

CFR 0807

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay J. Kincaid

MORROW

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay J. Kincaid

Your address: Box 317 Ione 97843
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: Ione (Rock Springs) Morrow
Address County

S.W.

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 John Lindsay and Catherine Anne (Winters) Kincaid

Year founder settled on farm April 26, 1884 where did he come from? Antioch, Ohio
by way of Hays, Kan.

Who farms the land today? Lindsay J. and Diana M. Kincaid

Relationship to original owner? great-grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? two barns used for storage

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list:
first crop was 25 acres of wheat, cattle, mules, horses and chickens.
see diary on back

What do you raise on farm today? dry land wheat and barley, cattle pasture

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? two generations
Lindsay and Diana, the parents; and Margaret and Mary, the daughters

How many times has the original farm been divided? once

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

Please return form to:

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



Signature of Owner

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John Lindsay Kincaid came here after his mother, Eunice Kincaid Brown, was already here. Her husband Robert Kincaid died of smallpox in 1865 in Antioch, Ohio. She then married Walter Brown who died in 1875. Eunice then came to the Ione area and owned property before John Lindsay her son arrived. No documents can be found to exactly pinpoint the time or location.

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Yesta note for interest of how poor they were when they started.

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which _____

Lindsay J. Kincaid

(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)

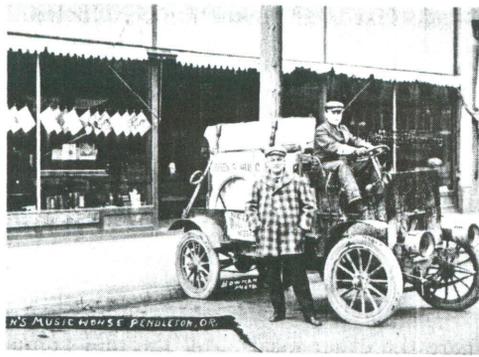
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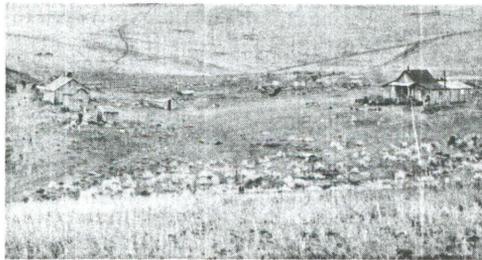
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**Music House — Pendleton
(present site of Penney's store)
Harry and Ethel (Kincaid) Warren owners**

18 children and was called "The Old Patriarch." He had a number of sons in the Revolutionary Army and he, himself, was twice hanged by the British who were trying to make him reveal the hiding place of money they thought he had. Both times his wife and daughters cut the rope before he expired. The strain on the muscles of his neck caused it to be crooked the rest of his life. The British got no money — either he didn't have any or he would rather have died than part with it. The Kincaids were related to the Kimseys, Moores, Pattersons and the Daniel Boone family which are buried in the Kincaid graveyard in N.C.



Site of second Kincaid homestead on present home site 1918

This inscription appears on the flyleaf of an 1853 copy of the *Millennial Harbinger* (the exact information also appears on an 1832 copy of the New Testament translated by several Scotsmen and used by the Rev. Samuel Kincaid in his ministry in Chambersburg, Pa.), "This book was bought by Samuel Kincaid a short time before he died. Then it became the property of his son, Robert Kincaid. At his death it came into the hands of his son, W.C. Kincaid who has had it now near a half of a century and now presents it to his Grand Nephew, Harold Oliver Kincaid who is three years old today, Dec. 25th, 1914." On the back leaf of the same book is the following brief family history. "The Kincaid stock is of English origin, the name figured in the early history of England before the time of the murder of the two Princes in the Tower (1483). One Lord Kincaid was a member of Parliament. William Kincaid of England married an Irish Lady of Cork, Ireland, and immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Chambersburg, Pa. Afterwards becoming Judge of the court of that place. He was the father of Samuel Kincaid. Samuel was born at Chambersburg on March 30, 1773 and died



John O. and Clara (Mason)-Kincaid — 1900

at Antioch, Ohio on July 17, 1854. He was the father of Robert Kincaid who was also born at Chambersburg on Dec. 16, 1817 and died of smallpox on March 1st, 1886 at the age of 48. Samuel and Robert both buried in Christian Cemetery at Antioch, Ohio marked with tombstones. Robert Kincaid was the father of John Lindsay (and William C. Kincaid, M.D.) who was born near Antioch on May 1, 1849 now living near Ione, Oregon. He is the father of John Oliver Kincaid who was born near Ottawa, Kansas on Jan. 1, 1874. He is the father of Harold Oliver Kincaid who was born at Ione, Oregon on Dec. 25th, 1911. To whom this book is presented by William C. Kincaid M.D. of Eastland, Texas."



**Four Generations — of Kincaids —
Ralph, Catharine holding Lyle, Roger. Back: Clara and Lindsay, Ollie, Ruby and Harold.**

We have no records indicating the names of the wives or names of other children, except that Robert's wife was named Eunice. She was the mother of John Lindsay and William C. After Robert's death of smallpox she married a Walter Brown Sr.

KINCAID FAMILY HISTORY

The name Kincaid is derived from the Gaelic words — "Ceann" meaning head, and "Cad" meaning battle — the head of the battle. The family is one of the oldest in Scotland as they were in possession of Kincaid, a great manor and castle in Stirlingshire as early as 1280. The Lord of Kincaid was made constable of the castle at Edinburgh, which became a hereditary position, after the Laird's gallant part in rescuing the castle from the English in the time of Edward I. The branch of the family from which the American family descended left Scotland for Ireland (Ulster) in 1688. They were Presbyterian clergy sent to settle in the Roman Catholic stronghold. From there several brothers came to America in 1707, settling first in Pennsylvania, then to the Carolinas, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and then further west. John (Lindsay) going to North Carolina about 1750; William the ancestor of our branch stayed in Chambersburg, Pa.



Kincaid Family — 1900

John Lindsay and Catherine (Winters) Kincaid, Jennie, Ethel and Oliver — Standing.

According to D.A.R. records, John was 6 feet 4 inches tall, weighed 250 pounds, had



Dianna (Wright) and Lindsay Kincaid — 1982

who died March 14, 1875. Eunice Brown owned considerable property in Morrow County before John Lindsay arrived which she sold to him. It is not known if there were Brown children but presumably that's who she went to live with in Silverbow, Montana sometime around the turn of the century.

Her son, William C. Kincaid married Sarepta Stine on March 1, 1871 and they had 13 children. William C. received his medical degree from University of Virginia. Two of his sons also became doctors, William H. and Robert who received his degree from N.Y. Medical School. Robert retired from medicine and after the stock market crash purchased several banks and opened a new Crowell State Bank of Texas. Robert's son Merl took over bank presidency from him. Following his death in a car crash, his son Robert is now president of the bank.

John Lindsay Kincaid married Catharine Ann Winters in 1873 in Cisne, Ill. She was the daughter of Henry Winters and Sarah Rachel Harmon. Henry was born on Sept. 14, 1823 Monroe County, Ohio and served in the Civil War Co. D. Reg. 79 West Va. Branch 1. Sarah was the daughter of Peter and Rachel (Little) Harmon born Feb. 10, 1832 in Ohio.

Lindsay, Catharine, and children John Oliver born in 1874 and Jennie who was born in May of 1876 crossed the plains as he surveyed for the Northern Pacific Railroad. It took them several years to get to Oregon. Once the little family was left at Fort Hall, Idaho while Lindsay was working ahead. An entry in her diary for Nov. 3 Catharine says, "I suppose none but my own beloved Mother know today is my birthday." How alone she must have felt.

The John L. Kincaids arrived in Ione in the spring of 1884. He writes, "On April 26 we arrived with four mules and a pony with a wagon, plow from Walla Walla, two tens 14 X 16. We cut three foot high bunch grass for mattresses. We bought three cows in Arlington and plowed 25 acres that spring but the cows ate what was planted. They prepared to build a house. In August they

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That fall Ethel was born on Oct. 13, 1885 on the homestead. Records are obscure just where the exact location of the tent home was but the large two story house and barns were built down at Rock Springs on 8 Miles where they lived for many years. Water was hauled by wagon to the upper place, the site of the present house until Martin Edward (Mike) Cotter drilled a well near a small house long since burned down. (Cotter married Mable Mason a sister of Clara Mason Kincaid) It is believed fire destroyed the house at Rock Springs and the barns moved up the canyon and rebuilt where they still stand on the present farmstead near the present house which was completed in 1925.

The oldest Kincaid girl, Jennie, married Tom Wollery of Ione in 1899. After they were divorced she married James H. Rix at Hardman. They had three children, Orris born on June 30, 1910; Oral born on Nov. 23, 1904; and Lawrence born April 13, 1915 in Weiser, Idaho. Jennie was last heard of in Paradise, Calif. in 1956. The history of the boys is unknown.

The younger Kincaid daughter, Ethel, married a neighboring homesteader, Harry M. Warren son of Henry Miles Warren on July 6, 1908 at the Heppner Methodist Episcopal Church. She was 22 and he was 35. The new couple didn't live long on the Warren homestead at Coyote but started the Pendleton Music House on Main Street. They were both very musical and traveled to surrounding areas to give music lessons on the violin, cello, and piano. They had two sons, Lindsay A. Warren born on Sept. 29, 1909 and Robert Henry born March 3, 1913. After Harry's death in 1917 Ethel remarried Sidney Bowman an undertaker from Boise, Idaho on Sept. 24, 1919. Lindsay A. graduated from Willamette U. and married Mildred Klob. They ran the Tops Drive In for many years in Albany. Robert Henry was a tile contractor. He married Helen Leisy and they had three children. Roberta who was born Dec. 10, 1946; Nancy Lee born on Jan. 9, 1944, and Fredrick Henry born on Nov. 29, 1945. No contact has been made with this branch for years, however Grandma Kincaid had this clipping concerning the Bible on which Clay Myers and the late Gov. McCall took the oath of office. The Bible had been owned by the late Gov. Douglas McKay whose wife noticed the name Myers on the flyleaf and thought it would be a good memento of the ceremony. Strangely it did contain Clay Myers' birth record as well as the Warren family records. The Bible had been sold to an antique store in Ocean Lake and bought by the McKays.

The oldest Kincaid child and only son, John Oliver attended business college in Portland after his schooling here. He sold insurance for several years and became a professional photographer. He married Clara Ethel Mason on June 27, 1900 at the Rhea Creek homestead where she had been born on Jan. 6, 1875. She was the daughter of Augusta Bates and Joseph Mason early settlers. (See Mason history) Clara went to school on Rhea Creek and later opened a dressmaking shop in Heppner. Clara made her own wedding dress as well as many others including the one worn by Mrs. Hal (Minnie Palmateer) Ely, the mother of Mrs. Mike Mathews (Edith Ely) who also wore it at her wedding.

"Ollie" and Clara moved back to Ione, after living in Stanfield and Pendleton, to open up a general store that was later sold to the Balsingers and later to the Rietmans. They also built the house still standing on the corner of Second and C Streets in Ione. Ollie was very musical and played the trombone in the Ione Concert Band and the fiddle for dances at the Grange. Their only child, Harold Oliver, was born on Dec. 25, 1911 in Ione.

In the meantime old John Lindsay's health was failing so Ollie moved out on the ranch. An old newspaper clipping states "one of the oldest and most respected citizens died of pneumonia on Oct. 3, 1921. At various times Mr. Kincaid had added several hundred acres to his original holdings until he became one of the large ranchers of the county." Catherine Ann was still living but Ollie and Clara farmed the ranch.

Harold went to school down the canyon at Pleasantvale Dist. 14 along with the Balls, Williams, Emerts, Englemans, McElligotts and Christophersons. Ollie was the school clerk and the records show some of the teachers to be Viola Engleman, Marie Jones, Wilma Chase, Bertha McKeen, Sylvia McCarty and Bertha Niven. Harold went to school in Ione after he was 17 and graduated in 1930, then he attended Oregon Institute of Technology. Harold married Ruby Louise Padberg on Feb. 20, 1933. She was the daughter of Lewis Jonathan and Letha Maude (Wood) Padberg. Ruby's mother was the daughter of Albert Alkington Wood and Sarah Ann (Perkins) Allen. Sarah's parents were Edward Turner Perkins and Cynthia Bruntz. Lewis Padberg was the son of Henry and Martha Vianna Riggs. (see Padberg History)

Harold and Ruby had four sons. Roger Allen born Oct. 8, 1933; Ralph Earl born Oct. 21, 1934; Lindsay John born Sept. 8, 1937; and Lyle Ray born Feb. 17, 1939.

During this time John Oliver was active in civic affairs such as the Christian Church, IOOF, Willows Grange and founding board member of the Lexington Oil Coop which he held the position of secretary until his death on Nov. 3, 1939. His mother, Catharine, died shortly afterward on Nov. 18, 1939. Harold farmed the ranch until he became ill with polio and died on March 8, 1942 in an ambulance west of The

Dalles as he was going back to Portland to stay in an iron long.

Clara now operated the ranch by hiring the work done until her grandsons were old enough to help out. She was alert and even cooked for harvest crews while in her eighties. "Grandma" Kincaid, as she was called by many, was the oldest living Morrow pioneer for many years. She died on Jan. 13, 1975 just after celebrating her 100th birthday. She had been a long time member of Rebekah's and Eastern Star. One of the many stories she told was of the last Indian uprising in 1878. Clara rode with brothers Frank and baby Bert and sister Ella in a wagon piled high with their belongings from the Rhea Creek ranch. Her father Joseph Mason drove the wagon to Heppner after turning out all the livestock. Her mother, Augusta, and Mrs. Henrietta Rhea rode with them. A pit fort had been dug in Heppner at an intersection and was covered with cottonwood logs and dirt. The only Indians to show up in town were a few squaws and papooses on their way to the mountain to pick "oallies". They were allowed to pass through town. John Sperry was sheriff and took a posse out toward Ukiah. They were met at Willow Spring by a gang of warriors. Sperry and another man were killed and buried at Guardain a few miles east.

Children of Harold Oliver and Ruby Kincaid

Roger Kincaid went to school in Ione and Hermiston, graduating in 1951 from Ione H.S. He married Bonnie Bell on Nov. 9, 1952. They had three children, Deborah Marlene born May 15, 1953; John Lyndon born Dec. 21, 1955; and Tracey Ann born March 29, 1957. They were divorced and he married Joyce Messler; they had no children. Joyce was a 1957 College of Idaho graduate with Diana Wright Kincaid. She taught music in Heppner. Roger owns and operates a fleet of taxi cabs in Portland after farming for several years in Ione.

Ralph Earl attended school in Hermiston and Ione. He married Patricia Stockard of Stanfield on Jan. 10, 1954. They had six children, Julie Elaine who died the day she was born on Sept. 28, 1955; Katherine Ann born Aug. 30, 1959; Ralph Earl Jr. (Bud) born Sept. 13, 1960; John Lindsey born Dec. 2, 1961; James Lewis born July 23, 1963; and Vicki Jo born April 22, 1965. After farming for several years, owning The Office tavern, Ralph drives a lumber truck out of Silverton and runs a deep sea charter boat.

Lyle Ray Kincaid was blinded in a playground swing accident in the third grade while attending Ordinance School in 1948. He attended the Oregon State School for the Blind. He works in Phoenix, Arizona at Goodwill Industries. He has never married.

Lindsay John Kincaid was graduated from Ione H.S. in 1956 after attending grade school in Ione and Ordinance, Jr. H.S. in Hermiston. He attended Eastern Oregon College and O.T.I. before serving in the Air Force as a military policeman sta-

tioned at Mt. Home A.F.B. in Idaho. On Jan. 27, 1962 he married Diana May Wright who was teaching school in Heppner. Diana was born on April 26, 1936 in Bell, Calif. the daughter of Richard Glenn Wright and Annita Margaret Walters. She attended Galatin School near Downey until she was 12 when the family moved to Idaho where her father was engaged in the cattle business with his father Lee Clark Wright Sr. Diana graduated from Middleton H.S. in 1954 and received a scholarship to attend the College of Idaho where she graduated with a B.A. after only three years in 1957, (a college classmate, Maxine Munford, also taught here and married Gene Rietmann.

Lindsay and Diana had two daughters. Margaret Louise born Oct. 9, 1962. (she was in hospital during terrible Columbus Day storm); and Mary Lucille also born in Pendleton on Feb. 12, 1964. The girls attended school in Ione and then graduated from Heppner H.S. in 1981 and 1982 respectively. Margaret was active in music, church, and the Ione Rainbow Girls which she was the last Worthy Advisor. She was a Girls' State Delegate to Salem in 1980. Presently she is a junior history major at Eastern Oregon State College where she lifeguards and plays varsity athletics.

Mary Lucille was also active in sports, being the first girl in Oregon to Play Babe Ruth Baseball and also played on the Willow Creek Little League All Star Team. She belonged to the National Honor Society, Spanish Club and received many local and state athletic awards. Mary received a scholar-athlete scholarship to attend Whitman College where she is a sophomore biology major and playing varsity sports.

The girls are the 6th generation of Kincaids to live on the family homestead where Lindsay is engaged in farming and Diana teaches school in Ione.

In writing this history more questions arose than were answered. No one knows how Catharine Ann Winters Kincaid's younger sister, Cynthia, arrived in Ione. She was born on Feb. 6, 1863 in Cisne, Illinois and married C.T. (Tom) Walker of Ione on Feb. 17, 1892. C.T. Walker was born Jan. 26, 1860 in Texas the son of Elizabeth Davis and J.H. Walker. It is believed they had no children, but perhaps Gus Walker was his by a previous marriage. John Nelson, who first built the Woolery house, then built the Walker home on the corner of 2nd and Green which is still standing, then he built the W.J. Blake home. C.T. Walker owned the large main building in Castle Rock which he moved to Ione when the town became deserted after the railroad came in. Freight, wool, and wheat had been shipped by wagon to Castle Rock and then sent down the Columbia River. C.T. made the building into a general store with a dance hall above it called "The Opera House." Tom died on June 15, 1907 and the store burned in 1918. Cynthia moved to Long Beach, Calif. to live with Winters relative where she died on April 8, 1950.

There are so many repetitions of names it is hard to trace the family history. Every

generation has a Thomas, John, Samuel, James, William or Lindsay. A Thomas Kincaid, born in Virginia, who was probably Robert's brother, came across the plains in 1853. Like all the older generations of Kincaids there was a large family. Harrison Rittenhouse Kincaid was one of 12 children born to Thomas. Harrison was born Jan. 3, 1836 in Indiana according to Catharine's records. He bought the Copperhead Killer newspaper in Eugene and changed its name to the Oregon State Journal. He published it for over 40 years. He was married at Utica, Mch. to Augusta Lockwood on Sept. 29, 1873. Harrison Kincaid attended Columbia where he was a classmate of Joquin Miller. He became a judge and was clerk of the U.S. Senate from 1868 to 1879. He was elected Sec. of State in Oregon in 1894, and from 1900 served as county judge of Lane County. He had one son, Webster, who lived in Portland.