen the ditch to two feet in width.

5. The enclosed map shows my estimate of the acreage that may have been classed as having been irrigated, namely: fourteen acres in the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 7 and six acres in Lot 1 of Section 7 of

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June 18, 1945

Township 40 South Range 7 West Willamette Meridian.

6. Considering the Order dated July 27, 1934, in the matter of withdrawal from further appropriations of water of Sucker Creek and Althouse Creek and their tributaries, it makes it difficult to recommend the certificate of water right to be issued. If this Order is waived, the certificate could probably be issued without hindrances to existing rights. Following is a list of water rights that would be affected by this appropriation: adjudication right of the Pence Ditch; certificate of water rights as follows: No. 1183, 1326, 2013, 3377, 6113, 10110, and 10183.

Althouse Creek is dry, usually in August and September, at points below the French diversion, except that the water comes up near the Joseph Sowell place and that ranch may be directly affected. The other rights are fed, more or less, by springs leading to the creek and from Democrat Gulch, which flows into Althouse Creek.

Personally, I would like to aid Mr. French ~~in~~ by making recommendation that a certificate of water right be issued.

Very truly yours,

Tom R. Pearce

Tom R. Pearce
Watermaster

TRP/s
Enc.

July 16, 1970

14132
20122

Robert B. Steimer
Watermaster District 14
714 N. W. "A" Street
Grants Pass, Oregon 97526

Dear Bob:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 7, 1970 in regards to the location of certain water rights on Althouse Creek.

In the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 7, Township 40 South, Range 7 West there is a three acre right described by certificate 2935 and a six acre water right described by certificate 15305. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Tom Pearce regarding the right described by certificate 15305 and a copy of the application and proof map in the name of W. W. French.

The balance of the right described by certificate 2935 is in Sections 12 and 13 of Township 40 South, Range 8 West.

In view of Mr. Pearce's report and the fact that all of the land described in certificate 2935 is irrigated from the Morey Ditch, most of which is south of Althouse Creek, it appears that the 2.13 acres shown on the map you submitted south of the creek is that described by certificate 2935.

Certificate 2713 does describe the irrigation of 3.0 acres in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 40 South, Range 8 West. The land mapped for the Althouse Adjudication proceedings agrees with the decree in regards to certificate 2713 except for the 3.0 acres in question. The map shows some land irrigated in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13 that was not included in the right.

The old Metskers map indicates that George owned all of the land in question except the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13 and including the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 13.

Robert B. Steimer

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July 16, 1970

It is possible that the 3.0 acres in question is that shown on the adjudication map in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13.

As far as either of these rights go, to be certain as to which land the right is appurtenant to, you should check both the proofs of claim and maps if available as well as the ownership records of the land at the time of adjudication proceedings.

If certificate 2713 does appear to be in error after you search these records, the Circuit Court would have to be petitioned to correct the decree.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Larry W. Jebousek
Assistant

LWJ:cjs

Enclosures

RECEIVED
JUL 10 1970
STATE ENGINEER
SALEM OREGON

July 7, 1970

Chris L. Wheeler
State Engineer
Salem, Oregon

Att: Trevor Jones, Asst.

Dear Trevor:

I am having some difficulty in the Althouse Creek area in Township 40 South, Range 7 West, W.M., Section 7. In the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ there is a 3 acre water right decreed in the Althouse Decree, priority of 1898. The adjudication map shows the water north of the stream and along the west section line. I have 2 people irrigating land on this 3 acre water right as shown on the enclosed tracing. I would appreciate knowing who this water right belongs to.

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2935
A-26122

In the same general area in Section 13 of Township 40 South, Range 8 West, W.M. in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ there is a 3 acre water right with a priority date of 1856 as found in the Althouse Decree which I cannot properly locate. Your help on this would also be appreciated.

C-2713
4-14132

Very truly yours,

Robert B. Steimer
Robert B. Steimer
Watermaster, Dist. #14

RBS:dc
Enclosure

March 15, 1948

C. H. and I. S. French
Route 1, Box 238
Cave Junction, Oregon

Gentlemen:

Water right Certificate No. 15305 has been issued
in confirmation of your right under Permit No. 15673 and is
being forwarded to the clerk of Josephine County today
for recording in his records.

After recording it in his records he will forward it
to you, and you should receive it within the next few days. In
the event that the certificate is not received within a reason-
able length of time, I would suggest that you take the matter
up with the County Clerk.

Very truly yours,

Chas. E. Stricklin

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

February 5, 1948

Mr. Iver S. French
Route 1, Box 238
Cave Junction, Oregon

Dear Mr. French:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 3, transmitting an assignment of Permit No. 15673 by W. W. French to C. H. and I. S. French, together with the \$1.00 recording fee, for which our receipt No. 4418 is enclosed.

The assignment has been recorded in the Miscellaneous Records of the State Engineer and is returned to you herewith.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

By
Ed K. Humphrey, Assistant

EKH:vc
Enc.

Cave Junction, Oreg.

Feb. 3, 1948
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STATE ENGINEER
SALEM, OREGON

Wes Stricklin
State Engineer

Dear Sir

Inclosed herewith is:
water, permit 15673, assignment
by W. W. French, to C. H. & J. S. French;
and the, one dollar, recording fee.

Respectfully Yours

Iver S. French

Route 1 Box 238 Cave Junction, Oregon

January 21, 1948

Mr. Iver S. French
Route 1, Box 238
Cave Junction, Oregon

Dear Mr. French:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 17 transmitting a description of the property figuring in Permit No. 15673 in the name of W. W. French.

Since as indicated by your letter, you and Mr. Clinton H. French are the present owners of the property to which the water right represented by Permit No. 15673 is appurtenant, the permit should be assigned by W. W. French to Clinton H. and Iver S. French, using the enclosed form, and when the assignment has been executed, it should be mailed to this office with the \$1.00 statutory fee for recording.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

By
Ed K. Humphrey, Assistant

EKH:mjo

Enc.

Cave Junction Ore.

Jan. 17, 1948

Iver S. French

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JAN 20 1948

STATE ENGINEER
SALEM, OREGON.

Charles E. Stricklin
State Engineer

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter
of Jan. 8 requesting a description
of the property figuring in approp-
-riation of water by permit No. 15673
issued to W. W. French former owner
of this property

The present deed states the co-
-ownership of this property by
Clinton H. French & Iver S. French,
The description of this property is

west half of north-west quarter
the north-west quarter of the south-west quarter
and the lot one of section seven,
in Township forty south of Range seven west
of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon

149.61 acres

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My father, W.W. French
can assist in securing this
water-right he is at home at
this address, as am I

Respectfully Yours

Iver S. French
Cave Junction

Route 1 Box 238 Oregon

January 8, 1948

Mr. W. W. French
Route 1, Box 28
Cave Junction, Oregon

Dear Mr. French:

In connection with final proof under your Permit No. 15673, will you please send us a description of the property figuring in your appropriation of water.

The required description should be copied word for word from your deed, abstract or contract or from the County Records.

Very truly yours,

Chas E. Stricklin

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

Caves Jet Ore July 2nd 1845
Stricklin, State Eng
Salem Ore

At last after 24 years of a battle for a water
right, You have our best wishes for your
final consideration and Grant of a Wa Water
right as aforesaid listed, which we consider
reasonably just, and find \$1000 cash for recording
of same, In behalf of, (C. H. French) W. W. French
(O. S. French) Founder

For now I am old and somewhat blind
kaked in front as well as behind
Tempted by sin of every kind
that satan the devil has ever designed
but to worship our God I am inclined
so pray for me if you do not mind

So that when my days on earth are done
Jehovah can say my wayward son
your blood you have shed to conquer the hum
a hero you are and a crown you have won

(The gap mine on request)

Pray a job for you I hold in reserve
So cheer up your heart and steady your hand
Just follow the gang on the first West claim
and give them gaps what they deserve
W. W. French
Caves Jet Ore

over

Have no official Envelope, and which to procure
would cause at least one days delay and a 7 mile
walk, which I do not relish. So will try the return
stunt with yours, and maby get Picked for it
wv, s, r, n, h

June 28, 1945

Mr. W. W. French
Route 1, Box 236
Caves Junction, Oregon

Dear Mr. French:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 25 explaining the difficulties with which you are confronted in the matter of usually required affidavit of appropriator in connection with final proof under your permit No. 15673.

In consideration of the inspection of your project by Mr. Pearce and his report, we will waive the affidavit and if you will sign the proof in the proper place on its second sheet and return it to this office with the statutory \$1.00 certificate recording fee, your water right will be considered as in line for confirmation by issuance of a certificate.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

by

Ed K. Humphrey, Assistant

EKH:mjo

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Caves got on June 25-45-

Mr C E Stricklin, State Eng, Salem

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JUN 27 1945

STATE ENGINEER
SALEM, OREGON

Dear Sir

Yes I have now been put to the acid test by your water master, and acknowledged by him to be entitled to at least a 20 a. water right, Issued and made to apply or cover lands in the NW & SW, 2nd Lot 1 in sec 7-40 S-7W, For which I have paid for a 30 acre Right twice in the last 26 years, and also used your so claimed state water (Property) One of Gods most gracious free gifts & provisions for the comforts and necessary requirements of mankind and his earthly creation. And now I am required and asked to rustle 2 witnesses and go before a Notary and make affidavit to a lot more political red tape, at a loss of time, and quite a expense to me, and which now is almost a impossibility, as all or most all of the old rail splitters of the early day of this neck of the woods, has either kicked off or left these parts, and the Johnny come latelys, the European offscours from Los Angeles, that now inhabits this locality, are not cognizant with our affairs, they could not be valid witnesses, Jack Smock and his wife of Holland (God heaven) is about the only old timers left

Left that could truthfully vouch for me, and they like
would not vouch for or to anything, that might have a
tendency to divert a drop of the althouse water from
making a quagmire of holland, by virtue of a big
outtan ditch around the mountain, that robs the
althouse gulch of its just deserts, when Holland is
already well watered by 405 ditches from Sucker creek.

If your watermaster of this district would sojourn
with me for for a couple of days (and live on Pork and Beans)
I could show him what always looked to me like
gross injustices in the distribution of water in
this district, where some lands are being and has been
killed sour by excessive water, while others are parched
and dried up for the lack of it, with waste water
running through the woods from over the former.

Now Mr Stricklin I do not mean to imply that that I
refuse to comply with your rules or requests, neither do I
object to the \$100 recording fee. But it does seem to me
that your exactions are exorbitant, in view of the fact
that my or our claim has been sanctioned and O.Ked by
your local watermaster, and my reasons as afore said.
Yours very Resp.

W.W. Funch

Rt 1 Box 238

Caves jet Ore

And further I will say that in 1778 I was
deceived and inveigled into settling her, by your
Oh so Oregon Slogan of that early date, and finally did
Homestead here, On lands that was condemned by the
Claim stakers, of prehistoric days, Endured all of
the privations and hardships of pioneering, which
is still prevalent with us on this mountain slide or
Marginal type of ground, which requires a 5 acre water
right to do justice to one acre, the place embodies a
good portion of virgin timber, of which I try have
fought the Elements of destruction and devastation
day and night all of these years, to save and preserve
for the pleasure and stern necessities of posterity
in accordance with the Osawatton and Keep Oregon
Ideas and humane declarations and requests Green
For which all the thanks we get is rebuffs and more
taxation, I myself am only the founder of the place
and only have a home interest in the place, as I deeded
it to the Boys in 1836 - (C. H. French & J. S. French) who are
both in California now, I am alone here on the old
Homestead, handicapped and hog tied, by age and
no transportation but a wheelbarrow, am now existing
or trying to live on borrowed time of which I now have
consumed over 4 years, so am not overly vigorous for

long Hikes, And am 4 miles from the nearest
or a Notary, And not a very good thumbel,
And my aristocratic neighbors cares naught for me.
So there you have my holy fix

And I know that with my passing
some folks joys will swell to cheers
but their days are also numbered
by just a few short months or years

W.W.SI

June 21, 1945

Mr. W. W. French
Route 1, Box 238
Caves Junction, Oregon

Dear Mr. French:

We are just in receipt of incomplete final proof papers in connection with your Permit No. 15673 to appropriate water from Althouse Creek for irrigation, from Mr. Pearce, the watermaster of your district.

If water has actually been used as set forth in the proof which is enclosed herewith, you should complete the proof by making your affidavit to this effect and having the affidavit of two witnesses attached before a notary public in the space provided on the second sheet of the proof.

When the proof has been completed as explained above, it should be mailed to the State Engineer with the \$1.00 statutory fee for recording the certificate of water right when such certificate is issued.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

by

Ed K. Humphrey, Assistant

EKH:mjo

Enclosure

June 21, 1945

Mr. Tom R. Pearce
Watermaster, District #16
Grants Pass, Oregon

Dear Mr. Pearce:

This will acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your report in connection with final proof under Permit No. 15673 in the name of W. W. French.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

by

E. K. Humphrey, Assistant

EKH:mjo

June 19, 1945

Mr. Charles E. Stricklin
State Engineer
Slaem, Oregon

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JUN 20 1945
STATE ENGINEER
SALEM, OREGON

Dear Mr. Stricklin:

Enclosed is a report pertaining to Permit No. 15673.

I am also returning the form for final proof of appropriation. You will find that I have made the corrections on the blueprint enclosed.

Yours very truly,

Tom R. Pearce

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Watermaster

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January 9, 1945

Mr. Tom R. Pearce
Water Master, District #16
Grants Pass, Oregon

Dear Mr. Pearce:

I am enclosing two blanks for making final proof under Permits No. 15636 and No. 15673 in the names of Benjamin S. Watts and W. W. French, respectively.

You are requested to make your usual inspections at your convenience and submit the proofs to this office with the \$1.00 certificate recording fee for each proof.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

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January 9, 1945

Mr. W. W. French
Rt. 1, Box 238
Caves Junction, Oregon

Dear Mr. French:

This acknowledges receipt of Form C, being notice of complete application of water under your Permit No. 15673.

Pursuant to your report and in line with the general practice of this office, a survey will be made at a later date for the purpose of checking the acreage actually irrigated. After this survey, proof may be made by you and certificate issued covering the lands which the survey shows to have been irrigated, and any lands described in your permit that have not been irrigated will be automatically eliminated from your water right.

In the meantime, the permit which you hold will be valid evidence of your water right.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

by

Ed K. Humphrey, Assistant

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December 20, 1944

Mr. W. W. French
Route 1, Box 238
Cave Junction, Oregon

Dear Mr. French:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 18, relative to your Permit No. 15673. In answer to your question as to whether you will be granted a water right, you now hold a conditional water right evidenced by Permit No. 15673 which was mailed to you March 1, 1944.

All that is necessary to perfect your right is to actually irrigate the land described in the permit as explained in the letter which accompanied the permit when it was mailed to you.

When you have irrigated all of the land that you intend to irrigate at any time under the permit, it should be so indicated by filling out the enclosed Form C, which is a copy of the one attached to your permit and mailing this form to this office.

After receipt of Form C, a survey will be made by a representative of this office, and you are entitled to make proof and receive a certificate of water right covering the number of acres that you have actually irrigated under the permit, and any lands described in the permit that have not been irrigated will be automatically eliminated from your water right.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

by

Ed K. Humphrey, Assistant

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STATE ENGINEER
SALEM, OREGON

To the State Engineer

Salem Ore

Dear Sir

Am still using your water and maintaining a ditch from the althouse creek now for 24 years, By coercion and force of arms, have paid for a right twice now for 30 acres \$750 and \$900 respectively, and am wondering if I ever will be granted a right to this water. I do not expect to live forever to fight for my rights, as I am nearly 74 years young now, so if you are going to grant this ground a water right (for me) then you had better get busy. If you cannot afford a 30 acre right to me then give me a 20 acre right. Made out as follows, 5 acres for Lot 1, and 15 acres for $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 7-40S-7W, of Willamit Merid, (Note Lot one is in SW of SW of said sec 7-40S-7W), Right to apply to said descriptions of a ground, irrespective of Ownership. That would entitle said ground to a 10 acre Right Credit for future need or Requirement, then I will be able to hold the line as Mr Roosevelt says without fear of dispute.

Yours very respectfully W.W. Jernich

At / Box 238 Caves jet
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March 1, 1944

Mr. W. W. French
Rt. 1, Box 238
Cave Junction, Oregon

Dear Mr. French:

Herewith you will find Application No. 20122, Permit
No. 15673, together with blue print.

The application has been approved and recorded in
this office.

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January 18, 1944

W. W. French
Route 1, Box 238
Caves Junction, Oregon

Dear Mr. French:

This is to notify you that your completed Application No. 20122 for a permit to appropriate 0.6 c.f.s. of water from Althouse Creek for irrigation of 30 acres, now appears to be in satisfactory form and is being placed in line for approval and issuance of a permit.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

By
Ed K. Humphrey, Assistant

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App # 20122

Jan 14 1944

Provisions of Special
Order of 7-27-'34 were waived
by Mr. Stricklin because
applicant stated to him that
diversion was made below
all diversions that could be
adversely effected

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August 2, 1945

Mr. W. W. French
Route 1, Box 238
Cave Junction, Oregon

Dear Mr. French:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 31 relative to final proof in the issuance of a certificate under your Permit No. 15673.

In order to economize on time and facilitate office procedure, certificates are issued in groups rather than singly and yours will be issued with the next group, but probably not until a considerably later date.

In the meantime your water right will remain in good standing and the permit which you hold will constitute valid evidence of the right.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN
State Engineer

By
Ed K. Humphrey, Assistant

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STATE ENGINEER
SALEM, OREGON

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Mr Chas Stricklin, State Eng Salem Ore

We all are wondering how that fat of No 13 on the water front is progressing. It only takes 21 years to produce a political official, but much longer apparently before they can get around to serve their constituents, either for good or bad and especially the former. But if a full fledged citizen is doomed for citation, taxation & militaration, he gets action right now and how. So one need not wonder why the whole Anglo Saxon race is going Socialistic or Communistic or permistic, or what has you, On a effort to relieve the strain and better their conditions, or be shackled to a cold finish, as you know the spirit of our people is, that they will try anything once. So let us adopt a new form of honest to god Brotherhood and a communal spirit, and make the U.R. co. work, whether water Rights do or not.

Yours very Resp

W W Strunch

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STATE ENGINEER
SALEM, OREGON

Mr, Chas E Stricklin, State Eng
Salem Ore

Am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your approval and documentation, of my request for Waterright No 13 now awaiting final confirmation and adjudication by your Executive body of controll. But when I gaze at the number I am skeptical of its eventual agreeable finality.

For all through the ages and pages of lifes history pertaining to acts, events, and transactions designated in any way by 13 and integrant with our cognoscence,

has always seemed to be a red flag or misnomer denoting danger ahead, and Friday the 13th is sure death since the landing of the May flower. So we will trust in God (no others need apply) that my alarm may only only be a falsy conception.

Your Wondly servant,

W. W. Munch

R/Box 238

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