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### BOISE CITY CANAL COMPANY

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The Boise City Canal began on the north side of the Boise River in Section 24, T3N, R2E. It ran in a northwesterly direction through Boise on Market Street (later Grove Street) to the junction of said street with Ninth Street and thence on down the Boise Valley.

The Boise City Canal Company received incorporation from the territorial legislature on January 12, 1866. This act authorized the company to divert 6,000 inches of water. The franchise was to be in existence for fifteen years.

Before authorization was granted by the legislature, the company had completed portions of the canal. In 1864, the canal ran to the site of the Natatorium. In 1865 the ditch was extended through Boise and watered the old race track which afterwards became known as the Agricultural Park Association. In the spring of 1866, the ditch was extended on down the Boise Valley to Stuart's Gulch. The lower end underwent annual enlargements. The upper end measured nine feet at the bottom with three to four feet in depth and maintained a grade of one-quarter inch to the rod.

On May 8, 1869, the company was reincorporated. In 1903, the canal maintained a capacity of 29.8 second feet, extended six miles in length with eight miles of laterals, and irrigated over 1,800 acres. In 1906, the company received water right (33) of 190 inches.

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