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SIEBENBERG CO-OPERATIVE DITCH COMPANY

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The diversion point for the Siebenberg Ditch is located on the north side of the Boise River near the center of the NW 1/4 of Section 15, T4N, R3W. The canal extends from this point in a general westerly course through Sections 8, 15, 16, 17, and 18, and ends in Section 7, all located in T4N, R3W. The ditch was built in 1865 by William Siebenberg and other interested property owners. At that time, the ditch carried 300 inches of water and measured four feet in width on the bottom and one-and-one-half feet in depth. Before the building of a headgate, water was diverted from the river by the piling of brush across the river channel. This damming consequently funneled the water into a slough. Water for the ditch was then received from the slough. By 1903, the ditch maintained a capacity of 20 second feet and irrigated nearly 800 acres. Also by this time, the ditch was nearly five miles in length. All irrigation was accomplished from the main ditch as no laterals were built. In 1906, the Siebenberg Ditch received water right (90) of 671 inches.

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