

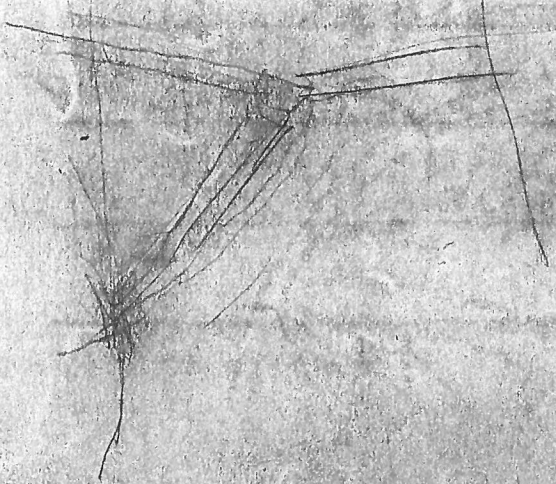


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PETITION  
FOR THE RECONSTRUCTIO AND EXTENSION  
OF THE  
*Young*-VAN GASS DITCH.



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, owners of land situate in the County of El Paso, and State of Texas, and within the boundaries of the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, being desirous of securing improved, adequate and more efficient irrigation facilities for our lands in accordance with plans formulated and to be hereafter formulated by the United States of America under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 17, 1902 (32 Stat., 388) and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, pursuant to contract of January 17, 1920, between the Secretary of the Interior and the said El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, for and in consideration of the benefits to be derived from the construction, reconstruction, or improvement, and subsequent operation and maintenance of irrigation and other works upon or in the vicinity of our lands, and for other valuable considerations, hereby agree to convey to the United States all necessary right of way over and across any and all tracts of land belonging to the undersigned, or any of them for what is known as the Van Gass Ditch as the same is now located and staked out on the ground or as the same may hereafter be duly located and staked out by the proper representatives of the United States Reclamation Service, the location being shown approximately on the map attached hereto. Said right of way shall be conveyed to the United States by proper quitclaim deed or deeds, or other appropriate instrument in writing, at any time such conveyance may be demanded by the proper agents and representatives of the United States after the construction and operation of said lateral shall have been definitely determined upon by the United States, or actually constructed and in operation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our hands and seals this day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1923.

Capt. N. Van Gass.

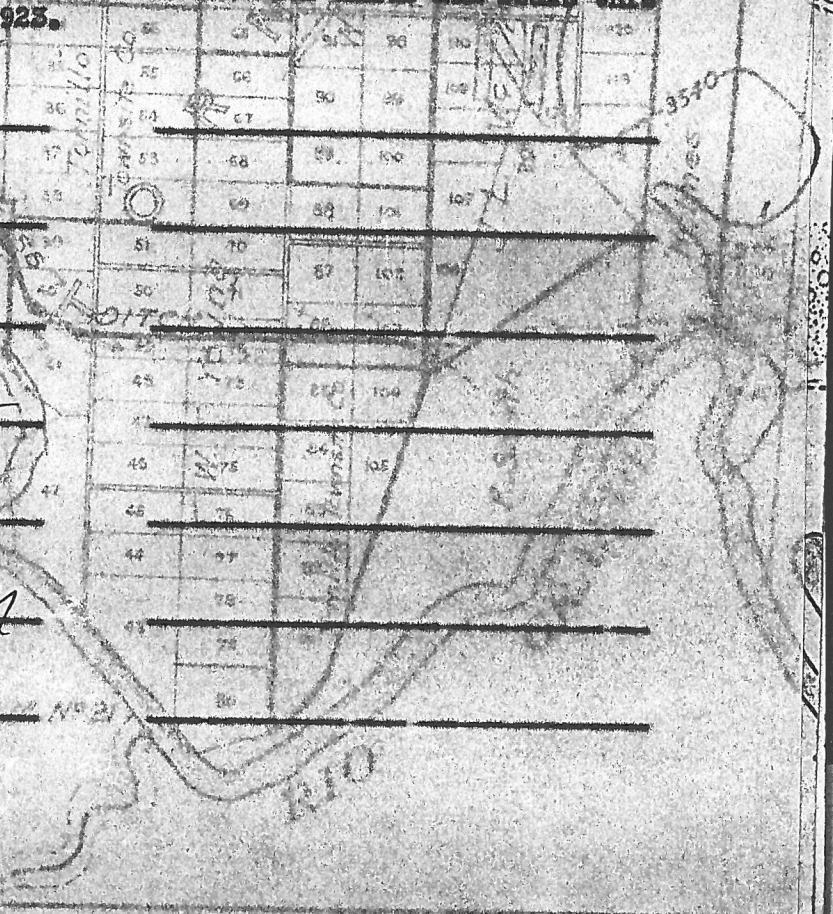
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Jack Blanks

Arms Benson

L. V. Beebe

W. T. Henderson



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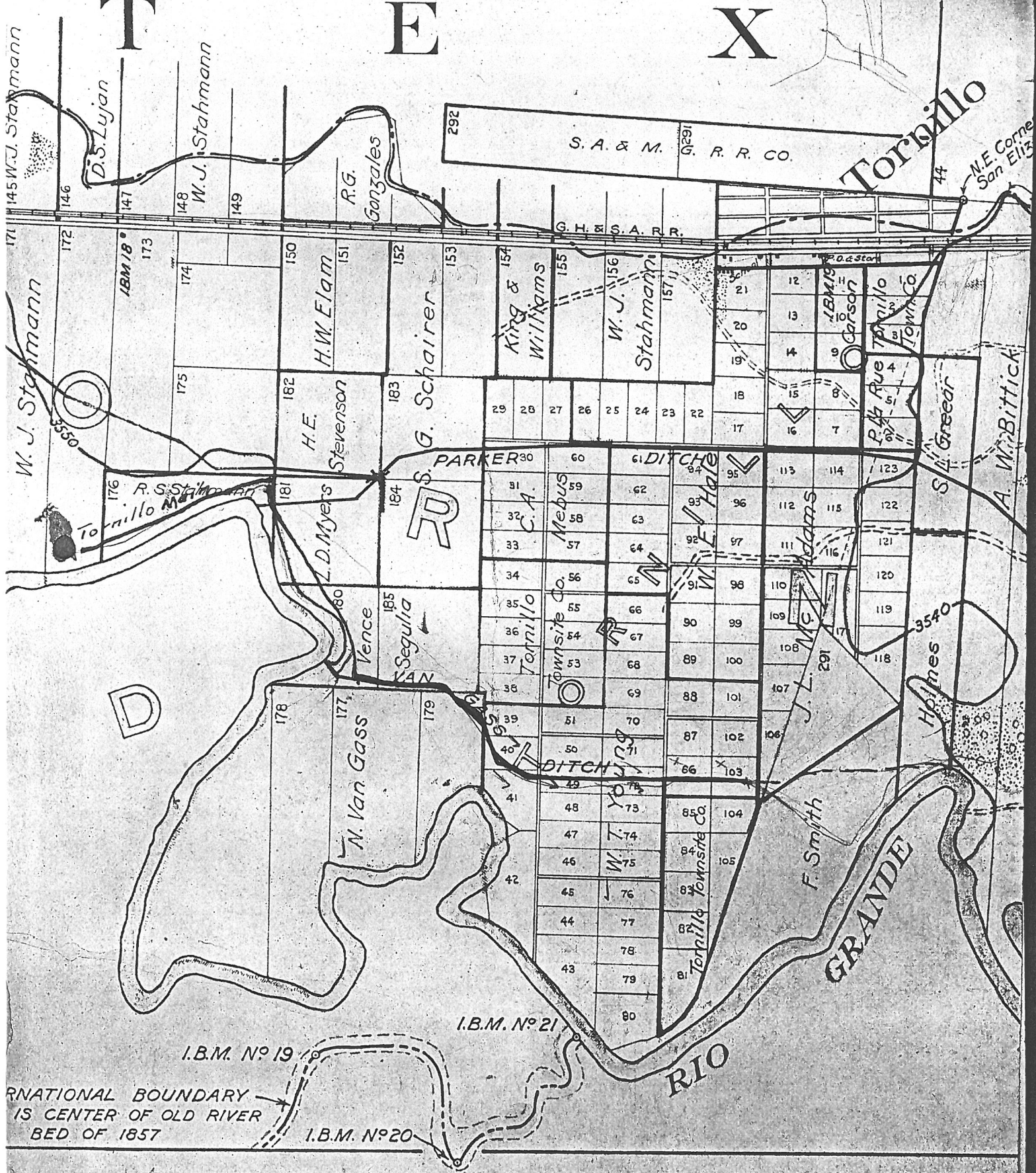
It is to be understood that any future system of adjustments or credits ~~relating to~~ because of the utilization of portions or all of privately or community owned lateral systems taken over by the Reclamation Service in the Tornillo District, will apply in a similar manner to the Young-Van Gass Ditch. The Reclamation Service is hereby released from any such adjustment of claims and from any other claims which may arise from the transfer of this ditch to the Reclamation Service for use in reconstruction and improvement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our hands and seals this 3-24-23 day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1923.

*Witness to both signatures*  
*Geo. W. Hoadley*

*W. A. Young*  
*Hermencia M. Young*

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RIO GRANDE

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El Paso, Texas, March 16, 1933

Mr. W. T. Henderson,  
c/o Baptist Academy,  
San Marcus, Texas.

Dear Sir, -

We are enclosing herewith for your signature at the request of the property owners on the Young-Van Cass ditch at Tornillo, Texas, a copy of the petition for the taking over, reconstruction, and enlargement of said ditch by the U. S. Reclamation Service.

The enlargement and reconstruction of the ditch is for the purpose of giving better water service to the lands irrigating from same.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Lawson  
Project Manager

Copy of letter mailed to Alpine, Texas.

Encl.  
Petition

Mr. W. T. Henderson  
San Marcos, Texas  
c/o The Baptist Academy.

also Alpine, Texas

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Alpine, Texas