

CFR 0821

Clifton L. Graff

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Clifton L. Graff

Your address: 44222 SE Loudon Rd. Corbett, OR 97019  
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: Same Multnomah  
Address County

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have not less than 10 acres with a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 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 Andreas Graf  
153.74 acres

Year founder settled on farm 1881 Where did he come from? Germany

Who farms the land today? Clifton L. Graff and Juanita A. Graff 74.87 acres

Relationship to original owner? Grandson and Granddaughter

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? The house is the only remaining original building. It was placed on the Nat'l Register in 1980.

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

Cattle, horses, fowl, hay

What do you raise on farm today? Cattle, hay, horses, nursery stock, timber & firewood

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? Two (2) Beatrice Graff and Juanita Graff

How many times has the original farm been divided? Once (1)

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

Please return form to:

Elizabeth W. Buehler, Field Historian  
Oregon Historical Society  
1230 S.W. Park Avenue  
Portland, Oregon, 97205

Clifton L. Graff  
Signature of Owner

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Line of Ownership  
Graff family farm  
1881 to present date

Andreas Graf (dec. 1903)  
Anna Foster Graf  
(dec. ca. 1881)

Earnest A. Graf, born 1876

Andreas Graf (remarried)  
Theresa Mittelstaedt Graf  
(dec. 1934)

Elsa Graf, born 1892  
Olga Graf, " 1894  
Martha Graf, " 1896  
Albert Graf, " 1898  
Fred Graf, " 1901

Albert Graff\* (dec. 1966)  
Beatrice Faught Graff

Clifton Graff, born 1942  
Marjeanne Graff, " 1945  
Patricia Graff, " 1946  
Juanita Graff, " 1957

#### Dates of Ownership

Andreas Graf	1881-1890
Earnest Graf	1890-1903
Theresa Graff	1903-1934
Albert Graff	1934-1966
Clifton Graff	1966-to present

\*The extra 'f' was added to the name when Theresa Graf remarried on 1906 and was divorced in 1913. She had her former name restored and added the 'f'.

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(8)

May 20, 1985

Elizabeth Buehler  
Oregon Historical Society  
1230 SW Park Avenue  
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Mrs. Buehler,

Enclosed please find my application for Oregon Century Farm. It took some time to receive the necessary papers from Washington, DC.

We presently farm 300 acres which is made up of half of the original Graf homestead, my mother's grandparents farm and the land that my mother purchased before her marriage to Albert Graff.

My mother Beatrice Faught Graff was born on the adjoining farm in 1911 and knew the Graff's since she could remember. She has proved to be a wealth of information where history of the place is concerned.

If there are any questions regarding my application please call me at 695-5452.

Thank you,

Juanita A. Graff  
44222 SE Loudon Rd.  
Corbett, OR 97019

Ack 5/24/85



Andrews Graf

7753

No. PORTLAND, OREGON, 1900.

*Ernest A. Graf*

DR. TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY,

In full for State, State School, County, Road, Port of Portland and School District Taxes for the year 1899, and City of Portland Taxes for the year 1900, on the following described property:

20800 - BLASS & PEUDHOMME, PRINTERS AND LITHOS, PORTLAND

Description	Lot	Block	Value of Improvements	Total Value	Am't of Tax
<i>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Sec 4. 13. 5 E. 152<sup>74</sup> acres 250 Paid Tax</i>				530	<i>1415</i> <i>100</i> <hr/> <i>1515</i>

Paid  
MAY 28 1900  
Dunham

Final Certificate No. 2675

Homestead Application No. 4522

LAND OFFICE

Oregon City, Oregon

June 1889

Sect. 4, Town 1, Range 5, E.

to R & R Co. Apr. 12, 1890

Board - Proclamation issued 4 yrs.

Reason - Diff. - Rule 24

AT 1890.  
Confirmed by the Board  
Dec 1890

Approved Dec: 1890

M. S. Balcow, Clerk

Division "10" 729786

Patented Feb 18 1891

Recorded, Vol. 7, page 15



Andreas Graf.  
Corbett, OR

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GENERAL LAND OFFICE

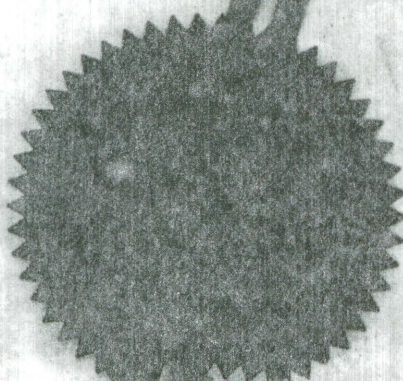
WASHINGTON SEP 15 1917

I hereby certify that the annexed copy of patent is a true and literal exemplification from the record which is in my custody in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of this office to be affixed, at the city of Washington, on the day and year above written.

*J. B. Samson*

Recorder of the General Land Office.









(4-196.)

HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon

Jan. 18, 1889.

FINAL CERTIFICATE,  
No. 2,675 }

APPLICATION,  
{ No. 4522 }

It is hereby certified That, pursuant to the provisions of Section No. 2291, Revised Statutes of the United States, Andreas Graf has made payment in full for West half of South West quarter, South West quarter of North West quarter, and Lot numbered Four of Section No. Four, in Township No. One South, of Range No. Five East, of the Willamette (Principal) Meridian, Oregon, containing one hundred fifty three & 74/100 acres.

Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE the said Andreas Graf shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described.

W. T. Rummy  
Register.

Andreas  
Graff

(4-140.)

FINAL RECEIVER'S RECEIPT, No. 2675-

APPLICATION, No. 43-22

### HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, Union City Oregon

Jan 18, 1889

Received of Andreas Graf the sum  
of Eleven dollars 5-3 cents,

being the balance of payment required by law for the entry of

W<sup>2</sup> of W<sup>2</sup>

of Section 4 in Township 1-S of Range 5-E

containing 15-3/4 acres, under Section 2291 of the

Revised Statutes of the United States.

\$ 11.5-3 Cents

3.32 Proof

(1304-25 M.) G-224

B. F. Bunch

Receiver

Written words in Testimony 1475-act for 100 words 22 1/2 Cents 3,32

Andreas  
Graf

[4-007.]

No. 14522

HOMESTEAD APPLICATION.

Andreas Graf  
Oregon City Oregon  
October 28, 1881.

Sect. 4, Town. 14, Range 5E

JHG  
X-2



Andreas  
Graf

# 21  $\frac{53}{12}$

[4-007.]

### HOMESTEAD.

APPLICATION }  
No. 4522 }

Land Office at Oregon City Oregon  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

I, Andreas Graf, of Multnomah Co.  
Oregon,

do hereby apply to enter, under Section 2289,  
Revised Statutes of the United States, the  $\frac{W\frac{1}{2}}$  of  $\frac{W\frac{1}{2}}$   
of Section 4, in Township 1 South of  
Range 5 East, containing 153.7400 acres.

Andreas Graf

Land Office at Oregon City Ogn  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

I, L. J. Barric, REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE,

do hereby certify that the above application is for Surveyed Lands of the class  
which the applicant is legally entitled to enter under Section 2289, Revised  
Statutes of the United States, and that there is no prior valid adverse right  
to the same.

L. J. Barric  
Register.

Andreas  
Graf

(4-137.)

RECEIVER'S RECEIPT, No. 45-22

APPLICATION, No. 45-22

HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, Oregon City Oregon

Oct 28, 1881.

Received of Andreas Graf the sum  
of twenty one dollars 33 cents;

being the amount of fee and compensation of Register and Receiver for the  
entry of West half of West half

of Section four in  
Township 1 South of Range 5 East, under

Section No. 2290, Revised Statutes of the United States.

J. W. Watts  
Receiver.

\$ 21.33

NOTE.—It is required of the homestead settler that he shall reside upon and cultivate the land embraced in his homestead entry for a period of five years from the time of filing the affidavit, being also the date of entry. An abandonment of the land for more than six months works a forfeiture of the claim. Further, within two years from the expiration of the said five years he must file proof of his actual settlement and cultivation, failing to do which, his entry will be canceled. If the settler does not wish to remain five years on his tract, he can, at any time after six months, pay for it with cash or land warrants, upon making proof of settlement and cultivation from date of filing affidavit to the time of payment.

ELECTROPS.

Andreas  
Graf

[4-063.]

HOMESTEAD.

[AFFIDAVIT.]

Land Office at Oregon City Oregon  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

I, Andreas Graf, of Multnomah Co Or  
having filed my application, No. 4522, for an entry under  
Section No. 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear  
that He is the head of a family and above the  
age of age of 21 years and have declared  
my intention to become a citizen of  
the United States

that said application, No. 4522, is made for the purpose of actual  
settlement and cultivation; that said entry is made for my own exclusive  
benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the benefit or use of any other  
person or persons whomsoever; and that I have not heretofore had the benefit  
nor abandoned or perfected title to any land under  
of the homestead laws.

Andreas Graf

Sworn to and subscribed this 28 day  
of October 1881, before

L. J. Davis  
Register of the Land Office.

NOTE.—If this affidavit be acknowledged before the Clerk of the Court, as provided for by Sec. 2294, U. S. Revised Statutes, the Homestead party must expressly state herein that he or some member of his family is residing upon the land applied for, and that bona fide improvement and settlement have been made. He must also state why he is unable to appear at the Land Office.



Andreas  
Graf

Certificate of  
Citizenship.

H. d. app. no. 4522  
F. i. b. no. 2675  
Oregon City, Ogn.

Andreas Graf

Be it Remembered, That at a Regular Term of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, begun and held at the County Court House, in the City of Portland, in said County and State, on Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1889, the same being the second Monday in said month, and the time fixed by law for holding a regular term of said Court.

Present:

Hon. John Battie Judge, Presiding.

WHEREUPON, a term of said Court is begun and holden on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1889, the same being the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial day of said term of said Court, and among other proceedings, the following was had, to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF Andreas Graf TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

Now comes Andreas Graf and in open Court makes application to become a Citizen of the United States and presents a duly certified copy of his declaration of Intention to become a citizen of the United States made before Chas F Vogel Clerk of the Circuit Court, of the City of St. Louis State of Missouri, dated the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1880 from which it appears that the said Andreas Graf is a subject of the Emperor of Germany.

And it appearing to the Court from the testimony of J. A. Hurlbert and Fred Emily two responsible witnesses, that the said Andreas Graf has resided in the United States for more than five-years last past, and in the State of Oregon for more than one year, and is a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; it is therefore ordered by the Court that said

Andreas Graf be admitted to citizenship. Whereupon the said Andreas Graf takes in open Court the oath prescribed by the Naturalization Laws of the United States, and is duly admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

(Signed) John Battie Judge.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE County COURT, STATE OF OREGON.

County of Multnomah

E. B. Wheeler Clerk of the County Court

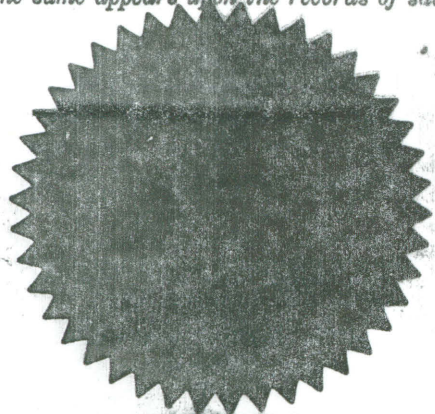
of the County of Multnomah and State of Oregon, said Court being a Court of Record, having common law jurisdiction, and a Clerk and Seal, do certify that the above is a true copy of the act of Naturalization of Andreas Graf as the same appears upon the records of said Court, now in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court, this 16<sup>th</sup> day

of January A. D. 1889

E. B. Wheeler Clerk.

By J. D. Powell Deputy.





U. S. Land Office }  
Oregon City, Oregon }

I, Andreas Graf,  
being duly sworn, say that I am the  
same person who on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Octo-  
ber, 1881, made Hd. Entry, No. 4522, for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  
S.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of N.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot 4 of Sec. 4, T. 1 S.,  
R. 5 E., W. M.; that I made proof therefor  
on December 19, 1888, per Final Homestead  
cert. No. 2675; that I am in receipt of a  
copy of Hon. Commissioner's letter "C" of April  
12, 1890, requiring me to show why said  
proof had not been made within seven  
years from the date of making said entry;  
that in compliance therewith I now  
state that on or about August 5, 1888, I filed  
my application for final proof on said  
claim in the U. S. Land Office at Oregon,  
City, Oregon, and October 10, 1888, was the  
day set for my said proof; that through  
some manner or misunderstanding I  
did not receive any notice thereof, and  
becoming uneasy, I, on or about October  
15, 1888, went to said Land Office to  
enquire in regard thereto, and then  
for the first time ascertained that  
Oct. 10, 1888, was the day set for said proof;  
that I immediately filed new ap-  
plication for final proof, and made  
the same

Andreas  
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on December 19, 1888, pursuant to advertised notice; that I made application for final proof on said claim in ample time to complete the same before the expiration of seven years, and failed through no fault of mine, and owing to the failure of my receiving any notice of the first day set for my said proof,

A. 1049 G. Apr

Subscribed & sworn to before me this  
14 day of August, 1890.

J. J. Apperman  
Register.

Special affidavit  
of Andreas Graf  
explaining why  
he did not make  
his final proof  
within the period  
prescribed by law

H. A. Entry 1049.

J. C. W. O.

Oregon City, Oregon.

90-1049/3



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Graf

Proof of publi-  
cation of notice.

Hd. app. No. 4522.

Feb. No. 2675.

Oregon City, Ogn.

STATE OF OREGON,

County of *Multnomah* } ss.

I, *Geo. W. Brown*

being first duly sworn, say that

I am the *Foreman* of

*The World*

is a newspaper published in

newspaper office: that

*The World*

said County and State, and has a general circulation therein, and that an advertisement, of

which the annexed marked "A" is a true copy, was published in

*World*

for *six*

successive weeks from the

*The*

day of

*November*

A. D. 188*8*, to the

*6th*

day of

*December* A. D.

and that said advertisement was published in said paper and not in a supplement thereof, 188*7*, inclusive; and that during said term said paper was regularly circulated.

*G. W. Brown*

Foreman.

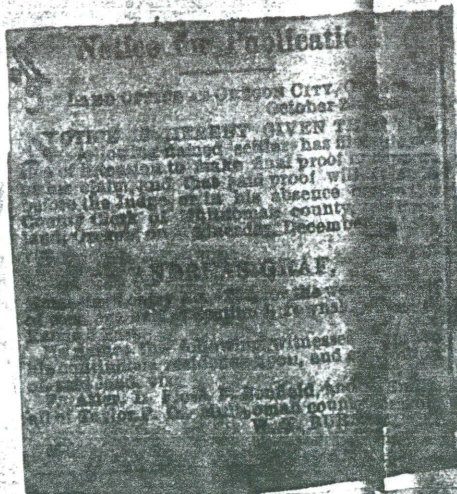
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a *Notary Public*

in and for the County of *Multnomah* State

of Oregon, this *29th* day of *December*

A. D. 188*8*

*John Ogilby*  
*Notary Public for Oregon*



*Address  
Fred Giff*



Andreas  
Graf

CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OF NOTICE.

Land Office at Wagon City, Or

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1887.

I, W. T. Bunn, Register, do hereby

certify that a notice, a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was

by me posted in a conspicuous place in my office for a period of

thirty days, I having first posted said notice on the 26<sup>th</sup>

day of Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1886.

W. T. Bunn  
Register

Andreas  
Graf

# Final Homestead Affidavit.

UNDER SECTION 2291, R. S.

Application No. 4522

Final Certificate No. 2675

Land Office at Oregon City

Jan. 17, 1889.

[9394-50 M.]



Andreas Graf

(4-070.)

# HOMESTEAD PROOF.

## Final Affidavit Required of Homestead Claimants.

SECTION 2291 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Andreas Graf, having made a Homestead entry  
of the W 1/2 of W 1/2 Section No. 4  
in Township No. 1. S. of Range No. 5. E., subject to entry at Oregon  
City, 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 citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated said  
land, having resided thereon since the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 1882,  
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.

Andreas Graf

I, W. A. Bunn Registrar of the Land Office at  
Oregon City, Or. do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed  
and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 1889.

W. A. Bunn

Andreas  
Graf

[4-070.]

**FINAL HOMESTEAD AFFIDAVIT.**

—◆—  
**UNDER SECTION, 2291 R. S.**  
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Application No. 4522

Final Certificate No. 2675

Land Office at Oregon City,

Dec. 19, 1888



Andreas Graf

[4-070.]

# HOMESTEAD PROOF.

## Final Affidavit Required of Homestead Claimants.

Section 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

I, Andreas Graf, having made a homestead entry  
of the W 1/2 of W 1/2 Section No. 4  
in Township No. 15 of Range No. 5 E, subject to entry at  
Oregon City 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 citizen of the United States; that I have made  
actual settlement upon and have cultivated said land, having resided thereon since the  
day of March, 1881, 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.

Andreas Graf

[Signature of claimant, name correctly spelled, and one christian name in full.]

in the absence of the judge  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1888

C. B. Wheeler Clerk of the County  
County & Ex officio Clerk of Multnomah  
Co. Or  
G. W. Stroh deputy



Andreas Graf

NON-MINERAL AFFIDAVIT.

This affidavit can be sworn to only on personal knowledge, and cannot be made on information and belief. The non-mineral affidavit accompanying an entry of public land must be made by the party making the entry, and only before the officer taking the other affidavits required of the entryman.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

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Andreas Graf, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the identical person who is an applicant for Government title to the W. 1/2 of the W. 1/2 S. 1. S. 1. E. 3. E. in Multnomah County Oregon

that he is well acquainted with the character of said described land, and with each and every legal subdivision thereof, having frequently passed over the same; that his personal knowledge of said land is such as to enable him to testify understandingly with regard thereto; that there is not, to his knowledge, within the limits thereof, any vein or lode of quartz or other rock in place, bearing gold, silver, cinnabar, lead, tin, or copper, or any deposit of coal; that there is not within the limits of said land, to his knowledge, any placer, cement, gravel, or other valuable mineral deposit; that no portion of said land is claimed for mining purposes under the local customs or rules of miners or otherwise; that no portion of said land is worked for mineral during any part of the year by any person or persons; that said land is essentially non-mineral land, and that his application therefor is not made for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining title to mineral land, but with the object of securing said land for agricultural purposes, and that his post-office address is

Satonelle Falls, Multnomah County, Oregon Andreas Graf

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing affidavit was read to affiant in my presence before he signed his name thereto; that said affiant is to me personally known (or has been satisfactorily identified before me by Ferdinand Adler), and that I verily believe him to be a credible person and the person he represents himself to be, and that this affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me at my office in Multnomah Co Or, within the Oregon City land district, on this 19th day of Dec, 1885

C. C. Wheeler  
Clerk of the Court & Special Clerk of  
Multnomah County Oregon  
by V. H. Stroth Deputy

NOTE.—The officer before whom the deposition 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:

REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES. TITLE LXX.—CRIMES.—CHAP. 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.)

Andreas Graf

# HOMESTEAD, PRE-EMPTION, AND COMMUTATION PROOF.

## TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Full and Specific Answers must be given to each Question. Evasive Answers will be Fatal to the Proof.

Andreas Graf claimant, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your correct name, age, and occupation? If employed by any person, state by whom.

Answer. Andreas Graf—39 years Farmer & Carpenter. Em-  
ployed by no one.

Ques. 2.—What is your post-office address?

Ans. Saturnelle Falls, Multnomah Co. Or.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made pre-emption filing No. 422 (or homestead entry No. 412) at the

Oregon City land office on the 28th day of October, 1881, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. W. 1/2 of W. 1/4 Sec. 4 T. 5. E. 2

Ques. 4.—Where did you live before settling upon this land, and what was your occupation? On my claim—  
Farmer

Ans.

Ques. 5.—Are you a citizen of the United States, or have you declared your intention to become such?

Ans. Naturalized Citizen of the United States—as my  
papers provide.

(In case the party is of foreign birth, a copy of his declaration of intention to become a citizen or full naturalization certificate, duly certified, must be filed with the case. The latter is only required in final homestead entries.)

Ques. 6.—Are you interested in any other entry or filing than the one upon which you now seek to make proof?

Ans. No

Ques. 7.—Have you ever made a pre-emption filing for any other tract of land, or made any other homestead entry or filing or entry of any other kind? (Answer each question separately, describe the land, and state what disposition you made of your claim.)

Ans. No

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. The land is of a mixed character, being partly  
timber, partly mountainous & partly agricultural.

Ques. 10.—Is the land valuable for coal, iron, stone, or minerals of any kind? Has any coal or other minerals been discovered thereon, or is any coal or mineral known to be contained therein? Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? If so, describe what they are.

Ans. No.

Ques. 11.—If the land is timber land, state the kind, quality, and amount of timber thereon at date of initiating your claim, the amount still standing, how much has been cut and removed, and by whom, and whether the same has been disposed of, and to whom; also whether any other person than yourself has any interest in the timber, and if so, what kind of interest.

Ans. The timber growing on the land  
is Fir and of an inferior quality.  
It would be much better off than on so  
far as value of the land is concerned



Andreas Graf

Ques. 12.—If the land is used for grazing purposes, state how and by whom it is so used, and whether it is within any stock range or fence or other inclosure, and who owns or controls the range or inclosure.

Ans. Not so used

Ques. 13.—When did you first make an actual personal settlement on this land? State what you did to make such settlement, and the character and value of the improvements you then placed upon the land.

Ans. In the month of March 1881 I went on, built a house and cleared the land

Ques. 14.—Was the land occupied by any other person when you made such settlement? If so, state who lived there, and how you obtained possession.

Ans. No

Ques. 15.—When did you actually move on this land and commence living permanently thereon? March 1881-

Ans. on this Land claim W. 12 of W. 12 L. S. 5 2

Ques. 16.—Where has been your actual personal residence and home during the whole time since the date of this filing or entry?

Ans.

Ques. 17.—Has your residence on the land now claimed been actual or constructive, continuous or at intervals? Explain what you mean by actual continuous residence.

Ans. I have lived - continuously on the place and raised my crops; and on this and other labor I have lived -

Ques. 18.—Have you resided or boarded elsewhere than on this land since commencing your residence thereon? If so, state when and where, how often, and for how long?

Ans. No

Ques. 19.—Where have you voted since establishing residence on this land, and where did you last vote, and how long have you voted there?

Ans. At Rooster Rock - the proper voting place according to my claim

Ques. 20.—How many times have you been absent from said tract since you commenced actual residence thereon? Give the dates when each absence commenced and terminated, and the cause therefor.

Ans. I have not been absent from my home -

Ques. 21.—Have you a family, and of whom does your family consist? - I am a widower

Ans.

Ques. 22.—Has your family resided with you on this claim? If so, state when they moved on the land, how long they have lived there, and whether they actually reside there still.

Ans. My family has been with me on this claim ever since I moved on in March 1881.

Ques. 23.—If your family has been absent any part of the time since moving on the land, state the causes for and the dates when each absence commenced and terminated.

Ans. There has been no such absence

Ques. 24.—When and by whom was your house built? Is it habitable at all seasons of the year?

Ans. I built the house myself and it is habitable at all seasons of the year



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Ques. 25.—Did you and your family live in said house during all of each or any winter since the date of your filing or entry? If not, state the duration and causes of each absence.

Ans. We have lived in the house continuously since it was built.

Ques. 26.—If your family has not lived with you on this claim since the date of your filing or entry, state the causes therefor, where they did reside, and where they are now living.

Ans. My family has lived with me as hereinbefore stated.

Ques. 27.—Do you own any other residence house than the one now on your claim? If so, state where, and who occupies the same.

Ans. No.

Ques. 28.—Describe fully the house on this claim, giving value thereof; also describe fully all other improvements thereon of whatever kind, giving the value of each and total value of all improvements.

3 It is a frame house 20x28 ft. 1 1/2 story with a kitchen 10x12 ft. 1st story high <sup>\$400</sup> a barn 30x58 ft. <sup>\$400</sup> work shop 12x20 ft. <sup>\$75</sup> Wagon shed & wood shed 14x4 ft. <sup>\$75</sup> 3 Bee hives \$10 each trees 21' 20 acres fenced \$100, 10 acres in cultivation \$250

Ques. 29.—What farm implements do you own and use on this claim? State kind and number, and how long you have owned the same.

Ans. The ordinary tools used in farming and that are required on a farm like mine.

Ques. 30.—What domestic animals and live stock do you own and keep on this claim? State kind and number of each kind.

Ans. 2 Horses—3 Head of Cattle—besides chickens, ducks, geese &c.

Ques. 31.—State what articles of furniture of every kind you keep and use in your residence on this claim, and how long you have had them there.

Ans. I have a complete outfit of furniture for my family use—Parlor, Kitchen & Bed Rooms.

Ques. 32.—Have you any personal property or live stock of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.

Ans. No.

Ques. 33.—How many seasons have you raised crops on this land, and what kind of crops have you raised each season?

Ans. 7 years. Potatoes—Cats—Wheat—Bees & Hay &c.

Ques. 34.—How many acres have you put in crops each year, and how much did you raise? State the amount in bushels of each kind.

4 I have 10 acres under + plough but I can't exactly state the number of bushels.

Ques. 35.—Have you the land in crop this year, or is it prepared for cropping the coming season? How much of the land is so cropped or prepared?

Ans. I have the land cropped for next season.

Ques. 36.—Do you carry on any trade, profession, or business elsewhere than on this land? If so, state what business you have been engaged in while claiming this land, where it was carried on, and the distance from your claim.

Ans. I sometimes work as a Carpenter when I can get a job.

Ques. 37.—If you have been employed in working for others away from this claim since you established residence thereon, state when, where, and for whom, in what occupation or capacity, how long you have so worked, and where you staid and lived during that time?

Ans. I have worked for wages for my neighbors whenever I could get a job.



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Ques. 38.—Where are you assessed for taxes, personal, real estate, or license, and when and where have you paid taxes since claiming this land?

Ans. In Multnomah County

Ques. 39.—Are the improvements on this land assessed for taxes; if so, at what valuation? Have such taxes been paid; if so, when and by whom?

Ans. No.

Ques. 40.—What use is made of this land, and who, besides yourself and family, uses it or causes it to be used?

Ans. The land is used by none besides my family & myself

Ques. 41.—Have you sold, transferred, or mortgaged this land, or offered or agreed to sell or dispose of it, and at what price?

Ans. No.

Ques. 42.—Do you make this entry in the interest or for the benefit of any one else, or has any person other than yourself and family any interest, immediate or prospective, in this entry? If so, state for whom the entry is made.

Ans. No.

Ques. 43.—Has any person paid your expenses for making this entry, or paid you wages or a salary on condition that you make said entry, or agreed to do either, or agreed to pay the entry money for you, or to pay the fees or commissions, with the agreement or understanding that you will deed the land after entry is made?

Ans. No.

Ques. 44.—Do you make this entry in good faith, for the exclusive purpose of a home and farm for yourself and family?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. 45.—Did you leave or abandon a residence on your own land, in this State to reside on the land herein described and claimed by you? [State or Territory.]

Ans. No.

[Signature of claimant.] Andreas Graf

I HEREBY CERTIFY that each question in the foregoing deposition was orally propounded to the said Andreas Graf

and the foregoing answers severally given by him thereto before he signed the same and after being sworn according to law; that the said Andreas Graf is to me personally known (or satisfactorily identified by affidavit) as the person he represents himself to be in making this

proof; that I have called his attention to the laws and penalties against false swearing, and that the foregoing deposition was sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of Dec, A. D. 1885.

G. B. Wheeler  
Clerk of the County Court, Oregon  
Multnomah Co. Or.  
by W. N. Strode  
Deputy

TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Pre. D. S. No. Cash No.

Orig. Hd. No. 4522 F. C. No. 2675

NAME OF CLAIMANT,

Andreas Graf

LAND OFFICE AT

Oregon City, Oregon

Approved:

W. J. Burney Register.  
W. J. Burney Receiver.



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# Historic home perched on Larch Mountain

## 5087 Graffs still farming homestead

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CORBETT — Larch Mountain is about the last place you'd expect to find a gingerbread-trimmed house.

Plain and simple farmhouses were more the style when Andreas Graf came to Larch Mountain in 1881. But the German carpenter didn't know how to build plain and simple. He lavished his farm house with hand-lathed curlicues and furbelows and other wooden frills.

In 1981, Graf's granddaughter, Juanita Graff, 28, applied for and won a place on the National Register of Historic Places for the house. Now, 72 acres of the original Graf farm at Larch Mountain and Loudon roads has been named a century farm by the Oregon Historical Society.

Century farms are designated every five years in Oregon. To qualify, they must have remained in the same family for 100 years, must still be actively farmed by the descendants, and must earn at least \$500 a year.

Juanita Graff is a farmer who also is a historian. She, her brother, Cliff, and her mother, Bea, live and work on the old farm. Present-day Graffs spell their names with two fs. The second f was added by Graf's second wife, but that is getting ahead of the story.

"In researching the century farm application, I discovered my grandfather came out here two years earlier than I thought," says Graff, who works part time as a visitor guide at Vista House.

Andreas Graf came to the United States from Germany with his wife and son. His wife died in St. Louis, Mo., and he traveled on alone to his 153-acre homestead on Larch Mountain.

"He was a carpenter by trade and he worked on a lot of houses in Portland," says Graff. "He also had a water-powered sawmill down in the creek."



Staff photo by Terry Farris

The original Graf homestead on Larch Mountain is still farmed by Graff family members, among them Nita (left), Clifton, Bea and John.

Graf married Theresa Mittelstaedt in 1891 and the pair had six more children. Five survived to adulthood.

"My grandfather died in 1993 and she was left with those small children and a stepson," says Graff. With the stepson's help, the widow continued to farm the property.

Eventually, the land was divided

between her two sons, one of whom was Graff's father, Albert. When Albert died in 1966 he left the home place to his family. Bea Graff, who worked in Gresham as a legal secretary, became the second widow to farm the land.

The Graff farm came equipped with its own church. Theresa Graff had it built for use by a circuit-riding preacher from Smith

Memorial Presbyterian Church in Fairview.

"Theresa remarried in 1907 but the marriage didn't work. She threw the guy out and he lived in the church for awhile," Graff says. The church building had its steeple hacked off and served as storage until it collapsed recently.

The Graffs still actively farm the property, though the farm has

nearly doubled in size. The crops, beef and timber, are the same raised by Andreas Graf.

"And hay, of course," adds Graff.

The farm, she says, "pays enough to keep itself."

The farm also has provided enough income from time to time for Graff to rebuild parts of her grandfather's house. She has

restored the porch that wrapped around the frame building and has replaced missing pieces of Andreas Graf's original gingerbread trim.

There is a lot left to do but Graff is in no hurry. She has no plans to leave the farm her family has occupied for 104 years.

"Home is home," she says. "It gets better every year."