

CFR 0117

Mrs. Magdalene Nichols

Riddle Oreg
Aug 15-58

Sec. of State
Salem Oreg-

Dear Sir:-

I just learned this morning that you are listing names of Oregon Farms settled by ancestors 100 or more years ago.

My husbands Grandfather was married and took up this place in 1852 and it has been lived on by the Nichols family ever since.

How do I go about entering this place.

Respectfully
Mrs S. R. Nichols

Box 7

Riddle Oreg

CENTURY FARM REGISTRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR -- SEPTEMBER 8, 1959

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1. Name: Mrs Magdalene Nichole

2. Postoffice Address: Riddle, Oregon

3. County in which your farm is located: Douglas

4. How old is your farm? 107 years. How old are you? 59.

5. Who founded your Century Farm? Israel Boyd Nichole

6. How many miles did you travel to come today? 177

7. Did you receive a Century Farm award at last year's State Fair? no

8. Do you have Century Farm land on both husband and wife sides of the family? no

9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? one

10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1959 Oregon State Fair? none

What are they? _____

11. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your county Historical Society? one year

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Israel Boyde Nichols was born in Muskingdum county, Ohio, near the town of McConnisville, September 22, 1824. Died at Salem, Oregon, May 28, 1893, and was buried in the cemetery near this place May 30. In the fall of 1842 he located in the southern part of Iowa and engaged in farming one year and then joined a train coming to Oregon with ox teams. On arriving on the Humboldt river the train separated—three of the wagons taking the California trail. With the latter was Mr. Nichols. With but few mishaps they arrived at the Santa Clara Mission October 1847 where he made his first home. In the spring of 1848 he went to Santa Cruz county, where he remained until the gold discovery. Mr. Nichols was among the first to enter the mining district at Sutter's Fort and for the following two years engaged in mining and keeping stores at different camps until the spring of 1851, when he came with a pack train to Oregon. He, at that time passed through the beautiful Cow creek valley, which he has since made his home. On his first arrival in the state he engaged in the stock business, and in 1852 concluded to locate, and then took up a donation claim, where the family now reside. He added to the estate by purchase until now it consists of 1,500 acres, on which is a fine residence and other modern improvements. During the Indian war of 1853-6, Mr. Nichols took an active part, serving under General Phil. Kearney and Gen. Lane. Suffice it to say, there were few men in the Rogue river wars possessing more true courage and daring, and who would sacrifice more for his fellow man than Mr. Nichols. After a residence of 45 years on the Pacific coast—thirty-five of which were spent on the homestead near this place—he had collected sufficient of this world's goods to be able to take the comforts of a well spent life, enjoying the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. Mr. Nichols was united in marriage in 1852 to Miss Isabel Riddle, a native of Ohio. By this union they had a family of twelve children, eleven of whom are living.

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