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IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
In Cooperation with U. S. Geological Survey
RECORD OF WELL

W-3442

Location:

Town:

McGregor

{ N E }
{ S W }

County

Clayton

NW-NE-NE

sec. 27

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Mendon

Twp.

Well name and number

McGregor City Well No. 5

Owner

City of McGregor

Address

McGregor

Tenant

(Raymond Trygg, supt.)

Address

Contractor

Layne-Western

Address

Ames, Ia

Drillers

Nels Holmer

Drilling dates

October 1, 1948 -

November 30, 1948

Well data:

Elevations: Drilling curb

feet;

Land surface

625

feet

Determined by

Topographic position

Valley of Miss. River

Total depth: Reported

645

feet;

Measured

feet

Drilling method

Hole and casing data

15" 282', 10" 363' - 72' of 16" p.p.c. 282' of 10" p.p.c.

Original depth to water

above

ft. below

Date

Original elevation of water level

ft.;

Source of data

Sources of water: Principal

; Others

Production data: _____ Date _____

Static depth to water Flow _____ Measuring point _____
Pumping level 12 _____ at 225 _____ g.p.m.

Specific capacity _____ g.p.m. per ft. drawdown; Temperature _____ °F.

Pump data: Type pump _____ Column Dia. _____ Length _____
Cylinder or bowls: Dia. _____ Length _____ Suction pipe _____

Power _____ Airline _____

Estimated rate of production: _____ g.p.m. for _____ hrs. a day
Use of water _____

WATER ANALYSES (in parts per million)

Date samples	<u>2/2/49</u>	<u>2/2/49</u>	<u>2/2/49</u>
Sampled by	<u>K.E. Anderson</u>	<u>K.E. Anderson</u>	<u>K.E. Anderson</u>
Total solids		<u>2067</u>	<u>2063</u>
Insoluble matter		<u>15.3</u>	<u>14</u>
Alkalinity (Meo)	<u>252</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>248</u>
Alkalinity (Phn)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
pH	<u>7.7</u>	<u>7.6</u>	<u>7.6</u>
Fe ₂ O ₃ + Mn ₂ O ₃ +Al ₂ O ₃		<u>6.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>
Alkali as sodium		<u>616.6</u>	<u>571.1</u>
Calcium		<u>116.5</u>	<u>115.6</u>
Magnesium		<u>47.6</u>	<u>47.8</u>
Iron (unfiltered)	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>0.8</u>
Manganese		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Nitrate		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fluoride		<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.7</u>
Chloride	<u>830</u>	<u>875.</u>	<u>810</u>
Sulfate		<u>315.6</u>	<u>325.3</u>
Bicarbonate		<u>303</u>	<u>302.6</u>
Hardness (ppm)		<u>489</u>	<u>487</u>
Hardness (gpg)		<u>29.3</u>	<u>29.4</u>

Remarks _____

Laboratory data: _____ Sample storage location _____

Sample range _____ No. spls. _____ No. dupls. & cond. _____

Spls. prepared by _____ Washed range. _____ by _____

Driller's log and cond. _____

Insoluble residues: Prepared by _____ Studied by _____ Strip log _____

Microscopic study 0-645 _____ strip log _____

Gen. log _____ Correl. by M. Parker

W#3443

IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Iowa City, Iowa
Water Analysis Report

County Clayton Date Sampled about 1910
 Town McGregor Sampled by _____
 Location of well _____ sec. 22(?), T. 95N., R. 3W. _____ Twp.
 Owner City of McGregor Well No. 2(1877) Depth 1,006 Ft.
 Type of _____ Static _____ ft. Curb elevation 632 Ft.
 well _____ level _____
 Producing Formation(s) Ess below Dresbach Depth range _____

Notes on condition of well, casing, or formations:

Dissolved constituents and properties (in parts per million except as indicated):

Silica (SiO_2)	<u>6</u>	Dissolved solids	<u>2,585 ±</u>
Iron (Fe)	_____	Hardness (calc. as CaCO_3)	
Manganese (Mn)	_____	Total	<u>482</u>
Calcium (Ca)	<u>160</u>	(as grains per gallon)	_____
Magnesium (Mg)	<u>20</u>	Carbonate	<u>417</u>
Sodium and potassium (Na+K), as sodium	<u>706</u>	Noncarbonate	<u>65</u>
Carbonate (CO_3)	_____	Alkalinity (as CaCO_3)	<u>417</u>
Bicarbonate (HCO_3)	<u>509</u>	pH	_____
Sulfate (SO_4)	<u>465</u>	Specific Conductance (micromhos at 25°C.)	_____
Chloride (Cl)	<u>968</u>	Temperature (°F)	<u>55</u>
Fluoride (F)	_____		
Nitrate (NO_3)	_____		

Analysis No. _____ Date analyzed _____ I.G.S. well No. _____

Remarks: From I.G.S. Vol. 21, p. 169 : 252

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IOWA CITY

wd3443
Mineral 2924
Bottle 103
IV
FEB 4 1949

No. 1221 Mineral Water Analysis 2-2 1949
(Parts per Million)
Town McGregor County Clayton Source City well #5; 645' drilled at pump
Constructed Nov. 48, pumped 12 min. @
250 g.p.m.
Collected by K.E. Anderson for Ia. Geol. Survey on Jan. 18 1949
Rec'd 1-25-49
Total Solids 2063 Suspended Solids _____ Dissolved Solids _____

Turbidity None Coefficient of Fineness _____ Color _____ pH 7.6 on 1-25-49

Alkalinity (to MeO) 248 Alkalinity (to Phn.) 0 Free Carbon Dioxide _____

Insoluble Matter 14 Silica (SiO₂) _____ Fe₂O₃+Al₂O₃+Mn₂O₃ 4.0

POSITIVE IONS. r rM+ NEGATIVE IONS. r rA⁻

N as NH₄⁺ _____ x 0.0714 = _____ N as NO₂⁻ _____ x 0.0714 = _____

Alkalies
as Na⁺ 571.1 x 0.0435 = 24.843 N as NO₃⁻ 0 x 0.0714 = _____

K⁺ _____ x 0.0256 = _____ F⁻ 0.7 x 0.0526 = .037

Na⁺ _____ x 0.0435 = _____ Cl⁻ 810. x 0.0282 = 22.842

Ca⁺⁺ 115.6 x 0.0499 = 5.768 SO₄⁻⁻ 325.3 x 0.0208 = 6.766

Mg⁺⁺ 47.8 x 0.0822 = 3.929 HCO₃⁻ 302.6 x 0.0164 = 4.963

Total
(Fe⁺⁺) 0.8 x 0.0358 = _____ CO₃⁻⁻ None x 0.0333 = _____

(Mn⁺⁺) 0 x 0.0364 = _____ OH⁻ " x 0.0588 = _____

(Al⁺⁺⁺) _____ x 0.1112 = _____ PO₄⁻⁻⁻ _____ x 0.0316 = _____

(Pb⁺⁺) _____ x 0.0097 = _____ (BO₃⁻⁻⁻) _____ x 0.0510 = _____

(Zn⁺⁺) _____ x 0.0306 = _____ (Free CO₂) _____ x 0.0454 = _____

TOTALS: Sum rM+ = 34.540 Sum rA⁻ = 34.608

Specific Conductance
K @ 25° = 314 x 10⁻⁵

$$E = \frac{\text{Sum rM}^+}{\text{Sum rM}^+ + \frac{\text{Sum rA}^-}{\text{Sum rA}^-}} \times 100 = \underline{.01} \text{ o/o}$$

Permitted error = 2%

Calculated Hardness as CaCO₃ = (Ca x 2.497) + (Mg x 4.115) + (Fe x 1.792) + (Mn x 1.822) = 487 p.p.m.

	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
rM ⁺										
rA ⁻										

One space = _____ milligram equivalent

Soap Hardness = 550 ppm
32 gr/gal.

Assistant Director (Water Laboratory Division.)
A. Kurz

(High chlorides - over 1000 ppm)

No. 1222

Mineral Water Analysis

(Parts per Million)

Town McGregor County Clayton Source

Collected by K. E. Anderson, for Ia. Geo. Survey

Total Solids 2664

Suspended Solids

Feb. 2 1949
Constructed in 1876, City Well #2
40 feet from well, 1006' drilled.
flowing @ 75 gpm. Well hasn't
been sampled in the past.

on Jan. 18 1949

Rec'd 1-25-49

Dissolved Solids

Turbidity None Coefficient of Fineness Color pH 7.5 on 1-25-49

Alkalinity (to MeO) 246 Alkalinity (to Phn.) 0 Free Carbon Dioxide

Insoluble Matter 14.0 Silica (SiO₂) Fe₂O₃+Al₂O₃+Mn₂O₃ 7.0

POSITIVE IONS.

r

rM+

NEGATIVE IONS.

r

rA-

N as NH₄+ x 0.0714 =

Alkalies as Na+ 733.4 x 0.0435 = 31.903

K+ x 0.0256 =

Na+ x 0.0435 =

Ca++ 137.5 x 0.0499 = 6.861

Mg++ 58.9 x 0.0822 = 4.842

(Fe++) 1.5 x 0.0358 =

(Mn++) 0 x 0.0364 =

(Al+++) x 0.1112 =

(Pb++) x 0.0097 =

(Zn++) x 0.0306 =

N as NO₂- x 0.0714 =

N as NO₃- 0 x 0.0714 =

F- 0.8 x 0.0526 = 0.042

Cl- 1020 x 0.0282 = 28.764

SO₄- 474.7 x 0.0208 = 9.874

HCO₃- 300.1 x 0.0164 = 4.922

CO₃-- None x 0.0333 =

OH- " x 0.0588 =

PO₄--- x 0.0316 =

(BO₃---) x 0.0510 =

(Free CO₂) x 0.0454 =

TOTALS: Sum rM+ = 43.606

Sum rA = 43.602

Specific Conductance

K @ 25° = 403 x 10⁻⁵

E =

Sum rM+

—

Sum rA-

+

Sum rA-

x 100 = 0.005 o/o

Calculated Hardness as CaCO₃ = (Ca x 2.497) + (Mg x 4.115) + (Fe x 1.792) + (Mn x 1.822) = 588 p.p.m.

Permitted error = 2%

	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
rM+										
rA-										

One space = milligram equivalent

Sample received in a container not prepared and sent out by this laboratory.

Principal Chemist

STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY IOWA CITY, IOWA
Water Laboratory Division
MINERAL ANALYSIS

Lab No. 7415
Mineral No. 2999
5-24-49 19...

MAY 27 1949

Town McGregor County Clayton
Owner of Supply City of McGregor
Collector's Name Raymond Trygg for H. G. Hershey
Date Collected 5-6-49 Date Received 5-12-49
Report to: Name H. G. Hershey, Iowa Geological Survey
Address Iowa City, Iowa

Field Data

Source: Well Name, Number, Point of Collection, Depth, Construction Date, etc., McGregor city well #5
Well pumped hrs. at 250 $\frac{1}{2}$ gpm. Date of Previous Sample 1-18-49
Was sample free of turbidity when collected. yes
Temperature °C. Alkalinity (ppmCaCO₃) P. T. pH.
Carbon Dioxide (ppmCO₂) Iron (ppmFe) Dissolved Oxygen (ppmO₂)
(Spl. quite hard & chloride high)

Laboratory Analysis
(Parts Per Million)

Specific Conductance K @ 25°C. 305.8 x 10⁻⁵ Turbidity
Insoluble Matter 42 Fe₂O₃ + Al₂O₃ + Mn₂O₃ (R₂O₃) 23
Total Solids 2066 Dissolved Solids Total Iron (Fe) 0.3

Positive Ions	r	rM+
Na, K as Na+	511.3	x 0.0435 22.242
Na+		x 0.0435
Ca++	116.6	x 0.0499 5.818
Mg++	48.1	x 0.0822 3.954
Mn++	0	x 0.0364

Negative Ions	r	rA-
NO ₃ -asN	0	x 0.0714
F-	7	x 0.0526 0.37
Cl-	747.4	x 0.0282 21.077
SO ₄ --	319.3	x 0.0208 6.641
HCO ₃ -	300.1	x 0.0164 4.922
CO ₃ --	None	x 0.0333

Totals Sum rM+ 32.014

Sum rA- 32.677

Error 1.00 %

Permissible error on this sample 2.00 %

Calculated Hardness as CaCO₃ = (Ca x 2.497) + (Mg x 4.115) + (Fe x 1.792) + (Mn x 1.882) = 490 ppm 28.6 gpg

Sample received in a container not prepared and sent out by this laboratory.

Date 5-16-49 pH 7.3 Alkalinity P. 0 T. 246

Analyst A. Kurz.
MRW

Principal Water Analyst

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Water Laboratory Division
MINERAL ANALYSIS

W# 3443 11/3/49 / coded 4h6
Lab No. 8775
Mineral No. 3087
11-2-49... 19...

Town ...McGregor...County ...Clayton...
Owner of Supply ...City of McGregor...
Collector's Name ...Raymond Trygg...
Date Collected ...10-13-49...Date Received ...10-25-49...
Report to: Name H. G. Hershey...
Address ...Iowa Geol. Survey, Iowa City, Iowa...

Field Data

Source: Well Name, Number, Point of Collection, Depth, Construction Date, etc., McGregor City well No. 5,
at well, drilled 1948, depth 480 ft. (plugged back), flowing 100 gpm.
flowing
Well pumped hrs. at 100 gpm. Date of Previous Sample none at this depth.
Was sample free of turbidity when collected. Yes
Temperature °C. Alkalinity (ppmCaCO₃) P. T. pH.
Carbon Dioxide (ppmCO₂) Iron (ppmFe) Dissolved Oxygen (ppmO₂)

Laboratory Analysis
(Parts Per Million)

Specific Conductance K @ 25°C. 248.9 x 10⁻⁸ Turbidity
Insoluble Matter 7.0 Fe₂O₃ + Al₂O₃ + Mn₂O₃ (R₂O₃) 4.5
Total Solids 1471 Dissolved Solids Total Iron (Fe) 0.5

Positive Ions	r	rM+
Na, K as Na+	421.9	18.353
Na+	x 0.0435	
Ca++	102.9	5.135
Mg++	38.5	3.165
Mn++	none	

Negative Ions	r	rA-
NO ₃ -asN	None	0.0714
F-	0.6	0.0526
Cl-	575	0.0282
SO ₄ --	235	0.0208
HCO ₃ -	314.8	0.0164
CO ₃ --	none	0.0333

Totals Sum rM+ 26.653

Sum rA- 26.298

Error 0.7%

Permissible error on this sample 2.3%

Calculated Hardness as CaCO₃ = (Ca x 2.497) + (Mg x 4.115) + (Fe x 1.792) + (Mn x 1.882) = 246 ppm. 24.3 gpg

Alkalinity P. none T. 258 pH 7.6 Date 10-26-49

Sample received in a container not prepared and sent out by this laboratory.

Tap on jug was very rusty.

Analyst J. Cerny.
mrw

Gilbert L. Kelso
Principal Water Analyst

STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY IOWA CITY, IOWA
Water Laboratory Division
MINERAL ANALYSIS

Lab No. 6429
 Mineral No. 3259
 10-12 1950

Town McGregor County Clayton
 Owner of Supply Town of McGregor
 Collector's Name W. E. Hals
 Date Collected 9-24-50 Date Received 9-25-50
 Report to: Name Iowa Geological Survey
 Address Geology Annex
Iowa City, Ia.

Field Data

Source: Well Name, Number, Point of Collection, Depth, Construction Date, etc.,
McGregor town well #5 TD 481'
 Well pumped hrs. at gpm. Date of Previous Sample
 Was sample free of turbidity when collected. Yes
 Temperature °C Alkalinity (ppmCaCO₃) P T pH
 Carbon Dioxide (ppmCO₂) Iron (ppmFe) Dissolved Oxygen (ppmO₂)
Sample collected from tap on discharge line letting tap flow at 5gpm
for 11 hours with well shut down

Laboratory Analysis
 (Parts Per Million)

Specific Conductance K @ 25°C. 337.8 x 10⁻³ Turbidity
 Insoluble Matter 18 Fe₂O₃ + Al₂O₃ + Mn₂O₃ (R₂O₃) 15
 Total Solids 2066 Dissolved Solids Total Iron (Fe) 1.9

Positive Ions	r	rM+
Na, K as Na+	553.5 x 0.0435	24.077
Na+	x 0.0435	
Ca++	120.8 x 0.0499	6.028
Mg++	49.6 x 0.0822	4.077
Mn++	None x 0.0364	

Negative Ions	r	rA-
NO ₃ -asN	None x 0.0714	
F-	0.6 x 0.0526	0.032
Cl-	792.5 x 0.0282	22.349
SO ₄ --	318.7 x 0.0208	6.629
HCO ₃ -	302.6 x 0.0164	4.963
CO ₃ --	None x 0.0333	

Totals Sum rM+ 34.182

Sum rA- 33.973

Error 0.3%

Permissible error on this sample 2%

Calculated Hardness as CaCO₃ = (Ca x 2.497) + (Mg x 4.115) + (Fe x 1.792) + (Mn x 1.882) = 509 ppm 29.7 gpg
Versenate Hardness 496 ppm or 29 g/gal
Hardness and chloride reported by phone to Geo. Survey 9-25-50
Alkalinity P 0 T 248 pH 7.6 Date 10-9-50

Analyst A. Kurz

Gilbert L. K...
 Principal Water Analyst

STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, IOWA CITY, IOWA
WATER LABORATORY DIVISION
MINERAL ANALYSIS

W#3443

MRM

LAB. NO. 29626
MINERAL NO. 5242
7-8 1957

TOWN Maquoketa COUNTY Clayton
OWNER OF SUPPLY Town of Maquoketa
COLLECTOR'S NAME C. F. Schreiner
DATE COLLECTED 6-24-57 DATE RECEIVED 6-25-57
REPORT TO: NAME Division of Public Health Engineering
ADDRESS Des Moines, Iowa

FIELD DATA

SOURCE: WELL NAME, NUMBER, POINT OF COLLECTION, DEPTH, CONSTRUCTION DATE, ETC., 6/24/57
E 5 - Pump house - Well discontinued 1952

WELL PUMPED _____ HRS. AT _____ GPM. DATE OF PREVIOUS SAMPLE _____
WAS SAMPLE FREE OF TURBIDITY WHEN COLLECTED Yes
TEMPERATURE °C _____ ALKALINITY (ppm CaCO₃) P _____ T _____ pH _____
IS A POLYPHOSPHATE BEING USED? _____

LABORATORY ANALYSIS
(PARTS PER MILLION)

SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE K AT 25°C 57.1 x 10⁻⁵ TURBIDITY _____
DISSOLVED SOLIDS 293 SOLUBLE IRON (Fe) 1.1
TOTAL SOLIDS 293 SILICA (SiO₂) 3.6 TOTAL IRON (Fe) 1.1
ALKALINITY (ppm CaCO₃) P 6.0 T 30.0 pH 9.2 DATE 6-25-57

POSITIVE IONS

K⁺ 6.0
Na⁺ 91.0
Ca⁺⁺ 9.2
Mg⁺⁺ 3.1
Mn⁺⁺ 0.05
Al⁺⁺⁺ _____

NEGATIVE IONS

NO₃⁻ as N <0.1
F⁻ 0.9
Cl⁻ 160
SO₄⁻⁻ 8.0
HCO₃⁻ 22.0
CO₃⁻⁻ 7.2

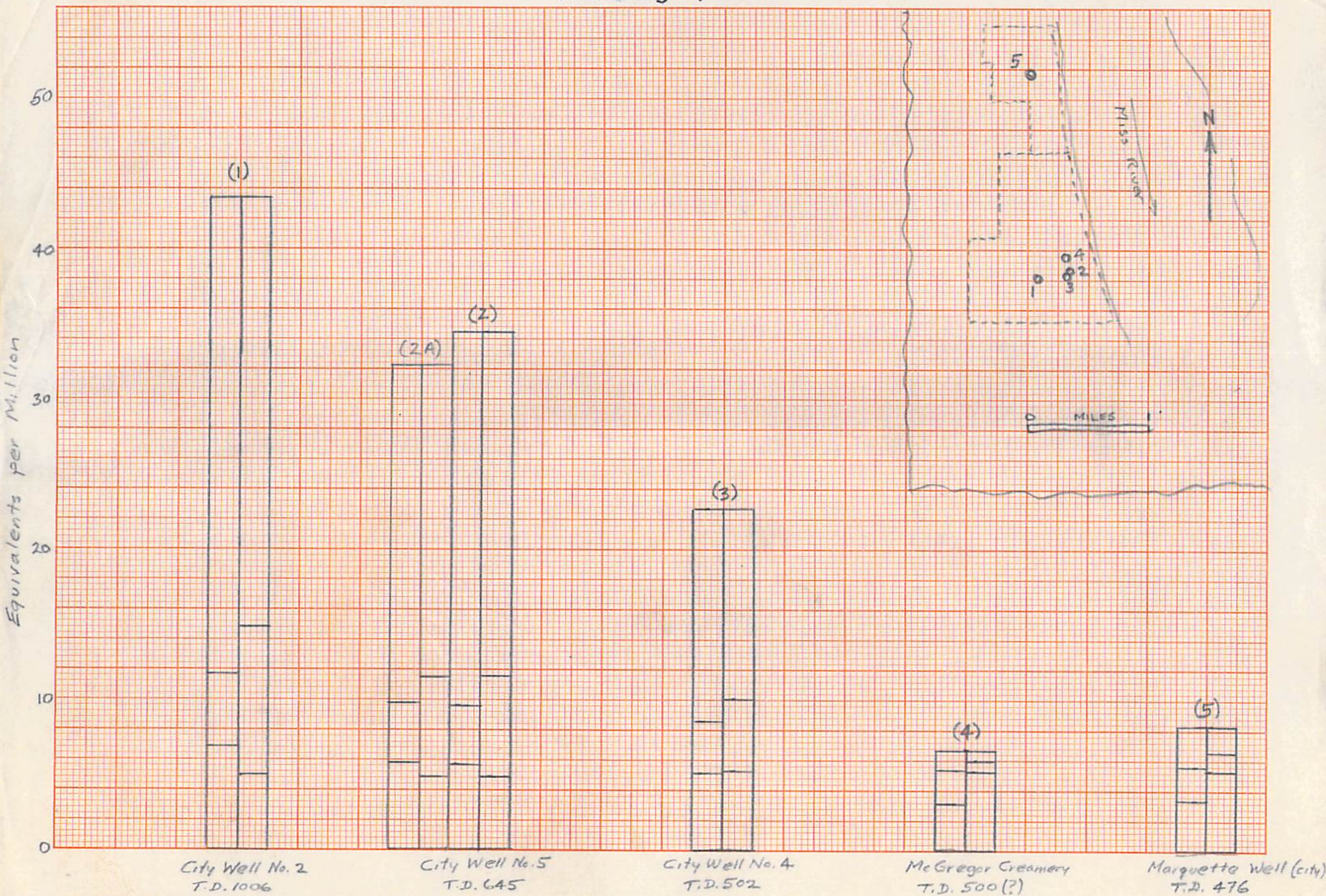
HARDNESS AS CaCO₃ 35 40.0 ppm 2.3 gpg

Clear when received.

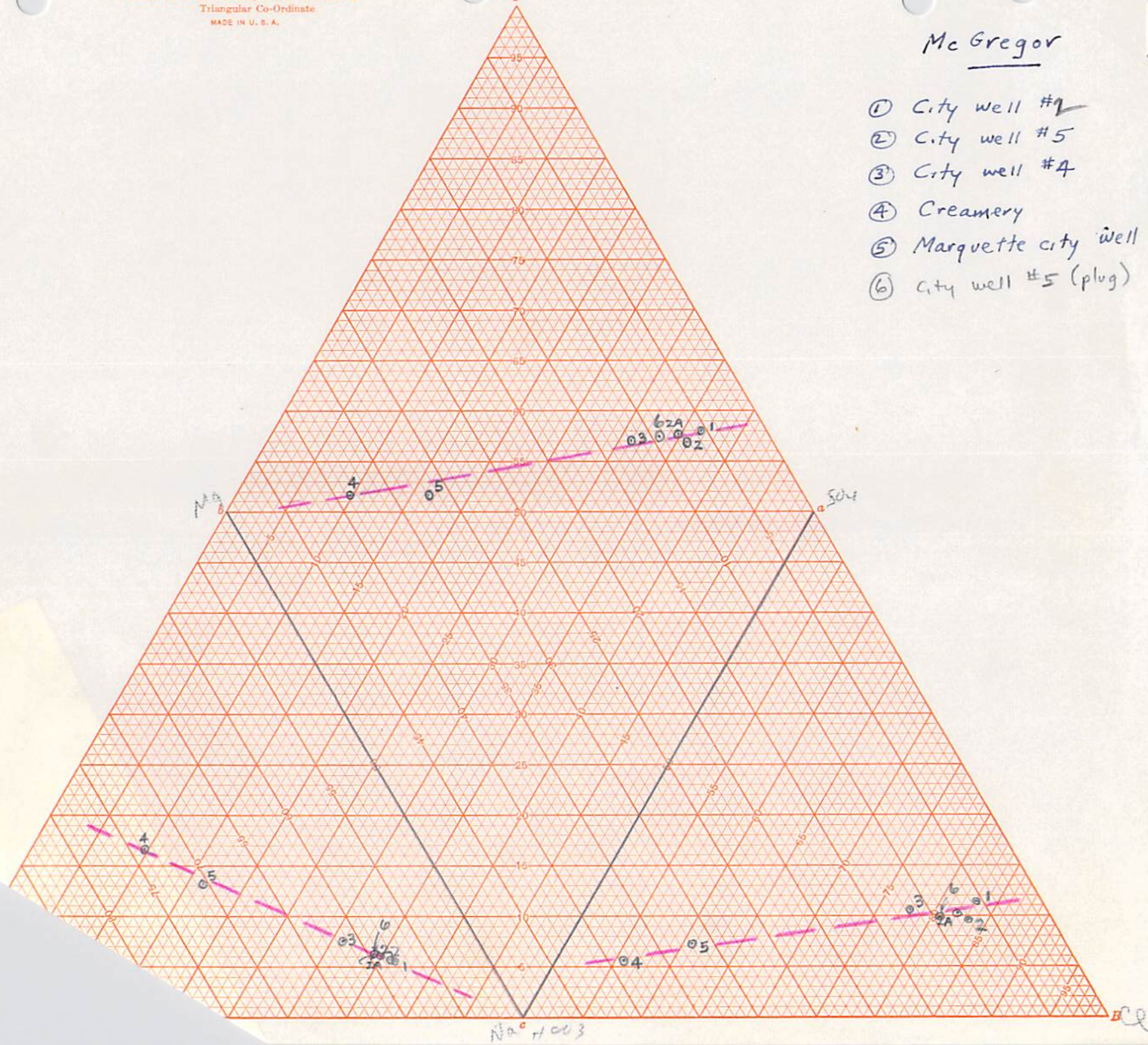
ANALYST Daugherty

R. L. MORRIS
PRINCIPAL CHEMIST

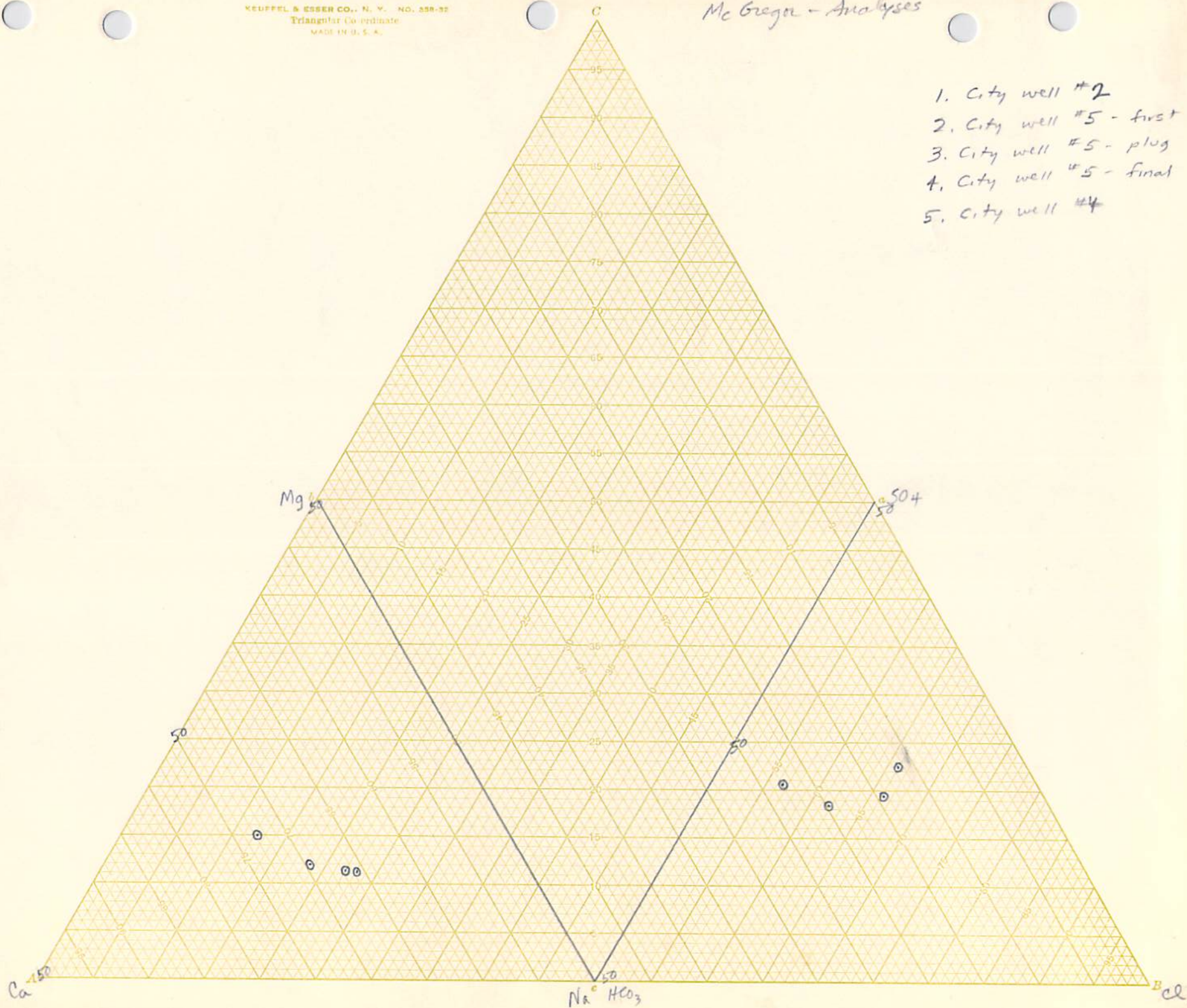
WATER ANALYSES McGregor, Iowa



- ① City well #1
- ② City well #5
- ③ City well #4
- ④ Creamery
- ⑤ Marquette city well
- ⑥ City well #5 (plug)



1. City well #2
2. City well #5 - first
3. City well #5 - plug
4. City well #5 - final
5. City well #4



Clayton

January 27, 1950

Mr. J. F. Walter, Chairman
Board of Trustees
McGregor Municipal Utilities
McGregor, Iowa

Dear Mr. Walter:

In our letter to you of August 23, 1949, following the surveys made in your new well, we stated that if the new well were plugged back the chemical quality of the water should eventually be approximately the same as that formerly obtained from your old No. 4 well.

We are enclosing the results of analysis of a sample of water from the new well collected by Mr. Trygg on December 8, 1949. Along with this analysis, for purposes of comparison, we are sending the analysis of water from the old No. 4 well. You will note that there are essentially no differences between these two analyses.

It is our understanding that since plugging the well at a depth of 490 feet the well has continued to flow and satisfactory operation can still be carried on with the same centrifugal pumping equipment.

If you have any questions regarding these analyses, or if we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours,

Keith E. Anderson

KRA:LPS

Enc.

cc: Raymond Trygg, McGregor Municipal Utilities
Layne-Western Co., Ames
R. B. McAllister, Dept. of Health, Decorah

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Comparison of Water Analyses

McGregor, Iowa

(Values in parts per million)

Well	City Well No. 5	City Well No. 4
Date Sampled	12-8-49	10-14-45
Depth of Well	490 ft.	502 ft.
Total Solids	1335.	1350.
pH	7.5	7.5
Total Alkalinity (as CaCO_3)	260.	263.
Sodium and Potassium (as Sodium)	319.	323.
Calcium	102.	103.
Magnesium	40.	42.
Total Iron	0.6	0.6
Fluoride	0.6	0.7
Chloride	440.	454.
Sulphate	214.	223.
Bicarbonate	317.	321.
Calculated Hardness (as CaCO_3)	423.	430.
Specific Conductance ($\times 10^{-3}$)	226.	228.

Dayton Co.

MEMORANDUM

TO : H. G. Hershey
FROM: W. E. Hale
RE : McGregor Town Well
DATE: October 3, 1949

^{Rollins}
Mr. ~~Raleigh~~ Brooks called from Ames to inform us that they had backfilled the McGregor Town Well from 650 ft. to 490 ft. with gravel. This apparently reduced the flow considerably and appeared to effectively reduce the flow from the lower sandstone. Brooks now plans to fill the interval from 490 to 420 ft. with a heavy mix of neat cement. This may be expected to entirely shut off the flow from the lower sandstone. They may expect to get an adequate supply of water from the upper sandstone. An analysis of the water after the well had been backfilled with gravel did not appear to be greatly different from the water obtained before plugging back operations were undertaken. Mr. Brooks will let us know of the outcome of the job.

WEH:am

See Geophysical File for further data.

August 23, 1949

Mr. J. F. Walter, Chairman
Board of Trustees
McGregor Municipal Utilities
McGregor, Iowa

Re: Results of Surveys in McGregor City well No. 5

Dear Mr. Walter:

Research electrical surveys were made in your No. 5 well on August 19-20, 1949. Instruments used measured the hole diameter, fluid resistivity, formation self-potentials, and fluid flow. Fluid flow was measured with the well both flowing and shut in.

These data indicate that there are two principal water-bearing beds yielding water to this well as follows: 1) the "upper" sandstone comprising the section between the bottom of the 10-inch casing at 280 feet and a depth of approximately 410 feet, and 2) the "lower" sandstone comprising the section between a depth of approximately 530 feet and the bottom of the well.

With the well open at the flange just above land surface, the natural flow is approximately 225 gallons a minute. This total flow represents approximately 125 gallons a minute coming from the "lower" sandstone and 100 gallons a minute coming from the "upper" sandstone.

With the well shut in, the static water level is slightly more than 17½ feet above the top of the 10-inch casing flange. Under these conditions, approximately 60 gallons a minute circulates from the "lower" sandstone up the well bore and out into the "upper" sandstone.

The chemical quality of water now obtained by pumping the well 6 to 7 hours a day at a rate of 250 gallons a minute is essentially the same as that in the "lower" sandstone.

If the well is plugged back to a depth of 410 feet, we would anticipate that the static level of the water from the "upper" sandstone would be about 10 feet above the top of the casing. The well should then flow at a rate of about 100 gallons a minute when open at the top of casing and should yield about 250 gallons a minute with a pumping level of 15 to 20 feet below the top of casing.

The chemical quality of water from the "upper" sandstone alone will be similar to the present water until pumping has continued for enough time to remove the highly mineralized water that has been stored in the

Mr. J. F. Walter

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August 23, 1949

"upper" sandstone since completion of the well last winter. If the well is plugged at 410 feet in the near future, the quality of water should improve after an estimated 3 weeks of continuous pumping at a rate of 250 gallons a minute. If continuous pumping is not feasible, the well should be allowed to flow to waste during nonpumping periods. This latter schedule would require an estimated 5 to 6 weeks to produce the improvement in quality of water. In the meantime, you may wish to allow the well to flow to waste during nonpumping periods. This procedure will reduce the time required to remove the highly mineralized water from the "upper" sandstone after the well has been plugged.

The chemical quality of water from the "upper" sandstone should eventually be approximately the same as that formerly obtained from your old No. 4 well. The improvement accomplished by the plugging will be a reduction in the sodium and chloride content of the present water.

The fact that the No. 4 well was in production at the time the present well was drilled probably accounts for the fact that no flow was present at the surface when the new well had reached a depth of 410 feet.

In plugging the present well it should be recognized that water is flowing up the well bore at the 410-foot level. The velocity of the water is estimated to be about 0.5 feet per second upwards when the well is flowing at the surface, and about 0.25 feet per second upwards when the well is entirely shut in. It would be desirable to eventually plug the entire well bore from the bottom of the present hole up to a depth of 410 feet. In any case, the plug should extend from 410 to 530 feet in the well. Care should be taken to see that the plug is watertight to prevent any further upward circulation of water between the "lower" and "upper" sandstones.

It may appear desirable to set a temporary plug somewhere in the interval between 410 and 530 feet to check the static water level and specific capacity of the "upper" sandstone.

We appreciate very much the opportunity to make these surveys in your well and hope that the results will be of assistance to you in planning any future work on the well. If the well is plugged, we will be anxious to learn of the results.

If you have any questions about any of the foregoing statements, or if we can be of further help do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Hershey

HOH:KRA:AEH

cc: Raymond Trygg
R. W. Brooks
R. B. McAllister
File

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February 22, 1949

Mr. Raymond A. Trygg, Superintendent
McGregor Municipal Utilities
McGregor, Iowa

Dear Mr. Trygg:

We are enclosing a summary of water analyses from your city wells 4 and 5, together with analyses of samples collected from the old city well No. 2 and the creamery well.

These analyses indicate the following:

- 1) Water from the old city well No. 2 is much more highly mineralized than any of the other waters analyzed.
- 2) Water from the present city well (No. 5) contains nearly twice as much sodium and chloride as was present in the No. 4 well. Water from the new well is also slightly harder and contains slightly more iron than that in the No. 4 well.
- 3) Water from the creamery well is quite low in mineralization, and is somewhat comparable with the water from the Marquette city well which has a total depth of 476 feet.
- 4) Graphical interpretation of these analyses indicate that the "normal" quality of wells 400 to 500 feet deep in this area is probably something like the water now obtained at Marquette or from the creamery well at McGregor. The mineralization of water from your city wells Nos. 4 and 5 can be explained by a mixture of this "normal" water with the highly mineralized water from deeper zones penetrated by the old No. 2 well.

It is rather difficult to explain the low hardness, as determined by the soap method by R. B. McAllister, of the sample of water collected from your No. 5 well approximately one day after completion of drilling. One explanation, eliminating the possibility of analytical error, is that the major portion of the producing rocks were partially sealed during drilling and that the well had not flowed for sufficient time to completely clear the hole and permit all of the deeper waters to enter the well.

It will probably be possible for you to improve the quality of water obtained from your No. 5 well by plugging it back to a shallower depth. It is extremely doubtful, however, that plugging back will make the water any better than the water that was obtained from your No. 4 well a short distance away.

Mr. Raymond A. Trygg

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February 22, 1949

It should be possible for you to obtain a much better quality of water by drilling another well at some distance from the known areas of mineralization. A location might have to be selected, however, that would require turbine pumping equipment or additional water main installation or both. If you consider drilling another well, we will be glad to assist you in any way possible.

In view of the information obtained thus far, it would appear to be very desirable to fill and seal the old city well No. 2 and, if another source of supply is developed, to partially or completely plug the No. 5 well. Some electrical surveys of these wells would probably furnish valuable information with regard to the proper method of plugging the wells and we would be glad to assist in this work. We are still negotiating for the cable and other equipment that I mentioned might be used in a study of your No. 5 well to attempt to determine the best place for a plug. There appears to be no need for immediate action on the plugging of the No. 2 well since it has been allowed to flow for so many years.

In order to complete our files on this problem, we would appreciate it if you could let us know the details of the plugging of your No. 4 well and also any reliable information that may be available in McGregor as to the depth or construction of the creamery well.

We trust that this letter satisfactorily summarizes the situation. If you have any questions concerning this report, or if we can be of further help, do not hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours,

Keith E. Anderson

KEA:AEH
Enc.

SUMMARY OF WATER ANALYSES

McGregor, Iowa

Well	Total Solids	pH	Alkalinity	Sodium	Calcium	Magnesium	Total Iron	Cuivre	Chloride	Sulfate	Bicarbonate	Total Hardness	Soap Hardness	Specific Conductance (x 10 ⁻⁵)	Remarks (see below)
City Well No. 2	2662	7.5	246	733	138	59	1.5	0.8	1020	475	300	580	---	103	(1)
City Well No. 4	1403	---	272	313	98	43	0.2	0.0	173	225	352	424	---	---	(2)
	1390	7.5	263	325	103	42	0.6	0.7	454	225	321	430	---	248	(3)
		7.2	273	352	---	---	Tr.	---	643	169	323	513(a)	---	---	(4)
		7.5	---	337	94	41	1.7	---	456	210	---	403	---	---	(5)
City Well No. 5		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	183(a)	---	---	(6)
		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	183	---	(7)
		7.4	267	270	---	---	1.4	---	1120	713	---	190	---	---	(8)
		7.5	---	525	125	51	1.6	---	804	270	---	321	---	---	(9)
	2067	7.6	250	617	117	48	2.0	0.7	875	316	305	489	520	301	(10)
		7.7	252	---	---	---	1.0	---	830	---	---	---	510	306	(11)
	2063	7.6	248	571	116	43	6.8	0.7	810	325	303	487	550	314	(12)
McGregor Creamery	319	7.7	260	31	64	27	0.2	0.4	23	37	317	272	---	55	(13)

(a) Probably determined by soap method.

- (1) Total Depth 1,006 ft. Well flowing at estimated 75 gpm. Sample collected Jan. 18, 1949. Analysis by Iowa Geological Survey.
- (2) Total Depth 502 ft. Sample collected Aug. 28, 1934. Analysis by State Board of Health.
- (3) Total Depth 502 ft. Sample collected Oct. 14, 1945. Analysis by Iowa Geological Survey.
- (4) Total Depth 502 ft. Sample collected Jan. 27, 1948. Analysis by General Filter Co.
- (5) Total Depth 502 ft. Sample collected in 1948. Analysis by Infilco, Inc.
- (6) Drilling depth of 585 ft. Sample collected in November 1948. Analysis by General Filter Co.
- (7) Total Depth 645 ft. Well completed and flowing for about one day. Sample collected about Dec. 3, 1948. Field analysis by District Engineer, State Board of Health.
- (8) Total Depth 645 ft. Well flowing for about 9 days. Sample collected Dec. 9, 1948. Analysis by General Filter Co.
- (9) Total Depth 645 ft. Sample collected Jan. 3, 1949. Analysis by Infilco, Inc.
- (10) Total Depth 645 ft. Well partially shut in but flowing approximately 10 gpm. for 9 hours. Sampled Jan. 18, 1949. Analysis by Iowa Geological Survey.
- (11) Total Depth 645 ft. Well pumped 6 minutes at 250 gpm. Sample collected Jan. 18, 1949. Analysis by Iowa Geological Survey.
- (12) Total Depth 645 ft. Well pumped 12 minutes at 250 gpm. Sample collected Jan. 18, 1949. Analysis by Iowa Geological Survey.
- (13) Reported depth approximately 500 ft. Well flowing about 50 gpm. Sample collected Jan. 18, 1949. Analysis by Iowa Geological Survey.

MEMORANDUM

To: H. G. Hershey
From: B. Hayes
Date: November 17, 1948
Re: McGregor

R. W. Brooks called this morning and requested some information in regard to a well Layne-Western is drilling at McGregor.

He gave me the following information: They are now drilling at 500'. At approximately 430' went into some shale and had some brown shale streaked with sandstone from 430' to 465'. Now back in sandstone again. At 410' flowing 20 g.p.m. At 465' water level was 3' below derrick floor. Present pump and well located about 30' away, and is now lowering water in new well (more now than did 20' up).

Mr. Brooks would like to know about how much farther they will have to go to get an appreciable flow. He will call back between 4 and 5 this afternoon.

Mrs. Parker talked to Mr. Brooks at 4:45 and reported to him that he was probably drilling in the Eau Claire. Mr. Brooks wondered if the shale between 500' and 750' would require casing. They had been through a thick shale section just before reaching 500'. Mrs. Parker advised him that there would be shale in the section from 500' to 750' but it would probably stand without casing, as no thick shale section was anticipated. Mr. Brooks inquired about Lansing city well, as to depth and flow. He wanted to know if the granite section would occur at a lower depth at McGregor than at Lansing, and Mrs. Parker said she thought so. Evidently they are going to drill to approximately 750' in order to obtain a flowing well.

Mr. Brooks will not be in his office for a few days, but if he wants any further information he will call.

Anticipated section

St. Lawrence	20' - 140'
Franconia	140' - 315'
Galesville	315' - 375'
Eau Claire	375' - 575'
Mt Simon	575' - 1075'?
Granite	1075'?

Clayton Co.

July 30, 1948

Mr. Raymond Trygg
McGregor Municipal Water Works
McGregor, Iowa

Dear Mr. Trygg:

We have been informed by Mr. S. R. Ames that you desire information on the ground-water possibilities at McGregor. The following information has been assembled from the files of the Geological Survey.

Sandstone and siltstone of the Trempealeau formation are exposed at the surface in and near McGregor. These rocks yield water in other parts of the state where they lie deeply buried, but could not be utilized for a municipal supply at McGregor.

The St. Lawrence dolomite and the shales and siltstones of the Franconia formation lie beneath the Trempealeau formation. These rocks do not yield any appreciable amount of water to wells in the vicinity of McGregor.

Water-bearing sandstones of the Dresbach formation underlie the Franconia. These sandstones are the source of water in the other city wells at McGregor and at Marquette. A well drilled at Marquette in 1917 for the C. M. St. P. and P. R.R. flowed 250 gallons per minute at a depth of 450 feet. The McGregor city well No. 4, drilled to a depth of 502 feet, reportedly furnished an ample supply of water.

It is believed that as much as 400 gallons of water per minute could be obtained from a well into the Eau Claire sandstone approximately 450 feet deep, assuming a starting elevation of 625 feet above sea level.

Although the city wells at McGregor and Marquette are approximately the same depth, the water obtained at Marquette is of much better quality (see attached analyses). The McGregor water is somewhat mineralized, particularly in dissolved sodium and chloride, probably due to the existence of at least one nearby well over 1000 feet deep. The more mineralized water from the deep well, under somewhat higher head, may have entered the sandstones at a depth of around 450 feet. It would seem desirable, therefore, to select the site for a new well as far from the old deep well as conveniently possible in an attempt to secure a better quality of water.

Mr. Raymond Trygg

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July 30, 1948

It would also be well to consider cementing the well casing in place throughout its entire length to minimize the corrosion effects that have been experienced in other wells in town.

An estimated geologic section at McGregor, based on a starting elevation of 625 feet, is as follows:

<u>Formation and Character</u>	<u>Thickness (feet)</u>	<u>From (feet)</u>	<u>To (feet)</u>
Pleistocene system (sand and gravel)	50±	0	50±
Cambrian system			
Trempealeau formation (sandstone and siltstone)	25±	50±	75
St. Lawrence formation (dolomite)	70	75	145
Franconia formation (shale, siltstone and sandstone, some dolomite)	165	145	310
Dreshbach formation			
Galesville member (sandstone)	90	310	400
Eau Claire member (sandstone)		400	

Depths given are subject to revision for starting elevation and may have to be corrected somewhat once drilling has commenced and samples are available for examination.

When the contract for a new well is let, we would appreciate your requesting the driller to save samples of the formations penetrated from each five feet of drilling. We will be glad to furnish small cloth sacks and drillers log books for this purpose. The samples may be sent to us by express collect, at which time they will be examined microscopically. The information thus obtained is valuable in furthering our knowledge of the ground-water conditions in that part of the state.

I trust that the above information will be helpful to you. If we can be of any further assistance, do not hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Hershey

HGR:KEA:AMH
cc: S. R. Ames
Enc.

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IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Water Analysis Comparison
(Parts per Million)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Town	McGregor	McGregor	Marquette			
Well Name	City No. 4	City No. 4 (?)				
Depth of Well	502		476			
Formation Source	Galesville		Galesville			
Water Level Below Curb	8					
How Sampled Elevation	625					
Sampled by	Pullan	H. G. Hershey	Pullan			
Date Sampled	Sept. 14, 1934	Oct. 14, 1945	Sept. 14, 1934			
Total Solids	1403	1350	649			
pH						
Insoluble Matter	17.8	3.0	4.4			
Alkalinity (MeO)	272.	263.	266.			
(Phn)	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Nitrate (NO ₃)	0.0	0.1	0.0			
Sodium (Na) & Potassium (K)*	310.0	324.5	57.7			
Calcium (Ca)	98.0	102.6	67.5			
Magnesium (Mg)	43.4	41.9	29.0			
Iron (Fe)						
Iron (Unfiltered)**	0.4	0.55	0.25			
Manganese (Mn)	Trace	0.00	0.03			
Fe ₂ O ₃ + Al ₂ O ₃ + Mn ₂ O ₃	3.0	3.0	1.8			
Fluoride (F)	0.0	0.7	0.0			
Chloride (Cl)	448.0	454.0	64.0			
Sulphates (SO ₄)	224.8	225.1	59.0			
Bicarbonates (HCO ₃)	332.0	320.9	324.5			
Carbonates (CO ₃)	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Silica (SiO ₂)						
Calculated Hardness***	424.	430.	288.			
Hardness (Grains per Gal.)	24.8	25.1	16.8			

*Na and K not separated, calculated as Sodium (Na): **Includes iron precipitated or flocculated after sample collected: ***Calculated as CaCO₃.