

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
STATE OF WASHINGTON - VALUATION SECTION 17-A

WALLA WALLA TO TRACY

PRE-INVENTORY INFORMATION

GENERAL HISTORY AND OUTLINE OF THE WORK.

This is a single track branch line, extending from Mill Creek Junction (a point just south of Walla Walla) to end of tracks at Tracy.

Was originally constructed as a narrow gauge line by the Mill Creek Flume and Manufacturing Company in the years 1886 and 1887, and operation was commenced immediately on completion of construction. No records have been found to indicate manner of construction or quantities handled. As first built, the line ran from Walla Walla to Dixie (a point on the present Northern Pacific line between Walla Walla and Dayton) with a branch extending from Dudley Junction to Tracy. In the year 1905 (the title in the meanwhile having passed to the Mill Creek Railroad Company) a new standard gauge connection was made to the tracks of the Washington and Columbia River Railway Company (now Northern Pacific) at Mill Junction and the balance of the track to Tracy was changed over the Standard Gauge. The rails were removed from the old narrow gauge line from Walla Walla to the new connection, a distance of about 1.52 miles and from Dudley Junction to Dixie, a distance of about 5.49 miles. No records have been found to indicate the manner of doing this work or of quantities handled.

The country this line traverses has the same general characteristics as the track covered by Washington Section No.17.

The subsidence of the roadbed will be developed at time of Government Inventory.

A list of items in abandoned roadbed is included in the inventory and itemized separately.