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HAAS CANAL

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The Haas Canal begins on the south bank of the Boise River near the northeast corner of Section 21, T5N, R4W. It runs in a generally westerly course through Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21, all in T5N, R5W.

The Haas Canal was built around 1864 by Augustin Haas and a Mr. Kane. In 1868, these men were raising grain and vegetables on their ranch. In 1874, J. M. Ross purchased the property and also raised grain and hay. The canal had a capacity of 1,000 inches, extended two miles in length, and irrigated 427 acres. By 1903, the property was owned by C. Ben Ross, the son of J. M. Ross and a future governor of Idaho (1931-1936). In 1906, the canal received water right (39) of 427 inches.

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