

CFR 0380

Edith E. Burch

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County of Polk )  
State of Oregon ) SS

Ford D20  
Rickreall, Ore

I, Edith E. Burch, residing at Rickreall, County of Polk, State of Oregon, being first duly sworn, under oath depose and say:

- 1. That I am a granddaughter of Nathaniel Ford and Lucinda D. Ford.
- 2. That I am a daughter of Sarah Elizabeth Ford, who was a daughter of Nathaniel Ford and Lucinda D. Ford; that Sarah Elizabeth Ford was united in marriage to Samuel T. Burch, my father, on January 15, 1856.
- 3. That, according to the family records, Nathaniel Ford and Lucinda D. Ford, with their children, arrived in Oregon City on the 7th day of December, 1844, and rented a cabin for the winter from Dr. McLoughlin.

A few days after his arrival in Oregon City, Nathaniel Ford, at the suggestion of Dr. McLoughlin, came on up the valley to the home of Mr. Applegate. Thence he continued on to the Rickreall Creek where he located three claims along the creek. One to the west for his brother-in-law Carey Embree. One to the east for his brother-in-law David Goff. He chose the middle claim for himself, purchasing squatter's rights from a man named Billy Doake for \$25.

Early in the spring of 1845, the Ford family came to their claim on the Rickreall Creek and established their home.

4. That I have in my possession the original Land Grant document issued to Nathaniel Ford and Lucinda D. Ford. Certificate No. 85, dated October 16, 1858. Signed by President James Buchanan. Recorded in Vol. 1, Page 32, Government Records.

5. That I have in my possession a deed from Lucinda D. Ford to Sarah E. Burch and Samuel T. Burch, signed July 15, 1870, conveying all that portion of her original Donation Land Claim remaining in her possession at that date. Said deed is recorded in Vol. 6, Page 435, Polk County Records.

6. That title to a portion of the land conveyed by Lucinda D. Ford, our grandmother, to Sarah E. Burch, our mother, is now held jointly by my sisters Mary E. Burch and S. Aurelia Burch and myself; that we now reside thereon; that said title came to us by the provisions of a Will executed in duplicate by our parents and now recorded in the Polk County Records; and that we now own 126 Acres of the original Donation Land Claim of our grandparents, Nathaniel Ford and Lucinda D. Ford.

Tax records will show continuous ownership.

Edith E. Burch

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Oregon, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1958.

Paul A. Woodman



My commission expires **NOTARY PUBLIC FOR OREGON**  
My Commission Expires July 9, 1959