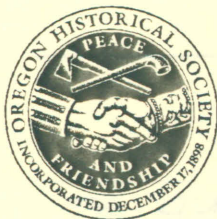


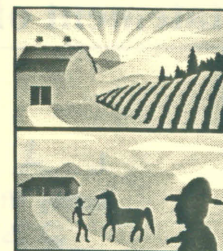
CFR 1029

A.B. Burns



Oregon Historical Society

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 6/28/01

Type of designation (please check)



Century Farm



Century Ranch

Owner's name A. B. BurnsMailing address Redacted for Privacy* Telephone Redacted for PrivacyCounty MultnomahLocation of farm or ranch Redacted for PrivacyTownship T3N, R1W, W.M. Range R1W, W.M. Section Sec 34 TL 200Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Horace + Narcissa McIntireDate (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1851, August 27th granted

(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 7)

Donation
LAND
ClaimFounder(s) came to Oregon from Kentucky + Missouri + VirginiaWho farms or ranches the land today? A. B. Burns and R. W. + Marci BurnsRelationship to original owner great-grandson + greatgreatgrandson + wife

Are any of the original buildings still in use?



Yes



No

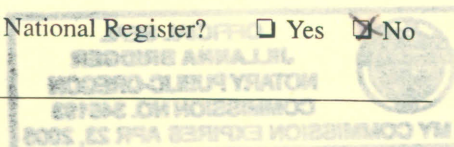
Listed on National Register?



Yes



No

If yes, please describe N/AHistory of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch dairy, horses, cows, hay, chicken, eggs, pigs, hunting reserve, vegetables + fruitsWhat is raised on the farm or ranch today? Hay, vegetables, berries, apples, hunting; corn, grazing, walnuts.How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? two.Please list names and birth years A. B. Burns 1925R. W. Burns 1959 + wife Marci Burns 1954

Please submit two or three pages of family history narrative. You are also

(Please continue application on the back of this form.)

Copy of Donation
Land Claim is
being delivered
by Jennifer
Blacke.

Statement of Affirmation

I, A.B. Burns,
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at SAUVIE ISLAND AT
Redacted for Privacy
in the County of Multnomah,
shall have been owned by my family for at least 100 years, as specified in the qualifications for the Century
Farm & Ranch Program, on or before December 31 of the current calendar year. Further, I hereby affirm
that this property meets all other requirements for Century Farm or Century Ranch honors.

A.B. Burns
Signature of Owner

7-2-2001
Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

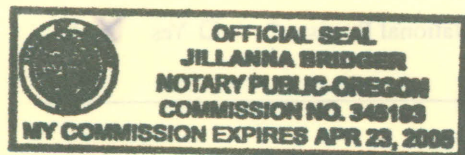
County of Columbia

Be it remembered, that on this 2 day of July, 20 01, before me, the undersigned, a
Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named

Atwell Burns, known to me to be the identical individual described in
and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that

Atwell Burns 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.



Jillanna Bridger
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 4/23/05

Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 30.00

Additional Certificates (\$10 each) \$ 0

Total enclosed ck # 1497 \$ 30.00

Make checks payable to Oregon Historical Society or OHS

For office use only

Date Received 7-6-01

Approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorization _____
Field Services Coordinator

OHS Library _____

MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

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7/2/01

This check is to cover
The Century Farm
Application for
A.B. Burns

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I forgot to put check in
envelope today.
Thanks

Marcia Hella Burns

For Room Reservations call Toll Free (800) 648-5010

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This property, located on NW Reeder Road on Sauvie Island, has been in the family since before Oregon was a state. The original Donation Land Claim was granted on August 27, 1851. The line of descent on this property is as follows: Horace James McIntire and his wife Narcissa Maria Nota Miller McIntire; to their son, James Napper Tandy McIntire; to his daughter, Esther Eugenia McIntire Burns; to her son, Atwell Brook Burns.

The present owner's great-great-grandparents, Robert and Sarah (Ferguson) Miller, brought most of their large family over the Oregon Trail in 1845. Thinking that Sauvie Island might one day grow into a large town, Robert Miller and some of his daughters and sons-in-laws applied for claims on the upriver end of the island. These are the claims of the Millers, Bybees, Charltons, Walkers, Menzies, and McIntires.

Horace McIntire came out before his wife, Narcissa, for reasons unknown to us at this date. He then went back and brought Narcissa out, so he actually made the Oregon Trail trip three times, once in reverse. Of note during Horace and Narcissa's tenure, was the visiting of a famous relative, U.S. Grant, who was stationed at Fort Vancouver. He actually stayed most of one winter across the river from the Fort on Sauvie Island with his second cousin, Horace, and family, rather than in the Fort barracks. Horace, with his ties in Kentucky, was also known as quite a horse trader. He was the postmaster on Sauvie Island from 1870 until 1877. Narcissa was an assistant at many of the island childbirths, and was also someone to go to for early medicinal help. When Narcissa died in 1887, she was buried in Trenthome. Her son, James McIntire, is buried in the pioneer cemetery off of Stark Street, in Portland.

Next in line, James McIntire sold off a portion of the property, Coon Point and the surrounding wetlands, to some judges for a hunting reserve. The proceeds went to his sister Kitty McIntire Hutchinson to buy what is now the Hutchinson farm for herself and her husband.

The family, while having usually having a few cows around, was brought into the dairy business full time when James McIntire decided to dairy. The large red dairy barn housed at one time the largest dairy herd on the Island. The milk was shipped to Fort Lewis. During times of high water, the much of the Island would be underwater. The cows were barged to a hay ranch, known as "The Oasis", that the family owned at Little Jack Falls, near Rainier, off Hwy 30. The land was used to produce hay to feed to the dairy cows. James McIntire owned a share of a tug boat and barge, the "Iralda" (sp) This boat was used to move the cows back and forth. Remember, there was no bridge then to the Island.

James McIntire and his wife, the former Laura Hutchinson, had 4 children: John, Edith, Esther, and much later, Dorothy. Esther was actually born in Portland at a relatives home near Second and Clay streets, as James took his wife there to have the baby. John, Edith, and Esther rode on the milk boat everyday across the Columbia River to school in Washington. Their parents sent them there as there was much dissention and political fighting among Islanders attending the other five schools on the Island. Each group seemed to have its own school. Later, the McIntires built a building to be used as a schoolroom with adjoining living quarters for the schoolmaster to live in while instructing the children.

The family home was a very large two story home, built along the riverfront on a

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pressure point of higher ground. It was built up on a high foundation to stay above the frequent flood waters. The flood around 1894 was reportedly higher than the Vanport flood. This house burned to the ground in the late 1930's or early 1940's.

This dairy came to an end in the 30's, when during the depression, the government decided that some of the cows had bangs and had the whole herd eradicated. The government dug very large trenches, then shot all of the cows, and buried them in the trenches. This ruined the dairy farm overnight, as there was no longer any cash flow. Because this happened during the Depression when there was little or no money around, a portion of the farm was lost for unpaid bills after the cows were shot.

More changes would come to the Island, which would affect the property. The Dike was put in in the late 30's or early 40's, about wartime. A.B Burns remembers that it was finished when he and Rosemary were married in 1943. Dirt had been needed with which to construct the Dike. Dirt was sold off of the family property to the Diking Commission. There was an old tree on the property, known as the Council Oak, that had to go to make way for the Dike. The Council Oak had been the legendary meeting place of the early Indians. A.B. Burns remembers from his childhood the Indian's large fire ring of rocks near the Council Oak. There were cows grazing in that area until the dike was put in.

Access to the Island had been strictly by boat up until the bridge was built in the early 1950's. This replaced the ferry system that had been in use. Prior to that time, the Island roads were gravel and in poor shape. To travel the six miles from the ferry landing to the property, one had to open and close several gates across the road at various landowners' properties and farms. A.B. Burns remembers this as a sometime wet and very muddy trip.

Currently living on this portion of the original Donation Land Claim are A.B. Burns, and his son, Ryan and wife. The land is now used for hay, corn, grazing, vegetable and fruit growing, and for duck and geese hunting. It has been put into a family trust in hopes of preserving this unique piece of Oregon history well into the future.

DONATION.

CERTIFICATE, }
No. 42574 }

{ NOTIFICATION,
No. 4484 }

Whereas, In conformity with the provisions of the 7th Section of the Act of Congress, approved September 27, 1850, entitled "An act to create the office of Surveyor General of the Public Lands in Oregon, and to provide for the survey, and to make donations to settlers of the Public Lands," and the amendments thereto,

+ *multnomah*
of the county of *Columbia* in the State of *Oregon*
claiming a Donation right, in virtue of the Act aforesaid, to the following tract of
Public Lands known and designated in the Surveys and Plats of the United States as the

Claim N° 54, being parts of Sections 2, 3 & 4 in T. 2 N. R. 1 W. and
Claim N° 45, being parts of Sections 27, 33, 34 & 35, in T. 3 N. R. 1 W.
Bounded and described, as

(*For description see paper hereto attached*)

Containing 634 ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ acres
Unto the said Horace J. McIntire, the South half,
and unto his wife, Narcissa McIntire, the
North half of said described tract of land

having proven to the satisfaction of the Register and Receiver of *the Willamette Dist. Oregon*
the fact that such settlement was commenced on the *27th day of August 1851*
four years prior to the date hereof; and having, in pursuance of the requirements of the
7th Section of the act aforesaid, established by *two* disinterested witnesses,
the fact of continued residence and cultivation by the said act:

Now, therefore, be it known, That we, *Cowan Wade and*
Henry Warren REGISTER AND RECEIVER
of Public Lands in said *District* do hereby, and pursuant to the 7th Section of the act
aforesaid, certify to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE the facts aforesaid,
accompanied by the evidence thereof, in order that a patent may be issued to said claimant,
for the tract of land described, as required by the 7th section of the
act aforesaid:

Provided, That the said Commissioner shall
find no valid objection thereto.

GIVEN under our hands at the LAND OFFICE at *Oregon City Oregon*
this *28th* day of *August*, 18*70*

Now Henry J. must be pleased
to assist you in examining
this claim

Cowan Wade, REGISTER.

Henry Warren, RECEIVER.

Prover *Don't leave with plat by Prover & Receiver*

+ see letter of Register Sept 11, 1873



Notification to Surveyor General of Oregon, on the settlement of Public Land in
Township 2 N. R. 1 W.
3 N. R. 1 W.

PURSUANT to the Act of Congress, approved on the 27th day of September, 1850, entitled, "An Act to create the office of SURVEYOR GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC LANDS IN OREGON, and to provide for the survey and make Donations to Settlers of the public lands"—

I, Horace J. McIntire of Washington
in the Territory of Oregon, hereby give notice of my claim to
DONATION of 640 acres

of Land, known and designated in the Surveys and Plats the United States as the part

of Sections N. 2. 3. 4. 5. 2 N. R. 1 W.

" " 33. 34. & 35. 3 N. R. 1 W.

bounded and described as follows, beginning at
point on the left bank of the Columbia River. ~~page 77~~

S. 7° N. 20.50 chs from the meander post in the north
boundary of township. Thence following the meanders
of the River northwesterly to a point 72.81 chain due
north, Thence west to Sturgeon Lake 50.00 chains.

Thence Meandering Sturgeon Lake to a point
11.50 chains due west from the line
between Sections N. 33 & 34.

Thence South 32.00 chains. Thence East
24.00 chains to Lake. Thence following
the meanders of the Lake North Easterly
& S. Easterly to a point due west from the
beginning corner. Thence East 30. chains
to the place of beginning. Containing
640 acres.

Oregon City July 20th 1854.

Horace J. McIntire

"11484"

