

CFR 1008

Mrs. Bonham Keerins (Irene W.)

(Matthew Keerins)

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1996

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(Please print or type)

Telephone #: Redacted for Privacy

Your Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) Bonham Keerins (Irene W.)

Your Address Redacted for Privacy

Street, Route or Box # City Zip Code

Location of Farm Izee Oregon of Grant County

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1,000.00 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:

Matthew Keerins

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) resides in 1890 - Homestead
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9) proof 16 March 1895

Founder came to Oregon from King County, Ireland

Who farms the land today? Mrs. Bonham Keerins (Irene W.)

Relationship to original owner niece-in-law

Are any of the original buildings still in use? no - fire burned

If yes, which ones? _____

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: sheep, cattle, grazing, horses

What do you raise on the farm today? cattle and grazing

How many generations live on the farm today? Three

Please list names: Mrs. Bonham Keerins (Irene W.) niece-in-law, Michael E.

Keerins grandnephew, wife Joanne, children: Elyse, Erick, Errin, Emily

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

Mrs. Bonham Keerins
Signature of Owner

Please return forms to: Century Farm Program, Oregon Historical Society
1200 S. W. Park Ave., Portland, OR 97205-2483

Matthew
Keerins

No.

In the County Court of Contra Costa County,

of the

State of California.

Present: Hon. *Thomas A. Brown* Judge.

In the matter of the application of

IN OPEN COURT

Matthew Keerins
AN ALIEN,
To become a Citizen of the United States
of America.

August Term, A. D. 1879
this *4th* day of *August*.
A. D. 1879, as yet of said Term.

It appearing to the satisfaction of this Court, by the oaths of

Peter Gorman and *A. C. Durkin*
citizens of the United States of America, witnesses for that purpose, first duly sworn and examined,
that *Matthew Keerins*
a native of *Ireland*.

..... has resided
within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States five years at least, last past, and within
the State of California for one year last past; and that during all of said five years' time he has behaved
as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and
well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and it also appearing to the Court, by compe-
tent evidence, that the said applicant has heretofore, and more than two years since, and in due form of
law, declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States; and having now here, before this Court
taken an oath that he will support the Constitution of the United States of America, and that he doth ab-
solutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate,
State, or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to *Victoria Queen*

of Great Britain and Ireland

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said

Matthew Keerins be, and is hereby admitted and
declared to be a Citizen of the United States of America.

Thomas A. Brown
County Judge.

SIGNATURE: *Mat. Keerins*

[4-007.]

No. 590

HOMESTEAD APPLICATION.

Burns

Mathew Kerins

Spec. Agent

March 16, 1885.

Sec. 7, Town. 16, Range. 27 E.

N.S. Land Office, Burns, Ore
Suspended this 25th day of Feb'y 1895.
for the reason that said application is
unaccompanied by the proper naturalization papers.

A. A. Cowling
Received

Mar 16, 1895-

Proof of citizenship submitted.

Relieved from suspension and allowed

For sale by HENRY N. COBB, Washington D. C.

Thomas Jones
Register

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Affidavit of Publication.

State of Oregon, }
County of Grant, } SS

HOAMESTEAD CONSOLIDATED.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
U. S. Land Office, Burns, Oregon
September 20, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notice of intention to make final proof in support of their respective claims, and that said proofs will be made before the register and receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at Burns, Oregon, on November 10, 1897, viz:
Matthew Keerins, Homestead No. 500, for the E 1/4 NW 1/4 and E 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec 7, T 16 S, R 27 E.
Lafayette Shelby, Homestead No. 520, for the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and E 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec 11, T 17 S, R 27 E.
They name the following witnesses to prove their title to said claims, upon and cultivation of their respective claims, viz:
Matthew Keerins, Martin W. Bares, Owen Keerins, and Frank Harrison, all of 1202 Grant County, Oregon.
THOMAS JONES, Register.

I, D. J. Ashbury, being first duly sworn, say that I am Publisher of the Grant County News, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Canyon City, Grant Co., Or., and of general circulation. That the notice of Homestead final proof hereunto attached and made a part of this affidavit, was published in each and every entire issue thereof for six consecutive weeks, commencing with the issue dated Thursday, September 30 1897, and ending with the issue dated Thursday, November 4, 1897. And that said paper was regularly issued and circulated during the time stated.

D J Ashbury

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Nov 1897

George W. Leckert
Notary Public

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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Matthew Keerins! being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 590, for E 2 NW 1/4 E 2 SW 1/4 Sec 7 T 16 S. R. 27 E testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?

Ans. Matthew Keerins 46 years. Igen Oregon

Ques. 2.—Are you a native-born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?*

Ans. I am a naturalized citizen

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 590, at the Burns Ore land office on the 16 day of March, 1898 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am E 2 NW 1/4 E 2 SW 1/4 Sec 7 T 16 S R. 27 E.

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. In the spring of 1890 at the same time Log house 10x12 board roof 1 corral + bridge across the river Value \$1400.00

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. I am a bachelor I have lived there all the time except when away at work for wages and attending to business on account of sickness

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. I was absent during the years 1893-1894 about 2 years in the State of California on account of sickness and have been absent for months of time except the 2 year mentioned

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. I have used it for grazing purposes for my sheep and cattle every year and have cultivated some of it

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business?

Ans. No No No

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber, mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.

Ans. Grazing land. Hill land, only fit for grazing.

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. Not that I know of

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. I have not.

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No sir

Ques. 13.—Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)

Ans. Keep my sheep and cattle on this place and in the range near there.

Ques. 14.—Describe by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made, any other entry or filing (not mineral), made by you since August 30, 1890.

Ans. None made in filing or entry for any other land in my life.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Matthew Keerins

* (In case the party is of foreign birth a certified transcript from the court records of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, or of his naturalization, or a copy thereof, certified by the officer taking this proof, must be filed with the case. Evidence of naturalization is only required in final (five-year) homestead cases.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 10 day of Nov., 1897, at my office at Burns in Harney County, Oregon

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Thomas Jones
Register

NOTE.—The officer before whom the testimony is taken should call the attention of the witness to the following section of the Revised Statutes, and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

Title LXX.—CRIMES.—Ch. 4.

SEC. 5392. Every person who, having taken an oath before a competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed is true, willfully and contrary to such oath states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment, at hard labor, not more than five years, and shall, moreover, thereafter be incapable of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. (See §1750.)

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HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT

BURNS, OREGON.

Original Application No. 590.

Final Certificate No. 1468.

Approved: Thomas Jones, Register.

Thomas Jones, Receiver.

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FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION 2291 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Matthew Kurins, having made a Homestead entry of the E 2 NW 4 Section No. 7 in Township No. 16 S of Range No. 27 E, subject to entry at Burns Oregon under section No. 2289 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do now apply to perfect my claim thereto by virtue of section No. 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and for that purpose do solemnly swear that I was over 21 years of age and by naturalization a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated and resided upon said land since the 10 day of April, 1890 to the present time; that no part of said land has been alienated, except as provided in section 2288 of the Revised Statutes, but that I am the sole *bona fide* owner as an actual settler; that I will bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States; and, further, that I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made under the homestead laws of the United States, except

(Sign plainly full christian name.) Matthew Kurins

I, Thomas Jones, Register, of U. S. Land Office, do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Nov., 1897, at my office at Burns in Harney County, Oregon

Thomas Jones
Register

U. S. Land Office, Burns, Oregon.

I, Matthew Keerins, being first duly sworn, say that I am the identical person who made Homestead Entry No. 590, March 16, 1895 at the Burns, Oregon, Land Office, for the $E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$ and $E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T. 16 S., R. 27 E.

That my ^{given}~~own~~ name appears in my original homestead receipt No. 590 as Mathew, but that my true name is Matthew Keerins.

.....*Matthew Keerins*.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of November 1897.

.....*Thomas Jones*.....
Register.

Final Certificate No. 1468

Homestead Application No. 590

LAND OFFICE

AT

Burns, Oregon

Nov. 10, 1897

Sect. 7, Town 16 S, Range 27 E

Div. O, List No. 28

Approved July 14, 1898

Eddy, Clerk,

Division _____

Patented Aug. 5, 1898

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GRANT CO. LOSES ANOTHER VENERABLE PIONEER CITIZEN

Old Joe Keerins, For 50 Years One
Of Leading Citizens Of Izee
Community Dies Suddenly

Grant county lost another of its finest older citizens and pioneers on Wednesday when Joe Keerins rather suddenly died of heart failure. He became ill while at sheep camp, sent word to his home and was taken there in a car, and died a short time later and before medical aid could be secured.

Mr. Keerins was a very substantial citizen and had the respect of everyone. He, with his brothers and their sons were looked upon as among the best and most successful stockmen in this section.

Coming to the county in 1883, Mr. Keerins had lived here for about 52 years, and at Izee for 50 years.

Funeral services are to be held this morning at 10:00 a. m. from St. Andrews Catholic church at Canyon City, by Rev. Father Egan of Baker. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Joseph Henry Grattan Keerins was born in Kings county, Ireland, Nov. 1, 1863. He died at the family home at Izee, May 15, 1935, of heart trouble.

Mr. Keerins came to Grant county in 1883 and settled in Fox Valley, moving two years later to Izee where he had since made his home. He was married to Della Mae Bonham, in 1902.

He was a member of the Catholic church, of the Knights of Columbus, Elks lodge, and of the Grange.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Della Keerins; six children, Grattan, of Portland, Sam of John Day, and Joseph, Bonham, Mary and Robert of Izee, two brothers, Owen and David of Izee; four grandchildren; one nephew, J. W. Keerins of Izee; two nieces, Mrs. Stella Rhea of Canyon and Mrs. Lizzie Hasker of Livermore; and numerous other relatives and friends.

JOE KEERINS DIES SUDDENLY

Wednesday, after lunch, Joseph Henry Grattan Keerins lay down to sleep, to awaken on that other shore, where is no more death, and where life, eternal life, is like time everlasting unto everlasting.

And so Joe Keerins, peacefully and quietly passed on.

Funeral services will be held today, from St. Andrews Church, Canyon City at 11:00 a. m. and interment in the Catholic cemetery.

He was born in Kings County, Ireland, November 1, 1863 and died at his home in Izee, Wednesday, May 15th.

He complained for a day or two. He layed down Wednesday afternoon for a rest and and without a movement passed on into eternal sleep.

He came to Grant County in 1873 and first settled in Fox valley and two years later moved to Izee where he spent his life.

Surrounded by a large family he made the old home a rendezvous, or shrine for neighbors for 100 miles

around. Throw open the gate to his broad pastures and throw the key of the house away. That was the policy upon which he ran one of the largest sheep ranches in Eastern Oregon. Everything was free—a wonderful neighbor; ideal family man, husband, father, friend—Joe Keerins. It don't seem like we can get along without him.

Besides his widow he is survived by one daughter; Mary and five sons; Grattan of Portland, Sam of John Day, Joseph, Bonham and Robert of Izee, besides two brothers, Owen and David both of Izee and four grandchildren; one nephew J. D. Keerins of Izee and two nieces, Stella Rhea of Canyon City, and Mrs. Lizzie Hasker of Livermore, Calif., and many close friends.

STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF GRANT.



I, H. C. JARRELL, certify

that the foregoing is a true and correct copy, and the whole thereof, of the original

*Order admitting Joseph Keerins to Citizen
-ship of the United States of America*

as the same appears of record in my office and custody.

Witness my hand and seal this 6 day
of July 1885

H. C. Jarrell
County Clerk Grant County, Oregon.