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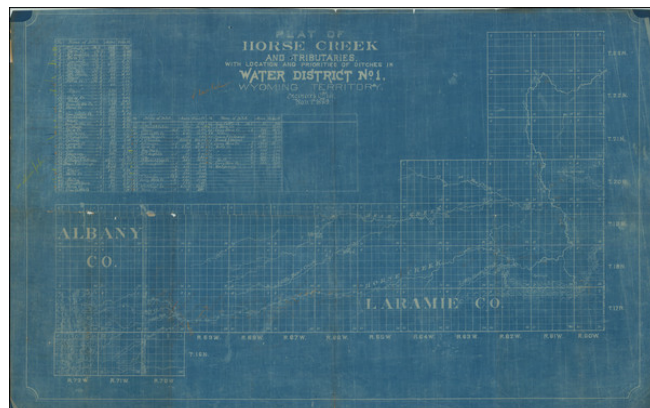
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## **[Irrigation Map / Laramie and Albany Counties] Plat of Horse Creek and Tributaries, with Location and Priorities of Ditches in Water District No. 1, Wyoming Territory. Engineer's Office, Nov. 1st. 1889**

**Stock#:** 80717  
**Map Maker:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 1889  
**Place:** Wyoming  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 28.25 x 18 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### **Description:**

#### ***Irrigating Southeastern Wyoming in the 19th Century***

Detailed irrigation map of District No 1 in Wyoming, consisting of of a large portion of the lands in Laramie County and Albany Count, north of the Platte River.

The map identifies describes 79 irrigation ditches, with dozens and amendments and changes in red and orange.

*In 1886, the Wyoming legislature broke Wyoming Territory into eight "irrigation districts" and required the appointment of a single water commissioner to each district. Districts where homestead settlement was occurring rapidly were made smaller than those in the slower-growing, farther reaches of the territory, but were still far greater in size than one commissioner could be expected to cover with any frequency, given the modes of travel available in 1886. For example, District No. 1 consisted of "all lands irrigated from ditches from the North Platte River and its tributaries, except the Laramie River" from the Wyoming-Nebraska state line upstream to a spot near present-day Orin Junction, plus "Crow Creek, Lone Tree Creek, Pole Creek, Horse Creek, Chugwater Creek, Cheyenne River, Niobrara River and their tributaries." Certainly one lone water commissioner on horseback had little chance of covering that area of approximately 9,000 square miles effectively. But it was not expected that he should do so.*



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**Detailed Condition:**