

CFR 0356

Asel C. Eoff

U.S. Census Definition of a Farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or, if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS--1965
(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: June 15, 1965

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) MR. ASEL C. EOFF

Your address: Route 8162 STATE STREET P.O. Box _____ Town SALEM

Location of farm: 8162 STATE STREET, SALEM, OREGON MARION
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today 126. Acres in original farm 640.

Does your farm comply with U.S. Census definition at top of page? YES

Name of founder of farm (please print): J. L. EOFF

Year founder settled on farm? 1848. Where did he come from? IOWA

How many families have farmed this land? FOUR

Are any of original buildings still in use? NONE

Who farms land today? You YES? A renter NO? A manager NO? Other NO

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? LIVE ON FARM

What relation are you to the original owner? GREAT GRANDSON

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list GRAIN, PUREBRED WORK HORSES, SHEEP

What do you raise on farm today? GRAIN HAY

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) ONE - ASEL C. EOFF

Has the farm ever been rented? NO. How many times has original farm been divided? ONCE

PLEASE list on separate page attached other historical facts you know about this farm.

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? I DO

Signature of Owner

SUBMITTED BY:

_____ (Name and address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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The United States of America

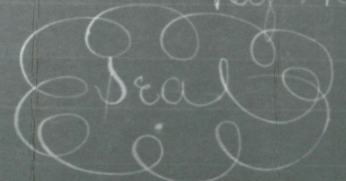
To all to whom these Presents shall come
 Greeting: Whereas there has been deposited in the
 General Land Office of the United States a certificate
 numbered Three Hundred and nine of the Register and
 Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon Territory, whereby it
 appears that under the provisions of the act of Cong-
 ress approved the 24th day 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 the said Public
 lands" the claim of George Goff and his wife Nancy
 Goff of Marion County, Oregon Territory, Notification N^o 8
 has been established to a donation of one section or
 six hundred and forty acres of land and that the
 same has been surveyed and designated as claim
 N^o 46 being parts of sections 30^{and} 31 in Township Seven
 South of Range one West and claim N^o 40 being parts of
 sections 25^{and} 36 in Township Seven South of Range two West
 according to the official Plat of Survey returned to
 the General Land Office by the Surveyor General
 being bounded and described as follows to wit:

Beginning at a point sixteen chains and sixty two links West
 and seven chains and eighty four links North of the South
 East corner of Section Thirty in Township Seven South of
 Range one West thence West eighty chains and sixty two
 links thence South seventy nine chains and ninety five
 links thence East seventy nine chains and thirty links
 and thence North fifty two minutes East eighty chains to
 the place of beginning, the W. 1/2 of the said Section, Oregon
 Territory, containing six hundred and thirty nine acres
 and forty seven hundredths of an acre

Now Know Ye, that the United States of America
 in consideration of the premises and in conformity
 with the provision of the act aforesaid have given
 and granted and by these Presents do give and
 grant unto the said George Goff the South half
 and unto his wife Nancy Goff the North half of
 the tract of land above described to have and
 to hold the said tract with the appurtenances
 unto the said George Goff and his wife Nancy
 Goff and to their heirs and assigns forever, their
 respective portions as aforesaid
 The Testimony Whereof James Buchanan
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These letters to be made Patent and the Seal of
 the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed
 Given under my Hand, at the City of Washington
 this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord
 One thousand eight hundred and fifty nine and of
 the independence of the United States the eighty third



By the President
 James Buchanan
 by T. J. Albright Secretary
 J. N. Granger Recorder of the General Land Office

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 Geo W Case

Recorder

Was submitted in witness that A. J. Brown and S. P. Brown

IN MEMORIAM.

George Eoff, who died at his home in Macleay, Friday, Oct. 18th, 1890, was born in Pulaaki county, Kentucky, April 29th, 1807. In 1833, in company with his brother, J. L. Eoff, he went to Indiana and Illinois and finally made himself a home in Iowa in the spring of 1834. On the 7th of January, 1841, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Cooper English, of Jerseyville, Illinois, a niece of the late Capt. L. N. English, of Howell prairie, and a cousin of Hon. Wm. H. English, of Indiana.

In the early spring of 1847 Mr. Eoff joined that restless and untiring throng which wended its way across the Rocky mountains in search of a newer and better land.

The next year he settled on the donation land claim on or near which he continued to live until the day of his death.

Mr. Eoff was a man whose physical constitution was cast in a remarkably robust mold, and was the victim during different stages of his life of a series of accidents, that would have proved fatal to one of less nerve and will power.

During the first week in July, 1876, while hauling hay a team ran away with him and broke both legs at the ankles. Though 70 years of age he recovered and up to within a year of his death was noted for his industry and impatience with the thought of being dependent upon others for assistance of any kind.

In September, 1887, in company with the writer, he started to visit his "old Kentucky home," which he had not seen for fifty-four years, but, meeting with an accident in Illinois, was compelled to return home without the gratification of a longing that had been his for many years.

During his residence in Oregon of forty-three years he prospered financially and leaves his childless widow in comfortable circumstances. Many years ago he joined the Christian church, and he died in the full hope of a life beyond the grave, where sorrows and disappointments are drowned in the crystal sea of eternal happiness.

"Uncle George" is gone, and the earliest recollections of my childhood come weeping past me as I peer into the mire and trust and hope and believe that all may be well.

A MURDERER HANG

Sketch of J. L. Eoff.

J. L. Eoff, for a half century a resident of Marion county, passed away at the family home, near Macleay, at an early hour Wednesday, after an illness of several years, aged 86 years, months and 29 days.

John Leonard Eoff was born in Pulaaski county, Kentucky, July 2, 1812. He was married on February 1, 1833, to Miss Mary Ann Routen, and together the young couple left their home and friends and, crossing over into Indiana, settled there. Here, however, they remained but one year, when they moved to Illinois, and, in 1841, they moved into Iowa, crossing the Mississippi river on the ice on March 1 of that year, and locating at Burlington. After remaining here a few years Mr. Eoff selected a location in Davis county, of that state. Here they remained until 1847, when the fame of Oregon had penetrated Iowa, and the hardy pioneer, with his family and brother, started across the plains for the Pacific coast, arriving here that summer, and, selecting a donation land claim in the southern portion of Howell prairie, he located on it in 1848, and has remained there ever since—a term of over half a century—dying on the place which he, himself, selected and brought into a high state of cultivation.

Ten children were born to the hardy pioneer family, but two or whom, however, survive their parents—a daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Ann Geer, of Oakland, California, mother of Gov. T. T. Geer, and a son, Geo. W. Eoff, who lives on the old homestead, and has for the past eight years looked after the wants and needs of his aged parents. The helpmate of Mr. Eoff, the grandmother of Oregon's governor, died in January, 1890. In addition to the son and daughter mentioned above, he leaves fifteen grandchildren, one of whom is Oregon's governor, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild—Eugene Geer Downing, only grandson of the governor, at present a pupil in one of Salem's kindergartens.

Mr. Eoff was an earnest and enthusiastic member of the Christian church, having been a church member for over sixty years.

The immediate cause of death was paralysis. Several years ago Mr. Eoff suffered a stroke, and he gradually grew weaker until, after suffering another attack ten days ago, he sank rapidly.

The family is a long-lived one, a brother of the deceased having died in 1890, at the age of 83, while the father of Mr. Eoff died in the old Kentucky homestead a number of years ago, at the age of 90 years. He was buried on the old homestead in that state, and, when Governor Geer was at the old family farm, a few years ago, he visited the grave.

The deceased pioneer was a quiet, unassuming man, a good citizen and a hard worker. He never sought public office, and while widely known and respected, could not be induced to enter the arena of politics and public life for his own benefit.

A Boy on Main

FROM THURS

NOTED PIONEER'S DEATH

JOHN LEONARD EOFF PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY.

Was the Grandfather of Gov. T. T. Geer—Came to Oregon in 1847, from Kentucky.

(From Daily February 2d.)

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DANGEROUSLY ILL.

J. L. Eoff, a Pioneer of 1847, and the Grandfather of Governor T. T. Geer, is Dying.

J. L. Eoff, of Macleay, grandfather of Gov. T. T. Geer, is lying at the point of death at the family homestead, and all hopes for his recovery have been abandoned by the family of the aged sufferer. Governor Geer, on Monday afternoon, was called to the bedside of the patient, and spent several hours in the sick room, but his relative had been unconscious for twenty-four hours previous to the governor's arrival, and did not recover consciousness, hence was unaware of his visitor's presence. The governor said yesterday he feared that his grandfather, at best, could not survive more than a few days.

Mr. Eoff is a pioneer of the early days of Oregon, having come to the state in 1847, at which time he took up a donation land claim in the Waldo hills, where he has since resided. He was 86 years old in July, 1898.

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