

SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

the location of the water main belonging to the Water Department of the Town of Stevenson extending over the property described in Flowage Easement to United States of America over land belonging to Lloyd T. Harshman, Skamania County, Hugh B. Smith et ux and Floyd McKelvey as the same was located and in existence prior to the flooding of said lands by the backwater from the Bonneville Dam and also subsequent to its location by reason of said backwater.

The said water main has existed across said properties without any substantial change in location during a period of more than twenty years prior to 1937. The only change made during said period was a re-location over the property belonging to Floyd McKelvey about 1929 or 1930. During all this time the Town of Stevenson and its predecessor in interest has held the peaceful possession of said water main and the easements upon which it is located under claim of right and title thereto; said possession has been open and notorious and has not been questioned by any person whomsoever.

R. M. Wright

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of February, 1939.

(Notarial seal affixed)

Raymond C. Sly
Notary Public for Washington residing
at Stevenson therein.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss
COUNTY OF SKAMANIA)

RE; Water main Town of Stevenson crossing properties belonging to Hugh B. Smith and Ida F. Smith, described in Flowage Easement to United States of America recorded at page 135 Book "Z" of Deeds; over property belonging to Skamania County as described in Flowage Easement to United States of America recorded at page 377 Book "Z" of Deeds; over property belonging to Floyd McKelvey as described in Flowage Easement to United States of America recorded at page 208 Book "Z" of Deeds; property belonging to Lloyd T. Harshman as described in Flowage Easement to United States of America recorded at page 176 Book "27" of Deeds.

Raymond C. Sly, being first duly sworn, says: I am a citizen of the United States over the age of twenty-one years and an attorney at Law, practicing law in the Town of Stevenson, Washington. Since previous to 1930 I have acted as attorney for the Town of Stevenson and the water department thereof and previous to 1930 was for many years attorney for Stevenson Water and Improvement Company, a corporation. I am familiar with the location of the water main feeding the water system now owned by the Town of Stevenson from the source of supply known as the Learned Springs in Section 2 Tp. 2 N. R. 7 E. W. M. as it existed prior to the time the water of the Columbia River was raised by closing the gates of the Bonneville Dam.

The said water main was originally laid by E. A. Learned, then owner of the water system supplying the Town of Stevenson, about the year 1913. At that time the said E. A. Learned was the owner of a portion of the property described in the Flowage Easement from Floyd McKelvey to United States of America and I am certain that he acquired by purchase the easements for said pipe lines over other property, now affected by the backwater of the Bonneville Dam at the time but the conveyances to him have not been placed of record.

At about that time E. A. Learned and Bertha Learned, his wife, acquired all the capital stock of the Stevenson Water and Improvement Company.