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DISTRICT CONSERVATION AGENT'S REPORT

TO:

State Corporation Commission  
Conservation Division  
800 Bitting Building  
Wichita, Kansas

FILE NO. 127-29

LOCATION nw. sw. nw.

SEC. 25 TWP. X RGE. 21W

Dry Hole yes Abandoned Oil Well \_\_\_\_\_ Abandoned Gas Well \_\_\_\_\_

I have today completed supervision of plugging of:

Well No. 1 Lease Becker (aply)

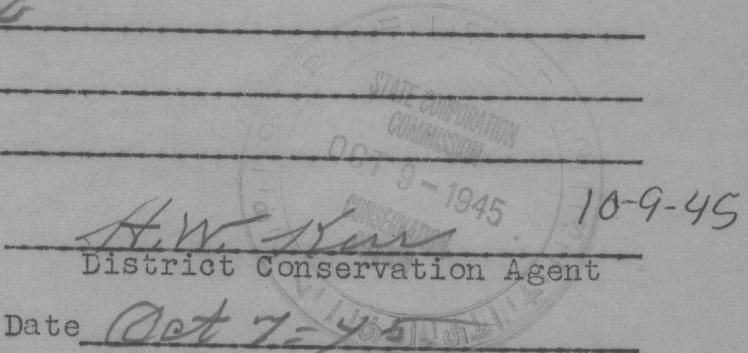
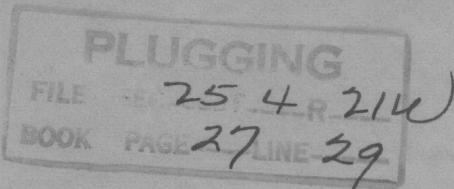
Operator R H Stul Address 1634 Ellings Ave Topeka Kan

Field \_\_\_\_\_ County Norton

Total Depth 1300 Feet.

(Describe briefly the manner in which the well was plugged)

The hole was filled with heavy mud  
1300 ft to bridge at 280 ft cement 280 ft to  
370 ft 15 max. Mud 270 ft to 10 ft cement  
into collar fine 5 max



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August 14, 1947

Mr. R. H. Steele,  
1634 College Ave.,  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Our records indicate that you plugged the Becker (Apel) Well #1, NW SW NW Sec. 25-4S-21W, Norton County, Kansas, October 7, 1945, and have neglected to pay the plugging assessment of \$13.00 and file a Well Plugging Record with this department.

It is our desire to close out our file on this old well and we request that you make immediate arrangements to furnish us with the fee and the attached Well Plugging Record completed for our records.

Very truly yours,

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
CONSERVATION DIVISION

BY:

S. S. GREIDER

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Topeka, Kansas  
Sept. 3rd,



Mr. S. S. Greider,  
State Corporation Commission,  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sir:-

Please pardon the delay in an answer to your letter of August 14th. in relation the Becker well in the west part of Sec. 25-4-21, Norton County, Kansas.

I have never been the owner or operator of this well or any direction in its drilling.

H. A. Steele, my brother, promoted the drilling of this well as an exploratory test to find a shallow gasnear or above a depth of about 1500 feet which he believed to exist in the vicinity.

H. A. Steele died in February, 1945, and as indicated in a letter written for me by Mr. D. G. Hansen and directed to your office I was endeavoring to close up some loose ends.

At that time the well was an open hole. I never made and do not have a log of the well. I think H. A. Steele's widow who now lives in Arkansas may still have a log of the well, and if you deem it worth while I will write and ascertain if I can get a log.

At the time the well was plugged I spent several dollars phoning to an inspector at Great Bend. He never did inspect the plugging of this well. The plunger asked where to run mud and where cement. As I recall it I told him I did not know, but in as much as there was no inspector I went to the one who had the only water well in that section and learned the depth of his water well and the plunger ran mud topped off with cement below the relative bottom of the water well. I think they then ran more mud and finished up with more cement. As I remember it he ordered thirty sacks (meaning the plunger called for that number of sacks).

H. A. Steele's estate consisted almost entirely of life insurance and I believe that to be exempt.

I feel no obligation because of attempting to clear up some those matters and doing a little of what an inspector should have done.

If you think this exploratory test made about seven years is of sufficient importance I will take the matter up with one of your attorneys in the New Englnad Bldg. here.

Very truly yours,

*Robert Steele*

It has just occurred to me that  
Mr Morgan, twin brother of your Mr Morgan,  
a friend of my brother's may have a log  
of that shallow test.

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October 24, 1947

Becker or Apel Well #1.  
NW SW NW Sec. 25-4-21W  
Norton County, Kansas  
File No. 27-29

Mr. R. H. Steele,  
1634 College Ave.,  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated September 3, 1947, regarding the plugging of the above described well, please read the enclosed Well Plugging Application Form dated September 24, 1945, and signed by you. I wish to call your attention to the last paragraph of this form which reads as follows: "Invoice covering assessment for plugging this well should be sent to R. H. Steele, Address 1634 College Ave., Topeka, Kansas, and payment will be guaranteed by applicant."

It is obvious that you were interested in this well as you owned the casing which you loaned to your brother, Mr. H. A. Steele, deceased, to drill the well. You were naturally interested in recovering your casing. Accordingly, I can not understand why you should "feel no obligation" as you stated in your letter. You definitely obligated yourself to pay the plugging assessment on this well by signing the Well Plugging Application Form.

I am therefore enclosing a Well Plugging Record Form completed for your signature and request that you sign and return this form together with your check to cover the fee on this old abandoned well. If there is still some doubt in your mind regarding this matter, I am sure that our attorneys in Topeka, Kansas, will be willing to discuss with you our Rules and Regulations regarding the abandonment of oil and gas wells.

Very truly yours,

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
CONSERVATION DIVISION

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