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CANYON COUNTY WATER COMPANY CANAL

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The Canyon County Water Company Canal begins on the north bank of the Boise River at or near where the east line of Canyon County intersects the north bank. It extends on a northwesterly course through Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 in T4N, R2W, and in Sections 2, 11, and 12 in T4N, R3W. It terminates in Section 11, T4N, R2W.

The origin of the canal dates back to 1866 when a Mr. Eaton constructed a small dam to divert water into an irrigating slough in what later became Canyon County. Most of the land along this slough was settled in 1866.

In 1903, the canal maintained a capacity of 125 second feet and measured about twelve miles in length with 17-1/2 miles of laterals. It irrigated over 3,000 acres. In 1906, the Canyon County Water Ditch Company received water right (35) of 3,790 inches.

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