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(SIGNED) N. F. WADDELL

Regional Field Examiner

The Commissioner
of the General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On March 29, 1928, John H. Reeve, whose address is 1501 Plumas Street, Reno, Nevada, made desert land entry 016505, Carson City series, for the E¹SW¹, NW¹SW¹, SW¹NW¹ Sec. 34, T. 18 N., R. 20 E., M.D.M., comprising 160 acres of land in Washoe County, Nevada. The record shows that a number of field examinations have been made by representatives of this office and a number of extensions of time within which to submit final proof have been granted, the last being up to and including March 29, 1941, and that there is no law under which a further extension of time may be granted.

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The last field report was made by Field Examiner Walter H. Koch, approved May 22, 1943. Mr. Koch reported that the applicant had constructed a reservoir and had drilled a well to a depth of 186 feet which cost \$900.00, and struck water which, together with water stored in the reservoir from spring run-off, would be, in his opinion, sufficient to irrigate twenty acres and produce a grain crop; that the applicant had a pump and engine for pumping water from the well, but lacked about sixty feet of four-inch pipe which would be necessary to complete the pumping installation; that he had the means to purchase the required pipe and to hire the labor for plowing and planting; and that he would prefer postponing the making of proof until after the war, but, if called upon, would be able to make proof in the spring of 1944. In view of these circumstances, Mr. Koch recommended that an extension of time to make proof be granted to March 29, 1944.

General Land Office memorandum Carson City 016505 "F" of October 19, 1943, directed to the Regional Field Examiner at Salt Lake City, stated in part:

"While a further extension of time cannot be granted, if in fact, the

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entryman has complied with the law in all respects since May 22, 1943, the date of the report of the Examiner, no objection would be made to his proceeding with the submission of final proof in support of the entry with the view of eventual approval for patenting subject to confirmation by the Board of Equitable Adjudication."

Said memorandum requested another field examination to ascertain whether the entryman has complied with the law in all respects since May 22, 1943, and also as to whether the land is mineral in character within the meaning of the public land laws.

Another field examination of the land was made by the undersigned Field Examiner on November 15, 1943, when the land was examined and the entryman was again interviewed.

It was found that nothing whatever had been done on the entry toward complying with the laws under which it was allowed since Mr. Koch's visit on May 1, 1943.

Mr. Reeve informed me that he had not been able to get the necessary pipe to install the pumping equipment on account of war conditions and the outlook for obtaining it any time in the near future was very poor. It seemed almost certain that he would not be able to secure the pipe in time to raise a crop in 1944.

MINERAL CHARACTER OF THE LAND

On January 3 and 4, 1928, C. C. Smith, then Inspector of the General Land Office, made the first field examination of the lands embraced in the original desert land application, which included the SW₁SW₁ Sec. 34, as well as the four subdivisions which were finally allowed. Mr. Smith classified the SW₁SW₁ Sec. 34 as mineral in character, and consequently it was later eliminated from the entry. He classified the remainder of the land embraced in the application as non-mineral in character, and the application was allowed. I would concur with Mr. Smith in his classification.

There are several old prospect pits on the NW₁SW₁ Sec. 34 in loose material which shows very little evidence of mineralization, insufficient in my judgment to classify this forty as mineral in character.

No mining excavations were found on any of the other three subdivisions, and no rock in place was exposed thereon at the time I examined the land.

I would classify all the land embraced in the entry as non-mineral in character within the meaning of the public land laws.


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RECOMMENDATION

In view of the fact that the entryman had done nothing toward complying with the desert land laws since Field Examiner Koch's examination, which was made on May 1, 1943, and there appeared to be no prospects of his being able to secure the necessary pipe for pumping operations in time to raise a crop in 1944, I am obliged to recommend cancellation of the entry.

Respectfully submitted,


W. H. Whittier
Field Examiner

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