

BURLINGAME DITCH

This ditch was originally surveyed in 1892 by F. C. Burlingame. The construction started in 1898 and was completed in 1905. In 1909 the Walla Walla Sewage System was connected, but it proved unsuccessful because of the odor. In 1909-10, Burlingame planted an apple orchard of 450 acres, which was irrigated by the Burlingame ditch. In 1917 the pipe was renewed and in 1933 a district was formed.

In 1958 new pipe was installed, at a cost of \$200,000. This irrigation supply system has been very beneficial to the development of this farming area, and land which wouldn't support one cow per acre, before the development, now raises some of the finest alfalfa in the Walla Walla Valley.

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