

Doherty line intermarries with other Co. Pioneer families

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The oldest child of Francis and Catherine (Grant) Doherty, Sarah, was born in Cardonagh, County Donegal in 1859. She married fellow countryman Charles, Cunningham from County Galway in Umatilla County in 1883. He offered many young Irish immigrants including his brothers-in-law their first employment in Oregon as he established his vast sheep and land empire headquartered on Big Butter Creek.

The Cunninghams' daughter Sarah was born on February 27, 1885, and her mother died in childbirth and was buried at Vinson. Little Sarah was cared for by her grandmother Kate until her father remarried. In time Sarah married Matt Mooney and they lived in Auburn, WA. with their four daughters, one of whom is still living in Idaho.

The two Doherty sons who were teenagers when they left County Donegal, Barney and James G., worked for Cunningham until 1891 when they and their mother moved to Blackhorse Canyon to the land they had purchased from the Buchanans where they began raising cattle and horses and adding to their land holdings. In the early 1900's the brothers switched from livestock to grain to become one of the first Irish farming operations in the area.

Bernard F. who did not marry, deeded his share in the partnership to his younger brother and his wife in 1918, bought a home in Heppner and lived there alone until his death in 1921.

James G. married Catherine (Doherty) Doherty, also from Cardonagh, County Donegal, on July 6, 1893. She had arrived in Pendleton in 1888 and worked there for a year before moving to Heppner where she was employed for four years. When their thirteen children married the Dohertys became tied to other pioneer families.

James G. and Catherine's first son, Francis, was born in 1905, and died January 12, 1981. This much-loved bachelor's home in Heppner was a gathering place for family and friends. A second son, Eugene, born in 1907, also a bachelor, lived at Woodby Island, Washington until after his retirement when he returned to Heppner to stay with Francis until his death in 1975. The third son, Bernard, born in 1909, married Mary Jane (Jerry) Casteel, and they had nine children, and he had the responsibility of carrying the Blackhorse farm after his father's death.

The four children younger than Bernard were Gertrude, born in 1911, who married Ivan Applegate; they had four children. Helei, born in 1913 married Martin Dyer; no children were born to the couple. Helen now live on South Chase Street in Heppner. A youngest son, Paul, was born in 1913. He married

Marjorie Lewis; He later married Charlotte Walker. The thirteenth child, Elizabeth (Betty) was born in 1918, and married Edgar Thorsen, they had two children. Betty is living in Kelseyville, CA.

In addition to their own large brood, Grandmother Kate and Uncle Barney also lived with James G. and Catherine as did children of Mike and Mary Kenny when they attended the Blackhorse school. Because of a bumper wheat crop in 1916, James G. bought the first automobile in Blackhorse Canyon. He and Catherine struggled to keep the farm intact during the years of the depression. James G. died in 1933 and his widow ran the farm until she deeded it over to their son Bernard in 1938. In 1941 Catherine left the home where she had come as a young bride and moved to the house in town left by Barney. She died in Heppner in 1952.

The fourth and youngest child of Francis and Kate, Mary was not long in Oregon before she met Michael Kenny who had come from Carrigallen, County Leitrim with his older cousin Mary Gaffney in 1878 to the Little Butter Creek ranch of Felix and Kate Johnson. Kate was Mary Gaffney's sister and Mike's cousin. Mary Doherty and Mike Kenny were married in 1884 in Pendleton and traveled two days to their homestead in the head of the most easterly branch of Sand Hollow, also known as Milk Canyon.

The Kenny's ranching operation expanded from meager beginnings by increased livestock and real estate holdings. They became the parents of eight-five sons and three daughters.

Mike Kenny was one of a very few sheepman who was able to carry his operation with his own finances during this country's worst depression. This accomplishment can be attributed to the investment in Liberty Bonds during World War I. Thus the Kenny ranching and livestock operation survived unscathed. Now the holdings put together by Mike and Mary (Doherty) Kenny remain intact and still in family ownership.

Their oldest daughter, Sarah (Sadie) was the first to marry. She and James Farley,

from County Longford, were married at St. Patrick's Church in Heppner in 1907 and became the parents of three sons and three daughters.

In 1913, the first Kenny child, John F. and Bridget Mollahan from County Leitrim were united in marriage at St. Mary's Church in Pendleton. They had seven children.

In 1916, Roseanne (Annie) Kenny married John Healy at St. Patrick's. John was from County Longford and first worked for Con and Jim Carty then became a partner with Pete Farley. About 1915 or 1916 he became partners with James T. Kenny with the leasing of Mike and Mary Kenny's ranch and sheep. This partnership continued until the death of James in 1922 and in 1924 John and Annie leased the Ralph Thompson ranch on Little Butter Creek and there they spent the remainder of their lives raising their family of seven Healys.

Cecilia Kenny and William J. Bucknum married in 1929 and they had no children. Cecilia Bucknum is living on West Center Street in Heppner. A Kenny son Joseph B. (Joe), who was born in 1898 and lived until 1962, farmed on Little Butter Creek and died a bachelor.

Helen (Doherty) Dyer, a daughter of James G. and granddaughter of Catherine (Grant) Doherty and her niece Martha Doherty, a great-granddaughter of Catherine, granddaughter of James G. and the daughter of Bernard and Jerry are the co-chairmen of the large Doherty Family committee that is arranging the 1984 Pioneer Reunion.

Heppner news bits

Deanne Kristin Maata of Terry, Montana was crowned Miss Southeastern Montana. She won all four of the different competition categories on her way to the title, which earned her scholarships and the chance to compete for the Miss Montana title June 23rd. Fifteen other girls competed.

Deanne who was born in Heppner is the daughter of John and Ruth Maata formerly of Heppner. John is pastor of the Evangelical Church of North American in Fallon, Montana.

County woman attends state conference



Claudine Warren (left) with keynote speaker, Director Saryl C. Austin, Jr. of the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs.

Morrow County Veterans Service Officer Claudine Warren attended the semi-annual statewide County Veterans Service Officer Conference held April 18-20 in Springfield.

The session, co-sponsored by the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs and the County Service Officer Association, provided officers with updated information necessary to assist Oregon veterans, their widows or widowers, and dependents in applying for state and federal veterans' benefits in such areas as: housing, education, counseling, claims, employment, medical, and pension assistance.

City libraries get \$8,300 federal grant

The Boardman City Library has received a \$8,300 federal grant for audio-visual equipment. Grant funding is offered under the Library Services and Construction Act, a federal program initiated in the mid 50s to help bring libraries to areas which have none and to improve libraries in need of funding for special projects.

According to George Smith, State Administrator of Library Development, 87 Oregon libraries applied for LSCA funding. Of the 29 asked to complete grant application forms, 21 will be funded with grants totaling \$625,000.

The accepted application was a cooperative venture between Boardman, Heppner and lone libraries for video disk and playback systems. The \$8,300 will buy three video disk players, three 25 inch color monitors, three stands for the systems and approximately \$3,000 worth of video disks, said Ann Sipe, Boardman city librarian.

Each of the three libraries will have their own play back system, but will share the video disks.

"As a joint venture we're hoping to bring the libraries

closer together and the shared disks allow more variety in the kinds of disks we can stock," Sipe said.

The video disks will be in three different categories, educational, cultural and entertainment. Sipe said the TV, players and disks will be for library viewing only. "We chose laser disk format for the educational possibilities," she said. "They have many 'how to' applications as well as games to be played."

Sipe also mentioned that survey forms will be available in the library soon allowing library users to help choose which disks will be purchased.

At a State Library meeting scheduled for Friday, April 6, in Salem, which Sipe must attend, a determination will be made as to how soon the money will be available. Since the Boardman Library was the originator of the grant, Sipe will be overseeing the program and designing the forms, etc.

Over the Tee Cup

The women golfers at Willow Creek Country Club have reported the following results from last Tuesday, April 17's morning play:

Lois Hunt - low gross, 46;
Lorena Jones - low net, 26;
Dorothy Hawkins, Mary

Beamer and Barbara Cutsforth - least putts; each with 19.
All 1983 Ladies Golf awards will be presented at 9:30 May 1.

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| 1 pound beef top round, sirloin or flank steak | 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted and crushed |
| 2 tablespoons sugar | 1 tablespoon chopped fresh garlic |
| 1/4 cup chopped green onion | 2 teaspoons sugar |
| 1/4 cup soy sauce | 1/2 to 1 teaspoon pepper |
| 3 tablespoons dark sesame seed oil | 2 tablespoons cooking oil |
- Cut meat across grain into thin strips; then into 2" lengths. Lightly pound beef strips with heavy utensil or flat edge of knife to tenderize. Sprinkle both sides of meat with 2 tablespoons sugar; let marinate 1 hour.
- Drain excess liquid from meat. Combine green onion, soy sauce, sesame seed oil, sesame seeds, garlic, sugar and pepper in bowl. Stir in meat and let marinate 2 hours or longer; stir meat occasionally. Heat oil in large frying pan or wok. Add meat and marinade and stir fry over medium-high heat just until meat is done. Do not overcook. Remove from pan and serve immediately. Meat can also be broiled, barbecued or steamed. Makes 2 servings.

Finalist in the 1984 Oregon Beef Ethnic Cook-Off submitted by Han Pun Kleinman, Portland.



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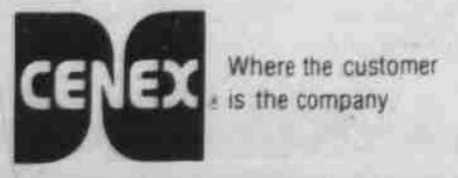
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