

CFR 0193

Otto E. Evans

Otto E. Alfard  
Engine, Oregon  
756 Sunnyside Dr.

Dillard Alfard  
Harrisburg, Oregon.

Mrs. Wilbur Evans  
→ (Velma Alfard Evans)  
Halsey, Oregon.

Above are  
present owners.  
Property described on affidavit.



RUSSELL ALFORD

Was born in the year 1824, in Clayborne., Tennessee. When he was about 7 years old his father moved to Missouri where he grew to manhood. During his boyhood he had no opportunity for getting an education, it being a new county and there being no schools, and besides, he had to work very hard, as did every one at that early day. Through habits of industry, and careful observation, he gradually fitted himself for a successful business life. Mr. Alford remained in Sheridan County until the Mexican war broke out. He had been a successful farmer, and had accumulated considerable means. At the call for volunteers for the war, he enlisted in Capt. Hally's company of Price's regiment. After the war he returned home and went to farming, meeting with good success.

In May 1848, he married Miss Martha Jane Rodgers, who was born in Missouri. She was the daughter of Jesse and Ruth Rodgers, who came to Missouri among its first settlers. After marriage they remained in Missouri until the spring of 1850, when they started for the Willamette Valley, Oregon, going overland by ox teams.

This trip was a long and tedious one, occupying about 7 months and entailing a great deal of sickness and other trouble. He lost one child, which was buried on Willow Creek.

They arrived in the valley late in the fall of the same year. The mountains were covered with snow and the emigrants were unable to cross, but had to come down the Columbia River in little flat boats. The first winter Mr. Alford remained near Oregon City. In the following spring he moved up the Willamette near the present site of Harrisburg, and took up a donation claim, which he now owns.

- - -Excerpt from Illustrated Historical Atlas Map  
Marion and Linn Counties  
Dated 1878.





STATE OF OREGON,

County of Linn

} ss.

I, Velma Evans, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am a daughter of Albert Austin Alford and who was a son of Russell Alford.

I further depose and say that Russell Alford homesteaded that tract of land in Sections 32 and 33, Township 14 South Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon, which is now designated as the Russell Alford Donation Land Claim, in 1851. Upon his death, my father, Albert Austin Alford, inherited 67 acres of the above mentioned tract and which he held until his death. Through inheritance, my two brothers; Otto E. Alford and Dillard Alford, and myself became the owners of the said 67 acre tract; and whic we now hold in joint ownership. Through this line of inheritance, this part of the Russell Alford Donation Land Claim has been in continuous possession of the Alford family for more than 100 years.

The present owners are now living in Oregon

Velma Evans

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 19 58.

July 19-1958  
Accepted this date  
E. G. Arnold Co Judge  
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Wm. W. W. Lee

Notary Public for Oregon.

My Commission Expires August 13, 1958.



(FORM No. 61)

# Affidavit of

Velma Evans



*Notary Public*  
*Notary Public for Oregon*  
*Notary Public for Oregon*

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_