



Edwin Harvey Miller
1893-1970



Anna Miller (Doherty)
1893-1956

Miller Ranch

Address:

74655 Baseline Ln., Heppner, OR. 97836

Land Coordinates:

45.52385 N,
-119.59182 W

Legal

Description:

Township 1S,
Range 26E,
portions of
Sections 4, 5, 8, 9

Original

Acquisition:

In 1912, Edward C. Miller traded property in Salem, Oregon for 800 acres of wheat land Northeast of Lexington in Morrow County, Oregon. When Edward died (date unknown), his son Edwin Harvey Miller began farming the land inherited by him and his siblings.

In 1925, Harvey married Anna Doherty (daughter of James G. and Catherine Doherty). Nora Doherty (sister of the bride) and Sam Turner stood as witnesses. Harvey and Anna were able to buy the shares of all his siblings except his brother Karl who continued to farm his share. Other adjoining parcels were acquired over the years. Harvey and Anna raised 4 children on the farm: Colleen Anne, Edwin Harvey, Jr. "Tad", Marian Margaret and James Bernard "Jimmie". In 1946 Harvey and Anna moved to Portland, Oregon, leasing the farm to Henry Rauch. In October 1944, Tad left high school, enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and served in the Pacific during WWII. In 1948, he returned to Eastern Oregon and began farming the Miller homestead. That year he married Melba Crawford (daughter of Wate and Mabel Crawford of Lone, Oregon). In the early 1960's Tad was able to buy his Uncle Karl's original share. In the mid 1960's, Tad bought the adjacent Jess Turner farm. (Jess is the brother of Sam Turner who had married Nora Doherty.) They also raised 4 children: Michelle (Don) Burns, Mark (Shannon "Shanny"), Nancy (Mike) Weinke and Steven (Rhonda). Tad and Melba lived and farmed here for 60 years before health forced Tad to retire and he and Melba moved to Heppner, Oregon.

In 1977, Mark began farming with his father. That same year Mark married Shanny Farley (daughter of James and Louise Farley) and moved to the Jess Turner house where they still live. Mark and Shanny have two children: Marcy (Jimmy) Walton and Corey. Corey married Jill Sorey (daughter of Bob and Tricia Sorey) in 2008 and moved into Tad and Melba's home and continue to live there today. He is the fifth generation to act as steward of the Miller Ranch. Corey and Jill have 3 children: Paige, Pearl and Pierce.

Continued to back:



1914 Horse Barn

Miller Ranch

Continued from front

Year of Purchase:

1912

Current Landowner:

Mark and Shanny Miller
Corey and Jill Miller

Homestead Building Land Holdings:

No original buildings still exist

Ranching and Farming

This has always been a wheat farm.

Driving Directions:

From Lexington, Oregon take Highway 207 north for 6 miles. Turn right on Baseline Ln. Continue 2.5 miles. The house is on the left.

From I-84 drive south on Highway 207 for 27 miles. Turn left on Baseline Ln.

