

CFR 0805

William J. and Kathryn Healy

MORROW

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) William J "Bill" and Kathryn Healy

Your address: Route 2 Box 2275 Heppner, Oregon 97836
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: Milk Canyon Westerly Branch of Sand Hollow Morrow
Address Section 31, Township 1 S, R 28 E of Willamette Meridian County

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have not less than 10 acres with a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm Honors. Does your farm meet this qualification? yes

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm Michael + Mary Kenny

Year founder settled on farm 1883 Where did he come from? Carrigallen County Leitrim, Ireland

Who farms the land today? Bill Healy

Relationship to original owner? Grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? Windmill

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: several bands Rye hay, sheep, Clydesdale horses, cattle,
100 head Morgan

What do you raise on farm today? wheat + barley, cattle

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? 3 1) Bill and Kathryn Healy 2) Maureen Healy and Mary Healy Knowles 3) Brian and Blake

How many times has the original farm been divided? never

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? yes

Please return form to: William J Healy
Signature of Owner

Elizabeth W. Buchler, Field Historian
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon, 97205

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CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which William J. + Kathryn Healy
Rt 2, Box 2275 Heppner, Ore 97836
(owner's Name and Address)

is applying for Century Farm Honors has been in his family
continuously for one hundred or more years.

Barbara Bloodsworth
(County Recorder/Clerk)

4-23-84
Date



Kenny Family — 1941

ing years at their home in Heppner. Their youngest child, who had worked with his father, took over the operation of the ranch. William Joseph Kenny and family have operated this wheat and cattle ranch this past twenty-two years.

THE KENNY-HEALY-FARLEY STORY

This story is a tribute to Mary Doherty and Michael Kenny, Irish immigrants who migrated to the United States in the 1870's.

They met, married, and left an idelible mark on the history of Morrow County.

Michael Kenny, son of Michael Kenny and Bridget (McEntire) Kenny was born in Carrigallen County, Leitrim, Ireland, on March 2, 1859. He grew up on the family farm located in the townland of Gradogue, just a few miles from Aughavas. In his youth, he worked for some time in Scotland.

Accompanied by his cousin, Mary Gaffney, Mike left his homeland for America. Mary was seventeen years older than Mike. The two cousins had Oregon as their goal as Mary had a sister, Catherine, already living

in Oregon. Their voyage took them south on the Atlantic Ocean and around the Southern tip of South America to the Pacific. The vessel in which the journey was made was the type that brought many European immigrants to America. Accommodations were limited to the ship's hold, and Mary's and Mike's passage was no exception. In later years, they told of hardships endured due to violent storms in the South Atlantic and rounding of Cape Horn. They finally, after reaching Portland boarded a river boat which took them east up the Columbia River to Umatilla Landing.

There in 1878, they disembarked and were met by Felix and Kate Johnson, Kate being Mary's sister and Mike's cousin. From Umatilla, the four traveled south up Butter Creek by team and buggy, crossing the still used Oregon Trail enroute to the junction of Big and Little Butter Creeks. It was at the Johnson ranch home on Little Butter Creek, that Mary Gaffney and Mike were to find rest from the long journey and a springboard for a new life far from their homeland to which neither one would ever return.

Mary Doherty was born on May 15, 1865 to Catherine (Grant) and Francis Doherty, natives of Carndonagh, County Donegal. Carndonagh is situated a few short miles from Malin Head, the northernmost body of land in all Ireland. After the death of Francis Doherty, Catherine Doherty and sons, James G. and Bernard F. and daughter Mary decided to leave Ireland and go to America to join daughter Sarah, who had preceded them to Eastern Oregon. On October 8, 1883, they arrived in the United States aboard the steamship, Encoria. Catherine Doherty and her sons and daughter arrived at the ranch home of her first cousin, Catherine Doherty Nelson on Big Butter Creek in the latter part of 1883. A few months before they arrived, daughter Sarah Doherty was married to Charles Cunningham on May 30, 1883. Many of the young Irish immigrants who arrived during the decade of the 1880's found their first employment with Charlie Cunningham, amongst them being his brothers-in-law, James G. and Bernard F. Doherty. Charlie Cunningham established a vast sheep and land empire and so it was here the Dohertys spent their first years in America. About 1894, however, they moved to Blackhorse Canyon near Heppner. Following Mary's arrival in 1883 the paths of Mary Doherty and Michael Kenny crossed. They were married on December 16, 1884 in Pendleton at the house of the Sisters of Mercy. The marriage ceremony was performed by Father L.L. Conrardy of the Umatilla Indian Mission. Witnesses were Mike's brother, John F. and Mary's brother, Bernard F.

Mike and Mary traveling by team and buggy made the return trip from Pendleton to their homestead in two days. In the early 1880's, Mike Kenny had filed homestead rights on land in the head of the most easterly branch of Sand Hollow, also known as Milk Canyon. The original homestead was located in Section 31, Township 1



Harvest 1937



Michael and Mary Kenny Family — 1920
 John F., Sarah, James T., Roseanne, Joseph B.
 Mary, Cecilia and Michael Kenny

South, Range 28 East of the Willamette Meridian.

The original home was a small, one-room house of single wall construction with a tiny window in each side and a door at one end. From a meager beginning, the ranching operation of Mike and Mary expanded by increased livestock and real estate holdings to a two-story ranch home, barns and buildings essential to a farming and livestock operation. To Mike and Mary's union was born John Francis, Sarah (Farley), Roseanne (Healy), James Thomas, Michael Edward, Emmett, Joseph Bernard, and Cecelia (Bucknum).

The Kenny Ranch was located twelve miles from Heppner. Horseback or team and buggy were the only means of travel. When the older family members became of school age, a problem occurred, as there was no country school in the Sand Hollow area. Their education commenced in the ranch

home. A portion of the upstairs was used for conducting school. Lottie Shipley, a qualified teacher and daughter of an early day Heppner physician, was hired to teach. Lottie would later become the wife of Henry Scherzinger. The Scherzinger's were long-time ranchers on Rhea Creek. For a brief period, there was a one-room school where the old county road crossed Milk Canyon, a short distance south of the ranch. Later, the three eldest were to attend the one country school at Pleasant Point on Little Butter Creek. Their attendance required them to ride horseback a considerable distance over rough terrain which, during inclement weather, could be miserable.

The Kenny children also attended the one-room country school in Blackhorse Canyon, which was close to the farm home of their Grandmother Doherty and Uncle James. Grandmother Doherty and sons, James G. and Bernard F. had moved from



1950 — James and Sarah (Kenny) Farley Family
 James M., Rosanna, Margaret, Joseph F.
 John E., Sadie, James, Mary

the Vinson area to become wheat farmers in Blackhorse. Rooming and boarding with their grandmother, their uncle and his growing family was another alternative toward receiving their early education. Practically all of the Kenny children, at one time or another, attended school at St. Joseph's Academy in Pendleton. St. Joseph's Academy was opened by the Sisters of St. Francis of Glen Riddle in 1887.

Of the Kenny Family, Sarah, or Sadie as she was affectionately known, was the first to marry. Sadie Kenny and James Farley were united in marriage at St. Patrick's Church, Heppner on January 10, 1907. After the wedding ceremony, the wedding party and sixty guests went to the Palace Hotel for breakfast. Afterwards, the wedding party journeyed to the Kenny Ranch home for a reception and dance.

To Sadie and James' union were born Mary Catherine, John Edward, James Michael, Rosanna Cecelia, Margaret Teresa, and Joseph Francis. James Farley who migrated to Oregon in 1899, was a native of the Arva area of county Longford, Ireland. At the time of his marriage, he was engaged in the sheep business in partnership with his brother, Patrick. Another brother, Peter, was also a sheep rancher, while brother John remained in Ireland at the family home.

On June 23, 1913, John F. and Bridget Mollahan, were united in marriage at St. Mary's Church in Pendleton. Attendants were John's brother James T., and Bridget's sister, Mary Ann. To this union were born Edward Michael, Matthew John, Mary Ilene, Emmett Francis, James Patrick, Patricia Ann, and William Joseph. Bridget, or "B" as she was known, came to this country about 1910 at the age of sixteen. She worked for a time in New Haven, Connecticut, and later traveled to Oregon to join her brother, James. The Mollahans were natives of the Aughavas area of County Leitrim. After their marriage, John and "B" moved to the Samuel Morgan Ranch which they had purchased on contract from Mike and Mary. It was on this ranch that they were to spend over fifty years ranching and raising a family of seven.

On January 11, 1916, John Healy and Roseanne Kenny, or Annie, as she was affectionately known, were married at St. Patrick's Church in Heppner. The ceremony was performed by Father P.J. O'Rourke with Bernard Ward and Sarah Doherty, cousin of the bride, as attendants. The wedding party and forty guests attended a wedding breakfast at the Palace Hotel. In the evening, friends and relatives gathered at the ranch home of the bride's parents for a reception and evening of dancing. To this union were born Thomas Michael, Marie Katherine, John James, Cecilia Ann, Helen Patricia, Rosetta Joan Marie, and William Joseph. John Healy was a native of the Arva area of County Longford, Ireland. John's brother Pat Healy, first came to this country and then sent for John who arrived in 1902 at the age of sixteen. Together Pat and John sent for Mike to come to the land of opportu-