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Mr. Byard C. Wilburn
Post Office Box 31
Wellton, Arizona

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4475 (Uranium, manganese and tantalum)
Wilburn Claims, et al.
Yuma County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Wilburn:

This is to acknowledge your letter of December 28, 1956, relating to the above-docketed application.

In view of your letter, we will consider your application as having been withdrawn and it will be placed in our inactive file. Withdrawal of the subject application does not prohibit you from submitting a new application on the same property at some future date.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

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cc to: JOHosted, Rm. 3210, GSA
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Mr. Ernest Wm. Ellis Chief
Rare and Miscellaneous Metal Division
Washington 25. D. C.

Re: Docket no. D.M.E.A. 4475 (Uranium, manganese, and Tantalum)

Wilburn Claims, et. al
Yuma County Arizona

Dear Mr. Ellis

In regard to your letter of Dec. 17-1956 I will state, I have two other projects I have been waiting on trying to bring them to a heading, and it will be some time yet before I can do that. If you wish you could close this application, allowing me the privilege to file another application later if I so desire to do so.

Sincerely yours

Byord. C. Wilburn.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Mr. Byard C. Wilburn
Post Office Box 31
Wellton, Arizona

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4475 (Uranium, manganese, and tantalum)
Wilburn Claims, et al.
Yuma County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Wilburn:

Reference is made to our letter, dated November 6, 1956, relating to the captioned docket.

Action on your application is pending receipt of the information requested in above-mentioned letter. If you are no longer interested in the processing of this application, please advise us.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED
Ernest Wm. Ellis, Chief
Rare and Miscellaneous
MetalsDivision

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Mr. Byard C. Wilburn
Post Office Box 31
Wellton, Arizona

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4475 (Uranium, manganese, and tantalum)
Wilburn Claims, et al.
Yuma County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Wilburn:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1, in response to our letter of October 5, 1956.

Judging from your letter, in which none of the information we requested was submitted, you do not understand the purpose of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration. The foundation of our program is the search for indicated sources of strategic metals or minerals that might form a part of the ore reserves required in the National Defense Program.

In our letter we stated that we must have a reasonable amount of information showing that the area which you wish to explore is favorably situated with regard to possible significant mineralization. To judge this possibility, we requested that you submit certain information relating to the area in which your claims are located.

You state that if you could answer these questions the exploratory work could be considered as completed. However, it is our opinion that most of our questions could be answered after a reasonable amount of surface prospecting work had been completed. This Agency does not contribute assistance in the preliminary prospecting required to show that an area has possibilities for the occurrence of ore deposits.

It is suggested that you endeavor to submit as much of the information requested in our letter of October 5, 1956, as possible. We note that you have taken readings with a Geiger counter at the locations marked "ore veins" on the map submitted. These readings, together with the background count, and the location where the readings were taken should be submitted. Also, if you can take a representative sample or two from one or two of the hot spots and submit the chemical analysis certificate, it would be helpful to us in processing your application.

R.C.B.

We will hold your application in abeyance pending receipt of the information requested in our letter of October 5. If you are no longer interested in the processing of the application, please advise this office.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Wm. Ellis, Chief
Rare and Miscellaneous
Metals Division

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Wellton, Arizona
P.O. Box no. 31.
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D.M.E.A.

United States
Department of the Interior
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr Ellis.

Re: Docket no. DMEA-4475. (Uranium, Manganese and Tantalum)
Wilburns Claims. et al.
Yuma County, Arizona.

Please bear in mind that in the years of 1951 & 1952, I made a very extensive study of the Geology of Uranium, and all of the associated minerals of Uranium there of. On the map you have, are marked ore veins (outcrops) which I checked with a Geiger Counter and most all gave a count that was significant as the instructions that came with the Geiger Counter, (they were for Uranium only) It is my opinion that if I had all the information requested in your letter of Oct. 5th 1956, I would have

the exploration work practically all done before this time.
On the blank forms you sent me the question was asked as to the availibility of water, and electric power, which is two to three miles away and did not need to be included in the cost of exploration.
Some of the claims, and the Sec 23, 6, 26. 8-19. I cannot be gone over with car or truck, on foot, and Jeep. (maybe?) What I need most of all is a Jeep car. a Jeep one ton truck then I could go places on the claims and do work that I cannot do now.
If I had all the work done you request in your letter, ~~then~~ such as assaying blocking out, width of veins, and length of veins, thickness of veins ect, then it would have been very fully explored, and ready for mapping, (not exploration)

Yours very truly
Byard C. Wilburn.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OCT - 5 1956

Mr. Byard C. Wilburn
P. O.Box 31
Wellton, Arizona

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4475 (Uranium, manganese, and tantalum)
Wilburn Claims, et al.
Yuma County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Wilburn:

Your above-referenced application has been reviewed and found to lack the following essential information which would enable us to judge the merits of your request for exploration aid:

1. A map on a larger scale than the one submitted showing the following:

   (a) Location of any present exploratory openings;

   (b) Location, length, strike, and dip of veins;

   (c) Location of the proposed exploratory drill holes; and

   (d) Location of samples taken. The width, depth, and length of the area the sample represents, and the assay values of the sample should be shown on the map or given in a separate exhibit with the number of the sample identified on the map.

2. A narrative report on the general geology of the proposed project area, including a statement on the width of the veins mentioned in the application, and the kind of minerals found in the vein.

In order to justify an examination of your property, we must have copies of the lease showing that you have sufficient property rights on secs. 23 and 26, T. 8 S., R. 19 W., for the purpose of an exploration contract; also, a reasonable amount of information that would indicate the area is favorably situated with regard to possible significant mineralization.

We note that of the cost of the proposed work estimated at $38,500, only $2,500 is given as the cost for actual exploratory work, and the remainder is for wells, electric power lines, and roads. Our

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usual drilling projects do not consider such extra items. If water is needed for drilling, it is usually hauled to the drill sites by truck, and only access roads or trails to the drill sites are constructed.

It is suggested that you also reconsider the program of work outlined in the present application.

We will hold your application in abeyance for a reasonable length of time in order that you may submit the above-requested additional information. Please furnish all the information in quadruplicate.

If you anticipate that it will take more than 30 days from the date of this letter to prepare and submit the additional information requested, kindly advise this office the approximate date we may expect to receive it.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Wm. Ellis, Chief
Rare and Miscellaneous
Metals Division

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
Washington 25, D. C.

Date 9/27/56

DMEA Docket No. 4475
DMEA Contract No.
Commodity Uranium-Manganese-Tantalum
Name of applicant Byard C. Wilburn
Name of property
Location of property Yuma County, Arizona
Estimated cost of project $38,500

Memorandum

To: Ernest William Ellis, DMEA Member
Uranium Commodity Committee

From: James Paone, Bureau of Mines Alternate Member JP
Uranium Commodity Committee

Subject: Review of Application
(Application, Field Team Report, etc.)

1. Date of subject document: 9/15/56. 2. Date received by reviewer: 9/26/56.

3. Prior reports on this property known to reviewer: Yes ☐, No ☐.

4. Prior reports on nearby properties known to reviewer: Yes ☐, No ☐.

5. Information available on past production: Yes ☐, No ☐.

6. Other pertinent factors known to reviewer: Yes ☐, No ☐.

7. Explain items marked yes above:

8. Factors needing special consideration:
- a. Location ☐
- b. Ownership ☐
- c. Evidence of mineralization [x]
- d. Geology [x]
- e. Proposed exploration method [x]
- f. Alternate exploration method ☐
- g. Costs ☐
- h. ☐

9. Action advised:
- a. Obtain information from applicant [x]
- b. Refer to Field Team ☐
- c. Denial ☐
- d. Agree with Field Team ☐
- e. Disagree with Field Team ☐
- f. Suggest alternate plan ☐
- g. Request another examination ☐
- h. Approval ☐
- i. Consult with Mr. _____ at _____ AEC office.

10. Remarks: (Use back of page if necessary)

Mr. J. O. Hosted, Washington representative of the Atomic Energy Commission, assisted in the review.

Note: USGS will not submit comments until and receive information requested (@ #4)?

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

September 26, 1956

Mr. Byard C. Wilburn
P. O. Box #31
Welton, Arizona

Subject: DMEA-4475
Re: Exploration Assistance
Wilburns Claims

Dear Mr. Wilburn

Your application for exploration assistance, dated September 15, 1956 submitted to our office at Denver, has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4475 and referred to the Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Divisionin the Washington office. Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this Docket Number.

Sincerely yours,

Allen S. Dakan, Chief
Operations Control and
Statistics Division

Copy to:

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Sheet no. 1.

MF-103
(Revised April 1952)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Form Approved.
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. 4475.
Metal or Mineral uranium
Date Received 9-26-56
Estimated Cost $38,500
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: Byard, C. Wilburn P. O. Box no. 31. Welton arizona.

(*b*) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized.

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers.

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

2. *General.*—Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract all Sec 23, T 8 S R 19 W S R B M, and N 1/2 N E 1/4 Sec 26, and N E 1/4 N W 1/4 Sec 26 T 8 S R 19 W S R B M, all in Yuma County, State of arizona.

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known.

(*c*) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise lessee, arizona, Sodium, 01424

(*d*) If you are not the owner, submit with this application a copy of the lease, contract, or other document under which you control the property.

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it none

(*f*) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice.

4. *Physical description.*—(*a*) Describe in detail any mining or exploration operations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

(*c*) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.), and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

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5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore Uranium, Manganese, Tantalium.

(*b*) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

(*c*) The work will start within 90 days and be completed within 24 months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(*d*) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of costs.*—Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(*a*) *Independent contracts.*—(Note.—If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "none" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

(*b*) *Labor, supervision, consultants.*—Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*d*) *Operating equipment.*—Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

(*e*) *Rehabilitation and repairs.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

(*f*) *New buildings, improvements, installations.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*h*) *Contingencies.*—Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.—No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

7. (*a*) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

(*b*) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

☐ Money ☐ Use of equipment owned by you ☒ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dated Sept. 15, 1956

Byard C. Wilburn,
(Applicant)

By

Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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Ore veins marked O.V. on Plat in Sec. 23-26.

1. mile of road on project:	$	1,000.	00
proposed well.	$	4,500	00
3. miles power line @ 5,000.	$	15,000	00
Total,	$	20,500.	00

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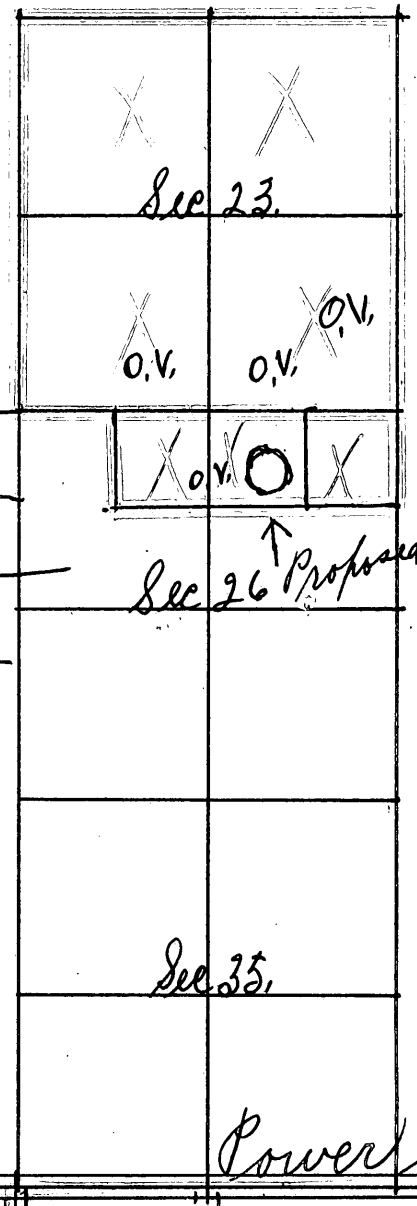

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T. 8 S. R. 19 W. S. R. B. M.
Township line

T. 9 S. R. 19 W. S. R. B. M.

Power line.

Date.
Byard C. Wilburn. 9-15-1956
Box no. 31.
Wellton, Arizona.

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3. B. Wilburn, C. claims.

3. D. Lease applied for in July, 1955.

4. D. Five miles to Wellton, ariz.; very good road.
The seven mining claims are located about 9 miles north of Wellton, ariz; and about 7 miles west of Roll, ariz.

4. E. I expect to contract with contractors who furnish men and equipment.

Page 2. Form M.F. 103.

5. B. Described on maps.

5. C. I do not know at this time.

5. D. Will be taken care of by contractors.

6. Estimates of costs, Core drilling @ $2.50 per foot.
Bull dozer work $7.00 per hour up.

6. B. I do not have schedule of wages at this time

6. C. Electric line is two miles away,
water is available by drilling wells
Fuel for Gas, & Diesel Engines, available at Wellton, ariz.

6. D. I do not have a list at this time.

6. E. No buildings or fixtures at this time.

6. F. I do not know what kind of buildings will be needed at this time.

6. G. Do not have a list.

6. H. Do not have list.

Byard, C. Wilburn.
Box 31
Wellton, arizona.

Sheet no. 4

Byard C. Wilburn, P.O. Box no. 31.
Wellton, arizona.

Sodium.
ariz.- 01424.

Sept. 15th 1956

1.- all Sec. 23. and N.½ N.E.¼ & N.E.¼ N.W.¼ S. 26 T. 8 S. R. 19 W. S.R.B.M.
all in Yuma County, State of arizona.

2.- Each one inch square 160. acres ½ inch squares in Sec. 26. are 40. acres each.

3.- Proposed well. as on plat or 1. mile south on Gila River would be a source of water supply well and equipped. Estimated cost. $4,500.00

4.- The Wellton Mohawk District Power line is two miles south of Sec. 23. as shown on plat. estimated cost $5,000.00 per mile. total $10,000.00

5.- One mile of road on project. Estimated $1,000.00

6. 1000. feet core drilling @ $2.50 per foot. $2,500.00

Total → $18,000.00
→ $20,500.00
$38,500.00

Byard C. Wilburn
Box. 31.
Wellton, arizona

Sheet no 5.

List of Lode Mining Claims

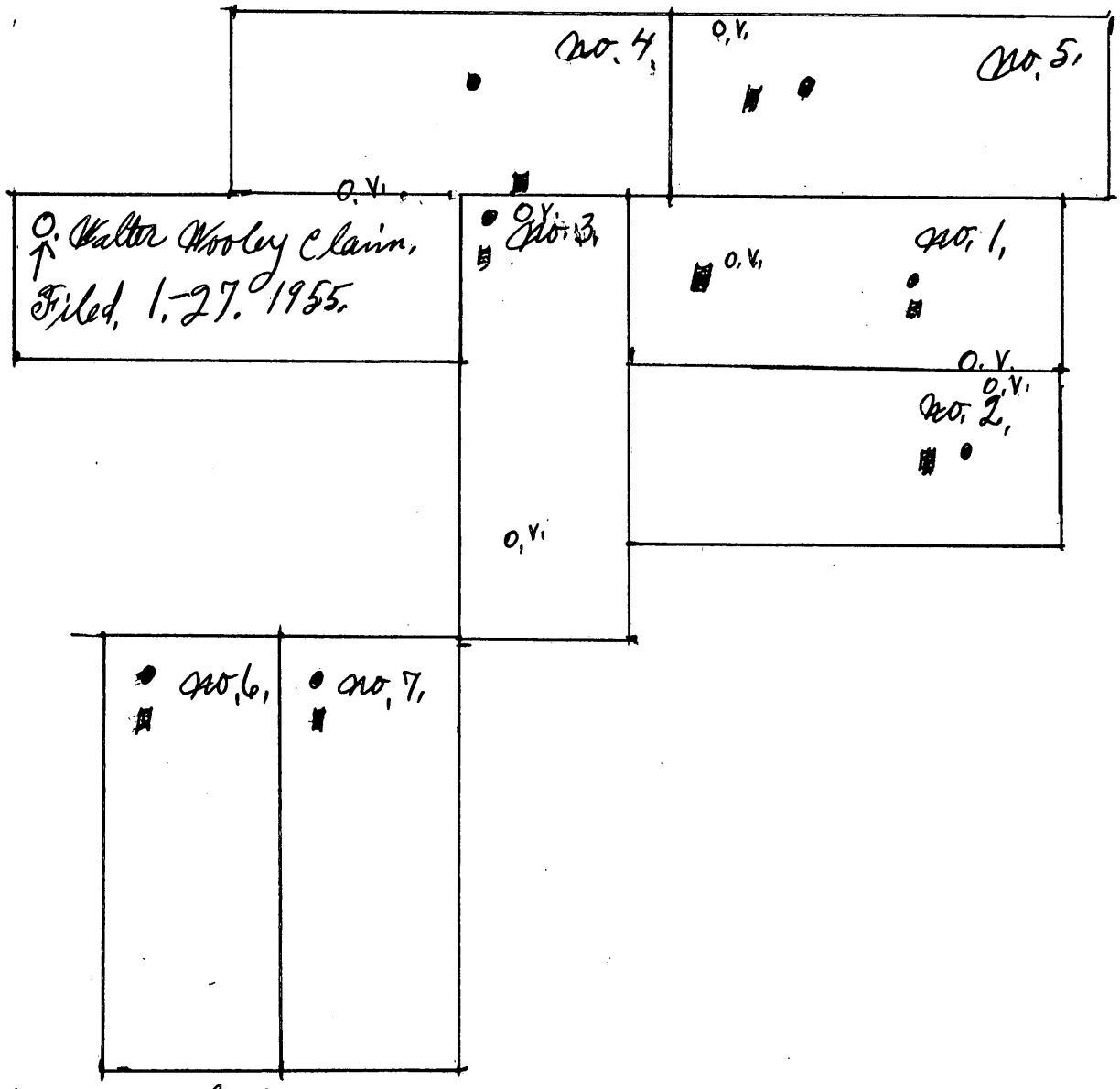
Claim name	Claim no.	Docket no.	Page no.	Photostated no.	Recording date	Location date
Wilburn.	1.	110.	302.	9366	1954, July, 7. A.M. 10:-53.	June, 26, -1954.
Wilburn.	2.	128.	477	3805	1955. 3,-8. A.M. 9-32	mar: 3:-1955.
Wilburn.	3.	130.	479.	5213.	1955. 3:-29. A.M. 9,-56.	mar: 24. -1955
Wilburn	4.	130	480.	5214.	1955. 3,-29. A.M. 9-56.	mar. 24. -1955
Wilburn.	5.	139	146	9597.	1955. 6,-10. A.M. 10:-58.	June, 3:-1955
Wilburn.	6.	139	147.	9598.	1955. 6:-10. A.M. 10.-58.	June. 3:-1955.
Wilburn.	7.	139	148.	9599.	1955. 6,-10. A.M. 10:-58.	June. 3. 1955

above is list of claims as per. Yuma County Recorders Office Records

Byard, C. Wilburn). (Date. Sept. 15th. 1956.
P.O. Box. 31.
Wellton, arizona

11. Sheet no. 7.

Below is plat of claims I filed in the Yuma County Recorders Office on June 3rd 1955



Are veins, marked O.V. on claims no. 1-2-3-4-5.

Byard C. Wilburn) (Date Sept. 15th 1956.
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Sheet no. 6.

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T.7.S.R.18.W.S.R.B.M.

Township line

T.8.S.R.18.W.S.R.B.M.

Walter survey 1-27-55

Sec. 5. Sec. 4. Sec. 3. Sec. 2.

Wellton ariz. Roll, ariz. about 7 miles east

Claims are about 8 miles south of Wellton, ariz.

Electric Power line about 3 miles south of claims

Sec. 8. Sec. 9. Sec. 10. Gila River Sec. 11

Roll ariz. road

W. E.

Siphon under river

Sec. 17 Sec. 16 Sec. 15 Sec. 14

Power line

Wellton and Mesa

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