

CFR 0565

Mr. Norman L. Pratt

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1996

(Please print or type)

Telephone #: Redacted for Privacy

Your Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) Mr. Norman L. Pratt

Your Address Redacted for Privacy
Street, Route or Box # City Zip Code

Location of Farm NE 1/4 Sec. 33, Township 1 South, Range 45 East of W. M.--(7 1/2 miles east of Enterprise)

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:
Ira C. Pratt

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1996
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas in 1882

Who farms the land today? Norman L. Pratt

Relationship to original owner Great-Grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? A portion of kitchen in homestead house is still being used as a shop.

If yes, which ones? Homestead kitchen area

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: Beef and dairy cattle plus small flock of sheep raised on pasture and a few acres in rye and wheat.

What do you raise on the farm today? Alfalfa, barley and pasture

How many generations live on the farm today? One

Please list names: Norman L. Pratt and wife, Dorothy L. Pratt

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

Norman Pratt
Signature of Owner

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

STATEMENT FORM

I, Norman L. Pratt,
hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at
NE 1/4 Sec. 33, township 1 South, Range 45 EWM,
in Wallowa County,
shall have been owned by my family, as specified in Rule 2,
for at least one hundred years by no later than December
31, 1996.

Signature Norman Pratt

-----Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public)-----

STATE OF OREGON

County of Wallowa

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 5th day of February,
1996 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named
Norman Pratt

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that
he executed the same freely and voluntarily.

In Testimony Whereof, I have
set my hand and affixed my
official seal the day and
year last above written.

Marty Papac
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires 1-23-97



Final Certificate No. 5314.

Application No. 7786.

HOMESTEAD.

Department of the Interior,

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

La Grande, Oregon

Aug. 12, 1905, 190

It is hereby certified That, pursuant to the provisions of Section No. 2291, Revised Statutes of the United States, Ira C. Pratt has made payment in full for

North East Quarter

of Section No. 33, in Township No. 1 South, of Range No. 45 East, of the Willanette Principal Meridian, Oregon, containing 160.00 acres.

Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said Ira C. Pratt shall be entitled to a patent for the tract of land above described.

[Handwritten signature]

Register.

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT

La Grande, Oregon.

Original Application No. 7786

Final Certificate No. 5314

Approved:

E. W. Lane, Register.

A. R. Roberts, Receiver.

FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION 2291 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Ira C. Pratt, having made a Homestead entry of the NE 1/4 Section No. 33 in Township No. 1 South of Range No. 45 E. W. M., subject to entry at La Grande, Oregon, Land Office, 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 a native born citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated said land since the day of October, 1896 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.) Ira C. Pratt

I, Jno. S. Hodgins, of Enterprise, Oregon, do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July, 1905, at my office at Enterprise, in Wallowa County, Oregon

Jno. S. Hodgins U. S. Commissioner for Oregon

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Ira C. Pratt, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 7786, for NE 1/4 of section 33, Township 1 South, Range 45 E. W. M. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Ira C. Pratt; age, 38 years; postoffice, Enterprise, 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. I was born in Illinois.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 7786, at the La Grande, Oregon, land office on the 3rd day of March, 1898, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am. It is the NE 1/4 of section 33 in Township 1 South of Range 45 E. W. M.

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 on the land when I filed, and bought the improvements. It is a frame house of 5 rooms, have stable and other outbuildings, and orchard, all the land under fence with several cross fences.

Value about \$1000.00. I established residence on the land in Oct. 1896.

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, wife and five children, and we have resided on the land continuously since first establishing residence thereon.

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 never been absent from it since establishing residence on it.

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

Ans. Starting with about six acres I have increased till I have now 50 acres in cultivation. I have raised crops eight 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.

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 prairie agricultural land, - most valuable for farming.

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. No, Sir.

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. I have not.

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.)

Ira C. Pratt

* (In case the party is of foreign birth a 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.)