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STATE OF MONTANA
STATE ENGINEERS OFFICE
Water Resources Survey
Code No. 13A, 2A
County: Custer
T. 9N. R. 45E.

Name of Land Owner: Findlater, Robt. M. Address: Miles City, Mont.

Name of Operator: _____ Address: _____

Part A

TO BE FILED BY THOSE OBTAINING IRRIGATION WATER FROM
A DITCH COMPANY OR IRRIGATION DISTRICT

1. Water is delivered by: _____
Name of Ditch, Ditch Company or District Supplying Water
2. State the number of acres you irrigate under this system _____ Shares you hold _____
3. If you obtain water from more than one Company, give the number of shares, acres irrigated and the name of the Company under "Remarks." If you obtain water from a Ditch Company and also have a private system fill in both Part A and Part B.

Part B

TO BE FILED BY THOSE WHO HAVE A PRIVATE DITCH, PUMP OR IRRIGATION SYSTEM
or those who have a private water right under a Ditch Company

4. In what year was this land first irrigated? Date W. P. A. Res. & system. No other data.
5. Give the name of the original appropriator (first user): (see attached letter + date)
6. Give the date appropriated _____ Amount filed on: Miners Inches _____ C. F. S. _____
7. State the total number of acres irrigated under this system: _____
8. Give the point of diversion: _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Part C

TO BE FILED BY ALL WATER USERS IN ADDITION TO PART A OR PART B

9. Source of Water: Owens Coulee
Name of stream or lake from which water is originally diverted
10. Water is obtained by: (Check one) Gravity Pumping _____ Other _____
11. What is the greatest number of acres you have irrigated? 99 Date 1947
12. How many acres did you irrigate in 1947? (Crop and pasture) 99
13. State the total number of additional acres that could be irrigated by increasing the water supply, land leveling, etc. 0 This land is under what ditch? _____
14. How many acres of seeped land do you have which could be drained and put into production? 0
15. What is the condition of your irrigation system? good
16. Is your water supply adequate? Yes No _____ Explain except in dry years.
17. REMARKS: _____

Over _____

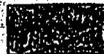
NOTE: The foregoing questions apply only to irrigated land shown on this plot.

DESCRIPTION AND MAP OF FARM

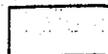
18. Legal Description of this Farm

See attached WR2

Water Resources Survey



IRRIGATED LAND

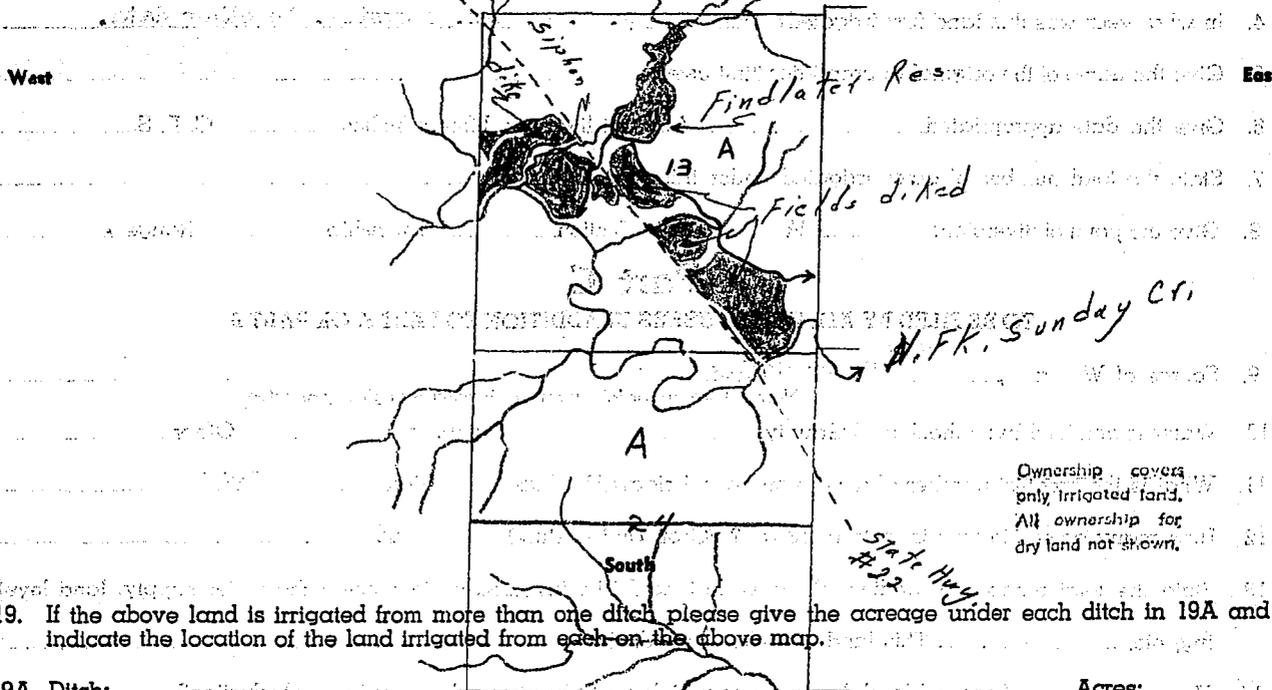


NON-IRRIGATED LAND

North

NOT TO SCALE

19. If the above land is irrigated from more than one ditch please give the acreage under each ditch in 19A and indicate the location of the land irrigated from each on the above map.



Ownership covers only irrigated land. All ownership for dry land not shown.

19A. Ditch: _____ Acres: _____

Ditch: Private WPA system Acres: 99

Information supplied by:

Name Findlata irrigator Address _____ Date 7/30/47

REMARKS: Field check by Johnson & Pouliot, J.

If you cannot answer all of the questions on this form answer as many as you can and return the form to us as soon as possible.

STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
WATER RESOURCES SURVEY

COUNTY Custer

FILE NO. 9-T. 9N-R. 45E

Owner Find later, Robert M Address Miles City

AAA Owner Address.....

Operator " " Address.....

New Owner Address.....

New Operator Address.....

Assessment Record None

Assessed Acreage 0

Legal Description of This Farm all of Section 13; N² Sec 24; T. 9N-R. 45E

Total Acres in Farm

Code Number 13A, 24A

Photo No. Ma. 27-62

AAA Contract No.....

AAA Total Cropland Acreage.....

App. No. No. Record by Description

Decree No.....

Land is located in

Twp. 9N Rge. 45E Twp..... Rge.....

Twp..... Rge..... Twp..... Rge.....

Filed in Twp. 9N Rge. 45E

Remarks

Yellowstone River Basin

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only irrigated land.
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R. P. FINDLATER

LIVESTOCK



WOOL

ALFALFA SEED

INSURANCE

MILES CITY, MONTANA

April 17, 1948

9N-45E

Mr. G. J. Oravetz, Assistant State Engineer,
P. O. Box 873, Billings, Montana.

Dear Sir:

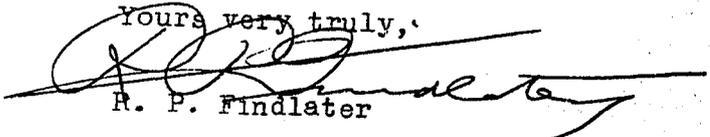
This will acknowledge yours of the 16th
addressed to R. M. Findlater re Flood Irrigation on
Owens Coulee.

I do not recollect having filed an appropriation on the lands mentioned as the reservoir was constructed by the W. P. A. and the State Water Conservation Board, to whom I gave an easement for the reservoir site. No other water appropriations were made by previous owners, to the best of my knowledge, except by the State Water Board as per enclosed copy taken from my abstracts of title.

This property was transferred to my son,
R. M. Findlater, who later sold it on contract to
Rube L. Nelson.

I will be glad to give you any further data
I may have on the matter. I think we started using
the water about 1940 from the reservoir.

Yours very truly,


R. P. Findlater

copy of instrument filed in Custer County, Montana.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO STORE,
CONTROL AND DIVERT WATER, by the
State Water Conservation Board.

On File.
#124868

Octr 19, 1936.

Octr 21, 1936,
10.15 a.m.

DECLARES its intention to store, control and/or divert
unappropriated waters, to wit:

By means of the R. P. Findlater project. Storing and diverting
all the unappropriated flood water from Owen's Coulee, a tributary
of North Sunday Creek. Said waters will be appropriated by means
of both storage and diversion through the headgate in the dam or by
diversion from the spillway. The dam is located in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec.
13 T.9N, R. 45E., Custer County and the reservoir covers lands in
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 9N, R. 45E.

Said water will be put to the following uses: For irrigation
of lands adjoining the location of the dam or for any other lands
that may be reached either by gravity or through the use of pumps.
It is also intended to use the water while stored in the reservoir
as a watering place for livestock confined to the land on which the
reservoir is located.

This declaration is made and filed under the provisions of
Section 17, Chapter 35 of the Extraordinary Session of the 23rd
Legislative Assembly of Montana, 1933.

State Water Conservation Board of
Montana, by J. S. James, State Engineer.