

CFR 1021

Mary Florence Knowlson

## APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1993

(Please type or print)

Telephone #:

Redacted for Privacy

Your Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Mary Florence Knowlson

Redacted for Privacy

Your Address

Street, Route or Box #

City

Zip Code

Redacted for Privacy

Location of Farm

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have no fewer 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:

James and Mary Johnston

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year)

1884

(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from

Ireland

Who farms the land today?

GRANDDAUGHTER &amp; GRANDSON

Relationship to original owner

Granddaughters

Are 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:

Cows, poultry, horses

What do you raise on the farm today?

cattle

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DEADWOOD

(CALL TOWNS A.M.)

How many generations live on the farm today?

one

Please list names:

My brother, Don Wilbur, lives on the adjoining 400 acres of the original homestead, which he owns by inheritance & purchase from siblings.

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

yes

Mary Florence Knowlson

Signature of Owner

Please return forms to:

Century Farm Program  
Oregon Historical Society  
1200 S. W. Park Avenue  
Portland, OR 97205-2483

STATEMENT FORM

I, Mary Florence Knowlson,  
(Print Full Name)

hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at

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(Full Address)

in Lane County,

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of the  
RULES FOR 1993 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred  
years by no later than December 31, 1993.

Mary Florence Knowlson  
Signature

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

STATE OF OREGON

County of Lane

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 27th day of May,  
19 93, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for  
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

Mary Florence Knowlson

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who  
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she  
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.

Sharon R Davis  
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires 4-17-94

James Johnston Left Drumquin Ireland  
to come to united States in April 28<sup>th</sup> 1880  
Coming to Canada

Mary Williams and her Niece  
Margaret Downing, Sailed from Drumquin  
Ireland on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1880  
To united States

James Johnston and Mary Williams  
were married in Toronto Canada  
on April 21<sup>st</sup> 1881

Leaving The East in Oct / 2<sup>nd</sup> 1884  
arriving on Lakecreek Oct. 9 1884  
Taking a homestead adjoining their  
brother William and Margaret on Lakecreek  
James Johnston Lived on his home  
on Lakecreek untill his death in April 7<sup>th</sup> 192



Oct. 5, 1979

Dear Mary Florence:

This is a thumbnail bit with no pictures, except in my mind's eye.

No where did I find the date of David and Mary's marriage. But these are the base-bone facts.

David Hunter left Omagh, County Tyrone, North Ireland for America 1884. About the same time Katherine Downing with her children Mary, Margaret Ella, Cassie, Annie, Rachel and Bartholomew to South Ireland for America. They had a planned meeting in Iowa where David and Mary were married.

All traveled to Oregon. Katherine Downing located on Lake Creek near its junction with Greenleaf Creek.

David and Mary settled on Lake Creek where the Bob Carr place is now. Here Elizabeth was born June 19, 1887. They then moved to their homestead on the left fork of Deadwood, where James and Margaret were born Feb. 8, 1889 and June 7, 1892 respectively. Mary died here March 27, 1893 and was buried in the Deadwood cemetery.

David later married Margaret Graham, also from Ireland. David lived in the Alpha area until his death Oct. 16, 1929.

Hope this will be of some help.

It was nice talking to you today. Do come visit us.

Love,

James & Mary Johnston adopted the infant "Margaret" after her mother's death. — Mary Johnston was the sister of Katherine Downing and making Margaret her biological niece in reality.

IN THE Circuit COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON,

County of Lane

Present: Hon. R. S. Bean Judge.

In the Matter of the Application of

In open Court, June Term

A. D. 189 0

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of June

A. D. 189 0, of said Term.

James Johnston  
An Alien, to become a Citizen of the United States of America.

It Appearing to the satisfaction of this Court, by the oaths of W. M. Comack and C. C. Swinson citizens of the United States of America, witnesses for that purpose, first duly sworn, that James Johnston is a native of Great Britain and that he has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for at least five years last past, and within the State of Oregon for one year past, and that during all of said time he has behaved as 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; and it also appearing to the Court, by competent evidence, that the said applicant has heretofore, and more than two years since, and in due form of law, declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States; and having now and here, before this Court, taken an oath that he will support the Constitution of the United States of America, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to that of the Queen of Great Britain & Ireland

James Johnston It is Therefore Ordered, adjudged and decreed that said James Johnston be, and he is hereby admitted and declared to be a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Signature of Applicant:

James Johnston

R. S. Bean

Judge.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE

Circuit

COURT, STATE OF OREGON.

1. W. M. Macken County of Lane

Clerk of the

Circuit

Court of

the County of

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

James Johnston

as the same appears upon the rec'ds of said Court, now in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court this 27

day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety on the 11<sup>th</sup> and in the year of our Independence

W. M. Macken

Clerk.

By

Deputy.



# Warranty Deed

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH: That I, MARY JOHNSTON, the widow of  
James Johnston, deceased

the Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE ----- DOLLARS,  
and love and affection for the grantees hereinafter named  
to me paid, do hereby, bargain, sell and convey unto my daughter, Margaret E.  
Wilbur  
the grantee

the following described premises, to-wit: A life interest in and to: The Northwest  
quarter of Section THIRTEEN in Township SEVENTEEN South, Range NINE  
West of the Willamette Meridian; 160 acres according to the U. S.  
Government Survey thereof, be the same more or less; in Lane County,  
Oregon; excepting one acre thereof, to be conveyed to Carl M. Price

and at the decease of my said daughter Margaret E. Wilbur, to her  
children namely: Wesley W. Wilbur, Mary Florence Wilbur, Wilma Eliz-  
abeth Wilcut and Donald D. Wilbur, or to the survivors thereof, the  
absolute title in said described real property, share and share alike.

However reserving unto myself the possession and entire use, rents,  
profits and income from said land, during the term of my natural  
life and so long as I shall live.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said Grantee s

their heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Grantor do es hereby covenant to and with the said Grantee s their

heirs and assigns that s he is the owner in fee simple of said premises; and that  
they are free from all incumbrances

and that s he will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

6th day of July A. D., 1944.

In the presence of

*Mary Johnston* (SEAL)  
..... (SEAL)  
..... (SEAL)  
..... (SEAL)



STATE OF OREGON,  
COUNTY OF Lane

} ss.

Be it remembered that on this 6th day of July, 1944  
personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, the within named

Mary Johnston, a widow

to me personally known to be the identical person  
instrument, and acknowledged to me that she  
the uses and purposes therein named.

described in and who executed the within  
executed the same freely and voluntarily for

Witness my hand and seal this day and year last above written.

My Commission Expires May 2, 1948.

*W. Peterson*  
Notary Public for Oregon

## Warranty Deed

FROM

Mary Johnston

TO

Margaret E. Wilbur et al.

When Recorded Return to

"Under All the Land -- The Title"

Lane County  
Abstract Company

Eugene, Oregon

Member of  
American Title Association

DEPENDABLE TITLE SERVICE  
SINCE 1888

Title Insurance - Abstracts  
Escrows

COMPLETE TITLE SERVICE



## BARGAIN AND SALE DEED

For Value Received DONALD D. WILBUR and DOROTHY J. WILBUR, husband and wife, and WILLIAM WESLEY WILBUR, JR., and ELIZABETH WILBUR, husband and wife,

REVENUE STAMPS

the grantor S, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto

MARY FLORENCE VAIL *(Wilbur Johnston)*

the grantee, the following described premises, to wit:

The West one-half of all that part of the North west one-quarter of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 9 West of the Willamette Meridian in Lane County, Oregon, lying North of the center line of Highway 36.

EXCEPT that parcel of the above described real property deeded to Carl Price and Thelma Price, his wife, by Mary Johnston, a single woman and widow, which said deed is recorded in Volume 197, at page 455 of Deed Records of Lane County, Oregon, which said real property is described in said deed, as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point 987.22 feet South 0° 37' East from corner common to Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14, in Township 17 South Range 9 West of the Willamette Meridian, said point being on Section line between Sections 13 and 14, thence South 0° 37' East along said Section line 345.20 feet to a point 30 feet North of center line of Siuslaw Highway as then constructed, thence South 79° East 121.50 feet parallel with the center line of said Siuslaw Highway, thence North 3° East 347.00 feet, thence North 80° 45' West 143.00 feet to place of beginning, containing 1.05 acres in the West one-half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 17 South Range 9 West of the Willamette Meridian in Lane County, Oregon.

This is a voluntary partition of real property formerly owned in common by the grantors and grantees for which no consideration has passed and no internal revenue documentary stamps necessary.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances unto the said Grantee s, their heirs and assigns forever.

Dated: August 1, 1957

*Donald D. Wilbur* (SEAL) *Wm Wesley Wilbur Jr.* (SEAL)  
*Dorothy Jean Wilbur* (SEAL) *Elizabeth Wilbur* (SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF LANE, ss:

On this 1st day of August 1957 personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, the within named DONALD D. WILBUR & DOROTHY J. WILBUR, husband and wife, WILLIAM WESLEY WILBUR, JR., and ELIZABETH WILBUR, husband and wife, to me personally known to be the identical person s 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 named.

Witness my hand and seal this day and year last above

*Herman H. Henleish*  
 Notary Public for Oregon.  
 Commission Expires April 26, 1961

State of Oregon,  
 County of Lane ss: *W. Wilbur*  
 I, Harry L. Chase, County Clerk and ex-officio Recorder of Conveyance, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the within instrument was received for record at

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Lane County Records.  
 HARRY L. CHASE, County Clerk.

By: *Deanne D. Haggan* Deputy  
*Return to Mary Florence Vail*  
 2786 Lamapath Drive

# Miller-Sherman-Murphy Funeral Homes

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Telephone 66

HARRISBURG, OREGON  
Telephone 42

Mary Ann Williams was born Oct. 27, 1857. Daughter of John and Elizabeth Williams in Kilgarven, County Kerry, Ireland. Emigrated to Canada in Oct. 1880 and married James Johnston on April 21st 1881 at St. Luke's Church Toronto, Canada by Rev. Mr. Langley.

Moved from Canada to Buffalo N.Y. following May 1st remaining there for three years. Then on to Oregon where they took up a homestead site on Lake Creek, near Deadwood Creek. 1884. Here they have lived until Mr. Johnston passed away April 1928. Mrs. Johnston has lived the past years in the home place with her daughter and family.

Both Mr & Mrs. Johnston were  
raised Episcopians, but due to  
the fact that there was no church  
nearer than Eugene - (60 miles  
distance) when the Presbyterian  
church was organized in 1892,  
they went in as charter members  
of the ten charter members.  
Grandma is the only one surviving.  
She was ordained a Elder in 1944.

She is the only survivor of a  
family of 13 children - one boy  
and 4 girls.



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**JOHNSTON** Mary Ann Williams was born Oct. 27, 1957, daughter of John and Elizabeth Williams in Kilgarven, County Kerry, Ireland, immigrated to Canada in Oct. 1880 and married James Johnston on April 21, 1881 at St. Lukes Church, Toronto, Canada, by Rev. Langtry. They moved from Canada to Buffalo, N. Y., the following May 1, remaining there for 3 yrs., then on to Oregon where they took up a homestead site on Lake Creek, near Deadwood Creek in 1884. Here they have lived since. Mr. Johnston passed away April 4, 1924. Mrs. Johnston has lived the past years on the home place with her daughter and family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were raised Episcopalians but due to the fact that there was no church nearer than Eugene, when the Presbyterian Church was organized in 1892 they went in as charter members. Of the ten charter members Mrs. Johnston was the last survivor. She was ordained an elder in 1940. She was the only survivor of a family of 13 children, 9 boys and 4 girls. She passed away Thursday, Nov. 3, at the age of 91. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William W. Wilbur, Sr., 4 grandchildren, Wesley Wilbur, Mrs. Oliver Wilcut, Donald B. Wilbur, all of Greenleaf, Mary Florence Knowlson, of Toledo, Ohio, 8 great-grandchildren, 1 niece. Mrs. Loren Edwards, of Junction City and a nephew, B. J. Downing of Eugene, and innumerable friends. Services will be held Mon., Nov. 7, 1949, 2 p.m., at the Deadwood Church. Interment in the Deadwood Cemetery. Rev. Peck and Rev. McAulay officiating, Miller-Shreman-Murphy Home in charge.

**KEENAN** — Elmer Keenan of Lowell, Oregon, died November 3, 1949 at the age of 47 years. He was born October 7, 1902 in Great Bend, Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Keenan and the following brothers and sisters: Ernest of Oakridge, Charles of Venice, Calif., James of Santa Cruz, Calif., and John of Memphis, Tenn., Mary Anne Keenan of Seward, Kansas and Margaret Grow of Great Bend, Kansas. Funeral cortege will leave the Simon-Lounsbery Mortuary Monday, November 7, 1949 at 9:45 a. m., thence to St. Mary's Catholic Church where mass will be offered at 10:00 a. m. Interment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

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Good-night

Sleep on beloved, sleep, and take thy rest  
Lay down thy head upon the Saviour's breast  
We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best,  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!

Calm is thy slumber as an infant's sleep,  
But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep,  
Thine is a perfect rest, secure and deep;  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!

Until the shadows from the earth are cast,  
Until he gathers in his sheaves at last,  
Until the twilight gleam is overpast;  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!

Until the Easter glory lights the skies,  
Until the dead in Jesus shall arise,  
And he shall come, but not in lowly guise;  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!

Only good-night! beloved, not farewell,  
A little while and all his sons shall dwell,  
In hallowed union indivisible.  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!

Until we meet again before his throne,  
Clothed in the spotless robes he gives his own,  
Until we know even as we are known,  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!

Sarah Donahay

In Memory of  
MARY JOHNSTON

Born

OCT. 27, 1857

Passed Away

Nov. 3, 1949

Deadwood, Oregon

Services at

Deadwood Church

Monday Nov. 7, 1949

2:00 P.M.

Officiating

Rev. Peck

and

Rev. McMeaulay

Interment

Deadwood Cemetery

Funeral Director

Kenneth L. Murphy



Copy

# The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Certificate No. 14446.

WHEREAS, MARY JOHNSTON  
has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Mary Johnston

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," and the acts supplemental thereto, for the west half of the southwest quarter of Section thirteen in Township seventeen south of Range nine west of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon, containing eighty acres,

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said lands, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General, which said Tract has been purchased by the said Mary Johnston:

NOW KNOW YE, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said

Mary Johnston and to  
her heirs, the said Tract above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Mary Johnston  
and to her heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law; and there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

In testimony whereof I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the  
fourteenth day of September, in the year  
of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight  
and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred  
and thirty-third

By the President:

By

Secretary,

Recorder of the General Land Office.



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Mary Johnston  
Greendale  
Or

STATE OF OREGON, } SS  
LANE COUNTY. }

I hereby certify that the  
within instrument was filed for record  
this 26 day of APR 1909 at  
\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock; 11 M. and duly  
recorded in Book 77 page 454  
Lane County Deed \_\_\_\_\_ records.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk.  
Per J. H. Thomsen  
Deputy.

U.S. LAND OFFICE  
RECEIVED  
11 AM  
OCT 3 1908  
ROSENBERG, ORE



