

1891...

Jay Lynch.. controversy between NP Yakima and K. Irrigation Co.

"he thought the matter of appropriation of water from streams that bounded the Yakima reservation would become a serious question in time and one which would effect this entire country.

Has sent plans of dam and canal to the commissioner...  
would work havoc to the Indian fishing privileges...Regarding trespass  
he wrote it would require a company of soldiers to keep stockmen and  
their stock outside the reservation boundaries and to maintain the  
fishing reserves of the Antanum and the Yakima exclusively for the Indians.

Nov 1, 1882..

Col. William F. Prosser of Taki a City..

"I am in receipt of a letter from the hon commissioner declining to  
approve the contract for the ditch in its present form.." (R.H. Milroy)



1889-- Capt. Thomas Priestley..in town

277 children in school age on reservation , 125 in school... Res contains 240,000 arable acres, estimated 3,975 are attached to reservation but agent said census that year showed 1,675.

Engaged in stock raising and farming with exception of few old, self supporting...(open reservation)

25,000 acres under fence, some have as high as 1,000 acres, antic. trouble when allotment comes and relinquish all but 160

March 18, 1884-- Alex Reed , Esq. secretary Sattas Ditch and  
Irrigating Co, Walla Walla: Contract between your company and  
Agent Milroy; Indians favorable but not all Sattas Indians yet consulted.

"The only objection made at the council was that dam would prevent  
the salmon run up the Sattas and thus cut off an important source of food."



Wilbur--to Hon H.H. ~~Trom~~ Trowbridge, commissioner, 1880.

An immense amount of labor, digging and repairing irrigating ditches  
building houses, cutting and hauling saw logs, plowing..At least ten  
miles of irrigating ~~00~~ ditches have been dug

Kamiakin--garden..

Kamiakin's garden was marked by Yakima Valley pioneers June 30  
1918 by 500 who gathered in Wiley Grove at the Antanum.

The Rev. Stwire G. Waters ~~waxxx~~ there.

An iron marker was placed at Kamiakings garden by Fred Parker,  
society president and W.P. Bonney of Tacoma, secretary of the State  
Historical Society and Joyn Lynch, secretary of society

Rev. Waters, proudly said he had been a Meth dist since 1862 and  
told of visiting Kamiakin with his brother White Swan and ~~Occasionally~~  
Kamiakin had 400 horses, gave 10 each to the young men. Daniel Simmons,  
a Yakima studying music at Tacoma sang.

The ditch, a prong of the Antanum, ran about a quarter of a mile.

Owhi had a garden in the Wenas in 1853 when the L&O Longmire train  
passed through



May 28, 1896... L.T. Erwin.

One of the articles of agreement purchasing the "enatchee fishery provided that the Indians shall decide in council how the money shall be expended. Sale ratified by Congress, called to council, one of largest I ever saw shouldn't meet in council chamber, used school building. Presence of Inspector McCormick Indians decided after mature deliberation that money should be expended for irrigation

Propose to take water above dam of Sunnyside Ditch two miles from the Gap. but Congress granted Col. Irrigating com right build canal half mile below gap

"They are surrendering a privilege, rather than a property (quoting commissioner..they have held so lightly they have not even made a demand on the government for its proper location and survey

He pointed out it cost the govt more than \$3,000 a month to run this res and pay the 42 white and Indian employes. ".t must also be remembered that this is gratuitous on the part of the govt. bfor they have fulfilled their treaty obligations with these Indians 15 years ago.

I have told him (the comm) that it could be answered in a single sentence. Help them irrigate their lands. The idea of al loting eighty acres of barren sagebrush with no water to irrigate and expect him to go upon

it and make a living sounds impossible."



May 17, 1894-- Judge Erwin..."Recently \$5,000 was placed at my credit  
to be used in building irrigating canals andt... nearly prepared to  
commence work running canals from the<sup>T</sup>oppenish and Satus creeks

June 6, 1896-- Work is progressing rapidly on the reservation ditch..  
thirty teams and seventy men employed.. (Halted by injunction issued by  
Judge Hanford in federal court)

brought by dissatisfied Ind. to prevent agent from expending \$20,000  
for construction of irrigation canal. but Judge Hanford denied the  
application.

General council held March, 1895. there determined to cut canal 25 miles  
long. Estimated irrigate 25,000 to 30,000 acres.

Thomas Pearne, promised fee of \$800 to attorney. Own land well  
watered and govt. refuses to give him a monopoly on purchases of beef  
sold beef to govt. \$7,000 one sale.



Seppel 1896 August 6, 1896

Three miles of the reservation ditch have been completed and this week the main camp will be moved to a point five miles beyond the present camp.

Sept. 10, 1896..Main ditch now completed distance of eight miles  
and lumber on ground for headgates.

Another ditch the intake a few miles west of Toppensish has also been started. This was decided upon in lieu of one of the main laterals. It will be four miles long and will water 4,000 acres of choice land.

Sept. 17--"ork commenced Monda on the second reservation ditch,