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To / Chief Counsel. Washington.

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The County Clerk,
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Very truly yours,

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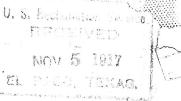
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Form 7-52St Reprint Sept., 1916

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE



El Paso, Texas, August 27 , 191 7

Project Manager to the Director and Chief Engineer (through Chief

donation deed Subject: Forwarding contract for approval.

Deed

Agreement dated August 13, 1917.

Rio Grande Project.

Executed by Charles De Groff, Donaciano Baca, L. L. Hay and Elmer G. James. Commissioners of the Wadlington Community Ditch.

Estimated amount involved, \$0.

(See Gen'I Order No. 124)

Purpose of agreement: Donation of ditch property. (See instructions on back, Pars. 4 and 5)

No public notice issued on Rio Grande Project.

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Advise Chief of Construction, Denver, Colorado, and Project

Manager at El Paso, Texas

of the approval of the above. Please return orig. deed for recording.

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Encls.

Donation deed in duplicate.

2 certificates of District Counsel, in duplicate.

2 copies of plat, accompanying deed.

(The blanks below to be filled in the Washington Office.)

Approved by Morris Bien, Acting Director

NOV 1 - 1917

Date of approval NOV 1 - 1917

Bond, if any, approved by same officer on same date.

Original enclosed for record and return.

Morris Bien, Acting Director

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#### INSTRUCTIONS, ATS CATHOL

- 1. This form is devised to render unnecessary the writing in the Washington office and in the field of various routine letters in reference to contracts.
- 2. The project or other office where the contract originates will transmit one copy of this form in excess of the number of offices which are to be advised of approval. For example, in the usual case where the project manager and Chief of Construction are to be advised, three copies should be sent to the Washington office.
- 3. The Chief of Construction will make proper notation on his copy of the contract showing the date when the contract is forwarded by him.
- 4. Any special matter or information relative to the contract too long to write on the form should be set out in a statement or certificate accompanying the other papers.
- 5. When reference is made to previous correspondence the dates thereof should be given.

#### CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that the community ditch described in attached deed of August 13. 1917, from the commissioners of the Wadlington Community Ditch. was constructed by a voluntary association of land owners, and that there are no deeds of record conveying to the land owners an easement or right of way for said ditch, and that said ditch has been constructed and in existence for more than the statutory period of limitation, so that title by prescription has been acquired;

That said property is not subject to taxation under the laws of Texas and that neither the tax records nor other county records contain any instruments affording basis of title. I further certify that there are no liens against the property.

(Sd) PW Dent
District Counsel.

Dated at Ml Paso. Texas. this 27th day of August. 1917. State of Texas )
County of El Paso )

Public in and for El Paso County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Donaciano Baca and acknowledged that the foregoing instruentn was signed by him on behalf of the said Wadlington Community Ditch by authority upon him duly confeered, and the said Donaciano Baca, Commissioner of the said Wadlington Ditch, acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of the said Wadlington Community Ditch.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 14th day of August 1917.

( Seal )

L. A. Faix, F. P. and ex-officio Notary Public, El Paso County, Texas. State of Texas
County of El Paso

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, the undersigned owners of water rights in the Wadlington Community Ditch, for and in consideration of the benefits to accrue to us, respectively, by reason of the reconstruction, enlargement and improvement of the said Wadlington Ditch system to be hereafter performed by the United States of America, hereby disclaim and release all our right, title and interest in and to the said Wadlington Ditch system as the same is now constructed and in existence, as shown on blue print hereto attached and hereby made a part hereof, and agree that the United States, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved June 17, 1902(32 Stat., 388) and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, may take charge of, operate and maintain, and control said ditch system and all appurtenances thereof, and shall have the right to reconstruct, enlarge and otherwise improve the same in any manner deemed necessary by the proper officers of the United States in order that there may be afforded superior facilities for the irrigation of the lands tributary therety.

Witness our hands this 13th day of luguest
A. D. 1917.

The State of Texas County of El Paso

In and for El Paso County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Charles De Groff, Denacland Bace. Hay, and Elmer G. James, Commissioners of the Wadlington Community Ditch, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was signed by them on behalf of the said Wadlington Community Ditch by authority upon them duly conferred, and the said Charles De Groff, Donaciano Bace. Hay, and Elmer G. James, Commissioners of the said Wadlington Community Ditch, acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of the said Wadlington Community Ditch.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 13

day of August . A. D. 1917.

Notary Public In and for El Paso County. Texas.

My commission expires

Jame 30, 1919.

The State of Texas

County of El Paso

of said County, do hereby certify that the above instrument of writing, dated on the 13 day of August A.D. 1917, with its certificate of authentication. Was filed for recording my office this day of Novembly. A.D.1917, at 3:40 o'clock of M. and duly recorded the 7 day of Novembly. A.D.1917, at 8:26 o'clock on pages. in the records of said county, in Volume 3/1 on pages.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office El Paso, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk County Court, El Paso, County, Texas.

By Deputy.

State of Texas
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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD All the right, title, interest, estate and claim of the said Wadlington Community Ditch in and to the said premises, together with all and singular, the rights, privileges and apprutenances to the same in any manner belonging, unto the said United States of America, its successors and assigns forever; PROVIDED: That nothing herein contained shall be construed as a conveyance, interference with or in any wise affecting the vested right of any holder of rights in the said Wadlington Ditch to the use of water from the Rio Grande.

This deed shall become effective to transfer the

The State of Texas County of El Paso Slo Cerlener Before me. A Notary Public in and for El Paso County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Charles De Groff, Denaclano Baca, Hay, and Elmer G. James, Commissioners of the Wadlington Community Ditch, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was signed by them on behalf of the said Wadlington Community Ditch by authority upon them duly conferred, and the said Charles De Groff, Donaciano Baca Hay, and Elmer G. James, Commissioners of the said Wadlington Community Ditch, acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of the said Wadlington Community Ditch. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 13 Maux day of A. D. 1917 Public In and El Paso County, Texas, My commission expires SAND The State of Texas County of El Paso , Clerk of the County Court

of said County, do hereby certify that the above instrument of writing, dated on the 13 day of August A. D. 1917, with its certificate of authentication, was filed for recording my office this 5— day of November, A.D.1917, at 3:40 o'clock 6 m. and duly recorded the 7 day of November 1/A. D. 1917, at 8:26 o'clock a m. in the records of said county, in Volume 311 on pages

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office El Paso. Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk County Court, El Paso. County. Texas.

By Deputy.

### CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that Charles De Groff.

Donaciano Baca, L. L. Hay, and Elmer G. James.

duly elected, qualified and acting Commissioners

of the Wadlington Community Ditch, are in possession

of the property described in the attached deed of

August 13, 1917, claiming an easement for the operation

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P. W. Dent District Counsel.

Dated at El Paso. Texas. this 13th day of August. 1917. The State of Texas County of El Paso

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This deed shall become effective to transfer the

above described property and rights upon the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or the Director and Chief Engineer of the United States Reclamation Service.

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MEMBER TEXAS BANKERS' ASS'N. MEMBER AMERICAN BANKERS' ASS'N.

CLINT, TEXAS.
Aug 9th, 1917.

Mr H. M. Wells.,

Manager Thompson Ditch.

Clint, Texas.

Dear Sir: -

We the owners land on the Thompson Ditch, feel as though it is your duty to take care of the damage that has been done by by the disagra that is turn loose by owners of land above us, on the Thompson & Wadlington Ditches.

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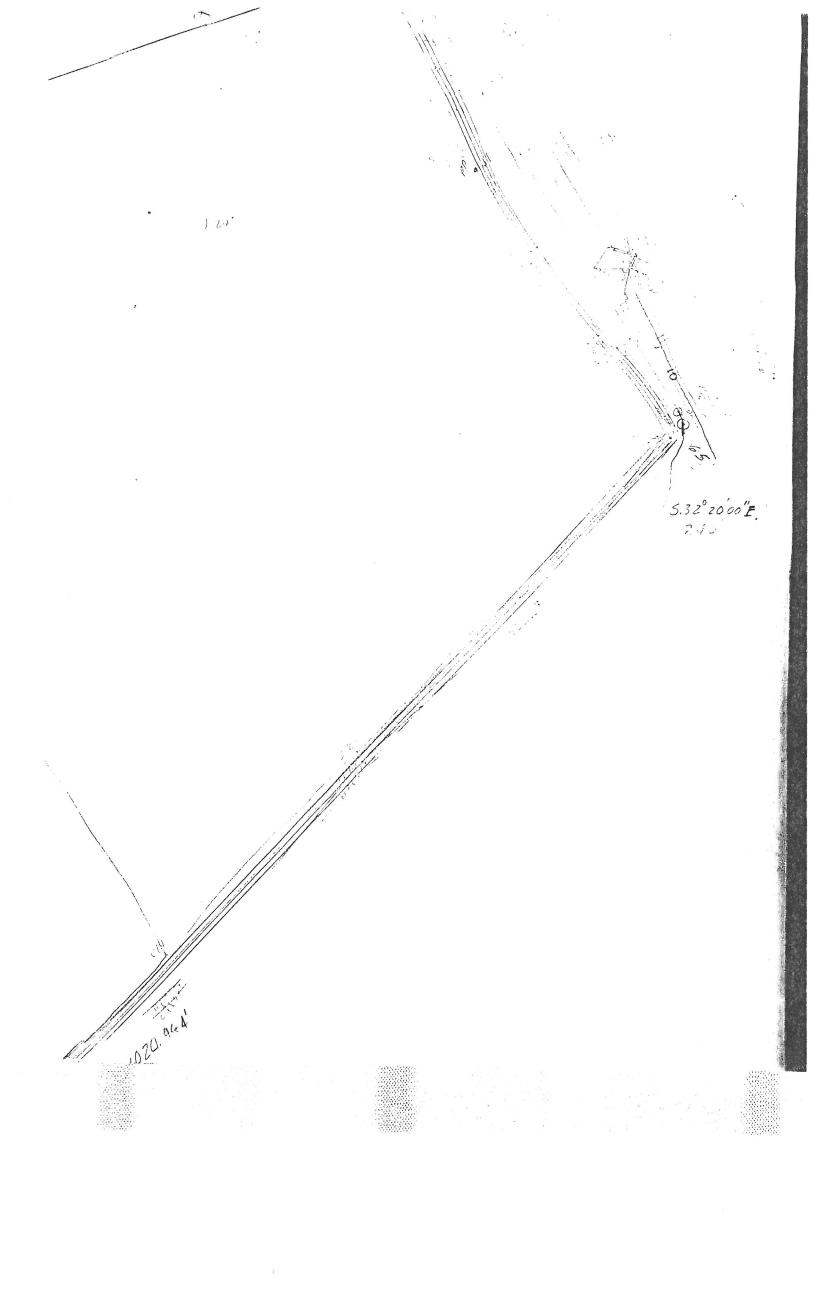
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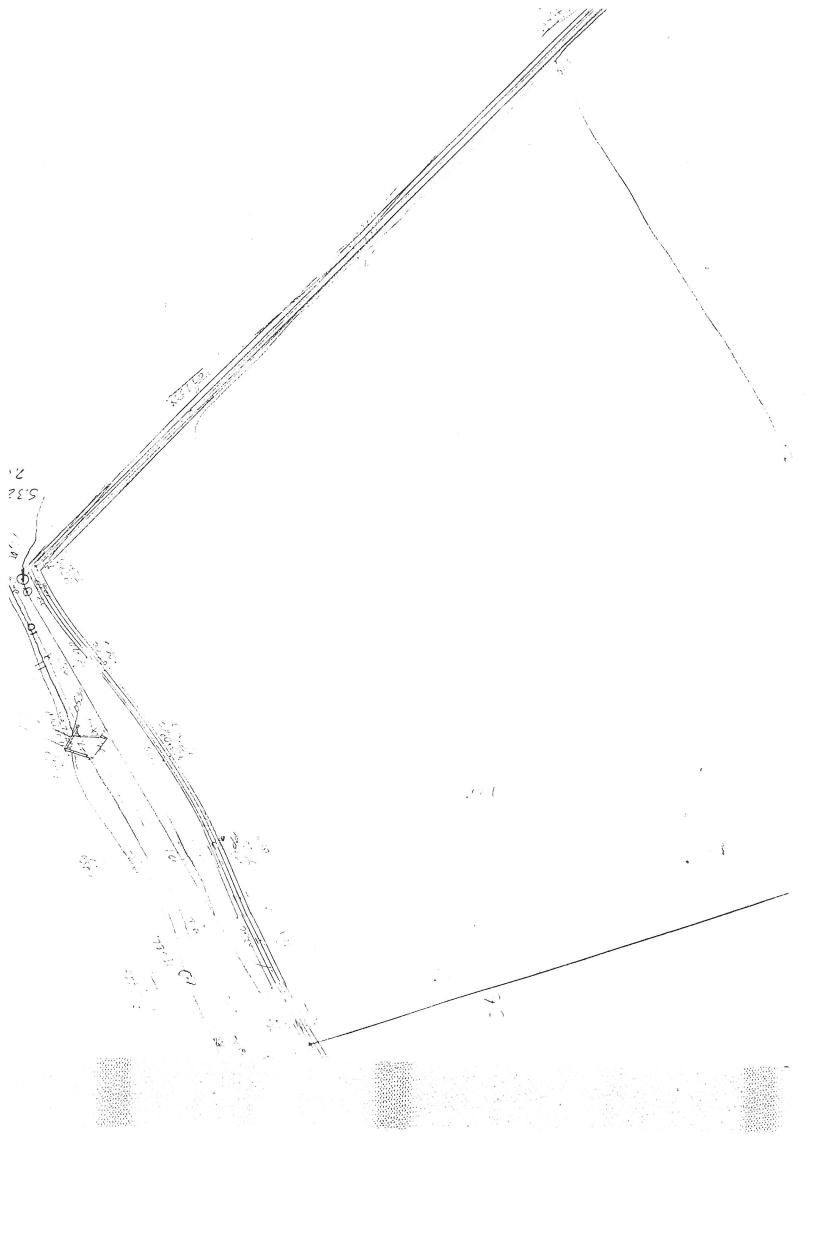
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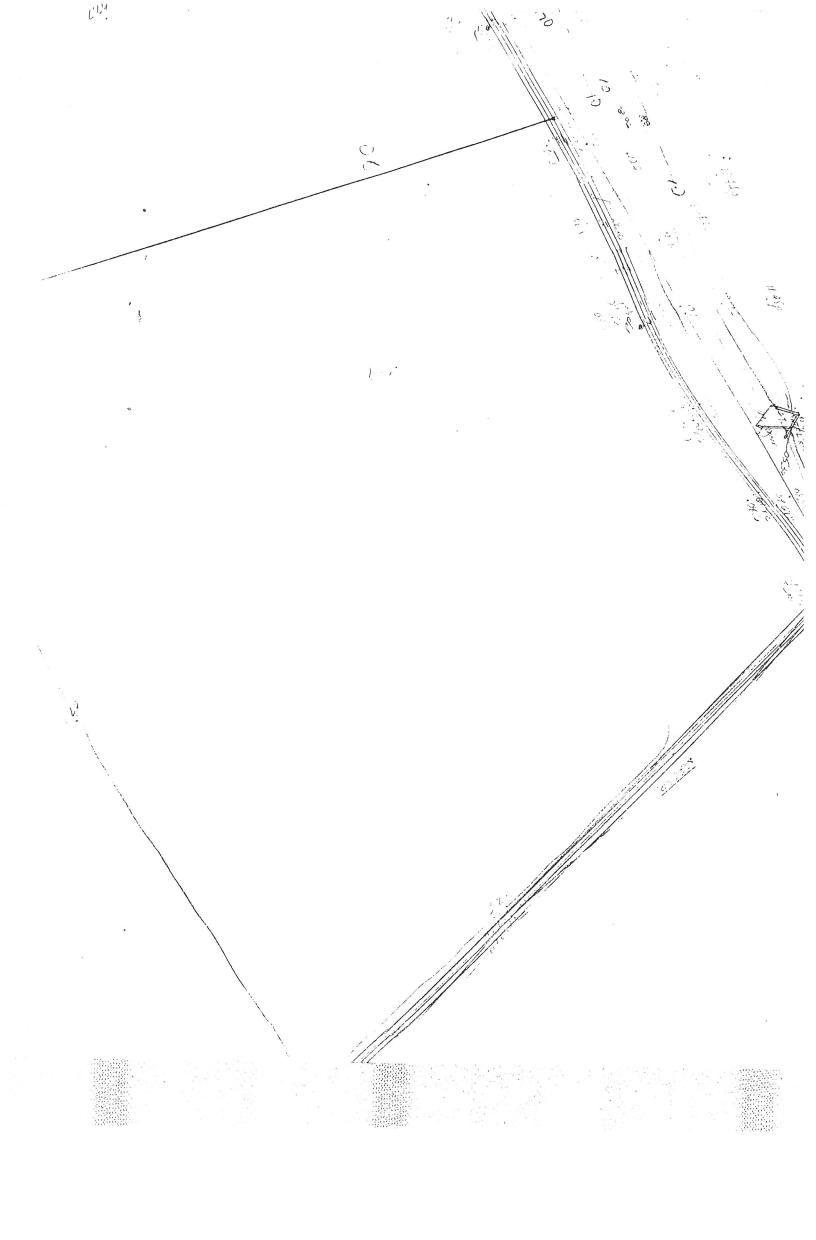
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE

UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE
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Donation deed in duplicate 2 certificates of District Counsel, in duplicate. 2 copies of plat, accompanying deed. (The blanks below to be filled in the Washington Office.)
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Approved by Morris Bien, Acting Director

Date of approval NOV 1-1917

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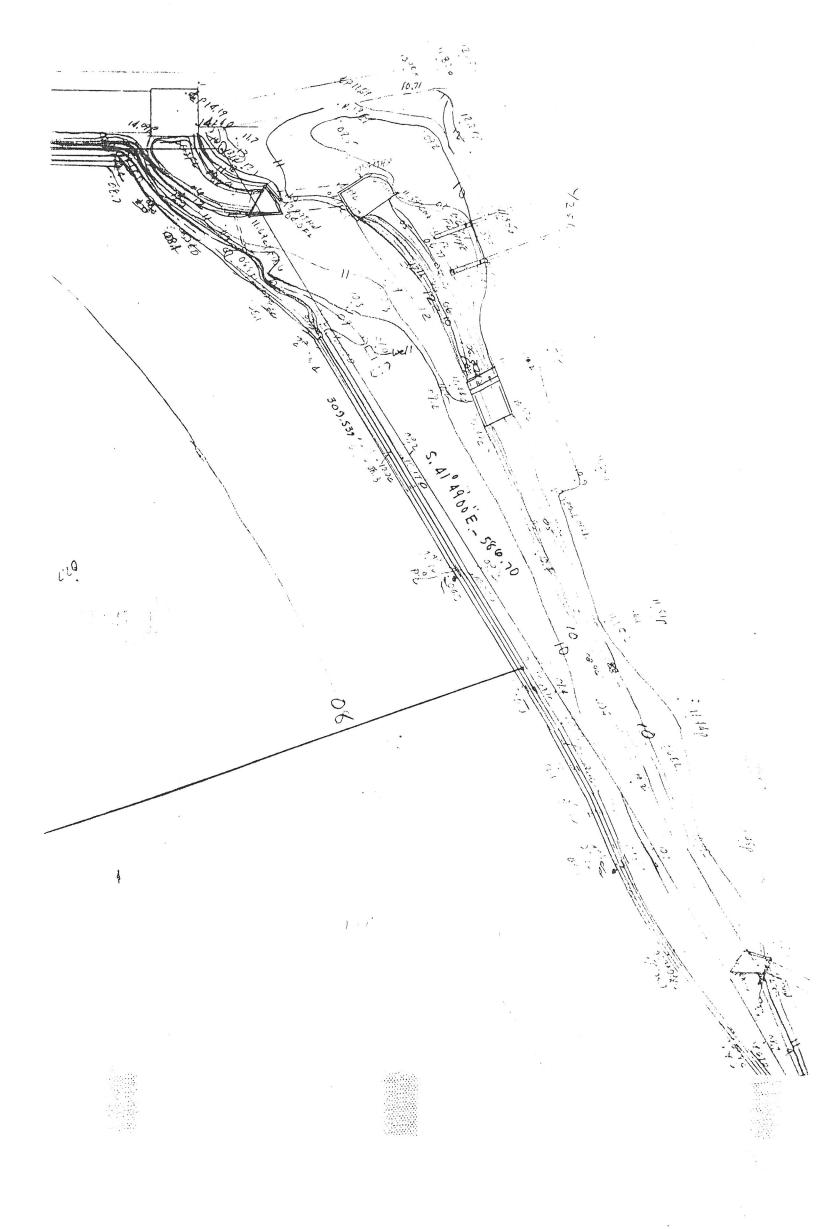
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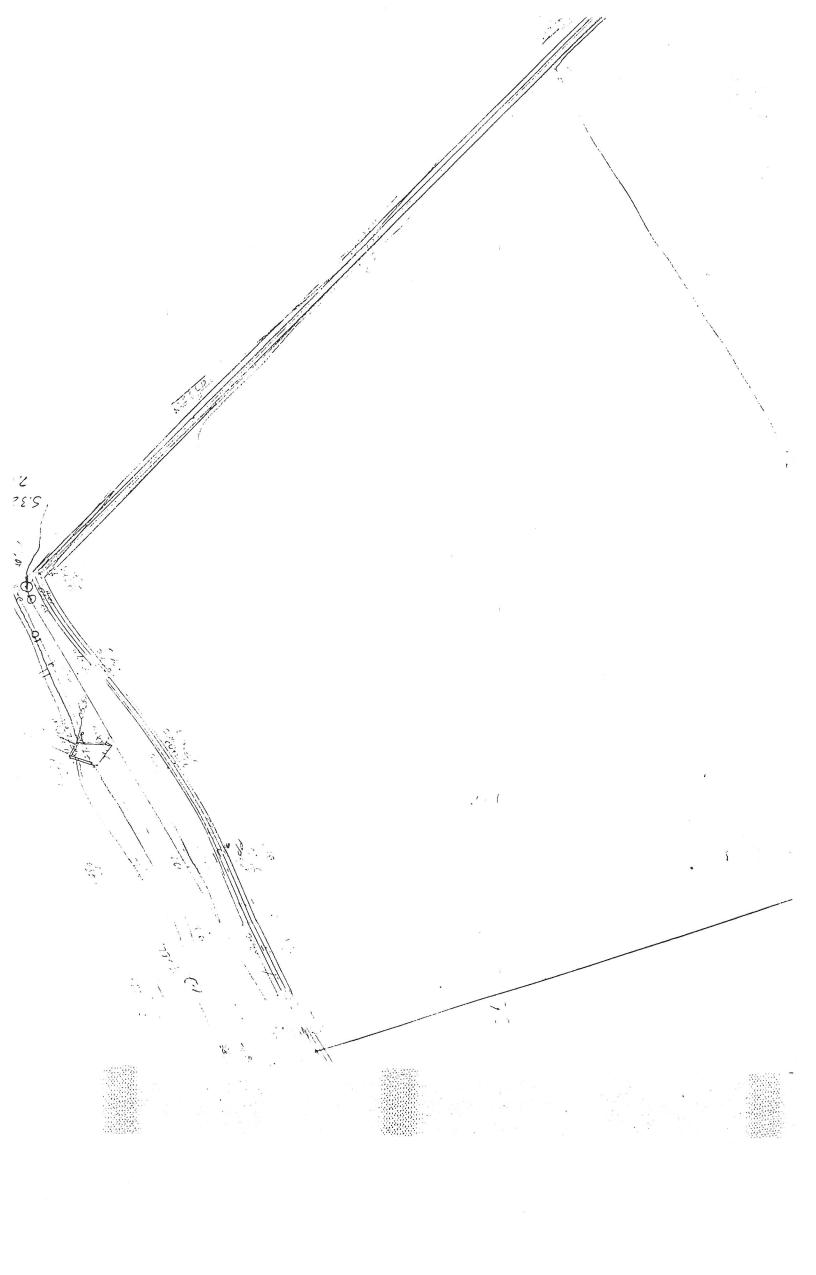
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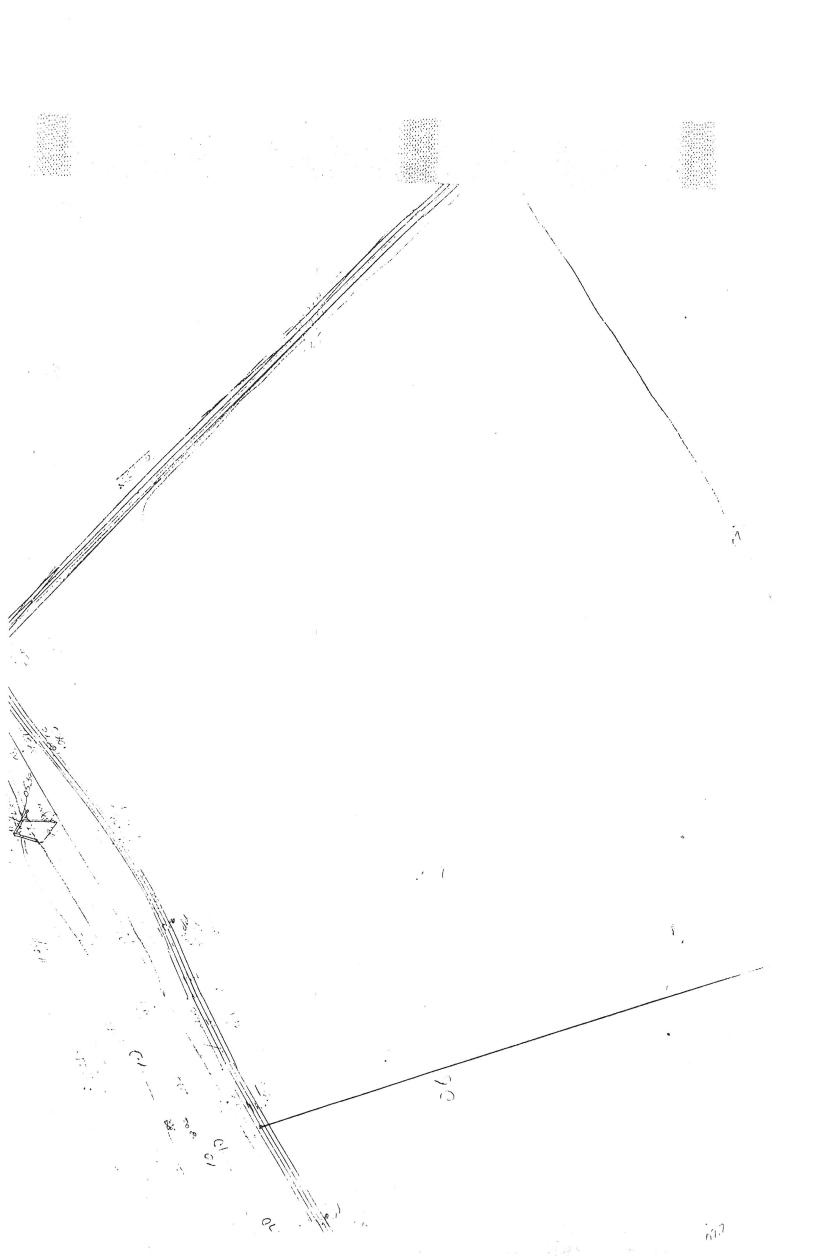
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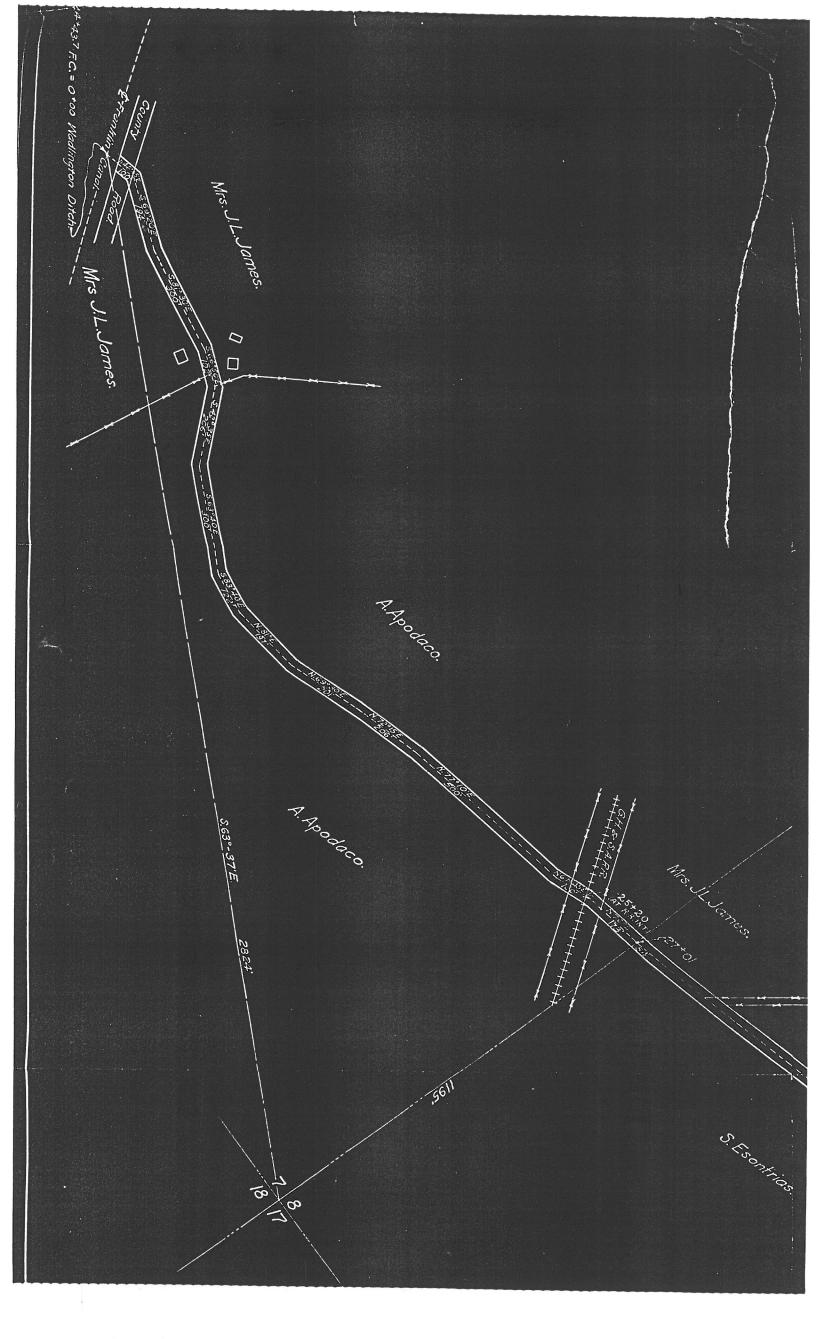
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UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE WADLINGTON DITCH. F617050 Approved \_\_\_\_ Project Manages. June 9, 1915