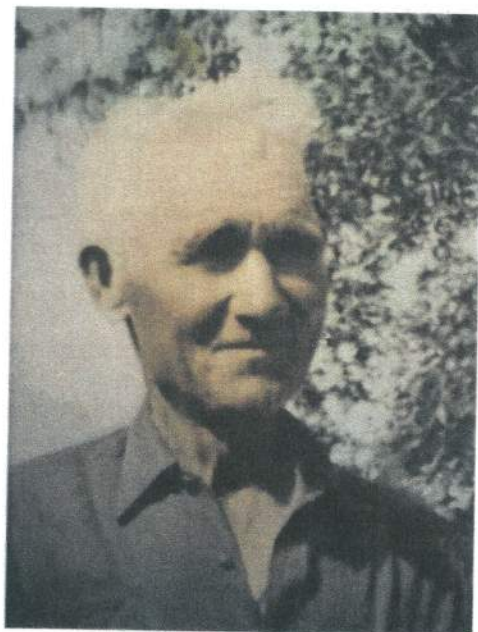




Neil Charles Doherty
1880-1948



Margery Louise Doherty
1892-1968

Neil C. Doherty Ranch

Addresses/Locations of Old Homestead Site:

The Well Spring property is at the intersection of Immigrant Lane and the lone-Boardman Road. The ranch at Ella is at the intersection of Immigrant Lane and Ella Road.

Land Coordinates of Old Homesites:

45.632412, -119.733224 (Well Spring) 45.630702, -119.810491 (Ella Ranch)
45° 37'56.7"N 119° 43'59.6"W 45° 37'54"N 119° 48'34"W

BLM Homestead Claims:

T2N R25E Sect. 30 and 19, 160 acres, July 29, 1920
T2N R24E Sect. 14, 320 acres, December 5, 1925

Neil was born in 1880 in Ballygorman, Co. Donegal. At the age of 18, he arrived in America with his brother, Charles. He first worked in the paper mills in Oregon City, and later, on sheep ranches in the Arlington area. In 1903, he homesteaded north of lone on the Oregon Trail, 1.5 miles west of Well Spring. With his brothers, W.T. ("Bill") and Dan C., he formed the Doherty Brothers Sheep Company. Neil and his siblings are known as "Mary Willie" Dohertys, after their mother's family from Umgall, Co. Donegal.

In 1914 Neil returned to Ireland to marry his sweetheart, Margery "James Owen" Doherty, bringing his new bride, and his brother, Dennis and wife, Mary, back home to Morrow County. Neil acquired homestead claims along Immigrant Lane, between Well Spring Road and Ella Road, from the Bureau of Land Management, resulting in a large operation. Shortly before World War II, a portion of his land lying north of Immigrant Lane was seized by the U.S. government to make way for the Boardman bombing range. In 1947, the family moved from the family sheep ranch to the Johan Troedson Ranch at Ella.

Neil and Margery raised 10 children on the family homestead, six sons and four daughters. Their children included Charles, Mary Ann, Neil Jr., Anna, Helen, John, James, Mathew, Rosemary and William.

Current Landowners:

Neil's son, Charlie and wife, Beverly, continued to farm the Troedson and the family ranch. Today, the property is owned by Charlie Doherty's children, Joan, Rick, Margaret, and Donnie.

Ranching and Farming:

Today the property is used for wheat farming.

Driving Directions:

Well Spring Property

- From lone: Head North on N. B St. toward E. Main St.
- Turn right onto E. Main St.
- Turn left onto N. H St.
- Continue onto Ella Rd. (2.5 miles)
- Slight right onto lone-Boardman Rd. (8.3 miles).

Ranch at Ella

- From lone: Head North on N. B St., toward E. Main St.
- Turn left onto N. H St.
- Continue onto Ella Rd. (8.9 miles)
- Continue onto Ella Rd. (0.5 mile)
- Ranch is on the Right