

CFR 1106

Vernon Bruck

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Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date April 2006

Type of designation (please check)

☒ Century Farm

☐ Century Ranch

Legal owner / Applicant name

Vernon Bruck

Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant

Redacted for Privacy

Telephone

Redacted for Privacy

E-mail address

Contact name (if different than legal owner)

Mailing address of Contact

Contact Telephone

Contact E-mail address

Location of farm or ranch (which is the subject of this application):

County

Clackamas

Distance

3 miles

from nearest town

east of Wilsonville

Township

3S

Range

1E

Section

17



Address or physical location of the farm or ranch (which is subject of this application):

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GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates, if known:

(Please continue application on next page)

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Founder(s):

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) John J. Bruck

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1906
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Who farms or ranches the land today? Vernon Bruck

Relationship of Applicant to original owner. Please explain lineage. (See Application Qualification #7)

great grandson

History of buildings:

Are any of the original buildings still in use? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe the buildings and their former and current use:

Small shed did not burn in 1912 house fire (was used for wood storage, has ^{fire} singe marks) used today for equip. storage

Are any of the buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If, "yes", please describe:

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch:

What were the early crops or livestock? timber, pasture, livestock, fruit & nut orchards
grapes

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch? 80 acres (73.67 land appx 6 ac. Willamette River)

How did the crops / livestock / use of farm or ranch change over the years?

most crops grown for family consumption originally.
timber paid some bills, orchard and grape crops
sold locally, livestock too. Today more specialized
1-2 crops, sold to processors, nursery crop sold
locally.

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History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch - Cont'd:

What are crops / livestock raised on the subject farm or ranch today?

Today filbert orchard & small chestnut orchard
and nursery stock (filberts)

Small amount of reforestation timber

How many acres does the subject farm or ranch include today?

41

How many acres are in agricultural use today?

40

The Family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 4th generation farms it, 5th generation kids

Please list names and birth years:

John J. Bruck 1862

Victor R. Bruck 1902

Earl R. Bruck 1930

Vernon E. Bruck 1959

5th generation kids Dylan N. Bruck 1985
Jed J. Bruck 1988

Please submit two or three pages of family history narrative, including, but not limited to generational transfers of the farm or ranch. Please also submit historical & current photos of the property & family, as available.

Type of information to include in your family history narrative:

- Where founder(s) may have moved to farm or ranch from
- Significant events in the family (births, deaths, marriages, etc.)
- Any major changes to operations (methods of production, etc.)
- Additional information on crops, buildings, other changes from the original farm or ranch

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Statement of Affirmation

I, Vernon Bruck

hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at

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Wilsonville, OR 97070, in the County of Clackamas

has been owned by my family for at least 100 continuous 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 Ranch honors, including that the farm or ranch has a gross income from farming or ranching activities of not less than \$1,000 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding making this statement. I understand that the application materials will become property of the Oregon Historical Society Library and be made available for public use. By signing below, I understand that I am consenting to the use of both information and photographs.

Vernon Bruck
Signature of Owner

Apr. 06
Date

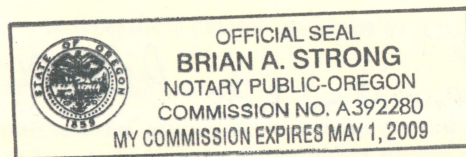
Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Clackamas

Be it remembered, that on this 31 day of May, 2006, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Vernon Bruck, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Vernon Bruck 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.



Brian A. Strong
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires May 1, 2009

Fees

Application Fee

(includes one certificate)

\$ 65.00

Additional Certificates (\$20 each)

\$ 1

Total enclosed

\$ 85.00

Make checks payable to:

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

For office use only

Date Received _____

Approved? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Authorization G. Mason

Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator

OHS Library

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John J Bruck 1862-1932, came to the United States from Siegburg, ^{Siegburg} Germany (approx 1880) ⁽⁸²⁾ Landing in New York, he made his way over to Louisville, Kentucky and became a U.S. citizen in 1884. He married his wife - Augusta (Ritter) Bruck in 1888 and had 6 children, ages 2-17 by the time they came to Oregon.

John J Bruck - now age 44 in 1906, left "city life" of Louisville and moved the whole family - wife Augusta and Children John (17) Louis (15) Alma (12)

Theodore (10) Victor (4) and baby Augusta (1½) to begin a new life on a farm in Oregon. They came by train from Kentucky to Portland, OR. And came by steamship up the Willamette River from Oregon City. F

The farm John J. Bruck bought from an original Deeded Land Claim family named 'Evans'. and in December 1906 the Brucks moved into the farmhouse; next door (½ mile) was John's brother Joe (Peter), Joe had just moved in the year before (1905). He too came from Kentucky, drawn as a single man to try farming - apples were the big talk then.

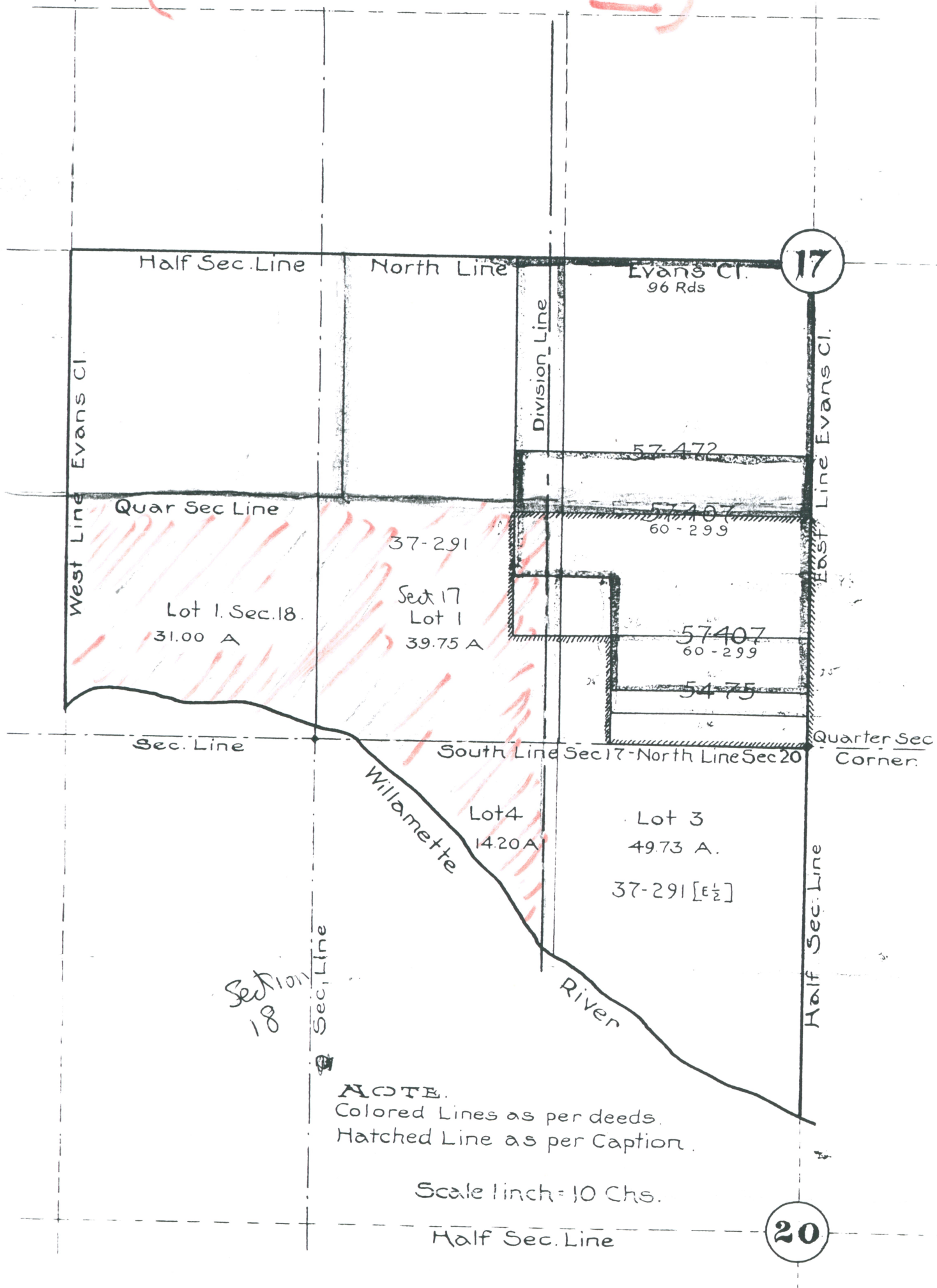
Luckily John J. Bruck had a lot of help early on, especially his older sons John and Louis. Son John had good carpentry skills, son Louis had a green thumb and was very instrumental in the successful farming activities.

Set backs were expected, one of the worst was the spring fire of 1912⁽¹³⁾ The original farmhouse burnt to the ground; on a Sunday afternoon. Luckily everyone was O.K, and a few important possessions were saved. Hard work got the crops in and by fall crops were harvested and a new house was finished. Back then neighbors helped each other out, the homestead farm next over belonged to the 'Kruze' family and they were good, helpful neighbors.

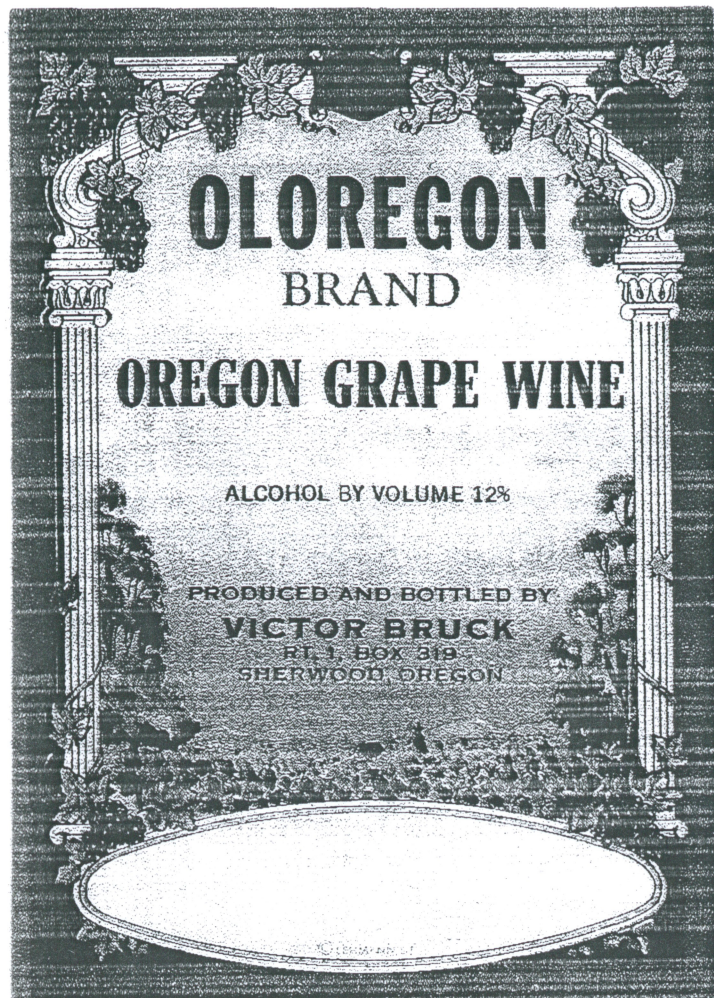
The early idea of farming apples never did materialize other than a few trees. But walnuts ^{and filberts} were planted, grain crops and a few head of livestock. Also cherries, peaches and grapes started in the teens. Timber also was cut & sold.

Many family and neighborly gatherings were held on the farm, including John J. Bruck's oldest daughter (Alma) wedding in 1915. By the ^{mid}1920s most of the kids from John & Augusta^(mom) were married and moved off the farm to start their lives/families. Only the 2 youngest children - Victor and Augusta^(daughter) still lived at home with their parents. Mother Augusta died in 1924 complications from surgery - Oregon City hospital, so Victor and his sister ran the farm and helped care for their dad. In 1928 Victor married Helen (Podbiedan) Bruck, they were the first couple married in Wilsonville's new catholic church, ^(St. Cyril) Back on the farm, Victor Bruck and wife Helen started their family and still cared for his father John J. Bruck, who passed away at 70 years old in 1932. At that time Victor and Helen bought the farm from his brothers and sisters, it took a few years but he paid it all off, and even added to the farm by purchasing some adjoining acreage. Victor continued increasing the peach, filbert and grape crops, and processing the grapes further by becoming the 13th licensed winery in the state of Oregon with 'Ol' Oregon' brand^{wine}. He also built a nut washer and drying line, increased the hay and cattle and harvested more timber. Victor and his wife raised 3 children on the farm, sons Earl and Don and daughter Delma. Victor and Helen held many of the family get togethers on the farm over the years. Victor's oldest son Earl and wife Louise (White) Bruck inherited some of the original farm in 1994 and purchased some more. In 1996 Earl's Louise's oldest son Vernon, and wife Penny (Cronn) Bruck purchased some of the farm and planted it to filberts and chestnuts and nursery stock which are current today. Some of the original farm purchased in 1906 is farmed today by Earl Bruck's nephew John Bruck. All of the original farm is still in the family today, 100 years! May 2006

(original ~~80~~ ac purchase 1906)



Bruck wine label (copy)



13th - Licensed
winery in
Oregon

(copy)
DEED

December 12th
1906

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Under the hereditaments and appur-

to the said William T. Sharkey, and

on this the 23rd day of August,

Robert T. Sharkey

Seal

and J. Sharkey,

Seal

and V. Sharkey

Seal

and Sweeney

Seal

S. S. Sweeney

Seal

and Sweeney

Seal

and E. Sweeney

Seal

and Zeller

Seal

and Zeller

Seal

and Casey

Seal

and N. Casey

Seal

and P. Sharkey

Seal

and J. Sharkey

Seal

On the 1902, before me, the undersigned

personally appeared the within named

husband, Charles S. Sweeney,

and Casey and her husband, John P.

and J. Sharkey and his wife,

or, who are known to me to be the

instrument, and acknowledged to me

as mentioned.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last

A. King Wilson,
Notary Public for Oregon.

That I am son of Patrick
1902, in Multnomah County,

the state of Oregon.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of August, 1902.

(Seal of Notary)

Edward J. Sharkey

A. King Wilson,

Notary Public for Oregon.

Filed and Recorded December 4th, 1906 at 10:30 A.M.

C. E. Ransby, County Recorder.

By, C. E. Ransby Deputy.

This Indenture Witnesseth, that we, Clyde Evans and Ella I. Evans, his wife, for and in consideration of Thirty two hundred 00/100 Dollars, to us paid, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto John J. Bruck and Augusta Bruck, his wife, the following described real estate, situate in Clatsop County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

The south half of the west half of the Donation Land Claim of William Evans and Elizabeth Evans, his wife, in Sections Seventeen (17) Eighteen (18) and Twenty (20), Township Three (3) South of Range One (1) East of the Willamette Meridian, containing seventy-three 67/100 (73.67) acres more or less.

To have, and to hold the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said John J. Bruck and Augusta Bruck, their heirs and assigns forever; and we the said grantors do hereby covenant to and with the said grantees, their heirs and assigns, that we are the owner in fee simple of said premises; that they are free from all incumbrances, and that we will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

In Witness Whereof, we have set our hands and seals this 3rd day of Dec. A. D. 1906.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of:

Walter G. Hayes

Ernest Brand, Jr.

State of Oregon,

County of Multnomah,

Clyde Evans

Ella I. Evans

On this, the 3rd day of Dec. A. D. 1906, personally came before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, the within named Clyde Evans and Ella I. Evans, his wife, to me personally known to be the identical person described in and who executed the foregoing conveyance, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein named.

Witness my hand and official seal this, the day and year in the certificate first above

Deed

December 19th, 1906

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To have and to hold the same, together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto in anywise appertaining, to the said William T. Sharkey, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 23rd day of August,

A. D. 1902.	her	Seal
Edmond, sealed and delivered	Elizabeth Sharkey	Seal
In presence of:	Edward J. Sharkey	Seal
Agnes L. Dugan	Francis V. Sharkey	Seal
Florance McGeehan	Josephine Sharkey	Seal
A. King Wilson	Chas. S. Sharkey	Seal
	Catherine Southard	Seal
	Frank E. Southard	Seal
James R. Zeller	Helen Zeller	Seal
Gertrude M. Nelson	A. R. Zeller	Seal
	Louise Camy	Seal
Walter H. Gahley	John W. Camy	Seal
D. L. Rasmussen	John F. Sharkey	Seal
Miss Bell Purday	Ellen J. Sharkey	Seal
State of Oregon,		
County of Multnomah,		

This Certificate, that on this 23rd day of August, A. D. 1906, before me, the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the said county and state, personally appeared the within named Elizabeth Sharkey, a widow, and Josephine Sharkey and her husband, Charles S. Sharkey, Catherine Southard and her husband Frank E. Southard, Louise Camy and her husband, John W. Camy, John F. Sharkey, and his wife, Ellen J. Sharkey, Edward J. Sharkey and his wife, Francis V. Sharkey, Helen Zeller and her husband A. R. Zeller, who are 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 for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

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

(Seal of Notary)

A. King Wilson,
Notary Public for Oregon.

State of Oregon,
County of Multnomah,

I, Edward J. Sharkey, being first duly sworn upon oath say, that I am son of Patrick Sharkey, that Patrick Sharkey died on the 20th day of August, 1902, in Multnomah County, Oregon. That he left no will, and left no debts which have not been paid. That he left a widow Elizabeth Sharkey, and seven (7) children all of whom are past twenty-one (21) years of age at this time. That the children of said Patrick Sharkey are as follows: Josephine Sharkey, Catherine Southard, Louise Camy, John F. Sharkey, Helen Zeller, William T. Sharkey, and the affiant herein, Edward J. Sharkey and that all of said children at this time reside in

the state of Oregon.

Edward J. Sharkey:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of August, 1906.

(Seal of Notary)

A. King Wilson,

Notary Public for Oregon.

Filed and Recorded December 4th, 1906 at 10:30 A.M.

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In Witness Whereof, we have set our hands and seals this 3rd day of Dec. A. D. 1906.

Signed, sealed and delivered

In the presence of:

Walter G. Hayes

Clyde Evans

Ernest Brand, Jr.

Ella I. Evans

State of Oregon,

County of Multnomah,

On this, the 3rd day of Dec. A. D. 1906, personally came before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, the within named Clyde Evans and Ella I. Evans, his wife, to me personally known to be the identical person described in and who executed the foregoing conveyance, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein named.

In Witness my hand and official seal this, the day and year in the certificate first above written.

(Seal of Notary)

Walter G. Hayes,

Notary Public for Oregon.

Filed and Recorded December 4th, 1906 at 10:40 A. M.

C. E. Ransby, County Recorder.

By W. B. Ransby Deputy.

OREGON CITY, OREGON,

Nov. 28, 1906.

Mr. John J. Bruck,
553 Raleigh St. Bet. 16th & 17th,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear sir:

We have continued abstract of title to the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Wm. Evans and Elizabeth Evans D.L.C. and have carefully considered the abstract of title and return the same herewith with the following suggestions, to-wit:

Page 18. In deed from Lilly L. Turner to Amanda E. Evans, it should be shwon by affidavit that Lilly L. Turner, the grantor, was at the time of exeocuting this deed unmarried.

Page 29. In this deed from Fred L. Riggs and Estella Riggs, his wife, to Amanda E. Evans, it should be shown by affidavit that Estella Riggs, the grantor, is the same person as Stella Robbins, if that be a fact. If not, a quit claim deed should be obtained from Stella Robbins, if unmarried, or from herself and husband, if married. P

Page 19. It should be shown that the grantor Clara S. Robbins in this deed to Amanda E. Evans is the same person as Clara L. Robbins named in the petition on page 6, and that the said Clara S. or Clara L. Robbins was unmarried at the date of this deed, to-wit, September 29, 1892.

We suggest that the names of Lilly Turner and Clara Robbins indicate that they were not married at the dates of the respective deeds but as there is a possibility that they married men of the same names, we must require that it be shown by affidavit that they were unmarried at the dates of the deeds.

J.J.B. -2 11/28/06

Subject to the foregoing we find the title in fee simple on this date in Clyde Evans, free from incumbrance.

Knowing Mr. Evans as we do and presuming that he knows these facts, we should be satisfied with an affidavit made by him as to these facts respecting which affidavit is required.

~~We enclose herewith also warranty deed from Clyde Evans and~~
Ella I. Evans, his wife, to yourself to be executed by both Mr. and Mrs. Evans before two witnesses and acknowledged before a notary public. Our charge in this matter if \$10.00.

H/AMH
Enc.

Very truly yours,

Lodge Griffith

Portland Oregon Dec 3rd 1906.

Agreement.

I herewith agree to give
John J Bruck full possession
of my farm, which is
situated, west side of the
Willamette, about 6 miles
South West of Oregon City
on the 28th day of Dec 1906
I should said Geo Munsell,
who has a lease on said
place, fail to move,
or hold any claim of
said farm. I will agree
to pay all expense which
may arise of same

and see that John J Bruck
shall be free from all
expense which may arise

Lyll Coats

State of Oregon

ss:-

County of Multnomah

I Clyde Evans being first duly sworn say.

In reference to deed from Lily Turner to Amanda E. Evans, the grantor was at the time of the execution of the deed, unmarried.

Regarding the deed from Fred Riggs and Estella Riggs his wife. said Estella Riggs is the same person as Stella Robbins. Stella Robbins being the maiden name of Estella Riggs.

That Clara Robbins was at the time of the execution of the deed to Amanda E. Evans to wit; Sept. 29. 1892 Unmarried.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Third day of December 1906.

Clyde Evans
Walter G. Hayner

Notary public for Oregon