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STATE OF OREGON,)
County of Multnomah.) ss.

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I, J. B. "Ben" REED, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

That I was born in the State of Iowa in the year 1880; That I came to Southern California at the age of 5 years, stayed one year, and then returned to Iowa with my father. I came to Oregon in the year 1907, and the family took up a homestead shortly thereafter on a place on Horsefly Mountain commonly called Longbranch, where we built a cabin and helped build the Oreanna Corrals. I recall hunting with Bill Duval in the Big Flat area when I was very young and seeing water in the Big Flat area in 1909 and 1910. I remember that the flat was covered with meadow grass and considerable body of water there. I recall killing a deer right down by the dam at the lower end of Big Squaw Flat. As near as I recall there was not a very large dam there, but there was a dam there two or three feet high. It appeared to have been built with horses with a Fresno. In my opinion one team and a Fresno could have built the dam in a week. I recall that there was water over quite a bit of the flat, and in the spring of the year all over the flat. I recall riding across Big Squaw Flat many, many times through water. There was a corral in the near vicinity that Bob Tuttle and I built by hand, and we used it for the branding of cattle down through the years. I recall seeing Big Squaw Flat for a good many years after the time I killed the deer there, and to work in branding cattle in the general area. At all of these times there was water in Big Squaw Flat, and the dam was in existence. When I first saw the dam there was reeds and grass growing on it, giving the appearance that it had been constructed for some little time.

I make this affidavit for the purpose of establishing the fact that this dam appeared to have been build prior to 1905.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Sept
September, 1975.

My Commission Expires: 10-29-77 Notary Public for Oregon

STATE OF OREGON; COUNTY OF KLAMATH; ss.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was received and filed for record on the 18th day of
MAY 1976 at 1:49 o'clock P.M., and duly recorded in Vol. 76
of 1-1000000000 on Page 3864.

FEE \$ 3.00

WM. D. MILNE, County Clerk

By Hazel Craig Deputy

Attest:
J. B. "Ben" Reed
Oreanna Corral