

CFR 1010

Mrs. Bonham (Irene W.) and Michael E. Keerins

*(Owen Keerins)*

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1996 Redacted for Privacy

(Please print or type)

Telephone #: Redacted for Privacy

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

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:

Owen Keerins

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) resides Aug. 1886 - homestead  
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9). proof Dec. 15, 1894

Founder came to Oregon from King County, Ireland

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

Relationship to original owner niece-in-law & grandnephew

Are any of the original buildings still in use? YES

If yes, which ones? cellar, blacksmith shop, chicken, part of house first built in 1889

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: sheep, cattle, horses, native meadow for hay and common rye

planted for hay and maybe grain

What do you raise on the farm today? grazing, cattle, horses, sheep

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

Signature of Owner

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

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Board of E.A. 5-3-1894  
Plot No. 18  
No. 19

Confirmed by the Board  
July 5, 1895  
mmb Clerk

Final Certificate No. 328  
Homestead Application No. 3608

Div. C, List No. 193  
LAND OFFICE

AT

BURNS, OREGON.

January 31, 1895

Sect. 4 & 9, Town. 17<sup>th</sup>, Range 27<sup>E</sup>.

To B. of E.A. Rule 33. Proof not made within statutory period. Party was not pecuniarily able to submit proof. msm

1759140 Fed. Cert. of Nat. transmitted to the Commission, Du. + Nat. Service. etc. 3-6-39 City.

Approved July 13, 1895, msm, Clerk,

Division "B"

Patented Aug. 30, 1895

Recorded, Vol. 1, page 230

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Final Receiver's Receipt No. 328.

Application No. 3608.

# HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, Burns, Oregon.

January 31., 1895

Received of Owen Keerin the sum  
of Six dollars \_\_\_\_\_ cents,

being the balance of payment required by law for the entry of N<sup>2</sup>, SW<sup>4</sup>,  
and SE<sup>4</sup>, SW<sup>4</sup>, Sec. 4, and NE<sup>4</sup>, NW<sup>4</sup>,

of Section 9 in Township 17 S of Range 27 E.  
containing 160 acres, under Section 2291 of the  
Revised Statutes of the United States.

~~\$6.00~~

A. A. Cowing  
Receiver.

\$ 1.25 Testimony fee received. Number of written words, 555

Rate per 100 words 22 1/2 cents.

Issued by direction of Hon Com. Sitter "C" of January 1895

Affidavit of Publication.

State of Oregon, }  
County of Grant, } ss.

**HOMESTEAD CONSOLIDATED**  
 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
 Land Office at Burns, Oregon,  
 Nov. 1, 1894.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their respective claims, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Burns, Oregon, on December 15, 1894, viz:

JOSEPH KEERINS, Homestead No. 8607, for the SW1-4 SW1-4 Sec. 20, N1-2 NW1-4 and SE1-4 NW1-4 Sec. 29, Tp. 16 S, R. 27 E W M.

OWEN KEERINS, Homestead No. 3008, for the W1-2 SW1-4, SE1-4 S-W1-4, Sec 4, and NE1-4 NW1-4 Sec 9 Tp 17 S R 27 E W M.

They name the following witnesses to prove their continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: George Brisbols, Martin W. Bailey, T. B. Brannan, Lafayette Shelby, all of Grant county, Oregon.

THOMAS JONES, Register

I, D. J. Asbury, being first duly sworn, say I am

Publisher, Editor and Proprietor 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 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 of said paper dated Thursday, November 8 1894 and ending with the issue dated Thursday, December 13 1894. And that said paper was regularly issued and circulated during the times stated.

D J Asbury

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of December 1894

Wm H Kelley  
Notary Public  
for Oregon

# HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Owen Keerius, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 3608, for W<sup>2</sup> N<sup>2</sup> W<sup>4</sup> A. E. A. W<sup>4</sup> R. 27 E. T. 17 S. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Owen Keerius, 40 years, I give no address

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 was born in Michigan

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 3608, at the La Grange land office on the 13th day of September, 1886, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I was W<sup>2</sup> N<sup>2</sup> W<sup>4</sup> A. E. A. W<sup>4</sup> R. 27 E. T. 17 S. Sec. 9, T. 17 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. My house built 1886. It is a frame house 12x16. I have a well, a fence, a barn, a shed, a rail fence, a well, a well, a well. Total value \$500.00

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. None, my family, none

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. None, my family, none

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

Ans. Twenty acres, Eight seasons.

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

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. Practically all prairie, grazing land. 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. None, 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. I have not.

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. I have not.

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. I have made no other entry or filing since said date.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Owen Keerius

\* (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 15 day of December, 1894 at my office at Burns in Wamey 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.)

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT

**BURNS, OREGON.**

Original Application No. 3608

Final Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Register

Receiver

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FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION 2291 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Owen Keerins, having made a Homestead entry of the N<sup>W</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1/4 E<sup>st</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> R<sup>ange</sup> Section No. 9 in Township No. 17 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 am a citizen of the United States a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated and resided upon said land since the 15 day of August, 1886 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 with full Christian name.)

Owen Keerins

I, Thomas Jones Register of U. S. Land Office, do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of December, 1894, at my office at Burns in Wamey County, Oregon.

Thomas Jones  
Register

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

BURNS OREGON.

We hereby certify, that there has been no protest, or other objection, offered, or filed, in this office, against the approval of the final homestead proof of Owen Keerins, hereunto attached.

Witness our hands this 15th day of December,

A. D. 1894.

*Thomas Jones*

Register.

*H. A. Cowing*

Receiver.

# HOMESTEAD AFFIDAVIT

Under Section 2294, Revised Statutes, for settlers who cannot appear at the District Land Office.

## Office of the Clerk of the Court

For Grant County,

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1886.

I, Owen Keerins, of Canyon City Oregon, having filed my Homestead Application No. 3608, do solemnly swear that I am a naturalized citizen of the United States and over the age of 21 years

that said application No. 3608 is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation; that said entry is made for my exclusive use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; that I am now residing on the land I desire to enter, and that I have made a bona fide improvement and settlement thereon; that said settlement was commenced Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1885

that my improvements consist of a house, fencing, land in cultivation, & meadow

and that the value of the same is \$ 200<sup>00</sup>; that owing to the distance from the office (200<sup>00</sup> miles)

I am unable to appear at the District Land Office to make this affidavit, and that I have never before made a homestead entry except

Owen Keerins

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1886.

and I further certify that said Owen Keerins is to me personally known

H. J. Farrell  
Clerk of the Court for Grant County  
State of Oregon

NOTE.—The claimant must fill up the blank places above, showing whether he is the head of a family or over twenty-one years of age; whether a native citizen, or has declared his intention to become a citizen; whether he and his family, or some member thereof, is residing on the land, giving the date of actual settlement, describing the dwelling-house and improvements, and stating the value of the same, and stating reason for not appearing at the District Land Office. If claimant ever before made a homestead entry, describe the same; if not, draw a line over the word "except."

U.S. Land Office  
Deerme, Oregon  
Dec 15, 1894

State of Oregon  
County of Harney

I Owen Keerins being first duly sworn say on oath, that I saw the identical person whom made Homestead Entry No 3608, at La Grande Oregon Land Office on the 13th day of September 1886, for NW 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 14 + NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 17 T. 17 N. R. 27 E. and who duly submitted final proof therefor at the Deerme Oregon Land Office on December 15, 1894.

That I did not submit final proof on said Entry prior to the expiration of the seven year period for the following reasons:-

Said land is situated about 50 miles from Deerme, Oregon, and about 45 miles from Canyon City Ore, the only places at which said proof could be made.

To appear at either place and make proof would cost, at the least calculation 3 days

I have not prior to this time been pecuniarily able to appear with my witnesses and submit the proof required by law.

Owen Keerins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December 1894

Thomas Jones  
Register

Martin W. Bailey and George Brisbois being each duly sworn & say I saw and recognize to wit Owen Keerins the person named affiant know him to be a reputable person, and believe the statements in his foregoing affidavit to be the truth.

Martin W. Bailey  
George Brisbois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of

No. 62

In the Superior Court of the City and County of San Francisco,

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

PRESENT: Hon. John Hunt Jr JUDGE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

IN OPEN COURT,

Owen Keirins

Department No. 5

THIS 10th DAY OF November

AN ALIEN,  
TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A. D. 1880

IT APPEARING TO THE SATISFACTION OF THIS COURT, BY THE OATHS OF

Thomas Rooney and

Citizens of the United States of America, witnesses for that purpose, first duly sworn and examined, that

Owen Keirins  
Ireland

a native of

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 competent 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 absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty

whenever, and particularly to

Queen of Great Britain and  
Ireland and Empress of India

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that the said

Owen Keirins

be, and he

is hereby admitted and declared to be a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SIGNATURE: Owen Keirins RESIDENCE: Livermore, Cal. Co. Cal. JUDGE

WITNESSES:

SIGNATURE: Thomas Rooney RESIDENCE: 2519, Sardinia St

SIGNATURE: Richard O Connor RESIDENCE: 424 Broadway St

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. } ss.

I, WILLIAM A. STUART, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court, in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, said Court being a Court of Record having common law jurisdiction and a Clerk and Seal, do certify that the above is a true copy of the Act of Naturalization of

Owen Keirins

as the same appears upon the Records of said Court, now in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty- and in the year of our Independence the one hundred and fifth

By Geo. O. Lewis WILLIAM A. STUART, CLERK, DEPUTY CLERK.

Newspaper Clipping

OWEN Keerins

(Contributed)

The community was greatly shocked to hear of the death of Owen Keerins. He was sick only a few days and was taken to the Grant County hospital where he died, January 26th, of pneumonia, at the age of 85 years, four months and 13 days.

"Uncle Owen" as he was known by his many friends was a kind and loving neighbor and will be sadly missed.

Owen Keerins was born in Kings county, Ireland on September 15, 18~~84~~ He came to this country with his brothers who for a few years lived in California. He then came to Fox valley, where he settled, later moving to the Izee country where he made his home up until the time of his death.

He was united in marriage to Addie Harrison in 1897 and to that union was born one son, J. D. Keerins and one daughter, Stella Rhea. Besides his son and daughter, he is survived by three step-children: Mrs. Tom Masson of Mt. Vernon; F. B. Harrison of Mt. Vernon; J. L. Harrison of Gervas, Ore.; eight grandchildren; five nephews; two nieces, one sister-in-law, Mrs. Della Keerins of Izee.

Funeral services were held from St. Elizabeth's church in John Day and interment was in the Canyon City Catholic cemetery.

Funeral was under the direction of the Driskill Mortuary.