

RDI APPLICATION
MANGANESE ROAD
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
UTAH

ATTACHMENTS 34

Excerpts

Fenton Bowler

1 Let's move forward then another generation to
2 your father, if we could. What was your father's name?

3 A Willard Lewis Bowler.

4 Q And where did your father live?

5 A In Veyo.

6 Q Where were you born?

7 A St. George.

8 Q And after you were born, where did you live?

9 A In Veyo.

10 Q So your father had a home in Veyo?

11 A Right.

12 Q Throughout the time that he was alive that you
13 knew him?

14 A Right.

15 Q Did your father -- what was his occupation?

16 A Ranching, cattle ranching.

17 Q Did he ranch cattle with your grandfather?

18 A Yes.

19 Q On the Bigelow ranch?

20 A Yes.

21 Q To your knowledge, did your father at anytime
22 live anywhere other than Veyo?

23 A Not after I was born.

24 Q Do you know whether he did before you were
25 born?

1 After the deposition, there will be a written
2 transcript of the deposition. You will be given an
3 opportunity to at that time to review the deposition and
4 to make any changes to the deposition as to substance or
5 form that you would like to make.

6 I would ask that you wait until I am finished
7 asking questions before you start answering, and I will
8 try to refrain from asking another question before you're
9 completely through with an answer. The reason being is
10 the reporter can only take down one person at a time. Is
11 that okay?

12 A Yep.

13 Q If you don't understand a question, please tell
14 me, would you? And you need to answer audibly. Say yes
15 or no or something. You have to answer so I can hear
16 you. Do you understand that?

17 A Yes.

18 Q When were you born, Mr. Bowler?

19 A June 19th, 1933.

20 Q So you'll be 80 years old in June?

21 A Yep.

22 Q What I'd like to do before we get into
23 discussing specific roads, Mr. Bowler, is to have you
24 give us some historical background information regarding
25 you and your family in Washington County. Is that all

1 right?

2 A Yes.

3 Q When did your family, that is your ancestors,
4 first come to Washington County?

5 A I don't know the year they come here.

6 Q Who was your first ancestor in Washington
7 County?

8 A My great grandpa came from England and brought
9 his family here and settled in Gunlock and Veyo.

10 Q Do you recall your great grandfather's name?

11 A No.

12 Q Do you know where your great grandfather lived?

13 A He lived in Gunlock.

14 Q Do you know what your great grandfather's
15 occupation was?

16 A He had some kind of a business, and I'm not
17 right sure. So besides ranching and what not, they had
18 another profession, but I don't know right now what it
19 was.

20 Q But you do know he was a rancher?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Was that a cattle rancher?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Let's go forward a generation then to your
25 grandfather. Did you know your grandfather?

1 Q And where does it -- where does it go to on the
2 west?

3 A It hooks up with the Motoqua Road or Jackson
4 Road, whatever you want to call it, right about where the
5 power lines cross Jackson Road.

6 Q Okay. When you refer to the Jackson Road and
7 to the Motoqua Road, are you referring to the same road?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Just two different names for the same road?

10 A Yes.

11 Q When do you believe you were first on the
12 Manganese Road?

13 A In the early 40s.

14 Q And would that have been in conjunction with
15 your cattle operation?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Is the Manganese Road a maintained road?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Is it an oiled road?

20 A No. It's a dirt road.

21 Q When do you recall that it started being
22 maintained?

23 A I don't know. It's been maintained for a long
24 time.

25 Q Back to the 40s?

1 A I would say so.

2 Q Now, is Manganese Road used as a throughway?

3 In other words, is it a transportation road that
4 transports people from point A to point B a lot?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Is it one of the main arteries in terms of the
7 roads in that section of Washington County?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Have you observed other people using Manganese
10 Road?

11 A Yes.

12 Q For what purposes? Do you know?

13 A Cattle, hunting, wood, prospecting, just
14 sightseeing.

15 Q All right. Let's move now to some roads that
16 are off of Manganese Road, and I'll direct your attention
17 first to a road that's marked on Exhibit 1 as 0128. Do
18 you see that?

19 A Yes, I see it.

20 Q Are you familiar with that road?

21 A Yes.

22 Q When do you believe you were first on that
23 road?

24 A In the 50s.

25 Q And why would you have been on that road?

1 A Gathering cattle, moving cattle.

2 Q Did you use that road for any other purpose?

3 Did you ever hunt on that road?

4 A Not that I know of.

5 Q Did you ever witness other people using that
6 road that is 0128?

7 A I don't know that I've ever seen anybody on it.
8 I'm sure I have but I don't remember.

9 Q All right. Now, we've talked earlier about a
10 road that is marked on Exhibit 1 as 0127, and it's a road
11 that loops up and around from Tobin Wash and appears to
12 go all the way over to Manganese Road. Do you see the
13 road I'm talking about?

14 A Yes.

15 Q It's also labeled on this map as North Gunlock.
16 Do you see that name?

17 A Yes, I can see it.

18 MS. STIMMEL: That's another one that is
19 not labeled on the map.

20 Q Yeah, I don't know why that's on there. I
21 don't know if that's the name of the road or what it is,
22 because there is not a number by it. But in any event on
23 this map it shows up as North Gunlock. And I know we've
24 asked you some questions about it before, but I'm going
25 to ask you again. Are you familiar with that road as it