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PARMA CANAL

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The Parma Canal begins on the north bank of the Boise river in the southeast 1/4 of Section 16, T5N, R5W. It extends in a northwesterly direction through T5N, R5W for about one mile.

The canal was built in 1877 by R. H. And smith Stockton to water their lands. At time of construction, they appropriated and diverted 440 inches of water under a four-inch pressure. In 1878, they were irrigating 440 acres. As more settlers moved into the vicinity, the ditch underwent enlargement and extensions and became known as the Parma Canal. In 1906, the canal received water rights (71, 74, 125) of 396 inches.

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