

CFR 0468

Valine Allen and Allen Robbins

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Location and size of farm 2 miles S.E. of Amity  
on the Bethel road. 337 acres.

Present owner Valine Allen & Allen Robbins (nephew)

Address Amity Or Rt. 1. Eugene 860 Elm Drive.

Do you live on this farm and farm the land? Valine Allen lives  
on the farm, run by a renter.

Do you make \$150.00 a year  
or more from this farm? yes.

If you live off this land, do you manage  
the farm operation? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and date of first generation owner Solomon Allen 1847.  
Granville Moore & Valine Allen

Brief description of farm Two dwellings a large barn and  
sheds, old pioneer house still standing and  
occupied. Raise hay, grain, fruit and sheep.

History My Grand father with his wife & family  
crossed the plains in 1847 and settled on this  
donation land claim of a full section.  
which has been run by Allens ever since.

*Approved  
D.S. [Signature]  
July 191 195*

Valine Allen & Allen Robbins (nephew)  
Signature of present owner

AFFIDAVIT

I, Valine Allen being first duly

sworn and on oath, depose and state that statements made on the attached application are true and that the real property described therein has been owned or managed in the same family, passing through brothers or sisters, or sons or daughters, to their children's children or adopted children and that all other requirements for a Century Farm Certificate, as set forth in the regulations, have been met to the best of my knowledge and I make this affidavit in support of my eligibility for this Honor.

Valine Allen  
Signature of owner

STATE OF OREGON     )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Yamhill    )

On this 16 day of July, 1958, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Valine Allen who is known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the same freely and voluntarily.

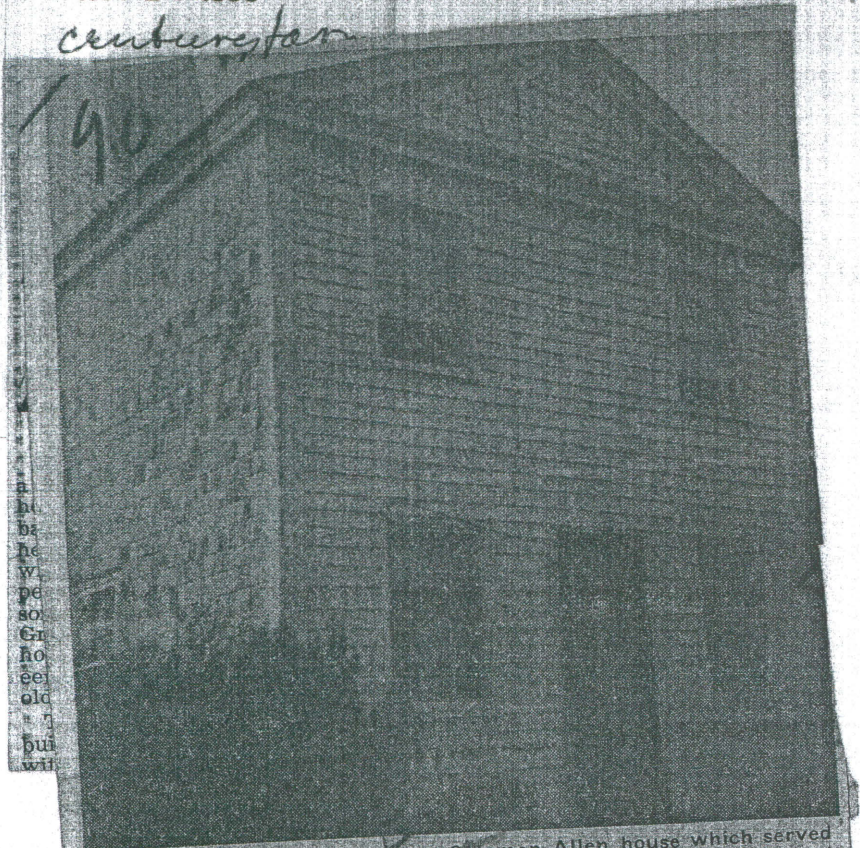
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

H. Bernieris & Pearson  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires Jan. 26 - 1959

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century farm

McMinnville News Register



BUILT IN 1853, this is the old Solomon Allen house which served as a half way station where travelers could get night lodging and meals during their travels. Valene Allen, who still resides on the old donation land claim two miles southeast of Amity, reported that her home was built in 1909 and the old house moved behind the barn. (News-Register pix 12541)

# Descendant Of Pioneer Family Residing Near Amity On Land Claim

Joining in Oregon history making is Valene Allen of Amity who is among Oregon's group of century farmers. She still lives on her grandfather's donation land claim located two miles southeast of Amity.


Solomon Allen was born in Cocke county, Tenn., December 5, 1796. Soon after the death of his father when Solomon was 18 years old, the mother moved to Missouri. In Cole county, Mo.,

Solomon married Nancy M. Powell on December 7, 1826. The couple had eight children, all born in Missouri. Archibald died in Missouri in 1847. His brothers and sisters came across the plains with a wagon train in 1847 with their parents and took up a section of land. Another man had filed on the claim so Solomon bought out his right for a pony, a watch and forty dollars.

The children who married after arriving in Oregon were William Powell Allen who married Nancy Ann Matheny; John W. Allen married Miss McCoy; Emaline Allen married Iza Matheny; Nancy Elizabeth married Cye Smith; Levi Fowler Allen married in Montana, but his wife is not known; and Granville Moor Allen married Olive Eolian Beckett and they are the parents of Valene Allen. All died in the Western states.

Solomon built a small house on (page 8)

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a hill and later as he prospered he erected a large house and barn. The latter has a frame of hewn out timbers put together with square nails and wooden pegs. Both are still in use after some remodeling. In 1909, the Granville Allens built their farm home in the same place the pioneer house stood and moved the old one back of the barn.

The grandfather had a store building close to his dwellings with a post office in connection

tween Portland and Eugene. It was run by his son-in-law, Cye Smith. The Allens still have in their possession the old secretary, a piece of furniture for use as a writing desk to keep books on, that was used in the store.

Solomon had no opportunity to get a formal education so he was determined his children and those of his neighbors should have proper schooling. His friends and neighbors got together with him and made plans for a new school building.

It was a log cabin with log seats hewn flat on top with no back. They christened the house and school "Amity", from which the present town and school took their name.

The school was located just north of Amity in the location of the Torbet home which stands near Highway 99W. First teacher was Ohio S. Watt. He had about 50 pupils ranging from six to 24 years of age, with five of them from Solomon Allen's home. They were John, Emeline, Smith, Levi and Elizabeth.

The Allen home was a half way station where travelers could get night lodging and meals. Their religion was Cumberland Presbyterian and they were very active in church work.

Valene Allen still has her grandmother's ladder back chairs and little chair. The little chair was purchased for an aunt to hold baby Granville Allen across the plains when he was three years old. He grew to be a farmer and bought out some of the heirs until he owned 339 acres of his father's donation land claim where Valene still lives.

In the pioneer days they raised wheat, oats, and hay. Other grains were unknown. They also raised horses, but not many cattle.

Solomon Allen is buried in Hopewell Cemetery while Nancy, his wife, is buried in Amity cemetery. Severe weather and bad roads made it necessary to bury them in separate places.