

CFR 0556

Mrs. Bonham Keerins (Irene W.)

*(Joseph Keerins)*

## APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1996

(Please print or type)

Telephone #: Redacted for PrivacyYour Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) Bonham Keerins (Irene W.)Your Address Redacted for Privacy

Street, Route or Box #

City

Zip Code

Location of Farm Izee Oregon of Grant County

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1,000.00 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm honors. Does your farm meet this qualification? YES

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm:

Joseph Keerins

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) resides in 1886 Aug. 1 - homestead  
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9). proof 5 Dec. 1894

Founder came to Oregon from King County, IrelandWho farms the land today? Mrs. Bonham Keerins (Irene W.)Relationship to original owner daughter-in-lawAre any of the original buildings still in use? NO

If yes, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: grazing, sheep, cattle, horses

What do you raise on the farm today? grazing, cattle, horsesHow many generations live on the farm today? ThreePlease list names: Mrs. Bonham Keerins (Irene W.) daughter-in-law, Michael E.Keerins grandson, wife Joanne, Children: Elyse, Erick, Errin, Emily

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

Mrs. Bonham Keerins  
Signature of Owner

Please return forms to: Century Farm Program, Oregon Historical Society  
1200 S. W. Park Ave., Portland, OR 97205-2483



Joseph  
Keeins



U. S. Land Office  
Burns Oregon  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1894

State of Oregon } ss.  
County of Harney

I, Joseph Keerins being first duly sworn, say on oath, that I am the identical person who made Homestead Entry No 3607, at the L. L. and O. Oregon Land Office, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1886, for the SW<sup>1/4</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> Sec 20 or 22 T20N, R6E N20W Sec 29 Tp 16, South Range 27 East and who submitted final proof therefor at the Burns Oregon Land Office, on December 15, 1894.

That I did not submit final proof on said entry prior to the expiration of the seven year period, for the following reasons:-

Said land is situated about 5.0 miles from Burns Oregon, and about 45 miles from Pungen City, Oregon, the only place at which said proof could be made.

To appear at either place and make proof would take, at the least calculation, 3 days.

I have not prior to this time been pecuniarily able to appear with my witnesses and submit the proof required by law.

Joseph Keerins  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1894.

Thomas Jones  
Register

Martin W. Bailey and George Brisbois being each duly sworn, say, I am well acquainted with Joseph Keerins the above named applicant, know him to be a reputable person, and believe the statements made in his foregoing affidavit to be the truth.

Martin W. Bailey  
George Brisbois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day



of December A. D. 1894.

Thomas Jones  
Register

[4-007.]

No. 3607

HOMESTEAD APPLICATION.

Joseph Kurins  
La Grande Poudre  
Sep 13, 1886.

Sec. <sup>20</sup>~~29~~, Town. 16 S, Range 27 E  
"C" to R. Jan. 19, 1895 -  
Ct to issue H. E. H.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 15 day of December, 1894, at my office at U.S. Land Office Burns in Harney County, Oregon

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

NOTE.—The officer before whom the testimony is taken should call the attention of the witness to the following section of the Revised Statutes, and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

Title LXX.—CRIMES.—Ch. 4.

SEC. 5392. Every person who, having taken an oath before a competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any ~~written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate~~ by him subscribed is true, willfully and contrary to such oath states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment, at hard labor, not more than five years, and shall, moreover, thereafter be incapable of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. (See § 1750.)

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT

**BURNS, OREGON.**

Original Application No. 3647

Final Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Register

Receiver

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## FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION 2291 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Joseph Keerins, having made a Homestead entry of the SW<sup>1</sup> SW<sup>1</sup> Sec 20 94 of Range No. 27 E Section No. 29 in Township No. 16 D of Range No. 27 E, subject to entry at Burns, Oregon under section No. 2289 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do now apply to perfect my claim thereto by virtue of section No. 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and for that purpose do solemnly swear that I am a naturalized citizen of the U.S. over 21 years of age a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated and resided upon said land since the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1886 to the present time; that no part of said land has been alienated, except as provided in section 2288 of the Revised Statutes, but that I am the sole *bona fide* owner as an actual settler; that I will bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States; and, further, that I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made under the homestead laws of the United States, except \_\_\_\_\_

(Sign plainly with full Christian name.)

I, A. A. Cowing, Receiver, of U.S. Land Office Burns, Oregon, do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of December, 1894, at my office at U.S. Land Office Burns in Harney County, Oregon

A. A. Cowing  
Receiver



# HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Joseph Keerius, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 3607, for SW<sup>4</sup>SW<sup>4</sup>Sec 20 N<sup>2</sup>NW<sup>4</sup> & SE<sup>4</sup>NW<sup>4</sup>Sec 29 T.16. R.27 E testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?

Ans. Joseph Keerius. 33 years. Izee. Grant Co Oregon

Ques. 2.—Are you a native-born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?\*

Ans. I am a naturalized citizen

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 3607, at the La Grande land office on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of

September, 1886, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. SW<sup>4</sup>SW<sup>4</sup>Sec 20 & N<sup>2</sup>NW<sup>4</sup> & SE<sup>4</sup>NW<sup>4</sup>Sec 29 T.16. R.27. E.

#1 I am the identical person who made said application.

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. The house was built prior to August 1886 and I established actual residence therein about August 1<sup>st</sup> 1886. Log house. 14x16 boards about 60 acres fenced post & wire fence. Total value \$300.00

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Myself (I am unmarried) I have resided there continuously since first establishing residence thereon August 1. 1886

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. I have not been absent only for short intervals at work or on business and when absent as aforesaid at work it was to earn money to improve the said Homestead.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season, and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. About 20 acres.

Five seasons

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business?

Ans. No Sir

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber, mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.

Ans. It is mountainous grazing land mostly. There is about 30 acres of farming land and the balance of the tract is grazing hill lands.

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. Not to my knowledge. It is more valuable for agricultural purposes.

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. No Sir

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No Sir

Ques. 13.—Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)

Ans. No Sir

Ques. 14.—Describe by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made, any other entry or filing (not mineral), made by you since August 30, 1890.

Ans. I have made none.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Joseph Keerius

\*(In case the party is of foreign birth a certified transcript from the court records of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, or of his naturalization, or a copy thereof, certified by the officer taking this proof, must be filed with the case. Evidence of naturalization is only required in final (five-year) homestead cases.)



Affidavit of Publication.

State of Oregon, }  
County of Grant, } ss.

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HOMESTEAD CONSOLIDATED

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Burns, Oregon,  
Nov. 1, 1894.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settlers have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their respective claims, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Burns, Oregon, on December 15, 1894, viz:

JOSEPH KEERINS, Homestead No. 3607, for the SW1-4 SW1-4 Sec. 20, N1-2 NW1-4 and SE1-4 NW1-4 Sec. 29, Tp. 16 S, R. 27 E W M.

OWEN KEERINS, Homestead No. 3608, for the W1-2 SW1-4, SE1-4 S-W1-4, Sec 4, and NE1-4 NW1-4 Sec 9 Tp 17 S R 27 E W M.

They name the following witnesses to prove their continuous residence upon and cultivation of, saidland, viz. George Brisbois, Martin W. Bailey, T. B. Brannan, Lafayette Shelby, all of Izee, Grant county, Oregon.

THOMAS JONES, Register.

I, D. J. Ashbury, being first duly sworn, say I am

Publisher, Editor and Proprietor of the Grant County News, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Canyon City, Grant Co., Or., and of general circulation. That the Notice of Homestead Proof Joseph Keerins hereunto attached and made a part of this affidavit, was published in each and every entire issue thereof for six consecutive weeks, commencing with the issue of said paper dated Thursday, November 8, 1894 and ending with the issue dated Thursday, December 13 1894. And that said paper was regularly issued and circulated during the times stated.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of December 1894

Wm. H. Kelly

Notary Public

for Oregon

Board of E.A. 5-3-1895  
Abstract No. 18  
Case No. 20

Confirmed by the Board  
July 5 1895  
msm Clerk.

Final Certificate No. 329  
Homestead Application No. 3607

Div. C, List No. 198  
LAND OFFICE

AT  
BURNS, OREGON.

January 31, 1895  
Sect. 20-29, Town. 16 S., Range 27 E.

To B. of E. A. Rule 33. Proof not  
made in statutory period. Party  
was not pecuniarily able to make  
proof previously. msm

Approved July 13, 1895  
msm, Clerk,

Division 6

Patented Aug. 30, 1895

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

BURNS OREGON.

We hereby certify, that there has been no protest or other objection, offered or filed in this office, against the approval of the final homestead proof of Joseph Keerins, hereunto attached.

Witness our hands this 15th day of December,

A. D. 1894.

*Thomas Jones*  
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Register.

*A. A. Cowing*  
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Receiver.