

Case No.

294

Application, Transcript,
Small Exhibits, Etc.

294. Roland Rich Healey's application
for approval of northwestern location SE SE
22-17S-30 E (Pender Grayburg pool) Eddy Co.

NOTICES OF PUBLICATION
CASE 294

Carlsbad (Daily) Current Argus
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July 27, 1951

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

CASE NO. 294
ORDER NO. R-115

THE APPLICATION OF ROLAND RICH
WOOLLEY FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTH-
ODOX WELL LOCATION 990 FEET NORTH OF
THE SOUTH LINE AND 25 FEET WEST OF THE
EAST LINE OF SEC. 22, TWP. 17 S, RGE. 30 E,
NMPM, IN THE PREMIER (GRAYBURG) POOL,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 10 a. m. on August 7, 1951,
before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico at Santa Fe, New
Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 19th day of November, 1951, the Commission, a
quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced and the
exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS, (1) That due public notice having been given as re-
quired by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the
subject matter thereof.

(2) That due to geological conditions a well in an
orthodox location is unlikely to be productive, and an unorthodox location
990 feet north of the south line, and 25 feet west of the east line of
Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, in the Premier
(Grayburg) pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, should be approved.

(3) That such unorthodox location will tend to result
in more efficient drainage of the area, promote conservation, and will not
result in interference with correlative rights of adjoining lessees.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That an unorthodox location for the Roland Rich Woolley
Woolley-Arnold Well No. 16-A, 990 feet north of the south line and 25
feet west of the east line of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East,
NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, be and the same hereby is approved.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Edwin L. Mechem
EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

Guy Shepard
GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. Spurrer
R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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TRANSCRIPTION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 287-294

August 7, 1951  
(DATE)

E. E. GREESON  
ADA DEARNLEY  
COURT REPORTERS  
BOX 1302  
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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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In re Roland Rich Wooley's appli-  
cation for order approving unor-  
thodox location NENENW, Section 31,  
T. 17S-R. 30 E, NMPM, in Loco Hills  
Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico  
(continued from July 24 hearing.)

Case No. 287

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

August 7, 1951

(See transcript in Case 269 and 270 for register  
of attendance and appearances.)

MR. SHEPARD: The meeting will come to order. The first case is 287. Will you read please, Mr. Graham?

MR. GRAHAM: That is the one carried from the last time, and also 294. They are joint cases. Shall I read 294?

MR. SHEPARD: Yes. They can be joined.

MR. GRAHAM: May the record show that I read this case?

MR. SHEPARD: Yes.

(Mr. Graham reads the summary of the cases.)

MR. BRISCOE: I represent Roland Rich Wooley. I would like to introduce Mr. Robert P. Shelton our geologist.

(Mr. Shelton sworn.)

MR. SHELTON: Case 287 is the application of Roland Rich Wooley for an order approving an unorthodox location 1295 feet south of the north line and 1345 feet east of the west line of Section 31, 17S, 30 E. The well will be known as the Wooley No. 10, and will be 25 feet out of the legal subdivision corner. It is in the Loco Hills Field of Eddy County. The reason for the request is based on geological conditions. This is near the edge of the field and the applicant feels he will get an oil well in this location and recover more and additional oil from his lease than he will with the wells now drilled. It is on Federal Land, and the 40 acre tracts surrounding the unorthodox location are the property of the applicant. The royalty under the 40 acres upon which the well will be located on the adjoining 40's, is the same. We introduce this map as an exhibit.

MR. SHEPARD: It will be accepted. Anything further?

MR. SHELTON: Yes. One more statement. This is on Federal Land and the matter has been taken up with the USGS and I understand they are agreeable. Are there any questions?

MR. SHEPARD: Any questions. Case 294.

MR. SHELTON: Case 294 is another application from Roland Rich Wooley for an unorthodox location. 990 feet north of the south line and 25 feet west of the east line of Section 22, T. 17, R. 30. The well will be known as the Wooley Arnold 16-a. And it will be in the Premier field. The reason for the request is simply due to the fact that the applicant feels that he will recover oil from this location that he could not recover if he did not dig the well. It will be 25 feet from the lease line. But the offsetting 40 acres that it crowds is the same lease owned by the applicant. It is 990 feet from any other property owner. This is also on Federal Land, and the location has been consented to by the USGS.

MR. SHEPARD: Anything further?

MR. SHELTON: No, sir.

MR. SHEPARD: Any questions? Mr. Morrell, do you have any questions or objections to these?

MR. MORRELL: We have no objections and will approve them for consideration by the Commission for proration purposes.

MR. SHEPARD: Thank you. Both will be taken under advisement.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO     )  
                              :     SS.  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO    )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico, in Cases 287 and 294, taken on August 7, 1951, is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 28 day of August, 1951.

G. G. Galloway  
REPORTER





MAP OF PORTION OF PREMIER FIELD

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Tract Outlined in red is SE 1/4 SE 1/4  
Of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East

SCALE 1" = 660'

May 25, 1951

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I, Vilas P. Sheldon, a registered Land Surveyor, did prepare this map from records as filed by the operators with the Governmental Regulatory Agencies, and States that the map is drawn to accurate scale and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Vilas P. Sheldon*  
VILAS P. SHELDON.

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| <p>●1</p> <p>PREMIER</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>                   | <p>PREMIER</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>                                                        | <p>PREMIER</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>                                    | <p>CARPER</p> <p>◆2</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>            |
| <p>FLINT</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>                               | <p>FLINT</p> <p>●1</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>                                                | <p>●2</p> <p>●3 REPOLLO</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>                       | <p>●5</p> <p>08<br/>●6 WOOLLEY</p> <p>U.S.A.</p> |
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| <p>●8</p> <p>WOOLLEY</p> <p>●5</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>         | <p>●4</p> <p>PATON</p> <p>●2</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>                                      | <p>BREWER</p> <p>●2</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>                           | <p>BREWER</p> <p>●1</p> <p>U.S.A.</p>            |

MAP OF PORTION OF LOCO HILLS FIELD

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TRACT Outlined in red is NE 1/4 NW 1/4  
Of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East

SCALE 1" = 660'

May 28, 1951

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I, Vilas P. Sheldon, a registered Land Surveyor, did prepare this map from records as filed by the Operators with the Governmental Regulatory Agencies, and states that the map is drawn to accurate scale and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
VILAS P. SHELDON.

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| State                 | USA                | 010 USA        | USA                   |
| ALLEN & FAIR<br>◆ A5  | WOOLLEY<br>● 8 ● 4 | WOOLLEY<br>● 3 | PREMIER<br>● 5        |
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| ALLEN & FAIR<br>● A-1 | PREMIER<br>● 1     | PREMIER<br>● 4 | ● 6<br>WOOLLEY<br>● 2 |
| State                 | USA                | USA            | USA                   |

MEMORANDUM

From: R. R. SPURRIER

To: Sheldon

Adm for Aug 7

Duplicate  
petition received  
from V. P. Sheldon  
of Artesia —

*Case 294*

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

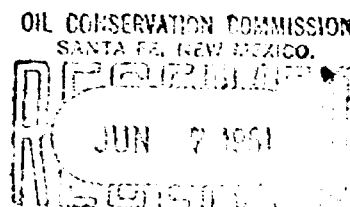
TO THE HONORABLE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

The petitioner, herein appearing by his representative,  
J. L. Briscoe of Artesia, New Mexico, hereby makes application  
for an order approving the drilling of an unorthodox location  
some 990' North of the South line and 25' West of the East  
line of Section 22, being in the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 22, Town-  
ship 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, petitioner states as follows:

1. That there is a dry hole owned by the petitioner,  
drilled to the top of the San Andres, located 990' North of the  
South line and 990' West of the East line of Section 22, in  
SE/4 SE/4 of said Section, which petitioner thinks is too far  
West. Petitioner desires to obtain permission to drill this  
well on unorthodox location for the reason that said well will  
more efficiently drain the area, promote the interest of con-  
servation by adding to the ultimate oil recovery from the lease,  
and recover oil which will not be recovered by wells now drilled.

2. That said unorthodox location will be known as  
the Roland Rich Woolley, Woolley-Arnold No. 16-A, the royalty  
under such lease being held by the United State of America.

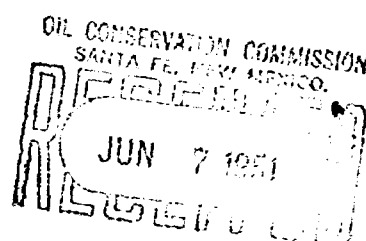
3. That the royalty interests under the unorthodox  
location is identical to that of the 40 acre tract to which the  
said location is closer than an orthodox location. That the  
lease in question as well as all surrounding leases are on lands  
belonging to the United States.



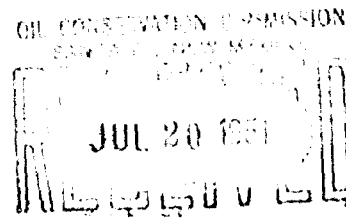
In consideration of the foregoing statements, your petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission give notice as required by the rules and regulations of the Commission; that a hearing on this matter be held; that the petitioner be permitted to offer proof of the facts herein stated, and that the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

*J. F. Briscoe*  
J. F. BRISCOE







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OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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4. The well will be drilled to the Grayburg Sand pro-  
ducing horizon.

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VILAS P. SHELDON, Agent

for: J. L. Briscoe.

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| • 8<br>• 5          | • 4<br>• 2                 | • 2                        |
| Woolley<br>Arnold B | Raton                      | Brewer                     |

Scale 1" = 100' July 14, 1951

Plat Showing Area Around the SE 1/4 SE 1/4  
of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East  
to support Application for unorthodox  
Location for ROLAND RICH WOOLLEY

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This is to certify that I am a registered  
Land Surveyor, that the accompanying plat  
was prepared from records as filed by the  
operators with the Oil Conservation  
Commission and that the same is true and  
correct to the best of my knowledge and  
belief.

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