Harlingen Land and Water Company

The charter for said company is dated 6/17/1918 and was filed 12/18/18. L.C. Hill, John D. Hill, [Miss] Paul Hill, Dr. S.H. Bell, and P.E. Blalack are the incorporators. The corporation is formed for the purpose of construction, maintenance, and operation of dams, reservoirs, lakes, wells, canals, flumes, laterals, and all other necessary appurtenances for its purposes of irrigation, navigation, milling, mining, stock-raising and city water works and the supplying and transferring of water to all persons entitled to same for irrigation, and for water-works, and for the purpose of building storage reservoirs for the storage of water for the purposes mentioned. It is to exist for the term of 50 years. The corporation had $300,000 capital stock in the form of 3000 shares of $100 each.

Hill owned 2,987 shares, Paul Hill 10, Bell 1, Blalack 1, and John D. Hill 1. Hill turned over his Concepcion de Carricitos Grant property to the corporation. This included all of partition Share 4, 179 acres fronting Survey No. 428; all of partition Share 4, 1,426 acres fronting Survey No. 452; out of undivided Share 3, 2000 acres back being Survey No. 451; out of undivided Share 3, 1500 acres front and back being Survey Nos. 429 & 453; out of undivided Share 6, 1000 acres front and back being Survey Nos. 430 & 454. The total was 6,105 acres which at $40.00 an acre was valued at $244,200 total. In addition were pumping and irrigation plant and adjacent lands, engines, boiler, steam pumps, engine house, houses, and other machinery as constructed plus at least 18 miles of main canals already constructed and the completion of said main canals together with branch and lateral canals, flumes, rights-of-way altogether valued at $100,000 making an aggregate contribution to the corporation of $344,200.

North of the Arroyo Colorado Hill had been amassing considerable acreage. Survey 290 had been conveyed from the state to the Corpus Christi, San Diego, and Rio Grande Narrow Gage Railroad on 3/15/1881. It was relinquished for non use and E.M.D. Williams sought to purchase the 640 acres on 4/19/1901 for $1.50 an acre. George A. Johnson and his wife L.A. Johnson filed for the same parcel on 2/21/03 and were awarded it. They turned around and sold it to Hill on 3/31/04. The adjacent parcel, Survey 292 with 280 acres was also relinquished railroad land that Hill would acquire.