



John Kenny
1885-1966



Bridget (Bea) Kenny
1894-1966

John Kenny Ranch

Address:

64885 Kenny Road, Heppner

Land Coordinates:

45 degrees,
24°56.7"N, 119
degrees, 27° 16.2" W

Legal

Description:

SE 1/4, SE 1/4, S4,
T25, R27E

Homestead

Claim/Original

Acquisition:

In the early 1880's, Michael Kenny filed homestead rights on land at the head of the easterly branch of Sand Hollow. The original homestead was located in Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 28, East of the Willamette Meridian. This property now belongs to the Healy family.

Homestead Claim/Year of Purchase:

Early 1880's for original homestead

Current Landowner:

Linda Kenny 541-676-5303 (landline) or Marge Kenny 541-676-9750 (landline)

Landholdings:

On November 27, 1919, John and Bridget (Bea) Kenny purchased property from Michael and Mary Kenny. They paid the sum of \$23,200 for this property. They built a house on this property, which is called the "Ranch House".

That was the extent of the John Kenny property until May 2, 1955. On that date John F. Kenny bought the adjoining property from his sister, Cecelia Bucknum. This property is called the "Morgan Camp".

John's youngest son, William Kenny, along with his wife Marjorie, purchased 325 acres from Roy Stamp on September 22, 1958, which was adjacent to John Kenny's property. It is called the "Stamp Place". William (Billy) worked as an employee for his father, John Kenny, until July 1959. Then on July 13, 1959, Billy and Marjorie (Marge) Kenny purchased 1/2 of the ranch from John and Bea Kenny.

Billy Kenny inherited the other half of the ranch when his father, John, passed away in 1966. The total acres of Kenny Ranch now totaled 2626.9 acres. Billy operated the ranch until May 2009 when his son, Joe, took over the operation. A year after Billy passed away in September 2014, Marge gifted the ranch to Joe, except for the "Stamp" place.

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Top row, left to right: James, Matt, Edward (Eddie), Emmett, Eileen
Seated: William (Billy), John, Bridget (Bea), Patricia

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Joe passed away January 30, 2022 and his wife, Linda inherited the Kenny property, except the Stamp place, which Marge owns. Linda is currently operating Kenny Ranch, with the help of her son, Matt.

Ranching and Farming

John and Bea Kenny originally grew wheat, and raised sheep and cattle. Billy Kenny continued to grow wheat and raise cattle until October 2008. At that time, he stopped farming and put the wheat acres into CRP. The rest of the property was used to raise cattle.

Today the land continues to be in CRP, with the rest of the grassland used for raising cattle.