



Cornelious McLaughlin
1882 - 1961



Mary Doherty McLaughlin
1894 - 1944

McLaughlin Ranch

Addresses:

Milepost 69, Highway 74, 1.5 miles down gravel road

Land Coordinates:

45°24'21.2"N 119°11'38.2"W

BLM Homestead Claims/Original Acquisition:

John Mullally came to Oregon in the early 1870s from County Galway. He homesteaded 160 acres in Dixie Canyon in 1884.

Year of Purchase/Homestead Claim

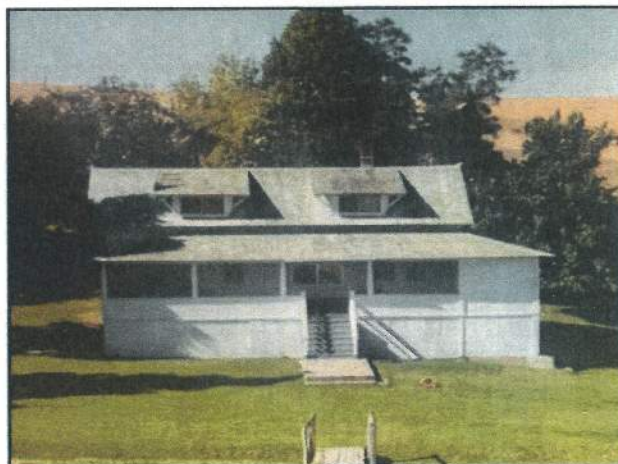
John married Catherine (Kate) Doherty in 1894 and continued to acquire, by homestead and purchasing additional land, until they had 679 acres.

Current Landowner:

Steve Currin,
541-980-8314

Homestead Building:

The white farmhouse was built in 1926. Prior to 1926, Cor and Mary lived in the closest building to the farmhouse, what later became the "chicken house".



Land Holdings:

- John Mullally homesteaded 160 acres in Dixie Canyon in 1884 and received the title in 1889
- After purchasing additional land John and Kate had a total of 679 acres.
- Sold 679 acres to Dan Hirl in 1906 for \$4,755.
- Dan Hirl sold this acreage to Pat Doherty in 1912 for \$4,750. Mullallys held the mortgage for \$3,737.
- Pat Doherty sold 679 acres to Cornelious N. McLaughlin around 1915 for an unknown amount.
- Cornelious added to the ranch with these purchases: from Dan Hirl in 1915, 48.18 acres for \$280. From John Taylor Doherty in 1921, 321 acres for \$2,500. From Mike McGuire in 1941, 40 acres for \$25. From John Darcy in 1945, 600 acres for \$1,600.
- Cornelious married Mary Doherty of Blackhorse in 1915 and raised 13 children on the ranch.
- In 1955, Robert P. McLaughlin (Cornelious's son) purchased from him 2006 acres for \$12,000. In 1957, Robert McLaughlin purchased from Antone Cunah, 120 acres for \$840. Robert P. McLaughlin is the great-great nephew of Catherine (Kate) Mullally, the original homesteader.
- Bob McLaughlin married Bette Scharn from Pendleton in 1965. They raised five children on the ranch.
- Bob sold the ranch in 2001 to Mike Warn and moved to Bend, Oregon. Bob passed away in July 2021 and Bette passed away in July 2021.

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McLaughlin Ranch (continued from front):

Century Farm:

The Oregon Century Farm & Century Ranch Program is a statewide recognition program honoring farmers and ranchers who have worked on the same land for at least 100 years. The McLaughlin Ranch received this designation in 2000.

Ranching and Farming:

Over the years, Cor raised sheep, cattle, and draft horses. Turkeys, hogs, and chickens were also part of the "livestock" scene on the ranch. Bob raised cattle, sheep, wheat, and hay.

Driving Directions:

- From Heppner, travel 23 miles east on Hwy 74. Turn left at milepost 69, down gravel road approx. 1.5 miles.
- From Pendleton, travel SW on Hwy 395 through Pilot Rock to Nye Junction. Keep right on Hwy 74 approx. 14 more miles to milepost 69. Turn right down gravel road approx. 1.5 miles.

