

CFR 0291

Ada and E. L. Crawford

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF OREGON)
 (ss.
County of MARION)

I, Ada A. Crawford, being first duly sworn, say that I was born on April 10, 1877, on premises situated between Turner and Marion, in Marion County, Oregon, which premises are located in the north one-half of the William Morris and Elizabeth Morris D.L.C.

That my father, William Morris, was born in Currituck County, North Carolina, on February 23, 1829. That he emigrated to Iowa in 1834 and from there started for Oregon on March 20, 1850, arriving in Oregon on November 1, 1850, and that he lived the remainder of his life in Marion County, Oregon.

That he was married to Miss Elizabeth Cornelius March 2, 1851, and that she died April 27, 1863. That thereafter he married Martha Jane Funston May 8, 1871, and that I was born as a child of this marriage.

That in 1850 my father first filed on the William Morris and Elizabeth Morris D.L.C. under the provisions of the act of Congress approved the 27th of September, 1850, entitled "An act to create the office of Surveyor General of the public lands in Oregon and to provide for the survey and to make donations to settlers of said public lands", and that a patent to said lands was issued to him and Elizabeth Morris, his then wife, on January 24, 1866.

By the terms of the Last Will and Testament of the said William C. Morris, dated April 6, 1883, the north one-half of this D.L.C. was devised to my mother, Martha Jane Funston, and to myself.

That at the present time 220 acres of land in this location are still owned by myself and by my son, E. L. Crawford, and my daughter-in-law, Dorothy Crawford, and that we own the same at the present time.

That this affidavit is based in part upon my own personal knowledge and in part upon family records, including a family Bible, all of which are in my possession. That on March 14, 1872, W. C. Morris, my father, wrote a letter to a historical society, a copy of which is hereunto attached and tendered in support of this affidavit.

Ada A Crawford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of May, 1958.

E. H. [Signature]

Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission expires: May 10, 1959

March 14, A.D. 1872

Turner

Marion County

Mr Gray

Oregon

Dear Sir,

Seeing in the ^cOrgonian a request for the Old Pioneers, who so desired, to send in their names and become members of "The Pioneer & Historical Society of Oregon." I will begin by stating that I was born in Cyrrytuck County North Carolina February 23d 1829. Emigrated to Iowa in the fall of 1834, lived in Des Moines County (3 miles south of Burlington 4 mile from Mississippi River) until March 20th 1850 then started for Oregon with 4 yoke of oxen and wagon, had a long, but rather pleasant trip across the plains, come by way of California. The 1st of November 1850 I stayed over night at your town (~~Astoria~~), since that time have lived in Marion County near Salem.

Was married to Miss Elizabeth Cornelius March 2nd 1851. She died April 27, 1863.

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I have paid my old Play-Ground in Iowa two visits, one in 1870, one in 1871 during which I was married May 8th 1871 to Miss-Martha Jane Funston of Leeroy, Iowa, who was born in Cook County, Ill. near Chicago, December 2nd, 1847. I still live on the Old Donation claim.

I truly wish "The Society" God Speed.

Any questions regarding the trip, I will
be pleased to answer.

If you consider my name acceptable,
please place on record.

Yours truly

William Charles Morris

Turner

Marion Co

Oregon.

E. L. CRAWFORD
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T. A. LIVESLEY BUILDING
SALEM, OREGON

September 11, 1958

Mr. Thomas Vaughn
Director Oregon Historical Society
235 S. W. Market St.
Portland 1, Oregon

Dear Mr. Vaughn:

Both my mother and I are very pleased with the century farm certificates that were issued to us for my grandfather, William Morris, who came to what is now Marion County in 1850.

Unfortunately, however, one certificate is dated 1850 and the other is dated 1851.

1850 is the correct date and I would appreciate your advising me as to how I can secure a correction with respect to the certificate that is erroneously dated.

Very truly yours,



E. L. CRAWFORD

ELC:dp

Marion

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October 29, 1958

Mr. E. L. Crawford
T. A. Livesley Building
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. Livesley:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter of September 11. I delayed in order to present any Century Farm Corrections to the calligrapher at one time.

We will arrange to have your certificate corrected from 1851 to 1850. Please send the erroneous one to the Oregon Historical Society, and I will return it as soon as possible.

Very sincerely,

Judith Scharf
Public service representative