

CFR 0867

Robert Temple Cresswell

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Robert Temple Cresswell

Your address: P.O. Box 1386 Pendleton, OR 97801
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: Stage gulch Pendleton, OR Umatilla
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 William P. Temple

Year founder settled on farm 1884 Where did he come from? Iowa

Who farms the land today? Robert Temple Cresswell and Donald M. Cresswell

Relationship to original owner? grandson and great grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? Natsure. There

is a small red Building that was moved to our place which is next to this piece - IT is used to store oil.

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

Wheat

What do you raise on farm today? Wheat and Barley

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? one

Robert Temple Cresswell

How many times has the original farm been divided? Twice

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

Please return form to:

Evelyn C. Hedgen
Signature of Owner

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

(granddaughter)

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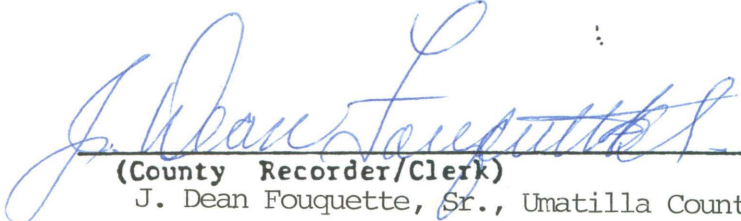
CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Evelyn Cresswell Hodgen

511 N. W. 12th Street, Pendleton, Oregon

(owner's Name and Address)

is applying for Century Farm Honors has been in ^{her}~~his~~ family
continuously for one hundred or more years.


(County Recorder/Clerk)
J. Dean Fouquette, Sr., Umatilla County Clerk

April 12, 1985

Date



1883

John Franklin

TEMPLE

FAMILY REUNION

1983

JOHN FRANKLIN TEMPLE FAMILY REUNION

July 3, 1983

Emigrant Park, Meacham, Oregon

Registration12:00 - 1:00
"Get Acquainted".....12:00 - 1:30
Pot Luck Lunch..... 1:30 - 2:30
WelcomeFlavel Temple
"Nature Hike for the Children".....
" A Review of the Era".....Flavel Temple
"The Life of John F. Temple".....
"John F. Temple The Man".....Flavel Temple
Awards.....Morris Temple
 1. Person Coming the Furtherest
 2. Oldest
 3. Family with the Largest Representation
Family Genealogy.....Charlotte Cresswell
Pictures Matt Johnson
Games and Visiting.....

John Franklin Temple, Sr.

John Franklin Temple, Sr., born July 2, 1831, in Davison, North Carolina-died Sept. 30, 1918, at Pendleton, Oregon. Was of Scotch, Irish, Dutch descent

Annabelle Long Temple, born Jan. 4, 1844, in Green County, Penn.-died Jan. 21 1867, in Albia, Iowa.

Their children:

Mary Ann Temple (Dolly) Tuttle, born Oct. 8, 1860 in Moriva County, Iowa-died in Montana -

William Perry Temple, born Jan. 24, 1863 in Mahaska County, Iowa-died May 8, 1910 in Pendleton, Oregon

Etta Belle Temple Simmons, born Aug. 5, 1865 in Monroe County, Iowa-died Oct. 21, 1945 in Portland, Oregon

Cornelia Wyrick Temple, second wife, born June 30, 1844, Johnson County, Ind.-died July 12, 1910, Pendleton, Oregon

Their children:

Isaiah Ulysses Temple, born Dec. 19, 1868 in Monroe County, Iowa-died Aug. 29, 1945 in Pendleton, Oregon

Alice Viola Temple Simmons, born Aug. 22, 1870 in Monroe County, Iowa-died Oct. 17, 1950 at Pendleton, Oregon

Frances Noome Temple, born May 20, 1872 in Monroe County, Iowa-died May 15, 1876 in Monroe County, Iowa

Minnie May Temple Harvey, born April 7, 1874 in Monroe County, Iowa-died Oct. 17, 1948 at Portland, Oregon

John Franklin Temple, Jr., born Feb. 25, 1876 in Monroe County, Iowa-died April 16, 1953 at Pendleton, Oregon

Dorcus Amelia Temple Morton Hambleton, born Aug. 24, 1878 in Monroe County, Iowa-still living in Pendleton, Oregon-1967

Ernest Monroe Temple, born Dec. 5, 1880 in Monroe County, Iowa-died Dec. 8, 1964 at Pendleton, Oregon

Hattie Sophia Temple Perkins, born Feb. 21, 1883 in Monroe County, Iowa-still living in Pendleton, Oregon, 1967.

Grover Cleveland Temple, born Sept. 23, 1885 at Pendleton, Oregon-died July 31, 1941 at Eugene, Oregon

George Washington Temple, born Dec. 2, 1888 at Pendleton, Oregon-died Dec. 8, 1965 at Pendleton, Oregon

Gilbert Hallie Temple, born July 18, 1891 at Pendleton, Oregon-died May 4, 1939 at Pendleton, Oregon

The committee wishes to thank you for coming.
We also wish to thank everyone for all their help
and cooperation, without it this Reunion would
not have happened.

To help future reunion committees we ask your
help by sending current genealogy information to

Mack and Dixie Temple
Rt. 2, Box 21
Echo, Oregon 97826

A Happy Day to all and a safe trip home.

Bob and Charlotte Cresswell

Mack and Dixie Temple

Evelyn Cresswell Hodgen

Ben and Nora Lee Holdman

Joe and Susan Temple

Morris and Shirley Temple

Bill and Sonnie Temple

William Perry Temple, who died at his home in Pendleton, May 8, 1910, was one of the best known and successful farmers of Umatilla county. He was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, January 24, 1862, the son of John F. and Elizabeth Temple. The mother passed away when the subject of this sketch was four years of age. In 1883 the father together with his family came to Oregon, and now resides in Pendleton. Mr Temple, of this review, has six brothers and six sisters who are now living. They are: Dr. I. U. Temple, John F., Jr., and Ernest M., all of whom reside in Pendleton; Grover C., of Helix; George W., of Folsom, Montana; Gilbert, of Pendleton; Mrs. R. W. Tuttle of Brant, Alberta; Mrs. Etta Simmons, of Portland; Mrs. Alice Simmons, of Helix; and Mrs. Minnie Harvery, Mrs. Ben Morton and Mrs. Hattie Perkins, all of Pendleton.

When William Perry Temple was two years of age, his parents removed to a farm in Monroe county, Iowa. Here he resided until he was twenty years of age, having acquired a good education in the public schools. From early youth he showed an exceptional ability in business affairs, and at the age of twenty-one he started out in life for himself and went to North Dakota, where he was employed by a livery and transfer company for one year. While there he had the distinction of hauling the corner stone for the state capitol, and assisted in the construction of other prominent buildings. He then returned to his home in Iowa, and in 1883 came, with his father, John F. Temple, to Oregon, and spent the remainder of his life in Umatilla county. For the first three years after his arrival here he rented and operated his father's farm. He had then saved up sufficient funds to warrant him in purchasing land, and accordingly he bought three hundred and twenty-six acres from the railroad company, and he later homesteaded other land and afterward purchased adjoining tracts, until at the time of his death he owned four thousand, two hundred acres of land, which was well watered, fertile, and under an excellent state of cultivation. He engaged principally in wheat raising and also in

the raising of live stock. He owned and operated one of the first combined harvester that was ever used in this section of Oregon. He was indeed an active and exceptional man, gaining all his possessions by his own efforts, the only assistance he ever received being a two hundred dollar legacy which came from his Mother's estate. In 1906 he came to Pendleton for the purpose of educating his children, and was residing there in his beautiful home at the time of his death.

In Lewiston, Idaho, on the 26th of April, 1886, Mr Temple was united in marriage with Miss Rose Bitney, a native of Montana, and a daughter of John and Eliza Bitney, both of whom were natives of Illinois, and were pioneers of Montana. Mrs. Temple passed away March 18, 1896, leaving two children: Ethel Belle, who is now the wife of Walter Cresswell; and Ralph E. On October 26, 1896, Mr Temple was again married, his second union being with Miss Addie Haun, and of this marriage were born two children: Roy K. and Vera V. Mrs. Temple and her family now reside in the home in Pendleton, which was erected by her husband in 1900.

Fraternally Mr. Temple was identified with the Integrity Lodge, No. 92, of the Independent Order Of Odd Fellows, with the Masonic lodge, and the Order of Eastern Star, and was also a prominent worker in the Farmer's Union. Two years before his death he united with the Presbyterian church, and was an active worker in that organization from that time until his death. Mrs. Temple is still active and helpful in that church and takes great interest in its work and is prominent in its affiliated societies.

Mr. Temple may truly be called a self-made man, for, starting out in life as a farm laborer earning barely living wages, he succeeded through frugality, hard work, and the application of practical methods, in amassing an estate which enabled him to spend the last few years of his life in ease and comfort. Though economy was his watchword throughout the years of his early struggle, he was always generous whenever the cause was worthy. He was

progressive, energetic, and was greatly interested in the welfare of his community, and his early death was greatly mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. In all matters of citizenship he was loyal, in business he was highly honorable, and he held friendship inviolable, but it was in his home that his best traits of character were displayed in the devotion to his family.

Taken from "The Centennial History of Oregon , 1811-1911," Vol. II, pages 87-88.

With a yield of 70,000 bushels on 2650 acres of land owned individually by him, W. P. Temple of this city may be justly termed the wheat king of Umatilla county and one of the wheat kings of Oregon. By a strange freak of circumstances Mr. Temple now owns the land on which he did his first day's work in Umatilla county 25 years ago when he was but a boy. This track of land was then owned by M. M. Wyrick, for whom Mr. Temple worked for one dollar a day.

"THE LIFE OF JOHN F. TEMPLE"

John Franklin Temple or Temples, as it was spelled originally, was born to Needham Temples and his second wife Polly Speck. At the old Temples homestead at Reedy Creek, Davidson, North Carolina. This homestead was near Lexington, North Carolina.

John's father Needham Temples had three wives.

1. Name unknown they had 12 children
2. Polly Speck they had 8 children
3. Susan Pickett they had 4 children

Needham had a total of 24 children.

The story goes that John Franklin ran away from home, when he was about 15 years old, with his older brother Isaiah Temple, age 22. Reviewing dates this is about the time when his father married for the third time.

John and Isaiah went to Southern Indiana, where they had an Uncle Thomas Temple. John bond himself to his Uncle Thomas until his 21st birthday.

From Indiana he traveled to Missouri and on to Iowa in 1854. Settled first in Monroe County.

He was a successful farmer and stockman while in Iowa. He also had a good understanding of railroads, as at one time he was a section boss for the Wabash Railroad.

John married Annabell Long, Putman Co., Missouri, November 19, 1859. they had three children: Mary Ann (Dolly), William Perry and Etta Bell Temple.

Annabelle Temple passed away in 18~~76~~⁶⁷ and is buried in Albia, Monroe Co. Iowa.

John married Cornelia Wyrick, December 22, 1867 at Morania, Iowa.

John and Cornelia had eleven children: Issiah Ulysses, Alice Viola, Frances Neome, (died at age 4), Mimmie May, John Franklin Jr., Dorcus Amelia, Ernest Monroe, Hattie Sophia, Grover Cleveland, George Washington and Gilbert Hallie Temple. Considering the infant mortality rate of the times it is remarkable that they were able to raise thirteen children to adulthood.

When John's eleventh child, Hattie was one month old he gathered his large family and embarked for Oregon.

They traveled as far as Bismark, Dakota, where William Perry, was working. They stayed here while the Pacific Railroad was being completed. This was sometime in August, and the "Golden Spike" was driven in Montana, which united the East and West.

They spent a happy summer in Bismark, but Oregon was their goal.

They finally embarked on the first mixed train over the new road as per Etta Temples account of the trip---

"At Mandan we got off the passenger train and awaited for the first mixed through train over the new road. The roadway was very rough. As we came through the Bad Lands, a watchman was constantly watching, covering the fires with dirt as they sprung up near the ties. The new road was cut through the Bad Lands and many of the Buttes had fires and "little tongues of flame" were here and there. No sign of trees, bush or vegetation.

Indians said, "the Bad Lands are the home of the devil." The new road along the Yellowstone River was not nearly completed. The waters of the river lapped the railroad ties in places. One place coming over what was thencalled, Mullen tunnel, the train had to pull over the tunnel instead of through it, as it was till being built.

One morning we awoke to find our train at the foot of a mountain. Soon the long train began climgin up, up, one engine then a few cars,

then an engine in the middle, more cars and an engine at the end. It took several hours to reach the top. The passengers walked up except some babies and those who did not like to climb. Up, up we climbed, finally reaching Misoula. The divide was reached one evening not long before sunset.

At Misoula we changed trainmen. We got another engineer, conductor, and brakeman. I took a look at our new conductor, his face was very red and he looked very much like he had more whiskey than he could manage.

Coming from Misoula west there was a high trestle, the name of it was "O'Keefe Trestle" and it was 325 feet high. Our conductor and brakeman gave us the once over as we pulled out of Misoula, and both went to sleep. As it was getting dusk we approached the O'Keefe Trestle--The engineer whistled down brakes.-- No response--Our heavy train went tearing across the trestle with no slow motion. There were no air brakes and no electric lights during this era. Our coach was lighted by a kerosene lamp in either end of the coach. The lamp contained half a gallon of kerosene and was swung from the ceiling.

Well, we bounced around curves and over another trestle, and darkness came. Someone lighted the lamps, some fixed beds out of the day seats and all the children were put to sleep. All bundles, suitcases, and everything in the racks, came tumbling on our heads as the train raced on. The engineer whistled down brakes, still nothing happened. My brother, W.P. Temple, was a young man, just out of his teens decided to go back to the caboose and came back and reported that both conductor and brakeman were sleeping. The engineer kept up his whistling, which echoed and re-echoed through the mountains like a wild thing. Brother ran to the end of the coaches and the caboose and set all the brakes he could reach. By now the night was dark, our lamps were swinging and sputtering and burning up and flaring. Brother stood up on the seat and tried to blow them out. He did not succeed, so he took his knife and broke the lamp chimneys and blew the lights out. Now, we were in utter darkness, no one made a sound, only some child who had been thrown out of bed. Brother ran into the next coach, things were the same as in our coach. A German with a wife and two boys, age ten and twelve, were in the coach, they were just from the old world and could not speak one word of English. Everyone of them were on their knees praying in a loud or several loud voices.

Anyway our train did not leave the tracks, Maybe the prayers of the German family saved us, who knows. We were going to report the trainmen, but when we found out that they had not slept for 72 hours and the reason for their fatigue was because the roadbed was so rough it took their constant attention, we decided not to.

Our train stopped at every siding and we gathered rosebuds along the Rosebud River and green things and decorated our car. There was always some danger along the trip but we soon forgot it. One morning we woke up to find ourselves on the banks of the Columbia River. There was no bridge across the Columbia at this time. A river boat took our train across. Rails were laid on the boat and two engines or three cars could be carried thus across the river. We were quite awhile crossing the river in this slow way, but at last we were in Oregon. We were eight days from Bismark, Dakota to Pendleton, Oregon.

Dr. I. U. Temple continues the tale:

"Father brought with him as I remember \$22,000.00 in currency. He was involved in litigation over an absconding banker's transaction in which he had been a bondsman and was fearful of attachment if the money were placed in a bank. With both these impediments before him the scheme was determined to make my mother an underskirt of sateen in which was quilted the \$22,000.00 currency with \$100.00 in each rectangular space. The money was hid in closets, attics, post holes and divers places until the litigation absolved our father's responsibility.

There was great rejoicing when the litigation was ended and this money placed in the bank vaults. I assume no Temple before or since has worn a garment of greater value.

When we landed here we were met by my mother's brother, Marshal M. Wyrick. He met us with a small team of ponies and a wagon. The children walked up the hill to relieve the burden on the horses. The hill known now as Swift's Hill leads up from the river below the Oregon State Hospital (now know as the airport road).

Mr. Wyrick, his wife and two children lived in a house of a single room in Despain Gulch, Here he found room for all of us on the floor, in out buldings and elsewhere until father secured small house near there with more room where the family was domiciled until he purchased a small farm that was more commodious.

John bought his first farm from Mr. Kreener, which was called "The Old Red House" place, which is near the Cresswell Home. He sold most of his holdings to his first son William Perry and then moved to Yoakum Station on the Umatilla River. Later he moved his family to Bluff St. (now Goodwin) and finally to Ann St. (now 6th St.) where Cornelia died July 2, 1910 and John passed away September 30, 1918.

W. P. Temple

Know all men by these Presents, That we William F. Kreemer and Alice Kreemer his wife in consideration of Fifteen Hundred Dollars to us paid by W. P. Temple do hereby grant bargain, sell and convey to said W. P. Temple heirs and assigns, forever, the following described parcel of Real estate, to-wit:

The North East quarter of Section Fourteen (14) in Township Three (3) North of Range Thirty one (31) East N. M.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining; and also all our estate, right, title and interest, at law and equity therein or thereto, including down^{and} right of down.

To Have and to Hold the same to the said W. P. Temple heirs and assigns forever. And we William F. Kreemer, Alice Kreemer his wife do covenant with the said W. P. Temple and his legal representatives, forever that the said real estate is free from all incumbrances, and that we will, and our heirs, executors and administrators, shall warrant and defend the same to the said W. P. Temple heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whatsoever, subject to a mortgage recorded in Book 3 of Mortgages on Page 56, for \$875⁰⁰

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this thirteenth day of June A. D. 1884.

Signed sealed and delivered

W. F. Kreemer

[Signature]

in the presence of

Alice Kreemer

[Signature]

Witness to signature of W. F. Kreemer

W. A. Wilson

J. C. Miller

J. L. Siskin

State of Oregon }
County of Yamhill } as

This certifies that on this 13th day of June 1884 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named W. F. Kreemer and Alice Kreemer, who is known to me to be the identical persons described in, and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. And the said Alice Kreemer wife of the said W. F. Kreemer on an examination made by me, separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily and without fear, coercion or compulsion from anyone.

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

Roseburg Oregon

June 14th 1884

Solomon Abraham

Notary Public

J. C. Miller Notary Public in and for the County of Yamhill State of Oregon

[Signature]
J. C. Miller
Notary Public
State of Oregon

[Signature]
Solomon Abraham
Notary Public
State of Oregon

Filed June 21st 1884 at 2³⁰ P. M.

J. P. Bushee Clerk