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### THE MASON CREEK DITCH

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The Mason Creek Ditch begins on the south bank of the Boise river near the center of the northeast one-quarter of Section 21, T4N, R2W. It runs in a generally westerly course through Sections 18, 19, 21, and 22, T4N, R2W, and Sections 11, 13, 14, and 24, T4N, R3W. The headgate at the diversion point was seven feet wide and five feet high. An additional headgate was placed at the Ten Mile Slough. The ditch was constructed in 1866 by Charley Potts and John Thomas. They diverted a quantity greater than 80 second feet. Lands in excess of 1,850 acres received irrigation water from this ditch. In 1903, the ditch maintained a capacity of thirty-seven second feet and extended five miles with six miles of laterals. The Mason Creek Ditch Company acted as a partnership company. In 1906, the ditch received water right (46) of 1,860 inches.

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