

Case No.

199

Application, Transcript,
Small Exhibits, Etc.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY
THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 199
ORDER NO. 843

THE APPLICATION OF ROLAND RICH WOOLLEY FOR AN ORDER
APPROVING AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION 1345 FEET EAST OF
THE WEST LINE AND 1295 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE
OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, N.M.P.M.,
SQUARE LAKE POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This matter came on for hearing at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 1st day
of November, 1949 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation
Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 16th day of November, 1949, the Commission having before it
for consideration the testimony adduced at said hearing and being fully
advised in the premises,

FINDS:

1. That due public notice having been given as provided by law, the
Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
2. That there are four regularly spaced wells producing from the northwest
quarter (NW/4) of Section 3, Township 17 south, Range 30 east, N.M.P.M.;
that well No. 2 in the NE/4 NW/4, of said section is no longer profitable
and should be plugged and abandoned.
3. That a well 1345 feet east of the west line, and 1295 feet south of the
north line of Section 3, Township 17 south, Range 30 east, N.M.P.M. would
possible produce oil that would not otherwise be produced from the said
NE/4 NW/4.
4. That the acreage is Federal land, and the Federal Oil and Gas Supervisor
is agreeable to the granting of the unorthodox location as requested.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- A. That the application of Roland Rich Woolley, for Himself and A.S. Woolley,
for an unorthodox well location 1345 feet east of the west line and 1295 feet
south of the north line (NE/4 NW/4) of Section 3, Township 17 south, Range
30 east, N.M.P.M., in the Square Lake Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, be and
the same hereby is approved.
- B. That well No. 2, regularly located on NE/4 NW/4 of said Section 10,
Township 17 south, Range 30 east, is ordered plugged under the Federal re-
quirements.
- C. That should production be had in the well at the hereinabove approved
unorthodox location the same shall never be produced in excess of the

allowable now, or which may hereafter be fixed for a 40 acre unit in the
Square Lake Pool.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Th. J. Mabry
THOMAS J. MABRY, CHAIRMAN

Guy Shepard
GUY SHEPARD, MEMBER

R. R. Spurrier
R. R. SPURRIER, SECRETARY

December 6, 1949

Mr. Vilas P. Sheldon
Carper Building
Artesia, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

We enclose herewith, signed copy of Case No. 199, Order No. 343, issued by the Oil Conservation Commission, in connection with the hearing held on November 1, 1949.

Very truly yours,
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

R. R. Spurrer
Secretary-Director

RRS:bw
encl.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

P. O. Box 997
Roswell, New Mexico
October 11, 1949

Mr. Vilas P. Sheldon
Carper Building
Artesia, New Mexico

Lease Las Cruces 029020(h)

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

Reference is made to the petition of Roland Rich Woolley which you, as representative, stated you submitted to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for authority to drill an unorthodox well location in sec. 3, T. 17 S., R. 30 E., N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

The land involved in the application is embraced in Federal oil and gas lease Las Cruces 029020(h), now held and operated by A. S. Woolley. You reported to this office by telephone on October 10 that the petition was filed for Roland Rich Woolley by mistake, which will be rectified by your notifying the Commission that the above mentioned petition is being filed for A. S. Woolley.

The unorthodox well location set forth in the application is 1345 feet from the west line and 1295 feet from the north line of section 3, or 25 feet north and east of the boundaries of 40-acre legal subdivisions. No encroachment of the outer boundaries of the leasehold is involved, as the proposed location would be approximately 1295 feet from the nearest lease boundary.

No objection is offered by this office to the well spacing plan providing for drilling of a well at the location specified in the application to test the producing reservoir of the Square Lake pool. The drilling of this well may afford opportunity for additional recovery of oil and gas from the producing reservoir.

Approval for A. S. Woolley to drill a well at the unorthodox location will be contingent upon approval of such location for proration purposes by the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Canfield

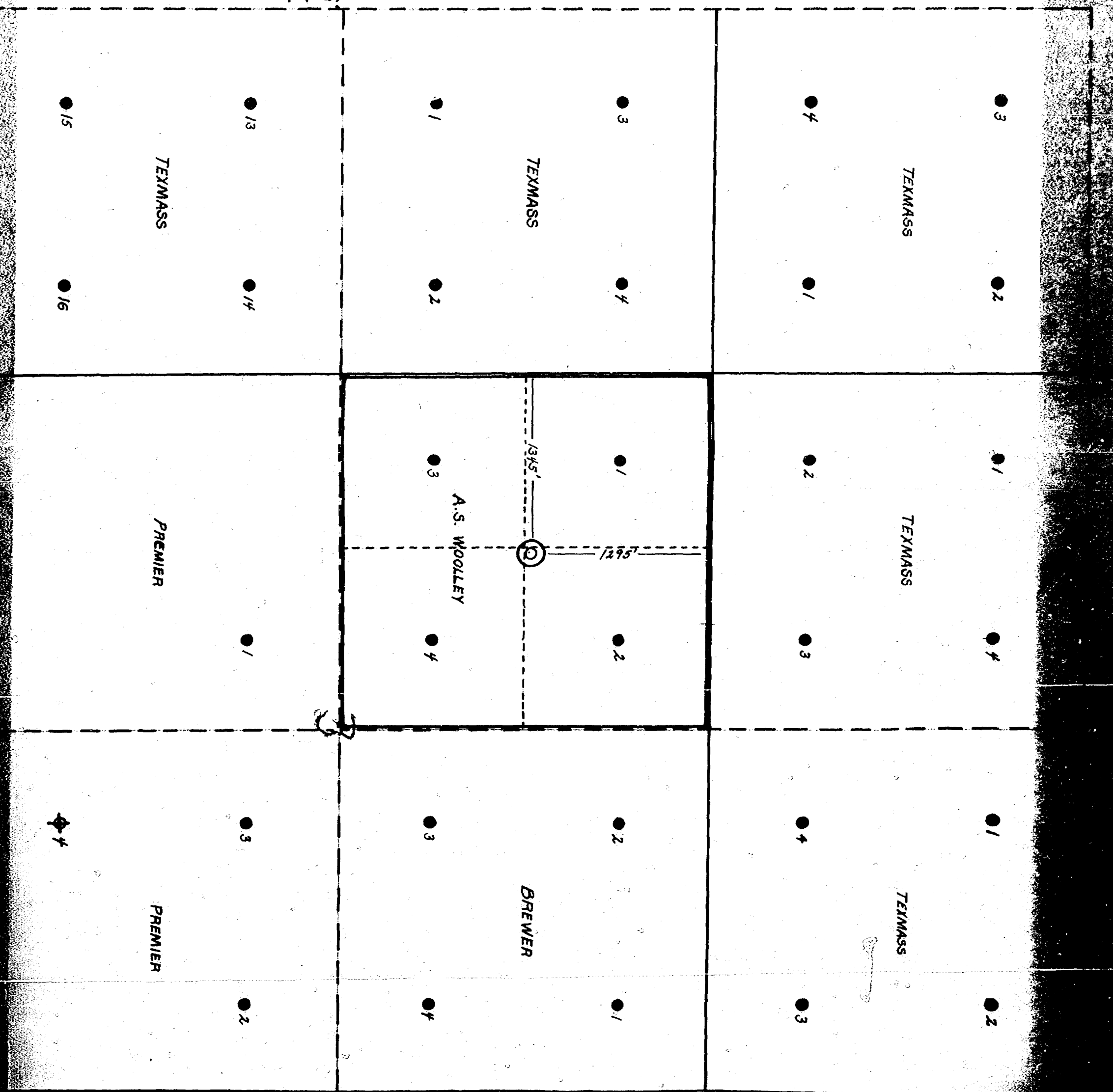
R. E. Canfield, Acting
Oil and Gas Supervisor,
Southwestern Region.

cc: Mr. Sheldon



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A SURROUNDING
WOOLLEY LEASE
dated Oct. 25, 1949
Scale 1" = 660'



NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby gives public notice pursuant to law of a public hearing to be held November 1, 1949, beginning at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of that day in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the Senate Chambers.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

All named parties in the following cases,
and notice to the public:

Case 189

In the matter of the application of the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion to revise the rules and regulations of the Commission to conform with the provisions of Chapter 168 of the New Mexico Laws of 1949, and to consider Committee recommendation and take testimony in the premises. This is a readvertisement.

Case 197

In the matter of the application of Jones and Watkins applicants, for an order approving an unorthodox location for a well 1205 feet west of the east line and 740 feet south of the north line (NE/4 NE/4) of Section 10, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Turkey Track Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case 198

In the matter of the application of Amerada Petroleum Corporation for an order establishing proration units and uniform spacing of wells for the common source of supply discovered in Amerada-State BTB #1 well, in NW/4 NW/4 of Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Bagley Area, Lea County, New Mexico.

Case 199

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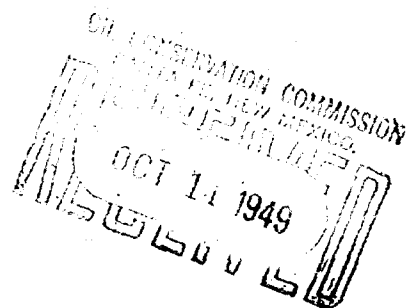
Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on October 13, 1949.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

R. R. Spurrier
R. R. SPURRIER, SECRETARY

VILAS P. SHELDON
CONSULTING GEOLOGIST AND REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR
VALUATIONS, APPRAISALS, GEOLOGICAL REPORTS, SURVEYS
CARPER BUILDING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

October 12, 1949



Mr. Richard R. Spurrier
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Herewith is a copy of letter from U. S. G. S. concerning application for unorthodox location. It will be noted that the well will be drilled in name of A. S. Woolley rather than R. R. Woolley.

I will be in Santa Fe on November 1st for the hearing.

Yours very truly,

Vilas P. Sheldon

VPS/me
Encl.



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Roswell, New Mexico
October 11, 1949

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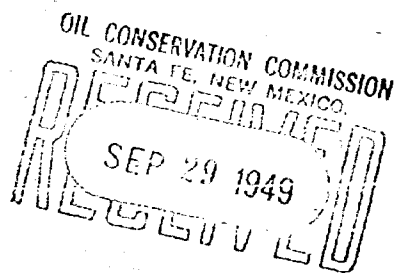
R. E. Canfield
R. E. Canfield, Acting
Oil and Gas Supervisor,
Southwestern Region.

cc: Mr. Sheldon

~~Dick Spurr~~

Graham

Would you kindly set hearing date at first
telling you have some other matters. Woolley
will want to start well in for 5 weeks.



V. S. Shuman

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF ROLAND RICH WOOLLEY FOR APPROVAL
FOR AN OIL WELL TO BE DRILLED IN
AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION

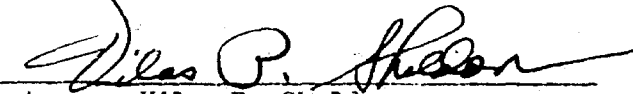
TO THE HONORABLE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

The petitioner, herein appearing by his representative, Vilas P. Sheldon of Artesia, New Mexico, hereby makes application for an order approving the drilling of an unorthodox location some 1345' from the West line and 1295' from the North line of Section 3, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, N. M. P. M., Eddy County, New Mexico; said location being closer to the boundary lines of the unit involved than is permitted by general rules and regulations, and in support thereof respectfully states as follows:

1. That said unorthodox location will be known as the Roland Rich Woolley Mc Intyre # 5, the royalty under such lease being held by the United States of America.
2. The royalty interests under the unorthodox location are identical to those of the three surrounding 40 acre tracts to which the said location is closer than an orthodox location.
3. That Roland Rich Woolley has previously drilled on the 160 acre lease involved, four oil wells, or one well on each 40 acre proration unit.
4. That well # 2 was drilled 660' from the north line and 1980' from the West line of Section 3, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., and was completed as an oil producer. That such well will be plugged and abandoned as it no longer is profitable to operate the well. It is proposed to drill the # 5 location, for which special permission is hereinabove requested, in the same 40 acre proration unit in which well # 2 is now located.
5. That the drilling of a well in the proposed location will promote the interests of conservation by adding to the ultimate oil recovery from the lease, and that a well in this location will recover oil which will not be recovered by wells now drilled.

In the consideration of the foregoing statements, your petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission give notice as required by the rules and regulations of the Commission; that a hearing on this matter be held; that the Petitioner be permitted to offer proof of the facts herein stated, and that the Commission make the following finding and order, to wit:

- A. That the Commission execute an order authorizing your Petitioner to drill the unorthodox location as herein stated.


Vilas P. Sheldon
Representative for Petitioner

Sept. 27, 1949

September 29, 1949

Mr. Vilas P. Sheldon
Carper Building
Artesia, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

We are in receipt of your petition for unorthodox well location in Section 3, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., in Eddy County, New Mexico.

Our next hearing will be held on November 1st, at which time we will be pleased to set your case.

Will you kindly send us an additional copy of your petition? The Commission requires three copies of these papers.

Very truly yours,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

R. R. Spurrier
Secretary-Director

RRS:bw