

CFR 0288

Edythe Carey

APPLICATION FOR CENTURE FARM HONORS

Location and size of farm Southeast of Brooks Oregon

Present owner Edythe M. Cary

Address 249 S. Cottage Salem Oregon

Do you live on this farm and farm the land? No.

Do you make \$150 a year or
more from this farm? yes.

If you live off this land, do you manage
the farm operation? rent the farm

Name and date of first generation owner Thomas Moisan
July 4, 1842

Brief description of farm 36 grain land and
54 B. cow dair. (Labsale)
Part of Donatio land of Thomas Moisan

History

Edythe M. Cary.
Signature of present owner

STATE OF OREGON)
) SS
COUNTY OF MARION)

On this 14 day of July, 1958, before me, a notary public, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Edythe Cary, KNOWN TO ME (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that 5 he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Jay B. Dayal
Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission Expires Jan. 22, 1959

Address of person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument
2412 S. 2nd St. Portland, Ore.

Do you make \$150 a year or more from this farm?
yes

If you live off this land, do you manage the farm operation?
yes

Name and date of first generation owner
James M. Cary 1874

Brief description of farm
3 1/2 acres of land

Signature of present owner
Edythe M. Cary

History

ON SEPTEMBER 2ND.."CENTURY FARMERS DAY" WAS OBSERVED AT THE
OREGON STATE FAIR IN SALEM...WITH ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION FOR
FILM..... THE OLDEST FARM IN THE STATE. TODAY WE VISITED THAT FARM..
DETERMINED BY THE RECORDS AVAILABLE TO THE OREGON HISTORICAL
SOCIETY...THE ALEXANDER MOISAN FARM LOCATED NEAR BROOKS.

IT WAS ORIGINALLY A DONATION CLAIM OF 640 ACRES UNDER THE
NAME OF THOMAS MOISAN, A FRENCH CANADIAN FROM MONTREAL. A
FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY UNDER McLAUGHLIN,
HE CAME TO FRENCH PRAIRIE..STAKED HIS CLAIM AND THEN WENT ON
TO CALIFORNIA. HE RETURNED TO ERECT THIS HOUSE IN 1856, FOR
HIS BRIDE, HENRIETTA LONGATIN, WHOM HE MET AT FORT VANCOUVER.
A WITNESS AT THE WEDDING WAS FRANCIS RIVET WHO ACCOMPANIED
THE LEWIS AND CLARK PARTY TO THE OREGON COUNTRY IN 1805. THE
EXISTING HOME OCCUPIED NOW BY ALVENIA LANIUS MOISAN..A PRETENTIOUS
DWELLING FOR 1856..WAS BUILD OF SAWED LUMBER, PLANED BY 2 FRENCH
MEN OVER A PERIOD OF 2 YEARS.

ONE UNUSUAL FEATURE ABOUT THE HOME..IS THE 8X 8 FOOT COUPOLOW
ON THE VERY TOP OF THE BUILDING. IT CONTAINS NOW..A SMALL, HAND
MADE DESK HOUSING SEVERAL BOOKS WRITTEN IN FRENCH AND ONE ENGLISH
NOVEL.."A STUDY IN SCARLET".."BY SHERLOCK HOLMES.MRS MOISAN USED
TO SIT BY THE WINDOW AND WATCH THE STAGE COACHES, DRAWN BY 6
HORSES..THRU A SPY GLASS.

THE FAMILY, THRU THE GENERATIONS..HAS MAINTAINED THE FARM..AS
CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.

MEMBERS OF THE 4TH GENERATION..JERRY BARCHUS AND MARGARET
AND JOHN CAREY.

JERRY TOLD US HIS GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER TRADED TIMBER LAND
FOR ABOUT 65 ACRES OF BEAVER DAM. HE WAS CHIDED BY HIS FRIENDS
FOR TRADING TIMBER FOR SWAMP. HE WAS OVERHEARD TO SAY.. "MY
CHILDREN'S CHILDREN WILL DERIVE MANY TIMES THE VALUE FROM THIS
"SWAMP" THAN THEY EVER WOULD FROM THE TIMBER." THE LAND IS NOW
KNOWN AS LAKE LA BISH..ONE OF THE MOST FERTILE ACREAGES IN THE
NORTHWEST. THE LAND PRODUCES THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF ONIONS
RAISED IN THE STATE.

THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORS THE MOISAN FARM AND FAMILY
AS PART OF THEIR PERPETUAL PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH AN IDENTITY
WITH THE PAST AND THE LAND WHICH HAS SUPPORTED THE PEOPLE OF
OREGON.