



B.P. (Little Barney) Doherty
1858-1935



Catherine (Katie Callahan) Doherty
1873-1953

B.P. Doherty Ranch

Address:

70516 Hwy 207 Echo, Lexington OR, 97839

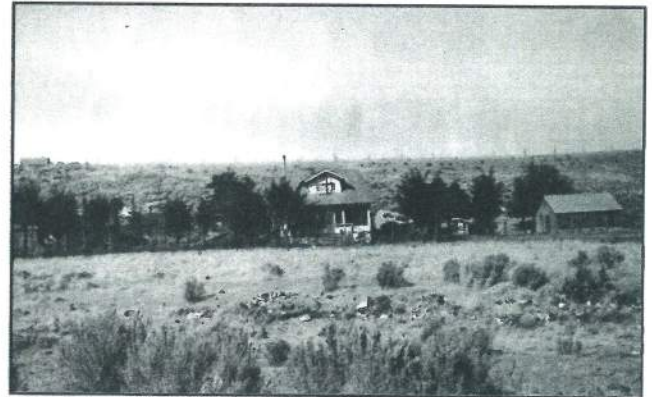
Land Coordinates:

45.587782,
-119.543702 (google
maps)
45 degrees 35'16.0"N
119 degrees 32'37.3"W

Homestead Claim:

B.P. Doherty was one of the first pioneer ranchers in Sand Hollow. He arrived in Morrow Co. in the

mid-1880s and worked for the Charles Cunningham Sheep Company in Pilot Rock. B.P. established his homestead just east of north Sand Hollow where Hwy 207 now crosses Sand Hollow near Alpine (southeast of farmstead). In 1891 he bought the adjoining property and built his home there. He married Catherine "Katie Callahan" Doherty of Glentogher, Co. Donegal in 1895.



B.P. Doherty Home at Sand Hollow.
Built: 1916, Removed: 1999

B.P. and Catherine built a large sheep and farming operation stretching from what is now part of the Navy Bombing Range south to the Sand Hollow/Alpine area and eastward toward Butter Creek. Each year in late Spring, the sheep numbering at times at 10,000 head, were led to summer pasture in the Blue Mountains. B.P. employed many young Irish immigrants who came looking for work. The work included lambing, shearing, haying and harvesting. The ranch at Sand Hollow, and the family home known as "The Grove" in Pendleton, were gathering places and "home" for Irish residents of the area. Catherine organized weekly dances for homesteaders and young newcomers looking to socialize with their fellow expats from the old country.

Many of B.P.'s and Catherine's siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews followed them to Oregon and established their own homesteads in the area. B.P. and Catherine raised nine children on the ranch at Sand Hollow. The estate has been well care for and enlarged by their industrious sons and daughters. Children of B.P. and Catherine include Bernard P. Jr. (Barney), William, John, Rosella, wife of Alex Lindsay, Catherine, wife of Charles Monagle, Frances, wife of Pat Curran, Dorothy, Lawrence and Mary Elizabeth, wife of Dan C. Doherty.

Current Landowners:

The ranch is owned by B.P.'s grandson, William J. Doherty and operated by his son, Brian Doherty. Portions of the property are still owned by B.P.'s descendants, including the Monagles, Sandersons, Meyers and Lindsays.

Homestead Buildings:

The original homestead was destroyed by fire. It was replaced in 1916. The original pump shed and chicken house remain.

Ranching and Farming:

Originally an extensive sheep operation, with wheat and cattle added in later years. Today, the land is used for growing wheat.