

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF BASSETT  
& COLLIER FOR ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION  
TO DRILL UNORTHODOX LOCATION DESIGNATED  
AS WELL NO. 6, ON THAT PORTION OF THEIR  
WILLIAMS FEE ESTATE LEASE DESCRIBED AS  
THE NW/4 OF THE NE/4 OF SECTION 25,  
TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, N.M.P.  
M., IN THE DAYTON POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION

BASSETT & COLLIER, a co-partnership composed  
of D. M. BASSETT and R. D. COLLIER, Applicants herein,  
of Artesia, New Mexico, in connection herewith, respect-  
fully show to the Commission:

1. That Applicants are the operators and  
part owners of what is designated as their Williams Fee  
Estate Lease, covering the following described land,  
situated in Eddy County, State of New Mexico, to-wit:

N/2 of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range  
26 East, N.M.P.M., and containing 320 acres,  
more or less.

2. That said tract of land hereinabove de-  
scribed is located in what is known as the Dayton Pool  
of Eddy County, New Mexico, and that there have been  
drilled on said tract a total of five wells; that four  
of said wells are producing, at the present time, from  
an oil bearing formation encountered in the Dayton Pool  
from a depth ranging from 980 feet to 1000 feet; that  
well No. 2 on this lease has been temporarily abandoned

and is not producing at this time.

3. That during the month of November, 1948, Applicants herein employed a licensed land surveyor of Artesia, New Mexico, to stake locations for Williams Fee Estate Wells Nos. 5, 6 and 7; that the location for Well No. 6 was suppose to have been made 990 feet from the North Line and 2310 feet from the East Line of said Section 25; that locations for wells Nos. 5 and 7 were properly made at the locations desired, but when the location was made for Williams Fee Estate Well No. 6 that said licensed land surveyor, by mistake and through inadvertence, made said No. 6 well location 990 feet from the North Line and 2623 feet from the East Line of said Section 25, or only a distance of 17 feet from the West Line of the NW/4 of the NE/4 of said Section 25.

4. That after said locations were made, Applicants moved in a rig and drilled Williams Fee Estate Well No. 5, and that after setting casing on well No. 5, the drilling rig was moved to the location which the surveyor had made for Well No. 6 and drilling operations were commenced on Well No. 6. That said well was drilled to an approximate depth of 900 feet when Applicants discovered that the location for Well No. 6 had not been made, nor was it being drilled on a regular ten-acre location, and it was at that time that Applicants first discovered Well No. 6 to be located 990 feet from the North Line and 2623 feet from the East Line of said Section 25, or only a distance of 17 feet East of the West Line of the NW/4 of NE/4 of said Section 25, and that it

would be necessary, before proceeding with further drilling and the completion of this well, that Applicants obtain from the Oil Conservation Commission a permit to drill this well as an unorthodox location. That Applicants, in order to protect the hole, drilled said well to a depth of 935 feet and ran and set 935 feet of seven inch, twenty pound Lapweld casing and cemented this string of casing with 125 sacks of cement. That as soon as the casing was set and cemented in this well drilling operations thereon were shut down and the well is standing at this depth with casing cemented therein at this time.

5. That Applicants desire to complete Williams Fee Estate Well No. 6 at its present location, and desire to be granted a permit for the drilling of this well as an unorthodox location, located 990 feet from the North Line and 2623 feet from the East Line of said Section 25.

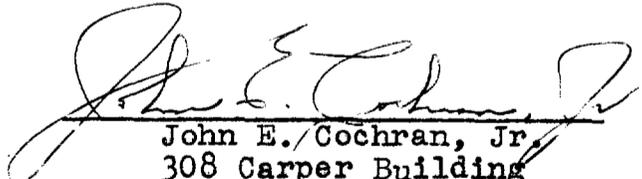
6. Applicants further state that the royalty ownership under the 320 acre Williams Fee Estate Lease is uniform and that the present location of Well No. 6 and the location herein requested for said well, does not crowd any other lease lines.

7. Applicants further state that they are the Operators and part owners of the leases adjoining the Williams Fee Estate Lease on the North, the Northeast, the South and the West.

8. That in the event the Oil Conservation Com-

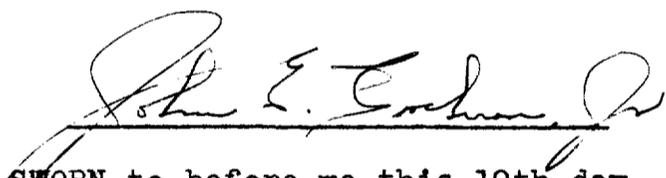
mission grants a permit for the drilling of Well No. 6 at the location hereinabove described, Applicants will execute and file a stipulation wherein they agree to treat the forty-acre tract upon which Well No. 6 is located and the forty-acre tract adjoining, described as the NE/4 of NW/4 of said Section 25, as a single unit for the purpose of assignment, and that neither of these forty-acre tracts will be separately assigned until such time as Well No. 6 shall have been properly plugged and abandoned.

WHEREFORE, Applicants pray that they be granted permission to drill Williams Fee Estate Well No. 6 at the location hereinabove described, shown on the map attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A"; that the Commission set a date for hearing this Application, in accordance with its rules and regulations, and that upon presentation of this Application, proper order be entered granting permission to Applicants to drill said Williams Fee Estate Well No. 6.

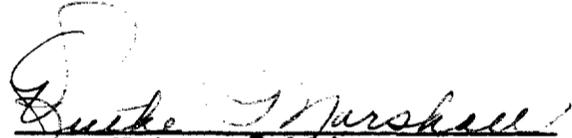
  
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308 Carper Building  
Artesia, New Mexico  
Attorney for  
Bassett & Collier

STATE OF NEW MEXICO    )  
                                  : ss.  
COUNTY OF EDDY         )

JOHN E. COCHRAN, JR., being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states: That he is attorney for the Applicants in the above and foregoing Application, and that he has read the same and from personal knowledge knows the matters therein contained to be true and correct, except such statements as are alleged upon information and belief, and as to those, he verily believes them to be true; that this verification is made by him on behalf of BASSETT & COLLIER, a co-partnership composed of D. M. BASSETT and R. D. COLLIER, because neither D. M. Bassett or R. D. Collier are available to sign this Application.



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19th day of April, 1949.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

April 15, 1950

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ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

STIPULATION

BASSETT & COLLIER, a co-partnership composed of D. M. BASSETT and R. D. COLLIER, do hereby stipulate, covenant and agree with the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico, that in consideration of the Oil Conservation Commission granting permission to BASSETT & COLLIER to drill Williams Fee Estate Well No. 6 as an unorthodox location, to be located 990 feet from the North Line and 2623 feet from the East Line of said Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, that the NW/4 of the NE/4 of said Section 25 upon which said Well No. 6 is located, and the adjoining forty acre tract, described as the NE/4 of the NW/4 of said Section 25, shall henceforth and hereafter be considered as a single unit for the purpose of any assignment of oil and gas lease, covering said eighty acre tract, and that BASSETT & COLLIER agree that neither of these forty acre tracts shall be separately assigned by them to any person, firm or corporation until such time as Well No. 6 shall have been properly plugged and abandoned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Stipulation is executed  
on this 26 day of May, 1949, at Artesia,  
New Mexico.

BASSETT & COLLIER,  
A Co-partnership,

By R. D. Collier  
R. D. Collier

LAW OFFICES  
JOHN E. COCHRAN, JR.  
CARPER BUILDING  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

April 19, 1949

Oil Conservation Commission  
State of New Mexico  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

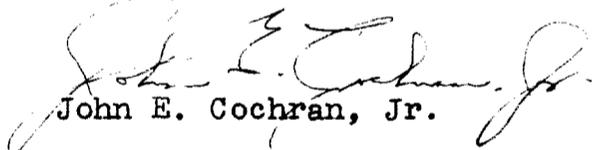
Attention: Mr. R. R. Spurrier

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is Application of Bassett & Collier, in triplicate, for an order granting permission to drill one unorthodox location on their Williams Fee Estate Lease, described as N/2 Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M. in the Dayton Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, which well has been drilled to a depth of 935 feet and casing set and cemented therein because of a mistake made by the Surveyor making the location for this well.

At your earliest convenience will you please set a time for hearing this Application and publish notice thereof, and advise me the date set for hearing on this Application.

Very truly yours

  
John E. Cochran, Jr.

JEC:rm  
Encls.